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Hometown newspaper read by Gail & Jack Smith

Welfare Board serves 300 kids

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Children in foster care almost tipped 300 during 2003, Barbara Keetch reported to the Bell County Commissioners Oct. 27.

Keetch gave the Child Welfare Board year-end report during the Commissioners Court meeting, explaining that the group provided emergency clothing to 104 children in their care.

Other areas that the CWB provided to children in Bell County included these:

- Emergency day care to four foster children.
- Boarding care to foster parents for six children.
- Medication on three occasions for children in emergency situations.
- Special sessions of speech therapy for one child.
- Bus tickets or airline tickets to place five children with relatives in other areas or other states.
- Drivers Education courses for two children.
- DNA testing for the child's portion for seven cases.
- Infant car seats for social workers.
- Six digital cameras to help investigations workers provide evidence of abuse to judges.
- "One child was sent to a special summer camp

and we purchased a class ring for one child who will be graduating in May," Keetch told Commissioners. "We helped a foster child purchase an expensive set of tools so that he could attend an automotive class at TSTC."

Keetch told the court that the Welfare Board continues to keep Rainbow Rooms supplied. Rainbow Rooms help social workers clothe children who have to be removed in emergency situations, according to Keetch. They also help parents to keep children in their own homes.

Keetch said the Welfare Board continues to accept donations of cash, new clothing and gently worn children's clothing for the Rainbow Rooms. The Welfare Board is also a recipient of donations Jury members who choose their payments to be given to the organization.

In other business, Commissioners abandoned a portion of Deer Park Road from Riverside Drive to the Lampasas River in the Triple Seven Estates. The road has been used to dump and strip stolen cars, as well as giving access to burglars to homes in the neighborhood. One resident of the subdivision told Commissioners that

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Highland dancing contests will be part of the Gathering of the Clans Nov. 7-9.

Scots are coming Nov. 7-9

The Central Texas Area Museum is sponsoring the 42nd Annual Salado Scottish Games and Clan Gathering Nov. 7-9 on the grounds of the Robertson Ranch, College Hill and the Central Texas Area Museum in honor of the Scots' contribution to Texas heritage.

Throughout the weekend clans, competitors and friends will have the opportunity to share in piping, drumming, Highland dancing competitions and traditional Scottish athletic events. Merchandise and

food vendors are also plentiful.

The games are officially opened noon Nov. 8 with a clan parade at Robertson Ranch.

As in years past, the weekend will also feature a Ceilidh, or Scottish dance, 3 p.m. Nov. 8 on College Hill, and a 5:30 p.m. Tattoo on College Hill. Also featured will be a Scottish shortbread contest and Bonnie Knee contest, both beginning 1 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Clan Tent area.

Six pipe bands are expected to perform. They

include: St. Thomas Pipes "A" and "B," Silver Thistle Grade III and Grade IV, Black Bear and North Texas Caledonian.

The celebration will open 9 a.m. Nov. 7 with the John Ambrose, Jr. Memorial Golf Scramble at Mill Creek. A 10 a.m. genealogy seminar and 6 p.m. finger tip supper, both at the museum, will also be held Nov. 7.

A Tartan Gala Dinner and Dance will be held 8 p.m. Nov. 8 in Stagecoach's Longhorn Room.

Tickets for any of the

weekend's events may be purchased at the Central Texas Area Museum, located on S. Main St. Complete schedules for the weekend activities may also be picked up there, or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 36 Salado, TX 76571.

The Robertson Ranch is located on the South I-35 service road, just south of Salado.

For more information call the museum at 947-5232 or visit www.ctam-salado.org.

Salado Family Relief Fund readying for Christmas drive; Empty Bowl project benefits local efforts for needy

By SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL
STAFF WRITER

Leigh Drake, President of the Salado Family Relief Fund, and Titia Arledge, coordinator for the Empty Bowl Project spoke to the Rotary Club of Salado, Oct. 21.

"The Salado Family Relief Fund was started in the Spring of 1999 to give relief to families in the area," Drake said. SFRF is a non-profit organization that exists solely on gifts and donation from the community.

Each month \$100 is given to the Food Pantry at the First Baptist Church in Salado to purchase food. The Food Pantry is open

the second and fourth Saturday of the month and serves about 30 families on a regular basis.

"There is also a Transient Fund available to help people that are passing through town that may have car trouble or need a place to stay for the night," stated Drake. "We make sure that they have food. We take a copy of their photo ID's to make sure it is a one-time situation."

This year the SFRF provided more than 70 Back To School vouchers for local children to purchase \$50 worth of clothing and necessities at Wal-Mart. "We will also pay for school lunches for

children who do not qualify for free or reduced lunches or whose families do not care to qualify," said Drake.

Each year the SFRF Christmas project adopts out local children to families that would like to purchase Christmas toys and clothing for them. Last year over 120 children were taken care of. "Forms are sent home with every child at Salado ISD. We then find out if they qualify and if they are looking for help elsewhere," Drake told the Rotarians. "Sponsors are then sought to help purchase for the families."

The Back-to-School vouchers went over so well that they are looking into

doing the same for Christmas this year. "It is easier on us and the people buying for children," Drake said.

They also help out with rent up to \$450; \$50 on utilities; and \$50 per person on prescriptions.

The Salado Family Relief Fund board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

In its second year, the Empty Bowl Project will be held 1-6 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Salado Intermediate School. "For \$12 you can pick out a bowl of your choice and fill it with soup from area restaurants," Arledge stated. "All proceeds go to the



Leigh Drake



Titia Arledge

Salado Family Relief Fund."

There will be celebrity signature bowls that will be auctioned off the night of the event. Among the bowls to be auctioned is a Lance Armstrong bowl.

Bowls can be made the last Thursday of every month at Mud Pies Pottery. The next class will be held Jan. 29, 2004. "All

you have to do is bring drinks and I will feed you," Arledge stated.

Mud Pies Pottery is located at 18 N. Main and can be reached by calling (254) 947-0281.

Donations can be made at either Salado banks, by donating through area churches or by mailing to SFRF, P.O. Box 461, Salado, TX 76571.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Leaving Black Kids Behind

If there is any area in American public life where liberals hold nearly total sway, it is public education, which is sacred to them. Liberals are always able to win more "spending on education." And one of their key interest groups, the teachers unions, has a hammerlock on education policy and its implementation.

Consider, then, what Ted Kennedy and Co. have wrought:

- The typical black high-school graduate has, in effect, only an eighth-grade education.

- The typical black student scores below 80 percent of white students on tests. A majority of black students score in the lowest category -- Below Basic -- in five of the seven subjects on the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

- Only 23 percent of black students read at a level equal to or better than the average white student.

- During the 1990s, average black math scores fell dramatically. Despite two decades of spending and "reforms," black students' achievement in math is at its 1978 level.

- The average black student knows less about science than 90 percent of white students.

If these numbers make you queasy, they should. America has an educational system worthy of David Duke. Its effect is to perpetuate and exacerbate the country's racial divide, disadvantaging blacks (and Hispanics) and blighting their prospects. The above figures are from Abigail and Stephan Thernstrom's new book, "No Excuses: Closing the Racial Gap in Learning," a damning account of how the public schools fail black students.

The Thernstroms explain one of the more vexing statistics in American life: "Whites consistently earn more than blacks with equal years of schooling. This is

The Rich Lowry Column

taken as a sure-fire sign of racial discrimination." But the Thernstroms point out that the equal years of schooling are meaningless as long as blacks and whites have learned a different amount during those years. "A number of sophisticated studies," they write, "demonstrate clearly that whites and blacks who are truly equally educated are equal earners."

What, then, is to be done? The Thernstroms destroy the solutions advanced in popular cliches, such as "reducing class size." Class sizes are already relatively small in schools with a high proportion of black students. The problem with reducing class sizes is that it means hiring more teachers, who will usually be less skilled than those already in the profession.

Amid all the bleakness, the Thernstroms find hope in a few scattered schools across the country -- like the KIPP Academy in the South Bronx -- that work for black kids. The schools emphasize standards, testing, accountability and high expectations. They are invariably charter schools free of the numbing constraints imposed on the rest of the public school system by the teachers unions. They point the way forward, if only we have the political will to follow.

It's time to face the facts and find a way to make the universally held aspiration to "Leave no child behind" apply to black kids as well.

Salado Democrats send Chet Edwards special message - "Move to Salado" Shine takes "Wait & See" attitude

The headline above is not an attempt to ruffle local Republican feathers, but highlights a serious move on the part of Salado Democrats who are urging Congressman Chet Edwards to make the Village his "official" residence should the courts and Justice Department uphold the recently enacted redistricting plan. Edwards currently resides in Waco.

Long-time Democratic leader Theron Palmer wrote Edwards a personal letter last Friday urging him to move to Salado and run for the brand-new District 31 congressional seat. He noted that the move would have an historic touch since it was here in Salado - in 1990 - that Edwards first announced his intention to run for Congress.

Precinct 203 Demo Chairman Jim Pringle, speaking on behalf of the "Party Faithful," seconded the invitation to Edwards to make Salado his new home and added that it was the Republican controlled legislature that had moved Edwards' "base of support" away from him, so it would only be natural for the congressman to follow his constituency, as is often done by other politicians over the years, throughout Texas.

Pringle also noted that moving to Salado would solve several logistical problems - it would keep down any "hometown" jealousies that might arise between Temple or Killeen (Salado being a "neutral" site) and even more importantly: "Salado is closer to Williamson County - an area needing plenty of attention since it is home to incumbent Congressman John Carter (R-Georgetown)."

The new district (31) - if it withstands a federal court review, includes Bell, Williamson, Milam, Falls, Coryell, Hamilton and Erath counties plus a small chunk of Robertson.

DISTRICT 31 GOP CONTENDERS

District 31 already has three "announced" Republican candidates, including incumbent first term congressman John Carter of Georgetown, and two Bell Countians Hugh Shine (Temple) and Wes Riddle (Belton).

Carter's D.C. press secretary Gretchen Hamel told this column that Carter was definitely planning to re-up for a second term in December. Questions about who he would face in the primary and general elections, campaign costs and the legal questions about the district itself - were all side-stepped with an honest - "We don't know those answers at this time. Fact is all we do know is our man will stand for reelection."

RIDDLE - RUNNING HARD

Riddle, who recently retired from Fort Hood has been busy with an all volunteer campaign and from the number of yard signs around Belton and surrounding areas - his troops have been active.

The question of running against an incumbent fellow-Goper was handled by the former Lt. Colonel with unusual candor: "This is, in reality, a new district for Congressman Carter and the rest of us - and up to voters to decide who can best serve the interests of Fort Hood; our large medical community; and each individual citizen within the district."

WILL SHINE RUN?

Shine, returned this past weekend from a short tour of Bosnia and Afghanistan. He commands a National Guard battalion of Apache and Blackhawk gunships and has been visiting some of his troops currently assigned in both countries.

Contacted Sunday, the day he arrived back in Central Texas, Shine was asked if he still plans to run in the newly designed 31st district - particularly against his

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



friend John Carter the incumbent congressman from Georgetown. And then perhaps have to face Chet Edwards in the general election - both races figured to cost well into the millions.

SHINE SHIFTS TO "WAIT-SEE"

Answers to these questions indicated a shift in Shine's position from a sure-fire candidacy this spring to a "wait-and-see" attitude today, the latter depending on what the Justice Department does and more importantly - his hesitancy to run against an incumbent fellow Republican.

Going against the party hierarchy that is supporting those GOPers in office would be hard for Shine to overcome - if not impossible. Republicans are tough on each other when they cross the never-never line of internal political battles.

Shine indicated he did not believe Edwards would move to the 31st since the entire Williamson County Republican vote (according to his numbers) would, when added to the rest of the district's GOP numbers, clearly outdistance the Demo's balloting.

TRS LEANING TOWARDS "JUNK BOND" MARKET

Teacher Retirement System officials will soon be seeking permission from Trustees to adjust their investment policy by adding real estate; "Junk Bonds" and foreign investments to their \$79 billion portfolio.

TRS lost \$16 billion in assets thanks to the drawn-out Bear market and in order to make up the loss - investment pros on the staff, with help from both investment firms and academia, hope to get the green light to begin shifting funds away from U.S. stocks and bonds over to high yielders (junk bonds) and hedge funds. They also want to return to real estate investments as well as the emerging markets in Latin America and Eastern Europe.

TRS lost a bundle some years ago when they were forced to liquidate commercial real estate holdings in Austin at a considerable loss.

STATE EMPLOYEES FUND SAYS "NO" TO JUNK

The State Employees Retirement Fund was queried about following their sister system into the real estate and junk bond markets and the answer from Mary Jane Wardlow, information officer for ERS, was an emphatic "no": "We are not allowed to invest in real estate - even if we wanted to, and there is not even a whisper about getting in the lightly regulated hedge fund markets or the even riskier junk bond arena."

OPINION

An opinion (for what it's worth): Junk bonds and risky foreign investments may be just right for diversifying a personal investment account but hardly prudent when handling billions of bucks belonging to the other guy and his future!

At least that is the lesson that should have been learned in recent years right here in America, unless we foolishly disagree with American philosopher George Santayana (1863-1952) who wrote: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

That's -30-

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Taking masks off tax & spend demons

By JACK FARIS

One would think that America's small-business owners would be dancing for joy as Halloween approaches. After all, this unique celebration has grown to become the nation's second biggest commercial holiday, trailing only the Christmas season in sales.

Now approaching a \$7 billion annual spending splurge, the 2,000-year-old event lights up not only pumpkins and the faces of revelers, but sends quite a glimmer rippling through cash registers from coast-to-coast. One business group's research indicates that consumers will spend an average of nearly \$42 each, and almost 90 percent of those over 45 have made plans to be at home to pass out goodies as the cute, little trick or treaters arrive.

But small-business owners won't be so eager to rush for the door when they hear a knock, fearful they might be confronted with a vision that could send chills up their spines. Imagine opening the door to find yet another tax-and-spend politician masked as a friend of free enterprise, extending a clammy hand.

Too often, those who own small firms have been tricked when they should have been treated. Entrepreneurs cheered as House lawmakers fought off a harrowing horde of anti-business witches and warlocks who opposed legislation allowing associations to provide health care for small firms-only to be tricked by some evil spirits in the Senate who solemnly buried the measure in a procedural cemetery.

It is possible that some politicians fear that small-business owners, allowed to band together to provide health coverage for their families and employ-

ees, might not stop there, but fire up their torches and come looking for those who regularly create monstrous laws that relentlessly haunt businesses at every turn.

Such as the death tax; in 2001, Congress attempted to drive a stake through that hobgoblin's heart, but failed to fully entomb the fiend. It will be resurrected at its full 55 percent scourge in 2011, just eight years from now.

The death tax specter looms over all Americans, especially those who own and operate small firms. It sneaks up on those who want to expand a business and create jobs. In too many cases, it grimly reaps the family businesses right out of the family. Just the threat of the tax sucks the financial life-blood out of family firms by forcing small-business owners to pay for expensive estate planning services.

Tricked too often, treated too rarely, the small-business sector is gathering a crowd of faithful followers to breathe life into H.R. 8, the Death Tax Permanency Act of 2003, which would, once and for all eternity, axe the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes.

Exorcising the demons won't be easy. The howls coming from that big, old house on Capitol Hill will cause many to panic and flee. But Main Street entrepreneurs have learned to see through the masks of politicians who pose as friends but vote against them. Come Election Day 2004, small-business owners plan to deliver a few tricks of their own and send some political careers to the graveyard.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB, the National Federation of Independent Business).

FORUM

Teen pregnancy in our community

Q: I am concerned about teen pregnancies in our community. What can the District and the community do?

Thirty-five percent of teenage girls get pregnant at least once before age 20. Most thought it couldn't happen to them. Although it is declining, the U.S. still has the highest teen pregnancy rate in the western industrialized world.

Salado ISD uses a Scott & White abstinence based program called "Worth the Wait" at both the middle and high schools. The middle school program was implemented four years ago and the high school program is beginning this year. This program provides a rigorous training to local teachers who then use a curriculum to work with groups of students.

Our District will continue to educate students about the results of premarital sex. However, we cannot do it alone. I ask parents to speak with their children candidly about the implications of premarital sex and sex with multiple partners. Here are some excellent tips from The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, www.teenpregnancy.org

1. Be clear about your own sexual values and attitudes. Communicating with your children about sex, love, and relationships is often more successful when you are certain in your own mind about these issues. To help clarify your attitudes and values, think about the following kinds of questions:

- What do you really think about school-aged teenagers being sexually active-perhaps even becoming parents?

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by Dr. Robin Battershell

- Who is responsible for setting sexual limits?

- Were you sexually active as a teenager and how do you feel about that now?

- What do you think about encouraging teenagers to abstain from sex?

- What do you think about teenagers using contraception?

2. Talk with your children early and often about sex, and be specific. Kids have lots of questions about sex, and they often say that the source they'd most like to go to for answers is their parents. Start the conversation, and make sure that it is honest. If you can't think of how to start the discussion, consider using situations shown on television or in movies. Tell them candidly and confidently what you think and why you take these positions: if you're not sure about some issues, tell them that, too. Be sure to have a two-way conversation, not a one-way lecture.

Ask them what they think and what they know so you can correct misconceptions. Ask what, if anything, worries them. Tell them about love and sex, and what the difference is and remember to talk about the reasons that kids find sex interesting and enticing; discussing only the "downside" of unplanned pregnancy and disease misses many of the issues on teenagers' minds.

Here are the kinds of questions kids say they want to discuss:

- How do I know if I'm in love? Will sex bring me closer to my girlfriend/boyfriend?

- How will I know when I'm ready to have sex? Should I wait until marriage?

- Will having sex make me popular? Will it make me more grown-up and open up more adult activities to me?

- How do I tell my boyfriend that I don't want to have sex without losing him or hurting his feelings?

- How does contraception work? Are some methods better than others? Are they safe?

- Can you get pregnant the first time?

In addition to being

an "askable parent," be a parent with a point of view. Tell your children what you think. Don't be reluctant to say, for example:

- I think kids in high school are too young to have sex, especially given today's risks.

- Whenever you do have sex, always use protection against pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases until you are ready to have a child.

- Our family's religion says that sex should be an expression of love within marriage.

By the way, research clearly shows that talking with your children about sex does not encourage them to become sexually active. And remember, too, that your own behavior should match your words. The "do as I say, not as I do" approach is bound to lose with children and teenagers, who are careful and constant observers of the adults in their lives.

3. Supervise and monitor your children and adolescents. Establish rules, curfews, and standards of expected behavior, preferably through an open process of family discussion and respectful communication. Supervising and monitoring your kids' whereabouts doesn't make you a nag; it makes you a parent.

4. Know your children's friends and their families. Friends have a strong influence on each other, so help your children and teenagers become friends with kids whose families share your values.

5. Discourage early, frequent, and steady dating. Group activities among young people are fine and often fun, but allowing teens to begin steady, one-on-one dating much before age 16 can lead to trouble.

6. Take a strong stand against your daughter dating a boy significantly older than she is. And don't allow your son to develop an intense relationship with a girl much younger than he is.

Older guys can seem glamorous to a young girl-sometimes they even have money and a car to boot! But the risk of matters getting out of hand increases when the guy is much older

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It's deductible if you're rich



Jim Hightower

If you wonder why your taxes, keep going up, up, up - one big reason is that corporations keep finding sneaky ways to dodge paying their share of the burden, thus shifting the cost of public services onto the backs of working stiff.

With the recent corporate scandals, we've gotten peeks into offshore partnerships, Bermuda tax havens, and other new-fangled flimflams to avoid corporate tax responsibilities. But one of the largest means of tax avoidance is an old provision called "cost of doing business."

Under this broad category, corporate chieftains can slash their tax bills by claiming that everything from their marble-walled executive bathrooms to their lavish advertising budgets are necessary expenses for conducting business, and therefore fully deductible from their corporate income tax.

In recent years, however, what they claim to be "necessary" has been stretched so thinly that anyone with an iota of common sense can read the tax fraud right through it.

Among the current allowable deductions are the corporate helicopter to ferry the CEO back and forth to work, the company-owned hunting lodge for top executives, the "business meetings" in Bimini, the luxury skybox for Yankee games, and so forth, as far as the corporate imagination can wander.

How far can it wander was made clear by Dennis Kozlowski, the now-disgraced honcho of Tyco. As an essential, tax-deductible expense, Dennis included most of the tab for a \$2 million party he threw for his wife Karen's 40th birthday in Sardinia, Italy.

This gay gala featured a life-sized ice sculpture of Michelangelo's famous statue of David, complete with vodka streaming from the statue's penis into the crystal glasses of Dennis' delighted guests.

Isn't it good to know that you're paying more in taxes so corporate greed-heads like Kozlowski can cavort so ridiculously - literally passing the buck to us ordinary taxpayers.



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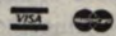


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his home had been burglarized twice and that the road was used as access to his property in at least one of those burglaries.

Mitch Connell asked the court to abandon the road on behalf of the residents of the subdivision. The county considered abandoning the road several years ago, but chose to keep it as a county road to provide fire departments in the area access to the Lampasas River. Commissioner John Fisher said that the fire departments told him that they have no use for the access any

longer.

The court voted 4-0 to abandon the road on a motion by Fisher and second by Leroy Schiller.

The court turned down a bid for repairs and rehabilitation of columns at the Law Enforcement Center and agreed to re-bid the work approved; advertising once more for bids for the sale and removal of the house at 120 N. Blair in Belton, accepted bids totaling \$350 for three obsolete phone systems and authorized selling the seven

other phone systems and scanners on the internet.

The court approved a resolution in support of improvements to FM 439 and SH 36 under the Mobility 2030 Plan for State highway projects, approved inter-local agreement with City of Temple for use of the County's Early Voting System; approved inter-jurisdiction mutual aid agreements with cities in Bell County including Salado and authorized Hill Country Transit to construct improvement on the old Precinct 4 Barn property in Killeen.

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Mill Creek Association begins membership drive for 2004

The Mill Creek Community Association is starting the 2004 Membership Drive, to be held during the month of November. Everyone in Mill Creek is encouraged to become a member.

MCCA was organized to benefit the Mill Creek Community home owners and renters with a goal to protect property values, and encourage a welcoming community through the block captain program. MCCA also provides a Mill Creek Phone Directory, mail out a quarterly bulletin, supports the security of the area

through contributions to the Fire Dept. and COPS and offers a Safety Net program, cooperates with Salado Village government, works on landscape and upkeep of Mill Creek entry sign, provides a Spring Clean-up and hosts three fun evening social events during the year.

Special projects include a proposal to work to encourage provision of stone picnic tables and possibly a walking trail at Sherrill Park, and work with Salado at the Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration and program.

Committees that help

keep the MCCA vitality are: Beautification, Government, Membership, Publicity, Social and Welcoming. Everyone is invited to participate and share ideas.

Membership is only \$20 per family. Send checks to MCCA, P.O. Box 562, Salado, TX 76571.

A bonus for you: Any family that joins before Nov. 23, will be eligible for the 2003 MCCA Christmas Dinner, as well as have the entire 2004

year's membership.

Reservations for the 2003 MCCA Christmas Party, Musical Jam Session and Annual Membership meeting will be held on Dec. 2 with Cash Happy Hour 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. at the Mill Creek Inn and Golf Course. Dinner price of \$19.95 includes taxes and gratuity, \$39.90 for two. Reservation check must be in by Nov. 23. Your check is your reservation.

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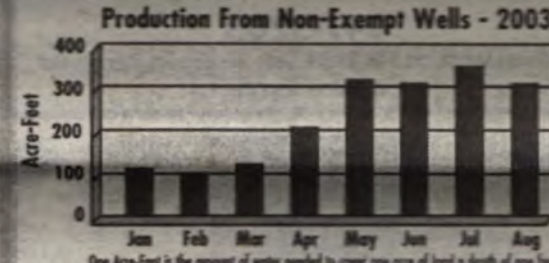
THE CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

DISTRICT INFORMATION

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) is responsible for managing the groundwater in Bell County. There are two major aquifers within the District - the Edwards (Balcones Fault Zone - BFZ) and the Trinity. The Edwards (BFZ) is located in the southern portion of the county and the Trinity underlies all of Bell County.

Well Registration: All wells are required to be registered with the District. This includes wells that are not in use. Non-exempt wells (generally wells producing more than 25,000 gallons per day) are also required to obtain an operating permit and report monthly production figures. Over 4,000 wells have been registered from February 2002 through August 2003. Of these, 42 are active non-exempt wells. Production figures for the non-exempt wells from January through August 2003 are shown in the following chart and total 607.5 million gallons, or 1,864 acre-feet.

Production From Non-Exempt Wells - 2003



One Acre-Feet is the amount of water needed to cover one acre of land a depth of one foot.

Water Quality Testing: The District is purchasing equipment to provide in-house testing for basic drinking water parameters. This test will be free for registered well owners.

Aquifer Monitoring: The District takes water level measurements from selected wells twice annually - once in January and once in July. This data supplements water level measurements taken annually by the Texas Water Development Board and provides valuable information on the dynamics of the aquifers. Water levels for six of the measured wells are shown in the table below.

State Well No.	Location	Aquifer	Depth From Land Surface (ft)		
			Jan/Feb 1993	Jan 1998	Jan 2003
58-04-702	SW of Salado	Edwards (BFZ)	75.00	70.99	78.25
58-04-801	S of Salado	Edwards (BFZ)	139.70	136.08	144.15
40-45-701	NW of Moffat	Trinity	*630.00	653.00	646.00
40-53-102	NW of Moffat	Trinity	*55.14	61.60	68.35
58-04-103	W of Salado	Trinity	301.70	302.27	310.80
58-05-901	Holland	Trinity	**Flowing at Surface	6.00	23.70

NOTE: larger numbers represent greater depth to reach the water surface, i.e. a decline in the aquifer level.
*Measurement taken in October 1993. **Measurement taken in January 1995.

Upcoming Events: Annual Water Symposium, Bell County Expo, November 19, 2003 • Public hearings on revised District rules, November/December 2003 • Essay/poster contest, January/February 2004 • Earth Day events, April 14, 15, and 17, 2004.

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Storage: Slightly more than 97 percent of the earth's water is ocean water and is therefore salty. Fresh water is stored in glaciers, lakes, and rivers. It is also stored as groundwater in the soil and rocks. There are about 8.6 million cu. mi. of fresh water on the earth.

Evaporation: Evaporation is the process by which liquid water changes to water vapor and enters the atmosphere as a gas. Every day about 290 cu. mi. of water evaporates from the ocean, land, plants, and ice caps, while an equal amount of precipitation falls back on earth. The evaporation rate on the earth varies...the average is about 3.3 ft. per year.

Precipitation: Precipitation occurs when water vapor in the atmosphere condenses into clouds and falls to the earth. Precipitation can take a variety of forms, including rain, snow, ice pellets, and hail. Almost two-thirds of this precipitation re-evaporates into the atmosphere, while the rest flows down rivers to the oceans.

Runoff: Water that flows down streams and rivers is called surface runoff. Water reaches rivers in the form of either overland flow or groundwater flow and then flows downstream. Overland flow occurs during and shortly after intense rainstorms or periods of rapid melting of snow and ice. Groundwater flow runs through rocks and soil. Precipitation and meltwater percolate into the ground and reach a level, known as the water table, at which all of the spaces in the rocks are filled with water.

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Delahoya passes away Oct. 19

Maria Delahoya, 44, of Salado, died at her residence Oct. 19, 2003.

Funeral services were held Oct. 24 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Salado with Father

Charles Davis officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery in Belton.

She was born to Ursulo and Benita Herrera Soto in Durango, Mexico on April 2, 1959. She married Juan

Delahoya in Durango on May 9, 1981. She had been a resident of Bell County for the past 13 years. She was a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Salado.

She is survived by her husband, Juan Delahoya of Salado; sons, Cristo Delahoya and Juan E. Delahoya, both of Salado; daughter, Reina Delahoya

of Salado; parents, Ursulo and Benita Soto, of Durango, Mexico; brothers, Alfredo Soto and Javier Soto, both of Oakland, CA; and sisters, Sofia Soto, Eliverta Soto, and Candelaria Soto, all of Durango, Mexico.

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Grimm marries Oliver Oct. 25

Shellie Camelle Grimm of Salado became the bride of Scott Allen Oliver of Spring, in a double ring ceremony, Oct. 25 at Royal Street Provision in Salado.

The bride is the daughter of Danny and Kim Grimm of Salado. The bridegroom is the son of Ricky and Mary Oliver of Spring.

The Rev. Michael J. Swink, Sr. officiated. Guitar music was provided by Mike Harris of Austin, and the singer was Jamie Bates of Belton.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal designer ivory strapless gown of soft matte satin with schiffli lace on the upper bodice, a dropped waist and a soft front and back drape ending on a side knot. The gown had a sweep train scattered with schiffli lace appliques. The dress was accented with a split of illusion netting with a second veil lined with white satin.

Her jewelry was a diamond necklace from her grandmother, Faye Westlake, diamond watch by her late great-grandmother, Ginny Westlake, and chandelier earrings, by Barry Kronen Designs, of 18K white gold with diamonds and aquamarines from Gregory's in Salado.

Maid of Honor was Jennifer Hanson of Lubbock. Matron of Honor was Katy Hall of Bryan-College Station. Bridesmaids were Chelsia Thompson of Dallas and Adrienne Durham of San Marcos.

Best Man was Alex Genthon of Austin. Junior Best Men were Jeremy Grimm, brother of the bride of Stephenville, Mark Adair of Austin, and David Chavez of Austin.

Flower girls were Kaci

Foster, niece of the groom, of Spring and Ashley Hall of Bryan-College Station.

Candle lighters were Ben and Adam Westlake, nephews of the bride, of Amarillo. Seating guests were Ronnie Grimm of Florence and Mike Grimm of Round Rock.

Attending was Shelia Faye Westlake, grandmother of the bride and Alma Westcott, grandmother of the groom.

A reception followed at Royal Street Provision.

Following a short trip to Austin, the couple will honeymoon at Disney World in Orlando, FL in March 2004.

The couple will reside in Salado.

The bride is a 2001



Mrs. Scott Allen Oliver

graduate of The Art Institute in Houston with a Graphic Design degree. She is employed by Brushmasters, Inc. and does free-lance art work. The bridegroom is a

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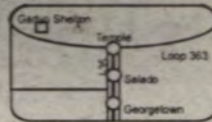
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Pregnancies

than the girl. Try setting a limit of no more than a two- (or at most three-) year age difference. The power differences between younger girls and older boys or men can lead girls into risky situations, including unwanted sex and sex with no protection.

7. Help your teenagers to have options for the future that are more attractive than early pregnancy and parenthood. The chances that your children will delay sex, pregnancy, and parenthood are significantly increased if their futures appear bright. This means helping them set meaningful goals for the future, talking to them about what it takes to make future plans come true, and helping them reach their goals.

8. Let your kids know that you value education highly. Encourage your children to take school seriously and set high expect-

tations about their school performance. School failure is often the first sign of trouble that can end in teenage parenthood. Be very attentive to your children's progress in school and intervene early if things aren't going well.

9. Know what your kids are watching, reading, and listening to. The media (television, radio, movies, music videos, magazines, the Internet) are chock full of material sending the wrong messages. Encourage your kids to think critically: ask them what they think about the programs they watch and the music they listen to.

You can always turn the TV off, cancel subscriptions, and place certain movies off limits. You will probably not be able to fully control what your children see and hear, but you can certainly make your views known and control your own home environment.

10. These first nine tips for helping your children avoid teen pregnancy work best when they occur as part of strong, close relationships with your children that are built from an early age. Strive for a relationship that is warm in tone, firm in discipline, and rich in communication, and one that emphasizes mutual trust and respect.

There is no single way to create such relationships, but the following habits of the heart can help:

- Express love and affection clearly and often. Hug your children, and tell them how much they mean to you. Praise specific accomplishments, but remember that expressions of affection should be offered freely, not just for a particular achievement.

- Listen carefully to what your children say and pay attention to what they do.

- Spend time with your children engaged in activities that suit their ages and

interests, not just yours.

- Be supportive and be interested in what interests them. Show that you care and that you want to know what is going on in their lives.

- Be courteous and respectful to your children and avoid hurtful teasing or ridicule. Don't compare your teenager with other family members (i.e., why can't you be like your older sister)

- Help them to build self-esteem by mastering skills; remember, self-esteem is earned, not given, and one of the best ways to earn it is by doing something well.

A final note: it's never too late to improve a relationship with a child or teenager. Don't underestimate the great need that children feel--at all ages--for a close relationship with their parents and for their parents' guidance, approval, and support.

Salado School Menus

Oct. 29 - Nov. 4

Breakfast Menu

Oct. 29: Glazed Donut, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Oct. 30: Sausage Rolls, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Oct. 31: Biscuit, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Nov. 3: Breakfast on a Stick, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Nov. 4: Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

Oct. 29: Pizza, Breadstick, Corn, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Fruity Freeze, Milk

Oct. 30: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Hot Roll, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Apricots, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk

Oct. 31: Cheeseburger, Burger Salad, Fries, Fruity Freeze, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk

Nov. 3: Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk

Nov. 4: Chopped BBQ on a Bun, Mixed Vegetables, Oven Fries, Applesauce, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk

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Volleyballers hope for strong finish

The struggles for the Lady Eagles volleyballers continued Oct. 17, as the hard-luck squad dropped a five setter to the Florence Buffaloes, 14-25, 16-25, 25-20, 25-20, 7-15.

The loss dropped the team's record to 5-17 overall, and 0-8 in district.

Staci York and Lauren Hogwood were standouts for Salado. York totalled 19 assists, four kills, two digs and two aces, while Hogwood put up 13 kills, three digs, one assist and one block and Kim Dillon contributed seven assists,

three digs and one ace. In previous action Oct. 14, the varsity dropped their match to Rogers in three straight, 20-25, 9-25, 11-25. York, Marshall and Dillon each had strong games.

Junior Varsity

Experiencing similar troubles as the varsity, the JV Lady Eagles fell to Florence in three, after winning the first set. The final was 25-19, 21-25, 17-25.

Shae Janda, with 16 assists and five aces, along with Nicole Weatherly and Danielle Mattson were Salado's top performers. The

loss dropped the team to 10-11 overall, 4-3 in district.

Previously, versus Rogers Oct. 14, the Lady Eagles were victorious in three, 25-16, 19-25, 25-17. Freshmen

The freshman girls Oct. 17 added to what has been a successful district season with a three set, come-from-behind win over Florence. The final was 25-27, 25-15, 25-19.

Brandi Boydston led the way for the Lady Eagles, finishing with 11 assists, eight aces and five kills.

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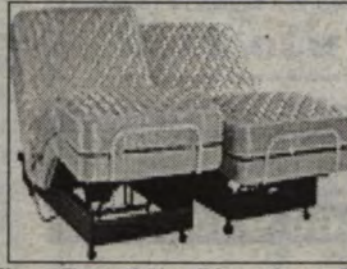
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Cougars dash SHS's playoff hopes

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Eagles watched their hopes of a second straight trip to the playoffs die Oct. 24 in the last minute of their 14-6 loss at home to the Jarrell Cougars, who remain undefeated for the season.

The closely fought game turned on the fourth quarter running of Stephen Crane. Even though the Eagles turned the ball over six times to the Cougars on five interceptions and a fourth-quarter fumble, Salado remained in the game until the last minute.

Holding onto a tenuous 7-6 lead, Jarrell ran the ball up the middle of the Eagle defense over and over again, gaining ground

and eating up time.

Zach Nemeec blocked a 43-yard field goal attempt by Chase Simpson at the beginning of the fourth quarter to give the Cougars the ball at the Jarrell 35-yard line. From there, Crane carried the ball three times for 27 yards before busting loose on his way to the end zone. Simpson ran him down and tomahawked the ball from his hands before he could cross the goal line. Andrew Ming fell on the ball at the Salado one-yard line.

Jarrell held the Eagles to three-and-out and took over at the Salado 47-yard line with 5:44 left to play. After John Robbins was stopped at the line of

scrimmage, Crane ran up the middle and threaded the Salado secondary for 32 yards and then ran up the middle for 13 more yards to bring the ball to the Eagles' two-yard line. Jarrell quarterback Kyle Lloyd followed his center's block into the end zone with 4:39 left in the game. The PAT brought the score to 14-6.

The Eagles had two more chances at the end zone in the final four minutes of the game, but coughed up the ball at their own 45 yard line with 3:02 left to play and then ran out of downs with 1:04 left in the game.

Jarrell took an early lead when John Frank laid back and waited for Scott Bates' pass to Wesley Ruth. Frank stepped in front and returned the interception 40 yards for the touchdown with 6:48

left in the first quarter. The PAT gave Jarrell a 7-0 lead.

The Eagles closed the gap after Tyler Rooney recovered Lloyd's fumble at the Jarrell 33-yard line to set up a short scoring drive. On third and nine, Bates needled the ball between two defenders for a 15-yard pass to James Lutz to set up a first down at the Cougars' 17 yard line. Brown scampered for 15 yards to put the ball at the two-yard line with a fresh set of downs. On first down, Bates dove in behind his line for the touchdown with 9:35 left in the half. The PAT went far to the left, leaving Salado trailing 7-6 until the Cougars scored in the fourth quarter.

The game was marked by 11 turnovers, six by Salado and five by the visiting Cougars.

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Don't count on home as a "Growth" investment

If you've owned your home for many years, the chances are pretty good that it's increased in value - perhaps substantially. However, even if that's the case, don't assume that it will continue appreciating to the point where you can count on it to help support your retirement and other long-term goals.

It can be quite tempting to look at your house as an investment - and a positive one, at that. In fact, American homes have appreciated, on average, slightly more than 6.3 percent a year from 1968 through 2002, according to the National Association of Realtors. Of course, your home's value depends, to a large extent, on the neighborhood in which you live. But even if your home has more or less tracked that 6.3 percent figure - certainly a decent return - there's no guarantee you'll make steady gains in the years ahead. We've seen plenty of "hot" real estate markets that have gone cold.

Unfortunately, many people view their homes as their chief "growth" vehicle for the future. Toward that end, they pour a lot of money in big remodeling projects, assuming they will greatly increase the value of their homes. But the fact is that, with many

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home improvements, you may not even recoup the costs, much less add to the sale price of your house. If you are going to invest money in your home for the purposes of adding to its value, you're probably better off by taking care of the "basics" - applying a new coat of paint, fixing the roof, etc. - rather than adding "luxury" items, such as a hot tub or swimming pool, which may not seem desirable to prospective buyers.

Still, you shouldn't totally ignore your home as a financial resource. For example, if you need either a lump sum or liquid source of funds, you might want to consider taking out a home equity loan or line of credit. (Before you take on this type of debt, though, make sure that you can handle the payments, because you are using your house as collateral. Make sure you talk this over with your investment professional.) You can usually find competitive rates on home equity loans and credit lines - and

the interest may be tax-deductible. And by using the equity you've built in your home to help meet your needs for cash, you can avoid dipping into your savings and investments.

Those investments - stocks, bonds and other securities - are the key to your future. How you choose to spread your dollars among these assets will depend on your risk tolerance and your time horizon. As you invest, you may face short-term volatility, but, over time, a diversified portfolio of high-quality investments may almost certainly reward you more than hoped-for gains from the sale of your home.

If you want to increase the enjoyment you get from your home, go-ahead and make whatever improvements you want. If you need greater liquidity, use your home as a "bank" from which you can borrow. But don't assume that your home frees you from the need to invest - it doesn't. Ultimately, to get the growth and income you

need to help you achieve your long-term financial objectives, such as a comfortable retirement, you'll have to look past your own front door.

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Varsity cross country teams on to Regionals

With strong performances at the district meet in Somerville, both boys and girls cross country teams advanced to Regionals, to be held Nov. 8 on the campus of the University of Texas at San Antonio.

The girls finished the meet with 26 points, a full 46 points lower than

second place Academy. Girls individual results: Chelsea Ervi, first, 13:29; Leigh Martin, second, 13:31; Rachel Hargrove, third, 13:40; Rachel Blodgett, eighth, 14:07; Valerie Clark, 12th, 14:26; Rebekah Quick, 17th, 14:52; Jenny Ewton, 26th, 15:28.

Boys individual results:

Nic Everett, first, 15:20; Travis Clark, third, 16:39; Johnny Kendall, ninth, 17:32; Grant Boston, 27th, 19:06; Ryan Clark, 28th, 19:19; Clay Sharum, 29th, 19:24; and Michael Spinks, 36th, 20:49.

Ervi, Martin, Hargrove, Blodgett, Everett, Clark and Kendall all qualified for Regionals as individuals.

Junior high cross country: boys win district, girls finish second

At the District 25AA junior high cross country meet Oct. 25 at Tenroc Ranch, the boys took the gold, while the girls finished in second, behind Academy.

The girls totalled 41 points at the meet, 13 behind Academy's total of 28 points. Individually, Tamra Stanish finished in first place.

Other individual results were: Amanda Mattson, seventh; Reta Buckley, eighth; Camille Palomino, 12th; Chelsea Kitchens, 13th; Keelie Mims, 14th; Kristen Smith, 15th; Christian Berumen, 17th; Amanda Hoffman, 18th; Sarah Dowell, 20th; Lauren Culver, 23rd; and Taylor Reed, 27th.

Lindsey Martin, a sixth grader, ran and would have finished 12th, while fifth grader Conner Smith would have placed 16th.

Sterling Martin took the individual gold on the boy's side, while Jonas Goode



Pictured l-r: Sterling Martin, Greg Faber, James Ervi, Jonas Goode, Gene Radebaugh, Alex House and Rob Little.



Pictured l-r: Taylor Reed, Keelie Mims, Camille Palomino, Kristen Smith, Tamra Stanish, Lindsey Martin, Reta Buckley, Chelsea Kitchens, Christian Berumen, Sarah Dowell, Amanda Hoffman, Conner Smith, Lauren Culver and Amanda Mattson.

finished close behind in second place. Other results were: Greg Faber, seventh; James Ervi, eighth; Alex

House, ninth; Rob Little, 14th; and Gene Radebaugh, 15th.

Subvarsity teams sweep Jarrell

The Salado Eagles subvarsity football teams broke out the brooms against the Jarrell Cougars Oct. 23, sweeping all three Jarrell teams. The JV won 12-8, the eighth grade was victorious in a 35-6 rout, and the seventh graders edged out an 8-6 win.

Junior Varsity

On the strength of 12 second quarter points, the junior varsity parlayed a strong defensive performance into victory, shutting out the Cougars in the game's final three quarters.

The pitch-and-catch combination of Justin Konzen and Scott Williams connected for a 15-yard touchdown to put Salado on the board. An unsuccessful PAT, however, left the Eagles trailing 8-6.

Salado took the lead for good a short time later, when Joseph Clinard punched it in from five yards out. That touchdown brought the game's scoring to a close, as both squads pitched defensive shut outs in the second half.

Outstanding offensive players in the game were D.J. Hampton and Brandon Peters, who hauled in three receptions.

Defensively, Craig Jackson, Austin Smith, Nathan Houston, Brian Fetterman, Peters and Russell Montgomery all had strong games.

"The defense played great," said Coach Travis Ling. "The win was an overall team effort. The guys have worked real hard all year and we are real proud of all them."

The win improved the JV's record to 5-1-1.

Eighth Grade

In a game that featured much more offense than the JV and seventh grade games combined, the eighth grade Eagles jumped on the Cougars early, scoring 28 points in the first half to cruise to an easy 35-6 victory.

Leo Galvan put Salado on the board quickly, with his 47-yard first quarter touchdown run.

Next to strike was Josh Bush, who scored from 32 yards out, also in the first. Galvan converted the two-point try to bring the score to 14-0.

It was more of Galvan in the second, as he scored from a nearly identical distance as his first touchdown, this time pounding it in from 45 yards. Galvan's

extra point kick put Salado up 21-0.

Still in the second, Nic Mohammed plunged in for a one-yard touchdown that, combined with another PAT from Galvan, gave Salado a 28-0 halftime lead.

Justin Schiller put the finishing touches on the game for the Eagles, when he scored on a 26-yard run, which was followed by another PAT from Galvan.

A late touchdown by Jarrell spoiled the shutout but proved inconsequential.

Outstanding players for Salado were Galvan, Matt Fritsch, Kevin Jackson, Dallas Butts and defensively, Josh Benolken, Bush and Mohammed.

The eighth graders now enjoy a 6-1 season record.

Seventh Grade

Garrett Ward's successful two-point conversion in the fourth quarter, following Tyler Wright's 12-yard run that tied the score, proved to be the difference in the game as the Eagles survived a defensive struggle by a final of 8-6. Jarrell had been undefeated on the season.

The win brought the seventh graders overall record to 4-1.

What parents need to know about hearing loss

By Dr. Melody Martin, Ph.D.

Parents today take their children's health very seriously. They make sure that their children see the family physician for routine check-ups and stay up-to-date with all of their immunization shots.

However, many parents do not realize how important it is to get their children's hearing tested. For many, hearing loss is considered a product of aging and something that strikes the elderly. But hearing loss among children is more prevalent than you might think.

About six out of every 1,000 children born each year in the United States have some degree of hearing loss. Hearing loss can be present at birth or develop later in life. Though there are numerous medical and genetic factors that can contribute to hearing loss in a child, it is often difficult to pinpoint the actual cause.

Hearing loss may be attributed to hereditary

factors, the result of maternal illness during pregnancy, exposure to certain drugs or complications in delivery.

Acquired hearing loss after birth may result from prematurity, oxygen deprivation, or illnesses such as meningitis, encephalitis, mumps, and jaundice. Any disease that is accompanied with a high fever may cause a hearing loss in a child. Also the use of certain drugs may cause hearing loss.

Fortunately, there is improved technology and new legislation that makes it possible to test a baby's hearing. Through painless protocols, a child can be tested for hearing loss just hours after birth. It is important for hearing loss to be detected as early as possible. An undiagnosed hearing loss can greatly impact a child's language development, educational achievement and emotional stability.

Children who have a hearing loss are deprived of auditory information

which delays the child's speech and language development, often limiting his or her communication with others.

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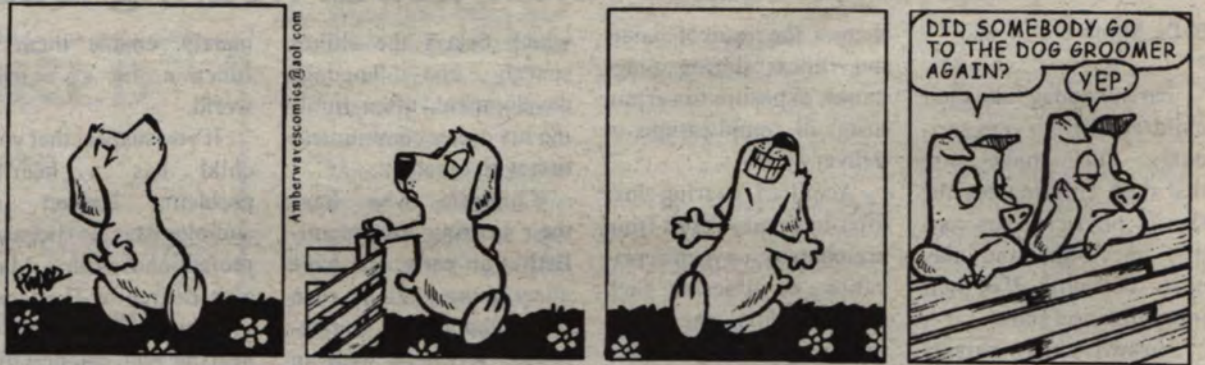
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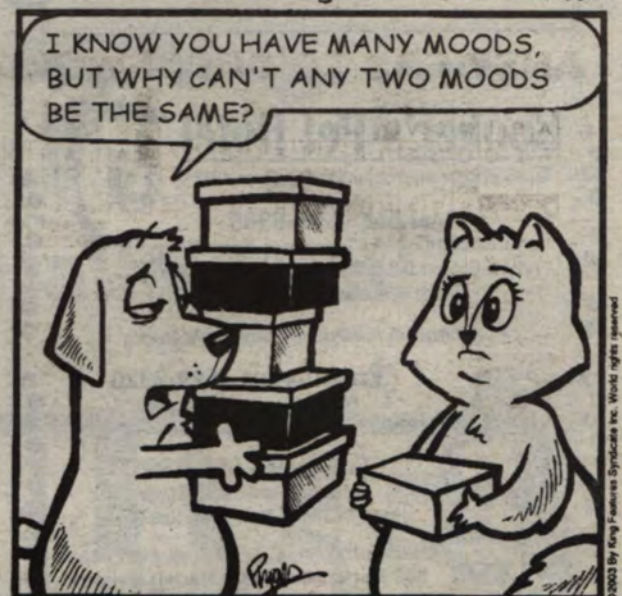


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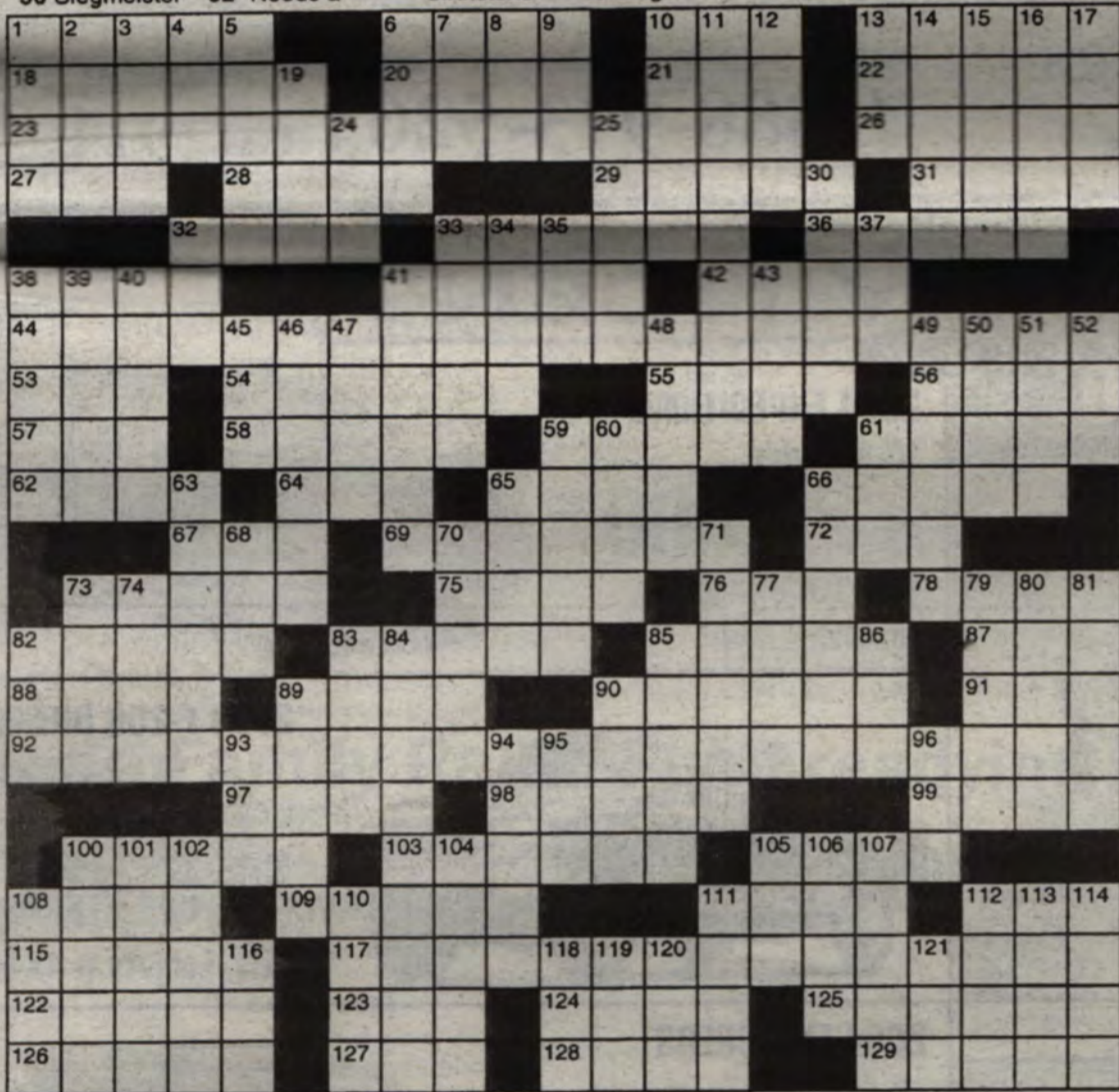
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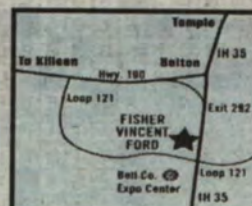
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Boy Scouts: Each Monday, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Methodist Church.

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

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

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

Salado Library District Board: 4th Mon. at 5:30 p.m., at Salado Public Library Building.

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 Mondays at the Salado Village Area Building.

Storytime: 11-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Salado Public Library.

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

Exercise Class: Aug. 18-end of school year, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 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.

Salado Democrats: 6:45 p.m., first Monday of each month at the Village Steakhouse.

Salado Youth Fair Boosters: Third Monday of each month, 7 p.m. at the elemen-

tary school library.

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 Area Republican Women: 2nd Tues. of every month, 11:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Info: 947-8422 or 947-3617 for information.

Wednesdays

Yoga classes: 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Salado Chiropractic and Massage. 947-2225.

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., 5 p.m., at Civic Center.

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Thursdays

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

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. at the Salado Civic Center. Info: 947-8422 or 947-3617 for information.

Salado Education Foundation: 2nd Thurs. at Salado Civic Center.

Salado Business Association: General meetings, 3rd Thursday 8:45 a.m. upstairs at the Civic Center.

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

Salado Moms, playgroup, contact Amanda at 947-5507.

Saturdays

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

What's happening here?

OCTOBER 31

Fall Festival at First Baptist Church of Salado, 6-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and Grounds for children ages three-12. Bring a canned good for Food Pantry. Info: 947-5465.

NOVEMBER 1

United Methodist Church Garden Guild Style Show and Luncheon, 12:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. Tickets: \$12. Info: 947-5482.

NOVEMBER 1

Salado Village Artists Creative Magic Art Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Village Artists Building. Open to the public. Info: 947-8481.

NOVEMBER 7-9

42nd Annual Gathering of the Scottish Clans at the Robertson Ranch. Info: 947-5232.

NOVEMBER 8

124th Cav. Regiment 7-9 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Info: 947-5465.

Salado Area Republican Women Annual Meeting, 11:30 a.m. @ Mill Creek. Info: 947-8422.

NOVEMBER 22

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

NOVEMBER 22

Salado United Methodist Church Sixth Annual Turkey Trot, benefitting Peaceable Kingdom and SUMC building fund. 9 a.m. at Tenroc Ranch. Registration info: 947-5482.

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.

DECEMBER 4

Christmas Parade

DECEMBER 5-7

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Salado Historical Society's annual Christmas Tour of Homes. Ticket info: 947-5718.

DEC. 5-7 & 12-14 Annual Christmas Stroll

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Salado Area Republican Women Annual Meeting, installation of officers @ Mill Creek. Info: 947-8422

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The ranch home of Dick and Camille Sweezy, at 680 E. Amity Rd., will be one of six private dwellings open to the public during the Salado Historical Society's annual Christmas Tour of Homes, Dec. 5-7.

The tour is a feature of the Christmas Stroll 2003, sponsored by the Salado Business Association.

Other homes on the tour will include the Ron Harrisons', 231 College Hill; the John Robertsons', 913 South Ridge Rd.; the Knox Tysons', 615 DeGrummond Way; the Allen Rices', 717 DeGrummond Way; and Billie Jean Fergusons', 695 Ashley Ct.

The Sweezy home is a sprawling one-floor assembly of rooms opening off a wide central hall. Floors are stone and most walls are paneled with richly stained wood.



680 E. Amity Rd.

A well-appointed kitchen anchors one end of the house with its granite counter tops and numerous cabinets. Large windows in the breakfast area look out over the rolling acres eastward.

Oversized furniture in the living room and master bedroom are dwarfed by the size of the rooms. The master bath, featuring a

huge walk-in shower of native stone, opens onto a spa. An oriental rug centers the bathroom's stone floor.

Tour attendees will be led to the home's pool area with an outdoor kitchen and stable. The stable includes a guest apartment furnished in the casual ranch style that characterizes the entire home.

Tickets for the Homes Tour are \$8 if purchased before Nov. 30 and \$10 afterwards. The Tour will also include two 19th century log cabins restored by the Historical Society, located near the Salado Civic Center.

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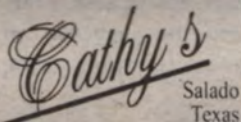


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The Fright Trail tours come to a close this weekend, 7-10 p.m. Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

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The 100-member chorus will perform 7 p.m. Nov. 23, in the Cultural Activities Center Mayborn Auditorium. The concert will feature professional soloists, chamber orchestra and double brass choir. Tickets, which can be obtained from the Cultural Activities Center box office, are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Conductor is Larry Guess, who has an extensive background in choral directing including the former Temple Civic Chorus. Nancy Bales is rehearsal accompanist.

On the program will be the following works:

• "Jubilate Deo" by Giovanni Gabrieli, a composition for double chorus and double brass. His eight-

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Virginia Capps Cosper will narrate the show and treat guests to an afternoon of fall and holiday fashions from the distinctive collection of clothing and accessories found at Sassi Jack's.

Tickets for the event are \$12 and may be purchased by calling the Salado United Methodist Church office at (254) 947-5482. Drawing tickets for prizes are \$5 each or three for \$10 and may be purchased prior to the event or at the door. Many of the prizes are donated by the designers located at Sassi Jack's. The Garden Guild has donated a comforter, pillow shams, and dust ruffles.

The Fashion Show will feature many different looks and fabrics including washable suedes, Brighton shoes and jewelry. The designs will range from casual wear to holiday. Some 25 models will be volunteering their time and talent.

"We are delighted to do the show for the Salado United Methodist Garden Guild. The Garden Guild does so much for the historic church and the community. We are happy to help with their annual fundraiser," Cosper said.

"This event gives us the opportunity to have fun while doing something worthwhile with the Salado Methodist Garden

Guild," Cosper said. "Fashion is beautiful this season. We're seeing fabulous colors complimenting our basic blacks and browns. The colors are

luscious. Accessories are very important and they do make the outfit. Versatility is the key for building a fabulous wardrobe," she said.

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Strategically set to spare 72 of 80 trees on the lots, the Rice house combines traditional New England charm which features reminiscent of Texas barns and rural buildings. Stained cedar shingles, wood columns bearing Texas stars, wood porch railings doubling as benches detail the house. A focal area of the patio and backyard is a water wall sporting three scuppers continuously pouring water into a four-foot wide lighted pool, which creates a gathering place that seems far away from worldly concerns.

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house is the Rices' escape from Houston where both were successful in their careers. The first floor contains living and dining rooms, kitchen with breakfast room and pantry and powder room. From the foyer, stairs lead to a second floor master bedroom and bath suite, a guest bedroom and bath, and a studio. Stained glass

windows filter colored light at each end of the hall. A canvas awning covers the wood deck opening off the master suite and provides outdoor living space with views of the pond and trees.

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Rumbley, known throughout Texas for her wit, book reviews, and speaking engagements, holds a Ph.D. in Communications from the University of North Texas. She will review the "The Devil in the White City," by Erik Larson. This book, a best seller, is an exciting and intriguing story of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

The Review Club, now in its 55th year, presents five book reviews each year by outstanding reviewers, to provide support to youth organizations and scholarships for area youth.

A book of five tickets costs \$20 and the tickets are interchangeable and can be used one at a time or more than one at a time. Books of tickets will be

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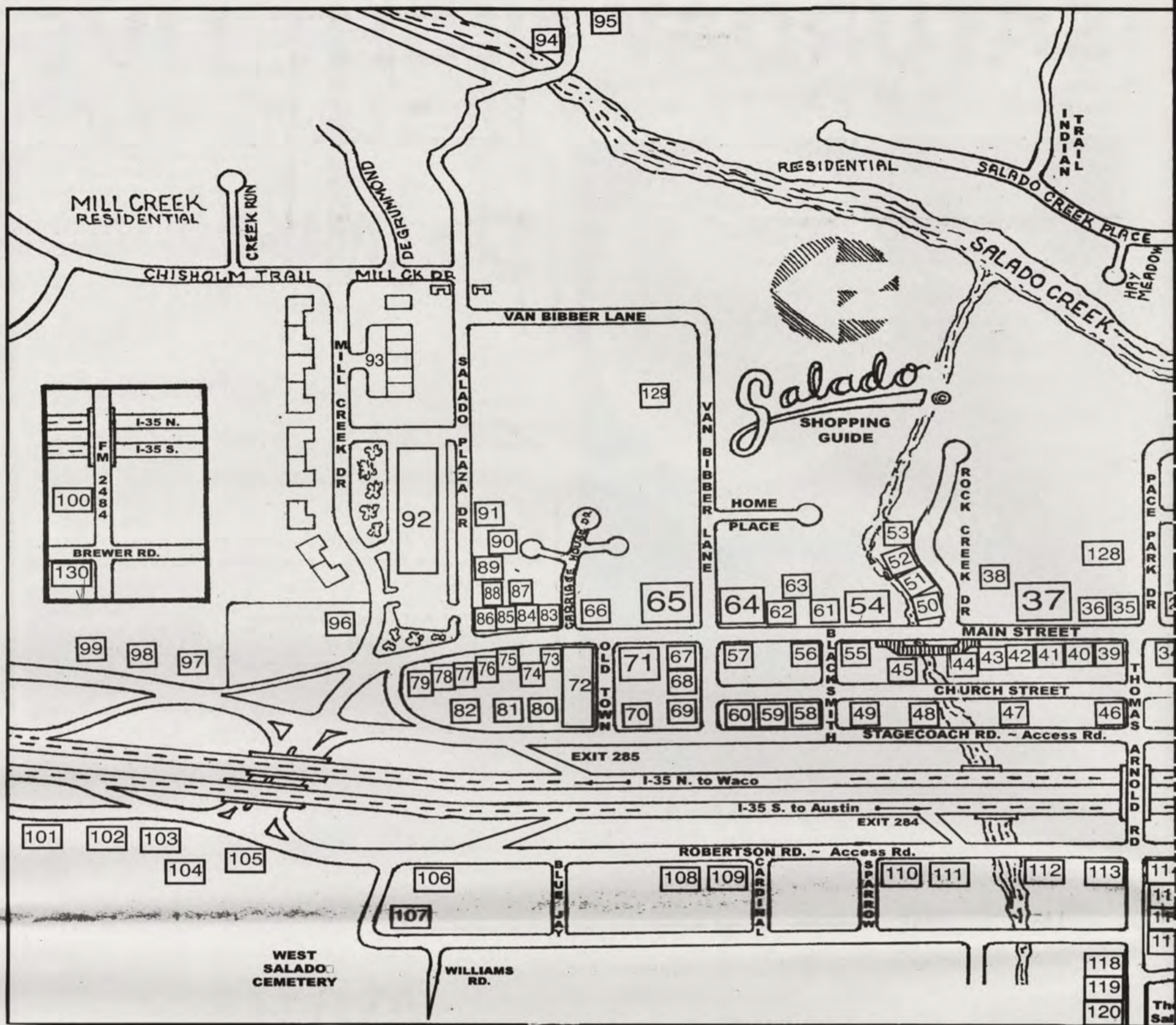


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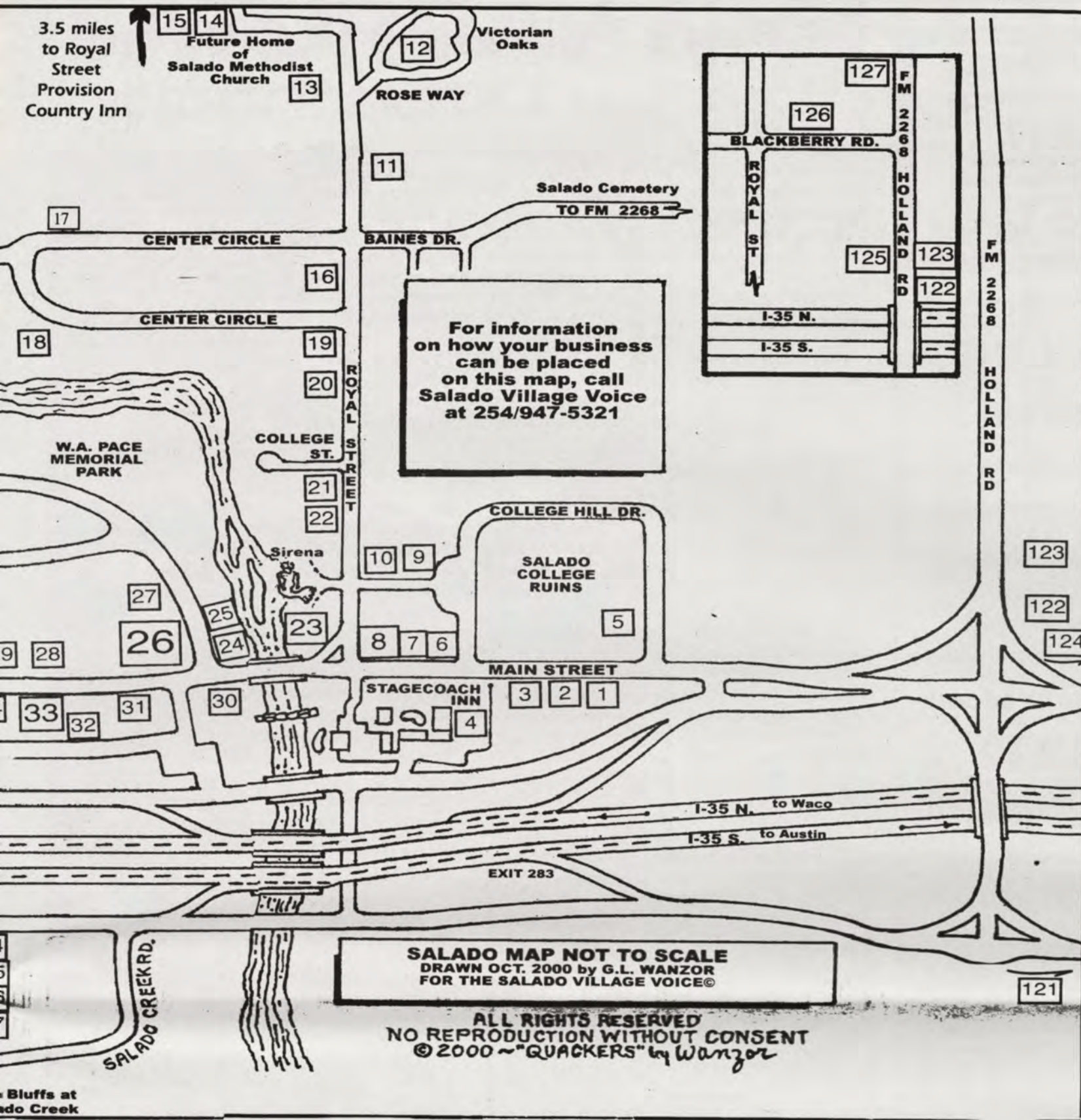
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Hansen, 50, passes away Oct. 26 in Temple

Jon A. Hansen, of Salado, passed away from natural causes Oct. 26 in a Temple hospital. He was 50 years old.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Oct. 29 at Immanuel Lutheran Church with the Reverend Alan Struckmeyer officiating. Burial will follow Oct. 29 in Bellwood Memorial Park.

Hansen was born March

26, 1953 in Larned, Kansas, to Elmer R. and Dorothy Murray Hansen. He graduated from Larned High School in 1972, after which he moved to Temple.

He married Deborah K. Ochs on June 28, 1975 in Temple. Hansen was employed for over 10 years by Performance Food Group as the purchasing manager of the meat divi-

sion. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, in Temple.

Hansen was an avid golfer, hunter and fisherman who enjoyed music and his family.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah K. Hansen, of Salado; one son, Brent Edward Hansen, of Salado; one daughter, Keri Lynn Hansen, of Salado; two brothers, Ronald G.

Hansen, of Bolivar, Missouri, and Jeff L. Hansen, of Arlington, Texas; and one sister, Carolyn Eichman, of Dodge City, Kansas.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2109 W. Avenue H, Temple, TX 76504.

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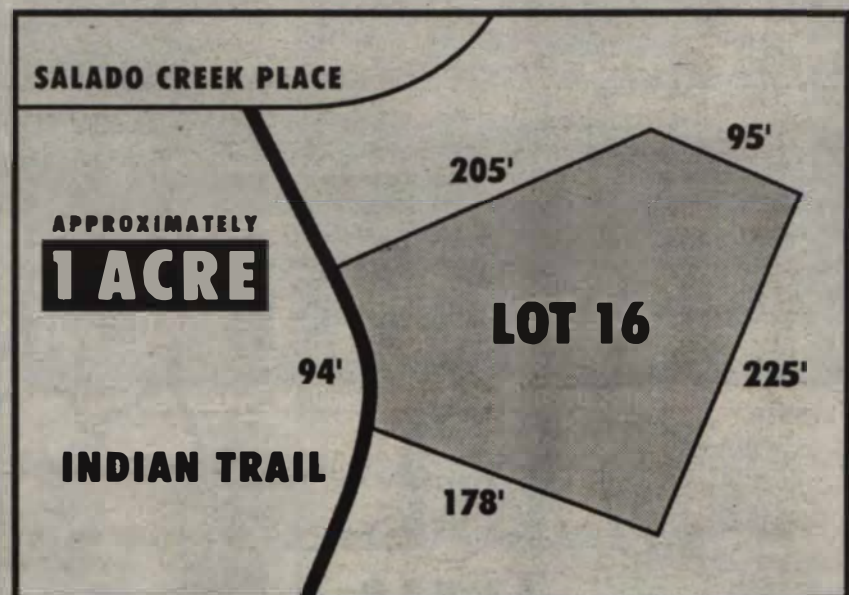
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Baldwin is one of more than 6,500 sailors and marines aboard the ships of the USS Enterprise Carrier Strike Group who were deployed immediately following work-up exercises in order to carry out America's ongoing operations in the war on terrorism.

Cruisers like USS Gettysburg are deployed throughout the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis.

DPS Tips for a safe Halloween

Darkness settles and Jack-o-lantern's ghoulish smile beckons little ghosts and hobgoblins to come out to play. In hopes that all the night's partakers return home safe and sound, the Texas Department of Safety is reminding Texans to be safe and responsible this Halloween.

"Halloween is a fun time for both children and adults, but oftentimes people act or drive carelessly or are not aware of their surroundings," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "Many pedestrians will be on the streets, and drivers need to watch for them."

To prevent tragedy befalling our children, motorists are urged to

drive slowly in neighborhoods and to be on the lookout for trick-or-treaters.

Safety tips for trick-or-treaters include:

- Look both ways before crossing roadways. Always walk, don't run.

- Cross the roadway at intersections and crosswalks when possible.

- Avoid toy guns and knives--they could be mistaken for the real thing.

- Wear costumes that are light in color, and short enough to avoid tripping.

- Wear shoes that fit
- Reflective material of some kind on the costume is strongly encouraged.

- Avoid masks-use face paint instead for better visibility and peripheral vision.

- Travel in groups with adult supervision.

- Do not enter the cars and homes of strangers. Avoid homes without visible porch lights.

- Carry a flashlight and make sure an adult accompanies small children. Exercise caution when crossing streets.

- Never trick-or-treat in unfamiliar areas.

- Take all treats home for an adult to inspect before eating anything. Never eat unwrapped candy.

- Make sure children know their home phone number and how to call 9-1-1 (or their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost.

Georgia O'Keeffe program scheduled with Village Artists

Local artist and member of the Salado Village Artists, Helen Alexander will present a program on the artist, Georgia O'Keeffe 11 a.m. Oct. 28 at the Salado Village Artists building,

located behind the Salado Civic Center.

Alexander has researched Georgia O'Keeffe as well as traveled to Santa Fe, New Mexico where Georgia O'Keeffe painted many of

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Kathy Berumen was honored with the Bell County Judge's Meritorious Service Award at the Bell County Judge and Commissioners' Committee with Disabilities Annual Awards Banquet Oct. 15.

The annual award is presented to a Bell County resident or organization that makes an impact on the life, or lives of persons with disabilities. Berumen was cited for her dedication of over 20 years of teaching students with disabilities the "I Can Do" attitude.

The presentation of the award noted that she has advocated for the abilities

of the individuals, taught students how to set and accomplish goals, and helped prepare students to meet the challenges of adult life. The closing statement summed it all up: Berumen "definitely makes a difference, not only to her students, but to her community of Bell County."

Berumen has taught in the Academy for over two decades. Her cooperative class has served students from Salado, Academy, Bartlett, Holland Rogers, and she has collaborated with professionals in other school districts, service agencies, Special Olympics and at Scott & White.



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Sports Hall of Fame houses Texas greats

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

Steve Fallon, in his 14th season as track announcer for Manor Downs and former play-by-play man for the University of Texas and the Houston Oilers, says he's landed his dream job.

The gig is, in fact, one that most couch-dwelling, arm chair quarterbacks worth their salt would love to have. For the past six years, Fallon has served as executive director for the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in Waco, a position that allows him to indulge in sports talk for a living.

That being said, Fallon was understandably enthusiastic when speaking to the Salado Lions Oct. 22 concerning what the Hall of Fame is all about.

"First of all, we get no state support," said Fallon. "One of the things we do to keep our doors open is that we are a project-driven organization. For us to make budget every year, we have to have successful projects."

The non-profit organization, founded by a group of like-minded people in 1949 because "they thought Texas should have its own sports hall of fame," relies on memberships and fundraisers such as the annual Bob Lilly celebrity golf tournament to make ends

meet. Even these special events are not always enough, however. In 1986, the Hall of Fame was forced to close its doors due to lack of funds. It wasn't until seven years later, with the help of the city of Waco, that the Hall of Fame was able to readmit patrons.

"We still receive \$50,000 a year from the city of Waco," he said.

According to Fallon, getting people to dip into their pocketbooks is not necessarily the Hall of Fame's most rigorous challenge. That distinction would fall to the annual induction banquet.

"One of the hardest parts of my job is to get big-name athletes in the same place at the same time," he explained.

Most, he said, are flattered and more than willing to make the trip to Waco. Others, for whatever reason, seem to be a bit more reluctant.

"Last year, we wanted to induct Emmitt Smith," said Fallon, "but I was only able to contact his agent, who informed me that Emmitt would agree to be inducted if we paid him \$25,000. That's when my jaw hit the floor."

Needless to say, the offer to induct the NFL's all-time leading rusher is still on the table, but the prospects of the Hall of Fame shelling



Steve Fallon

out 25 grand from a spend-thrift budget are, diplomatically, less than probable.

"The agent did tell me that Emmitt's normal rate for an appearance is \$75,000, so he thought they were giving us a deal," Fallon said.

Then there's the other side of the coin. Men like Dallas Cowboy great Bob Lilly "have never taken a penny to host the tourney," he said. Even Roger Clemens, a man whose reputation for intensity has led many to consider him stand-offish and ornery, turned out to be surprisingly cooperative.

"I remembered him from his college days (at the University of Texas), and that he was pretty cocky back then," related Fallon. "So I thought for sure he was going to be trouble. But as it turned out, we inducted Clemens after he won his fifth Cy Young award, and he asked us if we would like him to donate it to the Hall of Fame."

Lance Armstrong, for his part, has assured the Hall of Fame committee that he will be inducted as soon as he retires from cycling. As it stands now, the banquet conflicts with his Tour de France training schedule.

In the half-century since it opened, the Texas Sports

Hall of Fame has voted in almost 250 individuals, from coaches to referees, announcers to athletes. Baseball legend and Hubbard native Tris Speaker, a man whose .345 career batting average ranks fifth on the all-time list, was the Hall of Fame's first inductee.

Others include George Foreman, "Babe" Didrickson-Zaharias, Troy Aikman, Clyde Drexler, Lee Trevino, Nolan Ryan, Pittsburgh Steeler intimidator "Mean" Joe Greene, and Davey O'Brien, Texas' first Heisman Trophy winner. O'Brien's award, like Clemens' Cy Young, is on display at the Hall of Fame.

"The criteria to enter to the Hall of Fame is pretty simple," said Fallon. "You have to bring fame and acclaim to the state of Texas through sports endeavors."

A committee of 27 members of the media convenes once a year, wherein a list of 20 potential inductees is drawn up. Fallon and his staff then compile bios on each, which are sent out to the media and voted on. This year's class includes Rudy Tomjanovich, who coached the Houston Rockets to two world titles in the mid 90s.

Inside its walls, the Texas Sports Hall of Fame also houses the Texas High School Football and Basketball Halls of Fame, and the Texas Tennis Museum.

Hours of operation are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. More information is available at tshof.org.

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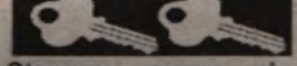
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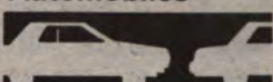


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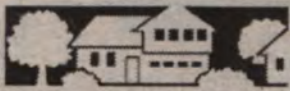
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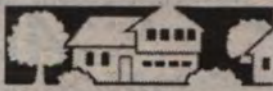
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New doublewide 3/2 bonus room, next to large ranch, Salado schools. (254) 947-5697 leave message. P11/19

Mill Creek. 2001 Christmas Tour Home. 3 BD/2.5 BA, 2 car + golf cart garage, plantation shutters throughout, fully landscaped, sprinkler system. 3812 Chisholm Tr. \$259,900. (254) 947-8346. Call for appointment.

The best investment is in the tools of one's own trade.
—Benjamin Franklin

The dignity of labor depends not on what you do, but how you do it.
—Edwin Osgood Grover

Commercial Rental



Opportunity to own Main St. property in Salado. Established business is creating space for a new business to flourish with Main St. exposure. 2090 SF of retail space. Perfect for a new business to reduce cost of ownership & still have established business next door to promote pedestrian traffic. \$224,500 Call C-21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050 fnf

Office or retail space on Main Street, Salado. (254) 947-5933 TFNB

Commercial Wanted



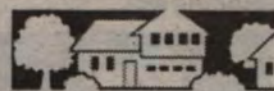
WANTED: Retail Rental Space on Main St. 500-1,000 Sq. Ft. 800-670-3534 P11/19

Leadership is the initiation and direction of endeavor in the pursuit of consequence.
—Royal Alcott

Do not speak of your happiness to one less fortunate than yourself.
—Plutarch

We all live under the same sky, but we don't all have the same horizon.
—Konrad Adenauer

Rent or Lease



For Rent 1998 manufactured home on almost 2 acres. 4 BR 2.5 BA recent roof. Excellent condition, detached garage workshop \$950 mo. 254-721-3605 tfnb

Mobile Home, 3/2 in country \$700 mo. \$500 deposit No pets, non-smokers, only excellent condition. 947-0066 Leave message.

This beautiful home features a lg. family room w/ fireplace, covered porch, sprinkler system, fenced yard, and too many extras to mention The owner provides professional lawn maintenance and outside water It is located close to the golf course and shopping. No pets accepted. Call John Reider Properties at 254-699-8300 or 254-681-6622 after hours tfnb

Charming 3BR/2BA country cottage surrounded by trees. Large open country kitchen and dining. Walking distance to schools. Small pets ok. \$750/month. Village Realty, 947-0342

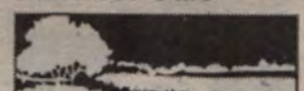
Charming, spacious 2/2/1 townhome for rent. \$795. 6 closets, vaulted ceilings, w/d closet inside. Walk to shopping center. Lawn care provided. \$100 off first months rent. (254) 338-5083. TFNB

Trailer space for rent. Center Circle in Salado. (254) 947-5542. P10/29

2BD/2BA new duplex, 1,000 sq. ft., garage, privacy fence, big backyard. \$795/month. 152 B. Satch Dr., Salado. Call Jay (254) 289-9536. P11/12

The nation makes music—the composer only arranges it.
—Mikhail Glinka

Land for Sale



Beautiful tree covered 12-44 acre tracts in the gated, restricted Spear's Ranch Development between Salado and Georgetown. Contact Ronnie Tynes, Broker, (512) 461-3370.

For Sale By Owner. Many WOODED LOTS, Woods of Salado on FM 2484 near Lake Stillhouse. Rita Seghers 254-760-9663. tfnb

Two acre restricted, wooded, lakeview home sites. Salado schools. Call C-21 Bill Bartlett 254-947-5050 tfn

Wonderful homesites! (2) - 10 acre tracts with large oak trees, 3 miles from I-35. \$10,000/acre for one tract, \$14,000/acre for other tract with good water well and horse barn. Call Rodney at the Charter Group 254-778-6675 tfnb

End of Cul-De-Sac 3.2 ac \$43,900 Beautiful tract w large trees near historic Salado. Cul-de-sac backs up to large ranch. County rds, electric telephone, more. Only \$43,900! Call 1-254-947-5901 ext 849

Large Corner Homesite, 12.13 AC - \$112,000. Near historic Salado. Perfect home-site w/hundreds of trees & ideal barn site. New paved Rd on 2 sides. Seller pays closing costs for limited time! Excellent financing. Call now 1-254-947-5901, x. 920. B11/12

30-360 acres, 15 mi. N. of Georgetown, 6 mi. S. of Salado. Beautiful land, well located, owner finance. Some restrictions. Call Bill at Century 21-Bill Bartlett, (254) 947-5050 or 800-352-1183. TFNB

18 Acres Waterfront lot on Lampasas River at Hwy 195 in River Ridge subdivision. Live Oak and Pecan trees. Has coastal pasture, good building site - \$10,000 per acre. John Wakefield (254) 793-2831 Coldwell Banker United, Realtor (800) 473-8525. P10/29

If you don't run your own life, somebody else will.
—John Atkinson

Reduced

3 BR, 2 BA, all brick, over 1,800 square foot home with fenced backyard. Wheelchair accessible. Over sized garage. Refrigerator/freezer combo with ice maker sold with home. Reduced to \$124,900.

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Home For Sale

4010 Amanda Dr.
Three bedroom, 2-1/2 bath plus a bonus room. \$179,500. Call 254-947-8851.

Beautiful wooded acre! 2002 built 3 BR, 2 BA home located in the secluded area of Live Oak Estates Huge (back to nature) deck on the back of the home.

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\$205,000 - 3 BR, 2 BA. Walk into a large open living area with a vaulted ceiling that is enhanced with a wood burning rock fireplace. The kitchen in this home has custom made cabinets and eat-in bar. A dining room opens into the kitchen and living area providing a wonderful place to entertain friends. A large master bedroom allows enough room for a sitting area or office. The other two bedrooms are separate from the master to allow for privacy.



\$229,800 - 4 BR, 2-1/2 BA, 2 car + golf cart garage, formal dining, breakfast room, all on wooded 1 acre lot in the heart of Mill Creek. Quality construction, designed with energy efficiency in mind.



\$191,000 - Custom built home provides a relaxing atmosphere in the open living/breakfast/kitchen area. Separate dining room provides a more formal setting for entertaining. Hardwood floors enhance the appeal of the kitchen & living area. Custom cabinets in the kitchen provide easy access in cooking. Two master suites with large bathrooms make this home wonderful for overnight guests. A Murphy bed turns the office into an instant bedroom. Manicured lawn has a sprinkler system.



\$106,800 - Clean, light & bright! Very well maintained home only 6 years old. The owners upgraded the home thinking they would be there forever. Security system, sprinkler system, water softener, fenced back yard, gutter's all around, shed and more.



\$259,900 - A beautifully landscaped backyard creates an inviting atmosphere to welcome you into a pool with waterfall. View the pool from the family room, breakfast/kitchen area, and formal living room. The kitchen and family room are all open for easy entertaining. Master bedroom/bath is down the hall from a 4th BR/study while the other two bedrooms are located across the living areas. Built in bookshelves and fireplace are located in the formal living. Located on 1/2 acre lot.



\$329,000 - Newly constructed home with large windows across back of home provide an incredible view of Salado Creek and Mill Creek Golf Course. 2 BR and bath are located on main floor. Master bedroom and bath are located on third level. Master BR has view of Salado Creek & golf course from large windows all around. Bath is luxurious. Extra large closet. 3 car garage is on lower level.



\$131,800 - Jimmy Wilson Homes presents this new home in Salado Prairies with split BR's, breakfast room & breakfast bar, formal dining room & large family room.



\$389,000 - Beautiful live oak trees enhance the view from the wrap-around porch on this home. Large family area opens onto the breakfast room and kitchen. This home contains two living, two dining, three bedrooms, office, three baths, three car garage. Home is completely secluded from neighbors and traffic. Over 17 acres, with a mixture of heavily treed land and coastal pasture. There is also a pond. Only a few minutes from Salado.



\$199,500 - Wonderful oak trees shade a fully landscaped yard in the heart of Mill Creek. This home has a magnificent sun room that overlooks a lush yard. Welcoming courtyard enhances the front walkway. Large living room accommodates two sitting areas for easy entertaining. Master BR has a view of a wooded back yard with access to a covered porch.

Residential

- \$49,500 - 3 BR, 1 BA with fenced back yard - UC.
- \$67,500 - Mill Creek unit for weekend or home - UC.
- \$83,500 - Nice manufactured home on 5 acres.
- \$106,800 - Clean, light & bright! Well maintained 6 yrs old.
- \$119,900 - 3 BR home. Porches & shop - SOLD.
- \$128,800 - Jimmy Wilson home on 1 acre, covered patio.
- \$130,800 - Great floor plan on 1 acre, 4 BR, 2 BA - UC.
- \$131,800 - New mid-size home, great finishing touches.
- \$139,900 - Austin stone with metal roof. 3 BR, 2 BA.
- \$149,900 - "Orange Lady's Home" fronts golf course - SOLD.
- \$174,900 - 4 BR in Mill Creek. Fenced back yard - SOLD.
- \$182,800 - 3 BR, 2 BA home on 2 acres in Hidden Springs.
- \$191,000 - Custom home has 2 master suites w/ large baths.
- \$194,500 - 3 or 4 BR, apartment/office. 4 car carport.
- \$199,500 - Courtyard enhances the front walkway, lush yard.
- \$202,800 - New Austin stone home with hillside views.
- \$205,000 - 3 BR, 2 BA open living area with vaulted ceiling.
- \$219,500 - 2 story country style home & shop. 3.5 acres.
- \$224,900 - Home overlooking Mill Creek Golf Course.
- \$229,800 - 4 BR/2-1/2 BA on 1 wooded acre in Mill Creek.
- \$241,800 - Synergy Builders 3BR home has kitchen skylight.
- \$256,800 - New home in Mill Creek. Granite table.

- \$259,900 - 4 BR home w/ pool & waterfall, landscaped.
- \$269,000 - 4 BR home w/open floor plan. 1.93 acres - UC.
- \$274,900 - 3 BR overlooking Salado Creek & #13 Green.
- \$295,000 - 4 BR home in Troy on 60 acres, barn - UC.
- \$297,000 - 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA on Salado Creek Place cul-de-sac.
- \$309,900 - 1 year old home on #3 Fairway. Landscaped.
- \$324,900 - 4 BR, 3-1/2 BA home overlooking golf course.
- \$324,900 - New 4 BR home with hillside lake view.
- \$328,800 - 10 acres, southern style 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA - UC.
- \$329,000 - New home with view of Salado Creek & golf course.
- \$349,800 - 15 acres, 3 BR, 2 BA, gameroom and loft room.
- \$389,000 - Wrap around porch, oak trees, 17 acres & pond.
- \$459,000 - Elegant home on 20.22 acres near Temple.
- \$1,450,000 - Executive 4 BR home on Salado Creek.

Acreage Available

- 140 acres on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport, all or part (50 acres - UC).
- 38.78 acres FM 2843, 8 mile west, beautiful trees. \$174,500.
- 15.796 acres fronting FM 2268 with young trees.
- 12 acres between Salado and Florence. All woods, spring, secluded, view. \$49,000 - UC.

Mill Creek Lots

- 700 Indian Trail - \$30,000
- Mill Creek Springs - \$30 - \$75,000
- Fletcher Ct. - \$68,000

Woods of Salado Lots

- FM 2484 - \$24,000
- Mountain Dr. - Lot 6A - \$52,000
- Mountain Dr. - Lots 5A & 5B - \$98,000
- Hodge Canyon Dr. - \$52,000

Other Lots

- Salado Heights - 2 acre tracts - \$29,000 each.
- Windy Hill Ranch - 2 acre lots - \$55,000 to \$90,000
- Jeremiah's Well - 10 acre tracts \$60,000 to \$95,000
- Lot 2, Rose Lane - \$38,900
- The Overlook - 1+ acre prime lots \$125,000 - \$165,000


Commercial Property

- \$224,500 - Retail space on Main St. 2090 SF.
- \$249,500 - 3 BR with showroom & workshop, on 1.23 acres.
- \$429,000 - 5.66 acres commercial property off Main Street.

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FOR LEASE: 3/3/3 with study. Approximately 3240 Sq Ft. Available 11/1/03. **\$2,150 per month.**



Lots of room to roam on this appx. four tree covered acres. Large 3/2/2 with many updated features. New carpets and flooring. Large fireplace enhances the family room and house also includes game room and office. 30x40 barn. **\$217,900.**



In Salado 3/2 split level home with loft and 2 living areas, plus formal dining. **\$134,500** or lease for \$1,100 per month.



A sense of mastery comes with this large brick home with beautiful view of Mill Creek Golf Course. High beamed ceilings, crown molding, many built-ins. Fine master suite with lavish bath. Custom kitchen with granite counter top, breakfast room, formal dining and living, also family room. **\$310,000.**



Completely remodeled home on approximately 1 acre. Lots of privacy! Priced at **\$164,500.**



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.**



New Listing: 3/2/2 on more than one acre in beautiful Salado Oaks. Nice open floorplan, split bedrooms. Pretty trees. **\$164,900.**



Pamper yourself in this custom brick Contemporary. Built in china cabinet, high ceilings, hardwood flooring, designer upgrades. Fine master suite with jacuzzi and separate shower. Near golf course. **\$177,000.**



Excellent commercial location on corner of West Village Road & IH 35 at Exit 285.



Great tree covered lot with house in Belton for only **\$77,000.**



Beautiful Texas Ranch Home on appx. 5 acres. The huge covered front porch is a great place to rest and relax. Features include master suite, alarm system, stained concrete floors (echoed with one Texas Star), custom kitchen & intercom system. **\$350,000.**



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

Acreage

- Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. **\$10,000/lot.**
- Approx. 2 acres near golf course in Mill Creek. Beautiful trees. **\$38,995.**
- 2 acre lot sw of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$28,900.**
- 2 acre lot sw of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$27,900.**
- 2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900.** or 1.35 acres for **\$20,000.**
- 3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large Pecan trees & live water. **\$39,900.**
- 3 BR/2 BA mobile home on 3.5 acres w/view overlooking lake. **\$50,000.**
- 3.5 acres with septic & water. **\$38,000.**
- 4 acres SW of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$56,800.**
- 5.13 acres sw of Salado. Beautiful trees. Reduced to **\$44,900.** - UIC
- 20 acres sw of Salado on Buttermilk Creek. Heavily wooded. **\$125,000.**
- 51 acres Buttermilk Creek, spectacular views, excellent tree coverage, sw

- of Salado.
- 51 acres with hill country view **\$3,500 per acre.**
- 130 acres Rolling hills with great views. **\$4,500/acre.**
- 245 acres Beautiful rolling hills with large live oak trees and a 3 acre lake. Outstanding development opportunity.

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.
- A charming B&B Inn. It is perhaps one of the oldest bldgs in the Village of Salado and is listed in the Nat'l Register of Historic Places. It is a Greek Revival style home dating from the 1850's.

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.**
- Large lot in Belton near Lake. Gated community, many trees. **\$65,000.**