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Hometown newspaper read by Terri Tepera

Library awards renovation bid, hopes to be in new home by April

 By TIM FLEISCHER
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Public Library District directors awarded two bids totaling more than \$23,000 for renovations and carpeting at the new library building on the north end of Main Street.

Trustees awarded Ray Coleman Construction the bid to do renovation work on the building located at Settler's Crossing, which the library district purchased last year for \$525,000.

The Library District financed \$320,000 of the purchase price through First State Bank of Salado on a 15 year fixed rate loan.

Coleman bid \$16,860 for the renovation work, which includes construction of new walls to separate the children and adult sections of the library, housing a conference room and a computer room. Plans for the renovation work have been presented to the Village of Salado, according to library director Lynn Epps.

The board also approved The Carpet and Tile Center in Belton as the low-bidder for carpeting the library building at \$6,521.37

The building currently houses Royal Emporium, owned by



Settler's Crossing will house the Salado Public Library. Library Directors approved bids for the renovation work to begin on the Library next month. (PHOTO BY ASHLEY SMITH)

Robert and Doris Denman. The Denmans have been leasing the building from the Library District since selling it last year. They will vacate the building Feb. 28.

Renovation work is slated to begin March 3 and be completed by March 16. Carpet installation is scheduled for March 19-20.

New furniture will be delivered to the Library March 21. The district has allocated \$25,000 for purchase of new furniture for the expanded library facility.

The Library will close its Salado Civic Center location to move bookshelves, furniture and books

March 22-31.

Library directors hope to have the new location open March 31.

The Salado Civic Center will rent the downstairs space housing the Library to the Institute for the Humanities at Salado and the Salado Independent School District.

The Civic Center has waived the early termination penalty in the lease it holds with the Library. Instead, the Library will pay one additional month's rent to the Civic Center, which will be used to paint and clean the space for the two new tenants.



(L-R) Paramedic 31

David Grovdahl, Pilot

Al Nicholson, Flight

Paramedic Kevin Tisdell

and Flight Nurse

Tony Woodard R.N.

helped explain the

function and capabilities

of each unit presented

at the static display at Pace

Park on Feb. 15. Visitors

were able to meet

first responders and

explore the interiors of the

fire trucks, ambulances

and the helicopter. The

helicopter, a MBB-BK 117

helicopter traveling at 150

miles per hour is capable

of transporting two patients

at a time. According to

Pilot Nicholson the helicopter

can rotor in place for

periods of up to three hours

if necessary. This particu-

lar group of lifesavers cover

a 150 mile area of service

with a 450 mile area capabil-

ity. Nicholson was happy to

relate that "One call gets it

all" meaning the ambulance

and the helicopter. Another

helicopter and crew is also

based in Georgetown. Now

available in Salado is the

high tech Scott & White

STAT Air Care service.

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SISD extends admin contracts

 By Tim Fleischer
 Editor-in-Chief

Salado ISD Trustees approved Superintendent Robin Battershell's one-year contract extension on a 6-1 vote and then unanimously approved all department directors' and campus administrators' contracts during their regular meeting Feb. 17. Trustees also approved almost \$40,000 in additional expenditures through two budget amendments.

Frank Carlson cast the dissenting vote on Dr. Battershell's contract extension, which will expire in 2004.

On Dr. Battershell's recommendation, the board offered one-year extensions to campus principals Rod Stockstill (Thomas Arnold Elementary), Joe Palmer (Salado Intermediate School) and Kay Matthews (Salado High School).

The board also extended the contracts of

Lyndal Cabaniss, Finance Director; Earl Bragg, Technology Director; Tommy Barkley, Maintenance and Transportation Director; Gail Valentine, Food Services Director; Jeff Cheatham, Athletic Director and Darlene Kirk, Superintendent's Administrative Assistant.

Trustees approved a \$29,855.25 budget amendment to allow Band Director Tom Bremer to order 100 new uniforms for the marching band. Bremer recommended low-bidder Fruhauf Uniforms for the contract. By paying in full at the time of the order, the district gets a four-percent discount, which saves more than \$1,000.

The uniforms will be delivered for the fall marching season.

The board also approved an additional Career and Technology Education (CATE) teacher to join Robert Daniell in the vocational agriculture department.

Trustees approved an amendment to the budget of up to \$5,000 to bring in the new vocational agriculture teacher in August on an 11-month contract.

Dr. Battershell told trustees that she estimates that an additional 50 students signing up for vocational ag courses would fund the additional position. She then showed the board that with the incoming ninth grade class, students who want another vocational course and Diversified Career Path students, the program next year could serve 60 additional students.

In other business, the board approved Tommy Lovelace for a water storage tank and Green Lawn for irrigating fields. Lovelace bid \$9,984 for the water well and Green Lawn bid \$13,500 for the irrigation system. The board authorized the facilities committee to authorize any contingencies on the project not to exceed \$28,500.

The board also approved expending \$2,250 from the bond fund balance to complement \$4,000 donated by the Athletic Booster Club to build a new ticket booth.

Trustees also changed its policy on accepting gifts of real property to authorize the superintendent to accept donations less than \$2,500 in value. Donations of real property of more value than \$2,500 must have prior board approval.

The board also adopted a policy for the disposal of real property and personal property.

Real properties may be disposed of by sale to the highest bidder, with monies deposited in the general fund.

Personal properties may also be disposed of by being sold. Items of less than \$1,000 may be disposed of by sale at the discretion of the superintendent. Items of more value than \$1,000 shall be advertised and sold to the highest bidder.

Salado local sales tax rebates buck trends

Salado bucked the downward trend across the state and Bell County in sales tax revenues with recent February payments to the Village of Salado and Salado Public Library District. Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn delivered \$446.4 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, a 4.6 percent decrease compared to February 2002. For the year, local sales tax rebates are down 3.2 percent compared to the first two months of 2002.

The Village of Salado received a \$46,753.32 check for February, up almost 16 percent over last year's payment. For the year, Salado has received \$69,378.64 compared with \$62,158.65 through February 2002, an increase of more than 11 percent. The Village of Salado levies a one percent sales tax

within its two square mile boundaries.

Salado Public Library District was up as well with its check of \$24,793.93, compared to \$23,731.62 last February, an increase of almost five percent. For the year, the Library District is running one percent ahead of 2002 with \$38,815.89 rebated to the special purpose district, which collects a half-percent sales tax within its boundaries.

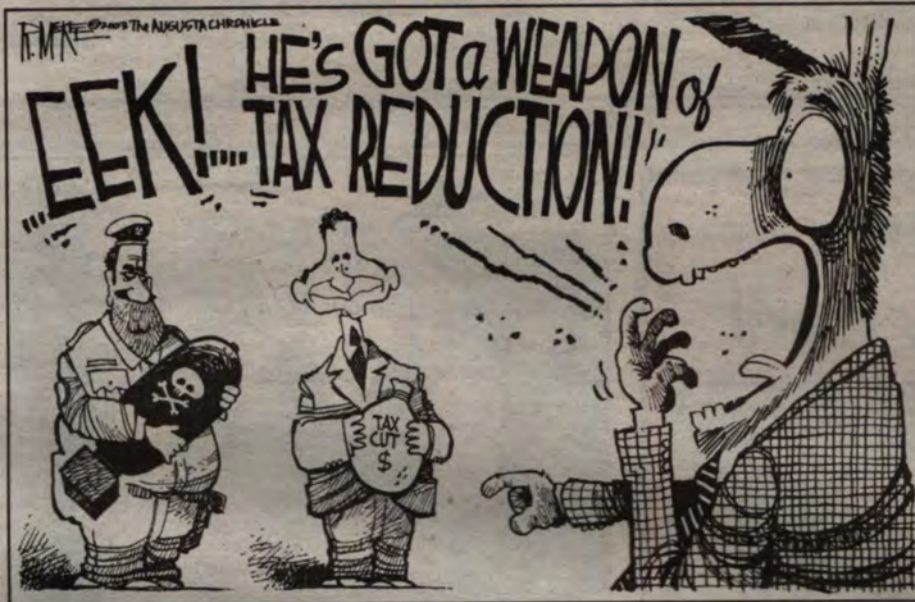
Bell County's check of \$1.04 million was about the same as last year's February payment. For the year, the County is just slightly down at \$1.7 million total rebated.

Other Bell County cities were down, including Temple and Killeen, which were off four percent and two percent respectively.

February's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes reported to the Comptroller in January by all filers.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



America's Overweight Poor

The problem with America's poor kids is that they're too fat.

Few policy-makers are willing to say this rather obvious truth, which is why America's nutritional programs are caught in a 1930s time warp that amplifies the chief health problem facing poor children, namely, that they're overweight.

Liberal advocacy groups, stuck in a gruesome nostalgia for a bygone era of deprivation, still talk of hunger as if it stalks every poor household in the country. They maintain that there are 13.6 million children hungry or at risk of hunger in America, one of the great bogus statistics of our age.

As poverty expert Robert Rector of the Heritage Foundation explains, malnutrition, understood as a significant dietary deficiency, essentially doesn't exist in America except in small pockets of the population with other problems, e.g. drug addicts or anorexics. Hunger, defined as going without a meal at least once in the past month, is also extremely rare, according to the Department of Agriculture, affecting roughly one-half of 1 percent of American children.

Advocacy groups get their higher number by resorting to a category in Agriculture Department surveys measuring "food insecurity without hunger," meaning the worry that it might be hard to find a meal. This statistic tries to capture a psychological state rather than anything real, and contradicts the harder (or at least pudgier) evidence on the ground.

According to Rector, the average poor child is, in fact, super nourished. On average, he or she consumes twice the daily recommended allowance of protein. Douglas J. Besharov of the American Enterprise Institute reports that adolescents from poor households are twice as likely to be overweight.

Excess weight is, of course, associated with the increased incidence of all sorts of health disorders, from coronary disease to

The Rich Lowry column



type 2 diabetes. It's important, therefore, to get kids on the right nutritional path. "The simple fact is that more people die in the United States of too much food than too little," said Clinton Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman in 1998, "and the habits that lead to this epidemic become ingrained at an early age."

The federal government helps ingrain them, Besharov argues. Food stamps can't be used for anything other than food, forcing some recipients to buy more than they need. School breakfast and lunch programs are stacked with calories on the assumption that kids will go hungry the rest of the day. The Women, Infants and Children food-support program, roughly half of all newborns are enrolled, also favors high-calorie, high-cholesterol food.

Liberal advocacy groups are increasingly disconnected from the real problems of the urban poor. They talk about hunger and housing, which are conveniently susceptible to big-government solutions (more food programs! low-income housing!). The real problems of the poor tend to be crime, failing schools, out-of-wedlock births, sexually transmitted diseases and poor eating habits.

It's time for liberals to upgrade their image of America. We live in such a splendidly abundant nation that even the poor are overweight. Get over it.

Governor: "State will balance budget" Decode: Deeper cuts & tuition hikes to help GOP keep "No New Tax" vow

Governor Rick Perry reported to the 78th Legislature, in his "State of the State" address on February 11, that through a number of deep cost containment measures, the State will be able to balance its upcoming two year budget without new or additional taxes.

Following a litany of suggestions, mostly from the statewide Conservative Coalition, (one of several ultra conservative advocacy groups that today has easy access to the Governor's Office), Perry took the GOP's traditional die-hard "cut and slash" approach to reducing the cost of government starting with a demand that all state agencies reduce their next two year budget by a minimum of nine percent.

NEW TAX?

To keep from looking too far out in "Tory" field, the Governor recommended that the state franchise tax laws be enforced so that all companies in Texas pay their required share of taxes on non-real-estate property - something not done in the past. Additionally, he is promoting a franchise tax on partnerships - currently exempted from the assessment, which smells like a new tax (Guv says "not so!").

No mystery as to why the Texas Association of Business is behind the franchise scheme - after all, it's a small price for the state's corporate interests to pay, compared to what the bill would otherwise be, should the budget crisis force passage of billions in new taxes. These guys are not dummies - pay a little now and avoid huge profit-eating taxes later!

Perry also recommended that the Comptroller's plan to reduce governmental expenses be adopted at once and concluded his "happy face" speech with a prediction that the number of federal dollars for Texas would be increased. This latter "hope" comes without any encouraging word from a cash-strapped Congress not currently passing out anything except warnings about funding cuts and duct tape.

THREE VERY BAD IDEAS

The Governor's plan to balance the next state budget without new taxes has three very bad ideas, including reducing medicaid funding by some six percent. This, in part, reverses Perry's promise to exempt the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) from funding cuts. CHIP is a part of medicaid that provides health services for half a million indigent Texas children.

The State's Medicaid program serves the health needs of 2.3 million, mostly impoverished Texas clients who will, (after the proposed cuts), head for hospital emergency rooms for assistance that must be provided, regardless of ability to pay. Cost of the expensive ER facilities will soar and eventually be passed to paying customers with resultant increases in already sky-high health insurance premiums.

Another plan presented by the Guv - to hold down state expenses, is to cut funding to all 31 four year state colleges and universities by 12.5 percent and allow officials in these bastions of learning to set tuition rates as high as needed to make up for the reduced state funding.

This idea has been embraced by many Republican lawmakers and conservative think-tankers as a part of the overall use of "market forces" to determine how best to operate government.

You can easily guess what comes next. Current tuition levels at UT-Austin average \$5,340 per year. If this so called

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



Unregulated tuition fees; indigent children's health insurance cuts; Rainy Day fund to be wrongfully tapped; all part of Perry's plan.

"tuition deregulation" plan is approved, that cost could jump to \$6,800 annually, plus fees, books, room & board.

One Austin campus wag noted that this "market force" tuition plan is nothing more than the right to charge all the "traffic will bear" and could eventually negate some of higher education's enrollment problems. No more worries about quotas, color, background, diversity percentages, high school grades! Only which kid has the necessary bucks to pay the outlandish tuition bills.

RAINY DAY FUND TO BE RAIDED

The third poorly conceived idea from the office of Rick the Reluctant (he still won't tackle today's "out of whack" system of financing the public schools), is to take some \$400 million from the State's Economic Stabilization Fund (Rainy Day Fund) and pump it into the Enterprise Program, so the money can be used as higher incentives to lure companies to Texas (that's code for bribery).

What the Guv may not realize is that the rainy day fund was set up for statewide emergency purposes only and not to induce companies like International Sematech to expand its Austin facilities rather than send work to Albany, New York, as happened recently.

Perry also has to pony up \$15 million to fulfill a promise he unilaterally made to build a second rail extension, demanded by Toyota, before they agreed to move to San Antonio. There are a number of other foreign and U.S. corporations that the Guv and his gang of "head hunters" are trying to attract through corporate welfare-type offers of free land, multiple tax exemptions, new roads and other complimentary infrastructure goodies.

As has been pointed out many times in this column and other newspapers across the state (conservative, moderate and liberal) that what these newcomers don't pay for in goods, services and taxes, are made up by - you got it - the rest of us!

DNGers HAVE UNCANNY KNACK

The Salado Chapter of the "Do-No-Gooders" Society, (still meeting with alarming regularity at the Stagecoach Coffee Shop), were commenting recently on Senator Troy Fraser's insurance reform bill that passed upper house muster last week. The measure is designed to force home & auto insurance carriers to truthfully tell state regulators how they set their rates.

The Do-No-Gooders noted that the Insurance Council of Texas (group representing the insurance industry) is "behind the bill." Couple of DNGers quickly surmised, (with uncanny ease), that: "If the insurance folks are happy with this bill - then it probably needs strengthening."

"Meantime - consumers need to hold on to their wallets when their next premium notice comes due on the car and home," concluded the peppy observers.

That's -30-

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And how are the children? The children are well. Sup'ts Corner

by Dr. Robin Wuebker Battershell

You may remember awhile back, I wrote a column regarding the Masai warriors. This village acknowledged the high value they placed on children by using the greeting, "How are the children?" instead of the usual "Hello". The response was, "The children are well."

During a week of worldwide crisis, our village took care of our children. When we were notified of an orange alert whereby schools were listed as priority targets by terrorists, the village protected the children.

The Salado Police Department parked a car in front of the elementary school and an officer patrolled the campus. At the high school and middle school, Bell County Sheriff's officers walked through hallways, along sidewalks, and across the grounds. The local Citizens on Patrol (COPS) patrolled the campuses at night looking for any suspicious vehicles or people. The district administrators walked through build-

ings and patrolled the grounds throughout the week. Teachers were vigilant about locking buildings, classrooms, and noting strange vehicles or cars. Custodians looked in trash receptacles for strange objects and helped patrol parking lots. The maintenance and cafeteria staffs watched for new deliverymen and vehicles and did periodic walk-throughs on campuses. Parents brought their children to school, even when they were on edge about security in the world. Students were great. Many times high school students were asked to go different routes to class because doors were locked. They never complained. Attendance was good, and school proceeded as normal.

There is a fine line between panic and preparedness. Our village was prepared. The children are well. Thank you.

Questions: Dr. Battershell at P.O. Box 98, Salado, TX 76571.

Health care system needs surgery

By JACK FARIS

The pain is real. It began as a little twinge, but now it's almost unbearable. For small-business owners, this pain is located in the area of the lower back—approximately where their wallets are.

What's the cause? A health-care system that is very sick and must undergo major surgery if it is to survive. It's so sick that doctors are staging walk-outs and work stoppages to protest spiraling malpractice insurance premiums. Recently, hundreds of physicians in New Jersey refused to go to work, following the example of their peers in West Virginia, Florida and Nevada.

Their diagnosis? It's a cancer called excessive litigation that's relentlessly devouring our health system. With each outrageous jury award, it spreads, driving medical costs higher and pushing insurance premiums off the charts.

This unprecedented wave of lawsuits forces doctors to practice defensive medicine. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that nearly 80 percent have ordered more tests than they normally would, just to protect them from li-

bility exposure. Some three-fourths have referred patients to specialists more often than they believed was medically necessary.

It's time to put this legal liability system under the knife. President Bush, in his recent State of the Union address, called on Congress to pass medical liability reform. No one, he said, has ever been healed by a frivolous lawsuit.

This ailment has already sent some doctors into early retirement and made others flee their states in search of fairer legal systems and affordable malpractice coverage. But for small-business owners and their employees, there's nowhere to run or hide. Today, more than half of all uninsured workers are self employed or working in a small business.

According to a study just released by the Employee Benefit Research Institute, nearly one-fifth of small employers that provide health insurance changed their benefits last year. A majority of those, nearly two-thirds, increased employee's co-payments or deductibles. Others, 30 percent, raised employee premium percentages and nearly as many trimmed back their health offerings. More than one-in-three switched insurers.

The message I delivered to the U.S. Senate's Small Business Committee on Feb. 5, offered one antidote for this illness: Congress can help small business survive by allowing them to band together through their trade or professional associations to purchase health insurance at discounted rates. Large corporations and labor unions already enjoy economies of scale because of their size, but this advantage has not been available to those who create most of our nation's new jobs.

Association Health Plans would save small businesses 15 percent to 30 percent of their premium costs compared with the cost of purchasing directly from an insurance company.

But the real cure for our ailing health system will come only when lawmakers have the courage to decide that patients with true medical needs, not trial lawyers in search of big financial awards, are the ones who deserve the benefits. Until then, let's hope we have no need of medical attention. There may not be a doctor in the house.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group.

America's CEO'S are giving greed a bad name



Jim Hightower

Take a squint at John W. Snow. He was the Big Kahuna of CSX corporation, one of the nation's largest railroads, before being hand-picked by George W. Bush to be treasury secretary, our government's top economic position. Aside from the fact that his appointment adds yet another corporate baron to the most corporate administration in history, this guy was touted by the White House for his ethics.

It seems that Snow has been quite outspoken in his condemnation of the CEOs of Enron, WorldCom, and all the other ethically-challenged executives who make a killing at the expense of workers, shareholders, and everyone else.

Indeed, the White House propaganda machine exclaimed that Mr. Pure-as-the-driven-Snow is so ethical that he magnanimously agreed to forego a \$15 million payoff that he had written into his CSX contract. If he took a job in "public service," went the deal, he'd get 15 Big Ones. But, he now says, he wants no special favors, so forget it.

Before we heap hosannas on him, however, let's note a very special favor he's getting from CSX that neither he nor the White House have mentioned: his pension.

As CEO of the company, Snow cut back on the pensions of CSX retirees, but he took very good care of himself:

a. He will get pension credit for 44 years of work at CSX, even though he was only there 25.

b. His benefits will be based not just on his salary (as is the rule for regular employees), but also on his bonuses and on the value of 250,000 shares of stock the board gave to him.

c. This means he'll be collecting \$2.5 million a year, every year, until he dies.

All this for a CEO who was no great shakes. In the past five years, while his pay rose 69 percent, CSX stock price fell 53 percent.

Snow is neither managerially nor ethically ept - he's just another Bush Snow job.

Credit scoring should not be used for insuring

By ROB SCHNEIDER

The industry that brought us skyrocketing insurance rates has another trick up its sleeve. Now it claims using our credit histories to decide if we can get insurance is good for us. But some Texans might dispute the value of inflated rates and limited choices that come from the flawed use of insurance credit scores.

Thankfully, an insurance reform measure that, among other things, would ban the use of credit scoring has been filed. But the insurance industry lobby will fight it tooth and nail.

Examples of its misuse abound. A woman in Channelview saw her auto insurance rates double despite a clean accident and ticket record. After much questioning, the insurance company admitted it was due to her credit score.

A Corpus Christi man with no accidents or tickets after nine years with his company saw his rates nearly doubled. Another man in the Metroplex who had six claim-free years with his insurance company found his rates increased as he was moved to an unregulated county mutual affiliate because of his credit score.

Credit histories and scores were developed as a tool for businesses that

issue credit to see how good a job we do paying our debts. Most people believe that a past history of paying loans should have some bearing on getting one today. But there is justifiable concern when that same information is used for unrelated and unwarranted purposes such as deciding how likely a house is to be hit by hail, or how bad a driver one is.

Yet this is exactly what insurance companies are doing in Texas despite the three strikes against credit scoring: it is inaccurate, it bears no cause and effect relationship with insurability and it is kept a deep dark secret.

A recent report from the Consumer Federation of America and the National Credit Reporting Association concludes that tens of millions of consumers are at risk of being penalized for incorrect information in their credit report. The report found that 31 percent of scores, about one in three files, from the three big credit reporting firms vary as much as 50 or more points. The study also found significant problems with missing accounts and inconsistencies about late payments, balances, and status of accounts.

Even insurance companies seem confused about the use of credit scores. In the recently proposed set-

tlement against Farmers Insurance Co., the company allegedly gave the appropriate discount only to customers with the very highest credit scores, but ignored its own numbers for everyone else.

Credit scores can trump our driving records, too. According to testimony by Texas, Office of Public Insurance Counsel, many companies use credit scores more than they use driving records. In the case of one company, a bad score shifted policyholders into an unregulated "county mutual" affiliate company with correspondingly higher rates. Another discounted driving history by saying a motor vehicle record is not required if a person has a high enough score. In other words, if our credit is good enough, it does not matter how many tickets we have or how many red lights we

run.

Making matters worse, insurance company underwriting criteria are kept secret. So the only way to know if our credit score has hurt us is to ask and ask again.

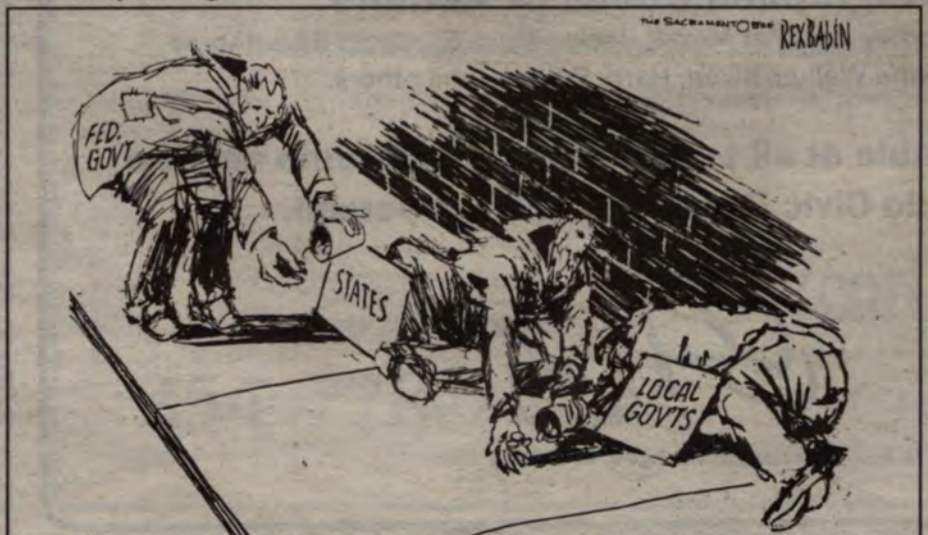
Under the harsh light of public scrutiny, insurance companies have started to blink, pledging to "reform" the most blatant credit score abuses. They promise to tell us if they're using credit scores to decide our insurability, and not to use them as the sole criteria. They'll allow a policyholder to submit an appeal to the insurance company if errors are found.

Insurance companies are missing the point. They argue that credit scores work on average but fail to explain what they have to do with driving ability or the likelihood of being hit by a strong storm. They

pledge to let us appeal mistakes, but why should we have to cull through credit files and fight mistakes? Fundamentally, why should we trust the industry that brought us our homeowners insurance mess in the first place?

We need an open process where ratepayers can see the criteria against which they will be judged. And we need to independently evaluate whether factors like credit scoring make insurance more available to people, work to reduce losses, and do not unfairly hurt any group. Texas should ban the use of credit scores as a key step in achieving real insurance reform.

Rob Schneider is a senior staff attorney with the Southwest Regional Office of Consumers Union, publisher of Consumer Reports.



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Kacie Davidson, a third grader at Thomas Arnold Elementary, carefully soaks a pretzel in a vat of homemade white chocolate on Feb. 12. Bill Grace, of Helen Grace candy company, gave the third graders a short demonstration in Denise Van Winkle's classroom, on how the popular confection is fashioned, then made way for the eager students, who were given turns dipping strawberries, oreos and pretzels into their choice of dark or white chocolate.

(PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

Republican Women Land Board offers benefits to Vets meet at Wildflower

The Central Texas Republican Women will meet for a dinner meeting 6 p.m. Feb. 19, at The Wildflower Country Club. The cost is \$20 in advance and \$21 at the door. The speaker will be Col. (Ret.) Ralph Gauer, on the topic of "Military Bases in Texas: Winners and Losers in 2005." Call Pat Blair at 690-4004 for reservations.

A free seminar offered by the Texas Veterans Land Board on the benefits available to Texas veterans will be held 6 p.m. March 6 at VFW Post 1820, 3302 Airport Road, in Temple. Among the topics addressed will be low-interest financing for home purchases, with loans up to \$200,000. Discounted rates to veterans who become, or remain, public school teachers will be discussed, as well. Marketing Specialist, will speak to veterans about the Texas State Veterans Homes, which provide long-term, skilled nursing care in state-of-the-art facilities. The new nursing homes were built entirely for Texas veterans, their spouses and Gold Star parents. For more information, call 1-800-252-VETS or visit the Texas Veterans Land Board web site at www.txvets.com

Richard Archer, Outreach

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Historical Society to present history of early Salado Churches at pot luck meeting

The first general meeting of the Salado Historical Society for 2003 will be a Pot Luck Supper 7 p.m. Feb. 20 in the Civic Center. Members and non-members alike are encouraged to attend, and are asked to bring some-

thing to contribute to the supper.

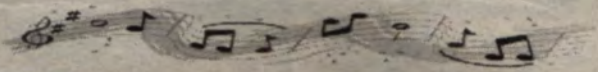
The program, "Faith of Our Fathers," will feature excerpts from histories of Salado's earliest churches. Charlene Carson will read from her recently completed history of First Baptist Church. Highlights of

First Methodist Church's history, written by Rev. Joe Bentley, will be presented by Pat Barton.

Mary Belle Brown, Research Chairperson for the Society and author of the history of the local Church of Christ, will

share interesting information about that congregation's early years.

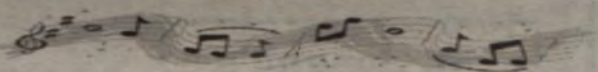
Membership Chairperson Miriam Jordan will be present to enroll new members in the Society and to collect dues for 2003 from continuing members.



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First Baptist Church concert to supplement Salado Food Pantry

The First Baptist Church of Salado is sponsoring a food drive in conjunction with the upcoming Dallas Holm concert in Salado.

The contemporary Christian concert will take place 7 p.m. Feb. 28 at the First Baptist Church.

The combined choirs of the FBC and the Taylor's Valley Baptist Church will perform with Dallas Holm. Those attending the concert are urged to bring a canned good or non-perish-

able food item to help feed needy families and help support the Salado Food Pantry.

Tickets for the concert are \$5 and are available at the FBC of Salado, the Taylor's Valley Baptist Church in Temple, Greater Gifts in Belton, Lifeway Christian Store in Temple, and the Family Christian Bookstore in Killeen.

For information, contact the church office at 947-5465.

Van Cliburn finalist performs in Georgetown

For the second consecutive year, the Georgetown Symphony Society will present a recital by a Finalist in the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition.

Jan Jiracek will be the featured artist at 4 p.m. Feb. 23 at Georgetown High School's Center for the Performing Arts.

Born in 1973 in Hanover to a family of German-Czechoslovakian musicians, he began his piano training at the age of six and won the first prize at the Steinway Competition in Hamburg at age 10. He has since performed extensively throughout Europe and the United States and has released two CDs of works by Schubert, Liszt and Messiaen.

As a part of what the Friends of the Georgetown Symphony Society is calling "The Week of the Piano," Jiracek will be presenting a series of three one-hour programs to all fifth-graders in the Georgetown and Jarrell schools. Also invited are all sixth-graders who are participating in band or orchestra.

"Musical Awakenings" was developed by the Van Cliburn Foundation to deepen student exposure to classical music and, according to the foundation, has received rave reviews from principals, teachers and students. This is the second year for these programs.

Tickets for the Feb. 23 concert are \$15 for adults, \$5 for students, and are available at the *Williamson County Sun*, both H-E-Bs, the Hill Country Bookstore and the Sun City CA office.

For tickets, information or bus reservations, call the Symphony Society office at 864-9591 or visit their office at 117 West 7th Street, on the Square.

Monday Club to hear program by Judy Greene

The Monday Club will meet at the Salado United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. March 3. The program will be conducted by Judy Green, who will present the monologue "Joan of Arc."

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Jim Dennis passes away Feb. 14

James E. (Jim) Dennis passed away at home on Feb. 14, 2003 in Salado, after nearly a two year battle with lung cancer.

Jim was born July 5, 1923 in Tyler, Texas to R.L. and Janie Whatley Dennis. After graduating from Tyler High School in 1941, Jim served three years in the Army Air Corps during WWII. Jim married Thelma Elizabeth (Teddy) Crabtree on Jan. 15, 1943. After the Army Air Corps, he entered the University of Oklahoma and graduated with a degree in geology in 1949. After graduation Jim became an oil and gas exploration geologist with Standard of Texas Oil in Midland. The Dennis' moved to Corpus Christi where Jim accepted a position as the District Geologist for Southern Minerals, Inc. (SOMICO).

Most of Jim's professional life was spent in Corpus Christi, for 13 years with SOMICO then as an independent petroleum geologist for over 20 years. Jim was president and owner of Jedco Corp., and

oil gas exploration company. During his tenure in Corpus Christi, Jim was active in the Corpus Christi Geological Society, once serving as president. Jim was a lifetime member of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association and belonged to the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. He was also an early member of the Corpus Christi Geological Library, where Jim also served as an officer. Jim was active in the community, being a member of First United Methodist Church and the "Cooper Class." Jim was also an active father and member of the "Old Crab Patrol" in Boy Scout Troop 3. Jim loved golf and much of his free time was spent playing at the Corpus Christi Country Club.

Jim and Teddy moved to Salado in 1989 where he remained active as an exploration geologist until he retired in 1993. Jim enjoyed playing golf nearly every day at Mill Creek Country Club and once

served as the Men's Golf Association President. Jim had three "hole-in-ones" during his many rounds at Salado with his golfing friends (the Homeowners Group and the Bandits) and his brother-in-law, Ned Cross, who recently passed away. Jim was a member of the Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, and many other community groups.

Jim was the youngest of seven siblings. His parents, sister, and five brothers preceded him in death. Jim is survived by his wife, Teddy; his daughter, Karen Dennis Somers; his son, James Gregory Dennis; a daughter-in-law, Terri Dennis; four grandchildren, Sarah Elizabeth Somers, Jeffrey Dennis Somers, David Christian Dennis and Bradley Christopher Dennis.

Memorials may be made to the Salado United Methodist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 771, Salado, TX 76571; the Salado Cemetery Association, Inc., P.O. Box 21, Salado; and VistaCare, 819

S. 5th St., Temple, TX, 76504; or a charity of your choice.

A memorial service was held Feb. 17 at the SUMC, with the Rev. Grady Brittain officiating. Arrangements were provided by the Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Salado.

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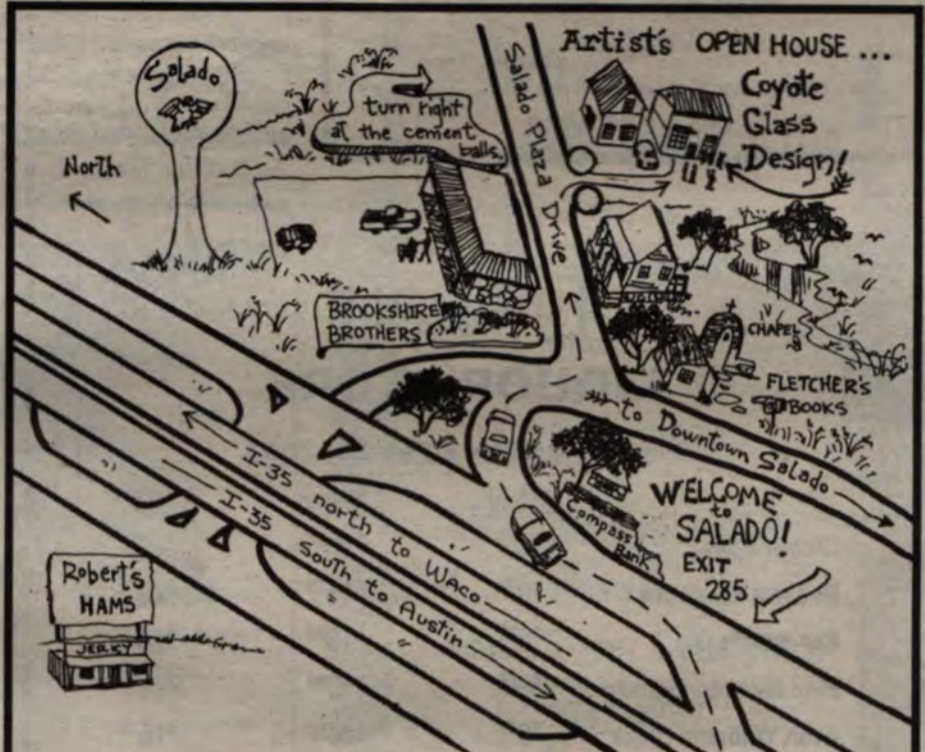
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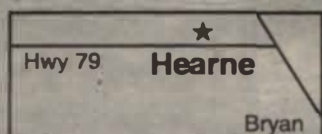
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Eagles shuffled out of playoff deck

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
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Valentine's Day lost its traditional sweetness for the Varsity girls, leaving a sour taste in their mouths as they bowed out of the first round of the playoffs Feb. 14 in Elgin. Weimar, Salado's opponent, finished second in their district, but proved as formidable an opponent as any the Eagle's have faced this year. The game was a nip-and-tuck affair the entire way, but in the end, the breaks didn't go Salado's way, and when

the final buzzer sounded the Eagles lagged by four, 52-48.

"It was a close ball-game all the way," said Coach Larry Salisbury, whose teams have gone to the playoffs every one of his 10 years at Salado, including nine district crowns. "We didn't block out very well though, and we let them get a lot of offensive rebounds. Getting in foul trouble early also hurt us."

Despite giving up four three-pointers in the early going to Reagan Kasperek, Salado did go to the half down by only four, 27-23. Coach Salisbury credits Lauren Mewhinney's strong defense with keeping the margin close. She held Megan Sainz, Weimar's star offensive player, to only nine points on the night.

Down 40-33 after the third period, the Eagles slowly but surely crept back

into the game. Salado hit a trio of three's in the fourth to bring the deficit to only three points, but the chances faded when Weimar threw up a desperation three pointer, which banked off the glass and through the net. After that disheartening shot, Salado was put in a bad position, being forced to foul to stop the clock.

Too many free throws by Weimar sealed Salado's fate, as they went down by a final of 52-48.

"We could have won the game, we put ourselves in a position to win," said Salisbury, "but I don't want to take anything away from Weimar. They have a really good team, and I wouldn't be surprised to see them end up in the regional championships."

Meagan Joiner did what she did all year on the offensive end, which

is score loads of points. Her 21 points were the most for either team.

Jenny Goode also had a strong offensive night, hitting three three-pointers on her way to 13 total. Rounding out the scorers, Mewhinney and Lindsey Pruitt each had six, while Laramie Jackson, uncharacteristically, was held to only two points.

This season was one that saw Salado get bitten by the injury bug before the season even started, and the team never really healed their wounds. Goode and Mewhinney played hurt all year, while Reba Donaldson and Amanda Tumey missed the majority of the season. "The kids worked hard this year, and I think they reached their potential. I enjoyed coaching the bunch, and we had a real good time this year," said Salisbury

Salado closed out the '02-'03 campaign with a 21-12 overall record.

2003 Salado Tennis

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Fri. 2/28	Regional Team Tennis	V & JV 8:00	
Sat. 3/1	Regional Team Tennis	V & JV 8:00	
Wed. 3/5	Tournament @ Moody	V 8:00	
Thurs. 3/13	Dual Meet @ Florence	JV 4:30	
Tues. 3/25	Tournament @ Robinson	JV 8:00	
Wed. 3/26	Tournament @ Academy	V 8:00	
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Nature throws wrench in Alumni baseball game; to be made up April 19

Due to heavy rain prior to Feb. 15, the Alumni Game has been rescheduled. The game will now be played 1 p.m. April 19 at the High School field. Coach Craddick apologize for any inconveniences the rescheduling might have caused, and still hope to see everyone on the 19th. Call 947-1700 for information.

Salado School Menus
Feb. 19 - 25

Breakfast Menu

Feb. 19: Glazed Donut, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Feb. 20: Pig in a Blanket, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Feb. 21: Biscuit, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Feb. 24: Waffles, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Feb. 25: Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

Feb. 19: Pizza, Corn, Breadstick, Fruity Freeze, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk
Feb. 20: Fried Chicken, Broccoli/Cheese, Hot Roll, Blueberries w/topping, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk
Feb. 21: Cheeseburger, French Fries, Pickle Spear, Fruity Freeze, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk
Feb. 24: Chili Burger, Green Salad, Peaches, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk.
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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.

The SVFD says this ride will be a great chance to get out and exercise, as well as being a way for the community to show its support for the services the Fire Department provides.

JV boys place second in district

The Junior Varsity boys split their last two games of the season to bring their record to 15-10 for the season, and 8-4 in district, which was good enough to earn the Eagles second place behind Lexington.

Versus Rogers, Salado came out with a strong second half, and turned what was a close game into a convincing win. The final was 50-39.

Nick Everett was the high-man offensively, pumping in 23 points for the game, which led all scorers. Garrett Askins dropped in nine points, and Shane Pipes had 10.

Also contributing offensively were Alex Butts, who scored four; John Gregurek, four; and Scott Williams, two.

To close out the season, the JV hosted Lexington. Going into the fourth, the Eagles trailed by only one, but Lexington, on the strength of six free throws in the final few minutes, pulled away with 49-40 win over Salado.

Everett led the Eagles on the offensive end once again, this time totalling 13 points, including five of eight from the charity stripe.

Eight other Salado players also scored points on the evening. Shane Pipes had six, while Scott Williams and Chris Stineman each had five.

Also getting on the board, Alex Butts had three, and Nathan Grigsby, Garrett Askins, Joseph Shumate and John Gregurek had two points.

Coach Jarod Womack said his team had a great season, and concluded that he was satisfied with how his team finished and that they achieved a great deal, considering they were out-sized by most teams they played.

Youth soccer meeting Feb. 27

The Salado Youth Soccer Association would like to invite all members of the community to the annual Board meeting, which will be held 7 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Salado Civic Center.

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It might be, but not necessarily from a financial point of view.

The question of switching from a 30-year mortgage to a 15-year one involves both financial and emotional issues, and, as such, there is no easy answer. Let's look at the points to consider in both sides.

For many people, changing from a 30-year to 15-year is simply intuitive: It just feels better to have a mortgage paid off sooner, rather than later. For most of us, a life without house payments sounds pretty good. And if you're already in your mid-forties to mid-fifties, you may be especially keen on having your mortgage paid off as you enter your retirement years.

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Clearly, you've got some intriguing reasons to go from a 30-year mortgage to a 15-year one. However, you can find some equally compelling factors for not making the switch. For

Financial Focus

by Michael Gunter



example, it may be great to save all those thousands of dollars in interest payments, but, at the same time, all that interest was tax deductible. In fact, mortgage interest payments are the single biggest deduction that most people will ever have. So, once you've paid off your mortgage, you may need to find

new ways to save money on taxes.

Also, every extra tax dollar you devote to paying off a mortgage early is a dollar you won't be able to invest. Of course, there's no guarantee on what type

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To Your Good Health

by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.



not the same as the memory lapses that almost everyone has. It's a profound loss of stored memory that reaches a point where the person no longer recognizes family

members. Patients lose their way home when they are in what should be familiar surroundings. As the disease progresses, they are unable to carry out life's simple tasks, like

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There is no blood test, no X-ray, no brain scan that provides irrefutable evidence of Alzheimer's. An examination of patients, however, and evaluation of their mental function leave little room for doubt of the diagnosis. Only microscope examination of the brain after death reveals changes specific for Alzheimer's.

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Alzheimer's From 12A

There are four medicines for Alzheimer's disease; none offers a cure. They can slow the inexorable progression of brain changes, but they cannot undo damage already done, and they cannot stop the disease process in its tracks. They find their greatest use in people with mild to moderate symptoms. Their names are Cognex, Aricept, Exelon and Reminyl.

Sporadic claims that vitamin E, anti-inflammatory drugs, statins, cholesterol-lowering medicines, and B vitamins are helpful

are not universally substantiated. A cure, however, is bound to appear when the disease process is better understood.

Readers interested in Alzheimer's disease and its treatment can obtain a copy of the new Alzheimer's pamphlet by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 903W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 along with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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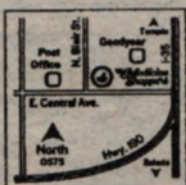
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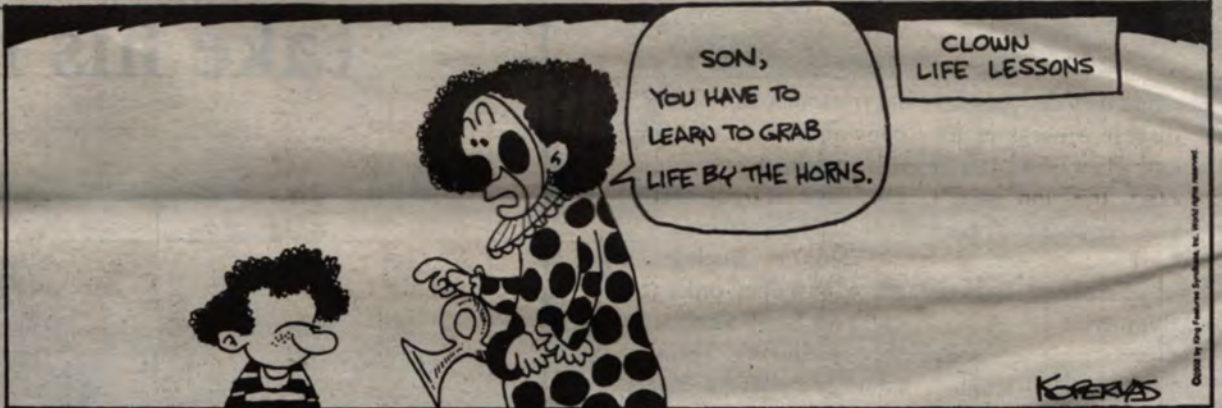


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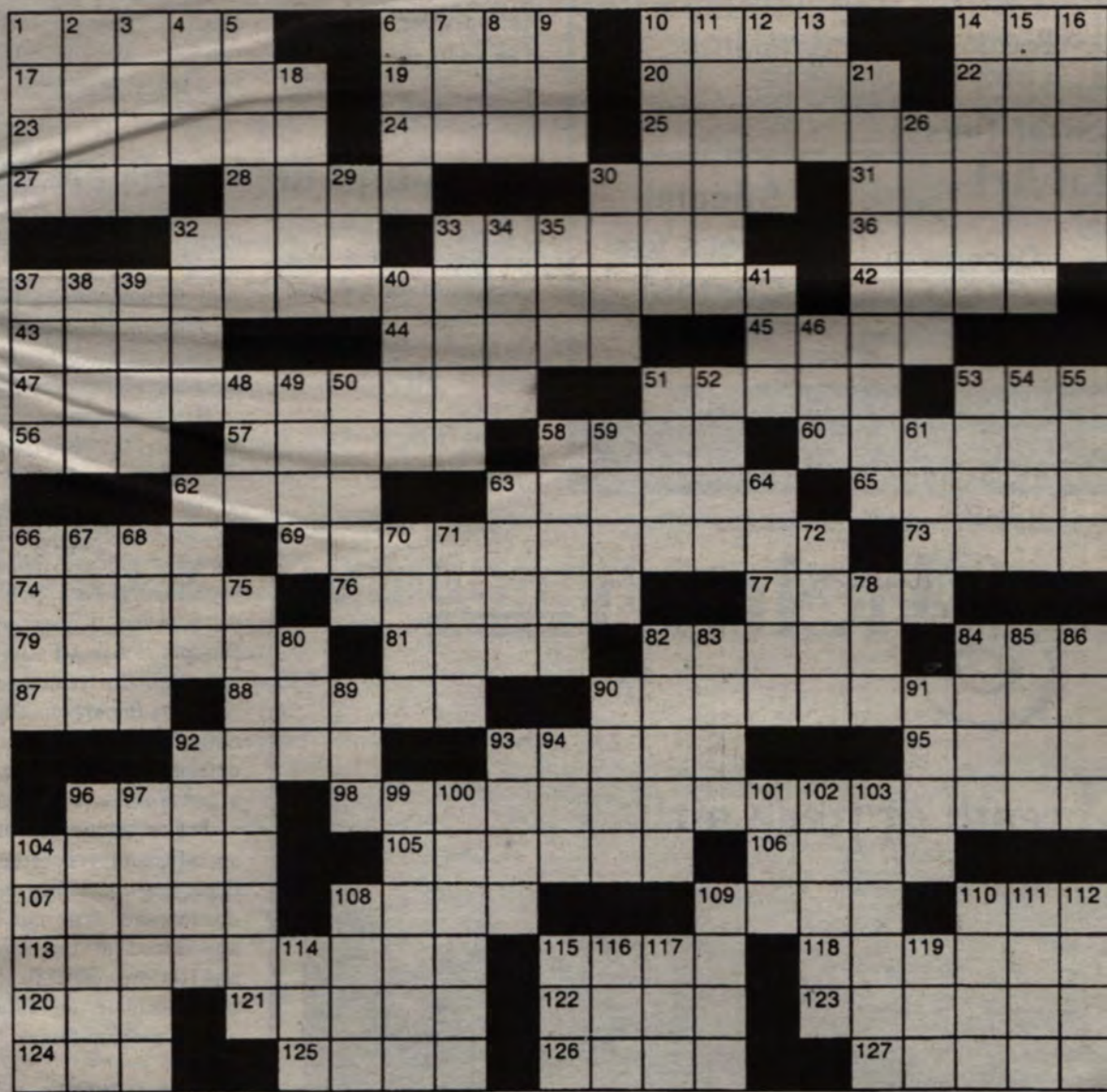


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Building up your investments also may provide you with more financial protection than paying off your mortgage early. If you encounter a severe setback, disability, job loss, etc., you can always fall back on your investments until you regain your financial footing. But if the bulk of your assets are tied to your house, you might be forced to refinance or look

So, there you have it: some sound reasons to pay off a mortgage early, and some sound reasons to keep paying on a longer-term mortgage and invest the difference. There's no one "right" decision, but there's a decision that's right for you. Take the time to find it.

Alzheimer's — From 13A

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The 13th Corps Support Command, which provides logistical and medical support units to III Corps, deployed an Area Support Medical Company Feb. 12.

military capabilities in the ongoing war on terror. Any further employment of those forces deploying in a future combat role is a presidential decision.

This repositioning of forces provides increased

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.

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

Lenis earns MBA from Baylor


Baylor University awarded 932 academic degrees to students at the 2002 fall graduation, according to figures from the university registrar.

Commencement exercises were held Dec. 21 at the Ferrell Center.

Among those receiving degrees was Alan Stewart Lenis, of Salado, who earned an MBA.

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Left to Right: Paige Britt, Jeanne Barrier, Gil Wanzor, Charles Allen, Troy Kelley, Bill Pinkston, Raymond Carver, Allen Rice, and Leanna Skarnulis. Not pictured: Connie Tatum, Ruth Howe and Mike Cornett

Over 25 local artists featured at "A Taste of Salado"

Silent auction items at the forthcoming "A Taste of Salado," on Monday, February 24, include the original work of 25 local artists: an angel made from copper panels, a botanical sculpture, wooden furniture, a treasure chest, a unique fire rake, picture frames, models of stage-coaches, a fired clay bust, a limestone garden pedestal, pottery, etched glass, a wall hanging, earrings, necklaces, paintings & prints, and a bronze hummingbird. Every item is hand-made and original by Saladoans!

The Public Arts League

of Salado (PALS), has already sold over 100 tickets at \$25 each for admission to this first annual food tasting event to be held on one night only at Jack's Barn in Salado at Pace Park, a fundraiser for PALS, showcasing Salado Artists and Restaurants & Caterers.

Cowboys Restaurant has presented PALS with a \$50 check. There will be hand-crafted Raffle prizes, like autographed books by Salado Authors (A. C. Greene, Jim Lee, Pat Merrill, Jackie Mills, Elizabeth Silverthorne, Donna Walker Nixon, Harry

Wilmer, and others), a homemade pasta dinner for six cooked by Connie Tatum & Doug Mourer, and a safari tour through Tenroc Ranch, personally led by Shirley & Mike Cornett.

Also two days and nights, and all meals, at the Y. O. Ranch in Kerrville, a gift to PALS contributed by Mary Helen & Charlie Schreiner.

Liz Bartz has announced an overnight stay any night, your choice at any Inkeeping with the Times location, and Suzanne & Rob Petro have volunteered a Bed & Break-

fast weekend at the Inn of Salado.

Restaurants & Caterers are presenting homemade cakes, breakfasts, brunches, lunches, teas, and dinners-for-two at contributing restaurants. And there will be a pizza, two pounds of coffee, and other specials announced every fifteen minutes from 6 through 8 pm.

The only downside to "A Taste of Salado" is limitations to the number of persons who may be allowed at the event. No more than 30 tickets will be available at the door.

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Regular Meetings

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.

What's happening here?

FEBRUARY 19

Salado MOMS Club monthly meeting 10 a.m. at the Civic Center. Meschill Billington speaking on scrapbooks. Feb. 21, MOMS club will travel to Temple Railroad Museum at 10 a.m., and will meet at 8:45 a.m. Feb. 26 to walk the high school track. Call 947-5507 for more information.

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

FEBRUARY 27

Bowl Making at Mud Pies Pottery 5:30 p.m. - ? For more information, call Titia at 947-0281.

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 1

Meet the Artist, Melissa Paxton, 1-6 p.m. at her studio shop off Salado Plaza Dr.

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 8

Salado Masonic Lodge Catfish Dinner 5 p.m.-7 p.m. at the Intermediate School. Tickets \$6, proceeds benefit Communities in Schools.

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 at the Civic Center. Free parking and admission. Food and beverages available. Call 947-5040 for information.

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

APRIL 19

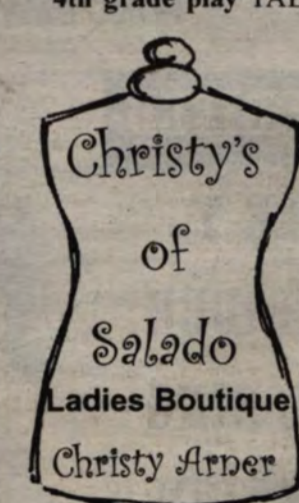
Alumni baseball game make-up date, 1 p.m. at the High School field.

MAY 3

School Board Election Day

MAY 10

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students. 7:30 p.m. \$5 adults, \$3 children.

MAY 15

Annual SISD Band Concert & Awards. 6-8 p.m. at Tablerock. Public welcome, no admission, concession stand open.

MAY 28-29

School out at noon

MAY 30

Last day of school

JUNE 4-7

5th Annual Judy & A.C. Greene Literary Festival featuring Fran Vick and an original show by Jane Roberts Wood. See www.irtsalado.com for more information.

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 at Tablerock Amphitheater. 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

Fantasy Faire & Shakespeare Festival \$5 adults, \$3 children

SEPT. 20, 21, 27, 28

A Midsummer Night's Dream 8:15 p.m., \$10 adults, \$5 children

OCTOBER 2

6th Annual Storytelling Festival 1st through 4th grade, \$1 per person. 10 a.m.

OCTOBER 4-5

Christmas Carol Auditions 2 p.m.

OCTOBER 10-11

Christmas in October. Free admission, Salado Civic Center. Call 947-5040 for information.

OCTOBER 18

Chisholm Trail ABWA Style Show Stagecoach Inn 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. For information call 947-3617

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#2 Sirena	14.52	8.57	0.541	2.87	.016	3.1	50
#3 Pattersons Crossing	9.79	8.25	0.534	3.18	.005	2.2	100
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mately 150,000 grants. Many organizations in the Village should find this online service very useful. Due to licensing restrictions, this product is only installed on one computer in the library,


and using the Directory may take some time. Therefore, a user may want to call the library ahead of time to be sure that the Directory is not in use. The librarians will enter the password

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The theme for this year's Fourth Grade Melodrama is The Chisholm Trail or Round 'em Up and Head 'em Out. The Fourth Grade Melodrama has been sponsored by Tablerock for 10 years. The melodrama will be presented on May 10 at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater. Each year Tablerock board members budget several hundred dollars for materials and donate their time to teach the fourth graders to write, act and crew their melodrama. Proceeds are banked by the fourth graders for their senior trip. Last year's play garnered the class over \$1,600.



Pictured above are the fourth grade playwrights who are working to create a play with Jackie Mills. They are (left to right) back row: Ryan Burden, Skyler Dale, Jenna Sevek, Kalyn Dunks, Camryn Bintz, Audley Mills and Hunter Ward; front row: Brittney Frazier, Megan Harvell, Morgan Van Winkle, Kandace Little, Courtney Lavadia, Connor Smith and Jacob Heiner.

Playwrights, Camryn Bintz, Ryan Burden, Skyler Dale, Kalyn Dunks, Brittney Frazier, Megan Harvell, Jacob Heiner, Courtney Lavadia, Kandace Little, Audley Mills, Jenna Sevek, Conner Smith, Hunter Ward, and Morgan Van Winkle, have been working on the script since early January, under the supervision of

playwright/author Jackie Mills.

The script calls for cattle. "You've got to have cattle for a cattle drive," insisted playwright Kandace Little. The playwright team of 14 have arranged for lightweight wood paneling to be donated, artists to draw the pattern of a longhorn and Dads to cut the wood according to patterns.

Clubs, artists, groups and individuals are invited to enter the "Create a Cow Contest." Five of the wooden two-sided cows need to be painted. Each participant will create markings and paint their cow. The winning cow will lead the herd in the

melodrama and the winning painter/group will be recognized at intermission on May 10th. To enter the contest please fill out the entry form and return to: Tablerock, PO Box 312, Salado, TX 76571. Call Tablerock at 947-9205 for more information.

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**Temple Civic
Youth Theatre
holds production
Feb. 21-23**

Temple Civic Youth Theatre is presenting "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" 8 p.m. Feb. 21 and 22 and 2:30 p.m. Feb. 23. A matinee performance may be added on Feb. 22.

"The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" was written by C.S. Lewis and dramatized by Joseph Robinette. It was produced in arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Company. The directors for the show are Ben Green and Justin Hall. The stage manager is Chelsea Chadwell and the adult mentor is Leon Perkins.

Temple Civic Theatre is asking for volunteers with costuming, props, sewing, set building, painting or backstage. Call (254) 778-4751, ext. 2 for more information about volunteering.

The box office opens Feb. 10 for members to purchase tickets, and then opens Feb. 17 for the public. Members may use their youth coupons for this production. The box office phone number is (254) 778-4751, ext. 1.



Pictured are Jr. 4-H Members that participated in the Bell County Youth Fair: 1st Row l-r: Hannah Seaton, Kori Norman; 2nd Row l-r: Colton Norman, Logan Haire, Megan Harvell, Morgan VanWinkle, Taylor Coleman, Stephanie Lastovica; 3rd Row l-r Braxton Tucker, Brittney Frazier, Jenna Sebek, Stephanie Shuler and Claudia Lavadia.



Pictured are Intermediate and Sr. 4-H Members that participated in the Bell County Youth Fair: 1st Row l-r: Kristen Dunnahoo, Mindi Dunnahoo, Megan Seaton, Ashlee Arnold, Jessica Walker, and Crystal Schoellmann; 2nd Row l-r: Josh Rodriguez, Justin Harvell, Colby Christian, Logan Foster, Seth Foster, Haley Arnold, and Brittany Tucker; 3rd Row l-r: Lauren Haire, Jacob Meritt and Jesse Rodriguez, Jr.

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with a keynote address followed by a roundtable discussion in the Lord Conference Center of the Parker Academic Center on campus. This event is free and open to the

public. The keynote speaker for the forum is Greg Gilkerson of Professional Data-solutions, Inc. in Temple. Gilkerson graduated with honors from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting. He began his career as a tax accountant at Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company in Austin, and then later was promoted to supervisor.

In 1979, Greg went on to work for Colonial Food Stores in San Angelo,

serving as the company's controller/treasurer until the company was purchased by National Convenience Stores. His foresight in recognizing the value of Colonial's accounting system led to his founding PDI in 1983.

Anna Trantum-Kessler of Trantum Auto Group of Temple and Trent Weaver of Waco will also be in the roundtable discussion.

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Curtis Bonner of Harlingen is a hunter. "I hunt to live and live to hunt," he says. Three of his law school buddies taught him to hunt. His first deer hunt was near San Saba under a canvas tarp.

"I killed my first deer there in 1968." He started bird hunting around Crystal City and fell in love with the sport. He says there's plenty of wildlife in the valley.

"We have mourning dove and white wing dove, deer, feral hogs and javelina. Some of the ranches here have exotic game." The white wing dove nests in the Rio Grande Valley and is a popular game bird. Curtis and his buddies hunt white wing dove in Mexico.

"One of them has a motor home. We have three Mexican guides. One is the driver, one is bar tender and one is the cook. We spend six weekends in August and September somewhere between the border and 150 miles into Mexico."

Curtis says they get their limit of birds and return to the motor home where nachos and margaritas await them. While they enjoy the appetizers, the boys are preparing the birds for supper. Sounds like a good life.

"Every trip is unusual and gives us new experiences. We have a good time down there. Mexico is a beautiful country with wonderful people and abundant natural resources."

Curtis also hunts quail.

"One of my hunting buddies is an expert at calling quail. They'll get right up in the jeep with you. He just whistles, holding his mouth just right."

He starts deer hunting in October. Although he doesn't do much goose hunting these days, he appreciates the sport. A picture titled "Hunting in White" hangs on a wall in his law office.

"That's a technique developed around the Houston area. It involves laying a bunch of white rags on the ground in a pattern that resembles a flock of geese. You're dressed in white and you lie down while somebody's working the call. The geese flying overhead think it's a flock of geese down there and they come in just like those rags were decoys.

It's very effective. I've hunted many times like that."

He says the hunters carry a couple of duffel bags full of white rags. "It's a lot of fun to watch those geese come in and set their legs in response to that call. It's some of the prettiest hunting I've ever done."

He hunts snow geese, but the white rags attract other types of geese as well.

"I have some photographs of a hunt several years ago when I had one of my children with us. We had limited out and we had some geese landing among the rags and I've got close-up photos of one of my buddies crawling on his knees trying to catch one of those geese. We've laughed a lot about that."

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.

Greek Chicken Salad

Sarah Jane Smith

- 3 c. cubed cooked chicken breast
- 2 med. peeled, chopped cucumbers
- 1 c. crumbled feta cheese
- 2/3 c. sliced olives
- 1/4 c. snipped parsley
- Sauce:
 - 1 c. mayonnaise
 - 1/2 c. plain yogurt
 - 3 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1 tsp. dried oregano

Combine first 5 ingredients; mix next 4 sauce ingredients. Combine and mix well. Serve well-chilled on Boston lettuce, or on whole wheat pita bread with shredded romaine.



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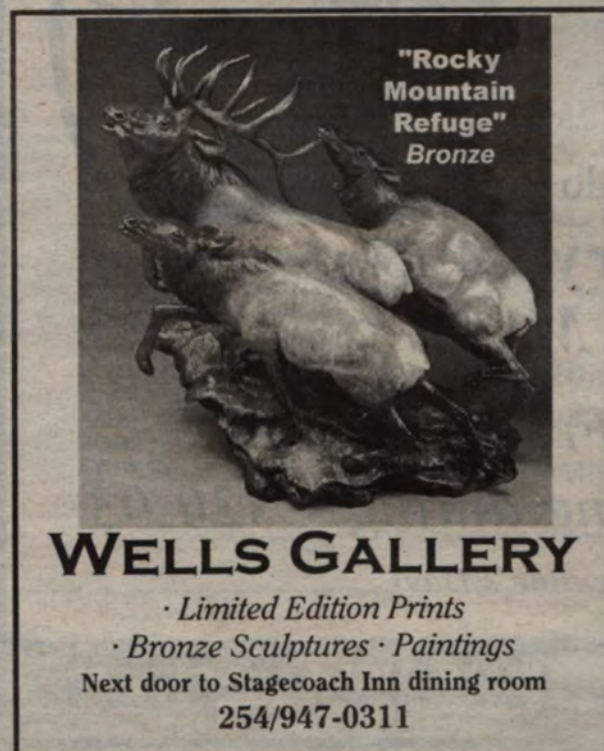
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Girls can do that too: gals take gold in powerlifting

The Salado girls powerlifting team competed in the Waco Reicher Meet on Feb. 8. Coach Travis Ling said that the meet was one of the top in the state, attracting schools ranging from 1A to 5A. Salado placed 10th out of 22 teams.

Results are as follows and are specific to weight class:

Brittany Dixon, sixth, 425 lbs. Dixon improved 10 lbs. from the last meet, including a personal best 80 pound bench press.

Tiffany Dixon, 11th, 480 lbs. total.

Johnna Konzen, 10th, 495 lbs. total. Konzen set personal records in squat (200 lbs.) and bench (100 lbs.).

Rachel Blodgett, ninth, 500 lbs. Blodgett also set personal records in the deadlift (210 lbs.) and the squat (195 lbs.).

Shae Janda, fourth place medalist, 555 lbs. total, including a 235 lb. deadlift.

LauraLee Young, fourth place medal, 660 lbs.



The Salado Eagles girls powerlifting team, in their first year, took home the gold at the Florence meet, held Feb. 15. Pictured l-r: Shae Janda, Brittney Dixon, LauraLee Young, Johnna Konzen, Klaasje Day, Stacy Blodgett, Stella Butts and Jessica Roberts. The team is coached by Travis Ling.

Young has medalled in each of the last two meets, earning a third place medal in the previous competition.

Klaasje Day, seventh, 605 lbs. Day improved 50 lbs. from the last meet, and set personal records in all three lifts: 230 lb. squat; 140 lb. bench press; and 235 lb. deadlift.

"The girls competed very hard and everyone improved a great deal," said Ling. "We are very proud of the way they are working and the commitment they have made to

the sport of powerlifting. Their work ethic is obvious, as they are setting personal records each week."

On Feb. 15, both boys and girls squads competed in Florence for the final regular season meet of the year. The girls won their meet by a wide margin, totalling 35 points. Their closest challenger was Lago Vista, who finished with 24 points. The boys placed second with 29 points, close behind Lago Vista's 33.

Girls results are as follows and are specific to

weight class:

Brittany Dixon, 1st, 425 lbs.; Johnna Konzen, 2nd, 520 lbs., including a personal best 110 lb. bench; Rachel Blodgett, 4th, 500lbs.;

Shae Janda, 2nd, 600 lbs., personal best 230 lb. squat and 260 lb. deadlift; LauraLee Young, 1st, 690 lbs, personal records in bench (120) and deadlift (300); Klaasje Day, 3rd, 605 lbs.;

Stella Butts, 5th, 435 lbs.; and Jessica Roberts, SEE POWERLIFTERS PAGE 12B

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New science of hearing aids

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

The trouble with hearing loss, said Kelly Kelley, director of the Hearing Research Institute in Temple, is that as soon as our hearing is fully developed, before we depart the womb, it immediately begins to decline. Subsequently, through years of noise exposure, by the time most folks reach their 50th or 60th year, hearing loss is a problem.

Through rapid technological advancement in the industry over the past decade, though, devices such as hearing aids, which have become common place, have shed their reputation for conspicuousness; gone are the days of bulky, clumsy contraptions that buzzed ineffectively in people's ears. They have since been replaced by digitally-oriented, razzle-dazzle instruments that not only improve hearing, but fit comfortably inside the ear without drawing undue attention.

Kelley explained to the Salado Lions that the origin of hearing aid technology rests with the Bell telephone company, which, in the third and fourth decades of the last century, began to apply developments in the electronics field to hearing loss. But after those initial breakthroughs, the gains in research plateaued swiftly, grinding to a halt in the 1960s, and remaining stagnant for the next 40 years or so.

"About the only thing that changed," said Kelley, "is that they got smaller and the sound got cleaner. Other than that, the circuitry basically stayed the same."

Kelley said that in those first days, the researchers



The Salado Lions Club announced the winners of their essay contest and peace poster contest at their Feb. 12 luncheon. Above, along with Lions president Grover Jones, are the winners of the essay contest, Lauren Haire, Jamie Burson and Ariel Simpson. The winners are all students at Salado Intermediate School. Below is pictured Ashley Jenkins, pictured with her mother Josslyn, won first place. Maria Sierra was awarded second and Sally Kitzman placed third.

(PHOTOS BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

kept it pretty simple. "How many here have ever used a hearing aid," he asked. "Well," he continued, pointing to the speakers at his side and waving the microphone in his hand, "you're using one right now. A microphone, an amplifier and speakers. That's the basic technology of hearing aids."

Now, the technology is being refined, and implemented in different ways. For the better part of their history, hearing aids were manufactured with an analog system, while later transitions in design were still analog-based, but included computer controls. Currently, most new hearing devices are completely digital.

"We're beginning to apply more electronic science to hearing aids, and that just wasn't being done before," he said. "We want to change the way the aids are fit with the science of sound."

In addition the new technological applications, efforts are being made at



the Hearing Research Institute to improve the effectiveness of hearing aids. Prior to the onset of digital devices, the return rate for hearing aids was in the neighborhood of 60 percent, according to Kelley. That number is now down to around 25 percent, but even that is unacceptable, he said.

He pointed out that just a few years ago, the patients he saw averaged in the 70s in age. He says he's now seeing younger and younger people, with the median age resting between late 40s and early 50s. Because of that, Kelley believes the effectiveness

of hearing aids needs to be at an optimum, and the return rates need to improve. That is one of the primary goals of the Institute.

"If you have just a moderate amount of hearing loss, you need to protect yourself," said Kelley. "It's all cumulative, and damage from noise is increasing. We can't totally repair your hearing, but if we get you back to 50 percent, you can make out most all conversations, and that is a good goal to aim for."

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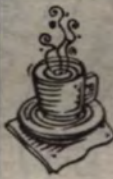


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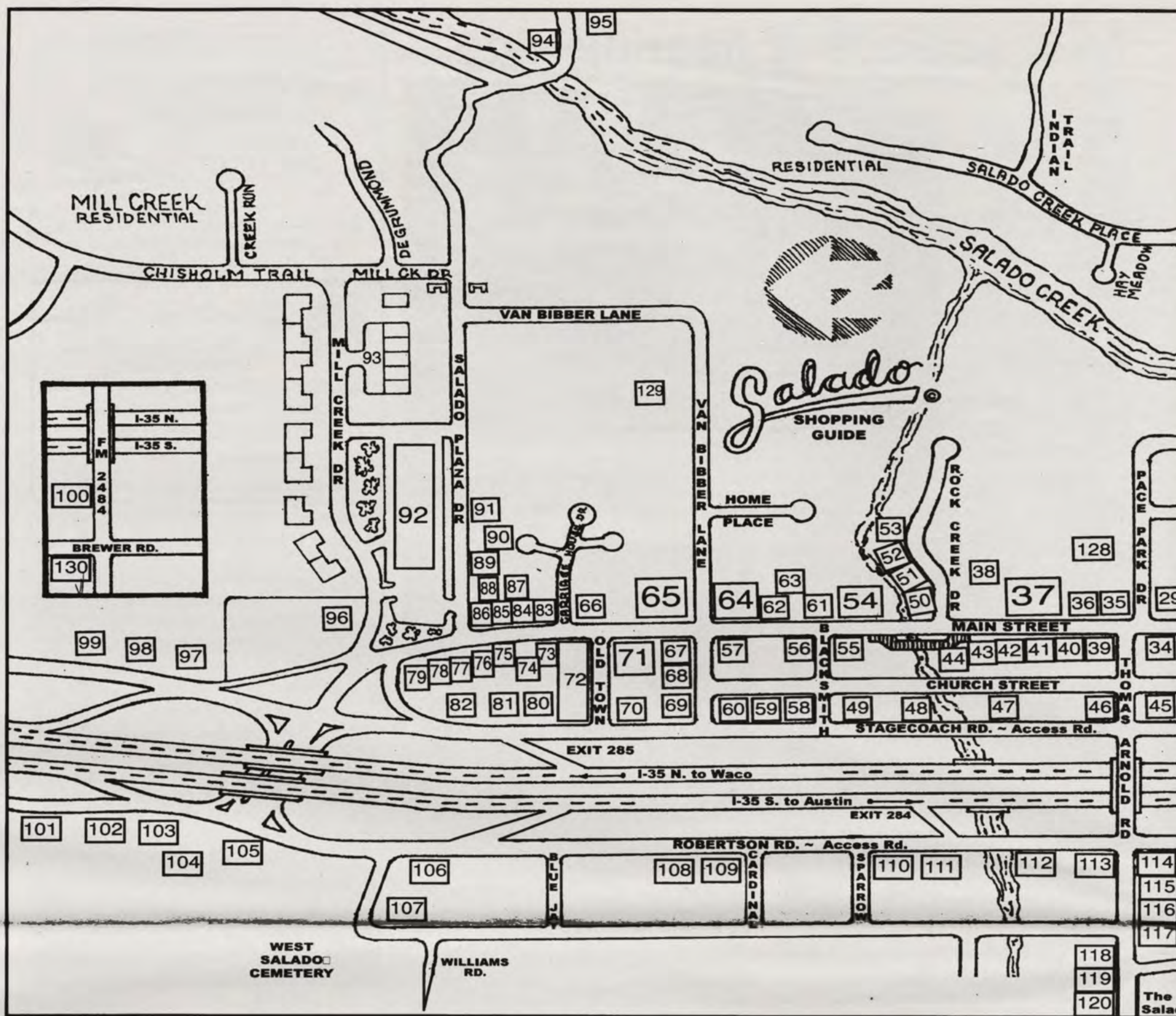
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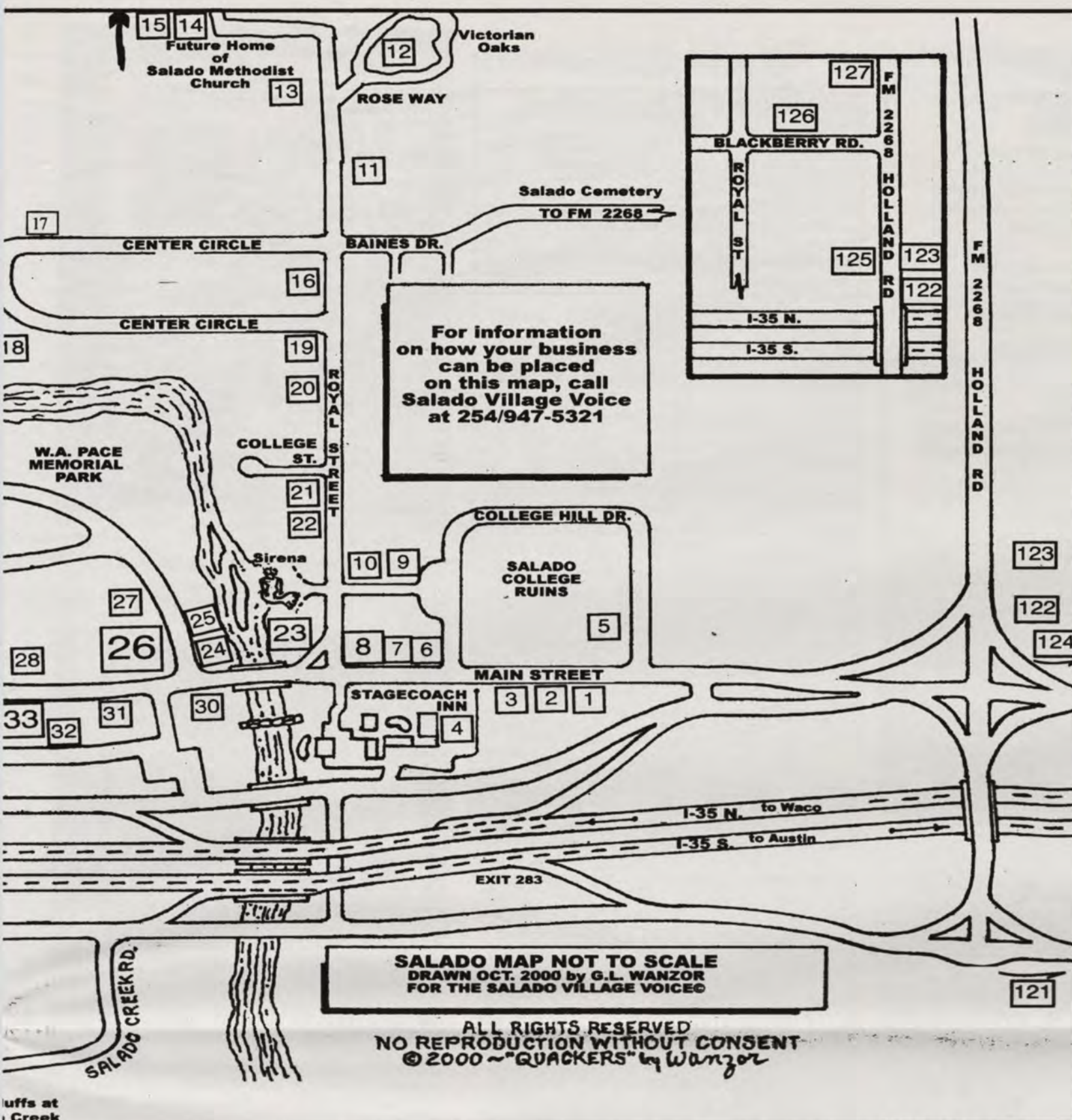
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Austin Rogers, 6th, 720 lbs.; Jesse Rodriguez, 4th, 990 lbs. including two personal records, squat (350), and bench (195); Brad Ray, 2nd, 1215 lbs., 275 lb. bench press;

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company of friends and family. The first impression of this unique home begins with the arched entry porch which wraps around the front of the home to the sunroom. The large wrap around porch features round white columns and two sets of double French glass doors providing the homeowners with ample room to relax on the front porch and watch a scenic Texas sunset. The paneled mahogany entry door

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The focal point of the home centers around a large gourmet kitchen and breakfast room separated by an angled island with stainless sink looking out through the breakfast room onto the front wrap around porch. The warm tones of the stained custom cabinetry and engineered stone countertops with slate tile backsplash have a country French flair that includes an arch shaped opening between the kitchen and family room allowing the cook to interact with family in the great room. The kitchen also has a built in desk with upper storage cabinets and cubby storage hidden from view by a hinged cabinet door. Pewter cabinet hardware, door hardware, light fixtures and fans provide a dramatic contrast to the rich stained cabinetry, countertops and ceramic tiled floors.

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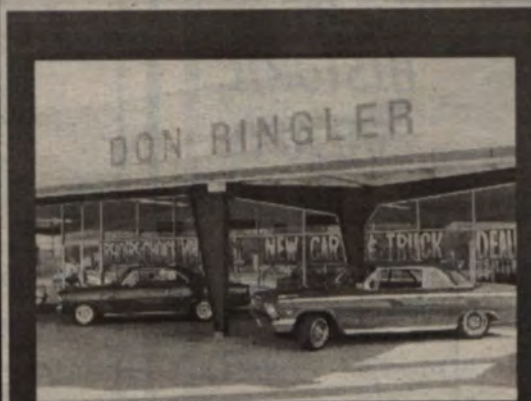
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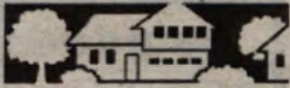
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MARKETPLACE

Homes For Sale



This 3BR 2BA, 3 year old custom home has a large open floorplan with lots of windows & light. Formal dining room & breakfast nook. Raised ceiling in spacious living room with crown molding & corner fireplace. The master BR is inviting with raised pan ceiling and a wall of windows. Generous Master BA with separate shower and tub. Landscaped yard is .68 acres. \$166,000 Call Century 21 - Bill Bartlett 254-947-5050 tfn

Lovely Colonial style home on 57 acres, surrounded by huge live oaks. Overlooking the countryside 2 miles from Salado. 3 BR 2 full baths, 2 half baths. Separate 900 SF home 1 BR, bath, living room. Barn, storage, game room building. \$599,000 C-21 Bill Bartlett 254-947-5050

Homes For Sale

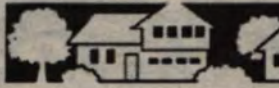


Mill Creek Drive Townhome. Very nice. Spacious 2-2-1. Large lot. Walk to shopping center. New carpet, vaulted ceilings, 6 closets, ceiling fans, refrigerator, blinds. Monthly P and I below \$500 For Sale by owner \$86,995. 254-338-5083 or 512-930-1440. tfnb

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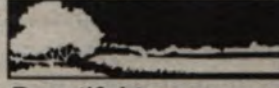
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Homes For Sale



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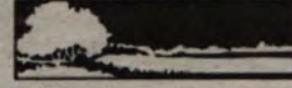
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Executive duplex in prestigious Salado over 1800 sq. ft. at 1200 Chisholm, 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 living, 1 dining, covered porch and security system. Yard care provided, water for yard care paid. \$1225 month, \$900 sec. dep. Available 8-1-02 Call 254-698-4113 tfnb

Rent this view of Salado Creek and Mill Creek Golf Course and we will throw in an Indian Hill townhome. 3/2/2 semi-private entry, vaulted ceilings, large deck. Walk to the swimming pool. \$1450 per month call Rita Brown at Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050

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Whispering Oaks - Awesome lot! Efficiently designed, all one level, 3/2/3 split bedroom plan with oversized fireplace centering the spacious "keeping room." Lovely quiet location. **New Price!!! \$149,500.**



Carriage House Estates Beautiful stained glass designed especially for the decor of the elegant custom built home. huge master suite includes study and bath fit for a king and his queen! Gourmet kitchen with its open design features wrap around breakfast or buffet bar perfect for entertaining. Looking for something really special? See this one! \$299,000.



Brazos Court - Golfers Choice! Just across the street from pro-shop and swimming pool. Roomy BR/2BA/2 car garage, patios and courtyards off all dining and bedroom. Great design for easy living & leisure! Affordably priced. \$125,000.



Old Mill Road - Travel in your future? Keep your fine "home away from home", RV in your own full sized garage right here next to your lovely early Texas home & guest cottage. Porches, roomy country kitchen, 9' ceilings, quiet seclusion just a short stroll from golf. Could make it hard to leave home! A rare property! \$189,500.



Glen Meadows - 2000 home on 2.56 acres, decks on front and side, fireplace, skylites, island kitchen design, master suite with double closets, garden bath and separate shower. Additional outside storage building. A truly elegant home, outstanding setting. \$95,000.



Bluffs at Mill Creek - Salado Creek and Mill Creek Golf Course presented at their best! View them from the master bedroom, breakfast room and expansive deck of this gorgeous Bluffs home. 10' ceilings, elaborate interior trims and design. 3 BR/2-1/2 BA, 2 car garage (oversized) Cul-de-sac location. \$299,000.

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\$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.



\$143,500 - This home sits on 1.83 beautifully wooded acres in Live Oak Estates. 3 BR, 2 BA with open living/dining area. Two car garage. Peaceful, quiet setting only a few miles from Salado.



\$114,800 - New Construction! 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 car garage on one acre in Salado Prairies off of FM 2268. A very nice split bedroom plan with huge walk-in closet in the master bedroom. Also nice walk-in 2nd bedroom. Efficient U-shaped kitchen and large utility room.



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- **\$59,999** - Well maintained and updated older home in Belton. Patio. Swimming pool.
- **\$114,800** - New Construction! Split BR, Tile floors, backsplash. 3BR/2 BA, 2 car garage.
- **\$125,800** - Under construction on 1 acre. Master BA with garden tub - **Under Contract**.
- **\$127,800** - New in Salado Prairies. 3 BR plus an office. Arched entry to breakfast/kitchen.
- **\$128,800** - New in Salado Prairies. Vaulted ceilings in family & dining area. 1 acre.
- **\$129,900** - 3 BR, 2 BA home at the entrance of Mill Creek. Master BR has sitting area.
- **\$141,900** - Nature lovers will appreciate the wooded back yard - **SOLD**
- **\$143,500** - 1.83 Live Oak Estates. 3 BR/2BA with open living/dining area.
- **\$149,900** - Neat, clean 3 BR/2BA. Separate laundry room, formal dining. Storage shed.
- **\$162,500** - Heavily wooded lot in Mill Creek. Copper fireplace, spiral staircase.
- **\$162,900** - Corner lot in Mill Creek. Loft upstairs is perfect play room or T.V. room.
- **\$164,900** - New home in Live Oak Estates. Large Master BR with terrific Master Bath.
- **\$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.
- **\$184,500** - Clean 4 BR. Landscaping, pavestone patio & retaining wall - **Under Contract**.
- **\$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.
- **\$189,800** - New home in Mill Creek Springs. Fine architectural design, custom upgrades.
- **\$197,800** - One story 3 BR, 2 BA ranch style on 1.6 acres, with dormers and long porches.
- **\$197,800** - New home near the golf course. Engineered foundation, custom details.
- **\$198,500** - Austin Stone home on 2 acres. Study can be 4th bedroom.
- **\$199,500** - Deck w/ hot tub & gazebo overlooks wooded lots and the lake - **Under Contract**.
- **\$199,500** - Located at the entrance to Mill Creek. Lovely setting, with many possibilities.
- **\$222,800** - Professional landscaping & rose garden. 4 BR/ 3 BA - **Under Contract**.
- **\$229,500** - Poolside, 2 acres, space for a motor home. 4 bedrooms, 3 car garage.
- **\$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.
- **\$295,000** - Mediterranean style home on 4 wooded acres. View of Stillhouse Hollow Lake.
- **\$339,000** - Great home on Mill Creek cul-de-sac. Bonus room above garage. 1.278 acre lot.
- **\$349,000** - Mediterranean style home on .72 acre. Backs up to golf course and creek.
- **\$364,900** - Step into comfort and elegance. 4 BR/2.5 BA, 2 car garage plus golf cart garage.
- **\$375,000** - Ranch-style Austin stone home on 29 acres. Shop, 10 stall barn, 4 pastures.
- **\$449,500** - 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.



\$189,000 - On the golf course, overlooking Salado Creek. Beautiful setting and perfect location. 2 BR, 2 BA.



\$186,500 - this home is known as the "Orange Lady's home". Wonderful views of Mill Creek Golf Course and Salado Creek. Views of the creek can be seen from most parts of the home. Eat breakfast overlooking the golf course, lounge in the living room as you watch the creek flow by, & enjoy the rippling water from your own master bedroom. Entertain guests in the large living room area. Nice floor plan. 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 living, 2 dining. First time this home has been on the market.



\$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.



\$59,999 - Well maintained and updated older home. Large covered patio. Central heat and air conditioning. Large swimming pool in fenced back yard. Hardwood floors under some carpet.

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

- **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, all or part.
- **50 acres** in the heart of deer country, wooded, good road frontage.
- **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
- **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

Other Lots

- **Royal Oaks** - \$30,000
- **Royal Oaks** - \$35,900
- **Rita Bend Drive** - \$39,900
- **Hidden Springs** - Lot 111 • \$49,900, Lot 82 • \$83,000
- **Windy Hill Ranch** - 2 acre lots - \$55,000 to \$90,000
- **Baines Street** - \$17,500 - **Under Contract**.

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Excellent commercial location on corner of West Village Road & IH 35 at Exit 285. **\$239,900.**



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, covered patio area & formal dining room. **\$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.~~ **\$329,900.**



A beautiful hilltop 3/2 home, manicured lawn overlooking 3 acre lake on 13.42 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 in Salado. Sit on your front porch and enjoy your corner lot all for only **\$119,900.**



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 1/2 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.~~ **\$225,000**



Absolutely amazing view of Salado from this home located in the prestigious Royal Oaks. Enjoy your huge living room with beautiful hardwood floors throughout the living area. 3/2/2 with study that could be used as a fourth bedroom... **\$279,900.**



"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.**



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.**



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.**
Approximately 2 acres near golf course in Mill Creek. Beautiful trees. **\$38,995.**
2 acre lot southwest of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$28,900.**
2 acre lot southwest of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$27,900.**
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 Southwest of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$56,800.**
5.13 acres southwest of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **Reduced to \$44,900.**
53 acres south of Salado. **\$2,990/acre.**
928 acres sw of Salado. Beautiful rolling tree country w/ live creek & large lake on property. Excellent views. Outstanding wildlife.
Three 250 acre tracts southwest of Salado. Beautiful rolling hills w/ large trees, live creek and water tank. Excellent views & deer

country. **\$2,500/acre.**
250 acres, 3 lakes hilltop views w approximately 60 acres of woods. **\$1,950/acre.**
425 acres, 3 lakes 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.**

Belton

Nice 2 BR/2BA doublewide with large living and formal dining. Fenced yard - **\$47,900.**

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.**