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TxDOT announces construction projects in Salado area

Walkway along Main starts soon

A project to build a pedestrian walkway along Farm-to-Market Road 2268 (Main Street) in Salado is set to start soon, announced Area Engineer Jim Cowan with the Texas Department of Transportation.

According to the contractor, Ellis-McGinnis Construction Co. of Eddy, signs and barricades will be placed along Main Street on April 7, and work starts the next day.

The walkway begins at Pace Park Drive and continues north six-tenths of a mile to the post office. Landscaping with Indian Hawthorn, mountain laurel, yaupon holy and Texas redbuds is included in the \$322,000 project.

In addition, a historic truss bridge will be restored and placed at Campbell Branch. This Lenticular bridge, built in 1889, is one of eight remaining in the state.

No lane closures are required during construction of the pedestrian trail, but motorists can expect some delays the day the bridge is placed at Campbell Branch, tentatively scheduled in early June.

For the safety of the traveling public and the workers, drivers are urged to slow down and exercise caution. This safety improvement project should be completed by early August.

Contract approved to resurface Interstate from Belton to Williamson County line

A contract to resurface Interstate 35 from Belton to the Williamson County line was approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in Austin March 27.

Austin Bridge & Road Inc. of Austin will handle the \$2.2 million project to seal and overlay this 12-mile section of I-35. Work on this project could begin by late April or early May, and is expected to take about four months to complete.

TxDOT crews are scheduled to complete the milling of the inside (left) lane beginning

in early April. During that time, drivers should expect travel restricted to one lane in the work area.

Pavement failure or potholes in the outside lane occurred in January after two weeks of freezing conditions. Crews from the Texas Department of Transportation milled the roadway to provide a smoother riding surface while project plans and specifications were prepared.

"The pavement failures or potholes were a result of the microsurfacing debonding (separating) from the underly-

ing surface," said TxDOT's Waco District Engineer Kirby Pickett. "The immediate cause was cracks which developed in the roadway. This allowed water to penetrate below the surface, and the problem was accelerated with the freeze in early January.

"Our studies indicate that two primary factors contributed to creating the cracks in the pavement structure -- the age of the pavement structure, which is well past its projected service life, and high traffic volumes, especially trucks," added Pickett.

Wilmer is third speaker of Salado Institute for Humanities series on Quest for Silence

Harry A. Wilmer, president, director, and founder of the Institute for the Humanities at Salado is the featured speaker on April 5-6, in Salado. He is the third presenter in the Institute's "Quest for Silence" series of seminars and lectures. Wilmer presents a seminar April 5, on "Silence & Listening" at the Allen Hall 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. On April 6, he will lecture on "The Quest for Inner Silence" beginning at 4 p.m. at Mill Creek dining room. Discussion is at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m.

Wilmer received his M.D. and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. He had his psychiatric training at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester where he later was a staff member. He trained in Jungian psychology in San Francisco and as a Guggenheim Fellow in Zurich. Wilmer is currently a senior

analyst and a member of the International Association of Analytical Psychology.

Wilmer has been a professor of psychiatry at Stanford University; the University of California, San Francisco, and the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, where he is emeritus professor.

After Wilmer retired from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio in 1980, he created the Institute for the Humanities at Salado - a nonprofit, autonomous, educational institution that provides lifelong learning opportunities for the general public. Its mission is to foster a civil society by encompassing democratic, spiritual and intellectual ideals in a nonpartisan forum. For the last 17 years, Dr. Wilmer has lead the Institute to many distinctions including the Bill Moyers' tele-

vision documentary on its symposium, *FACING EVIL*; and an impressive array of speakers and programs centered around the humanities disciplines.

Author of 13 published books and 190 scientific articles, his first book was written when he had tuberculosis in 1941, and was a best-seller called *Huber the Tuber: Lives and Loves of Tubercle Bacillus*. One of his books, *Social Psychiatry in Action* was made into the award-winning television movie, *People Need People* with Fred Astaire, Lee Marvin and Arthur Kennedy playing the part of Dr. Wilmer. *Practical Jung* and *Understandable Jung* are both written and illustrated by Wilmer. His next book is a memoir on *Silence* to be published by Open Court in the spring of 1998.



Dr. Harry Wilmer

SISD trustees uphold administration decision in grievance

by Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

The Salado ISD Board of Trustees upheld the decision of the administration in removing Dan Wasik as athletic director, following a Level Three Grievance Hearing held in the crowded high school library March 25.

Kelli Hamm Karczewski, legal counsel for the school district, presided over the hear-

ing. She told Wasik and his attorney Mark Robinett that the board had been given copies of the documents and evidence presented at the Level One and Level Two grievances. Karczewski also stated that no new evidence would be considered by the board at the Level Three hearing.

Wasik was given 15 minutes to address the board of trustees during the Level Three hearing, held in open session

at his request.

Dozens of individuals crowded into the hearing at the school library, including parents, students and former students.

Robinett, speaking for Wasik, pointed out to the board that Wasik was originally hired in 1989 as athletic director and head football coach.

"He was rehired in January 1995 in a board meeting on a motion by Roger Hunter with

a second by Jerry Adams to extend the contract of the Athletic Director by one year to the end of the 1996-97 school year," Robinett said.

"The contract extended was as athletic director, not as classroom teacher only," he added. "Yet in December 1996, he was reassigned by the high school principal as classroom teacher only."

Robinett said that lack of discipline was given as an ini-

tial reason for the reassignment. Later, the reason for reassignment was changed to "a generic 'best interest' of the school district," Robinett said.

It was pointed out in Level One decision that the administration was not required by law to give any reason for the reassignment and that Wasik had no rights deprived by her failing to do so, Robinett said.

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

Congressman Chet Edwards Staying In Touch



MORE CIVILITY IN THE CONGRESS? BIPARTISAN RETREAT MAY HELP DEFUSE PARTISAN SNIPING AND FOSTER WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

In early March, the U.S. House of Representatives took what I feel is a major step in a positive direction toward ending much of the petty partisan bickering that has pervaded the House over the last several years.

For the first time in Congressional history, nearly half of the 435 House members, along with their families, met in Hershey, Pennsylvania, for three days of meetings to discuss the goal of trying to encourage the House to work better on a bipartisan basis.

I think the key to the success of this meeting was that members who had never met each other got to know each other and their families.

Members left the retreat with a commitment to encourage more bipartisan meetings between party leaders and members of the House in the months ahead.

Members will be encouraged to keep floor speeches and statements strong, but civil. While we respect the strong differences of opinion expressed by members, those

speeches and those positions should not be made on a personal basis.

The final product of that weekend's meetings will be a better Congress that works on a more bipartisan basis. Total civility won't happen overnight, but I believe most members want to improve the level of civility in the Congress.

More energy will be spent on working together rather than trying to tear each other to pieces.

Ideally, the House will be coming up with solutions to major problems such as the budget and health care and education rather than wasting time and energy and taxpayers' dollars on petty partisan battles that have been so prevalent in the House the last several years.

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March 18, 1997

We're more interested in kids in jock straps, than in caps & gowns, says Lt. Guv. Bullock

The Texas Senate, overriding the deep consternation of its presiding officer, Lt. Governor Bob Bullock, last week passed two bills (SB 944 and SB 935) which, if approved by the House and signed by Governor Bush, will allow communities to hold local bond elections to build or renovate public and/or privately owned sports arenas and stadiums at taxpayer expense.

Pointing to the City of Houston as bad examples of wanting to spend tax dollars for sports facilities over schools, Bullock grumbled in a recent issue of the Austin American Statesman that "We are more interested in athletics in jockey straps than we are kids in caps and gowns."

The feisty Chief of the Senate pointed out that Houston, on the one hand, plans to spend many millions of tax dollars on the Astrodome renovation project plus constructing a brand new downtown basketball and hockey arena.

And at the very same time, Bullock noted, the Bayou City was busy turning down a \$390 million public school bond issue to build and renovate buildings for the kids in the Houston ISD.

Talk about messed up pri-

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



orities!

This give-and-take between the Senate leader and its members has been brewing for some time and was properly reported in this column some weeks ago. Bullock said then that the bills allowing for local elections to hike taxes would pass thus allowing metro areas to build sports "palaces" for "greedy" owners who would leave town the minute the grass (and dollars) starting looking greener in some other locale!

And he was right! The Upper-House did just that - passed the authorizing legislation to let the tax-for-sports' battles begin.

BRIGHT THOUGHT

In reading newspapers from around the nation, as is this writer's weekly habit, an idea was discovered that might be added to these Texas legislative sports-tax proposals which in turn could make the whole deal more palatable to Bullock and sense to taxpaying sports lovers.

Seems there is a brand new Congressman from Oregon who has turned up something that smacks of smart thinking relative to this business of subsidizing high paid athletic teams and greedy owners.

Freshman Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Portland) representing the Third Congressional District of Oregon took office in January of this year and immediately set to work on a crusade that has few legislative followers thus far although there is growing interest among the legions of hometown sports-loving-taxpayers.

Blumenauer has a proposal in the hopper that he thinks will "Crack down on sports moguls who blackmail communities with threats to move their teams".

He calls his bill a "Give Fans A Chance Act" and points out that since 1950 some 68 sports franchises have been moved from city to city including the heartbreaker in 1950 that saw the Brooklyn Dodgers depart for Los Angeles.

Later, in 1985, bewildered Baltimore fans turned mean when they learned that the

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Letters written concerning 911 #'s, school board

Dear Saladoans,

As I read Mary Hill's letter last week regarding the new addressing by the 911 system, it made me cringe! The worst part is, Mrs. Hill is 100 percent right!

But don't despair, simply call 933-7075, ext. 211 to find your new address. If you still want to verify the address, call 911 and tell the operator you

want address verification.

In the next few weeks the Salado Fire Department will be offering a *reflective sign* to be customized with your new address. At this time the cost is uncertain, but should be in the \$10 range, and fire department personnel will assist in the installation of these signs. If all

homes in the village are marked with these signs it will be a dramatic enhancement to emergency personnel (police-fire-EMS) in locating you in an emergency.

If the Salado Fire Department can be of any assistance to you in the meantime, please call the Fire Station at 947-8961, all EMERGENCIES 911.

Wayne Rutherford
Chief

Dear Editor,

I commend the members of our Salado ISD Board of Trustees for their composure during the grievance hearing held on March 25 relative to the reassignment of duties of the athletic director and head football coach. I understand that they were advised by the school attorney not to respond to questions or comments from the audience or the coach or the attorney representing the coach. Further, that responsibility for responses, rebuttals or explanations would rest with the school attorney and the superintendent.

The three grievance hearings were held in accordance with established written policy

which is common among school districts. The level one hearing was held in the presence of the high school principal with attorneys from both sides present. The level two hearing was held in the presence of the superintendent with attorneys from both sides present. The level three hearing was held in public with attorneys from both sides present. After the level one hearing the grievance was denied in writing. After the level two hearing the grievance was denied in writing. At the conclusion of the hearing held in public, the Board of Trustees upheld the decisions made by the high school principal and the district superintendent.

Some of the persons present at the level three hearing left with the impression that an individual board member had contributed to the reassignment decision. This was an erroneous impression. Individual board members have no authority to act as individuals. In fact they are not even official board members unless the board is in session. Decisions are determined by a majority vote of the board.

The members of our Salado ISD Board of Trustees operate under the purview of the State-

wide Standards on Duties of a School board Member adopted Dec. 7, 1985, by the State Board of Education. There are 12 sections contained in the publication detailing more than 50 standards. Some of the standards are quoted as follows:

The board members shall uphold educational and ethical standards that promote the best interests of the school district as a whole. The member shall:

-- Bring about desired changes through legal and ethical procedures, upholding and enforcing all laws, State Board of Education rules and court orders pertaining to schools.

-- Recognize that decisions must be made by the board as a whole, and make no personal promise nor take private action which may compromise the board.

-- Focus board action on policy making, planning and evaluating.

-- Support and protect school personnel in the proper performance of their duties.

-- Hold confidential all matters pertaining to schools

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Letters

which, if disclosed, may needlessly injure individuals of the schools.

-- Understand the difference between the board's responsibility to set policy and the superintendent's responsibility to administer the school district, according to established rules and policies.

-- Understand the superintendents' responsibility to deal initially with complaints from school district personnel or the community, and the board's responsibility to consider such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution."

I hope that the persons who were critical of our Board of Trustees at the March 25 grievance hearing will remember that these elected officials are dedicated citizens who have volunteered their time and efforts for the betterment of our school district. They deserve our praise, appreciation and support.

Sincerely,
Jean Tarbutton

TO THE EDITOR:

I felt compelled to write this letter after observing events that have happened at recent School Board meetings. Salado has always been my home except for time in the military. My grandfather and his two brothers cut rock for Whiskey Jack along the banks of Salado Creek. These rocks were used to build the Bank (now Grace Jones) and other buildings in Salado.

Salado has changed — Sometimes I think not for the best. In the past we had good honest dedicated people serve on the Board of Trustees. To name a few, A. P. Capps, Clyde Capps, Proctor Capps, C.B. Hodge, Clifton Huey, Charlton Johnson, John Grigsby, Ray Fuller, Gwenn Williams, Truett Williams, and Col. Tarbutton. All dedicated to helping the School and Students. We have the same thing today - Seven Good Board Members giving their time to try and make a difference - "it is sure not for the pay". But, we also have a few that show up at Board meetings to take Pot Shots at Board members without knowing all the facts. They kind of put me in mind of a pack of Coyotes nipping at the heels of a herd of cattle, if these people had the respect of their peers and want to run for the Board of Trustees, then that's what they should do. Instead they go to meetings to complain about things when they do not know all the facts.

Now someone has called one Board Member and threatened him with physical violence. People, it's time to

wake up and let those type of people know that these tactics are not what Salado is all about. Support the people you have elected. If you're not satisfied then enter the race yourself or support the person of your choice.

Sincerely,
Jimmy Evans

To The Editor:

A teaching colleague asked me to be thinking about what I think Salado I.S.D. needs to do to improve educational opportunities for our children. The following are some of the

things I believe would help us create the school our community deserves:

1. Demonstrate our determination to focus on academics by hiring the very best teachers for each position that opens. Get beyond our obsession with extras and focus on the intellectual disciplines that will help our students succeed once they leave our schools.

2. Expect high performance standards from our students. They are bright and enthusiastic, and they will perform well

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Baseball workday April 6

The Salado Youth Baseball Association will hold a workday at 9 a.m. April 6 to finish up work on the ballfields. The season starts later this month.



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if they know we expect their very best.

3. Insist upon hiring top teachers in the core disciplines of English, mathematics, science, and history. These are areas where we must have teachers who are enthused, competent, and dedicated. More than once, I have been dismayed when candidates who seemed to be obvious best choices for openings, have been passed over because they were unable to serve in extracurricular positions. When we make such choices, we show by our actions what we really

value. This statement is not intended to denigrate any of our extracurricular personnel because many of them work extremely hard to do as well in their classrooms as they do in their other assignments. The statement is intended to stress the importance of hiring fine classroom teachers. If these fine teachers are willing and able to help us with extracurricular activities, fine; if not, perhaps we should decide which extracurricular activities we truly want. Classroom teachers are necessities; extracurricular activities are exactly that: extra.

4. Update and improve our technology by working closely with the technology committee that was put into place several years ago. We need people with expertise in computer technology to work with us to move ahead. We have started moving in the right direction with the anticipated connection to the Internet. Let's learn where we need to be and go there.

5. Expand our honors and advanced placement programs. Then reward our teachers for their willingness to attend workshops or classes that will enable them to teach these courses.

6. Get away from our focus on TAAS scores by realizing that teachers who are teaching the core elements of their disciplines will produce students who do well on TAAS and on more valid measurements such as the SAT or the ACT. Rote drill and "teaching a test" never have produced students who can think well or write well. Again, hiring the most competent teachers will help us reach the goals of high standardized test scores.

7. Insist that campus and district site-based decision committees be allowed to work as our state intended for them to do. Smart corporations are learning that the way to improve production is to listen to the producers. In our world of public education, these producers would be the teachers, the parents and also the community members who have a real stake in the product (the students).

8. Elect board members who will commit to working for a strong academic program and who will then show that this commitment was more than a campaign slogan.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,
Jeanne Moran

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 The smallest kind of star, the neutron star measures only about 12 miles in diameter. The sun measures about 865,000 miles in diameter. Neutron stars, however, are very dense and have about as much mass as much larger stars.

Without child support payments, many kids face hardship

by Dan Morales
Texas Attorney General

EACH YEAR in Texas, there are more than 50,000 divorces involving children. In addition, nearly 30 percent of all children in Texas are born to unmarried mothers. All of these children are entitled to financial support from both of their parents. When the two parents do not both live with the child, either because they are divorced or because they never married, the non-custodial parent is supposed to pay child support.

The plain fact is, without child support payments many children suffer great hardship. There are grim statistics about the number of children growing up in poverty. It is important to recognize that when a child lives in poverty, the reason usually is that the child is not being financially supported by two parents.

Two parallel systems

In Texas we have two separate systems for collecting child support. After a divorce, child support is usually ordered to be collected through county child support registries. That is one system.

The other system is the federally mandated child support enforcement program which, in Texas, resides with Office

of the Attorney General. The federal system was created for the purpose of recouping the cost of public assistance.

Under the federal program, any custodial parent who applies for public assistance is automatically referred to our office for child support services and must cooperate with us in order to receive welfare payments. We are proud that, because of our efforts to collect child support last year, nearly 26,000 families no longer need public assistance.

The services we provide

The vast majority of our new cases involve single parents who do not already have court orders for child support. Most involve children born out of wedlock, who do not have legal fathers. These families need more than a collection agency. They need a whole array of services.

When a child is born to unmarried parents, we must first establish paternity. Then we

must obtain a court order for child support. Then, if the absent parent refuses to pay, we use enforcement measures to collect. We also provide parent locate services, and many of our new cases require these services.

All kinds of families

Although we get most of our new cases on referral from the Department of Human Services, we also offer free child support services to parents who are not on welfare. We provide these services upon application, regardless of whether the parent is divorced, separated, or has never married.

What we have done for families

Since the child support program was transferred to the Office of the Attorney General in 1983, over \$3.1 billion in child support has been collected with more than \$2.5 billion being collected during my administration.

During State Fiscal Year 1996, the hard work of the child support staff helped the program collect over \$619 million, establish paternitys for nearly 44,000 children and establish more than 45,000 obligations for child support.

Nationally, the Office of the Attorney General ranks 7th in collections, 4th in the number of orders established for support and 2nd in the number of paternitys established for federal fiscal year 1995.

If you're behind in your payments

It is in your best interest, as well as your child's, for you to pay your child support voluntarily. If your payments are made through the OAG, call your nearest regional Child Support office for help. We cannot reduce the amount of your accrued court-ordered child support, but we can work with you to establish a reasonable plan for paying off your arrears.

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Elementary students win coloring contest

Three Thomas Arnold Elementary School third-graders earned awards in the recent Bell County Young Lawyers Association Coloring Contest. Lindsey Paige Wright placed first, Chris Marek placed second and Jessica Whitmire placed third.

The Association implemented the contest for third-graders in Belton, Salado and Temple. Thirteen schools participated.

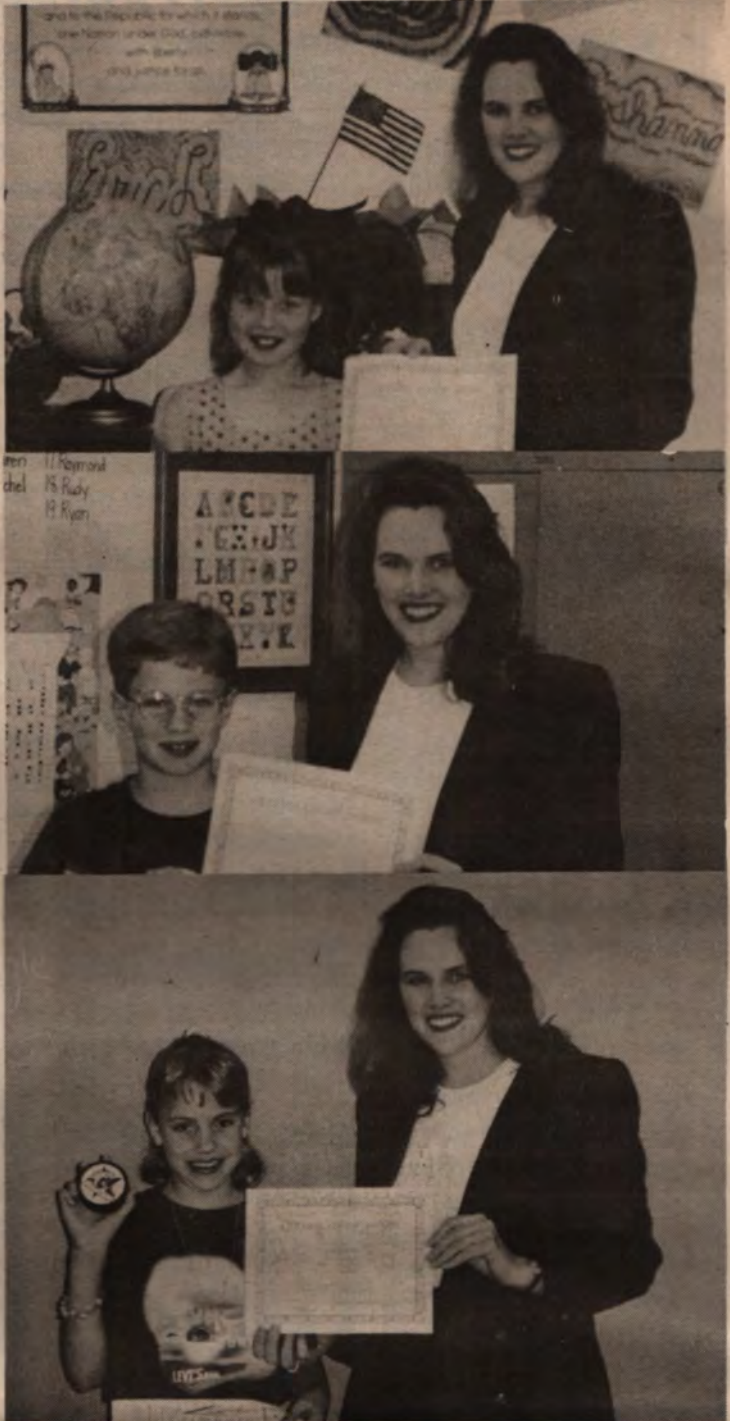
The program encourages third-graders to learn about the law by providing each student with a "Luis Goes to Court" coloring and activity book. Each third-grade student selected and then colored one picture from the book.

All 13 first-place prize winners receive a Party Package from Tilt in the Temple Mall and a gift certificate from Mazzio's Pizza.

All second-place winners will receive a desk calculator, ink stamp, pencils, eraser and pencil sharpener from WilsonArt International and gift certificate from McDonald's.

All third-place winners will receive a hockey puck from the Central Texas Stampede and a gift certificate from Shipley's DoNuts. All winners also receive a certificate from the Bell County Young Lawyers Association.

The winning pictures will also be published in the Bell County Young Lawyer's newsletter.



Lisa Havens-Cortes is shown above presenting awards to three Thomas Arnold Elementary students competing in the recent Bell County Young Lawyers Association Coloring Contest. Winners were (from top) Lindsey Paige Wright, Chris Marek, and Jessica Whitmire.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. In observance of this month, Families in Crisis will be displaying art, poetry and other creations that were contributed by survivors of sexual assault/childhood

sexual abuse. Also on display will be a canvas signed by persons in Bell, Coryell and Hamilton counties who have been harmed by sexual assault. This includes friends and family

members of the survivors as well as survivors themselves. The display will be featured in the main lobby of the new Temple Public Library at 100 W. Adams in Temple. These items will remain on display for the month of April.

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SPAT meeting slated April 8 at cafeteria

The Salado Parents and Teachers will hold their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. April 8 at Thomas Arnold Elementary cafeteria.

Pre-K and kindergarten students will perform and honor their teachers. School board candidates will also speak.

Items to be discussed include end-of-year activities (Dad's and Donuts, end of year party), SPAT officers, and volunteers and activities for next year.

home, amidst the tears and jeers of kids of all ages, to Baltimore, of all places (more ughing, booing and hissing)!

(Editor's short note: Cleveland, Ohio is the birthplace of Off The Record columnist Ken Clapp. In case you wondered about the preceding hyperbole.)

LET TOWNS BUY FRANCHISES

The Oregon Congressman's bill, would if passed, force owners of football, baseball, hockey and basketball franchises, who want to move their teams, **first allow the local community to buy the team at a "fair market value".**

Failure to follow this proposed law would immediately revoke the team's monopolistic status that exempts them from being held accountable to federal antitrust laws.

Sports franchises and leagues are allowed, under this 1961 escape law, to combine, in an otherwise illegal monopolistic or trust group and sell broadcasting rights, offer exclusive rights to sale of certain clothing, drinks and/or foodstuffs using team or league logos that are otherwise restricted from use.

This type of trade restraint brings in hundreds of millions to the teams and leagues each year. \$1.2 billion for broadcast rights alone this year!

ADD "FANS FIRST" IDEA TO TEXAS SUBSIDY PLAN

Think what adding the Oregon Congressman's idea, to the two Texas Senate Bills just passed, would do for communities that plunk down hard earned tax dollars to build a stadium or arena that brings in a team the town grows to love.

Should the owner later decide to move to greener pastures, he or she would have to first give the locals a chance to buy the franchise at a fair, non-inflated, price.

This was done in Green Bay and the Packers are now locally owned and loved as no other team in the nation.

Might even smooth some of the hard feelings about public support of professional sports that is present in this day and time.

It might also take away the current feeling that SB's 935 and 944 are designed **"for the greedy and not the needy"** as the old saying goes.

UNION MEDICS?

Have you been following the almost unheard of movement by a large number of **American doctors into the organized labor movement?**

This strange alliance between disparate groups has apparently come about as a result of doctors fearing they have lost control of patient care to corporate accountants who

have taken over what is today termed "managed care" found mostly in the rapidly growing HMO's.

Managed care through Health Maintenance Organizations has, doctors claim, **taken away many of the prerogatives once reserved for the professional health and care givers to the "bottom line" dollar counting insurers.**

Doctors in Tucson, Arizona voted to join the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees recently and were followed by large numbers of physicians in New York who also voted to unionize.

Large number of Podiatrists nationwide have gone union and pepped up by this move, some 16,000 medical society members in Pennsylvania and Delaware are considering joining the movement.

Other areas of the country where doctors are looking to unions for help include: a large group of neurosurgeons in Broward County, Florida; general practice doctors in Albuquerque, New Mexico and a recent group of 300 physicians in Oregon.

Determining the patient's length of stay in hospitals; number and types of diagnostic tests to be done; medication authorization and surgical decisions are all part of the complaints voiced by physicians across the nation against the private industry companies that are now controlling the HMOs.

Worry about cost versus patient needs and who is to make the final medical decisions are part of the equation. Another part is the fear that by cutting costs through cutting services, doctors and hospitals could face gigantic liability losses should patients receive less than needed medical care and as a result suffer lingering illnesses or even death.

The question of who is to be in charge of the medical profession in the next century - the number crunchers or the medical community's professionals - is bound to become a major debate in this country.

This is especially true now that the politicians in Washington are into the act of courting votes by kicking around Medicare and Medicaid funding.

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The 1890 Isaac Heffron House and nine other privately owned historic houses will be featured on the 23rd annual Galveston Historic Homes Tour May 3, 4, 10 and 11. (Photo by Bruce Bennett.)

Galveston Historic Homes Tour in May

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"We try to show a wide range of homes during the tour," said Gina Spagnola, the event's director, "We want our visitors to appreciate that his-

toric houses aren't just for the wealthy. These houses aren't museum pieces. They're comfortable homes for modern families."

Among the properties on the 1997 tour are the 1887 Alexander A. Allen Home, a rare Stick style house filled with antique furnishings; 1890 Isaac Heffron Home, a classic late Victorian residence featuring a country kitchen; and the 1896 Louis Marx Home, an early Colonial Revival design restored as a comfortable family home.

A unique stop on this year's tour is the 1886 Mollie Walters House, the last of Galveston's infamous Postoffice Street bordellos. The Walters House is being shown prior to restoration.

Tour tickets are \$15 per per-

son the days of the tour and include one admission to each house on tour. Tickets may be used all four days of the event. Advance purchase discount tickets are available for \$13 each through May 2.

The ticket price includes a catalogue containing histories of each home on tour and a map to the houses. Visitors may drive to the homes they wish to tour or take the free Homes Tour shuttle which connects each house on tour with 1859 Ashton Villa, 2328 Broadway, and The Strand Visitors Center, 2016 Strand.

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Compass Bank manager Andy Vaughn is shown above presenting Kurt Salisbury with the Compass Bank Spirit of Salado Award. (photo by John Eubanks)

Salisbury named Spirit of Salado winner

Salado High School student Kurt Salisbury has been named the recipient of the Compass Bank Spirit of Salado Award.

The award was established to recognize students at Salado High School for leadership, respect for others and a willingness to serve in community/school activities. The Spirit of Salado Award is presented to one student each six weeks.

Kurt, a senior, is the recipient for the fourth six weeks. His activities include golf, basketball and football. He is also a member of the One-Act Play, National Honor Society

and UIL.

Kurt's honors include class president for three years, Boys State, National Honor Society treasurer for three years, Whataburger Player of the Week (Central Texas), Channel 28 speaker for Black History Month, regional band for two years and regional qualifier in golf for three years.

He also is a member of the all-star cast of the UIL play, a UIL state alternate in math, first-team all-district in basketball and honorable mention all-district in football for two years. Kurt is a Texas Small

School contest winner and will attend the state level in April.

Upon graduation, Kurt plans to attend college and major in math education. He is the son of Larry and Marilyn Salisbury.

The recipient receives a \$200 savings bond, a Spirit of Salado Award and his photograph displayed at the high school and at the Compass Bank lobby.

The award presentation was made by Andy Vaughn, vice president of Compass Bank-Salado.

Inn on the Creek caters Library dinner

If smoked trout and spinach pate, cheesecake with fruit, beef tenderloin with bourbon sauce, chicken dijonnaise, sugar snap peas and chocolate mousse cake sounds tastefully tempting, then the Salado Public Library dinner is the place to indulge that temptation. Perhaps prospective diners would enjoy mixed greens with grapefruit, oranges and raspberry vinaigrette, or strawberries with Gran Mariner Creme

and chocolate sauce. All these culinary delights and more will be prepared by Inn on the Creek for Splendor in the Spring, the library benefit dinner which will be held April 24 at Jack's Barn.

Music for dining and dancing or just for listening will be provided by Nice and Jazy, a group which features Carl Cooper on bass and vocals, Jim Duran on keyboard, and Jesse Ybaro on drums. Despite the

name, the group will play a wide variety of music which will include many slow dance favorites.

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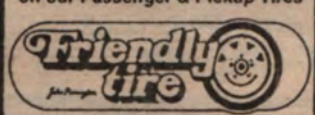
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"In my experience, when no reason is given," Robinett said, "what that means is we don't have good reason. What that means is we have a bad reason and are embarrassed to say it."

"In the absence of a good, specific explanation, you (the board) have to conclude that it is in the best interest of the school district, in the best interest of the students, to have Dan Wasik reinstated as Athletic Director and Head Football Coach," Robinett said. "If it's not, someone should at least articulate why it's not, so Wasik can respond to that, so that you can make a fully informed decision."

Wasik also addressed the board, stating that he felt he was reassigned because he would not reassign his offensive coordinator after a loss in the 1995 football playoffs.

Wasik was cautioned by Karczewski that this matter was not addressed in levels one or two of the grievance procedure and could not be considered at this level.

"The board can only hear what Sammy Edwards and Steven Ervin were privy to," she said, not new information.

Robinett argued that whether the information was presented at Level One or Two, he felt both Edwards and Ervin were privy to the information, and that board needed to hear it as well

"This is important, because this is why I was reassigned," Wasik.

School board policy states that if a grievance involves a complaint or charge against another District employee or Board member, it shall be heard in closed meeting unless an open hearing is requested in writing by the employee or board member against whom the complaint or charge is brought.

Wasik said that he was initially told by Edwards that he was being reassigned because of a lack of discipline in the athletic program.

He refuted that statement and read a letter from Steve Toomes, president of the athletic officials chapter.

"Wasik has established himself and his program as a class act in Central Texas. His players are always respectful and well-disciplined. They play with intensity and dedication. They never leave the playing field with anything less than dignity and pride for

team. We have upper division officials who are willing to give up higher level pay to work for Wasik. No higher compliment could be paid to him than that."

"Two days before Christmas break, I was told I was being reassigned for discipline reasons. The day of Christmas break, I was told I was being reassigned for no reason," Wasik said. "When they changed the keys, threw me out of my office and would not let me into building, my wife said 'Danny, they're treating you like a criminal.' This was the respect I was given."

"After 29-1/2 years, did Danny Wasik turn into an ogre? I don't think so. I'm the same as I was eight years ago," he stated.

He asked the board to "do what's best for me and my family, but most of all do what's best for the kids of Salado ISD."

Supt. Ervin responded on behalf of the school district: "Speaking for myself and the board, I think, we all appreciate the many hours and hard work you've done for the school district, but since you didn't ask me any specific questions, I don't really have anything specific to respond to at this time."

Robinett retorted that in the absence of anybody giving a reasonable explanation, the board should decide that the decision was "arbitrary and capricious" and reinstate Wasik as Athletic Director and Head Football Coach.

The board deliberated in closed session for two hours before returning to open session. The board took no action, which upheld the decisions made by Edwards and Ervin at levels one and two.

Wasik filed the complaint against the district Dec. 20 after he was removed as athletic director by Edwards Dec. 19. Wasik was reassigned by Edwards as a classroom teacher only.

Wasik stated in his original complaint that the reassignment was "very degrading and embarrassing to me and my family. This act also makes it very difficult to advance to a better paying position in the coaching profession. We have a great athletic program and there was no reason for me to be reassigned."

Wasik asked at level one and level two to be reinstated as athletic director. His request was denied at both levels.

Prior to the Level One decision, the school district offered a settlement to Wasik in a Jan. 22 letter from Karczewski to Robinett.

"What Ms. Edwards is willing to agree to in exchange for dismissal of the grievance, however, is the following:

"1. She will accept a post-dated letter of resignation from the Athletic Director position and will remove from Mr. Wasik's personnel file all data referencing the reassignment, and

"2. She will write a letter of reference of Mr. Wasik outlining his positive attributes."

The offer of settlement was declined.

"Mr. Wasik has no property right to the position of Athletic Director and he suffered no salary deprivation as a result of the reassignment," Edwards stated in her Feb. 4 decision. "Ms. Edwards is not required by law to provide reasons for reassignment, and hence, Mr. Wasik's rights were not deprived by her failing to do so."

Superintendent Steven Ervin stated in response to Wasik's Level Two hearing that "I have reviewed the grievance decision from Level One requesting to be reinstated to the Athletic Director position of Salado High School. I listened to your oral presentation at the Level Two grievance in my office yesterday. I find no reason to overturn the Level One decision. I support the administration in her decision."

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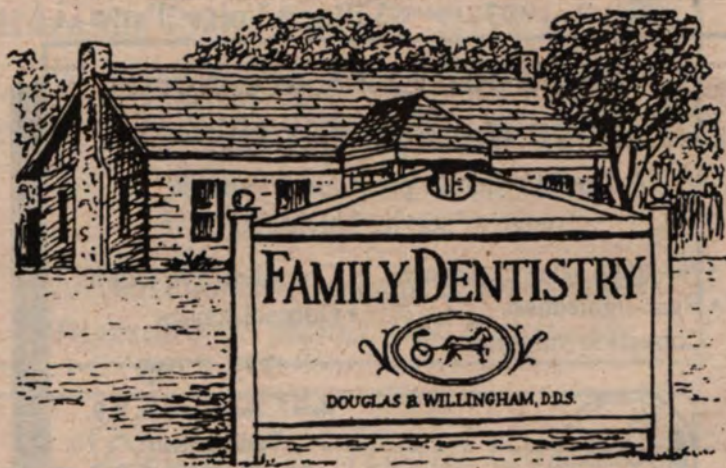
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News of the Churches and People of our village

Guest ministers fill in at Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church of Salado will have two guest ministers filling the pulpit during the convalescence of pastor Billy P. Smith.

The Rev. Smith is recovering from knee surgery and is expected to be absent from the pulpit for approximately 12 weeks. During that time, the Revs. Marilyn Wedell-Legge and Edward Perez, both ordained Presbyterian ministers, will be preaching on alternating Sundays beginning April 8.

Marilyn Wedell-Legge is a resident of Salado. A graduate of the University of Houston, she received her Master's of Theology degree from Austin Presbyterian Seminary in Aus-

tin.

She is currently pursuing a doctorate in theology from the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. Rev. Legge has been a hospital chaplain for several years and is currently director of bereavement services at Hospice in Austin.

Edward Perez was born in Puerto Rico and grew up in New York City. He has lived in California, Florida and Lima, Peru. He and his wife, Enita, have five children ages 11 to 22.

Perez received his B.A. degree in business and accounting from the University of Puerto Rico. He also received his degree in theology from the

Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. Rev. Perez was pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Waco and El Calvaria Presbyterian church, also in Waco.

Rev. Perez has been a Spanish teacher at the secondary-school level. At the present time, he is chaplain-resident at Scott & White Hospital in Temple.

Rev. Perez will be in the pulpit April 8. The congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Salado extends an invitation to Salado residents to join them in worship. The church meets at 10 a.m. in Allen Hall, which is located on Pace Park Drive behind the Inn of Salado.

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United Methodist Church announces open house celebration April 20

On behalf of the officials and members of the Salado United Methodist Church, the community of Salado is invited to an open house 2-4 p.m. April 20 at the church.

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Dr. McMurphy, a well known lecturer and author of many books, leads courses in spiritual enrichment and creativity in the School of Continuing Education at S.M.U.

The 10:45 a.m. service is preceded by coffee at 10:15 a.m. A period of discussion follows the address.

Rotary Club to Fly a Flag

The Salado Rotary Club is joining together with the Salado High School National Honor Society and Future Farmers of America to offer Salado Fly a Flag program.

Beginning April 7, the students will approach homeowners to support the program. The cost will be \$30 for the entire year and the flags will be flown on special flag display days.

The money raised will be used in community and international projects for all organization.

This program offers Saladoans a chance to show support for the community and to beautify your neighborhood.

The Salado Rotary Club heard from Leah Buzzard, spokesperson for the Salado Humane Society, during a March meeting.

Buzzard discussed the needs of the organization and the Rotary Club presented a \$100 donation to help with the cause.

Texas college students should get their degrees quickly; professors should help them by teaching full courseloads

by John Sharp
Texas Comptroller

Is it fair that approximately 17,000 undergraduate students have accumulated 170 or more classroom credit hours in taxpayer-supported colleges and universities across the state-but have still never earned a degree-while thousands of other Texas youngsters are denied admission due to limited classrooms, libraries and laboratories? No, it's not fair to either those students who are awaiting University admission or to the Texas taxpayers who help underwrite the cost of that college education.

Frankly, one of the most controversial and misunderstood of the 428 recommendations contained in my fourth *Texas Performance Review* report to the Legislature is the proposal to cap the number of taxpayer-supported credit hours for "career students" at public colleges and universities in Texas.

My proposal, which State Senator Teel Bivens of Amarillo and State Representatives Glenn Maxey of Austin and David Swinford of Dumas are sponsoring, would in no way change the current tuition and fee structure for a college graduate who wants to go back to school and earn a second, or even a third degree. It would not affect credit hours earned through advanced placement tests. Nor would my proposal affect the cost for students who want to earn a masters or doctoral degree.

However, to the student who after 170 semester hours still hasn't been able to earn any degree in any subject, on behalf of Texas taxpayers I say enough! Taxpayers should no longer be required to subsidize that student's education. And besides, the classroom space is badly needed for those students who want to learn, earn their degrees and find jobs.

My proposal would not prohibit these so-called "career" students from continuing with their education. Maybe it will encourage them to take the responsibility to complete their college education and free-up the classroom space for those students who can't get in.

It is important to realize that

SISD Board to meet

The Salado ISD Board of Trustees will meet in special session 7 p.m. April 3 in the high school library.

The board will consider requests for proposal for construction managers and architects.

The board will enter executive session to consider athletic director(s) contract and review superintendent/board goals.

the average undergraduate student at a Texas college pays less than one-fifth of his or her total tuition and required fees; the rest is paid by taxpayers, federal grants, or private donations to individual institutions. That makes a college degree in Texas a great bargain for students, especially when compared to other states' schools. And that's how it should be.

Under my proposal, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board would have the authority to grant exemptions for students legitimately pursuing longer degree programs. The lengthiest degree programs now authorized by the College Coordinating Board, however, require no more than 140 course hours.

I have no intention of denying any student the opportunity to receive a full and rich education. At the same time, Texas taxpayers should not be required to subsidize those students who can't seem to decide what that degree will be even after accumulating 170 hours of classroom instruction.

My proposal would do other things, too-improve the preferability of courses among schools, encourage colleges to graduate students in a timely manner, stop the recent "credit creep," and underscore the desire of Texas universities to offer students the best education as quickly and efficiently as possible.

This proposal goes hand-in-hand with another of my recommendations, sponsored in the Legislature by State Senator Rodney Ellis of Houston

and State Representative Rob Junell of San Angelo, to require public colleges and universities to maintain minimum faculty teaching loads. Although Texas taxpayers invest more than \$1 billion during each two-year budget period in college faculties, a recent report found that professors at four of the state's leading schools teach an average of only two courses per semester despite policies set by the schools themselves that all faculty carry courseloads of at least three courses.

This is more than just poor management of teaching and classroom resources. It also deprives students of the opportunity to study with the best professors. And it, too, offers little value to the taxpayers who foot the bills.

That's why, together with a cap of 170 taxpayer-funded credit hours for "career" students, I've proposed that the College Coordinating Board establish teaching load standards for public colleges and universities-saving taxpayers nearly \$141 million over the next five years.

(This is adapted from State Comptroller John Sharp's *Disturbing the Peace: The Challenge of Change in Texas Government*, his fourth comprehensive performance review of state government, available by calling 1-800-232-8927 toll-free or writing: Texas Performance Review, PO Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711. There is a \$10 charge for the two-volume report, which is also available free of charge on the Internet at <<http://www.window.state.tx.us>>

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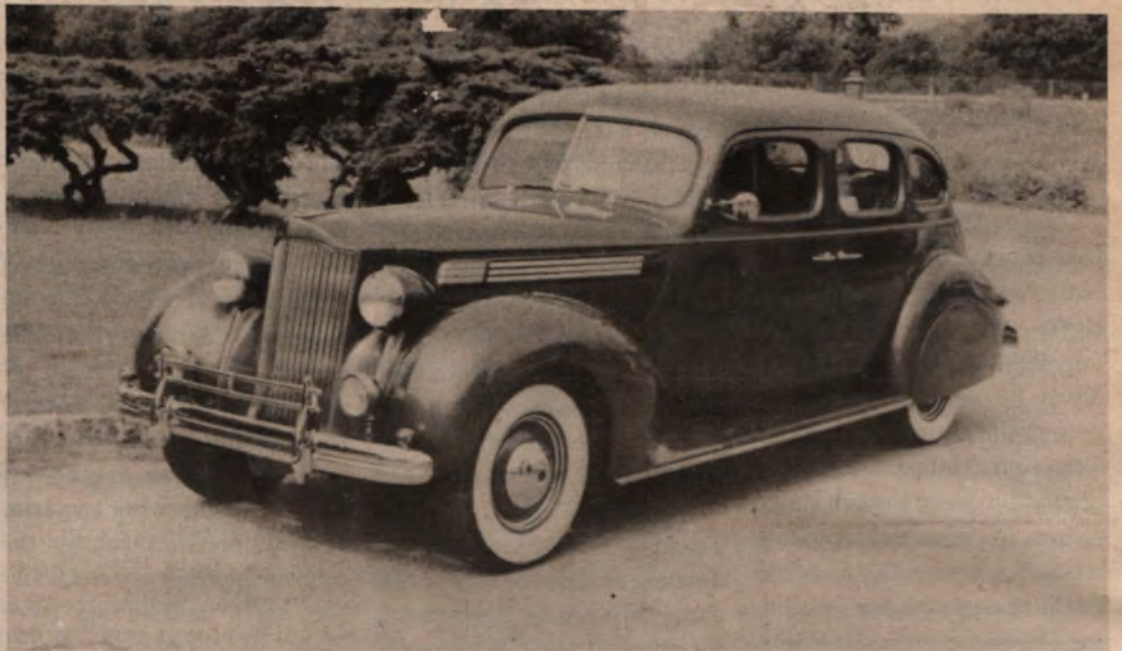
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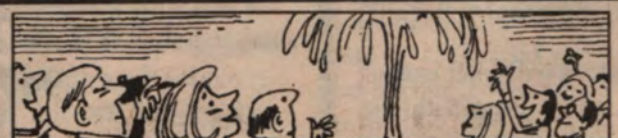
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Homes & Lots:

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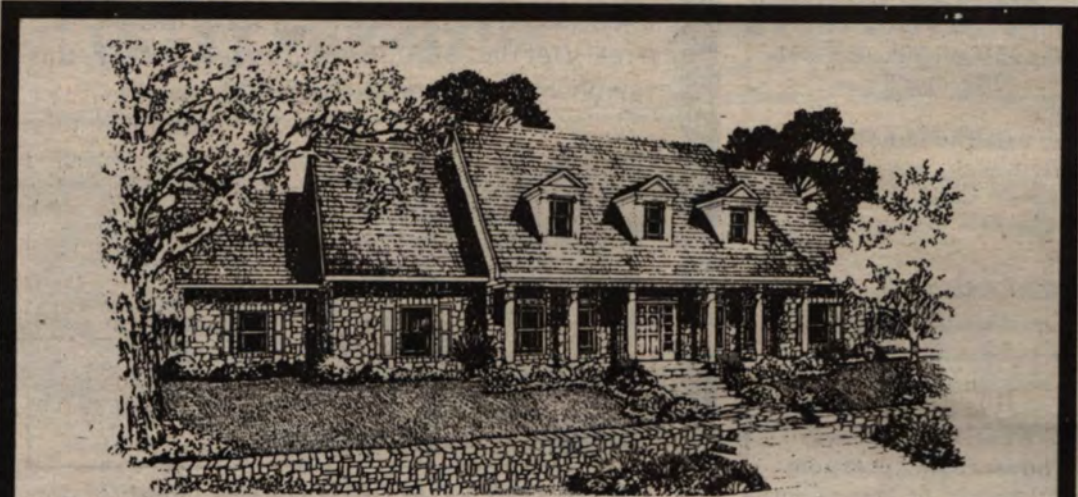
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**Habitat for Humanity
to break ground**

The Belton/Temple Habitat for Humanity Affiliate will break ground on its next home to be built at 301 S. 27th Street, the corner of 27th and Ave. C in Temple at 3 p.m. April 6.

The home will eventually house a large family with a number of children, some adopted, and will be larger than previous houses built by the group. Donations are needed to provide the funds and materials required to complete this home. Volunteers are needed to help build. No skills are required, only the willingness to join in working on this project. Volunteers are also needed to provide food for the work crews, which generally work on Saturdays. Groups and individuals interested in making donations or signing up to help work or provide food can contact Belton/Temple Habitat for Humanity at (817) 760-7199, P.O. Box 3159, Temple, Texas 76505. The Belton/Temple

Habitat for Humanity Affiliate was formed in 1993 and has already built two new homes, one each in both Temple and Belton. A third home in Temple was a HUD renovation.

Founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller, Habitat for Humanity is an international nonprofit, ecumenical housing ministry which seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat invites people of all walks of life to work together in partnership to help build houses with families in need, and since its founding has built approximately 30,000 houses around the world.

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As temperature rises, memories made on Texas Coast

by Keith Warren
Texas Angler

Spring time means schooling speckled trout and flats feeding redfish to most coastal anglers. Chunk a big topwater or soft plastic Shrimp Tail and there is no telling what you might catch. As the water temperature rises and the days become longer, many a good memory is made on the Texas Gulf Coast.

A growing number of anglers are turning their attention to the Spring run of flounder. Yes, flounder can be caught in the Spring and in big numbers. Fall flatfish may get more attention, but Spring time fish are easier to pattern and catch.

Come about the first full moon in March, flounder find their way in from the Gulf of Mexico and stack up in our bay and river systems, with the heaviest concentrations around drainage where murky marsh water meets the cleaner bay water.

Spring flounder are if anything predictable. It's not uncommon to come back to a spot and hit the same group of fish time after time. On a fast-falling tide they tend to bunch up in the mouth of a cut and on a slow tide, they spread out on its edges.

Mud minnows and finger mullet are the most popular flounder baits. Fished on a stout hook and dragged slowly across the bottom, live bait is hard to beat. Shad is also good, especially when river fishing.

Flounder will gladly accept plastic, especially of the twirl-tailed jig kind. Fished on a 11/8 or 11/4 ounce head and tipped with shrimp, they are every bit as effective as live bait. Flounder bite for two reasons: hunger or intrusion of domain. If the latter is the case, a flounder might let go if the bait tastes odd, so shrimp give the fish an incentive to hold on. A spray on shrimp flavored

product like Bait Mate heightens the chances of a favorable bite even more.

The best thing about flounder is their taste. Flounder are tops in the oven and frying pan. Catch enough of these delicious flatfish and you're bound to hooked for life.

Keith Warren is the Host of

The Texas Angler Television Show, which broadcasts state-wide. Check local listings for the day and time in your area or for more information contact The Texas Angler at 210/625-3474. Now, you can catch The Texas Angler on the Internet at www.txang-hoa.com.



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- 4/2/2 in Mill Creek with interesting architectural accents. Only 1 year old! Open floorplan, gourmet kitchen. \$129,800.
- New listing! New home on over 1/2 acre. Wild Rose Subdivision. Easy access to I-35. Over 1,800 SF. \$138,521.
- Lovely 1 year old home, many extras. A true powder puff in Mill Creek. \$139,500.
- A new home! Tree shaded backyard. Enjoyable deck extends from Master bedroom to living room. \$145,500.
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- Royal Oaks Jewel: 4BR/3BA, new home. 2,781 SF, large lot.- \$179,921.
- New 4BR/2BA stone home on beautiful wooded lot. \$183,900.
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New Listing: Split-level rock home on 58 acres. Fenced and cross fenced. Horse and cattle barns, workshop and equipment shed. Panoramic hilltop view. Salado schools. \$255,000.



New Listing: beautiful 1.6 acre lot with large trees and a 400 sq. ft. barn. 3BR/2BA with 1 car garage. Excellent condition. \$96,800.



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- 75 acres on FM 2115 with great view..
- 60 acres between Belton & Salado.
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- 20.9 acres on I-35, south of Salado.
- 20 acres, woods, FM 2484.
- 10 acres west of Salado, \$3,500/acre
- 6,10 & 21 acres of rolling hills, FM 2115, owner financing \$3,500/acre.
- 5 acres, Blackberry & Royal. \$26,000.
- 5 acres, Armstrong, long creek frontage. large trees, good road frontage.
- 1.3 acres behind 12th Fairway, Mill Creek. Heavily wooded, \$39,000.
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\$139,900: Large live oak trees surround this new home in Salado Oaks. Formal and informal dining, split bedrooms.
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\$137,500: Beautifully decorated. 3-2-2 with formal dining and covered patio. Split bedrooms, fireplace and built-in bookshelves.

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ACREAGE

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Woods of Salado: Many trees with lake view. \$39,900.
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Mill Creek: One of the few lots left in Mill Creek. Many trees. \$30,000.
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