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Hometown newspaper read by Joe & Anita Holt

Shobe, Kornegay on Library

Ervi, Kelley elected to school board

Salado voters returned incumbents to their positions on the school board and public library board in a low-turnout election May 3.

Miriam Ervi was re-elected to a second three-year term on the school board. She had 279 votes to lead the field of five candidates for two positions on the school board.

Jeff Kelley was elected to the board with 191 votes.

Other candidates for the board were Cathy Carlson, 175 votes, Dr. Robert Cortes, 159 votes and Kathy Daniell, 91 votes.

In the election for Salado Public Library

board of directors, Susan Shobe was re-elected to a two-year term. She had 348 votes to lead the field of three candidates.

Tonya Kornegay was elected to the board with 301 votes. John Newman had 133 votes in the race.

Jackie Mills, Vic Means and Rick Ashe were all re-elected to the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen. Because no one else filed for election as a regular or write-in candidate, the Village election was canceled and the three were re-elected to the board.

The newly elected officials will begin their terms this month.

Recreating life topic of institute lecture

For the fourth and final weekend of its spring series "Commitments: Choice and Consequences," the Institute for the Humanities at Salado offers three programs by Beverly Lowry, biographer of the first child of slaves to become a millionaire entrepreneur, Madam C. J. Walker.

Lowry's book, **Her Dream of Dreams: The Rise and Triumph of Madam C. J., Walker**, is being published by Knopf in April of this year. Lowry also wrote **Crossed Over: A Memoir**, recently produced as a film starring Diane Keaton, as well as **The Perfect Sonya, Come Back Lolly Ray, Breaking Gentle**, and **Daddy's Girl**.

Her reviews, essays, and short fiction appear regularly in *The New York Times*, *Texas Monthly*, *Rolling Stone*, and *The New Yorker*.

Lowry directs the non-fiction program in the Creative Writing Program at George Mason University.

On May 10, Lowry will lead a seminar at The Range Restaurant 10 a.m.-2 p.m. called "The Story of Madam C. J. Walker: Using Research, Experience, Hard Thought, and Imagination to Create a Life," about

the kinds of research into unmarked pathways of American history and the imaginative work required to write this biography of Madam C. J. Walker.

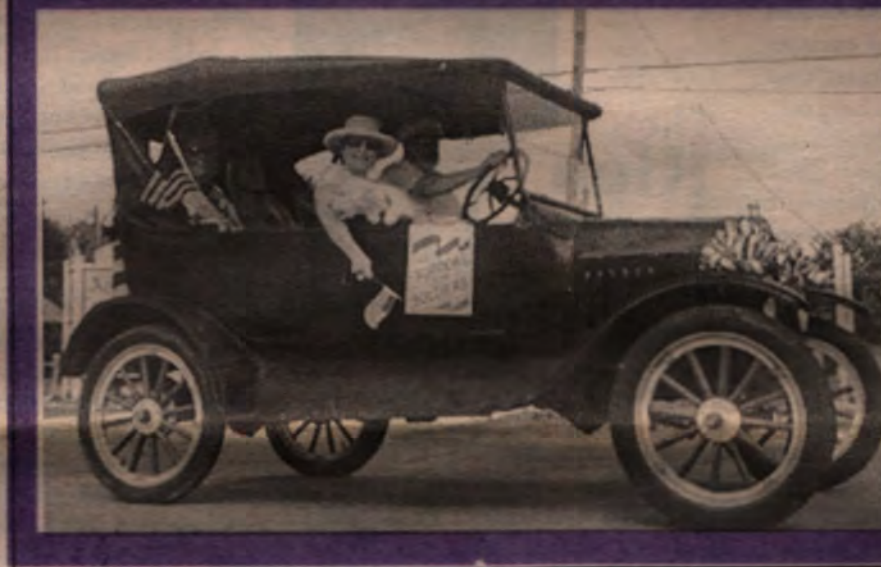
This seminar will be of interest to writers of both fiction and nonfiction. It will provide new insights into the history of the first generation of African Americans not born as slaves. It will also be informative to people interested in family and genealogical research. Lunch will be served and is included in the total cost of \$52.50.

On May 11, Lowry will give her final presentation, "Finding Robert Burney, the Owner of Madam Walker's Parents, in Austin, Texas," 4-6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center on Main Street. The cost for this lecture is \$27.50.

The Institute for the Humanities at Salado is a non-partisan public humanities institute. All events are open to the public.

Pre-registration is recommended, however seating may be available at the door.

Contact the Institute for the Humanities at Salado at 254-947-5729 or email coord@vvm.com for enrollment, information and directions to the events.



Saladoans showed their support of US troops in Iraq with a parade down Main Street May 1. The banner carried above says it all. At left, Dr. Don Ellis drove the lead car carrying Christy Egbert, Grand Marshal of the parade. Egbert's husband and son have both been transferred from Ft. Hood to Iraq.

Photos by
Chris McGregor

Even before adopting ordinance, aldermen learn that zoning will prove to be thorny issue

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Even before aldermen formally adopt it, the Zoning Ordinance will be a thorny issue for the Village of Salado. Aldermen and Long Range Plan steering committee members found themselves being asked during the May 1 town hall meeting to both prevent and allow the Salado United Methodist Church to move its historic sanctuary.

Bill Kyle, on behalf of the Methodist Church, requested the board of aldermen to change the zoning designation of the property so that the church can sell the property for more retail use than allowed within the Historic District.

As part of its expansion plans, the Methodist Church has purchased 20 acres on Royal Street, where it plans to move the current sanctuary and to build a new fellowship hall.

Eventually, the church

will build a new sanctuary to accommodate the growth of the congregation, which is approximately 700.

Kyle explained to aldermen that, in order to finance the new construction, the church must sell the property it owns on Thomas Arnold and Church St.

Because it sits in the proposed Historic District of the village, the property would have restrictions for kinds of businesses that could be operated on the property.

Kyle said that the Church hopes that the city can change the designation of the property so that the church can sell the property and move the sanctuary. Even if the Village changes the zoning designation to allow for more types of retail businesses, it could still require the businesses to keep the construction within the architectural standards of the area, Kyle said.

Several members of the Methodist congregation

attended the meeting. Few spoke during the open part of the meeting.

Others, including residents around the church property, spoke against the church moving its sanctuary from its current location. The Salado United Methodist Church was built at the corner of Thomas Arnold and Church St. in 1890. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and has a Texas Historical Commission marker. If moved, the church sanctuary may lose both distinctions.

Methodist church members voted three years ago to buy property for expansion and to move the sanctuary to its new home as part of an overall plan. The plan will include construction of a large sanctuary at which time the old sanctuary will become a wedding chapel for the church.

Opponents of the plan say that moving the church will have an adverse effect on the overall historic integrity of Salado's his-

toric district.

One nearby resident said that the historic building is a piece of the puzzle that makes Salado uniquely attractive to visitors and residents.

In a letter of protest, Dale Gore wrote on behalf of the Salado Historical Society board of directors: "We entreat our Aldermen to realize that this could set an unhappy precedent, beginning with this permanent destruction until little by little, building by building, landmark by landmark, Salado's historic fabric is in shreds."

Aldermen took no action on the proposed Zoning Ordinance or the request of the Methodist Church to change the zoning designation of the property.

The first zoning issue facing aldermen, even before it adopts zoning ordinances at all, may turn out to be the thorniest of all. The decision will no doubt have an impact on the future of Salado. What that impact will be remains uncertain.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



New wine from enviros

So many Americans are engaged in a boycott of French wine that some French importers are pressuring President Jacques Chirac to cry Uncle (Sam). But environmentalists have different priorities than the rest of the country: They are busy protesting Napa Valley wine.

The picturesque trellised fields there make most people, especially anyone with a taste for cabernet, consider Northern California closer to heaven than any place on Earth since Eden. But the fields are maligned by greens as "alcohol farms," the environmentally catastrophic result of "the graping of the land."

The stereotypical Northern California vineyard owner is a wealthy yuppie who appreciates the outdoors and the finer things and wants to live within an hour's drive of San Francisco, the Left Coast's left-most city. It must be discomfiting for him suddenly to be considered no better than a smoke-belching coal-plant operator.

But hold your amusement. California wine has, during the past couple of decades, become as American as baseball, apple pie, Budweiser and Jack Daniel's. The vineyards are threatened by an environmental extremism that can properly be considered part of, together with smoking bans at bars, hamburger lawsuits and all the rest of it, "A War on Anything You Might Happen to Find Pleasurable."

One charge against the vineyards, some of which are built on the sides of slopes, is that they might dump dirt into streams, fouling the water. It has happened occasionally. But the definitions of water pollution and of what constitutes a stream, practically any rivulet of rain runoff, have become maniacally broad.

Environmentalists complain that the vineyards are a monoculture, i.e., just one, ecologically sterile, crop. Although some of the newer vineyards have eaten into forests, most of them have replaced other monocultures, apple orchards and

The Rich Lowry column



the like.

Finally, greens worry about endangered species. Heaven forbid that a mud puddle might be disturbed that provides a habitat to a vernal pool of fairy shrimp, but it is only by stretching the federal Endangered Species Act to the point of absurdity that vineyards can be portrayed as despoilers of the planet.

As the wine industry has boomed in Northern California (fueled by annoying Internet millionaires), an important shift in perception has taken place. Vineyards, once viewed as an alternative to tract housing and other nasty developments, now are themselves seen as a nasty development.

That makes them vulnerable to every tool of harassment in the environmentalist arsenal: numerous lawsuits (the Sierra Club has sued the local government and growers), zealously applied federal regulations and ever-tightening local land-use and permitting rules.

Some critics have taken to calling the growers "merchants of death," as if they're selling crack. They apparently haven't gotten the word that a glass of wine a day can help prevent heart disease, never mind pleasing the pallet and soothing the spirit.

Patriotic, common-sensical imbibers should have their marching orders: Boycott French wine to annoy Jacques Chirac and his countrymen. Drink Californian to annoy the enviro-weenies.

Senate excluded from panel assigned to overhaul public school finance system

There's a well accepted theorem down in Austin that if you want to foul up a two-car funeral, just hand it over to the Texas Legislature and give them time to form a committee, hold hearings, examine expert witnesses, come up with a legalized (albeit confusing) proposal, collar enough votes - and "voila" the casket never gets buried and each of the two vehicles arrives late at a different boneyard!

And by golly, that's almost exactly what two of our top elected officials did last week when they took on the unworkable behemoth called the "Public School Finance System."

The facts have been well reported and started with the formation of a critically important "Study" panel of 23 House members appointed by Speaker Tom (ABC) Craddick who properly charged members to: "Devise a school finance system that promotes success for all Texas children - one that is equitable and permanent," and further, have it ready for a special session this Fall or early in January 2004.

Governor (Rick the Reluctant) Perry will add four panel members and also fund the research with a million bucks from his office budget. Craddick plans to use researchers from UT-Austin, headed by a federal banker from Dallas.

So far so good - but let's take a look at what was not done (the funeral foul-up part) by the GOP leaders, who are swapping a study (translated "delay") for immediate action. Something they sneakily planned to do before the session began in January.

IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS

Despite the back-slapping and cheshire bird-gulping grins by Perry, Craddick and their lower chamber followers, over the delay in tackling the needed school finance reform - the "Study" has come to bat with a number of built-in problems, that will be difficult to overcome.

For starters, nowhere within the lofty composition, of what could be the single most important investigative-study committee adventure in years - is there a single member of the Senate!

Imagine - a group charged with the incredible challenge of recharting the treacherous shoals & reefs called "school finance" with nary a Senator on board! This intentional omission resulted from the snubbing (by Perry and Craddick) of Lt. Governor David Dewhurst's plan to "immediately" go after the fouled-up Texas Public School Finance system with a bill that would raise the sales tax to 7.85 percent while constitutionally mandating a cut in the school property tax maximum by 50% - from \$1.50 to 75 cents.

DEWHURST PLAN ON FAST TRACK

Incidentally, Dewhurst has created a "near miracle" in the upper house over the past few days by securing the names of all 31 Senators in support of his idea to resolve at least one major financial woe associated with funding public education - namely the overburdened property tax. He then had Senators vote to hear the proposal through use of a "committee of the whole" ploy and within hours, gained total approval, by all members present, to put the measure at the top of this week's floor debate agenda!

Getting the Senate to agree on the time of day is usually a herculean problem, but to sign them all up for a new tax in the light of the GOP's demands to avoid such anathematizing sins - and then move it to floor debate in one day is historic, and we commend neophyte Dewhurst for this

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



Rocky start predicted for "Blue Ribbon" committee that has no Senators or educators on board at outset. Senate debates Dewhurst plan in lightning-like move. Bullock tax plan revisited.

unusual accomplishment regardless of the outcome of his plan.

MORE PITFALLS

As to the next "study formation" pitfall - no educators appointed to the select committee - at least for openers. Not a single school board member, superintendent, principal, or teacher - you know, folks that just might be able to lend a helping hand.

The Guv added yet another problem by taking the matter of a possible state income tax (to fund education) "off the table."

We are talking here about biennial spending for public schools that hovers around \$33 billion, and could easily reach \$40 to \$45 billion, if any study worth it's salt is put in place.

How to reach those rarified financial heights without a transfusion from a major tax source (like an income tax) - will certainly cut into whatever effectiveness the plan might have.

BULLOCK'S TAX PLAN RESURRECTED

Former Lt. Governor Bob Bullock, back in 1998-9, went out on a major political limb by noting that taxation for most state governments - nationwide, rests on what he called a "three legged tax stool" - including property, sales and income taxes.

In Texas, he noted, we have a wobbly two legged stool, uneasily teetering with nearly maxed out sales taxes and a property tax that has beleaguered local taxpayers at the mercy of every school, city, county taxing authority - since it's the only place they can go for revenue.

Bullock also pointed out that sales taxes are not deductible on the federal income tax return, whereas both state income and property taxes can be used to reduce the Fed-tax hit.

Those who subscribe to Bullock's idea of adding a state income tax as our "third leg to the tax stool," have suggested that a constitutional amendment could be put in place that would create a dedicated "flat" income tax, held at a fixed predetermined level and able to fund the entire public school system of Texas.

The plan would also repeal the school's \$1.50 ad valorem tax (maximum for maintenance and operation) and further, allow the income tax to increase only at the same rate as the cost of education rises, and that following a difficult-to-achieve four-fifths vote in both houses of the Legislature.

Schools would be allowed to keep in place a limited property tax to repay their bonded indebtedness, plus a ten cent add-on (per \$100 valuation) for the "extras" not supplied by state funds. Both would have to be pre-approved by district voters.

State money would be distributed - from the income tax - to each school district on the basis of students in average daily attendance.

WAIT AND HOPE

Provided the newly appointed "Study" committee does its job properly, there

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Schools most important item of business for state

Capitol Update

by Rep Dianne White Delisi

The House and Senate have turned in their budget plans, but the debate over how Texas will spend its money isn't over yet. The House budget, containing \$58.6 billion in general revenue spending, representing a decrease from the 2002-2003 levels. The senate budget is slightly larger. However, Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has stated that neither budget has been reduced enough to eliminate the entire \$9.9 billion shortfall.

Nonetheless, during the debate on H.B. 1, many representatives felt that we were not doing enough for education. Schools are the single most important item that the State of Texas funds, and I believe should always have claim to the first dollar of available funds. With that in mind, I was one of two Republicans who pushed successfully for an amendment to put in \$525 million in new funds for education into the budget.

Half of these funds are earmarked for the Teacher Retirement System - a direct benefit to teachers. The other half is set aside for the Foundation School Program - a direct benefit for school districts. With this amendment, we hope to ease somewhat the burden on our schools, which are already hurting.

The passage of H.B. 1 is not the end of the debate on funding for our schools. This week, the House also passed H.B. 5, a school finance bill. However, this is only a temporary solution, which does not solve the long-term issues surrounding our educational system. For too long, the State of Texas has passed on the burden of school finance onto the local school districts, which has led to a rise in property taxes. By finding a new method of funding, Texas can move

towards a permanent solution to this crisis. This solution should not only address equity in school finance, but quality as well.

With that in mind, Speaker Tom Craddick has appointed a select interim committee on school finance to address this issue, and has appointed me to serve on this committee. Almost certainly, this will require a special session of the legislature. No issue is more important than educating our children, who are the future of Texas. Although there is no "magic bullet" to this issue, it certainly merits the priority that the speaker has assigned to it.

The budget debate is a process that still has a long way to go. With so many tough cuts already made, we still find ourselves short. Although the Governor has promised no new taxes, other revenue proposals will have to be on the table. Some are calling for using the rainy day fund or increasing fees on services, as well as raising the cigarette tax.

Before the legislature considers any increase in fees, we must first determine what the state's real needs are and what it takes to fulfill those needs. There are a finite number of dollars, and we must make sure that we are spending those wisely, to meet the needs we have while ensuring the efficient government Texas taxpayers deserve.

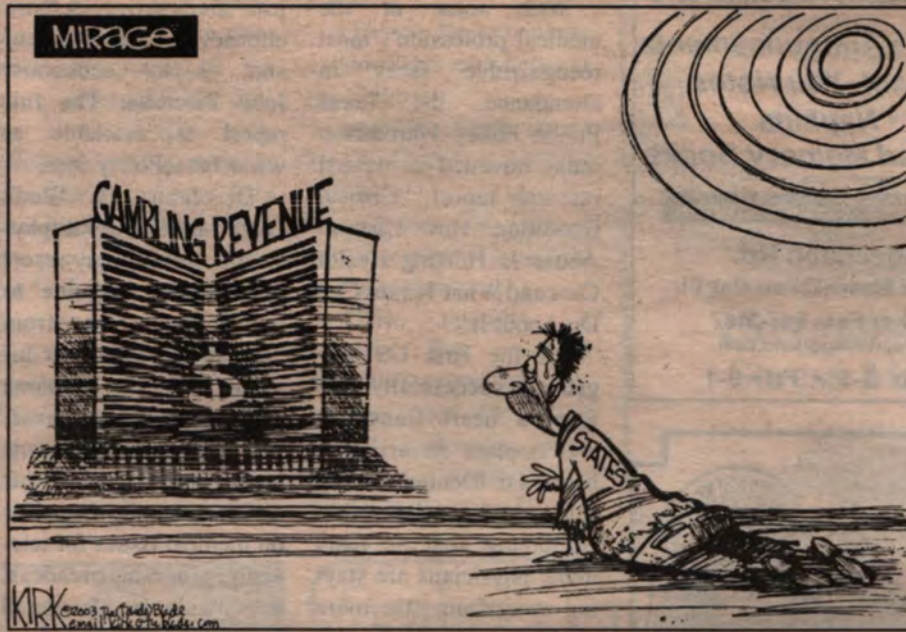
Texas can and must live within its means. The current budget is a work in progress with many steps remaining before it arrives on Governor Perry's desk. Throughout the process, legislators must never forget who the budget is for - the people of Texas. And it must never forget whose money it is either.

at once. And, secondly, the "no new tax" dictums need to be discarded by lawmakers when dealing with the billions needed to create a long term workable plan for financing the public schools of Texas.

Meantime - we will wait, watch and hope (with bated breath, of course) that something positive and helpful will come from the study.

That's -30-

FORUM



Readers write of war, church

To the Editor:

Shortly after Operation Iraqi Freedom started, you pictured on the front page of your newspaper three local people of Salado holding an ANTI-WAR sign. I must say this really upset me and made me angry. After the first Gulf War, the Iraqi dictator was given years to prove that he had destroyed so-called Weapons of mass Destruction and not supporting terrorism, but he went about doing what he wanted to do. Memories for some folks are short, but after our Nation was attacked on 9/11/2001, and thousands of innocent people were killed or injured and their families' lives were changed forever, our President and Congress declared war on Terrorism. As the war ends, I see the Iraqi people smiling because they are now free from a Dictator and his thugs and will soon have a government run by the people. On the news the other day, a newspaper was able to print what it wanted to print for decades without fear.

No, I am not for war, but sometimes it must take place in order to make change when all else fails. For you see innocent people are killed and injured, and lives are changed forever just as they've been in our country. You must support our troops for they are doing what they volunteered and trained to do. A terrorist doesn't care if you support the war or you are anti-war when he or she plants a bomb in a shopping mall or airplane, you carry a label being AMERICAN. I support our troops in what they have done and are doing now in a war worth what it has cost in money and lives. I had much rather lose a son or daughter to valor than to drugs, a gang slaying or a

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senseless car accident.

Yes, I am a veteran of an unpopular war called Vietnam, one that was run by our Congress and Senate, not like the recent ones that were run by the Generals and Admirals as it should be done. I put on a uniform and served my Country when others dodged the draft or left for another country which would condone their actions. Unlike the troops coming home now, I wasn't greeted or treated as a hero. As I passed through San Francisco International Airport, I was stopped by a young man, probably older than my 20 years, and asked had I been to Vietnam. I responded proudly, "Yes, I have," and he spit at my feet. This is a memory that will be etched in my mind until the day I die.

Our freedoms must be protected no matter how basic you think they are, either here in this country or another, with or without anyone's help. So you see, the right to carry an Anti-War sign, writing this letter, printing a newspaper or carrying on our daily activities without fear are worth fighting for, don't you think? Let us remember this later this month, when we honor those who fought and died for the rights we cherish, a day we call Memorial Day.

Johnny Butler,
Salado, TX

Editor's note: The Salado Cemetery Association conducts a memorial service for the men and women who have served in all the wars and are buried in the Salado cemetery. The Ceremony will be 9 a.m. May 26 at the Cemetery on Baines. Also,

Salado Village Voice prints the names and service of each person buried in the Cemetery on an annual basis. That list serves as a reminder of the sacrifices Americans make for the freedom we enjoy every day. It is also our way to thank those in our community who have sacrificed and served our country

To the Editor:

The following letter was sent to the Salado Board of Aldermen for their consideration during the May 1 town hall meeting:

"As you might already know, the Salado Historical Society board of directors voted on March 27 to communicate its concerns regarding a proposal to build a fast food/gas pump operation on the site currently occupied by the Salado United Methodist Church. We understand that this particular proposal is no longer under consideration, but nevertheless feel that it is important to raise awareness of the potential of such land use in Salado's Historic District.

The issues are these:
1. Let alone that a National register and Texas Historical commission-marked building, the c. 1890 Salado Methodist Church, is being moved from its historic site to a place with which it has no historical connection. The church voted to do this, and it is their right to do so, though it seriously damages the historical integrity of both the building and the historic site it occupies. The National Park Service and the Texas Historical Commission do not award historical markers

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This food came from where?



Jim Hightower

You can look at the label on your t-shirt and see where it was made, just as you can look on a television set or tennis shoe and find whether they were made in, say, the U.S. or China, but where is your hamburger from or that catfish filet on the blue-plate special?

Most American consumers say that they'd like very much to know whether the food that they and their children eat comes from a country that at least pretends to have food safety protections. In our wondrous new global economy, giant agribusiness corporations are abandoning American farmers to produce and process everything from meats to veggies in countries where farmers and fisherman can be treated like serfs, where the water and land can be contaminated at will, and where food-borne diseases are rampant.

This is why Congress finally passed a law a couple of years ago to require that food products be labeled by their country of origin. If the beef is from Bulgaria, if the frozen crawfish is from China, hey, tell us about it, so we consumers can decide if that's what we want to buy.

This is fundamental Adam Smith capitalism, but guess who doesn't believe in it? The corporate capitalists!

They went wailing to the Bush administration, claiming that the new labeling law would wreck their bottom lines, stifle global trade, and cause the sky to fall. The Bushites, ever sensitive to corporate cries of pain, put out an Agriculture Department report claiming that - gosh - telling consumers the origin of their food would cost the industry \$2 billion, so the law should be killed.

Hogwash. This is an industry that routinely changes its labels and already has well-established computer programs that track every iota of its business operations.

Agribusiness lobbyists are screaming about labeling only because the industry fears giving power to us consumers.

To stop the lobbyists from killing the food labeling law, contact The Campaign to Label Genetically Engineered Foods at 425-771-4049.

Lawsuit abuse hurts health care

By MICHAEL QUINN SULLIVAN
TEXAS PUBLIC POLICY FOUNDATION

With some of the medical profession's most recognizable faces in attendance, the Texas Public Policy Foundation today unveiled its newest research report, "Critical Condition: How Lawsuit Abuse Is Hurting Health Care and What Texans Can Do About It."

As the first US surgeon to successfully perform a heart transplant and implant an artificial heart, Dr. Denton Cooley said during the press conference that he fears many physicians are staying away from "the more challenging fields." He serves as president and surgeon-in-chief of the Texas Heart Institute, and has practiced medicine for 50 years.

"I don't want to be forced out of medicine because of the medical liability issue," added Cooley.

The Foundation's report identifies lawsuit abuse as having a severe negative impact on the ability of doctors to practice medicine and on the care patients are receiving. The

report was authored by TPDF's Director of Research Chris Patterson; registered nurse and medical malpractice defense attorney Colleen Whalen; and, Baylor economist John Pisciotta. The full report is available at www.TexasPolicy.com.

Dr. James H. "Red" Duke said that Texas physicians increasingly resort to "defensive medicine" to protect themselves from "this axe hanging over our heads." Dr. Duke, a trauma surgeon, is one of Texas, most recognizable doctors, having spent much of his career educating the public on medical issues for television programs broadcast nationwide. He also noted Texas is experiencing a shortage of physicians, especially those in specialized fields such as neuro-

surgery. "We don't have enough to go around."


Even medical liability lawsuits eventually dismissed with no payment to the plaintiff cost \$23,000 to defend, according to the report. Over the last 10 years the size of awards from medical liability suits has increased 500 percent in Texas, while the number of medical liability cases filed in Texas is doubling every five years. Meanwhile, hospitals are cutting back on services to limit their exposure to lawsuits.

"The greatest increase in awards is coming in the form of non-economic damages, which are highly subjective," said Whalen, adjunct professor of medical legal issues, State University of New York. "According to data provided by the Texas Depart-

ment of Insurance, a \$250,000 cap on these awards could reduce Texas doctor's insurance premiums by 17 to 19 percent."

As the cost of liability insurance goes up, more physicians leave medicine and put Texans at risk of not receiving needed medical care, said Dr. Charles Bailey, Jr., president of the Texas Medical Association, who is also a lawyer.

"This issue is not about doctors or lawyers, it is about people and patients," said Bailey. "Will it compensate me as a plaintiff for my personal loss to compound these problems of others by making access to care unavailable to those who need it? It does not make sense to destroy other lives in an attempt to create the perfect world."



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to buildings that have been moved and do not sanction such removals unless building are physically endangered.

2. And let alone that a small neighborhood of four, single-family homes surrounds the church, one of which is also a National Register/Texas Historical Commission-listed property, and at least two of which were built a few years ago under the

assumption that the Salado Methodist Church property represented some permanence in that part of the Historic District.

3. The real issue here is the one that affects all of us in Salado: the potential loss, piece by piece, of that which makes Salado unique -- the Salado Historic District and the historic buildings and sites it was designed to protect. Granted that the "highest

and best use," commercially speaking, of such prime real estate as Main Street and Interstate frontage might certainly be high-traffic, fast food/gas station/convenience stores entities, such businesses have the longer-term potential of diminishing the economic health of our community by ruining our appeal and prestige to future visitors and prospective residents. Further, the type of business described above, while perhaps being the best market for the needs of the Salado Methodist Church, is not a business in short supply here. It would serve predominantly the needs of interstate traffic rather than the citizens of Salado and would pull that heavy traffic directly into the heart of our increasingly fragile and vulnerable Historic District.

The Salado Historical Society and this writer recognize the dilemma that their friends at the Salado United Methodist church are facing. It is a tough issue for all of us, and perhaps there is no "win-win" scenario. Still, as the historical preservation group in this community and as concerned citizens, we are obligated to register our opinions on this issue and to ask our fellow citizens to try to imagine the appearance of our village and the potential damage to Salado's business community and real estate values in 20 years if the Historic District is systematically destroyed by the piecemeal relinquishment of historic sites to the highest bidder.

Very sincerely,
Douglas B. Willingham, D.D.S."

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Attorney General Abbott talks about choosing long-term care

By GREG ABBOTT
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

Making arrangements for long-term care, whether for ourselves or for loved ones, can be difficult. Choose carefully: making the right selection now can help ensure comfort and security for years to come.

The Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) licenses long-term care facilities and categorizes them into five groups. These are nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation and related conditions, assisted living facilities, adult daycare facilities, and Home and Community Support Services Agencies (HCSSAs).

A nursing facility, commonly referred to as a nursing home, is a health-care facility that provides organized, structured care 24 hours a day. Nursing homes are generally for those who need constant medical attention. All basic medical and personal necessities are provided by the staff.

Assisted living facilities provide individualized health and personal care assistance in a home-like setting. These facilities emphasize autonomy and privacy while still maintaining general oversight.

Adult daycare facilities provide health, social and related support services for adults in a structured environment. Health care services may include nursing, personal care and therapy services. Participants do not stay overnight.

HCSSAs include home health agencies, hospices and personal assistance services. They provide medical services and routine, ongoing care such as feeding, preparing meals, bathing, dressing, grooming, transferring, and walking.

Once you determine the type of long-term care most beneficial to your situation, research the facilities or services in your area. If you are looking for a residential facility, it may be helpful to use a facility that is near your family or friends. How-

ever, you should select several facilities to compare. Some are much better than others. Ask a trusted physician for recommendations, or talk to family and friends about their experiences.

Once you narrow your choices, visit the facilities in person to evaluate the environment. Simple observations such as smell and appearance should be taken into account. Take some time to talk to staff and residents.

The State of Texas inspects nursing facilities once a year. Ask for the most recent survey report, which the facility is required to post. Most facilities have some violations, but this does not necessarily mean they provide poor care.

Strict standards exist for items such as nursing care, quality of life, dietary services, and safety concerns. You should review the report closely for infractions in these areas.

Ask questions such as: What is the ratio of nurses and nurse's aides to patients? How many com-

plaints have been made against your facility? What kind of turnover do you have for nurses and nurse's aids? Ask to see the facility's policy for emergency care and any other areas that apply specifically to your or your loved one's medical condition.

DHS also inspects HCSSAs on a periodic basis, and the inspection results are required to be made available when requested under the Public Information Act. You can ask service providers questions such as: Does the agency provide services in your part of town? Does the agency have substitute staff when the regular staff is out? What are the normal hours of operation and what services are available after hours and on holidays?

What are the policies regarding emergencies? You should also inquire into billing practices and whether they accept Medicare and Medicaid.

The majority of long-term care providers are caring individuals who provide excellent service to their clients. By knowing what to look for, families can make sure that their loved ones receive the best care possible.

Thanks for your kindness

To the Editor:

Recently, our family suffered the tragic loss of two young men, Adam and Lance Wigley. We were truly amazed at the outpouring of compassion shown by the entire Salado community as well as surrounding communities. Adam, 22, and Lance, 20, died in a tragic vehicle accident in Snyder, April 19 at approximately 10 a.m. By Saturday afternoon, our family was showered with expressions of sympathy and compassion to include flood, gifts, and lots of hugs. On the day of the funeral, there couldn't have been anyone left in Salado as the chapel and gravesite were flooded with those who stood beside us as we said goodbye to our boys. The community banded

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together for one of the greatest displays of compassion and concern I have ever seen in my life. I am truly proud that my wife and I moved to Salado, such a caring city.

Of special note, I would like to commend and thank the Salado Fire Department for their outpouring of sympathy. They went to great measures to see that the family remained fed, that the proper ceremonial events took place at the funeral and most of all that Adam and Lance's family knew that they loved them and stood by them in their

time of need. I tried to thank each and every member of the Salado Volunteer Fire Department personally, and I could see their empathy and pain in their faces as I looked into their eyes. When Wayne Rutherford said, "We loved Adam and Lance, and it's the least we could do for them," he meant it.

Thank you Wayne, the Salado Fire Department and the community of Salado for everything you did for my family.

Sincerely,
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Shelley Burk and Richard Jackson announce their engagement. The bride is the daughter of Vic and Becky Burk of Rotan. The groom is the son of Betty and Dennis Gregurek of Salado and Mike and Marilyn Jackson of Waco. He is the grandson of Ruth Shutt of Salado.

The couple plans a June 28 wedding in Rotan.

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Former Saladoan Combs passes away April 26

Anthony "Tony" Combs, Sr., of Alto, NM and formerly of Salado died April 26, 2003 in Ruidoso, NM. He was born on Aug. 24, 1951 in Richmond, CA to William G. Combs and Mary Louise Thompson, who preceded him in death.

Memorial services were held April 30 at the Sonterra Fire Station.

He served as Chief of the Bonito Fire Department. He was a resident of Alto, NM since moving from Salado in 1998. Prior to becoming an independent contractor he served eight years in law enforcement. He was in the Navy during the Vietnam era.

He is survived by his wife Peggy of Alto, NM; his sons, Anthony G. Combs, Jr., "Cricket" of Salado, Jeffrey A. Combs of Salado, Michael H. Combs of Salado, Kevin M. Combs of Pacheco, CA, Timothy B. Combs of Salado, Jeremiah Z. Combs of Alto, NM; two step-sons, Adam Phelps of Houston and Steven Phelps of Granbury; three brothers, Dwight Combs of Rosepine, LA, Phil Combs of Rosehill, KS, and Dan Combs, of Fairfield, CA and one sister, Melinda Combs of Concord, CA and 10 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Tony Combs Memorial Fund, C/O City Bank, 1096 Mechem, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Rest Haven holds 50th Annual meeting

Rest Haven Cemetery Association will hold its 50th Annual Meeting, 10 a.m. May 17 in the tabernacle at the cemetery.

Rest Haven is located off I-35 south of Belton, taking the Shanklin Road exit from the interstate.

The meeting will open with services honoring all persons buried in the cemetery, with special tribute to all veterans buried there.

After a short business meeting, officers for the 2003-04 year will be introduced.

A picnic lunch will be served under the tabernacle and families are asked to bring a covered dish and folding chairs.

The tabernacle was originally at the Tennessee Valley Cemetery.

The meeting is open to all interested persons and pioneer families buried there.

**Democrats hold
barbecue dinner
May 10 at Jack's
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The Democratic Party of Bell County will hold a fundraising barbecue dinner 6:30 p.m. May 10 at Jack's Barn, in Salado.

Tickets are \$15 per person, and may be purchased from any Precinct Chair, the County Chair at 254-634-6461, or in Belton at 254-933-0801.

A guest speaker is expected. All democrats and guests are invited. For more information, call 254-698-1880.



Chelsea Norman, a senior at Salado High School, was presented in a Senior Piano Recital, May 4 at the First Baptist Church of Salado. Family and friends were in attendance.

She has studied piano for eight years with Mary Lee Bailey of Salado.

A reception, given by her mother, Patricia Norman and grandmother, Nell Rose Anderson, was given at the Church in her honor following the recital.

**Marie Shiplett
to marry
Clayton Daniel**

Randy and Cheryl Shiplett, of Belton have announced the engagement of their daughter, Monica Marie Shiplett, of Belton, to Clayton Daniel, of Salado. He is the son of James and Phyllis Daniel, of Salado.

The couple plans a June 14 wedding at Pace Park.



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- May 9: Biscuit & Ham, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- May 12: Waffles, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- May 13: French Toast, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

- May 7: Pizza, Corn, Breadstick, Chocolate Cake, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Baked Potato, Fruity Freeze, Milk
- May 8: Oven Fried Chicken, Pinto Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Baked Potato, Milk
- May 9: Cheeseburger, Oven Fries, Burger Salad, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Fruity Freeze, Milk
- May 12: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Texas Toast, Pears, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potatoes, Milk
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Hardballers head to second round after wild series win over Junction

The Salado Eagles took two out of three games in a wild weekend series against Junction. The series win gives the Eagles the bi-district championship and the opportunity to play fourth ranked Weimar in the area round of the state playoffs.

The opening game of the series was played May 1. Salado won a pretty conventional baseball game 7-4.

Salado was down 1-0 going into the top of the third. Roland Buckley reached on an error and Scott Bates walked to set the table for the Eagles. Singles by Lane Wolff and Heath Hale produced two runs. A sacrifice fly by Ben Marsh produced Salado's third run.

Junction added a run in the bottom of the third. The Eagles kept their two run cushion by adding a run in the fourth. Jesse Rodriguez singled and scored on Bates' single for the Eagles' 4-2 lead.

Salado added a run in the sixth on a Buckley RBI. They put two more on the board in the top of the seventh. Bates led the seventh off with a double. Wolff drove him in with a single and later scored on Hale's single.

Junction scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to add a little suspense to the 7-4 contest.

Isaac Berumen, Hale, Wolff and Bates all had two hits apiece. Hale, Wolff and Bates also had two RBI's each.

Bates picked up his seventh victory of the year pitching the complete game. He gave up six hits and allowed two earned runs. He struck out six.

When the two teams came back May 3, they played some of the wildest baseball ever seen. In the two games there were a total of 44 runs scored.

There was a little of everything on the day. There were lots of hits, doubles, triples and a home-run, 21 walks and five hit batters. There were errors in the field, runners thrown out at home, double plays and even a triple play.

In the first game of the day, Junction jumped out to a five run lead in the top of the first. Salado astounded everyone by duplicating the feat in the bottom half of the inning.

Scott Bates and Roland Buckley had RBI singles. Heath Hale and Ben Marsh drew bases loaded walks for two more runs. Ryon

Clifton drove in a run with a sacrifice fly to tie the score.

Salado scored two runs in the second to take a 7-5 lead. Both runs came when batters (Bill Tubbs and Clifton) were hit by pitches with the bases loaded, which forced in runs.

The game went back and forth over the next several innings as each team scored single runs here and there.

Junction put the game away in the top of the sixth with four unearned runs. The final score was 12-10.

The Eagles pounded out 12 hits in the game, but it wasn't enough. Rodriguez, Buckley, Bates, Hale and Marsh all collected two hits.

Lane Wolff pitched the first four innings. He allowed only four hits, but he walked six and hit three batters. Brian Bates pitched the fifth. He allowed one run and struck out two. Buckley pitched the last two innings and absorbed the loss due to shoddy defense that allowed four unearned runs.

Salado stroked a season high 21 hits in the deciding game and would not be denied the chance to play

another week. The Eagles won the final game 13-9.

With Junction leading 1-0 in the second inning, Salado hitters went wild. With two outs and no one on base, the Eagles produced 10 consecutive base hits and nine runs.

The game was far from over, though. Junction scored five runs in the top of the third, to close the score to 9-6. Singles by Rodriguez, Buckley, Bates and Wolff resulted in two runs in the bottom of the third, which bumped the Salado lead up to 11-6.

Going into the seventh inning, Salado held a 13-7 lead. Junction pushed across two runs to close the game at 13-9.

Rodriguez and Wolff collected three hits on the night. Buckley, Bates, Marsh, Tubbs, Clifton and Devon Dunn all had two hits each.

Rodriguez pitched the complete game for his first victory of the season. He allowed nine hits and struck out three.

Salado's area round game against Weimar will be played 7:30 p.m. May 11 in Bastrop. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children.

--REPORTED BY MELVIN BATES

Trailing Lago Vista: girls golf lag by eleven in state golf tourney at end of round one

In what Coach Kurt Salisbury describes as less than his team's best, the Salado girls golf team finished the first round of the state tournament trailing Lago Vista by 11 strokes.

Salado defeated Lago Vista by 12 strokes recently in the regional golf tournament, taking a

one stroke first round lead and blowing it open on day two.

Lago Vista put together a team total of 355, with Salado in second with a 365. Coming down from West Texas, Idalou sits in third after one with a 367, just behind the Lady Eagles. In fourth place is

Hamilton, whose on the outside looking in with a 374.

The state tournament is being held at the Jimmy Clay Golf Course in Austin.

Individually, senior Emily Lilly had the low round for the Salado girls. She put together an 18-hole

total of 87. Kaci Fritsch was off her game a bit in round one, finishing with a 90. Senior Meagan Joiner shot a 90, as well, while Paige Cameron stroked a 99 and Lacey Bartlett finished her first 18 with a 107.

As round two takes place after press time, the results were unavailable.

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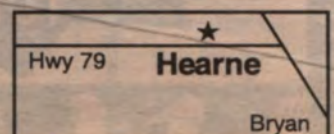
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Number Sense wins state fifth year running, Rex takes gold

On May 2-3, 11 Saaldo High School students competed in the UIL State Academic at UT Austin. Results are as follows:

Mathematics: Sara Culver, 2nd; Devond Rex, 4th.

Mathematics Team: Culver, Rex, Scott Williams, Matt Brown, 2nd.

Calculator: Sara Culver, 5th.

Calculator Team: Culver, Brinn Newman, Evan Clements, Matt Brown, 2nd.

Number Sense: Devon Rex, 1st; Matt Caskey, 4th.

Number Sense Team: Rex, Caskey, Jenny Goode, Joseph Shumate, 1st.

Literary Criticism: Sara Culver, 3rd.

Literary Criticism Team: Culver, Newman, Kirsten Singleton, Tim Hodgkin, 3rd.

The state championship won by Devon Rex in the

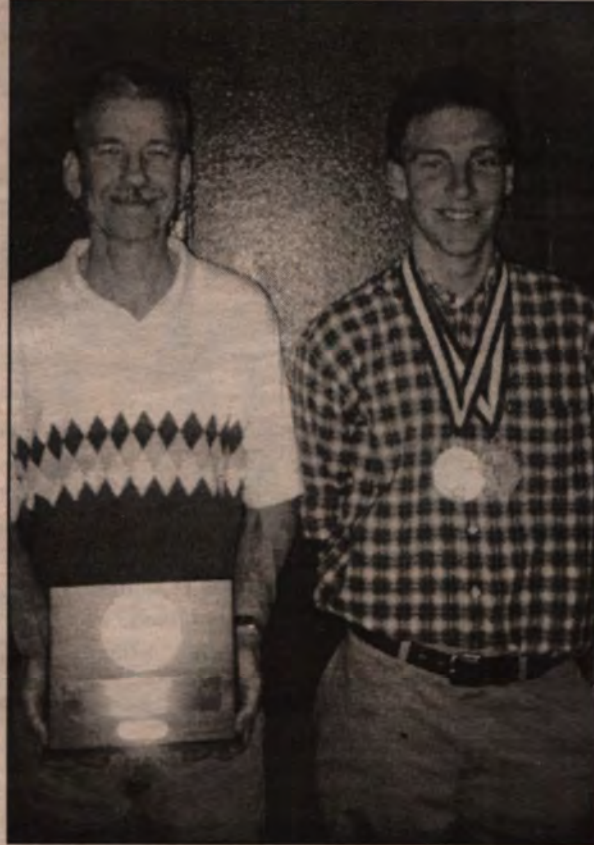
Number Sense competition is his second consecutive gold medal in the state meet in that category.

He is the latest in a line of academic champions schooled by Dennis Cabaniss to hit it big at state.

The state champion Number Sense team from Salado won the gold medal for the fifth straight year. The team has dominated other AA schools in the past decade, winning seven of the last nine state crowns.

In competition that doesn't gain headlines like football and basketball, the Salado UIL teams have quietly earned themselves a reputation as one of the strongest programs in the state.

This year's Academic state champions will be named later in the week. The UIL team is coached by Dennis Cabaniss.



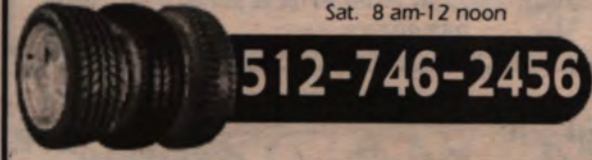
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Fewell to play ball at West Texas A&M

After a successful senior season with the Class AA Jarrell Cougars, Stephen Fewell signed March 28 a Letter of Intent to play football at West Texas A&M.

Fewell made All District in Football, Offensive MVP and All Region in Basketball, and is the defending 100 meter Regional champ in Track. He participated in the 200m dash and high jump this year at the Regional Meet in San Marcos.

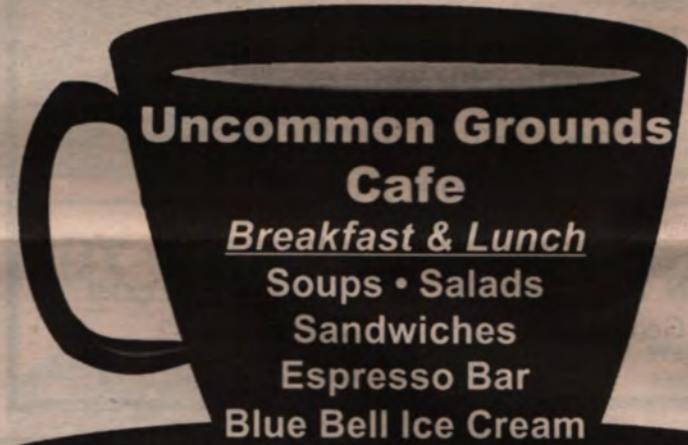
West Texas A&M Head Football Coach Ronnie Jones said, "We are switching to a wide-open shotgun passing offense and I think Stephen will fit right into our program."

West Texas A&M is located in Canyon, 18



Pictured are: Seated, Hd Football Coach Randy Franklin, Stephen Fewell, Stephen's Dad, Coach Randy Fewell. Standing, Principal Dwight MacAllister, Randy Carder and Nathan Saxton of First Baptist Church of Salado.

miles south of Amarillo. They are a Division II school participating in the Lone Star Conference. Fewell played two years for Salado and the last two years in Jarrell.



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Salado High School senior Mary Lee is pictured with Luther and Marilyn Brewer, who purchased Lee's artwork representing the different stages in the career of Grace Jones. The piece was part of the silent auction at the Salado Education Foundation's April 25 Spring Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction, held at Salado's Celebration Center. Lee created the picture by photographing a watercolor original of Jones, then employing silk-screen techniques to produce a digital image. The dinner/auction netted the SEF over \$7,000.

Humanities presents public lecture June 1

Friends and family of Harry A. Wilmer III are presenting the sixth annual memorial lecture as a gift to the public at no charge on June 1 at the Salado Civic Center from 4-6 PM.

The lecture features gifted poet and teacher Naomi SHihab Nye talking about *The Poetry of Listening*, reading her poems for all ages, and discussing how we listen to and hear poetry.

Naomi Shihab Nye is a poetry teacher, poetry therapist, visiting writer and traveling speaker. She has been a Poet in the School for the Texas Commission on the Arts for many years and has traveled for the United State Information Agency to Pakistan, Syria, Saudi Arabia, The United Arab Emirates, Bangladesh,

and India. Her book of poetry, *Hugging the Juke-box*, has been praised nationwide.

Her works are widely published in anthologies and she has written a number of popular books for children and young adults.

Nye has contributed an essay on being an American writer to a book just published by the State Department and distributed world-wide, *Writers in America* # 15 Selections. She is currently a Lannan Fellow and serves as poetry editor of the *Texas Observer*. She is married to the photographer Michael Nye and lives with their son in San Antonio.

Ms. Nye's books will be available at the talk. Contact the Institute for the Humanities at Salado at 254-947-5729 or email coord@vvm.com for additional information.

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Retired Officer's Wives luncheon May 12 at Ft. Hood Officer's Club

The Retired Officer's Wives Club Meeting will be held on May 12 at Fort Hood Officer's Club. The meeting will start at noon and lunch will be served at 12:30. The cost will be \$10.

The executive board meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. May 12, prior to the luncheon. Permanent reservations will be in effect. Reservations are due no later than May 8. Reservation may be made by calling: Jacque Bergstrom 254-698-1739 Nancy Mayer, 254-526-7550, or Mary Scharth 254-771-1667

The program will be the installation of officers for the 2003-2004 Club Year. They are President Nancy Mayer, Vice President Mary Melton, Secretary Jean Gosney, Treasurer Wanda Sly, Publicity Judy Mac Willie, Reservations Sylvia Van Doren and Membership JoAnne Wentworth.

Dues for 2003-2004 are now due and may be paid at the meeting. They remain \$10.

Permanent reservations will be in effect. All wives of retired or deceased military officers are encouraged to join.

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Farm Bureau backs Dewhurst plan

Texas' largest farm organization backed the sweeping education finance plan of Lt. Governor David Dewhurst in a statement released today. Studies show the plan will generate an additional \$264 million for the state's public schools by creating a Texas Education Fund in the state constitution.

Kenneth Dierschke, president of the Texas Farm Bureau, said the Dewhurst plan is a bold step that would put the state's education system on sound financial footing.

"We have been tinkering with the old system for decades," Dierschke said. "Robin Hood remains unacceptable to many and experience shows that excessive reliance on property taxes is a poor way to fund schools," Dierschke said.

The Dewhurst plan introduced in the Senate Wednesday would repeal local property taxes for maintenance and operation and replace them with a state property tax capped at 75 cents per \$100 of property value. The cap for local property taxes is currently \$1.50 per \$100 of property value. Dewhurst also proposes raising the state sales tax to a level between 7.5 and 7.85 percent.

The plan would also raise the Texas Motor Vehicle Tax from 6.25 to 8.25 percent. The Lt. Governor proposes expansion of the sales tax to include all services except medical and dental service. Most services are currently exempt from the sales tax. The Dewhurst plan also provides for a local option property tax capped at 10 cents per \$100 of valuation for local enrichment programs in the schools. Dewhurst said his plan would provide at least \$4,200 per student and guarantee current levels of funding in each school district.

"The Lt. Governor's plan is a refreshing approach," Dierschke said. "We hope the state's leadership can use the plan as a starting point to provide a new school finance system for Texas this legislative session or in a special session."

The Dewhurst plan would require passage of a constitutional amendment in the November election to establish a state property tax and create the Texas Education Fund in the state constitution.

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May is Huntington's Disease Awareness Month

May is Huntington's Disease (HD) Awareness Month. During the month the Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA) with its 31 chapters, affiliates and 17 Centers of Excellence across the country focus on increasing HD awareness and the research being conducted to find a cure for this devastating disorder.

HD research is ongoing and researchers funded through the Grant and Fellowship program, HDSA Coalition for the Cure and Therapeutics Initiative, are committed to finding the answers to the HD puzzle.

Since 1996, HDSA's commitment to research

has grown from \$183,000 to more than \$3.5 million in 2002. It is due to the continued advancements in research funded by HDSA that those affected by HD and their families have every hope that effective therapeutics and, ultimately, a cure is on the horizon.

Huntington's Disease is an inherited, degenerative brain disorder that results in the progressive loss of control of both the mind and the body. Each child of an affected parent has a 50 percent chance of inheriting the disease. Presently, there is no effective treatment or cure for this deadly illness that affects 30,000 Amer-

icans and places another 200,000 at-risk.

HDSA is a national non-profit voluntary health agency that is dedicated to finding a cure for HD, by funding both basic and clinical research, while providing vital services to those affected by this life-altering disease. HDSA Centers of Excellence for Family Services provide state of the art medical facilities to the HD families across the country. With its 31 chapters and facilities, HDSA provides regional referrals and serves as a critical link to the HD families in the field.

Each year, HDSA's chapters and affiliates host


a variety of fund raising events in the local areas. Events taking place during HD Awareness Month include Shoot for a Cure Hoop-a-thon and Cure HD BMW Sweepstakes. All proceeds from these events directly support HDSA in their efforts to find a cure for Huntington's Disease.

During the month of May, and throughout the year, we urge you to support HDSA in their efforts to find a cure for this deadly disease.

For more information about Huntington's Disease or HDSA, contact 1-800-345-HDSA (4372), or www.hdsa.org, or email to hdsainfo@hdsa.org.


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West Nile virus an endemic to the state now

Much like the uninvited house guest who unpacks and never leaves, West Nile virus has come to Texas to stay.

"West Nile virus first appeared in Texas in June 2002 and has since moved across the state," said Joe Garrett, a veterinarian with the zoonosis control division at the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

"We probably should consider West Nile virus endemic to the state now, much like St. Louis encephalitis is permanently established in Texas," Garrett said. "But West Nile virus is new to us, and we still are trying to understand it. We cannot predict what kind of a season we will have this year."

In 2002, West Nile virus was reported in 213 Texas counties. A total of 202 serious West Nile cases, including 13 deaths, were reported in humans. The virus also was identified in 1,697 horses and 518 birds.

The TDH Laboratory tested more than 160,000 mosquitoes in 7,350 groups or pools last year for a variety of mosquito-borne infections including West Nile virus; St. Louis encephalitis; and Western, Eastern and Venezuelan equine encephalitis. Of these mosquito pools, 466 of them were positive for a variety of mosquito-borne viruses and 189 pools were positive for West Nile virus.

"Testing mosquitoes and dead birds, generally jays, crows and hawks, gives us a way of actively tracking the virus to alert affected communities that they may need to take precautions to protect themselves," Garrett said. "Tracking illnesses in humans and horses also gives us a more complete picture of the spread of the virus."

Mosquitoes get the West Nile virus by biting infected birds. People and animals get West Nile from the bite of an infected mosquito, not from other people, animals or birds.

West Nile virus infections usually are mild with flu-like symptoms including fever, headache, sore throat, body aches and fatigue, occasionally with skin rash and swollen lymph glands. Symptoms of more severe West Nile infections, encephalitis and meningitis, include headache, high fever, stiff neck, disorientation, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, coma and paralysis. If you have these

symptoms, contact your health care provider right away.

The incubation period for West Nile virus is three to 14 days. Mild symptoms may last a few days while symptoms of the more severe illness may last several weeks. Neurological effects may be permanent, and West Nile can be fatal. Fewer than one percent of those bitten by infected mosquitoes become severely ill.

Currently no vaccine is available to combat West Nile virus in people, and no specific treatment is given for the infection.

People should remem-

ber the four Ds:

• **Dusk to Dawn:** Stay indoors from dusk to dawn, times when those mosquitoes are most active.

• **Dress:** Dress in pants and long sleeves when you are outside.

• **DEET:** Apply insect repellent that contains DEET.

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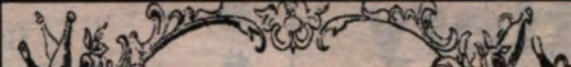
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Pilot Randy Ball is shown speaking to fifth grade students at Salado Intermediate School, May 2. His cousin is Salado fifth grader Taylor Cockrell. Ball flew a Russian Mig 17 Fighter in the Central Texas Airshow over the weekend. The pilot explained to the kids what it feels like to pull 8 "G's" in a jet, and the thrill of flying a machine at the speed of sound. One "G" equals roughly the force of gravity. Currently, Ball is a Captain for United Express, based out of Denver, CO. (PHOTO BY SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL)

Meet the guys who come to the rescue, SVFD fish fry May 17

The Salado Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Meet and Eat Fish Fry, 3-7 p.m. May 17 at Pace Park.

This is a time to come and meet the members of the Fire Department and to help raise money to fund the Department throughout the remainder of the year.

Last year the Fire Department answered 490 emergency calls. This year they have been called to over 180 incidents, from medical calls to structure fires. With the growth in the Salado area and many new residents, this is a great opportunity to get to know the members of the Department.

All proceeds will go to assist with insurance and maintenance costs of the fire trucks, to help pay for medical supplies for the First Responders.

In addition, they are in the process of purchasing a new "jaws of life." The current unit is 12 years old and a new up-to-date model will be a vital upgrade for the fire department.

If you would like to make donations, send them to The Salado Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 503, Salado, TX 76571.

Republican Women Membership Tea May 15

A Membership Tea will be held 1-3 p.m. May 15 by the Salado Area Republican Women in the home of the President, Barclay McCort at 406 Royal View Rd. Each member is encouraged to bring a friend or neighbor. The club is hoping to get 10 more new members this month to qualify them for a Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) award, McCort stated.

There will be two special guests: Ernest Garcia, candidate for the Third

Court of Appeals and Delores Klussman, District Director for TFRW. Garcia will discuss his goals for the Court of Appeals position he is seeking. Klussman will discuss how members can serve on state and county boards or commissions.

Reservations are not necessary, but for more information contact First Vice President Loretta Ruth at cwr1957@juno.com or 947-8422.

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The annual 4th Grade Melodrama in Salado has drawn the attention of the Texas State Historical Commission. A representative of the Austin based commission will attend the May 10 performance to make opening remarks about the children's melodrama "The Old Chisholm Trail," or "Round 'em Up and Head 'em Out."

Sherrod L. Fielden, noted cowboy poet, will read his poem "The Trail of Steers" for the occasion. Fielden was selected to write a poem about the Chisholm Trail and to read his poem to the State Legislature this year. He was recently selected as one of the featured writers in the "Big Round Up," an anthology of the best classic and contemporary poetry from Cowboy Poetry. Many of his patriotic poems have been featured in the America in Uniform web site. Fielden is a founding member of the Bards Of The Brazos in Waco.

He and his wife attend Tablerock's Central Texas Poetry/Prose Readings each year in September.

The fourth graders at Thomas Arnold Elementary in Salado are the only fourth grade students in Texas who write, direct, act, crew and produce their own melodrama. The money the students make on tickets and the concession stand is deposited into their class savings account for the student's high school senior trip.

Jackie Mills sponsored the first fourth grade melodrama eight years ago through Tablerock Festival of Salado, Inc.. Each year board members of Tablerock help teach the 4th graders all the aspects of theater.

UMHB Hosts the Baptist History and Heritage Society

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will host the National Baptist History and Heritage Society annual meeting on May 22-24. Nearly 100 people are expected to attend.

The meeting will include discussions on frontiers relating to Baptist thought, Baptist women, Baptist ethics, Baptist church music, research in

Texas Baptist history and Baptist chapel car ministry in the west. Major Baptist historians and scholars from nine states and representing 16 Baptist colleges, universities and seminaries will make presentations. The program theme will be "Baptists on the Frontier."

Main topics and speakers will include "Baptist

Women on the Frontier" by Rosalie Beck, Baylor University; "Frontiers of Baptist Thought" by William H. Brackney, Baylor; "Frontiers in Research in Texas Baptist History" by Alan J. Lefever, Texas Baptist Historical Collection, Dallas; "Major William Evander Penn: Contributions to Texas Baptist Church Music" by Mike

Linder, North Central Texas College; "Baptist Women on the Frontier" by Portia McKown, UMHB.

For more information, including registration and campus room reservation forms, call (800) 966-2278, email: cdeweese@tnbaptist.org or the BH&HS website at www.baptisthistory.org.

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Regular Meetings

Mondays

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 Building.

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 the Halley House.

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.

Salado Area Republican Women: 3rd Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-8422 or 947-3617 for information.

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.

Moms Club walking at the High School track, 8:45 a.m. Every fourth Wednesday, monthly meeting 10:30 a.m. at SUMC. Call 947-5507.

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 Business Association: General meetings, 3rd Thursday 8:45 a.m. upstairs at the Civic Center.

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

What's happening here?

MAY 9

Wine Tasting 6-9 p.m. at The Range. Call 947-3828 for reservations or info.

MAY 10

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

MAY 10

Bell County Democratic Party Fund-raiser 6:30 p.m. at Jack's Barn. Call 947-8300 for tickets. \$15 per person.

MAY 15

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

MAY 15

Salado Area Republican Women Membership Tea, 1-3 p.m. at 406 Royal View. Call 947-8422 for info.

MAY 17

Bell County Jamboree event, for specifics call 254-939-8560, or visit www.allcentex.com/jamboree.

MAY 17

Boy Scouts car wash 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Brookshire Brothers.

MAY 18-JUNE 15

Public Arts League of Salado presents a photographic exhibition of the work of Margaret Williamson at the Salado Public Library.

MAY 23

Salado Community Chorus annual Spring concert 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

MAY 26

Annual Memorial Day Service, 9:30 a.m. at the Salado Cemetery.

MAY 28-29

School out at noon.

MAY 30

Last day of school

JUNE 1

6th Annual Harry Wilmer Memorial free public lecture, The Poe-

try of Listening, by poet and teacher Naomi Shihab Nye 4-6 p.m. at the Civic Center. Presented by the Institute for the Humanities. Call 947-5729.

JUNE 4-7

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

JUNE 10

Mill Creek Community Association Spring Fling Mixer at Creekside Restaurant. Happy hour 6-7 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Call 947-3901 for info.

JUNE 19

Salado Area Republican Women meeting 11:30 a.m. at Mill Creek Country Club. Program: Kay Matthews speaking on literacy. Call 947-8422 for info.

JUNE 21

Bell County Jamboree event, for specifics call 254-939-8560, or visit www.allcentex.com/jamboree.

JUNE 21-22

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

JULY 19

Bell County Jamboree event, for specifics call 254-939-8560, or visit www.allcentex.com/jamboree.

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. For more information call

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AUGUST 2-3

37th Annual Salado Art Fair.

AUGUST 16

Bell County Jamboree event, for specifics call 254-939-8560, or visit www.allcentex.com/jamboree.

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

Bell County Jamboree event, for specifics call 254-939-8560, or visit www.allcentex.com/jamboree.

SEPTEMBER 20-21

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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. Call 947-3617.

OCT. 25, 31, Nov. 1

Fright Trail Nights at Tablerock 7-11 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3 children under 12.

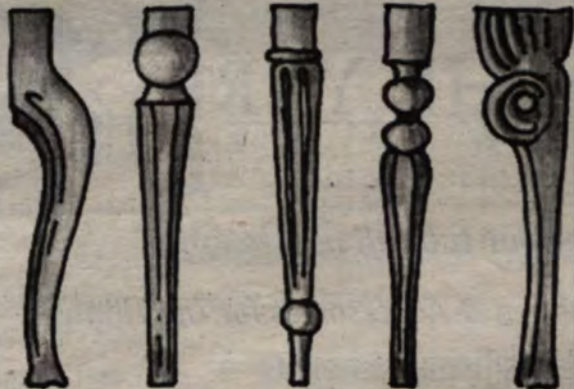
NOVEMBER 22

Empty Bowl Project benefitting Salado Family Relief Fund, 1-6 p.m. at SIS auditorium. Call 947-5321 for info.

DECEMBER 2

Mill Creek Community Association annual Christmas Party at Creekside Restaurant. Happy hour, 6-7 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Call 947-3901 for info.

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Movin' on up: Bell County Museum to expand by 10,000 square feet

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

In what some see as an enhancement of an already recognized institution, the Bell County Museum announced April 30 its plans to expand its facilities by 10,000 sq. ft., a \$1 million project whose funds, it is hoped, will be raised in full by July 31 of this year.

"We see this as a transition from a very rich history, to a very rich future," said Bob Kennedy, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the museum, at the press conference held in the museum's upstairs auditorium.

Since January 2003, when fundraising efforts first began, the board has been able to quietly raise over \$200,000 in private donations.

But, said Ret. General Robert Shoemaker, Chairman of the museum's Capital Campaign, the museum is not in this alone.

In partnership with the deep-pocketed Frank and Sue Mayborn Foundation, an agreement was reached wherein the foundation, via the issuance of a Challenge Grant to the museum, would play its part by ponying-up \$300,000 of the total. The caveat being the museum would have to raise \$700,000 by their own means.

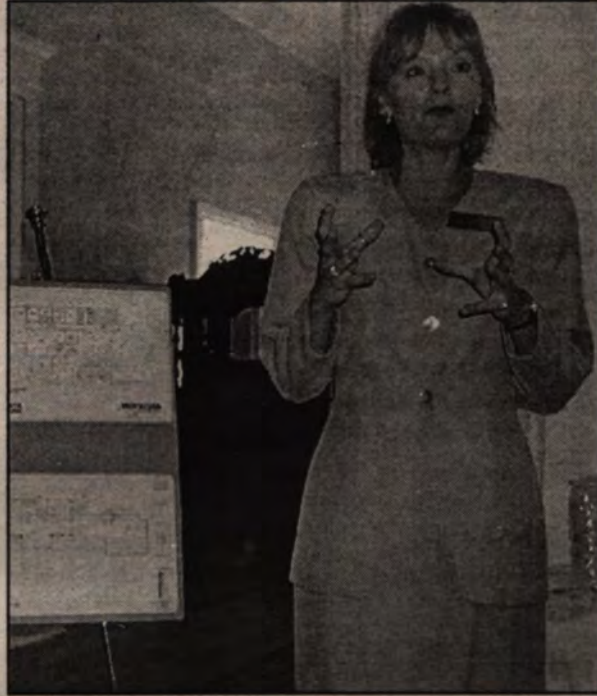
Said Shoemaker in regards to the money still left to raise: "We've come

up with a lot, but we've still got some work to do." The trustees expressed confidence their \$1 million benchmark would be reached or even eclipsed prior to their self-imposed July 31 deadline.

The museum, Shoemaker explained, is "owned and operated by the Bell County government, but it has its own association, which is a non-profit organization." Donations, then, would be considered tax-deductible.

The Bell County Museum was founded in 1988. It encompasses all of the growth and change the county has experienced in its 150-plus years, but pays special attention to its first hundred years of development. Among the many awards garnered by the museum over the years is an Outstanding Exhibit award, given by the Texas Historical Commission; a Certificate of Commendation from the American Association of State and Local History; and a Mitchell A. Wilder award from the Texas Association of Museums. The Bell County Museum is often cited as one of the finest examples of a small town museum in Texas.

The addition to the museum will be built adjacent to the current location in the 90-year-old Carnegie building, attached to its north side. The space was formerly a service station.



Stephanie Turnham explains the museum expansion. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

"We needed this space for many reasons," explained Turnham. "We needed a gallery to house temporary and travelling exhibits, mainly. But we will also include a resource center, which will be great for geneologists, desperately needed curatorial space, a carpentry area and a loading dock."

Turnham went on to say that the museum store will be expanded, a bronze statue acknowledging Belton's place on the Chisholm Trail will be erected, and an elevator will be added to the second floor. The second floor in the current location will be used strictly as an auditorium, which, said Turnham, "is like it was originally meant to

be." The museum plans to break ground on the expansion in the beginning of August. After that, explained Tanya Ledger Mikeska, architect of the expansion, construction should be completed, and the new look unveiled "in approximately eight months."

For more information about the addition, call the Museum at 933-5243.

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Kelley speaks to Rotary Club

By: SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL
STAFF WRITER

Sirena, Spanish for Mermaid, was placed in Salado Creek, December of 1985. She was dedicated shortly after midnight Jan. 1, 1986, Troy Kelley, artist, told the Rotary Club of Salado, April 29. "She was the first public sculpture in Texas to be dedicated in the Sesqui-centennial." Following her placement in Salado Creek, Jackie Mills, wrote and illustrated, *The Legend of Sirena*.

"Late Again," a life size sculpture of a 1920's little boy and his dog, was dedicated to Wilbur and Jesse Foster by their son, Morris Foster. The statue "Late Again" was placed in front of the Salado Civic Center.

Kelley is currently working on the Legend of Billy Goats Gruff, a statue of a troll and goat. The walking bridge along Main Street will soon become home to the sculpture.

The cost to mold and cast a statue can be about \$20,000. He and Raymond Carver are working together to raise funds to

cast the Billy Goats Gruff statue.

Other works of Kelley's include a Christian Cowboy that shows a passive, subdued period of time. The late Bill Culver was Kelley's model for this sculpture. He also sculpted a War Chief. These pieces can be purchased at Prellop Fine Art Gallery in Salado.

He has collections all over the country. His pieces can be found in Europe, California, Kansas, New York and other places.

He is also erecting two seven-foot statues for the Killeen area. One is to be placed at the Killeen Regional Airport and one at Gray Army Airfield at Fort Hood. A statue of Robert Gray in a World War II uniform checking his watch with a B-25 above will be put up at Gray Army Airfield.

He explained the process of sculpting to the Rotarians. In the beginning, the artist starts by working on an amateur skeleton to build features. Then a plaster piece is made to hold together to raise funds to



Troy Kelley

that is done you can pour the wax into the rubber.

When the wax casting is removed from the mold, it is hand-finished to match the original. The wax casting is coated with several layers of liquid refractory ceramic, which takes several days to cure. At that point the mold is fired in a kiln, which bakes the ceramic and burns out the wax, leaving a cavity in its place.

The mold is filled with molten brozen and once cooled is broken away,

revealing the sculpture. Fine sand particles are blasted under air pressure to remove the last traces of the ceramic.

The bronze sculpture is then treated with chemicals and heat go give it the artist's chosen color.

Kelley says, he would like to see more statuary in Pace Memorial Park and around the Village of Salado. "They will just show up someday," he says of donating pieces to the community.

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Adoption Festival held May 10 in Killeen

The Central Texas Adoption Collaboration, a coalition of five private, Central Texas adoption agencies and Child Protective Services, will host an adoption festival 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 10, at the CPS offices at 405 E. Elms Rd., in Killeen.

"This is really an opportunity for anyone who has ever thought of fostering or adopting to come to one of our information meetings, talk to actual foster and adoptive parents and to learn more about the children all of our agencies have available for adoption," said Chris Johnson, director of the CPS foster and adoption program.

CPS hosts one-hour information meetings for prospective foster and adoptive parents every month. This event is different, Johnson said, because of the number of agencies and resources that will be presented at one time. Other agencies participating in the collaboration include Lutheran Social Services, Marywood Children and Family Services, Child Placement Center, The Arrow Project and For Children's Sake.

Currently there are more than 3,800 children awaiting adoption through CPS statewide. Nearly 500 of those children are in Cen-

tral Texas. CPS projects that by 2005, that number will have grown to more than 5,800.

"We have a tremendous need for safe, permanent, loving homes for Central Texas right now," said Johnson. "But we also know that we will need even more families in the future."

Photos and profiles, as well as videos, of children awaiting adoption will be available at the festival. Caseworkers will be on-hand to answer any questions prospective parents may have.

"We are really very pleased to be able to bring so many agencies together in one place," said Debra Brown, CPS Adoption Supervisor. "We know that, on average, foster and adoptive parents spend as much as three or four years making the decision to open their hearts and homes to children in need. This is a great place to start that journey."

Foster and adoptive parents are licensed through either CPS or registered child placing agencies such as the members of the Central Texas Adoption Collaboration. Parents receive free training, foster care reimbursements, and in most cases-adoption subsidies.

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Date	Time	Incident
4/02	1:52 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
4/02	9:17 p.m.	False alarm, false call, other
4/03	2:52 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
4/04	5:58 p.m.	Vehicle accident w/injuries
4/04	7:50 p.m.	False alarm, false call, other
4/05	10:36 a.m.	Authorized burning
4/05	11:01 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
4/05	2:47 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
4/05	8:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
4/06	6:00 p.m.	Authorized burning
4/06	6:26 p.m.	Vehicle accident w/injuries
4/09	9:59 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
4/10	2:54 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
4/11	1:55 p.m.	Authorized burning
4/12	12:12 p.m.	Vehicle accident w/injuries
4/13	7:03 p.m.	False alarm, false call, other
4/14	2:37 p.m.	Brush, grass mixture fire
4/14	5:21 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
4/15	12:15 p.m.	Building fire
4/16	7:03 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
4/17	8:43 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
4/19	5:22 p.m.	Vehicle accident w/injuries
4/19	7:31 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
4/20	9:39 a.m.	Authorized burning
4/21	3:08 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
4/21	5:38 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
4/22	2:35 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
4/22	5:59 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
4/22	9:13 a.m.	Vehicle accident w/injuries
4/22	11:40 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
4/24	11:02 a.m.	False alarm, false call, other
4/23	4:11 p.m.	Vehicle accident w/injuries
4/25	4:41 p.m.	Vehicle accident w/injuries
4/27	3:04 p.m.	Brush, grass mixture fire
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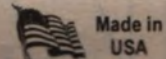
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Douglass recognized as "Outstanding Elected Public Official"

Mayor Charlotte Douglass of Salado has been selected "Outstanding Elected Public Official" for 2003 by the CenTex Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. The award will

be presented at the organization's annual banquet on May 8 at the Shoreline Grill in Austin.

Mayor Douglass was chosen to receive this honor primarily to recognize her achievements

as the first mayor of the newly-incorporated Village of Salado. CenTex ASPA finds Douglass's leadership as a small business woman, government employee, community volunteer, and elected official to be worthy of high acclaim.

The award is presented annually in conjunction with National Public Service Recognition Week.

ASPA is the premier professional association uniting practitioners and academicians in the field of Public Administration,

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There's nothing quite like a Mavericks game

Tumbleweed Smith

It's good to know people in high places. It's even better when those people are in your own family.

Our daughter-in-law works for the Dallas Mavericks Professional Basketball Team. On a recent weekend we were in Dallas and she got us tickets (front row, Platinum Level) to the first playoff game between the Mavs and the Portland Trailblazers.

One of the Portland players had been arrested for drugs, prompting Dallas fans to display signs such as one reading POTLAND JAILBIRDS.

Another carried a giant Monopoly Game GET OUT OF JAIL FREE card.

It was our first time to be inside the American Airlines Center. On the way to our suite we passed portals leading

to seating areas. As I glimpsed into the arena, with all the lights and the people and the noise, my heart beat increased. It was exciting.

Going to a Mavs game is like going to a rock concert. Everything is loud and there's something going on every second. When the Maverick players are introduced, it's like announcing the second coming. The arena is darkened and two huge basketballs in the playing area spew out tall streams of fire when each player's name is announced.

The Mavericks' inside-the-arena productions have been rated the best in the National Basketball Association. I can certainly understand why.

Two rows of lights circle the arena, showing sponsors' names. But when something exciting happens, like a score

that puts the Mavs ahead, both rows of lights send out messages like MAVS MAVS MAVS. When you see that and hear the fans screaming and the announcer urging the audience to make noise, you can't just sit there. You've got to get up and be a participant.

During time outs, various entertainers take to the floor: dancers, jugglers, MAVS MAN, comedy groups and people running around the basketball court waving flags. My favorite was a girl riding a 20 feet tall unicycle and doing an amazing juggling act.

The game is an absolute escape. I thought of nothing else but the game and all the stuff going on. A small blimp floats around, dropping cards that give discounts to various Dallas stores. Then there's the cannon that fires T-shirts into the audience. The Jum-

botron above the arena always has something interesting to watch.

Our son is technical director for the Mavs' TV broadcasts. It was the first time for me to see his set-up. He sits at a console in front of a wall that has 88 TV monitors. He punches up the one that viewers see.

All the equipment is in an 18-wheel trailer parked just outside the arena. It travels from one sporting event to another. Miles of cables connect the arena to the truck.

The contest between Dallas and Portland attracted the largest audience to the American Airlines Center. It was a sellout. The game was a defensive battle from start to finish. The MAVS won, creating a perfect ending to one exciting night.



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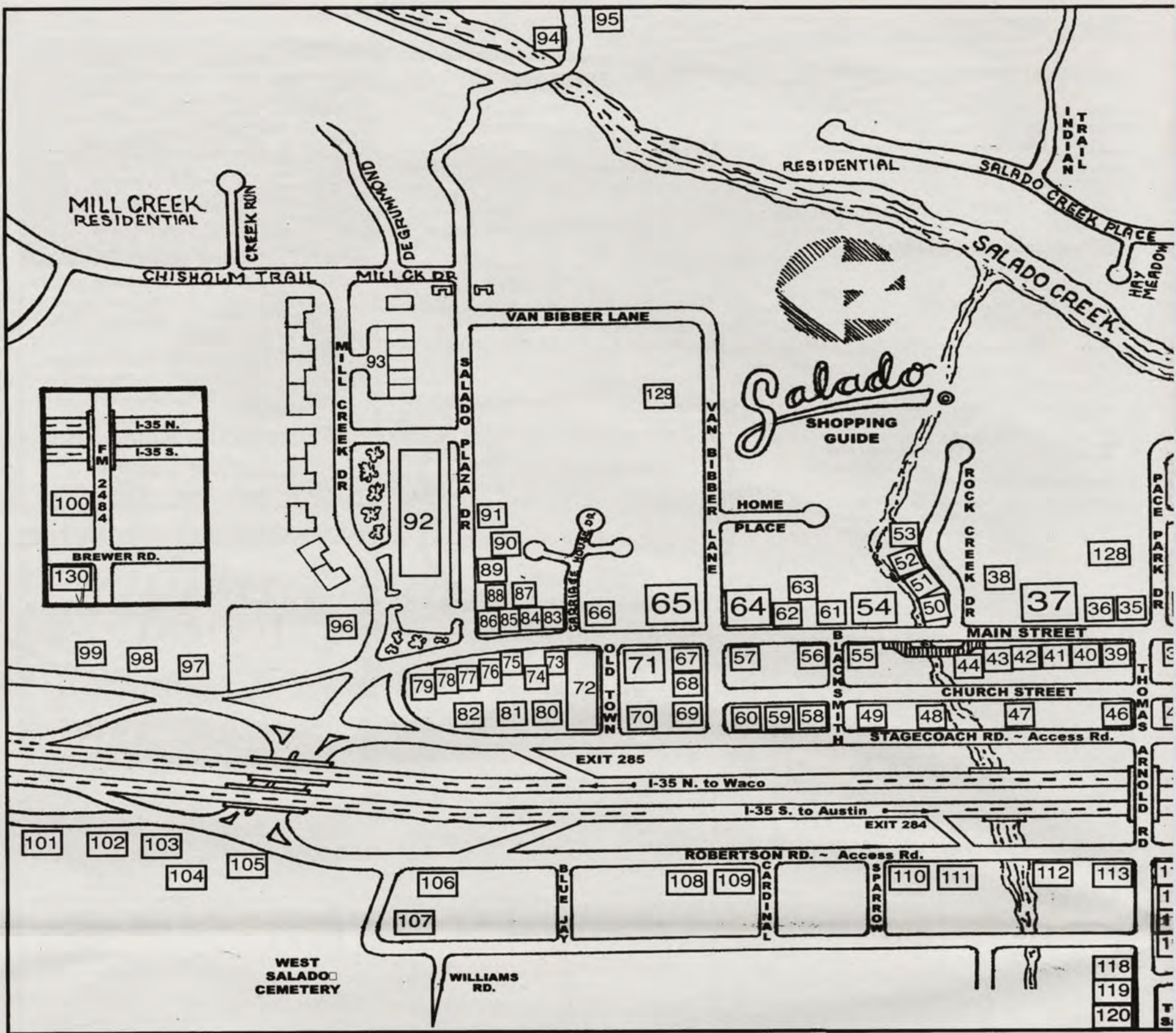
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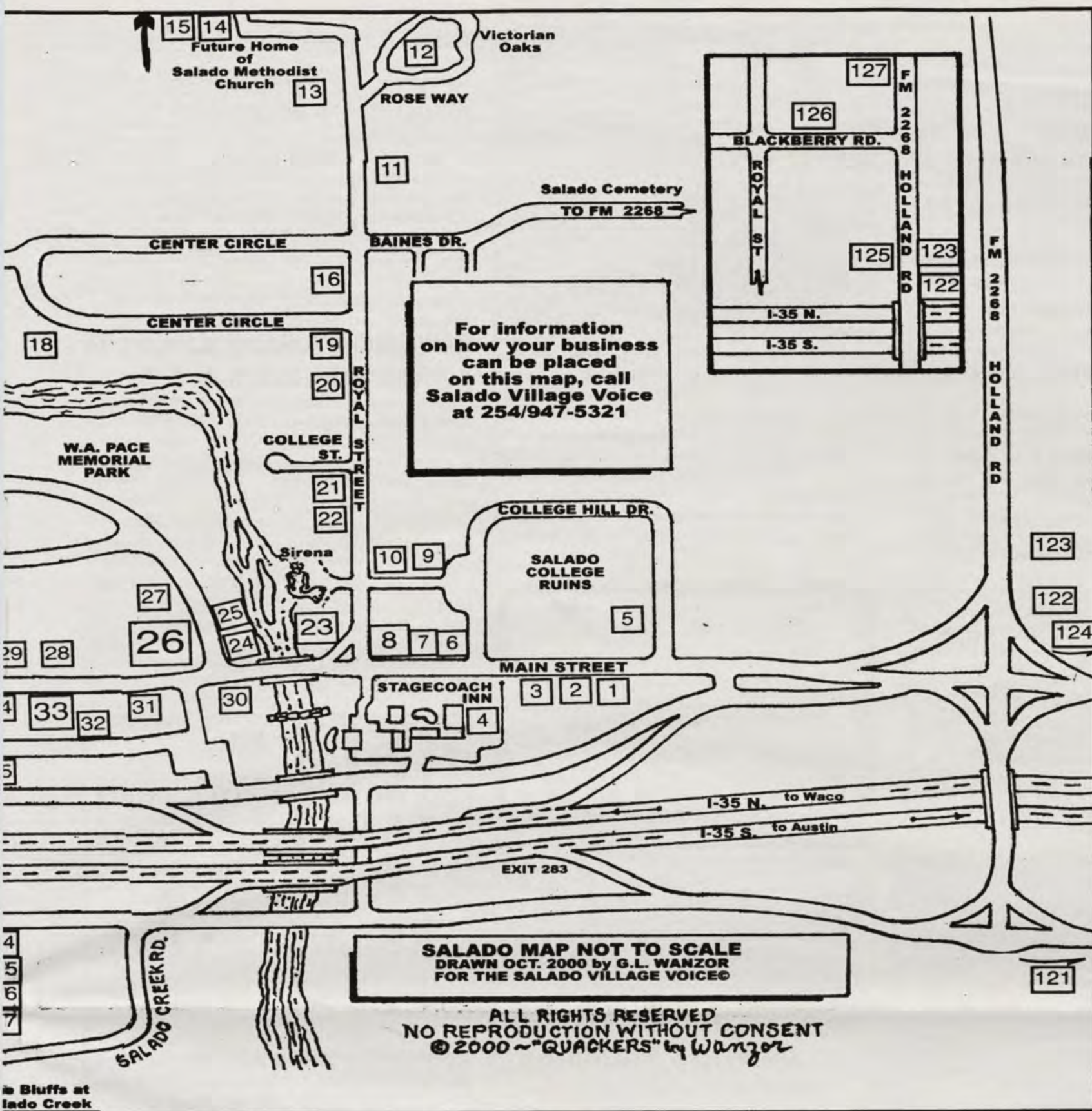
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Jim D. Bowmer, co-founder of Peaceable Kingdom Retreat for Children, was presented with a Volunteer of the Year award, May 2 at PKRC by Shawn Simmonds, Volunteer Coordinator for PKRC. In addition to his many philanthropic activities, he has been a practicing attorney for over 60 years with Naman, Howell, Smith and Lee firm in Temple. He is the father of Mary Helen Schriener of Salado. PKRC started a Volunteer Program about a year ago. For more information on the Volunteer Program at PKRC, call (254) 773-9951. (Photo by Schuyler Kuykendall)

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Parents will need to provide current shot records and social security numbers. Pre-kindergarten children must be four years old on or before Sept. 1. Kindergarten children must be five years old on or before Sept. 1.

For more information call 947-5191.

Bell County folklore dancers to perform at festival June 5-8

Bell county residents Panamanian Folklore Dancers, will be featured as a participant at the 32nd Annual Texas Folklife Festival. Participants represent 45 cultural and ethnic groups from 60 counties in Texas.

Audiences, encouraged to B.Y.O.C. (Bring Your Own Culture), come together to savor foods from around the world, see dance come alive, enjoy intriguing stories, learn skills of the pioneers and listen to music that will make you move.

The Festival, June 5-8, is presented by the Institute of Texan Cultures, one of the three campuses of the University of Texas at San Antonio. The Institute is located at Bowie and Durango in downtown San Antonio.

For more information, call (210) 458-2390 or visit www.texasfolklife.org.

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Texas Stardust Ballroom holds monthly gala May 10

Ballroom dancers from Austin to Waco and beyond swirl toward Temple on Saturday, May 10, for the monthly gala of the Central Texas Stardust Ballroom Dance Club. The event, held on the second Satur-

day of every month since 1984, is from 8-11:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, in Temple.

The non-profit dance features live music playing traditional ballroom airs from foxtrot to tango

and salsa to samba. Skills range from beginner to veteran and age ranges from high school to empty nesters. Dress code is coat and tie for men and after 5 attire for women. Admission is \$10 a person.

This is the last dance scheduled for the Knights of Columbus venue. The June 14 dance and those following will be in the new \$2 million Strasburger Hall at the Cultural Activities Center.

Information on this and other Central Texas ballroom events is available at <http://pages.prodigy.net/lorenalep>.

Different approaches to the classic Texas onion

BY LINDA FUCHS,
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT & FCS

Texas Onions are no longer just a sauteed base to recipes anymore. They are so mild and sweet they can be eaten raw, tucked in sandwiches, sprinkled in salsas, sliced on salads or dunked in dips!

Texas Onions not only have great flavor, but they have great nutritional value. Low in calories with 30 per half cup of chopped raw onions, Texas Onions are fat free and cholesterol free.

They are an excellent source of potassium which is thought to help regulate fluids and mineral balance and maintain normal blood pressure. Onions are also a good source of vitamin C which helps to promote healthy gums, heal cuts and wounds, and protects the immune system from infections. Onions are a fair source of fiber and if that's not enough, Texas Onions contain a phytochemical called diallyl sulfide that appears to increase cancer

fighting enzymes, particularly those in the stomach.

Including white produce in your low-fat diet helps maintain a healthy heart, healthy cholesterol levels, and a lower risk of some cancers.

Texas Spring Sweet Onions are available from mid-March to June. Texas 1015 Onions are available from mid-April to June.

Make Texas Onions a Staple in Your Kitchen Selection: Texas Onions can be bought in bulk, boxes and bags. Texas Onions should have a shiny, thin outer skin; have a tight, dry neck; have a firm feel; and be free of any blemishes and bruises.

Handle with care

Storage: Texas Onions will keep up to 30 days when stored properly. Store whole onions in a dry, well-ventilated area in a single layer. Store cut, chopped, or sliced onions in an air-tight cov-

ered container in the refrigerator. Freeze extra sliced or chopped onions to use in cooking at a later time.

Store Texas Onions in recycled pantyhose! Just fill "a leg" with onions, making sure to tie a knot between each onion and hand up. When ready to use, just cut off an onion, making sure to cut just below the knot.

Handy Kitchen Tips:

Texas Onions Sizzle On The Grill: Roasting a whole, unpeeled Texas Onion preserves its juicy goodness and caramelizes its natural sugars, leaving the onion buttery soft and divinely sweet!

Place whole, unpeeled onions in as small a baking pan as possible. Drizzle lightly with olive oil. Roast, uncovered at 375 degrees F. Onions are done when easily pierced with a fork (soft, not mushy), about one hour and 15 minutes, depending on size.

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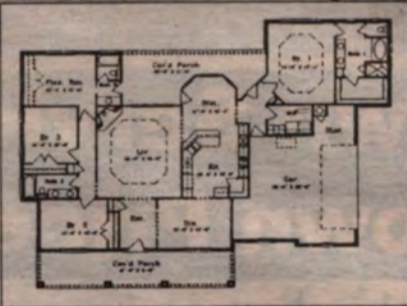
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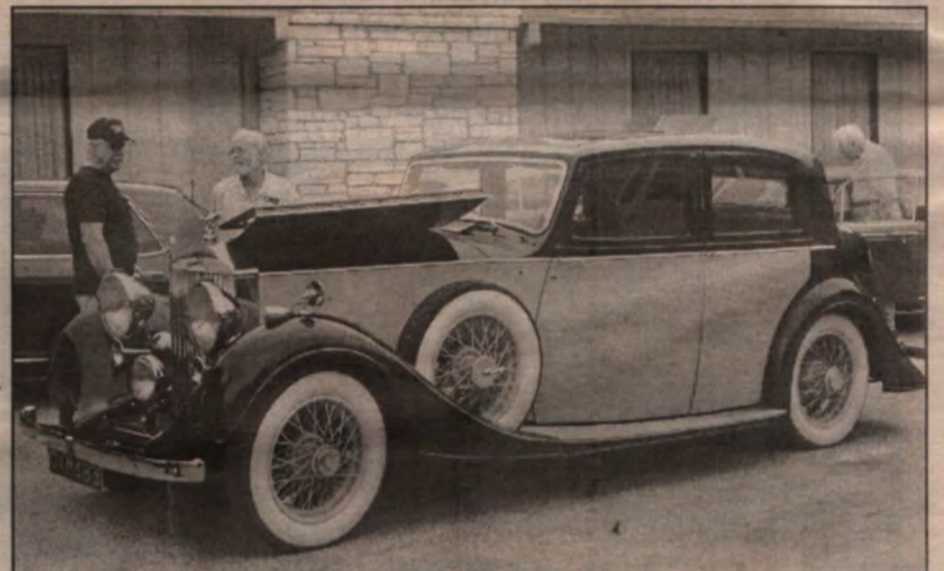
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Junior Time Travel, for children ages 5-6, will be held 8:30 a.m.-noon June 2-6. The cost is \$100 per child. Campers are asked to bring a daily snack. Time Machine I, for children ages 7-12, will be held 8:30 a.m.-noon June 9-13.

The cost is \$100 per child. Campers will need to bring a sack lunch or purchase a box lunch. Time Machine II, for children ages 7-12, will be held 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. June 16-20. The cost is \$100 per child. Campers will need to bring a sack lunch or purchase a box lunch. Back to the Future, for children ages 7-12, will be held 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. June 9-20. The cost is \$195 per child. Campers will need to bring a sack lunch or purchase a box lunch.

Call to check availability for Time Machine I, Time Machine II and Back to the Future. These sessions fill up quickly due to small class sizes and an annual waiting list.

Dance camps will be taught by former Broadway performer JoAnna Langthorn for beginning, intermediate and advanced students June 23-27. A \$20 non-refundable deposit is due in advance of each class.

Sign ups for Broadway Dance Camp I, a beginning/intermediate level class for ages 9-13, will be held 9:30-11 a.m. June 23-27 (8-year-olds are welcome with special permission). Students will explore basic jazz dance techniques as well as choreography based on

three to four Broadway shows. Cost is \$60 and includes a camp t-shirt. The non-refundable \$20 deposit is due by June 1.

Broadway Dance Camp II, June 23-27, is an intermediate/advanced level class for ages 13-19 scheduled from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Students will also learn basic jazz dance techniques as well as choreography based on three to four Broadway shows. The cost is \$75 and includes a camp t-shirt. The \$20 non-refundable deposit is due by June 1.

Tap Dance Camp III will be taught 1:30-2:30 p.m. June 23-27, as a beginning/intermediate class incorporating Broadway style tap techniques for boys and girls age 9-19. Cost is \$50 and includes camp t-shirt. A \$20 non-refundable deposit is due June 1. Students enrolled in either of the other camps will receive a 10 percent discount. To register for dance camp, contact JoAnna Langthorn at (254) 778-1816 or contact the CAC at (254) 773-9926.

Clay classes for children and adults are planned by instructors Julie Lynch and Larry Matthews. Lynch will teach a ceramics and illustrative sculpture class for teens, ages 10-18, on Mondays, June 23-July 28, from 9 a.m. - noon. The cost is \$70.

She will also teach adult classes on Mondays, June 23-Aug. 4, from 6-9 p.m., or Tuesdays, June 24-Aug. 5, from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$70. A \$20, non-refundable deposit is due June 13 for Lynch's classes, and June 20 for Matthews' classes.

Matthews is scheduled to teach children's clay classes on Wednesdays, June 25-July 30, with children ages 6-9 attending from 10-11:30 a.m. and children ages 10-12 attending from 1:30-3 p.m. The cost is \$60.

In addition, Matthews will teach an adult clay class beginning Tuesdays, June 24 through Aug. 5, from 6-9 p.m. The cost for the six week session is \$70.

CAC visual arts director, Marilyn Ritchie, will teach an adult clay class on Mondays, Aug. 11 to Sept. 15, from 6-9 p.m. and on Tuesdays, Aug. 12 to Sept. 16, from 9 a.m.-noon. The cost for each of these classes is \$70.

For those interested in learning the art of

drawing, artist Victor Grant will host a drawing class for teens and adults held on Wednesdays and Thursdays, June 25-July 31, from 9-11 a.m. In addition, Grant will host a Life Drawing Class on Wednesdays and Saturdays, July 2-Aug.2. The Wednesday class will be held from 7-9 p.m. and the Saturday class will be held from 9-11 a.m. The cost for both of these classes is \$85.

A non-refundable deposit for all camps is due prior to registration. Please note, the CAC will be closed Monday, July 21 through Friday, July 25. Class schedules will adjust accordingly.

On July 7, children are invited to audition from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for parts in "Treasure Island," the weeklong residency project of Missoula Children's Theatre, an internationally-known children's theatre production company from Missoula, Montana, which will cast up to 60 area children ages 5-18.

If selected, there is a \$60 participation fee for the week, with daily rehearsal times scheduled for cast members. Additionally, one or two junior high or high school students will be selected as assistant directors. All sets, costumes, and professional actor/directors are provided by MCT. Two performances of "Treasure Island" will be held at the CAC Mayborn Stage and Auditorium, Saturday, July 12, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. with tickets available at \$5/adult and \$3/child.

For more information on these classes or to register, contact the Cultural Activities Center at (254)773-9926.

Rotary Club Flag Program sign up is under way

The Rotary Club of Salado Flag Program sign up is once again under way. You may sign up to "fly the colors" on May 26, Memorial Day; June 14, Flag Day; July 4, Independence Day; Sept. 16, Labor Day; and Nov. 11, Veteran's Day. Cost is \$25 for all five dates.

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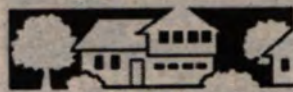
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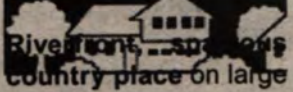


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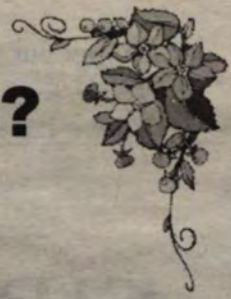
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- **\$93,000** - 3 B, 2 BA home in Temple w/deck & pool
- **\$114,800** - New Construction! Tile, backsplash. 3BR/2 BA.
- **\$119,500** - 3 BR, 2 BA at the entrance of Mill Creek - UC
- **\$119,900** - 3 BR home. Front & back porches & metal shop.
- **\$128,800** - New in Salado Prairies. Vaulted ceilings. 1 acre.
- **\$138,500** - 1.83 acres. 3 BR/2BA with open living/dining area.
- **\$152,000** - Copper fireplace, spiral staircase on wooded lot.
- **\$159,500** - 3 BR, 2 BA, island in kitchen. Mill Creek
- **\$159,900** - Corner lot in Mill Creek. Loft upstairs.
- **\$164,800** - Country living on 2 acres. Oversized garage.
- **\$164,900** - Home in Live Oak Estates - SOLD
- **\$166,000** - Raised ceiling in living room. Landscaped yard.
- **\$172,900** - Beautiful lot. In-ground pool. Split bedrooms.
- **\$175,000** - Mill Creek, Spa-type bath, handicap access - UC
- **\$186,500** - "Orange Lady's Home" fronts golf course & creek.
- **\$189,000** - Golf course, overlooking creek - Under Contract
- **\$197,800** - One story 3 BR, 2 BA ranch style on 1.6 acres.
- **\$197,800** - Near golf course. Engineered foundation - SOLD
- **\$198,500** - Austin Stone on 2 acres. Study can be 4th BR.
- **\$199,500** - At entrance to Mill Creek. Many possibilities.
- **\$229,500** - Poolside, 2 acres, space for R/V. 4 BR/3BA.
- **\$240,000** - Home in Mill Creek Springs - Under Contract
- **\$244,900** - Original B&B built on 13.34 acres. Greenhouse.
- **\$247,500** - Overlooking 14th Fairway, gameroom.
- **\$248,000** - 4 BR/2-1/2 BA on 1 wooded acre in Mill Creek.

- **\$287,500** - Elegant home on 4 acres. Lakeview.
- **\$295,000** - 4 BR home on 60 acres in Troy.
- **\$296,500** - Stone 4 BR home w/ open floor plan. 1.93 acres.
- **\$339,000** - Mill Creek cul-de-sac. Bonus room above garage.
- **\$349,000** - Elegant home. Up to golf course.
- **\$375,000** - Ranch-style Austin stone home on 29 acres.
- **\$449,500** - Country Place B&B, 7 BR home, large barn.
- **\$469,500** - 4 BR/4-1/2 BA, game room, 3 car garage.
- **\$498,500** - On #9 Fairway, overlooks golf course & creek.
- **\$599,000** - Colonial style on 57 acres, guest house, barn.
- **\$699,900** - Country living, pool, 7 acres, barn, workshop.
- **\$895,000** - 4 BR on 40 acres fronting the Lampasas River.
- **\$1,450,000** - Executive 4 BR home on Salado Creek.

Commercial Property

- **\$429,000** - 5.66 acres commercial property off Main Street.

Acreage Available

- **140 acres** located 10 miles northwest of Georgetown. 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.
- **8.77 acres** on I-35 at crossover with road on 3 sides, Exit 286 at Salado.
- **5.7 acres** with long frontage on Lampasas River. Beautiful trees, lovely view of countryside.
- **Last 5 acres** tract in restricted subdivision. Reduced to \$55,000.

Lots

Mill Creek Lots

- **1136 Mill Creek Dr.** - Under Contract
- **808 Mill Creek Dr.** - \$30,000
- **Mill Creek Springs** - \$30 - \$75,000
- **700 Indian Trail** - \$30,000
- **Jack Nicklaus Circle** - \$90,000
- **Lot 1 Club Circle** - \$49,800
- **Fletcher Ct.** - \$69,000
- **Hester Way** - \$55,000

Other Lots

- **Royal Oaks** - \$30,000
- **Royal Oaks** - \$35,900
- **Rita Bend Drive** - \$39,900
- **Windy Hill Ranch** - 2 acre lots - \$55,000 to \$90,000

Hidden Springs

- **Lot 111** - 3.3 acres - \$49,900
- **Lot 82** - 4.87 acres - \$83,000

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Pending with Contingency
Tree covered corner lot, 4BR/3.25 BA, formal dining, study, security system and many extras. **\$238,000.**



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



Under Contract
3BR/2BA Brick home with metal roof. 60'x38' metal barn & 2 stalls on 2 acres. **\$110,000.**



Charming country home west of Salado. 3 BR/2 BA with tile and hardwood flooring. Large fenced back yard. **\$95,000.**



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. **\$259,900.**



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. **\$449,000.**



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. **\$185,000.**



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. **\$337,000.**



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.**



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



Secluded country home with over 4,400 SF in main house 5+ BR, 4 BA, 3 car garage, workshop, gameroom, storage and more 7-1/2 acres with an option on 3 additional acres. **\$437,000.**



3 BR/2 BA brick home in Mill Creek. Beautifully landscaped, 2 car garage, storage shed, back yard deck. **\$188,900.**



Gorgeous tree covered corner lot with 3BR/2BA home in a prime location of Mill Creek. **\$188,000.**



Beautiful wooded lot in the Woods of Salado subdivision. 3BR/2BA, brick fireplace, covered patio deck in back, storage shed. **\$129,900.**

2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900** or 1.35 acres for **\$20,000.**

3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large pecan trees & live water on Butter Milk Creek. **\$39,900.**

3 BR/2 BA mobile home on 3.5 acres w/ hilltop view overlooking valley and lake. **\$50,000.**

3.5 acres with septic & water. **\$38,000.**

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.**

51 acres Butter Milk Creek, spectacular views, excellent tree coverage, southwest of Salado.

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.**

Salado Rental

3 BR/2BA old world charm. CA&H **\$850 per month.**

Belton

Nice 2 BR/2BA doublewide with large living and formal dining. Fenced yard - **\$39,000.**

Acreage

Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. **\$10,000/lot.**

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.**

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.**