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Hometown newspaper read by Tim & Lynda Brown

Family loses home to fire

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

In the time it takes for a spark to ignite a flame, life for the Wilkins family took an abrupt downturn. In the wee early hours of Aug. 30, their home on Center Circle went ablaze, consuming nearly all of their earthly possessions.

If you can believe it, David and Marina Wilkins are thankful. Thankful, because it could have been much worse.

Were it not for the presence-of-mind of five year old daughter Nancy, who awoke with her bedroom

choked with smoke and coolly alerted her parents, they could have lost something far more valuable and irreplaceable than any material good: their lives.

"My wife and I were asleep, it was around 3 a.m.," said David Wilkins, an independent contractor. "I sleep pretty deep after a hard day's work, so I wasn't aware of anything wrong. That's when Nancy came in and said smoke had woke her up."

By that time, the fire, which had originated in Nancy's bedroom on the west end of the home, had spread to the living room

and was quickly gathering steam on the way to the master bedroom.

"We got out of there just in time," David says. Not before they called 911, though.

"Our trucks were on the scene about eight minutes after we received the call," said Kevin Reichert, a captain with the Salado Volunteer Fire Department. "When we got there, there was already a large hole in the wall."

The Salado Volunteer Firemen pride themselves on doing a good job, and

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(PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

The Wilkins home on Center Circle was destroyed by a blaze that engulfed it in the early morning hours of Aug. 30.

Election day voting at Civic Center Sept. 13

Polls will open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Sept. 13 in the Texas Constitutional Amendment Proposition election. Bell County voters will also decide whether to issue more than \$61 million in bonds for the construction of county jail, courts and administrative facilities.

Salado voters can cast

their ballots 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Salado Civic Center on Main St. To be eligible to vote, a resident must have a voter's registration card at least one month prior to the election date.

Early voting in the election ended Sept. 9. As of Sept. 5, a total of 3,651 Bell County voters had cast bal-

lots in early voting.

The Constitutional Amendments top the ballot with the Bell County bond election at the bottom of the ballot.

Bell County Bond:
"The Issuance of \$61,100,000 Certificates of Obligations for the purpose of constructing or improving County Jail, Court and

Administrative Facilities, Paving the Expo Center parking lot and acquiring land, equipment, and right of way."

Proposed Amendments
Amendment No. 1: Authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assis-

tance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds

Amendment No. 2: Establishing a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale

Amendment No. 3: Authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility

Amendment No. 4:
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Community meeting on facilities, growth set Sept. 11

Salado ISD Trustees will discuss a recent Facilities Evaluation and Projections plan during a community planning meeting 7-8 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Salado Civic Center.

Architect Michael Marris developed a "Facilities Evaluation and Projection for the Future" for Salado ISD trustees to use as they begin the process of discussing expansion to handle population growth in the district.

Trustees contracted with architect Michael Marris for a facilities evaluation and possible expansion plans utilizing the current campus, which was first presented to trustees in May.

As the board worked on the 2003-04 budget during the summer months, it decided to discuss the Facilities Projections with the community after students returned for class.

Enrollment in Salado ISD has tipped 1,057 students so far this year. Thomas Arnold has 361, Salado Intermediate School has 349 enrolled

and Salado High School has 347 students enrolled.

In his evaluation presented to the board of trustees in May, Marris appraised each school based on six criteria -- each criterion having as many as two dozen areas awarded points. The criteria for the overall appraisal of the campus were these: The school site; structural and mechanical; plant maintainability; school building safety and security; educational adequacy; and environment for education.

The campuses were rated in each of these areas with a total possible score of 1,000 points.

Not surprisingly, Marris rated Thomas Arnold Elementary with a 688. The district showed lowest ratings in plant maintainability (64 of 100 possible) and educational adequacy (121 of 200 possible).

Salado High School was rated at 728 of 1,000 possible points. The weakest criteria were the school site (51 percent), educational adequacy (70 per-

cent) and environment for education (74 percent).

Salado ISD's newest addition -- Salado Intermediate School -- earned the highest rating of the campuses with an 890. The lowest score was for the school site at 61 and educational adequacy at 79 percent. All other criteria were ranked in the high 90 percent on the ratings.

The facilities evaluation presented trustees with three options for expanding on the current campus location to handle growth for the next 10 years in the district.

Beyond that, Marris told trustees, the district "will have to build off-site."

The options included rough cost estimates based on \$100 per square foot building cost.

Marris will present his findings to the public during the Sept. 11 meeting, including three options for building on the current campus.

Option 1

Option 1 calls for building a new primary campus for Pre-K through second

grade, upgrades to the main building and annex, a new play gym, renovating the band hall to music and cafeteria space, and code upgrades of restrooms and hallways.

At the intermediate, the first option calls for additional building for arts, science lab and storage and additional kitchen space for a total of 7,000 square feet of new construction.

The high school would have 12 classroom additions, a new cafeteria, a new vocational center, a new addition for music, band and dressing rooms, renovate the old band all to dressing rooms, and new parking and bus drive at the baseball field.

The sports complex would be upgraded as well to include a baseball and softball complex and improvements to the football field.

Marris estimated the cost for Option 1 at \$8.3 million if all improvements and expansions are undertaken by the district.

Option 1 would give the district capacity for 1,458 total students.

Option 2

Option 2 incorporated the same additions for the high school. It calls for moving the fourth grade to the intermediate school and adding six new classrooms to the annex at Thomas Arnold elementary. Other changes to the elementary are the same as option 1.

Option 2 also calls for the construction of 12 new classrooms at the intermediate school, as well as the additional kitchen and arts and science space from option 1.

It also recommends the same improvements to the sports complex.

Total estimated price for option 2 is \$8 million.

Option 2 would allow the district to accommodate growth of the district to 1,404 total students.

Option 3

Option 3 calls for the construction of a new high school on the current site. The high school campus would be located where the current baseball field sits.

Option 3 will imple-

ment the changes recommended for the elementary school in option 2.

The intermediate campus would handle students in grades four through six. It would be improved to renovate a classroom to an art classroom and to create additional storage.

The current high school would become a middle school for grades seven and eight. Improvements to the campus would be to renovate the vocational ag space to dressing rooms.

The new high school building would be 70,000 square feet and construction of a new vocational center. The baseball and softball fields would be relocated and the football field would be improved.

The estimated cost of option 3 is \$10.8 million: \$1.1 million at the elementary campus, \$500,000 at the intermediate campus, \$500,000 at the middle school campus, \$7.9 million for the new high school and \$800,000 for the sports complex improvements.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Among the Bush Haters

In the 1990s, a few lunatics accused President Clinton of murder and other crimes, leading to the coining of the phrase "Clinton-hating." Thereafter, anyone who said a discouraging word about Clinton's sex-and-lies scandal, his slipperiness with the truth or his poor performance was tarred as a "Clinton-hater" and considered somehow illegitimate. The charge of Clinton-hating, constantly retailed by the media, became one of the most useful tools of the president's defenders.

It is curious, then, that the press, which lately was so sensitive to any "hatred" directed toward a sitting president, has shown no curiosity about the bile routinely directed toward President Bush.

Bush is routinely portrayed as a Nazi on left-wing Web sites, which post pictures of Bush with a Hitler mustache and sell T-shirts with Bush's name spelled with a swastika. The anti-war Web site Takebackthemed.com features a Flash movie complaining that "the media will not tell you of the Bush family Nazi association" and theorizing that in order "to offset their reputation as World War II traitors, former President Bush joined the U.S. Navy as a pilot." (Clever, those Bushes.)

A staple of Clinton-hating in the 1990s was the accusation that he was involved in murder. Clinton defenders often referred to these accusations. Hillary Clinton noted on her famous "Today" show appearance in 1998 that enemies had accused her "husband of committing murder, of drug running." George Stephanopoulos said Clinton's critics were "accusing him of murders. ... That's unheard of."

So has Bush. The Web site Bushbodycount.com lists hundreds of murders in which Bush and his family have allegedly been involved, including the John F. Kennedy assassination. The abbreviation on left-wing sites for the Bushes is BFEE, the Bush Family Evil Empire. A

The Rich Lowry Column

book detailing the Bush family murders called "The Immaculate Deception" out-sells mainstream anti-Bush books -- by Al Franken, et al. -- on Amazon.com.

The Clinton White House maintained that the ravings of an anti-Clinton fringe mattered because they seeped into the mainstream. It produced a 300-page report to this effect, the "Communication Stream of Conspiracy Commerce." By this standard, the anti-Bush lunacy should be considered important as well. The Democrats have a largely Bush-hating field of presidential candidates, including Howard Dean -- who fuels his surprisingly strong campaign with anti-Bush animus.

In 1994, Time Magazine ran a story called "Clintonophobia!" that quoted historian Alan Brinkley saying that Clinton was "the first president who has generated this kind of right-wing hatred" and that such negative passion could never be directed toward a Republican. "Liberals tend to value tolerance highly," he said, "so there's a greater reluctance to destroy enemies than among the right."

This is demonstrably false. There is a vocal Bush-hating chorus on the left that resents his narrow victory in Florida, that will never forgive him for invading Iraq and that can't stand his cowboy mannerisms. It spreads anti-Bush poison far and wide -- but don't hold your breath for the Time story about "Bushophobia!" For the media, only the right is capable of "hating."

"And then there were 10"

Redistricting folly shifts to Senate floor after Demo alliance collapses; Third session looming in mid-Sept.

Despite the apparent failure of the 11 meandering Senate Democrats who fled the State on July 28 to keep redistricting at bay - it just could be that the upper chamber's minority members have snatched a modest victory from the jaws of defeat.

The victory would come, if the new congressional district lines are approved in the third special session, but arrive too late to get them through the Justice Department's "voting rights" maze and the federal judiciary, in time for the December 1 sign-up for the 2004 congressional races.

Even modest victories are not to be sneezed at in political warfare, so if the new districts don't come into play until 2006, Demos will note that the delayed date creeps closer to the 2010 census, (and new redistricting), proving their antics were not totally in vain.

ALLIANCE COLLAPSES

The alliance of missing Democrats, that held redistricting hostage throughout the second special session, collapsed last Tuesday, when Senator John Whitmire (D-Houston) returned from Albuquerque, after telling his former exiles it was "time to bring the fight back to the Senate floor and eventually to the federal courthouse."

Whitmire, the Senate's "Dean," joins Ken Armbrister (D-Victoria) as the only Democrats currently available for the expected mid-September third special session. Armbrister didn't join the runaways since his "swing" district could easily turn against him had he decamped to New Mexico.

It now appears to be clear sailing for Governor Perry and Lt. Governor Dewhurst when the third special session is called. Enough members on hand in the upper chamber to meet the quorum factor (19 GOPers plus Whitmire and Armbrister) and of course sufficient reactionaries thereafter to pass redistricting using the new "simple majority" rules.

However, all is not perfect for the pushy troika of Perry, Dewhurst and Speaker Tom Craddick who are facing problems within their own party. Problems that began late in the regular session and are still simmering in the Senate started with an angry Bob Duncan (R-Lubbock) who loses part of his current State Senate district in the reconfigured map that puts Craddick's hometown (Midland) in the center of a new west Texas congressional district.

Four other rural Senate Republicans are unhappy about the reshuffled congressional districts since it siphons strength from their bailiwicks to the big cities. Chief among that group is Bill Ratliff, (R-Mount Pleasant) who served as Lt. Governor when Perry was bumped upstairs after Governor Bush moved his disastrous economic ideas to Washington.

If it weren't for puppeteer Tom DeLay and White House Svengali Carl Rove - most GOPers in the legislature might be willing to let things cool until after the next census - but don't look for that to happen. Why? Because Perry, Dewhurst and Craddick are too deeply entrenched as top poster boys for the "lap dog" society.

FOUR AMENDMENTS NEED DEEP-SIXING

Readers have patiently waded through this column's review of the 22 Constitutional Amendments and now the day of reckoning for these proposals is at hand - **this Saturday, September 13**. That's also the day voters will stamp "yes" or "no" on our County Commissioner's plan to build a new jail-courthouse complex near the Expo-center.

No use rehashing all the amendments - they are dry enough to overheat a desert tortoise. Besides the bulk of them (17

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



AMENDMENTS & BOND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Amendments Two, Nine, Eleven and Fourteen should be defeated. Number Three still a "toss-up and needs close scrutiny. Rest of the proposals are OK and may actually do some good. The County Jail-Courthouse bond issue should be passed - it's needed and will save taxes over time.

are recommended for passage. Four need to be scuttled and one remains a toss-up.

So, let's just revisit (briefly) those needing to be deep-sixed, starting with **Amendment Two** - which gives those who lose their mineral deed rights, for failure to pay back taxes - an excessive two year period to redeem these valuable assets.

Recommendation: Amendment Two needs to be defeated.

Amendment Nine is another bad piece of legislation since it dilutes the value of the Permanent School Fund that provides money for the public schools of Texas.

Recommendation: Give Amendment Nine a resounding No.

MORE BAD IDEAS

Amendment Eleven would allow the Alcoholic Beverage Commission to issue permits to Texas Wineries so these entrepreneurs can begin manufacturing, buying, selling and offering their wines for direct consumption, even in areas that have voted to remain dry in a local option election.

Recommendation: Kill Amendment Eleven with vigor as a message to lawmakers who would circumvent a vote by citizens as this proposal so blatantly does.

Amendment Fourteen would allow highway department commissioners to sell long term bonds (\$4 billion up to 20 years) that would need \$16 million a year just for interest payments.

Recommendation: Defeat Amendment Fourteen with a super-large vote thus sending a message to sticky fingered legislators to stop this relentless (and senseless) borrowing that creates an illegal state debt and puts our economic future in jeopardy.

RECAP

In summation - it is this column's recommendation that **Amendments 2, 9, 11 and 14 be defeated**. We would note that **Amendment Three**, that would allow religious groups to hold tax exempt property indefinitely, was originally given a "luke-warm" okay, and is still a "toss-up" in our book.

The remaining 17 amendments are recommended for passage.

COUNTY JAIL AND COURTHOUSE VOTE

If you don't know the "whys and wherefores" concerning the highly publicized County Jail-Courthouse bond election, also set for this Saturday - then you've been hiding out longer than the Democrats did in Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Succinctly the bond issue is for \$61.1 million to be redeemed through a 2.5 cent tax per \$100 property value. The funds will build a new jail-courthouse complex near the Expo Center.

This column believes taxes will be saved in the long run by approving this needed project and therefore **recommends passage of the Jail-Courthouse bond package**.

That's -30-

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Manufacturing jobs

By BILL HAMMOND

President George W. Bush's Labor Day announcement that he is appointing an Assistant Secretary of Commerce dedicated to ensuring the country's manufacturing job base is strong and vibrant is welcome news.

Manufacturing, after all, is at the heart of America's economy. Manufacturing not only provides good-paying jobs, but also sets the pace for technical innovation. The United States has always positioned itself as the world leader for manufacturing and its long-held spot is at risk. In addition, the way of life for every American is in jeopardy.

According to the Washington, D.C.-based National Manufacturers Association (NAM), "if the U.S. manufacturing base continues to shrink at the present rate and the critical mass is lost, the manufacturing innovation process will shift to other global centers. If this happens, a decline in U.S. living standards in the future is virtually assured."

In the past three years, the U.S. has seen a loss of 2.3 million jobs. In the past 12 months alone, Texas has seen a loss of 33,400 jobs.

A slowing economy is partly to blame, but the United States is losing ground in the face of intense global competition and the rapidly rising cost of doing business. While the cost of manufacturing has increased 18 percent since 1994, the price level for manufactured goods declined six percent. Exports have also been hit with revenue declining by \$86 billion over the past two years.

Faced with extinction, U.S. manufacturers, fighting vigorously to stay afloat, have to make some tough choices. Many find they only have one choice to remain competitive and that is to move overseas.

A recent study by NAM has shown that the success or demise of manufacturing has a trickle down effect. Not only does manufacturing provide higher paying wages than other industry

sectors, but it also spurs research and development in this nation to the tune of \$127 billion annually. This is what the Department of Commerce calls the manufacturing "multiplier." Every \$1 in final demand for manufacturing creates \$2.43 in intermediate and final output. Financial and business services only create a 1.5 multiplier. Simply put, manufacturing gives a bigger boost to economic growth than any other sector.

We have a critical task ahead to save America's future. A good beginning is to reduce the cost of production in the United States. Key cost drivers within the industry include health care costs, asbestos litigation, and over-regulation.

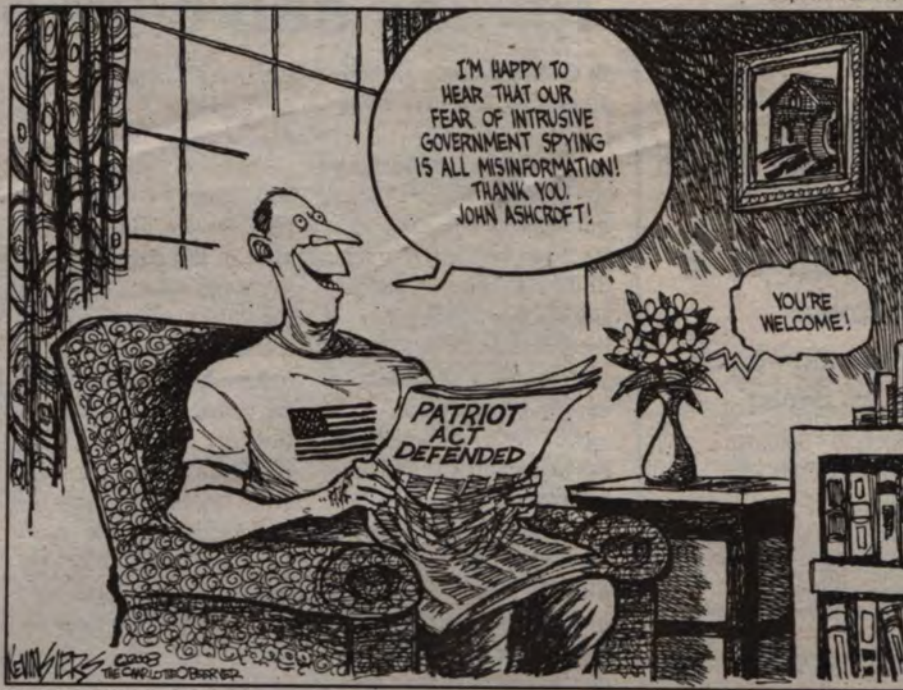
Rapidly rising health care costs are the single largest cost driver for manufacturers. Immediate relief can be felt with national medical liability reform, medicare reform and tax credits for workers to cope with the cost of coverage.

Asbestos litigation is already set to exceed \$275 billion because there is no medical criteria for workers to join these suits. As a result, many people who are not sick are cashing in at the expense of people who are bankrupting companies and threatening jobs and retirement savings of hundreds of thousands of manufacturing workers.

Although businesses in Texas and throughout the U.S. support high standards for the environment, health, and worker safety, the amount and cost of regulations are out of control. At a cost of \$18.6 billion, regulations deter economic growth.

We have a long, uphill road to reversing the erosion of manufacturing trends. Tell your legislators in Austin and Washington, D.C. to save manufacturers and America's way of life - Take manufacturers off the endangered species list for good.

Bill Hammond is president and chief executive officer of the Texas Association of Business.



Vote yes for Prop 12 to end "perfect storm"

By SUSAN WEDDINGTON
CHAIRMAN REPUBLICAN PARTY OF TEXAS

As you walk down Main Street in many cities across Texas today, you might think the local doctors were preparing for a hurricane. Windows are boarded, doors are locked and waiting rooms are empty.

The perfect storm is brewing, but Mother Nature is not the cause. In fact, in some areas of the state -- particularly South Texas -- the monsoon rains and gale-force winds of the medical malpractice insurance crisis have already made landfall and are devastating physicians' practices and the patients they serve.

Medical malpractice insurance premiums are skyrocketing and Texas doctors are going out of business because of a tidal wave of frivolous lawsuits by greedy trial lawyers. And patients are caught right in the eye of the storm as they struggle to get the care they need.

Governor Rick Perry and Republican leaders worked hard to address the medical malpractice crisis in the recently concluded regular legislative session by proposing a cap on non-economic damages awarded in medical lawsuits. On Sept. 13, the

people of Texas will have the opportunity to help keep doctors in business and health care affordable by ratifying the lawsuit cap and voting yes on Proposition 12.

Proposition 12 would ensure that each doctor sued in a malpractice case is liable for no more than \$250,000 in non-economic damages, such as the often ambiguous "pain and suffering" award. There would still be no limit on economic damages, like lost wages and medical expenses. With a liability cap firmly in place, insurance premiums will drop and doctors will be able to continue to provide needed health care to the people of Texas.

But trial lawyers and their allies are already spending untold millions to defeat Proposition 12. Without the outrageous jury awards sometimes awarded in medical malpractice suits, the trial lawyers know they stand to lose millions of dollars in contingency fees. And like dark storm clouds on the horizon, they are raining down their wealth and wrath into the September 13 election to protect their own pocketbooks. Save Texas Courts, the anti-Proposition 12 group, has raised over \$4.2 million, according to the Texas Ethics Commission. Nearly all of those contributions have come from personal injury trial lawyers.

It is not surprising then to see the Texas Democrat Party officially and vigorously opposing the measure as well. In the past two election cycles, no other special interest group has given more to Texas Democrats than the trial lawyers. In the 2002 election, trial lawyers contributed 31 percent of all funds raised by the Texas Democrat Party (\$4.5 million). In the 2000 election, trial

lawyers contribution \$2.2 million, or 45 percent of all funds raised.

Democrats cannot credibly claim to be on the side of Texas doctors and patients when they take such huge sums of money from the same personal injury trial lawyers who are working to defeat Proposition 12. By working against the constitutional amendment, the Democrats have chosen to protect the financial health of their big money donors instead of the health of the people.

A recent non-partisan poll conducted by Scripps-Howard newspapers showed that 51 percent of likely voters support Proposition 12 -- including 53 percent of Anglos and 51 percent of Hispanics. In South Texas, where the rate of malpractice claims is 211 percent above the state average, a stronger majority of 60 percent are in favor of capping non-economic damages in medical malpractice suits.

Proposition 12 also has the strong support of Governor Rick Perry, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Cradick, as well as the backing of a diverse coalition of policy organizers like the Texas Medical Association, Texas Alliance for Patient Access, National Federation of Independent Business, Texas Hospital Association, Texans for Lawsuit Reform and the Texas Civil Justice League.

On Sept. 13, Texans have the opportunity to end the trial lawyers' perfect storm and put justice back into our civil justice system by voting yes on Proposition 12... because doctors should spend their precious time helping the ill become well, rather than the trial lawyers become rich.

Wall St. Journal in its own world



Jim Hightower

The *Wall Street Journal* editorial writers have a unique perspective on life: Looking down on you and me.

These pipe smoking editorialists are considered to be the official mouthpiece for the Corporate Nation, and they're constantly carping about how the rich and corporate are just damned near bent over double with the burden of having to support the government with their taxes.

Recently, however, they had an astonishing conversion--they came out for more taxes! Not on them and their ilk. On you--the working stiffs and poor folks.

You can't make up stuff this good. The editors wailed from on high about "The Non-Paying Class," declaring that us hoi polloi "pay little or no taxes" and need to be forced by Washington to pay more in order to relieve the burden of those at the top.

Who are these goobers talking about? They singled out a poor, hypothetical schmoe who's making \$12,000 a year and is in the lowest tax bracket. This person, the editors complained, "pays a little less than four percent of income in taxes."

The editors dubbed such people, "lucky ducks."

Yoo-hooooooo. Earth to you aliens at the "Journal." Trying to eke out a living on pay of \$12,000 a year is the exact opposite of "lucky." It's poverty - and it ought not be taxed at all.

Plus, when they talk about who pays the most taxes, they're referring only to federal income taxes, leaving out the thoroughly regressive burdens of our payroll taxes, state and local taxes, sales taxes, gasoline taxes, fees, and a host of other assessments. Add these in and us slobs at the bottom are paying the same rates or higher than the swells at the top.

For example, state and local governments sock the poor with taxes that equal more than 11 percent of their paltry income. But they let the rich skate by with half as much.

If the "Journal" editors ever want to visit earth, we'd be happy to show them around our neighborhood.

Support for jail/court bonds

To the Editor:

As a life-long Bell County resident, I have observed, over the years, the fruitful results of careful planning.

But everything from Ft. Hood, to Lake Belton, to I-35 required someone to take the lead. The Bell County Commissioners have taken the lead on the Jail/Courts project. This is a plan that will provide the needed facilities to deal with growth to many years to come, and it does so in a manner that is more cost effective than

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any other feasible alternative.

Ignoring growth will not make the problems it brings go away. The loop site allows expansion as it is needed. Building there will free up parking in downtown Belton and allow downtown Belton to become something other than a confinement center. The choices faced do

not include doing nothing. There is a cost involved. The Commissioners' plan costs less, makes more sense, and continues in the planning tradition that has benefited Bell county in the past.

I urge passage of the bond issue.

Sincerely,
Jim D. Bowmer

Texans can cure medical crisis

BY COLLEEN WHALEN
TEXAS PUBLIC POLICY FOUNDATION

Getting a second opinion is always a good idea, particularly when you have a serious medical problem. Today, Texans are suffering from a serious lack of medical care. The American Medical Association says the physician shortage has reached crisis proportions in Texas and lives are in peril.

We have very similar problems in New York State, where I am both a practicing nurse and medical defense attorney. But in Texas, you have the opportunity to solve this problem.

The Texas Legislature recently passed comprehensive reforms aimed at helping alleviate this medical crisis. It has been left to voters, however, to decide the fate of a constitutional amendment that will go a long way in helping your state attract and keep good doctors. Texas trial lawyers, however, are urging Texans to vote against it.

Who's right? Is Proposition 12 good medicine

for Texas? I urge you to ask your doctor for an opinion.

Your doctor will tell you Texas has one of the most severe doctor shortages in the nation. Thirty years ago, the state enjoyed the same coverage of medical care as the rest of the nation. But by 2002, there were only 64 general practitioners to care for every 100,000 Texans. In most other states, there are 120 to 135 doctors for every 100,000 people. Only Missouri and Oklahoma have fewer doctors for their citizens.

Texas' doctor shortage is only getting worse as a growing number of Texas' doctors are retiring or moving away.

Your doctor will tell you the shortage is caused by the high cost of medical lawsuits and liability insurance. Doctors in Texas pay more for insurance than in most other states, and the cost has doubled over the past three years. In that same time, the likelihood a doctor will be sued has doubled.

Today, almost half of all doctors in Texas have malpractice claims filed against them, although nine of 10 claims are dismissed as unfounded.

While the cost of liability insurance is driving many doctors out of busi-

ness, it's not the only reason for the doctor shortage. Many doctors are simply leaving the profession because they can no longer afford to practice good medicine.

Many doctors worry the quality of their care is damaged by extra, unnecessary tests and medications prescribed to avoid potential malpractice claims.

Your doctor will tell you frivolous lawsuits will stop – and the high cost of liability insurance will fall – if there is a limit on the amount of money that can be awarded to patients and their families for "pain and suffering," the non-economic damages that are crippling Texas medicine.

A recent report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services says the 24 states with caps on non-economic damages have decreased the number of frivolous lawsuits and lowered the price of medical liability insurance. Despite dire predictions by trial lawyers, medical care has not deteriorated in states with caps; the number of medical complications and death rates remain unchanged. Best of all, states with caps are home to 12 percent more doctors than states without caps.

Caps are undeniably effective. But Texas trial

lawyers are urging voters to say "no" to Proposition 12. They say caps will undermine patient rights to secure just compensation for injuries.

This claim was soundly refuted by Texas Senator Bill Ratliff in a commentary published throughout the state. Caps do not limit the amount of lost wages, past and future, patients and their families can recover. Nor do caps limit how much one can recover for past or future medical expenses. As noted by Sen. Ratliff, a cap on non-economic damages does not lessen any Texans' right to just compensation for injuries.

What's the remedy for Texas' medical crisis? Ask your doctor. And when you do, ask where she or he will be practicing medicine if Texans don't vote to approve Proposition 12 on September 13.

Proposition 12 is good medicine for Texas.

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Christmas Countdown 30 Days

Salado's Christmas in October

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PUBLIC HEARING

Village of Salado

A public hearing will be held

When: Thursday, September 18, 2003

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Civic Center

Subject: Adoption of 2003-2004 Budget

Village of Salado Proposed Budget 2003-2004	
Beginning Balance (estimated)	\$165,695
Income	
Tax Receipts	\$286,700
Franchise Fees	\$162,400
Development Fee	\$14,700
Municipal Court	\$6,200
Fire Department	\$400
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,500
Tourism Council Administration	\$1,800
Interest Income	\$2,200
Total Income	\$475,900
Total Available	\$641,595
Expenses	
Administrative Expenses	\$150,349
Municipal Building	\$8,950
Fire Department	\$25,900
Marketing	\$840
Municipal Court	\$9,050
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Relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts

Amendment No. 5: Authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income

Amendment No. 6: Permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage

Amendment No. 7: Permitting a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial

Amendment No. 8: Authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office

Amendment No. 9: Relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund

Amendment No. 10: Authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments

Amendment No. 11: Allowing the legislature to enact laws authorizing and

governing the operation of wineries in this state

Amendment No. 12: Concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages

Amendment No. 13: Permitting counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses

Amendment No. 14: Providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund

Amendment No. 15: Providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired

Amendment No. 16: Authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity

lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans

Amendment No. 17: Prohibiting an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person

Amendment No. 18: Authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office

Amendment No. 19: Repealing the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts

Amendment No. 20: Authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value

of military installations
Amendment No. 21: Permitting a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district
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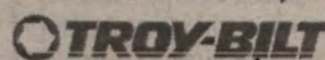
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The Chapel is located behind Fletcher's Book Store. For more information call (254) 939-1033.

First Lutheran Church to host fourth annual Polka Worship

The First Lutheran Church in Temple will host its fourth annual Polka Worship, 10:30 a.m. and 2

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9 lbs. and was 20 inches long.

She is welcomed by her four year old sister, Kati Rose Carnahan. Gradparents are Milton and

Melba Kattner of Salado, the late Lawrence Glover of Salado, and Bernard and Yvonne Carnahan of Michigan.

Naylor passes away at age 80

James W. Naylor, age 80, of Salado, died Saturday, September 6, 2003 in a Temple hospital.

Services were held Sept. 9 at the Salado Funeral Home, with Rev. Mike Bergman and Rev. Brian Dunks officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery in Temple.

James was born July 13, 1923 in McLennan County near McGregor, the son of Cecil C. and Dovie Whitmore Naylor.

He retired from Central Freight Lines after 37 years. He married Ruby Sonnenburg in Temple on January

26, 1945. They have lived in Salado since 1989.

James was a very active member of several Lions Clubs and presently a member of the Salado Lions Club. He received an award for 50 years of perfect attendance in the Lions Clubs. He served two terms as a member of the board of directors for the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville. James was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Salado.

His parents and one sister, Marie Vick, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, Ruby

Naylor of Salado; four sisters, Mary F. McGuire of Temple, Daisy M. Gregory of Oklahoma City, Jeannie Davis of Harker Heights, and Louese Watkins of Belton; and one brother, Bernie Naylor of Killeen.

Memorials may be made to Texas Lions Camp Endowment Fund/PO Box 290247/Kerrville, TX 78029, or to Salado First Baptist Church Building Fund/210 S. Main/Salado, TX 76571.

Harper-Talasek Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Sherk passes in her home Sept. 4

Helene Sherk, 84, of Tucson, AZ and formerly of Salado, died Sept. 4, 2003 at her home, with her daughter, Mary Lou by her side.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Sept. 10 at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 5001 Hickory Rd, Temple. Burial will follow at Salado Cemetery.

She died peacefully after four years with Myelodysplastic Syndrome, during which time she was treated with transfusions made pos-

sible by the generosity of countless blood donors. The family request that those wishing to honor her memory may do so by donating blood regularly and signing up for the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Lou and husband, Kenneth Iserson of Tucson; brother, Robert Seyler of Oregon; two sisters, Zelma McKinlay of Aberdeen, WA and Barbara Orwick of Corydon,

IN; and many friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, William McKean Sherk, and daughter, Anne Marie.

Memorial donations may be made to Aplastic Anemia and Myelodysplastic International Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 613, Annapolis, MD 21404-0613 or Myelodysplastic Syndromes Foundation, P.O. Box 477, Crosswicks, NJ 08515.

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FBC of Salado announces new worship service

The First Baptist Church of Salado has announced the addition of a Contemporary Sunday morning Worship Service.

The 9 a.m. service, preceding the 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, will feature relevant sermons in a casual atmosphere, with a full band and praise team. The 10:30

a.m. service will continue to be in the style of a classic worship, featuring the choir and orchestra.

Additionally, FBC of Salado is also expanding its small group Bible Studies. At each worship hour, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., there will be a Bible Study for each group, from nursery through the oldest senior

adults. Whatever your worship style, FBC of Salado believes that you'll find a spiritual connection that will enrich your week and your life.

For more information, contact the church office at 947-5465, or visit www.fbsalado.org.

Wilkins

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train thoroughly to meet that end. In short order, the two trucks and eight firemen on the scene were able to contain the blaze to one half of the house.

"Doing that, we were able to save about half the house," Reichert said. "But the inside of the home was basically destroyed."

The home was on fire for little more than 20 minutes before it was snuffed out. "The firemen really did a great job of putting out the fire," credited Wilkins.

Rushing inside the home, the firefighters were able to save a few pos-

sessions, but anything that wasn't outright destroyed had suffered significant fire damage.

"We were just fortunate the little girl woke up, or we would have been dealing with a much worse situation than putting out a fire," Reichert said.

Losing the house was a double blow for the Wilkins'. They were close to selling the mobile home, and intended to use the money from the sell for a downpayment on a home they had picked out in another area of Salado. Now, those plans are on indefinite hiatus.

Word of little Marina's actions spread quickly through Thomas Arnold Elementary the following Monday. The shy kindergartner wore a tag with the word "Hero" emblazoned in big letters, but couldn't quite understand what the fuss was all about.

"I'm not sure that it's hit her yet, that she's lost everything, all of her toys and clothes," said Janyce Stockstill, Nancy's teacher.



Kindergartner Nancy Wilkins alerted her sleeping parents when their home caught fire Aug. 30.

For the time being, the Wilkins' are staying with Marina's brother-in-law in Salado, until they can get back on their feet.

The Red Cross donated vouchers to the family to be used for essentials like food and clothing, and the First Baptist Church of Salado made a similar contribution.

"I'm not the type of

person to ask for help," David said. "But if someone else was in this situation, I think I would help them."

The Salado Family Relief Fund has also set up an account for the family, the Marina Wilkins Family Relief Fund. If you would like to make a contribution, contact First State Bank of Salado at 947-5852.

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Youth Fair Boosters plan Oct. 25 raffle

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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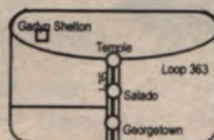
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SPORTS

Homecoming this week, Eagles prep for Thorndale

Salado Eagles look to make Sept. 12 a sweet homecoming by giving hometown fans a win over the Thorndale Bulldogs.

Thorndale is coming into the game following a 19-14 second week win over Flatonia. The Bulldogs lost 29-15 to Hearne to open the season.

The Eagles will be going for win number three, hoping to continue with their shut out of opponents. The selfish Eagles have outmanned their two opponents 39-0 with a 15-0 win over Troy in week one and a lopsided 24-0 spanking of Moody.

"Thorndale's Thorndale," Head Coach Jeff Cheatham said of the Bulldogs. Which means that the Bulldogs will come into the game "very athletic and well-coached."

Even though the Bulldogs lost two stars, Thorndale has a 6'4" sophomore quarterback Wade Gilchrest who is a threat to run and to throw.

Also in the split backfield with Gilchrest are Jon-

athon Pritchard and Jacob Loftin.

"They'll run more, but they can also throw the ball," Cheatham said. He expects to see the Bulldogs run the ball 75 percent of the time.

Salado defense proved that it has plenty of strength and stamina by manhandling an offensive line that averaged 300 lbs. per man, holding the Bearcats to just 149 yards last week.

Although Thorndale is not as heavy on the line as Moody, it does have a 300 lb. lineman and another topping 270 lbs.

"Those backs were good backs," Cheatham said of Moody. "Their line was huge and it was a good test for us strength-wise. I felt like we stayed in there with them."

"I'm extremely pleased with the progress our defense has made," Cheatham said. "Every play, we have 11 men going after the ball. The secondary did a much better job than against Troy."

Cheatham said that the offensive is coming together. "We're getting more continuity from our offense and were able to throw the ball more than we did against Troy," he said.

The Eagles threw no interceptions against Troy, but fumbled six times. "Too many!" Cheatham said of the fumbles. "We need to hold onto the ball better."

Cheatham said that Thorndale is solid defensively with a great middle linebacker in Travis Lawrence. Daniel Gooding and Matt Ensor will bookend the defense, facing off against Salado's tackles Cale Cox and Ben Marsh.

If the Eagles win Homecoming, Salado will be off to its best start in four years. Thorndale gave the Eagles their first loss last year in Thorndale, by the close final of 28-26.

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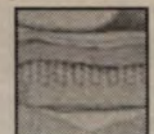


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Eagles thrash Moody 24-0

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Eagles continued to dominate pre-district opponents, shutting out the Moody Bearcats in their first home game 24-0 Sept. 5. The Eagle defense gave up just 149 yards to the Bearcat offense, while the offense rolled up 317 yards.

Kicker Chase Simpson accounted for half the Eagles points with four field goals in the game on six attempts. He missed field goals of 39 and 47 yards respectively. Simpson converted field goals of 34, 38, 35 and 30 yards in the game.

Quarterback Scott Bates threw for two touchdowns on the night. He hit Wesley Ruth for a 51-yard touchdown for an early Salado lead 10:19 left in the first period. He also threw for 38 yards to Simpson with eight minutes left in the half. Both point-after attempts failed.

The touchdowns book-

ended Simpson's first field goal of 34-yards. It came after the Eagles forced the Bearcats to three downs and a punt. Taking over at the Bearcat 47 yard line, Salado pushed to the 21 yard line before stalling and attempting a field goal of 39 yards on fourth. It sailed to the left, but an off-sides call against Moody gave Salado five yards and a new try. Simpson's kick sailed through the bars to give Salado a 9-0 lead with 3:55 left in the first quarter.

Bill Tubbs recovered a Moody fumble to set up Bates' 38 yard touchdown pass to Simpson in the second quarter. The touchdown gave Salado a 15-0 lead that they took to the lockers at half time.

The Eagles added three more field goals in the second half. At 7:04 in the third, Simpson kicked a 38 yarder to top a drive that began at the Salado 43 yard line. The drive was highlighted by Josh Jacobsen's



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Josh Jacobsen rushed for 137 yards against Moody.

carries of 13, 11 and 10 yards to get the ball in Bearcat territory.

Cale Cox recovered a Moody fumble at their 21 yard line. A holding call and a loss on a screen pass forced the Eagles into a

long yardage situation at the 30 yard line. Simpson's 47 yard attempt hit the cross bar and fell short.

His next attempt of 35 yards was good, giving Salado a healthy 21-0 lead SEE EAGLES, PAGE 10A

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 Salado Eagles held Moody Bearcats to just 149 yards offense Sept. 6.

going into the fourth quarter. Ruth returned a Moody punt 43 yards to the Bearcats' 23 yard line to set up the field goal. Ruth also carried the ball 14 yards on the drive to move the ball within the Bearcat red zone. Simpson kicked the field goal with 47 seconds left in the quarter.

The Eagles pushed into the red zone early in the fourth quarter, but Jacobsen turned over the ball at the Moody two yard line. Salado was able to get it back a few plays later when Tyler Rooney recovered a Bearcat fumble at the Moody 24 yard line. On third down at the Moody 13 yard line, Jacobsen fell on a snap that got past Bates to give Salado a chance for a 30 yard field goal. Simpson converted it with 4:17 left in the game, giving Salado its final lead of 24-0.

Offensively, the Eagles dominated Moody with

317 yards total offense. Jacobsen carried the ball 27 times for 137 yards on the night. He fumbled twice. The Eagles fumbled six times on the night, losing three of them to the Bearcats.

Bates threw the ball for 168 yards and two touchdowns. Ruth caught three passes for 69 yards and a touchdown and Simpson caught two passes for 48

yards and a touchdown.

The Eagle defense recorded its second straight shut out, allowing the Bearcats to garner just 149 yards total offense. The defense got five turnovers: two interceptions and three fumble recoveries.

Leading the defense was Jesse Rodriguez, who had 16 tackles, an interception and a sack. Tyler Rooney had seven tackles, two

sacks, two hurries and a fumble recovery. Bates had 10 tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery.

Shane Pipes had 10 tackles and caused a fumble. #42 had 10 tackles and caused a fumble and #50 had eight tackles and caused a fumble.

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JV, JH Eagles gain experience versus Moody

Salado JV 18
Moody JV 18

Salado Eagles tied Moody on the road at 18-18 Sept. 4 to bring their record to 1-0-1.

Moody scored a touchdown in both the first and second quarters to take a 12-0 lead into the lockers.

Salado scored 12 points in the third to tie the game. Teams traded touchdowns in the fourth quarter to tie the game.

Tucker Wilhite scored on a six yard run in the third quarter. He also scored on a 67 yard romp.

Alonso Galvan ran in from the three yard line in the fourth quarter to bring the Eagles' score to 18 points.

The offense was led by Wilhite, Brandon Peters and Trey Herring, according to coaches.

The defense was anchored by Michael Tracey and Brian Fetterman.

The JV and frosh Eagles will travel to Thorndale to face the Bulldogs Sept. 11.

Salado 8th 30
Moody 8th 6

Salado Eagles eighth graders defeated the Moody Bearcats 30-6 on the road Sept. 4 in their first game of the season.

The Eagles scored all their points in the first half with two touchdowns in the first period and

two more in the second period.

Josh Bush scored the first touchdown on a 55 yard break-away run. Nic Mohammed converted for two points to give Salado an 8-0 lead.

Bush scored again on a 40 yard romp in the first quarter. Justin Schiller converted the two-point try for a 16-0 lead.

Leo Galvan scored in the second quarter on a 12 yard run. The conversion attempt failed.

Jon Nix returned a Bearcat punt 55 yards for a touchdown. The conversion attempt failed.

Moody scored its only touchdown in the second quarter. On the point-after, Leo Galvan intercepted a Bearcat pass and returned it 104 yards to give the Eagles two more points, bringing the total score to 30-6.

Neither team scored in the second half of play.

The eight grade offense

was led by Bush, Dallas Butts, Jimmy Ferrell-Raborn and Denny Jordan.

Galvan led the defense, along with Marty McLaughlin, Mohammed and Blake Heller.

"The team really dominated both sides of the ball," Coach Melvin Bates said.

The JH Eagles will play Thorndale at home Sept. 11. Games start at 5.

Salado 7th 6
Moody 7th 6

Salado Eagles seventh graders played their first downs of football in a scrimmage Sept. 4 in Moody. Both teams were able to score touchdowns in the two-period scrimmage.

Garrett Ward scored for the Eagles on a 55 yard run. Ward led the offense, along with Matt Ming, Jerod Lutz and C.J. Little.

Leading the defense were Barton Grigsby, and Bryce Dunks.

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

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Nix is new elementary principal

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
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By the time she arrived, Lisa Nix liked what she saw. Filling the position of the retired Rod Stockstill, she took the reins as principal at Thomas Arnold Elementary School this summer and entered an environment that she immediately took to.

"The teachers and parents have been great in making me feel welcome," said Nix, a native and life-long resident of Bell County. "They've made it a comfortable place to be, and the school year's running smoothly so far. The classes that are offered here, and the fact that the teachers are so well trained have helped me transition into the job."

She comes to Salado from Temple ISD, where she had spent 18 years. Most recently, she was an assistant principal at a Temple elementary campus.

Nix' almost two decades of administrative experience includes work with children from Kindergarten to fifth grade, although this will be her first job as principal. "I sort of worked my

way up the ladder after college," she explained. "But becoming a principal has been a goal of mine."

Nix holds both bachelor and masters degrees from the University of Mary-Hardin Baylor.

She inherits a Salado elementary whose campus numbers, like the intermediate and high schools, are steadily on the increase. Enrollment at Thomas Arnold, as of Sept. 5, was cited at 361 students, grades Pre-K through fourth, an average of slightly over 72 students per class. That was an immediate, but unexpected issue Nix and the

school district were confronted with.

"We were forced to add an additional kindergarten teacher because we had exceeded state classroom size. The board actually hired the teacher this morning," Nix told *Salado Village Voice* Sept. 5.

As with most others across Texas in positions of similar responsibility, Nix says linking the requirements of standardized testing with personalized, core curriculum is the biggest challenge for her and her teachers, and the school district as a whole. "That's

going to be a big job for us," she said. "But I believe I have expertise in that area that can help."

Nix' son, Jonathan, a student at Salado Intermediate School says that he, too, has been made to feel welcome on campus. Nix and her husband Terry, vice president of an area construction company, also have a daughter, Brittany, who is in her junior year at Temple High. The Nix' plan to relocate to Salado in the near future.

"Personally, I'm very excited to be here," Nix said. "And I hope to stay on board for a long time."

Junior class parents meeting scheduled for Sept. 14

Junior Class Parents will meet 2 p.m., Sept. 14 at 2 p.m. in the SIS Commons for its first meeting of the school year. All junior class members and their parents are encouraged to attend.

Emails have already been sent regarding upcoming meetings and

other important topics. If you have not been receiving these emails and need to update your email address, forward it to rcaskey@saladoisd.org with the following information: student name (first and last), grade level, email address (home and/or work).

Be sure to include the names of all your children in school, so that you will be on all the campuses' email lists.

Also, the junior class has the concession for this week's homecoming football game. Parent and student volunteers are needed to help. Parents should

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BMW Ultimate Drive Sept. 13 raises funds to fight cancer

BMW's Seventh Annual Ultimate Drive Program for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is scheduled to drive through Temple on Sept. 13. The ever-popular Ultimate Drive Program will deliver on its promise to make pit stops as it travels cross-country, bringing with it a commitment to raise money for breast cancer research.

The Ultimate Drive will bring 18 high performance BMWs for test drives 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Scott & White Hospital, 2401 South 31st Street in Temple. Garlyn Shelton Imports is the local sponsor and organizer for the nationwide event that raises more than \$1 million for breast cancer research.

Many are expected to turn out to help support the fund raising campaign and to experience the thrill associated with being behind the wheel of a brand new BMW. Knowing that the same cars they drive will be driven and signed by thousands of other determined individuals including breast cancer survivors from around the country, is the stimulus that brings communities together for this event.

With six years of fund raising success behind it, the Ultimate Drive has become a steady source of funding for breast cancer research, education and treatment and continues to increase its participation levels in the cities it visits.

Last year, the Temple Drive helped to generate 7,216 with 458 drivers taking brand new BMWs over the 14-mile course.

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The Ultimate Drive is a

test-drive program created by BMW to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research. For each mile that is test-driven in one of the BMW Ultimate Drive fleet vehicles, a dollar is donated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to support breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment programs. The program consists of a Northern and a Southern fleet of 18 2003 Silver BMWs, each headed by a lead Signature Car -- a BMW 745Li that is painted in silver with six contrasting gray stripes from the front to the back of the car. A seventh stripe -- in pink -- stands out from the silver patina of the signature car, and symbolizes BMW's seven-year commitment to the Ultimate Drive Program. These vehicles will be signed by thousands of Drive participants. The 745Li sedans will become mobile embodiments of the individuals who are making a difference in the fight against breast cancer.

Every event will honor a local hero to acknowledge that individual's outstanding efforts to raise awareness of and eradicate breast cancer. A photograph of each hero will be affixed to one of the two BMW Signature Vehicles.

This year's Local Hero for Temple is Christine A. Nix, a 47-year-old mother of two and a Sergeant in the Texas Rangers Company F in Waco.

"BMW has been a powerful, pro-active partner in our fight against breast cancer," said Susan Braun, president and CEO of the Komen Foundation. "In towns all across America, BMW has celebrated our

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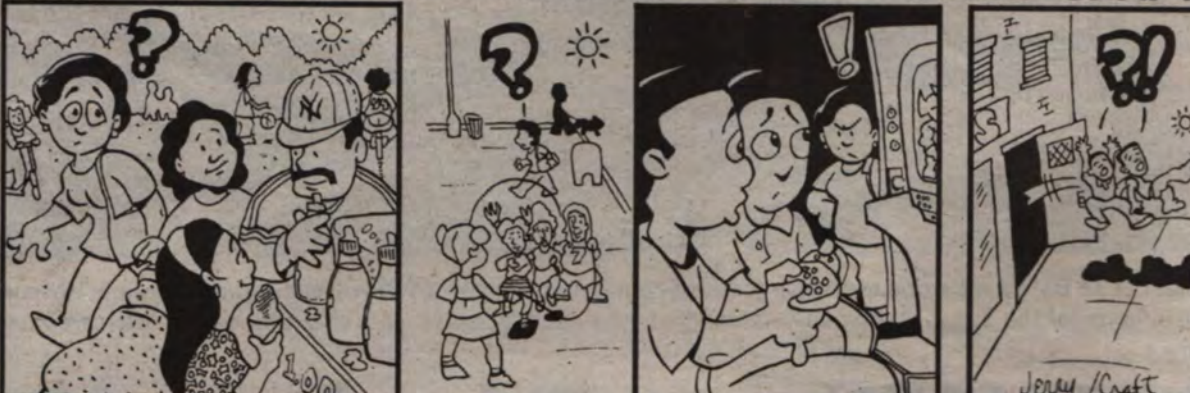
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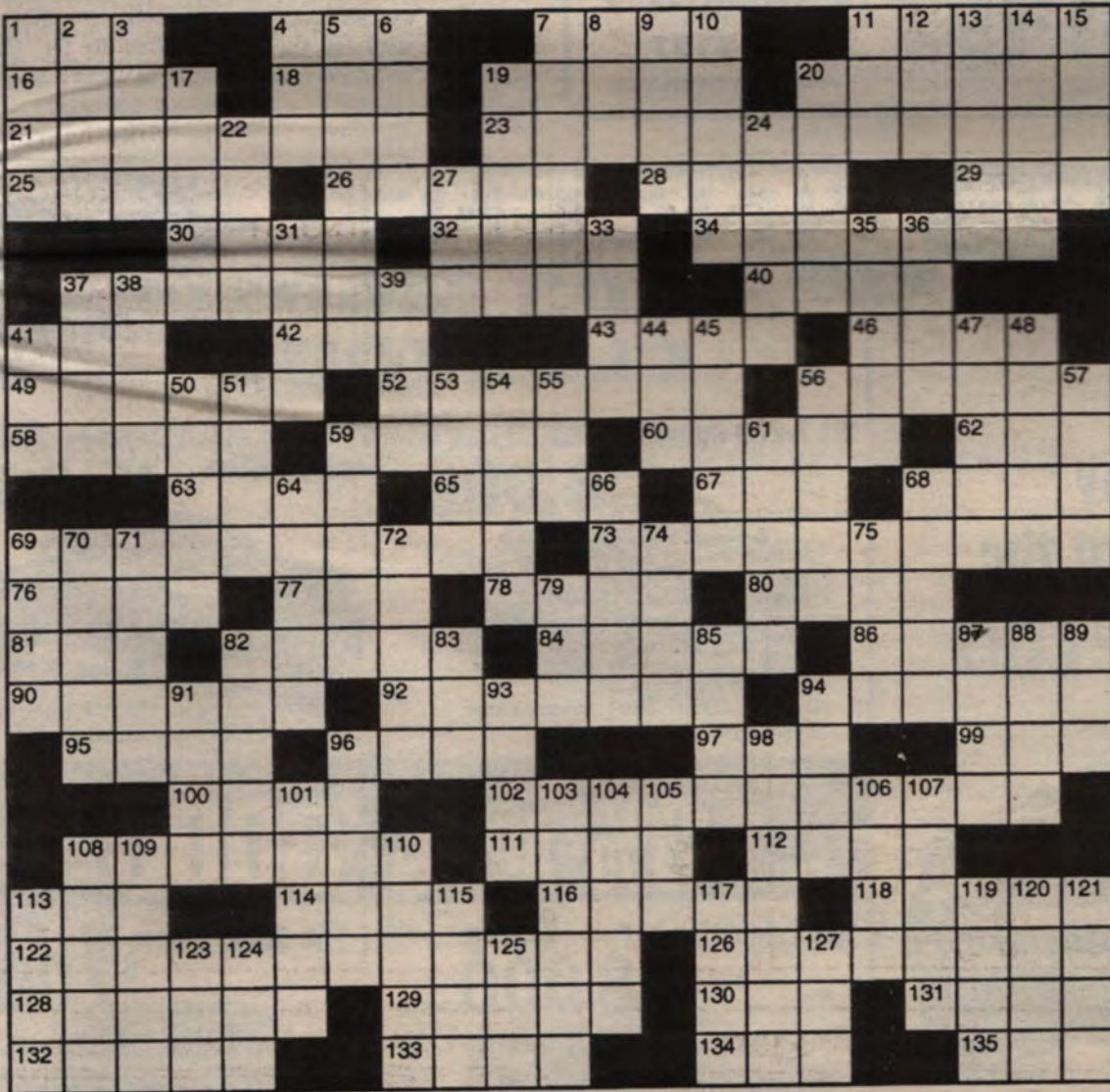
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 - 96 Role for Liz
 - 97 Wonderment
 - 99 Eat in the evening
 - 100 Rock's David Lee ___
 - 102 Role played by George Clooney
 - 108 Bayreuth's locale
 - 111 Scandinavian seaport
 - 112 Drench
 - 113 West ender?
 - 114 Swenson of "Benson"
 - 116 Data
 - 118 Kinshasa's country
 - 122 Play by George Bernard Shaw
 - 126 Comic strip by George Herriman
 - 128 Wagner heroine
 - 129 Designer Perry
 - 130 Sundown, to Shelley
 - 131 Splinter group
 - 132 Heavy blows
 - 133 "Sad ___" ('79 hit)
 - 134 Wily
 - 135 "I told you so!"
- DOWN**
- 1 Eastern European
 - 2 Take a taxi
 - 3 Actor Sharif
 - 4 Remote
 - 5 Bit of wit
 - 6 Melodious hello
 - 7 Ray of "GoodFellas"
 - 8 Rink legend
 - 9 Beer barrels
 - 10 Pastoral poems
 - 11 "The Burning ___" ('84 film)
 - 12 Research site
 - 13 Corpulent
 - 14 North Sea feeder
 - 15 Heron's home
 - 17 German port
 - 19 Rebuff
 - 20 "Slammin' Sam"
 - 22 Parvati's spouse
 - 24 Mustangs and Pintos
 - 27 "___ culpa"
 - 31 Part of EMT
 - 33 Panache
 - 35 Drives and drives?
 - 36 "___ Spee"
 - 37 Use a ewer
 - 38 Snowballs, sometimes
 - 39 Designer Chanel
 - 41 Explosive initials
 - 44 Author Wallace
 - 45 Honolulu
 - 47 Native New Zealander
 - 48 Damascus dish
 - 50 Censure
 - 51 Grasso or Wilcox
 - 53 Munich mister
 - 54 Luncheonette lure
 - 55 Australian st.
 - 56 Wing it
 - 57 Descartes or Levesque
 - 59 Crusoe's creator
 - 61 Boca __, FL
 - 64 Sprites
 - 66 Vow
 - 68 It's heard in a herd
 - 69 Beginning on
 - 70 Clavell's "___ House"
 - 71 Ancient epic
 - 72 Photographer Adams
 - 74 Robert of "Airplane!"
 - 75 Fountain order
 - 79 Sweater
 - letter
 - 82 Doge city?
 - 83 Chemical ending
 - 85 Bargain
 - 87 Pine for
 - 88 Burden
 - 89 Short snooze
 - 91 TV tycoon
 - 93 Extinct bird
 - 94 Cuban currency
 - 96 Audrey Meadows' birthplace
 - 98 Spendthrift
 - 101 Clan
 - 103 Egyptian deity
 - 104 Arm bones
 - 105 Political abbr.
 - 106 Make fun of
 - 107 Approves
 - 108 Reckless
 - 109 Type of pear
 - 110 Think alike
 - 113 Send out
 - 115 With skill
 - 117 Luau instruments
 - 119 Turner and Pappas
 - 120 Marathon
 - 121 Kitchen addition?
 - 123 Vintage
 - 124 Sts.
 - 125 Barley beverage
 - 127 ___ which way (carelessly)



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First Baptist Church Praise and Worship Event

The combined music ministries of Bell County Southern Baptist Churches presents a Bell County Praise and Worship Event 7 p.m. Sept. 14 at the First Baptist Church of Salado.

This gospel music event is patterned after the famous Gaither Homecoming events and features the combined choirs and ensembles from several Bell County Southern Baptist Churches. The musicians from these churches will present an evening of your favorite gospel hymns and songs.

Featured ensembles from these churches will present special music for the evening. The combined choirs from these churches will present two choral anthems at this event.

Judy Bruton and David Kaulfus, accompanists for First Baptist in Salado will accompany the choirs and congregational singing.

This event is free and everyone in the Central Texas area is invited to attend.

For more information, contact the church office at 947-5465 or www.fbcshalado.org

Salado ISD holds moment of silence commemorating Sept. 11

By ROBIN WUEBKER-BATTERSHELL
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Salado I.S.D. will be observing a moment of silence commemorating the September 11 World Trade Center tragedy. All campuses will observe this silence at 8:47 a.m., the moment of this world-shattering event. This day should live in our memories because it changed our lives forever. The greatest respect we can bestow upon those who lost their lives in this senseless tragedy is to not forget.

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First "Salute to Educators" a success

By all accounts, the first annual Salado's Salute to Texas Educators, held Aug. 30, was a success. Texas professors, teachers, administrators and staff from across the state were welcomed to Salado by local restaurants, shops and inns, all of whom offered door prizes, gift drawings and discounts the entire day.

Large blue welcome flags, donated by First State Bank helped to lend a festive atmosphere to the occasion.

Janie Berrier, a Pre-K teacher from Killeen, commented on the event, "All the merchants were so gracious and made me feel so honored when I entered their shops. It was a great feeling to be patted on the back."

Local business owners expressed similar enthusiasm about the event.

"I think the idea is great," said Larry Prellop, of Prellop Fine Art Gallery. "I'm certain that the teachers will tell others about my gallery. I'm all for doing it again."

Cynthia Watson, of Accents of Salado, stated, "Organizers of Salado's Salute to Texas Educators thank business owners, the Salado Village Voice, The First State Bank, The

Salado Business Association, Dr. Robin Battershell and the many educators who made the event possible. It felt wonderful to have the opportunity to recognize the important contributions of Texas Educators.

Plans are already in the making to extend the number of days for educators to visit our Village in 2004. So many gifts were being given that not all educators made it to every location. Our business community went all out and the educators just need more days to get to all the places that want to participate."

Salado businesses participating in this year's event included: Rosanky's, Willowby's, Jan's, Stagecoach Gallery, Heartstrings of Salado, Serenity Spa, The Gazebo Suite Bed and Breakfast, Essengee's, Strawberry Patch, The Salado Mansion, Wells Gallery, Accents of Salado, Heirlooms, CIO, Horsefeathers, MJ's Country Corner, Susan Marie's, Ings, The Range Restaurant, Scarlett's at the Stagecoach, The Vermilion Chameleon, Prellop Fine Art Gallery, Sweet Dreams, Mud Pies Pottery, The Store at Old Town Salado, Charlotte's



Teachers and "Future Teachers" attended Salado's Salute to Texas Educators Aug. 30. This young lady scopes out the crowd while mom registers for door prizes.

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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 5:30 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., 5 p.m., at Civic Center.

Scottish Country

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?

SEPTEMBER 9
Salado Band Boosters meeting, 7 p.m. in the Band Hall.

SEPTEMBER 11
Central Texas Poetry and Prose Reading 7 p.m. - Readings, 9 p.m. - Open mic.

SEPTEMBER 11
Salado ISD community planning meeting, 7-8 p.m. at the Civic Center. Info: 947-5479.

SEPTEMBER 12
The Range opens new patio area. Half price drinks and appetizers 5-9 p.m. Info: 947-3828.

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
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p.m., \$10 adults, \$5 children.

SEPTEMBER 22
PALS presents First Annual Salado Wine Tasting Festival 6 p.m. at Stagecoach. 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
St. Joseph's Episcopal Chapel Blessing of the Animals, 2 p.m. at the Chapel, behind Fletcher's Books. Info: 939-1033.

OCTOBER 4-5
Christmas Carol Auditions 2 p.m.

OCTOBER 9
Christmas in October Preview Party, 6-8:30 p.m. on Civic Center grounds. \$8 advance, \$10 at door. Info: 947-5040.

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.

OCTOBER 18
Fall Festival at Thomas Arnold Elementary, 1-4 p.m. Info: 947-5191.

OCT. 25
Salado Youth Fair Boosters Raffle and Silent Auction, at the Bell County Expo Center. Info: 947-1564 or 947-9975.

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.

DECEMBER 2
Mill Creek Community Association annual Christmas Party at Creekside Restaurant. Happy hour, 6-7 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Call 947-3901.

DECEMBER 4
Christmas Parade

DEC. 5-7
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Wine and Wildflower Fest set for Sept. 22

PALS, the Public Arts League of Salado, is producing the first annual "Wine and Wildflower Festival" 6-8 p.m. Sept. 22 in the Stagecoach Inn's newly remodeled Longhorn Room.

Each person attending this first annual event will receive a packet of red poppy seeds for fall planting, as well as the opportunity to purchase additional Texas wildflower seeds.

Appetizers will be served while guests enjoy over 20 varieties of Texas wines. There will be a drawing for a Primrose sculpture by Charles Allen valued at over \$200.

Salado merchants who have already contributed silent auction items for

the Festival are: Essengee's, Larry Prellop Fine Art Gallery, Charlotte's, Texan by Design, Horsefeathers, Jan's, Christy's, Jim Benton, Ing's, Inn on the Creek, Mill Creek, Mud Pies, Southern Comforts, Heirlooms and Three Dogs or a Quilt.

For reservations, call the Salado Civic Center at 947-8300, or mail a check for \$25 per person to Hulda Horton/Salado Civic Center/PO Box 814/Salado, TX 76571.

PALS is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to promote the arts and artists in Salado. All receipts from admission sales for this fundraising Wine Tasting event will be used to promote the arts in Salado.



Pictured are the first donors to contribute silent auction items for the upcoming PALS "Wine and Wildflower Festival." Seated from left are Cheryl Neufeld of Classic's on Main, and Sherry Petty of Magnolia's. Standing from left are Nancy Light of Main Street Place and Clinton Harwell, of HEB's wine department, who helped select the wines for the event.

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Leona Graham garage sale, benefit Sept. 13-14

Although the nation is making progress toward the fight against cancer and the rates of both new cancer cases and cancer deaths are falling overall, there are some who face the cancer struggle daily. Leona Graham, a Salado resident for 32 years, is one of those people.

Graham, who has been employed at the Stagecoach Inn for the past 31 years, 29 in reservations and currently in accounting, has had to battle breast cancer twice and then lung cancer.

Undergoing surgery and taking both radiation and chemo treatments, Graham thought her battle was won, but about two months ago, tumors appeared on her spine.

To help Graham with her medical expenses, a garage sale will be held at 512

FM 2267, across the street from St. Stephen Catholic Church. The garage sale will begin at 7 a.m. Sept. 13 with no pre-determined closing time.

On the following day, Sept. 14, Bo's Barn Dancehall and Club will host a Bar-B-Q lunch to benefit Graham. Tickets are priced at \$7.50 per person and may be purchased at Bo's Barn in advance or the day of the event.

Later that afternoon, from 2-3 p.m., there will be an auction of items from local businesses such as Horsefeathers, Mud Pies, The Store at Old Town, Salado Pottery, Accents of Salado, Gregory's, Sweet Nut Things, Strawberry Patch, B. Herd Gallery, Texan By Design, Christy's, Salado Haus, Vermilion Chameleon, Debra Hall, Classics, Salado Vet-



erinary Hospital, The Village Pharmacy, The Barber Barn and Scarlett's, to name a few.

Other items that have been donated include a Doe Hunt at Solana Ranch, a Dove Hunt for four at Concho Valley Ranch in Talpa, lodging at the Levi Tenney House and Stonecreek Settlement, with a carriage ride by Good Time Carriage Rides. More items are coming in daily.

Beginning at 3 p.m. and

running through 7 p.m., Bo's Barn will also host a dance with Boot Strap and Brian Gowan performing. During the band breaks, more items will be auctioned off. There is no charge for the dance, but donations will be accepted at the door.

Proceeds for all these events at Bo's Barn will be donated to Graham.

For those who cannot attend but would like to help, a "Leona Graham Benefit Account" has been set up at Compass Bank in Salado.

For more information, contact Linda Lopez at Bo's Barn Dancehall and Club, 947-8112.

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The Ladies Auxiliary will be serving a sparkling punch while guests can bid on over 25 items donated by Salado merchants at the silent auction.

The Preview Party is intended to give visitors an early look at the gala Christmas in October event that follows on Oct. 10-11, that will feature displays of Christmas treasures from over two dozen local Salado merchants. Unlike previous years, all display items will be for immediate sale directly from the display area.

Christmas in October is an annual event of the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. Profits are returned to the community in the form of grants for college scholarships and to support the Civic Center, fire department and many other



Pictured, from left, are Cynthia Apichino of Uncommon Grounds, Joe Czaus of the Salado Mansion, Henry Dominguez of Stagecoach Inn and Anthony Land of Mill Creek.

needed village services.

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People of all ages who are interested in the Tablerock Fantasy Faire and Tablerock's Halloween Fright Trail are invited to the session.

Directors will be on

hand to interview actors, volunteers, and vendors. Also available to answer questions for any interested parties and give mini tours of the site will be members of the Tablerock Board of Directors.

Tablerock Fantasy Faire is searching for volunteers to help out on Sept. 20 and 21. Tablerock

will be transformed to a fantastic village filled with characters from the history, literature and mythology of the Medieval and Renaissance eras.

Tablerock's Halloween Fright Trail is looking for actors to play characters from classic scary stories. Bring your imagination

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Salado Education Foundation's October 11th "Chisholm Trail Cattleman's Ball" Highlights Scholarship Recipients

By JACKIE MILLS

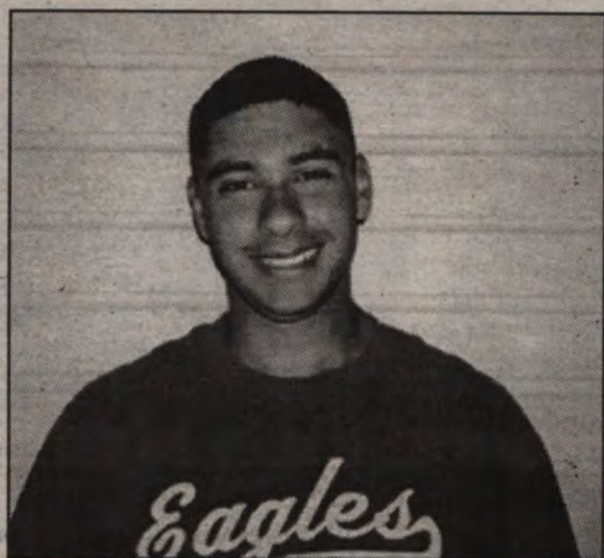
The Salado Education Foundation was formed in 1999 by 19 concerned citizens who banded together with the slogan "Together, We Can Make a Difference."

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 first scholarships were awarded in 2001. To date there have been 18 scholarships given to Salado graduates.

Isaac Berumen was one of the seven recipients of an SEF scholarship in 2003. Isaac was born in Salado and attended Salado schools all of his school years. He is the youngest of 11 children.

Isaac graduated from Salado High School with a 4.0 GPA. He excelled in Algebra, Geometry, Physics, Calculus and English in addition to being football district runner-up and bi-district qualifier.

Some football honors he received were State-Wide Honor Roll and All-District Team at the safety position. During track season he was a medalist in five of six track meets and a member of the medal winning mile-relay team. He was also



Isaac Berumen

a member of the district runner-up baseball team.

"My career goal is to one day be a physical therapist. I was influenced to pursue this occupation because of a sports related knee-injury that resulted in knee surgery. Physical therapy was required for my rehabilitation. I learned first hand about muscles and ligaments throughout the body and how to develop, maintain and strengthen those muscles and ligaments," said Isaac.

"I chose to attend the University of Houston. I have a sister who lives in Houston and I will be visiting Yolanda and her family every chance I get. With family in Houston I won't get lonesome. I'll be living in Moody Towers. I have

been assigned a roommate but I have only talked to him on the telephone.

I visited the campus during freshman orientation. There were 700 students in my orientation group and seven other groups with 700 or more students in each group. It sure will be different from Salado High School," he said.

"I'll be starting from scratch making new friends. The campus is beautiful, but big. I'll be taking a bicycle with me to get from class to class. The Salado Education Foundation scholarship is going to make it possible for me to get the education I want and will allow me to fulfill my ambitions."

The Salado Education

Foundation's annual fundraiser "The Chisholm Trail Cattleman's Ball" will be held 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 Oct. 11 Cattleman'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 BarBeQue 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 auctions. Local television personality Rusty Garrett will serve as master of ceremonies.

Tickets may be purchased from any of the Salado Education Foundation Board Members, at Century 21 Bill Bartlett or the SISD office in the Civic Center, both on Main Street in Salado.

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Books donated to honor memory of friends

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Salado Chamber of Commerce presented the Salado Public Library Sept. 8 with six books in the memory of former members of the Auxiliary who passed away in 2002.

The ladies who had a book donated in their honor were Sadie Holland, Novella Lowry, Minta Landrum, Frances Utley, Marge Kirkman, and one gentleman, Egon Freidrick.

Each book was selected to show the interests and characteristics of each person.

Sadie Holland was known as an accomplished cook, and many of her recipes are found in the Methodist Church Cookbook. The book purchased for Sadie is **Back to the Table: The Reunion of Food and Family**.

Novella Lowry is remembered for her love of quilting; she always helped to do the handwork for items for the Auxiliary's Christmas in October event. The book purchased for Lowry is **Patchwork Picnic**.

Minta Landrum, the Orange Lady of Salado, is remembered for her enthusiastic contributions to any project the Auxiliary undertook. She and



Emmy Alvarez (left) and Doris Denman are shown with the books that were dedicated in honor of the deceased members of the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. (PHOTO BY SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL)

her husband, Cy, also spent many years as teachers in Mexico. Landrum's book is entitled **Mexican Color**.

Frances Utley is remembered by many for presence for many years in Salado Galleries, which always provided displays for Christmas in October. Utley also opened her home for the Historical Society's Christmas Home Tour. Utley's book is titled **Victorian Home**.

Marge Kirkman was considered to be a "true" musician. She performed for all the events that she had time

for, and was acknowledged as being a master accompanist. Kirkman was a former president of the Auxiliary and taught piano lessons for many years. The book purchased in her honor is **Clara, a Novel: The Story of Clara Schumann**.

Egon Freidrick was the long time photographer for the Auxiliary's special occasions. He took pictures at the Auxiliary's style shows and at Christ-

mas in October, and was regarded as a talented artist and photographer in his own right. Freidrick was one of the early members of the Salado Village Artists. His book is entitled **National Geographic Photographic Field Guide**.

"We as an organization salute these six true citizens of Salado," said Doris Denman. "We encourage everyone to visit the Salado Library and enjoy these books."

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Burrows discussed jail/court proposal with Rotary Club

By SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL
 STAFF WRITER

Bell County Judge Jon Burrows discussed the \$61.1 million Bell County Jail/Court bond proposal with the Rotary Club of Salado Sept. 2.

Bell County has the lowest tax rate in the area at \$0.36510 per \$100 evaluation. Bell is the only county that is below \$0.40 per \$100 behind Coryell (\$0.38807), McLennan (\$0.42860), and Williams (\$0.45830). "With the two-and-a-half cent tax increase, we would still be behind the surrounding counties," Burrows stated.

There are currently 708 beds in the jail. On Aug. 20 the Bell County jail exceeded the Texas Jail Commission 90 percent capacity standard by 69 with 707 inmates. "You can not mix men and women," Judge Burrows said. "We are maxing out. The new jail would open 460 more beds."

The incarceration rate of

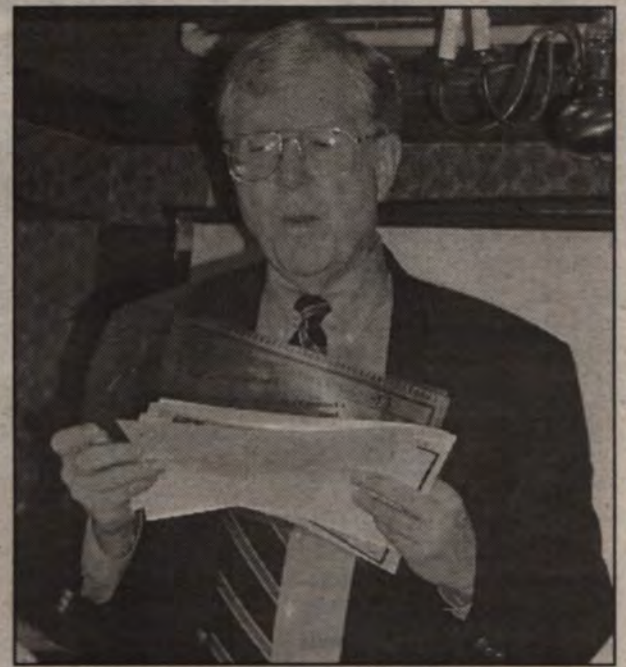
Bell County is 2.2 percent with the average inmate spending 16 days in jail.

The projected growth for 2005 is an additional 111 beds. "That is approximately an increase of 20 inmates a year, a moderate growth rate," said Sheriff Dan Smith.

To expand downtown would cost an estimated \$65.5 million and to build on the proposed Loop 121 near the Bell County Expo Center site would cost \$56.9 million. On a \$50,000 house it would be an increase of \$12.50 per year, \$1.04 per month; \$100,000 would see an increase of \$25/year or \$2.08/month.

The current building does not meet the ADA standards. There is a Sept. 1, 2005 deadline to bring the building to compliance. Renovations would take about 16-18 months and would require that the building be vacated.

Other alternatives for the jail include adding a fourth floor with a 124 bed



Judge Jon Burrows speaks to Rotary Club of Salado on Jail/Court Bond proposal. (PHOTO BY SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL)

limit or building behind the "old, old jail," where they can only build up. Building on the proposed site will allow to build for growth over the next 20 years, said Burrows.

Expanding the current area location of the district courts building would require building near the

creek, which is in a flood plain.

The downtown jail would still be used to meet the expansion capacity. The Sheriff's office, County Commissioners, auditor, treasurer, tax assessor and the Bell County Museum will remain downtown.

Grandpas needed for duty mornings at elementary

Salado ISD is looking for Grandpas.

"I heard of a school that enlisted grandfathers to greet children every morning as they unloaded at the buses and cars when they entered the school," Intermediate School Principal Joe Palmer said. "I would love to do this."

Palmer said that he thinks it would take a Head Grandpa and 15 other volunteers to handle the job.

"We'll need three each morning," Palmer said. "This would be a one-day-per-week job" from 7:30-8 a.m.

"If you have an available grandpa that would like to organize this project, I'd like to hear from him first," Palmer said. "If you know one that would give the 30-minutes per week, I'd like to get that name too."

Palmer said that the pay

and training program for Eagle Grandpas is competitive: "Dozens of great smiles. Getting to cheer up several grumps. Maybe a hug or two. A free grandpa Eagles T-shirt. Free training for a Wal-Mart greeter position. And lots of fun."

If you are interested in volunteering for the Grandpa Eagle program, contact Palmer at 947-1700, ext. 2000 or e-mail him at jpalmers@saladoisd.org.

Ft. Hood observes Sept. 11 with service

Fort Hood will fall silent for one minute at 8:37 a.m. on Sept. 11.

The Moment of Silence is a simple, respectful honor for those who died on Sept. 11 and afterwards.

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The Moment of Silence will begin at 8:37 a.m., marking the time of the Pentagon attack on Sept. 11, 2001.

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We got to The Ballpark at Arlington at 9:30 a.m. for a 2 p.m. game. A light rain was falling. We went to a huge trailer filled with millions of dollars worth of equipment. Miles and miles of cables were attached to the trailer to transmit the images and sound from cameras and microphones on the field.

The trailer is divided into compartments: one for audio, one for tv, one for videotaping and one I never did figure out what went on there.

Perhaps it was to make sure the broadcast got to networks and stations.

Kevin started pushing buttons and flipping switches, making sure all the pre-broadcast duties were completed. He checked promotional

pieces, small visual and audio clips that are played during the game, checked the eight cameras on the field to make sure they were sending pictures to the trailer and dozens of other things.

The 20-member crew started to arrive and I sensed immediately the respect that each person has for co-workers.

We had lunch in the press room area where I got acquainted with crew members while dining on Mexican food. I proudly displayed my TV crew badge.

We got back to the trailer around 1 PM and settled down to do the game.

I went over to the audio room and met Toast, who makes sure the broadcast has sound. He operates a 64 channel console and a unique box that has hundreds of sound effects.

Everybody wears headsets that are filled with chatter from the broadcast booth, cameramen, a sound assist man, the tape room and a few other sources.

As the countdown to

the game was in progress, everyone was poised to do his or her job. Director Dave Burchett, watching the eight TV screens in front of him, raises his hands like a symphony orchestra conductor and points to each one, telling Kevin "ready on three, take three, take one, show eight" and so forth. Kevin is the one who puts on the screen what viewers see.

I witnessed a high degree of professionalism. And it was done with a sense of humor. Everything is split-second. The screen portrays what is going on all over the field and in the stands.

Every minute I spent with the crew was fascinating. And not all

the excitement was in the trailer.

Rain had fallen during most of the game, which turned out to be a long one. It was still going on at 6 p.m. The crew, the fans and the players were ready for this one to be over.

In the bottom of the 9th the game was tied 10 to 10. Everyone was concerned that there might be a rain delay or extra innings. The Rangers had a man on base when Diaz got up to bat. He hit eleven foul balls in a row. On the twelfth pitch, he hit a ball that bounced off the back wall. The runner touched home, the game was over and the Rangers won. Wow. What a day!

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.

Gazpacho

Jackie Mills

5 large tomatoes, peeled & seeded
2 large cucumbers
1 large green pepper
1 large onion 2 cloves garlic
1 can chicken broth
1 can (11.5 oz) tomato juice
4 T. olive oil 4 T. red vinegar
1 T. sugar Salt & pepper

Chunk vegetables and blend in blender, adding broth and tomato juice, oil, vinegar, salt and pepper, and sugar. If too thick, add more liquid (tomato juice and chicken broth), adjusting all to taste. Chill well. Stir well from bottom when serving.
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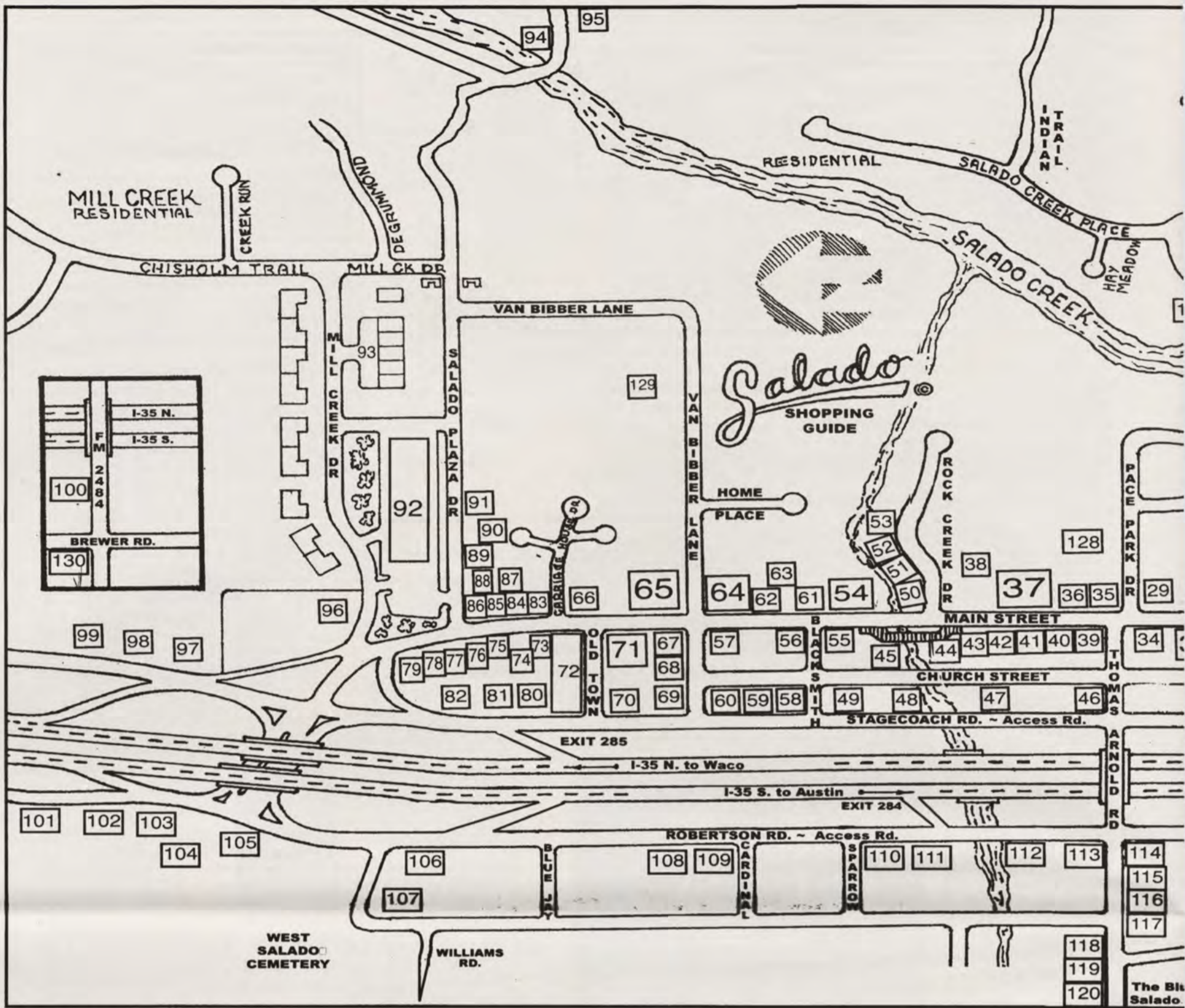
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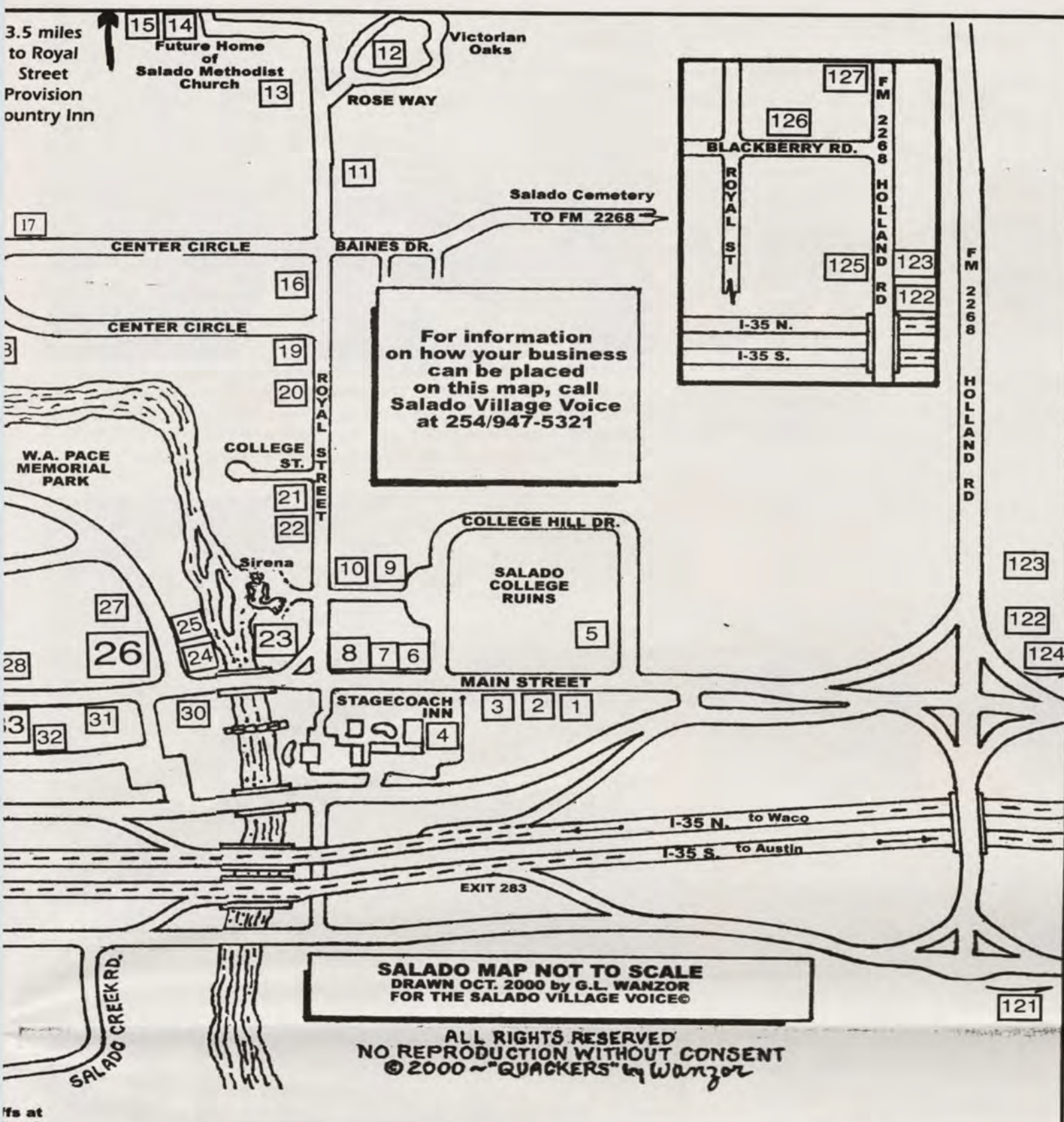


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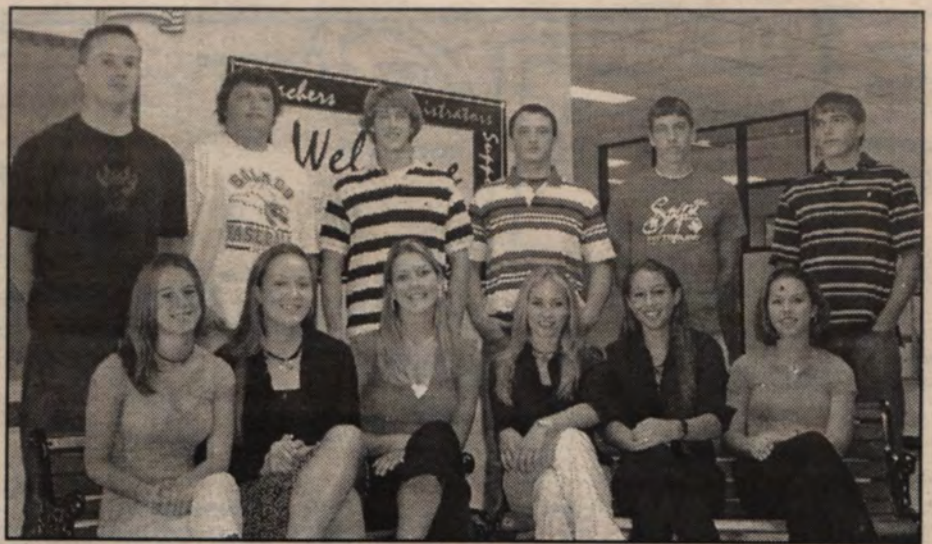
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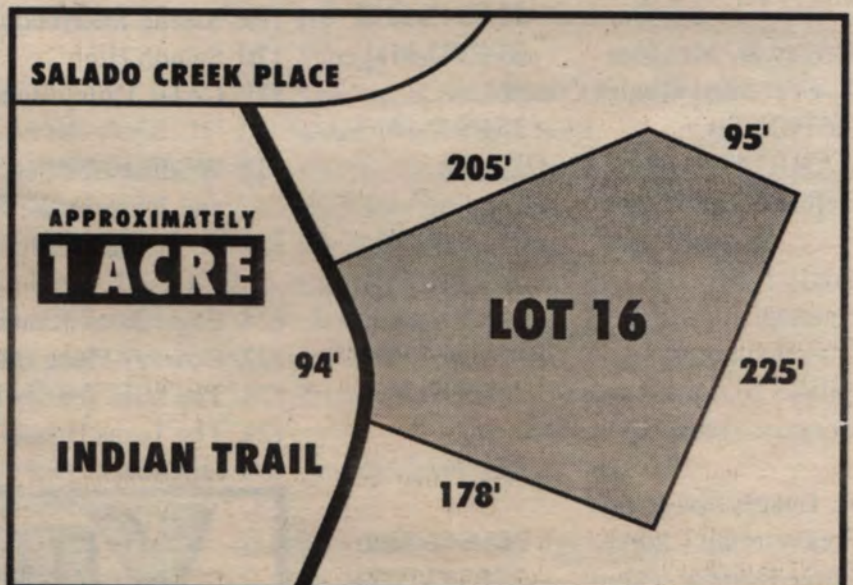
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On the morning of Sept. 8, the Salado Area Republican Women presented free dictionaries to all Thomas Arnold Elementary third graders. Back row, from left: Bobbie Reihsen, Jean Westerbrook and Helen Simonette. Front row, from left: Patrick Murray, Loretta Ruth and Mattie Price. Republican Women plan to distribute over 4,000 dictionaries to Bell County third graders.

Saladoan Robin Hale honored with Sprint Customer Service Hero award

Salado resident Robin Hale, Sprint service representative, was recently honored with the Sprint Service Hero Award for providing outstanding customer care.

The Sprint Service Hero Award recognizes employees in the Sprint Consumer Markets Group call centers and retail stores who con-

sistently provide excellent service to customers.

Employees are chosen quarterly based on a variety of factors, including quality assurance, service performance, customer commendations and customer survey results.

Hale has been a service representative in the Killeen call center for 21

years. "Robin seems to always go the extra mile to provide our customers the best service possible," said Linda Steptoe, Sprint call center supervisor.

"Her efforts have stood out among a hard-working group of associates. Sprint appreciates Robin's commitment and strong work

ethic." Hale received a monetary prize and is eligible to receive Sprint's National Service Hero Award during Customer Service Week, Oct. 6-10.

For more information about Sprint's activities in Texas, customers can visit www.sprint.com/commitment.

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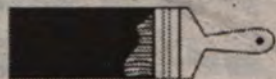
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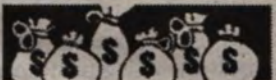
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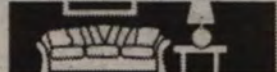
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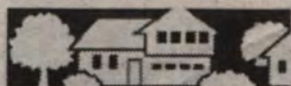
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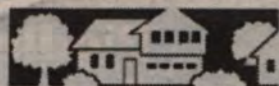
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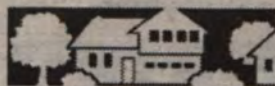
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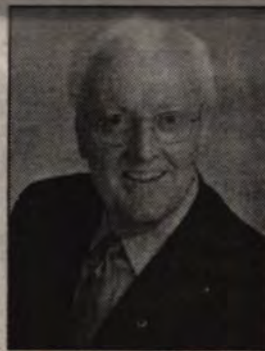


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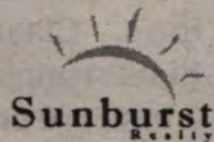


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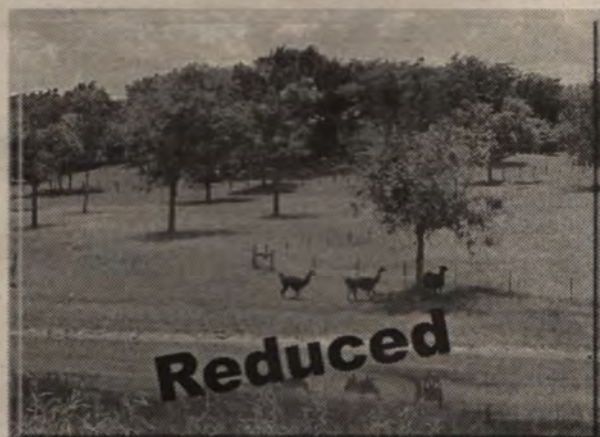
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3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large Pecan trees & live water. **\$39,900.**
3 BR/2 BA mobile home on 3.5 acres w/view overlooking lake. **\$50,000.**
3.5 acres with septic & water. **\$38,000.**
3.52 acres, mostly wooded. **\$49,900.**
4 acres SW of Salado. 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.**