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Village will reap \$113,000 from utility fees

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen approved an agreement with TXU Electric to collect a four percent utility franchise fee from the utility company with the first payments expected in March.

The payments of \$17,000 and \$96,000 will likely be made March 15, according to Michael Street,

a representative of TXU Electric.

The \$17,000 payment is a utility franchise fee for the portion of 2000 in which Salado was an incorporated entity. The payment, Street said, is based on a two percent tax from August 2000 through December 2001.

The \$96,000 payment, according to Street, is for the privilege of using the

Village right of ways and streets during the 2001 calendar year.

The franchise fee mechanism will change when deregulation of the electric industry begins in 2002.

Yet, the new formula for franchise fee payments will amount to payments that are equivalent to what municipalities have been collecting under state regulation of the industry,

according to Street.

The \$113,000 will fund the majority of the Village budget through September 2001. Aldermen do not expect the village to realize sales tax revenues until August.

Village Marshal Alan Rogers reported to the board on his research into establishing a police department for Salado. Rogers' chief concern is locating

adequate space to house the police department. A major consideration is to be able to keep a separate space and entrance for juvenile detainees so that minors will not come into contact with any adults during their processing.

Aldermen are currently considering establishing a small local police department for the day-to-day protection needs of the vil-

lage, augmented with support from the Bell County Sheriff's Office for investigation of major crimes.

After looking into contracting all police services with the Sheriff's department, the board determined that this approach would be more expensive than establishing its own small

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(PHOTO BY ALBERTA URQUIZA)

WHAT AM I BID?.....will be one of the big questions that will be asked when the Eighth Annual Civic Center Auction begins this Saturday, March 3, at the Salado Intermediate School cafeteria.

Bill Hall, one of the State's great auctioneers is shown above (left) checking over a number of items that have been donated by Salado businesses as well as individual citizens. Preparing the descriptions and numbering the donations are Hulda Horton, manager of the Civic Center and Garlyn Shelton, member of the Board of Directors of the Civic Center Foundation that is in charge of operating the popular meeting center.

The special evening will begin with a barbecued lean beef brisket and sausage meal with all the trimmings at 6 p.m. The auction will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Tickets for the meal and auction are priced at \$7.50 and will remain on sale at Compass Bank, First State Bank and the Civic Center business office through Thursday with remaining tickets for sale at the door on March 3, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Civic Center auction gavels March 3

With three days remaining, preparations are all but complete for the Eighth Annual Salado Civic Center Auction, according to Patsy Sanford, Chairman of the special event that begins this Saturday, March 3, with a great meal starting at 6 p.m., followed an hour later by the fun filled action of a live auction directed by one of the State's foremost auctioneers - Bill Hall.

The annual fund raiser will be held at the Salado Intermediate School with the doors opening at 5:30 p.m. so guests may view over 140 items that have been donated by local businesses and individual citizens.

Tickets for the barbecued lean beef brisket, sausage and all the trimmings will remain on sale through Thursday at Compass Bank, First State Bank and the civic center

business office as well as from Civic Center Board of Directors.

Lloyd Parks, ticket chairman, noted that nearly 200 tickets had been sold and that after Thursday, the remaining tickets will go on sale at the door starting at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, with all tickets priced at \$7.50 each.

Funds from this year's auction will go towards painting the entire building including all offices, the auditorium, hallways, stairways, restrooms. Balance is applied towards the day to day operational expenses that continue to increase, particularly the cost of utilities, supplies and insurance necessary to keep the building comfortable for the various groups that use the building for meetings as well as the organizations

that headquarter at the center including the Salado Library, Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce, school administrative offices and the civic center business office.

"Restrooms are open year-round for visitors and the air cooling and heating machinery is kept at temperatures that insure a comfortable climate during all changes in the weather, all of which costs money," noted Ken Clapp, Chairman of the Board of the Foundation.

He continued: "We have an excellent record of meeting all of our obligations each month and have been 'in the black' since the day the facility opened and the board pledges to stay that way despite the rising cost of operating the large building, hence the need to have a successful annual auction that brings in the

balance of our funding needs each year and for this helping hand, that always comes through, we are so very grateful".

Members of the Board of Directors of the Civic Center Foundation that operates the civic center in addition to Chairman Clapp include: Lloyd Parks, Jim Patterson, Dick Westlake, Mary Catherine Ervin, Patsy Sanford and Garlyn Shelton. Hulda Horton is the center's office manager.

LIST OF DONATIONS CONTINUES TO GROW

Donations that have been received in recent days for the auction include: from Tisia Arledge, owner of Mud Pies, a pottery relish platter; Mike Oden's Garden Shop has donated an "old Fashioned" bird

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Institute opens Spring series on Nature, Spirit with author David Lee

David Lee, Professor of English and Chair of the English Department at Southern Utah University, will open the Institute for the Humanities at Salado's Spring Series with a seminar and lecture March 3-4. The seminar, "All in the Day's Work," will be held at Halley House in Salado 10 a.m.-3 p.m. March 3. Lee's lecture, "The Song E.U. Washburn Heard While Tending Roses over the Grave of Philemon and Baucis Rojas" will take place at Mill Creek Inn 4-6 p.m. March 4.

Lee is the winner of a Western States Book Award for poetry and among other honors has been the subject of an hour long Public Television Special. In his books Lee has created an imaginative community of folks who gather to talk and tell stories like people do in every town. **News from Down to the Cafe**, Lee's most recent collection of poems, brings many of his local characters to a favorite morning meeting place where, over coffee, they reveal all the news and gossip that captures the history, lore, pain and pleasures of their community's life. Filled with good humor, some of it ribald, and with stories of loyalty, loss, betrayal and utmost compassion, Lee's poems show us a people deeply rooted in nature and with a life of the spirit that enables them to cope and occasionally triumph over life's vicissitudes.

"In our Spring Series we will be exploring the connections between our sense of place and our life together, between Nature and our spiritual lives, between faith and knowledge," Holthaus says. "The world is facing some very

stiff environmental issues. Our spiritual life determines how we view the world and what we believe our role is in it. We'll be looking at these issues through the eyes of literature, science, and the world's religions, and searching for a coherent way to look at our world."

"David Lee is not only a wonderful a poet," according to Gary Holthaus, Director of the Institute for the Humanities at Salado, "but he brings a special sensitivity to the people he writes about, and to the natural environment we all inhabit. His own powerful spirit makes him the perfect choice to open our series." Critic and publisher Sam Hamill says, "Dave Lee is one of the best readers of poetry and storytellers in America. He is a funny, moving, and powerful interpreter of our very human lives." Other books by David Lee include **The Porcine Canticles**, **Day's Work** (winner of the Western State's Book Award), **My Town**, **Covenants**, and **Legacy of Shadows**, a new anthology of poems from all his books. Other speakers in the Spring Series will include Mary Evelyn Tucker, Professor of Comparative Religion at Bucknell University, and Director of the Forum or Religion and Ecology; Ursula Goodenough, president of the American Association of Cell Biologists and a professor of cell biology at Washington University in St. Louis; and Linda Hogan, a novelist, poet, essayist, whose novel **Mean Spirit** won the Mountain and Plains Booksellers Award for fiction in 1990.

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What's happening around here?

MARCH 3
8th Annual Salado Civic Center Auction 6 p.m. dinner 7 p.m. Auction at the Salado Intermediate School. Dinner tickets \$7.50. Call 947-8300.

MARCH 6
Salado Family Relief Fund holds General Membership meeting 1 p.m. at the Civic

Center
MARCH 13
ABWA Chisholm Trail Chapter 6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. meeting Danabeth Tinsley presents Once a Month Cooking at the Texas Roadhouse B&B on Van Bibber Lane Dinner Reservation \$10 Call 947-0561

MARCH 24-25
Wildfire Ranch Roping. 4 for \$60/man. Progressive after 1. Books open at 8 a.m. Sat. Roping begins at 9 a.m. Spectators welcome. For info, call 254/947-9988

MARCH 31
Mill Creek Community Association Spring Fling 6 p.m. at Creekside Banquet and Meeting Hall

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.

APRIL 10
ABWA Chisholm Trail Chapter 6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. meeting with speaker Shirley Culver presenting a program on Finance at Texas Roadhouse B&B on Van Bibber Lane Call for dinner reservation 947-0561 Cost \$10

APRIL 14-15
Wildfire Ranch Shoot-out. \$50,000 added money and prizes. Entry fee of \$100 per man. Books open 8 a.m. Sat, roping begins 9 a.m. For information, call 947-9988.

MAY 8
ABWA Chisholm Trail Chapter 6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. meeting Volunteering Opportunities presented by MaryBelle at Texas Roadhouse B&B on VanBibber Lane. Dinner \$10 Call for reservation 947-0561

MAY 10
Salado Community Chorus Spring Concert 8 p.m. at the Civic Center

JUNE 5
Salado Legends begins rehearsals 7-9:30 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater

JUNE 6-9
Third Annual Judy & A.C. Greene Literary Festival sponsored by the Living Room Theatre, fea-

turing performances of works by prize-winning short story writers in homes of Salado hosts. Time and places to be announced.

JUNE 12
ABWA Chisholm Trail Chapter 6 p.m. social 6:30 p.m. meeting presented by Crystal Mears "Utilizing the Internet" at Texas Roadhouse B&B on Van Bibber Lane Dinner \$10 Reservations: 947-0561

JULY 10
ABWA Chisholm Trail Chapter 6 p.m. social 6:30 p.m. program on Travel Etiquette presented by Rita Williams at Texas Roadhouse B&B on VanBibber Lane. Dinner cost \$10 Call 947-0561 for reservation.

JULY 21
Salado Legends performance at Tablerock

JULY 28
Salado Legends performance at Tablerock

AUGUST 4
Salado Legends performance at Tablerock

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, meeting, or happening call 254/947-5321 or drop by the office to fill out a form. Faxes can be sent to 254-947-9479

THE BEAT

Light Brunch and Informal Style Show "Step into Spring"

The Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary will meet for a light brunch and informal style show 10 a.m. March 8 at the Salado Civic Center.

The style show will feature fashions presented by CIO a unique ladies boutique in Salado.

Theme for the day will be "Step into Spring". There will be no charge for the light brunch.

Pres. Melba Kattner extends an invitation to all Salado ladies to join the Auxiliary.

Red Cross

Lifeguard

Training

March 19-30

The American Red Cross new lifeguard training course is scheduled for March 19-30 at Ft. Hood's Abram Pool.

Cost for the course is \$100. Classes will be held 7-10 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Class size is limited to 15. The minimum age to enroll for the course is 15 years.

The length of the course is 33 hours with a 90 minute pre course session.

If you are interested in taking this course call Health and Safety Director Steven Ervin at (254) 933-3081.

CTC offers non-credit courses in March

Central Texas College's Continuing Education department is offering the following non-credit computer classes in March:

Typing/Basic Keyboarding, Introduction to Computer Essentials, Introduction to Windows, Introduction to MS-Word, Introduction to Excel, Introduction to Access, Introduction to PowerPoint, Introduction to Internet & Web Page Design.

Classes start every month with both morning and evening sessions available. Space for most classes is limited, and early registration is encouraged. Course registration forms can be obtained 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 the CTC campus.

Family Relief elects new officers to fill board vacancies

The Salado Family Relief Fund, Inc. members will be meeting 1 p.m. March 6 at the Salado Civic Center.

The purpose of the meeting is to act on proposals and electing directors.

Members who do not expect to be personally present at the meeting are urged to appoint a proxy to vote for them. Forms for proxies will be provided upon request.

Lions meet today at Creekside

The Salado Lions Club holds its second monthly meeting at Creekside Restaurant 11:15 a.m. Feb. 28.

The speaker will be Shawn Moore, Game Warden for Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Area-wide talent search reward \$1,100

The Central Texas College Fine Arts Department announces an area-wide talent search to award a new scholarship made possible by Bernice and Sis Beck of Union State Bank.

The \$1,100 scholarship was made available through an endowment funded by these well-known bankers and civic leaders. Through this new annual award, the Becks hope not only to help a deserving musical talent achieve his/her educational goals, but to bring that talent to CTC and make the entire area aware of the extensive music instruction program available at the college

Talented competitors for the award are now being sought. Applications for the competition are available at the CTC Student Financial Aid Office and Fine Arts Department. High school students wishing to compete may also request applications from their schools' counseling offices. The application must be returned to the CTC Fine Arts Department by March 31, and an audition must be arranged with the chair of the Fine Arts Department prior to April 15.

The finalists selected from among the auditioning applicants will perform as featured talent in the CTC Fine Arts Department Music Showcase. The showcase and competition finals will be held in the Lady Bird Johnson Fine Arts Building 7:30 p.m. April 26. At the end of the showcase, this year's winner of the Bernice and Sis Beck Union State Music Scholarship will be announced.

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 te 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.

Salado Community Chorus 5 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center

Wednesday

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

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

Village of Salado board of aldermen. Regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Civic Center unless otherwise posted. Agenda posted at Salado Civic Center 72 hours prior. Call 947-5060.

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

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

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

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

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.

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The Salado Lady Eagles were eliminated from the state basketball playoffs by Schulenburg, whom they faced Feb. 20. see Story, page 8A.





Mill Creek Community Association Board members for 2001 are: Ed Care, Treasurer; W.D. "Chine" Ray, Director (past President); Mardie Barnard, Secretary; Allen Rice, President; Gil Wanzor, Vice President; Carol Strong, Director; Anita Fuller, Director.

Who's Who at UMHB

Students at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will be honored during an evening chapel service with the Who's Who recognition 7 p.m. March 1, at W.W. Walton Chapel on campus.

The Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges 2001 edition includes 52 under-

graduate and 14 graduate students who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurric-

ular activities and potential for continued success. Students from Salado, Jarrell and Holland are: Al Gonzalez of Salado, Georganna Hubbard of Jarrell and Christin Lopez of Holland.

Among students listed from the UMHB graduate school is Nathaniel Saxton of Salado.

Public Meeting

The Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) is currently working with Bell County to revise the County's thoroughfare plan. CTCOG will be hosting a public meeting to gather input from individuals interested in transportation and thoroughfare planning within Bell County.

Thursday, March 1st - Killeen City Hall
located at 101 North College, Killeen (Council Chambers)

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with a formal presentation beginning at 7 p.m. All comments or questions regarding thoroughfare conditions in Bell County are welcome.

Any questions regarding the study or the public meeting should be directed to Toni Tisdale at 254-933-7075, extension 312 or email ttisdal@ctcogmpo.org.



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COUNTDOWN REACHES THREE FOR THE 2001 CIVIC CENTER AUCTION



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Auction begins at 7 p.m.

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**Election
for the
Village of Salado Officials**

The Village of Salado Officials will hold an election Saturday • May 5, 2001, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, 5 Aldermen and a Marshal.

Individuals interested in becoming candidates may pick up and file applications at the Village office in the Civic Center during its regular operating hours from Monday, February 19 through Wednesday, March 21.

Candidates must be residents of the Village of Salado and registered voters in Bell County.

Voters to decide on \$1.3 million bond issues

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On two split votes, Salado school trustees voted at their Feb. 26 meeting to bring two bond proposals totaling \$1.3 million to voters May 5 for their consideration.

Trustees, following a motion by John Konzen with a second by Carse Williams, approved bringing the first bond proposal of \$675,000 to an election May 5 on a 5-2 vote with board president Frank Carlson and Dr. Robert Merrill voting against. The bond will be 15 years. It has been predicted to increase property taxes by 2.98 cents per \$100 evaluation.

Board member Lynn Epps joined Carlson and Dr. Merrill in opposition to the second proposed bond issue, which totals \$650,000. The second bond issue, also payable in 15 years, is predicted to increase property taxes by 3.02 cents per \$100 evaluation.

The first proposal of \$675,000 will complete several capital improvements on the current school compound, including the following items:

- High school campus; replace roof, \$135,000; replace heating, ventilation and air conditioning

system, \$175,000; equipment storage, \$4,500; and replacing ceiling tiles and other renovations, \$15,000. The total for high school improvements is an estimated \$329,500.

Thomas Arnold campus: Upgrade HVAC system, \$75,000; renovate east rest room, \$10,000; fasteners on gym roof, \$7,500; fencing at playground, \$4,337. Total for campus is \$99,337.

Improvements to athletic facilities: softball field, including new lights, concession stand and bleachers, \$42,000; resurfacing and refurbishing track, \$65,000; new bleachers and wall mats at SHS gym, \$62,000; irrigation and well for softball/baseball fields, \$28,500; visitor's dugout at baseball field. Total for improvements to athletic facilities is \$200,000.

In addition to the \$626,337 in construction costs, bond proposal A includes \$22,000 to contract with a consulting company to bring the bond package to a successful vote and seven percent \$25,200 for architectural and engineering fees.

The second proposition will complete capital improvements in the following areas:

- High school campus: renovate old band hall, \$50,000; renovate commons area, \$10,000; reno-

vate ag department area, \$30,000; remodel room for distance learning, \$25,000; convert old weight room into storage and offices, \$75,000. Campus total: \$190,000.

Thomas Arnold campus: painting and flooring, \$15,000; ADA ramp, \$2,000; drainage, \$5,000. Campus total: \$22,000.

Grounds and property upgrades: SHS septic field renovation, \$25,000; drainage ditch next to Salado Intermediate School, \$15,000; seal coat drive along field house and ag shop, \$18,000.

Football stadium improvements: additional lighting, \$20,000; expand bleachers, \$20,000; concession stands and ticket booths, \$14,000; press box expansion, \$35,000; drainage at north end of football field, \$15,000. Total for improvements to football stadium: \$114,000.

Proposition B also calls for construction of "a multi-use activity center (with furnishings)" for an additional \$210,000.

Two things are apparent from reading the board information packet this writer requests for every meeting.

First, it is unclear whether the conversion of the old weight room will be for athletic department storage and offices or for

use by other departments in the school.

Second, it is unclear from board information what functions the multi-use activity center will serve, but one might suspect it is another term for the \$210,000 field house presented to trustees in earlier meetings. We will clarify what the multi-use activity center (with furnishings) is for our readers when this newspaper knows.

If, as I suspect, these two line items are dedicated to improvements to the athletic facilities, it will bring the total for all improvements to the athletic facilities to \$399,000 -- \$427,000 if you throw in seven percent for architectural and engineering costs -- or just over 32 percent of the complete package.

Other business items:

Trustees approved one-year contracts for several administrators: Rod Stockstill, TAE principal; Joe Palmer, SIS principal; Kay Matthews, SHS principal; Jeff Cheatham, athletic director; Earl Bragg, technology director; Tommy Barkley, maintenance and transportation director; Lyndal Cabaniss, finance director; Darlene Kirk, administrative assistant; an Wilma Floyd (one year probationary as a new employee), food services director.

Institute

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The Institute for the Humanities was founded in 1981 by Dr. Harry Wilmer.

The Institute's programs have been featured as part of Bill Moyers PBS series and on CNN. The Spring Series is made possible in part by grants from the Joe and Louise Cook Foundation, the Bolton Foundation, the Brown

Foundation, the Carpenter Foundation, the Amon G. Carter Foundation, the Mobil Foundation, the Rockwell Fund, Inc., and Wilsonart International.

For information about registration and the dates, times and places of other events in the Spring Series, contact the Institute at (254) 947-5729.

Village

FROM PAGE 1A

department. Sheriff Dan Smith met with aldermen in a workshop session earlier this year to consider all possibilities to provide police protection.

The board discussed but took no action on possible hotel/motel tax and a request for a variance on a sign by a property owner, possible grants for parks

in Salado and a suggestion from Salado Volunteer Fire Department Chief Wayne Rutherford for a burn ban within the village limits.

The board will meet again March 7 and March 22 at the Salado Civic Center. Regular meetings thereafter will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

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Cash awards were presented to the Salado Volunteer Fire Department, COPS, program and Tablerock Festival of Salado. The checks were presented by Vice District Governor of Texas Lions District 2x3, and past president of the Salado Lions Club. Miller is the Governor-elect of District 2X3 for 2001-2001 and R- Current President of the Salado Lions Club Joe Holt. Representatives accepting were Salado Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Wayne Rutherford, Salado Alderman and president of Tablerock Festival of Salado Jackie Mills and Director of the Salado COPS program Tom Brown.

Williams, Burson to run for school board Two file early for election

Carse Williams and Jackie Burson are the first to file as candidates in the local elections slated for May 5. Both men filed as candidates for the Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees.

Williams will complete his first three-year term on the SISD Board of Trustees. Burson has not served on the board.

For Salado voters, May 5 will be a big day, as they decide who will fill positions on three local governing bodies -- SISD, the Village of Salado and the Salado Public Library District -- as well as voting on two proposed bond issues totaling over \$1.3 million. See related story on bond issue, page 4A.

Applications for candidates in the Salado Independent School Board of Trustees election, the Salado Public Library Board of Trustees election

Brighton offers new line of eyeglasses

If the idea of reading glasses makes you feel old, look for fashionable frames. Brighton Accessories, for example, has just come out with a new line of reading glasses in eight different styles. All of the readers in the new line were designed with fashion-conscious baby boomers in mind, and feature Brighton's signature silver ornamentation.

One of the Brighton styles is pictured here on a model.

Brighton reading glasses, sunglasses and other Brighton accessories can be found right here in Salado, at Cio a unique ladies boutique. Give Virginia or Jenny a call they will be able to answer any questions you may have.

and the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen election can be picked up at the Salado Civic Center.

Two positions on the SISD Board of Trustees come up for election in May. Those positions are currently filled by Frank Carlson and Carse Williams.

Two positions on the Library Board come up for election. Applications for the library board election are available at the Salado Public Library in the Salado Civic Center.

In the village election, the positions of mayor, marshal and all five aldermen come up for election.

Applications for candidates for mayor, marshal and alderman are available at the Village office in the Salado Civic Center.

Mayor Charlotte Douglass, Marshal Alan Rogers and all five aldermen have expressed an interest in seeking re-election to the board of aldermen. Aldermen are Rick Ashe, Dr. Raymond Carver, Michael Cooper, Vic Means and Jackie Mills.

The last day to file an application to be a candidate in any of the three local elections is March 21. We incorrectly reported this date as March 31 in previous issues.

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Church News



Tommie Larnce Wayne Barker baptized at Salado Methodist Church

Tommie Larnce Wayne Barker is presented for Baptism by his parents, Larnce and Charity Barker of Salado. The Baptism was performed in the Salado United Methodist Church.

Walker passes away at age 93

Services for Manford Walker age 93 of Salado were held February 22 in the Heartfield Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Bobby J. Ellis officiating. Burial followed in the Salado Cemetery.

Manford Walker died February 20, 2001 in a Temple Hospital.

He was born on September

28, 1907 in Palo Pinto County to Joe and Cora Davidson Walder. He married Dixie Webster on July 1, 1933 in Flat, Texas. Mr. Walker worked as an Automotive Mechanic, and was a member of the National Rifle Association. He was a member of Prairie Dell Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon.

Survivors include his wife Dixie Walker of Salado, two daughters Glenda Kelley of Salado, Donita Kelley of Holland, one brother Archie Walker of Houston, one sister Eunice Gilbreath of Belton. Also six grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Minnie Mary Adams died in Belton nursing home

Graveside Services for Minnie Mary Adams, age 88, of Belton were held Feb. 27 in the Salado Cemetery with Reverend Joe Bentley Officiating.

Mrs. Adams died February 25 in a Belton nursing home.

She was born on April 19, 1912 in Salado to

George M. and Jane Wood of Turland. She married George E. (Huck) Adams on March 19, 1938 in Belton. Mrs. Adams, a Baptist, was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband George E. (Huck) Adams on February 8, 1988, and one grandson Glenn Walker in 1978.

Survivors include two sons Roy Adams, and James Adams both of Belton; one daughter Sandra Walker of Salado; one sister Cassie Tabor of Salado; seven grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Hearfield was in charge of the arrangements.

Special Ash Wednesday services to be held at Salado United Methodist Church

An Ash Wednesday Service, combining music, scripture, and drama will be held at The Salado

United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 28. This begins the season of Lent, which is the 40 days before

Easter not counting Sundays. The mark of ashes, a biblical sign of humble penitence, was placed on the foreheads of early Christians as a reminder of mortality and repentance. The ashes will come from the palms used in last year's Palm Sunday Service. The public is invited to attend.

A Devotion Book for use during the Season of Lent will be available at the Church. This is the third year SUMC has published the daily devotional book. The book contains personal devotions, written by members of the Church and a scripture verse for each day. Many artists from the Salado community helped with the illustrations.

One Voice, a vocal ensemble from the University of Mary Hardin Baylor, will perform at the 9-11 a.m. Worship Services March 4.

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else they are asked to sing. They were invited to sing at the 2000 Worlds Fair in Hanover and at the German Convention of Evangelical Churches. All members of ONE VOICE are also members of the UMHB Concert Choir.

David Guess, Director of Choral Activities at UMHB directs the group. Their accompanist is David Mace, Assistant Professor of Music at UMHB. The public is welcome to attend.



Gary Gosney to speak at Monday Club

Dr. Gary Lynn Gosney of Temple will be guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Monday Club to be held 2 p.m. March 5 at the Salado United Methodist Church.

Gosney is a well known Central Texas veterinarian, humorist and motivational speaker.

The meeting is open to the public (ladies and gentlemen).

Dr. Gosney grew up on a dairy farm. He made the decision to become a veterinarian at 8 years of age and set all goals in that direction.

He received a Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M. After completing his education, he went into the U.S. Army, Vet Corps and served in Viet Nam.

In 1970, Dr. Gosney bought the Temple Veterinary Hospital where has worked as owner and staff

ever since.

His civic work and recognitions are numerous. Among them are the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the Viet Nam Commendation Medal, and the 1976 Jaycees Outstanding Young Man of the Year.

He appeared on PBS' Pet Clinic for more than 20 years and hosted the weekly veterinary "Vet Talk" show on the radio. In addition he cohosted a morning drive-time two hour radio show on KTEM call "The Goz and Chucker Show."

He and his family are members of Grace Presbyterian church where he is an elder, trustee and has been a Sunday school teacher since 1972.

He has authored numerous articles on veterinary medicine and more than 25 plays performed on local stage. He has appeared in



Dr. Gary Lynn Gosney

more than 100 civic productions of civic theater plays.

The Monday Club is a non-denominational group, open to all ladies in the

community. The purpose of the club is to enjoy and promote friendship and to contribute to church and community projects with time, energy and funds.

Boy and Cub Scouts lead Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts participate in Scout Sunday in the Salado United Methodist Church. Pictured above are scouts Kendel, Brown, and Radebaugh leading the congregation in the Pledge of Allegiance.



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March 2: Cinnamon Rolls, Baked Ham, Cereal, Toast, fruit, Juice, Milk

March 5: French Toast Stick, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

March 6: Cinnamon Rolls, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

February 28: Pizza, Green Salad, Hoagie, Breadstick, Fruit, Milk

March 1: Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Roll, Peas, Fruit, Milk

March 2: Cheeseburger on Roll, French Fries, Lettuce, Fruity Freeze, Milk

March 5: Lasagna, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Salad, Baked Potato, Hoagie, Apples, Milk

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Meagan Joiner reaches out for a ball during the Lady Eagles' 62-47 loss to Schulenburg Feb. 20.

Lady knocked out by Short Horns

Salado Lady Eagles ran into a team they could not overcome Feb. 20 when they faced the taller, faster and well-disciplined Schulenburg Lady Short Horns. The Lady Eagles were eliminated from the play-offs by Schulenburg's convincing 62-47 win.

Salado tried to play catch-up for most of the game as Schulenburg built on a five point 18-13 first quarter lead. The Lady Short Horns led by 30-23 at the half, extending it to 46-33 at the end of three periods.

The only place Schulenburg evidently lacked was at the free throw line, where they shot 16 of 33. Salado, on the other hand, was remarkable, shooting 15 of 19 at the charity stripe.

Robyn Womac, who led the Lady Eagles with 21 points, was perfect at the free throw line, shooting 7-7.

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Lauren Mewhinney and Tessa Schreiner, 7 points each; Julie Couchman, 6 points, Lindsay Quirk, 4 points and



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Julie Couchman tries to deliver around a Lady Short Horn Feb. 20

Meagan Joiner, 2 points. Salado finished its season as the co-district champions. Next year, the girls are expected to return all varsity players, except Schreiner, who graduates this year.




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With just two practice sessions under their belts, Lady Eagles softball players split their games in the Schulenburg Tournament Feb. 24.

Salado won games against Ganado and Giddings, but lost to Episcopal and Burton.

The loss to Episcopal was never close, as Salado allowed three runs in the first inning and 11 runs in the second inning. Episcopal had just four hits, but took advantage of eight errors by the Lady Eagles.

Robyn Womac earned the single run for Salado in the game against Episcopal.

With a five-run fifth inning, Salado closed its 8-2 win over Ganado. Salado had six hits, but committed five errors.

Randi Rader had two

singles and two RBIs, while Womac had two singles, a run and an RBI. Megan Fleck scored two runs. Stephanie Krueger was the winning pitcher to bring her record to 1-1.

The girls thrashed Giddings 12-1 in the third game. The Lady Eagles hit 11 times and gave up just two hits. Krueger won the game on the mound for a 2-1 record.

Krueger, Womac and Tiffany Blair all collected two hits on four at-bats. Krueger drove in two runs, Womac drove in one run while Blair scored three runs.

Michelle Houston also scored two runs in the Giddings game.

Salado led Burton through three innings, but allowed four runs in the fourth inning, to give

Lady Eagles Box scores

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
Salado	0	0	0			0	1	8
Episcopal	3	11	0			14	4	1
Salado	3	0	0	0	5	8	6	5
Ganado	2	0	2	0	0	4	0	3
Salado	0	2	1	4	5	12	11	2
Giddings	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
Salado	2	0	0	0	0	2	5	5
Burton	0	0	1	4	0	5	1	3

Krueger her second loss of the season.

Burton converted one hit into five runs, taking advantage of four errors by the Eagle defense.

Lindsay Quirk had two hits on three at-bats to lead the Lady Eagles offense.

"The team competed well," Coach Travis Ling said. "We just made too many mental and physical

errors. They're all correctable, though. We've got to continue to work on the fundamentals."

Lady golfers take 2nd at SW Classic

Salado Lady Eagles Golfers placed second in the Southwest Texas Girls Classic golf tournament Feb. 24 in San Marcos.

The girls finished with a team total of 377.

Following are the individual scores of the top four Salado girls which give the team total: Emily Lilly, 87; Kaci Fritsch, 91; Paige Cameron, 99; and Kate Mentzel, 100.

The golfers will compete again March 7 in the Gatesville tournament.

of his pitches, which is a good sign this early in the season." Thompson pitched one inning with three hits, two earned runs and two strikeouts.

"We came up against a good Troy team with a hard-throwing right-handed pitcher," Olson said. "We

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Hardballers open season

Salado Eagles won one of three games in the Rogers Tournament last week, losing to Troy 11-0 and Bremond, 10-7 and defeating Blooming Grove, 12-6.

	R	H	E
Eagles	0	2	5
Troy	11	8	1

Caleb Thompson and

Chris Ray were the only Eagles to garner hits during Salado's one-sided loss to Troy.

Ray pitched four innings, giving up five hits and five earned runs. He struck out six. "Ray had a good game on the mound," Coach Chad Olson said. "He had good control of all

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"I am kicking off the fifth annual Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest," Comptroller Rylander said. "This annual competition attracts thousands of entries from children all over Texas. Six lucky kids will win Texas Tomorrow Fund Scholarships that will guarantee that their tuition and required fees will be fully paid when they are ready for college."

The Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest is open to all Texas students enrolled in elementary or middle/junior high school. The grand prize winner from the elementary school category and the grand

prize winner from the middle/junior high school category will each receive four-year Texas Tomorrow scholarships sponsored by Belo Corporation and Farmers Insurance Group.

This year, a third grand prize, the four year Intel Math, Science, Engineering and Technology (IMSET) scholarships will be awarded to an elementary or middle/junior high school student whose contest entry depicts a career in a technical or scientific field. To be eligible for the Intel Scholarship, contestants must mark a box on the contest entry form to indicate that they want their drawing to be judged in the IMSET category.

Three runners up in the Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest will receive one year community college scholarships sponsored by Fannie Mae.

To enter, send a drawing depicting "What I Want to Be After College" to:

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troller of Public Accounts, P.O. Box 13407, Austin, Texas 78711-3407.

The deadline is April 9. Winners will be announced during the week of April 23. For complete contest rules and an entry/parental consent form, go to the Texas Tomorrow Fund Web site at www.texastomorrowfund.org. Contest rules and entry forms are also available from local schools and libraries.

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"I applaud Belo Corporation, Farmers Insurance Group, Intel Corporation and Fannie Mae for helping our children on the road to a bright future by sponsoring Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarships for the poster contest winners," Comptroller Rylander said.

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IRS protects abuse victims

The Internal Revenue Service has initiated a series of steps to protect victims of domestic violence who apply for innocent spouse relief.

This set of safeguards responds to concerns brought to the IRS by a number of outside groups interested in domestic violence issues.

If a taxpayer has been a victim of domestic violence and fears that filing a claim for innocent spouse relief will result in retaliation, he or she should write the term "Potential Domestic Abuse Case" at the top of Form 8857, "Request for Innocent Spouse Relief." This term will alert the IRS to the sensitivity of the taxpayer's situation. Taxpayers should also explain their concerns in a statement attached to the claim, in addition to explaining why

they should qualify for innocent spouse relief.

"This process alerts our people up front that extra care should be taken on these cases," said IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti.

However, the IRS strictly adheres to tax law provisions that protect the confidentiality of sensitive information. This means the IRS will not release information that could endanger the safety of domestic violence victims.

For example, the IRS will not release to a taxpayer's spouse (or former spouse) a new name, address, information about an employer, phone number or fax number or other information not related to making a determination about the innocent spouse claim.

"Abuse victims should

take comfort that they can pursue their legal rights with the IRS without fear of jeopardizing their confidentiality or their safety," Rossotti said.

IRS workers working innocent spouse cases also will receive special training on how to properly handle abuse cases.

The IRS stance drew praise from Women for IRS Financial Equity (WIFE), a group active on domestic abuse cases.

"The IRS is taking steps to ensure that people who have had difficult domestic situations will be allowed to pursue their rights and the IRS will protect their privacy from an abusive spouse," said Beth Cockrell, a founder of WIFE.

The designation as a "Potential Domestic Abuse Case" does not lead to special consideration when the IRS makes an innocent

spouse decision. However, evidence of abuse is one factor that the IRS may consider under innocent spouse relief.

When a married couple files a tax return jointly, each spouse is fully liable for the taxes owed, including any penalty and interest due. Form 8857 allows a taxpayer to request innocent spouse relief when the person believes only a spouse or former spouse should be held liable for the tax liabilities.

Copies of the forms are available on the Internet at www.irs.gov in the "Forms and Pubs" section.

Taxpayers who wish to investigate eligibility for innocent spouse relief can visit the Innocent Spouse Tax Relief Eligibility Explorer on the IRS web at www.irs.gov/prod/ind_info/s_tree/index.html.

Read the fine print on phone cards

By ILENE MILLER
COUNTY EXT. AGENT FCS

The use of pre-paid phone cards, which are easily obtained at convenience stores, pharmacies, discount stores, by mail and over the Internet, is steadily increasing. However, consumers should be aware that almost every card has a different rate and number of minutes, so making the right choice can be difficult.

When shopping around for a pre-paid phone card, consumers have a lot of

options. The number of minutes available depends on the amount you pay for it and the per minute charge, so it's important you read carefully.

Pre-paid phone cards start with a specific number of minutes. As the card is used, the number of minutes of calling time remaining is reduced until it is gone.

Different cards charge different per-minute rates. With some of them, you actually get a better per minute rate if you buy

more minutes. But that's not always the case. You really have to check on the per minute rate because it's not always printed on the card.

Each card comes with a toll-free access number to use for instructions on how to use the card, and a PIN number, but it's buyers beware. Many of the cards have a per-call connection fee and/or monthly fee that will quickly reduce the number of minutes you have available for phone calls.

Look for pre-paid cards that don't have these added charges. It's like any other purchase you make - read the fine print carefully. And when possible, purchase pre-paid long distance calling cards that are used by well-established reputable companies.

Taking a few minutes to investigate the difference between the various types of pre-paid cards before buying one, will save money in the long-run.

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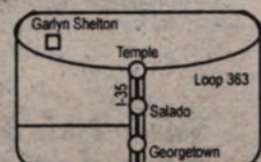
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Scott & White Health Plan and TMA team up for your Heart Health

Scott & White Health Plan, Texas Medical Association and Texas Medical Association Alliance are teaming up to help prevent heart disease and stroke in Central Texas.

In conjunction with American Heart Month, Scott & White, TMA, and the TMA Alliance recently arranged for all family physicians, internists, pediatricians, obstetricians - gynecologists and cardiovascular specialists who are members of the Scott & White Health Plan network to receive Project WATCH physician kits. These kits are designed to help doctors in the identification and management of their patients' heart disease and

stroke risks. Included in the physician kits were patient educational brochures, patient encounter forms, cardiovascular and heart disease fact sheets, smoking cessation tool kits, and bookmarks for children. The bookmarks stress the importance of physical activity for children in preventing future heart disease. TMA and Scott & White are asking the network's physicians to utilize these materials to help track and reduce heart disease and stroke risks not just for Scott & White patients but for all of their patients.

Project WATCH is a cardiovascular disease and

stroke prevention initiative launched in 1999 by TMA and TMA Alliance, with funding from the TMA Foundation. WATCH refers to the five preventable cardiovascular disease and stroke risk factors: weight, activity, tobacco, cholesterol, and hypertension.

Currently in its second year, Project WATCH is focusing on childhood inactivity and obesity. "This is a significant problem for Texas and the nation and must be addressed by all who provide care," said TMA President Dr. Jim Rohack, a Temple cardiologist and medical director of the Scott & White Health

Plan. Cardiovascular disease can begin as young as age three. A good diet and exercise can prevent or at least delay the onset of cardiovascular disease.

The TMA Alliance currently is working with local school districts and TMA is part of a coalition to address quality physical activity in school systems through the legislative process.

During April, Scott & White Health Plan members and TMA hope that all patients seen in Texas physician offices will be WATCHed for risk factors relating to cardiovascular disease and stroke.

Lone Star Chapter of National Multiple Sclerosis Society holds "The MS Walk"

The Lone Star Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will hold The MS Walk March 24 in College Station and Waco. These events are expected to raise \$50,000 to support research, advocacy, education and local programs in the mission to end the devastating effects of MS. All establishments are invited

to play a role in the success of this event and help make a difference in the lives of more than 11,600 Texans with MS, their families and friends.

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the registration form. Recruit more team members and earn prizes for all your hard work and dedication.

If you have any questions about The MS Walk, multiple sclerosis or the National MS Society, call (713) 526-8967 or write Kathryn.noser@txh.nmss.org.

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Foundation selects Jon Teer

The Salado Education Foundation recognizes Jon Teer as their first Outstanding Senior Student.

Seventeen year old Jon Teer accomplishments already include: UIL Spelling- State Qualifier in 2000, UIL Ready Writing, UIL Computer Applications-Regional Qualifier in 2000. He is ranked in the top 5 percent of his class and serves as the National Honor Society Vice-president. He is a National Merit Commended Scholar, student council representative, and Junior Class treasurer.

Jon is a member of the Interact Rotary Club and has attended Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference. In addition he has received TAAS academic recognition in math and reading.

As part of his routine he can be found tutoring at

Thomas Arnold Elementary or at Salado High School.

He plays Varsity tennis and participates in the First Baptist Church of Salado Youth Group.

Teer said, "I plan to attend Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia and major in Film Production and 3D Computer Art." He also added, "It is important to me that I maintain my focus on education...and my family is also very important to me and my achievements thus far."

Each six weeks an Outstanding Senior will be recognized by the Salado Education Foundation. The outstanding student will be chosen by the Salado High School faculty.

For more information about the Salado Educa-



Jon Teer

tion Foundation call Superintendent Battershell at 947-5479

Texas 100 stock index accuracy improves as new companies are added

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced the Texas 100 Stock Index added nine new companies and dropped others during an annual revision to ensure that the index represents Texas' 100 largest employers with publicly traded stock.

The revised index rose from 120.2 in December to 131.3 in January, a gain of 9.2 percent.

Citibank joins the Texas

100, after buying out Associates First Capital and replacing that company in the index. Also joining the Texas 100 are Aetna Inc., O'Reilly Automotive Inc. (Hi/Lo Auto Parts) and Sprint Corp. local and long distance telephone company. (Sprint wireless, a separate company, is not included in the Texas 100.) Five business service providers are also new to the index: Administaff Inc.,

an employee benefits provider; Labor Ready Inc., specializing in unskilled temporary workers; American Building Maintenance Industries Inc., a janitorial service company; Personnel Group of America (Staffinders), a temporary employment agency and Service Master Inc., which provides business services ranging from staffing to lawn care.

Companies departing

the Texas 100 are Cullen Frost Bankers, Bridgestone Firestone, General Motors Corp. and American Standard, which manufactures Trane air conditioners in Tyler. Other departing companies are Bass PLC (Holiday Inn), Phoenix Restaurant Group (Black-Eyed Pea) and Conoco. Texaco will be replaced on the index by the merging company Chevron Texaco.



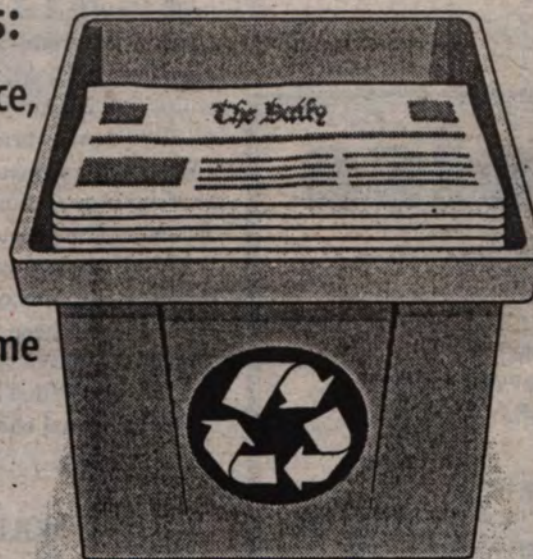
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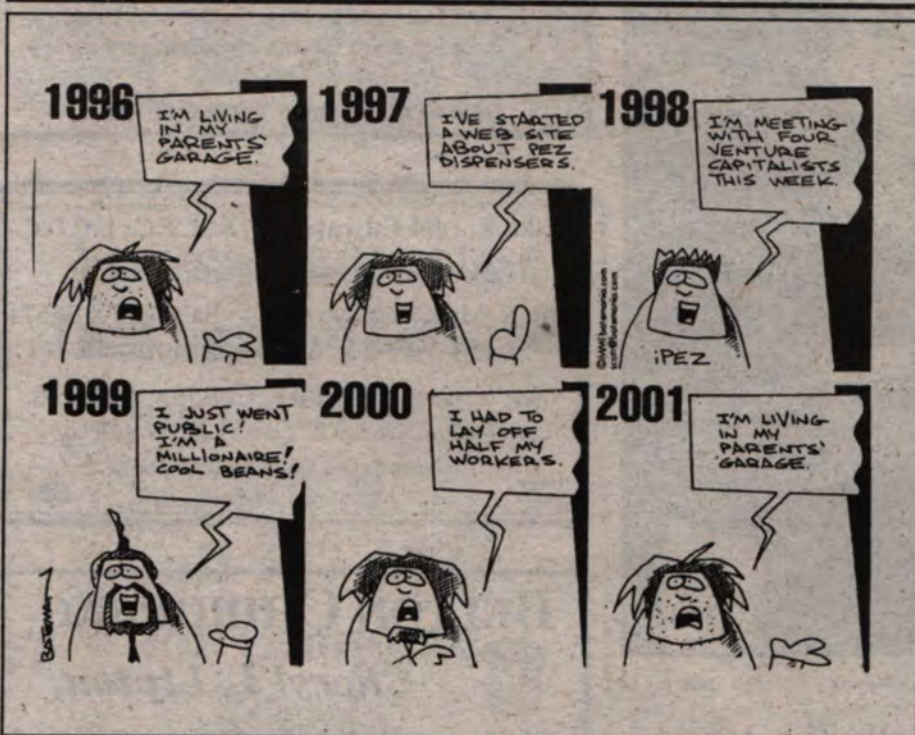
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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Campaign financing needs reform

Political campaigns cost money. Any attempt to reform campaign finance laws has to take this reality into account.

Reform can level the playing field.

Reform can make the election process more responsive to voters and more accessible to potential candidates.

But effective campaign finance reform has to acknowledge the central role played by legitimate, voluntary contributions from individuals and organizations.

Voters need information, the more the better, and getting that information to them costs money. Inherent in our democracy is the right and ability of candidates for public office to publicize their views before an election so the electorate is able to make an informed choice. I have introduced campaign reform legislation that addresses shortcomings in the current system. My bill targets specific problems with specific remedies.

Problem: Political action committees (PACs) overshadow individual contributors and concentrate fund raising in Washington.

My solution: set a limit for both individual and PAC contributions of \$3,000 per candidate per election.

Problem: Inordinate amounts of campaign contributions coming from sources other than voters in a candidate's home district or state.

My Solution: Strengthen politicians' home state ties and encourage expanded grass roots participation by requiring that at least 60 percent of a congressional candidate's campaign funds come from in-state individual residents in the case of

Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



Senate, or from District residents, in the case of the House of Representatives.

This will ensure that the people of each state have the greatest say in the outcome of their congressional elections, and would help challengers, who rely more often upon individual contributions.

Problem: Candidates can loan their own campaigns unlimited sums of money, then reimburse themselves with contributions collected after they've been elected to office.

My solution: Set a \$250,000 limit on what self-financed candidates can reimburse themselves for campaign loans.

Problem: Incumbent elected officials enjoy the unfair advantage of franked (free) mass mailings, even during election years, up to 60 days before the election.

My solution: End the mass-mail franking privilege for Senators during election years.

My bill incorporates common sense into our campaign finance law by targeting areas that have been subject to abuse and excess, while respecting freedom of expression. These are clear, workable reforms, designed to encourage broad political confidence. They would go a long way toward returning control of federal campaigns and elections to individual voters.

McVeigh story should be embargoed until after execution

Since there is no patron saint dedicated to those who toil in the media vineyards, we are sadly left with no one to turn to for succor from the relentless bombardment of news about a man not worthy of our time or attention.

You can probably guess where we are going here. No - not Bill Clinton who Time Magazine asked: "How can we miss you, if you never go away"? The man in this piece is Timothy McVeigh who caused the death of 168 people while injuring 500 others in the deadliest act of terrorism in our nation's history.

McVeigh was found guilty of blowing up the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995 and is scheduled to die by lethal injection on May 16, 2001, at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Indiana.

McVeigh is not seeking a reversal of his death penalty but presumably wants to be viewed as a martyr with all the trappings of regular reports on his views, his health, his death and probably some in-depth reports on every facet of his life from an unhappy childhood that some nutty shrink will probably blame on the fact he was not weaned properly or some other fanciful excuse for cold blooded murder by this subhuman, who had full knowledge of what he was doing on that terrible day in Oklahoma City.

This hate filled egotist had few friends in high school. In the military he remained a loner, obsessed with guns and a growing dislike for his government that expanded during his vagabond years of traveling around the country.

This 27 year old anti-social young man eventually drew up plans to strike back at his country through a dastardly plan to blow up a federal building. He picked Oklahoma City as the place and April 19, 1995, the time, to explode a truck bomb that shocked America to its very core.

If the media continues to present a flood of unsolicited TV, radio and print interviews with this killer between now and May 16, they will have created a poster boy for militant anti-tax, anti-government, survivalist, racist and other nutty fringe groups that have dedicated themselves to taking down the very government that allows them to exist.

Permitting this person to become the martyred hero of all the hate groups in America is unconscionable. It mocks those who mourn the innocent men women and children who McVeigh murdered.

He will have won and the rest of us lost!

NEWS EMBARGO

To offset this we would suggest a news embargo starting today and lasting until the day after this mass murderer's execution. Then, on May 17, 2001 - a very brief mention via TV and radio announcing that Timothy McVeigh was executed on the previous day and will be buried at an unknown site. Newspapers would print the same info in a single paragraph on the obit page. It has been said that the lack of media coverage has a chilling effect. Let's just see if that is correct and freeze McVeigh's final chapter to way below zero.

MOLLY ON "GUN DAY"

Molly Ivins, liberal columnist for the Temple Telegram, was lamenting on February 23, that the State Legislature is up to its normal acts of political legerdemain intended to obfuscate the

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



"As long as schools give tests there will be prayers in the classroom".

Bumper Sticker

public into thinking they are working.

Special days, she noted, are a lawmaker's favorite tool to get in good with one group or another. GOP representative Mary Denny, (R-Denton) would make the first Thursday in May especially holy and be annually called "Prayer Day". Presumably not in schools or at least not out loud.

Reminds this writer of a great bumper sticker seen recently that noted: "As long as schools give tests - there will be school prayers".

Ivins, who is the GOPers least beloved writer, gave Salado's own personal representative down in Austin - Suzanna Hupp (R-Lampasas), a knock when Molly discovered the gun toting lawmaker was sponsoring a bill to make each September 25, "Bill of Rights Day".

Ivins noted that Hupp had not all of a sudden turned into a dues paying civil libertarian promoting the rights of the losing members of today's class warfare, but was probably pushing for increased awareness of the Second Amendment which allows us to keep and bear arms, among other things - something that got Hupp into office and keeps here there thanks to the financial help of the National Rifle Association and the moral support of Moses - oops - Charlton Heston.

The more appropriate name for the special event should be "Gun Day", according to Ivins, who is always going to be a thorn in the side of the righteous right and others who would push the super conservative envelope to the borders of extremism.

BUSH QUOTE ON TARGET

President Bush may not be the most articulate fellow when it comes to press conferences, as he strangles our mother tongue, (even during the current push for more English testing in the schools), but he did come up with an outstanding quote the other day during a press conference at the White House and we applaud him for what he said and how it stands out pristinely clear and clean in these post-Clinton days that never seem to end.

Bush was asked what he would tell his many family members about what to say, and how to act, while he is President. Question arose after more news surfaced about some of Bill and Hillary's relatives who were grifting about before and after the pardon sleaze.

The President clearly stated: "What would I tell my kin - simply - 'behave yourselves'."

"And they would" he added with a knowing twinkle in his eye.

Well done, George W., we all appreciate the sentiment.

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Contractors should pay living wage



Jim Hightower

Here's a novel concept: If you work full time and do a good job, you shouldn't be paid so poorly that you live in poverty. Try to tell that to the federal government, though. An independent study released by ACORN, the grassroots advocate for the working poor, finds that corporations enjoying fat, tax-paid contracts from the feds are paying poverty wages to the people actually doing the contract work.

The same federal government that sets precise standards for, say the tensile strength of screws that it buys, sets no standards for the fair pay of people working under its contracts. The study, conducted by the Economic Policy Institute, revealed that 11 percent of federal contract employees receive less than a "living wage," which is to say their paychecks are too low to lift them and their families above the poverty level.

In this period of economic prosperity and federal surpluses, in this period when Congress annually raises its own pay, in this period when federal contracts routinely cover the million-dollar paychecks of the corporate CEOs getting the contracts—it's absurd that our tax dollars would be used to subsidize sub-poverty pay. Ironically, while the companies profit on the backs of these workers, many of the workers themselves have to turn to food stamps, housing assistance, and other federal poverty programs just to make ends meet.

This means that we taxpayers are hit with a double whammy: first, we're subsidizing low-wage companies, then we have to provide services to assuage the poverty of their workers.

Better that the contractors themselves be required to pay fair wages from the start, which is why the Living Wage Responsibility Act has been introduced in Congress, sponsored by Representative Luis Guitierrez of Illinois. It requires big businesses that get federal contracts to pay their employees a wage no less than the federal poverty level. For more information, contact ACORN: 202-547-2500.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Bad behavior impacts teachers more than lack of health insurance

By PEGGY VENABLE
TEXAS CITIZENS FOR A SOUND ECONOMY

Texas public schools are having a tough time. One teacher puts it this way:

"There are no serious consequences for bad behavior, vulgar language, rude treatment of teachers by students or even hitting a teacher. Our teachers feel we have lost control over our student body."

These words taken from a Texas Public Policy Foundation survey point to the major problem affecting teaching recruitment and retention. Morale is plummeting among teachers due to lack of discipline among students, poor leadership by officials and fear of lawsuits when teachers attempt to maintain order and discipline.

What is the solution to this? Well, it all depends on who is defining the problem.

Politicians in Austin have decided that the problem causing low teacher morale is not enough pay and benefits, and their solution is to have the state provide for health insurance for all school district employees.

Teachers deserve health insurance, as do all Texas. But does the medicine treat the ailment? Is teacher health insurance a problem?

Texas has 1,183 districts and charter schools with almost 542,000 employees. Of all the school districts or charter schools in the state, only 17 did not offer health insurance to their employees. The total number of school district and charter school employees in the state who aren't offered health insurance is 350.

Only 0.06% of all public school employees aren't offered health insurance. State financing of teacher health insurance is a solution looking for a problem.

What teachers really need is the freedom to restore discipline in the classroom and legislative protection from the frivolous lawsuits.

As part of a trend in increased litigation, the number of lawsuits against schools and teachers has been rising in the last decade. One of the main reasons teachers join unions or associations is to get liability insurance: those joining the Texas State Teachers Association (PSTA) receive a \$6 million liability insurance policy.

This fear of lawsuits ultimately harms educational opportunity for our children.

Two-thirds of principals surveyed have changed or ended school programs out of concern for lawsuits. Gymnastics, driver's education and field trips are some of the more visible casualties.

Even more damaging is the impact this fear has on discipline in the classroom. Student attitudes and behavior are a major problem in the classroom because teachers and administrators fear taking steps to instill standards and discipline in the classroom due to the threat of lawsuits.

For instance, a 15-year-old Ohio girl sued her school district and 11 teachers after she received failing grades due to constant tardiness and was absent more than the district's 12 day limit allowed. She is

seeking \$6 million in compensatory damages because these grades hurt her chances for receiving scholarships, being admitted into college and getting a good job later in life.

Money is always an issue, and if legislators want to help teachers, they should move to free tax dollars now being spent in litigation and lining the pockets of trial lawyers. That money could better be spent in the classrooms and for teacher salaries or benefits.

Passing legislation to protect teachers from civil and criminal liability and punishing those who knowingly file false claims will renew our emphasis on education, not litigation. It will return the classroom to the teachers, the schoolyards to our children, and our tax dollars to education, not litigation.

Rehab programs working in state prison system

By A.M. MAC. STRINGFELLOW,
CHAIRMAN
TEXAS BOARD OF CRIMINAL
JUSTICE

Recent independent studies have shown that Texas prison rehabilitation programs are working. In short, the programs are credited with significantly lowering the percentage of offenders who commit new crimes after being released from prison.

This success is a modern day phenomenon for Texas. It marks a maturing of programs and policies which effectively started only with completion of the huge prison expansion six years ago.

In those few years, the programs have been fine tuned in a constant evolutionary process as the Texas Department of Criminal Justice sought to make good on legislative mandates to do something better than simply insuring public safety by warehousing convicted felons.

The results of the rehabilitation efforts are measured by the Criminal Justice Policy Council, an independent agency answerable to the Legislature for analysis of the justice system.

In the latest measure of rehabilitation success, the Policy Council told the Legislature that TDCJ's treatment programs are—in the words of the Associated Press—helping more convicted sex offenders and drug abusers change their ways and stay out of prison. In one example, the Policy Council tracked offenders who completed TDCJ's therapeutic treatment for substance abusers

and found that only 13 percent of them re-offended within two years after release, compared to 21 percent in a comparison group who had not been treated.

The Policy Council identified similar positive impact, on recidivism from TDCJ's sex offender treatment program, finding that 13 percent of the program graduates were arrested for new offenses within two years compared to a 24 percent in a comparison group who were not treated.

Last fall the Council reported on prison education and literacy programs after tracking 25,000 released inmates for two years and concluding that teaching non-readers to read reduced recidivism by 37 percent among high risk young offenders.

The Council also identifies needed fine-tuning and better targeting. It suggested that more education resources be concentrated on high risk young offenders and that post release job placement services be strengthened. In substance abuse treatment the Council pointed out that two relatively new programs could be improved by refining inmate selection criteria and better staffing.

The programs don't succeed in a vacuum. TDCJ's linkage to the Board of Pardons and Paroles is critical. The track records of the various rehabilitation programs have given the Parole Board new confidence to grant parole to an increasing number of prisoners who successfully complete rehabilitation and treatment programs.

The TDCJ-Parole linkage has also matured greatly in the past five years. Parole makes its case by case decisions a year or more in advance to insure that TDCJ's resources can put the outgoing offenders through treatment before they leave prison. Many of the programs require from 9 to 18 months to complete. The two agencies also work in sync in selecting parole candidates who have a high potential of benefit from the programs, a recognition that parole incentives have a positive impact on treatment effectiveness.



Texas 100 index changes look with new companies in list

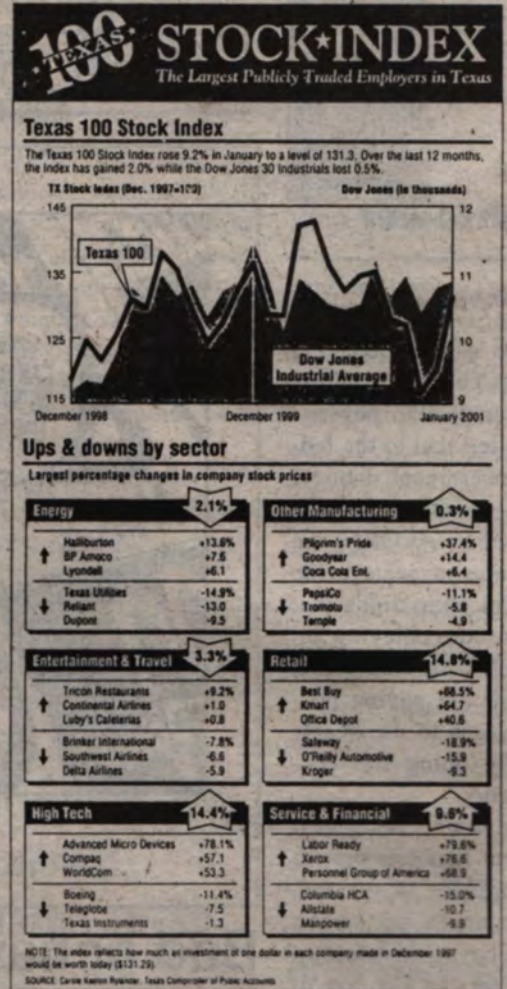
Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced the Texas 100 Stock Index added nine new companies and dropped others during an annual revision to ensure that the index represents Texas' 100 largest employers with publicly traded stock.

The revised index rose from 120.2 in December to 131.3 in January, a gain of 9.2 percent.

Citibank joins the Texas 100, after buying out Associates First Capital and replacing that company in the index. Also joining the Texas 100 are Aetna Inc., O'Reilly Automotive Inc. (Hi/Lo Auto Parts) and Sprint Corp. local and long distance telephone company. (Sprint wireless, a separate company, is not included in the Texas 100.) Five business service providers are also new to

the index: Administaff Inc., an employee benefits provider; Labor Ready Inc., specializing in unskilled temporary workers; American Building Maintenance Industries Inc., a janitorial service company; Personnel Group of America (Staffinders), a temporary employment agency and Service Master Inc., which provides business services ranging from staffing to lawn care.

Companies departing the Texas 100 are Cullen Frost Bankers, Bridgestone Firestone, General Motors Corp. and American Standard, which manufactures Trane air conditioners in Tyler. Other departing companies are Bass PLC (Holiday Inn), Phoenix Restaurant Group (Black-Eyed Pea) and Conoco. Texaco will be replaced on the index by the merging company Chevron Texaco.



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Baseball

made some mistakes in the field. They were better than us."

	R	H	E
Salado	12	8	6
B. Grove	6	6	4

Miles Wallace went the distance on the mound in the second round of the tournament, as Salado batters woke up, getting eight hits and 12 runs.

Wallace also led the batters, hitting 4-4, including three doubles and a triple. He scored three runs and knocked in four.

Jeremy Grimm also hit well, with two singles. He scored three times, stealing base three times and driving in one run.

"We came out of the previous game's slump," Coach Olson said, "led by Miles.... We put the ball in play and hit it hard."

"Miles also had a good game on the mound" Olson added. "We had some troubles defensively, but those are fixable."

	R	H	E
Eagles	7	6	2
Bremond	10	5	4

Salado lost a tough game to Bremond in the final round of the tournament. Even though they out hit Bremond and committed fewer errors, Bremond

found a way to beat the Eagles.

"A couple of things go a different way," Coach Olson said, "and we come out on top. It is good to have these types of games early to see how we come back from it."

Wallace led the offense, hitting two doubles and driving in two runs. He also scored a run. Grimm went 2-3 with two singles and 2 RBIs. He also scored two runs.

Grimm was the losing pitcher, giving up five hits in four innings. He also struck out six batters.

Wallace and Grimm led the Salado batters. Wallace went 6-9 with five doubles, a triple and 6 RBIs. Grimm had four singles and four

stolen bases.

"I'm glad that the weather cooperated and allowed us to get these games in," Olson said. "We needed to get on the field with someone else to see where we are now. I am optimistic about the remainder of the season."

Upcoming games: Salado will play in the Jarrell Tournament March 1-3, starting out against Thrall 2:30 p.m. March 1. Call Salado High School at 947-5429 for times of other games in the tournament.

Salado will Rogers in the first district game 7 p.m. March 6.

The Eagles compete in the Hamilton Tournament March 8-10. Game times to be announced.

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Chisholm Trail ABWA host annual Style Show April 7th

Tickets went on sale this week for the annual American Business Women Association (ABWA) benefit style show to be held April 7 at the Salado Civic Center. Styles from Christy's of Salado and The Store in Old Town Salado will be featured. The luncheon will be catered by Sherry Bonnett of the Texas House Bed and Breakfast. Music will be provided by Marge Kirkman, pianist.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from The Store, Christy's, Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA members. Call 947-9000.

Central Texas ABWA

The Central Texas Area American Business Women's Association Council will hold its regular meeting 6 p.m. March 8 at the Inn at Scott & White, 2625 S. 31st St., Temple, TX. Cost of the event is \$13 and reservations are required by March 1. For more information contact Jacquie Morgan at 254-780-9310.

Each chapter's "Women of the Year" for 2001 will be honored at this meeting.



4th graders win at writing

Prizes for the Thomas Arnold Elementary 4th grade writing contest sponsored by Tablerock Festival of Salado, Inc. were awarded on Feb. 21, at an assembly in the school library. The writing contest theme was "Writing From The Heart."

First Place winner was Abby Frazier. Her prize was \$50.00 for books of her choice.

Second Place winner, C. J. Little, won \$25.00 worth of books of his choice from The Salado Gallery.

Third Place winner, Katy Constancio, won a book of her choice from Fletcher's Books and Antiques.

Honorable Mention was awarded to Richard Patterson with a check from Tablerock for \$5.00 for a book of his choice.

On March 21, Tablerock will honor the four writing contest winners at "Lunch with Local Authors" held at Stagecoach Inn. Local authors Patsy Sanford, Jan Hart, Zelma Taylor and Jackie Mills, and Thomas Arnold Language Arts teachers, Carleen Carroll and Lisa Wagnon, will be in attendance.

UIL championship won by SHS

On Feb. 24, Salado High School won the championship of the UIL Academic Meet held at A&M Consolidated High School. Salado scored 194 points to out distance second place Stafford High School which scored 132. Salado results are as follows:

Spelling & Vocabulary- Stacy Blodgett, 1st; Jon Teer, 2nd.

Spelling & Vocabulary

Team- Blodgett, Teer, Kelli Cook, 1st.

Literary Criticism- Brian Miller, 3rd; Sara Culver, 4th.

Poetry- Adria Raley, 1st.

Ready Writing- Teer, 4th.

Science- Greg Dachs, 5th.

Number Sense- Chris Ray, 1st; Greg Dachs, 2nd; Miles Wallace, 3rd; Jeremy

Grimm, 6th.

Number Sense Team- Ray, Dachs, Wallace, 1st.

Calculator- Dachs, 1st; Clint Marshall, 2nd; Culver, 3rd.

Calculator Team- Dachs, Marshall, Culver, 1st.

Mathematics- Dachs, 1st; Culver, 2nd.

Mathematics Team- Dachs, Culver, Frank Carlson, 1st.

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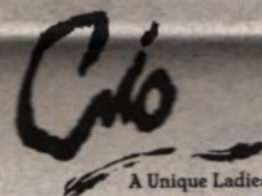
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Republican Women meet March 8 at Civic Center

The Salado Area Republican Women hold their monthly meeting 6:30 p.m. March 8 at the Civic Center. While a meal will not be available, heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. The speaker will be Saladoan Borah VanDormolen, who is currently serving as a legislative aid to Representative Kent Grusendorf, State Representative from the 94th District. Van Dormolen will speak on important legislative issues, women's special issues, and the Advocacy program.

e-mail to bam2@flash.net. The cost is \$5 and may be paid at the door.

The Salado Area Republican Women hold meetings monthly, with some meetings at noon time and some in the evenings on the second Thursday of the month. Future programs include information on local water issues, transportation issues with Interstate 35, criminal justice, and studying the difference between the Democratic and Republican philosophies, and tax legislation. Membership is open to men and women. Anyone interested in membership in the group should contact LaNora Miller at 947-8556.

The public is invited but will need to make reservations by March 6 with the Program Vice President, Barclay McCort at 947-3617 or by sending an

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house and from Fern Vickery a number of great items including a metal cake tote, Christmas mugs, clear glass mugs, ceramic wind chimes on driftwood, a cheese board with a glass cover, a metal simmer pot and a set of boy and girl carved wooden bunnies.

Christy Arner, owner of "Christy's" has given a silk tote bag and silk cosmetic bag; and from the Baines House and Cheryl Russell, a basket of goodies plus breakfast and lodging for two plus a special dessert at Pietros and from Brownings' Bob and Linda Little - lunch for two including beverage and dessert.

Suzanne Petro donated from her store "Sweet Nut Things" - a large basket of gourmet candies; An Iron Bird Feeder from Karen Lee and the "Dusty Rose" and from Pete Culin, owner of Pietros - a \$50 gift certificate.

Jackie Mills has donated two tickets for the Legends of Salado plus dinner at Tablerock; Cathy and Frank Carlson who operate "Cathys Boardwalk Cafe" will be donating some of their famous brownies to the auction and Paul Boggs will give one of his famous Friendship Cakes.

Peggi Wilson has donated a CD gift set and

a "Back to Basics" skin set from Hair Designs; Dick and Dorothy Westlake have given two handmade bird house and a hat rack; and Ruth Howe donated two humorous golf plaques and a wooden antique auto jewelry box.

One of Ruby Townsend's famous cakes will be sold at auction and is expected to draw some lively bidding as will a delightful handmade bear designed and created by Fannie Hill who also donated a colorful apron. Salado's "Slice of Salado" is giving a large pizza thanks to owner Laurie Matson; Jane and Harry Wilmer have donated a golf satchel, a salad cook book, tea pot and a variety of tea bags and from FGS Fine Jewelry owner Frankie Gene Sidaris, a handmade beaded vintage bag for the auction.

Mary Hill is donating a wicker basket, two glass vases and a wood and tile tray; Joe and Anita Holt have donated three tennis rackets complete with bag and covers plus a humming bird feeder and donated by Raymond and Barbara Carver - a number of artificial Spring potted plants, a silk orchid potted plant and two wooden candle holders.

MORE DONATIONS
Salado Galleries owner

Frances Utley has donated two beautifully framed original paintings; from Candice Lopez, owner of M. J.'s Country Corner, three 25 ounce bottles of fruit flavorings. Also a delightful collector's baby doll has been given to the auction by Anne Marie Harwell.

The Rose Mansion's Neil and Carole Hunter are offering a nights' stay for two; Lance and Shirley Cox, Salado Walls and Floors' owners are donating an area rug and from the Royal Street Provisions - Country Inn and Retreat, Alice Wells and Chris Hale, have donated a unique complete "Picnic for Four"; also from Louie Flores, owner of Johnnie's Cleaners at the Village Pharmacy, two \$15 gift certificates.

From Barry Williams, new owner of Robertsons, a donated smoked turkey for the auction; the B. Herd Gallery donated a framed print by artist Bascomb Herd and from Melissa Bolding, owner of Westar Mercantile Company a donation of a set of three western style metal tabletop candelabra.

A one hour massage by Linda Pritchard, RN, given at her place of business in Salado Square; from Billy and Carol Anne Hanks, owners of

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Bramble Hedge Country Inn - a night's lodging for two and from artist Ann Tinkle, one of her prints framed in aged wood.

CIO owner Virginia Coper will donate a \$115.00 gift certificate. Ronnie and Patricia Wells plan to give a print from their Gallery.

MORE GIFTS

Donations that continue to arrive this week will be noted in next week's *Salado Village Voice*, along with the complete results of the funds raised at the 8th Annual Civic Center auction.

Businesses and individuals are reminded that donations will be gladly received through Friday of this week at the civic center or may be delivered to the intermediate school between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. this Saturday.

Board member Dick Westlake who is heading up the arrangements for the auction noted: "A call to the civic center to have someone pick up large items is welcomed and it is hoped that in addition to the fine support given to the civic center's auction, many villagers will buy tickets and take an active part in the great evening of fun, fellowship, great food and spirited bidding... an evening not to be

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Entertainment

A picture paints a thousand words, but story tells the pain

By TIM FLEISCHER
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Book Review

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Denise Chong chronicles the life of Kim Phuc before and after June 8, 1972, the day in which the nine-year-old Vietnamese girl ran into the world spotlight on the war in Southeast Asia.

Kim is the central figure in one of the most memorable images of the war in Vietnam. In the photo, she is seen running down the street, having stripped her clothes off because of the burning effect of the napalm that missed its intended target.

The Girl in the Picture, Chong's biography of Kim Phuc, published by Viking Press, reads more like a fireside novel than a work of history.

With few, if any footnotes, Chong interweaves the history of Vietnam in the second half of the 20th Century into her interpersonal history of Kim, who came to symbolize what went wrong with America's involvement in the conflict.

Chong examines the impact of the bombing, and the war as a whole on Kim's family. During the early part of America's involvement in the Vietnam conflict, Kim's parents Tung and Nu build a successful business, a small soup shop along the heavily traveled Route 1.

Although Chong points out that Kim was born the same year that Ngo Dinh Diem installed himself as president of the Republic of Vietnam, she describes

the girl's early life as "idyllic," separated from the war going on around her country.

Even the Tet Offensive had little impact on the daily lives of Kim and her family. Kim's mother Nu worked from before dawn until after dark, first at the noodle shop and then in their home, while her father Tung enjoyed the benefits of a prosperous business. The reader is left with no doubt of Chong's opinion of Kim's father Tung.

On the profits of Nu's banh canh soup, the family built a small home complete with tile floors, a sure sign of success. Their haven was destroyed by the June 8, 1972 napalm attack, which marks the beginning of their decline.

While June 8, 1972 is a date that will forever be remembered by Kim and her family, the media almost missed it. Photographer Nick Ut, who took the photo that forced Kim into the world spotlight, almost missed it as he was beginning to wrap up his work for the day. Ut was the only photographer to get the photo because a second journalist was rewinding his film.

Though Kim's face expresses the exquisite pain she is enduring, the extent of her wounds is not evident in the famous photograph. A later pho-

tograph, taken from her flank, shows the extreme burns across her back and legs.

Chong describes the history and use of Napalm in wartime. She likens napalm wounds in Vietnam to the bayonet wounds of World War I. "Doctors did not expect to be called upon to treat the victims of a napalm burn, as they were more likely to die than need medical aid," Chong writes.

Yet, young Kim did not die. She was almost turned away from the Barsey hospital in South Vietnam, but Dr. My told Kim's parents that he would try to save her after hearing her suffering in the entryway. Despite doctors holding little hope of her survival, Kim fought for her life, spending a year in the Barsey hospital alone. Throughout the rest of her life, the scars left by the napalm serve as constant reminders of the capabilities of weapons, just as she has come to serve the world as a constant reminder of the horrors of war.

Chong recounts Kim's story from her birth until she is "rediscovered" by the world from her home in Canada with a frankness that is at times upsetting and enlightening. The reader learns of how she is used by politicians and activists in both the East and West to point the bony

finger of indignation at each other.

Yet, all Kim wants is a normal life, a private life, which, of course, is impossible. Used as a pawn in the public eye, Kim struggles to find happiness and meaning in everyday life. Where she finds meaning and happiness will enlighten and give hope to the reader.

Chong weaves Kim's story into the tapestry of the conflict between Communism and Democracy with great skill, injecting the historical into the personal. The reader takes from Chong's storytelling the extremely personal effects of historical event.

The reader learns that sometimes the true victims of war are not the dead, but the living.

Chong teaches this lesson without platitudes or preaching. She examines the politics of the times, from the French-Indochina War to the 25th Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon in America and Vietnam. She paints a picture of life in Vietnam after the Fall of Saigon, something few Americans have pondered.

By reinforcing this easily forgotten lesson, Chong serves Kim and her story well.

The Girl in the Picture: The Story of Kim Phuc, the Photograph and the Vietnam War is available at the Salado Public Library in the Salado Civic Center.

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Crouching Tiger is best movie

By **TIM FLEISCHER**
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon serves as a reminder of why we go to the movies. While it is a much better film than Ridley Scott's "The Gladiator" is, it will likely be forced by the Academy to settle for Best Foreign Film. In truth, Crouching Tiger deserves Best Film.

It also deserves Best Cinematography, Best Score and a slew of other awards. Directed by Ang Lee, who makes his return to Chinese-language films after a long absence from making them, Crouching Tiger is an epic story of love, hate, vengeance and forgiveness.

In contrast to most martial arts films, Crouching Tiger never sacrifices plot for action. But, make no mistake, Crouching Tiger overflows with action sequences. In fact, the opening sequence in which Yu Shu Lien (Michelle Yeoh) chases the elusive Jen Yu (Zhang Ziyi) through the Beijing is some of the best choreography ever. The hand of Yuen Wo-Ping, who choreographed The Matrix, is

easily seen in Crouching Tiger.

As is the subtle touch of Ang Lee, whose second feature film The Wedding Banquet was the 1993 winner of the Best Foreign Film. Lee also directed Emma Thompson's screenplay adaptation of Jane Austen's Sense and Sensibility.

Combining Lee's deft touch with Wo-Ping's superior choreography, Crouching Tiger is not your typical martial arts movie. By utilizing subtitles, the moviemakers capture Chow Yun Fat's strength and Michelle Yeoh's depth of character. Yu Shu Lien (Yeoh) is a woman warrior in China who is both strong and delicate. Fat portrays Li Mu Bai, a Wuban master who wants to literally lay down the sword. His sword, the legendary Green Destiny, is a 400-year-old symbol of purity and courage that cannot be held by just any warrior.

When it is stolen, the story begins to unfold its many layers of quiet emotion offset by tremendous action sequences. You will be enraptured, as I was,

with the prolonging and impossible love that Mu Bai and Shu Lien feel for each other. With nothing more than a touch of the hands, Yeoh and Fat capture the depth of the longing between Shu Lien and Mu Bai. This subtlety is a whisper of a dream that is hardly ever captured on film, especially in epic stories.

Fat's and Yeoh's portrayal of self-denied love is reminiscent of Anthony Hopkins' and Emma Thompson's in The Remains of the Day. Even when told by those around them, Mu Bai and Shu Lien cannot pursue their love for each other, because they honor the memory of a long-dead friend.

Jen Yu, on the other hand, denies herself nothing and pursues what she wants. In this case, the Green Destiny sword. Wanting to escape her predestined life as the wife of an aristocrat, Jen Yu brings the fates down around herself, and Shu Lien, who has befriended her.

The sacrifice for her wantonness is great, and paid in full by all of the characters. Crouching

Tiger is no melodrama, nor is it a farce. It is a compelling story, beautifully told by Ang Lee, who deserves Best Director for his work here.

It unveils the vastness and beauty of China, from the lush, mountainous bamboo forests to the flat, wide-open steppes. As it paints the beauty of the country across the screen, it never sacrifices the characters. Lee's characters are not two-dimensional cartoon caricatures typical of most martial arts films. Yeoh and Fat give performances that have been heretofore absent from their film careers. Extremely popular actors in Asia, their portrayals in Crouching Tiger will continue to broaden their base of fans here in the states, where the art of great moviemaking seems to have been lost.

I recommend watching Crouching Tiger at the theaters, rather than waiting for its inevitable release to video. That it garnered 10 Academy Award nominations means that you can actually find it at the nearby movieplex in Killeen.

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"Arsenic and Old Lace" in Gatesville

Gatesville Civic Theatre Association proudly presents "Arsenic and Old Lace" a comedy by Joseph Kesselring. This hilarious Broadway classic is a must see production, directed by Betsi Chamlee from the Temple Civic Theatre.

It tells the story of the eccentric Brewster sisters

who have an "unusual recipe" for serving their gentlemen callers. It includes a teaspoon of arsenic per gallon of their famous elderberry wine. Their nephew, Moritmer, horrified when he discovers their practice, is completely mortified when he discovers what they have

hidden in the window seat. The events that follow are hilarious and animated.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" will be performed at the Gatesville City Auditorium, 110 N. 8th Street, on March 1-4. Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Thurs.-Sat. Sunday Matinee is at

2:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from National Bank or Guaranty Bank in Gatesville. Ticket prices are \$10 at the door for adults, or \$8 in advance, and \$6 for children and students at the door, or \$5 in advance. For information contact 254-865-8356.

Daughters of American Revolution meet Feb. 10

One hundred members and guests of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) attended the 13th annual George Washington's Birthday celebration at the Inn at Scott and White in Temple on Feb. 10. The Agnes Woodson DAR Chapter of Belton, the Betty Martin DAR Chapter in Temple, the Ensign Thomas Huling DAR Chapter of Killeen, and the Heart of Texas SAR Chapter of Salado shared the planning responsibilities for the event.

Other DAR chapters represented at the occasion were Coryell County of Gatesville, Elizabeth Gordon Bradley of Waco, Henry Downs of Waco, Jane Long of Pasadena, and Smith-McMillan of La Grange. The Waco SAR chapter also had members present.

The Reverend Hollis Yeilding of the Heart of Texas SAR gave the invocation followed by posting of the colors by the Temple High School Air Force Junior ROTC Honor Guard, including Cadet Col. Win Vo, Cadet Lt. Col. Greg Davidson, Cadet Major Larry Hardy, Cadet Major Steven Wilson, Cadet 1st Lt. Dionesia Romero, and Cadet Airman Chris Leza. Paula Lohse led the group in the National Anthem.

Following lunch, William Marrs of the Heart of Texas SAR led the pledge to the United

States Flag; Sherry Kirk of Betty Martin DAR, the American's Creed; Sylvia Marrs of the Agnes Woodson Chapter DAR, the Texas Flag; Billie Kaf-fenberger of the Ensign Thomas Huling DAR, the pledge to the DAR Flag; and Dr. Stan Dyer of the Heart of Texas SAR, the SAR pledge.

William Marrs recognized chapters and guests and called attention to the theme of this year's observance "The Forgotten War: Fifty Years After Korea." Although the annual luncheon honors the life and service of George Washington, this year the group chose to participate in the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, which lasted from 1950-1953. The special commemoration is from 2000-2003.

Marrs presented certificates of recognition from the DAR and SAR to six Korean War veterans present: Bill Bursleson, Garland Bridges, and Lupe Duron-U. S. Air Force; Ray Farrell-U. S. Marine Corps; and Sheridan D. Cavitt, Jr., and James R. Stadler, U. S. Army. The veterans also received commemorative hats.

The musical program was presented by Paula Lohse, Leslie Gilmore, and Tina Ratliff of Killeen. Ms. Lohse and Ms. Gilmore presented an awe-inspiring combination of oral interpretation of American history with representative songs of selected periods.

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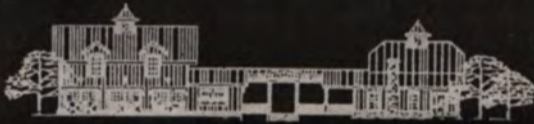


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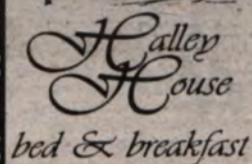
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Spinning tops at the Goldthwaite Dairy Queen

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When I was in Goldthwaite to make a speech, Nita Frazier gave me a top. It's the old fashioned kind, made of wood. I wrapped the string around it, threw it down and it went bouncing across the floor on its side. No good. I picked it up and tried again. Same thing. After a few tries I finally got it to spin correctly. It was a good feeling. Nita manages the Dairy Queen in Goldthwaite. On the counter are several wooden tops. They sell for five dollars and are made by Jack Clendenen.

"You can't find a young person nowadays that knows what a top is," says Jack. "It's gotta be some old coot like me to even know what it's all about." "We've sold somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 tops," says Nita. "People just love them because they haven't seen them in so

long and they are hand-made. Jack comes here in the morning and if I tell him we need more tops he'll gather up some new ones and bring them in that afternoon."

Some time ago, some of Nita's regular customers were sitting around talking about tops. They told Nita they wanted some. "I happened to have some tops in my kiddies' meals and so I gave them all a top. Well that didn't quite work out. They didn't like those. So I went to Wal-Mart and bought them some plastic tops. That didn't work out. They wanted a wooden top. So I put the word out that we needed some wooden tops. Jack comes in every morning and afternoon for coffee and he decided to see if he could help them. So he made some wooden tops and gave them to the boys. That just tickled them to death. They

showed me how they could spin the tops on the floor of the Dairy Queen here. They were happy as a lark with those tops."

Jack Clendenen makes the tops at his home in the country. He makes them in different sizes with different types of wood, from mesquite to black walnut. A huge pile of sawdust has built up around the lathe where he shapes his tops. He uses the sawdust as fertilizer. "I just started whittling on this lathe. I made a top and it turned out pretty, so I made another and another. I've made several hundred now."

He spins every top he makes. "I just throw it about the length of my string and jerk that string about the time it hits out there and it'll just go to spinning." He says a top won't hum unless it's spin-

ning real fast. The best tops spin in one place and don't move around. He used to pick up a top while it was spinning and let it spin in the palm of his hand. "When I was a child every boy in school had a top or he'd be hollering at mama and daddy for a nickel so he could buy one. Sometime he'd have two or three. Just as soon as the teacher would let us out of school, we'd go outside and start spinning our tops. That was just an every day thing. That was before we had all this concrete so we spun those tops on the ground. It was packed down real hard around the school."

Jack stays busy making tops and going to the DQ twice a day to drink coffee and check on the inventory. When it runs low, he'll go make some more.

Antiques, antiques & more antiques

Furniture styles in America are named for monarchs or makes who influenced the shapes. William and Mary (1690-1720), Queen Anne (1720-1750) and Victorian (1830-1900) are all styles names for monarchs. Chippendale (1750-1775), Hepplewhite (1785-1800) and Sheraton (1800-1820) are named for makers.

English books and auction catalogs use slightly different names for furniture periods. They list such styles as Stuart (103-1714), Georgian (1714-1810), Victorian (1837-1901) and Edwardian (1901-1910). Occasionally, the names of other monarchs are used.

The William IV style was named for the few years William reigned (1830-1837). It is a bridge between the Regency (1810-1830) and Victorian periods. Pieces make

with elements of both periods are referred to as William IV style. He disliked ostentation and influenced a simpler look. When his niece, Victoria, became Queen, she influenced a style that has remained popular for more than 100 years.

Q: While cleaning out a relative's attic, we found an old advertising sign for Coca-Cola. It pictures a lady in a pink dress that's trimmed with white lace. The name "Betty" is at the bottom of the sign. The words "Drink Coca-Cola" are at the top. It is 32 inches by 41 inches. How old is it?

A: Betty was the image on a Coca-cola sign issued in 1914. It was a lithographed tin sign made in 14 colors. More than 10,000 were produced, but today it is rare and expensive. Copies of the sign have been made in recent years.

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.

Spinach Lettuce Salad

Apple Johnson

- 1 med. head iceberg lettuce 2 T. capers
- 1 lb. fresh spinach 2 T. sour cream
- 1 small bunch red radishes
- 2 hard boiled eggs, chilled
- 1/2 c. French dressing
- 1 (7 oz.) pkg. dry French onion dip

Wash, dry and tear lettuce and spinach into bite sized pieces, removing long stems from spinach. Put into a large salad bowl. Add radishes and eggs, which have been sliced thin. Add capers. Cover and refrigerate until time to serve. Add sour cream and onion dip to the French dressing. When ready to serve, pour dressing over salad and toss gently.

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Three days of Jazz Festival at TC

A stellar list of headline performers will appear at the Temple College Jazz Festival set for March 29-31 at Temple College. Jazz Vocalist Connaitre Miller, and Grammy Award-winning artists Randy Brecker, trumpet, and Ernie Watts, saxophone, will be special guest artists for the three-day festival. Add in performances by the Temple College Jazz Singers, Temple College Jazz Ensemble, Temple Jazz Orchestra, and the High School Regional Jazz Ensemble for the evening concert schedule ensures a banner year for the 11th annual Festival.

The Festival also includes a non-competitive opportunity for college, high school and junior high big bands, combos, vocal jazz ensembles and show choirs to perform for a written critique. All performances will be followed by a clinic by one of the internationally-known educators and performers who will be conducting clinics and seminars throughout the day. More than two dozen groups from across the state are expected to

participate.

"A steadily growing festival is about to celebrate its 11th anniversary" Tom Fairlie, Festival founder, said. "In 1991 we started from humble beginnings with four visiting ensembles performing. We expect more than 25 groups from all over the state to come to Temple for this year's event." This year's festival will celebrate another important milestone — the 75th anniversary of Temple College.

"My goal in founding this event was to stage a festival that would bring statewide attention to Temple College, provide top notch international artists for the community's enjoyment, enable our students to perform with those artists, and attract prospective students to our campus. We have achieved and surpassed those goals with the line-up of soloists performing at this year's festival. Temple can really be proud of this event," Fairlie said.

Connaitre Miller will be the featured artist on Thursday and will perform during the evening concert along with the Temple Jazz Sing-

ers. An accomplished performer and educator, she has lectured on jazz singing and jazz techniques through the US and abroad. Connaitre works as a professional jazz singer, and also directs jazz choirs at Cypress Community College in Cypress, CA, and at California State University of Long Beach.

Friday's concert will feature the Temple College Jazz Ensemble and Randy Brecker on trumpet and flugelhorn. For more than 20 decades, Brecker has been shaping the sound of jazz, R&B, and rock. Among his credits are eight albums which garnered 12 Grammy nominations with The Brecker Brothers. In 1998 he won his first Grammy as a soloist for Best Contemporary Jazz Performance for "Into the Sun."

Saxophonist Ernie Watts will be headline artist for Saturday's finale concert along with the Temple Jazz Orchestra and the High School All-Region Jazz Ensemble. Watts spent more than 20 years as a member of Doc Sev-

ersinsen's Tonight Show Orchestra and as a television and film studio musician. Now living in Colorado, he performs and records with several award winning groups and makes numerous guest concert appearances. He won a Grammy for Best Pop Instrumental in 1983 for his version of "Chariots of Fire" and a second Grammy in 1985 for Best Rhythm and Blues Instrumental.

All evening concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Mary Alice Marshall Fine Arts Building on the TC campus. Tickets are \$10 for adults or \$5 for students. A three day pass is \$25 for adults or \$12 for students and will be available beginning March 1 at Holze Music, the Cultural Activities Center, and the Temple College Fine Arts Office.

For more information contact the Division of Fine Arts office or the TC website at www.templejc.edu. Just click on the link for "Jazz Festival 2001".

Composer Wilson plays Sour Flowers

The Sarofim School of Fine Arts at Southwestern University announces the visit of composer Richard Wilson March 4 - 5.

Wilson, after graduating from Harvard in 1963, received the Frank Huntington Beebe Award for study in Europe. He took his master's degree in music composition at Rutgers in 1996, at which point

he joined the Vassar faculty, where he is currently the Mary Conover Mellon Professor of Music.

His works have been performed by such orchestras as the San Francisco Symphony and the London Philharmonic. In the 1992-93 season he was composer-in-residence with the American Symphony Orchestra and was

awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship.

Wilson will speak about his music and play his suite for piano *Sour Flowers* at 7 p.m. March 4, in the Caldwell-Carvey Foyer of the Alma Thomas Fine Arts Center. A reception will follow the event.

On March 5, at 4:00 p.m. in the Caldwell-Carvey Foyer, three South-

western students will play compositions by Richard Wilson, which he will discuss with the performers. Michelle Thibodeau and Kristin Thomas will play movements from his *Flutations* and *Touchstones* for solo flute.

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Costly nitrogen effects price of fertilizers

By JAMES M. DAVIS
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT - Ag

Fertilizer management is an important part of crop production, more so now than ever. This is due in part to increasing costs for fertilizer materials, particularly nitrogen fertilizer. Natural gas is used as feedstock in the production of anhydrous ammonia which is the starting point for production of most commercial nitrogen fertilizers. Natural gas serves as a source both for atmosphere to produce anhydrous ammonia. Thus, as the cost of natural gas increases, so does the cost of most commercial fertilizer containing nitrogen.

Over the past 10 years, natural gas prices for North American ammonia producer have been around \$2 per million British thermal units, but the price climbed to over \$6 in late 2000. And could reach as high as \$8 per MMBtu. The demand for natural gas has increased due to the cold winters and the greater interest nationally in cleaner burning alternatives to coal and fuel oils. Production of each ton of ammonia requires about 33.5 MMBtu of natural

gas. At \$2 per MMBtu, the cost for ammonia will be near \$400 per ton or about \$.024 per pound of N. Other nitrogen fertilizers produced from anhydrous ammonia, such as urea and ammonium nitrate, require further processing for their production and will have a proportionately greater cost. Dealing with higher fertilizer price will require more aggressive management by growers than ever.

First get a soil test. Routine soil testing will help identify what the fertilizer needs are for each field to achieve optimum growth and production of the planned crop at the expected yield goal. Cost savings achieved by applying just the required nutrients at the optimum rates will conserve input dollars.

Second, purchase fertilizer on a cost per pound of nutrient, not on a cost per ton. This can be calculated easily by dividing the pounds of N per ton of fertilizer material into the cost per ton. In the cost comparisons above, anhydrous ammonia is 82 percent N and thus contains 1640 pounds of nitrogen

per ton (2000X0.82=1640). If the per ton product cost is \$230, then $230/1640=14$ cents. Comparing the per pound cost for just those materials recommended by soil test can help in selection of the most economical fertilizer material.

Third, consider alternative sources of nitrogen such as livestock manure or sewage sludge. Manures can be tested for their nutrient content at the Extension Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory in College Station, or at various private laboratories.

New EPA Class sludge materials are available from several sources. These materials have been specially processed to remove potential pathogens and are required to meet specific limits for heavy metals. Class A materials have no site restrictions on where they may be applied, often have a guaranteed analysis to ensure value, and like manures, provide organic matter important for improving soil tilth. Be sure to make applications consistent with a current soil test recommendation to ensure that essential plant nutrients are applied at the proper rates. Over application can lead to plant growth problems and be a threat to water quality.

Fourth, ensure that nutrients are applied at the optimum time for efficient uptake and use by the crop.

Warm-season grasses should not be fertilized until the crop actively growing, which generally does not occur until nighttime temperatures are con-

sistently about 60F.

For annual crops, fertilizer applications should be made as near the time planting as possible to improve availability. Premature nitrogen fertilizer application can lead to nutrient loss by leaching, runoff or volatilization. In addition, it can stimulate the growth of undesirable plants (weeds) that may compete with the crop and require additional inputs for control. Regardless of the crop, split applications of nitrogen can significantly improve the efficiency of nutrient uptake and ensure that fertilizer is available during periods of peak demand.

Finally, growers should evaluate the potential to modify their cropping system to reduce the need for supplemental fertilizer. Incorporation of legume crops into rotational cropping systems can improve soil quality and serve as a source of nitrogen. Legumes form symbiotic (mutually beneficial) relationships with certain soil microbes which live in their roots and enable the plants to fix nitrogen directly from the atmosphere.

This nitrogen can be cycled into the following crop to reduce fertilizer requirement. Beef producers also may want to evaluate whether a rotation grazing system may be preferable. Economic comparisons can be used to determine whether an effective grazing system could be more cost effective than hay production to meet long-term goals.

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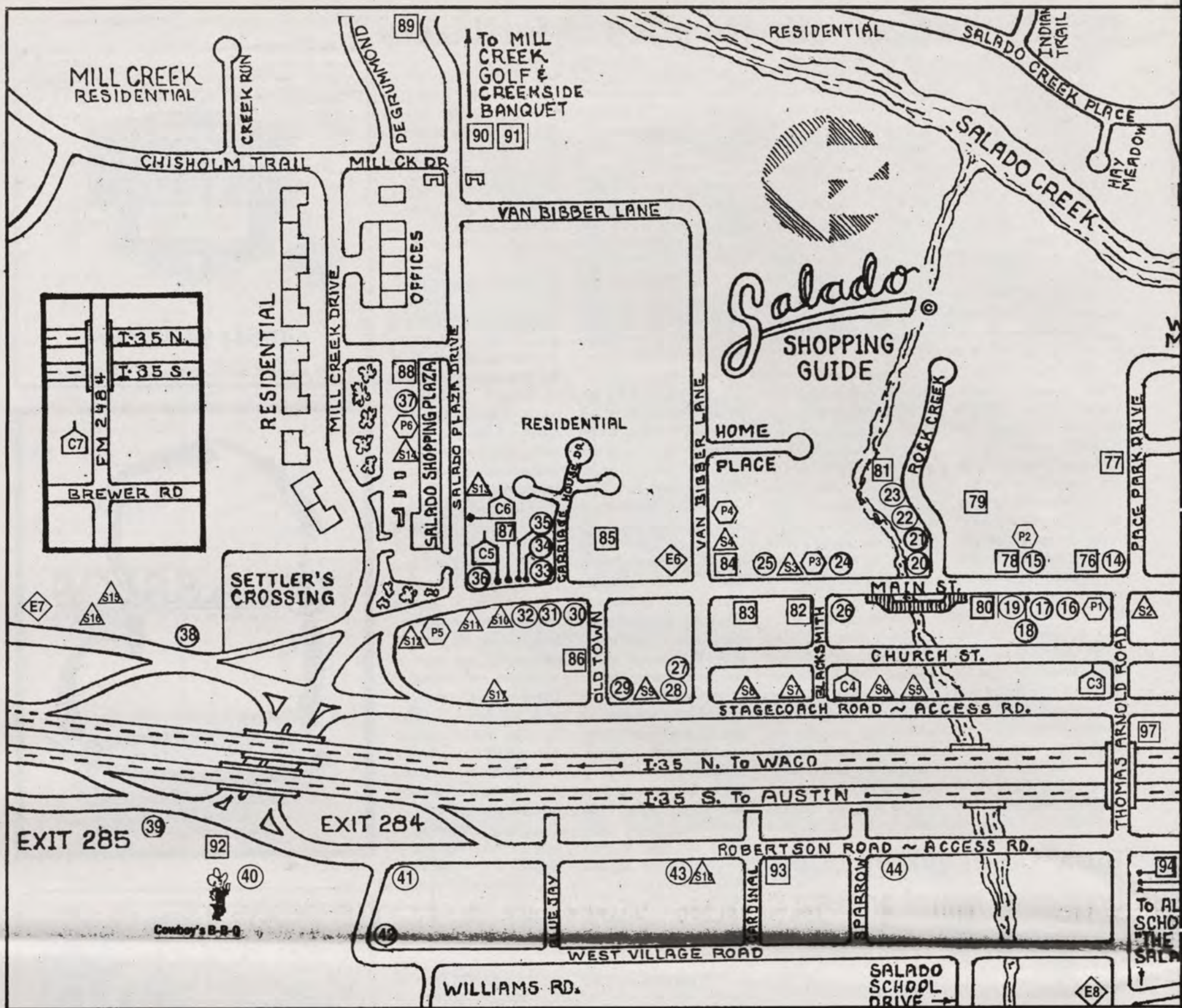
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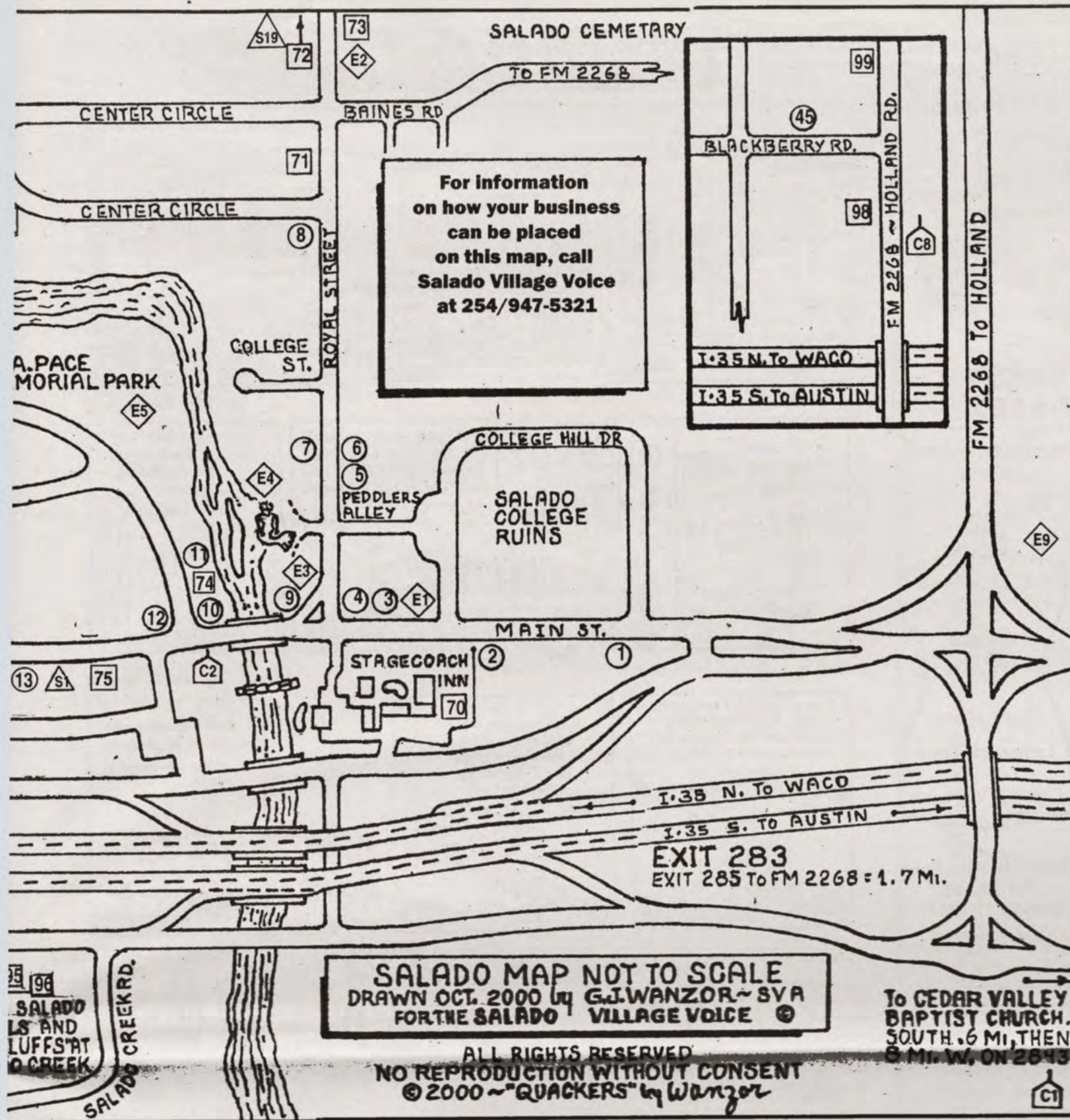
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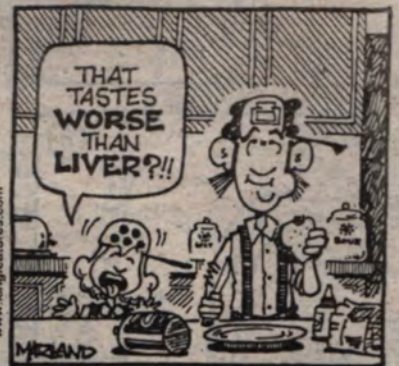
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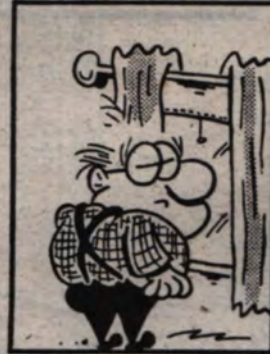
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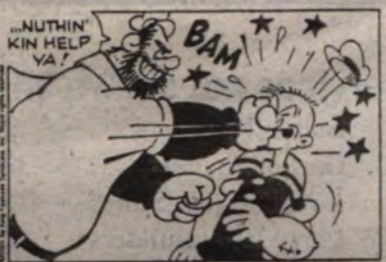
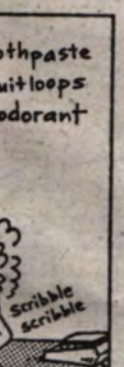
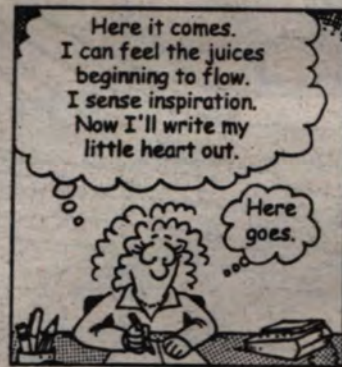
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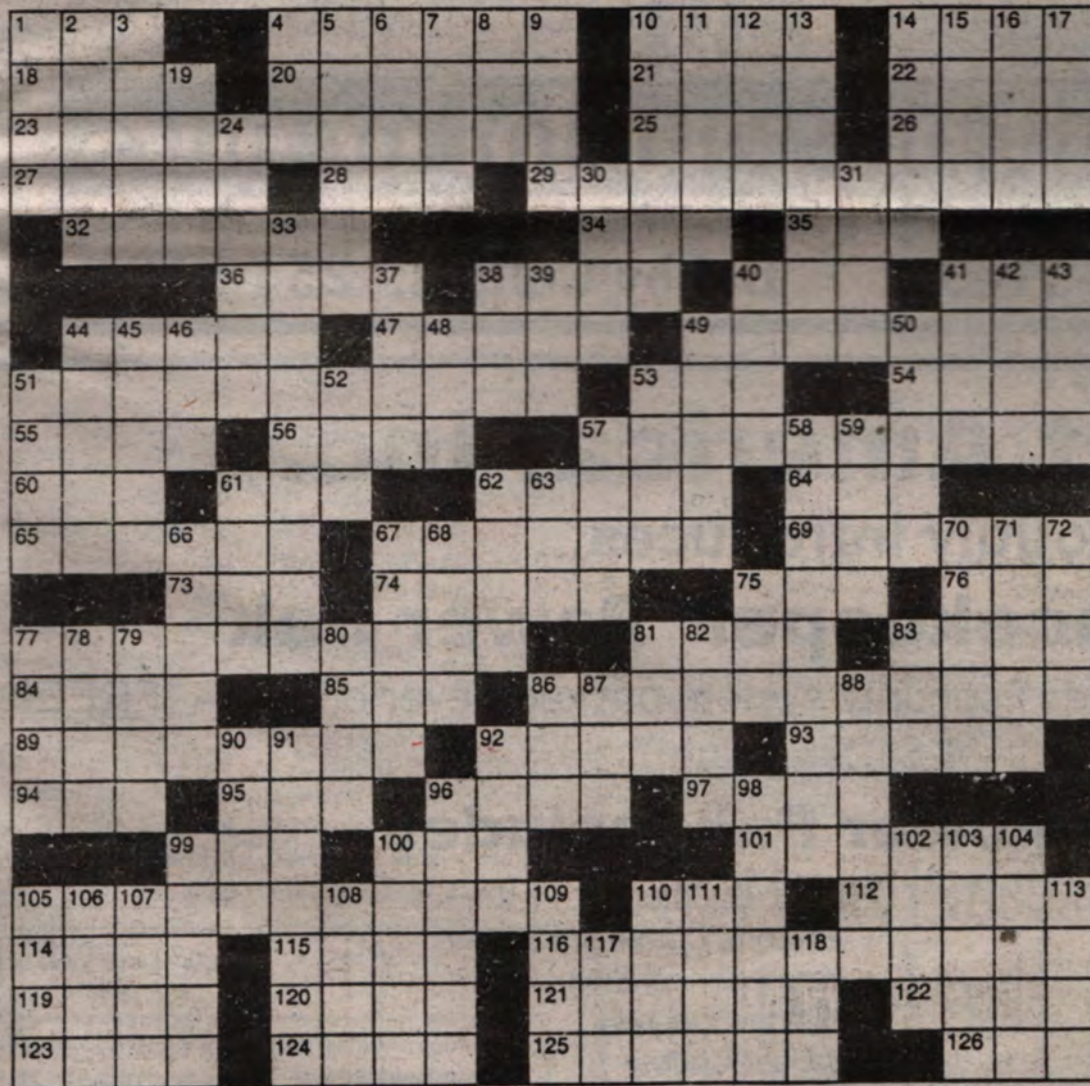
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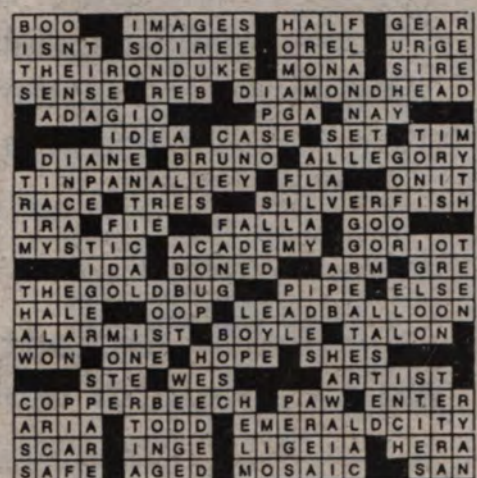
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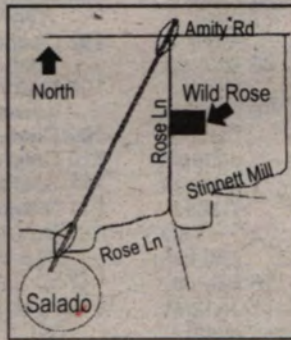
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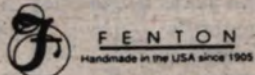
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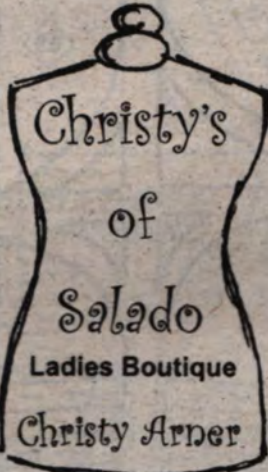
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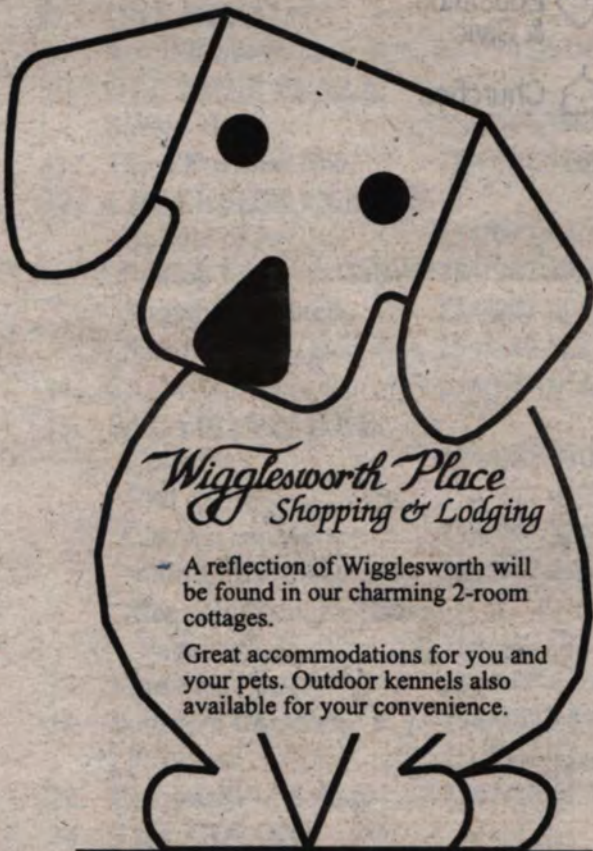
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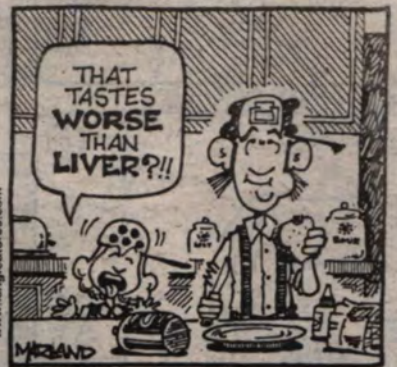
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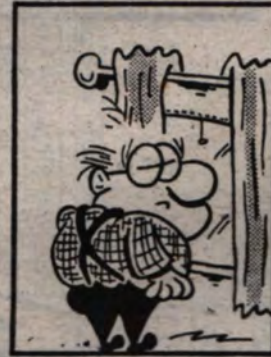
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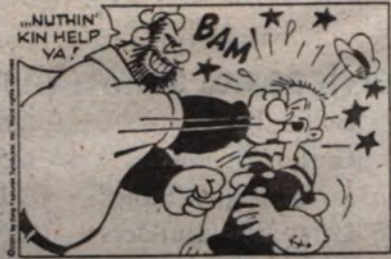
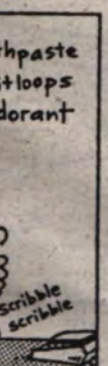
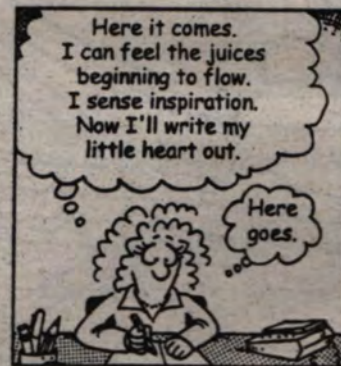
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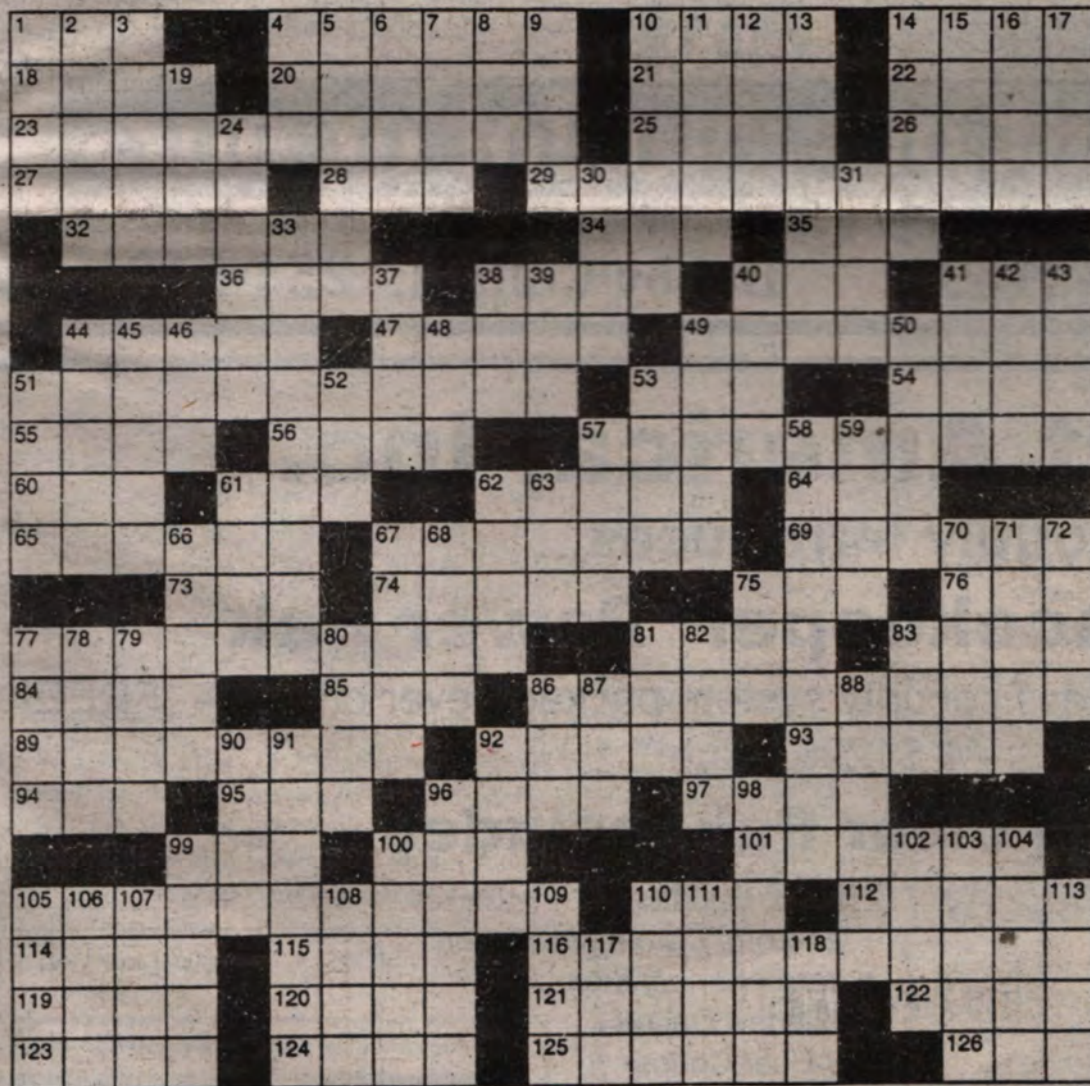
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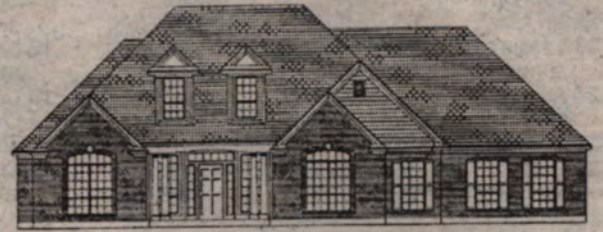
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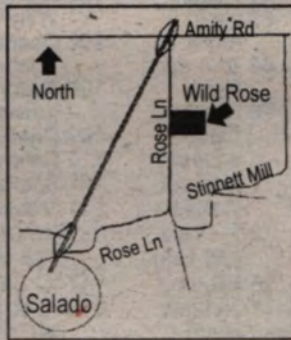
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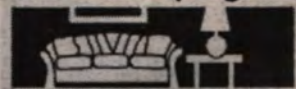


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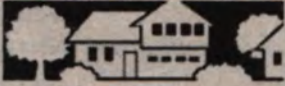
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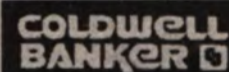
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
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Step 6 - Decorating: Begin decorating by using buttons, seashells, mosaic tiles or little glass stones. Try to position the decorations far enough into the concrete so that they will stay in place.

Step 7 - Creating impressions: Cookie cutter impressions can also be cute. Spray some corn oil on the edges of the cutter and insert it about 1/4" into the concrete mixture.

Step - Blotting and drying: Take a paper towel and gently blot the top of your design. Place the stones in a sunny area to dry. Wait about 24 hours for the stones to harden. Put your hand on top of the concrete, turn the pan upside down, and the stone should pop out like a layer cake.

Step 9 - Planting your stepping stones: The stone is ready to be planted in the garden.

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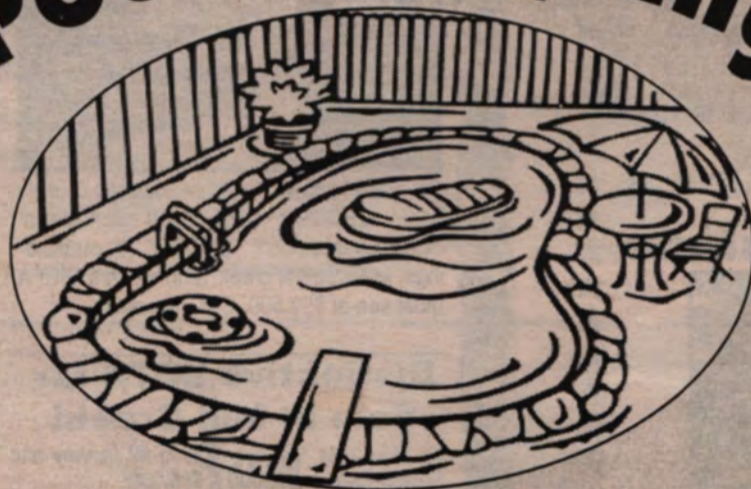
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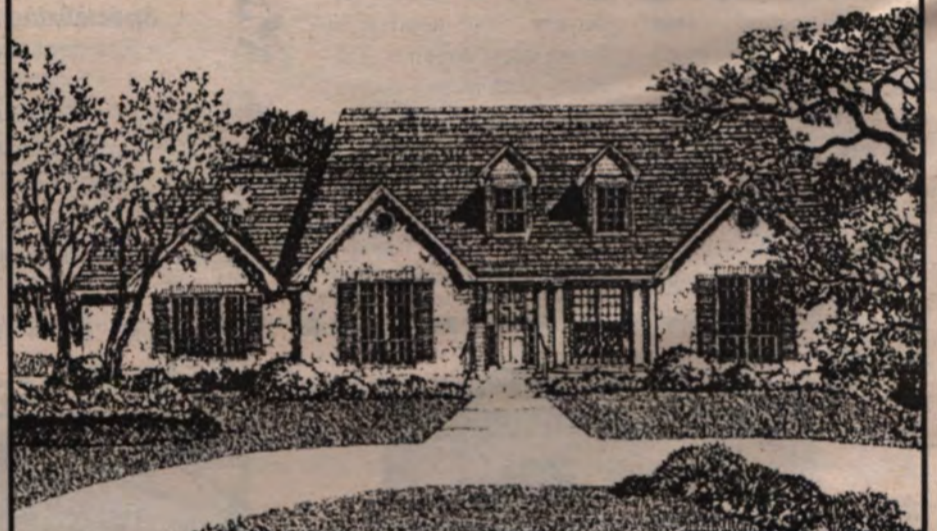
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\$169,900 - Relax on your long front porch after a day on the golf course. Within walking distance to Mill Creek Pro Shop & Swimming Pool. Hardwood floors in the living room. Granite counters in kitchen and master bath.



Salado's Home Team

Residential

- **\$68,000** - 3 BR, 2 BA manufactured home in the country. Under Contract.
- **\$99,500** - New construction. 1/2 acre lot. 3 BR, 2 BA. SOLD
- **\$99,900** - Old farm house, barn fences on 61.53 acres. Under Contract.
- **\$127,900** - 3 BR, 2 BA home on 2 acres in quiet neighborhood. Storage bldg.
- **\$130,000** - 3 BR, 2 BA new home on wooded lot. Split bedroom plan.
- **\$132,800** - Walk to Mill Creek Country Club. Under Contract.
- **\$135,900** - Close to Mill Creek Pro Shop. Master BR on first floor.
- **\$136,500** - 4 BR Mill Creek home on cul-de-sac. Deluxe master, large den.
- **\$137,900** - 4.1 acres. Fenced backyard, fireplace, raised ceilings.
- **\$149,900** - Patio home on the golf course. 3 BR, 2 BA, studio above garage.
- **\$169,900** - Lots of open space. 4 BR, 2 BA, great master suite. SOLD.
- **\$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.
- **\$192,000** - 4/2/2 on large lot. Heated pool & jacuzzi. 2" wood blinds throughout.
- **\$199,321** - 4 BR, 2 BA located in Mill Creek Springs.
- **\$199,800** - 4 BR, 3 BA on 2 wooded acres. Hot tub! Under Contract.
- **\$210,000** - 10' ceilings, fireplace, breakfast nook, 4 BR, 3 BA.
- **\$215,000** - 10 acres of trees surround custom built stone home.
- **\$219,900** - 7-1/2 acres. fenced, wood burning stove, oversized kitchen.
- **\$237,021** - Overlook 14th Fairway. Immaculate home. Gameroom.
- **\$239,500** - Rock home with barn & roping arena on 10 acres.
- **\$242,800** - A showcase home with tons of extras. Separate 2 story building.
- **\$245,000** - 3 BR, 3 BA Mill Creek home with indoor pool and hot tub.
- **\$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-door pool, hot tub & waterfall. Wooded.
- **\$548,900** - 5 BR, 2-1/2 BA overlooking Creek and 8th Fairway on golf course.



\$400,000 - Great value & rental income in Salado! Commercial building with over 5000 SF on IH-35 frontage road. Also included are two 1994 & 1982 mobile homes with storage buildings on 1.86 acres. Gross monthly income is \$4,250.00



\$127,9000 - Beautiful 3 BR, 2 BA home on about 2 acres. Trees, sprinkler system, storage building. Quiet neighborhood. A real powder puff.



\$199,321 - Mill Creek Springs is the place to be. Recently completed & ready for occupancy. 4 BR, 2 BA, large family room. Many updates in kitchen. High ceilings throughout.



\$130,000 - Outstanding home being built on a wooded lot. 3 BR, 2 BA. Laura Ashley wallpaper in formal dining room. Open Kitchen with white cabinets & breakfast nook. Fireplace in LR and Master BR. Master suite has jacuzzi tub & separate shower.



\$239,500 - Large rock home, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, with two living areas. Large barn with stables and lighted roping arena on 10 acres.



\$259,000 - Cornerstone Custom Home presents "The Chaeau" in Mill Creek Springs. Many upgraded energy saving packages. The structured wiring is ready for the internet, computer networking, satellite, surround sound & outdoor sound.



\$219,900 - Custom home located on 7-1/2 acres between Belton & Salado. Fenced for extra privacy. Beautiful foyer opens to dining & formal living areas. Wood burning stove. A must see is the oversized kitchen. Surround sound speakers will remain in the home.

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Commercial Property

- **\$69,900** - Duplex with excellent income potential. Belton location. Under Contract.
- **\$110,800** - Commercial or investment opportunity. Approximately 1401 S.F.
- **\$129,000** - Commercial building on I-35 in Belton. Office & warehouse. Under Contract.
- **\$150,000** - Prime location on Main Street. 2 BR, 1 BA. Lots of potential.
- **\$400,000** - Commercial building on I-35 frontage road & 2 mobile homes on 1.86 acres.

Acreage Available

- **163 acres** near Davilla in Milam Co. Under Contract.
- **150 acres** on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport.
- **15 acres** on I-35 at Exit 277. Road on 3 sides.
- **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.
- **23.4 acres** 14 miles S. of Killeen, All woods, good hunting. \$75,000.

Lots

Mill Creek Lots

- Chisholm Trail - \$26,900
- #12 Lane - \$39,900 Under Contract.
- Old Mill Rd & S. Ridge - \$39,900
- Mill Creek Springs - \$30-\$75,000
- 700 Indian Trail - \$36,000

Other Lots

- Amanda Circle (2 lots) - \$9,500 each
- Hodge Canyon Dr. - \$22,000
- #8 Oak Park - \$8,000
- Lot #8, Great Oaks - \$42,000 Under Contract.
- Betty Place - \$22,000
- Royal Oaks - \$30,000
- Royal Oaks - \$45,000



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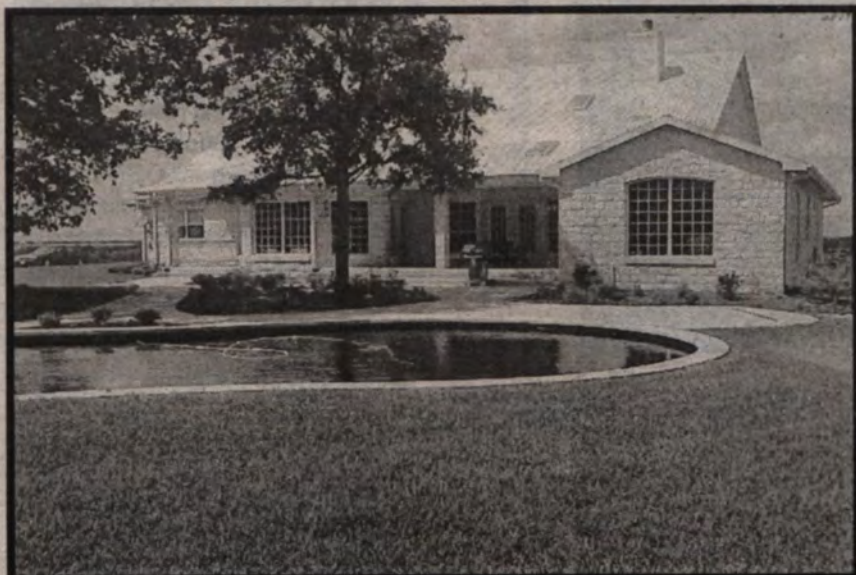
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Texas Style Country Home on 335 acres in Academy ISD. This rock/metal home perched on a hill. Amenities include 4 bedroom, 2 full bath, 1 half bath, in ground pool with spa, covered patio front and back, gourmet kitchen, school room. 40-50 acres of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



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**



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.**



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.**

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 lot 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.

\$129,900: 4/2 Austin Stone with tin roof. This home features Anderson wood case, beaded board crown mouldings, above ground pool and many other custom items. Salado I.S.D.

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. **SOLD** 3 full live oaks, outstanding home. \$115,000.

30 acres on Smith Dairy Rd. Panoramic hilltop view. 5 minutes to Belton or Salado. \$2,950/acre.

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.

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

1418 acres - this acreage has topography that is gentle rolling to large canyons with over a mile of the live water

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TRACT	ACRES	PRICE
1	5.34	47,900
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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

Water: Well water, Edwards Formation

Taxes: Bell County and Salado ISD currently Ag Exempt

Schools: Salado ISD

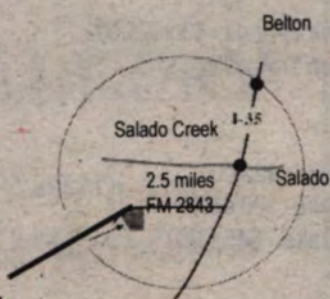
Zoning: Deed Restrictions

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

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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.

Country Homes

4,000 sq. ft home on 21 acres, in ground pool, out buildings, tank, beautiful wooded acreage west of Belton. 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.

Bluffs at Salado Creek

Phase II

Lot #3 1.00 acre \$39,900

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