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SISD early voting outpacing spring failed bond election

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Early voting in the Salado I.S.D. bond election so far has surpassed the record-setting April 2005 bond election as more than 375 voters have cast ballots regarding the two proposals totaling \$16.175 million in the first five days. The pace is about 15 percent higher than the first five days of early voting last spring, when voters rejected a \$17 million bond proposal by a 214-vote margin, 844 against to 630 for.

Early voting was extremely heavy in that spring election with 901 casting ballots. During that early voting period, 484 voted against the proposal and 417 voted in favor of the proposal.

If the current pace continues, the \$15.675 million and \$500,000 bond propositions could see more than 1,600 voters cast ballots, which is more a third of the 4,458 registered voters in Salado I.S.D.

In recent bond elections, a high voter turnout

has resulted in the defeat of the proposals, including Bell County where voters twice rejected a proposed jail and courts complex and Round Rock I.S.D. where voters turned back a \$349 million bond. In Liberty Hill I.S.D. last year, voters rejected a \$65 million proposal 799 against, 410 for and a \$5 million athletic complex 877 against, 318 for. Liberty Hill quickly called another bond election for \$20 million for classroom facilities, which passed 382 for, 128 against in an election with low voter turnout.

The Salado I.S.D. bond Proposition 1 is \$15,675,000 for construction of a new high school on 50 acres of property at the corner of FM 2484 and Williams Rd. and renovations of the current school campuses. Of the \$15,675,000, \$15 million has been estimated by the school district's architects and construction manager for construction of the new high school and \$675,000 will be budgeted for renovations of current academic facilities. The

new high school will be a one-story building, most likely utilizing pre-engineered components, with a classroom capacity of 600 and a core capacity of 800 students. The school will be designed to allow the future construction of additional classrooms. The current student enrollment at Salado High School is 414 students. The total student enrollment is at 1,220.

Proposition 2 is \$500,000 for renovation of the elementary gymnasium and renovation and expansion of the current football stadium on Thomas Arnold Rd.

If Proposition 1 and Proposition 2 are approved, a property tax increase of 17.83 cents per \$100 evaluation will be required to retire the debt, if there is no change in the taxable values of the school district. Salado ISD has shown at least a 10 percent increase in taxable property values for the last five years. If property values increase by 10 percent in the first year of the bond, the estimated increase in debt service



Hulda Horton gets ready to vote in the Salado I.S.D. bond election. Bonnie Smith has her sign the voter list. So far, more than 375 have cast early ballots in the election. Early voting will end Jan. 31 and election day is Feb. 4.

taxes will be 16.21 cents per \$100 valuation in the first year of the bond.

If only Proposition 1 is approved, the tax rate is anticipated to increase by 17.2 cents per \$100 evaluation with no growth in taxable values. A 10 percent increase in taxable values could result in a debt service tax increase of 15.64 cents per \$100 valuation.

As property values increase in the district, the tax rate required to retire the \$1.5 million total annual debt payment will decrease proportionally. The total debt payment includes debt on the new construction as well as on the current bonds. As the current bonds are paid off, the annual payment for

them will be rolled into the new bonds.

In addition, Salado school administrators expect to increase the maintenance and operation tax rate from the current \$1.422 to the \$1.50 maximum to operate the new campus when it opens in the 2008-09 school year, if construction is approved by voters.

Early voting will be 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays through Jan. 31 at the Salado Civic Center. There will be two additional early voting opportunities: 5:30-8 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Salado Intermediate School commons area and 8 a.m.-noon Jan. 28 at the Salado Civic Center. Election day, the polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Feb. 4.

Water Co. proposes increase

Salado Water Supply Corporation members will meet 6:30 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Salado Civic Center to discuss a rate increase, among other items on the agenda.

The (SWSC) Board of Directors have recommended the following rate increase: raise the minimum charge for 2,000 gallons or less from \$17.50 to \$19.90; also, a three percent per 1,000 gallon increase to customer using over 30,000 gallons per month.

This is the first price increase in three years.

In other business, the SWSC treasurer will present a report and the 2006 budget for consideration.

SWSC Manager Ricky Preston will report on the operations of the water system and update members on future projects and associated costs.

Any SWSC customer can attend the meeting.

For more information, call SWSC at 947-54525.

Village of Salado fights fires

Salado aldermen are likely to adopt an ordinance banning the discharge of fireworks within the village in the near future, following a brief discussion of the possibility during their Jan. 19 meeting.

Banning fireworks in the village "doesn't hurt my feelings a bit," said alderman Michael Cooper during the discussion. He added that, "during a drought like this one" fireworks should be banned.

"I agree," Merle Stalcup added.

The fireworks ban, coupled with the current outdoor burn ban in the

village, are steps aldermen will take to prevent fires within the village. An outdoor burn ban is in place through March 31 within the village limits.

In other business, Salado aldermen discussed what steps were needed to lower the ISO ratings for the Village of Salado.

Currently, structures within five miles of a fire station and within 1,000 feet of a hydrant are rated at a 7, while structures within five miles of a fire station and beyond 1,000 feet from a fire hydrant are rated at 9. Properties that are more than five miles from a fire

station and beyond the 1,000 feet from a fire hydrant have the highest (and costliest) rating of 10.

Fire Chief Wayne Rutherford told aldermen that improving the equipment of the Salado Volunteer Fire Department, improving training for volunteer firefighters and improving the water system are crucial to lowering the ISO ratings.

The SVFD is currently working to address the areas of improvement that it can. The Salado Water Supply Corporation will have to address the water delivery system to fire hydrants within its area.



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Cecil Skipper (left) and Ronnie Wells were two of almost 20 authors who were present at an authors' reception Jan. 19 at the Salado Public Library. About 70 folks joined the authors for refreshments and discussions of their works.



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Salado ISD STARS Curriculum Conference begins at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 26 at Salado Intermediate School. Parents and public are invited to attend and learn more.

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Salado ISD STARS Conference, 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School. A curriculum showcase, STARS Conference allows students to demonstrate curriculum lessons for parents. Details TBA.

JANUARY 26

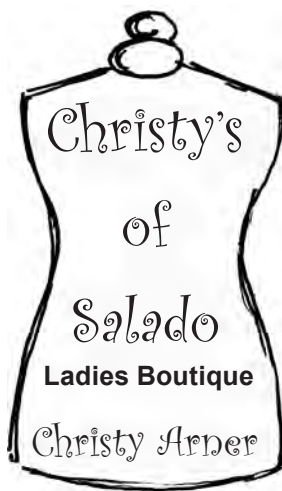
Salado Area Republican Women's Candidates Forum, 6 p.m. at Mill Creek Restaurant. Dinner included. Info: 254-947-3617.

JANUARY 26-27

Living Room Theatre of Salado presents "Interview with an Immortal: Sarah Bernhardt" by Judy Greene at the home of Jeanie and Barton Jones. Info: 254-947-8300.

JANUARY 28

Salado Cemetery Association Annual



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meeting 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Open to the public.

JANUARY 28

Salado High School Band Booster Spaghetti Supper and Concert, 4-6 p.m. in the SIS Commons. \$5 per plate with a max of \$20 per family. Entertainment provided by SHS band.

FEBRUARY 3-5

Salado Mozart Festival, sponsored by Music in Salado, Texas, Inc., in celebration of the composer's 250th birthday. Performances include a Mozart Song Recital on Feb. 3 and the International Piano Duo on Feb. 4. Info: 254-947-5592 or visit www.musicinsalado.com.

FEBRUARY 4

Salado ISD School Bond election. Polls open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

FEBRUARY 4

Wildfire Open to the World team roping at Wildfire Ranch. Details TBA.

FEBRUARY 4-5

Salado Legends auditions, 3-5 p.m. each day at Tablerock Amphitheater. Auditions for over 150 men, women and children. Scholarships available for college students. Info: Donnie Williams, 254-460-6838 or email mrduck@vvm.com.

FEBRUARY 9

Salado Silver Spur Theater hosts cowboy performer Pop Wagner. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors 65 and up, \$5 for military and student ID, \$5 for children 12 and under. Info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

FEBRUARY 9

Salado Chamber

of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center.

Program: "Easy Ways to Stay Fit While Sitting Down," by Alice Cooper.

FEBRUARY 9

Central Texas Poetry and Prose Readings, at Tablerock Amphitheater. Invited readings, 7 p.m.; Open mic, 9 p.m. Info: 254-947-9205.

FEBRUARY 11-12

St. Stephen's Women's Society Valentine Bake Sale. 6:30 p.m. Feb 11 and noon-1 p.m. Feb. 12 in the church's Marian Room. Everyone welcome.

FEBRUARY 13

St. Stephen's Women's Society meeting. Topic: Women's Health, "Prevention and Early Detection of Cancer," 6:30 p.m. St. Stephen Parish Hall.

FEBRUARY 14

Salado Silver Spur Theater Sweethearts Shindig, featuring live music by The Grandsons, playing R&B novelties, vintage blue grass and folk, and calypso. 8:30 p.m.-?. \$40 per couple. Reservations and info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

FEBRUARY 15

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

FEBRUARY 21

Teacup Tuesday meeting, Program: "Early Childhood Memories" by Patsy Sanford and friends, 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church.

FEBRUARY 23-25

Salado Soaring Eagle High School Softball Classic, at the Salado softball fields. More details TBA.

FEBRUARY 25

Mill Creek Community Association Spring Fling, 6 p.m. Happy Hour, 7 p.m. Theme: "Viva Italia." Dinner.

More details TBA.

FEBRUARY 27

Taste of Salado, sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS), 7 p.m. at Blue Heron Event Center at Tenroc Ranch. More details TBA.

MARCH 2-5 & 9-12

First Annual Central Texas Shakespeare Invitational at Tablerock Amphitheater. March 2-5 will feature performances of Shakespeare by performers 18 and under; March 9-12 performances of all ages. Info: David Dunlap, 254-247-0220 or ddunlap@tablerock.org.

MARCH 9

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Helen Alexander on "Stress Management."

MARCH 15

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

MARCH 17

11th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament at Mill Creek, benefitting Tablerock Amphitheater, \$60 entry fee. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Info: 254-947-3354 or email tablerock1@aol.com.

MARCH 18

Annual Salado Eagle Alumni Baseball game, at the high school field. Homerun contest 11 a.m., game to follow at noon. Open to any former SHS baseball players. Cost: \$10 for the game, \$5 for the homerun contest. Email t-shirt sizes to mbates@saladoisd.org if you plan on playing.

MARCH 18

Salado Civic Center Auction and Dinner honoring Wilbur and Jessie Foster, 6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Tickets: \$10 per person. Info: 947-8300.

MARCH 21

Teacup Tuesday meeting, Program: "New Wines and Old Wineskins (new identity) by Molly White, 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church.

MARCH 21

Salado Historical Society general meeting, 6:15 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

APRIL 1-2

Annual Wildflower Art Show. More details

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APRIL 7

Thomas Arnold Elementary/PTO Moms and Muffins morning, 7-7:45 a.m. at the school. Info: 947-5191.

APRIL 8

Chisholm Trail ABWA Style Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mill Creek Restaurant. Info: 254-947-3617.

APRIL 13

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program TBA.

APRIL 14-16

Easter Pageant at Tablerock Amphitheater, presented by First Baptist Church of Salado, 8:15 p.m., bring a lawn chair. Free admission; church groups welcome. Info: 254-947-5465 or www.fbcsalado.org.

APRIL 18

Teacup Tuesday meeting, Program: "History Mysteries" by author, historian and Salado-resident Charlie Turnbo, 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church.

APRIL 19

Mill Creek Community Association Spring Cleanup. 8:30 a.m. coffee and rolls, 11:30 a.m. free hot dog lunch. More details TBA.

APRIL 22

Third Annual Salado Dog Daze, in Pace Park. Details TBA.

APRIL 22-23

Eleventh Annual Gospel Festival at Tablerock Amphitheater, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. April 22 and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. April 23. Food, drink, and gift vendors on-site. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets available at gate. Info: Donnie Jackson, 254-947-5100 or email cvmusicministry@aol.com.

MAY 6-7

Third Annual Salado Yard and Garden Tour, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 6 and 1-4 p.m. May 7. More details TBA.

MAY 11

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary Spring Luncheon at the Salado Civic Center. Program: Gwen Morrison on "Mothers and Daughters."

MAY 13

Eleventh Annual Thomas Arnold Elementary Fourth Grade Play at Tablerock Amphitheater, 7:30 p.m. Students, under the direction of Jackie Mills, write, produce, crew and act in their own melodrama. Admission: Adults, \$5; children,

\$3.

MAY 16

Teacup Tuesday meeting, "Tea, Talk and Togetherness" luncheon at Stagecoach Inn. Details TBA.

MAY 17

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

MAY 25

Salado High School Class of 2005-06 graduation ceremony at Bell County Expo Center. Info: Salado High School, 254-947-5429.

JUNE 8

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program TBA.

JUNE 21

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

JUNE 24-25

Auditions for Tablerock's production of Macbeth, 3 p.m. both days at Tablerock. Director: David Dunlap, 254-247-0220 or ddunlap@tablerock.org.

JULY 4

Salado Historical Society Annual Picnic, 6:15 p.m. in Pace Park.

JULY 13

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program TBA.

JULY 19

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

JULY 22, 29 & AUG. 5

Tablerock's 14th Annual presentation of Salado Legends, 8:15 p.m. Dinner: 7:15 p.m., cost \$8, reservations

required. Performance tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Info: 254-947-3205 or www.tablerock.org.

AUGUST 5-6

40th Annual Salado Art Fair in Pace Park. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.

AUGUST 10

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Paul Letourneau on his book "My Vietnam Experiences." Spouses invited.

AUGUST 12

Mill Creek Community Association Fall Social, 6 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner. Details TBA.

AUGUST 16

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

SEPTEMBER 16-17

Tablerock's Fantasy Faire 10 a.m.-6 p.m. both days, featuring characters from history, literature, mythology and imagination. Enjoy music, dance, swordplay and storytelling, and shop goods from over 50 vendors. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, seniors and military. Info: 254-624-1008 or email hhood@tablerock.org.

SEPTEMBER 20

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

OCTOBER 7-8

Auditions for Tablerock's annual A Christmas Carol production, 3 p.m. both days. Info: 254-947-9205 or email harrysweet@sbcgl obal.net.

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Answers to questions about the SISD bond

By DR. ROBIN BATTERSHELL
SISD SUPERINTENDENT

If the bond is approved when will construction begin?

Construction for renovations may begin as early as Summer 2006. The bidding process for the high school would be in Fall 2006 with construction beginning in the winter.

What will the new high school look like?

We will not work on plans until a bond passes, however initial discussions involve using a pre-engineered building design, one floor, with some type of limestone façade.

What is going to happen with the portable buildings at the current campuses?

The goal is to move all regular classrooms out of the portable buildings.

Is there going to be an auditorium?

Not at this time.

Is there going to be a stage?

We would like to have a stage in the new high school; however this is contingent upon the bidding process, which would be in Fall 2006 if a bond is passed. Adequate classroom space is the top priority.

How many classrooms in the new high school?

Our architects have

said that they can build a high school for a student enrollment of 600 with a core capacity of 800 for \$15,000,000. We have not finalized square footages at this time; although we can expect between 90,000-100,000 sf.

What is your estimated completion date?

If the bond is passed, August 2008.

Why did you look at renovating the elementary gym?

The TAE gym was originally built to protect students from inclement weather, most notably during the winter months. It has gradually been added on to and is now an intrinsic part of the elementary campus. Although there will be fewer students on the current campuses, elementary students would have to work around the scheduling for middle and high school and travel across the campuses to use those gyms.

The gym is hot. We want to offer comparable facilities on all campuses.

How does a new high school impact crowding on all campuses?

It shifts all grade levels up.

What is the difference between the last bond and this one?

The last bond included a school and athletic facilities in one package. No other options were presented.

This bond focuses on additional classrooms through a new high school and renovations to current campuses. A separate package includes the option to renovate parts of the current football field and elementary gym.

The focus is on classroom space.

Why is the Board not using a General Contractor instead of a Construction Manager At-risk?

Based upon visits with many districts and attendance at several Texas Association of School Board's training sessions on school construction and on the comments of 3 attorneys, the major differences between construction management at-risk (the method which SISD has selected) and a general contractor are that with the CM At-risk, all bids are taken to the school board for decisions. If bids come in under the anticipated dollar amount the school district receives the savings. General contractors are not required to use a bidding process. They can use the sub-contractors they so choose. Thus; the school board has

little input on the quality of amount of the bids selected and if savings are incurred the district is not assured that it will be the beneficiary of these savings.

The CM At-Risk also covers all liability.

What kind of rooms will be in the new school?

The new school would have rooms required for all of the current programs including home economics, computer science, fine arts, band, ag/vocational science, art, and special programs.

Are you considering a pre-engineered building?

Yes, this is a likelihood. The Intermediate School is a pre-engineered building.

Can you build a waste water treatment plant in stages?

Yes, the master plan includes a wastewater treatment plant that can be built in stages as the need arises.

What are the District's plans if the bond doesn't pass? Will the District go for another bond anytime soon?

The District does not have plans to pursue another bond if this one does not pass. Depending on growth, the District may choose none, some or all among the following options.

- Add portable buildings.
- Add some classrooms to existing schools using fund balance, Delinquent Tax Anticipation Note, or Tax Anticipation Note.
- Use creative scheduling at the high school.

What is the M&O tax rate going to be?

Since the Texas Supreme Court upheld the lower court's decision that the current dependency on local property taxes constitutes a state property tax, we do not know how the current funding structure will be changed for M&O. Currently 48 percent of Texas districts are taxing at the \$1.50 cap and 67 percent of districts are taxing at \$1.45 or more. SISD currently taxes at \$1.422 for M&O. Debt service, or the tax rate approved by voters for construction, will be unaffected. The Court did not rule on debt service taxes.

What is the I&S tax rate going to be?

Based upon no property value increase and no increase in enrollment, the maximum projected I&S tax rate increase for both propositions would be \$.1783.



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LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

BY KEVIN MCAULEY



are telling you a nice physique/figure depends predominately on how hard you work-out, are wrong, dead wrong. And your health and body are suffering because of it.

Let me ask you a few questions: Are you confident in the way you combine your foods? Do you monitor the amounts of each type of foods you consume? Are you consistent in your frequency of your meals? Do you log your meals and write down how they make you feel?

If you have found that you said no to a number of the questions above, therein could be the major problem to you not achieving excellent results.

Things to do:

Eat Breakfast (Jump-start your metabolism)

Combine your meals properly with a quality protein, healthy fat, real carbohydrate, and non-starchy carbohydrate (no high sugar levels and insulin responses).

Eat at least four times a day if you are female, and

at least five times a day, if you are male (create a metabolic furnace).

Begin to log your meals and times, with exactly how you feel an hour to two after (create meals that are medicinal, not a poison).

Obviously, there is more, much more, but this will help you to begin to not only look better, but more importantly, feel better.

Kevin McCauley, MA, is a Lifestyle and Wellness Coach in Salado. He has years of professional experience as a personal trainer and clinical nutritionist, and can be reached at 254-947-8304, or youbewell@earthlink.net.

Republican Candidates Forum slated Jan. 26 at Mill Creek

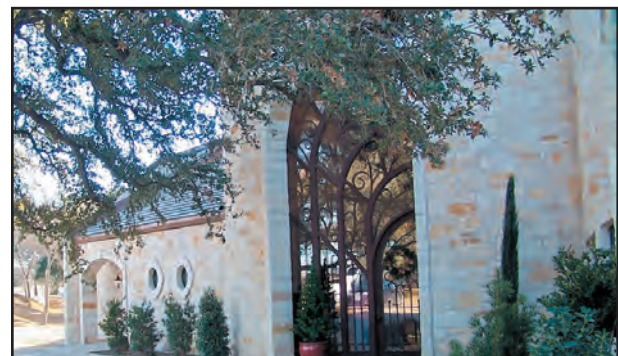
Traditionally, the Salado Area Republican Women's first program of each election year is a candidate forum, and this year is no exception, as the SARW will host a Jan. 26 dinner meeting at Mill Creek Country Club.

This event provides club members as well as the residents of Bell County their first opportunity to meet and learn about each Republican

candidate seeking a Bell County office in 2006. At this time more than 20 prospective candidates are expected to participate.

At the dinner meeting, there will be time both before and after the meeting to visit informally with the candidates. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with a social time followed by a buffet dinner.

For additional information call 254-939-8240.



All seats are sold out for the Living Room Theatre of Salado (LRTS) performances of *Interview with an Immortal: Sarah Bernhardt in the home of Jeanie & Barton Jones* on Jan. 26-27. The work is by Judy Greene, adapted by Ramon Carver, based on a biography of Sarah Bernhardt by Liz Silverthorne.



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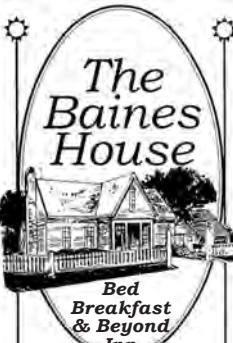
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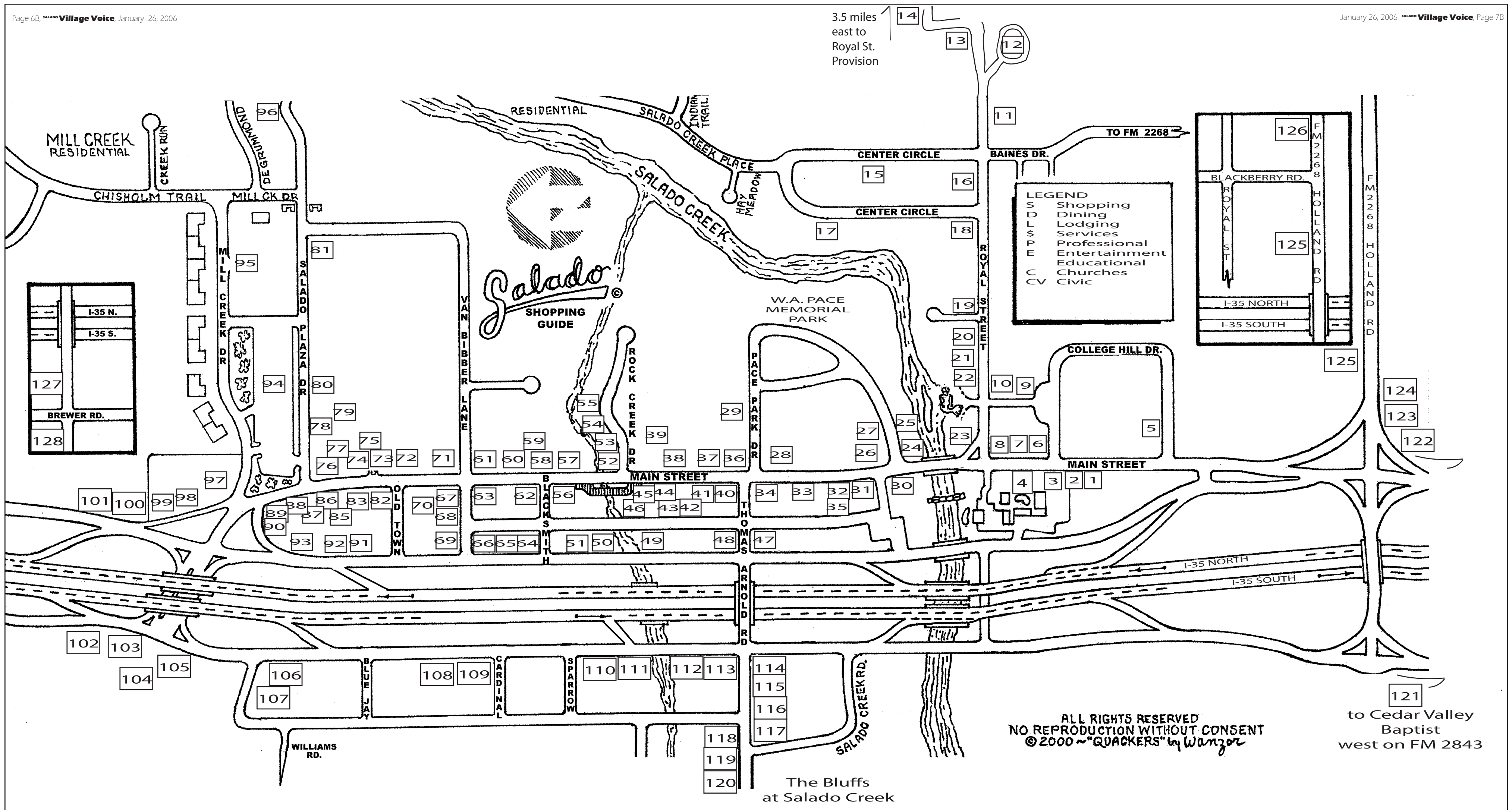
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MCCA holds first '06 meeting

The Mill Creek Community Association held its first board meeting Jan. 18 under the leadership of new president, Larry Linder.

The primary goal for the new year is to increase new membership. Annual dues are \$20 and can be mailed to MCCA, P.O. Box 562, Salado, TX 76571. All dues should be in immediately to assure that the new directory will be accurate.

Cindy Apichino, social chairman, announced plans for a dinner dance to be held

Feb. 25 at the Mill Creek Creekside Clubhouse. An Italian theme, Viva Italia, has been selected. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner following at 7 p.m.

Letta Meinen, newsletter chairman, announced the first newsletter of the year will be reaching all Mill Creek residents the first week in February with other information.

In addition, the Neighborhood Watch Program is still being offered to neighborhoods wishing to participate. Contact Dave Apichino for information.

Charles Turnbo spoke at the meeting about the upcoming school bond election. He informed the group that any resident that had received an over-65 homestead exemption would not have any added school taxes. Information brochures can be obtained at the Civic Center or from any School Board member.

The Association's meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek. Interested members are welcome.

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February is American Heart Month; Heart-shaped healthy Valentine's cake

February is American Heart Month, and not just because of Valentine's Day! Heart disease, including stroke, is the leading cause of the death in the United States. In an effort to fight this battle, Congress, in 1963, declared February 'American Heart Month' a time for education about the prevention and treatment of heart disease. This February, make your heart your valentine, and treat it right!

Nutrition plays a valuable role in the prevention of heart disease. Obesity, high blood pressure and high cholesterol are three major risk factors for heart disease, and eating the right foods is essential to keeping them in check.

THE CARDIAC RECOVERY COOKBOOK (Hatherleigh Press, \$15.95) is the best resource out there for heart-healthy and delicious recipes. By altering a few simple ingredients to reduce sodium, saturated fat, cholesterol and calcium, family favorites will be transformed into healthful dishes - without sacrificing flavor! For a Valentine's Day treat, we recommend baking your sweetie a Heart-Shaped Frosted Cake, certain to win both your heart and theirs!

HEART-SHAPED FROSTED CAKE

INGREDIENTS:

For Cake:

- 2 cups cake flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 cups sugar
- 4 Tbsp margarine
- 4 eggs
- 1 Tbsp orange peel
- 1 tsp vanilla
- cup skim milk

For Icing:

- 3 oz low-fat cream cheese
- 2 Tbsp skim milk
- 6 Tbsp cocoa
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar, sifted
- tsp vanilla extract

TO PREPARE CAKE:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.
2. Grease 10-inch round pan (at least 2 inches

high) with small amount of cooking oil or use nonstick cooking oil spray. Powder pan with flour. Tap out excess flour.

3. Sift together flour and baking powder.
4. In separate bowl, beat together sugar and margarine until soft and creamy.
5. Beat in eggs, orange peel and vanilla.
6. Gradually add flour mixture alternating with milk, beginning and ending with flour.
7. Pour mixture into heart-shaped pan. Bake for 40-45 minutes or until done. Let cake cool for 5-10 minutes before removing from pan. Let cool completely before icing.

TO PREPARE ICING:

1. Cream together cream cheese and milk until smooth. Add cocoa. Blend well.
2. Slowly add sugar until icing is smooth. Mix in vanilla.
3. Smooth icing over top and sides of cooled cake.
4. Garnish with strawberries or cherries for an extra decorative touch!

THE CARDIAC RECOVERY COOKBOOK is available in bookstores and is the first step to a healthier heart and a happy heart month! For more information on cardiac health, refer to THE CARDIAC RECOVERY HANDBOOK (Hatherleigh Press, \$21.95), a great companion to the recipes and tips in THE CARDIAC RECOVERY COOKBOOK.

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Heart-healthy dishes for Valentine's Day

February is Heart Health Month, and it's an appropriate choice since that's the month we've dedicated to celebrating love. Why not celebrate this Valentine's Day with a heart-healthy menu for your loved ones? Whether it's just the one-and-only or a table surrounded by family, consider these easy main dishes.

Chicken Cacciatore Revisited is a lower-fat, and tastier, version of the Italian classic. This is made with briefly cooked fresh tomatoes and mushrooms. Flavor-enhancing mushrooms are a good source of potassium, which is vital to heart health and helps protect against certain cancers. Did you know that mushrooms have the same amount of potassium as a small banana?

Fresh Tomato Sauce With Shrimp and Pine Nuts is a quick dish packed with lycopene, the antioxidant that helps lower the risk of heart attack, stroke and prostate cancer.

Nutrition aside, these are dishes that should be on your menu often.

Chicken Cacciatore

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 1/4 pounds boneless,

The Chopping Block

By Philomena Corradeno

skinless chicken breasts, cut in 1-inch pieces
3 cups halved fresh white mushrooms (about 8 ounces)

2 cups sweet green bell pepper cut in 1-inch squares

2/3 cup chopped onion
1 tablespoon thinly sliced garlic

2 pounds fully ripened fresh Florida tomatoes, cut in 1-inch chunks (about 5 cups)

1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon dried thyme or oregano, crushed

1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

In a large skillet, over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add chicken pieces; cook and stir until browned, about 5 minutes.

Add the mushrooms, green pepper, onion and garlic; cook and stir until mushrooms release liquid, about 4 minutes. Stir in tomatoes, salt, thyme and black pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally,

until tomatoes are heated through, about 2 minutes. If desired, add a splash of balsamic vinegar and serve over noodles or rice.

Yield: 4 servings (about 7 cups).

Fresh Tomato Sauce With Shrimp and Pine Nuts

8 ounces pasta shells (about 3 cups)

1 tablespoon olive oil
1/2 cup diced onion

1 teaspoon dried basil, crushed or 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil

1/2 teaspoon dried oregano, crushed

1/2 teaspoon minced garlic

2 pounds fully ripened fresh Florida tomatoes, chopped (about 5 cups)*

1 pound medium-sized shrimp, shelled and deveined

1/4 cup dry white wine
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

1/4 cup toasted pine nuts**

Cook pasta according to package directions (makes about 4 cups). Meanwhile, in large skillet, over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add onion, basil, oregano and garlic; cook and stir until onion is tender, about 5 minutes. Add tomatoes, shrimp, wine, salt and pepper. Cook and stir until shrimp are pink and tomatoes are heated through, about 2 minutes. Stir in pine nuts and serve over drained hot pasta. Yield: 4 servings.

* Ripen fresh tomatoes on the counter at room temperature for a few days until they feel slightly soft and turn a deeper shade of red.

** To toast pine nuts: Place in a skillet over medium heat; cook and stir just until they turn pale gold.

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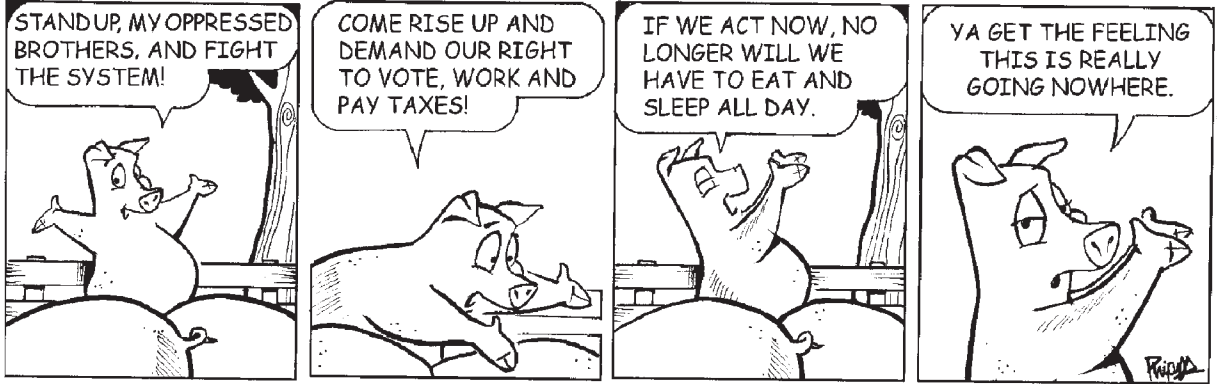
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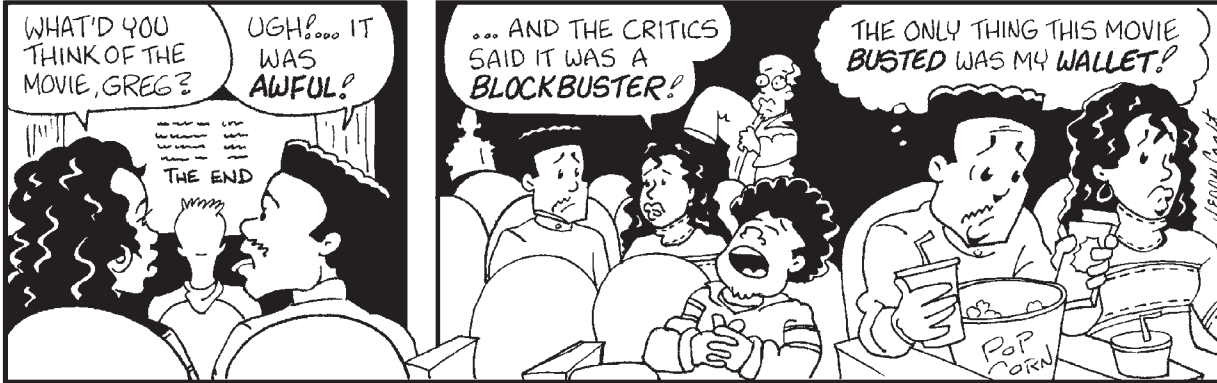
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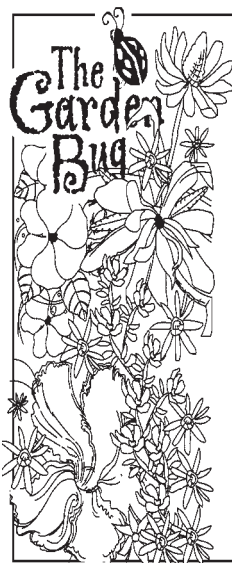
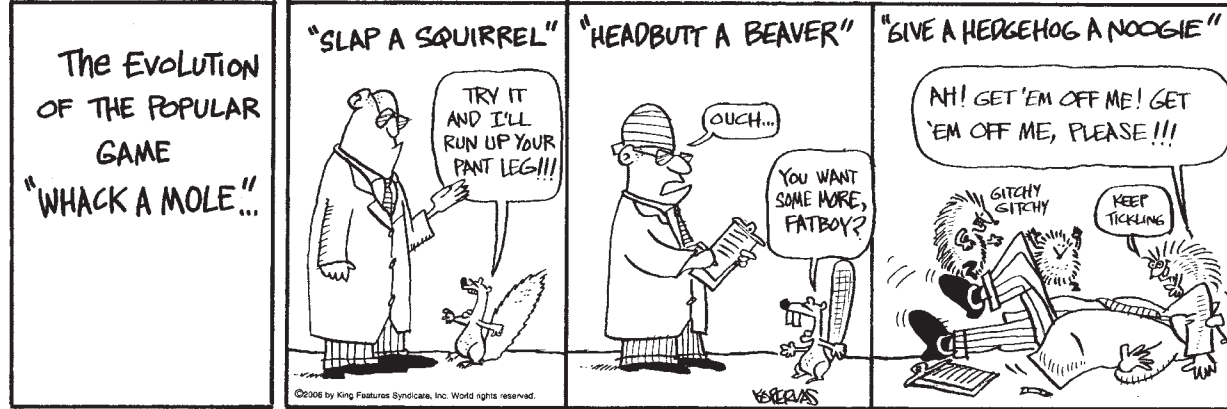
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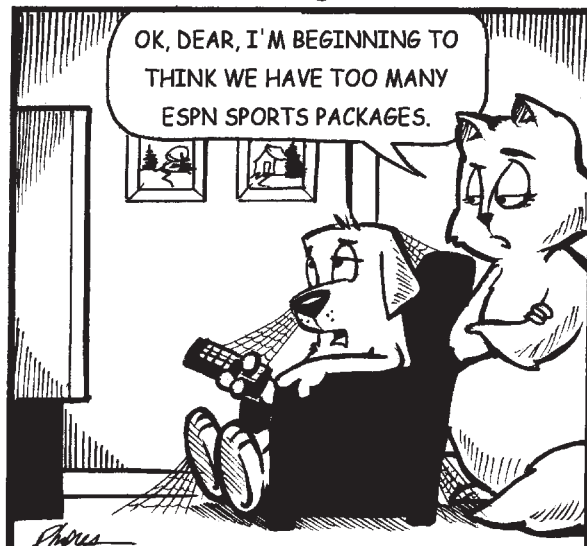
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Ramona has a pet bobcat

by
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You can sense the strength in Bobby's front legs and shoulders. The sound that he makes comes from way down deep inside and scares away the faint of heart. Even polecats are afraid of Bobby.

Bobby is the pet bobcat belonging to Ramona Werst of Mertzon. When her husband took her to the place that sells bobcats, she chose Bobby because he was so playful.

"When you get a bobcat as a baby and bottle feed him, he'll bond with you," says Ramona. "He doesn't know he's a bobcat. In fact, he would be a disgrace to bobcats. He's afraid of mice."

I sat down with Ramona and Bobby and we had a nice visit. Ramona says Bobby is spoiled rotten.

"When I was bottle

feeding him, he used to get me up at two o'clock in the morning for his bottle, then do the same thing at four o'clock and six o'clock. Now we have an automatic feeder that comes open for him at two o'clock and six o'clock. He likes that a lot."

She got the bobcat five years ago. "He was small enough to fit in the palm of my hand, just a little bitty baby. Now he weighs around 45 pounds."

The bobcat lives in a fenced in area beneath a second-story deck.

"He's got a ramp that leads directly into our bedroom. He can come and go anytime he wants to. In his space under the deck he's got his own jungle gym, an igloo that's got a blanket in it and all kinds of balls to play with."

When visitors come, Bobby goes away.

"We'll show Bobby to our guests, then lock him up in our bedroom and his pen. We do that just in case he doesn't like a scent. Or he might be hungry."

Bobby has a domestic house cat for a brother. He thinks the pet dog is his mother. He plays fetch with a tennis ball and tug of war with a sock. When he's playing tug of war, he sounds ferocious. His growls would make most people head for the door.

Bobby has a special diet. "Every three weeks my husband David and I have to chop up raw liver, raw hamburger and cat food and mix it all together and freeze it. Bobby's a little particular. He has to have his food just a little bit frozen."

At night, Bobby sleeps with Ramona in spite of his loud purring. "He sleeps right on top of me from my shoulders to my stomach." She says she's never been afraid. When he misbehaves, she smacks him on the nose.

1st Cav Col. gives Iraqi update

Colonel Bryan T. Roberts of the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry Division, addressed the Salado Rotary Club Jan. 17 concerning the situation faced by the military in Iraq.

Roberts, a graduate

of Eastern Michigan and Central Michigan universities, has served in several notable capacities, including Operations Officer in the White House Emergency Operations Center, followed by Con-

tingency Plans Officer to the Vice President. Several high-level positions overseas, including stints in Germany and Bosnia-Herzegovina, culminated with his appointment to his current position as Chief of Information Operations for the 1st Cavalry Division.

He began by presenting a short video of activities in Iraq, showing conditions prior to U.S. occupation and activities to restore and upgrade the living conditions and quality of life. He outlined U.S. goals in Iraq, which include establishing freedom and democracy and also providing freedom for our own future generations. Roberts went on to say that about 50 percent of the population is "on the fence" as to societal preference, and the goal of our occupation is to educate this group on the virtues of freedom and democracy.

As to the primitive na-

ture of the Iraqi existence prior to our involvement, Roberts had pictures illustrating that the Iraqi people had no basic infrastructure such as potable water, rudimentary utilities, trash disposal and many other basic services we have accepted as necessary to existence. He went on to give examples of the many services the U.S. is providing for them that they have never experienced in the past. For example, the U.S. has built 350 new schools, 100 new clinics, upgraded medical schools, recruited 8,000 police, and built 72 police stations, according to Roberts.

Colonel Roberts reiterated that the goal of the U.S. is to change the lives of Iraqis, and that success has been demonstrated by the "purple fingers," which illustrate the Iraqi people's record of voting during the recent elections, which far exceeded predictions.

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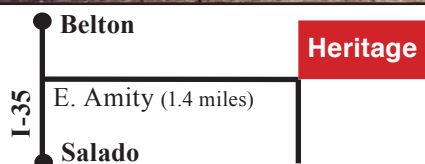
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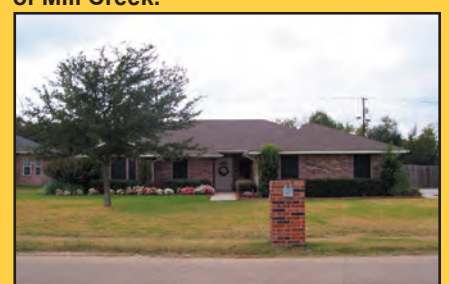
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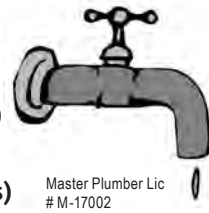


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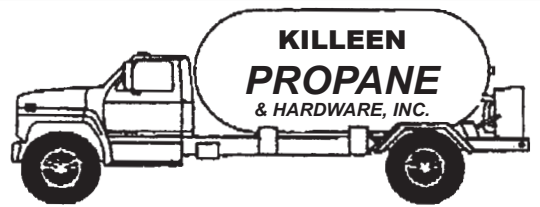
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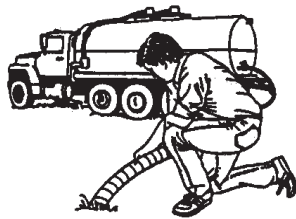
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Reduced!

Enjoy the peaceful setting of this tree-covered lot. 3/2/2 that is close in Salado all for just ~~\$479,900~~. **Price Reduced to \$169,900.**



Reduced!

Great Location, close to Pro Shop in Mill Creek. This 2/2/1 newly renovated condominium has it all for just ~~\$459,900~~. **Price Reduced to \$155,000.**



New Listing: 3/2 manufactured home with excellent location in Salado overlooking Salado Creek. Priced at **\$124,900.**



Clean and Neat on private street. 3/2/2 with open floor plan and fenced yard. **\$144,900.**



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Spacious Home on Quiet Street: 6/6/1, the possibilities are endless with over 3,500 sq. ft. on approximately 1.4 acres. Home or business. **Reduced \$229,900.**



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