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GLORY TO GOD in the highest

All across the land, the story is told . . .

King James Version
The Gospel According
to St. Luke, Chapter 2

1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2 And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David;

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And, she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the



Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them con-

cerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Have a Blessed Christmas
and Prosperous New Year

Salado Village Voice newspaper office will
be closed for the holidays December 25-January 2

FORUM



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



WHAT TO DO WITH A BUDGET SURPLUS

An overwhelming 76 percent of Texans believe that, if Congress' efforts to be fiscally responsible result in a future budget surplus, the amount which accrues should go directly to reducing the national debt.

My questionnaire, which your newspaper was kind enough to publish last August, asked Texans to ponder whether Congress should use any surplus to reduce the national debt, or to provide Americans with additional tax relief. The results were unmistakable. Texans want their country to get out of the red as soon as possible.

Here's what some of you had to say on this sore subject:

From Nacogdoches: "For Pete's sake, reduce the debt! We've been running this bill up for 20 years now."

From Garland: "Only after we pay down the debt should we reduce taxes."

From Cleburne: "We have to pay off the debt, the sooner, the better. The interest is accumulating and eating us up. Soon our taxes won't go for anything but debt service. Our country will collapse under the weight of this obligation if we don't start immediately."

From Freeport: "We need to apply ANY surplus we get to reducing the national debt. Only then can we, eventually, have a real balanced budget within which the government must work."

From College Station: "Any tax reduction before we've paid off our debt would be deceitful. You can't mislead the people into believing there is fiscal responsibility while maintaining an enormous debt."

From Texas City: "Surplus funds should always be used to reduce the debt...our national debt is increasing faster than the budget deficit is decreasing."

From Falfurias: "Keep the surplus and pay off the national debt. Once it is gone from our pockets, we make do somehow."

From Dalhart: "Until we have made real progress toward reducing the national debt, we cannot claim that the era of Big Government is over."

But some of you had a different point of view and offered various ideas for using a budget surplus.

From Kingwood: "It is remarkable that we are near to balancing the budget. I say we divide the savings, putting 50 percent toward debt reduction and 50 percent toward tax reduction."

From Groves: "I think taxpayers are entitled to some of both."

From Decatur: "Americans need more tax relief first — THEN — pay down the national debt."

From Denton: "If we have a surplus, we should take some of the money and use it to reform Social Security and Medicare."

From Pharr: "I think we, the American people, ought to be the beneficiaries of any budget surplus. We paid it — we should be able to enjoy the boom times."

From Orange: "I don't think you should delay too long in giving people some tax relief. No one will believe they're going to get a break eventually, if they have to wait until the entire debt is paid off before you deliver."

The Texans who responded to my questionnaire seem to realize what is at stake here. The United States is now \$5.4 trillion in debt. That's \$20,000 owed by every man, woman and child in the country. Common sense tells us that the sooner we whittle this down, the better. 12.5.97

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Democrats get lump of coal for Christmas with news of Judge not seeking reelection

Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus - unless you are a loyal Bell County Democrat, in which case a stocking full of switches and a few miserable lumps of coal is about all that can be expected during this holiday season.

Reason for our Demo friends singing that old "Blue, Blue Christmas" song, is the **most recent setback**, in a long line of travails suffered by the moderate to liberal end of the political spectrum here in the county. **To wit - news last week that popular County Judge John Garth was calling it quits after 20 successful years as the Democratic leader of the county and the commissioner's court.**

John's chances for reelection next year were considered excellent, with nothing but smooth sailing ahead for this highly respected leader of the county's administrative court.

His departure now leaves things in a turmoil with only one registered candidate, Stewart Meyer, a 76 year old retired general and Republican from Harker Heights, who threatened to "blow Garth out of the water" the day he announced.

Due to the early deadlines for this holiday issue, the list of announced or signed up county judge wannabees will be delayed a few more days.

At press time late last week,

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



judicial candidate rumors were fanning out in all directions from the Belton courthouse including such notables as Temple's Jamie Clements; County Clerk Vada Sutton; Demo Commissioner Royce Matkin and his Democratic opponent from Killeen, Horace Grace.

We'll get back to this subject after the dust settles next week.

RUMOR EXPOSED IN JULY 16, COLUMN

This column, in the July 16, issue of the *Salado Village Voice* reported on rumors that Judge Garth was going to leave office at the end of his current term to work for either the State and County Association or the NAFTA/I-35 consortium. Rumor also had it that Tim Brown would then jump into the fray.

At that point both men pooh-poohed the notion and it was dropped. Five months later, almost to the day, the Bell Commissioner's meeting exploded when Garth announced his plans to get out of politics when his term expired.

We immediately contacted Commissioner Tim Brown (R-Salado) and asked about his plans. Tim was forthcoming in his response. **He had earlier pledged his support to General Meyer and told this column: "I'm a man of my word and plan to stay hitched unless released by Stew Meyer."**

Even then, the young commissioner might want to wait, in his own words: **"until I have more experience"**. Meyer incidentally has promised his backers to run for one term only - something we have heard many times but presume, due to age limitations, it may be true in this case.

A number of **moderates in GOP camp**, speaking on condition of anonymity, have expressed the **quiet hope that someone a little younger and less bullish than Meyer can be found** to carry the Republican banner into what **looms as a free-for-all mugging between Demos and GOPers all the way to the primary in March.**

Local observers have already predicted that what may be brewing is a **typical East versus West Bell County donnybrook** with both parties forwarding tough candidates from Killeen and Temple.

This type political bloodbath

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Lifestyle choices help ensure healthy years later in life

SENIOR FOCUS

More people are living long, healthy lives.

In the United States, there are currently 56,000 centenarians, and that number is expected to increase to more than 2 million over the next 70 years. Advances in public health, breakthroughs in medical technology and better preventive health are chief reasons.

Scientists at Baylor College of Medicine's Huffington Center on Aging in Houston are learning

more about aging. They have pinpointed a genetic program that tells the body's cells to stop dividing, an important finding in determining how to control genes and improve the quality of life as we age.

While "good genes" can impact how well and how long you will live, lifestyle choices might be just as important. What you do in your 20s and 30s has an effect on your 70s and 80s. But it is never too late to make changes.

One of the most important aspects of successful old age -- staying active -- has several positive results, both physically and mentally. Aerobic exercise helps the body fight disease, strengthens muscles and works the heart. Take a daily walk, play tennis with a friend or enjoy a round of golf.

Mental activities, like reading and talking with others, stimulate the brain and help you stay sharp mentally.

Other steps to increase longevity include:

- Eat a low-fat, high-fiber diet.
- Avoid tobacco products.
- Maintain social connections to family and friends.
- Wear a seat belt while driving.
- See your doctor for cancer prevention and screening for risk factors for atherosclerosis and other diseases.

Living to be 100 years old is a realistic goal, and an active, connected and healthy lifestyle can go a long way toward getting you there.

Reward offered for leads into arrest of burglar(s) at school

by John Eubanks

A \$200 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons who stole more than \$700 in cash during a burglary of Salado High between 11 p.m. Dec. 14 and 7 a.m. Dec. 15.

SHS Principal Marvin Agnew announced the reward Dec. 16.

Approximately \$450 of the amount stolen were gate receipts from the first two days of the Salado Merchants Basketball Tournament Dec. 11-13.

Joe Palmer, SHS assistant principal, said money raised for a needy family was taken from the secretary's office. Also taken were petty cash and money collected by a class for a CPR course.

"It was pretty obvious they knew where the stuff was," Palmer said. "They were very familiar with the office."

Palmer said the amount stolen would have been higher had he not taken home the re-

ceipts from the last day of the tournament. The first two day's receipts were in his office.

Lyndal Cabaniss, Salado ISD bookkeeper, said the school district has theft coverage but, depending on the policy's deductible, is unsure how much of the loss will be covered.

There was no sign of forced entry, Palmer said, adding that the burglar(s) made it appear as if they had entered through the roof by removing a ceiling tile and moving a file cabinet underneath the open area of the ceiling.

Outside security cameras which were installed last spring failed to provide any leads. The cameras will be moved randomly to different locations.

Palmer said the locks to the school doors were last replaced in either January or February.

The school's band hall was broken into last month. The burglar(s) took between \$500 and \$1,000 that students raised from candy sales for a spring

break trip to Corpus Christi.

Insurance is expected to cover the loss, allowing the trip to go on.

Band director John Stafford said entry into his office was gained through the ceiling. He, too, believes the crime was committed by someone familiar with the school's layout.

The refreshment stand at the football stadium was also broken into during football season.

This past school year, Palmer said, money was taken from the band hall and a gym room.

Investigator Tim Steglich of the Bell County Sheriff's Office said that, in order for these burglaries to be solved, his office would have to receive information on suspects in these crimes or in related crimes in the area.

Steglich said burglaries of schools similar to Salado's are common. "Communities go through this thing," he said, mentioning Academy and Holland as other examples.

Holiday office closings listed

Salado area offices and businesses announce holiday closings.

Salado Post Office

Salado Postmaster Jim Lee announces that certain postal operations will be curtailed on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

On Dec. 24 and 31, the post office's retail operations will close at noon. Mail will not be collected from the lobby collection box after noon on those two days.

The post office will return to normal operating hours on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

Salado Village Voice

The Salado Village Voice newspaper office will be closed during the holidays,

from Dec. 24 through Jan. 2.

The newspaper will publish Dec. 31. The deadline for news and advertising in the Dec. 31 issue has passed.

"We appreciate the support, cooperation and patience of our advertisers this year and every year," said managing editor Marilyn Fleischer. "Without them, the Salado Village Voice would not be possible."

Salado banks

Compass Bank Salado and First State Bank Salado will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Additionally, Compass Bank will close at noon Dec. 24. First State Bank will close at 1 p.m. Dec. 24.

Brookshire Brothers #69

Brookshire Brothers #69 (Salado) will close at 7 p.m. Dec. 24 and remain closed Dec. 25. The grocery store will maintain regular hours during the New Year's holiday.

Other Salado businesses

Several Salado businesses will close early Dec. 24 and most, if not all, Salado shops will be closed Dec. 25. To find out if a particular shop is closing early, please call ahead. The Salado Visitor's Guide in the B section of the Salado Village Voice contains the phone numbers and locations of most Salado businesses, as well as information about after Christmas sales and inventory reduction sales.



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usually results in problems down the line especially at the commissioner's court level where working together has been **de rigueur with good results** as party labels have been minimized and progress the order of the day.

At least we won't have to wait much past supertime on Friday, January 2, 1998, to find out who all plans to run for this top leadership role in Bell County. That's the deadline for signing up for the 1998 primary horse-race.

HOME EQUITY PROBLEM

This column, along with many consumer groups, ranted and raved about the danger of passing the Texas Home Equity Amendment (Number Eight) last month.

Regardless of this chatter, voters approved a plan that will allow banks and other lenders to extend loans based on the equity of one's homestead.

The new law becomes effective in a scant eight days and despite tight lending restrictions in the new statute, there is already **news of cheating being planned by a few financial institutions plus a lawsuit in the mill that could kill the entire program.**

The conservative leaning Wall Street Journal reported that some Texas banks were planning to extend side loans to consumers to go along with the 80 percent lending cap on equity. This could run the to-

tal to 125 percent of the value of a home.

With an estimated \$123 billion in the home equity market in Texas, we are talking big bucks to be harvested in this new field of lending.

REMODELERS UNHAPPY

In a related matter, a lawsuit to take out part of the new home equity statute was filed last week by a group of home remodelers in Houston, representing the National Remodeling Industry.

This group claims that the home repair restrictions in the home equity law hurts them since it forces home remodeling borrowers to close their loans in the office of either the lender, a lawyer or title company rather than dealing independently with a builder or remodeler.

Added to this hubbub will be the massive amounts of bureaucratic paperwork associated with what used to be a simple signature on a loan instrument.

Legal observers say that if the courts overturn this section of the new law, then the whole home equity statute will be ruled invalid.

Carefully watching remodelers is probably the one item in the new equity law that makes sense **since the State has been swamped with fly-by-night remodelers who**

prey on older citizens. These seniors, who usually have high equities in their homesteads, are many times coerced into signing loan papers without benefit of legal or banking advice.

Unfortunately these fast talking remodeling and repair hustlers are bad-rapping the good guys who perform their work in a professional manner and don't need the State peering over their shoulder.

This is always a problem when any group fails to have the mechanism to discipline itself.

Especially true since much of the shoddy rip-off work has come from out of state itinerants. The outcry from victims in recent years forced lawmakers to include remodeling in the new law.

This **remodeler's law suit should be dismissed on its face** and lenders should make it a point to stay within the legal limits of all parts of the new Home Equity law including doing some serious counseling with potential borrowers to keep them from agreeing to poorly thought out loans that could result in the loss of a homestead.

HAPPY HOLIDAY

Merry Christmas to y'all and thanks for reading and commenting on "Off The Record" during 1997. That's the best present a writer ever receives!

That's -30-

Business Assoc. meets Jan. 2 at CC

The Salado Business Association has changed the date of its next meeting to Jan. 2. Chairman Suzanne Preto said the meeting will begin at 8:45 a.m. at the Civic Center.

Army Pvt. Jacob Blevins enters basic military training

Army Pvt. Jacob S. Blevins has entered basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

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Dan Corbin files for Judge, to run in GOP primary

Dan Corbin, a Killeen attorney, has officially filed today to run in the Republican Primary for the 264th Judicial District Court of Bell County.

Dan Corbin is Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He is a member of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, a member of the College of the State Bar, a member of the Texas Trial Lawyer's Association, and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

After graduating from high school in Lyndon, Illinois in 1965, Mr Corbin joined the U.S. Army and served as a Spanish Linguist in Panama. After graduating second in his class at Engineer Officer Candidate School, he was commissioned in Military Intelligence. He then attended Vietnamese Language School and served one year in Vietnam with the G2 Section of the 101st Airborne Division, where he earned two Bronze Stars.

After Vietnam, LT Corbin was transferred to Fort Hood

where he served two years with G2, III Corps and Fort Hood. He attended Central Texas College in the evenings. The Army then assigned Captain Corbin to the University of Illinois where he received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting (with high honors) and a Master of Accounting Science and passed the CPA exam.

After the Military Intelligence Officer Advanced Course, CPT Corbin was assigned to what is now TEXCOM at West Fort Hood in 1976 as an Electronic Warfare Test Officer. He also worked part time as an accountant for a local CPA firm and received his CPA license in 1980. After leaving the Army in mid 1980, he attended the University of Texas School of Law in Austin and received his law license in 1983.

Dan Corbin taught accounting at Central Texas College and served as chairman of the Legal Assistant's Division

from 1987 to 1992 before resuming the practice of law. His law firm, Corbin and Associates, has 20 employees including seven lawyers. Corbin and Associates does primarily Family Law, Criminal Defense, Consumer Bankruptcy, and Personal Injury. Corbin and Associates has offices in Killeen, Belton, and Waco.

Dan is married to the former Linda Yoho and has two daughters, Elizabeth (28) and Jennifer (23), and two stepdaughters, Whitney Kilgore (18) and Rachelle Kilgore (15).

He has served on the Killeen Planning and Zoning Commission and is past president of the Copperas Cove Lions Club. He is a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves and is also a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College. Dan Corbin has coached Boys Club basketball and is an officer in the Killeen High School Cheerleader Booster Club. Dan is a member of the Central Christian Church.

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The Public is Invited to Join the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Salado for a Candlelight Communion Service at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve at the Allen Meeting Hall.

Churches set Christmas

Eve services

Several Salado area churches have announced special services for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Salado United Methodist Church will hold an informal and inspirational candlelight worship service 8 p.m. Dec. 24.

First Baptist Church of Salado will hold candlelight communion service at 6 p.m. Dec. 24.

Presbyterian Church of Salado invites you to participate in carols, scripture reading, and candlelight communion 6 p.m. Dec. 24. The Presbyterian Church meets in the Allen meeting hall on the grounds of Inn at Salado.

Victory Baptist Church will hold its Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24 at the church located 10 miles west of Salado on FM 2843. They invite you to join them during this season.

Cedar Valley Baptist Church invites you to join them in bringing in the New Year. The Church will host a New Year's Watch Night Service beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 31 and continuing into the New Year. Several singing groups and individuals will perform during the evening of singing and praise, including the Gibbs Family from Ft. Worth, the Beulah Land Singer from Temple and the Glory Mountain Boys from Round Rock.

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Lady Eagles drop to 12-3 with worst loss of season to Class 3A Liberty Hill, 61-42

The Salado Lady Eagles wrapped up their pre-Christmas scheduled Dec. 19 with a 61-42 loss at Liberty Hill.

The Lady Eagles (12-3) resume play Dec. 29-30 at the Coleman Tournament.

Class 3A Liberty Hill (8-5) handed the Lady Eagles their worst loss of the season, holding them to four points in the opening period.

Chrystal Whiteley led Salado with 13 points. Leah Davis had 10.

The Lady Eagles raised their district record to 2-0 on Dec. 16 with a 79-23 romp over the Holland Lady Hornets (3-9 overall, 0-2 in district).

The 79 points were the team's second-most this season. Salado scored 83 against Moody Dec. 11 in the Salado Merchants Tournament.

Salado led 32-13 after the first period and 53-15 at half-time. The 32 first-quarter points -- an average of four points per minute -- were the most the team has scored in one (eight-minute) period this season.

Seven Lady Eagles scored that period, the most in any one quarter this season.

Three girls combined for 23 points that quarter: Katie Punched, 10 of her 14 total; Melissa Matthews, seven of her game-high 20 points; and Chrystal Whiteley, six of her 15 on a pair of three-pointers.



Lady Eagle point guard Tessa Schreiner looks for someone to pass to against Holland. (photo by John Eubanks)

Holland managed but two points in the second period, the fewest points a Salado opponent has scored in one quarter this year. Salado allowed two points during one period of the season opener with Lorena Nov. 18.

Holland doubled its second-quarter production in each of the last two quarters, scoring four points in each period. Bonnie Merz scored 17 of the Lady Hornets' 23 points.

She is one of two returning starters for first-year Coach

James Driskill. His team committed nearly as many turnovers (20) as it scored points.

"We're doing the best we can," he said. "I think we let ourselves get intimidated by a good Salado team."

JUNIOR VARSITY

The Salado JV beat Holland 55-16. Nicki Jackson scored 21 points, Shelley Dillon had 11 and Brooke Simpson added 10. The JV lost to Liberty Hill 40-39 Dec. 19 on a last-second shot.

See Lady Eagles, Page 9A

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Salado Junior High Boys Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Teams	Time
11/13	Lorena	7/8	4:30 p.m.
11/20	Rogers	7/8	5 p.m.
11/24	at Holland	7/8	5 p.m.
12/1	Lago Vista	7/8	5 p.m.
12/8	at Jarrell	7/8	5 p.m.
12/15	Hutto	7/8	5 p.m.
1/3	Salado Tournament	7/8	TBA
1/8	at Florence	7/8	5 p.m.
1/17	Rogers Tournament	7/8	TBA
1/22	at Rogers	7/8	5 p.m.
1/24	Holland Tournament	7	TBA
1/29	Holland	7/8	5 p.m.
2/5	at Lago Vista	7/8	5 p.m.
2/12	District Tournament	7/8	TBA
2/14	District Tournament	7/8	TBA

Coaches Alan Haire, Brett Mullins

Salado Junior High Girls Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Teams	Time
11/20	at Rogers	7/8	5 p.m.
11/24	Holland	7/8	5 p.m.
12/1	at Lago Vista	7/8	5 p.m.
12/8	Jarrell	7/8	5 p.m.
12/15	at Hutto	7/8	5 p.m.
1/3	Salado Tournament	7/8	TBA
1/8	Florence	7/8	5 p.m.
1/10	Rogers Tournament	7/8	TBA
1/22	Rogers	7/8	5 p.m.
1/29	at Holland	7/8	5 p.m.
2/5	Lago Vista	7/8	5 p.m.
2/12	District Tournament	7/8	TBA
2/14	District Tournament	7/8	TBA

Coaches Susan McLaughlin, Melvin Bates



1997-98 Freshman Eagles

(Left to right) Michael Navarro, Seth Wilson, Garland Hennig, Donnie Pipes, Brad Johnston, Chris Woolard, Chris Ray, Sam Daniels, Joseph Califano, Grant Schillings, Cody Melton. (photo by Marilyn Fleischer)

1997-98 SHS Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Teams		1st Game
			Girls	Boys	Time
11/18	Lorena	Here	JVBA, V		5 p.m.
11/18	At Valley Mills			JV, V	5 p.m.
11/22	Crawford	There	JVBA, V		1 p.m.
11/22	Itasca	There		9, JV, V	1 p.m.
11/24	McGregor	Here	JVBA, V		5 p.m.
11/24	Waco Vanguard	There		9, JV, V	5 p.m.
11/25	Cameron	There	JVBA, V		5 p.m.
11/25	Crawford	Here		JV, V	5 p.m.
12/2	Waco Robinson	Here	JVBA, V		5 p.m.
12/2	Bruceville-Eddy	There		9, JV, V	5 p.m.
12/4-6	Academy Tournament		V	9, JV, V	TBA
12/9	Rogers*	There	JV, V		5 p.m.
12/9	Academy	Here		9, JV, V	5 p.m.
12/11-13	Salado Tournament		V	V	TBA
12/12-13	Rosebud Tournament		JVBA		TBA
12/13	Troy Tournament			9, JV	TBA
12/15	Killeen	Here		9, JV, V	5 p.m.
12/16	Holland*	Here	JV, V		5 p.m.
12/19	Liberty Hill	There	JV, V		TBA
12/19	Milano	Here		9, JV, V	5 p.m.
12/29-30	Coleman Tournament		V		TBA
12/29-31	Hawley Tournament			V	TBA
1/2	Wimberley	There	JVBA, V	9, JV, V	2 p.m.
1/6	Lago Vista*	There	JV, V	JV, V	5 p.m.
1/9	Jarrell*	Here	V	9, JV, V	4 p.m.
1/13	Hutto*	There	JV, V	JV, V	5 p.m.
1/15	At Cameron			9	6 p.m.
1/16	Florence*	Here	V	JV, V	4 p.m.
1/17	Holland JV Tournament		JV	JV	TBA
1/20	Calvert	Here	V	JV, V	5 p.m.
1/23	Rogers*	Here	V	9, JV, V	4 p.m.
1/27	Holland*	There	JV, V	JV, V	5 p.m.
1/29	Academy			9	6 p.m.
1/30	Lago Vista*	Here	V	JV, V	5 p.m.
2/3	Jarrell*	There	JV, V	9, JV, V	4 p.m.
2/6	Hutto*	Here	V	JV, V	5 p.m.
2/10	Florence*	There	JV, V	9, JV, V	4 p.m.
2/13	Thrall**	Here	JV, V		5 p.m.
2/17	*Rogers	There		9, JV, V	5 p.m.
2/20	*Holland	Here		JV, V	5 p.m.

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Lady Eagle Liz Whiteley dribbles with her left hand past Holland players to the basket Dec. 16. (photo by John Eubanks)

Lady Eagles

FROM Page 7A

EIGHTH GRADE

The A-team game with Hutto pitted two undefeated teams with sole possession of first place on the line.

A smothering full-court defense vaulted the Eagles to a 12-3 first-quarter lead. Salado slacked off in the second quarter and was outscored 6-5, for a 17-8 halftime score.

After catching their breath, the Lady Eagles poured it on in the second half. They outscored Hutto 24-6 over the third and fourth quarters.

Robyn Womac led Salado with 13 points, followed by Mandy Tsosie with nine. Nine of the 10 Lady Eagles scored.

Kate Mentzel and Misti Simonton also had exceptional games for the eighth grade.

In a fast-paced B-team game, the Lady Eagles were also victorious, 20-13. Sandi Trollinger had eight points, while Rebecca Levine had six.

SEVENTH GRADE

The 7A team lost to Hutto 23-21, despite outscoring the opposition 11-6 in the last quarter.

Megan Joiner, with 13 points, and Kari Fritsch, with eight, scored all of Salado's points. Joiner scored six points in the last period, including two-of-two free throws.

As a team, however, Salado hit just five of 18 free throws. Hutto hit seven of 16.

The 7A team also beat Jarrell 48-12. Fritsch had 13 points, and Stacey Krueger had 11.

Answers to Super Crossword

PALS	BUGS	GRIM	COCOA
EDIE	ONEA	IRATE	AXIOM
EZRA	POUND	SECOND	STIGHT
PEANUT	RELOCK	DEED	
	CLYDE	ABOU	ADAPT
ANGEL	ASTRA	PIAF	NAH
SOC	EMS	HERD	THEATRES
CLOUDY	RODSER	LING	KIM
ATTN	NEURO	GILTY	APTRE
PELLICANS	PAN	TENSE	
AAM	DIENNIS	DAY	MAG
PUNTA	COOP	DISARMED	
ANDES	MIST	ALLINE	BERI
STY	TIETHEK	NOT	EROTIC
TRAVERSE	DOOR	AKA	EKE
URI	OHMS	PINUP	STRAY
EDSON	EDEN	PEACH	
ADEN	NECTAR	SARDIS	
GREGORY	PECK	FOOT	LOOSE
SEVER	SACKS	RAVI	ELLA
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Eagles wrap up pre-Christmas schedule with loss to Milano

The Salado Eagles wrapped up their pre-Christmas schedule with a 50-42 loss to Milano at home Dec. 19.

The Eagles (4-9) will resume play Dec. 29-31 at the Hawley Tournament.

Salado shot just three free throws against Class A Milano, which shot 16. Shawn Mitchell led the Eagles with 12 points, all on 3-pointers.

The Eagles were coming off a 64-48 loss Dec. 15 to Killeen's junior varsity in a non-district home game. Salado lost, despite the opposition being shut out in the second quarter.

It was a rematch from Dec. 12 when Salado lost 69-48 to the Roos' JV in the Salado

Merchants Tournament.

Killeen led 29-8 after the first period and 29-20 at half-time, after missing both of its free-throw attempts in the second period. Nine Killeen players scored in the opening quarter.

Salado cut the lead to 34-30 in the third period, before Killeen went on a 10-2 run to lead 44-32 at the end of the quarter. The Eagles hit 16 of 32 free throws.

David Kirk had 12 points for Salado, Shawn Mitchell had 11 and Chris Michna nine. Michna added eight rebounds and Kirk added seven.

Robin Culp came off the bench to make five steals against the quick Killeen team.

Culp also scored six points on two-of-three fields and two-of-two free throws.

He grabbed three rebounds and committed just one turnover.

JUNIOR VARSITY

The JV beat Milano 40-21 Dec. 19 as Troy Smith led the way with 12 points.

EIGHTH GRADE

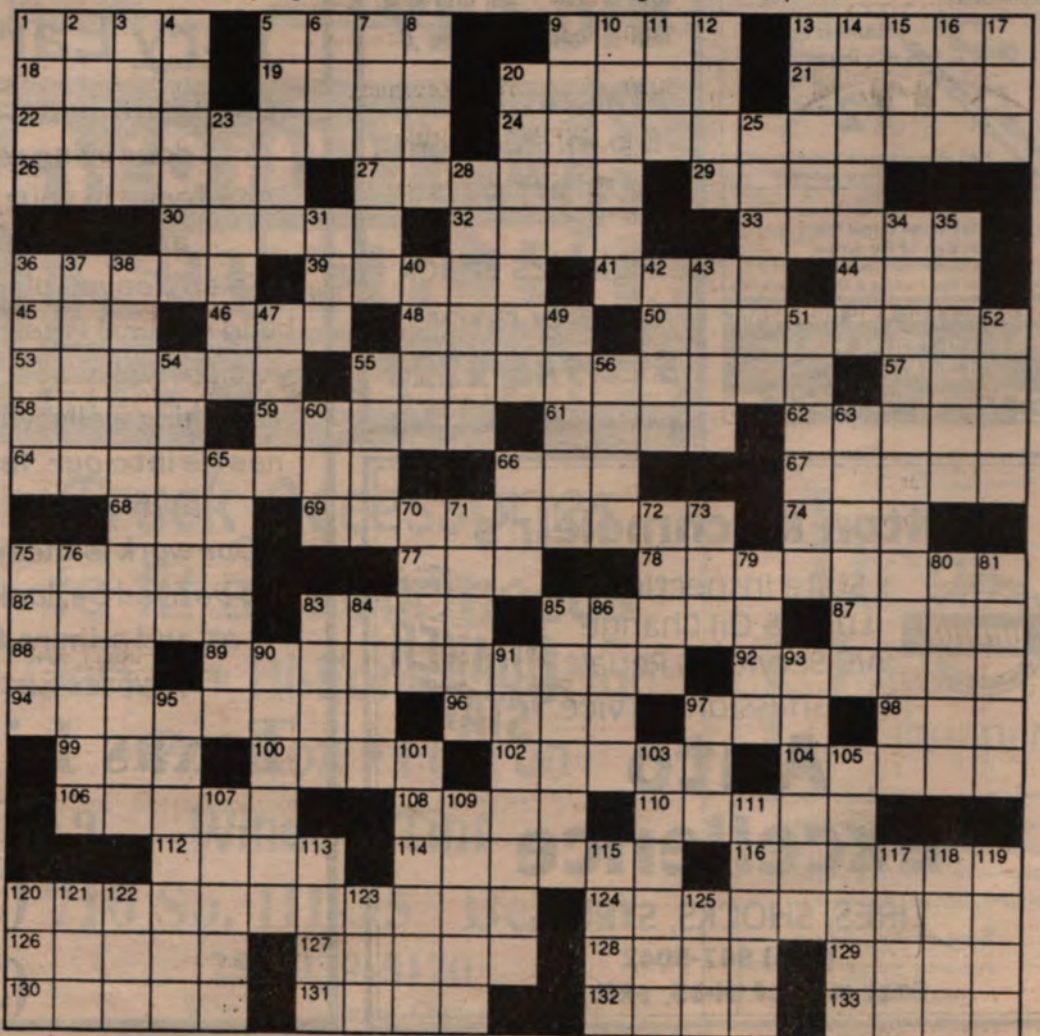
The 8A team beat Hutto 26-24. Jeremy Grimm had 10 points, John Kirk eight and Matt Ward six.

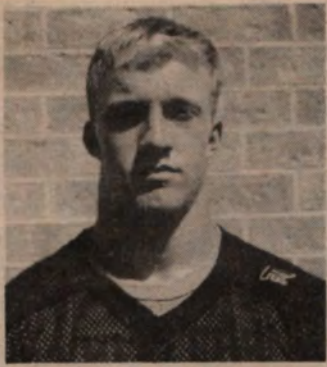
SEVENTH GRADE

The 7A team lost to Hutto 36-19. Kyle Salisbury scored six points, all in the last quarter.

Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | 48 Collie's concern | 97 Alias, for short | 2 Carpenter's tool | police | Slezak |
| 1 Good buddies | 50 Soho | 98 Get by, with "out" | 3 Benito's bread | 40 Heavenly hammerer | 81 Hazardous |
| 5 Renowned rabbit | cinemas | 99 Spoon-bender | 4 Rap session? | 42 Common contraction | 83 Stocking stuff |
| 9 Dreadful | 53 Overcast | Geller | 5 Pirate's prize | 43 Make — with (go over big) | 84 Bit of gossip |
| 13 Winter warmer-upper | 55 "The Twilight Zone" creator | 100 Resistance units | 6 Burmese statesman | 47 Sociable starling | 85 Consecrate |
| 18 Singer Adams | 57 Kipling novel | 102 Grable or Gable | 7 Literary types? | 49 Ballerina artist | 86 Forsaken |
| 19 Recruit-to-be | 58 Envelope abbr. | 104 Get side-tracked | 8 Mean Marquis | 51 Hercule's creator | 90 Laundry worker |
| 20 Boiling | 59 Word form for "nerve" | 106 Pele's first name | 9 Singer Buddy | 52 Hoskins role in "Hook" | 91 Russian coins |
| 21 Maxim | 61 Gold-plated | 108 Meso-potamian garden | 10 Accumulate | 54 Eastern Christian | 93 Farina or Buckwheat |
| 22 Controversial poet | 62 Blazing | 110 Lipstick shade | 11 Skater Midori | 55 Trick | 95 Countenances |
| 24 Clairvoyance | 64 They fill the bill | 112 Mideast gulf | 12 Patch | 56 Grapefruit garbage | 97 Fossey's friend |
| 26 Elephant's morsel | 66 Critic's god? | 114 The gods guzzled it | 13 Planned a burglary | 60 Conclude | 101 Nero's tutor |
| 27 Secure anew | 67 On edge | 116 Opening-night mecca | 14 Nitric acid, e.g. | 63 "... where angels tread" | 103 Big scene |
| 29 Feat of courage | 68 Partner of 16 Down | 120 "To Kill a Mockingbird" star | 15 Butt, for short | 65 Unsullied | 105 Anguish |
| 30 Bonnie's beau | 69 "The Jack Benny Show" regular | 124 '84 Kenny Loggins hit | 16 Fireworks reaction | 66 "Great Expectations" character | 107 Whiffs |
| 32 "— Ben Adhem" | 74 Witch | 126 Cleave | 17 Qty. | 70 Have a bite to eat | 109 Knocks down |
| 33 Roll with the punches | 75 — del Este | 127 Acts like Attila | 20 Meteorology lines | 71 Prominent | 111 He was Gomez Addams |
| 36 Photographer Adams | 77 "Alley —" | 128 Sitarist Shankar | 23 Made taffy | 72 Mine entry | 113 AMEX rival |
| 39 "Ad — per aspera" (Kansas' motto) | 78 Won over | 129 Poet Wilcox | 25 Stun with sound | 73 Chinese principle | 115 Curly coil |
| 41 Chanteuse Edith | 82 Llama's turf | 130 Pile up | 28 Texas city | 75 Future of the present | 117 No Einstein |
| 44 "Uh-uh" | 83 Freshen a fuchsia | 131 Ages | 31 "— Kapital" | 76 Treacherous | 118 Vacation location |
| 45 Part of S.P.C.A. | 85 Skirt shape | 132 Casbah site | 34 Sidewalk slot machine | 79 Follow the trail | 119 Fashion line |
| 46 Marmaduke has two? | 87 Garr or Hatcher | 133 Prepare cherries | 35 His and hers | 80 Soap star | 120 Youth grp. |
| | 88 Hog heaven? | DOWN | 36 Music org. | | 121 Dreamer's initials |
| | 89 Marry | 1 Nest noise | 37 Nick of "The Prince of Tides" | | 122 Lehar operetta |
| | 92 Amatory | | 38 Paddington | | 123 — for the course (typical) |
| | 94 Extend across | | | | 125 Breakfast of centurions? |
| | 96 Way to go? | | | | |





Taylor Hutton



John Woolard



David Kirk

15 Eagles on All-District football team, including offensive and defensive MVPs

by John Eubanks

Seven Salado Eagles were named to the first unit of the All-District 26-2A football team selected earlier this season by the district's six head coaches.

Four others were named to the second unit and four more received honorable mention.

Salado had the district's most valuable players on offense and defense, despite finishing third in the standings behind district champ Rogers and runner-up Hutto. Salado had records of 6-4 overall and 3-2 in district.

Running back Taylor was the offensive MVP, after rushing for 1,717 yards and 23 touchdowns. The 5-10, 195-pound junior capped the season with a 344-yard, four-touchdown performance in a 37-0 victory over fourth-place Holland.

Joe Mullins, Salado's first-year head coach, said Hutton's season rushing total was the most in his five years at the school.

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ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1997

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	100-199 GENERAL FUND	200-499 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	500-599 DEBT SERVICE FUND	98 AUGUST 31 1997	
REVENUES:					
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	1,934,578	141,089	352,437	2,428,105
5800	State Program Revenues	2,100,764	29,722	-	2,130,486
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	83,849	-	83,849
5020	Total Revenues	\$4,035,342	\$254,660	\$352,437	\$4,642,440
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	2,545,825	32,045	-	2,577,870
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	282,731	200	-	282,931
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	543,602	264,692	-	808,293
0040	Administrative Support Services	229,839	-	-	229,839
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	530,624	-	-	530,624
0060	Ancillary Services	8,000	-	-	8,000
0070	Debt Service	91,216	-	324,643	415,859
0080	Capital Outlay	125,044	-	-	125,044
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	89,102	-	-	89,102
6030	Total Expenditures	\$4,445,983	\$296,937	\$324,643	\$5,067,562
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(410,641)	(42,276)	27,795	(425,123)
7020	Other Resources	119,732	42,276	-	162,008
8030	Other (Uses)	(42,276)	-	-	(42,276)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(333,186)	-	27,795	(305,391)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	667,028	-	66,935	733,963
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$333,842	-	\$94,730	\$428,572

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Habitat benefit Jan. 18 in Belton

The Central Texas Stampede and the Bell County Expo Center are joining with Belton/Temple Habitat for Humanity to host "Habitat Skate with the Stampede" Benefit to raise funds for building homes in the Belton/Temple area. The event will be held at the Bell County Expo Center on 1-4 p.m. Jan. 18. The focus of the event will be an open skating session, with various Stampede Players on-hand to skate with the crowd and sign autographs. (Exact list of players will not be available until the day of the event.)

Entry fee for this event will be \$7 for adults and \$6 for kids. Entry fee includes skate rental.

In addition to skating, several other activities are planned for the event:

- Player Photos: A photographer will be available to take photos of fans with a Stampede player. Photos can then be autographed.
- Shots on Goal: Participants will be able to shoot pucks at a target in a goal for prizes.
- Slap-Shots: Participants will be able to take shots at an empty net, and have them clocked by a radar gun provided and operated by D.A.R.E.

Concessions: Food and drinks will be available next to the skating arena.


Merchandise Booth: Stampede merchandise suitable for autographing will be available from a booth next to the skating arena.

- Stampede Season Ticket Raffle: The drawing for two 1998-99 Stampede Season Tickets (\$884 value) will be held during this event. Raffle tickets will be sold in the Expo Center lobby during every Stampede home game between now and then, and at this event.

The additional activities are not included in the entry fee.

Habitat for Humanity

As an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, Belton/Temple Habitat for Humanity builds simple, decent homes in partnership with working people who find their hard-earned wages insufficient to purchase a home through conventional means. Habitat offers these families an opportunity to help build and buy a modest home of their own. This home is made affordable because Habitat makes no profit and charges no interest on the homes it builds and sells. Habitat is able to construct a home in the Belton/Temple area for around \$25,000. For further information you may contact Belton/Temple Habitat for Humanity at (254) 760-7199, P.O. Box 3159, Temple, Texas 76505.



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Smart computers help state catch fraudulent medical care claims

by John Sharp
State Comptroller

While thumbing through a magazine on an airplane back in 1994, I ran across a story about a computer system so advanced that it had "learned" to detect fraud and abuse in consumer billing patterns and saved a major credit card company millions.

The technology was basically the same as the computers that guided the so-called "smart bombs" to their precise military targets during Operation Desert Storm. As I read the article, it dawned on me that a "smart bomb" for Texas might be a powerful tool for cutting much of the fraud, waste, and abuse in the \$7.3 billion a year that Texas spends on Medicaid services.

What's more, the company that developed the technology was based in Austin.

Three years later, Texas is the first state in the world to use this cutting-edge system to flag questionable payments to doctors, dentists, hospitals, nursing homes, pharmacists, and ambulance services. In fact, we think we've provided the rest of the nation with a prototype for holding the line on Medicaid costs everywhere.

Here's how neural nets work: Unlike other computer software systems, neural nets aren't programmed. Instead, they tackle complex problems the way the human brain does: by absorbing information, developing expertise, identifying patterns, and then "learning" how to solve them in a way that traditional, linear computers can't. Essentially, neural nets "teach" computers to find fraud by detecting suspicious billing patterns. And every time it "learns" a new one, it adds that knowledge to the growing base of everything else it has "learned" before.

That's why I enlisted Austin's Intelligent Technologies Corporation to tailor the technology for Texas. In late 1995, we launched a 15-month pilot project, studying more than 7 million Medicaid claims in Houston, Lubbock, and a handful of other counties that together represent about one-quarter of the state's total population.

The results? More than \$34 million in questionable payments and a number of greedy, unscrupulous providers ripping off their patients and taxpayers, including:

- A physician who claimed to be on the job more than 18 hours a day for every single work day in a year;

- A psychiatrist who billed for 40 one-hour therapy sessions in a single 24-hour day;

- Several ambulance operators who charged \$250 per trip while providing nothing more than taxi service for nursing home patients, routine medical transportation that should have cost about \$10.15 per trip;

- A hospital double-billing the state for outpatient procedures when, in fact, services had been provided in the hospital;

- A pharmacist who filled thousands of first-time prescriptions without any evidence of doctor referrals;

- And a clinic that sent vans into housing projects to pick up Medicaid-eligible children, take them to the office for appointments with three or more doctors and dentists and then billed taxpayers for questionable medical procedures for each child transported.

Now, we are handing this new system off to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to operate it statewide. Along with other state agencies and local prosecutors, we will continue to crack down on these unscrupulous Medicaid providers and, wherever possible, recover improper payments.

As with the state's innovative Lone Star card, which has

replaced paper food stamp coupons with an electronic benefits transfer system, we think we have once again provided a model for the rest of the nation.

Neural network technology is a powerful new tool to help us hold the line on costs; detect fraud, waste, and abuse in the Medicaid system; and make sure that taxpayer benefits reach Texans who truly need them.

Texas is the nation's second-largest state, accounting for more than 28.6 million Medicaid claims a year—roughly 550,000 claims per week from some 59,000 health care providers. What's more, we will spend nearly \$15 billion on Medicaid services over the next two years, almost one-quarter of the entire state budget. Yet, according to the federal government, Medicaid fraud in Texas could cost taxpayers as much as \$1.5 billion during that same period.

The vast majority of our medical community is honest and ethical. But such massive sums underscore just how costly a few greedy, unscrupulous providers can be, not just for taxpayers, but for dedicated medical professionals who struggle day in and day out with tight budgets to care for Texans who are truly in need.

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Nose guard John Woolard was the district's defensive MVP. The 6-4, 265-pound senior recorded nearly 130 tackles. "I bet there's not another nose guard in the state with more," Mullins said.

Salado's other first-team offensive selections were senior lineman Mitch Lindley (180 pounds), senior end Tate Hunter (190) and junior running back John McLaughlin (160). Lindley and McLaughlin were unanimous selections.

Lindley and Hunter were also named to the first-team defense as linemen, along with senior linebacker David Kirk (185) and senior defensive back Chad Kiphart (180). All four were unanimous selections.

Named to the second-team offense were senior lineman Dan Alcozer (190), sophomore wide receiver Paul Lucas (150), senior tight end Drew Oldham (180) and senior quarterback Paul Mashburn (160).

Alcozer and Oldham were named to the second-team defense as a lineman and defensive back, respectively.

Receiving honorable mention were junior defensive end Adam Nuse (180), senior defensive back Joe Barron (175), senior wide receiver Courtney Dodge (180) and senior defensive end Jason Love (150).

Former Eagle broke 2,000-yard barrier 30 years ago

Tommy Brown, a 1969 graduate of Salado High and the class valedictorian, broke the 2,000-yard rushing mark during the 1967 season.

Brown rushed for 2,143 yards and scored 20 touchdowns as a junior. Salado posted an 11-0-1 mark that season and captured the then-



Tommy Brown

Class B (now Class A) regional championship, which at the time, was the farthest a Class B school could advance. Salado beat Wall, 45-0, in the title game, as Brown rushed for 183 yards and scored on runs of 19 and 76 yards -- despite suffering a cracked wrist.

Against Holland his junior year, Brown rushed for 337 yards and four touchdowns in a 56-0 win Nov. 15.

Brown, a Midland resident who travels the country as a consulting agronomist for the Professional Golf Association, is the son of Tom and MaryBelle Brown of Salado, and the brother of Bell County Commissioner Tim Brown. He signed with Abilene Christian in 1969.

Salado All-District picks

First-Team Offense

MVP -- RB Taylor Hutton

OL Mitch Lindley

E Tate Hunter

RB John McLaughlin

First-Team Defense

MVP -- NG John Woolard

DL Mitch Lindley

E Tate Hunter

LB David Kirk

Second-Team Offense

DL Dan Alcozer

WR Paul Lucas

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Christy Sharum's "Learning Center" students learn reading and math skills as they study monthly themes. October's theme was about food. Pat Goode, SISD cafeteria manager, instructs students in a cooking class. Jack Lucas, Rajun Owen, Weldon Easley and Matthew Johnson work together to make pizza.

Actors are sometimes called *thespians* after Thespis, the earliest known actor and dramatist who lived in ancient Greece about 2,500 years ago.

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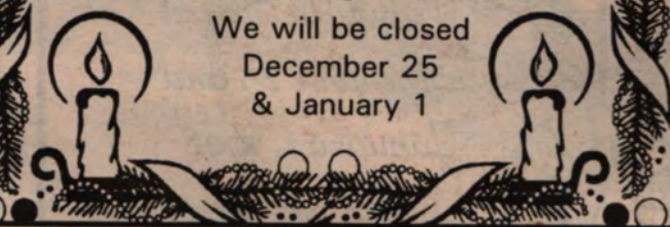
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Rex Howard (right), staff educator from Scott & White Memorial Hospital, gives CPR instructions to four members of Ken Barrow's health class at Salado High. From left, are Jon Teer, Chris Smith, Jon McHaney and Kendall Anderson. (photo by John Eubanks)

Letter thanks individuals

Dear Editor,

I would like the people of Salado to be aware of some very special people who work and live in Salado.

A little more than a year ago my mother came to my home to finish her life. She was very weak and unable to leave home to see a doctor. I went to the Salado Medical Clinic and met Dr. Pena.

He came to my home and decided we needed home health care. He introduced me to Martha McGuire at Reavis Home Care. Martha came to my home the same day I met

her, cared for my mother and had aides and a nurse out the next day.

The staff at Reavis and Dr. Pena helped me through some of the hardest days I've had. These wonderful people brightened my mothers' days as well. They were gentle, encouraging and full of hugs for her -- and me.

She was kept clean and had no abrasions. These ladies were very thorough, very professional, but were so relaxed and happy during their visits we felt as if friends had dropped in to see how we were.

Stan and Leigh Drake at the Village Pharmacy had medications ready in minutes. They always asked how she was and expressed sadness that we would soon be without her.

We needed the services of attorney Helen Zagona who rearranged a day to be able to help my mother with her affairs.

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Don't Bag It offers way to recycle lawn leaves

According to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, which created the "Don't Bag It" Lawn Care Plan, there are four basic ways to recycle newly fallen leaves:

* Mowing: If there's only a light covering of leaves in your yard, just mow right over them and leave the shredded leaves on the lawn.

* Mulching: Use a lawn mower with a bag attachment to quickly gather and shred your leaf mulch.

* Soil Improvement: Prepare your garden and flower beds for spring planting by tilling leaves into the soil in the fall.

* Composting: Start with leaves and other yard trimmings to form the bottom layer. Top with water and soil or old compost and add more leaves, grass clippings and vegetative kitchen scraps as they become available.



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Dr. Ramiro Pena greets Grace Jones and Bill Haldy during the Open House Salado Medical Clinic held last week. (Photo by Tim Fleischer)

Brush disposal thorny problem

Bulky brush disposal can be a thorny problem, but in Texas the situation has taken a dramatic turn for the better. The Recycling Coalition of Texas Composting Advisory Council today announced that since 1992, brush disposal in Texas landfills has dropped by nearly 75 percent.

"I think both the public and private sectors can take credit for that drop," said RCT Composting Advisory Council chair Jody Slagle of the city of Austin. "Thanks to increased education by the state, cities and contractors are realizing the value of brush rather than landfilling it. Some of them are even chipping and reusing the materials right at the source."

Brush disposal in Texas landfills dropped from 1,706,114 tons in 1992 to only 446,469 tons in 1996. These figures are based on reports (with a 91 percent data return to date) from public and private permitted municipal solid waste disposal facilities to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. Brush is defined as woody vegetation and does not include residential yard trimmings.

Considering the average cost of landfilling in Texas is \$24.62 per ton, this decrease in brush disposal could equate to a savings of more than \$31 million.

"Texans can also help curb disposal costs in their communities by composting and mulching their yard trimmings," said Slagle.

Yard trimmings and food scraps account for one quarter of the 22 million tons of trash disposed of annually in Texas.

"It's especially important to note that in the fall leaves make up at least half of the landscape trimmings headed to Texas landfills," said council vice chair Kitty Coley of Full-Circle Composting in Austin. "Why waste these leaves by burning them or packing them off to the landfill when they can be used as a valuable nu-

trient for compost or as a mulch?"

RCT was tapped by composting industry professionals to organize this new advisory council when they determined at an Austin conference last spring that there was no one organization that kept up with composting issues, research and legislation in Texas. The RCT Composting Advisory Council has since been formed to represent composting professionals and educators in the public and private sectors.

"I think everyone's familiar with composting," said Robert Dow, president of Fort Worth's Silver Creek Materials which is represented on the RCT Composting Advisory Council. "This new council will get the word out that composting can divert so many things from the landfill - not just leaves and grass clippings but also different kinds of materials from the business sector that people never would have thought would end up as compost."

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- about 1 million gallons annually including out-of-date alcohol, soft drinks, juices, milk, and salad oil - that would normally have been shipped off to landfills for costly solidification and disposal. That's in addition to the 150,000 cubic yards of solid materials Silver Creek is already diverting from landfills.

"When we think of recycling, we usually think of the inorganics like steel, glass, plastics and paper," said RCT president Ben Walker, southwest regional manager for the Steel Recycling Institute. "Composting is one of the most rapidly developing areas in the future of recycling and RCT is pleased to have this opportunity to address it with the new Composting Advisory Council."

To find out more about composting in your community, write the RCT Composting Advisory Council at P.O. Box 2359, Austin, Texas 78768. The Recycling Coalition of Texas, based in Austin, is the state's largest organization of recycling industry professionals. For more information about RCT, call toll-free at 1-888-258-3404 or visit the Web site at www.recyclctx.org

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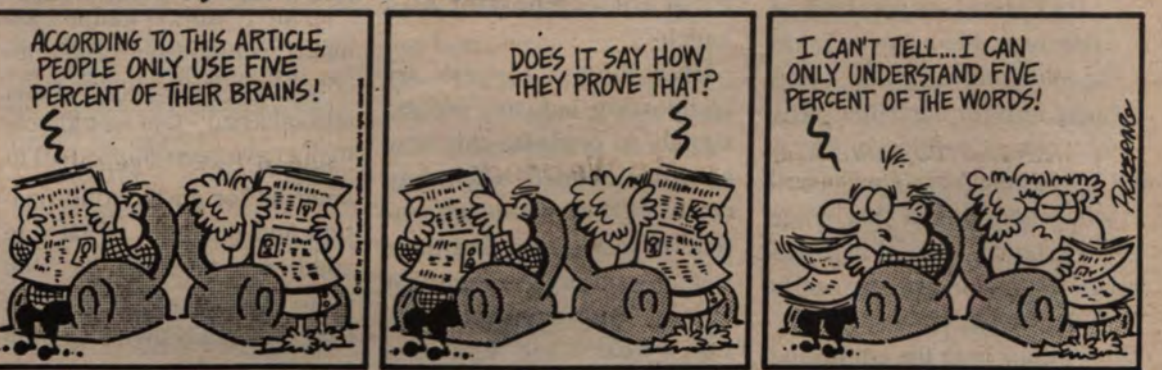
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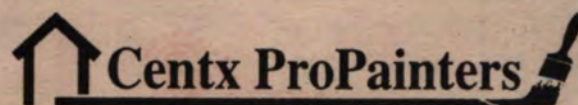
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Morning Glory Farm a 'magical place' for owner Sandy Johnston

by John Eubanks

"Little children are given to the world so that adults will always believe in fairies, moonbeams and angels."

- On the wall of Morning Glory Farm outside Salado.

"That's my philosophy," says Sandy Johnston, who owns the place with husband Terry. "I want everything in my life magical."

Morning Glory Farm is certainly that and more for Sandy. Located three-and-a-half miles west of I-35 where West Amity Road meets Brewer Road, the place is described as a "display garden and shop nestled on the grounds of a 100-year-old farmhouse."

Dried flowers, painted furniture, art work and herbs are among the variety of items offered.

"It was my dream to have a place like this," Johnston said, looking through the antique windows to the earthly environs on a beautiful fall day a week before Christmas. "Look at the view, it's gorgeous. I feel like I'm in heaven."

When the fall colors were turning a few weeks back, "everything was red or gold, and the sun was shining ..." she said, losing herself in the thought.

The shop opened in April, although the Johnstons have lived at the farmhouse the past 15 years since moving there from Dallas. It was on the



Sandy Johnston poses inside her shop at Morning Glory Farm. (photo by John Eubanks)

Christmas Tour 12 years ago and will be on it again next year. It was also on the Spring Home Tour three years ago.

Sandy had a shop in Salado for about three years, but longed to have a shop at home. Her wish came true, but it wasn't easy.

"I wish I had my 'before'

picture (of the shop) because it was the ugliest place," she said.

Terry worked for a year on the shop, which is located behind the house. He also made Sandy's art table out of an old screen door -- "I never had one before" -- and made the head-

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The Salado High School Spanish Club raised over \$200 with their annual Tree of Hope, according to sponsor Yvonne Harmon.

"The Spanish Club members outdid themselves this year with their Tree of Hope donations," Harmon said. "Knowing the family personally and the hardship they are experiencing made the members really dig deep to help out."

In addition to the \$200+ raised, food and gifts were donated.

"I truly makes me proud to be their sponsor for the club," Harmon added.

The family, while legal residents of the US, are not citizens and are not qualified to receive government assistance.

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All-Region band members from Salado High are, from left, Anna Kate Mackie, Greg Dachs, Adam Smith, Tigger Day and Melodie Gilliam. (photo by John Eubanks).

6 named to All-Region band

Six Salado High band students were selected Dec. 13 to the Region 12 (ATSSB) Band.

Adam Smith, a senior, earned sixth-chair trumpet in the symphonic band. He also placed high enough to advance to area auditions and compete against trumpet players from other regions for the All-State band.

Lisa Karnes, a junior, earned second-chair flute in the concert band.

Anna Kate Mackie, a sophomore, earned 12th-chair clarinet in the symphonic band.

Greg Dachs, a freshman, earned third-chair alto sax in the concert band.

Tigger Day, a sophomore, earned first-chair french horn in the concert band.

Melodie Gilliam, a sophomore, earned second-chair percussion in the concert band.

These students auditioned against other students from Class A, AA and AAA high schools in their region.

The top musicians were placed in two concert bands that will be conducted by Paula Crider, director of the U.T. Longhorn Marching Band, and Will Burks, director of bands at Dumas High School in the Texas Panhandle.

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by Tumbleweed Smith

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Del Fuller of Cameron said when he was a boy they had fire crackers during Christmas, but they cost a nickel a package and money was scarce. "We'd get some black powder and shoot anvils," says Del. "Just stack two anvils with black powder between them, use a red hot poker to light the powder and there would be a big explosion. The top anvil would fly up, then come down and hit the bottom anvil. We used to shoot them all night. You could hear them for miles."

Del thinks he might have missed a Christmas or two while he was a boy. "We lived in the country, didn't have a newspaper or radio. Our parents wouldn't say anything about the holiday season. I think we skipped some Christmases. I know they were a long time apart."

A lady in Dallas woke up one Christmas morning to find a crated buffalo bull at her front door.

When she was a youngster, Annis Godfrey of Menard asked for a carpenter set for Christmas one year. Instead, she got a doll. She didn't like dolls. Her brother got a carpenter set. It had two hammers and a square and all kinds of tools. Annis got all her dolls, laid them down on the porch and she and her brother took turns smashing the dolls into smithereens. "We got paddlings," says Annis, "but I never got another doll for Christmas."

The Foster family in Crockett celebrates Christmas in a big way. Fifty family members all sleep in the 23 room house and exchange presents with each other. That's 2500 gifts. Alice Foster does the cooking. She makes 300 biscuits at one time. "We always have a 30 pound turkey from the store and a wild turkey from the woods," says Alice. "Our brother in Houston sends a red pickup with sacks of potatoes, onions and beans, crates of avocados, tomatoes and strawberries, and two bushels of corn. I'm go-

ing to make twelve pies: four molasses pies by my mother's recipe, four mince meat and four potato pies. I make two caramel nut cakes and two coconut cakes."

Mary Wilson of Comanche recalls eating possum with sweet potatoes around it for her Christmas dinner.

Mrs. E. L. Patton grew up around Sterling City where they always had a Community Christmas tree. Gifts would be hung on it. Youngsters got fruit and candy at Christmas time, the only time of the year

they had such treats.

June Strohsahl of Longview says tangerines were the preferred fruit at Christmas. "If you got tangerines, you were really uptown," says June.

Straley Alsup of Gustine used to play the fiddle at Christmas dances. "They'd last all night," he says. "Some people would still be dancing when the sun came up."

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Chase Meyer, a fifth-grader at Meridith-Dunbar magnet School in Temple, took first place. Leah Macek, a senior at Rogers High School, placed second.

Mandy Tsosie earns trip to Italy as winner of Young Columbus state essay contest

Mandy Tsosie, a Salado eighth-grader, has won an all-expense paid trip to Italy in March for her entry in the Young Columbus essay contest, sponsored by Parade Magazine and the *Austin American-Statesman* newspaper.

She is among 110 winning students nationwide -- and the lone student among 18 area finalists -- who will leave March 31 to visit Rome, Florence and other Italian cities, and meet with Italian dignitaries and students.

Students were asked to write an essay of 1,000 words or less on what they thought was the most important international issue facing Italy.

Their artwork, along with drawings from other winners from across the state, was forwarded to a blue-ribbon committee formed to select the statewide winner whose artwork will be displayed on "Read to Succeed" license plates.

Jessica, 9, heard about the contest from her teacher, Rosanna May, and decided to give it a try. She won \$25 for her effort.

Her design is a Texas flag inside a heart followed by the words "to read" -- which translates to "Loves to Read."



Jessica Whitmire

She is the daughter of Rod and Penny Whitmire of Salado.

Students in Cindy Mewhinney's eighth-grade American History classes were assigned to write the essays for the contest.

After consulting with Italian sources on the Internet, Mandy decided to write her essay on Italy's struggle to become part of the European monetary system. Most of her research was also done on the Internet.

Seven of the 18 finalists in the contest for grades seven through nine were taught by Mewhinney.

The others were Kelli Cook, Lindsay Quirk, Kate Mentzel, Adria Raley, Matt von Gonten and Miles Wallace.

All 18 finalists won an expense-paid trip to Corpus



Mandy Tsosie

Christi to visit the replicas of the ships that Christopher Columbus used on his visit to the New World.

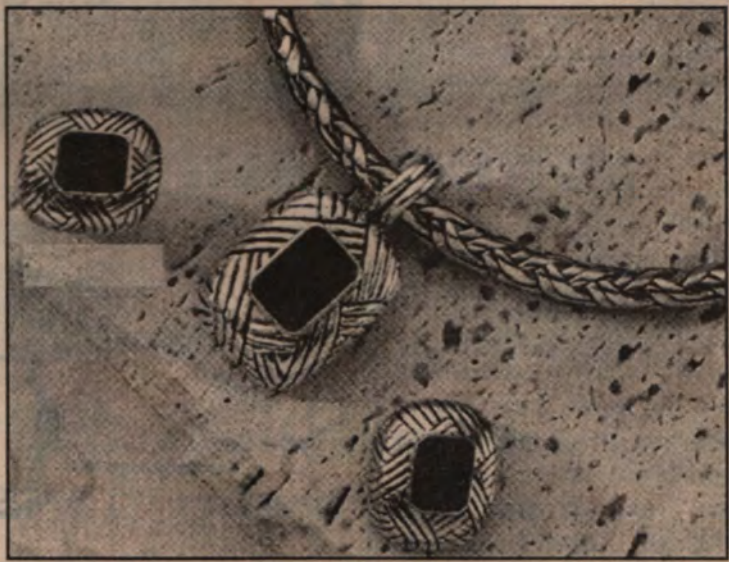
They also toured the U.S.S. Lexington, an historic aircraft carrier, while visiting Corpus Christi.

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Entrance to Morning Glory Farm shop. (photo by Tim Fleischer)

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board on the bed just inside the entrance.

"I design these things and he makes them," Sandy said, smiling.

It's quite a different world from Terry's court reporting job in Belton for Judge Ed Johnson.

The business has been a virtual family affair. The Johnstons' daughter and son-in-law, Shawn and Todd Wolff, laid the shop's floor. Son Brady Johnston, who's a senior at Salado High and plans to study for the ministry at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, made the garden.

Sandy grows and dries all of the flowers and herbs. (There are 56 antique roses around the house.)

Her wreaths, topiaries and flower arrangements are made from those very flowers. The wreaths are made from the homegrown hydrangea, and the decopague are done from the botanicals.

"I always keep fresh flowers in the shop," she said.

Her mother, Batista Shaw, does all the pieced linen work in the shop, and also makes the pillows and stockings in the shop.

Her father, Bill Shaw, does

all the paintings in the shop.

Her sister, Billie Sue Hutton, does all the gardening books.

(Another member of the family, Muffin, is a "dye in the wool shop dog," Sandy said. "People spend half the time playing with her.")

Sandy's best friend, Sue Melton of Dallas, is also her business partner. "She grows all the herbs for her shampoos, conditioners and comgrey, and makes all her different teas out of homegrown herbs."

Sue and husband Roger own America's Cupboard in Dallas.

A gourmet food buff, Roger brings all the vegetables and syrups from various places throughout the country to Sandy's shop.

The Johnstons are planning a "fairy garden" outside the shop -- full of fairies, of course, and will build fairy houses in the trees.

"Our biggest seller this Christmas is the Fairy House," Sandy said. Each one is custom made, varying in size and price.

All have one thing in common, however. "Each one is sprinkled in fairy dust," she said.

Morning Glory Farm also offers crosses, and Sandy's

love for the spiritual and creative are shown in the Christmas tree displayed in the shop.

She even wrote the poem, "The Legend of the Christmas Tree Fairy," that's pinned to the tree:

*"Through the forest the
fairy scurries,
searching for enchantments
of mirth and merry.
She dons her tree with
trinkets, flowers and more,
To honor the Christ child
whom she adores."*

Sandy's creative side has led her to design a line of handmade greeting cards, and she plans to begin work in January to get them published and distributed.

Sandy also does tea parties and birthday parties, and is even planning Valentine's Day parties.

Morning Glory Farm can be reached from Salado by going west on FM 2484 for three-and-a-half miles from I-35, then turning right on Brewer Road. Go about a mile to where Brewer runs into West Amity Road, and you will see the white farmhouse on the left. The phone number is 947-5673. Business hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Monday-Wednesday by appointment or by chance.

Writers thank those who aided 'Stroll'

Dear Editor:

We appreciate the wonderful help from everyone making Salado a special place to visit the first two weekends of December.

A standing ovation for the volunteers for the homes tours, live nativity, Tablerock production, and military that did the luminarias.

We also want to thank the

staff of the *Salado Village Voice* for their contribution of space on several occasions as well as writing and distributing press releases to area publications.

Sincerely,
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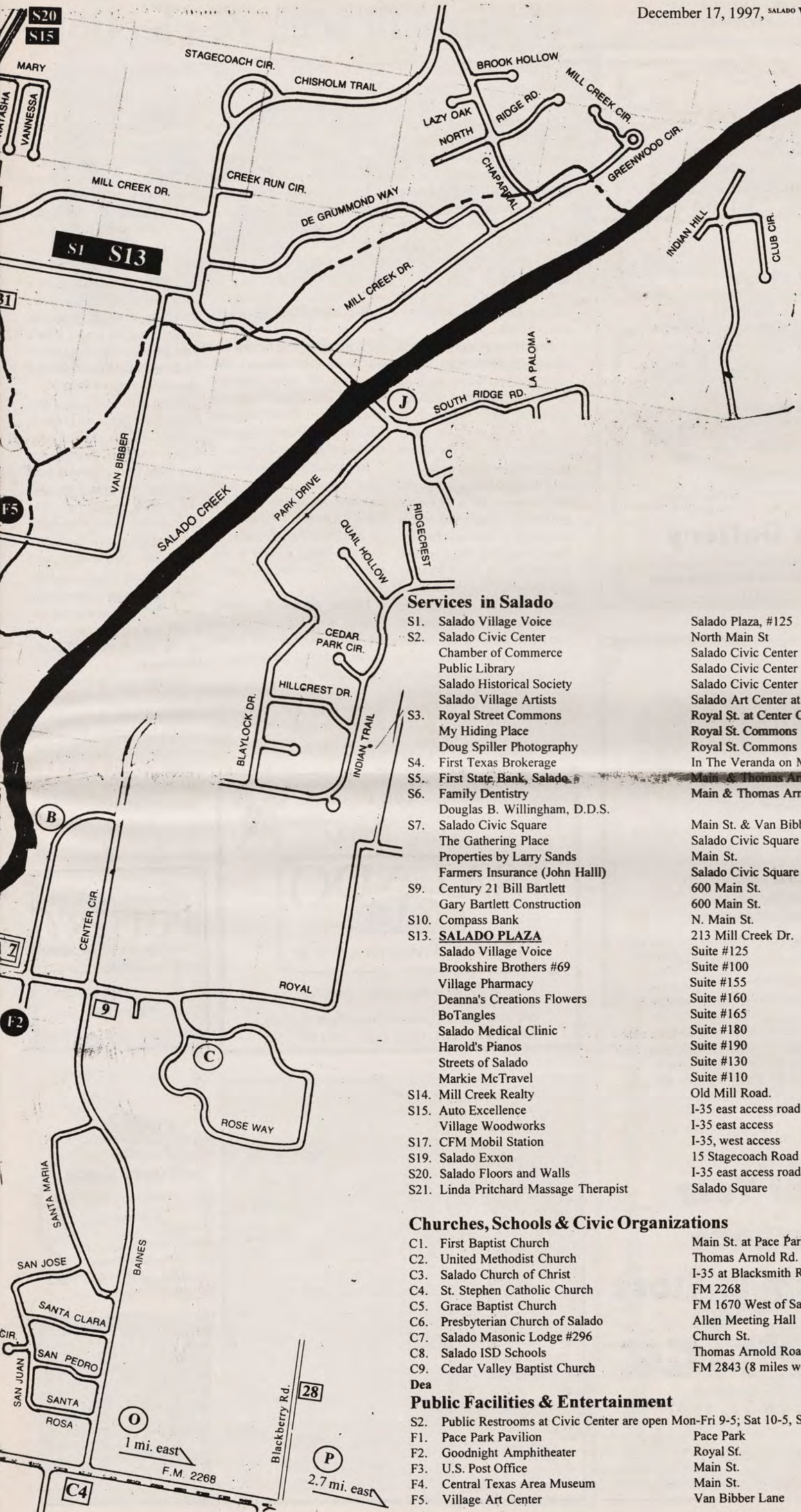
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| 2. Salado Pottery | Next to Stagecoach Inn | 254/947-5935 |
| 3. Salado Galleries | Main Street | 254/947-5110 |
| 4. SHADY VILLA | Main St and Royal | |
| Gregory's | Shady Villa on Main St. | 254/947-5703 |
| Salado Country Antiques | Shady Villa on Main St. | 254/947-8363 |
| Sweet Nut Things | Shady Villa on Main St. | 254/947-8088 |
| 5. The Dusty Rose | Royal St. | 254/947-9215 |
| 5A. Peddlers Alley | Behind Museum off Main | 254/947-9722 |
| 6. Spring House Antiques | Royal St. | 254/947-0747 |
| 7. ROYAL STREET COMMONS | Royal St. & Center Circle | |
| Red Barn Antique Mall | Royal St. Commons | 254/947-1050 |
| Antiques Urns & Ferns | Royal St. Commons | 254/947-5827 |
| 8. ONE ROYAL | Royal St. at Main | |
| Grace Jones | One Royal | 254/947-5555 |
| The Royal Emporium | Main & Royal | 254/947-5718 |
| 9. Wishing Well Antiques & Things | 300 Baines St. | 254/947-1997 |
| 10. OLD MILL PLAZA | Main St. at the Creek | |
| Salado Haus at the Gazebo | Old Mill Plaza | 254/947-1868 |
| Accents of Salado | Old Mill Plaza | 254/947-5908 |
| Janet's Unique Boutique & Food Court | Old Mill Plaza | 254/702-2022 |
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| Susan Marie's Boutique | Creekside Center | 254/947-5239 |
| Strawberry Patch | Creekside Center | 254/947-9955 |
| Bundle of Joy | Creekside Center | 254/947-0609 |
| Prelopp Fine Art Gallery | Creekside Center | 254/947-3930 |
| 14. Christy's of Salado | 300 Main St. | 254/947-0561 |
| 15. SALADO SQUARE | Main St. | |
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| Village Boutique | N. Main St. | 254/947-9100 |
| 17. Pink Rose Tea Room & Gift Shop | N. Main St. | 254/947-9110 |
| 18. SHOPS ON ROCK CREEK | Main St. at Rock Creek Dr. | |
| Sir Wigglesworth | Main at Rock Creek | 254/947-8846 |
| Horsefeathers | #2 Rock Creek | 254/947-3203 |
| Somewhere in Time | #3 Rock Creek | 254/947-4609 |
| 19. THE COLONY | North Main St | |
| The Royal Salamander | 221 N. Main St. | 254/947-1772 |
| Lady's Tee Box | 227 N. Main St. | 254/947-5597 |
| & Lady Ethel's Gifts | | |
| Windberg Gallery | 229 N. Main St. | 254/947-3300 |
| 20. Heirlooms Shopping Center | N. Main & Blacksmith | 254/947-0336 |
| 22. Hutchens House | N. Main St. | 254/947-2547 |
| Book Winkel | N. Main St. | 254/947-3866 |
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| The Gallery | Old Town Salado | 254/947-9000 |
| MJ's Country Corner | Old Town Salado | 254/947-8885 |
| Aunt Granny's | Old Town Salado | 254/947-5520 |
| Angelic Herbs | Old Town Salado | 254/947-1909 |
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| a sterling gallery | Old Town Salado | 254/947-4588 |
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| The Little Tin Hutch | N. Main St. | 254/947-5537 |
| 25. Fletcher's Books & Antiques | N. Main St. | 254/947-5414 |
| 26. Olde Fowler House Antiques | N. Main St. | 254/947-0710 |
| 27. Robertson's Hams | | |
| & The Choppin' Block | I-35, Exit 285 | 254/947-5562 |
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| 29. glass coins | 1209 N. Stagecoach Rd. | 254/947-4423 |
| glass floral | 1209 N. Stagecoach Rd. | 254/947-5529 |
| 30. Bayberry's on Main | 400 N. Main St. | 254/947-3625 |
| 31. Elise & Co. | #17 Salado Plaza Dr. | 254/947-1068 |
| 32. Morning Glory Farm | West Amity Rd. | 254/947-5673 |
| 33. The Village Potter | N. Main St. | 254/947-0281 |
| Salado Cigar Company | N. Main St. | 254/947-0281 |
| 34. The Chicken Ranch | College Hill | 254/947-3455 |
| S4. The Feathered Nest | The Veranda on Main | 254/947-3345 |
| The Windmill | The Veranda on Main | 254/947-8048 |

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| A. Stagecoach Inn | I-35 exits 283, 284 | 254/947-5111 |
| B. Inn on the Creek | Center Circle | 254/947-5554 |
| C. The Rose Mansion | One Rose Way | 254/947-8200 |
| D. The Salado Mansion | Main St. | 254/947-5157 |
| E. The Inn at Salado | Main St. | 254/947-0027 |
| F. Browning's Courtyard Cafe | Salado Square | 254/947-8666 |
| G. Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe | Old Town Salado | 254/947-8162 |
| H. Halley House Bed & Breakfast | N. Main St. | 254/947-1000 |
| I. Pietro's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria | Main St. & Blacksmith | 254/947-0559 |
| J. Mill Creek Country Club | Old Mill Rd. | 254/947-5141 |
| K. Cowboy's Barbecue | I-35, west side | 254/947-5700 |
| N. Salado Burger King | 15 Stagecoach Rd. | 254/947-8060 |
| O. Brambley Hedge Bed & Breakfast | 1 mile east on FM 2268 | 254/947-1914 |
| P. Country Place Bed & Breakfast | 2.7 miles east on FM 2268 | 254/947-9683 |
| Q. Dairy Queen | I-35 at Thomas Arnold | 254/947-5406 |
| 17. Pink Rose Tea Room & Gift Shop | N. Main St. | 254/947-9110 |
| 18. The Old Granary | Rock Creek Dr. | 254/947-9683 |





Services in Salado

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| S1. Salado Village Voice | Salado Plaza, #125 | 254/947-5321 |
| S2. Salado Civic Center | North Main St | 254/947-8300 |
| Chamber of Commerce | Salado Civic Center | 254/947-5040 |
| Public Library | Salado Civic Center | 254/947-9191 |
| Salado Historical Society | Salado Civic Center | |
| Salado Village Artists | Salado Art Center at the Civic Center | |
| S3. Royal Street Commons | Royal St. at Center Circle | |
| My Hiding Place | Royal St. Commons | 254/947-HIDE |
| Doug Spiller Photography | Royal St. Commons | 254/947-8585 |
| S4. First Texas Brokerage | In The Veranda on Main | 254/947-5577 |
| S5. First State Bank, Salado | Main & Thomas Arnold | 254/947-5852 |
| S6. Family Dentistry | Main & Thomas Arnold | 254/947-5242 |
| Douglas B. Willingham, D.D.S. | | |
| S7. Salado Civic Square | Main St. & Van Bibber | |
| The Gathering Place | Salado Civic Square | 254/947-4749 |
| Properties by Larry Sands | Main St. | 254/947-5580 |
| Farmers Insurance (John Hall) | Salado Civic Square | 254/947-3151 |
| S9. Century 21 Bill Bartlett | 600 Main St. | 254/947-5050 |
| Gary Bartlett Construction | 600 Main St. | 254/947-5825 |
| S10. Compass Bank | N. Main St. | 254/947-5051 |
| S13. SALADO PLAZA | 213 Mill Creek Dr. | |
| Salado Village Voice | Suite #125 | 254/947-5321 |
| Brookshire Brothers #69 | Suite #100 | 254/947-8922 |
| 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 |
| Harold's Pianos | Suite #190 | 254/947-4677 |
| Streets of Salado | Suite #130 | 254/947-1313 |
| Markie McTravel | Suite #110 | 254/947-1168 |
| S14. Mill Creek Realty | Old Mill Road. | 254/947-8800 |
| S15. Auto Excellence | I-35 east access road | 254/947-5042 |
| Village Woodworks | I-35 east access | 254/947-0345 |
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| S21. Linda Pritchard Massage Therapist | Salado Square | 254/947-HAND |

Churches, Schools & Civic Organizations

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| C1. First Baptist Church | Main St. at Pace Park | 254/947-5465 |
| C2. United Methodist Church | Thomas Arnold Rd. | 254/947-5482 |
| C3. Salado Church of Christ | I-35 at Blacksmith Rd. | 254/947-5241 |
| C4. St. Stephen Catholic Church | FM 2268 | 254/947-8037 |
| C5. Grace Baptist Church | FM 1670 West of Salado | 254/947-5917 |
| C6. Presbyterian Church of Salado | Allen Meeting Hall | 254/947-9935 |
| C7. Salado Masonic Lodge #296 | Church St. | |
| C8. Salado ISD Schools | Thomas Arnold Road. | 254/947-5479 |
| C9. Cedar Valley Baptist Church | FM 2843 (8 miles west) | 254/947-0148 |

Public Facilities & Entertainment

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| S2. Public Restrooms at Civic Center are open Mon-Fri 9-5; Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5 | | |
| F1. Pace Park Pavilion | Pace Park | 254/947-5040 |
| F2. Goodnight Amphitheater | Royal St. | 254/947-8887 |
| F3. U.S. Post Office | Main St. | 254/947-5322 |
| F4. Central Texas Area Museum | Main St. | 254/947-5232 |
| F5. Village Art Center | Van Bibber Lane | |

Hupp will seek re-election

State Representative Suzanna Gratia Hupp, R-Lampasas, announced that she will seek reelection to a second term as State Representative for District 54. Representative Hupp was first elected to the House in 1997 when she won the special election.

In making her announcement, Rep. Hupp said that she was proud of the work she has done during the 75th Legislative Session and is looking forward to the next legislative session in 1999.

Rep. Hupp points to her first term accomplishments including these: legislative approval for the establishment of an upper-level, public university in Central Texas, the inclusion of additional days for the ballots of overseas military personnel to be counted in an election and the creation of a toll-free hotline to verify the safety record of an abortion facility. In addition, Rep. Hupp worked to remove the legal liability that impeded the donation of much-needed firefighting equipment for use by volunteer fire departments.

"I started the session with a list of legislative initiatives, but at the top of that list was legislative approval for the transfer of UCT to a public university system. Thanks to

the help of Sen. Fraser, Rep. Delisi and Rep. Place, we were able to get SB 572 through the Legislature with very little opposition," Hupp said. "I was also very pleased that we were able to address the problems soldiers deployed overseas face when voting. While these men and women risk their lives protecting democracy around the world, it is important that we protect their right to vote here at home."

Rep. Hupp also spoke about her support for other key issues, including the largest tax cut in our State's history, the creation of more charter schools, and a new super-intensive supervision program for inmates released on parole and mandatory supervision.

Representative Hupp has been recognized for her conservative voting record by receiving a perfect 100 rating by the American Family Association and being named to the Free Market Foundation's Texas Ten.

During the last legislative session, Rep. Hupp served on the House Agriculture Committee and House Corrections Committee.

With an eye towards next session, Hupp said that she will continue to focus on promoting education, restoring and

preserving property rights and keeping criminals off the streets.

"I believe in a strong education system where parents have choices and the community has local control. I want to see our teachers and parents working together to find solutions to the problems that we have in our schools," Hupp said. "I also believe that we need to keep the government's hands off our property. I believe very strongly in private property rights and I don't want bureaucrats telling me or my neighbors what we can or cannot do with our land."

Hupp also stated that the debate over property taxes is not over and that she will continue to stand as a guardian for taxpayers. House Speaker Pete Laney has reactivated the special House committee that drafted last session's tax bill.

"The Chairman of the Select Committee on Revenue and Public School Finance said that every tax option will be on the table, including an income tax. I will not support an income tax for the State of Texas," Hupp said.

She and her husband Greg have one son, Alexander, and are expecting their second child in late spring. They run a small Arabian Horse Breeding Farm in Lampasas and Suzanna runs a chiropractic clinic in Copperas Cove.

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Tablerock honors outgoing Board Members

Four outgoing board members of Tablerock Festival of Salado, Inc. were honored at the December Board meeting. Zelma Taylor, Secretary, for her 5 years of service; Jon McDurmitt, Vice President, for his 3 years of service; Lloyd Parks, for his 3 years of service, and Alayne Fuller-Ramsden for her year of service. Officers and new board members for 1998 were installed at the meeting: Jackie Mills, President; Rolly Correa, Vice President; Michele Fuller, Secretary; Dale Gore, Treasurer- Denver Mills, Tom Taylor, Jackie Ogden, Sandy Van Bibber, Randy Ray, Tom Dehls, Richard Paul Thomas, Mike Doggett and Michael Haynes. New brochures listing 1998 Tablerock programs will be mailed in mid-January during the membership drive.

Best way to prepare for winter travel is to plan ahead, call TxDOT for help

With the approach of the holiday and the threat of cold weather, many people become concerned about their travel plans. The best way to prepare for winter weather and travel is to plan ahead.

People who plan to travel should keep their gas tank at least half-full and should winterize their vehicle by checking wipers, tires, lights and fluid levels. They should lubricate door and trunk locks to avoid freezing and prepare a travel disaster supply kit.

At a minimum, such a kit should contain nonperishable

food, drinking water, blankets, rain gear and extra clothing, flashlight, batteries, jumper cables and a first aid kit. Travelers should make alternative plans in case of bad weather, heavy rain or dense fog and should not travel when such conditions threaten. To determine the best route, travelers may call the Texas Department of Transportation Travel and Information Center at 1-800-452-9292. They also may get this information at the TxDOT web site at www.dot.state.tx.us.

If weather begins to change dramatically, listen to a radio station in the travel area and listen for weather updates. Also, stop and call again to the TxDOT travel information line.

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by Ilene C. Miller
Co. Ext. Agent

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- Does it include an address where you can write for more information?

- Does it state whether donations are tax-deductible?

- Is the appeal overly emotional in trying to pressure to give?

Telephone Solicitations:

- Does the solicitor clearly identify the sponsoring organization and purpose of the call?
- Does the appeal have over-

tones of intimidation or harassment?

- If soliciting for a special event, what percentage of donations is tax-deductible?

- Does the solicitor try to pressure you into a decision by insisting on the need for immediate collection?

Door-to-Door and Street Appeals:

- Does the solicitor carry identification specifying the benefiting organization and solicitor's name?

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Properties by Larry Sands plans Dec. 30 open house

Larry Sands and Sarah Lee invite you to the Holiday Open House of Properties by Larry Sands real estate office located in Salado Civic Square at the corner of Main St. and Van Bibber Lane.

The Open House will be 3-7 p.m. Dec. 30. Refreshments will be served.

Larry Sands has been in real estate sales since 1972. He was a Realtor in Austin until 1986.

After moving to Salado in 1982 and commuting to Austin for four years, Larry opened his office in Salado in 1986.

After many years of officing at The Barton Hosue on Main St., Properties by Larry Sands moved into its new office at Salado Civic Square earlier this year.

Sands is a member of National, Texas and Temple-Belton Association of Realtors.

He describes himself as a "Historic Preservationist," which is why he loves "selling Historic Salado!"

Sarah Lee joined Properties by Larry Sands in 1992, bringing with her 10 years experience in real estate brokerage and home building.

Her love of the village and community is "founded on childhood memories of the people and the relatively 'undeveloped' Salado of the early 60s. This adds to my concern for the preservation of the village and the uncommon quality of life we enjoy here," she said.

"A large part of my mission and responsibility in my real estate work is to impart to others my love and appreciation for this place and community so that they will want to join us in our efforts for preservations of heritage and positive growth goals for the village," she added.

"We look forward to continued service to Salado and the real estate industry, while working to maintain the highest level of professionalism, quality and unmatched commitment to personal attention to the needs of our customers and clients," Lee said.



Actress Marlene Dietrich was born Maria Magdalene Dietrich in Berlin, Germany in 1904.



A Salado Dream Home Come True! Featured in Texas Homes Magazine. Antique timbers, unbelievable craftsmanship in this rare and unique Rock Creek Drive home. 23' cathedral ceiling. 2 Master bedrooms on lower level, 2 Hand-built fireplaces. Brick-floored morning room looking out to beautifully wooded lot. Owner financing available. \$349,500.

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COME HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS to this wonderfully restored turn-of-the-century home on .86 acre. Currently in use as B&B with warm wood floors and beaded wood walls. Crown moulding in dining. Antique fixtures in the bath. Call Sarah Lee.



LIGHT THE FIREPLACE and enjoy the view of the Mill Creek pond from this terrific townhome. 3BR/2-1/2 BA/2Gar. Large native trees at the front entry. Roomy floor plan with decks off spacious living room and master. \$134,900. Call Sarah Lee.



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Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,
 The Stroll and Home Tour is over for 1997! This is such an important time of year for Salado and those who love to come to the Village to shop, to visit, to eat or just to be in a place like this.

We were truly blessed with good weather, though cold, and plenty of things for everyone to see and do while here. The music, the homes, the nativity all added up to a great time for everyone.

This place is amazing and there are many people who give of their time to prepare and then serve as docents in all the places open to the public.

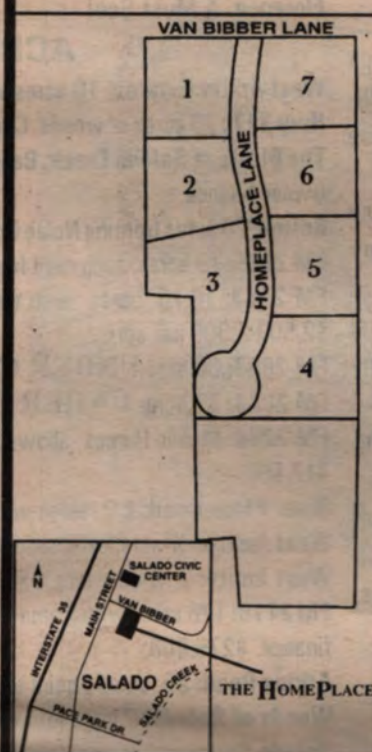
As a member of the Salado Business Association, I want to thank everyone who helped make it two good weekends, for our business and hopefully everyone else as well.

A special thanks to the newspaper for our publicity, the Fire Department for standing by and all those who work behind the scenes to make it all come together... you know who you are.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a Blessed New Year!
 Doris Denman



Watch for Our Open House Sign during the Holiday Season



THE HOMEPLACE

Nestled on a tree-covered knoll in Salado's Historical District, **THE HOMEPLACE** represent the much sought-after lifestyle of yesteryear. A winding lane meanders around large live oaks to a dry creek crossing.. Its character reflects a day in history where people shared time together on front porches. Only a short walk away is excellent shopping, art galleries and dining, giving a reflection of Salado's past.

THE HOMEPLACE will reflect proportions, detailing and simplicity of true classical architectural styles. "Something old, something new" literally comes to life as treasures from historic homes are blended in harmony with new construction. The best of yesterday . . . built better today.

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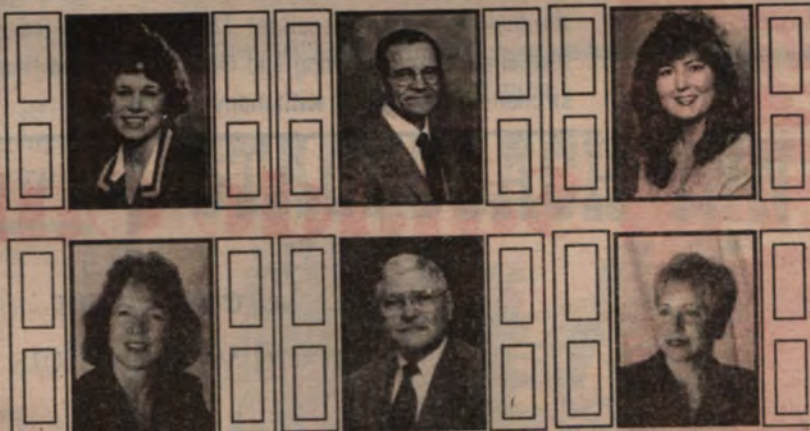
- 2BR/1BA home or investment property in Rogers. 930 SF workshop. Fenced back yard. Wheelchair access in front. Owner will sell "as is." \$37,900.
- 2BR/1BA in Downtown Bartlett has undergone extensive renovation. \$52,500.
- 3BR/2BA Belton home on nice lot in good neighborhood. \$59,900.
- Aluminum siding, tin roof on recently remodeled home. 2BR/1BA on 1.505 ac. Great for first home or investment rental property. \$59,950.
- New Listing: A super buy! Large family room, WBFP and built-in bookshelves. Very nice home near Stillhouse Lake for only \$89,800.
- Ten acres with Texas ranch-style Austin home! 3BR/2BA, trees. Garage with workshop space, out-building. Only \$104,900.
- A place for your growing family! Garden spot and sunroom on wooded 1.6 acres. 4BR/2BA. ~~497,500~~. Reduced to \$91,000.
- 4BR/2BA on 1.99 beautiful acres in the Woods of Salado. A great family home freshly painted. \$108,000.
- New listing on FM 2484, 22+ acres of oaks, 2 barns, corral, fenced, 3BR/2BA mobile home. Great for horses. Extra septic tank and electric system. \$115,000.
- New 3BR/2BA home on large lot in Wild Rose Subdivision. Easy access to I-35. \$124,500.
- Covered patio, garden area, 2 wells, and fruit trees. 3/2/2 plus carport & septic for RV. Formal LR & Den. Only \$131,000.
- New Listing: A great family-oriented floorplan in Mill Creek. Parquet floors, open kitchen, large deck. 2 car plus golf cart garage. \$134,800.
- 3BR/2-1/2 BA on 14th Fairway in Mill Creek. Interior recently painted. Split-level home. Great view of golf course from Living/Dining Room. \$135,000.
- Old farm house on 6 acres of oak trees on the banks of Salado Creek. \$141,000.
- Elegant finishing touches throughout this Mill Creek home! Built in 1996, features marble entry, 3-sided fireplace, alarm, formal DR. \$144,800.
- Hardwood floors. Cozy den with French doors to private deck. Large Master bedroom with office. Majestic live oaks. \$149,900.
- Welcome to easy living. View of golf course. Sunroom views driving range and #5 Fairway. Monthly maintenance fee relieves you of yardwork. \$159,000.
- 5BR/3BA with workshop & apartment. On 1+ acre near Salado. \$159,000.
- Lovely custom home. 3BR/3BA. Special home in Mill Creek. \$165,000.
- Large 5BR/4BA home on an acre of trees on Royal. \$179,500.
- Great corner lot in Mill Creek. Over 4,000 SF. 3BR/2-1/2 BA, office, formal dining & sun room. \$225,000.
- Scenic view of Stillhouse Lake. Great suite has own kitchen & living room. Total of 3BR/3-1/2BA on 6.11 acres. Swimming pool, hot tub, and fountain. \$298,500.
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\$162,500: One of the best golf course views in Mill Creek. The #18 tee box hosts this newly decorated 3-2-1/2 townhouse. Hardwood floors, new wallpaper and paint. Home owner's fee maintains lawn.

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\$214,900, Price reduced! Country setting on almost 1 acre. 4/3/2 white stone with formal and informal living and dining. Spacious den with fireplace and many windows. Split bedrooms with beautiful master suite.

\$194,800: Custom built 3/2/2 on 1/2-acre lot with golf course frontage. Formal and informal dining, large den with pretty fireplace. Office with built-in. Many trees.

\$87,500: Close to shopping, schools, hospitals and churches. 3-2-2 formal living and dining. Screened-in back porch, large fenced yard with trees. **TEMPLE.**

\$74,000: LOW, LOW utility bills due to EXTRA insulation on 3-2-2 on quiet cul-de-sac. Privacy fence and some handicapped features. **TEMPLE.**

\$52,000: Located on one acre is this 2/1 frame. Picket fence, fruit trees, bluebonnets. Just off FM 2484 with easy access to Killeen or IH-35.

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\$170,000: Horse ready! 10 acres with arena and stalls, wash area, tack room, equipment stalls and more. Large rustic 4-3 two-story with carport and covered porches, bonus rooms and more. Florence. A Must See!

ACREAGE

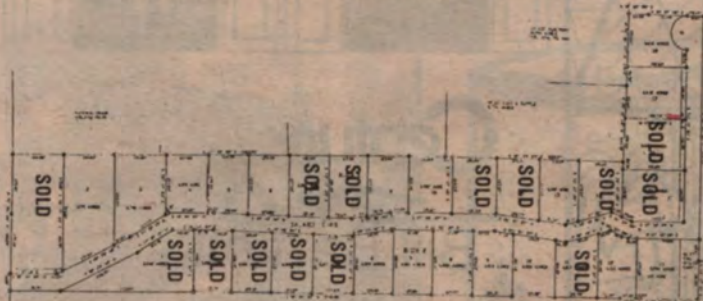
- West Amity Estates:** 10 acres with many trees. \$42,000.
- Hwy 317:** 26 acres of woods. Could divide, owner finance. \$129,900
- The Bluffs of Salado Creek.** Beautiful view of Salado Creek canyons. Owner finance.
- Belton:** 20 acres fronting Nolan Creek. Large live oak trees. \$119,000.
- FM 2115:** 19 acres, long road frontage, seasonal creek. \$2,200/acre.
- FM 2843:** 10-75 acres with trees and deer. Excellent home sites. \$2,500-3,500 per acre.
- FM 2843:** 30 acre **UNDER CONTRACT**
- FM 2843:** 37 acres **UNDER CONTRACT**
- FM 2268:** Mobile Homes allowed on this 4 acres. Owner financing, \$17,500.
- River Place Road:** 1.9 acres with river frontage. \$25,000.
- West Amity:** 1/2-acre lot. Ready to build. \$5,200. Last one available.
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- FM 2115:** 178 acres with frame house, 2 barns, 2 stock tanks. Owner finance. \$275,000.
- Atkins Road:** 25 acres, good soil. Owner finance. \$1,350/acre.
- Woods of Salado:** 2 large lots with trees. \$25,000 each.
- Salado Springs:** 2 tracts facing FM 2484, \$15,000.
- Salado Springs:** 3 acres with many trees, \$20,000.
- Salado Springs:** 2 acres, \$17,500.
- Mill Creek:** Tree covered lot. \$25,000.
- Live Oak Estates:** 1.79 acres with beautiful trees. \$22,500.
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- Woods of Salado:** 3 1/2 acres with many trees, cantic and water meter. Property is ready for building. **UNDER CONTRACT** \$35,000.
- Florence/Andice Area:** Call Jan for information: 254/793-2597
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- 1-1/2 acres and up.** Trees or cleared, with or without improvements.
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- Main St. in Belton.** 6 lots that include 3 houses, \$210,000.
- 3 acres fronting I-35,** 1 mile S. of Salado, \$45,000.

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