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Hometown newspaper read by Dale & Charlotte Douglass

Village abandons alley through church property

By TIM FLEISCHER
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen voted to abandon an alley easement that runs through property owned by the Salado United Methodist Church during their regular meeting Jan. 16.

The Methodist Church requested that the city abandon the easement that runs through the property, eventually connecting to Stagecoach Rd. from Thomas Arnold Rd. The easement has not been used nor maintained as an alleyway for many years.

The Methodist Church will begin advertising its property on Thomas Arnold Rd. for sale.

The right-of-way affects other property owners as it makes its way north, parallel to Church St. Aldermen will consider individual

property owners' requests to abandon the right-of-way at later meetings.

Aldermen learned that income is running slightly ahead of budgeted in the first quarter of their fiscal year. The board budgeted \$83,589.00 in income, but has received \$86,164.57

has actually been received. The Village has spent \$15,159.40 less than budgeted in the first three months of the budget cycle. The Village budgeted total expenditures of \$154,679.50 for October through December. It has spent \$139,520.10 so far this year.

Treasurer Eldon Miller also reported to the board that the Hotel/Motel occupancy Budget is \$7,350.18 in the black three months into the fiscal year.

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Chamber banquet set Jan. 28 at Stagecoach

The Salado Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet will be held 6:30 p.m. Jan. 28, at the Longhorn Room of the Stagecoach Inn. Attire is semi-formal.

The theme of this year's banquet is "A Salute to the Armed Forces," and the address will be given by Retired Four-Star General

Tom Schwartz. Schwartz was the former Commander of the III Corps, based at Fort Hood.

Attendees will receive a choice of prime rib or chicken cordon bleu for the entree, and the price is \$25 per person.

Anyone interested is asked to RSVP as soon as possible. Call 947-5040.

Audit gives SISD clean bill of health

By Tim Fleischer
 Editor-in-Chief

Independent auditors gave Salado ISD a clean bill of financial health. Danny Wright presented the annual audit findings to school trustees at their Jan. 20 meeting, telling the board, "of the districts we work with, yours are some of the cleanest slate of books we work with."

He commended staff and trustees for working together to bring the district back into financial health.

Wright, a Certified Public Accountant with Williams, Cunningham, Shavers & Christensen, LLP, told trustees that the audit for the 2001-2002

school year showed an increase in net assets of the district of \$240,419, "as a result of this year's operations" or about 23 percent of the total unrestricted assets.

The assets of the district exceed its liabilities by almost \$1.3 million, according to the audit report.

Wright reported that the general fund balance increased to \$912,843 at the end of the fiscal year.

"You've done a good job in turning it around," Wright said. "You've watched expenses and your fund balance is healthy."

Comparing Salado ISD with other districts that the accounting firm audits,

Wright said that other districts have gotten into financial trouble when the board oversteps its bounds.

Discussing one district that is in financial trouble, Wright said, "part of their trouble is the board. Teachers are going around the superintendent and going straight to the board for expenditures."

"Your job as a board is to hire people you think can do the job, give them directions and let them go do it," he added.

During discussion of the audit report, trustees bogged down in debate over the sale of old football jerseys to raise money for the athletic program.



(PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

Salado basketball player Ben Marsh accepts a plaque of appreciation from the Fedro family and AFD Captain Jim Boynton in a Jan. 13 ceremony.

Local boys honored for helping out family

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
 STAFF WRITER

Every day it's something new. The stories we have come to hear about today's youth surface like killer whales, and some of them are downright nasty. Teen drug and alcohol use is up, say the statistics. Pregnancy and crime, too.

So where's the statistics, if any, that track the positive contributions from kids? Surely they can be found somewhere, dusted away in some cluttered hovel or lonely cave on the edge of civilization. It must be, for they're rarely in the headlines, and if they're not in the headlines, then they don't exist, right?

Not so fast, though, for every so often something redeeming takes place, a little stifling of the peanut gallery. Several members of the Salado Varsity boys basketball team proved that in late November, and were honored for it in

a small, surprise awards ceremony Jan. 14.

It all started, says Jim Boynton, a captain in the Austin Fire Department and Salado resident, when Jim Fedro, a fellow AFD worker, received some earth shaking news: his seven year old son, Jacob, had been diagnosed with a brain tumor.

"He noticed his son was limping," said Boynton, "and he thought it was just an ear infection." But it wasn't. Of the two children each year in the Austin area that are found to have brain tumors, Jacob was one.

Since the spring of 2001, the Fedros had made their home in Temple, so that Jim's wife Dottie could be closer to nursing school, which she attended at Temple College. They had decided not to sell their home in west Austin in case they wanted to relocate to the Capital City.

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Steering group mulls proposed Zoning rules

Salado's Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee continues to read through the draft Zoning Ordinance in a workshop session 11 a.m. Jan. 22 at the Municipal Building.

The Steering Committee will review the draft pages and make recommendations to Dunkin-Sefko Associates for changes before bringing the document to the board of aldermen for approval.

The committee has reviewed more than 70 pages of the 140+ page document. "We're looking at it word-by-word, sentence-by-sentence," Vic Means said. Means is chairman of the steering committee and sits on the board of aldermen.

Means said that the committee hopes to have the document ready for a formal public hearing late in Spring.

The committee began work on the Zoning Ordinance in the fall, after the Subdivision Ordinance was drafted and presented to the aldermen for approval.

The Subdivision Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance are the legal documents that enforce the vision set out in the Comprehensive Plan.

The Subdivision Ordinance applies to all new subdivisions in the city limits and extra territorial jurisdiction of the Village of Salado.

When approved by the board of aldermen, the Zoning Ordinance will regulate zoning only within the city limits.

Before it can approve the proposed Zoning Ordinance, the board of aldermen must conduct a public hearing process in which all property owners within the city limits are contacted via mail informing them of the hearing and intention of the board of aldermen to adopt the Ordinance.

Means has asked for citizen input on the zoning ordinance in its developmental stages. A copy of the proposed Zoning Ordinance can be viewed during business hours at the Municipal Building.

remaining \$5,000 will be spent on other activities, which will be brought before the board at a later meeting. The board also accepted a \$500 donation from the Salado Masonic Lodge for band instruments and an \$1,800 donation to install batting cages for girls' softball.

The board will consider hiring an architectural firm to conduct a needs assessment and master plan of school facilities at its February meeting. Trustees will also consider putting out for bid installation of a new phone system to connect all three campuses and the central office, as well as the superintendent's contract in February.

In other business, trustees amended the budget to add \$7,000 in income from transfer students. Of that, \$2,000 will be added to the athletic program. The

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Racial parity in the NFL

The Dallas Cowboys want to win so much that they have just hired one of the top coaches in the game, and for that they should pay the price, because the coach is white.

At least according to super lawyer Johnnie Cochran and other leaders of a group protesting the NFL's hiring practices. They want the Cowboys to lose a highly prized draft pick because their next coach will be Bill Parcells, whose career record is 138-100, but whose melanin count is low.

So pervasive is racial quota-mongering that it has now seeped even into the nation's weekend passion, where it will feature its usual futility and absurdity.

Cochran's group, threatening a lawsuit, managed to get the NFL in December to agree that every team with a coaching vacancy "seriously" interview at least one minority candidate, as a step toward redressing the racial balance in its coaching ranks (only two head coaches are black).

It's hard to find a more cutthroat meritocracy than today's NFL, or one would think, a poorer playing field for bean-counting notions of racial justice. Seventy percent of NFL players are black. Where are all the whites, the Hispanics, the Asians, the Inuits?

A better question: Who cares? The best players are on the field every Sunday, because winning is everything. So why wouldn't Cowboys owner Jerry Jones hire Parcells?

The quota-mongers are upset that Jones met with Parcells twice in person and only talked on the phone once with Dennis Green, the black former head coach of the Minnesota Vikings. This supposedly constitutes a violation of "the spirit" of the NFL's new hiring policy.

But Parcells has taken every team he's coached to the playoffs by the second year of his tenure. Green got fired a year



The Rich Lowry column

ago by the Vikings after losing control of the team to prima donna wide receiver Randy Moss.

Whom should Jones hire? And what if Jones intended to hire Parcells months ago, no matter whom he met with or talked to, black or white? Did he then commit a racial thought-crime?

The remedy for the paucity of black coaches isn't to make Jones pretend to be interested in hiring Green. That's just useless symbolism. Nor is it to condemn NFL owners as racist. That's just poisonous accusation.

The remedy is time. For many reasons, head coaches in the NFL and at the college level have tended through the years to be white, meaning that white coaches are the ones already in the long pipeline for high-profile jobs.

Today, talented blacks are probably looking at someone like successful Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham, saying "I can do that," and undertaking the hard coaching slog, from player, to years of high-school coaching and assistant jobs, then, finally, to a chance at the top.

Years from now, some of those men will be added to the ranks of black head coaches in the NFL. It won't have anything to do with Cochran, nor will it have anything to do with race. It will be because they can win, exactly as it should be.

Cong. Edwards begins seventh term amid swirling rumors; First foe gearing up?

Political rumors come in all sizes, shapes, forms and in Central Texas's 11th Congressional District idle gossip has reached near hysteric levels, ever since Chet Edwards dropped Ramsey Farley in the soup for the Democratic incumbent's seventh consecutive victory in what has become a top-heavy conservative district.

Republicans in Edwards' bailiwick are smarting over the fact that nearly every office - from the courthouse to the statehouse, is held by a member of the Grand Old Party except for their representative in Congress. Even gerrymandering Edward's district by adding heavily Republican North Williamson County to the 11th, failed to dump the popular congressman who has strong bipartisan support, especially here in Bell County.

As to the rumors - you will recall that soon after Edwards won reelection, the GOP pipe-dream factory predicted with superficial glib that the congressman would switch to the Republican Party in 2004 in order to remain in office.

Edwards put a scoffing halt to that calumny and declared he was a conservative Democrat and would stay that way - period!

Then came news that Chet had turned down a leadership position as chief deputy minority whip under new Demo leader Nancy Pelosi, causing a new firestorm of hot air to blow across our winterized district.

"Edwards distancing himself from Pelosi," "Edwards at odds with his own party," "Chet positioning himself to become a GOPer," all unchecked soundbites that forced the noisy tittle-tattle to expand, as conservatives crowed and Demos wondered.

INVESTIGATION PRODUCES FACTS

Careful investigation of the congressman's decision to step down from his minority leadership position proved it was well thought out and makes sense - at least to those not inflamed with an obsessive desire to dump Chet for a Republican - apparently any Republican, as noted by Farley's candidacy two times running.

Edwards was put in the leadership ranks by House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt in 1995 - as a "bridge between the moderates and the liberal wing of the Democratic Party." As a strong centrist Demo, with a fiscally conservative voting record, Edwards was a perfect fit to keep peace among the always raucous and rambunctious Demos, but it took vast amounts of his time.

It is true that not being a part of the Democratic leadership will allow Chet to differ with the liberals in his party without being considered disloyal, and this will help keep at bay those in the 11th district who froth at the mouth when Pelosi's name is mentioned.

More importantly, Edwards is being considered for a seat on the all-powerful (and time consuming) House Budget Committee - the group that determines the dollar level of the overall federal budget and controls the Appropriation Committees' spending levels.

HUGH SHINE PREPARING?

This column has been tracking another political rumor that Temple financial advisor Hugh Shine is preparing for a second run at Edwards - this time on the coattails of President Bush's '04 reelection run. We checked out the "Draft Hugh Shine" move on the web. Should have update soon if Shine opts to talk.

GOVERNOR: "NO-CAN-DO" ON TAXES AND SCHOOLS

Remember when Rick Perry was run-

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



Guv's delay tactics on Taxes & Education nails him with perfect moniker:

"Rick the Reluctant!"

ning for a full term as Governor not so long ago? His campaign ads noted vast experience and leadership in government. So it was only natural that the bad old liberal media, meeting with the Guv several days back, would ask about the two most pressing needs in the state - the badly crippled state tax system and the struggling "Robin Hood" program of financing public schools.

Perry allowed as how he and his "Leadership Team" - Lt. Governor David Dewhurst and Speaker Tom Craddick would not be able to tackle these two problems this session, due to their "newness" on the job and lack of experience dealing with these major "gummint" headaches.

Editorial writers had a field day noting the "lack of leadership and experience" excuse was strangely missing during the campaign that thrust Republicans into command at all levels of state government!

Letters to the editor from nearly every major daily in the State blasted the Governor for his "ho-hum" attitude about the most immediate problems facing the deficit laden legislature.

MOLLY GIVES GUV PERFECT NICKNAME

We don't usually mention Molly Ivins in this column, since it causes near apoplexy among certain readers who feel she is a "ghost-writer from across the Styx river" (that nether-land reserved for ultra lib-moaners) but in this instance - she came up with a newly minted sobriquet for the Governor that is not only funny, but on target.

Molly mentioned the "wait until later" tactic offered by the Guv, due to his unwillingness (or inability) to immediately tackle really strenuous governmental puzzles - taxes and education, and tagged him "Rick the Reluctant!"

We bet that moniker sticks with Perry from now on and it's good enough for him - since a slightly more judicious use of his little grey cells would have prompted him to tell the press that the state tax system and education issues are immense problems requiring him to set up a series of "blue ribbon" committees; hold hearings around the state; and eventually call a special legislative session to resolve the two critically important problems.

That would have been the political thing to do - yes, even the smart thing - but no one has ever accused Perry of being blessed with much leadership ability, or wisdom either for that matter.

One thing he does have - a deep and abiding fear of raising taxes following the feckless "no new taxes" pledge promulgated by all State Republicans - large and small.

So - good luck old "Rick the Reluctant" as you and your faithful GOP leadership team tackle the bewildering perplexities of gays, abortions, same sex marriages, private school vouchers and other sticky social dilemmas and leave the big ticket items that are worrying voters (like insurance reform, property taxes, education) for another day.

That's -30-

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Finance 101 for Legislators

Sup'ts Corner

by Dr. Robin Wuebker Battershell

Carole Keeton Strayhorn reports that the Legislature will need to cut \$9.9 billion from the budget. Welcome to the world of public education. School districts have been forced to cut staff and services for the past five years to accommodate shrinking state dollars. The problem is that local districts have done such a good job, few taxpayers are aware that state funding for education has decreased from 60 to 40 percent. The current state financial crisis certainly will not reverse this trend.

As the State is forced to tighten its belt, education will be fortunate to receive the same level of funding for the next biennium, much less an increase to accommodate burgeoning student and special needs populations, and additional state and federal requirements.

Current cost-cutting proposals include not funding the teacher insurance program mandated in the 2001 legislative session for districts with fewer than 500 employees. Locally, the State has paid \$1,000 per employee per year. If cut, the Salado ISD will be forced to decide whether or not to continue to pay the \$1,000 using local tax dollars.

As a budget shortfall looms, so does another shortfall—a shortfall in qualified teachers. Texas would be prudent to continue to invest in a program that retains good teachers and look at cutting programs that have not proven effective in improving student achievement.

One such program is the District Effectiveness and Compliance (DEC) visits. These four to five day visits are scheduled on a cyclical basis or in response to a district being identified as high risk determined

through a computer generated system. Recently, a very small district was identified as being high risk because of its low eighth grade social studies scores. The district has 157 students with 10-15 students per grade level. Two students failed the 8th grade social studies test. The Texas Education Agency sent 11 people for five days and four nights to this town.

The moral of this story: Government needs to learn a lesson from public education.

1. Prioritize. Just say no to budget requests not in line with the organization's priorities. You can play politics with money, but it is hard to play politics with priorities.

2. Be decisive and determine how to generate revenue to accommodate a budget consistent with priorities.

3. Practice zero based budgeting. Expenditures must be justified.

4. Monitor expenditures and anticipated revenue. If actual revenue is less than anticipated, cut back on expenditures.

5. Educate your community and staff on finance.

6. No budget amendments unless there is additional revenue to offset the expense.

7. Cut ineffective programs and staff.

8. Stay in touch with the demands of the community.

9. Take care of your people.

10. Live within your means.

Questions may be addressed to Dr. Battershell at P.O. Box 98, Salado, TX 76571.

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THREE VERY GOOD REASONS CLONING IS A VERY BAD IDEA:



Leaving No Child Behind

In America's early days, our founding fathers wanted to do something very different from what they had experienced in Europe. They wanted every child in America to have a quality public education. The standard they set forth more than 200 years ago has been the foundation of our democracy and our economic success.

Unfortunately, in the past few years we have not kept pace with the demand for quality in public education. Creativity and accountability in our public schools became increasingly rare. But last year Congress passed legislation to turn the tide. In the spirit of ensuring each child in America gets an equal opportunity to succeed, it was christened the No Child Left Behind Act. This January we celebrated the one-year anniversary of these landmark education reforms to improve our nation's public school system.

No Child Left Behind set high expectations for our children and our schools. And Congress put its money where its mouth is. Along with the objectives of empowering parents and educators, the legislation provided more federal dollars with fewer bureaucratic strings for our nation's schools. Last fall when America's children went back to school, so too did millions of dollars in new resources and the mandate that our nation's schools improve.

Empowering Parents

We know that parents are one of the keys to a successful education. According to research from the National Parent Teacher Association, parental involvement results in higher grades, test scores, and graduation rates; increased motivation and

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



higher self-esteem; decreased use of drugs and alcohol; and greater enrollment rates in post-secondary education. The benefits are limitless. But what happens if parents are unhappy with the performance of their child's school? Too often, parents have been left with little recourse to fix the problem or seek alternatives within the public system.

But not any longer. One of the key components of No Child Left Behind was a series of reforms aimed at empowering parents. An element I introduced was the parents' report card, which provides parents regular updates on the performance of their child's school. Additionally, the law provides immediate new options for parents of students in chronically underachieving and dangerous public schools. The Department of Education has also dedicated part of its website to providing resources for parents. By logging on to <<http://nclb.gov/parents>> www.nclb.gov/parents, Texans can download tools to more actively participate in their child's education.

Empowering Educators

No Child Left Behind provides help for all of our nation's schools, but gives additional resources to underachieving schools - the ones that need it most. It also implements a variety of reforms, from giving teachers tax relief for out-of-pocket classroom expenses, to shielding teachers, principals and school board members from frivolous law-

suits. And not only does the law require testing for our children to ensure they are learning, it requires accountability for producing results.

Increasing Federal Funding

No Child Left Behind triples funding for reading programs proven to work and increases funding for Title I, the largest education program for disadvantaged children, by \$1.5 billion. Most importantly, the legislation acknowledges that states and local school districts - not the federal government - know how to most effectively allocate their resources. It gives all 50 states and every local school district new freedom and flexibility in the use of federal education dollars, so schools can spend the money on the programs and initiatives that work best for their students.

Texas schools experienced a dramatic boost to their bottom line as a result of No Child Left Behind. Federal funds for major state K-12 education programs increased by 23 percent, from \$1.8 billion in 2001, to \$2.2 billion in 2002.

In the past year, educators across the nation and throughout Texas have embraced these reforms and the spirit of a new era of accountability in public education. As we move forward and continue to improve our public school system, we will do what our founders intended: level the playing field for each child in this great nation.

DUMPING TOXIC COMPUTERS ON ASIA



Jim Hightower

Bill Gates, Michael Dell, and the other poobahs of high-techery not only like to gloat about their computer wizardry and business success, but they also brag that theirs is a "clean industry" and that they are corporate environmentalists.

They might try selling that load of crap to the people around Guiyu, China. This is one of the low-wage hell holes that America's high-tech executives use as a dumping ground for their electronics waste, which includes some 45 million computers that are discarded annually. The dirty little secret of the industry is that our computers are loaded with toxins, and a new report called "Exporting Harm: The Techno-Trashing of Asia" reveals that these poisons are causing environmental and health disasters in the lands where they're dumped, far from the sight and out of the minds of the billionaires who profit from selling them.

Technically, says the industry, the discarded electronics are not dumped, but "recycled." In reality what happens is that poor Asians are paid a pittance to scavenge various metals and other re-sellable compounds out of these machines. Indeed, about 100,000 people--including thousands of children--in Guiyu toil in the midst of piles of electronic trash, smelting circuit boards, using acid to extract traces of gold, dumping cathode ray tubes filled with lead, opening toner cartridges by hand to brush the toxic toner into buckets, and burning plastic components. Guiyu's groundwater is now so polluted that the people have to truck in water for human use.

While Europe is moving to require its computer makers to accept disposal responsibility for their hazardous products, industry lobbyists here have stifled any such moves. Also, while there's a 1989 international treaty to limit the export of toxic wastes, the United States is the only developed country that has refused to sign it.

There's nothing clean about exporting toxics. For a copy of this report, call: Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition at 408-287-6707.

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The Racism of "Diversity"

By PETER SCHWARTZ

President Bush faces an ideal opportunity to take a principled position on the issue of racial "diversity." As his administration ponders whether to support the legal challenge, now before the Supreme Court, to the University of Michigan's affirmative action policies, he should go further and raise a moral challenge to the entire notion of "diversity."

Instead of timidly wavering on this question, in fear of being smeared by Democrats as racist, President Bush should rise to the occasion by categorically repudiating racism--and condemning "diversity" as its crudest manifestation.

It is now widely accepted that "diversity" is an appropriate goal for society. But what does this dictum actually mean? Racial integration is a valid objective, but that is something very different from what the advocates of "diversity" seek. According to its proponents, we need "diversity" in order to be exposed to new perspectives on life. We supposedly gain "enrichment

from the differences in viewpoint of minorities," as the MIT Faculty Newsletter puts it. "It is the only way to prepare students to live and work effectively in our diverse democracy and in the global economy," says the president of the University of Michigan. Minorities should be given preferential treatment, the university's vice president says, because "learning in a diverse environment benefits all students, minority and majority alike."

These circumlocutions translate simply into this: one's race determines the content of one's mind. They imply that people have worthwhile views to express because of their ethnicity, and that "diversity" enables us to encounter "black ideas," "Hispanic ideas," etc. What could be more repulsively racist than that? This is exactly the premise held by the South's slave-owners and by the Nazis' Storm Troopers. They too believed that an individual's thoughts and actions are determined by his racial heritage.

Whether a given race receives special rewards

or special punishments is immaterial. The essence of racism is the idea that the individual is meaningless and that membership in the collective--the race--is the source of his identity and value. To the racist, the individual's moral and intellectual character is the product, not of his own choices, but of the genes he shares with all others of his race. To the racist, the particular members of a given race are interchangeable.

The advocates of "diversity" similarly believe that colleges must admit not individuals, but "representatives" of various races. They believe that those representatives have certain ideas innately imprinted on their minds, and that giving preferences to minority races creates a "diversity" of viewpoints on campus. They have the quota-mentality, which holds that in judging someone, the salient fact is the racial collective to which he belongs.

This philosophy is why racial division is growing at our colleges. The segregated dormitories, the segregated cafeterias, the segregated fraternities--these all exist, not in spite of the commitment to "diversity," but because of it. The overriding message of "diversity," transmitted by the policies of a school's administration and by the teachings of a school's professors, is that the individual is defined by his race. What, then, is a more loyal adherence to that message than the desire to associate with members of one's own race and to regard others as belonging to an alien tribe?

If racism is to be rejected, it is the premise of individualism, including individual free will, that must be upheld. There is no way to bring about racial integration except by completely disregarding color. There is no benefit in being exposed to the thoughts of a black person as opposed to a white person; there is a benefit only in interacting with individuals, of any race, who have rational viewpoints to offer.

"Diversity," in any realm, has no value in and of itself. Investors can be urged to diversify their holdings--but for the sake of minimizing their financial risk, not for the sake of "diversity" as such. To maintain that "diversity" per se is desirable--that "too much" of one thing is objectionable--is ludicrous. Does unimpaired health need to be "diversified" with bouts of illness? Or knowledge with

ignorance? Or sanity with lunacy?

The value of a racially integrated student body or work force lies entirely in the individualism this implies. A racially integrated group implies that skin color is irrelevant in judging human beings. It implies that those who chose the students or the workers based their evaluations only on that which reflects upon the individual: merit. But that is not what the advocates of "diversity" want. They sneer at the principle of "color-blindness." Whether the issue is being admitted to college or getting a job at a corporation or being cast as an actor on TV shows, the "diversity" supporters want such decisions to be made exactly the way that the vilest of racists make them: by bloodline. They insist that whatever is a result of your own choices--your ideas, your character, your accomplishments--is to be dismissed, while that which is outside your control--the accident of skin color--is to define your life. Their fundamental goal is to "diversify"--and thus to undercut--the standard of individual achievement with the non-standard of race.

Racial "diversity" is a doctrine that splits people into ethnic tribes, which then battle one another for special favors. If President Bush is eager to demonstrate his disagreement with the racist views of a Strom Thurmond, let him stand up and denounce all forms of racism--particularly, the one that underlies "diversity."

Salado fifth graders take home four out of six awards

The fifth grade science class participated in the Water Conservation Poster and Essay Contest through the Clear Water Underground Water Conservation District. This contest was open to all fifth grade students in Bell County. Once again, Salado fifth grade students walked away with four out of the six awards.

The awards were handed out after the CUWCD board meeting on Jan. 21 in Belton.

Rachel VanHoozer won 1st place Poster; Rebecca Petro won 2nd place Essay; Mallory Ming won 2nd place Poster; and Katherine Atmar won 3rd place poster.

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 7:30 p.m. January 23, 2003
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1. Read and approve minutes from the 2002 Annual Meeting.
2. Treasurer's report and adoption of the 2003 Budget.
3. Report on improvements to the water system.
4. Nomination and election of Board of Directors for all expiring terms of present directors.
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Deadline Feb. 8 for Spring Jewel magazine

The advertising deadline for the next publication of **Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas** is February 8, 2003. The street date is Feb. 21. This edition will be distributed until February 21, 2003.

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

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The schedule for printing of the "Jewel" in 2003 is:

Spring issue deadline is February 8 to be distributed by February 21

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Salado Youth Baseball Association

SYBA will hold registration for the 2003 season beginning Sat., Jan. 25 at the Thomas Arnold Elementary Gym from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Again on Feb. 8 and 15, there will be additional registration times at Brookshire Brothers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information contact Wayne Tucker at (254) 947-0377 or Tim Hazzard at (254) 947-3531.

Delisi sponsors bill to encourage docs' volunteering

Representative Dianne White Delisi, District 55, filed a pair of medical liability bills to encourage physicians to volunteer their time to needy patients and in emergency situations Jan. 8.

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HB 386 strengthens the Texas Good Samaritan

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Fine Arts Building 112, room 109. Performances are scheduled for April 3, 4, 5, 11, and 12.

The production will also need a technical crew, makeup and costume help.

For more information, call CTC Fine Arts department at (254) 526-1572.

Grief and Loss Seminar scheduled Feb. 25

A Grief and Loss Seminar is scheduled for 8 a.m.- noon Feb. 25 at the Meadow Oaks Baptist Church. The church is located at 3100 Thornton Lane in Temple.

"Finding Meaning in Mourning" is the topic to be covered by guest speaker Elizabeth Harper Neeld, plus a panel of community experts will

lend their expertise. For more information contact Allison Schiller, at Vistacare Hospice 254-742-3532 or 1-800-643-3139.

Alzheimer Support Group meets Feb. 4

The Alzheimer Support Group is having a meeting that is open to the public 5:30 p.m. Feb. 4 at Heartland.

The speaker for the month will be Teresea Shahan. She is a lawyer

who will be discussing Living Wells, Power of Attorney, as well as other legal paperwork aspects that all families with a loved one entering the elderly population could

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Ervis celebrate 50 years of marriage

James Ray Ervi and Roxie Lee Berry Ervi of Salado celebrated 50 years of marriage on Dec. 31. Jim and Roxie were married in Bartlesville, OK on Dec. 31, 1952.

Jim is a retired Army Warrant Officer. He also comes from a sales and business career. Roxie is a retired business owner. She is a deacon in the Presbyterian church and spends her free time with her children and grandchildren. Jim keeps busy caring for cattle, deer and other animals on his property outside of Salado.

Jim and Roxie have three sons and six grandchildren. They celebrated their anniversary by vacationing in Italy and exchanging rings.

TCT hosts lively rendition of classic play

Temple Civic Theater's current production is *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. The musical was a collaborative project written by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, with performance arrangements made by Rodgers and Hammerstein Music Library Intl.

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The director and choreographer for the show is Bob Kiser, a professional director from Chicago. He has appeared in the tours of *Evita*, *Forever Plaid* and *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. The musical directors are Wayne Bachus and David Perez-Guerra.

The performance dates for the show are Jan. 21-26. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased from the Temple Civic Theater box office Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 2:30-6 p.m. or by calling (254) 778-4751 (ext. 1).

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Van Curas perform at CTC Feb. 20

Salado's very own husband and wife musicians, Dr. John Van Cura and Dr. Kim Neill-Van Cura, will be performing in concert at Central Texas College in Killeen 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20. Dr. Kim Van Cura will be playing the piano in recital, while Dr. John Van Cura, baritone, will be performing in song.

The Van Curas were invited to perform the recital, and this will be their first time to play at Central Texas College. The program will include *Invocazione di Orfeo*, Peri; *We Sing to Him*, Purcell; *Lord, What is Man?*, Purcell; *An die Ferne Geliebte*, Beethoven; *Catalogue of Flowers*, Milhaud; and *To a Poet*, Finzi.

Dr. John Van Cura has been a distinguished professor of Vocal Studies at Baylor University since 1986. He has performed professionally in music theater, opera, oratorio and song recitals in the United States and in Europe. Dr. Van Cura holds B.M. and M.M. degrees from the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, MD, and a doctorate from Florida State University, with post-doctoral study done in Europe on Old Gold Grants from the University of Iowa where he was professor of voice.

He received a Fulbright teaching grant and is a frequent lecturer on the relationship of healthy singing and voice science. Dr. Van Cura also received an award as outstanding tenured professor from Baylor. Some of his students teach voice, are choral conductors and administrators in numerous colleges and universities, teach in public schools, are preachers, ministers of music, musical theater professionals, work in arts management,



are composers and perform major roles in opera houses throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. Many of them have won prestigious contests such as the Grand Prix of the Geneva Competition, Metropolitan Opera National, Regional and District auditions, Dallas Opera Grants, Houston Grand Opera Competition, Fort Worth Opera Competition and the Liederkrantz Art Song Competition.

Dr. Kim Neill-Van Cura attended Shenandoah Conservatory of Music in Winchester, VA for two years before receiving a Bachelor Music degree from the Peabody Conservatory of Music. There she majored in piano, voice and music education. She was assistant to Mary Malcolm Hunter, received the outstanding student Phyllis Milner Award for excellence and graduated second in her class. Dr. Van Cura earned a Master

of Music degree at the University of Iowa, where she studied piano with John Simms and voice with Phyllis Robertson and John Van Cura.

In 1994, Dr. Kim Van Cura was honored by Baylor University as the outstanding graduate student of the year. Since graduation, Dr. Van Cura has presented numerous lectures and seminars for independent music teachers and college faculties, as well as heads of music in Texas colleges and universities. As a performer, she has concertized throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. She recently accompanied Michele Crider, international opera star, in her debut solo recital in Iowa. As a teacher, she has taught in colleges and universities, has had private studios in voice and piano, has done music in schools kindergarten through senior year in high school, and has been an organist, choir

director and vocal soloist.

Dr. John Van Cura and Dr. Kim Van Cura reside in Salado where they founded the Institute for Voice and Pedagogy in the summer of 2002. The Institute is dedicated to clarity and simplification of processes related to teaching, technique and learning.

They are also the co-founders of Music in Salado which began in July 2001. Music in Salado will be beginning its 2003 concert series Feb. 9 in the Salado United Methodist Church sanctuary, with another concert on March 2, also at the Salado United Methodist Church sanctuary.

The Van Curas also take part in Arts Education for the local school children. Mar. 6 Arts Education will be performing the opera *Little Red Riding Hood* for the Salado schools, and at 7:30 p.m. it will be performed for the public at the Salado Intermediate School auditorium.

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Jan. 23: Turkey Pot Pie, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Blueberries w/topping, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk
Jan. 24: Cheeseburger, Fries, Pickle Spear, Fruity Freeze, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk
Jan. 27: Macaroni Carbonara, Mixed Vegetables, Peaches, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk
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Lady Eagles win close one, lose to Lexington

With the season winding down, the Salado Lady Eagles hoopsters hit a bit of a momentum snag last week, defeating Rogers on Jan. 14, but then falling to Lexington on Jan. 18.

In a frenetic contest that wasn't decided until the last few seconds of play, Salado, on the strength of solid free-throw shooting in the fourth, was able to squeeze past Rogers by a score of 41-38.

Jenny Goode was on fire from the outside, sinking five first half three-pointers on her way to 20 points for the game. Her long-range bonanza resulted in a 27-20 lead for Salado going into the second half.

But Rogers didn't quit. The Eagles in black held Salado to only three third period points, and cut the deficit to only one point by the end of three. But the high-paced fourth favored Salado, as the girls iced the win with seven free-throws in the tail-end of the game to seal the victory.

In addition to Goode's



PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR
Meagan Joiner shoots a free throw during the Lady Eagles' win over Rogers.

game high 20, Lindsey Pruitt scored 10 on the night, Laramie Jackson had four, and Meagan Joiner scored seven.

Lightning didn't strike twice for Salado this season, though, as Lexington avenged their earlier loss by defeating the Eagles by 13, 60-47.

Salado led by a point at the half, but Lexington pulled away in the second half, as Salado struggled to find a defensive answer to Lexington's McFarlin, who scored 16 of her 27 in the last two periods.

Meagan Joiner was the high-scorer on the night, scoring all 16 of her points

in the first half. Also scoring was Goode, nine; Laramie Jackson, 10; Lindsey Pruitt, seven; and Lauren Mewhinney, five.

The girls face-off again at home against Academy Jan. 21, then travel to Florence Jan. 24. Their record is now 17-10 overall, and 5-2 in district.

Varsity boys come through in clutch, pick up victory in must-win district game

The Varsity boys, with their big 56-50 win over Lexington on Jan. 17, have put themselves in a position where they basically control their own playoff destiny with only a handful of games remaining.

On Jan. 14, though, the Eagles encountered a roadblock in the form of the Rogers Eagles. On a night when several players were honored for humanitarian work during a pre-game ceremony, Rogers dominated most of the contest to cruise to a 44-27 win.

After a tentative start, Salado trailed by only one point, 13-12, at the end of one, but could pull no closer as the Rogers' pressure was too much to handle.

The top scorer for Salado was Devon Dunn, who had nine.

Also putting points on the board was Blake Mascari, eight; Travis Clark, six; Matt Caskey, two; and Jarrod Whitfield, two.

In a must-win game versus Lexington, Salado came out strong, going up 19-10 in the early going.

Matt Caskey scored seven of his game high 17 in the first.

By the start of the fourth, Lexington had clawed their way back to trail by only four points, partly due to Salado's scoring only seven points in the third, all by Blake Mascari.

But the Eagles put 19 points on the board in the fourth, including seven key free-throws down the stretch, and Salado held on for the six point win.

Mascari scored a total of 15 points on the game,

while Devon Dunn added 10.

Also scoring were Jarrod Whitfield and Travis Clark, who each had seven.

The Eagles host Academy Jan. 21, then travel to Florence Jan. 24.

Head Coach Tom Long said that he was pleased with his team's performance against Lexington, but versus Rogers, when Salado shot just 16 percent from the field, he felt the team, for the most part, defeated themselves.

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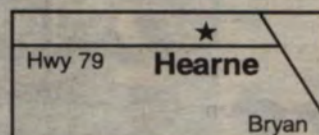
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A win here, a loss there, JV boys continue erratic play

The JV boys have continued to show improvement throughout the year, but victories have remained an uneven commodity. Salado split their games last week, defeating Rogers but falling to Lexington.

Against Rogers, Salado went up for good in the second period and never looked back, taking the game 48-39.

Strong offensive per-

formances from Chris Stineman, who had 18, and Nathan Grigsby, 13, shut the door on Rogers' hopes for victory.

Five other Eagles also scored points in the game. Nick Everett finished with seven, Shane Pipes and Jacob Williams both had three, and John Gregurek and Garrett Askins each scored two.

Not faring as well

against the Lexington JV, the Eagles discovered that scoring only three points in the first half makes a difficult hill to climb, as they were soundly defeated, 46-34.

The offensive leader for Salado was Nick Everett, who had 10 points.

Also contributing were Jacob Williams, three; Chris Stineman, two; Joseph Shumate, four;

Dallas Butts, two; Garrett Askins, three; Nathan Grigsby, six; and John Gregurek, four.

The JV will try to salvage the remains of what has been an up-and-down season in their upcoming games, Jan. 21 versus Academy, and Jan. 24 in Florence.

Results from the freshman team were unavailable at press time.

JV girls maintain streak with bucket at buzzer

Undefeated in district, the storied season for the JV girls was nearly tarnished by Rogers Jan. 14. Nearly, but not quite. Salado hit a bucket with scant seconds remaining to complete a thrilling 35-33 win.

Elizabeth Dunlap shouldered the offensive load for the Eagles with her 15 points, which topped all scorers. She was the only

Eagle to break into double-digits for the game.

Coach Kurt Salisbury's team had three other girls each finish with five points: Laramie Wilson, Kelsey Smith and Brittani Goodnight.

Also scoring were Kate Marshall, two; Nicole Weatherly, two; and Brandi Warren, one.

With the Rogers game being a little too close

for comfort, the girls dismantled Lexington Jan. 1 by the convincing final of 43-22.

Salado led 13-4 after the first, and Lexington never got any closer than that the remainder of the contest, as the Eagles poured it on the second half, scoring 28 points in an easy win.

Rachel Hargrove was Salado's offensive pace

setter with her 11 point effort.

Also scoring were Kate Marshall, nine; Laramie Wilson, four; Nicole Weatherly, four; Elizabeth Goodnight, two; Elizabeth Dunlap, six; Lacey Bartlett, four; and Kelsey Smith, three.

Coach Salisbury attributes his team's success this season to "talent and a lot of hardwork."

Seventh girls lose for first time

It took a last second shot to hand the seventh grade girls their first loss of the season, at the hands of Lexington. The 35-34 defeat is the only blemish on what has been a dominating season for the girls.

Salado led 24-23 going into the fourth, but let it slip away in the game's waning moments.

Tamra Stanish and Kristen Smith each had 12 points to pace Salado.

Also scoring were Lauren Haire, five; Kamylle Palomino, three; and Karleigh Goodnight, two.

"This was a tough loss for both the girls and myself," said coach Erica Meyer. "We played hard but did look intimidated at times, and just were not quite our normal, confident selves. The other disappointing thing about this game is that we don't get the opportunity to play them again until next year."

Prior to their loss at Lexington, the girls annihilated Jarrell 51-7. Tamra Stanish scored 14, Kristen Smith had 11, and Lauren Haire scored 10.

Kamylle Palomino contributed six, Lauren Culver and Karleigh Goodnight had four, and Brandi Lott dropped in two points.

"This was the first time the girls played their best on the road," said Meyer. "It was a great team effort and everyone played very well."

The B-team also won their game versus Jarrell, 14-5. Scoring points for

Salado were Kourtney Singleton, four; Amanda Coffman, four; Julie Hadja, two; Sarah Dowell, two; and Amanda Wiley, two.

The eighth grade girls A team was also able to defeat Jarrell. They came out on top in a close game, 37-35. Wins haven't come easy for the eighth grade, so this was a cause for

celebration.

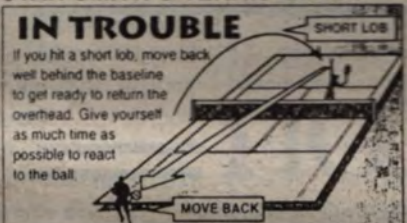
"This was a huge win for them," said Coach Bode. "The girls played a great second half, and they are really starting to play together as a team. This win was a true team effort."

Molly Rooney was the offensive leader for the Eagles. She finished the game with nine points.

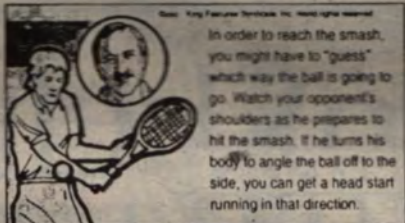
Leigh Martin had seven, Jessica Shumate, six; Cortney Dunnahoo and Chelsea Ervi, five; Denise Jasso, three; Kelsey Gobin, two; and Brittany Gilchrest, one.

The B team lost their game by a score of 14-3. Mary-Amber Runyon was three-for-six from the line, accounting for all of Salado's points.

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Salado students compete in Academic meet

Thirty-three Salado High School students competed at the Midway High School Academic Meet Jan. 18. The results are as follows:

- Literary Criticism: Sara Culver - 1st; Brinn Newman - 4th.
- Literary Criticism Team: Culver, Newman,

- Kirsten Singleton - 1st.
- Number Sense 11th and 12th grade: Devon Rex - 1st.
- Number Sense 9th and 10th grade: Matt Caskey - 1st; Jenny Goode - 2nd; Ines Min - 3rd; Joseph Shumate - 4th.
- Number Sense Team: Rex, Caskey, Goode - 1st.

- Calculator 11th and 12th grade: Sara Culver - 1st; Brinn Newman - 4th; Matt Brown - 6th.
- Calculator 9th and 10th grade: Scott Williams - 1st; Rebekah Quick - 2nd; Davon Dunn - 4th; Colby Cox - 5th.
- Calculator Team:

- Culver, Newman, Williams - 1st.
- Mathematics: Sara Culver - 1st; Devon Rex - 3rd; Matt Brown - 4th.
- Mathematics Team: Culver, Rex, Brown - 1st.

Salado won the Literary Sweepstakes Trophy at the meet.

TC announces honor lists

Temple College has announced the President's Honor List and the Vice President's Honor List in recognition of high academic achievement for the 2002 fall semester.

"These students have distinguished themselves by setting and maintaining high academic goals," Dr. Gwen Hauk, vice president of educational services, said. "We congratulate them for their exemplary performance at TC."

To be named to the President's Honor List, a student must be taking at least nine semester hours of work and must have a grade point average of at least 4.0. To be named to the Vice President's Honor List, a student must be taking nine semester hours and have a grade point average of at least 3.5.

The Salado students named to the President's Honor List were Frank E. Carlson, Jacob A. Childs and Thomas L. Epps. Joanna Haggard and Kevin K. Stanley, both of Salado, were named to the Vice President's Honor List.



Ashley Smith, of the Salado Village Voice, spoke to the Salado Rotarians at their Jan. 14 meeting. She first discussed the history of the Salado Village Voice and how it came into existence. Smith then took the Rotarians through the extended process of how the newspaper is compiled each week. She displayed a layout page, as well as a completed newspaper to demonstrate the difference between "before" and "after." Smith concluded her speech by sharing her personal goals for journalism and what she plans to do with her degree after graduation in August 2003.

La Follia presents "Earthy Delights" Feb. 15 in Austin

Contributing to Austin's classical music underground since 1980, La Follia continues its 2002-2003 season on Feb. 15, with "Earthy Delights," a celebration of love and other joys featuring works by Bach, Handel, Couperin, and other Baroque composers known and unknown. Follians Marcus McGuff, flute; Scott Horton, lute, and Keith Womer, harpsichord, will be joined by Jenifer Thyssen, soprano, and Barrett Sills, viola da gamba. The performance starts at 8 pm at First English Lutheran Church, at the corner of 30th St. and Whitis Ave. Admission is \$14 (general) and \$12 (students and seniors). Purchase tickets at the door or call 454-TIXS (8497).

Love is an appropriate theme for this Valentine's weekend concert. Reasoning that joy comes in many worldly forms, however, La Follia decided to broaden the program to feature a variety of pleasures. Instrumental works by Bach, Handel, and Couperin will complement vocal works by Purcell, Arne, A. Scarlatti, Montclair, and Sances. A special feature will be the 18th-century Scottish love song "The Broom of Cowdenknows," a favorite among Austin audiences.

La Follia will finish its 2002-2003 season with the vocal extravaganza "Viva La Voce!" on April 6.

The chamber ensemble's Italian name means "folly," "foolishness," or "madness" -- words that capture the wit and enthusiasm it brings to enlivening music of 17th- and 18th-century Europe and beyond. Through research and improvisation, La Follia performs works both famous and obscure using instruments and styles appropriate to the period. Members Marcus McGuff, flute; Keith Womer, harpsichord; Stephanie Prewitt, mezzo-soprano; and Christopher LeCluyse, tenor were recently joined by James Brown, viola da gamba, and Scott Horton, lute.

For more information, call 512-796-4024 or visit www.lafollia.org.

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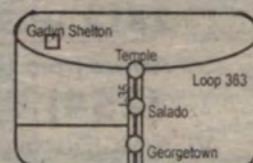
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DATE	OPPONENT	TEAMS	TIME
2/8	at Moody #	V	TBA
2/10	Rosebud-Lott #	V	5 pm
2/15	Alumni Game #	JV, V	1 pm
2/15	at Bartlett	JV, V	4:30 & 7 pm
2/21-22	Academy JV Tournament	JV	TBA
2/21-22	Franklin V Tournament	V	TBA
2/24	at Waco Van Guard	V	5 pm
2/27-3/1	Salado Tournament	V	TBA
3/4	At Rogers*	JV, V	4:30 & 7 pm
3/6-8	Hamilton Tournament	V	TBA
3/11	Lexington *	JV, V	4:30 & 7 pm
3/14	at Academy *	JV, V	4:30 & 7 pm
3/18	Florence *	JV, V	4:30 & 7 pm
3/21	at Jarrell *	JV, V	4:30 & 7 pm
3/25	Hill Country Christian	JV, V	4:30 & 6:30
3/28	Somerville *	JV, V	4:30 & 7 pm
4/1	Rogers *	JV, V	4:30 & 7 pm
4/4	at Lexington *	JV, V	4:30 & 7 pm
4/8	Academy *	JV, V	4:30 & 7 pm
4/11	at Florence *	JV, V	4:30 & 7 pm
4/14	Jarrell *	JV, V	4:30 & 7 pm
4/22	at Somerville	JV, V	4:30 & 7 pm

Scrimmage games
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SVFD sponsors scenic bikeride through Salado, countryside

On March 1, the Salado Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a "Smokin' Spokes" bike ride to raise funds for the local Fire and Rescue team. The ride will begin at 9 a.m.

Several different difficulty levels will be offered, accommodating seasoned riders and novices as well. Course distances are five miles, 15 miles, 33 miles, 50 miles, all the way up to 66 miles. The courses will run through Salado and its outskirts, including FM 2843, FM 2484 and the Stillhouse Hollow Dam.

Pre-registration is \$25 through Feb. 14. All participants will receive a T-shirt.

For more information, or to register, visit the website at www.saladospokes.com, or call Kevin Reichert at 254-535-5500.

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Alumni baseball game to be held Feb. 15, day of fun and fellowship

The second annual Salado Eagle alumni baseball game is scheduled for Feb. 15.

"The format for this year's reunion and game will be a little different," said head coach and organizer Melvin Bates. "The old-timers (those who graduated in '95 or before) will play against one another in a game beginning at 11 a.m. That game will be followed by the homerun contest. The younger grad-

uates will then scrimmage the Varsity at about 1:30 p.m."

Over 40 alumni, or has-beens, as they are also called, laced their spikes and oiled their gloves for last year's game.

Coach Bates said last year's game was a great time for reminiscing and fellowship, and that no one should as if they are too old to participate, or to just come watch the game.

The fee to play in the

game is \$10, which covers the cost of a T-shirt, which each participant will receive. The cost for the homerun contest is also \$10. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place in the homerun contest.

If you are planning on playing, contact Coach Bates at the Intermediate School, 947-1700, or e-mail mbates@saladoisd.org, so he can get a count on the number of players.

Seventh, eighth boys play ball in Lexington

Both seventh and eighth grade boys A and B squads were in action last week against Lexington.

On the seventh grade side, the A team went down by a wide margin, scoring only seven points while giving up 26. The Eagles did not score in the second half.

Jonas Goode scored three points on the game, Blake Heller had two, and Kevin Jackson scored two.

The B team was also defeated. They lost their game 29-6, while playing only one half.

Sterling Martin and George Wideman each scored two points.

In a high-scoring shootout, the eighth grade A was able to hang on versus Lexington for a 45-41 win.

Ryan Clark racked up 23 points in the game, including eight free throw buckets.

Justin Konzen scored 12 points, while Blake Newman had eight, and Won Im scored two.

Also playing only two periods like the seventh grade B, the eighth grade B team was similarly unlucky as they lost by a final of 12-5.

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Michelle Schumann, pianist, to perform at UMHB

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor music instructor and pianist Michelle Schumann, whose performance of John Cage works was named one of the Top Three Arts Events of 2002 by the *Austin American Statesman*, makes a key change to present an evening of Beethoven, Poulenc, Crumb and Liszt, in Hughes Recital Hall 7:30 p.m. Feb. 1.

Drawn to the eclectic, Schumann's solo piano program features Beethoven's classic, but rarely heard, "32 Variations in C minor," George Crumb's "A Little Suite For Christmas," in which the pianist plays many of the complex and mystical sonorities inside the piano, a set of Poulenc short pieces, and last but certainly not least, the powerful Liszt "B minor Sonata."



The Sonata is perhaps one of the most important contributions to sonata form since Beethoven. Written as a single, expansive movement, the Sonata is bold and forward-looking, and integrates enormous pianistic virtuosity into a profoundly original

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Canadian pianist, Michelle Schumann, performs with many professional ensembles including, Austin Lyric Opera, the Austin Symphony Orchestra, Ballet Austin, and the Austin Chamber Music Center. She also per-

forms regularly with the Tosca String Quartet.

For more information about the Michelle Schumann piano recital in Hughes Recital Hall call 254-295-4678 or 1-800-727-8642.

**NHS blood drive
 slated for Jan. 30
 at Salado High School**

The National Honor Society is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Jan. 30 at Salado High School.

The Scott and White Bloodmobile will be onsite from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Scott

and White is in critical need of blood.

Please contact Susan Shobe at 947-0005 or email sshobe@saladoisd.org to set up an appointment.

**Kids art contest
 now accepting entries**

Commissioner of the General Land Office Jerry Patterson called on Texas students to participate in the seventh annual "Treasures of the Texas Coast 2003" Children's Art Contest. The deadline to submit artwork is Feb. 3.

"Kids love to draw and kids love the beach," said Patterson. "It's a natural combination. Not only do we highlight the talents of Texas students, educate the public about the need to protect our coastal resources, but we have a great time in the process."

Begun in 1996 with the tenth anniversary of the Adopt-A-Beach program, the annual competition encourages Texas schoolchildren to learn more about the many splendors found along the Texas coast and express that education through art.

Open to students in grades K-6 throughout Texas, the event produces thousands of drawings every year from talented students across the state. The 2002 contest drew more than 7,300 entries.

Each contest entry must be postmarked by Feb. 3, and submitted on an 8 by 11-inch sheet of white paper.

Any medium may be used, except for computer-generated artwork. Three-dimensional art is ineligible. Artwork should be based on the theme, "Treasures of the Texas Coast" and should show why the Texas coast is special to the student. Only one entry per student is allowed, and all entries must have a completed parental release form taped to the

back. Parental release forms may be printed from the GLO web site located at www.glo.state.tx.us/adopt-a-beach.

Two winners will be picked from each of the 24 regional councils of government in Texas. From these 48 winners, one grand prize winner will get two round-trip, coach-class tickets from Continental Airlines to any Continental destination in the United States, excluding Alaska and Hawaii. They'll also get a class party at Schlitterbahn Waterpark Resort in New Braunfels.

All 48 winners will receive two tickets to the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi, two all-day passes to Schlitterbahn, a journal made of recycled denim from Keep Texas Beautiful, a certificate of recognition from the commissioner and a calendar featuring the winning artwork.

The grand prizewinner's teacher will also receive two round-trip coach-class tickets courtesy of Continental Airlines.

This year's contest is sponsored by Continental Airlines, Schlitterbahn Waterpark Resort, Texas State Aquarium and Keep Texas Beautiful. For more information on the "Treasures of the Texas Coast 2003" Children's Art Contest, contact the General Land Office at 1-800-998-4GLO (select option 6) or visit our Web site at www.glo.state.tx.us/adopt-a-beach.

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Learn what those options are and why you should be taking advantage of them. Chuck Laubach has a degree in finance and is a Registered Investment Advisor who counsels individuals, families and small businesses in financial and business planning strategies. Class meets 3-5 p.m. Jan. 30. Cost is \$14.

Women's Bellydance-- Bellydancing, "the oldest dance," is a feminine, sensuous, earthy, ancient dance from the Middle East and North Africa. Learn fundamental techniques and movements through a combination of group choreography and individual improvisation. Margetta is a 19-year

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12/03	Theft Under \$50	IH-35 at Exit 282
12/03	Harassment	Horned Frog Rd.
12/09	Unauthorized Use of a vehicle	FM 2843
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12/11	Terroristic Threat	Thomas Arnold Rd.
12/13	Criminal Trespass	FM 2484
12/18	Theft Over \$500	Yellow Rose
12/22	Burglary of Habitation	Crows Ranch Rd.
12/25	Assault by Contact	West Amity Rd.
12/27	Harassment	Cedar Valley Rd.
12/29	Burglary of Vehicle	Lorli Lane
12/30	Theft Over \$500	West Village Rd.
12/30	Theft Over \$500	IH-35 at Exit 282

Salado Police Department

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12/10	Burglary of Vehicle	College Hill Dr.
12/13	Criminal Mischief	South Church Dr.
12/13	Theft	S. Stagecoach Rd.
12/15	Criminal Mischief	Mill Creek Dr.
12/18	Attempted Auto Theft	Salado Plaza Dr.
12/20	Vehicle Accident	Thomas Arnold Dr.
12/21	Theft	Whispering Oaks
12/22	Missing Person	Royal St.
12/26	Theft	Whispering Oaks
12/28	Burglary of Habitation	College Hill
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12/30	Cruelty to Animals	Natasha

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III CORPS ELEMENTS: 13TH CORPS SUPPORT COMMAND READIES FOR DEPLOYMENT ORDERS

Elements of III Corps stationed at Fort Hood have received deployment orders to reposition forces as required to support the President's global war against terrorism. Units from the 13th Corps Support Command at Fort Hood have been directed to prepare to deploy in the event they are required.

This repositioning of forces provides increased military capabilities in the ongoing war on terror. Any further employment of those forces deploying in a future combat role is a Presidential decision.

III Corps and its units based at Fort Hood have responded from the outset of the war on terror, will

continue to deploy forces to places such as Afghanistan, Central Asia, Southwest Asia, Cuba, and Europe. All III Corps units remain trained and ready to deploy on short notice as required to defend America's interests at home and worldwide.

The 13th Corps Support Command, which provides logistical and medical support units to III Corps, will now deploy a Quartermaster Service Company on Jan. 19 to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility in Southwest Asia. The unit, comprised of about 100 soldiers, provides such services as laundry and shower facilities. The deploying soldiers will conduct manifest operations and conduct a departure ceremony with friends and

family members early Sunday morning.

For security reasons, specific numbers of troops deploying and their deployment destination will not be announced at this time, and III Corps officials will not speculate on future employment of forces.

CHEMICAL COMPANY, AVIATION REGIMENT GET DEPLOYMENT ORDERS

The 68th Chemical Company and 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, of the First Cavalry Division have received deployment orders to the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) Area of Responsibility.

The First Cavalry Division, stationed at Fort Hood, has received deployment orders for the two units to reposition forces as required to support the

President's global war against terrorism

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The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) announced an extension of the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation program (TEUC). The extension was signed into law Jan. 8 by President George W. Bush. The extension is part of the Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002, which temporarily provided up to 13 additional weeks of benefits for eligible, unemployed Texans who exhausted their regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits.

The latest extension allows individuals who established a valid TEUC claim and had a balance remaining when the previous program ended Dec.

28, to draw the remainder of those benefits. Additionally, it allows Texas to continue to establish TEUC claims until May 31 for individuals who have exhausted their regular UI benefits under this extension. While regular UI benefits are funded by employer taxes, the TEUC benefits are entirely federally funded, and employers will not be charged for any claims paid out through this extension.

TWC's UI Support and Customer Service Department will be mailing letters to all potentially eligible claimants within the next two to three weeks to tell them how to apply. Since most claimants filed their claim certifications through Dec. 28, individu-

als calling to apply for the additional TEUC benefits should call their Tele-Serv on their designated day or open filing day. Claimants who need to update their address information can contact their local UI Tele-Center. Further information and updates also are available on the TWC Web site at www.texasworkforce.org.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the programs it offers in unison with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit www.texasworkforce.org.

Allen completes Air Force basic

Air Force Airman 1st Class Courtney L. Allen has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military

customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn

credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of Vickie and stepdaughter of Troy Kelley, of Salado.

Allen is a 1996 graduate of Belton High School.

Farris graduates Air Force basic

Air Force Airman Amy L. Farris has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

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customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn

credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of Candice and stepdaughter of Mathew Gayle, of Belton. Farris is a 2000 graduate of Belton High School.

FINANCIAL

Futures trading scams

Trading in futures has always been a risky business and not for the faint of heart, although it has become more popular in recent years with people who like to do their own c-trading.

Basically, it means investing in the probability that a commodity (gold, oil, coffee, frozen orange juice, etc.) will either be in short supply and high demand, or in high supply and low demand. And even with the best information available, the future of any commodity can be a matter of uncertainty and turn on a change in the weather, a negative (or positive) report on a health benefit, or, certainly, on a political event such as the effect a potential war with Iraq might have on the world's oil markets.

These are all legitimate concerns for anyone deciding to take on the risks of the commodities markets for a chance to

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make big profits. But sometimes, as with the recent Iraq situation, the scamsters find a perfect opportunity to make some ill-gotten gains out of all this uncertainty. As a result, the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission has issued a Consumer Advisory warning to the trading public to be wary of any company that promises profits from heating oil and other commodity trades linked to any possible war with Iraq.

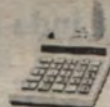
Essentially, the CFTC urges traders not to place funds with any company

that 1) Predicts or guarantees large profits because of well-known current events or other predictable seasonal changes in demand; 2) Promises little or no financial risk; 3) Makes unsolicited phone calls and e-mail contacts about investments, especially from out-of-state salespeople or unfamiliar companies; 4) Uses high-pressure tactics to get you to send or transfer funds immediately via overnight shipping companies, the Internet, by mail or otherwise.

For more information on the CFTC advisory,

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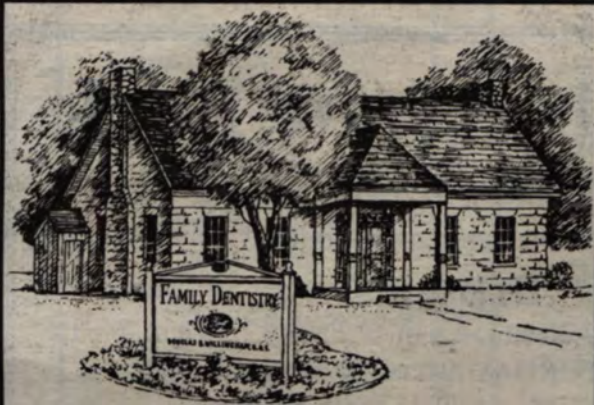
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Protect yourself against meningitis

While not as common as the cold or flu, meningococcal disease (frequently called meningitis) is in season. While meningococcal disease occurs year round, now through March generally is the time when meningitis is most likely to appear.

"Meningococcal disease is a serious, potentially deadly condition that can progress extremely quickly, so prompt medical attention is critical," said Neil Pasco, a TDH nurse epidemiologist. "As meningitis, it is an inflammation of the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord. A blood-stream infection can occur by itself or with meningitis."

The disease strikes about 3,000 (about one in 100,000) people a year in

the United States. This includes as many as 125 on college campuses, and leading to five to 15 deaths among college students every year.

Once the bacteria enter the bloodstream, deadly toxins cause the blood to clot, cutting off the blood supply to critical organs or limbs. The bacteria may also infect the lining of membranes surrounding the spinal cord and brain, sometimes leading to permanent brain damage that may include behavior changes, hearing loss or seizures.

Symptoms of the disease include sudden onset of fever, intense headaches, stiff neck or back, a skin rash of small red or purplish patches, behavior changes, sensitivity to

light and nausea often with vomiting. The incubation period is typically three to four days but can range from two to 10 days.

Bacteria that cause meningitis are not spread by casual contact or by simply breathing the same air as a person with meningitis. The germs often live in the noses and throats of people without making them sick, but these bacteria do not live long outside the body.

The disease is transmitted when people exchange saliva (such as kissing, sharing drinking containers, utensils, cigarettes or toothbrushes) or otherwise come into direct contact with respiratory or throat secretions.

Various upper respiratory infections flourish in

winter due to increased close indoor contact. People can reduce their risk of infection, including the potentially deadly meningococcal disease, by following a few common sense precautions.

- Maintain personal space. As little as 36 inches will significantly reduce the potential to inhale virus or bacteria an infected person may transmit by sneezing or coughing.

- Never share beverages, straws or containers. People should have their own beverage containers such as water bottles, cups or cans.

- Don't share cigarettes. Smoking irritates the lungs and throat, making them more vulnerable to infection.

- Don't share food. Do not allow others to take a bite of your sandwich or piece of fruit and do not share eating utensils.

- Wash hands frequently. Frequent hand washing will remove germs that may have been picked up from contaminated surfaces.

- Get a flu shot. If you carry the bacteria in your nose and throat, protecting yourself from influenza or a cold may decrease the likelihood of self-infection.

A vaccine that protects against four of the five major strains that cause meningococcal disease is available for people over age two but is not routinely given in the United States. The vaccine is recommended for incoming college students in group living conditions, the military and for some international travelers.

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Daylight hours are short in January. That can leave people feeling less than joyful and longing for a break in a sunny climate. You don't have to go to a tropical island to get well, though. Just get outside for a while every-day during daylight hours. The light will make you feel better.

Inside your workplace or home, you are exposed to light levels that are between 250 and 1,000 lux. Outside, the light level can reach 20,000 lux or more. Researchers aren't sure why, but people feel better when they're exposed to bright light for part of the day, especially during winter.

A study at the University of Helsinki shows that office workers who are exposed to bright light during dark winter months report more vitality and fewer symptoms of depression.

To put more light into your day, try squeezing in a 20-minute walk outdoors during your lunch break, or get outside to do something you enjoy before or after work, whenever the

light is brighter.

For some people, winter blues are more than a minor aggravation. These people are afflicted with seasonal affective disorder (SAD). Symptoms include the following:

- Depression that begins in winter or fall.
- Lack of energy.
- Decreased interest in work or other significant activities.
- Increased appetite and weight gain.
- Carbohydrate cravings.
- Increased sleep that is still accompanied by daytime sleepiness.
- Social withdrawal.
- Afternoon slumps with decreased energy and concentration.
- Sluggish or lethargic movements.

See your doctor if you experience these symptoms. Don't try to treat yourself, because other illnesses can cause the same symptoms. Sunlight would be ineffective if your problem has different physical or psychological cause.

If you have the symptoms of SAD, your doctor may recommend using a special light box for half an hour each day. It will make you feel better within a week. The light box can be used at home or at work if it fits in with your job.

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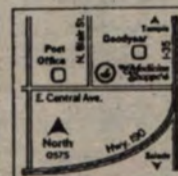
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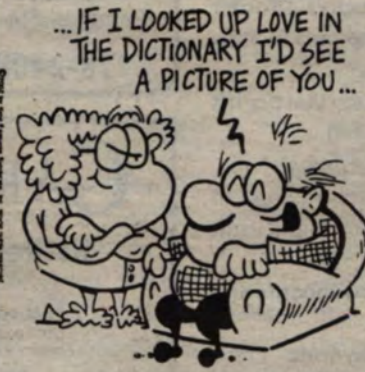
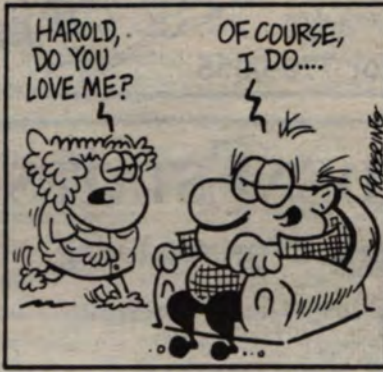
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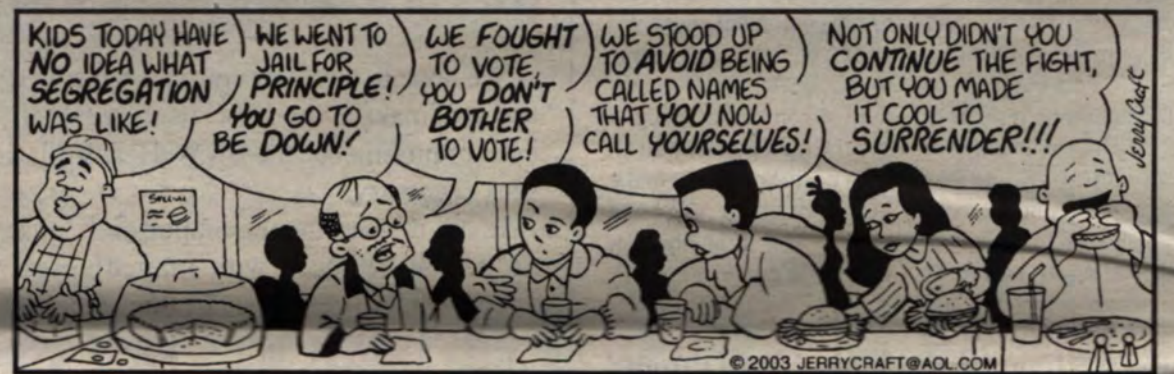
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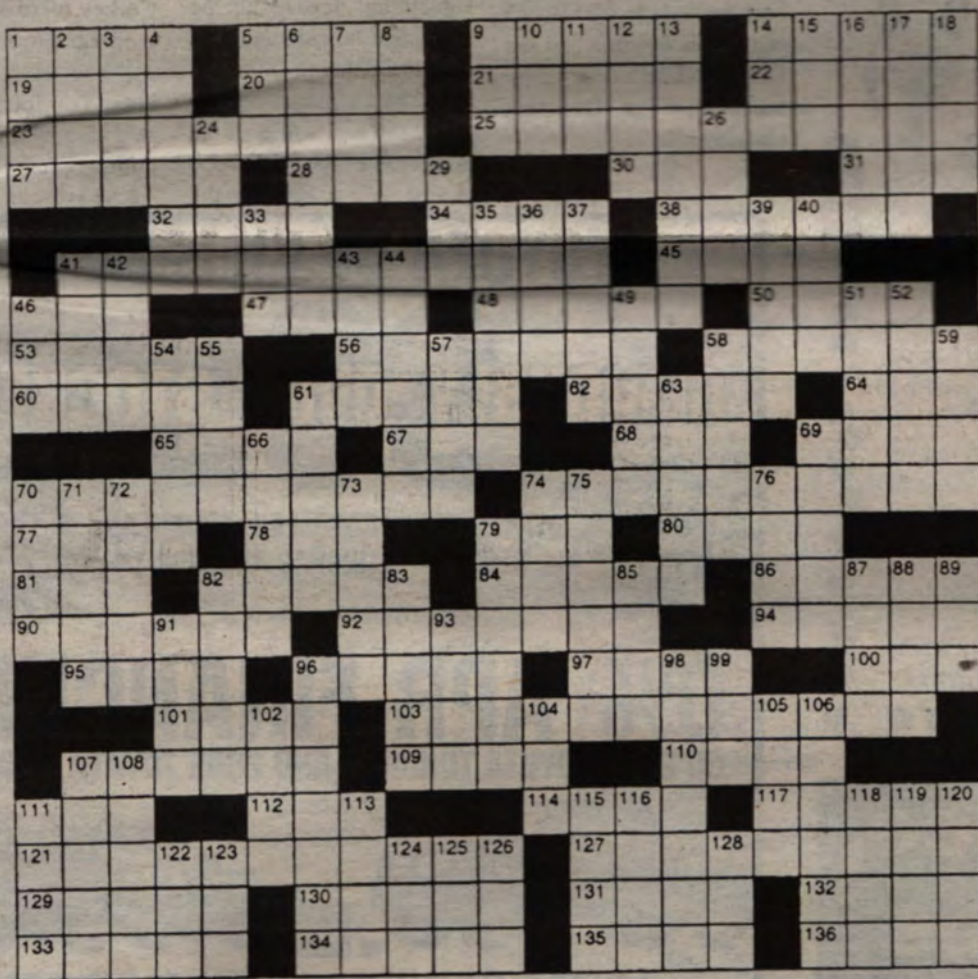


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The Tourism Council budgeted \$33,800.00 in occupancy tax revenues, but has received \$39,402.19 thus far. Of the \$92,053.00 budgeted to be spent in the first quarter, only \$34,682.72. The adopted budget called for dipping into the hotel/motel fund balance to pay for all of the first quarter expenditures.

Chiefly, three areas have not met expenditure estimates: advertising is \$4,000 less than estimate; \$8,650 in design and printing of marketing material has not been expended, and \$37,450 in grants to organizations have not been paid.

The board tabled action on the proposed Health and Sanitation Ordinance. The ordinance can be viewed at the municipal office.

The board tabled action on the Emergency Operations Plan and its law enforcement annexes dealing with anti-terrorism, crisis management, hazardous materials and warnings. The board directed Chief Alan Rogers to review the annexes with the Salado Volunteer Fire

Department and the Salado Water Supply Corporation, as both are affected by the operating procedures outlined in the annexes. Aldermen will consider adopting the emergency operations annexes at a later meeting.

The board also directed Rogers to bring back more information about the costs of installing emergency weather sirens to cover the Village of Salado.

Aldermen directed Rogers to contact utility companies to research the cost of installing a siren on the water tower on Royal St.

Aldermen adopted a resolution supporting representative Sid Miller's legislation to provide for an exemption allowing plumbing work in cities of less than 5,000 to be performed by unlicensed plumbers.

City secretary Dianna Zulauf informed aldermen that the first day to file as a candidate for aldermen in the May 3 election will be Feb. 17. She told the board that she recently attended a workshop on elections.

The city will conduct its election in conjunction with both the Salado ISD Board of trustees election and the Salado Public Library District Board of Directors election.

Because of Jacob's illness, the Fedros wanted to be closer to Austin and the hospital, and subsequently, their relocation came sooner than they expected.

Boynton explained that all firemen, whether they be strangers or best friends, share a common sense of fraternity with one another, and because of that, he said, they put their heads together, and "decided to move them from Temple to Austin before Thanksgiving, so that would be one less thing they had to worry about."

The night the move was to take place was November 22, the same night the basketball team was competing in a tournament in Liberty Hill. Boynton said the initial arrangement was to have Dottie's fellow nursing students meet to help move the Fedros' belongings to Austin, but a misunderstanding occurred, and by 3 p.m. nothing and no one was around but Dottie, a friend, and a surplus of boxes.

Boynton then decided something needed to be done, and he contacted his stepson, Salado senior and basketball player Evan Durham, and asked if he and some of the other boys would lend a hand in the

move. He was expecting only a few, but in all, seven Eagles showed up ready to work, and all this after a full-night of basketball.

"We started loading at about 7:30 at night, and we worked those boys until about one in the morning, but there was no grumbling, no complaints," said Boynton. "I remember the kids saying, 'We don't know these folks, but they need our help.' We didn't have to put much pressure on them."

Soon after their arrival, truckload upon truckload was loaded up and moved to Austin, where Boynton and his fellow firemen did the unloading the next day. But much of the work could not have been completed without the Salado High students, Boynton said, and so he decided to honor them publicly last week.

The seven Eagles recognized with plaques were Justin Whitfield, Jarrod Whitfield, Matt Caskey, Cale Cox, Ben Marsh, Josh Wright and Evan Durham, in addition to the D.A. Warden Company, the Porterfield family, and Johnny Caskey, all of whom helped with the move.

"You try to teach your kids to do the right thing," said Boynton, "without putting pressure on them. These kids did that."

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Made locally by Sid and Marcy Byler, hand fashioned functional furniture can be found at Truly Texan.

(PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

Metal art made to order at Truly Texan

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

Ask a group of Texans what they like about their state, and they'll probably answer with 'everything.' While those in other parts of the country have trouble identifying their own state flag, Texans take relish in all things Lone Star, even down to the furniture they stock their homes with.

That's where Sid and Marcy Byler of Truly Texan, located just off Main St. on Van Bibber Rd., found their niche. Truly Texan specializes in hand-made western-themed ranch logos, gates and home decor, but no

request is out of the question.

"We customize for people, anything they want," said Marcy, "from coffee and cocktail tables to metal art, from candle holders to beds. My husband designs and fabricates it all, and I help with the painting." Marcy explained that they recently constructed a representation of a deer, rack and all, that a customer had bagged while hunting in South Texas, purely from a photograph, something like taxidermy by welding torch.

Welding professionally for about 15 years, said Marcy, is how Sid earned a paycheck. "He's

always been involved in welding," she said.

And still is. But up until September, just a few months back, it wasn't for himself. Around that time Sid saw fit to purchase a plasma cutter machine, used in metal art patterning, and the Bylers decided a change of direction was in order. And so became Truly Texan.

"So far," Marcy remarked, "it's been a blessing for us."

The hand-wrought pieces, made in Sid's home shop, can be appropriately tagged as contemporary rustic, if that's a descriptive pill fit to swallow. The smooth glass tops, like desert mesas, don't seem anach-

ronistic atop the hard-burnt trunks of the table, and subsequently, the pieces don't appeal strictly to cowpoke types.

Additionally, Truly Texan also carries selections from various designers in the South-western medium. "Basically, our vendors are all Texans, and our products are mostly hand-crafted," says Marcy.

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Mondays

Democrats: NO MEETING UNTIL FEB 3. 1st Mon. 6 p.m. at The Salado Mansion (2nd floor).

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

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

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

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

Salado Library District Board: 4th Mon. at 5 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: 1-4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mon. in the Salado Village Artist Building.

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

Salado 4-H Club: 1st Mon. of every month, 7 p.m. at the Intermediate School.

Exercise Class: Last 8:30 a.m. class is Aug. 12. Starting Aug. 19, class will begin at 9:30 a.m., except first Mon. of the month which will be at 10:30 a.m. at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public.

Tuesdays

Salado Rotary Club: 11:30 a.m., Stagecoach Inn.

Salado Band Boosters: Second Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. in the Band Hall.

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

Yoga Classes: 6:45 p.m., at Celebration Center in Royal Street Courtyard.

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

Salado Family Relief Fund: 2nd Tues. 1 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA: 2nd Tues. 6:30 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn.

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

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

Wednesdays

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

Salado Creekside Cloggers: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Salado Youth Baseball Association: meetings 7 p.m. at Civic Center.

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

Mill Creek Community Association Board: 3rd Wed., 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.

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.

Salado Education Foundation: Regular Board meetings, 9 a.m. 2nd Thurs. at Salado Civic Center.

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

Saturdays

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

JANUARY 21-24

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JANUARY 22

Salado Steering Committee meeting 11 a.m. at the Municipal Building. Open to the public.

JANUARY 28

Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet 6:30 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn convention center

Salado Rotary Club Robert Harper speaker - Internet Diamond Market. 11:30 a.m. Stagecoach Inn.

JANUARY 29

MOMS Club of Salado open house. 10 a.m. at the Civic Center. Call 947-5507 for info.

JANUARY 30

Meet the County Officials Dinner Meeting at the Civic Center. 6 p.m. Salado Area Republican Women.

Social Committee Lunch and Meeting Noon - 1 p.m. Last Thurs. of each month.

Blood Drive sponsored by National Honor Society 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Salado High School. 947-0005 for more information.

Monthly bowl making for 2003 Empty Bowl Project 5:30 p.m. at Mud Pies Pottery. Limited to 10 people. Call Titia for more info. 947-0281.

FEBRUARY 3

Applications to file for a school board position available at Central Office in the Civic Center.

FEBRUARY 4

Salado Rotary Club Maurice Carson speaker - NASA Moon Shot. 11:30 a.m. at Stagecoach Inn, joint mtg. with Belton Rotarians.

FEBRUARY 6-7 No School - Salado ISD - Bad Weather Days

FEBRUARY 8-9 Salado Legends Auditions 2:30 p.m. at Tablerock's backstage room.

FEBRUARY 9 Music in Salado 4 p.m. at SUMC. Viola, harp and flute trio.

FEBRUARY 14 Valentine's Day

FEBRUARY 15 Second Annual Alumni Baseball

Game. Games begin at 11 a.m. at the High School baseball field.

FEBRUARY 20

Salado Area Republican Women 11:30 a.m. at Mill Creek Country Club.

FEBRUARY 17

School Board applications - First day to file them.

FEBRUARY 22-23

Handmade Mohair Teddy Bear making class \$135 includes materials, instructions & 2 lunches. Held at the Baines House. Call MJ's Country Corner at 947-8885 for more info.

FEBRUARY 24

Taste of Salado 6-8 p.m. at Jack's Barn in Pace Park sponsored by PALS

MARCH 1

Salado Volunteer Fire Department "smokin' spokes" bike ride. \$25 per rider, ride begins at 9 a.m. Money raised to benefit SVFD. Visit www.saladospokes.com or call 254-535-5500 to register.

MARCH 2

Music in Salado 4 p.m. at SUMC. Saxophone player accompanied by pianist.

MARCH 6

Music in Salado Little Red Riding Hood 7:30 p.m. at SIS auditorium. Open to general public.

MARCH 17-21

Spring Break-Salado ISD

MARCH 17

7th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament to benefit Tablerock. Mill Creek Golf Course, \$60 entry fee. Tee off at 1 p.m.

MARCH 19

School Board applications - Last day to file them.

MARCH 22

Tablerock's 2nd Annual Invitational Music Festival. 4-10 p.m. \$3 for adults and \$1 for children.

APRIL 5-6

Wildflower Art Show

APRIL 12

Tablerock's 8th Annual Gospel Festival 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. \$5 adults and \$3 children under 12.

APRIL 18 - 20

Easter Pageant at Tablerock presented by First Baptist Church of Salado. 8:15 p.m.

APRIL 18-21

No School - SISD

MAY 3

School Board Election Day

MAY 10

4th grade play TAE students. 7:30 p.m. \$5 adults, \$3 children.

MAY 28-29

School out at noon

MAY 30

Last day of school

JUNE 21-22

A Midsummer Night's Dream Auditions 2:30 p.m. at Tablerock's backstage room.

JULY 19, 26, AUG. 2

Salado Legends Dinner at 7:15 p.m., \$8 adult or child. Theater at 8:15 p.m., \$15 adult and \$5 child.

AUGUST 2

Book Fair at Stagecoach Convention Center 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

AUGUST 2-3

37th Annual Salado Art Fair

SEPTEMBER 11

Central Texas Poetry Prose Reading 7 p.m. - Readings, 9 p.m. - Open mic.

SEPTEMBER 13-14

Fright Trail Auditions 3 p.m. at Tablerock's backstage room.

SEPTEMBER 20-21

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OCTOBER 2

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OCTOBER 4-5

Christmas Carol Auditions 2 p.m.

OCTOBER 10-11

Christmas in October

OCTOBER 13

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Adult divisions will be 19-25, 26-39 and 40 and up.

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Republican women sponsor "Meet your elected County officials" dinner

The Salado Area Republican Women are hosting a dinner meeting for the community to meet and visit with their Bell County officials. This "Meet Your Elected County Officials" is one of several programs offered during the coming year to assist individuals understand issues affecting them on the local, state, and national level.

"We are fortunate to have all Republicans as our County officials now, with the exception of one," said newly-elected president Barclay McCort. "I

hope the public will take advantage of this opportunity to discuss issues with their local officials."

The meeting will be held 6 p.m. Jan. 30 at the Salado Civic Center. A buffet dinner will be provided by Perfect Party Catering from Temple. All the Republican County officials and their spouses have been invited. Each official will very briefly address his/her office and responsibilities. In addition, each official will have the opportunity to address ways in which their constituents can maximize

their participation in the election process. There will be time to visit with the officials informally before and after the meeting.

Reservations for the dinner must be made by Jan. 28. The cost of the dinner is \$11 if mailed in advance and \$12 with reservations paid at the door.

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Camp Fire USA Tejas Council is currently accepting nominations for the fourth annual Absolutely Incredible Kid Celebration to be held April 10, at the Bell County Expo Center 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

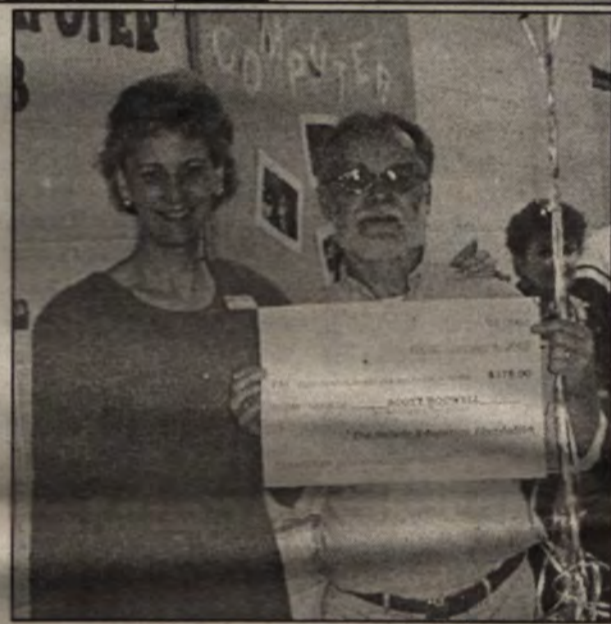
Each year 10 youth, grade kindergarten through high school, are recognized at the luncheon for qualities such as courageous spirit, generous temperament, heroic nature, and overall academic performance. Youth do not have to be members of Camp Fire USA.

Nomination forms have already been mailed to local and private schools in Bell, Coryell, and Falls counties as well as home school organizations. To nominate a youth, contact the local Camp Fire USA office, 2807 M West Adams Avenue in Temple, 773-6614. Each year, Salado schools have had one or more youth selected to be recognized as an Absolutely Incredible Kid.

Camp Fire USA members are currently selling four delicious varieties of Camp Fire candy: Almond Caramel Clusters, Chocolate Mints, Almond Rocha, and Zingo Peppermints. Funds raised are used to support local Camp Fire club and camping programs for the youth.



The Salado Education Foundation awarded three Innovative Teaching Grants Jan. 9. Teachers, or groups of teachers, were required to submit grant applications on or before Dec. 2. The recipients were Scott Rodwell, an ESL teacher, who received \$375; Christy Sharum, a Special Education teacher, who received \$1,000; and the TAE first grade teaching team who received \$1,000. The recipients are to use their grant money to fund projects they are planning.



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Bell County artists invited to enter contest

Bell County artists are invited to enter the Barclay Fine Art Contest March 4-5 being sponsored by the City Federation of Women's Clubs, Temple.

This year's field has been extended to eight categories: Portraits, all media; Landscapes, all media; Still Life, all media; Abstract, all media; Drawings in pen and ink, graphite, colored pencil and markers; Mixed media--

flat works such as collage; Three-dimensional works in pottery, sculpture and jewelry; and Photography, traditional and digital.

The event is open to Bell County artists who may bring their entries to the City Federation Clubhouse, 219 King Circle, Temple, on March 4-5. Entry fees are \$10 per entry and \$5 per entry for senior high school and college students, with proof of school enrollment.

A Best of Show honor will be awarded at the discretion of the judge. Cash awards, certificates and ribbons will be given for First, Second and Third Places in each category along with several merit awards.

A week long exhibit, March 8-15, will conclude with a closing reception and awards presentation from 3 - 5 p.m. March 16 at the Clubhouse.

The community, local

businesses and area artists are encouraged to view The Barclay Arts Council website at www.home.hot.rr.com/barclayarts, which posts the contest prospectus and displays photographs of last year's fine art exhibition.

For additional information e-mail Mary Ann Morton at gmorton1@hotmail.com or barclayartscouncil@hotmail.com.

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Main Course: "Chicons au gratin" Endives baked, wrapped in ham topped with a white cream sauce and garlic mashed potatoes.

Dessert: Belgium waffles powdered sugar with melted Belgium Calbeau chocolate or strawberry.

Menu a' \$29⁹⁵ 1/22/ till 01/25

Salad: Iceberg, Romaine mix with french pink poppy seed dressing.

Soups: Cream of tomato soup or French onion soup.

Main Course: Cotes de Porc a l'berdouille" Seared pork glazed with mustard sauce braised in a white wine demi glaze encircled with cornichon's and garlic mashed potatoes.

Dessert: Belgium waffles powdered sugar with melted Belgium Calbeau chocolate or strawberry.

Special Chandeleur Menu \$30⁹⁵ 1/29/ till 02/01

Salad: Romaine mix with red onions tossed with a Dijon white wine vinaigrette.

Soups: Cream of pea soup or Cream of carrot soup.

Main Course: Chicken chest a la Reine.

Dessert: Crepe with Belgian chocolate, red fruits, brown and white sugar.

Special Chandeleur Menu \$32⁹⁵ 1/29/ till 02/01

Salad: Romaine mix with red onions tossed with a Dijon white wine vinaigrette.

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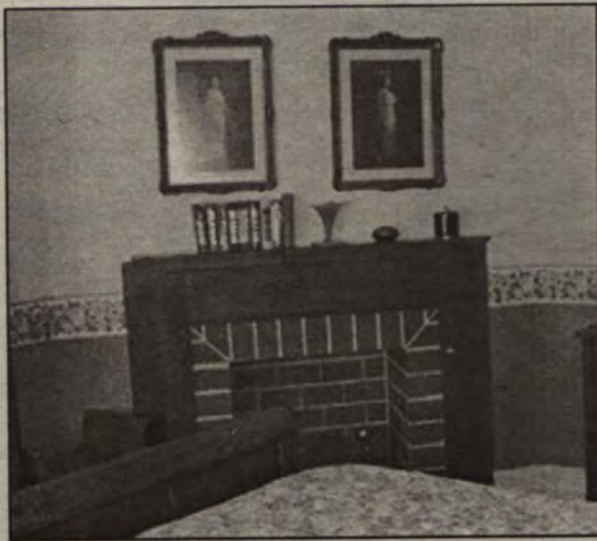
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The title of the book is Under The Chinaberry Tree and it's doing great. The publisher, Eakin Press, is pleased that I'm arranging all these events. I am doing lots of driving. The week before Christmas I was all over the place. At a small central Texas town I had a book signing that was disappointing. It was the last one prior to the holiday and I sold only a few books.

In the midst of all this, I bought a new vehicle. The one I traded in had

nearly two hundred thousand miles on it and had served me well. It was running and everything. Usually when we trade cars, the dealer has to come tow our old one away. This time we acted prudently and traded before problems started showing up. We got a good deal, too.

I was driving my new vehicle through the community of Gorman in my depressed state of mind on that Friday before Christmas when I saw a police car coming toward me. Then the flashing lights came on and the police car turned around and got behind me.

Usually I'm pretty cautious about speed limits and try my best to adhere to them, especially in small towns. I was trying to adhere to them in Gorman. I had a clear conscience. I just knew that police car was after someone ahead

of me. I pulled over for it to pass.

It didn't pass. It pulled up behind me. The officer came around and told me I was speeding. Going 33 in a 30.

He asked for my driver's license and insurance papers. As I handed them over I told him I had just bought the vehicle and was not quite used to it yet. He didn't say anything. Just went to his car and started writing the ticket.

I was sitting there getting more depressed by the minute. I was sitting there thinking what a rotten world this is. He came back around to my car window and asked me to sign the ticket. I scribbled my name in a belligerent manner and didn't say anything. He didn't either. I threw the ticket in the passenger seat and drove off feeling real bad.

Here I was having a rough day and the cop made it even worse.

About fifteen miles up the road I picked up the ticket and looked at it. It was just a warning ticket. The relief was overwhelming. All at once my depression left, a sense of happiness filled my soul. I was giddy as a goat and felt that God's in his heaven, all's right with the world. I went home, hugged my wife and told her what a great and glorious week I had.

Thank you, officer Jeffrey Baker. You made me have a super holiday season. You probably don't know how much giving me that warning ticket improved my state of mind. You made me realize the world is a wonderful place. I appreciate what you did and I promise to watch my speed in Gorman.

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.

Caramel Nut Squares

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 1/2 C. margarine
 1 c. sugar
 2 eggs
 1-1/2 c. flour
 1 tsp. baking powder
 1/4 tsp. salt
 1/2 tsp. vanilla
 1 c. chopped pecans

Mix above ingredients in order given. Spread the mixture in a well greased 9x9 inch square pan. Bake 35 minutes in a 350 degree oven. Remove from oven and cover with topping. Bake another 10 minutes, until topping is browned. Cut into squares and removes from pan while still hot.



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IRS launches new free file website

The Treasury Department, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recently launched a new Web site featuring private-sector partners that will allow most taxpayers to prepare and file their taxes online for free. A substantial majority of citizens will be eligible to use this service at www.irs.gov <<http://www.irs.gov>> or through www.firstgov.gov.

President Bush proposed free online tax filing last February as one of his E-Government initiatives. Less than one year later, millions of Americans will benefit from free online tax filing services. Treasury, OMB and IRS have made this possible through a public-private partnership with a consortium of tax software companies, the Free File Alliance, LLC.

Free File is an easy, fast and secure way for citizens to file taxes and will also allow Americans to get refunds in half the time. The efficiency of E-file saves taxpayers and the IRS money.

"No one likes paying taxes-it's too confusing and time consuming. The launch of this new web-

site is great news for millions of Americans. Free File makes it easy. Now they can save time, money and get their refunds in half the time by filing their taxes online for free," stated Acting Treasury Secretary Kenneth W. Dam.

"Simply paying taxes is burden enough without the extra costs in time and professional help that too many Americans have endured until now. The advent of free, fast filing for a substantial majority of taxpayers marks a great breakthrough for the President's agenda to make the federal government put the needs of the citizen first," said Director of the OMB Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.

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These requirements will differ from company to company. Generally, eligibility will be based on factors such as age, adjusted gross income, state residency, military status or eligibility to file a Form 1040EZ or for the Earned Income Tax Credit.

The agreement requires the Alliance, as a whole, to provide free services for at least 60 percent or 78 million of the nation's taxpayers during each filing season. As of Jan. 16, the industry has exceeded that requirement. The number may fluctuate throughout the filing season as Alliance membership and offers change. The primary candidates for Free File are those taxpayers who prepare their own taxes and still file paper returns. Last filing season, the IRS received nearly 85 million paper returns and nearly 47 million e-filed returns.

E-government is an integral part of the President's Management Agenda to make it easier for citizens and businesses to interact with the government, save taxpayer dollars and streamline citizen-to-government transactions. A copy of the President's E-government strategy, which includes

information on each of the E-Government Initiatives, is available on the OMB Web site at www.omb.gov <<http://www.omb.gov>> .
FREE FILE FAQS

What is Free File?
Free File is an Internet-based tax preparation and electronic filing program. The online service is free for eligible taxpayers. Free File is offered through an agreement between the Internal Revenue Service and the Free File Alliance, LLC, a private-sector consortium of tax software companies. Eligible taxpayers will be able to prepare and file their federal income tax returns using online software provided by the Free File Alliance members - not the IRS.

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Chamber sets goals, adopts budget for '03

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

The Salado Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met Jan. 13 for the first time in 2003 to adopt their budget and discuss methods to better identify with the community's businesses and people.

New Chamber president Darwin Britt detailed his designs for the upcoming year, including a proposition to form an exploratory committee to look into the building or acquisition of a performing arts center for Salado, as a long-range goal. "I think it's an idea that needs to stay alive, although I don't know that the Chamber is the organization to do it," said Britt.

Also proposed was a government-relations committee to keep the Chamber better informed of the City's work, and also committees to be organized to conduct a survey of new businesses, and welcome newcomers to Salado.

"I think it would be very helpful," said Skip Blacett, of Essengee's, "if we had a survey...that went out and asked people, 'How can the Chamber help you?'" He said that he doesn't believe any such effort had ever been made by the Chamber.

Additionally, Jack Schrock told the board that he is interested in knowing more about what kind of people are moving to and making their homes in Salado. "The nature of the community has changed dramatically in the 17 years I've been here," he said.

"I'd like to know where these people come from," Schrock stated.

Outgoing president Chine Ray updated the board on the progress of

the Jan. 28 Chamber Banquet, which he said is "going very well." Ray also related that in 2002, Chamber membership rose 12 percent, and of the current membership, one-third is comprised of individuals. He said he would like to see the Chamber continue its efforts to recognize individuals and volunteerism in the community. "We need to continue to focus on people," he said.

Chamber secretary Dawn Orange also informed the board that proceeds from Art Fair 2002 remained static, but revenues from the Wildflower Art Show increased by eight percent.

The Chamber then voted to unanimously approve their \$6,000 grant to the Civic Center Foundation, and considered a sponsorship of the C.O.P.'s program. The Chamber also voted to dissolve its \$2,000 grant to the Salado Business Association, since the two groups now work in conjunction.

The Chamber has budgeted a total of \$111,600 in income for 2003, and the same number for expenses, but \$10,140 of that was reserved as unallocated. Among the projections were an expected \$54,000 generated from the Art Fair, and \$18,000 from Chamber membership dues.

The Chamber will meet again 6 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Civic Center. This meeting is open to the public.

Salado Chamber of Commerce 2003 Budget

INCOME	
Annual Banquet	\$5,000.00
Art Fair Income	\$54,000.00
Membership Dues	\$18,000.00
Interest Income	\$900.00
Other Income	\$400.00
Pace Park Grant	\$12,000.00
Pace Park Income	\$3,000.00
Tourism Council Grant	\$1,500.00
Wildflower Art Show	\$16,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$111,600.00

EXPENSES	
Annual Banquet	\$6,500.00
Art Fair	\$13,000.00
Billboards	\$3,700.00
Computer	\$500.00
Copier	\$2,500.00
Insurance	\$2,800.00
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Wildflower Art Show	\$7,000.00
Christmas Stroll	\$200.00
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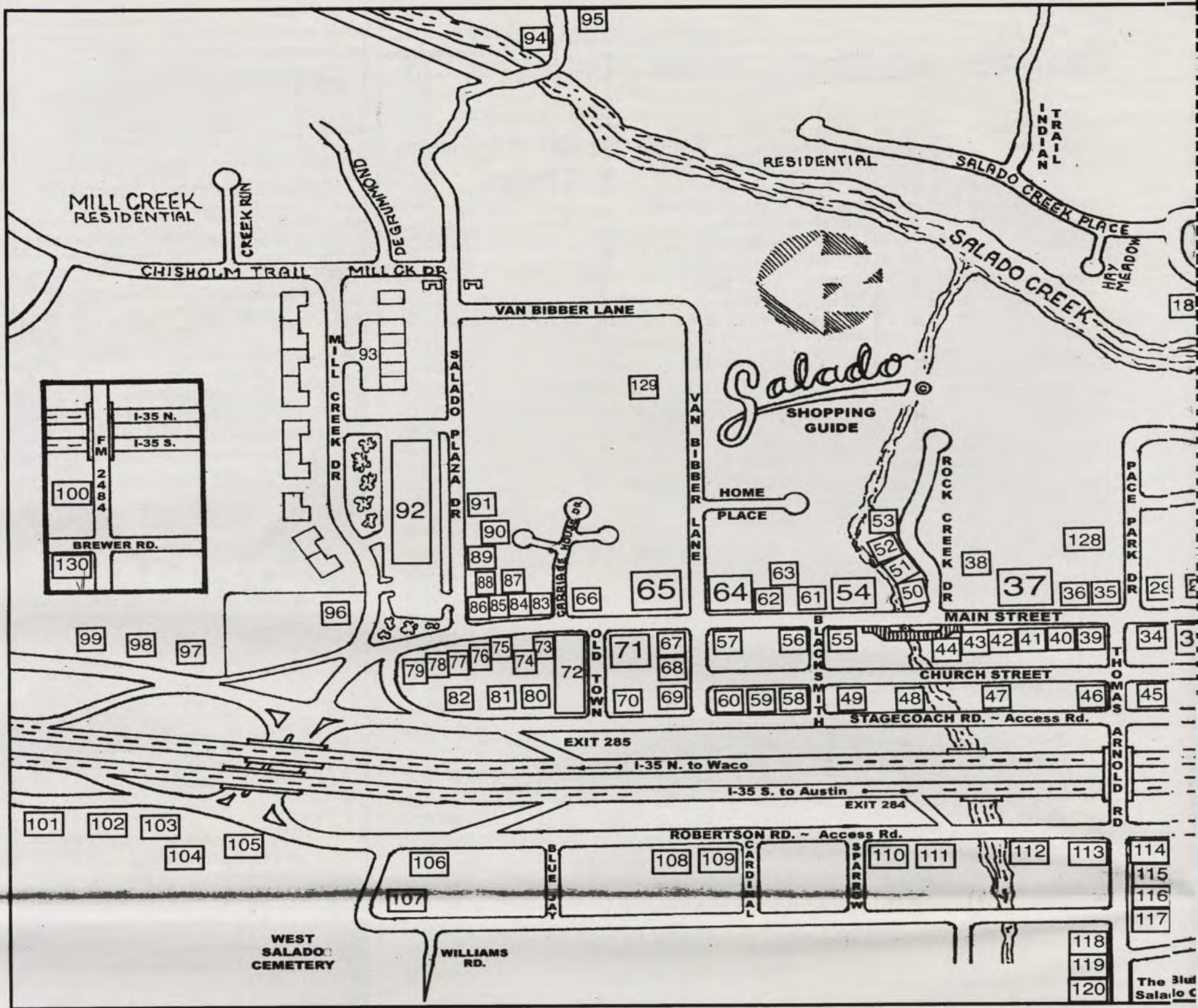


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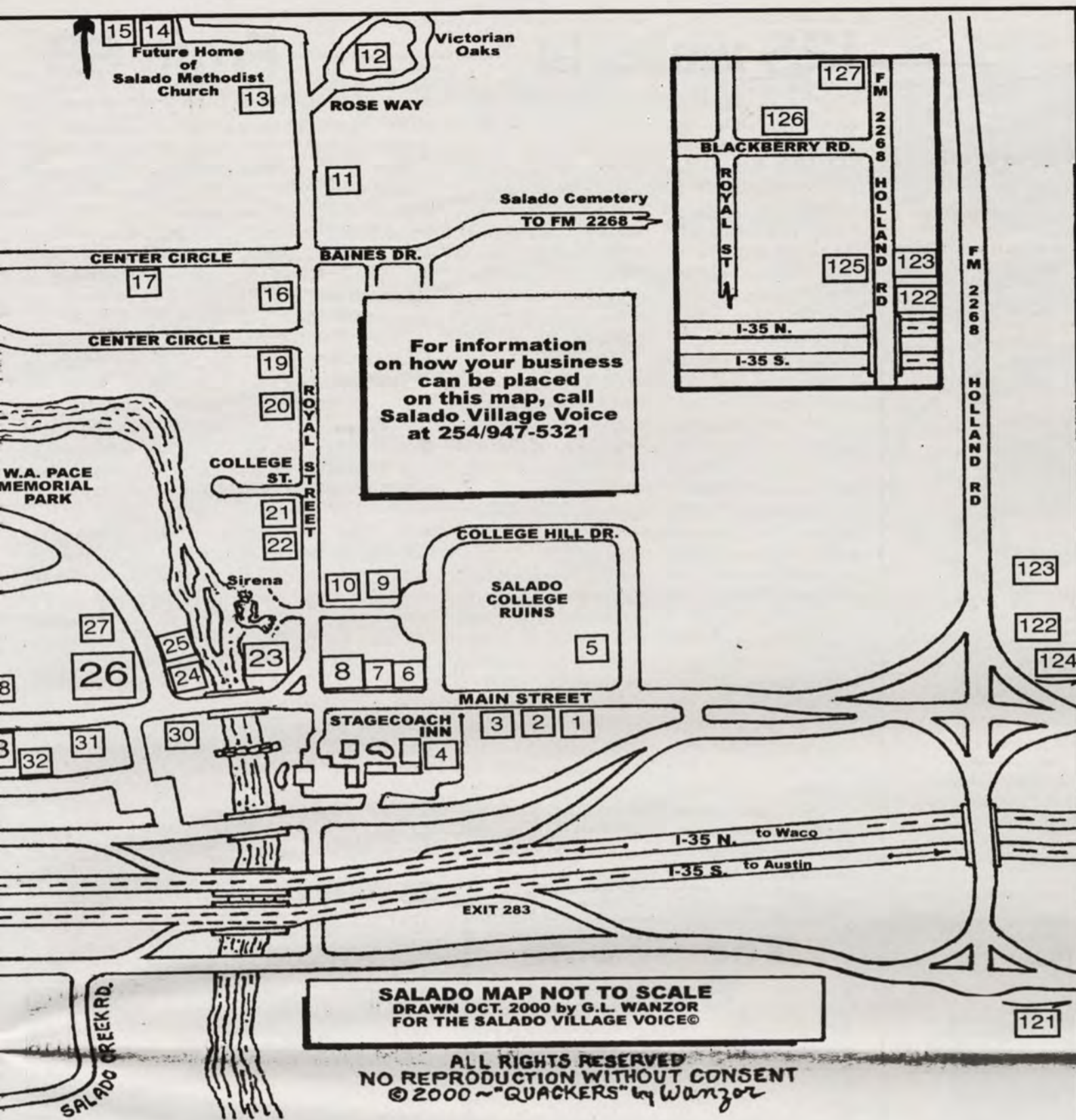
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What is the Free File Wizard? Taxpayers will find a questionnaire application on the Free File homepage. After a few questions, the Wizard will seek to match the taxpayers to those Free File Alliance members' for whose services they may qualify. The accuracy of results is dependent on the accuracy of the information provided by the taxpayers.

When will Free File be available? These free services, accessible through IRS.gov, will be available throughout the 2003 filing season to eligible taxpayers starting Jan. 16. How does Free File work? It takes just a few steps once taxpayers reach the Free File Website through IRS.gov. The Free File pages provide a list of Alliance members and their free services.

STEP 1: DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY
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Bobby Layne orchestra to play for dance Feb. 7

A Lorena-based website caught the eye of a nationally-popular dance band and, as a result, the Bobby Layne orchestra will play for a Valentine Dance in Waco on Feb. 7.

Layne, who tours nationally as well as on vacation islands, has a dance gig scheduled for later in the month, but had little free time enroute. He contacted the internet address maintained by Manuel Lopez to learn of possible bookings in Cen-

tral Texas. Lopez is president of Waco's non-profit Cabaret Ballroom Dance Club and booked the Lion's Den venue at the Lions Park in Waco for the February date.

After four years in an Army band as a trumpeter, Layne switched to saxophone in forming his band in the early 1960s. In 1974, he added vocalist Trudy DuMay to his 11-piece group, which performs dance music from the 30's to today's modern airs. His special bus logs 100,000 miles a year in keeping up with ballroom demands.

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2003 Officers and Directors installed were: David Patterson, President; Rodney Dunn, President-Elect; Grady Tyroch, Treasurer; Terri Covington, Secretary; Janet Logan, Sue Ellen Slagel, Loraine Goode, Rita Oden, Linda Gosney, June Pinchback and Margo Wyatt, Directors.

Annual recognition awards were presented by out-going President, Prissy Jackson. Realtor of the Year Award was pre-



Rita Oden



Sue Ellen Slagel

sented to Laverne Pick, Rookie of the Year Award was presented to Hylie Mihatsch, Affiliate of the Year Award was presented

to Caren Hildinger. Special service appreciation awards were presented to Chuck Button and Dave Kuebler. Installing Offi-

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Just in time for Mardi Gras, learn more about "Cooking Cajun" as county Extension Agents for Family and Consumer Sciences, Marty Graves and Wendi Green are joined by Gary Graham, Professor and Extension Marine Fisheries Specialist to prepare a few favorite Cajun dishes. Graham, who is known across the country for his research related to shrimp, will share tips on proper selection and preparation of shrimp, emphasizing how to make healthier, low-fat versions of popular Cajun cuisine. See first hand the preparation of popular foods such as Red Beans and Rice, Bread Pudding, Jambalaya, and

Shrimp Stew.

To top off any social gathering, desserts are a must. Join us in the afternoon as Melanie Conger, a recent graduate of the Dallas Institute in Culinary Arts treats the group to wonderful ideal for "Delectable Desserts." She is a working mother and loves to create beautiful meals with great desserts.

Everyone is encouraged to come savor the flavors and join us for a fun-filled day of fantastic foods. The day begins at 9 a.m. with registration and viewing of exhibits in Texas 3 on the lower level of the Waco Convention Center.

From 9:30-11:30 a.m. enjoy, "Cooking Cajun" followed by an opportunity to view exhibits. At noon, participants will adjourn

for a barbecue lunch (as part of the Blackland Income Growth Conference) and be treated to an electrifying presentation by Dr. Rick Rigsby on "Making an Impact." This award winning professor holds a faculty appointment in the Department of Speech Communication at Texas A&M and is a special assistant to the A&M football coaching staff. Dr. Rigsby's presentations encourage, challenge and inspire audiences of all ages. Participants will resume the Taste of the Town at 1:15 p.m. with Delectable Desserts and exhibits.

For additional information, and a copy of the registration form call the Bell County Extension office at 254-933-5305.

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Using a plumber's helper to unstop drainpipes

In last week's column, I explained how to clear a slow or stuck drain by cleaning both the drain stopper and the trap beneath the sink.

Cleaning these areas usually resolves the stoppage problem. However, once in a while a clog forms further down the drainpipe, far away from the trap.

In this case, the tool for the job is an odd device known as a plumber's helper (or snake, or hand auger). The device costs around the same as a single visit from a plumber, but having one can save you several visits.

The plumber's helper consists of a long, flexible coiled-steel cable, with a wider coil at one end (to

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by Samantha Mazzotta

catch and dislodge clogs) and a handle and crank on the other end. The cable's length is adjustable. The user feeds the cable into the pipe until the clog is reached, then locks the cable in place and cranks the handle clockwise until the auger has passed through or dislodged the clog.

Simple, right? Well, not entirely. A new user should practice, using a spare piece of pipe, to get a feel for the device.

Once you're familiar with the hand auger, remove the U-shaped trap below the sink. Insert the

cable into the out-leading pipe and feed it gently through the system.

Never shove the cable to force it around a bend in the pipe. This might damage the pipe itself. Instead, when you reach a bend in the line, lock the cable in place, then push slowly forward, turning the crank at the same time. This will move the cable past the bend. Then, unlock the cable and continue feeding it into the pipe.

Once you reach the clog, feed out about 6 inches more cable and then lock it in place. Start cranking clockwise. If you meet

solid resistance (the cable won't advance further), you probably have a hair/debris clog. Continuous resistance (the cable advances slowly) is most likely a soap/toothpaste clog.

A hair/debris clog should be retrieved. Crank the helper a few times (don't push hard), then release the cable lock and continue cranking clockwise to pull the cable out. Ideally, the clog will come out with it; if not, try again.

A soap/toothpaste clog won't come out, so bore through it two or three times with the auger.

Retrieve the cable, reassemble the drain line, and run hot water through the pipe to flush out the remaining debris.

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Step 2 - Choosing a mold: Choose a mold that will shape the concrete

stone. Simple cakes pans work the best.

Step 3 - Spraying the mold: Spray the mold with corn oil. It prevents the concrete from sticking to the pan.

Step 4 - Bring in the adults to help: Put on a face mask. Fill a bucket half way with the fast-set-

ting concrete powder. Add water while stirring. Stir in enough water until the concrete has the consistency of sticky brownie dough.

Step 5 - Filling the cake pans: Pour the concrete mixture into the mold. Leave about 1/4-1/3" from the top of the mold. Tap the

molds on the table to eliminate any air bubbles.

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.

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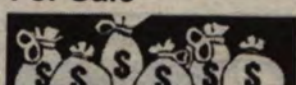
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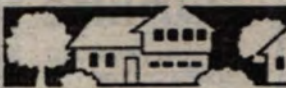
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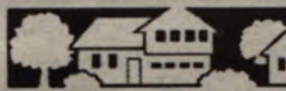
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- **\$166,000** - Floor plan with lots of windows. Raised ceiling in living room. Landscaped yard.
- **\$172,900** - Beautiful lot. Fenced in-ground pool. Split bedroom floor plan.
- **\$186,500** - Known as the "Orange Lady's home," fronting golf course and Salado Creek.
- **\$189,000** - On the golf course, overlooking Salado Creek. 2BR/2BA.
- **\$189,800** - Mill Creek home surrounded by large trees. Spa-type bath, handicap accessible.
- **\$197,800** - One story 3 Br, 2 BA ranch style on 1.6 acres, with dormers and long porches.
- **\$199,500** - Wonderful deck w/ hot tub & gazebo overlooks wooded lots and the lake.
- **\$199,500** - Located at the entrance to Mill Creek. Lovely setting, with many possibilities.
- **\$216,000** - Lake view from veranda. Home on 2.3 acres. Wrap around porch.
- **\$222,800** - Professional landscaping & rose garden. 4 BR/ 3 BA in Mill Creek Springs.
- **\$240,000** - Showcase home in Mill Creek Springs! 4 BR.
- **\$244,900** - Original B&B built on 13.34 acres. Wrap around porch, state of art greenhouse.
- **\$259,000** - Masterpiece home. Internet wired. Landscaped, 3 BR/2.5 BA - **Under Contract.**
- **\$295,000** - Mediterranean style home on 4 wooded acres. View of Stillhouse Hollow Lake.
- **\$339,000** - Gorgeous home on Mill Creek cul-de-sac. Bonus room above garage. 2 acre lot.
- **\$364,900** - Step into comfort and elegance. 4 BR/2.5 BA, 2 car garage plus golf cart garage.
- **\$365,000** - Mediterranean style home on .72 acre. Backs up to golf course and creek.
- **\$375,000** - Ranch-style Austin stone home on 29 acres. Shop, 10 stall barn, 4 pastures.
- **\$439,000** - Country Place B&B, 7 BR home features wrap around porch, large barn.
- **\$469,500** - 4 BR/4-1/2 BA Volney Home. Game room, 3 car garage.
- **\$550,000** - Located on #9 Fairway, this home overlooks the golf course & Salado Creek.
- **\$599,000** - Colonial style home on 57 acres, with guest house and barn.
- **\$699,900** - Country living, view of pool, valley, 7 acre lot, 3-stall barn, large workshop.

Commercial Property

- **\$429,000** - 5.66 acres commercial property off Main Street.
- **\$650,000** - Over 9,000 SF of commercial space on Main St.

Acreage Available

- **210 acres** near Holland, Bell County. Good land, good road frontage, good price, \$1,250/ac. - UIC
- **140 acres** located 4 miles Southwest of Jarrell. Part coastal, cultivation, well fenced, 2 stock ponds, lots of paved road frontage, pecan orchard. Huge metal implement bldg. with living quarters.
- **140 acres** on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport.
- **38.78 acres** on FM 2843, 8 mile west of IH-35, beautiful trees. \$190,000.
- **12 acres** between Salado and Florence. All woods, spring, secluded, view. \$49,000.
- **9.87 acres** near Youngsport. All woods, lovely view, lots of deer, community water, good road.
- **8.77 acres** on I-35 at crossover with road on 3 sides, Exit 286 at Salado.
- **5 wooded acres**, perfect for a homesite. \$60,000.
- **5 acres** heavily wooded, wet weather creek, large live oak trees. Close to Salado. \$70,000.
- **3 acres**, all woods, good frontage, water available. Near Stillhouse Lake. Owner Financing. \$36,000.

Lots

Mill Creek Lots

- Winner's Circle - \$50-\$58,000
- Mill Creek Springs - \$30 - \$75,000
- 1014 Arrowhead Dr. - \$39,900
- Lot 1 Club Circle - \$49,800

Other Lots

- Royal Oaks - \$30,000 • Royal Oaks - \$35,900 • Rita Bend Drive - \$39,900
- 10 Royal View - \$45,000
- Hidden Springs - Lot 11 • \$49,900, Lot 4 • \$149,999, Lot 5 • \$139,000
- Windy Hill Ranch - 2 acre lots - \$65,000 to \$95,000

- O.W. Lowrey - \$45,000
- 808 Mill Creek Dr. - \$30,000
- 700 Indian Trail - \$30,000
- Jack Nicklaus Circle - \$90,000
- Fletcher Ct. - \$69,000
- Hester Way - \$55,000



\$364,900 - Step into comfort & elegance. Hardwood floors help create a warm environment. Extensive crown & double crown molding throughout. This home has many features: fluted door trim, wood cased windows, granite kitchen counter tops, custom made bookcases, enclosed TV-entertainment centers in LR & Master BR, 2 gas fireplaces, 1500 SF of wood floor. Four BR, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage plus golf cart garage. Fantastic kitchen opens into breakfast area & living room.



\$129,900 - This 3 BR, 2 BA home is located at the entrance of Mill Creek. Master BR has a sitting area that would be great as an office or TV room. Living room has a wood burning fireplace. Two dining areas.



\$162,500 - Heavily wooded lot in the middle of Mill Creek. View of Golf Course & creek from living room and deck. Large deck is surrounded by trees. 2 BR, 2 BA. Unique copper fireplace in living room adds flair to the home. Spiral staircase to upstairs BR is another interesting feature.



\$189,800 - Mill Creek home surrounded by large trees. Numerous updates in 1992. New hardwood floors. Very nice den with lots of built-ins. Family oriented floor plan. A spa-type bath, handicap accessible. Heated floors & towel bars. Luxury 2 person tub.

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Tree covered corner lot, 4BR/3.25 BA, formal dining, study, security system and many extras. **\$242,000.**



Excellent commercial location on corner of West Village Road & IH 85 at Exit 285. **\$229,900. Under contract**



3BR/2BA Brick home with metal roof. 60'x38' metal barn & 2 stalls on 2 acres. **\$119,900.**



New! Beautiful 3 BD/2 BA split bedroom plan. Security system, breakfast area & formal dining. Reduced. **\$149,900.**



Magnificent Estate! 5+ BR/3.5 BA featuring granite countertops, gas fireplace, wrought iron staircase, 3 car garage, security system, sprinkler system, etc... Featured in 1999 Parade of Homes in River Place Estates of Belton. **\$425,000.**



"2002 Parade of Homes winner" Spectacular home located on the 15th fairway in Mill Creek. Granite countertops, surround sound, stainless steel appliances, glass shower, 8ft. doors and 10 to 14 ft. ceilings **\$359,900.**



A beautiful hilltop 3/2 home, manicured lawn and large tank on 10 acres. Numerous windows and a huge covered deck, outstanding views. Foliage and trees enhance the beauty of the home supplying shade from the hot summer sun. **\$495,000.**



Authentic Texas style home on approx. 11 acres on Hillside. 4/2/3, extra large living room with great fireplace, kitchen with stove top and woodburning stove, 7 stall barn, new roof. **\$195,000.**



Approx. 5 partially wooded acres with a 4/3, red brick home featuring large living/den with fireplace opening to a large kitchen. Exhilarating in-ground pool and hot tub. Additional acreage can be purchased up to 63 acres. **\$279,000.**



"Charming Country Home" Private home located on 5 acres. This 3 bedroom/2 bath has a beautiful vaulted living room with fireplace. Walk around this house on its custom rock trails and enjoy the country living. **\$199,500**



Custom Built 3/3+ Austin Stone Home with loft featuring tin roof, lighted arena, 36' x 60' barn with 3 stalls in front with runs, a 20 gallon hot water heater, a cement alley way in the barn and an above ground pool. **\$275,000.**



Country Living at its best! This 3BR/2BA home on 6 acres with barn, storage shed and workshop features hardwood floors, game room, hot tub covered patio and, to complete this beautiful package, century-old live oak trees. **\$229,900**



Exquisite 4/3/2 on .868 acre lot in one of Salado's choice subdivisions. Formal and informals living & dining areas, beautiful view, custom landscaping, green house, garden room, hot tub, etc. **\$357,000.**



"Beautiful cabin in the woods" Home with approx. 7 acres with over 4,000 square feet. 5 BR/4 BA. The woodwork in this home is a must see. **\$439,900.**



First time on market! Custom built 3BR/2BA on .79 acres really nice kitchen & master suite with beautiful hilltop view **\$139,000.**



3/2/2 formal dining, fireplace, walk to Mill Creek. Great location! **\$159,000.**

Acreage Available

Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. **\$10,000/lot.**
 Sand & Gravel Rd. - 2 one acre tracts. **\$17,500.**
 2 acre lot south of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$28,900.**
 2 acre lot south of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$27,900.**
 2 one acre lots on Sam Neil. **\$15,000/acre.**
 2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900** or 1.35 acres for **\$20,000.**

3.018 acres on FM 2843 with large pecan trees and live water on Butter Milk Creek. **\$39,900.**
 3.52 acres, mostly wooded. **\$49,900.**
 4 acres South of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$56,800.**
 5.13 acres south of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$49,900.**
 53 acres south of Salado. **\$2,990/acre.**
 928 acres Southwest of Salado. Beautiful rolling tree country with live creek and large lake on property.

Excellent views. Outstanding wildlife. Three 250 acre tracts southwest of Salado. Beautiful rolling hills with large trees, live creek and water tank. Excellent views & deer country. **\$2,500/acre.**
 425 acres, 3 tanks almost 2+ miles of road frontage. Approximately. 40-50 acres of woods with balance of native pasture & fields. Roads on 3 sides. **\$1,950/acre.**

Salado Lots

Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - **\$36,000.**
 Indian Trail - 90x188 - **\$34,000.**
 Mill Creek Lot - **\$39,900.**

Commercial

3 acres commercial property fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$89,900.**
 Excellent Commercial: location on corner of West Village Rd. & IH-35 at exit 285. - **\$239,900. UNDER CONTRACT.**