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Vote Jan. 20

Early turnout low as 273 cast ballots so far

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Turnout for the one percent sales tax election has been very slow, compared to the turnouts for the incorporation election in August and the board of aldermen election in November.

With just one day of early voting left, 273 Saladoans have cast ballots in early voting, as of press-time Jan. 15.

The polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Salado Civic Center on Main St.

The proposition to the

voters calls for establishing a one-percent sales tax within the two-square-mile area of the Village of Salado.

Registered voters living within the two-square-mile boundaries of the Village of Salado may cast a ballot in the election.

Voters must bring a current voter registration card with them in order to cast a ballot.

If approved by voters, the one-cent levy will bring the total sales tax rate to 8-1/4¢ per \$1 within the boundaries of Salado.

Aldermen anticipate that the sales tax will gen-

erate close to \$300,000 in revenues for the Village of Salado. This is based on the \$150,000+ collected by the Salado Public Library District each of the last two years.

However, the Village of Salado is not likely to realize any income from the sales tax for six months if the proposition is approved by voters.

The State Comptroller's Office will work with businesses within the two-square miles of the Village of Salado to be sure that they are collecting the right amounts.

The process of setting

up the new collection rates will take at least three months, based on the experience of the Salado Public Library District board, which began levying sales tax in 1998.

In the meantime, the Village board of aldermen rely on a \$50,000 line of credit with First State Bank.

Mayor Charlotte Douglass said that the board of aldermen hoped to completely fund the new city government through sales tax and franchise fees.

"The sales tax would take advantage of the chief industry in Salado," she said, "which is tourism."



(Photo by Victoria-Wright Fowler)
Lucinda Harman is shown above with her partner QuintEssential.

TXDOT shares plans for I-35

By VICTORIA-WRIGHT FOWLER
STAFF WRITER

Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) John Obr announced Jan. 15, at the Village aldermen meeting that TXDOT will buy property on the west side of I-35 when they expand the highway to six lanes.

There will be a public meeting in March (the exact date has not been decided) to discuss the Salado I-35 issue. After that public meeting, TXDOT will make a presentation to the Village aldermen, then conclude and proceed to buy the property, according to Obr.

"There has been a large outcry to stay away from the east side of I-35. This is where the more historic area of Salado is located," said Obr. Obr will meet with engineers before the public meeting in March.

Due to the increased traffic on the freeway new rest stops are being proposed in the Salado area, according to Jim Cowan, TXDOT.

The current rest stops south of Salado are obsolete, according to Cowan. "They were built in 1969, traffic has doubled now and is expected to triple by 2025," said Cowan.

There will be a public meeting Jan. 25 at the Intermediate school to present artists' renditions of proposed new accommodations and to welcome the public's ideas, according to Cowan.

Cowan presented the drawings to the aldermen. One of the drawings has a water mill, a room for the Department of Public Safety, and a kiosk. The facility will be staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"This is a statewide project, with 50 safety stops in the works," said Cowan. "We are trying to have a theme of each area where the rest stops are located."

Other business at the aldermen meeting included:

- Aldermen passed a resolution designating First State Bank as the official depository.
- Aldermen tabled a proposed amendment to the building ordinance 2001.01, until the next meeting.
- Aldermen discussed the costs of legal advice of establishing an interim building committee.
- Aldermen discussed when the next village election will take place.
- Gary Holthaus discussed the "Sustainable Salado" program with the board of aldermen.
- Representatives from the Texas Department of Economic Development met with the board.

FRAGILE groups identify those in need during crisis

By VICTORIA-WRIGHT FOWLER
STAFF WRITER

After the ice storm last month that left most of Salado without electricity for up to 40 hours, the Salado board of aldermen has wrestled with the role of the village government during emergencies and the needs of Salado's fragile population during a crisis.

At its Jan. 15 meeting, the board heard a presentation from a group that has created a program to help people with special needs during times of crisis.

Lucinda Harman co-developed a nationally recognized program with Crystal Mears, Project Manager and Information Systems at Scott and White in Temple, to assist individuals who have special needs. Friends Responding Across Generations for Independent Living Environments (FRAGILE) began out of the Y2K legacy.

Mears works with 911 call centers in times of crisis or emergencies to help those who need assistance.

How do you get into this program? Fill out a simple questionnaire and get into the FRAGILE database.

"We can't respond if we don't know that you are there," said Mears. "We need volunteers too."

This FRAGILE registry will establish links with emergency response teams throughout Bell County in case of a large-

scale, widespread emergencies or disasters. A set of databases recording information on individuals needing assistance and other related database of volunteers.

A FRAGILE person is defined as:

- Dependent on electricity or potable water.
- Vulnerable in case of large-scale, wide-spread emergencies or disasters.
- Cognitively or mentally vulnerable.

There are more than 500 people registered with FRAGILE. Harman welcomes registration from Salado residents.

FRAGILE groups are identified as high, medium, or low priority. "In a crisis situation everybody needs to be checked, regardless of priority," said Harman.

Harman is in need of volunteers. "We need people who can make phone calls," said Harman. School groups like 4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, are especially helpful. "We need to get an organization with volunteers," said Harman.

Volunteers are legally protected by the good samaritan laws, according to Harman.

Harman is indeed a good samaritan. She works to help those in need bringing a much needed service to Salado and Bell County.

Aldermen will look at getting the information to the public at their Jan. 18 meeting to update the Goals and Objectives.

SVFD expects busy 2001, makes 367 calls in 2000

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

While Salado Volunteer Fire Department responded to 367 calls during 2000, they expect to make even more emergency calls this year.

The Department responded to 68 fire calls, including seven structure fires, 15 vehicle fires, 42 grass and brush fires and three unclassified fires.

The department also made 244 rescue calls. Of those, 238 involved emergency medical technicians and five involved extrication of victims trapped inside vehicles.

SVFD volunteers made 11 calls involving hazardous conditions: five spills or leaks and six electrical

condition calls.

The department made 17 good-intent calls and six service calls. During the year, 21 false calls were received.

In a recent meeting, the Department elected officers for its board of directors: President Joe Tischler, Vice President Shane Berrier, Treasurer Kevin Reichert, Secretary Steven Puckett, and Sergeant-at-Arms Ted Morris.

Department officers are: Chief Wayne Rutherford, Assistant Chiefs Charles Young and Kenny Wigley, Captains Alan Goodnight, Kevin Reichert and Joe Tischler and Lieutenants Mark Depoy, Jeff Kelley and Ted Morris.

Servicing an area of 160 square miles, SVFD utilizes some of the best equipment in the state for a volunteer fire department.

The Department recently paid off the note for a 1994 structure fire truck. The truck, valued at \$140,000, also has \$60,000 in equipment.

Even after the last payment on the structure truck, the Department requires \$25,000 per year for payments on three new trucks, two brush trucks and a tanker.

The Department borrowed \$250,000 to purchase the three trucks two years ago and has made two \$25,000 payments so far.

The \$25,000 payment is a large portion of the

\$85,000 needed to run the SVFD for the year. Other costs include insurance (\$12,000), supplies (\$35,000) and education for its members.

"We couldn't do this without the support of the community," said Reichert, treasurer and a past president for the SVFD board of directors.

Firefighters invite the community to a Chili Supper 5-7 p.m. Feb. 3 at the Salado Intermediate School. The chili supper is \$5 per person with donations above that amount greatly appreciated.

While fire fighters will burn the note on the structure truck, they remind the community of the continued need for financial support each year.

What's happening around here?

January 20

Election Day - City Sales Tax. (Residents of Incorporated Village are eligible to vote.)

Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet at the Salado Intermediate School. For more information call 947-5040.

January 22

Project Graduation parent meeting 7 p.m. at the Intermediate school.

January 25

Salado Water Supply Corporation holds its annual membership meeting 7:30 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

Regular meetings

Mondays

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

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

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

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

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

Salado Village Artist Quilters meet from 1-4 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays in the Salado Village Artist Building which is located behind the Civic Center.

Storytime: 11-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Salado Public Library for preschool age children. (ages 3-5)

Salado 4-H Club: 7 p.m. first Monday of each month at the Civic Center

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 p.m. Salado Intermediate School in the Community Schools room #209 in west wing.

Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA: 2nd Tues. 6:30 p.m. Texas House, 310 Van Bibber Lane. For more info. call 947-3617

Salado High School Band Boosters 2nd Tues. of every month 7 p.m. in the Band Hall.

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

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

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

First Baptist Church, study of Covenant, 9 a.m. beginning Aug. 31 in the Fellowship Hall.

PTC. (SIS Parent Teacher Co-op) meets the 2nd Thursday 3:45 p.m. in Room 101 at SIS.

Saturdays

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

To have your meeting listed here, call 254/947-5321. Meetings of Salado organizations are listed free of charge. If your group changes its meetings time or location, please call us to update this list.

January 25

Public Meeting to discuss Safety Stops in Bell County 7 p.m. at the Intermediate school.

January 30

Public Meeting on Highway widening between FM 487 to US 190 in Belton. 6 p.m. informal question time; 7 p.m. formal presentation. at the intermediate school.

An Evening with A.C. Greene 7:30 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center, sponsored by Salado Public Library and the Institute for Humanities at Salado. For information, call 947-5191.

February 1

Public Meeting on Highway widening between FM 487 to FM 2268 south of Salado a. 6 p.m. informals question time; 7 p.m. formal presentation at Intermediate School

February 3

Salado Volunteer Fire Department chili Supper 5-7 p.m. at the Intermediate School Cost \$5 per person

March 31 - April 1

Wildflower Art Show at the Civic Center Grounds, sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call Chamber at 254/947-5040.

April 7

American Business Women's Association (ABWA) - Annual style show. Call Barclay McCort 947-3617.

May 10

Salado Community Chorus Spring Concert 8 p.m. at the Civic Center

June 6-9

Third Annual Judy & A.C. Greene Literary Festival sponsored by the Living Room Theatre, featuring performances of works by prize-winning short story writers in homes of Salado hosts. Time and places to be announced.

August 4-5

35th Annual Salado Art Fair in Pace Park. For more information call 947-5040.

October 12-13

Christmas in October at the Civic Center. For information, call Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254/947-5040.

Nov. 30 - Dec. 11

Christmas Stroll and Homes Tour. First and second weekend of December each year. Sponsored by Salado Business Association and Salado Historical Society. For information, call Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254/947-5040.

To list your Salado event, call 254/947-5321, fax information to 254/947-9479 or e-mail saladovv@aol.com. Listings in this calendar of events are free to Salado organizations.

THE BEAT

Buy your tickets for Chamber banquet Jan. 20

The Salado Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be held 7 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Salado Intermediate Cafetorium.

Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe will cater the dinner featuring a menu of carved Baron of beef and chicken Marsala. Tickets are \$20 each at the Salado Chamber of Commerce office at the Salado Civic Center.

The 4ID Band with two vocalist from Ft. Hood will be the entertainment for the evening.

Current Chamber pres. Suzanne Petro will give an opening statement followed by the entertainment. Petro will then pass the presidency on to the 2001 president Darwin Britt.

Sewer meeting slated Jan. 18

A public meeting will be held 7 p.m. Jan. 18 in the Salado Civic Center located at 601 North Main Street in Salado. The meeting will be the "Kick-off" Public Meeting for the Temple-Belton Regional Sewerage System Expansion to the Village of Salado Feasibility Study.

This public meeting is a Texas Water Development Board planning grant requirement.

For more information, contact Denis Qualls with the Brazos River Authority at (254) 776-1441.

CTROA gathers Jan. 19 at Hood

The regular monthly meeting of The Retired Officers Association will be Jan. 19 at the officers club in Fort Hood.

Col Jim Anderson USAF (Ret) will install

the new officers and LTG Dave Palmer will speak about his recent experiences with the presidential elections.

TROA members and guests are encouraged to attend this meeting and enjoy the fellowship. Lunch will be available at the club after 11 a.m.

Auditions in Feb for Legends

The outdoor musical drama, *Salado Legends* will conduct auditions for the year 2001 performances 1-5 p.m. Feb. 10-11 at Tablerock's indoor stage located on Royal Street.

Salado Legends requires singers, actors, dancers and a crew of all ages. Last year's cast, crew and workers consisted of over 150 people ranging in ages from 6 months to 85 years.

According to Legends author Jackie Mills, "Over 28 families used *Salado Legends*' rehearsals and performances as a family project. The old saying, 'The families that play together stay together' is true."

Singers should bring tape and tape player for their accompaniment. Actors will give cold readings from a furnished script. Dancers need only to list their experience. Rehearsals begin 7-9:30 p.m. on approximately June 5. Performances will be July 21 and July 28 and Aug. 4.

Call Tablerock Amphitheater at 947-9205 with audition questions.

Library offers Microsoft night classes

Salado Public Library will sponsor evening evening classes covering Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Outlook and Windows 98 Basics.

The Excel and Word courses will begin the first week of February and continue for 6 weeks meeting on either Tuesday or Thursday evenings. Starting mid March, the library will offer short courses on Outlook and Windows 98. The Windows 98 course will cover the basics for beginners. Each of these courses will last for three weeks meeting on either Tuesday or Thursday evenings.

For additional information or to sign up for any of the courses, contact the Salado Public Library at 947-9191.

Texas Highways readers love Salado's Stagecoach Inn, rank it #1 in state

Salado's historic Stagecoach Inn has again found itself at the top of the Texas Highways annual readers' poll. It was named the Best Historic Inn or Bed and Breakfast, as well as being the third-ranked Favorite Restaurant in the state.

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School trustees vote on \$650K bond election

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado school trustees voted 5-2 Jan. 15 to bring a bond issue of \$650,000 to the voters in May. At its February meeting, the board will discuss a second bond proposal for additional maintenance and facilities upgrade items.

Board member Darrell Street gave the motion to pursue the bond issue for a list of items to include repairs and upgrades at Salado High School and Thomas Arnold Elementary, upgrades to grounds and property, safety needs Title IX issues and athletic facilities as the first proposition on the ballot in May.

Lynn Epps gave a second to the motion. Street, Epps, Miriam Ervi, John Konzen and Carse Williams all voted in favor of the motion, while Board President Frank Carlson and trustee Dr. Robert Merrill voted against.

Carlson said he voted against the bond, because he felt that a shorter list of necessary repairs and maintenance items could be completed with a tax loan.

Dr. Merrill said he favors completing the list of items on a pay-as-you-go basis with short-term loans that the district pays off as quickly as possible.

The following items and their estimated costs by the Facilities Committee will be part of the first bond proposition:

High School Campus List: Replace roof, \$150,000. Replace HVAC system, \$125,000; Storage for custodial equipment, \$20,000; replace ceiling tile, \$15,000. Campus total: \$310,000.

Thomas Arnold Campus list: Upgrade

HVAC system, \$60,000; East restroom renovation, \$5,000; repair cracks in computer lab, \$500. Campus total: \$65,500.

Grounds and property Upgrades: New water pump at well on football field, \$2,000; irrigate softball and baseball fields, \$8,000; clean up bus barn and property, \$10,000. Grounds total: \$20,000.

Title IX issues: light softball field, \$30,000; concession stand/press box at softball field, \$10,000; bleachers at softball field, \$15,000; complete outfield skirt, \$2,000; field renovation, \$5,000. Total: \$62,000.

Safety issues: Track resurfacing, \$35,000; new gym bleachers, \$45,000. Total: \$80,000.

Athletic facilities: Visitor's dugout, \$2,500; paint home dugout, \$500; refurbish sand pits/new track standards, \$20,000. Total: \$23,000.

In other business, the board extended Superintendent Robin Battershell's contract for one year. The vote was unanimous.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

IH 35: Bell County Safety Stops

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public meeting to discuss proposed Safety Stops in Southern Bell and Northern Williamson Counties. This project is not associated with the current proposed widening of IH-35. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School cafeteria at 550 Thomas Arnold Rd. in Salado. Prior to the formal presentation at 7:00 p.m., TxDOT staff will be available to answer questions from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in an informal setting.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the meetings and express their views. Persons interested in attending the meetings who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Ms. John D. Moravec at (254) 867-2757 as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made. Since the public meetings will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least one week prior to the meetings. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Verbal and written comments regarding the proposed project are requested. Comments may be presented either at the meeting or in writing after the meeting. Comments must be received no later than 10 days following the meeting in order to be included in the public meeting record. Written statements may be submitted to Mr. John D. Moravec, Waco District Environmental Specialists, Texas Department of Transportation, 100 South Loop Drive, Waco, TX 76704-2858 at any time on or before 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 5, 2001.



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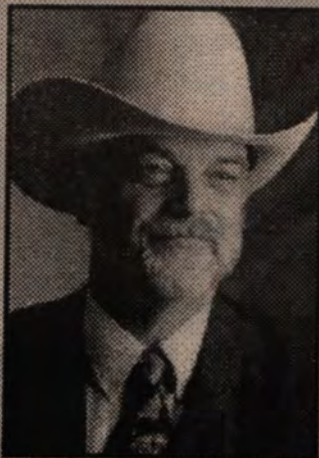
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| #4 Pattersons Crossing | 6 | 7.4 | .50 | 12.65 | 0.18 | 3.3 | 60 |
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"Tea at the Adolphus" open the Living Room Theatre's Spring 2001 Season

The Living Room Theatre of Salado opens its Spring 2001 series with "Tea at the Adolphus," a play about a mother and her adult daughter and the joys and conflicts between them. The play was written by Judy Greene and-in an unusual casting event-it feature Greene and her daughter, Leslie Hyland, a professional actress who has had many roles in theatre and television in Los Angeles and New York.

There will be a 7 p.m. performance at Royal Street Provision, 4490 Royal Street Jan. 21, for which tickets are still available. This is a new facility 3.5 miles East of Main Street on Royal Lane, between Blackberry and Armstrong Roads. Matinee performances on Saturday and Sunday are sold out.

Reservations can be made by calling 947-1605. Tickets are \$5 per person.

This is the fifth season for the Living Room Theatre of Salado which is acclaimed throughout the Central Texas area. More than 50 area residents have performed in these shows which are held mainly in private homes. Founded by Raymond Carver, who is the Director, The Living Room Theatre of Salado has been recognized in the prestigious "Who's Who in American Entertainment."



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Mayor addresses Auxiliary

The Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary met Jan. 11, with its 2001 president Melba Kattner.

Lifetime memberships were awarded to Lois Shepperd and Sadie Lou Holland for their long-time association and service to the Auxiliary.

The featured speaker Mayor Charlotte Douglass presented the status of issues currently under consideration by the Village of Salado Aldermen. She also stressed the need for volunteerism to continue and the recruitment of volunteers from the new residents moving into Salado.

Douglass accepted a \$500 check from the Auxiliary on behalf of the Village of Salado. She urged everyone to vote on the "Sales Tax" issue, election day Jan. 20.

Cathy Sands was recognized for her work as president during 2000. Kattner presented a gift and Anne Marie Harwell presented a framed certificate of service to Sands.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Feb. 8.



PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER

Salado Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary officers were introduced. The 2001 officers are: (L-R) Treasurer Ruth Ready, Vice Pres. Dorothy Dentry, President Melba Kattner, Historian Cathy Sands not pictured is Vice President Carol Wahls.



R) Charlotte Douglass spoke to the Auxiliary about "The Future of Salado"

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Lois Crouch passes away at age 60

Services for Lois M. Crouch, age 60, were held Jan. 2 at Sheffield Funeral

home in Temple. Rev. Tom Popelka and Billy Popelka officiating.

Ms. Crouch is survived by her husband, Darvil Brewer of Temple; daughter, Debbie Tubbs and son-in-law, Mike Tubbs, of Salado; daughter-in-law, Gayla Crouch of Temple; three grandsons: Mark and Matt Tubbs of Salado; and Josh Crouch of Westphalia; three granddaughters: Nicole and Tyler Crouch of Westphalia and Allison Crouch of Temple; great grandson, Don Ty Ethan Tubbs of Plano; father, George Fuchs of Temple; brothers, Charles Fuchs of Salado and Leeroy Fuchs of Temple.

She was preceded in death by son Dennis Crouch of Temple; and sister Georgetta Meske of Troy.

Ms. Crouch was born and raised in the Temple area, graduating from Temple High School. She received a diploma in 1971 in Interior Decorating. She had been employed at Bartek's Paint Company for the past six years as a sales clerk and an Interior Decorator.



Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lundy of Temple announce the engagement of their daughter, Paula Lundy to Matthew Tubbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tubbs of Salado. The wedding will take place Feb. 24 at Miller Heights Baptist Church in Belton.

First Baptist Church of Salado offers I Corinthians study Jan. 18

First Baptist Church of Salado will be offering the study of I CORINTHIANS written and developed by Kay Arthur, perhaps one of the best known woman Bible teachers in America today. Kathy Miller from First Baptist Church of Belton will be the discussion leader/teacher. Kay leads by way of video, after the discussions.

The church is extending an invitation to the community to join them in this study to be held 9-11:30 a.m. Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church Jan. 18-March 8 for Part I (seven lessons). A second series of classes will be March 22-May 17 for Corinthians Part II, (nine lessons).

The cost for the materials is \$15 for each part.

For more information, call the Church office at 947-5465 or Pat Milford at 947-0259. Or just come to first meeting on Jan. 18.

SUMC Women's Ministry Team plans Retreat

The Women's Ministry Team of Salado United Methodist Church is planning a Women's Retreat entitled "Personalities in Perspective."

The Retreat, scheduled for 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Feb. 17 at Peaceable Kingdom, will feature guest speakers, Janet Crews and Kay Coulter.

Janet and Kay, both Certified Personality Trainers, are a unique team offering a dynamic, inspirational, and humorous presentation of all the personality types and how they fit together to make a harmonious picture. The retreat will include two presentations from Janet and Kay, music, prayer, and meditation time in the peaceful setting of Peaceable Kingdom Retreat. The cost is \$10.

Kathy Keller and Sandra Fritsch are co-chairs of the Retreat. Reservations may be made by calling 947-5482

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Lions Club presents Jack Wiech Awards



First Vice President, Bob McGhee presents a Jack Wiech Award to S. Ross Greenwood during the Lions Club meeting on Jan. 10.



First Vice President, Bob McGhee presents a Jack Wiech Award to Jim Naylor during the Lions Club meeting on Jan. 10. Naylor also received a Perfect Attendance Award for the last 49 years.

McAfee "Biblical Economics" seminar offers financial strategies for the Christian today

Noted entrepreneur and author Caleb McAfee will present a seminar entitled "Money and the Christian: A Course in Biblical Economics," Feb. 18-21 at Victorious Life Church, 7459 S. I-35 (Exit 328). All sessions will begin at 7 p.m.

This high-content seminar is designed for all who wish to take control of their financial future by learning what the Bible teaches about money. The seminar integrates Biblical principles with practical up-to-date financial strategies.

Those attending will learn how to get more mileage out of the money they earn, how to increase their income, how to reduce federal income taxes and how to "create" investment capital to invest for high returns with low risk. A step-by-step success formula for debt-free living will be highlighted. A detailed manual is available for those who attend.

Couple honored for work with youth

Salado United Methodist Church will honor longtime members Jim and Dot Hays with a dinner at Inn on the Creek Jan. 19.

Jim has served as Chair of Administrative Council for the past three years. Jim and Dot are energetic supporters of the youth and children's programs, encouraging young people

in missions and service. "Jim and Dot Hays are the 'Salt of the Earth.' They have given so much to this church family that words or deeds cannot express our appreciation. They are a very special couple. Salado United Methodist Church is honored to have them as members.

Methodist hold Super Bowl party

Plan to be at the Salado United Methodist Church fellowship hall 5:30 p.m. Jan. 28 for a night of fun and fellowship. You can watch the Super Bowl on the big screen or bring your own board games, dominoes, or cards. Drinks will be provided, but please bring your favorite snacks.

Live Auction, Silent Auction, BBQ benefits Children

Central Texas Children's Center has selected Jan. 25 as the date for its annual auction. This popular auction features livestock, special items, and a silent auction at the Bell County Expo Exposition Building.

BBQ will be served starting at 5:30 p.m. The silent auction starts at 5:30 p.m. and the live auction starts at 7 p.m. Admission to this event is free.

Central Texas Children's Center serves special needs children in the Bell, Coryell, Milam, Williamson and McClellan counties. Executive director Joe Dickson says, "The auction is vital to our center and shows the tremendous support we receive from the local livestock producers and the outstanding array of volunteers we have supporting these special children."

This year Ted and Diane Connell and the late Gene Goodnight will be inducted in the auction's Hall Of Honor for their years of unselfish support.

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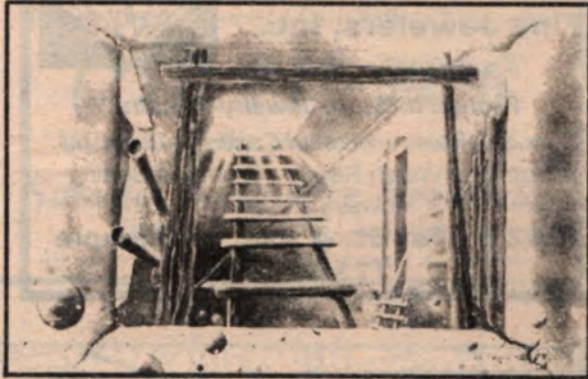
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- January 17:** Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Bananas, Fruit Juice, Milk, Toast.
- January 18:** Pancakes, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Pineapple, Fruit Juice, Toast, Milk.
- January 19:** Glazed Donut, Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fresh Fruit, Toast, Milk.
- January 22:** French Toast, Sausage Link, Cereal, Pears, Fruit Juice, Toast, Milk.

Lunch Menu

- January 16:** Nachos with Beef, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Hoagie, Spanish Rice, Corn, Fresh Fruit, Cinnamon Chips, Milk.
- January 17:** Pizza, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Hoagie, Corn, Green Salad, Breadstick, Mixed Fruit, Milk.
- January 18:** Chili Mac, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Hoagie, Cornbread, Green Beans, Oatmeal Cookie, Applesauce, Milk.
- January 19:** Cheeseburger, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Hoagie, Burger Salad, Seasoned Fries, Fruity Freeze, Milk.
- January 22:** Enchiladas, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Hoagie, Spanish Rice, Beans, Cornbread, Peaches with Topping, Milk.

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SHS Eagles split games last week

Salado Eagles split their games last week against Academy and Moody.

SALADO 56
MOODY 44

Three Salado Eagles all had double figures against Moody in Salado's 56-45 win.

Stephen Fewell led the scoring with 22 points, followed by Jeremy Grimm, who had 17 points. Also scoring was Garlen Hennig, 11 points, John Kirk, 4 points and Jacob Mirabel, 2 points.

SALADO 42
ACADEMY 44

Salado Eagles allowed Academy to overtake them in the waning minutes of their district game Jan. 9, losing 44-42.

The Eagles held a slim lead of 36-35 at the end of the third quarter, but scored just six points in the fourth quarter.

Grimm led the scoring for Salado with 16 points. He shot two three-pointers in the first quarter.

No other Eagle managed double figures, although seven players scored in the game for Salado.

Mirebal had 7 points, while Kirk had 6 points. Fewell scored 5 points and Hennig had 4 points. Jarrod Whitfield and Caleb Thompson both had 2 points.

SALADO JV 36
MOODY JV 42

Cody Quirk had 13 points to lead Salado JV in its 36-42 loss to Moody. Other scorers were Evan Durham and Heath Hale, 8 points each.

SALADO JV 24
ACADEMY JV 40

Salado JV Eagles lost to Academy 24-40, scoring just 10 points in the first half.

Omar Torres led the scoring with 8 points, followed by Kyle Salisbury, 5 points and Hale, 4 points.

Quirk, David Faber and Durham all had 2 points, while Lane Wolff had 1.



(By TIM FLEISCHER)
Jacob Mirebal drives to the basket during the Salado Eagles 42-44 loss to Academy.

SALADO JVB 42
MOODY JVB 44

Salado's JVB lost in overtime to the Moody squad on the road Jan. 11 44-42. Trailing by one point at the end of the third quarter, 29-28, Salado tied the game at 41-41, causing

the overtime period. Cox scored 12 points to lead the Eagles squad, followed by Nathan Grigsby, who had 9 points. Also scoring for Salado were Simpson, 8 points; Ben Marsh, 6 points; Gray, 5 points and Rogers, 2.

SIS cager teams face Rogers

Following are the results of Salado Intermediate School's basketball games played last week.

Salado 7th A 35
Rogers 7th A 1

Salado 7th grade girls thrashed Rogers 35-1 on Jan. 11, led by Elizabeth Dunlap, who scored 12 points.

Also contributing to the victory was Kelsey Smith with 10 points, followed by Brandi Warren and Nicole Weatherly, 4 points each. Joshanna Washburn scored 2 points and Kate Marshall, 1 point.

Salado 7th B 4
Rogers 7th B 15

Salado 7th grade girls lost to Rogers 4-15.

Heather Winters and Brittany Dixon managed to score 2 points each but could not catch up with Rogers.

Salado Boys 7th A 28
Rogers Boys 7th A 38

The 7th grade boys' basketball team lost to Rogers 28-38.

Chris Marak led the team with 10 points. Also scoring for the Eagles was Justin Whitfield, 6 points; Ryan Eckstrum and Garrett Askins, 4 points each; Seth Hale and Mark Wilson, 2 points each.

Salado Boys 7th B 15
Rogers Boys 7th B 5

The Salado boys easily won their game against Rogers 15-5.

Wes Dowell and Soto both scored 4 points each. Brandon Peters added 3 points. Jared Quirk and Cody Gobin scored 2 points each.

Salado Girls 8th A 30
Rogers Girls 8th A 34

The Lady Eagles fought until the end to win the game against Rogers, but unfortunately did not succeed. They lost to Rogers 30-34.

Laramie Wilson led the team with 12 points. Also scoring for the eagles were Jenny Goode, 8 points; Brennan Joiner, 3 points;

Jenny Ewton, Brittany Boydston, and Brittani Goodnight, 2 points each; and Lauren Hogwood, 1 point.

Salado Girls 8th B 0
Rogers Girls 8th B 21

Salado 8th grade girls got beaten by Rogers 0-21.

Salado Boys 8th 40
Rogers Boys 8th 41

Salado boys lost to Rogers by one point 40-41.

Matt Caskey scored 15 points. Nick Everett, 7 points; Devon Dunn, 5 points; Joseph Shumate and Garrison Hennig, 4 points each; Scott Williams, 3 points; and Matt Jennings, 2 points.

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Salado Lady Eagles held on to second place in the district after beating Academy 49-38 Jan. 9 and Moody Jan. 12.

LADY EAGLES 64
MOODY 31

Scoring 19 points in the second quarter, Salado took momentum of their district game with Moody Jan. 12, winning 64-31.

Robyn Womac led the scoring with 12 points, followed by 10 points from Meagan Joiner and Whitney Taylor.

Also scoring for the girls were Julie Couchman and Lindsey Pruitt, 8 points each and Lindsay Quirk, 7 points.

LADY EAGLES 49
ACADEMY 38

Salado's Lady Eagles overcame a 24-23 halftime deficit to put away the Academy Lady Bees 49-38 at Coach Smith Gym Jan. 9.

Joiner and Quirk both scored 14 points to lead the Lady Eagles offensive effort. Joiner was three of four at the free throw line, while Quirk was six of seven.

Taylor scored 8 points, Womac shot 6 points, Lauren Mewhinney had 5 points and Tessa Schreiner had 2 points on the night.

LADY EAGLES JV 52
MOODY JV 31

Salado JV Lady Eagles scored 15 points in the first, third and fourth periods to win 52-31 over Moody JV Jan. 12.

Amanda Tumey had 20



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Lindsay Quirk defends against an Academy player during Salado's 49-38 win.

points to lead the scoring, following by Heather McLaughlin's 10 points.

Also scoring were Michelle Houston, 8 points; Laramie Jackson, 6 points; Shelly Dillon, 3 points and Abby Buchanan and Staci York, 2 points each.

LADY EAGLES JV 42
ACADEMY JV 4

That is not a typo! Salado's JV Lady Eagles skunked the Academy squad 42-4. Salado shut out the girls in the second half of the game.

Jackson led the scoring with 12 points, followed by Tumey, who had 10 points.

McLaughlin and York both had 8 points while Houston had 4 points.



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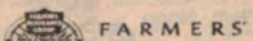
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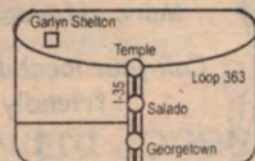
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Westar goes to Washington

By VICTORIA-WRIGHT FOWLER
 STAFF WRITER

While the rest of us tune into the all the pomp and circumstance of the inaugural whirl on television, Salado residents Robert "Bob" Bolding and his wife Marie Bolding will attend the 2001 Black Tie and Boots Inaugural Ball, Jan. 19 in Washington D.C.

The quadrennial ball is an official presidential inaugural ball. Entertainment will include Clint Black with Lisa Hartman, Tanya Tucker, Lee Greenwood, Mark Chestnut and Gary P. Nunn at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel.

Westar, Inc.'s owners' Bob and Marie will be one of 24 vendors (all from Texas) with a retail booth there.

Shopping will be open to the general public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Afterward the secret service will do a sweep of the facility with the invitational only shopping and ball beginning at 7 p.m. until 2 a.m.

More than 6,000 guests are expected at the ball, sponsored by the Texas State Society of Washington D.C. The society is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to displaced Texans. Current president is U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison—the first woman to represent Texas in the U.S. Senate.

Organized in 1904 by Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Wilkinson, the Texas State Society (TSS) of Washington, D.C. was formed "to foster and encourage a fraternal spirit among the Texans at the National Capital, to render assistance when necessary to all sons and daughters of the Lone Star State, and to increase their patriotic love for Texas and the American Nation," according to the TSS.

The first yearbook was published in 1906 with a total of 97 members and has grown to an organization with more than 3,500 Texans and friends of Texas today.

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president include the Honorable Richard Kleberg of King Ranch fame, the Honorable Lyndon Baines Johnson and the Honorable Jim Wright of Fort Worth.

TSS is an all-volunteer organization with annually elected officers. Annual events include the Father's Day Picnic, the Annual Salute to the Texas Congressional Delegation and Reception, the TSS Collegiate Chili Cook-off and the Tuna Christmas Performance and Reception.

Washington, D.C. residents will be offered a bevy of goods by Westar Inc. Some items that they will offer are: Texana home furnishings, antiqued Texas flags, accessories that have the Texas star (modeled after the star on the Texas Capitol's fence), jewelry featuring the Texas seal and uncirculated U.S. coins, and a line of Texas granite accessories.



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Farm Service Agency is accepting applications for emergency farm loans with losses in drought

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought and excessive heat and by various disasters that occurred in 2000 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Hamilton, Texas, Richard Cervenka, Farm Loan Manager said last week.

Bell, Bosque, Burnet, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, Mills, San Saba, Travis, and Williamson Counties are 12 of 243 in Texas recently named by Secre-

tary of Agriculture Dan Glickman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the drought and excessive heat.

Richard Cervenka said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered

at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Cervenka said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Aug. 20, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming

season, Cervenka said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens.

The FSA office in Hamilton is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Annual Bell County Crops Clinic to be held Jan. 19 at the Bell County Expo Center

By JAMES M. DAVIS
Co. EXT. AGENT

The annual Bell County Crops Clinic will be held Jan. 19 at the Bell County Expo Center. This is a good opportunity for private, commercial, and non-commercial applicators to pick up 5 CEU credits for their applicator's license.

Registration for the clinic will be 8-9 a.m. with a \$5 registration fee. The program will begin at 9 a.m.

The first speaker on the program will be Dr. Travis Miller to discuss wheat and soybean production in Central Texas. The Central Texas area only has about 10 to 25 percent of normal wheat crop planted this year. Dr. Miller will cover what he has seen of the Hessian Fly damage in Central Texas and the varieties the fly has damaged. With the low amount of wheat acres this year, there may be some pro-

ducers looking at soybean production. Miller will discuss varieties, planting time and management with ammonia at \$400 per ton this year the mid-west is talking about replacing a lot of corn with soybeans. This will be a timely discussion.

The second speaker will be Dr. Cloyce Coffman to discuss Central Texas corn production. GMO's are a big topic this year with the marketing problems production up north have seen this past Fall.

The final speaker in the morning session will be Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist at San Angelo. Dr. Sansone will discuss what he has seen occur with the boll weevil eradication project in the Rolling Plains area of Texas. As Bell County enters this program all producers, whether they grow cotton or not, need to know about the program

and how it works. We may actually see cotton acres go down in Bell County this year. But, producers need to know how the program will be working on their neighbors' land.

Following lunch Dr. Paul Baumann will discuss weed control in sorghum and corn. With the soil being so wet this year, farmers are going to have a problem getting land prepared and planted on time. Dr. Baumann will discuss the alternatives for weed control.

The final section on the five hour program will be a discussion of laws and regulations. Including this part of the program, participants will receive two CEU's in IPM, I Laws and Regs., and two General credits.

To wrap up the day chemical and seed company representatives who have booths at the clinic

will give a short presentation.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids to services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or Braille, are requested to contact the Bell County Extension Office at 254-933-5306 or 1-800-460-2355, Ext. 5306 so that arrangements can be made.

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The IRS appeals system is for people who do not agree with the results of an examination of their tax returns or other adjustments to their tax liability. In addition to examinations, you can appeal many other things, including:

- Collection actions such as liens, levies, seizures, installment agreement terminations, and rejected offers in compromise,
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Small business seminar set for Feb. 1

For people just starting a business, the IRS announces a free Small Business Seminar in Austin. It is co-sponsored by the Small Business Development Center.

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IRS website helps find the answers

Need a tax form? Have a question about changes to tax law? Want to find the nearest IRS walk-in site? Now anyone with a personal computer and Internet access can point and click their way to trouble-free tax filing at www.irs.gov.

The award-winning IRS Web site at www.irs.gov offers a wealth of resources for making tax time a little less taxing. A user-friendly format allows even novice web surfers to quickly find the information they need.

With the help of the site's interactive features, you can calculate proper withholding amounts, learn if the interest you pay is fully deductible or determine whether you're eligible to claim the child and dependent care credit.

The site also provides instructions for obtaining copies of prior-year tax returns and has a handy tax event calendar. You can even get help with a particular tax question.

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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Texas Tidbits

According to a 1997 fact sheet published by National Agriculture Week, Texas produces enough:

-  peanuts each year to make almost 9 billion peanut butter sandwiches.
-  wheat to make more than 8 billion loaves of bread.
-  corn for more than 4 billion pounds of corn flakes.
-  cotton to make almost 1.3 billion pairs of denim jeans.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and National Agriculture Week.

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Medical News

150 cases of Influenza A and 65 cases of Influenza B reported by Scott & White

The Scott & White virology laboratory has confirmed 150 cases of influenza A and 65 cases of influenza B from Bell, McLennan, Williamson and Brazos counties over the past 9 weeks. The Texas Department of Health has reported regional influenza activity in Texas.

The Scott & White virology laboratory has isolated 66 flu A and 10 flu B of 318 flu study viral cultures from the Temple/Belton clinics, 39 flu A and 50 flu B of

261 from Waco Clinic and 45 flu A and five flu B of 117 from Bryan/College Station Clinic. Any person with a febrile respiratory illness is eligible to get a throat swab for a flu study culture. Children who have received FluMist with a febrile respiratory illness may get a throat swab for a flu study culture as well.

As of Jan. 3, Scott & White has enrolled 5,006 children in the "Control of Epidemic Influenza" study.

Enrollment is ongoing at the pediatric clinic site alone at this time.

All healthy children 18 months through 18 years who reside in Temple/Belton, (or who get primary medical care at a S&W Temple/Belton Clinic), Troy, Heidenheimer, Little River/ Academy, Holland, Rogers and Salado are eligible for the study.

Children with mild intermittent asthma who are not on daily or every other day

medications may also be eligible. Children who have had other vaccines have to wait two weeks after inactivated and one month after a live vaccine before enrolling.

Influenza A and B are circulating at this time. Influenza B is circulating mainly in the Waco area and has picked up some in Temple/Belton. RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) activity has increased as well.

The Texas Diabetes Council offers Diabetes Test

By ILENE C. MILLER
Co. EXT. AGENT

Here is a diabetes test developed by the Texas Diabetes Council to help patients determine if they are at risk for the disease. If you can answer "Yes" to some of these 10 risk factors, then consult your doctor or a public health clinic for further evaluation and help. The Bell

County Extension Office has nutrition information to help you manage your diet if you are diabetic.

1. Are you overweight?
2. Do you have a brother or sister or parent who has diabetes?
3. Are you Hispanic, African-American, or Native American or have one parent who is?
4. Do your feet often feel numb or tingly?

5. When you get a cut or a scratch, does it seem to take forever to heal?


6. Has your weight changed a lot recently for no reason?

7. Are you often very thirsty or very hungry?

8. Are you tired a lot of the time?

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Our needs & wants

Since they cannot agree even amongst themselves, Salado school trustees can expect a hard time selling the upcoming bond issue to the rest of us. In spite of the divisive mood of the board, trustees took some steps that may ensure approval by voters of the most necessary items.

On a 5-2 vote Jan. 15, trustees voted to pursue a bond election of \$650,000, while putting off discussion of a second bond proposition until their February meeting. Recently, the board has been discussing a list of items that tops \$1.4 million for facility repairs and upgrades, much of it for athletic facilities.

Facilities committee chair Carse Williams suggested that trustees bring forth two bond propositions for Salado voters to consider.

One proposition would include the most pressing needs for Salado schools. The second proposition would include items that may not be as urgently needed, but may be desired by the voters.

Williams' suggestion to present two bond propositions at the same election is the right approach for the trustees at this time.

While we commend the trustees for not attaching a long list of wishes to a short list of desperate needs, we suggest that they revisit the list of repairs and upgrades under the \$650,000 proposition.

As the deadline for actually calling a bond election is March 21 for a May 5 date, trustees have time to go over the list of items, looking for those that should be

Our Voice

Editorial Opinion

completed within the parameters of a regular maintenance budget.

While many of the items under consideration are obvious to the passing observers, such as roofing and air conditioning at the High School, others are not.

Other items are not so obvious, even in the \$650,000 short list. For these, trustees should consider hiring an outside consultant to investigate the need for expenses categorized as Title IX issues and safety issues.

Does the board know if the girls' facilities violate Chapter IX? How? Who says the track needs resurfacing for safety reasons? There are several other questions that even the short list begs for answers.

Trustees will be asking tax payers to pay more each year, so they must be willing to do their part by answering tough questions about the needs and wants in our school district.

Unless an item can be justified as a need, not just a want dressed up with lilt-ing catch phrases like "safety needs" and "Title IX issues," trustees should take it out of the first proposal and put it rightly in the second bond proposition.

By being forthright about the needs and wants in our school district, trustees have a much better chance of getting both our needs and our wants met.

Legislature's 1999 tax "relief" blamed

Financial problem could scuttle help for kids, teachers, workers

As widely predicted, the Bush tax "relief" plan carried out during the 76th Texas Legislative sessions, did little to help school property taxpayers, or anyone else for that matter. Those unnecessary tax cuts have now become havoc-players in the current 77th gathering of lawmakers who were stunned last week after an early glimpse of the "surplus" dollar shortfall that could force the crippling of a number of important state programs, unfortunately including a much needed health insurance plan for teachers.

The Bush tax-cut-chickens came home to roost in a big way when word leaked out that there would be only \$300 million left on the table when all the required spending program dollars are allocated.

Bush used the Texas school property tax cut as a linchpin of his presidential campaign and we heard from leading GOPers across that nation brag on the great job the Guv had done here and how he would be sending federal "surplus" money back to the taxpayers if elected.

Bush will become president in three days and despite the rhetoric, his chances of carrying out a massive tax cut (called tax relief) are dwindling as are the prospects of even having the huge surpluses available during the next five to ten years.

Meanwhile - back in Texas, legislators from both sides of the fence are coming face to face with the reality of money problems thanks to the mistake they made in giving back school property tax dollars that rarely got to the tax paying public - including, for example, a zero reduction here in Salado.

The only hope now is that Comptroller Rylander will come up with a couple of hundred million extra greenbacks at budget crunch time late in the session. And if school districts repay the State all of the overpayments they received during this school year and last - there just might be as much as a \$1.5 billion available to spread thinly among a vitally needed health program for uninsured kids living in poverty plus something left over for a minimal health insurance plan for teachers and perhaps a modest sop tossed to state workers.

Lesson to be learned - next time someone running for office offers to give back taxes under the guise of "relief" keep your hand on your wallet and try to figure out the long range price that has to be paid.

Bush's plan may end up forcing passage of a tax hike this legislative session. Or for sure - the next one.

BUSH NEW PRES BYE, BYE ALEC

Remember the news we printed back in October that Hollywood actor Alec Baldwin and director Robert Altman were going to migrate if Governor Bush beat Al Gore? Well, he did and so - when and where will the farewell party be held!

OK - so they were just mouthing. After all, where else could they make such obscene salaries other than in the land of fruits and nuts (right - California) and besides who really believes what these loonies say especially when they get to believing they are as great as the roles they play.

Guys like these and their ilk help make GOPers giggle all the way to the ballot box - even if they have to impregnate a dimpled chad or two!

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



"Bush property tax cut that helped only a few may trigger new taxes that'll hit everyone."

EARLY WARNING ECO INDICATOR

Unemployment levels are one of the factors used when "off the wall" economic experts get together these days to tell the rest of us how things are going dollar-wise in this less than booming economy.

These same number crunchers also look at the interest rate manipulations by our top political guru at the Fed - Dr. Greenspan; squint myopically at the wall street gyrations; stir up a few chicken bones and bat wings and come up with pronouncements about what is happening or going to happen.

What should be looked at first, to really see just how things are percolating on the business front is to count the number of "initial claims" filed each week throughout the nation.

An "IC" is what a laid off worker files with the state-federal employment centers around the nation in order to receive unemployment benefits.

In recent weeks, according to the Labor Department, the number of initial claims filed by laid off workers seeking a weekly check (based on their earnings) has risen dramatically.

Now, there's a real indicator that all is not well on the economic front and despite what some folks think - passing a giant tax cut will not solve this problem.

Ask Greenspan what he thinks about a tax cut and he'll tell you in a New York second (that's faster than a Washington tick) that what money is surplused each year should be paid on the national debt.

And he is right on this even if he has been dead wrong about hiking interest rates five times last year - all of which ended up slowing things to the point that rates will now have to be cut hard as the Feds try to prime the economic pump that they themselves stalled.

We need to add all goofy economists to the growing list of extraneous professions headed by lawyers who Shakespeare wisely noted in King Henry VI: "The first thing we do, kill all the lawyers!"

STRANGE SIGNAGE BY PRES-ELECT?

A number of Presidential-watchers have been puzzling over the somewhat strange three finger wagging that President-elect George Bush is flashing these days.

A thorough analysis of the matter indicates this signage is one of three things - (a) Bush either does not know the traditional V-for victory sign or, (b) he thinks he won twice (two V's), or (c) he is merely reminding himself and others that he is George "W" Bush and not Bush the Elder.

In any event - it is not some mysterious or otherwise dark secret GOP-high-sign that some D. C. wags were fearing.

Just a happy-go-lucky wave from our next president! Or could he be telling the press where to go in the same manner he snickeringly characterized a reporter one day on the campaign trail?

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Listening Post

Annual survey gives Texans chance to talk

Capitol Comment



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"If you want to be listened to, you have to put in some time listening." - Marge Piercy

There are nearly 20 million Texans, which makes it a little difficult for me to listen to all of you and learn what's on your minds. So I hope you will take the time to clip our annual survey, fill it out and mail it back to me with your opinions. I appreciate your local newspaper's generosity in publishing this questionnaire for me each year.

Last year's results proved once again that Texans are a source of common-sense solutions to some of our country's most difficult challenges.

I always look forward to reading your responses.

PART ONE OF QUESTIONNAIRE

1) Last year, Congress passed an ambitious tax relief plan that President Clinton vetoed. That legislation did away with the marriage tax penalty, repealed the death tax and cut rates across the board. It would have made it easier for working families to save all they need for their retirement years. I remain committed to substantive tax reform, with the marriage tax penalty leading my list of priorities. I also support the across-the-board tax-relief proposal President-elect Bush has proposed.

What are your tax-cut priorities?

Marriage tax penalty

Death tax relief

Across-the-board tax relief

Other

2) Texans, like other Americans, are paying substantially higher prices for the fuel they use. What some people don't realize is that the United States is becoming overly dependent on foreign sources of energy. For example, we now import more than half of the oil we consume. Imported oil now accounts for one-third of our entire trade deficit.

President-elect Bush has suggested that we allow offshore drilling and open up federal land in Alaska and the Rocky Mountains to new oil and gas production. This has the potential to greatly increase our domestically produced energy. Would you support this expanded production, with appropriate environmental controls, in order to reduce our dependence on imported energy sources? What are your energy priorities?

More offshore drilling

Federal land in Alaska for drilling

Tax provisions to encourage drilling

Other

3) If our economy continues on its current track, the federal government will enjoy a budget surplus again this year. How would you use that surplus? Would you cut taxes, reduce the national debt, increase government spending, or a combination thereof?

Cut taxes

Reduce national debt more quickly

Increase spending for defense

Social Security reform

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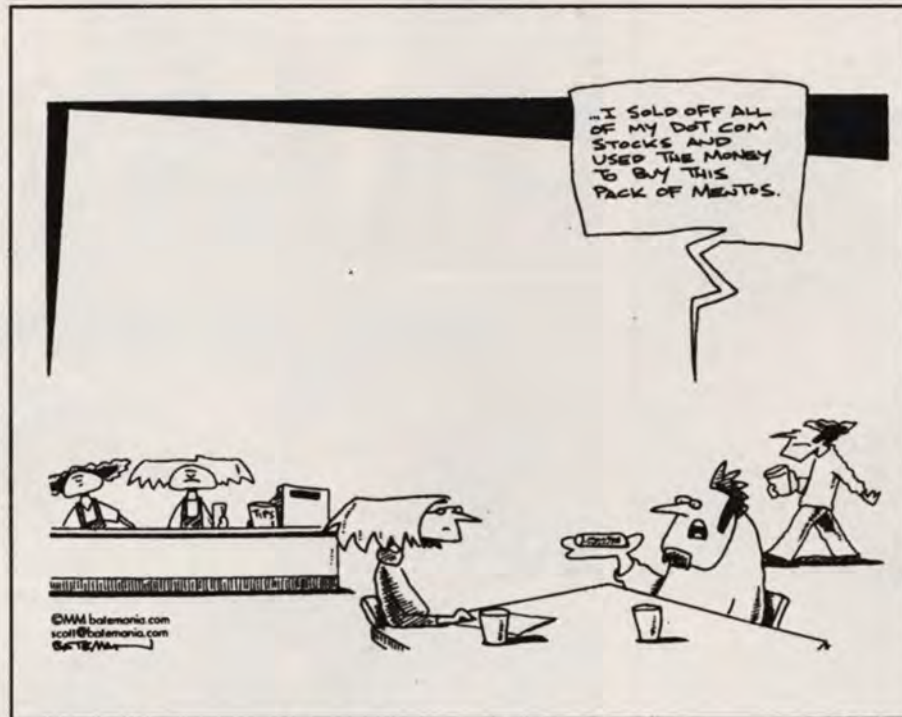
4) Congress has produced a balanced budget and cut federal spending sharply in many areas. But much work remains to be done. In what areas do you believe federal spending could be cut even more?

Additional comments:

This survey will continue next week. I look forward to hearing from you. Please send your responses to:
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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Clinton Midnight Hour regs no Top 10 hit for business

By BILL HAMMOND
PRESIDENT,
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS
AND CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

The 1965 hit "In the Midnight Hour" has found a new home in the last days of the Clinton presidency, but this version won't top the charts in popularity with the business community.

Presidents are often judged by the legislation they pass or defeat. Thus, the Clinton Administration has taken its legislative defeats personally and asked unaccountable agency bureaucrats to pass "midnight hour" rules just before a new administration comes in to power.

The outgoing Clinton team, knowing that they cannot be held accountable for their actions, has shown its true colors by implementing a flurry of burdensome health care regulations, ergonomic rules and a mound of red tape that sticks it to the those who employ America's workforce.

Candidate Al Gore wooed and swooned the labor unions with promises of a chummy relationship under his watch if elected. He was rewarded with a massive get-out-the-vote effort in key states. Since the Gore would-be went awry, perhaps these midnight regulatory antics serve as a consolation prize for the labor bosses who feel as if they've been left at the altar.

For example, the Clinton-Gore regulators at the Occupations Safety and Administration (OSHA)

are forcing employers to comply with far-reaching midnight rules despite the fact that federal legislators were against such regulations. OSHA, although it received hundreds of thousands of concerns from businesses, many of them being Texas employers, turned a deaf ear and quickly implemented them before Bush was able to take office and be businesses voice of reason.

If that won't hurt businesses enough, the

Business is often attacked for resistance to change, but the real culprits are the government agency chiefs and division heads...

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) just released regulations regarding the privacy of medical records. Business has legitimately cried foul because once again no uniformity has been established and states can still create a patchwork of laws. The Policy Division of the National Association of Manufacturers has characterized the new regulations as a "dam in the middle of the flow of medical information through the health care system." These 1,500+ pages of regs will result in confusion and complication for business, not to mention unintended consequences for people trying to access health

services.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is another oasis for the outgoing Administration. The new rules coming out of that den force corporations to hire employees solely to push paper back and forth between them and the bureaucrats monitoring their every move.

The EPA, with Clinton and Gore calling the shots, is known for creating standards based neither on scientific study nor on potential fiscal impact, but on its political punch. This agency has been given the full run of the ranch for too long.

Business is often attacked for resistance to change, but the real culprits are the government agency chiefs and division heads who are not answerable to the American people. For its role in making our lives complicated, Congress faces the voters every two years. We have the opportunity to retain or reject these policy makers at the ballot box. But we can do no more than complain or litigate the decisions of governmental institutions that think they know best how to turn the wheels of business and industry.

I urge President-Elect George W. Bush to thoroughly review the midnight hour rules and regulations implemented by the policy wonks in the Clinton Administration.

Then maybe employers "in the midnight hour" can actually be sleeping instead of trying to figure out all the new, confusing regulations.

New name, same old shame



Jim
Hightower

Instead of calling a skunk a skunk, let's call it a rose—for that'll make it smell so much sweeter, right? Such is the level of sophistry presently being propounded by our Pentagon—the multibillion-dollar military hierarchy that previously gave us the term "collateral damage" to refer to the killing of innocent people.

The Pentagon is expert at defining away its own horrors. One of its on-going horrors is what it calls the School of Americas, a 54-year old military academy operating out of the U.S. Army base at Fort Benning, Georgia. The SOA trains Latin American military officers—including training them in torture, mass murder, and the other dictatorial arts.

Leaders of some of the most blood-thirsty death squads in the Americas learned their chops at this notorious school—which is known among the people of Latin America as "School of the Assassins." Hundreds of thousands of indigenous people—along with nuns, bishops, and even U.S. tourists—have been tortured, raped, massacred, and "disappeared" by the graduates of SOA. This is not a positive image for our Pentagon, so at last the brass has decided to deal with this blemish. No, no, Nanette—they have not chosen to shut down the School of Assassins. They have simply renamed it. Henceforth, it is to be called the "Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation."

There . . . doesn't that make you feel better? Instead of your tax dollars going to SOA, now they'll go to WHISC—as in a whisk broom trying to sweep raw atrocity under the rug of euphemism. Luckily, people are not fooled by the Pentagon's shuck and jive, and hundreds of Americans from across the country will gather at Fort Benning on January 17 in non-violent opposition to the old school with the new name.

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"A group of healthy and very fortunate children began to see that there are people, and yes children, whose lives are sometimes cut short or are burdened daily with the reality of a chronic disability or disease," said volunteer Tiffany Schreiner.

While there, the children learned about the retreat, its meaning, and its role as a very special place to chronically ill children and their families. Some of the kids made comments like, "This is a good place" and "I wish I could stay here forever." They toured the retreat, fed the horses, went on a nature walk, worked on art projects, and sang Christmas carols.

At the end of the day, they all came back to the magical theatre donated by Cinemark for a yummy snack and Christmas movie.

FRIENDS of PKRC plan to continue this children's outing throughout the coming months and years. Future outings will include the Austin Children's Museum and the Dallas Zoo.

PKRC would like to thank the parents for donating and allowing their children to attend this event, HEB of Belton for their donation, and Salado United Methodist Church for the use of their van.

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The advertising deadline for the next publication of Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas is FEBRUARY 1 for the Spring 2001 edition. The street date is Feb. 21. This edition will be on the stand and will continue to be distributed until May 21.

The Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas is a magazine published four times a year by the Salado Village Voice newspaper. The next edition will have 20,000 copies printed on 50 # white offset paper. The heavier paper stock gives the magazine a

longer shelf-life, as well as making it more attractive.

The Jewel is distributed in every store, shop and restaurant advertising in the magazine as well as stand distribution. Hotels, bed and breakfast inns put the magazine in their rooms for visitors to read and take home.

The Chamber of Commerce, real estate agents, bus tours, and groups planning to visit Salado are provided boxes of the magazine. The magazine is also distributed at the tourist information cen-

ters, at the border in Waco and Austin.

Included in the Jewel magazine is a shopping map (the new map is more user friendly) of the village. To be listed on the shopping map, a business must have an ad in the Jewel.

While continuing to make improvements to the magazine, we have kept the cost the same as it has been for 12 years.

To reserve your next Jewel ad call 254/947-5321 or send in your order form.

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The schedule for printing of the "Jewel" in 2001 is:

Spring issue ad copy deadline Feb. 1 to be distributed by Feb. 21

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Piffaro plays Spanish Renaissance antique instruments at CAC concert Jan 30.

Since its beginning in 1980, Piffaro has performed music of the late Medieval and Renaissance periods on a large and varied collection of early wind instruments, augmented by strings and percussion. They will be featuring antique instruments of the Spanish Renaissance 7 p.m. Jan. 30 at the CAC in Temple. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$5 per student.

Modeled after the official civic, chapel and court bands that were the pre-

mier professional ensembles from the 14th into the early 17th centuries, Piffaro has pursued the instruments and music of the peasantry and of rustic life, combining the two milieu to dramatic effect. Under the direction of Joan Kimball and Robert Wiemken, the Band produces its own concert series in Philadelphia.

Excerpts from these concerts, in which some of the finest talents in early music performance join them as guests, are regularly broadcast nationwide on NPR's *Perfor-*

mance Today.

All of the instruments played by members of Piffaro and their guests are copies of originals that have survived from the 16th century, or are created from paintings and woodcuts of the period by highly skilled specialists located throughout Europe and the U.S.

Piffaro tours throughout the U.S., represented by MCM Artists, and has performed on many of the major early music series in the U.S., including *Music Before 1800*, and the Pittsburgh Renaissance and

Baroque Society, among others. The ensemble made its European debut in 1993, and has appeared at music festivals in Austria, Germany, France, Belgium, Italy, The Czech Republic, Belgium, Spain, and Colombia, South America. Currently, Piffaro has a multi-recording contract with The Dorian Group.

This is a Heartland Arts Fund Program with major support from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Texas Commission on the Arts, and CAC member support.

Army Wrestling at Ft. Hood Feb 16-17

Army wrestlers have descended upon Fort Hood for the All-Army Wrestling Trial Camp. These 50 soldiers are training for the 2001 All-Army Wrestling Trials Feb. 16-17.

Distinguished wrestlers sporting notable qualifications are coaching the preliminary team. The Head Coach is SSG Shon Lewis, who has 10 years experience as a National Team member, three-time World Team member, and four-time National Champion.

"This is the start of a new era for all Army wres-

tlers. This year, the guys will be trained and advised by top trained athletes in the nation. Not only are we going to do Fort Hood proud, but we are going to make the United States Army proud worldwide," said Lewis.

The Assistant Coaches are just as experienced as Lewis. Rodney Smith, a strategic advisor in the field of international wrestling, was a Bronze medalist in the 1992 Olympics Games and Team Captain of the 1996 Olympic Wrestling Team. SFC Craig Cooper

was a member of the 1994 Army Wrestling Team; holds three National titles (as a coach) and three Armed Forces' titles.


"My job is to bring back the tradition of soldier athletes; where we not only win on the battlefield, but in international wrestling. Our goal is total team concept. If we achieve that, the sky is the limit," said Smith.

The wrestlers will be vying for 20 slots on the All-Army team to compete in the 2001 Armed Forces Wrestling Champi-

onship in March. There will be a team of soldiers from every branch of the military- Army, Air Force, Marines and Navy. The top wrestlers in March will advance to the USA Wrestling Championship.

"We are happy and excited about being at Fort Hood. This is not a vacation for these guys; this is a mission. Our staff has no doubt that we have soldiers capable of turning out results as national champions," said Lewis.

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High school students compete in Invitational UIL Academy Meet at Waco High

On Jan. 13, eighteen Salado High School students competed at the Waco Midway High School Invitational UIL Academic Meet. With its 244 points, Salado captured the championship in the 1A-2A-3A Division in which twenty-seven schools competed. Salado results are as follows:

Computer Applications: Ashley Kelley - 1st, Jeremiah Bradhurst - 3rd, and Jon Teer - 4th.

Spelling & Vocabulary: Jon Teer - 2nd, Stacy Blodgett - 4th, and Kelli Cook - 6th.

Spelling & Vocabulary Team: Jon Teer, Stacy Blodgett & Kelli Cook - 1st.

Literary Criticism: Sara Culver - 1st, and Brian Miller - 4th.

Literary Criticism Team: Sara Culver, Brian Miller & Brinn Newman - 1st.

Number Sense (11th & 12th Grade Division): Chris Ray - 1st, Greg Dachs - 2nd, and Miles Wallace - 3rd.

Number Sense (9th & 10th Grade Division): Devon Rex - 1st.

Number Sense Team: Chris Ray, Greg Dachs and Miles Wallace - 1st.

Calculator Applications (11th & 12th Grade Division): Greg Dachs - 1st, Clint Marshall - 2nd, Frank

Carlson - 5th.
Calculator Applications (9th & 10th Grade Division): Sara Culver - 2nd, Evan Clements - 5th.

Calculator Applications Team: Greg Dachs, Clint Marshall and Sara Culver - 1st.

Mathematics: Greg Dachs - 1st, Sara Culver - 2nd, Devon Rex - 3rd.

Mathematics Team: Greg Dachs, Sara Culver and Devon Rex - 1st.

Salado Community Chorus holds rehearsals on Tuesday afternoons

Several members of the Salado Community Chorus met with Betty Thorn, Director, and Katherine Wende, Assistant Director in charge of production, to plan the spring program which will be held May 10 in the Meadows Auditorium of the Civic Center.

The program will feature a variety of musical selections along with narration and lighthearted entertainment.

The group, as originally organized by Katherine

Wende, was a women's choral, but it has been expanded to include men's voices.

The chorus rehearses on Tuesday afternoons at the Civic Center. The women begin rehearsal at 5 p.m., and the men arrive at 5:30 p.m. for the combined chorus. Anyone who enjoys singing is invited to participate. For information please call Betty Thorn at 947-5394 or Ruth Daw at 947-5667.

An evening with A.C. Greene to be held at Salado Civic Center Jan. 30

The Salado Public Library and the Institute for the Humanities at Salado are presenting "An Evening with A.C. Greene" 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30, at the Salado Civic Center. The evening will be hosted by Gary Holthaus who will begin with a dialogue with Mr. Greene about his writings and his life.

Following Greene's talk there will be time for questions from the audience. Refreshments will

be served.

A.C. Greene is the well-known author of many books of fiction and non-fiction. He also has a Sunday column in the *Dallas Morning News* on Texas history. In addition, he is a "teller of tales". He and his wife, Judy, have lived in Salado for 10 years.

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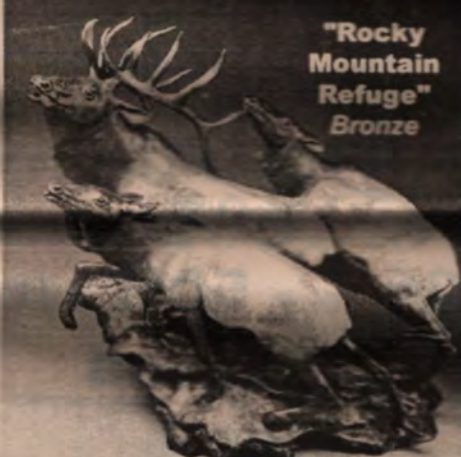
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Morris Foster, a native of Salado, who currently lives in Houston, recently purchased The Stagecoach Inn. Foster is dedicated to the historical renovation on the property.

The most recent endeavor that the Stagecoach Inn has completed is the original two-story white inn. This building, with its sweeping front balcony is where Sam Houston, on the eve of the Civil War, made a speech urging fellow Texans against secession.

Renovation of this historic building has taken it from the ground up to the rafters.

Potts' company, Day-break Construction in Belton completed the historic renovation in December.

The renovation began literally at the foundation. "The building was leaning, the sill beams were gone and there were two buildings leaning against the side of the building."

"We took all the fire prevention equipment that was in one of the buildings and buried it," said Potts.

The floors were painstakingly leveled. The fireplaces were removed one stone at a time and expertly reassembled. The siding was carefully matched or salvaged. The roof is true to historic character, but brand new.

Upstairs at the "Old Inn" is a new private club. There are two beautiful

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Above is the Historical marker for the Stagecoach Inn (right)

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fireplaces with the original fireplace surrounds. The ceiling beams (that have been covered by wood and plaster) are the original timbers that have been beautifully preserved. The timbers have the original charred patina contrasting the golden hue of the native

cedar or juniper. The room that houses the bar has not been used in more than 70 years. There are several large rooms (one with a big screen television) that can accommodate really large groups of people. "It was full of small rooms. It was old

and dusty. Now it's full of antiques," said Michael Rios, bartender. The bottom of the bar has a Sam Houston room with an original fireplace and a portrait of Sam Houston. There is a long dining room adjacent to the huge old oak tree. The front

room leading up to the bar has a rebuilt fireplace with a gorgeous stagecoach sculpture. These rooms can be divided for smaller groups. All the windows in the original building have old fashioned lead glass. One of the front windows near

the fireplace has an old style script engraving. Potts, who graduated with an Architectural degree from the University of Texas with a focus in historical preservation, takes great pride in this project. Potts, 47, grew up working as a life-guard during summer breaks in high school.

"As a young boy, I fished in this creek, I also built a small boat and floated it in the creek all the way up to Mill Creek," said Potts.

Potts is no stranger to old family businesses. "My family has owned Potts True Value Hardware in Belton since 1870," said Potts.

The Stagecoach Inn has numerous plans for the future.

Foster feels that the Longhorn Conference Room is not maximizing its potential, according to Potts. This building, which fronts Main Street, will be made to look like stables. These stables will house five different shops.

The private club that fronts Interstate Highway 35 will be turned into a conference center too. Today the white patent leather booths harken back to the days of Frank Sinatra. This quaint building looks over a pond, which sits up against the creek.

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Basket Weaving-The ancient art of basket weaving is still alive. This hands-on course will teach you how to bend and shape the reed to weave your very

own bread basket 6-8 p.m. Jan. 25. Cost is \$20.

Space for most classes is limited, and early registration is encouraged. Course registration forms can be obtained from CTC's web site at www.ctcd.cc.tx.us. Completed registration forms can be faxed to (254) 526-1481. For more information or to register, for classes, call (254) 526-1586 or stop by the Continuing Education office located in the Student Services Building 119, Room 216 on CTC campus.

One of the things I like best about animals in the wild is that they're always off on some errand. They have appointments to keep. It's only we humans who wonder what we're here for.

—Diane Ackerman

Antiques, Antiques & more Antiques

Furniture from the 1950s and '60s is selling for good prices at the Modernism auctions. Famous makers like Charles Eames and George Nelson are known to many collectors, but makers who did a limited number of pieces of custom furniture have been ignored until recently.

One designer of some of the more unusual pieces of furniture is Paul Evans. He was a sculptor who made one-of-a-kind furniture from steel, bronze and wood. Evans studied metalwork and sculpture in several art schools. In the early 1950s he worked at a museum, reproducing colonial silver. In 1954 he began working at his own studio and was soon making large wooden and metal pieces of furniture, many for special orders.

In 1964, he began designing for Directional, a furniture manufacturer. A short time later, he was running the company's factory and managing almost 90 employees. By the 1970s, he was making tables and sideboards that then cost up to \$6,000. He stopped

working for the factory in the late 1970s, but he continued with his own workshop and designs. He died in 1987.

The unusual pieces, with massive metal doors or cubelike metal bases, are selling today for thousands of dollars. Many pieces are signed and dated. All pieces show his unique style and can be identified.

Q: How old is Irish Belleek?

A: Irish Belleek was first made in 1857 at Fermanagh, Ireland. The factory, now called Belleek Pottery Ltd., marked almost all of its wares. Collectors find it easy to date Belleek because of the changing mark. Black marks were used before 1946. Green, gold or blue was used later. Belleek is a special type of ceramic. It has a creamy-yellow glaze that appears wet. Factories in other countries also made Belleek, but the Irish product is the most well-known. It is still being made.

The following recipe was taken from the cookbook "Salado Country Cooking." It was sponsored by the members and friends of the Monday Club from the Salado United Methodist Church.

Elegantly-Easy Chicken

Patsy Sanford

- 1 (12 oz.) jar apricot preserves
- 1/4 cup spicy mustard
- 1 tsp. curry powder
- 4 skinned, deboned & flattened chicken breast halves
- 1 c. finely chopped pecans

In small saucepan, combine preserves, mustard and curry. Cook over low heat, stirring frequently, until preserves are melted. Dip chicken in apricot mixture, then roll in chopped nuts. Place chicken in Pam-sprayed baking dish (single layer chicken). Bake at 375 degrees for 20 minutes, or until chicken is done. Bring remaining sauce to boil. Serve over chicken.



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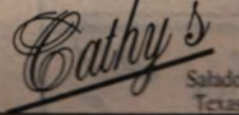


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Meetings set to discuss I-35

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct two public meetings to discuss the proposed widening of Interstate 35 from FM 487 in Jarrell to US 190 Belton.

The first meeting is scheduled Jan. 30 to discuss the section from FM 2484 in Salado to US 190. The second meeting, which will discuss the section from FM 487 to FM 2268 south of Salado, is scheduled for Feb. 1.

Each meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria at 500 Thomas Arnold Road in Salado. Prior to the formal presentation at 7 p.m., TxDOT staff will be available to answer questions 6-7 p.m. in an informal

setting. The section in Salado from FM 2268 to FM 2484 will not be discussed at these meetings. A separate meeting will be conducted at a later date to discuss this section.

The proposed project will reconstruct and widen the existing highway from four lanes to six lanes initially, and allow for the additional construction of a seventh and eighth lane ultimately.

A concrete traffic barrier will be provided between the northbound and southbound sections.

Additional right-of-way will be required for the project and relocations may be necessary.

Information concerning the State's Relocation Assistance Program and

the benefits and services available to affected property owners will be available at the meetings.

Maps and other drawings showing the proposed location and design will be displayed at these meetings. This material is available at TxDOT's Interstate 35 Project Office located at 801 Austin Avenue, Suite 1030, Waco, TX 76701.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the meetings and express their views. Persons interested in attending the meetings who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Ms. Alisa Polansky, PE at (254) 754-8087 as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made. Since the public meetings will be conducted in English, any requests for

language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least one week prior to the meetings. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Verbal and written comments regarding the proposed project are requested. Comments may be presented either at the meeting or in writing after the meeting. Comments must be received no later than 10 days following the meeting in order to be included in the public meeting record. Written statements may be submitted to Mr. John F. Obr, PE, I-35 Project Director, Texas Department of Transportation, 1030 Austin Avenue, Suite 1030, Waco, TX 76701 before 5 p.m. Feb. 12.

Women in Government elect Rep. Dianne Delisi to head group

More than 40 State Directors from 27 States gathered at the Women In Government Annual Conference in Scottsdale, AZ, to set the policy agenda for 2001 and elect new members to their Board of Directors. The new board members will serve a one year term.

Women In Government announces the election of Representative Dianne White Delisi (R) Texas State Legislator as the new Chairman of the Board. Other officers elected include Representative Suzanne Williams (D) Colorado State Legislator to serve as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Representative Anne Zickus (R) Illinois State Legislator as the Secretary/Treasurer. The 2001 Board of Directors

include Robert Bottoms, Ph.D., President of DePauw University; Senator Liz Figueroa (D) California State Legislature; Senator Betty Lou Mitchell (R), Maine State Legislature; Representative Lois DeBerry (D) Tennessee State Legislature; and Representative Sue Henseier (D) Rhode Island State Legislature.

An ambitious agenda was established for 10 meetings in 2001, strategically placed across the United States. Topics to be discussed include issues such as Privacy, Education, Crime Prevention, Campaign Finance Reform, Women's Health Issues, Long-Term Care and Emerging Health Epidemics. Women In Government's Texas Hill Country Legislative Summit, being



Dianne White Delisi

held Feb. 1-3 in San Antonio, features the Honorable John Cornyn, Attorney General of Texas and Dr. Nancy Dickey, former President of the American Medical Association as well as other esteemed speakers.

"I consider Women In Government to be the preeminent organization for women state legislators

across the country," said Representative Dianne White Delisi, Chairman of the Board of Women In Government. "The policy forums are first rate and balanced helping to inform my decision making in the state house. I am grateful for Women In Government's commitment to the non-partisan and unbiased education and training female state legislators."

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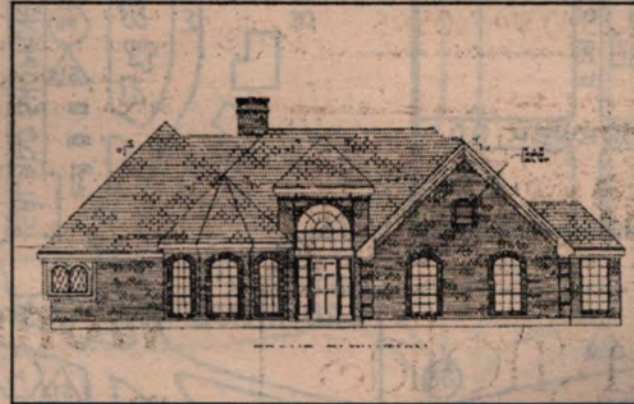
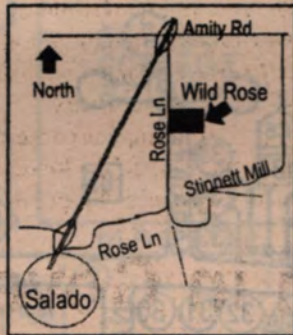
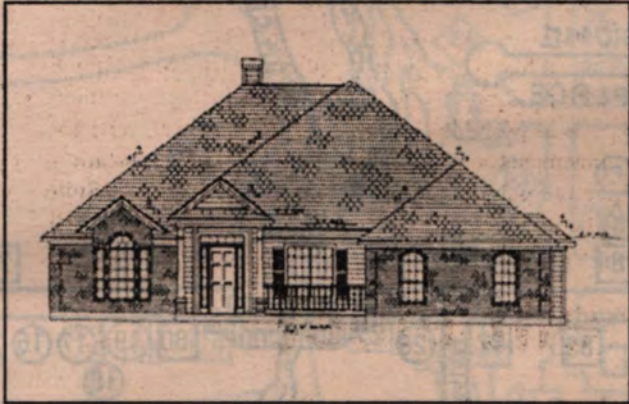
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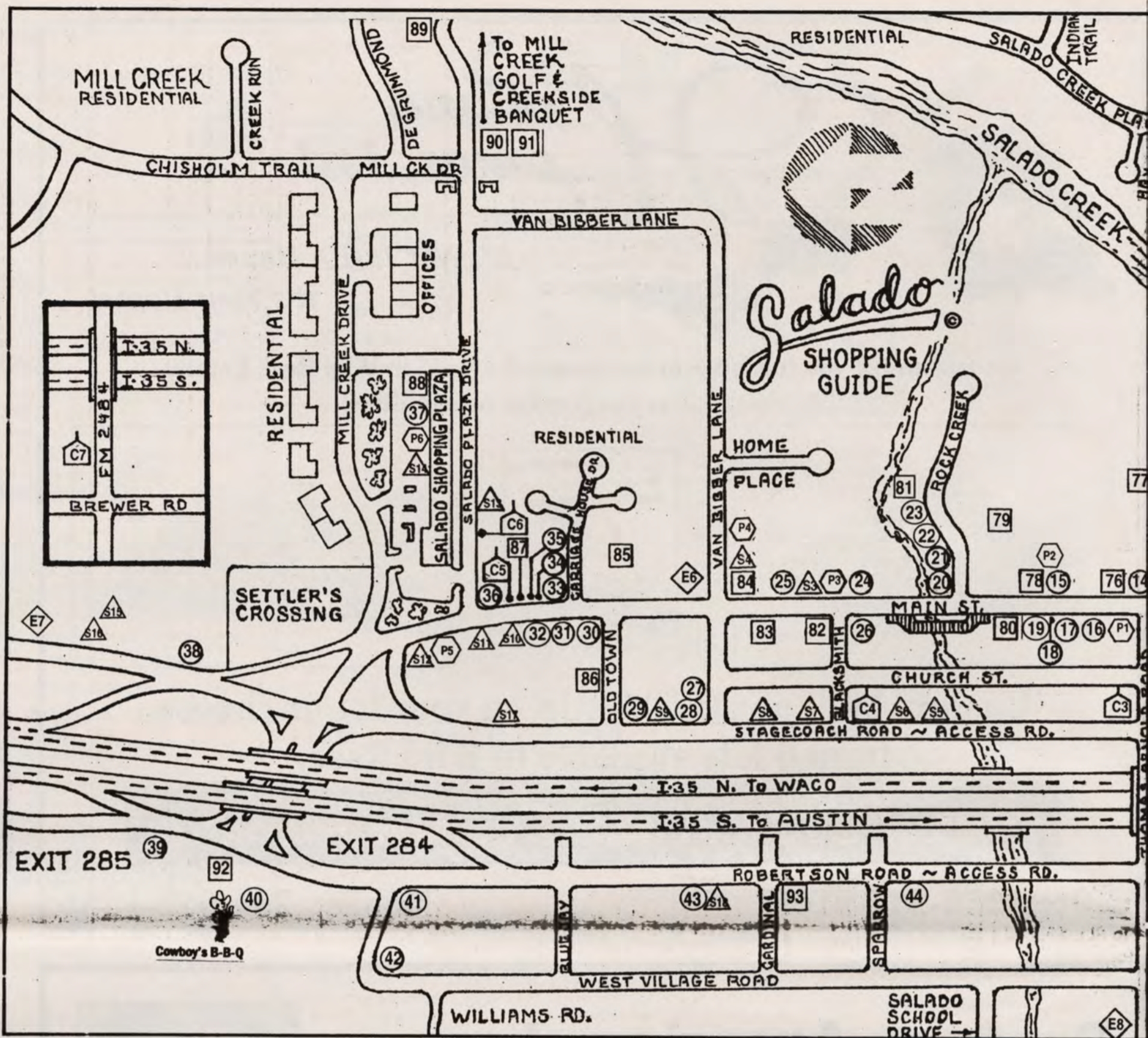
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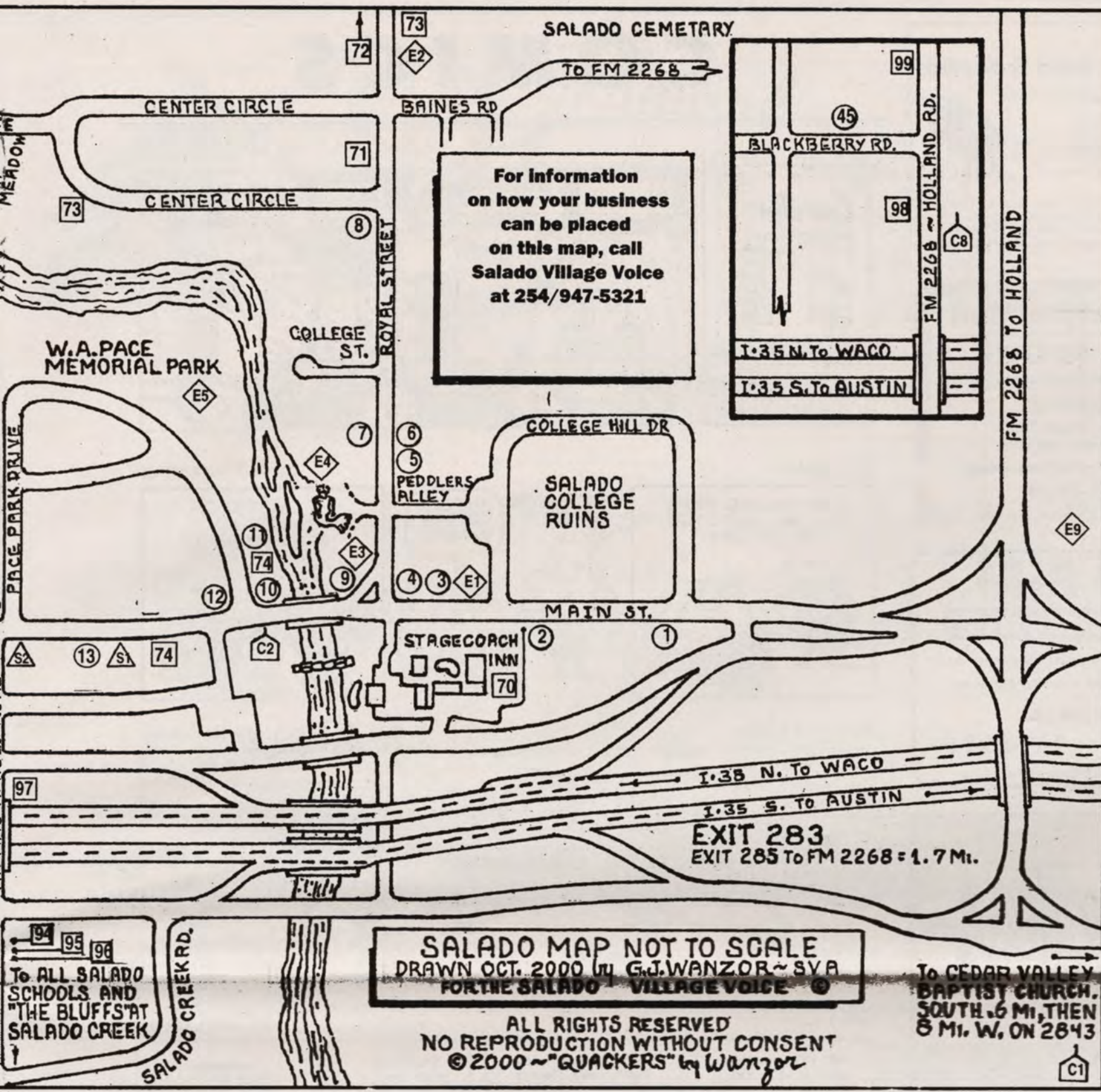
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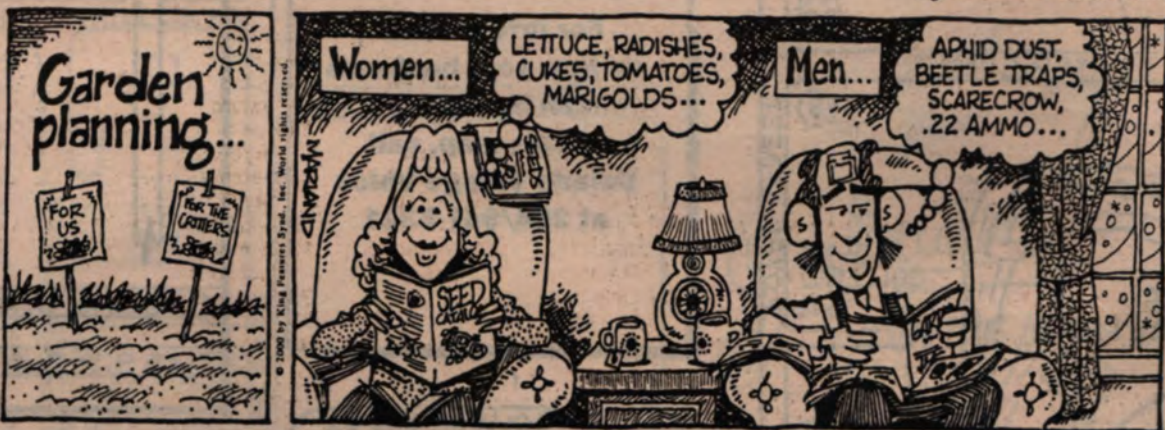
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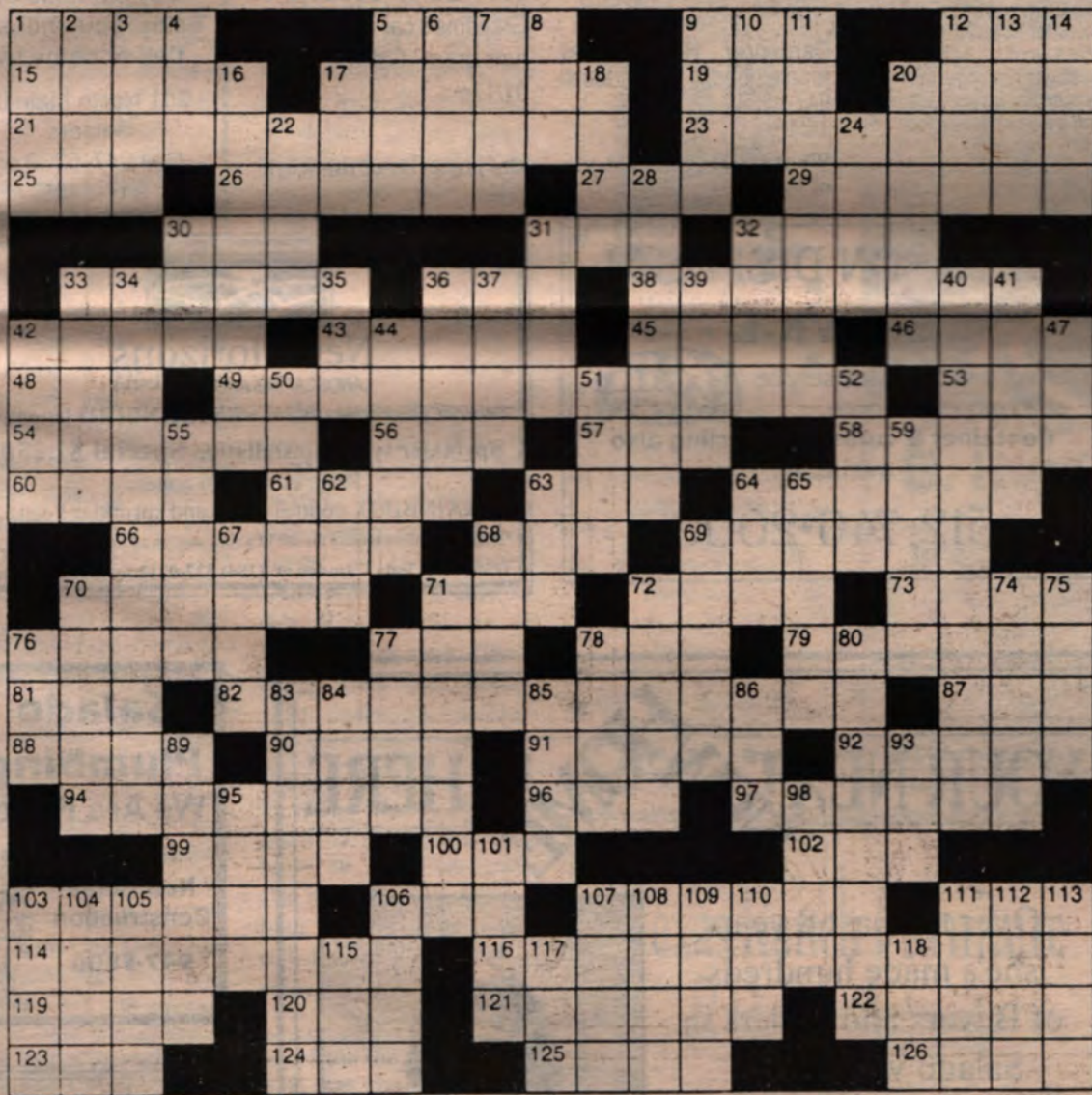


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- 1 Move like a mouse
 - 5 Neighbor of Java
 - 9 "Medicine" ('88 hit)
 - 12 Corpulent
 - 15 Early computer
 - 17 TV's "Heroes"
 - 19 Campbell of UB40
 - 20 Poorly
 - 21 Restaurant critic's zine?
 - 23 Librarian's journal?
 - 25 Explosive initials
 - 26 Column
 - 27 Max — Sydow
 - 29 Bunch of ballplayers
 - 30 Solidify
 - 31 Weber's "Freischutz"
 - 32 Prepared to drive
 - 33 Let up
 - 36 Arthur or Pons
 - 38 — carrier
 - 42 Snapshot
 - 43 — Lama
 - 45 Strained
 - 46 DEA officer
 - 48 Browning's bedtime?
 - 49 Gardener's monthly?
 - 53 — jongg
 - 54 Hymns of praise
 - 56 Viper
 - 57 Milne creature
 - 58 Digression
 - 60 Gouda alternative
 - 61 — River, NJ
 - 63 Tenor
 - 64 Like Simon
 - 66 Groovy
 - 68 Pugilistic
 - 69 Stephen King book
 - 70 Mutiny
 - 71 Produce a parka
 - 72 — fide
 - 73 Byzantine art form
 - 76 Pants parts
 - 77 Ram's ma'am
 - 78 Directional suffix
 - 79 Sock style
 - 81 Feign
 - 82 Tree
 - 87 Middling mark
 - 88 Whippet's wagger
 - 90 Enormous
 - 91 Terpsichore's sister
 - 92 104 Down, e.g.
 - 94 Broadway arrangement
 - 96 Kennel feature
 - 97 Kitten gear?
 - 99 Petite pie
 - 100 Sprite
 - 102 —
 - Buttermilk Sky
 - 103 Classify
 - 106 Maestro de Waart
 - 107 "Electric —" ('83 hit)
 - 111 To and —
 - 114 Sailor's reading?
 - 116 Depression era magazine?
 - 119 Icelandic epic
 - 120 Capek play
 - 121 Bring to light
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 - 5 Pipe part
 - 6 Turkish title
 - 7 Den
 - 8 "Newhart" setting
 - 9 Holstein's home
 - 10 Flagon filler
 - 11 Patois
 - 12 Beat
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 - 14 Little one
 - 16 South African port
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 - 42 Monsieur Le Pew
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 - 51 Uninteresting
 - 52 Subdue Simba
 - 55 Pavarotti's love
 - 59 Bit of parsley
 - 62 Northwestern st.
 - 63 Mouth piece?
 - 64 Anger or envy
 - 65 Composer
 - 67 Slender trace
 - 68 Be a wise guy
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 - 75 Require
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
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By SUZANNE JOHNSON

"How To Grow More Vegetables Fruits, Nuts, Berries, Grains and Other Crops Than You Ever Thought Possible On Less Land Than You Can Imagine" by John Jeavons, has helped revolutionize food production around the globe. The *Washington Post* has called this work "...the talk of the dirt-under-the-nails set." Alan Chadwick, the master gardener who brought this approach to the U.S. designated it as "A masterpiece." This is the leading book in the world on Biointensive gardening and small-scale farming and has been published in seven different languages and used in 110 countries.

From Russia to India to Africa to Europe to the Caribbean, throughout Latin America and the United States, "How To Grow More Vegetables..." has been the classic learning text and mainstay reference of food growers for almost 30 years. Now in its fifth edition, "How To Grow More Vegetables..." continues to powerfully influence and inspire today's gardeners, farmers, and an environmentally-concerned public.

The author asks: "How can we revitalize our extraordinary planet, ensuring life and health for the environment, the life-forms of a myriad of ecosystems, humankind, and future generations? The answer is as close to each of us as the food we consume each day." The

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"How To Grow More Vegetables..." details this farming method with chapters on bed preparation, compost, fertilization, seed propagation, companion planting, simple insect and pest control, and making a garden plan. Other chapters tell the history and philosophy behind "Grow Biointensive" mini-farming and its usage, and talk about sustainability, which is defined as "living in such a way that there are enough resources to live well, in an alive, diverse, thriving environment indefinitely." The text is gentle as well as informative, conveying deep appreciation and respect for the earth and all its multitude of beings. Detailed master charts



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has been discovering the scientific principles underlying these methods and bringing them to public attention in publications such as "How To Grow More Vegetables..."

John Jeavons is the director of Ecology Action and has twice been nominated for the World Food Prize, and has received the Boise Peace Quilt, Giraffe, the Santa Fe Living Treasure and the Steward of Sustainable Agriculture Awards for public service. He and Ecology Action have also been featured in the PBS programs "Circle of Plenty," "Market to Market" and "The Living Land."

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Elected county officials speak to Republicans

The Salado area Republican Women's dinner meeting on Jan. 11 was attended by 61 people.

Pres. Marie Jackson presided over the meeting. Member Barclay McCort introduced the guest speakers for the evening.

Guest speakers were the elected officials of Bell County. Officials attend-

ing were County Judge John Burrows, 146th Judicial District Judge Rick Morris, 169th Judicial District Judge Gordon Adams, 264th Judicial District Martha Trudo, District Attorney Henry Garza, country Court at Law Judge #1 Edward Johnson, County Court at Law Judge #2 John Barina, County Attorney Rick

Miller, Tax Assessor/Collector Sharon Long, Commissioner Precinct 2 Tim Brown, Justice of Precinct 2 Don Svadlenak, Constable Precinct 1 Louis Cortez and Constable Precinct 2 Coleman Benner. Each of the speakers were asked to give a description of their office and the duties.

Borah Van Dormolan, Texas Federation Repub-

lican Women vice Pres. for legislation gave a short report on the Annual Club Leadership Seminar held Jan. 6. Five members represented the Club at the workshop.

The time and place of the February meeting will be announced later.

Shakespeare assessed at Southwestern

To be, or not to be: that is the question. But in Texas? Indeed. That's where Shakespearean scholars and performers from around the globe will examine the multiple understandings of the famed writer and his work during Shakespeares!!, Feb. 8-9. Southwestern University's Brown Symposium annually explores topics of global interest in one of a variety of disciplines.

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Shakespeares!! will bring together scholars and theatre professionals to consider the many voices of Shakespeare, and the many Shakespeares of Shakespeare. Featured participants will be Professor Stephen Greenblatt of Harvard University, editor of

the Norton Shakespeare; Tina Packer, artistic director of Shakespeare & Company; and Professor Patsy Rodenberg, for many years the voice coach at the Royal Shakespeare Company, who is now the Head of Voice at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London.

Planned in collaboration with Professor Kathleen Juhl and the Department of Theatre, guest artist Ron Bashford will direct a three-person "Hamlet" Feb. 8-10, during the symposium, as well as participate in a workshop and concluding panel-demonstration. Their participation is underwritten by Southwestern University's Sarofim School of Fine Arts. Brown Symposium

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Unbelievable Creek Views from all living, dining, and bedrooms in this gorgeously located, fine town-home. Extravagant interiors, 2 fireplaces, 2 masters. \$212,500.



NEW LISTING! Just a mile east of Main Street at Smith Branch. Beautifully treed with huge live oaks, scenic setting 1.5 acres, porches, views, native field stone and cedar with metal roof. Real oak floors, 4 BR, 3.5 BA, plus 2/1 bonus and workshop basement. Prime additional acreage available. Owner Agent. \$279,000.



Beautiful Country Home on 4.170 acres on Stinnet Mill Road! 4 BR, 2-1/2 BA and lots of outdoor playing area. You can swim in your swimming pool. Master bedroom and study downstairs with 3 additional bedrooms upstairs. Formal living room with country kitchen/dining combination and family room also located downstairs. \$292,500.



Peaceful, Convenient Location! Perfect starter or retirement home. Two acres just two miles from the village. 3/2 on one level. 9' ceilings in roomy living room, great country styled kitchen. Lightly restricted, but horse okay! Great Price! **SOLD** \$89,000.



Back to Two! Fine Custom Built, over 2100, 2BR, 2 BA. Convenient access. Quiet Cul-de-sac \$170,000's.

Commercial Listing!

Main Street "Jewel" fronting 3 streets with IH-35 visibility. Restored "Vintage Salado" building with successful, thriving business currently leasing. Lots of space for additional improvements. \$200's.

Custom Home Sites!

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| Cul-de-sac Quail Hollow - 1/2 acre..... | \$21,500 |
| Beautiful lot, trees and views - Salado Creek Place - .78 acre..... | \$25,000 |
| Indian Trail, lots of trees - Ready to Build! - Cul-de-sac..... | \$31,500 |
| Cul-de-sac lot fronting 15 th fairway - Views!..... | \$59,900 |
| New Listing! .79 acre - The Home Place..... | \$79,000 |
| New Listing! .6 acre - Live Oak Estates..... | \$15,000 |



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Annual Big Bell County Garage Sale to be held at Expo Center March 31

Mark your calendar! The annual Big Bell County Garage Sale will take place 9 a.m.-5 p.m. March 31 at the Bell County Expo Center. Over 5,000 people are expected to attend the event, which is a major fundraiser for the Bell County Museum.

Eighty-five vendors are expected to participate in

the event this year, including several non-profit organizations. Visitors to the garage sale will be able to find everything from Beanie Babies to electronic equipment, fabulous antiques and collectibles, furniture, and other treasures.

"The garage sale is a great opportunity to get

out with your family," Museum Director Stephanie Turnham said. "There's plenty of parking, food will be available, and children under 12 get in free. Admission is only \$1.50 for adults, so it's a cheap outing that's fun for everyone.

Applications are currently being taken for

booth space at the event. "Vendors rent space from the museum for a small fee, but the money they make stays in their pocket." Turnham said.

The museum is also accepting donations of garage sale items for sale in the museum booth. Items can be brought to the museum in Belton, or the

museum can arrange to pick up items from your home.

The garage sale also needs volunteers, Turnham said. "We need people to help us for a couple of hours selling tickets, items in the museum booth, setting up on Friday, or just helping to troubleshoot. It's really lots of fun because

you get to talk to so many interesting people, and you get to shop as much as you want to."

If you would like to have booth space, volunteer for the museum, donate items to the museum's booth, or would simply like more information, please call (254) 933-5243.

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Mill Creek Drive

Located on the #8 fairway of Mill Creek Golf Course you will find one of Salado's premier custom antique brick 2 story homes featuring 5/3.5, 2 WBFP's pool, cabana, gourmet kitchen, formals, office, and file room. Water well supplies pool and lawn sprinklers. \$569,000.

South Ridge Road

Build your dream home on this spectacular lot located in the heart of Mill Creek. Large trees. \$45,000.

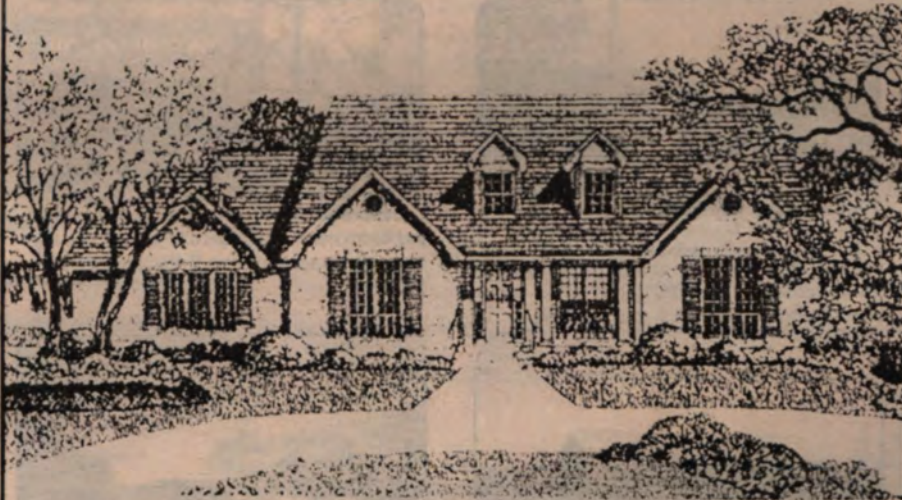
Salado Creek Road

This unique and private home sits on almost two acres and is near schools. Douglas fir flooring, beaded ceilings, old railroad trestles, horizontally stacked stone columns, and a fountain are only starters for this very special home. 3/3, two living area, two fireplaces and a large master suite with adjoining screened porch! \$325,000.

Royal Street

Prime acreage located close in...heavily wooded. Twenty acres approximately. Opportunities are few to purchase land of this type in a location such as this. \$600,000.

New Homes/Remodeling? Think Volney Building Company



Building Sites (Plans Available)

1208 Salado Oaks
(Available July 2001)

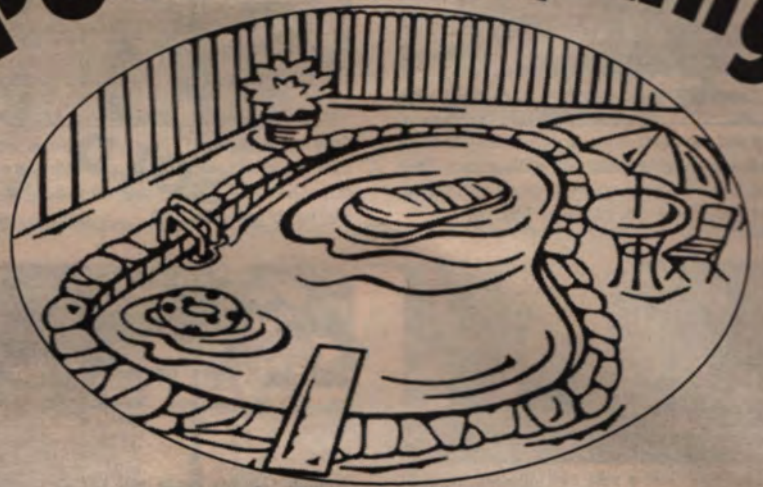


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\$149,900 - Patio home on the Golf Course. 3 BR, 2 BA with studio above the garage. Excellent view, trees, sprinkler system.



Salado's Home Team

Residential

- **\$68,000** - 3 BR, 2 BA manufactured home in the country.
- **\$99,900** - Old farm house, barn fences on 61.53 acres. **Under Contract.**
- **\$102,000** - New construction. 1/2 acre lot. 3 BR, 2 BA.
- **\$127,900** - 3 BR, 2 BA home on 2 acres in quiet neighborhood. Storage bldg.
- **\$137,900** - 4.1 acres. Fenced backyard, fireplace, raised ceilings.
- **\$139,900** - 4 BR Mill Creek home on cul-de-sac. Deluxe master, large den.
- **\$141,500** - Country setting! 3 BR, 2 BA, large master bath with jacuzzi.
- **\$149,900** - Patio home on the golf course. 3 BR, 2 BA, studio above garage.
- **\$152,500** - Two cabins and metal workshop on 26.02 acres with hilltop view.
- **\$164,800** - 4 BR, 2 BA home. Upgrades in the interior. **Under Contract.**
- **\$169,900** - Lots of open space. 4 BR, 2 BA, great master suite.
- **\$169,900** - Walking distance to Pro Shop. Granite counter tops.
- **\$175,000** - Cliffs on Canyon Creek. 4 BR, 2 BA, great master suite.
- **\$179,000** - Quiet cul-de-sac in Mill Creek. 3 BR, office, 2 dining.
- **\$187,000** - 4 BR, 2-1/2 BA, formal dining, breakfast nook.
- **\$199,321** - 4 BR, 2 BA located in Mill Creek Springs.
- **\$199,800** - 4 BR, 3 BA on 2 wooded acres. Hot tub!
- **\$210,000** - 10' ceilings, fireplace, breakfast nook, 4 BR, 3 BA.
- **\$237,021** - Overlook 14th Fairway. Immaculate home. Gameroom.
- **\$242,800** - A showcase home with tons of extras. Separate 2 story building.
- **\$246,900** - Rock home with barn & roping arena on 10 acres.
- **\$259,000** - Cornerstone home with upgraded energy saving package.
- **\$289,000** - Country home with 7 wooded acres and wrap around porch.
- **\$299,021** - Elegant home within walking distance of downtown Salado.
- **\$438,000** - Texas style ranchette. In-ground pool, hot tub & waterfall. Wooded.



\$169,900 - Relax on your long front porch after a day on the golf course. Within walking distance to Mill Creek Pro Shop & Swimming Pool. Hardwood floors in the living room. Granite counters in kitchen and master bath.



\$210,000 - Mill Creek Springs equals first class! New Home under construction in new golf course community. Large great room, bright and open - 10' ceilings with fireplace and built-ins. Breakfast nook & formal DR. 4 BR, 3 BA.



\$139,900 - Lovely Mill Creek home on quiet cul-de-sac street. Priced to sell! 4th BR could be a home office or playroom! Large den has vaulted ceilings, fireplace & ceiling fan. Deluxe Master suite has large bath with separate shower & garden tub.



\$438,000 - Roomy Texas style ranchette. Completely updated with tile and hardwood floors. Very large rooms. New in-ground pool with hot tub & waterfall. Heavily wooded lot. RV/boat parking, storage shed.



\$132,800 - Walk to Mill Creek Country Club for your next round of golf. Nice open kitchen/living room combination with fireplace. Large back deck will be especially inviting during the cool fall evenings. Garage has separate door for golf cart. Small yard makes this home easy to maintain.



\$102,000 - This new home located on .5 acre is easily accessible from Salado, Belton or Killeen. Tiled entry leads to the large living area. Sit in the breakfast area and enjoy the sunrise. Master bath has two large walk-in closets. Covered back porch.



\$68,000...This cozy manufactured home is in a quiet rural country setting. Recent carpet & vinyl. Tin roof, covered front and back porches. Above ground pool with all equipment. Lots of wildlife. Ready for a horse! 3 BR, 2 BA.

Salado's Home Team

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Commercial Property

- **\$110,000** - Commercial or investment opportunity. Approximately 1401 S.F.
- **\$129,000** - Commercial building in excellent location on I-35 in Belton. Office & warehouse.
- **\$150,000** - Prime location on Main Street. 2 BR, 1 BA. Lots of potential.

Acreage Available

- **163 acres** near Davilla in Milam Co. Very nice place, part cultivation, part pasture. Good road frontage. Owner financing.
- **150 acres** on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport.
- **15 acres** on I-35 at Temple Airport.
- **8.77 acres** on I-35 at crossover with road on 3 sides, Exit 286 at Salado.
- **3 acres**, all woods, good frontage, water available. Near Stillhouse Lake.

Lots

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| Mill Creek Lots | • Mill Creek Springs - \$30-\$75,000 |
| • Chisholm Trail - \$26,900 | |
| • #12 Lane - \$39,900 | |
| Other Lots | • Betty Place - \$22,000 |
| • Amanda Circle (2 lots) - \$9,500 each | • Royal Oaks - \$30,000 |
| • Hodge Canyon Dr. - \$22,000 | • #8 Oak Park - \$8,000 |
| • S. Penelope, Belton - \$18,000 | • Lot #8, Great Oaks - \$42,000 |
| • Royal Oaks - \$45,000 | |



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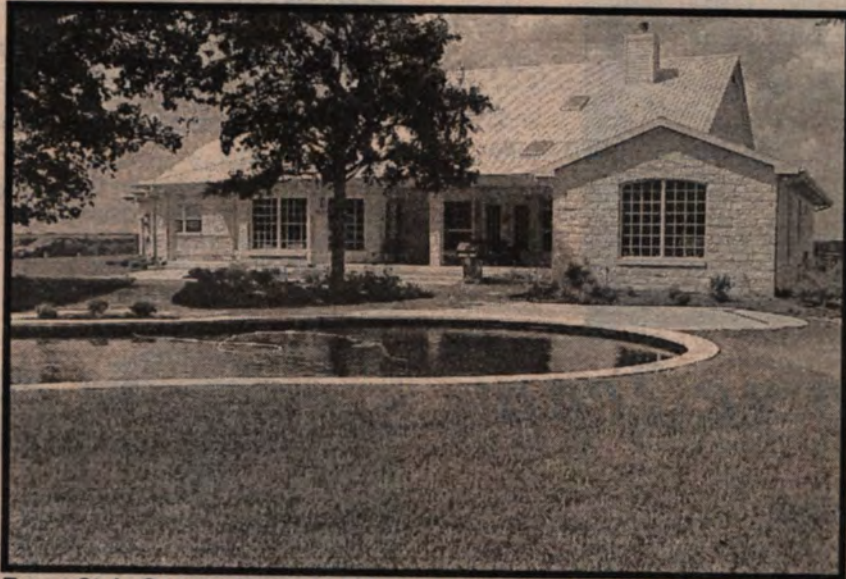
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Texas Style Country Home on 335 acres in Academy ISD. This rock/metal home perched on a hill. Amenities include 4 bedroom, 2 full bath, 1 half bath, in ground pool with spa, covered patio front and back, gourmet kitchen, school room. 40-50 acres of woods, 3 stock tanks, one heavily stocked.



Secluded Country Estate. Driveway ambles back to picture perfect setting in Temple's only gated community. This home offers 2 living, 2 dining, 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 bath, hot tub, 2 sided fireplace, two outside decks, hot tub and a nicely landscaped 1.29 acres. **\$330,000.**



Quiet setting on one acre. This one year old Austin stone home with tin roof close to Belton, Killeen and Salado I.S.D. **\$115,900.**



Over 5,000 square foot, office and storage for retail or commercial with beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath rock home on approximately 1.2 acres fronting on Village Rd. just off I35. **\$339,900.**



Large Victorian-style home offering a large bonus room, 4 bedroom, 4-1/2 bath, 3 living areas, formal and informal dining. 2 fireplaces, small office or workshop in garage. Pool and hot tub. **\$249,900**

Residential Listings

\$115,900: Austin stone home on 2 acres in Woods of Salado! Recently updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath one car garage small workshop.

\$115,900: 2.7 acre wooded tract with beautiful rock 3/2 home.

\$116,500: Recently completed Austin stone with tin roof on approximately one acre lot. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car carport.

\$160,000: 4 Bedroom, **SOLD** on 4.5 acres.

\$179,900: Salado Oaks-Under Construction. 4 BR, 3 BA, 2 car garage, lot loaded with large oak trees.

Acreage Available

3 acres commercial fronting I-35, 1 mile S. of Salado, \$79,900.

3 acres fronting Rose Lane outstanding trees for home site. \$34,900.

3.5 acres, Woods of Salado, \$45,000, reduced to \$39,500.

23 acres, West Amity, outstanding live oaks, outstanding home. \$115,000.

62.5 acres. Pendleton area. \$1,250 per acre.

928 acres Southwest of Salado. Beautiful rolling tree country with live creek and large lake on property. Excellent views. Outstanding wildlife.

1418 acres this acreage has topography that is gentle rolling to large canyons with over a mile of the live water Willingham creek. Outstanding live oak trees, elm trees, deer, dove and turkey. Located just 4 miles west of Salado fronting FM 2843. The ultimate home setting overlooking Texas Hill country at its best.

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|-------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | 5.34 | 47,900 |
| 2 | SOLD | |
| 3 | 53.27 | 3,900 per acre 30 acre minimum |
| 4 | 62.06 | 3,900 per acre 30 acre minimum |
| 5 | 13.56 | 64,900 |
| 6 | SOLD | 69,900 |
| 7 | SOLD | 139,900 |
| 8 | SOLD | 194,900 |
| 9 | SOLD | 149,900 |
| 10 | SOLD | 69,900 |
| Lot 1 | SOLD | 47,900 |
| Lot 2 | 4.82 | 57,900 |
| Lot 3 | 6.09 | 59,900 |
| Lot 4 | 6.38 | 62,900 |

Acreage: 14 tracts varying in size from 3.89 to 62.06 acres
Water: Well water, Edwards Formation
Taxes: Bell County and Salado ISD currently Ag Exempt
Schools: Salado ISD
Zoning: Deed Restrictions
Topography and Vegetation: gently rolling terrain with large Live Oaks, Elms, Spanish Oaks and many other trees common to this area
Location: 2.5 miles West of I-35 and FM 2843 intersection fronting the South side of FM 2843

Owner
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Lot 2 - Heavy treed on Rose Lane. \$34,900

Country Homes

Looking for a small house in the country? This house features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 stall barn, and large workshop. **SOLD**

4,000 sq. ft home on 21 acres, in ground pool, out buildings, tank, beautiful wooded acreage **Under Contract**. This home offers 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living, 2 dining, 2 fireplaces. **\$300,000.**

Ranch House with barn. This home offers 3 bedroom, 2 bath on 5 acres covered with live oak trees. Unique setting! **\$150,000.**

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.

Bluffs at Salado Creek

Phase II

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|--------|-------------|----------|
| Lot #3 | 1.00 acre | \$39,900 |
| Lot #1 | 2.28 acre | \$45,000 |
| Lot #2 | SOLD | |

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