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Early voting ends March 10, primary election March 14

Early voting in primaries will continue through March 10. Election Day voting will be March 14.

Early voting locations will be the Bell County Annex at 301 Priest Dr. in Killeen, the Community Center, 400 Indian Trail in Harker Heights, the Bell County Annex at 205 E. Central in Temple, Outdoor America Mall, at 4501 S. General Bruce Dr. in Temple. You can also vote

at the Bell County Courthouse Annex, Building C, 550 E. 2nd Ave. in Belton.

Early voting locations will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 28 through March 3 (weekdays), 7 a.m.-7 p.m. March 4, noon-5 p.m. March 5 and 7 a.m.-7 p.m. March 6-10 (weekdays).

Voters in precincts 203 (Salado), 205 (Bell Plains) and 403 (Cedar Valley) will be consolidated for the primary, according to the Bell

County website.

These three precincts will vote at the Salado Civic Center on Main St.

The polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. March 14.

Those voters residing in the county and over age 65, or Bell County registered voters residing outside the county may request a ballot to be mailed through March 7. To vote in the primary, you must have registered by Feb. 14.

Two file for school board

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Darrell Street is the first to file for election to the Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees this spring. He filed last week at the Salado I.S.D. Administration offices in the Salado Civic Center.

Tim Rivers filed late March 6 for one of the two seats on the school board. He will be featured in next week's *Salado Village Voice*.

Street calls himself "an old-timer" to Salado. Grandparents on both sides of his family were early Prairie Dell and Salado residents.

He moved to Salado the "first time" in 1979 to build and operate S&W Food Store.

Street was elected to the Salado Chamber of Commerce and served as its

president during the early 1980s.

Street sold S&W in 1984 and moved to Boerne.

During his 11 years in Boerne, Street was elected three times to the City Council. He also served on the Kendall County Appraisal Review Board of Directors for three years.

"I am familiar with how elected boards work," Street said, adding that he understands a board's relationship with its employees and with taxpayers.

"I have been involved in budgetary processes, in setting tax rates and in being accountable to the taxpayers for wise use of their money," Street said. "I think my past experience on the Boerne City Council will be beneficial to the school board."

Street and his wife Maudie moved back to Salado in 1995, when they

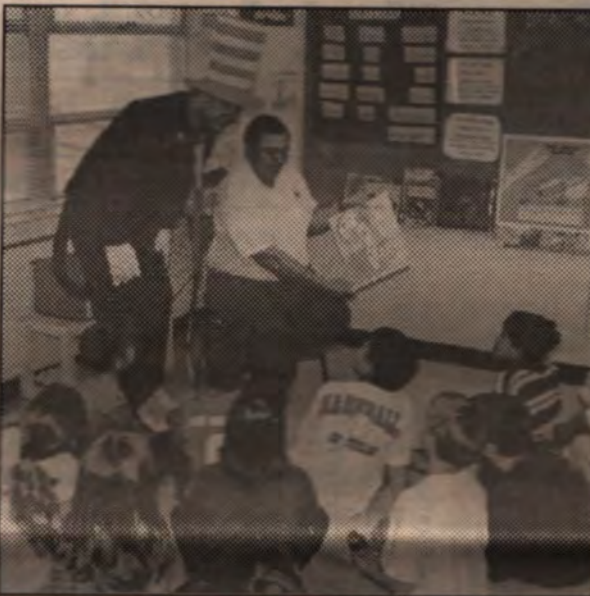
immediately got involved in the schools and community.

It's likely that you may see Darrell at Salado sporting functions, which he calls "the best deal in town."

He served a term on the Salado Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors shortly after his return to Salado.

He was appointed to the Site Based Decision Making Committee for Salado schools before his job re-

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David Matthews reads to Thomas Arnold Elementary children during a celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday last week. Principal Rod Stockstill (The Cat in the Hat) is shown at left with Salado Fire Chief Wayne Rutherford. Other volunteer readers were Kay Matthews, Jeremy Schlickeisen, Suzanne Petro, Gloria Hodge, Shirley Cox, Michelle Ferguson, Curtis Donaldson, Dr. Robin Battershell, Carse Williams, Patti Campbell, Trisha Fisher, Jim Evans, Sue Whistler, Mike Bergman, Joe Palmer, Susan Shobe, Judy Bruton and Gary Locke.

(photos by Tim Fleischer)

Salado Masons don aprons to raise funds to benefit local school library, scholarships

Salado Masons will don their aprons March 18 at the Salado Intermediate School. This time, they are working to benefit Salado school children by raising funds for Salado school library as well as scholarships to Salado students through the Salado Masonic Lodge #296.

Tickets for the Fish Fry, which will serve 3-7 p.m. in the Salado Intermediate School, are \$5 per person. They are available at the door, as well as at Salado school offices, Salado Village Voice and Village Pharmacy.

Masons have a long history and rich relationship with education in Texas.

The role of Freemasonry in the establishment of public education in Texas has benefitted generations of Texans. As individuals and as members of the fraternity, Masons were influential and instrumental in the establishment of a strong public education system. Mirabeau B. Lamar, a Freemason and the second President of the Republic of Texas, is remembered as the founder of the Texas Public Schools and the "Father of Education in Texas".

Lamar's views regarding education are clearly reflected in his statement, "the cultivated mind is the guardian genius of democracy." This statement was adopted as the motto for The University of Texas.

In the early days of the Republic when a Masonic Lodge was built in a community, it was usually a two-story structure. The building was designed to provide a lodge meeting room upstairs and a schoolroom for the children of the community downstairs. Masons provided the physical space for the school and, in many instances, paid all or part of the teachers' salaries.

In 1848, it was determined that 10 percent of the revenue of Grand Lodge appropriated to support public schools. Today, the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas continues to support public schools with programs such as *Take Time To Read*.

It is well documented and less well known that Freemasons initiated the statewide celebration known as Texas Public Schools week. In 1951, William Jennings (Bill)

Burriss was Grand Master. His desire to create a long-lasting program of collaboration with all Texas citizens directed Burriss to an important institution and invaluable resource--public schools and our children.

Since 1957, the first week of March has been designated as a special week to celebrate our children and their educators.

During Texas Public Schools Week, all citizens of Texas and especially Texas Freemasons are encouraged to visit their local public schools and participate in the celebration. Grand Lodge records reflect approximately 150,000 visits each year made to public schools by members of lodges all across the state.

Masonic support and commitment to children continues to be evident. In 1988, under the leadership of Grand Master Graham Childress, the Lamar Award of Excellence was established.

The Lamar Medal is awarded to students and educators in recognition of outstanding personal achievement in academics, citizenship, community service, or sports.

Masonic history in Texas

The Masonic Grand Lodge and the State of Texas share a rich history. Early settlers of the wilderness that would become known as Texas, included families whose members were committed to the principles of Freemasonry. In December, 1837, their commitment resulted in the establishment of the Masonic Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas.

Freemasons played a key role in gaining independence from Mexico. General Sam Houston led the Texas army to victory at San Jacinto. As President of the fledgling Republic, he presided over the meeting in Houston when the Grand Lodge of Texas was formed. Anson Jones, the first Worshipful Master of a Texas Lodge, was elected first Grand Master of the new Masonic Grand Lodge and would eventually serve as President of the Republic. The three Masonic Lodges which formed the Grand Lodge in 1837 have today grown to well over 900 lodges scattered across our vast state.

Public forum March 9 about AD, football coach

A public forum will be held March 9 to afford the community an opportunity to provide feedback regarding the characteristics they would like to see in the next Athletic Director /Football Coach.

Two different times will be offered: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center and 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Salado High School Library.

A seven member committee will develop a profile of a desirable athletic director and head football coach based on information gained from the public forums as well as their own input.

Members of the committee include Salado High Principal Marvin Agnew, Salado Intermediate Princi-

pal Joe Palmer, school trustee Carse Williams, Jim Ward, Danny Grimm, Dennis Cabaniss and Heidi Couchman. Superintendent Robin Battershell appointed Couchman and Grimm to the committee. Salado Athletic Boosters and Salado High School teachers elected Jim Ward and Dennis Cabaniss, respectively, to the committee.

The committee will screen applicants to a list of 10 semifinalists whom it will interview.

From the interviews, the committee will make a recommendation of three finalists to Superintendent Robin Battershell.

Dr. Battershell will make a recommendation to the board of trustees for the final decision in April.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

WHO WANTS To MARRY A MULTI-MILLIONAIRE



A new Scarlet Letter

A Canadian law requiring tobacco makers in that country to plaster pictures of cancerous lungs and diseased organs on the covers of cigarette boxes may be headed to the U.S. if a Democrat lawmaker has his way.

According to Johnathan Turley's opinion article in Feb. 28 issue of the Wall Street Journal, Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill) is leading a charge to bring a law to the States that may force a fight that has long been brewing over the limits of government.

We hope Sen. Durbin loses this battle. Not because we particularly like cigarettes or their effects on the lives of our friends, family and neighbors.

We hope Durbin loses this fight because it is an attack on the Constitution, in particular upon the freedom of speech. Business enjoys First Amendment protection as long as they sell lawful products in a nonmisleading way.

Cigarettes are lawful products. As long as this continues to be, then cigarette manufacturers should have the same freedom of commercial speech as any other legitimate business.

Presently, through tobacco settlements and taxes, the government has millions of dollars to advertise the bad effects of smoking. The public relations campaign of the last 20 years has worked.

Ask any 10-year-old what the haz-

Our Voice

Editorial Opinion

ards of smoking are and you'll hear a lecture in biology. Six year olds lecture their parents about the perils of smoking every time they light up.

If lawmakers were as interested in the lungs of children as Sen. Durbin would have us believe, they would take two common sense steps to the cigarette problem.

- Enforce the law requiring convenience stores to ID young people.

- Outlaw vending machines which sell cigarettes like so much candy.

Once we start down this slippery slope of shaming smokers rather than informing citizens, we may not recognize where we land. What product will be next... alcohol... fried chicken... ice cream?

We live in the Information Age and government has the right and obligation to inform of us ways to stay healthy. It has the right to publicly denounce products it finds dangerous or offensive.

But government does not have the right to force a legal product to denounce itself.

Nor does it have the right to try to shame us when we choose life-styles that don't fit its neat, little model. T.F.

Jury out on GOP nomination; Bush confident of March 14 win

Due to the exigencies of publishing a weekly newspaper, this column was printed before yesterday's "Super-Tuesday" results were available and a week away from "Super-Two" - a real journalistic "no-man's land". No news to report on the one hand, along with too many vagaries on the other, to allow for even a half sensible comment or prediction.

About all we can do is hazard a guess that as of today Governor George Bush probably has enough votes to put him well past the half way mark in delegates needed for the GOP presidential nomination thanks to a number of yesterday's closed Republican primaries.

BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH

John McCain's campaign has been losing ground since his attack on Christian Coalition leaders - Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell. The "unintended consequences" of blasting the two for demagoguery caused members of this strong wing of the southern GOP bloc to take umbrage and come out strong against the Arizona Senator.

McCain and his group are hoping for two things at this point. One is that by taking on the religionists in his party, McCain gains favor in the northeast and far west - although the ploy failed in Washington State.

The important question for Republicans has always been - how to handle the zealot fringe groups without promising too much, while at the same time keeping them in place and satisfied. True, they have nowhere to go on election day other than GOPland, but hurt feelings could easily cause them to stay home on November 7, thus playing right into Al Gore's hands.

A presidential route is difficult to tread, thanks to a plethora of special interest land mines along the way. Wonder is that anyone makes it. Some curmudgeons will tell you that the man who does win the prize - has either promised everything to everyone or who is perceived only as the lesser of two bad choices for White House caretaker.

IDES OF MARCH

The second hope that McCain's troops have buried in their heart of hearts is the "Ides of March" theory that has tripped many a front runner.

In Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," a soothsayer confronts Caesar in Scene Two of the first act, and warns him to "Beware the Ides of March" - a clear prediction of bad things to come.

This has become a traditional warning to those riding a popularity crest to walk carefully while keeping an eye on trusted confederates.

So, if on this year's Ides of March - which comes the day after the second Super-Tuesday, we see Bush with less than enough delegates to claim the nomination and McCain still holding on for dear life - the "Ides" warning will have come true and we may just have to wait until the convention to see who is the Republican standard bearer.

FUTURE FOR INDEPENDENTS?

Last week's column about open primaries drew several letters. One local reader included an internet report by a fellow who calls himself Mark Q. Rhoads. Rhoads is a former GOP lawmaker from Illinois who is not at all happy about the business of open primaries and crossover voting.

Rhoads talks about the evils of open primaries and the absolute need to exclude Democrats from taking part in a Republican primary.

Off the Record
by Ken Clapp



"Beware the ides of March"

Shakespeare's Julius Caesar

What the former Illinois lawmaker fails to mention in his report is that it was Republican (not Democratic) lawmakers at the National and State levels some years ago that introduced us to the matter of holding open primaries.

He also neglects to mention the quadrennial open invitation to all non-Republicans (including bad old Demos) to join the conservatives in the general election.

Guess it's okay to vote for a Republican in the general election, just don't get too chummy on primary election day.

Sort of like being invited to a party but required to eat in the kitchen with the hired help.

JUST A YEAR AGO

Just a year ago this month Rev. Falwell made the front pages with his dire warnings about a tiny elfin character in the TV Teletubbies show. Seems the good Rev had proof - almost positive, that "Tinky Winky" was a gay role model. Not happy gay, but the other kind. The little fellow wears a purple costume, carries a purse (he is a little boy critter) and sports an antenna, triangular in shape.

The super conservative Falwell, in his role as a moral cop, noted that purple and the triangle are gay pride symbols.

We noted at the time that the Rev apparently didn't have enough to do while waiting for the presidential primaries.

DUNCE CAP LAW FAILS

It was also this time last year the Texas Legislature was in session and one of its worthies had introduced a bill that would require the ancient use of a Dunce Cap to discipline classroom cutups. The unruly would be required to sit in the corner with their "caps" and hopefully encourage others to stay on the straight and narrow.

This bit of offbeat legislative screwiness was found in SB 1213 by John Whitmire (D-Houston) and gave rise to this column's admonition to require lawmakers in the Texas Legislature to wear Dunce Caps whenever they raise the level of lawmaking to new nonsensical highs.

We closed that article by saying if the law became national in scope we would urge all to "Buy Dunce Caps short and hold" because there would then be a dunce-cap market that would outdistance the Pet Rock, hula hoops and even today's Beanie Babies.

HARD NEWS UPCOMING

Hopefully by this time next week, we will have some hard political news to comment on and perhaps even some idea as to how much longer the GOP internecine struggle will continue and what effect it will have in the years ahead. Will Republicans be a more - or less - exclusive party?

Or more accurately, a more - or less - political force to be reckoned with at the presidential and congressional levels?

That's -30-

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

Religious Freedom referendum

By Susan Weddington

Chairman, Republican Party of Texas

As each September approaches in Texas, anticipation begins to build. Flags are raised, concession stands are stocked, and bleachers are swept. Young athletes work late into fall evenings honing their skills. Communities all over Texas cover their streets with ribbons, banners and the colors of local high schools. These activities signal that it will soon be time for Texas high school football.

But the next season of high school football may be different. A tradition that is as time-honored as the games themselves may be missing because a federal court has decided that the traditional prayer before high school football games is no longer politically correct.

Due to this Federal court action, the Republican Party of Texas has decided to ask Texas voters what they think about voluntary, student-initiated prayer before Texas high school football games. On March 14th, the Texas Religious Freedom Referendum will appear on the 2000 Republican Primary ballot. The referendum asks voters: "Shall student-initiated prayer be allowed at school sporting events?" Voters can answer yes or no.

How did all of this happen. How is it that in one season, voluntary, student-initiated prayer before high school football games is considered traditional, acceptable and even expected behavior, and in the next season, it is considered an example of all that is wrong in American society? Have we actually reached the point as a society where saying a prayer for the health and well-being of the players and the safe return home of the visiting team is no longer acceptable in Texas?

This troubling story begins in May of 1995 with the case of *Jane Doe v. Santa Fe Independent School District* (a Texas school district) when Federal District Judge Samuel Kent placed severe restrictions on voluntary, student-initiated prayer. In his oral opinion, Judge Kent actually stated: "Anybody who violates these orders, no kidding, is going to wish he or she died as a child when this court gets through with them." On February 26, 1999, a three-judge panel of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals went further by completely banning voluntary, student-initiated prayer at Texas high school football games.

Although the Federal Court's decision has, for the moment at least, ended a long-standing Texas high school tradition, Texans have had no voice in this debate. Republicans do not believe this is right. On March 14th, Texans who vote in the Republican Primary will have an opportunity to speak out on this important issue.

Some people have been critical of the Republican party for putting this issue before the voters, saying that we are unduly trying to influence the courts. However, this referendum is nonbinding and has no standing in law. Therefore, your vote is a vote of conscience and a collective expression of opinion about how the majority of Texans feel about this important freedom issue.

Our opponents have also criticized us by saying that this referendum is little more than a "Christian Right" issue. Nothing could be further from the truth. This issue is not about Christianity: it is about freedom of speech and religious expression of all faiths and the ability of federal judges in nonelective positions to take away that freedom.

Attorney General John Cornyn and

Governor George W. Bush have already taken up the challenge and filed a legal brief with the United States Supreme Court in support of voluntary, student-initiated prayer. Now it is your turn to let the rest of the country know where Texans stand on the issue of whether or not students should have the freedom to pray voluntarily before Texas high school football games and if this Texas tradition should continue.

In September, a new season of Texas high school football will begin. Will a Texas tradition survive? Will our freedoms remain intact? In the Republican Primary on March 14th, the people of Texas have the opportunity to send a message to all of those who would sacrifice freedom and traditions at the altar of political correctness.

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Larry Prellop gave a three day workshop in oil painting at the Buchanan Arts and Crafts Gallery, located on Hwy 29 at Buchanan Dam on Feb. 21-23. The Gallery members and the 12 students that attended the workshop wish to thank Prellop for sharing his expertise in oil painting.

Prellop's seascapes and landscapes are well known throughout the United States. His grasp of the difficult technique of portraying the gleaming surface of water has earned him a unique place among contemporary painters in the southwest.

His ability has fueled a growing demand for his paintings and prints. His art is realistic whether he is capturing the pounding surf of the west coast or the quiet water of a hill country stream. Prellop's paintings are natural interpretations of his subjects.

The self taught artist was born in Austin, and has been interested in art since childhood. He won his first award at the age of 11. He owns Prellops Fine Art Gallery on Main Street in Salado's Historical shopping district. It was a special treat to feature him in a workshop at our Gallery!

Sincerely, Carol Clark

Fund pays for tomorrow's college at today's prices

By Carole Keeton Rylander
State Comptroller

Think you can't afford to send your children to college? You can't afford not to. Nothing is more important than education. This generation must compete not only with those from New York and California, but from Europe and Asia as well. If we don't raise the educational level of all Texans, our future workforce will be less educated, more likely to hold low paying jobs and more likely to earn lower wages than the current workforce.

The fastest growing sectors of the Texas economy in the next decade will require specialized education and skills, such as high-tech communications, engineering, research and business services. Besides specialized skills, employers are calling for more education in literacy, mathematics and science. However, if current trends continue, nearly 60 percent of all Texans will have, at most, a high school education by 2030. Yet, one quarter of the state's new jobs will require at least a bachelor's degree.

You can assure your child a chance to go to college and gain the skills necessary to plug into the new jobs and the new in-

Texans identify world hot-spot priorities

By Kay Bailey Hutchison

U.S. Senator

The former Soviet Union and Europe should remain the primary focus of America's foreign policy, according to those readers who replied to my annual questionnaires, which your newspaper published this past December and January.

The question I asked you was, "The U.S. is the world's last remaining superpower. We are capable of deploying troops to almost every crisis in the world. But if we are not careful, we could over-extend our troops and weaken our ability to respond to the big crises that demand a superpower's attention. Please rank the importance of the following regions, with '10' being the most important and '1' being the least important region:

EUROPE - Our 50-year involvement in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and our historic ties to Western Europe.

ASIA - Our long-standing treaties with allies Japan and South Korea, our special commitment to Taiwan and the rise of a more powerful China.

RUSSIA - Helping Russia's transition from communism to democracy and a free market and trying to contain the proliferation of its nuclear arsenal.

LATIN AMERICA - Anti-drug assistance to Mexico and Columbia and ensuring security of the Panama Canal.

MIDDLE EAST - Our long-time commitment to Arab-Israeli peace and our protection of Persian Gulf oil supplies."

Your answers were definitive, with 34 percent of you identifying Russia as your most important foreign policy concern, followed by Europe, 19 percent, Asia, 17 percent, Latin America 16 percent and the Middle East, 14 percent. Here are some of your comments:

From Bryan - "We have to keep an eye on Russia but work to make sure it becomes a firm member of Europe, not an enemy."

McKinney - "The jury is still out on whether Russia is truly stable, and if China is willing to stay inside its own borders."

Wadsworth - "I am concerned that Russia has become more sympathetic to China and the Middle East countries that opposed us."

Angleton - "The stability of Russia ought to be a top concern."

Greenville - "This is a no-brainer China is building up its military, shooting rockets at Japan, and Russia still has nuclear missiles. Until this changes, it is our major challenge."

Austin - "Whatever we do, we have to cooperate with Western Europe. For all our differences, their values are the closest to ours."

Perrin - "China is far and away the most dangerous and daring."

Corpus Christi - "Our trading with China and letting them into the White House was wrong, and we will eventually pay a price."

Childress - "We should pay less attention to the Middle East, and concentrate on developing our own oil supply."

San Antonio - "I'm still worried about Iraq. I don't think we've heard the last from Saddam Hussein."

Yorktown - "We need to build our relationships with Europe, England and Japan, but on an equal partnership basis with them."

Kerrville - "My main worry is small-time dictators with long-range nuclear weapons."

A significant number of you also raised concerns about the Chinese government's activities in the Panama Canal zone. We must watch that situation very closely and be ready to respond - with military force if necessary - to make sure the world knows that it is a vital security interest of the United States that the Panama Canal remain open to the world's shipping.

Your responses show that Texans understand our superpower commitment to maintain stability in many important spots on the globe. My priority in the Senate has been to focus our foreign policy and defense resources on those areas where our direct involvement is critical - in Asia, where the Chinese must understand our resolve; in NATO, our strongest defense alliance; in Russia to establish relations and prevent nuclear proliferation; to be a stabilizing force in the Mideast, and to try to establish trade within our hemisphere. It's good knowing, as I press this message in Congress, that the people of Texas see it about the same way.

formation-based Texas economy by enrolling in the Texas Tomorrow Fund, the state's guaranteed prepaid college tuition program.

Participants in the Texas Tomorrow Fund lock in tomorrow's college tuition and required fees at today's prices. No matter how much college prices rise in the future, your child's or grandchild's tuition and required fees will be paid in full when he or she is ready for college.

Families have many options for saving for college. But the Texas Tomorrow Fund is the only savings plan that locks down college costs and guarantees that your savings will cover your child's or grandchild's tuition and fees. You won't have to worry about investment volatility, inflation or ever-increasing college costs. Texas college tuition and fees have risen a staggering 460 percent since 1985, while family incomes have increased by only 95 percent. Students who enter college this year will pay an estimated \$12,448 in tuition and required fees over four years. By the time today's newborns enter college, that figure is expected to top \$52,000.

Saving for college through the Texas Tomorrow Fund is easy, and there are payment plans to suit nearly any family budget. For example, if you have a newborn

child and save as little as \$15 a month in the Texas Tomorrow Fund, the state will pay tuition and required fees for your child's first year of higher education at a Texas community college. If you can set aside \$104 a month, your newborn will be guaranteed a four-year education at any of Texas' public colleges and universities. Texas Tomorrow Fund savings may also be used at private and out-of-state universities.

The time to start planning for our children's and grandchildren's college education is today. To take advantage of this year's prices, interested applicants must enroll by June 5. Additional information about the Texas Tomorrow Fund, along with an enrollment application, is available at www.texastomorrowfund.com or by calling 1-800-445-GRAD (4723).

The signs of a strong and vibrant Texas economy can be seen in the job listings in this newspaper's want ads, in the help wanted signs posted outside area businesses, and in the bulldozers and construction cranes that herald the arrival of new businesses and new jobs in Texas.

I am optimistic about Texas' future. If we can meet the challenge of producing an educated workforce for the 21st century, then my dream of unlimited opportunity for ALL Texas children will become reality.



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Senior focus conference offers Validation Therapy

Senior Focus 2000 is scheduled for March 29 at the Frank W. Mayborn Civic Convention Center. The conference begins at 7:30 a.m. with registration. Concurrent sessions on numerous topics will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Keynote speaker for Se-

nior Focus 2000 is Naomi Feil, creator of Validation Therapy, a tested model of practice for both professional and caregivers working with confused older adults. Validation helps disoriented people reduce stress, enhance dignity, and increase happiness. Regis-

tration is \$25 per person which includes refreshments during breaks, lunch and registration packet.

For more information, contact the Area Agency on Aging of Central Texas at 939-1886 or 800-447-7169.

Senior Focus is sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging of Central Texas, King's Daughters Hospital, Scott and White Memorial Hospital, Scott and White Clinic, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Department of Human Services.

MCCA publishes directory

Each year the Mill Creek Community Association publishes a directory of the residents in the Mill Creek Community and each member receives a copy. Anita Fuller, Membership Chair and Director, said her goal is to have this published within the next few weeks. The MCCA board members have been busy contacting the residents by telephone, but are asking that any new residents of Mill Creek that haven't been contacted,

telephone Ms. Fuller at 947-4523, if they wish to be added to the directory.

The directory includes a map of the community, information about the Association and their social and community activities, and other helpful information relative to the residents. President Chine Ray encourages the residents to become members and join in the wonderful community spirit that is present in Mill Creek.

GOP host candidate forum

Members of the Chisholm Trail Republican Women's Organization are hosting a candidates' forum at the Salado Civic Center, 6:30 p.m. March 9. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.

All candidates whose names will appear on the ballot in Precinct 203 have been invited to speak.

District Judge Rick Morris will present a short pro-

gram on the state court system. This should be helpful to voters, many of whom do not know who to vote for because they do not understand the court system.

The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

For information, call MaryBelle Brown at 947-5331.

Spring mixer planned for Mill Creek Association

Mill Creek President Chine Ray announced that the annual Spring Mixer for the Mill Creek Community Association will take place 6 p.m. March 31 at the Creekside Restaurant. This will be an opportunity, he said, for the newcomers to meet their neighbors and those "oldtimers" to renew their friendships.

The MCCA has been busy planning other community and civic activities for the coming year. The Association provides many benefits for the entire community through the united efforts of the members. Committees, such as Government Relations and chaired by Joe Holt, interact with all relevant government entities. Last year the Association made financial contributions to the Salado Volunteer Fire Departments and C.O.P.S., and assisted in annual Salado Village events. In the Mill Creek

Association purchased and electricity paid for by membership dues.


The annual dues for the members allow this Association to continue these important contributions and President Ray said that efforts are being made to achieve 100 percent membership.

If you are a new MCCA resident and would like to be contacted by the Welcome Committee for information and directories, please contact Julie and John Hall, 947-0809.

The Year 2000 Board members and Officers are: W.D. "Chine" Ray, President; Merle Stalcup, Vice President; Ed Care, Treasurer; Carolyn Milliser, Secretary; Mary Ann Pechal, Director; Richard Goodman, Director; Anita Fuller, Director; Bobbie Carroll, Director; Don Mackie, Ex-Officio Member and Director.

Laird

Constable Pct. 2



Early Voting
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"LIFE-TIME
REPUBLICAN"

Both Holland and Bartlett have police forces. Let's move this position to our larger, more populated, unincorporated village. I will be committed to returning this office back to a full service constable.

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Election

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quired more traveling during the workday.

"If I am elected," Street said, "I will schedule my traveling for work so that I can attend the Monday night board meetings."

Street has been a manufacturer's representative for General Mills for 27 years, the first 10 prior to building S&W Food Store.

Street said his experience on the Boerne City Council gives him a respect for the burdens on taxpayers.

"I do not support multiyear contracts," Street said. "If an administrator is doing good work, they'll keep their job. I don't think the taxpayers will benefit one nickel from multi-year contracts."

"I think we're getting a good value for our tax dollar in Salado schools," Street said. However, "With mandates by the state, the

cost of the new school and federal mandates such as Title IX, it would be very hard to cut taxes in the next year. But I think the district should be able to keep the tax rate down."

"I've been told that our appraisals are 30 to 40 percent higher than other districts in the country, so it is very important to keep the tax rate as low as we can," he said.

Street said that while, the tax base in the district is growing, the growth of students in the district has slowed. "We don't have apartment complexes and the other things which bring in a lot of new kids to the district," Street said. "There aren't very many rental properties in the district."

"We have an excellent student body," Street said. "Their parents are involved and the community is in-

involved with the schools. We have dedicated teachers who are involved in the community."

The district, however, could improve its technology. "We are much better than we were, but there is still room to grow," he said.

Street has no children in Salado schools, but his two sons, Shane and Chip, did attend Salado schools while the Streets lived here in the 1980s.

"We have a good school system," he said, "but we have some opportunities to make it a better school."

Two seats open
Salado ISD has two seats available during the upcoming Trustee election.

Monthly school board meetings are held the third Monday of each month.

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lum/technology, public relations, construction/maintenance, and policy. All Board members serve on a finance committee.

Citizens interested in running for the Salado I.S.D. School Board must file at the Superintendent's Office.

There is no filing fee. The last day to file as a candidate in the school board trustee election is March 22. For more information about filing, call 947-5479.

Early voting will be open 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays, beginning April 19, at the Salado Civic Center on Main St. The last day for early voting will be May 2.

Extended hours for early voting will be 4:30-7 p.m. April 26.

Election Day, the polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

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Sweet Adelines perform March 21

Recalling the heartaches and memories that war creates between loved ones, Chisholm Trail Chorus of Sweet Adelines International will perform two poignant songs during a "send-off" show on 7:45 p.m. March 21 at the Cultural Activities Center in Temple. Admission to the 30-minute performance will be two canned goods, which will be donated to a local food pantry.

Chisholm Trail Chorus is comprised of more than 50 women from Austin, Temple, Belton, Troy, Lorena, Hewitt, Waco, China Springs, Kempner, Copperas Cove, Killeen, Harker Heights, Rogers, Liberty Hill and Georgetown.

The chorus will compete in Houston March 25 with 16 other choruses throughout Texas and Louisiana for the

opportunity to represent Region 10 at international competition in Portland, Ore., in 2001. Each chorus performs two contest songs: a ballad and an "upbeat" tune. This year, Chisholm Trail will sing, "Oh How I Miss You Tonight," and "Original Dixieland Jazz One-Step." In the past, Chisholm Trail has earned second, third and fourth place medals at regional competition.

In addition to its contest songs, the chorus will also perform "In The Mood," "Jukebox Saturday Night," "Tuxedo Junction" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" at the send-off show at the CAC. Also scheduled to perform are two chorus quartets: "Musical Persuasion" and "Ambition." The quartets also will be competing in Houston for Regional medals.

Sweet Adelines is a non-

profit singing organization dedicated to promoting four-part harmony, barbershop-style singing for women. Chisholm Trail's choreographed repertoire includes swing, ballads, easy listening, jazz, Broadway show tunes, patriotic and Christmas music.

The chorus is directed by Carol Scherer. Assistant director is Christie Fisher.

In addition to its annual fall show, Chisholm Trail Chorus performs at many regional events, including the Salado Christmas Stroll and the Belton Fourth of July celebration, as well as at nursing homes and corporate functions. Rehearsals are held at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Cultural Activities Center in Temple. Visitors are welcome. For more information, contact Carol Scherer in Belton or email: ChisholmTrailers@aol.com.

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Church News

Episcopal Chapel begins weekend services

St. Joseph's Episcopal Chapel in Salado will begin weekend services at 5 p.m. March 11 and 10 a.m. March 12. Father Mike Falls, the new Associate Rector at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Belton, will conduct both services.

Few people have had as fascinating and diverse career as Father Mike. He played professional football in the Canadian League with the Toronto Argonauts, became a back-up

guard under Vince Lombardi for the Green Bay Packers and played under Tom Landry in the Dallas Cowboys' first season in 1960.

After a football and five-year stint as a business manager in Tyler, Father Mike became an Episcopal priest, serving his church for 22 years as priest, counselor and workshop presenter before retiring.

Beginning March 11, Father Mike will return to

active Church work for St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Belton, with his primary duties at St. Joseph's Chapel in Salado.

Everyone is invited to meet Father Mike and to attend the weekend services that will begin March 11-12 and will continue weekly thereafter. St. Joseph's Chapel is located behind Fletcher's Book Store on Main St.

Methodist to videotape services

Methodist Men to hear about Habitat for Humanities

Joe Buckley of Habitat for Humanities will be the speaker at the Methodist Men's Breakfast, March 11. Buckley will tell about Habitat for Humanities and how to start local projects.

how to accomplish our goals. With the arrival of Spring and Summer, we want to be ready."

Salado Methodist Men will meet 7 a.m. at Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe. The public is invited to hear Buckley speak about Habitat for Humanities.

as closed caption for the hearing impaired; editing; and producing tapes for local television broadcast. Closed circuit television will be available throughout the church. Video tapes will be available for homebound and nursing home residents as well as people who would like a copy of the service. Weddings and baptisms may be filmed up close or far away depending on the desires of the participants. In the near future, church attendees will have the option of being in the sanctuary or watching the service via closed circuit television in the fellowship hall. By the end of the year, the church will be writing and producing their own spots for radio and television as well as small productions such as plays and dramas.

The Methodist Men are interested in beginning work for projects in and around Salado similar to those done by Habitat for Humanities. For the last year, they have been discussing ways in which to help people who cannot afford to paint or repair their homes. According to Steve Lazarus, President, "Habitat for Humanities will give us insight and direction on

Methodist adds video multimedia dimension

Beginning this week, video cameras are being installed in the Salado United Methodist Church sanctuary in order to broadcast and tape services, special events, and other activities. A complete audiovisual room will house the latest technology equipment that will have such capabilities



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Presently, the Salado United Methodist Church has a 24-hour Devotional Line that people may call to hear a daily devotion. The devotions, done by the minister, are changed each evening around 10 p.m. The church also offers audio tapes of the worship services and special events. Both services are free of charge. Alice Wells is chair of the Salado United Methodist Technology Committee.

Salado United Methodist plans Marriage Enrichment Retreat

The Salado United Methodist Church is planning their second annual Marriage Enrichment Retreat March 31-April 1. The Retreat will be held in the Embassy Suites, Austin. This year's Retreat, entitled "Good Marriages Just Don't Happen Overnight," will be led by Skip and Gayle Blancett. The sessions begin at 7 p.m. Fri. and continue through 3 p.m. Sat. The cost of the Retreat is \$150 which includes individual hotel accommodations, breakfast and lunch. Registration is limited to 10 couples.

Bells' celebrate 55th anniversary

Howard and Merlene Bell of Salado celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in their home Feb. 26 by renewing their vows. Rev. Judy Liljestrand officiated. Guests attending were family and friends.

The Bell's family includes daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Bobby Leatherwood of Pearland; another daughter and son-in-law, Chyrell and Steven Ross of Arlington; four grandchildren, Michelle Yee and Howard Leatherwood of Pearland, Caryn Carlson and Sarah Wren of Arlington, and five great-grandchildren.

The Bells were married Feb. 28, 1945 in New Or-



leans, LA after Howard re-

turned from overseas ser-

vice in India-Burma. The couple moved to Salado in

Lenten series to commence at St. Lukes

Beginning March 7, St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Belton will begin its Lenten series in anticipation of the Easter celebrations.

Tuesday evening beginning at 6 p.m., St. Luke's will host its annual Shrove Tuesday (also known as Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday) Pancake Supper and Talent Show. The Pancake supper will begin at 6 p.m., with the talent show following from 7-8 p.m. This is a free event with lots of fellowship. A basket for a free offering will be passed for donations.

March 8th, St. Luke's offers three Holy Eucharist Rite II services for Ash Wednesday. There will be two noon services, one at the Belton campus of St.

Luke's, and one at the Salado location of St. Joseph's Chapel. On Wednesday evening beginning at 7:30 p.m. there will be a third Ash Wednesday service at the Belton St. Luke's, also Holy Eucharist Rite II.

Beginning March 22 and continuing for the next three Wednesdays, March 29, April 5, and April 12, St. Luke's Episcopal Community will host a series of Lenten Suppers and Programs. Each evening the program begins at 6 p.m. in the Nave (worship area) with singing and several short prayers, and then the speaker. The program will conclude with a prayer and hymn. A program for children and youth will be pro-

vided during the adult program, and babysitting will be provided for infants and toddlers.

Following each program we will adjourn to the Parish Hall for a soup and sandwich supper and a chance to visit with our speakers. St. Luke's will provide the soup, and each person or family is asked to bring enough sandwiches for themselves and four others.

The general theme for the Lenten series is "The Glass is Half Full" and the program speakers are from various churches and faiths around the Central Texas area, with a truly ecumenical emphasis. The schedule is as follows:

* March 22 - Father Mike Falls, Assistant Rec-

tor St. Luke's - "Emptying Oneself So That The Glass Can Be Filled"

* March 29 - Mr. Joel Shannon, Episcopal Diocese CFO - "Legacy Stewardship - The Other Half of the Glass of Stewardship"

* April 5 - Pastor Watt, St. John's Lutheran Church in Bartlett - "When the Well Runs Dry"

* April 12 - The Rev. David Fisher, Pastor First Christian Church of Temple "Where Do You Stand For A Crucifixion?"

The entire Central Texas community is invited and encouraged to attend the celebration of Easter at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Belton, 2103 N. Beal, and St. Joseph's Chapel behind Fletcher's Books in Salado.



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March 9: Breakfast pizza, toast, cereal, bananas, fruit juice, milk

March 10: English Muffin, sausage link, yogurt, cereal, fruit juice, pears, toast, milk

March 13 - 17: Spring Break

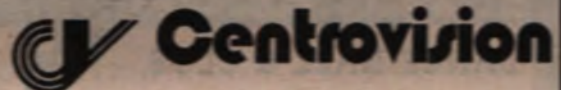
Lunch Menu

March 8: Spaghetti & meat balls, chef salad, baked potato, hoagie, peas, breadstick, peaches, milk

March 9: Vegetable soup, chef salad, baked potato, hoagie, green salad, crackers, peanut butter bars, milk

March 10: Cheeseburger, chef salad, baked potato, hoagie, burger salad, potato crisscut, fruity freeze, milk

March 13 - 17: Spring Break



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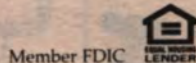
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Gilchrest, Brittany
Hancock, Michael B
Hennig, Graham
Kalk, Justen W
Kendall, Jonathan A
Meritt, Jacob M
Moffatt, Sara J
Pappas, Thomas H
Quick, Stephen P
Rooney, Molly M
Ryon, Cassidy
Schatte, Thomas C
Schumann, Kristi L
Shafie, Tavonn Y
Simpson, Ariel Davis
Sitz, Nathan Andrew
Slagel, Madison Reed
Tucker, Brittany Lynnell
Urquiza, Araceli
Weinberg, Erica N
Wells, Sunni

6th Grade All As
Askins, Garrett D
Bartlett, Lacey J

Boston, Grant P
Brown, Jacob O
Califano, Kristopher R
Cox, Justin C
Dowell, Wesley E
Drake, Jacquelin Rose
Duel, Laura K
Gentry, Mark W
Gobin, Cody B
Marsh, Stephen P
Peschel, Justin L
Singleton, Kirsten Nichole
Smith, Kelsey L
Sobehrad, Drake J

7th Grade All As
Clark, Valerie L
Goode, Jennifer Erin
Jennings, Matthew R
Quick, Rebekah E
Sharum, Elise C
Shumate, Joseph D
Slagel, Savannah L
Smith, Anna G
Welsh, Jaclyn B
Willingham, Sofia S

8th Grade All As
Brown, Matthew C
Cox, Lance C
Dixon, Tiffany L
Herrick, Katherine P
Simpson, Chase N

5th Grade A-B
Arnold, Haley N

Joe Rex nominated for "Who's Who in American Teacher's" Award

Joe Rex of Salado has been nominated for the "Who's Who in American Teachers" award.

He has been the Special Education teacher at Troy High School for the past three years. He graduated from high school at Waco Midway and went on to graduate from Southwest Texas State University. He previously taught at Aubrey High School and in the Dallas/Denton area.

He is married to Carlinda Rex and they have three children, Devon, Dean and Jace.



Joe Rex

Byrd, Jessica L
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Coe, Clorissa M
Constancio, Robert A
Corbitt, Bryan
Correa, Tyler L
Couchman, Phillip E
Danford, Danielle
Engelke, Michael Adam
Foster, Seth M
Fry, Sheena R
Gobin, Kelsey M
Griffin, Kayla R
Harris, A Katherine
Harvell, Justin R
Hendrix, Clayton Calhoun
Hollas, Brandon L
Jacobsen, Chelsea A
Jaimes, Misael
Koiner, Westin R
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Poston, Crystal M
Pruitt, Justin D
Rind, Kayla M
Rodriguez, Jesse
Rodriguez, Alexander Ray
Runyon, Mary Amber
Sartin, Nicholas M
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Simon, Matthew A
Slima, Brande J
Smith, Samantha L
Vazquez-Vargas, Anthony
Wright, Kylie J
Zulauf, Jamie L

6th Grade A-B
Bates, Brian K
Dixon, Brittany Jordan
Hale, Seth T
Kemp, Travis Lee
Koiner, Amanda J
Marek, Christopher A
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Hodgin, Timothy H
Hogwood, Lauren M
Huff, Casey C
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Buchanan, Abigail J
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Cameron, Paige Maire
Castillo, Victoria
Clements, Evan S
Copeland, Thomas L
Couchman, Laura M
Dady, Colleen M
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Epps, Robert A
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Gilpin, Melissa A
Grigsby, Nathan A
Harvell, Michael B
Hogwood, Angela N
Jackson, Laramie D
Konzen, Johnna B
Lankford, Leah M
Lara, Olivia J
Lee, Mary M
Raley, Alicia A
Roberts, Megan C
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 Brandon Heller
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 Alexandria Smerdon
 Tristen Williams
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 Gregory Tischler
 Jessica Walker
 Rachel Dunlap
 Haley Kemp
 Zachary Shumate
 Ky Sartin
 Trent Wagnon
 Chelsea Lomprey
 "A-B"
 Jessica Brown
 Joshua LaBove
 Jace Maldonado
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 Brad Hollas
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host a public hearing to discuss proposed improvements to State Highway (SH) 195 from one mile south to Farm-to-Market (FM) road 2484 to 0.5 mile past the Williamson County line. The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. at Central Texas College located at 6200 West Central Texas Expressway in Killeen. The meeting will be located in Building 150 (Nurse and Science Building), Room #1075.

The existing roadway consists of two-12 ft travel lanes and 10 feet shoulders. It is constructed in a usual minimum right of way width of 110 feet. The proposed highway will include four-12 ft travel lanes with 10 feet outside shoulders and 4 feet inside shoulders. It will be constructed in a minimum right of way width of approximately 260 feet. Approximately 170 acres of additional right of way will be required for this project.

The proposed project would require the relocation of eight residences and two commercial businesses. Information concerning the State's Relocation Assistance Program and the benefits and services available to affected property owners will be presented at the meeting. This information may also be obtained from Mr. Randy Spear, Right of Way Supervisor, at the Waco District Office of TxDOT located at 100 S. Loop Dr., Waco, TX 76705 (254) 867-2750.

A schematic showing the proposed final design will be on display beginning at 6 p.m., and TxDOT staff will be available to discuss the project and answer questions. The official hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Environmental Assessment and other information about the project is on file and available for inspection and copying at TxDOT's Waco District Office, 100 South Loop Drive, Waco, TX 76704-2858.

All interested citizens are invited to attend and express their views. Verbal and written comments related to the proposed project may be presented at the hearing. Written comments may be submitted to Mr. Michael Rhodes, Environmental Specialist, Texas Department of Transportation, 100 South Loop Drive, Waco, TX 76704-2858 at any time on or before 5 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2000. Both verbal (at the hearing) and written comments (received before April 14, 2000) will become part of the official project record.

Persons with disabilities who have special communication or accommodation needs and who plan to attend the hearing may contact Mr. Michael Rhodes at (254) 867-2739 as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

SPORTS

Salado hardballers place 2nd in Moody tournament

In the opening round of the Moody Bearcat Baseball Tournament the Eagles battled the Bosqueville Bulldogs. Salado found themselves down 2-0 through 5 1/2 innings with the time limit about to expire.

The Eagles mounted a rally in what turned out to be their final at bat. The offensive spurt propelled Salado to a 5-2 win.

Kevin Keller reached on an error and David Palmer walked to put the tying runs on base. After an out was recorded Michael Schoepf delivered a double to the right outfield gap to knot the game at 2. Chris Ray singled and stole second to put runners at second and third. A Troy Smith single to right scored both runners for a 4-2 lead. A Beau Wallace single brought Smith home with the final run as time expired.

Wallace and Smith both collected two hits on the night. David Palmer pitched the complete game for the win. He allowed only two hits and struck out 13.

Salado and Rosebud-Lott engaged in a high scoring contest in the second round. The Eagles eventually came out on top 10-7.

Nick Long and Hunter Konzen had run scoring hits in the top of the third that gave the Eagles a seemingly controlling 5-1 lead. In the

bottom half of the inning Salado committed four errors and allowed Rosebud-Lott to score 4 unearned runs to tie the game.

In the top of the 5th Kevin Keller reached on an error to get the Eagles rolling. After Konzen walked J.D. Glaezer singled to plate Keller. Beau Wallace doubled to drive in two runs. Chris Ray and David Palmer also followed with doubles to drive in runs and give Salado a 10-5 lead.

Rosebud-Lott added two runs in the bottom of the fifth for the final 10-7 score.

Palmer was 4 of 4 on the night with 3 doubles. Wallace added two hits to help lead the Eagles.

Smith, Rory Oldham, and Jeremy Grimm combined on the mound for Salado. Oldham was credited with the win.

The Eagles had quite a few problems in the championship game. Salado allowed 13 hits and committed five errors enroute to a 17-6 pounding at the hands of district foe Academy.

There were a few bright spots for Salado. They scored five runs in the third to take a 5-3 lead. Beau Wallace, Kevin Keller, and Rory Oldham all had doubles in the inning.

Wallace and Keller both produced 2 hits on the evening.

Salado 12
Vanguard 3

On Feb. 29 prior to the Moody Tournament the Salado Eagles pounded the Waco Vanguard Vikings 12-3.

The score was tied 3-3 after three innings, but Salado broke it open with 3 runs in the 4th and 6 in the 5th. In the 4th Chris Ray and Nick Long led things off with singles. Ray scored on Beau Wallace's fielders choice. A David Palmer double drove home the other two runs.

In the big 5th inning J.D. Glaezer and Ray had singles, Wallace and Michael Schoepf had doubles. Palmer had a two run homer in the inning.

Ray was 3 of 3 on the night and Palmer was 4 of 4 with 6 runs batted in.

JV baseball results

On Feb. 29 the Salado JV Eagles defeated Waco Vanguard 12-2. Miles Wallace had three hits on the night. Heath Hale, John Kirk, and Roland Buckley all produced two hits.

The JV took third in the Academy JV Tournament over the weekend. In their opening game Salado defeated Waco Reicher 10-5. Hale led the way with three hits. Omar Torrez, Randy Tubbs, Jarod Whitfield and Kirk all had two. Wallace

pitched the complete game.

Cameron defeated the Eagles 6-5 in their second game. Tubbs had 3 hits in the contest. Steven Fewell, Kirk and Buckley had 2 hits each. Fewell pitched the complete game.

In their last game the Eagles actually tied McGregor 8-8, but was declared the winner because of the tie breaker. Tubbs and Kirk both produced 3 hits offensively. Buckley pitched the entire game striking out nine.

reported by Coach Melvin Bates

Lady Eagles place 5th at Moody

The Salado Lady Eagles placed 5th in the Moody International Golf tournament recently.

The Lady Eagles were led by Kaci Fritsch, who finished in first place with a score of 92.

Other members of the Lady Eagle team and their scores are as follows: Emily Lilly, 109; Kari Hanson, 111; Kate Mentzel, 115; Haley Scruggs, 118.

The Lady Eagles played at Mill Creek Country Club March 6, but the results were not available at press time.



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SPORTS

Lady Eagles open with consolation

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Stacy Blodgett were given losses on the mound

After a first round loss to the Georgetown JV team, Salado Lady Eagles softball team took the consolation prize in the Holland Tournament March 2-4 to begin their season.

Lady Eagles 1
Georgetown JV 8
Salado's bats were silenced after the first inning in the Lady Eagles' 1-8 loss to the Georgetown JV Lady Eagles.

Robyn Womac was the lone Lady Eagles to cross home plate, following her single in the first inning. Lauren Quirk and Nikki Jackson followed with singles before designated hitter Bonnie Martinez brought Womac in with just one out recorded.

Georgetown was able to strike out the remainder of the side to leave Salado with three stranded base runners.

No other batters reached base for the Lady Eagles. Stephanie Krueger and

Lady Eagles 2 0
Bartlett 5

Salado made up for lost time at the plate in their second game of the tournament, scoring 20 runs.

Womac started things with a triple, followed by singles from Sarah Buchanan, La. Quirk and Jackson. Martinez's double brought in Quirk and Jackson before Bartlett could retire the side, giving Salado a 4-0 lead.

Womac, Buchanan and Jackson all scored runs in the second inning as Salado held a 7-2 lead after two innings

Randi Rader, Buchanan and Quirk scored in the third inning, while the Lady Eagles held Bartlett to three more runs.

Eight Lady Eagles scored in the fourth and final inning: Buchanan, La. Quirk, Jackson, Blodgett, Martha Soto, Jilan Alderman, Megan Fleck and Tiffany Blair.

Salado High School Track Meets

Date	Track Meet Location
March 4	Thrall
March 11	Holland
March 25	Troy
April 7	Salado
April 13	District Meet at Troy

Salado Intermediate Meets

Date	Track Meet Location
March 10	Salado
March 24	Holland
March 31	Academy
April 8	District Meet at Holland

Salado track teams run in Thrall meet March 4

Salado High track teams competed in the Thrall meet March 4, where the girls team took sixth place overall.

Lauren Mewhinney led the girls team with two first place medals. Mewhinney was first in the 800 Meter Run with a time of 2:31.49 and first in the 1600 Meter Run with a time of 5:48.58.

Mewhinney was also on the 800 Meter Relay team that took second place with a time of 1:57.25. Other relay members were Amanda Rivers, Sarah Buchanan and Lindsey Pruitt.

Pruitt took sixth place in

the 200 Meter Dash with a time of 29:02 seconds.

Michael Gamble took third place in the 800 Meter Run for Salado boys with a time of 2:14.12.

Stephen Fewell was sixth in the 200 Meter Dash with a time of 24.29 seconds.

The 1600 Meter Relay team of Aaron Gonzalez, Chris Santoya, Fewell and Gamble was sixth with a time of 4:04.41.

Salado High track teams will compete March 11 in Holland. Salado Intermediate will host a track meet March 10.

Golfers swing in Leander

The Salado Eagles Boys Golf team finished 13th in the 5A Leander Invitational Golf Tournament March 2, at Christal Falls Golf Course with a score of 376.

Individuals and their scores are as follows: Ash Jones, 84; Donny Pipes, 92; Kyle Salisbury, 97; Cody Quirk, 101; Colt Williams, 107.

The Eagles participated in San Saba March 7.

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Lady Eagles Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Teams	Time
March 2-4	Holland Tournament	There	V	TBA
March 7	*Thorndale	Here	V	4:30 (DH)
March 18	Centex Tournament	Temple	V	TBA
March 21	*Thrall	Here	V	4:30 (DH)
March 25	TSD Tournament	Austin	V	TBA
March 30	*Lago Vista	There	V	4:30 (DH)
April 4	*Granger	Here	V	4:30 (DH)
April 11	*Hutto	Here	V	4:30 (DH)
April 18	District Certification			

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Living Well

H. pylori infection plays an important role in who will develop stomach ulcers

Genetics and H. pylori infection play a significant role in determining who will develop a stomach ulcer, a new study shows.

Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine studied 691 sets of twins to determine genetic susceptibility to peptic ulcer disease and infection with H. pylori, a bacteria that causes stomach ulcers. Results were published in a recent issue of Archives of Internal Medicine.

"We found that there was a reasonable genetic component among those who developed peptic ulcer disease, but there is also an

environmental component involved," said Dr. Hoda Malaty, a Baylor associate professor of medicine and the study's lead investigator.

The study used information collected from identical and fraternal twins, those reared together as well as those reared apart. This allowed researchers to account for genetic make-up while controlling for environmental factors, such as smoking, use of non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drugs, age, gender, alcohol and caffeine consumption, stress and diet.

Researchers found that identical twins who grew-up apart were equally as likely to develop peptic ulcer disease as those who grew up together, thus establishing a strong genetic link.

While approximately 99 percent of all people with peptic ulcer disease are infected with H. pylori, not everyone infected with the bacteria develops an ulcer.

The study shows that the genes responsible for the susceptibility to peptic ulcer disease are not the same as those responsible for acquiring H. pylori infection. Researchers concluded that

infection with H. pylori and a family history of peptic ulcer disease puts an individual at highest risk for developing an ulcer.

"These findings are very important in terms of preventive medicine," Malaty said. "Individuals who know they have the gene for peptic ulcer disease can be tested for H. pylori and, if necessary, receive treatment before an ulcer develops."

In cooperation with the Swedish Adoption/Twin Study of Aging, the study was also funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Safe sex and the senior citizen

When was the last time you discussed the birds and bees? If it's been a while you might need to brush up on the facts of life.

Until lately, AIDS awareness campaigns have been focused on young people. Unfortunately, the number of older Americans with HIV is on the upswing.

A virus called HIV, short for Human Immunodeficiency Virus, causes AIDS, Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome. HIV at-

tacks the body's immune system. It is not HIV, per se, that kills people, but AIDS related diseases that eventually overpower the person's overburdened and weakened systems.

CDC statistics show that the fastest growing AIDS rates are for people 50 and older - up 22 percent, 1991 and 1996, compared with a 9 percent increase among people 13 - 49.

More and more people in their 60's and 70's are

beginning new relationships, Viagra has allowed many older men to revive their dormant sex lives, and many older women are finding themselves single again after a long monogamous relationship.

A survey, sponsored by the AARP, the national senior organization, also found that the condom use is an awkward topic for many older people because they are not concerned about pregnancy.

Currently, there are distressingly few AIDS education and prevention efforts aimed at seniors. Researchers say that fewer than 11 percent of people over age 50 have talked to their doctor about the risk for HIV.

Do yourself a favor. Before you add sexual intimacy to a new relationship, see your doctor, have a frank talk with your partner and get tested.

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Sports medicine experts at Baylor College of Medicine say the water provides a safe, effective medium for conditioning and toning. The types of exercise range from swimming and aerobics to strength and flexibility training.

Whether the goal is to improve your health or simply add some activity to your life, the pool is a great place

to start.

Mother Nature stands up to Father Time

Can Mother Nature defy Father Time? Evidence shows that antioxidants found in produce and other foods may actually slow the aging process.

According to Dr. Robert J. Luchi with the Huffington Center on Aging at Baylor College of Medicine, the best way to ensure adequate and appropriate antioxidant nutrients is through a balanced diet consisting of five to eight servings of fruits and vegetables a day.

Vitamins C and E and carotenoids, one of which is a precursor to vitamin A,

protect the body from "free radicals," which are created when cells convert oxygen into energy. In normal amounts, free radicals help rid the body of toxins, but they can also harm cell membranes and DNA, which results in cell deaths.

Antioxidants are credited with reducing the risk of some cancers, heart disease, strokes, cataracts, as well as slowing and, in some cases, reversing the aging process. Scientists also believe the antioxidants improve cell membranes so that important nutrients and chemicals can flow through more easily.

The Silent Killer

The Silent Killer ... The

Invisible Enemy? No, they are not titles of horror movies. These descriptions refer to high blood pressure, or hypertension, a common, very treatable medical condition.

However, high blood pressure has a bad reputation for a reason. It has no symptoms and, left untreated, can be a killer.

"What you don't know can hurt you," said Dr. Robert J. Luchi, with the Huffington Center on Aging at Baylor College of Medicine. "Routine readings provide physicians with opportunities to detect and manage problems."

Senior Focus scheduled for March 29

Senior Focus 2000 is scheduled for March 29 at the Frank W. Mayborn Civic Convention Center. The conference begins at 7:30 a.m. with registration. Concurrent sessions on numerous topics will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Keynote speaker for Senior Focus 2000 is Naomi Feil, creator of Validation Therapy, a tested model of practice for both professional and caregivers working with confused older adults. Validation helps disoriented people reduce

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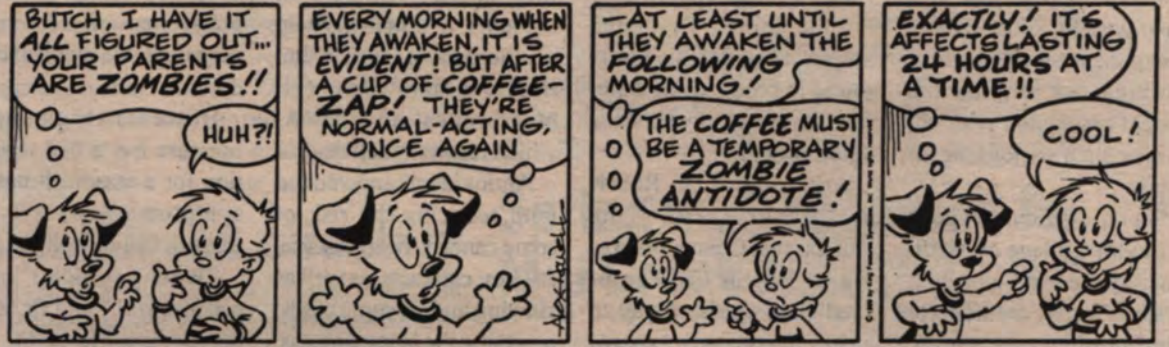
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COOL!

Beetle Bailey by Mort Walker



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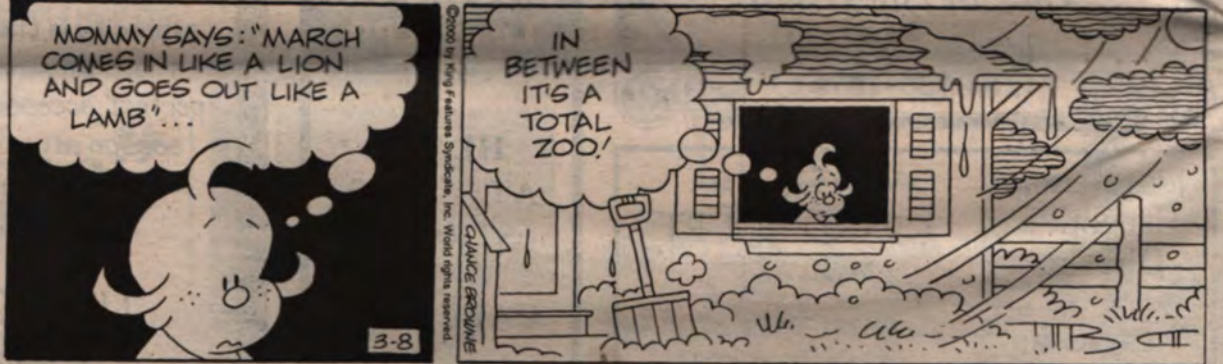
Hagar the Horrible by Chris Browne



I BELIEVE THE EXPRESSION IS: "STARVE A FEVER, FEED A COLD"...

NOT "STARVE A FEVER, DRINK A COLD"!!

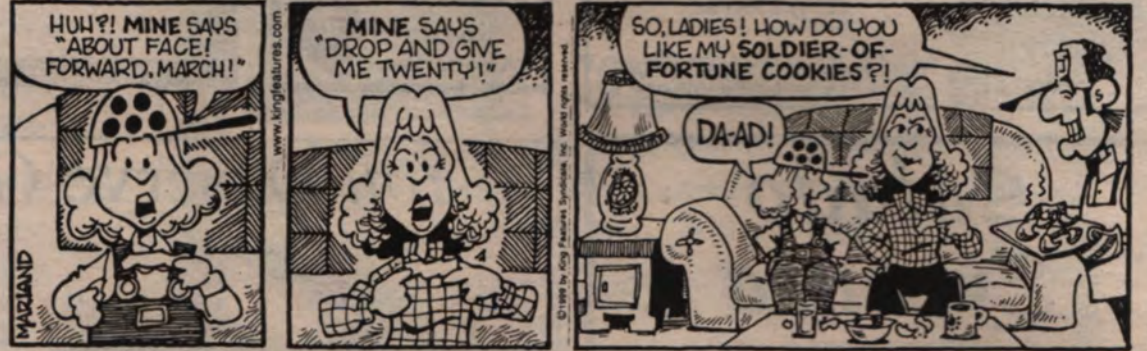
Hi & Lois by Greg & Brian Walker



MOMMY SAYS: "MARCH COMES IN LIKE A LION AND GOES OUT LIKE A LAMB"...

IN BETWEEN IT'S A TOTAL ZOO!

R.F.D. by Mike Marland



HUH?! MINE SAYS "ABOUT FACE! FORWARD, MARCH!"

MINE SAYS "DROP AND GIVE ME TWENTY!"

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DA-AD!

Blondie by Dean Young & Stan Drake

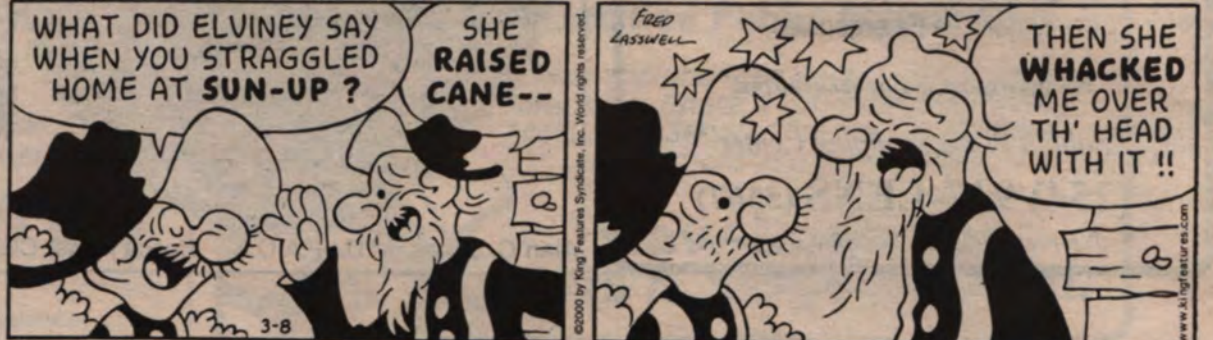


GOOD-BYE, COUGH COUGH, MRS. BUMSTEAD, ACHOO ACHOO!

WHO WAS THAT POOR FELLOW?

HE'S THE HEALTH INSPECTOR

Snuffy Smith by Fred Lasswell



WHAT DID ELVINEY SAY WHEN YOU STRAGGLED HOME AT SUN-UP?

SHE RAISED CANE--

THEN SHE WHACKED ME OVER TH' HEAD WITH IT !!

Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tiller
 - 5 Grandpa McCoy
 - 9 Michelangelo masterpiece
 - 14 Ward of "Sisters"
 - 18 "Typee" sequel
 - 19 Callas or Caballe
 - 20 Confess
 - 21 Roman fountain
 - 23 Stubborn
 - 25 Courageous
 - 27 Fantastic bargain
 - 28 Envelop
 - 30 "Xanadu" rock group
 - 31 Trams transport it
 - 32 "Red Red —" '88 smash)
 - 34 Girl Scout unit
 - 38 Diplomacy term
 - 41 Winked or waved
 - 45 Journalist Buchanan
 - 46 Former autocrat
 - 47 Actress Massen
 - 48 Scrape by, with "out"
 - 49 Light weight
 - 51 Reformer Lucretia
 - 54 Montessori or Muldaur
 - 57 Less plentiful
 - 60 Van Dyke role
 - 62 Powerfully built
 - 65 Tractable
 - 67 Wooden strip
 - 68 Flight maneuver
 - 71 "— Days" ('75 tune)
 - 72 Hypocrisy
 - 73 Bikini half
 - 76 Foolhardy
 - 79 Pigment
 - 80 Masterson colleague
 - 82 Ginger —
 - 83 — Haven, CT
 - 84 Job opening
 - 87 Ceylon, today
 - 89 Coarse-featured
 - 94 Tahini base
 - 95 TV's "Three's —"
 - 99 Loudly, to Liszt
 - 100 Betting setting
 - 101 Shallow area
 - 102 Spring mo.
 - 105 "Sat — tuffet . . ."
 - 106 Humorist Bombeck
 - 108 Illinois city
 - 110 Maritime
 - 113 Nutritional need
 - 116 "Frasier" pooch
 - 118 "— my lips!"
 - 119 Loser to DDE
 - 120 Vitamin bottle abbr.
 - 122 Tony winner Robert
 - 124 Young cadet
 - 128 Very slender
 - 134 Sharp-sighted
 - 136 Malice
 - 137 Practice piece
 - 138 Cut short
 - 139 Mlle., farther south
 - 140 Pants part
 - 141 Inflexibility
 - 142 Some bills
 - 143 Jets, Mets, or Nets
 - 8 Egyptian Nobelist
 - 9 Chum
 - 10 Infamous Amin
 - 11 Phillips of "UHF"
 - 12 Antler part
 - 13 Strawberry, for one
 - 14 Police hdqrs.
 - 15 Drop a brick
 - 16 Divulge
 - 17 Ward off
 - 22 "— fixe"
 - 24 Designer Fiorucci
 - 26 Billions of years
 - 29 Common affix
 - 33 Vane dir.
 - 35 Aroma
 - 36 Responsibility
 - 37 French-door part
 - 39 Emulated Gebel-Williams
 - 40 Amatory
 - 41 Fiasco
 - 42 Genesis redhead
 - 43 Wilson or Weathers
 - 44 "— Set" ('57 film)
 - 50 Vocalize like Vallee
 - 52 Riser's relative
 - 53 Metallic
 - 55 Unwell
 - 56 Literary collection
 - 58 Soccer superstar
 - 59 Hacienda material
 - 60 Hawk
 - 61 Diminutive suffix
 - 63 Natural gas component
 - 64 — talk
 - 66 Sanctify
 - 69 "... man — mouse?"
 - 70 Turkish title
 - 73 Myerson or Truman
 - 74 Not as common
 - 75 Originate
 - 77 Arrive at
 - 78 "Blame — the Bossa Nova" ('63 hit)
 - 81 Telescope sighting
 - 85 Oven setting
 - 86 Eastern "Way"
 - 88 Donizetti's "L'elisir d'—"
 - 90 Jeri of "Star Trek: Voyager"
 - 91 Gator's cousin
 - 92 Sicilian volcano
 - 93 Distribute the deck
 - 96 Trickle
 - 97 A sweeping success?
 - 98 Soldier on
 - 101 More granular
 - 103 Ideal
 - 104 Woody herb
 - 107 Director Nair
 - 109 Long or Peeples
 - 111 Surveyor's need
 - 112 Most indolent
 - 113 Cat's dogs
 - 114 Harvests
 - 115 Davis of "Evening Shade"
 - 117 Vote in
 - 121 — Spumante
 - 123 Challenge
 - 125 Fontaine role
 - 126 — carotene
 - 127 Cheeseboard choice
 - 129 Harper Valley grp.
 - 130 Rainy
 - 131 Yank
 - 132 Maestro de Waart
 - 133 Wagner's "— fliegende Hollander"
 - 135 Audio antiques?

DOWN

- 1 Brewery supply
- 2 Give off
- 3 Theater section
- 4 "Drums Along the —" ('39 film)
- 5 "Tobacco Road" character
- 6 Wednesday
- 7 Done

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Jim and Frances Falkner are the Village Artists of the month for March.

When Jim moved to Salado in 1984 he bought a book on Decoy Carving thinking it might be nice to have something to occupy his time.

He carved several decoys in his spare time, bought a few more tools and paint. His first ones were Buffleheads, all black and white. Deciding to branch out on his own, he borrowed a mounted Wood Duck from his friend J.D. Blevins. The carving went well but when he started to paint this beautiful bird he realized he had a long way to go.

Tired of hearing his complaints, his wife Frances came home from a Village Artist meeting and announced she had just signed him up and paid for a painting workshop. When he explained that he didn't have any oil paints or brushes he found she had fixed that too. Evelyn Smith had agreed to loan him everything he needed.

His oil painting was a catastrophe. He couldn't wait to get home each night and scrub the days work off the canvas before anyone saw it. However, they were going in the field each day and sketching in watercolors. That went a lot better and he fell in love with watercolors. So much so that he started attending the Tuesday painting sessions of the village artist. All of the members took him under their wings and helped his pitiful efforts. Soon after he attended some workshops and gradually got a little better. In the meantime his carvings were getting better and he was designing his own carvings and getting at better at painting them.

Jim quit carving decoys and did some small birds and game birds which he knew something about. He never carves a bird that he is not familiar with. Now he is trying to master acrylics in his paintings.

Frances has always felt each generation should leave a hand made quilt be-



Jim and Frances Falkner

hind for the next one. Upon joining the Village Artist she found so many quilters ready and willing to help her with her first attempt. She finished her first one - a king size - and went on from there making others and even branching out into all kinds of needlework.

Frances even finished a Sampler she had started many years ago.

With each project she received good instruction, encouragement and had worlds of fun being a stitcher with the Village Artist.

Affect of Social Trends on Churches topic for conference presented at UMHB

The department of religion will hold a conference at 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on March 27.

Dr. Jose Martinez, Professor of Sociology, will be the presenter at the conference on "Social Trends Affecting Churches and Christian Ministry in the New

Century." Dr. Martinez received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas. He is a member of the American Sociological Association and has been a consultant to schools and the media on race relations and related issues. Dr. Martinez serves his community in several

aspects including work with the Community Action Agency, a federal anti-poverty agency; Counselor and Interviewer for the Texas Employment Commission (now Texas Workforce Commission), and a Juvenile Probation officer.

The conference and lunch are free and open to the public, but participants must register by contacting Dr. Stephen V. Wyrick at 254/295-4568 or 254/295-5075 or swyrick@umhb.edu. The registration deadline is March 22.

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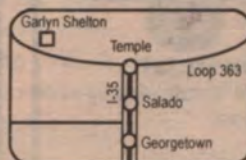
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ABWA Style Show features fashions from Christy's & The Store on April 1

It's spring fashion time and one of the most popular fashion luncheons around is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. April 1 at the Salado Civic Center. Tickets for this festive pre-Easter style show are only \$15, available from any member of Chisholm Trail ABWA, the American Business Women's Association. Advance ticket sales are encouraged because seating is limited.

"I am so excited that our group is returning to its Spring Fashion Luncheon tradition after several years of having a Fall show," said event co-planner Becky McAulay of The Store in Old Town Salado. She and Christy's owner Christy Arner promise a fashion bouquet complemented by a spring luncheon.

Salado's Chisholm Trail Chapter of ABWA was chartered in 1986, and observed the 50th anniversary of ABWA in 1999. The group raises funds for scholarships which are awarded each May. ABWA grants and loans are also available to ABWA scholarship recipients.



photo by Marilyn Fleischer
Owner of The Store Becky McAulay and employee Fran unpack show fashions

Complex named for Mary Ellen Parks

Tom Seay, Director of the Central Texas Children's Home in Buda, Texas, announced this past week that a Challenge Grant in the amount of \$100,000 has been given to the home by Lloyd and Mary Ellen Parks.

The funds will be used to build a much needed activity and administration

building that will be named "The Mary Ellen Parks Activity Complex".

According to Brother Seay, architectural drawings will be completed in the near future and if matching funds arrive as expected, work should begin by the middle of summer with completion hopefully early in 2001.

The new facility will be located on the CTCH campus between the two most recently completed children's family type homes.

Those wishing to contribute to the children's home may do so by sending a check to the Central Texas Children's Home, Box 16318, Austin, Texas

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Mondays

Monday Club: 1st Mon., 2 p.m., Salado United Methodist Church.
Salado 4-H Club - 1st Monday of each month 7 p.m. at Civic Ctr.
Salado Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Mon., 6 p.m., at Civic Center.

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

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

Salado Youth Association, Board meeting 4th Mon. 6:30 p.m., at Civic Center

Salado Masonic Lodge #296: 8 p.m. on the Mon. on or before the full moon.

Storytime: 11-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Salado Public Library for preschool age children.

Tuesdays

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m., Salado Mansion.

Salado FFA meeting: First Tuesday at 7 p.m. at SHS ag shop.

Salado Village Artists: First Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Salado Art Center.

Yoga Classes: 6:45 p.m., Salado United Methodist Fellowship Hall.

Salado Family Relief Fund, 2nd Tues. 1:30 p.m. Civic Center.

Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA, 2nd Tues. 6:30 p.m. Sherry's of Salado, Main & Van Bibber.

Wednesday

Salado Creekside Cloggers: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Info: 947-5845.

Salado Youth Baseball Association meetings 6:30 p.m. at Civic Center.

Lions Club: 2nd & 4th Wed. at 11:30 a.m., Creekside. Board meets 2nd Wed. 8 a.m.

Mill Creek Community Association Board: 3rd Wed., 6 p.m., at Civic Center

Thursdays

Salado Business Association: 1st Thursday, 8:45 a.m. Salado Civic Center

Salado Ladies Auxilliary : 2nd Thurs., 10 a.m., Salado Civic Center

Salado Water Corporation Board of Directors: 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m. Corporation office.

Salado High School Band Boosters 1st Thurs. of every month 7 p.m. in the band room.

Salado Historical Society board of directors, 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m. Salado Civic Center.

Saturdays

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

Mark your calendars for these future events

March 9

Public Forum to afford the community an opportunity to provide feedback to the superintendent regarding the characteristics they would like to see in the next Athletic Director/Football Coach. 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center and 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Salado High School Library.

March 13

Environmentally Friendly - HOME COMPOSTING presented by Mr. Dilillo, Recycling Manager of the city of Killeen. Held at the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m. Admission is Free. Sponsored by the Salado Public Library and the Mentors. Call for more information, 947-9191.

March 18

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 Benefit Fish Fry, 4-7:30 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria. \$5 per person. Proceeds will be used to buy books for the new school library, as well as for the Masonic Lodge Scholarship Program for Salado High School seniors.

March 18

The Institute for the Humanities of Salado presents a seminar by Raul Hilberg, "The Neighbors." 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Halley House on Main Street.

March 19

The Institute for the Humanities of Salado presents a lecture by Raul Hilberg, "The Holocaust in Memory." 4 p.m. - lecture; 5 p.m. - discussion; 5:45 p.m. reception/dinner - Mill Creek Inn.

March 20

5th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament, Mill Creek Golf Course, 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Tablerock, 12:30 p.m. Tee off. \$60 fee in advance.

March 31

Spring Mixer for the Mill Creek Community Association 6 p.m. at the Creekside Restaurant. For more information call 947-4523.

April 2

The Institute for the Humanities of Salado presents a lecture by Tina Rosenberg, "After Dictatorship: The Struggle to Deal with Past Crimes." 4 p.m. - lecture; 5 p.m. - discussion; 5:45 p.m. reception/dinner - Mill Creek Inn.

April 7-8

Central Texas College "A Midsummer Nights Dream" production at Tablerock. For more information call 526-1572.

April 8-9

2nd Annual Quilt and Craft Show - sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, held at the Salado Civic Center. For more information call 947-5040.

April 15

Easter Family Fun Day at the Civic Center Gazebo. For more information call the Salado United Methodist Church 947-5482.

April 15 & 29

Rainbow Iris Farms "Bloomfest" 9 a.m.-3 p.m. - visit a local Iris Farm to see the flowers in bloom. Approximately 10 miles southeast of Salado, go to 487 to Schwertner, turn right on FM 1105, turn left on CR 322, take next left on CR 323 to the farm. Call for more information 254-527-4000. FREE!

April 16

The Institute for the Humanities of Salado presents a lecture by Eva Hoffman, "The Virtues of Remembering, the Merits of Forgetting: Some Perspectives on Problematic Pasts." 4 p.m. - lecture; 5 p.m. - discussion; 5:45 p.m. reception/dinner - Mill Creek Inn.

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April 21-23

First Baptist Church Salado Easter Pageant, 8 p.m. Tablerock. For more information call 947-5465.

April 29

5th Annual Gospel Festival, 7 p.m. at Tablerock. Various local groups and artists perform original and public domain works. Directed by Tom Taylor.

The Institute for the Humanities of Salado presents a seminar by Robert Muller, "Fifty Years of World Service: Reflections on Human and Global Achievements and Failures." 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Halley House on Main Street. (Lunch included).

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April 30

The Institute for the Humanities of Salado presents a lecture by Robert Muller, "Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century: Solving Global Problems, Reforming Global Governance." 4 p.m. - lecture; 5 p.m. - discussion; 5:45 p.m. reception/dinner - Salado Civic Center.

May 8

Salado Lions Club Golf Tournament, \$10,000 hole in one prize! \$50 entry fee. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Civic Center, tee off time at 1 p.m. Mill Creek Country Club. Call Hulda Horton for more information 947-8300.

May 13

5th Annual 4th Grade Melodrama, 7 p.m. Tablerock. For more information call 947-9205.

May 20

Spring Concert held at Tablerock. For more information call 947-9205.

May 20-21

Texas 100 Fine Art Show sponsored by Salado Chamber of Commerce, held at Pace Park. For more information call 947-5040.

June 5-9

Theatre Arts Summer Camp - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tablerock. Tom Taylor is Director. \$75 per child. Grades 3 - 6.

June 7-10

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June 12-16

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Governor declares Severe Weather Awareness Week March 5-11

Governor George W. Bush has proclaimed March 5-11, as "Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week," continuing a tradition that has spanned four decades.

"Severe weather affects everyone in the Lone Star State, with tornadoes, thunderstorms, lightning, flooding or even hurricanes a possibility. Especially in the spring, violent weather threatens countless adults and children in their homes, schools and places of business, and cars.

"To protect their lives and property and minimize the damage from nature's fury, people must learn what to do in the face of severe conditions," continued Governor Bush. "Texans can prepare for emergencies by putting together a 'Readiness Kit,' which consists of a flashlight, a battery-operated radio, extra batteries, a first aid kit, food and water supplies, a manual can opener, essential medicines and even a small amount of money or-

ders." Tom Millwee, State Coordinator for the Texas Division of Emergency Management, added, "People should also develop an emergency communication plan, with out-of-area relatives or friends serving as family contacts. During severe weather, they should tune-in to a battery-operated radio or television for up-to-the-minute emergency information. Evacuation warnings should be followed immediately."

Texans are also encouraged to tune to the National Weather Service broadcasts, and pay particular attention to "watches," which indicate severe weather may occur, or "Warnings," which indicate severe weather, including tornadoes, is occurring in the area.

As spring approaches, the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service sponsor a weeklong series of activities to support local emergency management professionals and help pre-

pare communities for violent weather. They have designated March 5-11 as Severe Weather Awareness Week to promote the importance of adults and children knowing how to protect themselves from harm during severe storms.

He urges all Texans to learn more about how to escape injury in violent weather conditions. Staying informed and prepared for severe weather can make a difference between life and death.

Memorial service held for Jerry Brannon

Memorial services for Jerry Brannon, 60, of Salado were held March 7 at the Dossman Funeral Chapel with Rev. Tommy Davis officiating.

Mr. Brannon passed away March 5.

He was born in Paris, TX to Odell John Boston Brannon and Bonnie Marie (Benson) Brannon. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 5 years. He married Sandra Bieri in 1961 in Ft. Summer, NM. Brannon worked for IBM for 26 years. He worked in the position of Technical writer and Customer Service En-

gineer. He is survived by his wife Sandra Brannon of Salado, two daughters and sons-in-law Melody and Ron Evans of Topeka, KS and, Kristi and Gregg Lee of Round Rock. One sister and brother-in-law Betty and Dwayne Halbrooks of Loop. Two grandchildren Ryland and Bailey Evans.

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Pawn shop surgery experience

By Tumbleweed Smith

Bill Murchison was trying to put in some new light bulbs in his apartment in Huntsville. The light fixture was on the ceiling, so Bill got a chair to stand on while he screwed in the light bulbs.

Now Bill is one of those impulsive types who takes what is handy to get the job done.

The closest chair happened to be one that was on rollers.

"It rolled one way and I fell the other way," says Bill. "I was unconscious for a few moments and woke up to find I had broken both wrists."

The doctor put casts on both of Bill's arms and told him to come back in seven weeks to have the casts

removed.

Bill happened to be out of town when it was time to take the casts off his arms. So he decided to do it himself.

"I went to Wal-Mart and looked in the tool department. The only thing I found that I thought I could use was hacksaw. I bought it, went to my car and sat in the Wal-Mart parking lot and sawed on the cast. My left hand was stronger than my right, so I sawed the right cast off."

He was exhausted after the ordeal and decided to tackle his left cast later.

"After a day or so, it was running me crazy," says Bill.

He was driving in Henrietta, Oklahoma when he thought he found a solution to his problem.

"I looked to my left and saw a sign that said 'Pawn Shop and Tools.' I slammed on the brakes and came to a screeching halt in front of the place. I told the owner what I needed to do. He said he had a little vibrating tool that would do the job.

"I looked at it and realized it was like what the doctors use to vibrate through the plaster. If it hits your skin it won't cut you. I asked the man if he would let me rent it or buy it. He said I could just borrow it and told me to go to the back of the pawn shop to take off the cast."

Now Bill's right wrist still didn't have much strength in it and he couldn't bear down like he needed to. The pawn shop owner and one of his clerks

went to the back to see how Bill was coming along.

"I told them I wasn't having much luck because of my weak right arm. They offered to help."

The pawn shop owner weighed around 300 pounds. He took the vibrating tool and cut right through the cast all the way up to Bill's elbow.

"After about 30 minutes, he and I and the clerk managed to get that cast off. There was a webbing material between my arm and the cast, but that proved to be no problem. The clerk went and got a big knife and cut it off nice and neat."

When Bill went to see his doctor he dismissed Bill. "He told me he didn't see any use in keeping me as a patient anymore."

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Programs to increase traffic awareness

Bell County Sheriff Dan Smith announced the development of programs designed to bring a heightened awareness of traffic safety in rural communities within Bell County.

Through suburban growth, more and more people are populating unincorporated areas of the county making for more hazardous driving conditions. The greatest concerns

are from those who exceed the posted speed limits and the non or improper use of safety belts and child restraint devices

Through a federal grant, the Sheriff's Office recently purchased a "Speed Trailer", a device that measures the speed of oncoming vehicles and displays the speed on a large screen clearly visible to drivers. Deputies will be assigned to

various areas of the county and will use the trailer to alert drivers of the posted speed as well as their actual speed. The goal is to familiarize rural residents with the speed limits in those areas.

In addition, the Texas Department of Transportation selected Bell County as a candidate for a "Summer Wave Grant." This grant is designed to pay overtime

salaries for deputies involved in seat belt and child safety restraint enforcement. Three "Waves" are planned to take place around major weekends during the vacation period (June thru September). These awareness waves will be conducted in four phases consisting of pre-surveys, media campaigns enforcement efforts and post surveys.



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Since then he has forged his influences and passion for music into a sound all his own, powered by a unique and stirring guitar style that lays a solid foundation for his clear, soulful singing. His voice is warm and friendly, and his gift for incisive musical storytelling can move listeners to both tears and laughter. John Smith has won the New

Folk competition at the Kerrville Folk Festival, and songwriting awards at the Telluride, Falcon Ridge and Rocky Mountain Folk Festivals. He has performed at venues across the continent, as part of the folk duo *Runaway*, and as a solo performer. His recordings include two *Runaway* albums and two solo releases: *Hole In The Clouds* and this year's *To The Four our Directions*.

Of John Smith, songwriter Tom Kimmel says "My attention was captured by his sweet, earthy voice and fine craftsmanship, but what drew me in was his heart." A review in *Sing Out!* said "These are songs of the human spirit... They draw you in and hold you almost spellbound."

The concert will be held in the smoke-free, alcohol-free environment of the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist



John Smith

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has been recognized by the Texas State Commission on Arts for its contribution in promoting the Texasborn Western Swing Music and the educational aspects of the event.

The Showcase is presented by the Texas Western Swing, Heritage Association,

a locally organized group of members from Belton, Salado and Temple. Since Western, Swing music is the only Texas born music, their purpose is to promote the heritage of Texas Western Swing by bringing prominent, accomplished and professional musicians to perform this truly Texas music.

Top professional Western Swing Musicians for this 4th annual event will be playing for both events. Featured musicians will be Randy Elmore with Tommy Morrell and the Time-Warp TopHands, Dave Alexander, Buck Reams, Curly Hollingsworth, Greg Hardy, Mark Abbott, Ricky Turpin, Bill Gilbert, Damion Green, Joey McKenzie and Sherrie Hill McKenzie and The Quebe Sisters.

Buck Reams has been known in the Lone Star state as a Western Swing-Cowboy Cronner since his teens in Fort Worth where he played

regularly in Texas night-spots. The 80's took Buck to Louisiana where he trained race horses during the day and sang on Shreveport's Louisiana Hayride at night, winning Top Male Vocalist in 1984 on the Hayride. Buck along with his own band, plays dances, rodeos and night-clubs, sings at corporate parties, conventions and private functions. Buck enjoys not only singing jingles for Dairy Queen and Justin Boots, but is an authentic chuck wagon cook. Although Buck's debut album, Ridin' The Range, has been a top setter, his latest album is Swinging On The Range.

Admission to the Afternoon Performance is \$5 and to the Dance is \$10. The Dinner is \$7.50. Tickets should be purchased now for the dance and dinner to reserve your table. No meal tickets will be sold at the door. For further information call 939-8390.

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The opera company encourages area schools to bring students by providing docents to give classroom lectures and by offering discount ticket prices.

This production is possibly the grandest in the company's history. Opera companies in other parts of the U.S. have joined ALO in mounting this million dollar staging of one of Verdi's masterpieces.

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Johnny Carino's before arriving at Bass Concert Hall for the opera. Attending were George Huber, Candice Williams, Candace Simpson, Sin-U Ko, P.J. Nicholson, Dustin Correa, Kelly Peckham, Adria Raley, Megan Burson, Chris Smith, Kelly Johnson, Brittanica Lutz, Ashley Kelly, Hope Buchanan, Cody Melton, Amy Carlson, Lacy McDaniel, Troy Slavens, Miles Wallace, Vicente Fraire, Brandi Bingham, Cindy Lopez, Brian Miller, Josh Aplaca, and Lara Lee.

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In this part of the state, spring is a season not to be missed. Wildflowers cascade with extravagance over soft hills, clouds float high and shapely, magnificent above, while gentle breezes complete days so pretty they insist on weekend escape from routine to exult in all that is good and beautiful. And that, as they say - is what the festival at Winedale is all about.

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Winedale, as the festival is called, has spent the last several decades celebrating the best work of contemporary Texas artisans - those passionate souls who work in clay, glass, metal, wood, fiber and most other malleable materials, fashioning by hand their graceful works of functional and fanciful art. The 25 year-old Texas Crafts Exhibition component of the festival features 40 or so of the state's finest regional craftsmen - potters, weavers, furniture makers, jewelers, glass blowers and others. To earn spots in this elite juried exhibition, the artists must excel in their medium, and be selected in by a panel of their peers. The show is recognized among artisans for being an artists' show, the quality of work is high and the standard of craftsmanship rigorous. Com-

pleting Winedale's unique personality in the world of art festival's is the event's beautiful and historic setting with its focus on the practical arts, music, architecture, and domestic craft of Texas 100 years earlier

The weekend-long event takes place amid the pastoral splendors of Winedale a few minutes outside Round Top, Texas. The quaint village is about an hour and a half from both Houston and Austin. Since its inception in the late 60s, the Winedale Festival and Texas Crafts Exhibition have proved an important regional art happening - a rite of spring where Texas' leading con temporary artisans and thousands of their fans come together for a happy co-mingling of nature, art, music, and cultural history.

For those who go to Winedale for the Spring Festival year after year, the experience can be a much-anticipated escape to the verdant countryside. For many it's a favored and leisurely hang with Nature, a time to bliss out amid the wind and the wildflowers and enjoy the colorful company and beautiful makings of Texas' more eminent contemporary artisans, and a host of other interesting and talented individuals. Many of the artists juried into the Winedale show have earned a place there year after year. Among serious Texas artisans, Winedale is acknowledged for its high level artists and high caliber audience, Gallery types and serious collectors routinely make the festival, which is considered to be one of the state's more important contemporary craft shows, and one where artists first debut their newest gallery-level work.

The festival is a celebration for all tastes. Families

share picnics under the 100-year-old trees, stroll Winedale's gardens and green spaces, tour the historic houses, cottages and assorted buildings and take in the demonstrations of frontier crafts such as weaving, spinning, quilting, carving and forging which take place during the event. Even goose plucking is scheduled. Happily the goose lives, only the down is collected, a process -- experts say--which the goose actually enjoys. Music is an integral part of the festival. Expert practitioners of Texasstyle fiddle, guitar, dulcimer, Blues, Polka, Cajun, Folk and Western music play on Winedale's various stages. The performers are selected by Winedale and Texas Folklife Resources and reflect both organizations' passion for and commitment to promoting outstanding Texas folk artists and musicians and traditional musical styles.

Winedale's historic roots reach back to the German settlers who came to the region in the 1800s-the original farm house here served as a stage coach stop. Today it is a living museum and conference center belonging to the University of Texas at Austin and its Center for American History. Winedale's collections and its several beautifully restored country homes, barns and buildings were originally gathered by the legendary Houston arts patroness, Ima Hogg. Ms. Ima was a passionate champion of the folk art, architecture and culture of early Texas, and during her life collected spectacularly in the genre, acquiring an extensive collection of paintings, pottery, sculpture, furniture, buildings and other items made a centuries earlier by the skilled hands of regional

settlers. As she installed the collections and buildings at Winedale, she sought to inspire others with enthusiasm and appreciation for Texas' "folk art" as well as the region's natural beauty and rich cultural heritage. For years, she made Winedale a gathering place, inviting Houston and Central Texas social shakers out to the land for concert weekends and cultured soirees in the country.

Miss Ima passed Winedale and its collections to the University of Texas in 1967, and today it is maintained as a special collections library, archive, and museum that facilitates research and sponsors programs on the historical development of the United States. The first Winedale Spring Festival was originated to celebrate Miss Ima's gift to the university. The craft exhibition began a few years later and in the spirit of its founding patroness, aimed at encouraging the flowering renaissance of the Fine Crafts movement in Texas.

Winedale and the festival grounds are 5 minutes from Round Top, and approximately 90 minutes by car from Austin and Houston. The Winedale area is well known for its pastoral scenery, wildflowers, and abundance of bed and breakfasts. The area is a popular destination for antique shopping, as well as international music performances held at nearby Round Top Festival institute. For information, contact Winedale by phone at 409-278-3530.




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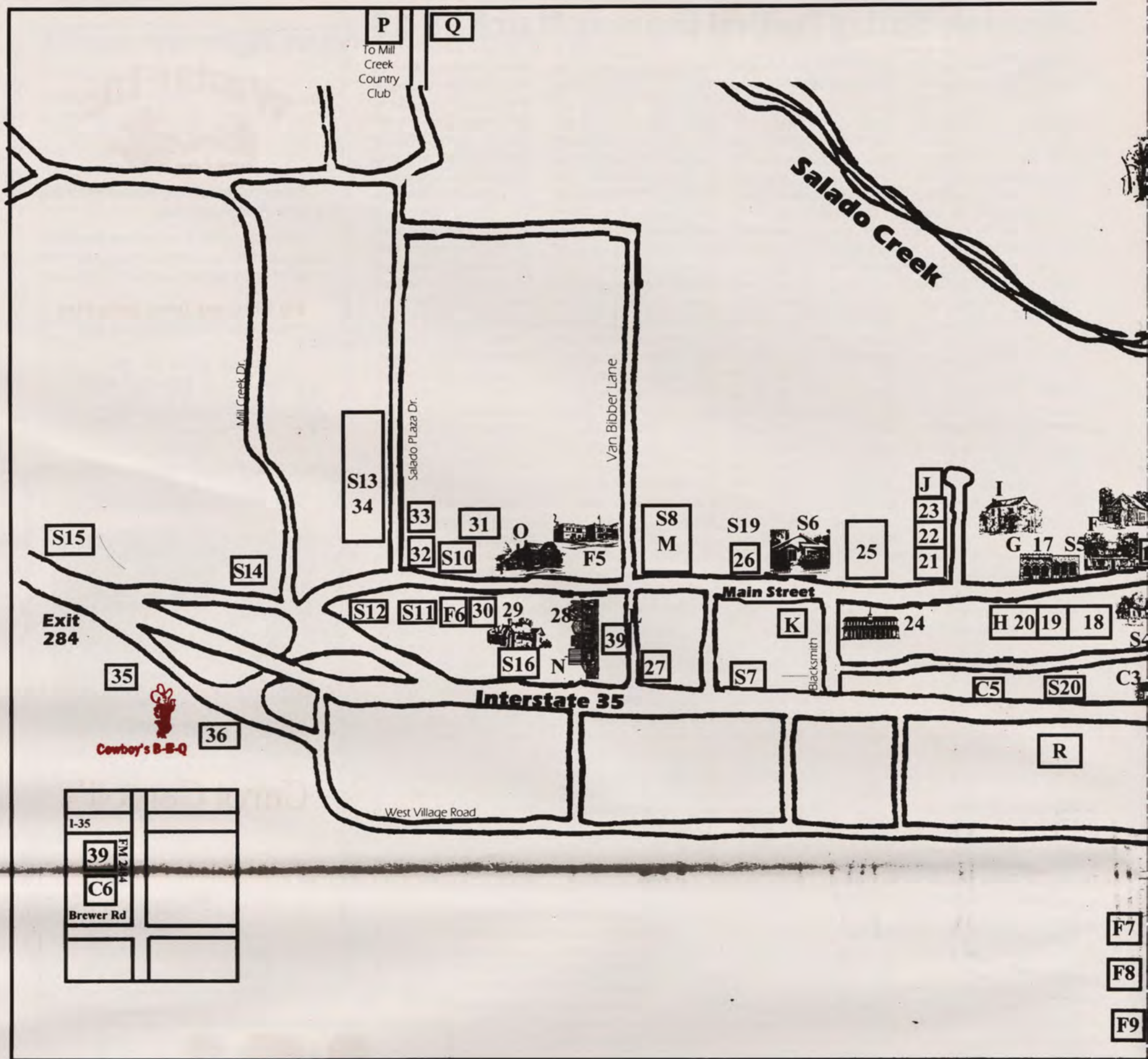


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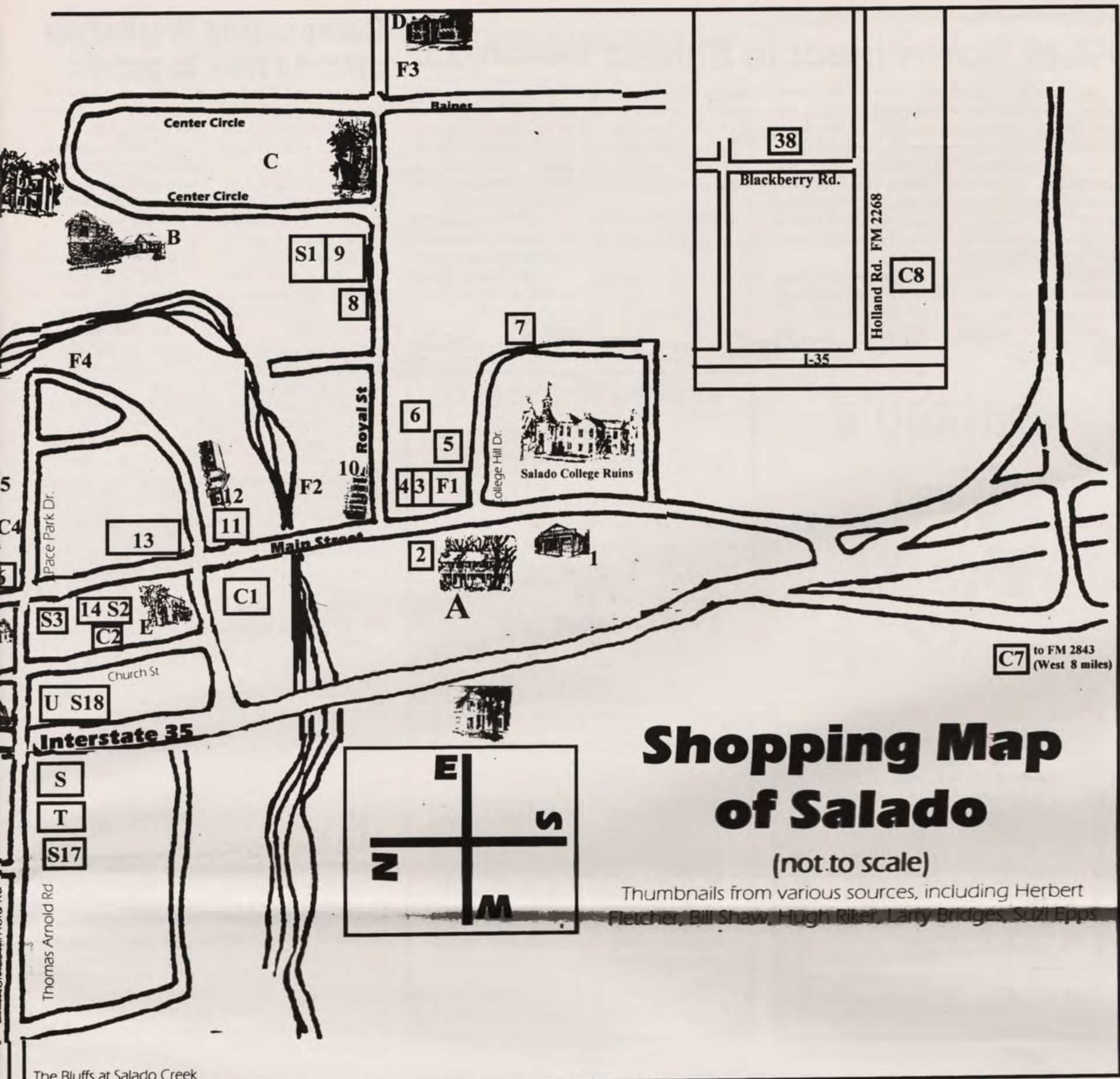


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| 2. Salado Pottery | Next to Stagecoach Inn | 254/947-5935 | 24. Heirlooms Shopping Center | #2 Rock Creek | 254/947-0240 |
| 3. Salado Galleries | Main Street | 254/947-5110 | Campus Landmarks | N. Main & Blacksmith | 254/947-0336 |
| 4. SHADY VILLA | Main St and Royal | | 25. THE COLONY | Heirlooms | 888/947-1238 |
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| Sweet Nut Things | Shady Villa on Main St. | 254/947-8088 | Stageline Furniture Gallery | The Colony on N. Main St. | 254/947-8838 |
| 5. Peddlers Alley | behind Shady Villa & Museum | 254/947-9722 | 26. The Book Winkel | The Colony on N. Main St. | 254/947-0688 |
| 6. The Dusty Rose | Royal Street | 254/947-9215 | 27. The Sewing Basket | N. Main St. | 254/947-3866 |
| 7. The Chicken Ranch | 505 College Hill | 254/947-3455 | | 525 N. Robertson Rd. | 254/947-5423 |
| 8. Ing's | Royal St. | 254/947-4336 | | | 877-244-0450 |
| 9. ROYAL STREET COMMONS | Royal St. & Center Circle | | 28. OLD TOWN SALADO | Across from Salado Civic Center St. | |
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| The Royal Emporium | Main & Royal | 254/947-5718 | Angelic Herbs | Old Town Salado | 254/947-1909 |
| 11. OLD MILL PLAZA | Main St. at the Creek | | Texan by Design | Old Town Salado | 254/947-4479 |
| Salado Haus at the Gazebo | Old Mill Plaza | 254/947-1868 | B. Herd Gallery | Old Town Salado | 254/947-HERD |
| 12. The Christmas Shop | Green House on the Creek | 254/947-5561 | 29. Bayberry's on Main | 400 N. Main St. | 254/947-3625 |
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| D. The Rose Mansion | One Rose Way | 254/947-8200 |
| E. The Salado Mansion | Main St. | 254/947-5157 |



Shopping Map of Salado

(not to scale)

Thumbnails from various sources, including Herbert Fletcher, Bill Shaw, Hugh Riker, Larry Bridges, Suzi Epps

G.	Browning's Courtyard Cafe	Salado Square	254/947-8666
H.	Pink Rose Tea Room	N. Main St.	254/947-9110
I.	The Range at the Barton House	101 N. Main St.	254/947-3828
K.	Pietro's Italian Restaurant	Main St. & Blacksmith	254/947-0559
L.	The Vickrey House B&B	N. Main St.	254/947-0026
N.	Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe	Old Town Salado	254/947-8162
O.	Halley House Bed & Breakfast	N. Main St.	254/947-1000
P.	Creekside Banquet & Meeting Center	1401 South Ridge Rd.	254/947-3052
Q.	Mill Creek Inn		254/947-5141
	Salado Creek Guest House Suites	1314 South Ridge Rd.	254/947-3538
			877/626-9988
R.	Pfalzerhof German Restaurant	220 N. Robertson Rd.	254/947-4267
T.	Lucy's Place Barbecue	301 Thomas Arnold Rd.	254/947-6000
U.	Salado Burger King	I-35 at Thomas Arnold	254/947-8060
V.	Bramble Hedge B&B	1 mile east on FM 2268	254/947-1914
	Cowboy's Bar-B-Q	1300 Robertson Rd.	254/947-5700

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	Elza Porcel Edwards	301 N. Main St.	254/947-1176
S7.	Salado Floors and Walls	I-35 east access road	254/947-0048
S8.	Salado Civic Square	Main St. & Van Bibber	
	Properties by Larry Sands	Main St.	254/947-5580
	Farmers Insurance (John Hall)	Salado Civic Square	254/947-3151
S11.	Century 21 Bill Bartlett	600 Main St.	254/947-5050
S12.	Compass Bank	N. Main St.	254/947-5051
S13.	SALADO PLAZA	213 Mill Creek Dr.	
	Homeland Mortgages	Suite #115	254/947-4475

S16.	Stillwell Distinctive Homes	677 N. Stagecoach Rd.	254/947-0359
S18.	Salado Exxon	15 Stagecoach Road	254/947-5660
E.	Good Time Carriage Rides	Pick-up at Salado Mansion	254/771-2839

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C2.	Salado Masonic Lodge #296	Church St.	
C3.	United Methodist Church	Thomas Arnold Rd.	254/947-5482
C4.	Presbyterian Church of Salado	Allen Meeting Hall	254/947-9935
C5.	Salado Church of Christ	I-35 at Blacksmith Rd.	254/947-5241
C6.	Grace Baptist Church	FM 1670 West of Salado	254/947-5917
C7.	Cedar Valley Baptist Church	FM 2843 (8 miles west)	254/947-0148
C8.	St. Stephen Catholic Church	Holland Rd. (FM 2268)	254/947-8037

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F2.	Sirena	Springs on Salado Creek	
F3.	Goodnight Amphitheater	Royal St.	254/947-9205
F4.	W.A. Pace Memorial Park	Pace Park Dr.	254/947-5040
F5.	Salado Civic Center	North Main St	254/947-8300
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	Public Library	Salado Civic Center	254/947-9191
	Salado Historical Society	Salado Civic Center	
	Salado Village Artists	Salado Art Center at the Civic Center	
	Salado ISD Administration	Salado Civic Center (upstairs)	254/947-5479
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F7.	Thomas Arnold Elementary	Thomas Arnold Rd.	254/947-5191
F8.	Salado Intermediate School	Thomas Arnold Rd.	254/947-1700
F9.	Salado High School	Thomas Arnold Rd.	254/947-5429

A&M Moms meet in Salado March 11

The Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs District V Meeting will be hosted by East Bell County A&M Mothers' Club March 11, at the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria.

District V is composed of 14 A&M Mothers' Clubs which include Austin, Bi-Stone, Bastrop, Bosque County, Central Texas, East

Bell County, Hays County, Highland Lakes, Hill County, McLennan County, Milam County, Round Rock, West Bell County, and Williamson County. Each year one of the clubs within the district is host for the annual meeting.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with coffee and rolls being served. The

meeting will follow at 9:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. Cindy Boettcher, a member of the faculty at Texas A&M, and also the author of several children's books.

Boutique tables will be set up by several clubs offering those attending a variety of items for purchase. Entertainment and door prizes will be provided. All

those attending will receive a "Goodie Bag," a tradition of East Bell County Aggie Moms to deliver "Goodie Bags" to their Aggie students before finals each fall and spring semester.

Cost of the lunch is \$14. For further information or reservations contact Shirley Franklin, District V Chairperson, at Temple College (254) 298-8344.

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The workshop is open and free to the public. However, workshop sponsor Karen Kinnison asks that attendees bring in recycling items like newspapers, aluminum cans, tin cans, glass bottle and cardboard.

Also, composting bins will be available for \$10. To buy a compost bin, registers at the Salado Public Library at 947-9191.

Composting: Nature's way

Composting is a simple biological process that breaks down leaves, grass clippings, wood chips, brush and food scraps into a dark, odorless, nutrient-rich organic product.

Composting is nature's way of recycling organic matter and returning it to the earth for reuse, according to Clean Texas 2000 information.

Composting preserves landfill space. Approximately 18 percent of the annual national municipal solid waste generated in the U.S. each year is made up of yard wastes.

When these wastes are taken to landfills, they contribute to problems of methane gas, acidic leachate and settling difficulties at the disposal facilities. Diverting these wastes from landfills reduces waste collection and disposal costs.

Using compost returns organic matter to the soil. Compost is an excellent soil conditioner for yards and gardens. The organic materials in the compost improve plant growth by loosening heavy clay soils and allowing better root penetration, by improving the moisture retention and nutrients in sandy soils and by helping to regulate the pH of the soil. As a result, the need for chemical fertilizers may be greatly reduced or eliminated.

How Compost Piles are Made

A compost pile may be started directly on the ground surface, using a container or structure that

will save space, hasten decomposition and keep the yard looking neat.

The following steps describe how to construct a simple compost pile:

1. Select a level area near a water source.
2. Apply a three- to six-inch layer of chopped brush or other coarse materials, such as branches, dead leaves, straw and twigs to allow air circulation around the base of the heap.
3. Add six inches of grass clippings, manure, sawdust and kitchen food scraps. Materials should be kept damp, but not wet and soggy. An occasional sprinkle of soil is also a welcome addition to this layer. Cutting or shredding the ingredients helps speed the composting. Try to alternate greens and browns to help balance the proportion of carbon and nitrogen in the pile, which is food for the microorganisms.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until the pile is sufficient in height. The ideal pile is four to five feet wide and high.
5. Every couple of weeks, turn the pile and water it until damp. Turning the pile more often makes compost fast.

A properly made heap will reach temperatures up to 160 degrees in several days. During this time, you will notice settlement in the pile. This is a good sign that your pile is working properly.

Composting may take a few weeks to several months, depending on the types of materials you use for compost, water requirements and how often you turn the pile.

When the compost appears dark brown, crumbly and has an earthy smell, it is ready for use. Let the material sit a few extra days to stabilize it, then apply one to three inches of compost in your garden or around trees and shrubs. Treat your lawn by spreading a half-inch of sifted compost over a given area in the spring.



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Tips for catching Sheephead

Keith Warren

Anyone that is looking for some fast saltwater action is in luck. From now until mid March, the Sheephead will be making their annual spawning appearance along the Texas Coast. These strange looking game fish will average between two to five pounds each. The daily bag limit is five fish per angler with a minimum length requirement of 14 inches.

Sheephead are tremendous fighters for their size and they are easy to catch. The best areas are rocky shorelines such as jetties. You'll also find them on well shell pads in bay systems.

The best bait is dead shrimp fished under a float just above the rocks. Sheephead will spawn in these rocks and come out to

feed on the drifting bait. Once hooked, they'll immediately head back to the rocks. If anglers aren't equipped with heavy enough equipment, they'll wind up losing more fish than they catch.

I recommend a medium heavy rod with at least 12 pound Big Game Line. Although treble hooks work well, I've had the best luck with a small Mustad croaker hook. The bites are subtle and you'll need the backbone of a strong rod to set the hook quickly. As long as the water is moving, sheephead will continue to bite. Many times, the rougher the better. Making it all the more difficult to see the float move from the strike.

Many anglers become frustrated by hanging up in the rocks and breaking the rig off. But there is a rig that

will minimize this from happening. It's called the Lemon Rig. Tie a three way swivel to your main line. Then tie two four foot leaders on the remaining two loops on the swivel. On one leader attach a float. The other leader tie your hook and place a small weight above it about 10". It looks a little strange but it casts well and more importantly, works! I personally use 20 pound Big Game on all lines except for the hook leader where I use 12 pound test. This way if I hang up, I'll break off my hook leader and not the entire rig.

Sheephead are tough to clean but they are worth it. The best way I have found to prepare them is to remove the head, scales and insides. Then place in a microwave wrapped in a wet towel for six minutes. The meat will fall off the bone

and can be seasoned and placed on salads or eaten by itself.

If planning a trip to the coast, make sure to have a fishing license and saltwater stamp.

Keith Warren is the host of *Fishing & Outdoor Adventures* (formerly known as *The Texas Angler Television Show*) along with *Hunting & Outdoor Adventures*, both of which broadcast statewide. *Catch Fishing & Outdoor Adventures* from January through June and *Hunting & Outdoor Adventures* from July through December on Fox Sports Southwest Cable Network on Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

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For Sale By Owner - Many wooded lots, Woods of Salado on FM 2484 near Lake Stillhouse. Call **Rita Seghers 254-760-9663**. TFN

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LOTS

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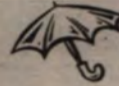


Salado ~ Historic District 607 Roseway

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DEAR MR. MYERS: We have had our home on the market since December and got our first decent purchase offer two days ago. The problem is that the buyers have made their offer contingent on their ability to sell their own home first, and we don't know how long that might take because sales in our area are pretty slow. We asked them to drop the contingency, but they refused. What can we do in a situation like this?

ANSWER: First, realize that the buyers are not making an outlandish request. Home shoppers often make their offers contingent on their ability to sell their own homes first, usually because cash from the sale of the current home is needed to make a down payment on the new house.

Since sales in the area are slow, you should probably accept the buyers' offer as long as you are happy with all the other terms of the deal. To protect yourself, make sure the sale agreement you craft includes a "kick-out" clause that would allow you to rescind the acceptance, in

other words, kick it out, if a better offer comes along while you're still waiting for the buyers to sell their current home.

As an alternative, you could include a clause that says your acceptance is good only for 45 or 60 days. If the buyers can't sell their own home by then, you could cancel the agreement and put your house back on the market.

DEAR MR. MYERS: If I give my daughter part of the money she needs for a down payment, will I automatically be required to step in and make her mortgage payments if she falls behind?

ANSWER: No. Parents who simply provide some down-payment cash are not responsible for making the monthly payments if their son or daughter defaults. They only become responsible for payments when they agree to actually co-sign their offspring's mortgage application.

DEAR MR. MYERS: I have been reading your column for years. A long time ago, I remember you answered a question about "Lustron" metal homes. My aunt recently died and left her house to my two sisters and me. Turns out it's a Lustron. What is the history of these homes?

ANSWER: The Lustron Co. produced thousands of prefabricated steel homes in a converted bomber plant after World War II ended in an attempt to provide an affordable solution to the postwar housing shortage. Unfortunately for Lustron, steel construction never caught on with the public. Problems with trade unions, combined with the difficulty of meeting building codes that varied from one city to the next, forced the small but innovative company to close its doors in 1950.

The little steel homes are cherished by some preservation societies and are still praised by architects for their originality and durability. However, they don't have any special resale value today because Lustron unintentionally produced just enough to make them oddities rather than collector's items.

You can find them on the Internet by searching under the keyword "Lustron."

DEAR MR. MYERS: We bought our home in 1998, and it has gone up about \$20,000 in value since then. Now we want to refinance and borrow about \$10,000 to add another bathroom. The bank says we must buy a new title-insurance policy for about

\$400, but our current one is only 18 months old, and we have never made a claim. Do we have to buy a new policy, even though we are using the same lender who financed our original purchase?

ANSWER: Yes, you will need to purchase a new title-insurance policy if you want to refinance.

Lenders will never approve a new mortgage or refinancing application unless the borrower also buys a title policy that will protect the bank's interest in the home if, say, a long-lost nephew of a previous owner suddenly appears and produces a will that shows the home really belongs to him. The policy you purchased 18 months ago covers only the original mortgage and will automatically expire when the loan is refinanced or the home is sold.

Fortunately, most states allow title-insurance companies to issue discounted "short-form" policies to property owners who have purchased their homes or refinanced their mortgages within the past few years. The discounts are offered because the insurer only has to search the last few years of public records instead of searching all the way back to the date the home was actually built.

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New Listings



Need more room? Great home in Mill Creek. 5BR, 3BA, 2 dining, sun room, 2 car garage with golf course entry. Front yard has sprinkler system, back yard is fenced for privacy. \$179,000.



On a quiet cul-de-sac in Mill Creek. 3BR, 2-1/2 BA, 2 car + golf cart garage. Beautifully decorated with volume ceilings, large family room, formal dining room, breakfast room, split bedrooms, whirlpool tub. \$176,800.



Beautifully redecorated with tile floors. Light & bright. Outstanding wooded lot. Freshly painted. 4th bedroom makes a nice office. \$129,900.



Country style rock home on 10 acres! 3BR, 2 BA. Fresh paint, recently installed carpet and tile! Front porch extends length of home. Large walk-in closets in bedrooms. Pedestal sinks in baths. Lots of room for livestock and critters! \$117,500.

Other Residential Listings

Like New! Tile in den & kitchen area. Generous brick fireplace. Large fenced backyard. Excellent location for easy access to Temple or Belton. Belton schools. Call for more details! \$66,750.

Beautiful 4.11 acres covered with live oaks. Well located with 2BR, 2BA mobile home. Fronts I-35 near Salado. \$69,900.

A great family home nestled on 1.9 wooded acres in Woods of Salado near Stillhouse Hollow Lake. 3BR, 2BA, split bedrooms, large family room with wood burning fireplace and lots of kitchen cabinets. \$112,800.

Looking for greener pastures for your horse? Cross fenced pastures. 6 stall barn with ranch-style home on 5.68 acres. Barn has storage area with concrete floor attached to stalls. 4BR, 2 BA with 2 car garage. Fresh exterior paint & recently replaced roof. \$136,500.

A Country Welcome Home on 4.1 acres. Oak trees frame the lovely brick home. Fenced backyard, fireplace, raised ceilings, large master suite & bath are extras! \$137,900.

Within walking distance of Mill Creek Golf Course, pro shop, pool and driving range. Quality home with nice Master Bath. Vaulted ceiling in Master Bedroom. Excellent condition! \$139,000.

Sit out on your deck and watch the golfers go by. Located on Mill Creek's 3rd Fairway, this immaculate home is waiting for you. 3BR, 2BA, large living area with formal and informal dining. \$149,900.

Cornerstone Custom Homes has created this very functional floorplan with an extra large family room. 4BR, 2BA, oak custom cabinetry, ceramic tile, whirlpool tub, extra large walk-in closet. Efficiency, comfort and value are obvious! \$153,000.

There is a cool breeze and excellent view from the screened porch of this contemporary Mill Creek home. Three redwood decks extend this home to the outdoors and view a magnificent live oak tree. Large family room, vaulted ceilings, tile floors and workshop. \$169,800.

Cornerstone Custom Home in Wild Rose. A grand arched entry opens up into a large great room with columns & 12' ceilings. French doors enter the 4th bedroom, perfect for an office or study. Relax in the jacuzzi in the Master Bath with separate shower, vanity, plant ledge & huge walk-in closet. Upgraded fixtures, large covered patio & dimensional roof. \$175,000.

Reduced for quick sale. 2825 SF - \$65.49 per foot. An excellent buy on the 14th Fairway in Mill Creek! This 3BR, 2-1/2 BA has a 2 car plus a golf cart garage. Formal living & Dining, with Breakfast Room, Office off Master BR. Plantation shutters, ceiling fans, updated wallpapers & dishwasher. Professionally landscaped with sprinkler system. \$179,900.

Weekend getaway with splendid views and spring-fed Buttermilk Creek on the back of land. Many oak and native trees. Fenced and cross-fenced, with shed. 2BR, 1BA home on 30.97 acres. Close to Salado! \$183,000. Situated on 2.49 breathtaking wooded acres, this beautifully designed home is currently under construction. Estimated completion is mid-March, 2000. \$196,921.

Quality home currently under construction on 3.04 acres. Lot is heavily wooded. Estimated completion is mid March 2000. Will be fenced & ready for horses. \$198,721.

New construction in Mill Creek Springs, the newest subdivision in Mill Creek. Buy now and choose your own colors. \$199,321.

Country beauty on 5 wooded acres! Floor plan is open and bright. Formal dining and breakfast nook with two living rooms. Relax in the enclosed patio that is ready for a hot tub. 4 BR, 2BA. \$210,000.

Stillwater Custom Homes now in Mill Creek Springs near the golf course overlooking the practice green. Cozy family room adjoins the breakfast room. 4 BR, 2-1/2 BA, formal living, formal dining. Long list of features. \$239,000.

Large rock home, 3 BR, 2.5 BA with two living areas. Large barn with stables and lighted roping arena, on 10 or more acres. \$250,000.

Stillwater Custom Homes now in Mill Creek Springs near the golf course overlooking the practice green. Cozy family room adjoins the breakfast room. 4BR, 2-1/2BA, formal living, formal dining. Long list of features. \$259,000.

Recently completed bonus room now makes 4th bedroom in this breathtaking home. Impeccable condition with many quality extras. Custom kitchen cabinets & Corian countertops, vaulted ceiling in family room, oversized garage, & sprinkler system. Close to downtown Salado. \$259,500.

Very Open Floorplan. Large windows in living room overlook secluded back yard. 3BR, 2BA, separate room could be an office or 2nd living area, detached 2 car garage. Quiet street provides a restful & relaxing environment. \$268,500.

Acreage Available

388 acres near Davilla in Milam Co. Very nice place, part cultivation, part pasture. Good road frontage. Approx. 160 acres 5 mi. S of Salado. Well located, community water. \$1,200/ac.

150 acres on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport, all or part.

51.55 acres in Burnet County. Excellent deer hunting. Very isolated.

17.5 acres on Amity School Road between Salado and Belton. Secluded but handy.

Royal Oaks Subdivision - near downtown Salado, large restricted wooded lots, owner finance.

16 acres 3 miles W. of Salado on paved road, all woods, water available. \$4,500/ac.

2 lots-view course & creek - \$45,000/each.

Old Mill Rd. @ S. Ridge - \$39,000.

Chisholm Trail - \$24,921.

Morgan's Point - \$25,000.

Wild Rose - \$19,000 - \$24,000.

2 Live Oak Estate lots - \$9,500.

Mill Creek Springs - 6 lots - \$30 - \$75,000.

2 lots - Salado Plaza - \$29,000 each.

Salado Oaks - \$25,000.

Chisholm Trail - \$29,900.

S. Penelope, Belton - \$24,900.

Spanish Oak - \$15,250.

Betty Place - \$19,921.

Winners Circle - \$50 - \$58,000.



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Take advantage of the incredible view just outside your family room. Situated on 2.67 acres, this 3 BR, 2 BA is just like new. Located in the Woods of Salado. \$199,000.



5BD, 3-1/2BA on wooded lot in excellent location in Mill Creek. \$165,000.



Large open floor plan with great room, formal dining room and breakfast nook. 4 BR, 2 BA, large laundry with sink and closet. Ceramic tile, carpet, plant ledges, raised ceilings, French doors and expanded covered patio. Generous Master Bedroom and bath with 2 closets. \$166,000.

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Residential Listings

\$284,900: 4 bedroom, 3½ baths, 2 car garage multi-level home on 2 acres surrounded by large live oak trees. This home offers 2 living, formal dining, large deck, fireplace, office and breath-taking view of surrounding area. Additional acreage is available.

\$210,000: This beautiful home sits on 10 acres of rolling tree country off Quail Ridge Rd. With over 3000 sq. ft. of living area, the home has large covered porch and beautifully landscaped areas. A must see for country lover.

\$178,000 reduced to \$169,900: Move into this newly constructed red brick with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. Enjoy the family room and fireplace. Split master bedroom and office offered. Enjoy the 1/2 acre lot with an abundance of large trees. Owner will consider owner financing.

\$154,000 Reduced \$149,000: Smith Bluff walk to the Pro Shop from this 3/2/2. Recently upgraded. Beautiful view. Additional carport with storage.

\$128,000: Don't watch golf on your television. Just grab a chair and head to the patio for one of the prettiest views. This 3/2/2 is less than 5 years old and convenient to the clubhouse.

\$109,900: Charming Victorian Style Home on one acre. Originally built in 1904 and lovingly refurbished, Old world charm is seen in original floors, light fixtures, windows and wrap around porch. This home also includes fashionable faux paint, rock walkways, herb, rose and fairy garden. 5 bedrooms, 2.5 bath and a separate artist studio makes this a real find. 4 additional acres available.

\$59,000: Two living areas with large dining in Belton. This 2 bedroom, one bath is looking for new owners.



\$114,500: Looking for that house on small acreage? Come see this Austin stone with tin roof on 5 acres west of Salado. High vaulted ceilings add a country charm to this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with a detached carport. Convenient to Belton, Temple or the Killeen area.



\$295,000: Enjoy the country in this quiet neighborhood "The Bluff's of Salado". Outstanding Austin Stone Home! Entertain or just enjoy the great outdoors from your patio overlooking .9 acre of professionally landscaped yard with all native Texas plants and trees. Room for all in this 4/3/2 with formal living and dining, large den, gourmet style kitchen.

Acreage Available

- 3 acres commercial fronting I-35, 1 mile S. of Salado, \$69,900.
- 3.5 acres, Woods of Salado, \$45,000.
- 7 acres fronting FM 2843, creek, outstanding trees.
- 10 acres fronting Fox Rd. \$40,000.
- 10 acres fronting East Amity, \$40,000.
- 10 acres - FM 2843, Hill Country, heavily wooded, great homesite. \$72,000.
- 30 acres overlooking Salado Creek. Thomas Arnold Rd. Tremendous views.
- 40 acres, FM 2843. Hilltop views.
- 50 acres. Blackberry Rd. Coastal with heavily wooded acreage. Excellent homesite with large stock tank.
- 60 acres w/2800 feet on Salado Creek.
- 60 acres FM 2115 with stock tank with high hill views, owner finance.
- 80 acres FM 2843 & Cedar Valley Country's best. \$3,500 per acre, owner finance.
- 928 acres Southwest of Salado. Beautiful rolling tree country with live creek and large lake on property. Excellent views. Outstanding wildlife.

Salado Lots

- Indian Trail at Blaylock, large corner lot, 90x188 - \$36,000.
- Indian Trail - 90x188 - \$34,000.
- Quail Hollow at Indian Trail, corner lot - \$39,000.
- Southridge - Large lot covered with trees - \$36,900.

Commercial Listings

Multiple Business Opportunities Fronting IH-35. Approximately one acre commercial corner lot. Property has 3 buildings, septic and utilities. Property fronts on IH-35 with easy access from west access road. Lots of possibilities! Must See! \$240,000.

Belton Area Properties

Lots with sewage and water on Shady Lane. \$7,995 each.
1 acre tracts: Sand and Gravel Rd. \$15,000 each.

The Bluffs at Salado Creek

Lot #7	0.76 acre	\$50,000	\$35,000
Lot #8	0.76 acre	SOLD	\$35,000
Lot #9	0.65 acre	SOLD	\$20,000

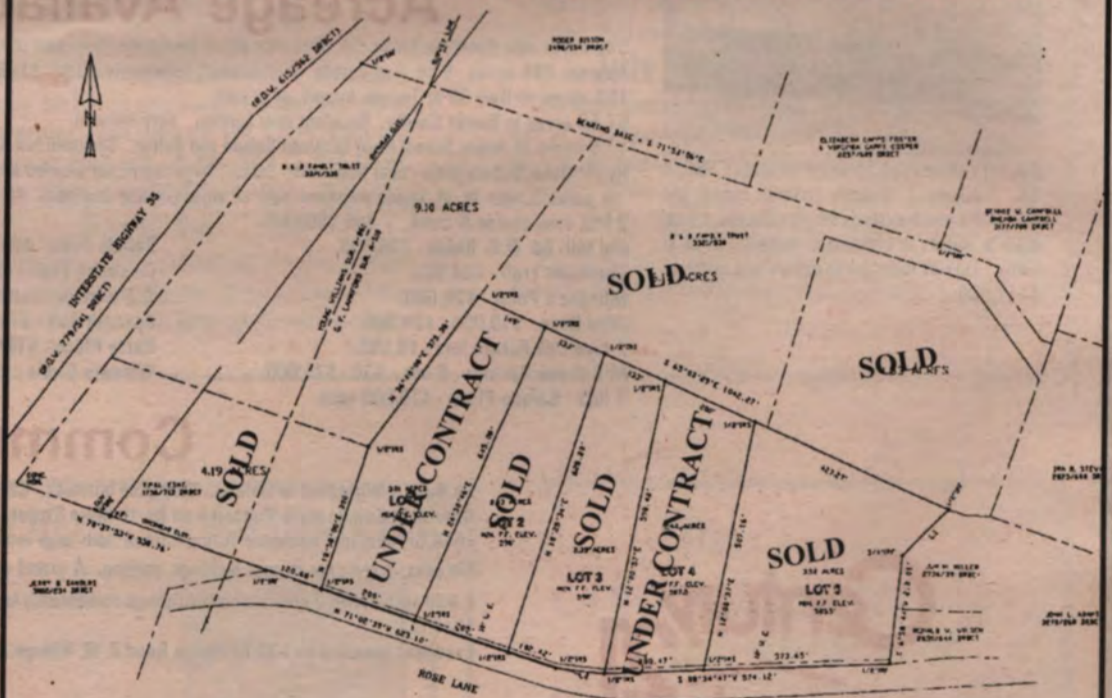
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Lot 4	2.47 acres	Under Contract	Tract 3	6.15 acres	SOLD
Lot 5	3.52 acres	SOLD	Tract 4	4.53 acres	SOLD