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SISD trustees split on tax increase vote

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Salado ISD trustees split 4-3 Aug. 25 on a one-cent increase in property taxes, after voting unanimously for a \$7.5 million operating budget for the 2003-04 school year.

The split vote followed a motion the board turned down to maintain the \$1.57 per \$100 valuation tax rate. Frank Carlson made the motion for the \$1.57 tax rate, which received a second by Jackie Burson. It failed 3-4 with Burson, Carlson and Jeff Kelley voted for it and Debbie Aldridge, Miriam Ervi, John Konzen and Trey Little voting against. Shortly after, the board voted 4-3 on Konzen's motion to increase the tax rate to \$1.58 with Aldridge, Ervi and Little joining Konzen's vote.

Superintendent Robin Battershell recommended the \$1.58 rate as a means to maximize state funding for 2004-05.

Finance director Lyndal Cabaniss presented the board with a formula worksheet to show that the \$1.57 tax rate would not maximize the state

funding formula for 2004-05, while \$1.58 would maximize state funding for the next biennium.

"For the past few years," Dr. Battershell said, "we have been in a triage mode with our budgets. We were trying to fix problems with the finances. We've done that. Now we need to prepare for the future."

That future may include additional facilities. During the discussion over the tax rate, trustees and administrators mentioned a possible bond election.

Board president Miriam Ervi said that by adopting the \$1.58 rate, the board could begin putting away money for possible purchase of land. The one-cent tax increase will generate \$31,000 in additional local revenues. "In two or three years you could have a good down payment for future property," Ervi said.

Carlson said that he could not support the tax increase knowing that the budget was built on a \$1.57 tax rate. The \$1.58 tax rate will put an estimated \$81,955 in the maintenance fund balance. "We're taking it from their savings accounts (the

taxpayers') and putting it in ours," Carlson said, adding that the district already increased funding for maintenance and operations by moving part of the interest and sinking tax rate to maintenance and operations.

A school district's tax rate is split into two parts: maintenance and operations, which funds the day-to-day needs of the school; and interest and sinking, which funds major capital projects such as new schools and other facilities.

In voting for the \$1.58 tax rate, trustees increased the M&O tax rate from \$1.385 to \$1.41 and lowered the I&S rate from \$0.185 to \$0.17.

This tax rate will generate over \$6 million in local funds, of which \$5.34 million will be used for maintenance and operations.

The \$1.58 tax rate will fund a budget of \$7.4 million in maintenance and operations expenditures. It also funds a debt service budget of \$677,636, bringing the total budget to \$8.1 million in expenditures.

Budget comparisons can be seen on Page 6B.



(PHOTO BY SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL)

Utility workers laid underground cables along Main Street last week, tying into the Sprint office. The fiber optic cable work was completed late last week.

Offices, schools closed for Labor Day

The Salado Village Voice office will be closed Sept. 1, in observance of Labor Day. Advertising deadlines for the September 3 publication are due by 12 noon August 28.

Additionally, First State Bank of Salado and Compass Bank, both located on Main Street, will be closed

for business on Labor Day.

The Village of Salado Municipal Building, the Village of Salado Tourism Council office, the Salado Civic Center office and the Salado Chamber of Commerce office will also be closed for Labor Day.

Thomas Arnold Elementary School, Salado Inter-

mediate School and Salado High School campuses will all be closed for the holiday, as well.

Business in Salado will resume Sept. 2.

The Salado Village Voice office will reopen 8 a.m. September 2. The newspaper will publish at its regular time.

Plans underway for Christmas in October; Annual event will feature 24 local merchants

By JOAN SCHROCK
LADIES AUXILIARY

Christmas in October comes only once a year in Salado, and this year's event is only a few short weeks away. Except this year, the format will be entirely different, including free admission and free parking for all our guests.

First and foremost, 24 of our local merchants are joining together to both display and sell their wares throughout several giant tents on the ground of the Salado Civic Center. And, thanks to a special ruling, this will be the very first time they've been able to actually sell merchandise at the location during the event, which should be a most welcome change to most of our visitors.

Of course, there will be

all sorts of Christmas displays and items, including decorated trees, clothing, candy, ornaments, specialty gifts, imports and much, much more. The two-day event will be introduced by a Preview Party to be held on the Civic Center grounds 6-8:30 p.m. Oct. 9, which will feature snacks and treats provided by our local restaurants. There will be an admission charge of \$8 for the Preview Party only and your attendance is entirely optional. However, since space is limited to 200, anyone interested in attending the Preview Party is encouraged to purchase tickets early. Admission to the two-day Christmas in October event that follows is free and does not require a ticket or reservation.

The participating merchants include: The Vil-

lage Pharmacy, The Store, Uniquely Europe, The Studio, Salado Wedding Wishes, Salado Galleries, Sweet Nut Things, Shenanigan's, FSG Jewelry, Wooden Brush, Main Street Place, Rosanky's, Ings, Sweet Dreams, Angelic Herbs and Inspirations, Springhouse Antiques, Willowby's, Splendors, Royal Street Neat Seat, Charlotte's of Salado, The Glass House and LaFon's Antiques. The Salado Village Artists are also participating.

Entertainment, style shows and the annual bake sale will be a big part of your Christmas in October experience in Salado.

Christmas in October is an annual event that is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Salado Chamber of Commerce and



Rock Creek merchants L-R Jan Scurlock owner of Uniquely Europe, Angela Smith of The Glass House, Jill Lowe of Splendors of Salado and Joan Ray of Charlotte's of Salado met recently to discuss the preparation of booths that will be part of the Ladies Auxiliary Christmas in October. Christmas in October will be held Oct. 10-11 at the Salado Civic Center. Proceeds benefit scholarships, volunteer fire departments and other civic organizations.

profits go back to the community in support of college scholarships, city services, Salado Civic

Center and a variety of other local grants.

For additional information or tickets to the Pre-

view Party, contact the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 947-5040.

FORUM



No English Spoken Here

Massachusetts recently began requiring bilingual-education teachers to pass English-fluency tests to keep their jobs. Teachers who have flunked the test are taking drastic action to address their obvious educational inadequacies -- they are suing their local school districts.

In Lowell, Mass., four Cambodian-born teachers who flunked have sued on grounds of discrimination. Failing teachers in other Massachusetts cities are consulting their lawyers, too. How they are doing this is not clear. Maybe they have interpreters.

Critics of bilingual education have long contended that rather than -- as advertised -- a way to ease immigrants into instruction in English, it constitutes an educational ghetto where students are taught in their native tongues and are kept from learning in English. The fluency debacle in Massachusetts is a stark demonstration of this critique.

In Somerville, Mass., the five bilingual teachers who took the test failed. In Lowell, 22 of 25 teachers failed. In Lawrence, 27 out of 31 teachers failed. The widespread failure to pass the test is a sign that bilingual education is a misnomer. It is really monolingual education, in any language but English.

Last November, Massachusetts approved a ballot referendum ditching bilingual education for immigrant children and moving to an English-immersion program instead. The referendum was the brainchild of entrepreneur Ron Unz, who sponsored a similar, successful initiative in California in 1998.

Unz believes that teaching children in English is the best way to teach them English. For most people, this is just common sense. But it is too much to expect a state education department to respect common sense or look after the educational interests of its students, especially if it requires

The Rich Lowry Column

confronting a politically correct interest group. Bilingual education is a favorite cause of left-wing ethnic lobbies that think English-only instruction is practically cultural imperialism -- never mind that it gives immigrant kids the tools to succeed in the United States.

Massachusetts teachers who will be shifted from bilingual ed to English immersion have been flunking an oral examination in which they are asked to do things like describe their jobs (apparently they don't even know how to say "foreign languages"). "They have got to come up to par," says Rosalie Porter, a former bilingual teacher in Massachusetts who was a leader of the anti-bilingual initiative.

She became a bilingual teacher in the 1970s, when the program first began in Massachusetts, hoping to help immigrant children. She became convinced that bilingual ed was a catastrophe. "I saw that it absolutely didn't work," she says. "If we taught the kids in Spanish it would delay their learning of English, and delay it so much that it would be hard for them to catch up."

The California experience has proven what Porter has maintained for years. "Kids," she says, "will master the language quickly, maybe in a year, maybe two." If, that is, they are taught in English. Whether their former bilingual teachers will pick up the language as quickly, on the other hand, is very much in doubt.

Amendment review rejects highway bonds; favors protecting retirement benefits, tax freeze for disabled and killing one unneeded statute

(Writer's note: This is the penultimate review of the 22 proposed amendments facing voters on September 13 and includes Amendment 14 that would allow highway department officials to borrow funds to offset state-federal fund loss; "Fifteen" - protecting local government workers retirement benefits; "Seventeen" - freezing homestead taxes for disabled within a school district; and "Nineteen" - eliminates an unnecessary statute. Numbers 16 and 18 are companion amendments and have been previously reviewed.

Next week we will analyze the final three amendments (20-22) and on September 10, present a brief summary of all 22 proposed constitutional changes along with a recommendation on each one.)

Amendment Fourteen Highway Bonds

Amendment Fourteen is one more in a long line of requests by lawmakers to thwart the basic linchpin in our Texas Constitution that prohibits the legislature from creating a state debt and forces the legislature to produce biennial balanced budgets. Better known as the "pay-as-you-go" maxim that has well served our citizens for well over a century.

Unfortunately, today's lawmaking worthies discovered that by amending these exceptionally sound fiscal restraints - the state can go on a permanent borrowing-spending spree without raising taxes - something akin to reaching a political nirvana, that is totally embraced by our current state administration that holds "no new taxes" as one of the GOP-top commandments that must not be broken under any circumstances.

This year is no exception as we note Amendment Fourteen that would, if passed, allow the Texas Transportation Commission to incur debt - both short and long term - by either borrowing from banks or issuing bonds.

Short term loans, with a maximum length of two years, would give TexDot an even flow of dollars for the massive building and expansion caused by a growing population that continually shifts from rural to urban and on to suburban areas. Added to the growth factor is the high cost of roadway infrastructure repair.

The short term loans are repaid - with interest - from the state highway fund and are probably a good idea since state and federal highway monies are not only slow in arriving but come at unspecified times and amounts during the fiscal year.

It is the second part of Amendment 14 that is troubling. It would give Highway Commissioners permission to sell long term bonds (up to 20 years) thereby creating a larger state debt, coupled with huge interest payments due annually throughout the life of the bonds.

If there is a proven need for massive additional funding for the highway fund, then these dollars should be secured by forthrightly enacting new or increased taxes and not through the sale of multi-year highway bonds that only add to an already unconscionably large and growing state debt.

Recommend that Amendment Fourteen be defeated.

AMENDMENT FIFTEEN RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Amendment Fifteen is narrowly drawn and deals only with county and city employee's retirement benefits. If passed, it would prohibit any reduction of "earned and/or vested" retirement benefits currently in place for city-county employees.

Very few would object to protecting already earned retirement benefits on the basis of keeping a pledge made to career workers.

Those opposing this proposal claim that in difficult economic times public employers (like their counterparts in the private sector) should be allowed to cut retirement benefits to keep from raising

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



taxes.

As a "sop" to those opposing this measure, Amendment 15 gives cities and counties an "opt out" provision through a one time election in May, 2004, that would exempt them from protecting their employee's retirement benefits.

Voters would have to agree to this draconian action that would "mean-spiritedly" destroy the retirement plans of all presently employed city and county workers.

For some reason this amendment does not include protection against retirement benefit reductions to state employees and teachers. It is hoped that future sessions of lawmaking will extend the same retirement security to all classes of State employees.

Recommend Amendment Fifteen be approved.

AMENDMENT SEVENTEEN SCHOOL TAX FREEZE

Amendment Seventeen, if approved by voters, would bring school districts in line with proposals found in Amendment Thirteen in this year's grab-bag of 22 amendments, (note Off The Record, August 20).

At this time, school districts may freeze only the ad valorem tax on homesteads owned by their age 65 (and older) residents. Amendment 17, would add disabled citizens to the tax-frozen group within a school district.

This amendment is worthy of passage and provided Amendment 13 passes, schools would then join cities, counties and Junior College districts in freezing taxes on homesteads owned by those over the age of 65 as well as the disabled.

Arguments for and against are the same as noted last week in describing Amendment 13. Supporters note that older and disabled citizens live on fixed incomes, therefore annual increases in their property taxes could force them to eventually sell their homes because of the tax burden.

"Aginers" state that "freezing" taxes paid by one group shifts the burden to others - which they claim is unfair since everyone enjoys tax provided services.

Highly recommend passage of Amendment Seventeen.

AMENDMENT NINETEEN CLEAN-UP PROPOSAL

Amendment Nineteen is a real "yawner" since there is no compelling reason to even have this on the ballot, other than to drop one small chunk of superfluous law that clutters up our poor oft-amended constitution - 410 times since 1876 to be exact.

Currently there are two previously approved amendments on the books dealing with the same subject - "Creation of rural fire prevention districts." The first (in 1949) provided for the creation of voter approved rural fire prevention districts supported by a three cent property tax (per \$100 valuation).

The second amendment, (1987), authorized creation of emergency service districts which included rural fire prevention services - with a tax of not more than 10 cents per \$100 property valuation.

The 78th Legislature decided that one rural fire prevention district statute was sufficient - ergo, Amendment 19 was created and placed the 1949 law on the chopping block - where it belongs.

Recommend Amendment Nineteen be approved.

That's -30-

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Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I have closely followed the course of the debate over the proposed construction of a new county criminal justice center, and I believe I should make a public comment. After serving 12 years a Bell County Commissioner, I have a unique perspective on the current situation. The issues under consideration today are exactly the same as those we faced in the early 1980s when overcrowding in our old jail forced the county to take action.

Even though the public debate over the issue was not as heated then as it is this time around, the question of how best to meet the demands of growth is not new. We went through much of the same discussion when planning for the existing jail. We considered many options concerning where, how and how big our project needed to be. We actually gave serious consideration to building outside of downtown Belton. While I have since come to reconsider our decision to locate the jail in its present location downtown, I can say that our decision to build big proved to be a wise one.

Not only has the jail served the needs of the county for nearly 20 years, the revenue generated from leasing the excess capacity had an important positive impact on the county's budget for many years as well. If we made a major mistake, it was in not giving enough consideration to making the project expandable. Looking back, 20 years has gone by very quickly and the current commissioners are again faced with the dilemma; where, how and how big.

I can say without hesitation that the men who currently comprise our Commissioners Court are as capable and conscientious as any public servants anywhere. They have correctly identified existing needs and have studied the alternatives carefully.

Based on my experience, I strongly endorse their proposal to build a combined jail/courts complex on a site which not only satisfies existing needs but will also accommodate future growth. County leaders and tax payers 20 years from now will be thanking these men for their far-sightedness.

"Jack" Oliver
Bell Co. Commissioner
Retired
Belton

To the Editor:

I sent the following letter to the Village of Salado Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. I send it to you to spur community discussion.

I would like to compliment you for all the hard work you have put in on the comprehensive plan during the last several months. I particularly want to commend you on the way you have followed through on your commitment to consider all of the issues raised recently by the public, particularly those brought up during the public hearing.

As you approach the finalization of the zoning ordinance, there are a couple of points I want to make in reference to zoning within the historic and retail area of Salado.

1. During the last few years there has been a design pattern and style that has become popular in Salado and if it continues throughout much more of the open space left in the downtown area, the character of Salado will be drastically changed. I don't think this issue has been addressed in the zoning ordinance.

2. As I have stated earlier, despite the amount of money spent on developing the comprehensive plan, a design for the downtown area needs to be developed with the aid of consultants familiar with traditional small town design and its adaptation to contemporary requirements.

The plan needs to eliminate the generalizations, ambiguities and subjective requirements of the present zoning ordinance and present patterns and styles that can be understood by the public, the zoning commission and developers. Since Main Street is about the only public area in Salado, consideration should be given to the Village's taking it over some day. Also, much of the Village's operating costs are currently paid for by tourists' tax money collected from the historic and retail area. Since it is such an important part of the uniqueness and vitality our town, I hope that the plan will include re-investing some of that tax money in such things as municipal parking, paths and walkways, public restrooms, I-35 noise abatement, etc...

Thank you for your consideration.

Darwin Britt

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FORUM



Thanks, California!

By TAYLOR L. WILLINGHAM

Texas owes a debt of gratitude to California. Our legislators may be holed up in New Mexico playing the political version of "Survivor," but nothing could compete with the political scene unfolding in California - an odd mix of "Who IS a Millionaire?" "Fearless Factor" and "I'm a Celebrity, Get Me In There!" Shucks, us Texans look downright dignified in comparison!

Lost in this real-life reality media frenzy is any discussion of the candidates' credentials. Instead, Californians can select from candidates who claim eligibility because of name recognition (Arnie), charisma (a serious claim from the Gary Coleman camp), tacky fashion sense (the "thong guy"), and (in the case of the porn star) because she "can speak English": her best weapon against Arnie. Come to think of it, the "Terminator" image somehow fits the solutions the California budget will require. Have pity on Cruz Bustamante and Peter Uberroth, who have at least managed large budgets and public funds, but would be hard-pressed to find anyone discussing the need for these credentials.

Apparently, everyone has forgotten about the dire financial circumstance that led to the current frenzy. California is facing a \$13.8 billion deficit--in an economy roughly the equivalent of the fifth largest country. Has anyone had a "V-8" realization that the current crisis may be connected to decisions dating back to the 1978 vote for Proposition 13 that froze property taxes, thus starving the education system? Do a www.google.com search on "California Proposition 13," and you'll find that the top entry is the Cato Institute, a libertarian think

tank that espouses the virtues of Prop 13 as a "voter takes all" healthy movement "documented" by the economic hey-day of the 90s.

This argument only sounds reasonable to those who will not acknowledge that the Prop 13's impact was deferred by the dotcom shell-game. Has anyone stepped into the confessional box confessing these sins gone awry? That would be a heyday for the Guinness Record Book writers!

There is plenty of blame to go around, but it is so much more convenient to pin it all on Gray Davis. Don't get me wrong, I'm not advocating ANY candidate. I am advocating a new era: an era where citizens consider and take responsibility for the long-term implications of their decisions.

But two other points are left out of this circus: first, the information that voters have at their disposal. The media has yet to provide voters with information that will be useful in resolving this difficult and pressing problem. Instead, we learn that Tom McClintock wore a black suit in blazing heat in Sacramento (again the fashion-police-style weigh in). And we know that Arianna plowed through a bank of media microphones to be photographed standing behind Arnold. (She may be a klutz, but it's hard to fault Ms. Huffington for this awkward moment when her face made it "above the fold" of the NY Times, even if on-lookers, asked, "Who IS that woman behind Arnie?") Besides, who can fault the media when none of the candidates have articulated a solution, much less a vision!

Secondly - perhaps most frightening - is the impact that the California recall will have on democracy, our most precious value.

It is a black eye that our country will wear before the rest of the world at a time we are espousing the virtues of democracy.

October 7 may only be the beginning. Policy-makers around the country know all too well that "as California goes, so goes the country." One could argue that a bit of fear in the hearts of policy-makers tempers the arrogant disregard for the importance of public office that we have seen recently. (Please don't make me name names!)

I would like to believe that the "reasonableness" of the public will prevail despite the circus playing out in California. I want to believe that Thomas Jefferson had it right when referring to the public's lack of information, he said, "we must inform their discretion."

I desperately want to believe that, if Alexis de Tocqueville toured the United States today, he would still hold democracy in the same reverence he did over a century ago. I fear, however, that his foreboding may well be playing out in California, "When elections occur frequently, their recurrence keeps society in a perpetual state of feverish excitement, and imparts a continual instability to public affairs."

In the meantime, Texans can feel smug that politics in California is once again even more ridiculous than in Texas, keeping us "below the fold" or tucked away in the infrequently read editorial pages of the newspaper. Ah, it's great to be a Texan.

Taylor Willingham, who recently returned to her native state of Texas, is a co-founder of the California Easy Reader Voter Guide project in California (www.easyvoter.org). She optimistically hopes that her work with the LBJ Library citizens' dialogue project (see

Globalization comes home to roost



Jim Hightower

Don't you love the laissez-faire ideologues who keep insisting against overwhelming evidence to the contrary that the magic potion for all of our economic ills is: "Globalization"?

Never mind that NAFTA, the WTO, and other acronyms of their globaloney have enthroned autocratic, secretive corporate fiefdoms to run over the world's workers, small farmers, the poor, the environment (as found at www.net11.org) right to life self-governing peoples. To this idiotic dogma they attach the holy theory of corporate globalization is inviolate and must be pursued, even if it's a real-world disaster.

But now, some of these very same zealots have flip-flopped, vehemently arguing against globalization. They are desperately trying to kill a bill in Congress that would open the global marketplace to the free flow of one particular product: prescription drugs. The reason for their abandonment of ideology is that this piece of globalization would benefit not corporations... but consumers!

The "Pharmaceutical Market Access Act" would allow your family and mine to buy our medicines from Canada and a couple of dozen other industrialized nations that don't allow the kind of drug company price-gouging that routinely takes place here. In those countries, the exact same drugs are available for half or even a fourth of the price we have to pay. The Market Access Act would empower consumers to get the best price available globally.

The drug giants have gone bananas at this, enlisting the White House, the Republican leadership in Congress, and some Democrats -- people who are usually die-hard globalizers -- to try to keep our borders closed to cheaper medicines. Despite their political pressure, however, the House has already passed this pro-consumer bill, and the Senate will vote on it soon.

Unfortunately, the Bushites and their backers are in the pockets of drug companies and are out to kill it. To help beat them, call Common Cause: 202-833-1200.

Letters

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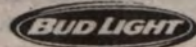
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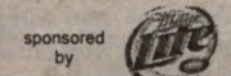
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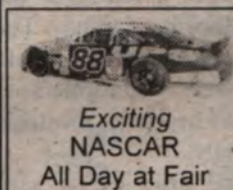


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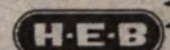
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Dear Editor:
To me it is obvious the correct decision on the upcoming bond election is to vote yes so that the courts and county jail can be built out of downtown Belton.

It makes no sense to me to compound the crowding problem by spending money in an area that is already too congested. Money spent for expansion and improvements at the present location will make a bad situation only worse, and indicates to me a total lack of vision for the future growth of Bell County.

So please, we need to look to the future, and let us not make the decision to waste our tax money by spending it in an area where there is no room for growth.

Sincerely,
Bill Bartlett
Salado

Dear Editor:

Access to patients for medical care from obstetricians, neurosurgeons, and pediatricians is critically limited in the state of Texas. When these essential services are not available in the majority of Texas counties, reasonable people certainly agree that something must be done. Sept. 13th Texans will have an opportunity to approve of Proposition 12 that allows a limit on non-economic damages in medical malpractice suits.

Proposition 12 will amend the Texas Constitution but it does not restrict the right of Texas citizens to their day in court. It does not prevent a citizen from recovering economic damages that may have been incurred by true negligence. It does not prohibit a reasonable recovery for non-economic damages. It is a measure intended to restore the proper role of medical liability and to make medical care accessible to every Texan.

Medical liability litigation is out of control and is the single largest contributor to lack of patient access to medical care in Texas. It is literally smothering the practice of obstetrics and gynecology in our state. We are losing the talents

of some of our most experienced obstetricians as a result of early retirement or moves to states where the litigation environment is more favorable than Texas. Fewer medical students are choosing to enter obstetrics primarily because of the medical liability burden.

Medical liability litigation does not identify "bad doctors." Almost 90 percent of obstetricians in Texas have been sued at least once and over 85 percent of these claims fail. The ability to file suit for obstetrical cases can extend up to 21 years; this is far beyond the limitations for other medical specialties. Such exposure has elevated liability insurance premiums and the discomfort of adversarial practice to a level where many obstetricians can no longer continue to care for their patients.

The Texas Legislature has done the right thing by passing tort reform. Now it is time for the voters of Texas to ensure that health care remains accessible to all of us.

The relationship between an expectant mother and her obstetrician must not continue to be impaired by the current adversarial circumstance of medical liability. "Yes" for Proposition 12 on Sept. 13 is a step in the right direction. Future generations of Texas mothers should not have to worry about "Who is going to deliver my baby?"

Sincerely,
John C. Jennings, M.D.
President, Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Dear Editor:

Tablerock Festival of Salado, Inc. sends a grateful thank you to the cast, crew, sponsors, organizations, individuals and attendees for their support in helping to make Salado Legends a success in its 11th annual performance.

Our cast and crew consisted of over 200 members, helpers and sponsors this season. The family-oriented production had 24 families ranging from three years-old to 91 years-old,

and from one to four generations. Cast and crew members lived as far away as Waco, Kempner, Georgetown and Bangs, Texas.

In keeping with our Salado Legends family tradition, we encourage our young people to pursue a higher education. Five scholarships, each for \$250, were given to "Legends" college students.

And again this year, Shirley and Mike Cornett donated \$1,000 for scholarships to two Salado Legends college students.

Jeff McClure, Judy Harvey, Indian Trail Press and Hoodview Federal Credit Union donated scholarships. Two of the lines in Salado Legends are "We're gonna teach them kids how to read" and "We'll learn 'um how to talk." It is just as true today as it was in 1860, only we use better English today, and since Salado College closed its doors we have to send "them kids" to other Texas institutions of higher learning.

Despite the high temperature in Central Texas, people drove in from big towns like Dallas, Houston, Fort Worth, Oklahoma City and San Antonio. Not to be outdone, the little towns like Wimberly, Conroe and North Richland Hills were represented too. Drawings for a one night stay and meals at the Stagecoach Inn gave us names and addresses of people from Ohio, Oklahoma, Arizona.

The economic impact of the 1,347 people who attended the three performances of Salado Legends is remarkable. The ticket sales combined with tourist sales at area motels, hotels, bed and breakfasts, shops, gas stations and restaurants is estimated to be \$311,123. What a boon for Salado's tourist trade! This year it helps the Salado Village one percent sales tax and the Hotel Motel Tax. Our attendance was up 7.8 percent over last year.

Thank you one and all for your continued help and confidence in Salado Legends. Sincerely, Jackie Mills Vice President Tablerock Festival of Salado, Inc.

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Japanese, graphic design at CTC

Central Texas College's Continuing Education department will offer the following non-credit courses this fall:

Graphic Design and Photo Manipulation with Adobe Photoshop — This course will provide an introduction to designing artwork and manipulating photographs to create beautiful graphic images. Lessons will include designing an invitation, CD covers, cleaning up old photographs and a final project to be displayed in the Fine Arts building. Students must have basic computer knowledge. Bring an Iomega 100 or 250 zip disk to class. Nathaniel Kutsch has seven years of experience as a graphic designer of CD covers, web graphics and photo portraits. Class meets 6-8 p.m. Sept. 8-Oct. 1, Mondays and Wednesdays. Cost is \$84.

Conversational Japanese — The Japanese language is very different from English and other European languages. That doesn't mean that Japanese is difficult. Gain a basic understanding of sentence structure and pronunciation. Class will cover basic

Japanese letters, pronunciation, grammar, numbers, greetings and conversation. Plan to purchase the book **Japanese-The Easy Way** for approximately \$15 from the CTC Bookstore. Yusuke Kusajima, a native of Tokyo, Japan, has lived in the United States for three years and speaks both English and Japanese. Class meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 8-Oct. 6, Mondays and Wednesdays. Cost is \$48.

A Taste of Japan — Clear, light, simple and neat is the definition of the Japanese word sappari. This accurately describes the traditional ingredients, influences and flavors of the island of Japan. Take a trip through this delightful cuisine and learn how to prepare sushi, miso soup, noodles, rice and seafood in a delicious and healthy manner. Students are asked to wear pants and shirts with sleeves. Ingredients and recipes will be provided. Bring a hand towel, apron and a container so you can take food home. Len Pawelek is the sous chef for a local restaurant and is a certified culinarian with the American

Culinary Federation. Class meets 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 13. Cost is \$46.

Creative Storytelling — A speech, narrative, report or historical event comes alive with a good storyteller who has the ability to communicate well. The art of storytelling develops confidence, public speaking ability, imagination, listening skills, the creative thought process, group collaboration, improvisation, problem-solving and performance skills. Class will include exercises to help promote fun, imagination and creativity. Explore new ideas for writing and telling new stories or old favorites and folktales. Bring \$2 for handouts and plan to spend a minimum of \$20 on supplies.

Christine Pointer is an active performer of music, poetry and drama for stage and television. Class meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 8-29, Mondays. Cost is \$26.

For more information about these classes, or to request a brochure, contact the Continuing Education office at (254)526-1586 or visit www.ctcd.edu.



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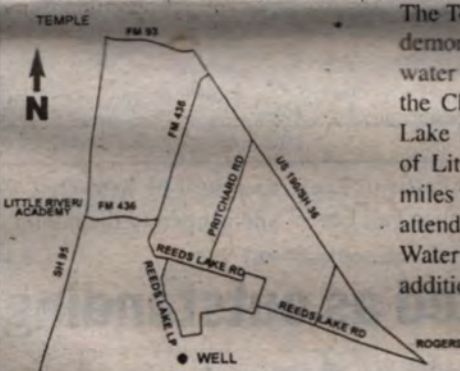
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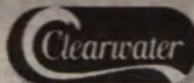
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Service planned for Rev. Davidson Aug. 31

A special service is planned for 4 p.m. Aug. 31 to install Rev. Greg Davidson as Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Salado. The service will be held at the church, 105 Salado Plaza Dr.

Rev. Davidson is a

recent graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and is a graduate of the University of Texas. His calling to ministry follows a career in state government at the highest levels. He, his wife Donna, and daughter Mary Grace

currently reside in Round Rock and will be moving to Salado in the near future.

A reception will follow at the Halley House.

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Wednesday

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Fellowship Meal	5:30 p.m.
TeamKID (Preschool - 6th)	6:00 p.m.
Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Prayer Service	6:15 p.m.
Bible Drill (3rd - 6th)	7:00 p.m.
High School Halftime	7:00 p.m.

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Lotz recognized as first Grand Knight of Salado

James Lotz recently accepted a plaque in recognition of service as first Grand Knight of Salado, St. Stephen Parish Council of the Knights of Columbus at their Aug. 20 meeting. Lotz took the position when the Council was formed in late 2002.

The Council also installed their second slate of Officers at the meeting. Officers for the 2003-2004 year will include Nicholas Garcia, Grand Knight, Christopher Seaton, Deputy Grand Knight, Wayne Womac, Treasurer, and Gerald Reihsen, Financial Secretary.

During Lotz' tenure the Club gained its Charter, initiated Pancake Breakfasts at the new St. Stephen Parish Hall, provided overall services to the St. Stephen Parish, and is involved in the annual St.



James Lotz

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Rakowitz recognized as outstanding new County Extension Agent

By LARRY PIERCE

Randall Rakowitz, Bell County agricultural agent with Texas Cooperative Extension, was recognized with an award for excellence as a new county agent during the annual meeting of the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association (TCAAA).

The TCAAA New Agent Recognition Award recognizes County Extension agents who have excelled in their first four years in serving their local communities and clientele.

With county agents in all 254 Texas Counties, only 12 agents, one from each of Extension's 12 regional districts, are presented the award in a given year.

The presentation was made during the Professional Excellence Awards Breakfast held at the Holiday Inn-Emerald Beach in Corpus Christi.

Some 300 agents, family members and guests attended the July 26-30



Randall Rakowitz (right) receives award for service.

professional development conference. The theme of this year's conference was "Changing To Lead...Leading To Change."


County Extension agents are part of the Texas A&M University System. They bring the latest research and educational information from the land-grant university to address specific needs of the citizens in each of Texas' 254 counties.

The purpose of the TCAAA is to promote professional development for county agents, maintain high standards of professionalism, encourage cooperation and loyalty among agents and generally increase the effectiveness of agents in disseminating land grant university research-based educational information to Texas citizens.

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Ozcan weds Michna

Meryem Ozcan of Houston became the bride of Vincent William Michna of Houston, Aug. 15 in a double ring ceremony at the Pavillion on Gessner in Houston.

The bride is the daughter of John and Fatos Ozcan of Midland. The groom is the son of Larry and Kathy Michna of Salado.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a white, A-line, satin, floor length gown with beadwork at the neckline and on the spaghetti straps. The veil was held in place by a tiarra.

Rev. James Turner officiated.

Maid of Honor was Ashley Onen of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Best Man was Christo-

pher Michna, brother of the groom, of New Castle, DE.

Ushers were Mike McDonald and Stephen Rickerson, both of Houston. Rachael Brookover of Council Bluffs, IA and Trissa Michna of Georgetown, both cousins of the groom, were guest book hostesses. Sandra Michna of Waco and Denise Michna of Georgetown, aunts of the groom, were hostesses at the reception.

A reception followed at the Pavillion.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii the couple will reside in Houston.

The bride is a graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Houston. She is



employed as an IT Analyst at Chevron-Texaco.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Science degree. He is employed as an Electrical

Product Engineer at Hewlett-Packard.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner Aug. 14 at Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant.

4-H enrollment and info meeting set Sept. 1

The Salado 4-H Club will be holding an information and enrollment meeting 7 p.m. Sept. 1 at the Thomas Arnold Elementary school cafeteria.

There will be stations

set up regarding each of the 4-H projects that the club is currently involved in. Youth and parents will be able to complete the necessary forms for enrollment, visit the different

stations, obtain information and ask questions about the project or projects they are interested in.

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Corn harvest not so bad

By JAMES M. DAVIS
COUNTY EXT. AGENT- AG.

Sorghum harvest is complete, corn harvest is winding down and cotton harvest will begin in the next week or two. Much to my surprise, the corn crop is better than anticipated. There are areas in lighter textured soils where the yields are low. But I am really shocked at some of the good yield reports.

These yields just make you wonder if we had one good rain in April, and one good rain in May, what would have been our yield potential.

The more controversial thought is how much damage have we been doing to corn with some of the "over the top" herbicides we have used in the past? We have known, and if you read the labels, that many of those herbicides are not to be used on certain varieties or on stressed corn. Use of these herbicides under certain conditions can cause yield reduction. From what we are seeing this year, I wonder just how much yield reduction we have had in the past that was not noticeable until harvest. I've heard many farmers comment in past years about how good the crop looked but they could not figure out why it did not yield.

You ask what makes 2003 different from other years? My best guess is over 90 percent of the corn planted this year was Roundup Ready corn. This Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) corn was not damaged by the her-

bicide Roundup which was used to control grass and weeds.

Always remember there are always exceptions to any situation. I know there are farms where a non Roundup Ready corn was planted which made good yields just as there are farms where Roundup Ready corn was planted and the yields were poor.

But as a whole, I have always thought we were getting more damage from many of the herbicides because they were applied either at the wrong rate, wrong conditions, wrong method or we applied the wrong herbicide on the wrong variety. There are just too many variables involved. The GMO corn varieties, are the major difference this year in my opinion.

I know this statement will cause some controversy among growers and companies. I am saying this not as a fact but as something growers need to think about and researchers need to test. Remember the days of grain sorghum and Milogard and we all made good crops even on dry years. Just food for thought!

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Orchestra tryouts Sept. 7

The Waco Symphony Orchestra will hold auditions for the 2003-2004 season for the following positions: section violin, section string bass, third horn and principal tuba. Auditions are scheduled for Sept. 7.

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Tickets on sale for CTOS season

The Central Texas Orchestral Society (CTOS) has announced its 2003-04 concert season. All shows are held at the Cultural Activities Center (CAC) in Temple.

The season opens 8 p.m. Sept. 30 with a performance from the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. Conductor Edwardo Brown will lead the orchestra through favorites by Mendelssohn. The performance will also feature soloist Michael Shih, who begins his third year as concert master. The orchestra's performance begins at 7 p.m.

Taking the stage at 8 p.m. Nov. 13 will be Proteus, who perform a repertoire spanning from Monteverdi to Michael Tork. Merging rhythms from a variety of world music, this ensemble fuses the cultural influences of the Far East with Euro-

pean harmonies, along with Renaissance madrigals, gamelan music and jazz.

In addition, the group will conduct the Marty Lundgren Master Class for clarinet 11 a.m. Nov. 14 at the CAC.

The New Hollywood String Quartet will perform masterpieces evoking images from 18th century life 7 p.m. Jan. 18. From Haydn to Hitchcock, this performance will be a journey through music and film.

At 8 p.m. on Feb. 6, Red Priest, an English ensemble named after Antonio Vivaldi, will be performing a Baroque concert. The group has been credited with redefining the art of Baroque music performances by combining extensive research, virtuosity, creative recomposition and compelling stagecraft. Prior to the show, the ensemble will

perform a public information at 6 p.m.

Returning to the CTOS this season, the 18-piece string orchestra, The Chamber Orchestra Kremlin will perform 7 p.m. March 28. Continuing to tour throughout Europe, the United States and the Far East, this ensemble presents rich sound, accuracy of intonation and sheer exuberance. A 6 p.m. information with the conductor will be held prior to the show.

Regular season tickets are \$75 per person and students are \$25 each (preschool through college). Season ticket holders get a substantial discount off the price of adult tickets purchased individually, which are \$20 each. Tickets may be purchased by mailing a check to: CAC/CTOS, Box 4543, Temple, TX 76505.

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tickets are available for \$175 per person. Each Benefactor member will receive four guest coupons that may be used for any one of the CTOS performances. Patron tickets are \$100 per person and three guest coupons will be included at that membership level.

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Jackson passes away at age 83

Winston Dale Jackson, 83, of Cedar Park passed away Aug. 21, 2003. Services were held Aug. 24 at Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home. Burial was at Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Memorial Park.

He was born on Jan. 27, 1920 in Mexia. He was a veteran of European Theater of World War II, retired

from Shell Chemical Plant in Deer Park after 30 years and moved to his creek house in Salado in 1983, until moving to The Pointe in Cedar Park along with his wife. He and his wife were members of the First Baptist Church of Salado for 20 years.

He is survived by his

wife of 60 years, Annetta Marie; his son, James and daughter-in-law, Jeri Lynn Jackson of Lago Vista; grandchildren, Neal and Becky Schneider of Round Rock, Kevin and Michelle Jackson of Leander, and Jennifer Bargsley of Longview; great-grandchildren, Andrew

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He is preceded in death by his son, David Wesley Jackson.

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Rex receives scholarship

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Rex received an Abell-Hanger Foundation Scholarship, in the amount of \$7,000 payable \$3,500 each of the first two years of higher education. The Abell-Hanger Foundation awarded 27 scholarships to

students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement. One scholarship was awarded to a student who plans to major in nursing, and another scholarship was given in honor of Garry W. Vacek, TILF President.

This year the TILF awarded 262 new awards and will renew approximately 271 awards for a total of 533 scholarships worth over \$1 million. Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Rex placed first in number sense at the 2002 and 2003 UIL Academic State Meets. He also competed in mathematics at

the 2001, 2002, and 2003 State Meets. Throughout his high school career, he also participated in UIL tennis and basketball, and was involved in the community through tutoring and various volunteer efforts.

He plans to attend Texas A&M University-College Station and major in math/business.

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Governor Warden speaks to Rotary Club

By SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL
STAFF WRITER

Rotary District 5870 Governor Barbara Warden addressed the Rotary Club of Salado, Aug. 19.

While serving as Executive Director for the Literacy Council of Williamson County, she was able to speak to civic groups, educators and Rotarians. Warden said: "The Rotarians always stuck out in my mind as the movers and shakers of the community."

"When I joined Rotary, I became involved in a hurry," she stated. And, at that point, also realized the world was a community.

She told the group that Rotary will celebrate its 100th birthday, Feb. 23, 2005, currently counting more than 1.2 million members and 30,000 clubs in over 165 countries. District 5870 has 61 clubs.

Rotary likes to focus on four areas: poverty alleviation, literacy and education, health concerns, and the family of Rotary. They participate in community service, literacy projects, cluster meetings and reaching out to families. Rotary also provides assistance grants for literacy and education.

Warden explained that through cluster meetings, clubs discuss "how do you get Rotarians and how do

you keep them?" Membership and public relations are also issues that will be discussed at the meetings, she went on to say.

The Young Heroes program, the TB project, group studies, youth exchange and the ambassador scholars are collective efforts that Rotary participates in.

"Our collective efforts transcend what we can do alone," Warden said.



Governor Barbara Warden

Warden was accompanied by John Cooney, Assistant Governor, and Gene Davenport, District Governor Elect.

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
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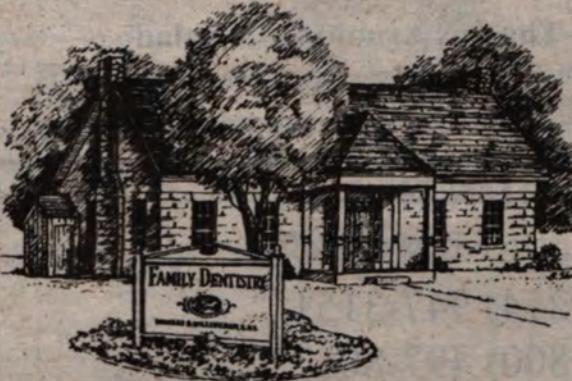
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End of summer is peak season for brain infection

By PAUL G. DONOHUE, M.D.

Dear Dr. Donohue: For two days my son complained about a bad headache. I thought nothing of it and told him to take Tylenol. On the third day, he couldn't get out of bed, and his temperature was quite high. We rushed him to the hospital. After doing a spinal tap, they said he had encephalitis. Does this cause permanent brain damage?

Answer: Encephalitis (IN-sef-uh-LITE-us) is an infection of the brain, and quite often it is a viral infection. The roster of possible viruses is large. It numbers more than 100. Quite often, it is impossible to identify which of the 100 viruses is responsible for a particular case.

Mosquitoes can carry some encephalitis viruses.

To Your Good Health

by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.



Contaminated food and water are two other sources of infection and spread. The peak season for viral encephalitis is late summer and early fall. The mosquito population is at its height, and family picnics are often the setting for food and drink to become contaminated with encephalitis viruses.

Headache is a universal symptom of encephalitis. So is a fever. Sometimes patients become stuporous.

There are specific medicines for only a handful of the viral-caused

encephalitis infections. For the others, intensive nursing, pain relief and intravenous feeding can generally permit a patient to weather the storm.

Most patients make a full recovery. There are exceptions. Some infections can be lethal, and some can cause permanent brain damage, but those infections are few.

There is no encephalitis pamphlet, but there is a newly printed headache pamphlet, a frequent subject of letter-writers' concerns. A copy of the pamphlet can be obtained by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 901W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 U.S./\$6.50 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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The "beta blocker" name comes from the way these medicines block beta nerve signals, signals that upset the apple cart in many conditions.

Beta blockers are so versatile that I would be surprised if half my readers were not taking one. Tenormin, Visken, Lopresor, Blocadren, Corgard and Inderal are a few brand names.

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Salado Education Foundation's Cattlemen's Ball approaching

By JACKIE MILLS

Salado Education Foundation's October 11 "Chisholm Trail Cattlemen's Ball" will highlight recipient Chelsea Norman.

Chelsea Norman graduated from Salado High School in May of 2003. She was one of the recipients of a Salado Education Foundation Scholarship.

Being Salado High School's Salutatorian was the icing on the cake for Chelsea. Her 4.0 rating, well rounded extracurricular activities in elementary, middle and high school plus her after school jobs are enough to make a person feel fatigued just listening to the extensive list.

Chelsea has chosen to earn a Masters Degree in Psychology and become a Counselor. Chelsea is a people person and no one is better suited. If you look at her list of volunteerism you can understand what she enjoys and realize that she has chosen well. A partial list consists of: March of Dimes Marathon, Salado Duck Race, working school conces-

sions stands and bake sales, toy drives, craft sales, Salado's Christmas Parades and Drill Coach for the First Baptist Church. In her spare time, she worked for two years at the Halley House Bed and Breakfast and for almost three years at the Salado Veterinarian Hospital.

"Deciding on a college was a tough decision," Chelsea confessed. "I changed my mind daily when considering St. Edwards, Southwestern and UMHB. I chose UMHB because of the campus atmosphere, personnel, and too, the staff at UMHB made me feel very welcome. I knew that a small college in a small town with friendly people and a beautiful campus would suit me best. It would be just like Salado. I'm going to miss my mom, my dog, my cat and especially my piano! I studied piano for eight years with Mary Lee Bailey. But, with home and friends only 10 minutes away I'll still get a hug from Mom, a welcome from my pets and get to play a tune on my piano now and then too. Every day I thank God for help-

ing me make the right decision."

"Registration in June was when I started to get excited," said Chelsea. "I met a lot of new and friendly people, signed up for my classes and visited the dorm. UMHB has chosen for me. The lunch at the dorm was actually good! I had heard dorm food left a lot to be desired, but I was pleasantly surprised. All summer long I have driven through the campus and I feel more at home with every trip. The scholarship I received from the Salado Education Foundation has made all of this possible for me."

The Salado Education Foundation was formed in 1999 by 19 concerned citizens who banded together with the slogan "Together, We Can Make a Difference." The foundation's ultimate goal is to award financial assistance to every Salado High School graduate for continued education at the college or technical school of the recipients choice.

The Salado Education Foundation fund-raiser "The Chisholm Trail Cattlemen's Ball" will be

6-11:30 p.m. Oct. 11 at Tenroc Ranch in Salado.

Proceeds from this event will support the Salado Education Foundation in providing student scholarships and grants to teachers for educational programs. If a SEF scholarship recipient wishes to attend Temple College their scholarship is matched.

Attendees to the Chisholm Trail Cattlemen's Ball are invited to dress in western gear while enjoying a night of fun under Texas stars. In concert will be Fred Fuller and his band. Dinner will be served by Johnny's Steaks and BBQ and entertainment will be provided by Tablerock's Brazos Bottom Cowographers. The evening will include wagon rides by Dick Curtis' Good Time Carriage Rides, casino gambling and two live auction.

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Jon McHaney, John Schoellmann and Jessica Keeney are from Salado.

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August 28: Sausage Rolls, Cereal, Toast, Fruit,
Juice, Milk
August 29: Biscuit, Sausage Patty
Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Sept. 1: No School
Sept. 2: French Toast,
Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Sept. 3: Glazed Doughnut,
Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch Menu
August 27: Pizza, Corn, Breadstick, Chef Salad,
Hoagie, Chocolate Cake, Fruity Freeze, Milk
August 28: Chicken and Noodles, Broccoli, Hot
Roll, Pineapple, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk
August 29: Cheeseburger, Oven Fries,
Burger Salad, Fruity Freeze, Chef Salad,
Hoagie, Milk
Sept. 1: No School
Sept. 2: Sloppy Joe on Bun, Ranch Style Beans,
Peaches w/ Topping, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk
Sept. 3: Pizza, Corn, Breadstick, Fruity Freeze,
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The deploying force, named Task Force Steel Dragon, consists of soldiers from several 1st Cavalry Division units: 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment; 8th Engineer Battalion; D Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment; F Troop, 9th Cavalry Regiment; B Company, 4th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery Regiment; and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade. The majority of the soldiers come from the 2-82 FA. The task force commander is Lt. Col. Gregory Schultz, commander of 2-82 FA.

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Educators center of attention August 30

Salado businesses are going all out to honor Texas teachers and staff all day Aug. 30. More than \$6,000 in merchandise and services will be given by shops, restaurants and bed and breakfast inns.

School personnel will be greeted in Salado with gift drawings ranging from \$100 to \$500 in value.

Gifts include bed and breakfast stays, gift certificates for dining in Salado restaurants, ladies and men's fashions, spa services and Limited Edition Prints by Thomas Kinkadee, Ronnie Wells, and G. Harvey. Gourmet gift baskets, jewelry, furniture, home and garden design items and gift certificates for merchandise will be given by many of Salado's most unique shops.

Educators can see the gifts in weekly updates

to the event's website, www.geocities.com/saladoevents.

Many Salado shops will have extended shopping and registration hours, from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Shopping, dining and lodging discounts will be offered to Texas school administrators, teachers and staff throughout the day.

Educators can register free at participating businesses for their specified door prize. Employment in Texas schools, colleges and universities will be verified and all winners will be notified by work telephone number and work email address. Each school employee should bring a school ID or name badge to qualify for shopping and dining discounts.

Salado's Salute to Texas Educators is being sponsored by First State Bank Central Texas.



Janet Kemp was the winner of a six month membership to Before and After Ladies Fitness and Training Center. The prize was given away at the Salado ISD Back to School Luncheon hosted by First State Bank. Kemp is a seventh and eighth grade reading teacher at the Intermediate School. (PHOTO BY SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL)

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Proceeds from this tournament are used to support events, projects and the purchase of additional educational tools for the children at Thomas Arnold Elementary.

Registration is \$60 per player, with carts included. First, second and third

place, along with closest to the pin and longest drive will receive a complimentary 5 p.m. dinner at the 19th Hole.

Contributors donating \$10-\$50 will receive newspaper recognition.

Fairway sponsorships are priced at \$100, and include a sponsor sign, complimentary dinner, newspaper recognition and one tournament green fee.

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\$150, include a sponsor sign, complimentary dinner, newspaper recognition and one tournament green fee.

Green sponsorships are set at \$200, and include sponsor sign, complimentary dinner, newspaper recognition and one tournament green fee.

Deadline for sponsorships and entry fees is Sept. 8.

Checks may be sent to: Salado PTO/ P.O. Box 900/

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If mailing a check, include name of sponsor, contact person, address and phone number. It is also asked that players or sponsors indicate whether they will be attending dinner, whether they will be playing golf, their handicap, and the names and handicaps of additional players.

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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 Public Library: Summer reading program for Pre-K through fifth grade, 11 a.m.-noon during July. Call 947-9191.

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: Aug. 18-end of school year, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. except first Monday of the month, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. Class includes stretching, strengthening and Pilates. Held at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public.

Salado Youth Fair Boosters: Third Monday of each month, 7 p.m. at the elementary school library.

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

Yoga classes: 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Salado Chiropractic and Massage. 947-2225.

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.

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Dance Lessons 8-9:30 p.m. at the Scots Hall of the Clans. 947-0325 for info.

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.

Saturdays

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

What's happening here?

AUGUST 30

Salado Salutes Texas Educators, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. at various Salado businesses. For information check out www.SaladoTex.com.

SEPTEMBER 1

Salado Village Voice office closed. Advertising deadline for Sept. 3 issue: 12 noon Aug. 28.

SEPTEMBER 5

Salado Lions Club Lasagna Supper, preceding first home football game, 5:15-game-time at SIS.

SEPTEMBER 8

St. Stephen Women's Society meeting. Program by Laura Snyder on religious education programs.

SEPTEMBER 11

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

SEPTEMBER 13

Mill Creek Community Assoc. Fall Fling 7 p.m. at Mill Creek Inn and Country Club. Cash bar at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10.95 per person.

SEPTEMBER 13-14

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

SEPTEMBER 15

Eleventh Annual Thomas Arnold Elem. PTO Golf Tournament, 1 p.m. at Mill Creek. Deadline for entry is Sept. 8. For info, call Kathlyn Smith at 947-8239.

SEPTEMBER 20

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

SEPTEMBER 20-21

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

SEPT. 20, 21, 27, 28

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

SEPTEMBER 22

PALS presents First Annual Salado Wine Tasting Festival 6 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. For info call Fran Harris, 947-3429.

SEPTEMBER 27

Chisholm Trail ABWA Style Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Celebration Center. 947-9000 for info.

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. 947-5040

OCTOBER 10-12

First annual teddy bear making class and retreat at the Baines House. Call 947-8885.

OCTOBER 11

Salado Education Foundation's Chisholm Trail Cattleman's Ball 6-11:30 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. Call 947-5479.

OCTOBER 14

Eighth Annual Salado Humane Society Benefit Dinner, 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Mansion. \$25 per person. Info: 947-3241.

OCTOBER 17-19

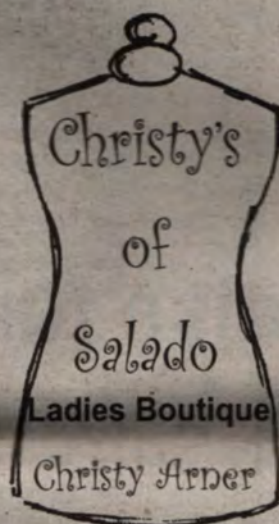
Second annual Titanic Texas Weekend: Gathering for anyone interested in the Titanic. For info: willingham@vvm.com.

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 benefiting Salado Family Relief Fund, 1-6 p.m. at SIS auditorium. Call 947-5321 for info.



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Friendliness is topic of discussion

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Responding to concerns that certain shops in town are gaining a reputation for unfriendliness, the Salado Business Association spent the majority of their monthly general meeting Aug. 21 discussing methods to maintain Salado's image as an hospitable get-away.

"We want to be known as the friendliest place in Texas," said Becky Macaulay, of The Store. "Because there are other places people can go."

The SBA considered the possibility of hiring "mystery shoppers" to visit

stores, then give feedback to the owners, particularly on how they were treated by employees. That information could then allow shop-owners to have a better understanding of whether or not they have a problem with customer service.

The mystery shopper plan was met with some reluctance by a handful of SBA members. "Most people that are serious about their business do all they can for customer service," said Nancy Light, owner of Main Street Place. "But some people are that way (unfriendly), and they're not going to change because of a survey."

Ron Leguin, of Scarlett's, Susan Marie's and So Chic, said that in the past, though not in Salado, he had used mystery shoppers with positive results. "It was very successful for us," he said. He explained he used the service only as a positive, in that it was an effective reinforcement tool for good employees.

Leguin also cautioned that he had witnessed the negative outcomes of dissatisfied customers. If that attitude takes hold in Salado, he said, "it will kill this town. It will kill the business. It will kill everything."

Ultimately, the SBA

voted to form a committee to explore the idea of mystery shopper.

In other business, Titia Arledge reported that membership is up slightly from last month, and alderman Suzi Epps reminded that the Zoning Ordinance will be presented for adoption 6:30 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Civic Center. "It is a public meeting, everyone is welcome to attend, and there will be discussion," she said.

The SBA holds its general meeting on the third Thursday of each month, 8:45 a.m. at the Civic Center. All SBA members are encouraged to attend.

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Youth Fair Boosters fundraiser held Oct. 25

The Salado Youth Fair Booster Club will hold a Raffle and Silent Auction Oct. 25 at the Bell County Expo Center.

Prizes include a John Deer Gator, YO Ranch hunt, and a permanent cosmetic procedure (a \$300 value).

The Booster Club is a non-profit organization that supports all Salado youths who participate in the Bell County Youth Fair and Livestock Show. These youths are members of the

FFA, FHA, and 4-H clubs, and are nine to 18 years old.

The purpose of the Booster Club is to see that each participant member is rewarded for their efforts. Through the club's yearly fundraiser, and donations that are given, the club raised \$25,000 for the 2003 Show. The Booster Club was then the buyer/add on participant at the Bell County Youth Fair and Livestock Show auction. Youths who did not place

in the top three of their category were given a placement/effort check based on a point system.

In the 2003 Show there were 177 youths who participated. Entries ranged from, but were not limited to, baking a cake, building a bend, or raising a steer. Along with all the hard work and dedication that goes into these projects comes the learning of responsibility, patience, and trust.

For the Booster Club to remain successful in supporting the youth, they are asking all local companies and businesses to donate items that can be used for the fundraiser, or to send monetary donations to the Salado Youth Fair Boosters, P.O. Box 244, Salado, TX 76571.

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NHS inducts 11 from Salado

A total of 11 Salado High School students qualified for induction into the recently released National Honor Roll.

The National Honor Roll recognizes high-achieving middle and high school students. "These young people have worked hard to attain academic success," said Lynn Romeo, Publisher of the National Honor Roll. "Honoring their achievement provides moti-

Cost is up on school lunches

The new school year is underway, and the Salado ISD Cafeteria is looking forward to providing good service to all of the students. Some prices will increase due to increased cost from the vendors.

New prices are \$.30 milk, \$.60 ice cream, \$1, 20 oz. drinks, \$.75 chips and candy, and \$.85 fries (a la carte).

Students at the Intermediate and High Schools may purchase Pizza Hut pizza, salads, and assorted drinks from the food cart. These items are a la carte and must be paid in cash.

vation and encourages them to continue striving. We're proud to include them in the National Honor Roll."

The National Honor Roll contacts potentially qualifying students after reviewing information about their academic performance. Students are asked to submit information about their GPA, their interests, activities, and future goals for further consideration. Only students with a B or better average are eligible. This year, 68 percent of the inductees averaged an A-minus or better and 32 percent averaged B through B-plus.

Salado High School students named to the Honor Roll include: Matt Brown, Paige Cameron, Brittany Dixon, Tiffany Dixon, Jenny Goode, Laramie Jackson, Stephanie Kinsey, Robert Lott, Pamela (Brinn) Newman, Lindsey Pruitt and Mallory Snelson.

More information about the National Honor Roll may be found at www.nationalhonorroll.org.

Taste of Soul

By SHERYL CRAWFORD
Co. EXT. AGENT-LIVING

can we demonstrate it in a more nutritious way?

What is "soul food?" Ask 50 people and you will get 50 different answers. However, one clever chef simply defined it as "the cuisine born when you had far more love than money."

Soul food cooking has been an expression of love in the African American community for years. Many of these foods are good for us without the high fat and sodium content. Fat and sodium are necessary for life, but high consumptions have been linked to diabetes, heart disease and hypertension.

According to the American Heart Association, cardiovascular diseases rank as the number one killer of African Americans, and the rate of high blood pressure in blacks in the United States is among the highest in the world. If soul food is indeed an expression of love, how

Small changes in food preparation can make a huge difference in our health. We can cut back on fat and salt in our favorite recipes and still enjoy great taste. To learn more on this topic, attend "A Taste of Soul," a healthy soul food cooking workshop presented at St. James United Methodist Church 5-8 p.m. Sept. 4.

The workshop speaker is B. Elaine Freeney of the Cooperative Extension Program- Prairie View A&M University. Freeney will discuss the definition and origin of soul food and health risks associated with traditional soul food cooking. This interactive program will teach participants how to prepare foods that nourish the soul and body. Registration is \$5 due by Aug. 29. For more information contact Sheryl Crawford at the Bell County Extension Office.


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Central Texas Orchestral Society opens 2003-2004 season

The Central Texas Orchestral Society (CTOS) has announced its 2003-04 concert season. All shows are held at the Cultural Activities Center (CAC) in Temple.

The season opens 8 p.m. Sept. 30 with a performance from the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. Conductor Edwardo Brown will lead the orchestra through favorites by Mendelssohn. The performance will also feature soloist Michael Shih, who begins his third year as concert master. The orchestra's performance begins at 7 p.m.

Taking the stage at 8 p.m. Nov. 13 will be Proteus, who perform a repertoire spanning from Monteverdi to Michael York. Merging rhythms from a variety of world music, this ensemble fuses the cultural influences of

the Far East with European harmonies, along with Renaissance madrigals, gamelan music and jazz.

In addition, the group will conduct the Marty Lundgren Master Class for clarinet 11 a.m. Nov. 14 at the CAC.

The New Hollywood String Quartet will perform masterpieces evoking images from 18th century life 7 p.m. Jan. 18. Included in the performance is a brief film introduction to works commissioned by the group based on themes from Alfred Hitchcock movies. From Haydn to Hitchcock, this performance will be a journey through music and film.

At 8 p.m. on Feb. 6, Red Priest, an English ensemble named after Antonio Vivaldi, will be performing a Baroque concert. The group has been cred-

ited with redefining the art of Baroque music performances by combining extensive research, virtuosity, creative recomposition and compelling stagecraft. Prior to the show, the ensemble will perform a public performance at 6 p.m.

Returning to the CTOS this season, the 18-piece string orchestra, the Chamber Orchestra Kremlin will perform 7 p.m. March 28. Continuing to tour throughout Europe, the United States and the Far East, this ensemble presents rich sound, accuracy of intonation and sheer exuberance. A 6 p.m. performance with the conductor will be held prior to the show.

Regular season tickets are \$75 per person and students are \$25 each (pre-school through college). Season ticket holders get a substantial discount off the

price of adult tickets purchased individually, which are \$20 each. Tickets may be purchased by mailing a check to: CAC/CTOS, Box 4543, Temple, TX 76505.

For those interested in supporting the CTOS at a higher level, Benefactor tickets are available for \$175 per person. Each Benefactor member will receive four guest coupons that may be used for any one of the CTOS performances. Patron tickets are \$100 per person and three guest coupons will be included at that membership level.

The mission of the CTOS is to encourage appreciation of classical music by presenting the highest quality musical programming for Central Texas audiences.

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\$0.185 I&S	\$0.185 I&S	\$0.185 I&S	\$0.17 I&S
\$1.57 per \$100	\$1.57 per \$100	\$1.57 per \$100	\$1.58 per \$100

REVENUES

Local	\$4,642,932	\$4,886,680	\$5,342,713
State	\$1,852,081	\$2,127,264	\$1,912,532
Federal	\$131,455	\$149,651	\$142,057
Loan Proceeds	\$98,000	\$98,000	\$105,000
Total Revenue	\$6,724,468	\$7,261,595	\$7,502,302

EXPENDITURES

Instruction	\$3,892,149	\$3,917,219	\$4,215,650
Instructional Resources	\$218,062	\$288,347	\$232,760
Curriculum & Staff	\$12,500	\$12,623	\$12,700
School Leadership	\$393,509	\$434,209	\$438,697
Guidance/Counseling	\$158,225	\$167,824	\$170,975
Health Services	\$63,641	\$63,641	\$64,578
Student Transportation	\$280,651	\$295,151	\$329,674
Food Services	\$262,258	\$301,958	\$317,579
Co & Extra-Curricular	\$292,526	\$373,707	\$338,985
General Administration	\$320,161	\$322,641	\$370,791
Plant M&O	\$652,500	\$771,247	\$784,258
Security & Monitoring	\$3,000	\$3,300	\$3,000
Debt Service	\$53,700	\$53,700	\$53,700
Payments to Fiscal Agents	\$85,067	\$85,067	\$80,000
Total Revenues	\$6,687,949	\$7,030,634	\$7,420,347
Change in M&O Fund	\$36,519	\$230,961	\$81,955

DEBT SERVICE BUDGETS

Revenues			
Local	\$593,183	\$593,183	\$606,406
State	\$86,942	\$109,157	\$68,841
Revenue Total	\$680,125	\$702,340	\$675,247
Expenditures	\$682,500	\$682,500	\$677,636
Change in Debt Fund	\$-2,375	\$19,840	\$-2,389

COMBINED BUDGET TOTALS

Revenues			
Maintenance & Operation	\$6,724,468	\$7,261,595	\$7,502,302
Debt Service	\$680,125	\$702,340	\$675,247
Total Revenues	\$7,404,593	\$7,963,935	\$8,177,549
Expenditures			
Maintenance & Operation	\$6,687,949	\$7,030,634	\$7,420,347
Debt Service	\$682,500	\$682,500	\$677,636
Total Expenditures	\$7,370,449	\$7,713,134	\$8,097,963
Total Fund Balance Change	\$34,144	\$250,801	\$79,566

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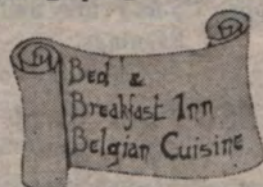
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Poison Ivy a real pain in summer

By DEBBIE LAUER
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We have all heard the saying "leaves of three, let it be." Unfortunately though catchy, this alone will not protect us from that dreaded summer time affliction, the poison ivy rash. The plants don't always play by the rules and sometimes have leaves in groups of five.

There is another phrase that should help in the identification that I recently learned. That phrase is "thumbs on mittens." This phrase refers to the tendency for poison ivy to have larger lobes near the base of the leaf that look like "thumbs." Combine the two phrases and also realize that the plant can be a vine or have a small shrub like appearance and you realize that you have to be careful out there.

For those of us unlucky enough to have this plant growing in our yards, there is no easy way to rid ourselves of it. A combination of a herbicide that specifically labels poison ivy as a target plant, good old fashioned elbow grease, and persistence are the keys to being poison ivy free.

The use of any herbicide should be carefully consid-

ered. Always follow the directions on the label and use the minimum amount needed to do the job. To minimize spraying plants you do not want to kill, pick a calm day, the less air movement the better. Be sure to protect yourself, wear long pants, long sleeves, rubber gloves and goggles. To reduce the amount of handling chemicals (and therefore possible accidents), buy a formula that needs no dilution. Carry a piece of cardboard with you as you treat the unwanted plants.

If you have a plant, tree, or shrub near the poison ivy, shield your landscape plants with the cardboard. If you have a poison ivy vine growing up a tree, cut the vine and paint the stump of the vine with herbicide. Be sure to treat any small plants that sprout out around the base of the vine. Once the plant appears to be dead, it is still not safe to handle. The oil that causes the allergic reaction can remain active long after the plant is dead.

If you do not want to use a herbicide, the plants can be pulled up. One reference I found advocated pulling up the vines now as it is thought that the

drought and heat of summer would assist in killing the plant. Another source I found recommended spring or fall when the ground is soft and moist, making it easier to get the whole root.

Again be sure to protect yourself, this time from the plant. Long sleeves, long pants and sturdy rubber gloves should be used. A person who is particularly sensitive to the plant should be especially careful or should not handle the plants at all. One suggestion I found recommended putting your hand and arm inside a plastic bag, such as a bread bag, and grabbing pliers through the bag. Grab the stem with the pliers, once the plant is pulled up, reverse the bag over the plant and tie it off. The plant will grow back if you do not get the whole root or a piece breaks off. This is where the persistence comes in.

More than likely you will not get rid of all of it the first year. Be sure to go after it in succeeding years. Lots of birds eat poison ivy berries and can deposit seeds in your yard, get the seedlings early before large root systems develop.

If you choose the manual method of eradication, be sure to clean your shoes, clothes, and any tools you used to pull up or dig out the roots as soon as you are done. Remember all parts of the plant contain the oil, roots, stem, and leaves. If your skin does come into contact with any part of the plant be sure to wash it off within five minutes to avoid getting the rash. Isopropyl alcohol and lots of cold water are the best way for getting rid of the oil containing the allergen. The alcohol dissolves the oil and the cold water will dilute it. Do not use warm water, it can enhance the penetration of the oil into the skin. Soap or hand wipes can also spread the oil over a larger area.

Finally, this is one time I will tell you to send these plants (preferably double bagged) to your landfill. Don't put them in your compost pile and do not burn them, the oil can be carried by the smoke and can be very hazardous if breathed in.

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Dan and Berva Dawn are rodeo royalty. They've both done just about everything there is to do in the sport. Dan works Cheyenne every year.

Berva Dawn grew up being called Bummy, a name her father gave her because she was always bumming around with her brothers and sisters, who were older.

"I didn't know I had a name until I went to the first grade," says Berva Dawn. "I was going to get a belt with my name on it and I thought it would be Bummy. But my mother told me I had a pretty name."

Berva Dawn is an Indian name meaning a beautiful flower unfolding in the morning light.

"My mother had an Indian woman working on the place when I was born and she helped name me." She grew up on a ranch in Idaho.

"It was about 90 thousand acres. Every once in while our horses would get out and head for the Tetons. We had a real job getting them back.

We had plenty of wells. Water was just seventeen feet deep and came out freezing cold because it came from ice caves underground. We used to skip school and go to those ice caves and have a picnic."

Berva Dawn became an excellent horse rider. She rode her horse Dobber bareback with no bridle. She'd climb on that horse and ride full speed to her friend's house two miles away.

Her father J. C. (Doc) Sorensen had the Flying U Rodeo Company and pro-

duced rodeos all over the western United States. In Salt Lake City,

Berva Dawn rode in her first grand entry when she was four years old.

In 1949, Berva Dawn was chosen as a Sponsor Girl for the Madison Square Garden rodeo in New York City. The team consisted of girls from western states and notables like Gene Autry and Roy Rogers. They appeared at events and were interviewed on radio and television to promote rodeo.

One of Berva Dawn's jobs was to ride a thoroughbred horse in a race at Rockingham Park in New Jersey. She rode a jockey saddle and wore silks. Her riding skills

impressed everyone in the stands.

Another job she had was to model at style shows. She dragged a mink coat down the runway of Saks Fifth Avenue.

Berva Dawn spent a lot of time at the ice skating rink at the garden.

She became an excellent skater and grew to love the sport of hockey.

A master tailor named Rodeo Ben made clothing for many rodeo stars.

When Wrangler decided to make a line of jeans for women, the company chose Rodeo Ben to make them. He took Berva Dawn's measurements and created the first pair for her. She appeared in ads all over the country.

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

Greek Chicken Salad

Sarah Jane Smith

- 3 c. cubed cooked chicken breast
- 2 med. peeled, chopped cucumbers
- 1 c. crumbled feta cheese
- 2/3 c. sliced olives
- 1/4 c. snipped parsley
- Sauce:
 - 1 c. mayonnaise
 - 1/2 c. plain yogurt
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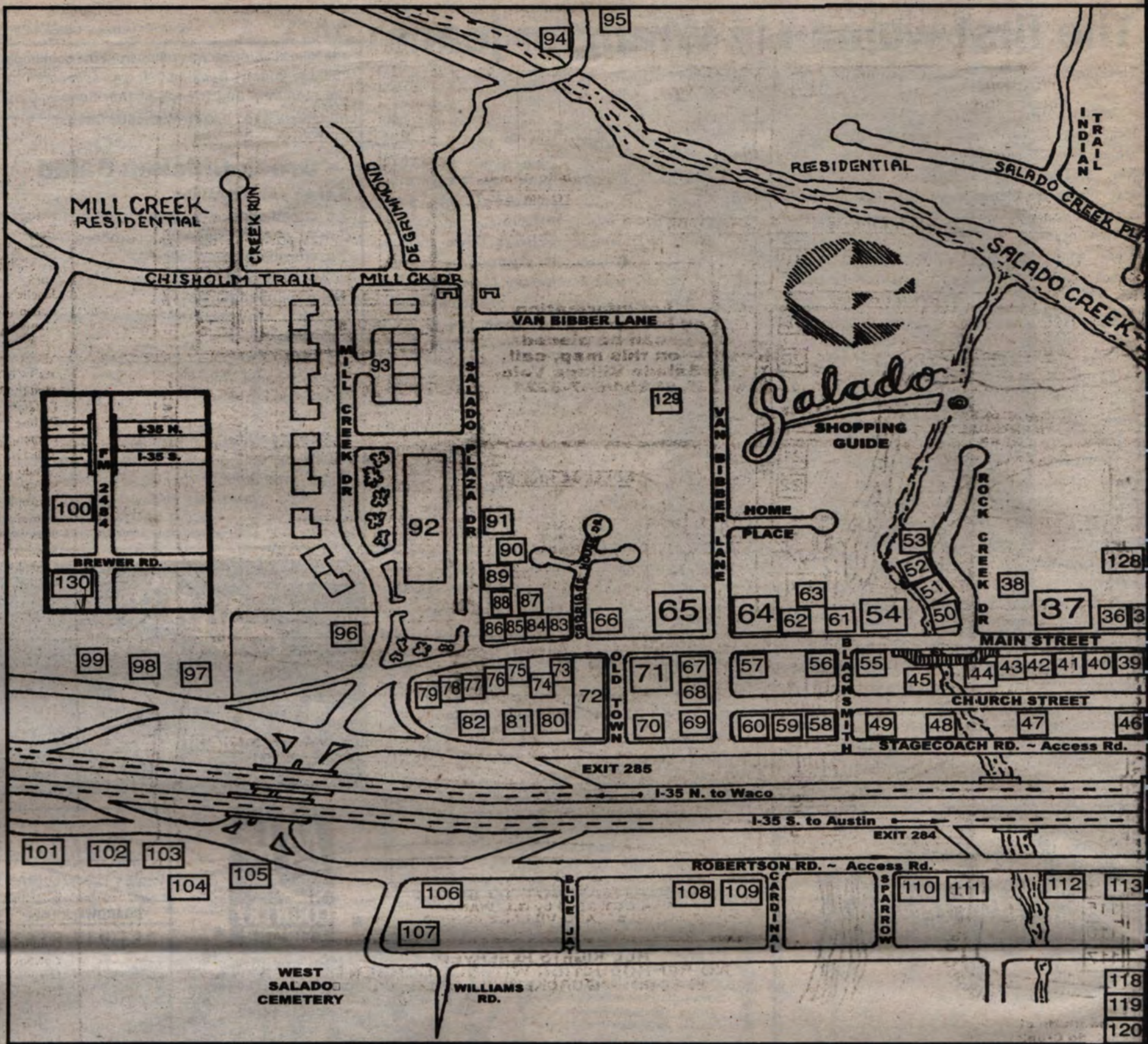
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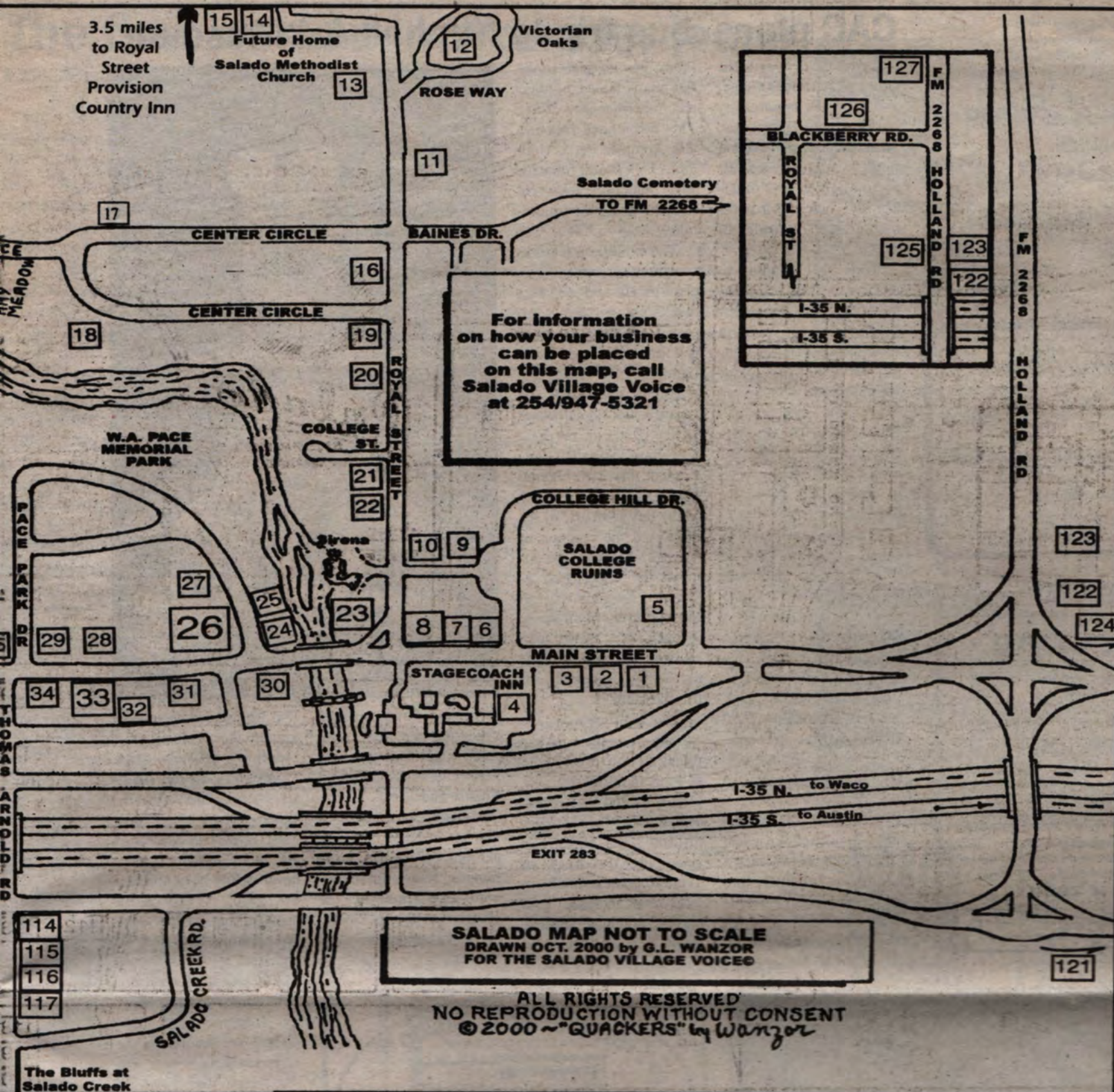
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CAC plans bus trip to Kimball Art Museum

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Time still remains to register for CAC's Sept. 13 bus trip to the Kimball Art Museum in Fort Worth to view this amazing exhibition entitled "The Quest for Immortality: Treasures of Ancient Egypt," which features over 100 artifacts from the first and second millennia B.C. that are rich in artistic and historical importance.

The bus is scheduled to depart from the CAC at 8 a.m. sharp and will return in the evening around 6 p.m. The cost is \$42/person and \$37/person for CAC members and includes exhibition ticket, audio tour and bus fare. A non-refundable \$20 deposit is due by Sept. 5. Space is limited. To reserve a seat, contact the CAC at (254) 773-9926.

"The Quest for Immortality: Treasures of Ancient Egypt" exhibit provides a fascinating glimpse into ancient Egyptian's beliefs about the world to which they journeyed after death.

From the earliest times, Egyptians denied the physical impermanence of life. They formulated a remarkably complex set of religious beliefs and funneled vast material resources into the quest for immortality.

The exhibition features sculpture, sarcophagi, jewelry, reliefs and artworks that facilitated communication with the gods, magical guardians and other intermediaries made to guarantee an eternal and organized world. It focuses on the period of the New Kingdom (1550-1069 B.C.) through the Late Period (664-332 B.C.)—the zenith of the Egyptian art, which witnessed the erection of Egypt's greatest monuments, temples and burials. The New Kingdom marked the beginning of an era of great wealth, power and stability, and was accompanied by a burst of cultural activity.

The highlights of the exhibition include works found in the royal tomb at Tanis in northern Egypt (21st and 22nd Dynasties), acclaimed as the most significant royal burial site since the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in 1922 and includes gold masks, precious jewelry, richly decorated



sarcophagi and coffins, sculptures and other lavish tomb furnishings from the royal pharaohs' burials at Thebes and Tanis.

"There have been a number of other Egyptian exhibitions since the famous King Tutankhamun exhibition in the 1970's, but this is clearly the most important," says

Dr. Timothy Potts, director of the Kimball Art Museum. "The great Egyptian museums have all been extraordinarily generous in lending their most important works of art, many of which have never before been allowed to travel. This is a breathtaking experience that is unlikely to ever be repeated."

The artifacts featured in "The Quest for Immortality: Treasures of Ancient Egypt" are loaned by the Egyptian government and come from the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, the Luxor Museum and the sites of Tanis and Deir el-Bahari—near Luxor.

For more information on this event or to reserve your seat on the bus, contact the CAC at (254) 773-9926.

Metroplex offers senior exercise classes

Metroplex Health System is offering senior exercise classes. The classes are held every Thursday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Metroplex Hospital in Killeen and are free of charge. Space is limited. More information may be obtained by calling the Metroplex Community Relations office at (254) 519-8200.

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By ALLEN MANTANONA

If you run a small business, you've got no shortage of concerns: cash flow, marketing, the ebb and flow of the economy - you name it. In fact, you have so many issues to ponder, you might find it hard to take the time to choose a retirement plan for your business. And yet, it's worth the effort - because the right plan can offer the opportunity to make your life a lot easier in the days when you don't have so much to think about.

Fortunately, there's never been a better time for small-business owners to choose a good, cost-efficient retirement plan. In recent years, new tax laws have made it easier for you to pick a plan that can help you save for retirement and, if necessary, attract and retain quality employees.

The most common types

of retirement plans offer tax-deferred growth of earnings, the ability to make tax-deductible contributions and a variety of investment options. Beyond sharing these traits, though, small-business retirement accounts differ in contribution limits and other factors. Let's look at a few of these plans:

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Any of these plans can help you meet your long-term goals of saving for your retirement outside the value of your business. But to fully diversify your holdings and build even more resources, you will also need to save and invest outside your retirement plan. So, meet with your investment representative and tax advisor to choose a plan that's right for you - but don't stop there. When it comes to funding your retirement, it's hard to save "too much."

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Answer: If the counter is relatively new, you might be able to buy the exact product directly from your hardware or home improvement store, or purchase it from the manufacturer. A few extra tiles might have been left in the house after the counter was installed; check the basement or attic to see if any spares are stored there. If not, measure the size of an unbroken tile and record it, and then take a sample of the broken tile to the store to match the color and texture (to remove a cracked tile, follow the instructions below).

In addition to the replacement tile, purchase the tools and supplies needed for the job. Don't worry about cost; if you have a lot of ceramic tile in a houseful of kids, you'll be using this equipment often (on the tiles, not on the kids). You will need: safety goggles (to keep small debris from getting into your eyes), rubber gloves (to lessen cleanup time after grout work), a grout saw, a small container of tile grout, a grout dye, a glass cutter (or tile scoring tool, available in the tile section), a cold chisel (not a woodworking chisel), a wire brush or pick, toothpicks and masking tape.

That's a lot of stuff, isn't it? Well, some of it might be around the house, but you certainly need the grout saw, glass cutter and grout. The grout dye is mixed into the grout to match the color of the surrounding grout.

Using the grout saw, remove grout from the sides of the damaged tile. Then take the glass cutter and score the top of the tile: run a score line from one corner to the opposite corner, and do the same in the other corner, crossing the lines in the middle.

Place the cold chisel in the center of the tile, lining it up with one score line, and gently tap the top of it with the hammer. After a few taps, line the chisel up with the other score line and repeat. Don't use much force when tapping; be patient, tap gently, and eventually the tile will break neatly into four pieces.

Remove the pieces and clean out any old grout

This is a Hammer

by Samantha Mazzotta

from the empty space using a wire brush, pick or grout saw -- whatever it takes. Repeat these steps with the second damaged tile.

Line up the replacement tiles in the empty spaces, making sure they sit neatly in the space. Then apply a thin layer of grout to the bottom of the tiles and ease them into place. Use toothpicks to create an even space between the replacement tiles and the older tiles; once lined up, hold them in place with masking tape until the grout has dried.

Once the tiles are

secure, mix dye into the grout to match the color of the older material. Then carefully apply grout to the edges using either a putty knife or a funnel. Use your (gloved) finger to smooth the grout and push it further into the gaps; repeat after five minutes. Let it dry, and there you are!

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Make sure to wipe newly grouted tiles with a damp sponge before the end of the day that you install them. This will prevent a film of dried grout from marring the tiles' finish.

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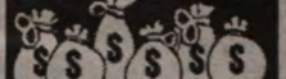


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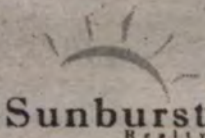


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\$349,500 - This newly constructed home is ready for you. Large windows across back of home provides an incredible view of Salado Creek and Mill Creek Golf Course. Two bedrooms and bath are located on main floor. Master bedroom and bath are located on third level. The master bedroom has view of Salado Creek & golf course from large windows all around. The bath is luxurious. The extra large closet has all the room you've been dreaming of. The 3 car garage is on lower level.



\$274,900 - This beautiful home sits on Salado Creek and Mill Creek Golf Course #3 Green. Features include wood floor entry, built-in entertainment center, study with built-in cabinets, bright kitchen with see-through white cabinets, oversized garage, speaker system wired, including deck area.

We can help you with your HOMEwork!



\$256,800 - You are invited to view this outstanding new home with formal area, separate office, family room open to breakfast and kitchen. Come see the unique granite table. Master suite has a sitting area. Room for your golf cart!



\$389,000 - This home offers the quietness of Van Bibber with the activity of Main Street close by. Hardwood floors welcome you into this large open living room with a grand fireplace as the central point. The master suite has large windows to bring in the natural light and provides privacy from the other bedrooms. The kitchen is directly off the living area and has a wonderful skylight. The third bedroom with the built-in bookcase could be used as an office or study. Enjoy a nice stroll to town.



\$131,800 - Jimmy Wilson Homes presents this new home in Salado Prairies with split BR's, breakfast room & breakfast bar, formal dining room & large family room.



\$202,800 - Panoramic views of neighboring hillsides. Austin stone, volume ceilings, office with French doors, master bedroom suite features garden tub, separate shower and huge walk-in closet. Dramatic skylight in kitchen. Cat 5 wiring for computer. Extensive landscaping.

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Residential

- \$49,500 - 3 BR, 1 BA with fenced back yard.
- \$59,999 - 3 BR, 1 BA updated home in Belton - UC.
- \$83,500 - Nice manufactured home on 5 acres - UC.
- \$119,900 - 3 BR home. Front & back porches & metal shop.
- \$131,800 - New mid-size home on 1 acre.
- \$139,900 - Austin stone with metal roof. 3 BR, 2 BA.
- \$149,900 - 3 BR, 2 BA, island in kitchen. Mill Creek
- \$149,900 - "Orange Lady's Home" fronts golf course & creek.
- \$159,900 - Home on Live Oak Estates on cul-de-sac - UC.
- \$169,800 - Charming 2 BR/ 2 BA with separate office building.
- \$174,900 - 4 BR in Mill Creek. Fenced back yard - UC.
- \$191,000 - Custom home has 2 master suites w/ large baths.
- \$199,800 - 3 BR, 2 BA home on 2 acres in Hidden Springs.
- \$202,800 - New Austin stone home with hillside views.
- \$205,000 - 3 BR, 2 BA open living area with vaulted ceiling.
- \$229,800 - 4 BR/2-1/2 BA on 1 wooded acre in Mill Creek.
- \$256,800 - New home in Mill Creek. Granite table.
- \$274,900 - 3 BR home overlooking Salado Creek & #3 Green.
- \$289,000 - Stone 4 BR home w/open floor plan. 1.93 acres.
- \$295,000 - 4 BR home in Troy on 60 acres, barn & lake.
- \$309,000 - 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA on Salado Creek Place cul-de-sac.

- \$309,900 - 1 year old home on #3 Fairway. Landscaped.
- \$324,900 - 4 BR, 3-1/2 BA home overlooking golf course.
- \$349,500 - New home with view of Salado Creek & golf course.
- \$389,000 - 3 BR, 2 BA home on quiet street, close to town.
- \$459,000 - Elegant home on 20.22 acres near Temple.
- \$469,500 - 4 BR 4-1/2 BA, game room, 3 car garage.
- \$699,900 - Country living, pool, 7 acres, barn, workshop.
- \$1,450,000 - Executive 4 BR home on Salado Creek.

Commercial Property

- \$246,500 - Retail space on Main St. 2090 SF.
- \$249,500 - 3 BR with showroom & workshop, on 1.23 acres.
- \$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.
- 38.78 acres FM 2843, 8 mile west, beautiful trees. \$174,500.

- 15.796 acres fronting FM 2268 with young trees.
- 12 acres between Salado and Florence. All woods, spring, secluded, view. \$49,000.
- 8.77 acres on I-35 at crossover, Exit 286 at Salado.
- Last 5 acres in restricted subdivision - SOLD

Lots

Mill Creek Lots

- 700 Indian Trail - \$30,000
- Mill Creek Springs - \$30 - \$75,000
- Fletcher Ct. - \$68,000
- 700 Willow Creek - \$36,000 - UC.
- Lot 1 Club Circle - \$35,000 - UC.

Other Lots

- Rita Bend Drive - \$39,900 - SOLD
- Windy Hill Ranch - 2 acre lots - \$55,000 to \$90,000
- Jeremiah's Well - 10 acre tracts \$55,000 to \$90,000
- Lot 2, Rose Lane - \$38,900
- The Overlook - 1+ acre prime lots \$125,000 - \$165,000

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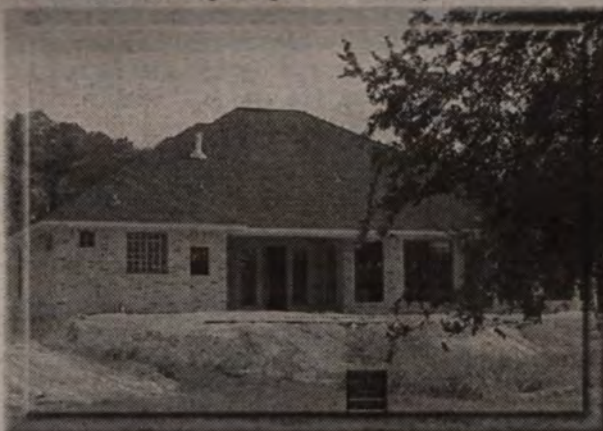
Charming country home west of Salado. 3 BR/2 BA with tile and hardwood flooring. Large fenced back yard. **\$89,500.**



Great four bedroom house with formal dining. Fenced yard with covered porch. Like new! Priced at **\$159,900.**



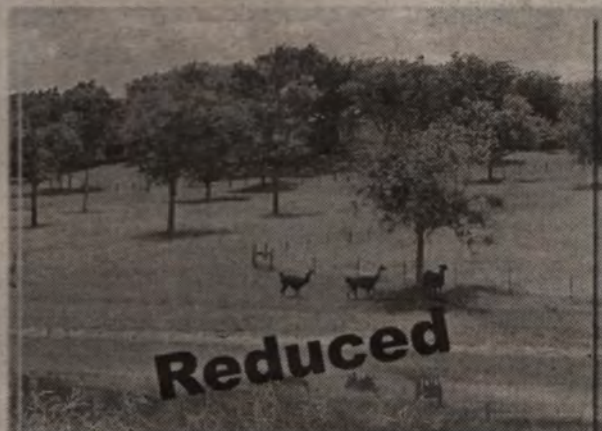
In Salado 3/2 split level home with loft and 2 living areas, plus formal dining. **\$139,900** or lease for \$1,100 per month.



New home under construction on the golf course overlooking Salado Creek. Absolutely beautiful view. Ten to fourteen foot ceilings thruout the home. Priced at **\$310,000.**



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.**



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. **\$399,000.**



Secluded country home with over 4,400 SF in main house 5+ BR, 4 BA, 3 car garage, workshop, gameroom, storage and more on 10-1/2 acres. **\$437,000.**



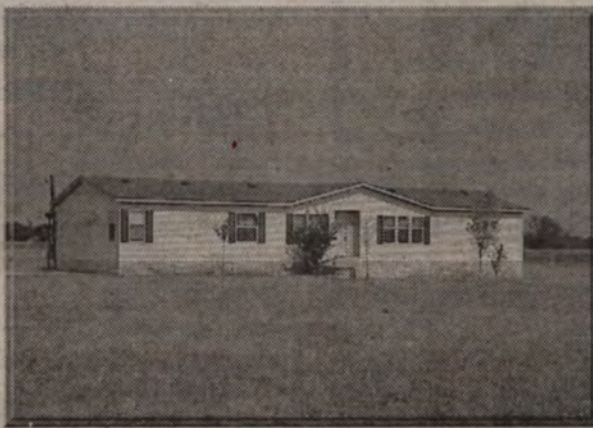
Manufactured home on approximately 5 acres. Beautiful live oak trees. Features include porch, water softener, gas fireplace and a sauna located off of FM 2484. **\$105,000.**



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



Great tree covered lot with house in Belton for only **\$77,000.**



4/2 manufactured home on approximately 2 acres with over 2,000 square feet. Features included large covered porch, workshop, and fireplace. **\$79,500.**



Gorgeous tree covered corner lot with 3BR/2BA home in a prime location of Mill Creek. **\$169,900.**

Acreage

- Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. **\$10,000/lot.**
- Approx. 2 acres near golf course in Mill Creek. Beautiful trees. **\$38,995.**
- 2 acre lot sw of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$28,900.**
- 2 acre lot sw of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$27,900.**
- 2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900.** or 1.35 acres for **\$20,000.**
- 3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large Pecan trees & live water. **\$39,900.**
- 3 BR/2 BA mobile home on 3.5 acres w/view overlooking lake. **\$50,000.**
- 3.5 acres with septic & water. **\$38,000.**
- 3.52 acres, mostly wooded. **\$49,900.**
- 4 acres SW of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$56,800.**
- 5.13 acres sw of Salado. Beautiful trees. **Reduced to \$44,900.**
- 20 acres sw of Salado on Buttermilk Creek. Heavily wooded. **\$125,000.**
- 29 acres sw of Salado on Buttermilk Creek. Priced at \$7,000 per acre. Beautiful Trees and outstanding wildlife.
- 51 acres Buttermilk Creek, spectacular views, excellent tree coverage, sw

- of Salado.
- 53 acres south of Salado. **\$2,990/acre.**
- 130 acres Rolling hills with great views. **\$4,500/acre.**
- 245 acres priced at **\$6,000/acre** per acre. Beautiful rolling hills with large live oak trees and a 3 acre lake. Outstanding development opportunity.
- 928 acres sw of Salado. Beautiful rolling tree country w/ live creek & large lake on property. Excellent views. Outstanding wildlife.
- Three 250 acre tracts ssw of Salado. Beautiful rolling hills w/large trees, live creek and water tank. Excellent views & deer country. **\$2,500/acre.**

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.**

Salado Lots

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

Belton

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