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SISD board okays \$5M '98-99 budget

by Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Salado ISD Trustees approved a \$5 million budget for 1998-99 during their regular meeting Aug. 17. The budget was approved by a vote of 6-1 on a motion by Mike Gunter, which received a second from Sarah Mackie. Frank Carlson voted against the budget proposal.

The approved budget reflects an increase in revenues and expenditures of \$182,702 more than was reported in the Aug. 12 issue of the *Salado Village Voice*. Superintendent Robin Battershell explained that the difference is attributable to the Teacher Retirement System. TEA requires school districts to maintain an accounting of retirement benefits due teachers from the state, even though the district does not main-

tain the money.

An additional \$9,500 is included in the budget for lease payment to retrofit two buses under debt service.

The 1998-99 budget was approved following a budget hearing. Eight people addressed the board concerning the budget.

Buddy Thomas admonished the board to "stand behind your superintendent Robin Battershell. She is trying to do a good job." He further commented that many of the shortfalls in the 1997-98 were due to the board, not the superintendent.

Cathy Carlson asked the board to reconsider the freeze on teacher's salaries this year. "If you don't have good teachers, you don't have a good school," she said.

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Toll-free calling to Killeen may start Aug. 21, Sprint says

Toll-free calling between Salado and Killeen is projected to begin Aug. 21, a Sprint official said Aug. 14.

Linda Green, public affairs manager for Sprint, said the Expanded Local Calling (ELC) service was supposed to start Aug. 4, but more equipment was needed.

Sprint customers in Salado with the telephone prefix 947 voted last spring to expand toll-free calling to Killeen (and Harker Heights), but turned down toll-free calling to Nolanville, Florence and Little River.

Voters had to specifically vote for each of the four cities on a ballot (as opposed to a blanket vote of all four).

Salado residential customers, who already pay \$3.50 a month (or \$7 for businesses) for toll-free calling to Temple (and Belton), could have added the aforementioned four cities as part of that \$3.50.

The Public Utility Commission allows phone customers to pay the same rate for up to five exchanges.

In 1995, Salado customers approved an ELC petition that added the Temple exchange to their local calling area. As a result, Salado customers currently pay the maximum monthly per-line charge for ELC.

In a related development, Sprint provided a press release to the *Salado Village Voice* Aug. 14 with the headline, Expanded Local Calling surcharge could change with Sprint filing.

The release reads as follows:

"Due to the extensive customer demand for Expanded Local Calling (ELC) service, Sprint filed a request with the Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC) to recover lost revenues associated with providing the service.

"In accordance with the state law which created ELC, Sprint is seeking to implement a surcharge which would serve only to recover lost revenues caused by the elimination of long-distance charges and also recover additional network costs required to provide ELC.

"Sprint requested an ELC surcharge increase of 41 cents per month, per customer line. If approved as filed, the surcharge would be added to the existing surcharge paid by customers in non-petitioning exchanges to support ELC. Customers in petitioning exchanges, such as Salado, which currently pay \$3.50 residence and \$7.00 business should not be impacted by the additional

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(photo by Tim Fleischer)

Democratic candidate for Lt. Governor John Sharp was greeted at Goodnight Ranch in Salado by well-wishers and supporters during a gathering Aug. 14. Sharp is shown above (center) with (left) former Killeen mayor Raul Villaronga and (right) Don Armstrong, Democratic candidate for Texas House District 54. Saladoan Bill Sparks is shown greeting Sharp below. Sharp presently serves as the State Comptroller and has touted his record in his race for the Lt. Governor.



Booster Club wrapping up ad sales on football program

The Salado Eagle Athletic Booster Club is wrapping up advertising sales on its football program and asks for your support.

If you have not been contacted by one of the club members about advertising in the football program, which will

be handed out at all home games, please consider filling out the advertising form adjacent to this story.

"The Athletic Booster Club exists to support our kids, both boy and girl athletes, and our teams and coaches," says Booster Mike Gunter.

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

Forget the stock market -- deal in Beanie Babies

You see them lined up outside, anxiously waiting, hoping to be first to get the stuff. They have a certain look of desperation in their eyes, a certain undeniable, unfulfilled need.

They look like heroin junkies lined up outside a methadone clinic. Though I have never actually seen a methadone clinic, I have read about them in newspapers.

You feel sorry for them until you realize what it is that they need so desperately.

Beanie Babies. They line up outside Streets of Salado waiting for the latest shipment of goods.

While the stock market stumbles, Beanie Babies continue their meteoric rise. Beanie Babies are the average Joe's investment portfolio. Which may explain some of the softness in the stock market in recent weeks.

Royce (our nine-year-old) tries patiently to explain that the \$5 Beanie Baby we buy today could be worth as much as \$2,000, like the funny blue elephant, the first of the Beanies. He points to pictures in his Beanie Baby book, "See, Freckles will be worth \$40 someday," he tells me like a used car salesman. "To achieve their true value, Beanie Babies must be in mint condition," Royce explains, sounding more and more like an investment counselor.

In fact, you can now buy Beanie Baby tag protectors, sort of like extra insurance on your investment.

This is a new twist on the toy craze in America. Remember the Care Bears, Smurfs or Cabbage Patch Dolls of the

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Tim Fleischer

80s? Or even more recently, recall the overwhelming influence Barney the Dinosaur and

Tickle Me Elmo had on individuals under three feet tall?

What makes the Beanie Babies different from Barney, Elmo, or any other myriad of toys is that the Beanies are marketed as an investment. Much like art is sold as an investment. I hope I never see the day when Sotheby's puts the blue elephant on the auction block alongside a Picasso.

While I might plop down a sawbuck on a Beanie Baby, I wouldn't give ten cents for a Picasso. Even though my elementary art teacher encouraged me to find other avenues for my "creativity," I can do better than Picasso. First off, he puts both eyes on one side of the model's head. Not to mention that his work looks like a Rorschach test. Does anybody really get it? Or are we all afraid to point out the Emperor's New Clothes?

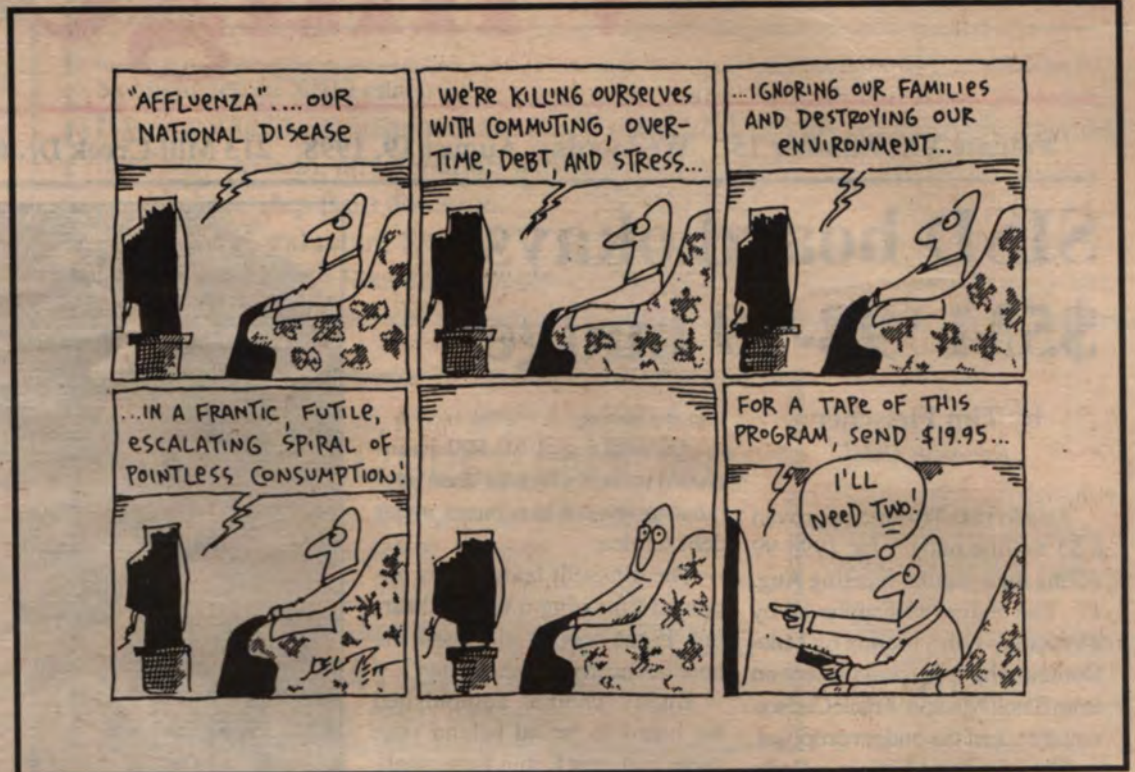
I digress.

Here is my prognostication about the effect of Beanie Babies on the open market. They will not go up drastically in value in 10 years, 20 years or 30 years.

For this reason: every kid will still have their old Beanie Babies, probably in mint condition because they never played with the damn things.

Across the country, the following conversation takes place:

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Phone users note: Please insert additional surcharge to complete your call (thank you)

Our local telephone company is back with news of the "good-bad" variety. The happy side of the scoop from Sprint is that the recently approved expanded local calling service that Saladoans deemed worthy, when they voted to add **Killeen-Harker Heights to the local dialing, will become operational the end of this week.**

A call now to Belton, Temple, Killeen-Harker Heights will not be considered long distance but will be included in the \$3.50 we pay on a monthly basis (and have been paying for several years).

If we stooze around for another 18 months we can take a third shot at including more towns (we are allowed five plus Belton) all for the same base price. If we do decide to vote on this matter one more time, we should consider adding Fort Hood since many of our villagers work at the huge military base.

NOT SO GOOD PHONE NEWS

When we were debating the matter of adding new exchanges to our local calling area some months ago, Sprint made it clear, at least to most customers, that the aforementioned \$3.50 was all that we were going to have to pay!

This month, slipped in with our phone bill, was a public notice. Few folks read these fine print announcements that deal with Public Utility Commission Dockets and the like. This is one that should have been checked carefully.

Sprint has asked the PUC to allow them to add a surcharge to the \$3.50 **so the telephone**

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



giant can "recover their costs" of providing this expanded local calling service.

History behind all this starts with the Texas Legislature that required all phone companies to provide toll free calling between communities that share common interests.

The lawmakers gave Sprint and other carriers the right to charge for this service starting with the \$3.50 home phone base rate.

The Public Utility Commission studied the 1993 law and opined that phone carriers could add a surcharge for the ELC to all customers including those who were already paying the \$3.50 (home) or \$7.00 (office) rates. Provided, of course, the company is losing money offering the expanded service.

This ruling, in effect, allows the phone company, with PUC permission, **to add up to \$1.16** to each home phone making the ELC maximum rate \$4.56 and the business phone **add-on rate \$1.91** for a total of \$8.91 per month, per phone.

Question pending right now is how much Sprint will actually add to the base ELC rate of \$3.50.

Public information manager Linda Green told this column that at present the phone company will probably add 41 cents to the base rate to recoup its "losses."

The phone company's spokes-folks seemed embarrassed when this was ques-

tioned last week by this column. They hopped around the subject but had to admit this move on the part of the phone company was poorly timed, confusing and certain to infuriate customers.

All this because there was a **strong or at least "implied" promise that the base home rate for the ELC (\$3.50) would remain static.** No mention of surcharges or increases when the matter was under consideration by Salado phone customers.

Also no mention of the part the Texas lawmakers had in this expanded phone service nor of the PUC's ability to allow for rate increases masked as surcharges and certainly nothing about Sprint going for some or all of the allowable surcharges that could hike the cost of this new service by as much as 25 percent.

Regardless of who the villain is in this piece, the talk around the village is that folks are angry as they have every right to be. They feel they have been misled by Sprint. And they are not too happy with the PUC, nor our elected officials who dreamed up not only the concept of expanded local calling but gave the phone companies the right to raise rates under the guise of a "surcharge."

Next time, we would suggest that the phone carrier's public affairs folks strongly advise their executive bean counters, who live for profit rather than service, that there is always a better way to screw the public out of a few more pennies - better than the old shell game of casting blame on everyone else.

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Record

FROM Page 2A

We are talking here about giving customers all the facts, figures and most important - truth about future costs, all of which were available when the subject of ELC first reared its now ugly head.

ONLY IN AUSTIN

The **Barton Springs Salamander** is back in the news these days thanks to the City of Austin's plan to spend a couple of million bucks to dam up parts of the popular swimming hole so the endangered lizard can be "saved" without putting the springs permanently "off limits".

One of our favorite writers for the Austin American Statesman - John Kelso - noted in a recent column dedicated to all "fuzzy-butted, snaggle-toothed, cave-slug types that cause so much stir among the tree huggers," that in his judgement any sort of creeping,

crawling thing must meet one criterion: **"If you can't bread it and eat it, then step on it!"**

We understand this business of a food chain but spending this kind of dough on a salamander appears questionable, especially since the little darter could just as easily be **picked up on a daily basis and dunked in Town Lake from the Congress Avenue Bridge, thus saving the slimy one and the springs from extinction.**

Turning humans away from a swimming pool they have enjoyed since the turn of the century just to keep a yuckie coated lizard from losing his place in the buggy ladder, is mysterious at best and nutty at the other end of the stick.

CUCKOO IDEAS FIND HOME IN AUSTIN

Austin is the home of lots of diverse ponderers, which may be why it is growing so rapidly and without much

thought. You will recall that old bromide: **"Not everyone in this town is a cuckoo, but all the cuckoos from around the country have come here to live!"**

Just where the Salamander-of-Austin is exactly located within the "lizard food chain" or whatever the biologists call it - is questionable with the **answer apparently only to be found in our capitol city.**

Ergo, we again repeat that ancient of Texas verities - **"Only in Austin!"**

After all, this is the same town that created and planted, at one of its busiest intersections, a giant steel replica of a flying bat to acknowledge one of that community's highly publicized and well observed nightly extravaganzas - bat flights!

Talk about the need for wholesome entertainment!

That's -30-

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"Junior, don't take that Beanie baby outside to play. You might get mud on him or lose his tag," some parent will say.

"Okay, Dad, I'll put him back in the Beanie Baby barn in the closet."

Where it will collect dust and be forgotten.

The value in collectible toys is often intrinsic and emotional. Whenever I pass a display of old toys in an antique and collectible shop and spot an old G.I. Joe or Big Jim with the karate chop action, I feel a tug on my heartstrings.

I recall the carefree days of childhood, when I would take G.I. Joe for a day of keeping

the world safe for democracy. Whether he was pelted with rocks from the enemy (my neighbor who also had a handful of Joes), or was tossed from the tallest branch in our treehouse to crash land in his helicopter, Joe was a survivor.

He was also a consummate lady's man. He liked to hang around my older sister's room where he met up with her Barbie dolls. After pulling Ken's legs and arms off, he would make out with Barbie. She loved it. Her mouth may have said "No" but her eyes said "Yes." The only thing Ken had on Joe was his Corvette. Actually, it was Barbie's Corvette, but Ken drove it. Joe had to settle for a standard is-

sue Jeep. There was no room for Barbie in Joe's one-man submarine.

While on the topic of Barbie, no matter what you may hear to the contrary, I never, ever actually owned a Barbie doll of my own. Don't believe a word my mother says.

Having survived his arms, legs and head being pulled off, being chewed by my dog Wolfie and being set on fire, Joe fell victim to one thing: adulthood.

Which leads me to this final thought on Beanie Babies: I wonder if a Beanie Baby can survive being set on fire or floated down the street during a summer rainstorm?

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7-1/14:30	Stillhouse Lake	Grass fire	Inadequate control of open fire
7-2/14:30	1205 Robinson	EMS call	Rescue call
7-6/16:34	Crows Ranch	Unauthorized burning	Service call
7-7/11:15	Shanklin Lane	Mutual aid/grass fire	(Belton FD report)
7-7/14:12	Thomas Arnold Rd.	EMS call	Rescue call
7-7/14:45	IH-35 NB, MM 287	EMS call	Rescue call
7-7/17:10	IH-35 NB MM 286	EMS call	Rescue call
7-9/11:44	Belton	Mutual aid/grass fire	(Belton FD report)
7-9/14:00	Royal Street	Grass fire	Ignition factor undetermined
7-9/15:45	Smith Branch Rd.	Grass fire	Inadequate control of open fire
7-11/13:13	Triangle & Patterson	Grass fire	Suspicious (not during civil dist.)
7-12/13:30	Patterson Crossing	Grass fire	Rekindled from previous fire
7-12/19:13	1 mile east/Elmer King	Grass fire	Suspicious (NDCD)
7-12/19:13	Elm Grove Rd.	Mutual aid/grass fire	(Belton FD report)
7-13/1:05	Crows Ranch/Shiny Top	Grass fire	Inadequate control of open fire
7-13/3:20	707 Blaylock Cr	EMS call	Rescue call
7-13/17:55	IH-35, SB MM 286	Grass fire	Inadequate control of open fire
7-14/17:18	FM 2268/SB IH-35, 286	EMS call	Rescue call
7-16/1:35	17158 FM 2115	EMS call	Rescue call
7-16/10:12	Fox Road	Grass fire	Inadequate control of open fire
7-16/17:13	IH-35, NB 289	Vehicle fire	Ignition factor undetermined
7-17/13:00	FM 2484 & I-35 SB	EMS	Rescue call
7-18/10:27	FM 2484, e. of Brewer	EMS call	Rescue call
7-19/9:19	1945 FM 2115	EMS call	Rescue call
7-19/16:08	14363 FM 2843	EMS call	Rescue call
7-19/18:09	Elmer King, east of 3R	Mutual aid/grass fire	(Belton FD report)
7-20/12:15	I-35, MM 282	Grass fire	Inadequate control of open fire
7-20/6:00	5336 FM 2484	Extrication	Rescue call
7-23/4:26	IH-35, SB 278	EMS call	Rescue call
7-23/17:42	IH-35 at FM 2268	Grass fire	Inadequate control of open fire
7-24/14:47	Hackberry Rd	Grass fire	Inadequate control of open fire
7-24/20:46	Williams Rd	Vehicle fire	Operation deficiency not class.
7-24/20:46	Williams Rd	Grass fire	Part failure, leak, brake
7-25/5:49	10350 (No road listed)	EMS call	Rescue call
7-25/16:39	1201 Royal	Grass fire	Inadequate control of open fire
7-25/21:30	Pace Park	EMS call	Rescue call
7-26/13:07	FM 2268	Grass fire	Abandoned, discarded material
7-26/17:12	1201 Royal	Grass fire	Inadequate control of open fire
7-27/14:30	Amity and Fox	Grass fire	Spontaneous heating
7-27/5:15	Royal St.	Grass fire	Inadequate control of open fire
7-28/1:00	Amity and Brewer	Assist police	Service call
7-28/9:20	#3 tee, Mill Creek	EMS call	Rescue call
7-28/14:53	Royal/Blackberry	Grass fire	Inadequate control of open fire
7-28/17:19	12501 Salado Springs	Grass fire	Inadequate control of open fire
7-28/20:13	IH-35 SB at FM 2268	Vehicle fire	Spontaneous heating
7-28/11:00	8410 Fox Rd.	Grass fire	Inadequate control of open fire
7-29/4:30	279 MM NB IH 35	EMS call	Rescue call
7-30/17:15	I-35 MM 284	Grass fire	Ignition factor undetermined
7-30/16:22	FM 1670 & IH-35	Steam mistaken	Good intent call
7-30/17:27	Blackberry Rd	Grass fire	Suspicious (NDCD)

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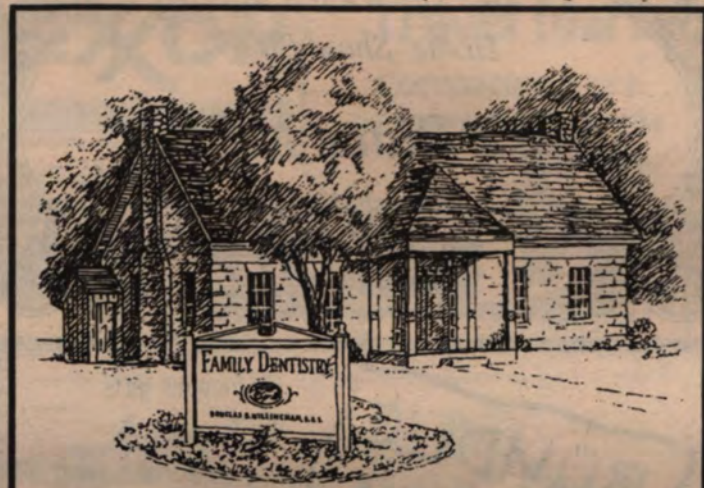
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Salado ISD Adopted 1998-99 Budget

Budget by Function	1997-98 Final Budget	1998-99 Adopted Budget
Revenues	\$1.259/\$100 tax rate	\$1.49/\$100 tax rate
Local	2,184,658	2,675,699
State	2,469,061	2,320,988*
Total Revenues	4,653,719	4,996,657*
Expenditures		
Instruction	2,790,071	2,815,259*
Instructional Resources	89,541	127,274*
Curriculum & Staff development	8,000	10,500
School Leadership	314,692	336,174*
Guidance/counseling	103,807	103,584*
Health services	34,410	34,410*
Student Transportation	163,479	119,107*
Food Services	246,963	219,500*
Co-curricular/extra-curricular	213,550	215,603*
General Administration	252,358	234,872*
Plant Maintenance & Operation	506,633	504,518*
Security & Monitoring Service	3,600	2,400
Community Services	8,000	1,200
Debt Service	105,981	94,198**
Capital Outlay: Land & Buildings	89,682	0
Payments to fiscal agents	94,935	90,000
Expenditure Totals	5,025,702	4,916,199*
Effect on Fund Balance	-371,983	80,458

* The majority of the change in the budget (both revenues and expenditures) is due to the employee benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System. TEA requires school districts to show this general ledger entry as part of their budget, even though no money passes through the local school district. The additional \$182,702 in revenues and expenditures is the amount the state contributes to employee retirement benefits.

** Additional lease payment on retrofitting two buses.



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Budget

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After hearing the public input on the budget, the board approved the budget recommendation of Dr. Battershell, but not without discussion and dissension.

"In February, this board committed to the taxpayers of this budget that it would pass a bare bones budget," Board member Frank Carlson said, adding that work had been done on a bare bones budget but the budget on the table was a "dream budget. We haven't cut in any areas, except the teacher pay freeze."

Board member Carse Williams told Carlson that while he understood and respected his opinion, that this budget was "the right thing to do for the children of our schools."

After approving the 1998-99 budget, the board voted 7-0 to propose a tax rate of \$1.49 per \$100 evaluation, an increase of almost 23 cents over the present tax rate of \$1.2597. Mike Gunter gave the motion to propose the tax rate, followed by a second from Rita Brown.

Dr. Battershell informed the board that the \$1.49 recommended tax rate is divided into two categories: Debt Service and General Fund.

If the board adopts the \$1.49 tax rate, \$1.21 of it will generate \$2,382,318 in local tax revenues. The budget calls for \$2,675,669 in local revenues, which includes property taxes, interest on accounts, food services, co-curricular, tuition and other sources of revenue. Last year, the district had a general fund tax rate of \$1.0813.

The board will set \$0.28 of the adopted tax rate for debt service. The total amount of revenue dedicated to retiring school district debt will be \$551,9280 of the board adopts the \$1.49 tax rate. The debt service tax rate reflects

an increase from \$0.1784 last year. The total tax rate last year was \$1.2597.

The board set a truth and taxation hearing on the proposed tax rate of \$1.49 for 6 p.m. Aug. 27 at the Salado Civic Center.

The effective tax rate for Salado ISD is \$1.1177. The effective tax rate is the rate necessary to generate the same amount of local tax revenues as the previous year. A district may adopt a tax rate up to 3 percent higher than its

effective tax rate without conducting a Truth and Taxation hearing. The proposed tax rate of \$1.49 requires the public hearing before it can be adopted. The rollback tax rate for Salado ISD is \$1.7263. If a board of trustees sets a tax rate higher than the rollback rate, the taxpayers can take steps to set a rollback election to lower the rate.

The board also set a meeting Sept. 1 at the Salado Civic Center to take a final vote on the tax rate for 1998-99.

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A Brief Visit With...

Pastor J. Floyd Franks

The late Dr. L. E. Maxwell, the best of my Bible professors, would often say, "Students, beware of the barrenness of a busy life." Most of us are extremely busy.

A verse in the Bible that speaks to me is I Kings 20:40, "As thy servant was busy here and there, he [a prisoner] was gone." This guard was not lazy nor was he asleep, he was just too busy to do what he was suppose to do. Idleness may be the "devil's workshop" but so is busy-ness if we are so busy that we allow the best things in life to get away.

Parents are too busy to spend time with their children in Sunday school and church, and their children "get away." Husbands and wives are too busy to work on their marriage and let their marriages "get away." Others are too busy on Sunday to attend church and worship, and their relationship with the Lord "gets away." Thank God, some at Cedar Valley who have been too busy are now putting first that which is most important.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Bozon will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 23 with an Open House at the Halley House located on Main Street in Salado from 2-4 p.m. The event will be hosted by five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, their children, Carl Bozon of Belton, Linda Wells Bonnin of Galveston, Jo Ann Florey of Tyler, and their children's spouses.

Joe Bozon and the former Fay Peschel were married on Aug. 23, 1948 by the Rev. I. J. Valenta at Corn Hill, TX. They have lived in Salado for the last 24 years.

Joe retired as owner of Bozon's Meat Market in Pasa-

dena, TX. in 1974.

Fay is retired from the banking business in Houston and Deer Park and recently from the First State Bank in Salado.

Joe and Fay now farm and ranch in Salado. They invite all their friends to come and celebrate this grand occasion with them. No gifts please.

Heavenly Hands Puppeteers set to perform Aug. 23

The Young Women's Group of First Lutheran Church of Temple invites everyone to attend a show Aug. 23 by the Heavenly Hands Puppeteers. The program will be presented at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Lutheran Church, at 1515 W. Adams Ave.

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- Proverbs 6: 16-19



God knows there are faults in all men. They are His creations but He left them a freedom of will to determine for themselves the paths they would follow in their earthly lives. That did not mean, however, that God was unaware of the weaknesses of men or that He would overlook their evil characteristics or shortcomings. The list of abominations in Proverbs fairly well sets forth those personality traits that God-fearing people themselves find detestable among those who sin or openly break the guidelines for a decent life set forth in the commandments. But before we cast our eyes for others' faults, we should look within ourselves for any we might have.

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Teresa Catherine Michalewicz became the bride of Zachary Jonathon Shelley Aug. 15 at the Church of the Visitation in Westphalia. Father Leonard Leddy and Father Renhold Schmitt officiated the wedding ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of David and Dolores Michalewicz, of Lott. The groom is the son of Merrill and Barbara Shelley, of Salado.

JoLynn Rude served as Matron of Honor. Bridesmaids were Mary Hanson, Stacy Archer, Lisa Rose, Lisa Hanson and Chandra Weber.

Marvin "Bubba" Whiteley served as Best Man to the groom. Groomsmen were Roger Smith, Brian Shackelford, Mark McGee, J.C. Hanson and Brett Mullins.

Tanya Hoelscher was organ-

ist and Jerry Loden and Lesa Shelley performed solos.

Albert Michalewicz, brother of the bride and Johnny Gutierrez, friend of the groom, served as ushers.

Kenny Driska, cousin of the bride, read from the Scripture.

The bride is a graduate of Mary-Hardin Baylor with a BBA in Accounting. She serves as a tax accountant for the McLane Company, Inc.

A 1990 graduate of Salado High School, the groom is the owner of Zack's Auto Sales in Belton.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held Parish Hall of the Church.

The bridegroom and his parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Parish Hall.

Following a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will live in Belton.



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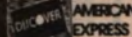
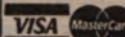
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The nomination forms are available at HELP Centers in Temple and Killeen, the County Judge's Office, and on the

Committee's internet web site.

The awards recognize dedication, excellence and inclusion of people with disabilities in education, employment, business and recreational areas. They include Person of the Year, N.S., Draughn Media Person of the Year, Jennifer Phillips Award for spirit and courage, Employer of the Year, Pat Taylor Employee of the Year, Daurice Bowmer Volunteer of the Year, and the County Judge's Award for

Meritorious Service.

Two new awards are being added to the roster this year, according to Committee Co-Chair James Proctor. The new awards are Athlete of the Year for Bell County athlete with a disability who has performed to the best of his/her ability and served as a positive role model, and Family Member of the Year for a relative of a disabled person who has supported, encouraged or assisted their relative in an extraordinary way.

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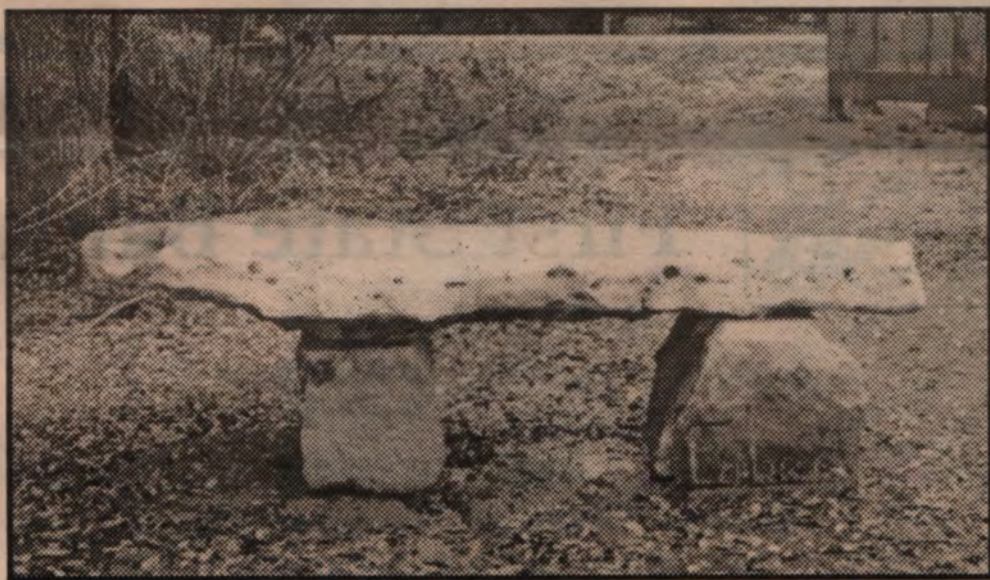


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Salado will host Franklin Aug. 21 in football scrimmage; JV first

The Salado Eagles will host Franklin in a football scrimmage Aug. 21 beginning at 5 p.m. with the junior varsity.

An intrasquad scrimmage scheduled Aug. 14 was canceled. Coach Joe Mullins felt it wasn't time to hold one.



Members of the Salado junior varsity football team work out in preparation for their scrimmage with Franklin Aug. 21. The JV will start things off beginning at 5 p.m., with the varsity to follow around 6:30 p.m. (photo by John Eubanks)

Verses and versus John Eubanks

The Eagles will scrimmage again Aug. 28 at Crawford, before starting the regular season Sept. 4 by hosting Riesel.

Five weeks later on Oct. 9, Salado opens play in the revamped District 26-2A at home against Academy.

Neither team has a common opponent in non-district play, although both scrimmage Franklin. Academy will do so Aug. 28 at Franklin.

Academy plays two district teams that it defeated in non-district play last year: Troy (33-21) and Florence (41-6).

Troy has competed the past eight years in Class 3A. But the Trojans dropped to 2A, following the realignment of school districts (based on enrollments) earlier this year.

Troy's enrollment of 322 (based on last year's figures) makes it the largest school in the district, followed by Salado (289) and Academy (279).

It's no wonder all three are picked to vie for the district title and earn the district's three playoff spots. The other three district teams are Florence, Johnson City and darkhorse Holland. (Salado, Florence and

Holland are the lone holdovers from District 26-2A.)

The winner of the Salado-Academy game has a good chance of being undefeated in district play when both teams meet Troy.

Academy hosts Troy in the second-to-last week of district play Oct. 30, while Salado ends district play Nov. 6 at Troy.

Keep an eye on the Holland Hornets. Coach Al Hefft, a 25-year coaching veteran, took over a team that went 1-9 in 1995 and guided the Hornets to records of 5-5 and 7-3 the past two seasons.

They could be 6-0 entering their game at Salado Oct. 16. Holland's non-district schedule is Cedar Park (a new school in Leander that Salado plays Sept. 25), Bruceville-Eddy, Giddings State School, Jarrell and Hico.

The Hornets then open dis-

trict play by hosting Florence, before playing Salado (which defeated the Hornets in the '97 season finale, 37-0, as Eagle fullback Taylor Hutton, now a senior, rushed for 344 yards).

Holland had the fourth smallest-enrollment in 2A at the time of realignment (165 students), third-smallest if you don't count the South Texas school of Santa Maria, which elected to remain in 2A despite an enrollment (142) that would have dropped it into Class A.

As Hefft told me recently, the key to the Hornets' season will be attitude. "The belief that we can beat the big boys."

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Volleyball team 'spiked' for upcoming season

by John Eubanks

The Salado High volleyball team didn't lose a soul from last year's team, which bodes well for the coming season.

Coach John Black welcomes back all nine girls from last year, including four who were selected all-district. Eight

of the nine are seniors.

The Lady Eagles opened the season Aug. 18 at home against Milano, a Class A regional finalist last year. Their next action is Aug. 22 at the Bartlett Tournament. (See schedule at end of story.)

Team MVP Sarah Summers

and Katie Punchard were named first-team all-district. Sommer Wilson and Melissa Matthews were named second-team.

The other returning players are Lori Matthews, Kathy Matthews, Shellie Dillon, Stacy Krueger and Nikki Jackson, the lone junior.

They will be joined by junior Lauren Quirk and senior newcomer Adrienne Durham. Quirk played on the JV that posted an 11-8 record and finished second in district with a 4-2 mark.

Black said each girl will play a specific role. "If everybody understands their role, we have a chance to do well," he said.

Last year's Lady Eagles

posted a record of 6-19, but showed vast improvement from the previous year. Eight of the 19 losses went to three games, and only once in the 11 two-game losses did Salado fail to score less than nine points in both games.

While the team finished fourth out of four teams in district with a 1-5 record, the lone victory (three games against Holland) was the first in district play since 1995. (Marilyn Salisbury, who coached the '95 squad, will assist Black this year.)

Salado's volleyball team failed to win a district game in Black's first year as head coach in 1996 and managed just four victories.

But the girls have gained valuable experience the past two years playing on the varsity level. They also gained valuable experience playing in a summer league in Academy involving teams from Academy, Belton, Temple and Troy.

Black said the girls won the consolation award at the season-ending tournament, losing the first game against Belton and winning the next two.

Black said the team is "trying to stay realistic" about their goals this year but admitted, "Winning district is the goal they've set. They believe in themselves. They just need to play together as a team."

Volleyball Schedule

- Aug. 14 Lampasas-scrimmage
- Aug. 18 Milano
- Aug. 22 Bartlett Tournament (V)
- Aug. 22 Academy Tourney (Fr.)
- Aug. 25 at Granger
- Sept. 1 at Thorndale
- Sept. 5 Bartlett
- Sept. 8 Thorndale
- Sept. 10, 12 Florence Tourney (V)
- Sept. 15 at Bartlett
- Sept. 19 Granger Tournament
- Sept. 22 at Holland*
- Sept. 26 Thrall
- Sept. 29 Rogers*
- Oct. 3 Holland Tourney (JV)
- Oct. 6 Academy*
- Oct. 10 at Florence
- Oct. 13 Holland*
- Oct. 20 at Rogers*
- Oct. 24 at Academy*

Home games underlined

* -- District games

All district games will begin at 5 p.m. with either the freshmen or junior varsity.

Youth Baseball End of Season Bash Aug. 22

The Salado Youth Baseball Association's End of Season Bash will be 5 p.m.-7 Aug. 22.

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"The PUC is contemplating several surcharge plan options," explained Linda Green, public affairs manager for Sprint. "The public notice was based on a scenario the PUC could choose which would result in the largest possible surcharge. In reality, Sprint has not asked for a surcharge to be applied to Salado customers. But, the possibility exists the PUC could choose to implement the surcharge in a manner which could include Salado customers."

The release goes on to state: "Based on the highest possible surcharge scenario included in the public notice, residential customers currently paying a

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The public hearing will be held August 27 at 6 p.m at Salado Civic Center, 601 N. Main St.

FOR the proposal: Rita Brown, Frank Carlson, Mike Gunter, Sarah Mackie, Bob Merrill, Mike Wiley, Carse Williams

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$96,000	\$108,000
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$15,000	\$15,000
Average taxable value	\$81,000	\$93,000
Tax rate	1.2597	1.4900
Tax	\$1,020.36	\$1,385.70

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$365.34, or 35.81 percent, compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.2303 per \$100 of taxable value or 18.28 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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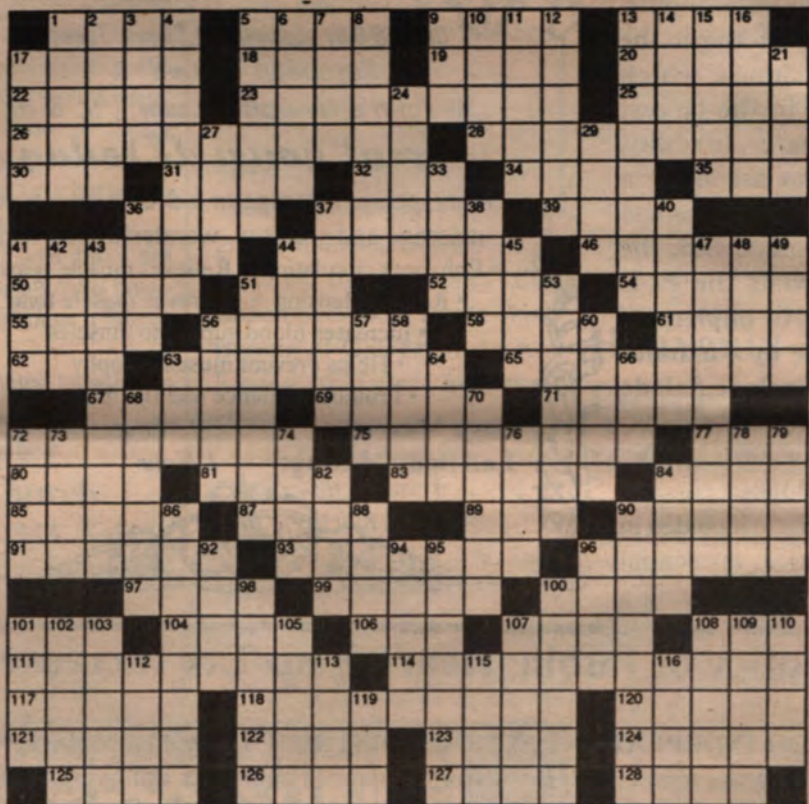


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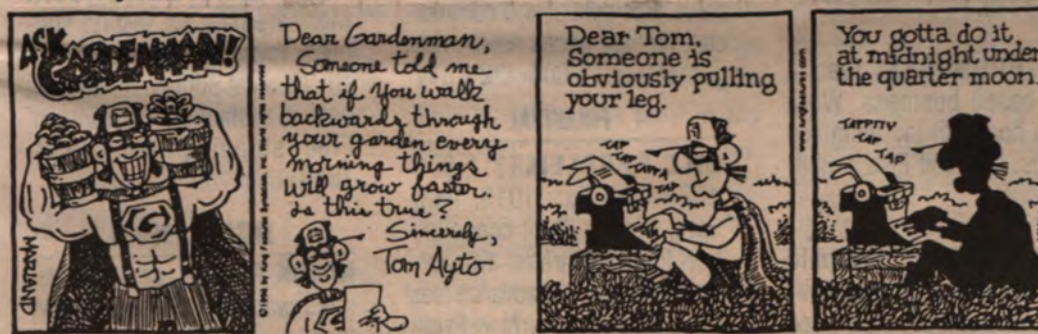
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"For the threat to decrease dramatically, the precipitation needs to be more constant than heavy," said Mark Stanford, Incident Commander with the

Texas Forest Service. "It is important that people remember that only areas where humidity increase and showers occur will Texans see any relief and that may only be temporary."

"While an area of low pressure aloft will keep scattered showers and thunderstorms in the forecast for the next few days, it really would take something on the order of a tropical system to give the widespread relief that is needed here in Texas," said Greg Meggert, incident Meteorologist with the National Weather Service. "The upper-

level high pressure system that has drifted west during the past week is expected to re-establish itself. If this occurs, most areas of the state are in for another extended dry period."

"People must continue to use extreme caution and avoid all outdoor burning. Most of all, they should avoid a false sense of security since long-range forecasts do not call for drought-ending rains," Stanford added.

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Saladoan Gene Street involved in merger of El Fenix Corp. & El Chico Restaurants

El Fenix Corporation and El Chico Restaurants, Inc. announced their intention Aug. 12 to merge, forming the third largest casual-dining Mexican-food restaurant in the United States.

Dallas-based private investment firm Cracken, Harkey and Street (CHS) is leading the merger for both companies. CHS is the firm which led the acquisition of El Chico Jan. 21. CHS, founded by Dallas businessmen John Cracken and John Harkey and well-known restaurateur Gene Street, previously announced its plan to consolidate casual-dining Mexican food restaurant companies in the coming years to assemble under one roof the premier Mexican-food brands in the United States.

El Fenix was founded by Mike and Faustina Martinez in Dallas in 1918. Four generations of Martinez family members have continued El Fenix's 80-year tradition of proving Dallas/Fort Worth customers



Gene Street (left) with John Cracken, John Harkey

award-winning Mexican food in a familiar and friendly surrounding. El Fenix operates 16 restaurants in Texas, producing annual gross sales in excess of \$30 million. El Fenix is the oldest family-owned Mexican food restaurant chain in the United States. The Martinez family is credited with creat-

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El Chico was founded in Dallas in 1940 by Gilbert Cuellar, and has grown over the last 58 years to 111 full-service, casual-dining Mexican-

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food restaurants in 12 states, including 81 company-operated restaurants and 30 franchisee-operated restaurants. El Chico was a public company (NASDAQ:ELCH) until Jan. 21, when it was acquired by an investment group led by CHS for total consideration of approximately \$75 million. El Chico now serves as CHS' platform for consolidating compatible brands in the full-service, casual dining segment of the restaurant sector.

"El Fenix and El Chico enjoy a shared vision," stated Reuben D. Martinez, El Fenix's President and Chief Executive Officer. "Both companies are firmly committed to providing their customers the best value-priced casual dining experience available in the markets in which El Fenix and El Chico compete. Our employees represent our extended

family and they make the difference in our success. Both El Fenix and El Chico are committed to providing our employees increased opportunities through this merger. Our customers, employees and shareholders will benefit by the marriage of El Fenix and El Chico."

"I grew up on El Fenix and El Chico food," stated Gene Street, CHS partner and El Chico's Chairman of the Board. "For years, I've enjoyed El Fenix's Wednesday night specials and the quality and care of El Fenix's experienced employees. As the restaurant industry begins a phase of consolidation, larger restaurant companies will be in a position to provide their customers and employees an improved experience and El Fenix and El Chico are a perfect

match. I look forward to working with Reuben Martinez and his family in realizing the full potential of the El Fenix brand."

Street is the son of Billye Fuller, of Salado. He is the owner of The Salado Mansion restaurant on Main St. He maintains a home in Salado, as well as in Dallas.

The merger is contingent upon CHS recapitalizing El Fenix to meet certain conditions of close. Under the terms of the merger agreement, El Fenix and El Chico will continue to operate as two separate companies, preserving in every respect their time-honored brands and traditions. However, the companies will work together at a strategic level to continue to acquire compatible restaurant companies and enjoy important economies of scale.

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The Salado Volunteer Fire Department Barbecue and Auction will be held 3-5 p.m. Aug. 30 at Bo's Barn. Bill Hall will gavel the Auction at 5 p.m. Barbecue will be served for \$5

a plate with the Salado Volunteer Fire Department doing the cooking.

Items to be donated can be dropped off at the Salado Volunteer Fire Department or arrangements can be made for

pick up. The phone numbers to call are 254-947-1931 or the Salado Volunteer Fire Department at 947-8961. A message may be left at either number to arrange for pick up.

Writers support efforts of SVFD firefighters

Dear Editor:

We are very fortunate to have such competent and dedicated people to serve our community as volunteer fire fighters.

As all of us are aware, there have been many destructive fires this summer, which without the volunteers, many homes, barns, and outbuildings would have been burned, along with many more acres of grassland and trees.

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More than 8,000 inmates are housed in Huntsville, with over 5,000 TDCJ workers

by Tumbleweed Smith

Huntsville is the home of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The administrative offices and eight prisons are located in the Huntsville vicinity. More than 8,000 inmates are housed in Huntsville prisons and are included in the city's census.

TDCJ has over 5,000 employees in Walker County.

The Huntsville "Walls" Unit was established in 1849. It includes the death house, hobby shop, potato warehouse, four buildings of cellblocks, a trustee dormitory, textile mill and director residence.

Soon after Texas became a state, the legislature chose Huntsville as the site for the first permanent Texas penitentiary. The original buildings were small log structures with heavy bars and were constructed (like all prison buildings) by inmate chain gang labor. The "Walls" unit houses 1,600 inmates.

The brick wall which surrounds the prison has given the unit its colorful nickname, "The

Walls." The original wall, made of sandbrick, was much shorter and was completed in the late 1880's. The present red brick facade was completed in 1942 and made of bricks manufactured by prisoners. The wall ranges in thickness from two to three feet and soars to a height of 32 feet. The majority of Texas prison units are surrounded by tall chain link fences with miles of barbed wire on top for security.

Approximately 50 inmates are released per day in Huntsville. Trailways bus line serves as the main carrier of released inmates from area prisons with 14 buses leaving daily. Each released inmate receives \$50 and set a of prison made clothes.

The Texas Prison Museum is in downtown Huntsville. It's the only one of its kind in Texas. The museum opened in 1989 and portrays the prison life and the culture within a culture that developed behind the bars.

On display are many exhibits including "Old Sparky," the Texas electric chair. Some in-

mates called it the Texas Thunderbolt. It was first used in 1924 and executed 361 men. It was retired in 1964. Before 1924, criminals were returned to the county of their sentencing and executed by hanging. The electric chair was built by an inmate who once faced the death penalty in 1914 for murder. His sentence was commuted to a prison term and he was eventually released.

Lethal injection is the current method of execution used in the death house. It was first administered in 1982.

The prison system is responsible for much of the building of Huntsville. Practically all carpentry and bricklaying were done by inmates. As early as the Civil War, inmates have manufactured the majority of their needs. The Huntsville unit turned out wagons, mattresses, clothing and shoes. The hides of cattle and cotton grown on state prison farms were often used for materials. In 1934, the automobile license plate began operations in Huntsville.

The Peckerwood cemetery contains grave of 900 inmates.

Families in Crisis offers support groups to victims

Families in Crisis, Inc., offers support groups for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. The Sexual Assault Group meets 3-4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. The Domestic Violence Group meets 5:30-7:30 p.m. every Thursday.

Support groups may be the beginning you need to deal with difficult issues, say volunteers with Families in Crisis.

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Heatwole has 14 years of experience in starting and coordinating Building Technology program at ACC. His experiences include training through Continuing Education, certificate and degree programs.

The seminar will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. each night at the Temple Area Homebuilders Association building, 12 North 5th. Participants may attend either session.

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SHS cheerleaders attend summer camp at A&M

The Salado Varsity Cheerleaders and Eagle mascot attended the U.C.A. Cheerleading Camp Aug. 3-6 at Texas A&M University under the sponsorship of Debbie Tubbs.

After competing against other talented squads, the cheerleaders won Cheerleader Camp Champs for their cheer and superior ribbons in all their evaluations. Eagle Mascot, Sam Daniels, also won for his skit and many various superior ribbons. Senior, Raina Curry, won All Star giving her the opportunity to go to London.

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by John Eubanks

As a reward for surviving the morning of the first day of school Aug. 12, Dr. Robin Battershell, Salado ISD superintendent, got to eat lunch with the Salado Lions Club.

Actually, the morning went "smooth as silk," Battershell told the Lions during their luncheon at Creekside Restaurant.

But no sooner had she sat down to catch her breath for a few minutes -- and partake in "comfort food" of chicken fried steak and mashed potatoes -- when it was time to address the Lions on the detailed subject of school finance.

"We've been grappling with this all summer," Battershell said, noting the involvement of school board member and Salado Lion Rita Brown, who also attended the luncheon.

Battershell had spent the morning of her first school day as superintendent making sure things went as planned.

"They say kindergarteners and first-graders are tense the first day, but they couldn't be any more tense than their superintendent," Battershell said, noting the recent school parking lot construction as a concern.

"But everything went smooth as silk, as my daddy used to say."

If only school financing could be so easy.

Using a three-page handout and a chart to illustrate her points, Battershell delved into such subjects as building a budget, ways to fund schools, building up fund balances -- and a subject dear to many Lions, property taxes.

In essence, Battershell told the Lions, if property values go up -- as they did in Salado by 18 percent last year -- the effective tax rates go down.

Which means that the state's share of funding to Salado ISD decreases.

Where property values go

down, like in nearby Holland ISD, the state funding increases.

(Property-rich districts such as Salado, with an estimated \$202,437 per student property wealth, are required to fund a greater portion of their budget from local tax revenues. Salado must fund approximately 50 percent of its budget in local revenues while Holland funds approximately 30 percent of its revenues locally.)

Battershell said she had to learn much of what she was telling the Lions after being named superintendent in April. She shared still more information on a variety of subjects during a Q&A session.

There were more than 900 students in grades K-12.

There were approximately 80 seventh-graders, 90 eighth-graders, 80 ninth-graders, 90 in both 10th and 11th grade and 70 seniors.

"That's pretty equally distributed," she said, adding that the lower number of seniors is not a surprise.

The number in grades 1-6 was 474. (As of Aug. 17, that number was 479: 67 kindergarteners, 61 first-graders, 70 second-graders, 60 third-graders, 87 fourth-graders, 63 fifth-graders and 71 sixth-graders. As of Aug. 17, there were 160 seventh and eighth-graders and 299 in grades 9-12.)

"I think Salado's district is growing the most along the I-35 corridor," she said, adding that a number of students have registered the past two weeks after previously attending schools in Temple, Belton and Killeen.

Battershell said she rode the school buses over the summer to get a feel for the routes. "I didn't realize how big the district was. We're doing a lot of very, very long routes," she said.

Asked if the buses are air-conditioned, Battershell said some are, but most are not.

The questioner wondered about the sense of starting school in the midst of summer.

Battershell said schools are required to have a certain amount of instructional days, and starting after Labor Day would extend the school year into June.

"June's a whole lot better than August," the Lion said.

"It would cut down on the power bill," Battershell replied. "Utilities are exorbitant in this weather."

As reported in the Aug. 12 edition of the *Salado Village Voice*, Battershell told the Lions that Salado High was rated an exemplary school for the first time by Texas Education Association.

"Only 15 percent of schools are classified as exemplary," she said.

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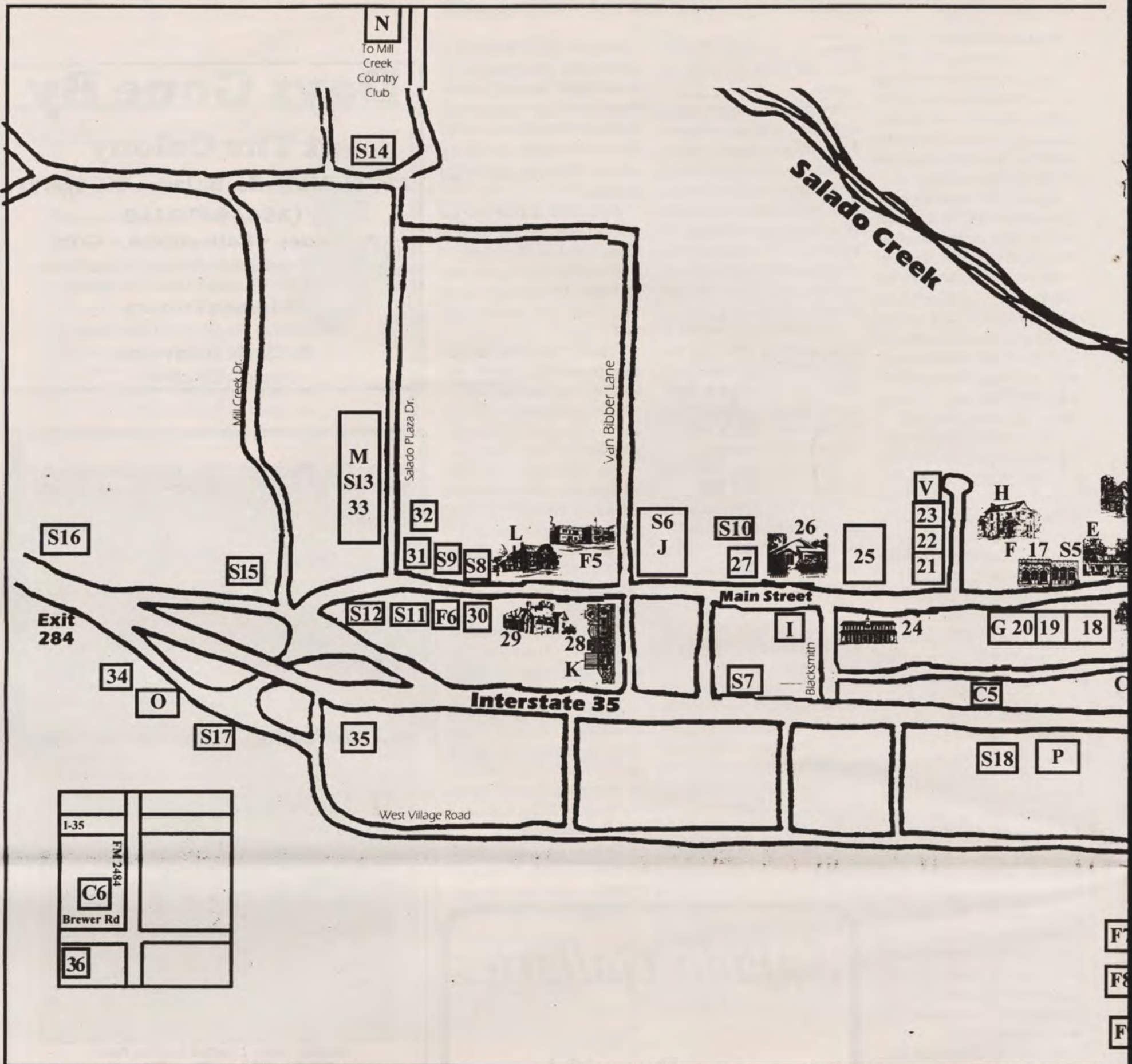
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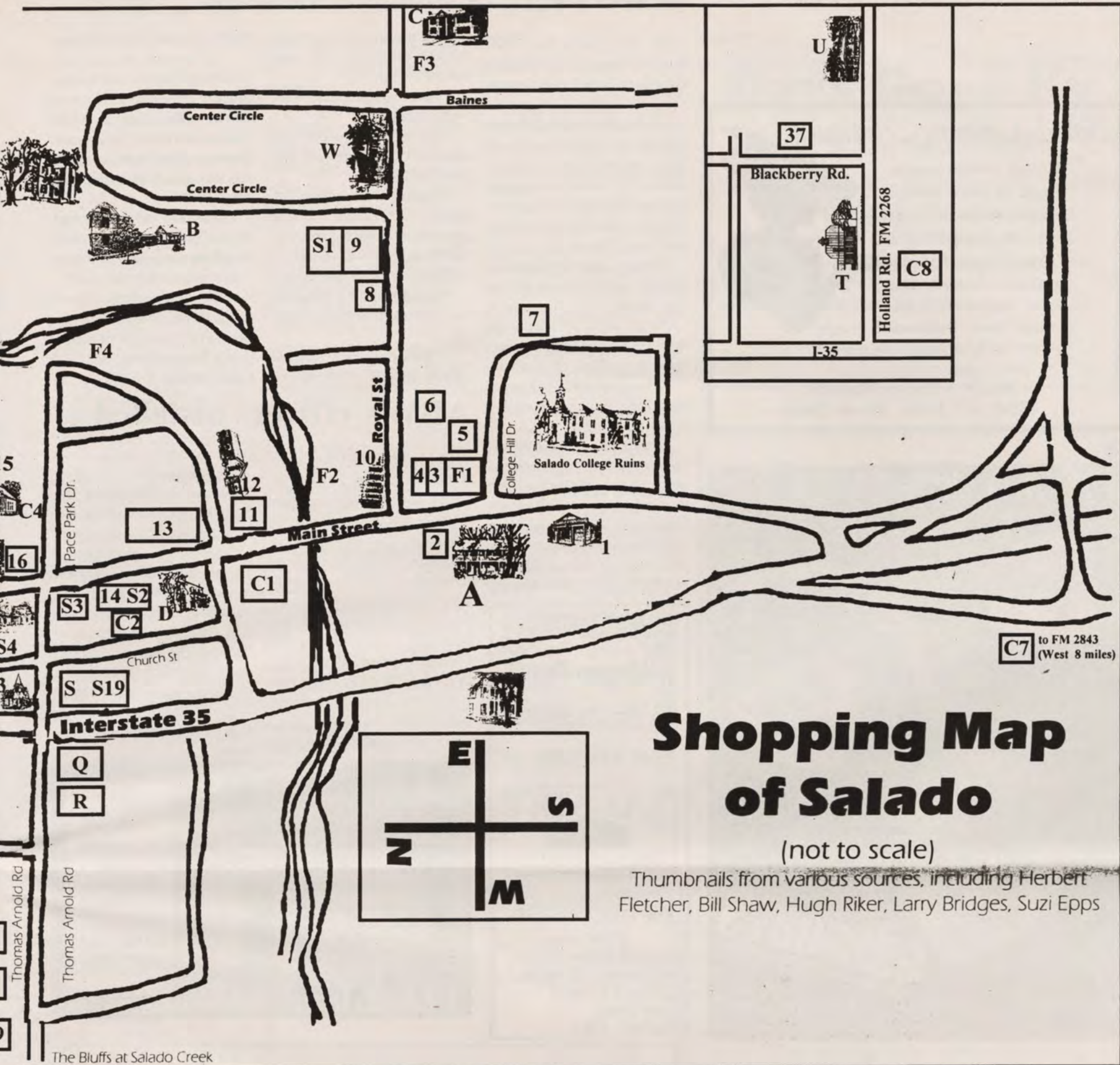
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| 2. Salado Pottery | Next to Stagecoach Inn | 254/947-5935 |
| 3. Salado Galleries | Main Street | 254/947-5110 |
| 4. <u>SHADY VILLA</u> | Main St and Royal | |
| Gregory's | Shady Villa on Main St. | 254/947-5703 |
| Salado Country Antiques | Shady Villa on Main St. | 254/947-8363 |
| Sweet Nut Things | Shady Villa on Main St. | 254/947-8088 |
| 5. Peddlers Alley | behind Shady Villa & Museum | 254/947-9722 |
| 6. The Dusty Rose | Royal Street | 254/947-9215 |
| 7. The Chicken Ranch | 505 College Hill | 254/947-3455 |
| 8. Ing's | Royal St. | 254/947-4336 |
| 9. <u>ROYAL STREET COMMONS</u> | Royal St. & Center Circle | |
| Red Barn Antique Mall | Royal St. Commons | 254/947-1050 |
| 10. <u>ONE ROYAL</u> | Royal St. at Main | |
| Grace Jones | One Royal | 254/947-5555 |
| The Royal Emporium | Main & Royal | 254/947-5718 |
| 11. <u>OLD MILL PLAZA</u> | Main St. at the Creek | |
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| Polar Bear Snow Balls | Old Mill Plaza | Open 1 p.m. Daily |
| 12. The Christmas Shop | Green House on the Creek | 254/947-5561 |
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| Strawberry Patch | Creekside Center | 254/947-9955 |
| Bundle of Joy | Creekside Center | 254/947-0609 |
| Prellop Fine Art Gallery | Creekside Center | 254/947-3930 |
| 16. Christy's of Salado | 300 Main St. | 254/947-0561 |
| 17. <u>SALADO SQUARE</u> | Main St. | |
| Magnolia's on the Square | Salado Square on Main St. | 254/947-0323 |
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| Main Street Place | Salado Square | 254/947-9908 |
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| 18. Village Potter | N. Main St. | 254/947-0281 |
| 20. Rose Cottage Gift Shop | N. Main St. | 254/947-9110 |
| 22. Horsefeathers | #2 Rock Creek | 254/947-3203 |
| Angel Inn | #2 Rock Creek | 254/947-0240 |
| 23. Angie's Amish Attic | 20 Rock Creek Drive | 254/947-3537 |
| 24. Heirlooms Shopping Center | N. Main & Blacksmith | 254/947-0336 |
| 25. <u>THE COLONY</u> | N. Main St. | |
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| Book Winkel | N. Main St. | 254/947-3866 |
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| The Gallery | Old Town Salado | 254/947-9000 |
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| Angelic Herbs | Old Town Salado | 254/947-1909 |
| Texan by Design | Old Town Salado | 254/947-4479 |
| 29. Bayberry's on Main | 400 N. Main St. | 254/947-3625 |
| 30. Salado Antique Mall | N. Main St. | 254/947-1010 |
| The Little Tin Hutch | N. Main St. | 254/947-5537 |
| 31. Fletcher's Books & Antiques | N. Main St. | 254/947-5414 |
| 33. <u>SALADO PLAZA</u> | 213 Mill Creek Dr. | |
| Brookshire Brothers #69 | Salado Plaza | 254/947-8922 |
| Streets of Salado | Suite #135 | 254/947-1313 |
| Harold's Pianos | Suite #190 | 254/947-4677 |
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| & The Choppin' Block | 152 Blackberry Road | 254/947-0416 |
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| B. Inn on the Creek | Center Circle | 254/947-5554 |
| C. The Rose Mansion | One Rose Way | 254/947-8200 |
| E. The Inn at Salado | Main St. | 254/947-0027 |
| F. Browning's Courtyard Cafe | Salado Square | 254/947-8666 |
| G. Pink Rose Tea Room & Gift Shop | N. Main St. | 254/947-9110 |



Shopping Map of Salado

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I.	Pietro's Italian Restaurant	Main St. & Blacksmith	254/947-0559
J.	The Gathering Place	Salado Civic Square	254/947-4749
K.	Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe	Old Town Salado	254/947-8162
L.	Halley House Bed & Breakfast	N. Main St.	254/947-1000
M.	Samm's Family Restaurant	Salado Plaza	254/947-0015
N.	Creeside Restaurant & Club	Old Mill Rd.	254/947-5141
P.	Salado Super 8 Motel	290 N. Robertson Rd.	254/947-5000
Q.	Salado Dairy Queen	I-35 & Thomas Arnold	254/947-5406
S.	Salado Burger King	15 Stagecoach Rd.	254/947-8060
T.	Brambley Hedge B&B	1 mile east on FM 2268	254/947-1914
U.	Country Place B&B	2.7 miles east on FM 2268	254/947-9683
V.	The Old Granary B&B	#3 Rock Creek Dr.	254/947-9683
W.	The Baines House B&B	Royal St.	254/947-9683

S13.	SALADO PLAZA	213 Mill Creek Dr.	
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	Salado Village Voice	Suite #125	254/947-5321
	Village Pharmacy	Suite #155	254/947-3185
	Deanna's Creations Flowers	Suite #160	254/947-0222
	BoTangles	Suite #165	254/947-4747
	Salado Medical Clinic	Suite #180	254/947-9044
S15.	Blass Floral	1209 N. Stagecoach Rd.	254/947-5529
S16.	Auto Excellence	I-35 east access road	254/947-5042
S19.	Salado Exxon	15 Stagecoach Road	254/947-5660
D.	Good Time Carriage Rides	Pick-up at Salado Mansion	254/771-2839

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S1.	Royal Street Commons	Royal St. at Center Circle	
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S4.	Family Dentistry	Main & Thomas Arnold	254/947-5242
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S6.	Salado Civic Square	Main St. & Van Bibber	
	Properties by Larry Sands	Main St.	254/947-5580
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	Stillwell Construction	Salado Civic Square	800/947-1222
	Innkeeping with the Times	Salado Civic Square	254/947-9683
			800/439-3828
S7.	Salado Floors and Walls	I-35 east access road	254/947-0048
S8.	Corley, Hicks & Lee	N. Main St.	254/947-3536
S9.	Margaret's Beauty Spa	N. Main St.	254/947-9360
S10.	Elza Porcel Edwards	405 N. Main St.	254/947-1176
S11.	Century 21 Bill Bartlett	600 Main St.	254/947-5050
S12.	Compass Bank	N. Main St.	254/947-5051

Churches & Civic Organizations

C1.	First Baptist Church	Main St. at Pace Park	254/947-5465
C2.	Salado Masonic Lodge #296	Church St.	
C3.	United Methodist Church	Thomas Arnold Rd.	254/947-5482
C4.	Presbyterian Church of Salado	Allen Meeting Hall	254/947-9935
C5.	Salado Church of Christ	I-35 at Blacksmith Rd.	254/947-5241
C6.	Grace Baptist Ch	FM 1670 West of Salado	254/947-5917
C7.	Cedar Valley Bapt. Church	FM 2843 (8 miles west)	254/947-0148
C8.	St. Stephen Catholic Church	Holland Rd. (FM 2268)	254/947-8037

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F2.	Sirena	Springs on Salado Creek	
F3.	Goodnight Amphitheater	Royal St.	254/947-9205
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F5.	Salado Civic Center	North Main St	254/947-8300
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	Salado Village Artists	Salado Art Center at the Civic Center	
	Salado ISD Administration	Salado Civic Center (upstairs)	254/947-5479
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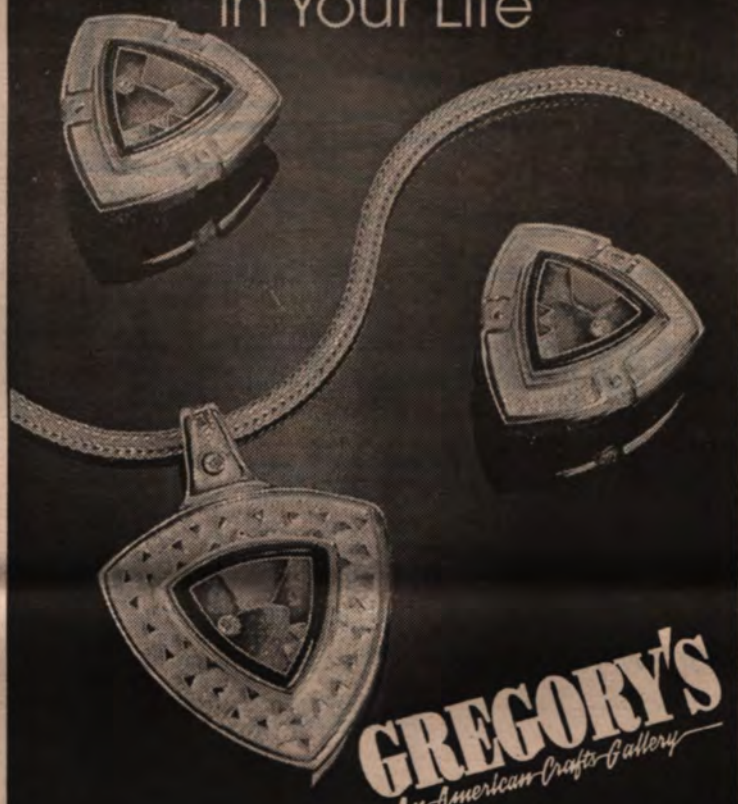
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*Take frequent breaks when working outdoors.

*Eat more frequently but make sure meals are well-balanced and light.

*Consult with a physician about effects of sun and heat exposure while taking prescription drugs such as diuretics, antihistamines or other drugs.

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*Check frequently on ill or elderly friends, relatives and

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ABWA officers installed

Chisholm Trail Chapter of ABWA met on July 8 at Creekside Restaurant. The 1998-99 officers were installed: President, Karin Oaks; Vice President, Cynthia Julson; Secretary, Barclay McCort; Treasurer, Marilyn Ragsdale. Committee Chairman were appointed: Membership, Ann Marie Harwell; Publicity, Wylene Williams; Program, Linda Pritchard; Education, Helen Wilder. Becky McAulay, new member and Linda Rowe,

guest were introduced.

The Annual ABWA Style Show, with styles from The Store and Christy's of Salado, is scheduled for Oct. 3 at Creekside Restaurant. Tickets are available from all ABWA members. They may also be purchased at the Chamber Office, The Store, Christy's of Salado, The Stagecoach Inn and Robertson's Hams.

The August meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Aug. 25 at Creekside Restaurant. Visitors are welcome.



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Salado's First Baptist Church to again host September Sunday Nights at Tablerock

First Baptist Church will once again host September Sunday Nights at Tablerock Amphitheater in Salado. A different group will be featured every Sunday night at 7 p.m.

Kicking off the concert series on Sept. 6 is **His Image**, a vocal ensemble from Austin. **His Image** was the winner of the large group category in last years Christian-Artist Seminar in Estes Park, CO. The group is made up of eight vocalist.

Sept. 13: The Company from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, will be performing. **The Company** is a drama team that leads worship through the use of creative arts.

Sept. 20: Clifton Jansky will be taking the stage for the third night of the concert series. Clifton is a country singer from San Antonio, who has a powerful testimony and a wonderful stage presence. He has traveled all over the United States, as well as overseas to perform.

Sept. 27: Concluding the concert series is **Jeff Berry**. Jeff Berry is a talented musicians/songwriter who is one of the most sought after worship leaders in the country today. Jeff has served as worship leader at the Youth Evangelism Conference at Reunion Arena in Dallas, for over 20,000 students. He has appeared with

artists such as Twila Paris, Petra, Geoff Moore & the Distance, Point of Grace, Michael James and Michael W. Smith. Jeff is also the praise and worship leader for Grace, a college Bible Study in Abilene. That is attended by over 1200 college students. His first album *The Wind of Grace* was released

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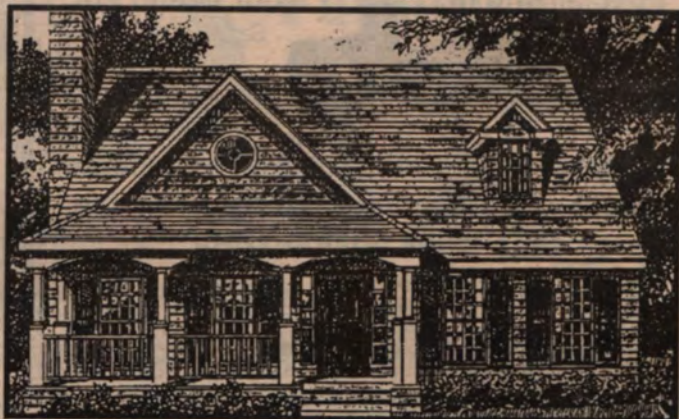
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Salado Humane Society seeks support for strays from chamber

Volunteers with the Salado Humane Society sought the support of the Salado Chamber of Commerce recently in supporting efforts to address the issue of abandoned animals in the area.

Nancy Duerr asked the Chamber directors for their help and endorsement in four areas:

"Press for the appointment of a County animal control person or persons. Strongly encourage the use of under-the-skin microchips in animal licensing, since metal tags are lost easily or removed. Press for stronger system of licensing breeders. Strongly encourage the spaying or neutering of pets," said Nancy Duerr, one of a handful of volunteers who addressed the Chamber board at its Aug. 10 meeting.

Duerr gave a presentation on the role of Salado Humane Society volunteers and the growing demand on the Humane Society.

"In 1996, the society handled 94 dogs and 54 cats," Duerr said, adding, "In 1997, the society handled 108 dogs and 76 cats. To date in 1998, the society has handled 121 dogs and 104 cats. Nineteen of the dogs were euthanized due to disease or uncontrollable

behavior. All but 11 of the dogs have been adopted. Of the cats, 52 have been adopted and 13 were euthanized."

"The most common dumping grounds for animals are Woods of Salado, all along Armstrong Road, the area south of Stillhouse Dam and along I-35," she explained. "We try to respond to calls for assistance from the Stagecoach Inn and other Salado businesses promptly."

While Duerr thanked volunteers like Melissa Eads and Sir Wigglesworth for their help financially and otherwise, she added, "The inordinate increase in abandoned animal has far outstripped the limited resources of the Humane Society."

Since Salado lacks an animal shelter, Duerr said that Humane Society members such as Leah Buzzard and Claudia Cabaniss have spent years rescuing animals in the area. "My husband and I foster the majority of dogs picked up," she said. "The costs for vaccinations and spaying or neutering are for the most part covered by Humane Society donations, as they are for the cats."

However, individuals fostering the animals cover the majority of the cost for food, medication and flea control.

"Feeding, grooming, giving affection and cleaning up after the animals is a full-time job," Duerr said. "We have no com-

plaints. We derive a great deal of satisfaction from seeing an abandoned dog and its new owner hit it off when an adoption goes right. A lick from a starved or abused animal who has learned to trust again is in itself reward enough for us."

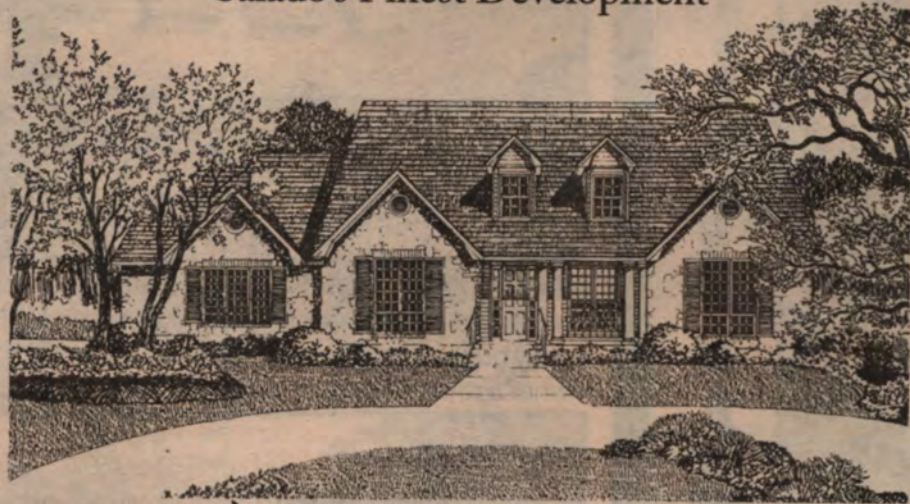
Because people know about their efforts, "we find animals in boxes beside the driveway or tied to our front porches," Duerr said. "Area vets have the same problem."

Temple, Belton and Killeen have animal control officers and Temple and Killeen have animal shelters. All of these have reported increases in abandoned animals.

"Because Bell County is growing at such a pace, strictly volunteer efforts are no longer coping with the problem," Duerr said. "Our concern now is that the problem, despite everyone's best efforts is larger than we can handle. We are asking the Chamber to use its influence with the county commissioners to urge a solution countywide."

Salado residents, who are interested in adopting an abandoned animal or in volunteering their time fostering animals, may contact Nancy Duerr at 947-1908. Donations may be mailed to the Salado Humane Society at P.O. Box 493, Salado, TX 76571. The Humane Society is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to rescue and adopt to responsible families abandoned and abused animals.

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CANYON CREEK: Omega-built in 1996. 3BR/2BA, den with fireplace, country kitchen, beautifully landscaped. Shows like a model. Owners transferred. \$83,500. Judy, 718-2200.

Stork report

Hardins announce birth of Zachary Andrew on Aug. 12

Paul and Susan Hardin of Bellaire, TX announce the birth of a son, Zachary Andrew Hardin at 6:54 a.m. August 12, 1998 at Methodist Hospital in Houston. He was enthusiastically greeted by siblings Ryan and Allison Hardin.

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Ann Gravink, Thelma Fletcher, Elizabeth Haldy modeled the appliqued Christmas Aprons that will be for sale at "Christmas in October" Oct. 10 at the Civic Center. photos by Marilyn Fleischer



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- 20.9 acres on I-35, 3 miles S of Salado,
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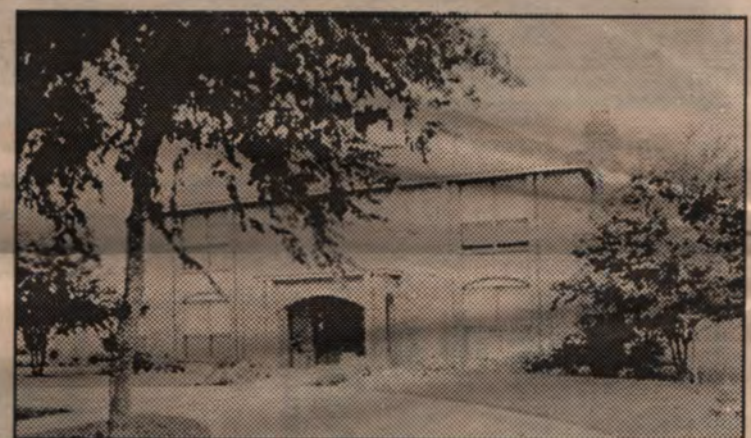
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- \$142,500:** **New Construction!** Austin Stone, beautiful live oaks trees. 3BR/2BA/2-car garage, on large lot, open floor plan, Large Trees. Construction completed!
- \$140,000:** Spacious Tudor-style home in North Temple. Split-level, 4BR/2BA/2 car garage on large lot, 3 living areas, split level.
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- \$69,900:** Price Reduced. LOW utility bills due to insulation on 3-2-2 on quiet cul-de-sac. Privacy fence and some handicapped features. TEMPLE.
- \$49,000:** Close to UMHB. 2BR/1 BA, large lot with shed. CUTE!
- \$30,000:** GATESVILLE. 2/1 frame house, zoned commercial.



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ACREAGE

- Hwy 317:** 26 acres of woods. Could divide, owner finance. \$129,900
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- FM 2843:** 20-75 acres with trees, deer. Home sites. Starts at \$3,500 per acre.
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