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Hometown newspaper read by Jerry & Jane Smith

La Caldera quilts return Dec. 5-7

The distinctive La Caldera Quilts will make their annual appearance in Salado Dec. 5-7 at the Central Texas Area Museum. This free exhibit will open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

In the 20 years they have been shown and sold in the area these products have developed a large following who enjoys keeping up with the history of the quilts and their Mexican makers. The quilts themselves are individual creations planned and made by one woman.

They are constructed primarily of cotton fabrics and utilize traditional international patterns.

Unlike Chinese and Indian quilts which have flooded the market in recent years and which are mass produced in great numbers, these quilts are each one-of-a-kind, made entirely by hand without the use of any tools other

than a pair of scissors, a needle and thimble and, if the maker has one, a quilting hoop or frame.

The quilts are the outgrowth of a partnership between Mexican peasants from remote rural locations in northern Coahuila, a harsh desert region, and Christian friends from central Texas. Realizing the great need of the families for extra income, the Texans helped the women get started in the quilting industry, building upon skills many of them already possessed.

Together, they have helped to grow it into an industry which supports 60 different individual producers, each of whom works out of her own humble Third World home (essentially a hut). The Texans continue to bring in raw materials and instruction, and market the finished products, as a free service. All of the much needed



With little more than a pair of scissors, a needle and perhaps a quilting frame, this proud resident of Coahuila hand made the subnurst quilt shown above. The La Caldera quilts return to Salado Dec. 5-7 for the annual benefit show at the Central Texas Area Museum.

income from the sale of the quilts goes back to the quiltmaker, who uses it primarily to keep food on the table for her large family.

The Texans like to say

that when you buy a La Caldera Quilt your money does double duty -- it provides the recipient with a treasured heirloom and the maker with essential sustenance for her family.

If it ain't broke..

Bell officials see no need to replace voting machines

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

That Texanisms sums up the feelings of commissioners and election officials concerning the lever machines used by Bell County voters since 1964.

According to County Clerk Vada Sutton, voters are familiar with the machines and the machines are accurate and dependable. "They work," she told commissioners.

Despite that, those machines may be out of compliance for elections after Jan. 1, 2006 due to state regulations to implement the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), a federal law that came into effect following the 2000 election.

"I am having a hard time following how we went from solving problems with punch card bal-

lots in Florida to lever machines being eliminated," County Judge Jon Burrows said in a Nov. 24 workshop session of County Commissioners.

The County held a workshop session with representatives of the Secretary of State's office and local election officials last week to discuss implementation of HAVA in Bell County.

Melinda Nickless, with the Secretary of State's office told Judge Burrows that lever machines would not be allowed under the state regulations to implement HAVA. "Not as I understand the regulations," she said, when Burrows asked if there was any way that the county could certify the lever machines for elections beyond 2005.

That statement last week resulted in ruffled feathers among local election officials and county

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Aldermen query how to get more from annexation

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Since its incorporation, the Village of Salado has annexed only once, but the board of aldermen hope to change that in coming months as it begins a concerted effort to convince property owners and residents in the half-mile extra-territorial jurisdiction to request annexation.

Salado cannot unilaterally annex property into its city limits because it provides neither water nor sewer services. Property owners in the ETJ of Salado must request annexation into the Village.

Aldermen met in a two-hour workshop session Nov. 19 to discuss annexation procedures, as well as possible areas to concentrate efforts to convince property owners and residents to request annexation.

The board discussed concerns about Belton's expansion south and its potential impact on the Village at its northern end. Currently, Belton's south-

ern city limits abut Salado's northern ETJ. As a home rule city, Belton can annex at-will, meaning it can do so without request or even consent of property owners in its ETJ. Because Belton's ETJ is a mile and Salado's ETJ is a half-mile, the larger city's ETJ actually enfolds Salado's ETJ to the East and West. Salado could become an island encased within the larger boundaries of Belton.

Alan Bojorquez, attorney for the Village of Salado, informed aldermen of the two ways in which property can be annexed into the city. The first is through a petition of landowners. By this method, the city can annex that which is a half-mile or less in width, is contiguous to the Salado city limits and is vacant and without residents or on which fewer than three qualified voters reside.

The property owner must describe the metes and bounds of the property to be annexed and the Village may annex the area by ordinance after conduct-

ing two public hearings on the matter.

"Even when you are petitioned for annexation, you must conduct public hearings on the matter because the annexation extends the boundaries of the Village and its ETJ and can have an effect on other property owners," Bojorquez told the board.

The second method for annexation is by a request of area voters. Bojorquez explained that this is usually done when a neighborhood or subdivision as a whole requests annexation into the city limits. If a majority of the qualified registered voters in an area that is contiguous to the city limits vote in favor of becoming a part of the municipality, any three of those voters may prepare an affidavit to the fact and file the affidavit with the Mayor.

After the mayor certifies the affidavit, the Board of Aldermen may annex the area.

Annexing property in this manner cannot enlarge a city such as Salado in such a way that it exceeds

the requirements outlined by the Local Government Code Section 5.901. Those requirements under which Salado was incorporated is as a city of 1,000 residents with an area of two square miles.

To expand beyond those two square miles of area by annexing through a request of the voters, the Village of Salado would have to prove that at least 2,000 residents live within the boundaries of the city. The Village could then expand up to four square miles through requests of voters or property owners.

Bojorquez informed the board of aldermen that because the Village can only annex by request, it is not regulated in the same way that at-will annexations are. For instance, the Village does not have to have a rolling three-year plan for annexation, nor is it limited to annexing no more than 10 percent of its total surface area per year, nor does the 1,000 foot minimum width apply to voluntary annexation.

Bojorquez explained that the 1,000 foot mini-

mum width is to prevent "strip" annexation in which a municipality takes a small strip of land to reach another area.

The board mulled over reasons why property owners within the ETJ of Salado would want to request annexation. "People in the ETJ feel safe there," Mayor Charlotte Douglass said, adding that they are protected from annexation by Belton and cannot be annexed into the city by Salado without requesting it.

Douglass pointed to Saladoans living on the northern part of the Yellow Rose Subdivision who are now within the ETJ of Belton and can be annexed into that city. "If just one property owner on the northern boundary of Salado had requested annexation into Salado, those people would have been protected from being annexed into Belton," Douglass said.

Property owners who are contiguous to the ETJ of Salado, however, can request to be annexed into the ETJ of Salado, wherein

they cannot be annexed into any other city. Bojorquez said that Dripping Springs has done a great deal of that, to the point that the city has 7,000 residents and the ETJ has 21,000 residents. Those properties in the ETJ are protected from annexation by Austin, but are becoming a drain on Dripping Springs.

Like Dripping Springs, Salado has authority to regulate new subdivisions in its ETJ, but has an agreement with the County to manage the regulations until a process is adopted locally to approve plats of new subdivisions.

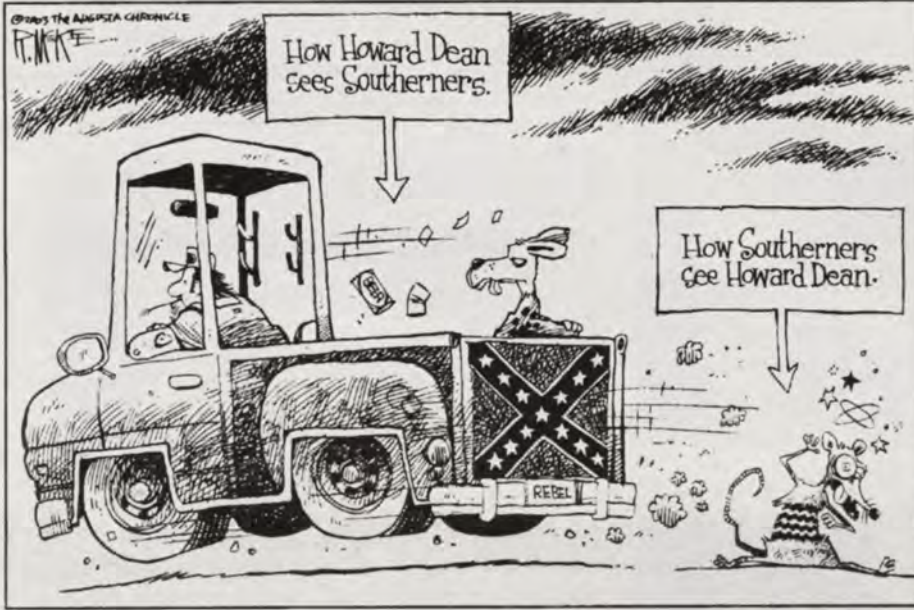
Bojorquez said that many property owners are leery of annexation because they do not see the benefit for themselves. "There are benefits, including city services," he said. City services provided by Salado include road maintenance and police protection and patrol.

Aldermen discussed area residents who have expressed a desire to be

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Smearing Howard

Lord knows that Howard Dean deserves to be attacked. The Democratic front-runner has said -- if not in so many words -- that his first act as president would be to run to Paris to apologize for the fact that the United States toppled Saddam Hussein. His second act would be to raise taxes. But it's hard not to feel a spasm of sympathy for the former Vermont governor.

If the Democratic primaries were a salacious TV reality series, they would be titled: "When Democrats Smear Their Own." Dean, populist hero of the left, is being hit with the sort of Democratic entitlement-demagoguery usually reserved for Republicans. Opponents have even used the "N-word" to describe him -- Newt Gingrich. How does it feel, Howard?

Dean says, in response, that none of the Democratic candidates deserves to be compared to Gingrich. Actually, Gingrich doesn't deserve to be compared to Gingrich -- at least not the Democrats' laughably distorted portrayal of him. Dean's sin was saying in the mid-1990s that he could support then-House Speaker Newt Gingrich's attempt to slow the growth of Medicare spending from 9.9 percent a year to -- hold your gasps, please -- 7.2 percent.

If this 2.7 percent difference seems minor and very doable on its face, well, that's because it was. In fact, President Clinton repeatedly declared early in his presidency that such savings in the galloping Medicare program were necessary to the nation's fiscal health.

Clinton signed a ballyhooed budget deal with Republicans in 1997. More than half the projected savings in the budget agreement were from Medicare. It made the original GOP plan for savings look prodigal by comparison. In 1998 Medicare spending essentially held flat, and in 1999 it actually declined -- something that had

Rich Lowry

never happened before. And grandmothers weren't thrown into the street!

For supporting mild Medicare spending restraint, for stating the obvious need to modernize Medicare's outdated bureaucracy and for broaching the topic of raising the Social Security retirement age -- all of which he did in the 1990s -- Dean is now attacked as a traitor. All of these positions were eminently sensible, meant to make liberalism's programmatic crown jewels sustainable. The attacks on Dean only demonstrate the Democratic Party's calculated aversion to rationality on entitlements.

Dean has many legitimate vulnerabilities. His cut-and-run Iraq policy would be disastrous for America's position in the world. His position on trade -- making trading partners meet U.S. standards for labor and environmental protections -- is de facto protectionism. And he wants to repeal all of the Bush tax cuts, even those that benefit the middle class.

At least John Kerry has hit him on trade and taxes. But the hardest shots against Dean have been on Medicare and Social Security, because the Democrats have such a well-developed instinct for demagoguery on these issues. Straight-shooter Dean has had to disavow his prior entitlement truth-telling and say he never condoned cutting Medicare and would never raise the Social Security retirement age. Of course not. Whom do you think he is -- Newt Gingrich?

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

State cuts in higher-ed funding coupled with tuition deregulation have "chickens coming home to roost"

A clear case of "chickens coming home to roost" has unfolded under the very noses of our State legislators and their "leadership team" this past week when the various higher education systems began announcing the forthcoming Spring tuition increases as well as the notched up hikes for the entire 2004-5 school year.

First to sense the coming cold wind of retribution from both students and parents was Lt. Governor David Dewhurst who asked the universities to delay implementation of the first round of tuition jumps until lawmakers "review their impacts."

Translated, this means hold off until members of the 78th Legislative Session can seek cover from what is bound to be a storm of protest headed their way -- and rightfully so -- since it was this group of worthies who underfunded the entire system of Texas colleges and universities and then gave them complete authority to set tuition rates to offset the massive shortfall.

With the power to decide tuition levels -- the University of Texas System's Board of Regents moved the current charges from \$2233.00 per semester to \$2595.00 in January and next September to \$3013. A hike of 35 percent from current levels to next fall's numbers.

SPECIAL SESSION TO HIGHLIGHT \$\$ NEEDS

Dewhurst is smart enough, actually one of the few state leaders with a modicum of political sense and perched high enough on today's GOP tree, (the one the chickens are headed towards for roosting purposes) to recognize the political futility of repeating another "underfunding" disaster in education when he and his cohorts return in the Spring for the special session on public educational finance reform.

He could turn out to be the first to question the "no tax" idiocy and seek debate on such heretofore heretical ideas as a dedicated sales or income tax to pay for public education.

SENATOR RATLIFF CALLS IT "QUITS"

As expected, Senator Bill Ratliff (R-Mount Pleasant) resigned from the Texas Senate effective January 10, 2004. He did this first in a hometown press conference and later that day (November 20) on the floor of the Senate.

We couldn't let this fine moderate conservative leave the scene without a word of praise and gratitude for him. He's a dying breed of Republican -- one who is independent and without guile, partisanship, ego or deceit. He calls himself "a 51 percent Republican" and was well known for his unflinching dedication to his district, the Senate and the State, while leaving the hard-core members of his party in disarray at times because of a failure to hew rigidly to the party line.

Dave McNeely, veteran political writer for the Austin America said it best a few days before Ratliff resigned: "The conscience of the Senate may have already left the building given this year's heavy-handed redistricting and other partisan dealings -- but the man who wears that title in the minds of colleagues and observers in the Texas Capitol is still there. But probably not for long."

As more and more moderates leave public service -- both parties are faced with having hard core extremists take over the reins, with polarization of thought taking the place of reason and cooperation.

It's probably just as well for the good Senator's peace of mind that he is leaving, since his status within his own party

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



ALSO COMMENTARY ON THE RESIGNATION OF SENATOR BILL RATLIFF AND MEDICARE REFORM.

would never have been the same -- thanks to his challenging the extreme partisanship of the State's elected leaders earlier this year. Punishment was next on the agenda.

We wish Senator Ratliff well in the years ahead and hope in those same years -- a return to moderation might somehow take place in both the State Republican and Democratic organizations.

MEDICARE REFORM

The Medicare Reform bill may be headed for the President's desk by the time this column is in your hands and if so, will be another new law that was not fully studied or aired before passage since secrecy at the conference committee level was the order of the day.

There was no time to raise the needed red flags and now it can only be hoped that at least some of the benefits, that the Republican leadership have been promising, will come true -- although there is little doubt that the package is fraught with problems for the very group it was intended to help -- the senior members of our society.

The first word of warning, should have been to alert Americans that the so called reform law's main thrust is to put part or all of the giant Medicare program on a competitive basis with private insurance plans. A plan that has danger written all over it.

A second red flag deals with those who force-fed this reform package and here we discover the prints of the giant insurance and pharmaceutical industries who were deeply involved in writing this regurgitation of health care. A plan promoted as providing prescription drugs for the first time since Medicare was inaugurated in 1965. However, the drug package is only the "lauded" part of the new program -- privatization is the number one goal.

We would also mention that the bill's endorsement by AARP begs a question or two since that powerful lobby, representing older Americans, receives more in royalties from the health insurance it peddles to its members, than it does from their dues.

This new law could have been very helpful for older Americans but with the insurance and drug interests in full bay favoring it along with the AARP that enriches its treasury by selling health insurance -- it appears that the true beneficiaries will once again be the large business interest in this country -- interests the GOP is beholden to first, last and always.

Some modest help might trickle down -- but don't be disappointed if this new "reform" only adds to the profitability of the drug and insurance industries while eventually increasing the cost of prescriptions and health care for the senior members of our land.

That's -30-

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Fiscal discipline proves itself as best compassion

By MICHAEL QUINN SULLIVAN

Once again fiscal discipline is proving to be the best kind of compassion.

Assume for a moment our neighbor is an alcoholic, with a history of mental illness and unable to afford health insurance for his children. Right now, there are at least three separate state agencies — each with a myriad of bureaucracies and regulations — he must contact before taking advantage of state assistance. That is three screening processes, three case workers, three sets of administrative oversight. What a waste.

And more than likely, his problems never go away because no one connects the dots.

People of good will can debate whether the state should offer such programs in the first place, but the fact remains these programs exist. Not only do they exist, but they are among the largest drivers of state's budget.

In fact, spending on health and human services will quickly surpass education as the state's top expenditure. Currently, there are at least a dozen health and human services agencies administering more than 200 programs at a cost of some \$20 billion a year.

Over the years, as new programs aimed at meeting particular health and social needs have arisen, agencies were created with little regard for fundamental issues of fiscal restraint and operational efficiency. With each new program and agency, came a new — and duplicative — layer of administrative bureaucracy. And because each represented the political freedom of champions in the Legislature and bureaucracy, they were operated in a vacuum.

Not only did this create massive inefficiencies for the taxpayer, but needless hassles for the individuals seeking aid. Texas taxpayers were footing the bill for what were needlessly

duplicative administrative functions, while the state's neediest citizens had to waste countless hours filling out essentially the same forms for each agency and program that processed them in almost identical — though distinctly separate — ways. Not surprisingly, costs have spiraled out of control.

All that is changing. Earlier this year, the Legislature ordered the consolidation of eleven such entities into four. For the taxpayer, that means a better bang for the buck. The planning phase of the consolidation has already resulted in a reported \$24 million in savings. Even with a combined budget in the billions, that is significant — and the real consolidation hasn't even begun. The estimated cost savings to the taxpayer, once consolidation is complete, is projected at \$1 billion dollars.

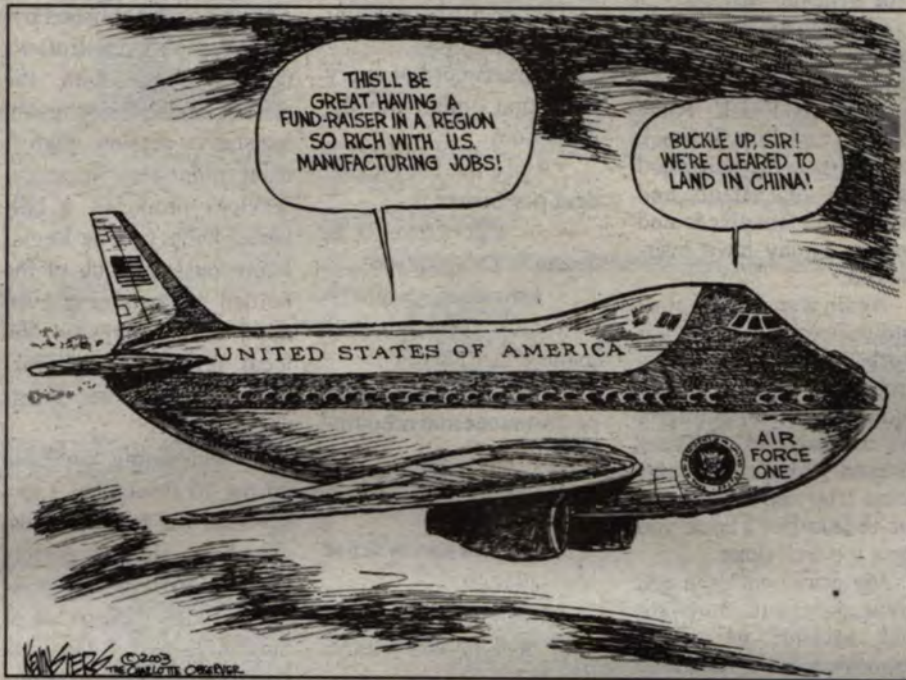
These agencies are finding what businessmen have long known: very often, much more can be accomplished with less.

Perhaps more important to our neighbor will be the improved quality of services he receives from the state. No longer will he drown in a sea of duplicative paperwork, lost in the shuffle between multiple agencies. His needs will be assessed holistically, increasing the odds that as his alcohol addiction is treated in the context of his mental illness, he will more quickly find employment that allows him to provide for his family's needs.

Even while we argue the true value of these programs, we must never question the importance of strict fiscal accountability and tightly-controlled administration. In every case, demanding greater efficiency of state agencies results not only in lower costs to the taxpayer, but better services for all Texans.

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FORUM



Caveat Emptor

Even charitable giving requires scrutiny now

By ED FEULNER

Caveat Emptor. Let the buyer beware.

These have always been sensible words when shopping for a new car. But these days, sadly, they also apply to charitable giving.

Consider the case of William Robertson, who is suing his alma mater, Princeton University, over the school's handling of the \$525 million Robertson Foundation.

Robertson's parents set up the foundation at Princeton in 1961 with an initial gift of \$35 million. Their objective: "to strengthen the government of the United States and increase the ability and determination to defend and extend freedom throughout the world by improving the facilities for the training and education of men and women for government service."

The amount of money in the foundation has grown substantially over the years — but not the number of Princeton students entering government service.

These days, the university says only about 44

percent of foundation-supported students who earn master's degrees accept public-sector jobs. But even that number is inflated. Princeton reaches it by including jobs in journalism, academia and non-profit organizations in its tally.

In reality, only nine of the 63 students who graduated from the program last year entered government service. Just three of those students had majored in international studies. Clearly the program isn't paying the dividends its founders intended.

That's all right with Princeton. In court documents, the university claims the foundation has an "evolving mission."

But it's not acceptable to William Robertson. That's why he's gone to court. He wants to regain control of this fortune and distribute it to other colleges and universities that will use it for its original purpose.

Princeton, it would appear, just wants the money.

The university would like to roll the foundation's cash into its \$8.3 billion endowment. In fact, Princeton has already used the foundation as its own piggy bank.

In 1997, the university spent more than \$13 million of foundation money to build Wallace Hall. Today that building houses segments of the Woodrow Wilson High School, but also the sociology department, the "Office of Population Research" and the "Center for Research on Child Wellbeing."

All these may (or may not) be worthwhile programs. But as William Robertson points out, "if my parents had intended

the money to go to Princeton University, they would have given it directly to Princeton." They clearly wanted the money invested in government service, and it's not being used that way.

This isn't the first time that a Robertson has questioned Princeton's motives. William's father Charles complained repeatedly in letters to Princeton officials that too few graduates were going into government service. The school managed to placate Charles, but not his son. He has gone to court in order to redeem his parents' legacy.

Good for him. These days, the only way for donors to make sure their wishes are respected is to personally check out how their money is being used. Consider one of the most effective charitable organizations, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. It's focusing its work on Africa, so the Gates' traveled there recently to make sure their money was being well invested.

On the other hand, look at the Ford Foundation. In 1977, Henry Ford II resigned from its board, because he believed it was no longer working toward the goals his grandfather founded it to achieve.

Instead of stepping down, William Robertson has decided to stand and fight—and insist that a powerful university respect his parents' wishes. It should serve as an example for all of us. These days, buyers — and donors — must be as tenacious as they are wary.

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Social Security just fine as it is



Jim Hightower

Let me tell you a story of progressive progress.

In 1939, two-thirds of America's senior citizens lived their "golden years" in cold, hard poverty. Just a decade later, that percentage was down to half. By 1959, it was only one-third. Today, the number is less than 10 percent.

That's progress. What's progressive about it is that this decline in poverty is the result of the New Deal's passage of our nation's landmark Social Security program.

Yes, the very same program now under attack by Wall Street wolves and congressional opportunists of both parties who insist that Social Security is doomed to failure and facing an imminent financial crisis.

Horsedooties. First, this is a program that actually works, providing a modicum of income so our gray-haired citizens have a basic level of decent living when their earning years are over. Second, Social Security is a model of efficiency, requiring only a single percent in administrative costs.

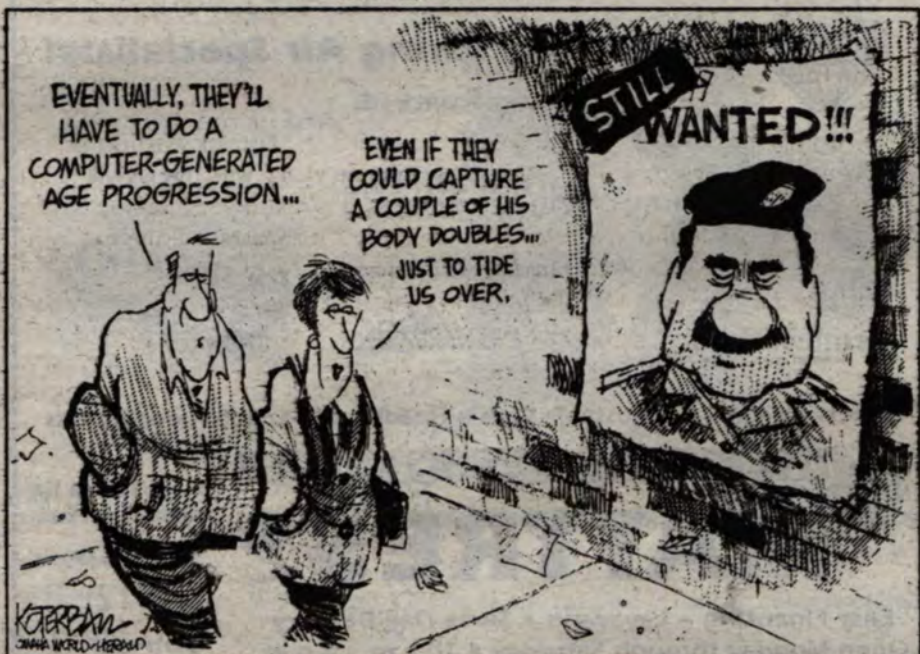
Compare that to the insurance corporations that suck out one-third of our healthcare dollars to pay for their corporate bureaucracies, executive salaries, marble palaces, and advertising.

But, no, cry the Chicken Littlers, Social Security is going broke! Hogwash. Without changing anything, Social Security is financially sound for the next 40 years. Name me a corporation that can claim that!

Yet, the Bushites — on behalf of Wall Street financiers — seek to privatize this public treasure, pushing people to put their Social Security nest egg into the stock market. Hello — these are the same investment geniuses who only three years ago would have advised you to invest in Enron — a stock that fell from \$97 a share to 57 cents in only one year!

Wall Street hustlers, members of Congress, and other "reformers" already have their own golden retirements covered.

I say no one should be allowed to "reform" Social Security unless they actually need it.



Letter to Editor

To the Editor and Friends of Salado:

I really do not know how to express myself to the wonderful folk of Salado who had a dream of a Pace Kids Playground, who started a project and completed the dream.

Thanks to Wilbur Foster, Paul and Patsy Sanford for their information on the beginning of the Park, its condition at donation time (1946) and the work involved in making the Bramble Patch a useful place for the enjoyment of so many people.

All the Paces want to express our appreciation to the Salado Chamber of Commerce, Salado Aldermen, Mayor Charlotte Douglass, the Moms' Club, Public Arts League of Salado (PALS), Denver Mills, Hulda Horton, Dawn Orange and others who chose the site, the trustees, Mike and Shirley Cornett for the rock wall, Jeremy Boatwright for the wood fiber, Jeff Kelley for the ditch, Debbie Harrison and her playground

committee, *Salado Village Voice* for its pictures and keeping us informed and Jackie Mills for the beautiful write-up Nov. 12.

Thanks to Rick Ashe for spearheading the playground project and carrying it to finish. Patsy Sanford and Joan Schrock for choosing the name and the city of Salado and every one involved and anyone I may have overlooked.

Again a special thanks and appreciation for their work. The Pace Kids Playground is a place of beauty and joy to lots of children. We are grateful and very pleased with your dreams come true and the dreams for the future. Thank you for a job well done.

My grand children and great grandchildren (sixth and seventh generation from W.A. and Sara Jane Pace) had a very good time on every inch of the playground Nov. 15, the day of the dedication.

Elizabeth Mosley and the Pace descendants.

Evaluating 10 Principles for Texas in 21st century

You may not be aware of the 10 Principles for Texas in the 21st Century.

They include

- Develop a better-educated work force
- Direct more of every education dollar into the classroom
- Raise the bar on student performance
- Cut taxes in Texas
- Introduce competition into Texas government
- Improve government performance and accountability
- Reduce the size of government
- Bring common sense to regulations
- Use technology to cut costs and increase quality
- Return control to communities and individuals

These were published in the September issue of

Supt's Corner

by Dr. Robin Battershell

Fiscal Notes, published by the Texas Comptroller's Office, along with the effects of the most recent legislative session. Significant reductions in many services produced a balanced budget. The Legislature passed much of the burden of sustaining even nominal programs to the local level. School districts bore the brunt of this change.

In evaluating progress on the 10 Principles, I can say that the bar has been raised on student performance and district accountability with the advent of the TAKS test. Districts will rise to this challenge as they did with the TAAS test. However, no common sense was used in determining additional regulations to govern this accountabil-

ity standard. Taxes were not cut in Texas, they were moved to the local area.

The largest single item of new cost to Texans falls on teachers and other public school employees. These added local expenses will result in a \$711.2 million reduction in teachers' and school employees' take home pay

over the next two years. The fiscal impact of new state laws with additional fees, charges, or out-of-pocket expenses to educators totals \$1,082,250,000 over the next biennium. The only other department as grossly impacted is health care.

Only time will tell how this legislation will impact Salado ISD. You

can anticipate the same or increased local tax rates, increased charges for use of facilities, reduction in some staffing, reduction in travel expenses, reduction in training for teachers where a substitute is required, and decreased funding for programs not related to the four core content areas.

Local control was returned to communities and individuals. We are in control of finding money to pay for the aforementioned unfunded mandates.

It is time for our legislators to choose true local control or state control. Control carries a price. If the State continues to place further requirements and restrictions on local school districts, the State should also pay the price for those requirements.

Questions may be addressed to P.O. Box 98, Salado, TX 76571 or rbattershell@saladoisd.org.



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Commissioners discuss safety & violence

By **TIM FLEISCHER**
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Commissioners allocated funds generated by Child Safety Fees to Bell County entities during their Nov. 24 business meeting. Of the \$273,817.80 in funds for allocation, Salado will receive \$3,997.74 based on its 2000 Census Population count of 3,475 residents. A total of \$217,301.78 went to incorporated areas within Bell County with \$86,940.19 going to the county for the safety programs.

During the short business meeting, Commissioners also voted to recognize Nov. 25 as International Day to Eliminate

Violence Against Women. Aliceanne Wallace told commissioners that support for this day by the court would further efforts to educate the general public about the effects and magnitude of violence against women.

"While violence against women is a worldwide problem, here in the U.S. a woman is beaten every 18 minutes," Wallace told the court. "Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury among women of reproductive age."

Wallace informed commissioner that 22 to 35 percent of women who visit emergency rooms are there for that reason (domestic violence). "Bringing the problem closer to home, the statistics for Bell

County are worse than any of its surrounding counties," Wallace said. "Violence not only affects the woman but also the children in the family. And such violence gets passed on to the next generation."

"With all of us in the community working together, perhaps we can take a giant step forward" in eliminating violence against women, Wallace said.

In other business, the court took the following actions:

- Approved a grant submission for the Victim of Crimes Act for the Bell County Juvenile Probation Department.
- Authorized the Bell County HELP Center to

apply for United Way funding.

- Awarded bids of \$14,875 to Pinnacle for repairs of columns at the Bell County Jail and \$4,700 to TCB Construction for demolition and removal of a house at 120 North Blair in Belton.

Blood Mobile at SHS Dec. 4

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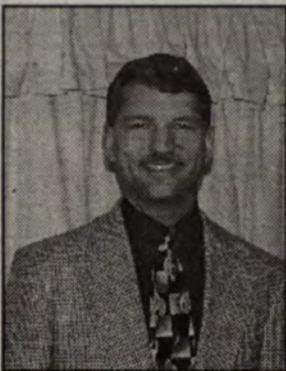
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Monday Club Christmas luncheon to be held Dec. 1

The Monday Club will hold their Christmas Meeting and Luncheon 11 a.m. Dec. 1 at the Salado United Methodist Church. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. with the luncheon at 11:30 a.m. All members are asked to bring covered dish to go with the ham furnished by the Club. Also, bring a gift, not to exceed \$10, to be exchanged. Canned foods will be collected for the food pantry. Ann Hudson will provide the music. They will also be decorating the Sanctuary Christmas tree at 9 a.m. Dec. 1, if any one wishes to help.

Friedrich celebrates 85th Nov. 23

Wilhelmenia Friedrich, life long resident of the Salado area, celebrated her 85th birthday, Nov. 23 at home with family and friends. She was born Nov. 22, 1918 to William and Elizabeth Carsten in the Sulpher Wells area where she lived until she married Egon Friedrich on Dec. 21, 1939. Wilhelmenia and her sister, Josephine attended school in the old red brick schoolhouse. Going to school in a two-wheel cart and horse, she graduated in 1936. She was an honor student and received the "Certificate of Honor in Homemaking." She is a charter member of the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary and was the first member to receive a "Lifetime Membership." She is also a member of the Salado Village Artists and



Wilhelmenia Friedrich

Village Quilters, the Central Texas Camera Club, St. John's Lutheran Church in Bartlett, and WELCA, a woman's organization of the church.

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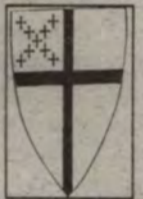
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SALADO OBITUARIES

Light passes away Nov. 22 in Temple Hospital

Philip N. Light, 69, of Salado, died Nov. 22, 2003 in a Temple hospital.

Funeral services were held Nov. 24 at Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton with Minister Joe Keyes officiating. Burial followed in Salado Cemetery.

Light was born to John Hudson and Irba Ester Wiseman Light in Lamesa on Sept. 7, 1934. He married Nancy Sanders in Belton on July 6, 1956. He had been a resident of Salado for the past 17 years, moving here from Grand Prairie.

He and his wife own Main Street Place in Salado. He was formerly employed as a banker for 27 years in Killeen and Grand Prairie. He was also an independent insurance broker in

Dallas and Salado. He was active in civic organizations, holding membership in the Lions Club, Kiwanis Club and Toastmasters. Light was an active member of Salado Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Light of Salado; two sons, Steve Light of Dallas and Scott Light of Grand Prairie; one daughter, Leslie Billings of Dallas; two brothers, Glen Light of Belton and Curtis Light of Salado; one sister, Elizabeth Cartwright of Signal Mountain, TN; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, John Light and one sister, Patricia Self.

Memorials may be made to the Fellowship Hall Fund of the Salado Church of

Christ. Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton was in charge of arrangements.

Services for Adamson were held Nov. 25 At Salado Cemetery

Services for Pamela Marie Heth Adamson, 53, of Salado were held Nov. 25 at the Salado Cemetery. Dossman Funeral Home in Salado is in charge of arrangements.

The Rev. Skip Blancett officiated.

She died Nov. 19, 2003.

She was born in Albany, CA. She was

president of the Utah Assoc. of Professional Landmans in keeping with her pioneer spirit.

Survivors are her husband, John Adamson; parents, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Bill and Marney Heth; and a sister, Patti Pace.

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1. Consider Administrative Text Change of Planning & Zoning Commissions terms of office, Page 7, Zoning Ordinance.
2. Consider Administrative Change to Use Chart, Page 72, Zoning Ordinance.

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Bluntzer dies Nov. 21

Maurine J. Bluntzer, 89, of Salado died Nov. 21, 2003. Services were held Nov. 24 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Salado. Burial was held Nov. 25 in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

She was born in Yorktown. She married Woodrow K. Bluntzer in Cuero on July 8, 1934. She traveled to many states and countries as a military wife and moved to Salado in 1984. She was active in the Officers Wives Club at Ft. Hood, Village Artists of Salado, Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary, Tablerock and the Belton Senior Center. She served on the council of St. Ste-

phen's Catholic Church and the St. Stephen's Ladies Society.

Her love and talent was cross stitching, quilt making, painting, yard work, gardening and playing bridge avidly.

Her husband, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Woodrow K. Bluntzer, preceded her in death on Jan. 29, 1984.

Survivors are a son, William K. Bluntzer of Round Rock; daughter, Joan Bluntzer Hallmark of Harker Heights; sister, Max Ann Farlee of Lake Jackson; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Memorials can be made to St. Stephen's Catholic Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 662, Salado, TX 76571.

Price passes away at age 75

Services for W. Leon Price, 75, of Salado were Nov. 14, 2003 at Fairview Cemetery Chapel in Denison with the Rev. James Kelly officiating.

He died Nov. 7 in his home.

He is survived by his daughter, Wendy Price of Sherman, two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

Angelic Mortuary in Sherman was in charge of arrangements.

UMHB hosts 7th Annual Christmas Workshop

The Art Department at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will host the 7th annual Christmas Workshop, 9:30 a.m.-noon Dec. 6. Children ages five and up are encouraged to come. Children six and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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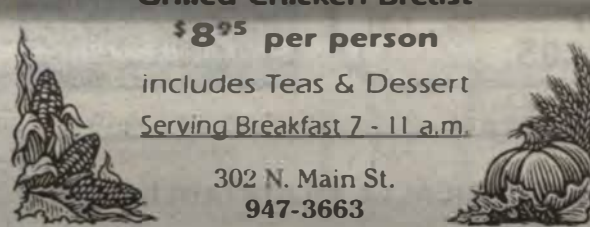
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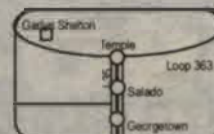


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SPORTS

Tough-goings for Lady Eagles

The Salado Lady Eagles, defending 25AA champs, were shown just how tough it can be to play a murderous pre-district schedule in the first two games of the season, dropping a double overtime heartbreaker to 3A Lorena, 72-64, followed by a 58-28 thumping at the hands of Crawford.

Things started well enough versus Lorena Nov. 18, as the Lady Eagles came out with a 17 point first quarter to lead by six points at the start of two.

Lorena surged back in the second, however, dropping in 18 points, which brought the halftime score to 29-all. The Lady Eagles were paced in the first half by Brittany Boydston's nine points.

The game remained close throughout, with both teams trading baskets until the overtime frames. Clutch free throw shooting down the stretch and in overtime by the Lady Leopards proved too much for Salado to overcome. Jenny Goode had a game high 15 points for the Lady Eagles, while Boydston was close



Point guard Jenny Goode drives the lane during the Lady Eagles overtime loss to Lorena. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

behind with 13. Laramie Jackson pumped in a dozen points from the post and Elizabeth

Dunlap contributed eight. Perhaps still a bit shell shocked from the Lorena loss, and minus the rebounding and scoring presence of Jackson who was away at an FFA event,

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 Dec. 2: French Toast, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
 Dec. 3: Glazed Donut, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu
 Nov. 26: School Holiday
 Nov. 27: School Holiday
 Nov. 28: School Holiday
 Dec. 1: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Peas, Pears, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk
 Dec. 2: Corn Dogs, Pinto Beans, Carrot Sticks, Applesauce, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk
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LADY EAGLES...
FROM PAGE 9A
 the Lady Eagles did not play one of their best games versus Crawford Nov. 22. The outcome was really not in question at any point, as Crawford rocketed out to a 19-3 lead after the first quarter. Salado's only points came on a bucket by Lauren Hogwood and a free throw by Goode. Goode's nine points in the second proved inconsequential, as Crawford put up 17 more points to bring the halftime score to 36-14. Crawford extended their lead in the second half, and when the final buzzer sounded, the Lady Eagles were down by 30 points, 58-28. Goode was the standout for Salado, dropping in 15 points, including a trio of three pointers. Hogwood chipped in six points, Dunlap had three, and Jo Washburn and Ashley Peschel had two points each.



JV Lady Eagles Courtney Dunnahoo, Kate Marshall and Lacey Bartlett converge on a Lorena Lady Leopard (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

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Pole vaulter Newman commits to Baylor University

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

Considering herself fortunate to land an athletic scholarship at her favorite college, Salado High School senior and pole vaulting champion Brinn Newman Nov. 13 inked a letter-of-intent to attend Baylor University next fall, as a member of the Lady Bears' track squad.

"I was going there (Baylor) anyway," Newman said. "So when they offered me a scholarship I didn't have to think about it."

Newman's first encounter with the pole vault came during a decathlon held at the high school a few years ago. "We didn't take it too seriously at the time, but it was Coach (Larry) Moorhead who got me started," Newman explained. That first experience, though, was the springboard for an event she quickly excelled at.

In her sophomore and junior years, which, incidentally, were also the first two years that girls' pole vaulting gained acceptance as a UIL credited field event, Newman picked up consecutive bronze medals at the Class AA state meet, topping out at 10'3" both

years.

It was another of Newman's coaches, track coach Cindy Mewhinney, that Brinn credits with influencing her scholarship. "He (Baylor coach Clyde Hart) first saw me at the state meet last year, and Coach Mewhinney talked to him. She really helped me get connected," said Newman, who is also the valedictorian of her class, with a GPA over 100.

Though important, track and academics are not her only interests. She's also the president of the National Honor Society, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, is a member of the First Baptist Church of Salado and in 2002 was named a Wildflower Belle. Newman, daughter of Mike and Diana Coggin, is also a member of the state champion UIL team, competing in calculator and literary criticism. Additionally, this summer Newman was named to the Class AA all-state track team.

She says Baylor is a perfect fit for her, especially after spending time on campus recently. "I like the Christian influence there and I like the people," said Newman. "The coaches are enthusiastic and the girls on the team are enthusiastic."



Brinn Newman signs her letter of intent.
(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

With her future next fall secure, Newman has a few loose ends to tie up this year, namely, ascending to the top of the podium stand in Austin with a gold medal

draped around her neck. "I've been training all year, and I think I can get at least 11'6"," she declared. "I'm finally ready to get a gold."

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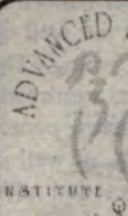
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School gyms.

There will be six divisions: Pee Wee, first through third grades; Junior, grades four to six; Senior, seventh to 12th; Graduate, ages 19-39; Over-the-Hill, ages 40-59; and Way Over-the-Hill, ages 60 and over.

Preliminary rounds begin at 10:30 a.m. in both gyms.

The Pee Wee and Junior Divisions will compete in

the TAE gym, while the Senior, Graduate, Over-the-Hill and Way Over-the-Hill Division will shoot it out in the SIS gym.

The top five from each division will return at 1:30 p.m. for the finals round of competition.

There is no charge to enter, but donations will be accepted.

Proceeds will go toward helping fund the

annual Coach Smith Memorial Basketball Tournament (formerly called the Salado Merchants Tournament), which will be held Dec. 11-13.

If you would like to volunteer for this event or want more information about the contest, or booster club in general, contact Johnnie Caskey at (254) 947-3652 or Curtis Donaldson at (254) 947-1038.

Despite sloppiness, Eagles jump out to 2-0 start in basketball season

Despite episodes of sloppy play, the Varsity Eagles cagers got their season going in the right direction early, winning their first two games of the young season.

Taking on Leon at home Nov. 18, Salado used a 21-7 fourth quarter scoring edge to pull away for the 10 point, 66-56 win.

The Eagles jumped out of the gate strong, taking a 20-12 lead after the first quarter on the strength of two three pointers by Josh Wright and solid free throw shooting by Travis Clark, Matt Caskey and Devon

Dunn.

Leon stormed back in the second, however, dropping in 25 while holding Salado to only 12, which gave Leon a 37-32 halftime lead.

Coach Tom Long's squad cut down on the fouls that plagued them in the first half as the game slowed into a defensive struggle, with both teams finding buckets hard to come by. The score after three was 49-45 in favor of Leon.

In the fourth, though, Caskey came alive, scoring 11 of his 17 points, while

Dunn pumped in eight of his game high 18 in the fourth. Salado's victory was also aided by shooting 15-19 from the free throw line. Also contributing were Clark, with 12 points, and Wright, who closed the game out with eight.

Three days after their win over Leon, Salado took on Clifton at home in a game that was much more defensive oriented. A stingy Eagle defense limited the Cub offense to only 27 points for the game, while Salado was able to muster up 46 points to take the victory by 19 points.

The score was deadlocked at 16 at the half, but the Eagles put 17 on the board in the third, while holding Clifton to only six points. A five-point effort in the fourth sealed Clifton's fate for the evening.

Dunn and Clark were the offensive leaders for the Eagles, dropping in 10 points apiece. Matt Jennings contributed nine points, Ben Marsh had six and Caskey was good for five.

Through the season's first two games, Caskey is averaging 11 steals per contest.

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Voting

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officials in charge of elections, such as Sutton. Sutton told commissioners Nov. 24 that she has located a county in New York that uses the same model of machine used here. She will communicate with that county to find their approach to implementing the HAVA and whether they are able to keep using their lever machines.

Commissioners also said that they would work with representatives at both the state and national level to try to change legislation that makes the lever machines non-compliant. Bell County is not the only county in Texas facing this problem. Fourteen counties in Texas use lever machines.

Nickless told those attending last week's workshop that Harris County spent about \$29 million to replace their machines with Direct Record Electronic system (DRE) machines.

County officials expressed their beliefs that the insistence on using machines other than lever machines is "vendor driven." Following last

week's workshop, officials left feeling that they were being forced into moving towards DRE machines, which are relatively new and have had problems in other counties.

Sutton said she felt the county is having "DRE pushed on us."

Regardless of whether the county can keep its lever machines, it will have to implement the DRE machines by 2006 to give complete access to handicapped voters. The DRE machines utilize computer touch screens so that voters can touch the area next to the name of their candidate or issue.

For Bell County, this would mean at least 48 DRE machines, one for each precinct. At an estimated cost of \$3,000 per DRE machine, the least amount of money in which the County can be brought into compliance with the HAVA is about \$150,000. If the County were to replace all of its machines with DRE machines, that cost would shoot up to more than \$360,000, not including technical support or training of election officials or software

replacement costs.

In spite of their costs, the DRE machines have caused trouble for election officials and for voters. Commissioner John Fisher said that he thinks they have the potential to "disenfranchise a lot of elderly voters" if they become the standard for all polling places. "They just won't go to the polls," he said.

The court is considering using paper ballots on Election Day, as well as during early voting. The optiscan ballots are already familiar to many people who vote early, as well as election judges and officials. With some additional machines to tally votes, the ballots can be transported and counted in a central location on Election Day.

Commissioners and election officials will work on several fronts, including legal ones, to try to keep their well-used and well-liked lever machines. In the meantime, the county will also prepare for the possibility of shelving the older machines in favor of newer technologies. Even if they do break.

401(k) Loans Can Be Costly to Your Future

If you work for a company that offers a 401(k), consider yourself fortunate. A 401(k) offers tax-deferred earnings growth, the ability to make pre-tax contributions and a variety of investment choices. Your 401(k) may also offer a loan feature - but you may want to think twice before using it.

At first glance, a 401(k) loan may sound appealing. After all, you're only borrowing from yourself, and you can make repayments gradually. Furthermore, the rate on most 401(k) loans is quite competitive. And you can usually borrow up to \$50,000 or half the balance of your account, whichever is smaller. You typically have five years to repay your loan; if you've taken the money out to purchase a home, however, you may have up to 30 years.

So, given these inducements to taking out a 401(k) loan, you might be tempted to call up your employee benefits office if you're in need of cash. On the other hand, there are some major disadvantages to borrowing from your 401(k). Let's look at them:

- **You'll use "after-tax" dollars to repay loan** - Your 401(k) contributions are typically made with pre-tax dollars, resulting in a lower taxable income for you. But when you repay a 401(k) loan, you're using after-tax dollars, so you get no tax break. Also, those dollars will be taxed again when you eventually withdraw them for retirement. Consequently, you'll pay taxes two times on the money you use to pay back your loan - and this double taxation can greatly inflate the cost

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of borrowing from your 401(k).

- **You must pay the loan back quickly upon leaving job** - When you take out a 401(k) loan, you may plan on staying in your job for a long time. But things can change. You

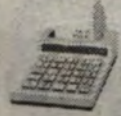
may find another career opportunity you want to pursue, or you may face a layoff. If you leave your job, voluntarily or involuntarily, you'll need to repay your 401(k) loan completely, usually within 60 days. If you can't, the

balance will be considered a taxable distribution - and you may even have to pay a 10 percent penalty on it.

- **You'll slow progress toward your retirement goals** - Possibly the most important reason to avoid taking out a 401(k) loan is that such a loan can reduce the funds you'll eventually

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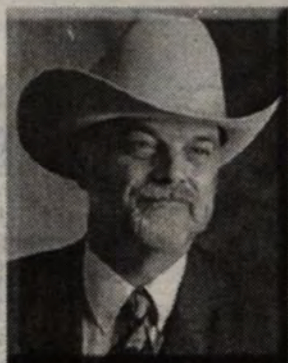
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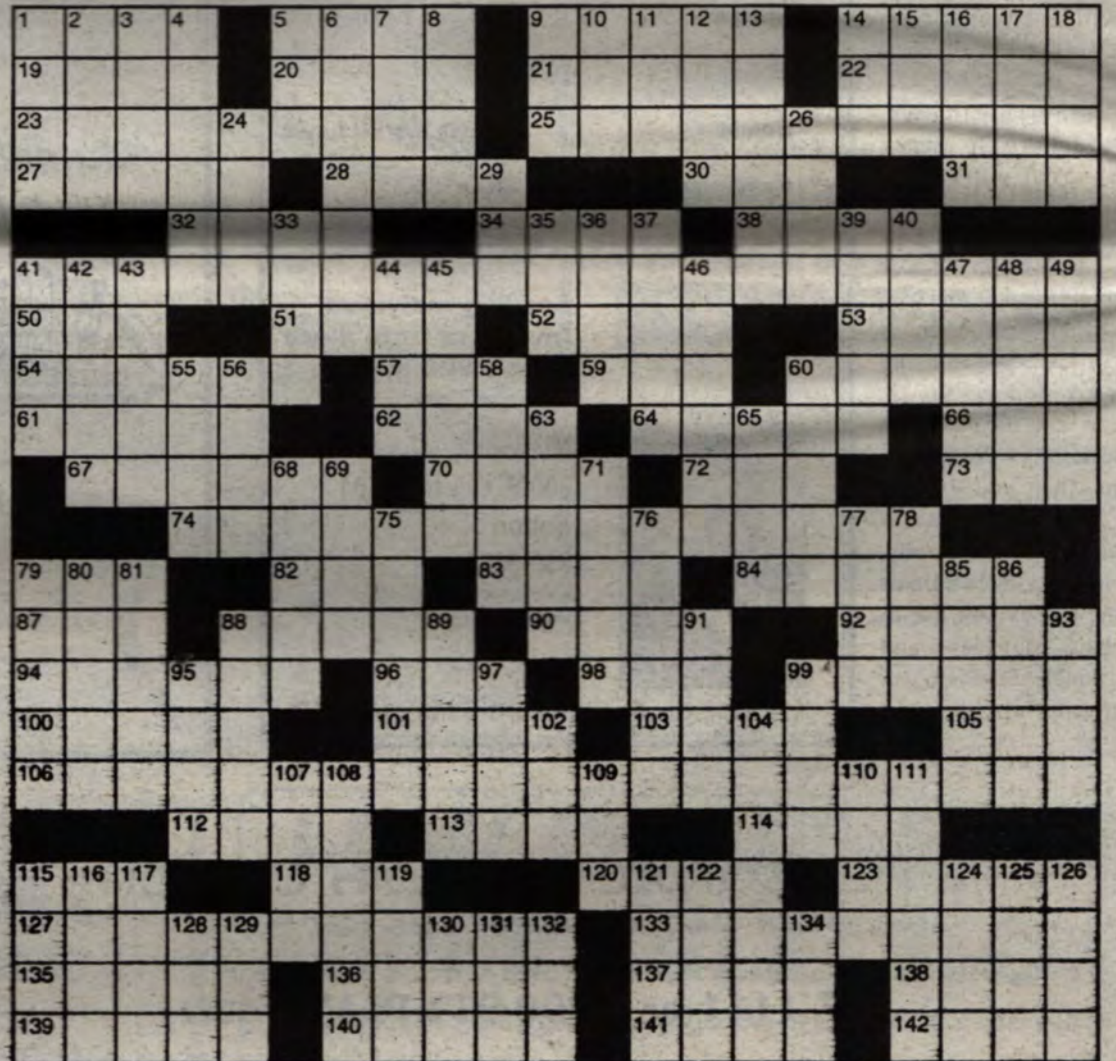
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401(k)–From 13A

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some real issues to consider before borrowing from your 401(k). In fact, you may want to consider some alternatives. You can probably find a low-rate home equity loan, and your interest payments may be tax-deductible. (Keep in mind, though, that you are using your house as collateral).

In any case, think long and hard before tapping into your 401(k). This plan was created for one reason - to help you save for retirement. That's a worthy goal to preserve.

Annexing FROM PAGE 1A

brought into Salado but cannot be annexed because they are too far from the ETJ of Salado, including many living in Woods of Salado. The group talked about the threat of annexation from Harker Heights to those residents. Currently, Harker Heights' ETJ reaches the long bridge over Stillhouse Hollow Lake.

Belton has also annexed property northwest of Salado along Stillhouse Hollow Lake.

As the threat of annexation by other cities becomes apparent, the move to bring Saladoans into the Village will

increase. However, aldermen will have to address concerns of residents leery of annexation, such as property taxes, regulatory authority and city services, before those residents request annexation.

Unless a concerted effort by the Village to convince property owners within the ETJ and its outskirts to request annexation, many residents of the outlying area who consider themselves to be Saladoans may wake up one day and realize that is not so.

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913 South Ridge Road on 2003 Christmas Stroll Homes Tour

A house with rooms large enough to accommodate performances by the local Living Room Theatre and upcoming performances of the Christmas opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors," the Robertson home is one of six private homes and two historic 19th Century log cabins to be open during the 2003 Christmas Stroll Homes Tour, sponsored by the Salado Historical Society, Dec. 5-7.

Occupying the better part of three lots at 913 South Ridge Rd., John and Barbara Robertson's Hill Country Contemporary was designed by their architect son, John Robertson III. Its grand scale and numerous windows ensure its outward contemporary appearance, but inside a blend of styles, from baronial to country, characterizes its rooms. From the large front porch, several steps above ground level, guests enter a massive room (site of the dramas and opera) furnished one either side with leather club chairs which once were set pieces on a Gene Autry movie. The room is centered by a long refectory table, flanked by tall Old World style chairs, which are used for formal dinners.

On the ground level, besides the great room, are a large master bedroom suite and a kitchen with informal dining space. In the master bedroom is an antique screen made from



913 South Ridge Rd

a scrapbook in the early 20th Century. A walk-in shower, jacuzzi tub and ample dressing areas complete the master bath. In the kitchen, with bead board cabinets, a glass wall over the sink provides a spectacular view. Tile over the cooking area was hand-painted by Debra Tudo in Nova Scotia, Canada. It is all Texas wildflowers.

On the stair wall is a long chest of the German arts and crafts movement. Upstairs a library on the landing features a painting of John's grandfather's house. On display also are his grandmother's eyeglasses. Walls of bookshelves are everywhere. A western/country bedroom has craftman side tables and desk, an arrowhead collection that was John's father's. From this room a wall of glass doors opens onto a sleeping porch with

an inviting hammock and handmade hickory furniture.

In another guest room a white iron bed sports a red and white handmade quilt. Red-on-white toile fabric covers a chair and is used as window treatment. Flow blue china create a dramatic contrast. On a porch off the kitchen is a collection of cookbooks and a chair made from a single tree.

Matching the general perimeters of the house is a basement decorated like an old general store with a wall from a turn-of-the-century drugstore with an intriguing painting of the Devil selling tickets at a railroad from Earth to Hell.

Visitors to the home will be given a sketch of its landscaping which includes over 50 varieties of native plants, a plan which not

only enhances the early Texas ambience, but discourages visits by shrub eating deer.

Other homes on the tour include the Ferguson's, 595 Ashley Court; the Harrison's, 231 College Hill; the Tyson's, 615 DeGrummond Way; the Rice's, 717 DeGrummond Way; and the Sweezy's, 680 E. Amity Rd. Two historic cabins behind the Civic Center will also be open, each furnished much the way they would be in the 1800s.

Homes will be open 5-8 p.m. Dec. 5; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 6; and 1-5 p.m. Dec. 7. Tickets are \$8 before Nov. 29 and \$10 afterwards. They can be purchased at the Civic Center and in several local shops. During the Tour, they may be bought at the Civic Center or at any homes on the Tour.

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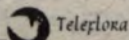


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Regular Meetings

Mondays

Salado Community Chorus: 5:30 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

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 FFA Meeting: First Monday of the month, 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

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 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 Democrats: 6:45 p.m., first Monday of each month at the Village Steakhouse.

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.

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 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.

Thursdays

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

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen: Regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. 6:30 p.m. at Salado Municipal Building 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.

Salado Moms: playgroup, contact Amanda at 947-5507.

Saturdays

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

What's happening here?

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

DECEMBER 5-7
MWM Ranch antique, fine art, home decor show and sale at Wildfire Arena. 9-6 Fri., 9-8 Sat., 9-4 Sun.

DECEMBER 5-7
Salado Historical Society's annual Christmas Tour of Homes. Ticket info: 947-5718.

DEC. 5-7 & 12-14
Annual Christmas Stroll

DECEMBER 5,6, 12, 13
Tablerock's Christmas Carol 7 p.m., \$5 adults and \$3 children.

DECEMBER 9
Salado Community Chorus Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. Admission is free.

DECEMBER 11
Salado High School and Intermediate School Winter Band Concert, 6:30 p.m. at SIS cafeteria. Canned goods and non-perishable items will be accepted for Salado Food Pantry.

DECEMBER 11-13
Coach U.G. Smith Memorial Basketball Tournament (formerly Salado Merchants Tour-

ney). Salado High School.

DECEMBER 18
Salado Area Republican Women Annual Meeting, installation of officers @ Mill Creek. Info: 947-8422.

JANUARY 2-4
Lariat Bowl at Wildfire Ranch. Info: 947-9988.

JANUARY 15
Community Meeting about School facilities needs 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center

JANUARY 22
Candidates Forum sponsored by Salado Area Republican Women, 6:30 p.m. dinner at the Civic Center. Info: 947-8422.

FEBRUARY 6-8
Wildfire Ranch Open. Info: 947-9988

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Christmas cheer almost here, annual Stroll kicks off Dec. 4

The Village of Salado will again kick off the Christmas season when the 22nd Annual Christmas Stroll kicks off with Christmas Parade down Main St. 5 p.m. Dec. 4. The parade will conclude with the lighting of the community Christmas Tree at the Civic Center.

The Christmas Stroll will run the first two weekends of the Christmas month, Dec. 5-7 and 12-14. Salado will be filled with holiday lights, carolers and Christmas cheer, while local shops and restaurants will be open late Friday and Saturday, both week-

ends of the Stroll. Santa Claus will also be making an appearance each week-end of the stroll.

This year's theme is "I Simply Remember My Favorite Things," taken from the *Sound of Music*. Local businesses will incorporate aspects from the song, such as warm woolen mittens, snowflakes, icicles and bright copper kettles, into their shop decorations.

Each Christmas season the Village of Salado is embellished with holiday greenery, wreaths and bows that reflect the sights and sounds of Christmas.

White lights and luminaries light up the streets, and the traditional Twelve Days of Christmas and the giant angels, crafted by Saladoan Johnny Shipman, will again be lining the streets.

The Salado Village Artists plan to create a mock-gingerbread house, and strollers will have the opportunity to hear musicians, from local talent like country artist Fred Fuller and violinist Dominique Deprez, among caroler and hand bell choirs, all based on Salado's Main St.

The First Baptist Church will continue their tradition of a live nativity scene in

the church parking lot Dec. 5-6.

For the 11th consecutive year, Tablerock Amphitheater will present Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," a live theatre production, featuring 53 cast members, of the classic Christmas tale of ghosts and Christmas cheer. Performance dates are Dec. 5-6 and 12-13. Before each show, characters from the play will make their way down Main St., rubbing elbows with Salado's strollers. Tickets for the show are available by calling Tablerock at 947-9205.

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Tablerock announces cast and crew for 2003 A Christmas Carol

Tablerock Festival of Salado has announced the cast and crew for the 2003 production of *A Christmas Carol*. This year marks the 160th anniversary of Charles Dickens classic story of redemption.

The cast is headed by Harry Sweet, who not only has written this classical adaptation but directs and serves as the evening's Interlocutor.

Charlie Voelter stars as Ebenezer Scrooge. Scrooge's nocturnal visitors include; Howard Horton as Jacob Marley; Jessica Lynch as Christmas Past and Tim Stewart as Christmas Present.

Brenna Sirois and Amy Manna portray Ignorance and Want and Frank Benolken is Christmas Future.

David Dunlap appears as nephew Fred with Tina Holleman as his wife; Ginger and Shaina Sirois as Mille the downstairs maid. Jeremy Spencer and Danielle Danford play Bert and Caroline.

Zachary Calhoun will play Scrooge as a child with Elaine Davis playing his sister Fan. Bob Ritchie and Reeva Robertson appear as Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig.

Douglas Mackie plays Scrooge as a young man

and is joined by John Schuellman as Dick Wilkens and Sabine Schott as Belle. Lainie Sirois and Crystal Schuellman appear as Carolers and as the youngest Fezziwig Daughters.

The Cratchit Family includes: Donnie Williams as Bob Cratchit, Karen Turner as Mrs. Cratchit, Kacey Robertson as Belinda, Laura Davis as Lucy, Chrissie Brown as Martha, Zachary Calhoun as Peter, and Allen Sirois as Tiny Tim.

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Christmas Stroll 2003... continued from 3B

In conjunction with the Village's other activities, the Salado Historical Society will again sponsor the annual Homes Tour Dec. 5-7, in which Salado residents open their homes, decorated in holiday finery, to visitors. The tour, one of the Historical Society's primary fund raisers, also features the Boles-Aiken cabin and the Moses Denman cabin, historic structures from Salado's early days.

The second weekend of the stroll, Dec. 12-14, will include the Bed and Break-

fast Tour, with is open for visitors to experience the holiday decorations of each Salado B&B.

Tickets for the Homes Tour and the B&B tour are available at the Salado Civic Center, 601 N. Main. The Civic Center can be contacted by phone at 947-8300.

For more information about the Christmas Stroll contact the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 947-5040 or visit www.salado.com.

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Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater is located just off Royal Street in Salado. Concessions will be available beginning at 6:30 p.m. Audiences are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for their comfort. For more information call Tablerock Festival of Salado at 947-9205.

Thanksgiving holiday schedule for Salado Village Voice

The Salado Village Voice newspaper office will be closed for business in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday Nov. 27 and 28. Advertis-

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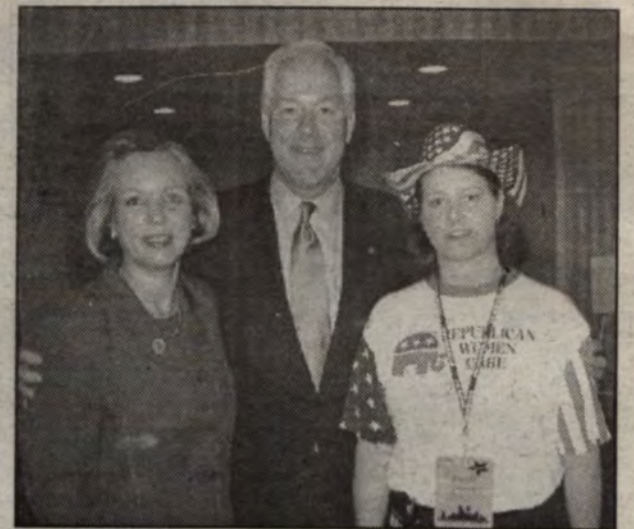
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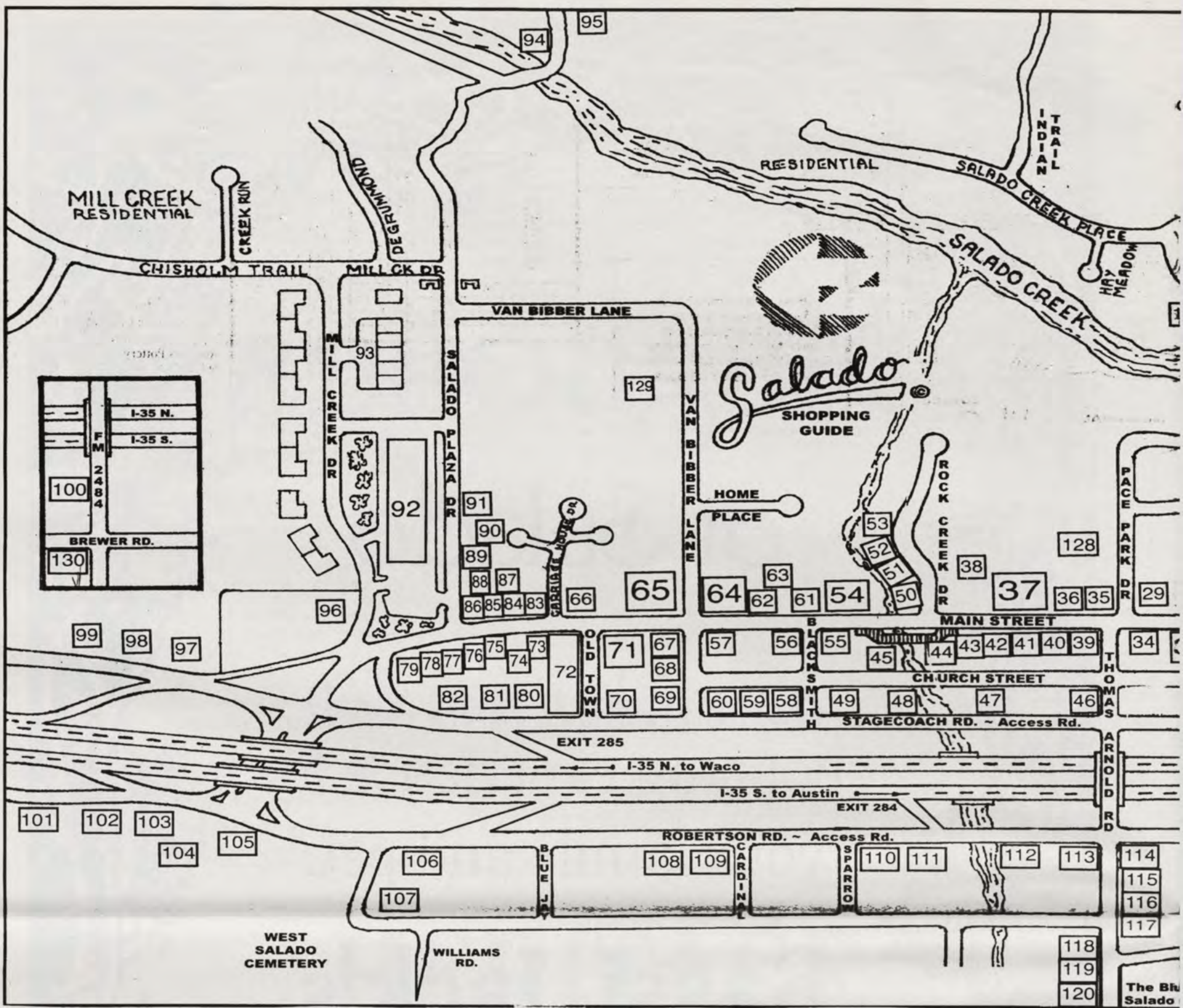
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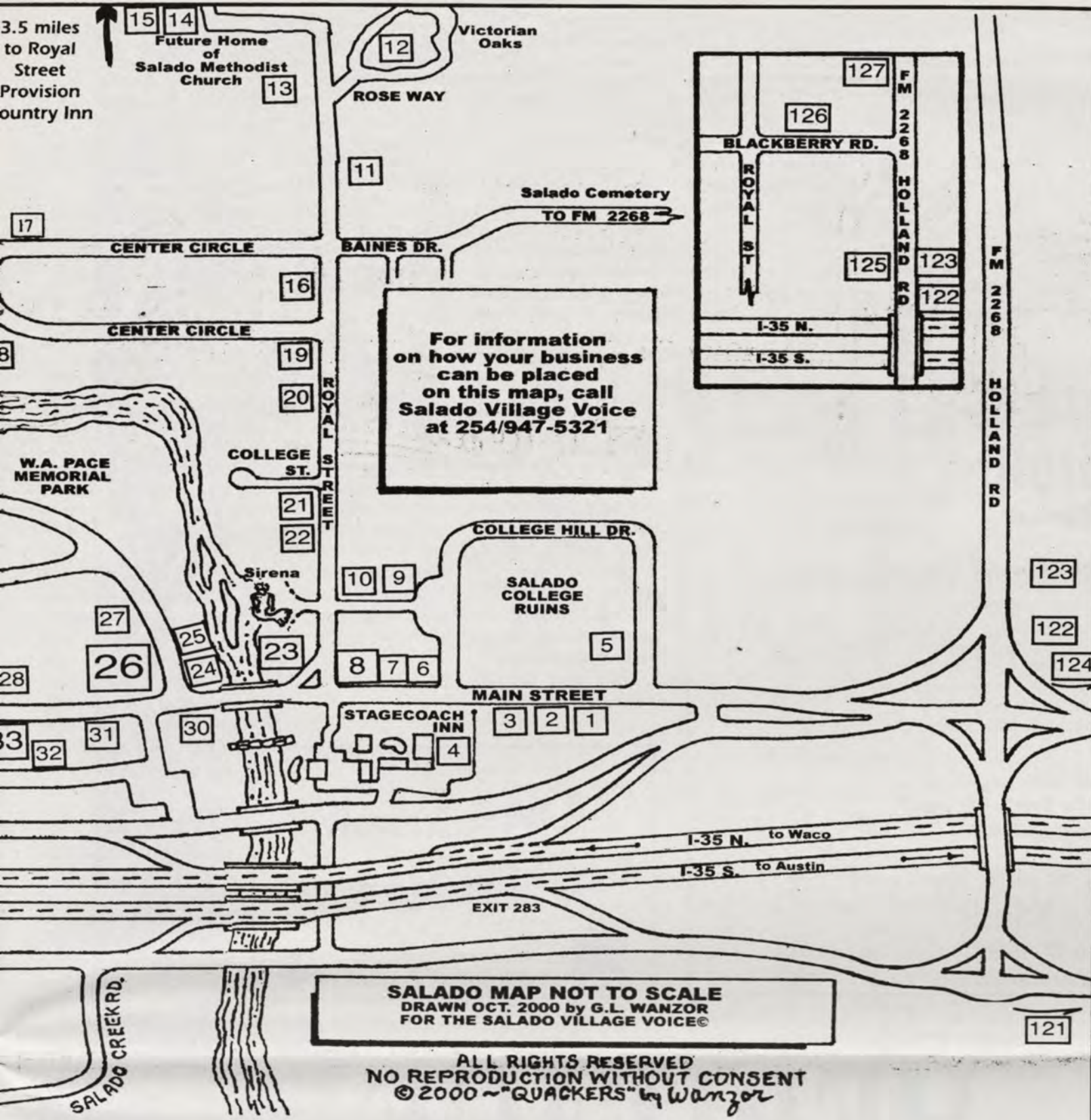
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wasn't even curious about them. I thought they might have something to do with witchcraft. I considered people who talked about them to be weird.

One winter night a sergeant came into our barracks around 2 AM, turned on the lights, told us to dress warmly and get in a formation behind the barracks. Among all the cussing, complaints and groans associated with young troops, we reluctantly filed outside to stand in the cold air.

The sergeant didn't call us to attention and didn't say much. He just stood there shifting his feet back and forth. He was from Massachusetts and had a distinguished New England accent. We loved to hear him talk.

Guys from our barracks were smoking,

swearing, moaning about having to be outside when we could be sleeping. Suddenly one of the guys yelled out, "What the _____ is that?" He was looking at the sky.

We followed his gaze. There were two green chunks of color in the sky. They looked like someone had taken a giant paint brush and swiped it across the dark palette.

"Gentlemen, those are the northern lights, the aurora borealis," said the sergeant.

A hush settled over the assembled group. We watched those lights for an hour or so, talking back and forth about what they were and how neat it was to be seeing such a sight.

Gradually we went back inside to get a little sleep before we had to get up and start the day. That was an experience I'll never forget.

The northern lights are green, violet, orange, pink and red. They are a naturally occurring celestial display that occurs when solar flares enter the earth's magnetic field and collide with gases in the atmosphere. They are bounced to the north and south poles.

Aurora borealis, a Latin phrase, is the most beautiful combination of words in any language. The translation is red dawn of the north.

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County agent Fuchs talks about 4-H program at Rotary

By SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL
STAFF WRITER

County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences in Bell County Linda Fuchs, informed the Rotary Club of Salado Nov. 18 of the different services that the Texas Cooperative Extension offices offer.

"We have at least one agent in all 254 counties in the state of Texas," said Fuchs.

There are four different areas that the Texas Co-op consists of: Agriculture and Natural Resources; Family and Consumer Sciences; 4-H and Youth Development; and Community Development.

Childhood obesity is becoming an epidemic in today's society. "We are starting to see Type 2 diabetes in children, where you never saw it before," said Fuchs. "The Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes statistics show the 6.9 percent of the Bell County population have diabetes. That comes out to about 11,877 people."

The Walk Across Texas program was created to help youth and adults support one another to establish the habit of walking.

The eight-person teams walk together or individually for eight weeks and report their "Some have walked to El Paso and back in eight weeks," she said. "We have reassured children that they do not have to get on the highway."

FRED (Fathers Reading Every Day) is a program to encourage fathers to read to their children on a daily basis.

4-H youth programs are also offered to third grades through 19 years of age. There is also a Clover program for children five years old to second grade.

The FCS office also focuses on parenting classes, financial management, and promoting volunteerism.

"The FCS programs are designed to help individuals and families achieve economic stability, improve health and well being, and enhance life quality through making positive changes for themselves and their family members," stated Fuchs.

The Texas Cooperative Extension Office in Bell County is located at 1605 N. Main, Room 102 in Belton. They can be reached by calling (254) 933-5305.



Linda Fuchs, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences in Bell County, speaks to Rotary Club of Salado. PHOTO BY SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL



Kourtney Singleton (pictured left), an 8th grader at Salado Intermediate School received the 4-Way Test Essay Contest award from the Rotary Club of Salado. She was presented with a plaque displaying the 4-Way Test of the Things We Think, Say or Do. Pictured is Rotary President-Elect Carmen Berrier, SIS Librarian Susan Shobe and Rotary President Eldon Carey. PHOTO BY SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL

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"Wouldn't it be nice if..."

Group begins talk on performing arts center

By TIM FLEISCHER
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado has a rich history of neighbors and community working together toward a common, identifiable goal. Cornerstones of the Salado community, such as Pace Park, Salado Civic Center and the Salado Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD), began as conversations between friends and neighbors.

"Wouldn't it be nice if we had?" is often how the conversation starts.

A new conversation has begun in Salado among a small group of friends and neighbors. For the past several months, an ad hoc committee appointed by Salado Chamber of Commerce President Darwin Britt has been mulling over the possibility of a performing arts center for Salado.

That committee, headed by Britt, met with

other Salado citizens at the Salado Civic Center recently to expand the discussion of a performing arts center.

Britt told a town hall meeting gathered to discuss the feasibility of a performing arts center that a committee has been researching the idea for most of the year.

The committee visited other facilities, including Vive Les Arts in Killeen and the Cultural Activities Center in Temple.

After several meetings, Britt said, "believe it or not we have come to some consensus."

"To adjourn?" asked an audience member.

"That there is a need," Britt said "for a performing arts center."

Britt harkened the settlers of communities such as Salado who built schools, churches and opera houses.

He recalled the story of a settler who was asked if he would pay for a chandelier for the opera house in town. "I don't mind paying for it, but who's gonna play it?" the old-timer responded.

That kind of support would be necessary for a performing arts center in Salado as well.

"We don't know if it's feasible, but we do know that it's not feasible without a lot of support from the community," Britt said.

Speaking before a group of about 50 citizens, committee members Dr. Raymond Carver, Dr. John Van Cura, Dr. Robin Battershell, Mayor Charlotte Douglass and architect Allen Rice discussed various aspects of building a performing arts center, including funding, organizing, usage, operating and construction.

Dr. Carver presented the group with designs of typical performing arts centers. A center has these main parts to it: the front of the house, the stage house,

the stage and the orchestra pit.

Each of those sections has its own function and design requirements, according to Dr. Carver.

Dr. Van Cura spoke about some of the uses of a performing arts center. He spoke of his desire to have instrumental, vocal and operatic concerts in an adequate venue in Salado.

He talked about possible festivals in which larger performances could be held in the performing arts center and smaller chamber performances could be housed throughout the community.

"It's fun to dream," Dr. Van Cura said, "It's up to your imagination as well as ours to see it through."

Some of the discussion of the committee centered around a school facility that could be used by the community as well.

Superintendent Robin Battershell told the group that "all of our facilities are for the use of the community."

Dr. Battershell said that she serves on the committee as a representative of the 1,070 students in Salado ISD, 180 faculties and staff "and thousands of taxpayers in the district."

After speaking about the growth of the arts programs in Salado schools, Dr. Battershell said that the programs "have outgrown our facilities."

She informed the group of how theatre arts instructor Gary Askins made use of the old band hall at the high school when the schools were renovated and the band hall moved to the old elementary school cafeteria. "He harvested draperies and built his own platform," Dr. Battershell said. And when the bleachers were replaced in the gym, "he made his seating from them," she added.

"I would like to see an expansion of our arts

facilities at our school, but there is no room there," she said.

The school district is studying its facilities needs and at the same time seeking out a tract of land to purchase for possible future use. Knowing this, the committee has considered whether a collaborative project between the school and the community would be worthwhile.

"I love collaborative projects between the school district and the community," Dr. Battershell said.

She referred to school facilities in communities such as Copperas Cove and Round Rock that are used by both the school district and the community for concerts and other performances.

The Ledger Auditorium at Copperas Cove High school sits about 1,200 people and has state-of-the-art sound and lighting equipment. It was part of a bond package approved by the community at the cost of about \$4 million.

The capacity number bandied about in discussion of a Salado performing arts center is about 500.

The group has not arrived at an estimate of size or cost for such a facility, as the discussion is still in its infancy.

Mayor Charlotte Douglass told the group that every great idea involves "storming, norming, forming and performing."

Borrowing liberally from the Chicken Dance, the Mayor informed the group that an idea such as this involves "talking amongst ourselves in small groups.... talking in large groups.... hunkering down for hard work.... and finally congratulating ourselves for the job well done."

Whether support for a performing arts center ever culminates in the final steps remains to be seen.

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Gardens will be self-guided with volunteers helping to answer questions when needed.

Tickets are priced at \$10 for the five gardens and will be available in advance at the Salado Civic Center, or on the day of the Tour at each of the gardens. Maps will be available leading to each location with a description of each garden.

Tours are conducted rain or shine. Strollers and pets are not permitted. Wheelchair accessibility is limited and carpooling is encouraged.

For additional information call 254-947-8300.

The Public Arts League of Salado is a not-for-profit organization. All proceeds from this fundraising Tour are used for The Village of Salado beautification and art projects.

Not much remains of record of West Salado Cemetery

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"There simply weren't many records at all about it," Chris McGregor told the Salado Historical Society about the West Salado Cemetery, at the group's Nov. 16 chili supper.

A Salado native and reporter for his hometown *Salado Village Voice*, McGregor told the historians how his interest in the old black cemetery was first piqued. "I wanted to do a story about the history of the cemetery for the newspaper," McGregor said, adding that the lack of documents about the property proved a daunting challenge to overcome.

The property, which was deeded by Col. E.S.C. Robertson to the freed blacks of Salado prior to his death in 1879, was most likely used as a burial ground for slaves in ante-bellum times.

An entry in Robertson's personal diary on Christmas Day 1875 refers to a visit between Col. Robertson and John Sanders in which the two talked about property for a school and church for Salado's "Free Men of Color," a term McGregor said was likely "politically correct for the day."

But even with its age and historical importance to the black community, few records were kept about the cemetery, or the almost two acres of property that housed a church, as well as a school house in which a Prince Hall Masonic Lodge gathered on the second storey. A second black church was adjacent to the property.

"The two churches shared congregations. No real congregational lines were ever drawn," McGregor said, with

people attending one service in the morning and another in the evening.

The school house was open to African American kids in Salado with classes taught through the sixth grade.

As late as the 1920s, the black school used textbooks donated from the defunct Salado College. "Those books were likely 40 years old," McGregor told the group.

McGregor's talk before the Salado Historical Society was timely and topical as the Society recently reached an agreement with Earnest Wilkinson, Jr. to clean and maintain the older part of the West Salado Cemetery. Wilkinson has been maintaining the cemetery since buying the almost two acres of property in the late 1980s.

Wilkinson is the only descendent to remain in Salado of the original freed blacks who stayed in Salado following the Civil War. He traces his roots in Salado to Fate Fullbright, a local stonemason whose initials can be found on those early humble headstones, and Finn Wilkinson, a cowboy of post-bellum times.

Salado's black community remained viable but separate from the white community until the Depression of the 1930s.

"It was then that the blacks left," McGregor said, adding that in his research into the West Salado Cemetery, he found both whites and blacks to be "reticent to discuss what happened to the blacks then."

While there are no records of Ku Klux Klan activities in Salado during the time, McGregor said that he believes the Klan was possibly active here during the Depression and



Chris McGregor addresses the Salado Historical Society Nov. 18.

likely contributed to the exodus of blacks from the village.

McGregor said that the period is "part of our history and one that should not be ignored or sugar-coated."

The number of blacks buried at the West Salado Cemetery has declined as the years since the black community was viable stretches on.

However, descendants of those early families continue to rest on that rise of pasture land, wanting connection to their roots.

Among those descendants buried there are a handful of World War II veterans, as well as veterans of Vietnam and Korea.

While their contributions are more definitely noted, if not for the work of the Salado Historical Society and other intrigued historians, the unspoken contributions of their descendants might slip out of the grasp of memory and history.

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Main Street Place: Texas personality, American style

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
 STAFF WRITER

Absent a customer-friendly philosophy, most small business owners will find themselves hunting a different career after a short time.

In its 11th year of operation, Main Street Place, in Salado Square, is a concrete example of the other side of that coin. Give people a friendly smile, a good product and old-fashioned service, and you're likely to stick around for awhile.

"I think we're very customer-oriented as a rule," said owner Nancy Light. "If I had to say one thing about us, it would be that." Indeed, one of Main Street Place's



catch-alls, emblazoned on their website, is "It's all About You." Light says they try to apply that simple concept to everything they do.

But customer service alone is only one aspect of a larger picture. The wares offered at Main Street Place are hand-picked for quality by Nancy, and reflect her ideas of what a shop should offer. "We think about how we would like to be treated, and we try to create a comfortable, inviting atmo-

sphere when they walk in," she explains.

The atmosphere created at Main Street Place is one that mingles a bit of everything Nancy and her staff offer, which includes furniture, lighting, bedding, gourmet food items and more. "We specialize in home accessories," says Light.

"We cater to those wanting a fresh, new and updated look," she continued. "Everything combines to create a real comfort zone in the home, with a casual but sophisticated feel. From the beginning, we tried to find what wasn't here, and offer an eclectic mix of merchandise at reasonable prices, and I think we've kept our concept true. Because of that we are always a work in progress. The look of the shop is always changing."

Staying true to her original concept means, for Nancy, doing a lot of traveling, mostly outside of Texas, questing for new and eye-catching products, whether they come in the form of antiques or items like table top decorations.

Salado artist Charles Allen, who creates light fixtures, is also on the staff at Main Street Place, along with Linda Heath and Valerie Callahan. "I consider us very fortunate to have a great staff. They are all knowledgeable and service oriented," said Light.

Main Street Place also offers free gift wrapping with purchases, shipping throughout the nation, delivery to most places in Texas and on-line ordering at their website, www.mainstreetplace.com. "Just this last week we shipped a piece of furniture to Boston," Light said. "It's something that we do quite a bit of."

If on-line shopping doesn't suit you, but you still can't get to Salado, additional information and ordering opportunities can be found by calling Main Street Place at 947-9908.

"If someone is looking for the sophisticated casual look, then they're going to like this store," she concluded. "Even if they don't make a purchase, if we can give them an idea of something they can do with their homes, then that's exciting for us."

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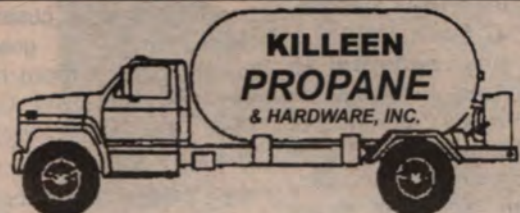


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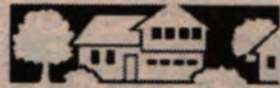
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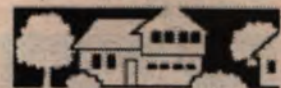
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- **\$224,900** - Home overlooking Mill Creek Golf Course.
- **\$241,800** - Synergy Builders 3BR home has kitchen skylight.
- **\$256,800** - New home in Mill Creek. Granite table.
- **\$259,900** - 4 BR home w/ pool & waterfall, landscaped.
- **\$269,000** - 4 BR home w/open floor plan. 1.93 acres - UC.
- **\$274,900** - 3 BR overlooking Salado Creek & #13 Green.
- **\$297,000** - 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA on Salado Creek Place cul-de-sac.
- **\$299,900** - New home with view of Salado Creek & golf course.

- **\$309,900** - 1 year old home on #3 Fairway. Landscaped.
- **\$324,900** - 4 BR, 3-1/2 BA home overlooking golf course.
- **\$324,900** - New 4 BR home with hillside lake view.
- **\$328,800** - 10 acres, southern style 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA - SOLD.
- **\$349,800** - 15 acres, 3 BR, 2 BA, gameroom and loft room.
- **\$389,000** - Wrap around porch, oak trees, 17 acres & pond.
- **\$459,000** - Elegant home on 20.22 acres near Temple - UC.
- **\$1,249,000** - Executive 4 BR home on Salado Creek.

Acres Available

- **140 acres** 7 miles SE of Belton. Secluded, mostly wooded, great view, river frontage, owner finance. \$2,500 per acre.
- **140 acres** on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport, all or part (**50 acres - UC**).
- **38.78 acres** FM 2843, 8 mile west, beautiful trees. \$174,500.
- **20 - 363 acres** 6 mile S. Salado, Lovely view, owner finance.
- **15.796 acres** fronting FM 2268 with young trees. \$99,500.
- **7 acres** Elm Grove Road - \$59,000.

Lots

- **Mill Creek Lots**
- **700 Indian Trail** - \$30,000

- **Mill Creek Springs** - \$30 - \$75,000
- **Fletcher Ct.** - \$68,000
- **O.W. Lowrey** - \$70,000

Woods of Salado Lots

- **Mountain Dr.** - Lot 6A - \$52,000
- **Mountain Dr.** - Lots 5A & 5B - \$98,000
- **Hodge Canyon Dr.** - \$52,000

Other Lots

- **Salado Heights** - 2 acre tracts - \$29,000 each.
- **Windy Hill Ranch** - 2 acre lots - \$55,000 to \$90,000
- **Jeremiah's Well** - 10 acre tracts \$60,000 to \$95,000
- **Heritage** - 1 - 3 acre wooded homesites, near Salado. Well restricted.
- **The Overlook** - 1+ acre prime lots \$125,000 - \$165,000.

Commercial Property

- **\$224,500** - Retail space on Main St. 2090 SF.
- **\$249,500** - 3 BR with showroom & workshop, on 1.23 acres.
- **\$429,000** - 5.66 acres commercial property off Main Street.
- **\$499,500** - 7.65 acres between Belton - Salado with offices, metal buildings & mini storage.

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Country Home on one acre. The large front porch and screened back porch make country living a pleasure. Breeze way connects the two car carport to the house. 3/2/2 two story stone. **\$114,900.**



Lots of room to roam on this appx. four tree covered acres. Large 3/2/2 with many updated features. New carpets and flooring. Large fireplace enhances the family room and house also includes game room and office. 30x40 barn. **\$217,900.**



Easy access to golf course. This 3/2/2 is located on large professionally landscaped corner lot between the old and the new courses. Large kitchen with cabinets galore and oversized serving bar. **\$159,900.**



On golf course. This like new 3/2/2 hosts a beautiful stone patio facing Hole 5 Creek 2. Features include hardwood flooring and formal dining. **\$214,000.**



Completely remodeled home on approximately 1 acre. Lots of privacy! Priced at **\$164,500.**



Picture perfect traditional-style near schools in quiet neighborhood. Great floorplan for entertaining. Built-ins in home office. High ceilings with crown molding, huge master suite and covered patio. 2+ acres. **\$279,000.**



New Listing: 3/2/2 on more than one acre in beautiful Salado Oaks. Nice open floorplan, split bedrooms. Pretty trees. **\$164,900.**



Pamper your self in this custom brick Contemporary. Built in china cabinet, high ceilings, hardwood flooring, designer upgrades. Fine master suite with jacuzzi and separate shower. Near golf course. **\$177,000.**



Excellent commercial location on corner of West Village Road & IH 35 at Exit 285.



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



Beautiful Texas Ranch Home on appx. 5 acres. The huge covered front porch is a great place to rest and relax. Features include master suite, alarm system, stained concrete floors (echoed with one Texas Star), custom kitchen & intercom system. **\$350,000.**



Many upgrades enhance this 3/2/2 with golf cart storage. Plantation shutters, butlers pantry, tile flooring, decorator colors, large master suite. **\$259,900.**

Acreage

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

of Salado.
 51 acres with hill country view \$3,500 per acre.
 130 acres Rolling hills with great views. **\$4,500/acre.**
 245 acres Beautiful rolling hills with large live oak trees and a 3 acre lake. Outstanding development opportunity.

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.
 A charming B&B Inn. It is perhaps one of the oldest bldgs in the Village of Salado and is listed in the Nat'l Register of Historic Places. It is a Greek Revival style home dating from the 1850's.

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.**
 Large lot in Belton near Lake. Gated community, many trees. **\$65,000.**