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Sign of the times

Bogus bar throws Salado into tailspin

by **Tim Fleischer**
Editor-in-Chief

"Say it ain't so, Joe... say it ain't so..."

The words of a young child to Shoeless Joe Jackson of the famous Chicago Black Sox were paraphrased in one way or another throughout the village this week, the result of a sign which stood on Main St. for one day.

Everywhere in the village, people are talking about The Sign. Some have learned that it was an early April Fool's joke, while others still perceive The Sign as a threat to Salado.

The Sign advertized The Gusher, a gentlemen's

nightclub opening in August. The Sign, which went up quietly in the night Feb. 27 and was unceremoniously taken down Feb. 28, has raised an uproar about the nightclub advertized to be built on Main St.

Noel Scully told the *Salado Village Voice* March 1 that there would be no Gusher in Salado, no Black Gold dancers, no gentlemen's club.

"This was concocted as an April Fool's joke. It was supposed to go up the last week of March, but went up a little earlier," said Noel Scully, of Scully & Smith Oil Corporation, which owns the property on Main St. where The Sign shortly

stood. "We did it to get everyone's adrenaline flowing."

To say that Salado's adrenaline was flowing is to make an understatement.

"When I started to receive calls of concerns from old schoolmates, I saw that it really hurt people's feelings. I knocked the sign down and it will not go back up," Scully said.

"I think that this may have got the community talking about incorporation," Scully said. "I think that incorporation is inevitable and the threat of

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Short-lived sign: Up one day and down the next, this sign was hot news in Salado this week. There will be no "gentlemen's club" on Main St. Salado.

Locals meet candidates at forum before March 8 primaries

by **Tim Fleischer**
Editor-in-Chief

Saladoans were given the opportunity to meet candidates running for office in the March 8 primaries. Almost 100 attended the meeting at the Salado Civic center, sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce.

A Republican and a

Democrat are trying to unseat incumbent Stan Pemberton as judge of the 169th District Court.

Charles Van Ord said that the law "is a good career despite all the lawyer jokes. The father of four said he would treat everyone in his court with respect and that any attorney donating more than \$250 to his campaign would

not appear in his court.

Stan Pemberton said the 169th District Court is a major civil litigation court, hearing many complex civil suits. Pemberton was picked by Gov. Mark White to fill an unexpired term on the bench. Pemberton has chaired the state bar ethics committee for three terms. The judge, who described himself as a Texas Demo-

crat, said "I would like to continue serving you with dignity."

Oliver Kelly is a fifth generation Texan who has been a lawyer for 30 years. He served as a U.S. Army lawyer for 20 years, including 10 years as a military judge. A graduate of SMU law school, Kelly said a judge must have three qualities to serve well: Pa-

tiency, patience, patience.

"I think I have that quality," Kelly said.

A Republican and two Democrats are running for the 264th District Judgeship, which will be vacant after this term.

Martha "Janey" Trudeau is a graduate of St. Mary's Law School. She practiced law in the military for 10 years before opening her practice in the Killeen area. She was the first woman to open a law office in Killeen.

Trudeau has been married for 23 years and has three daughters.

Mickey Wade, a Democrat, has practiced law in Bell County for 23 years and said he will bring "competence, energy, integrity, fairness and toughness" to the bench. Wade said that a judge must be a part of the community he serves: "I am a part of the community and have been for many years," Wade said.

Democrat Bill Bachus is a Temple native and graduate of the Sam Houston *See Candidates, Page 7*

Salado Calendar of Events set for March

March 5--7 p.m. Tablerock, A Dinner Concert Series at Goodnight Amphitheater on Royal St. Members \$10 non-members \$12.50 For more information call 817-947-8735

March 5-- 8 a.m.-noon Salado Youth Baseball sign-up (ages 5-18) at Thomas Arnold Elementary

March 5 -- 6 -10 p.m. S.P.A.T. Family 50's Dance at Thomas Arnold Elementary Cafetorium Tickets \$2 for adults and \$1 for children

March 7-- Monday Club will meet at the fellowship hall of the Salado United Methodist Church

March 9--11:30 a.m. Lions Club meets at Mill Creek dining room.

March 10--6:30 p.m. Chisholm Trail Republican Women meet at Mill Creek Club.

March 11--7:30 p.m. Austin Chamber Music Center fundraiser for Old Salado School Foundation at the First Baptist Church in Salado. \$12 per person pledge will be accepted at the door.

March 12--10 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Institute For The Humanities Seminar, David Phillips at Inn on the Creek.

March 12 -- 7 p.m. Tablerock's Dinner Concert Series, Greg Berry, Goodnight Amphitheater located on Royal, Members are \$10 and non-members \$12.50 More information call 817-947-8735

March 13--4p.m.-6p.m. Institute for the Humanities, Lecture by David Phillips, at Mill Creek dining room.

March 14 -- 6 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Board meeting at Salado Civic Center in the Foster Room

March 16--5:30 p.m. Mill Creek Community Association Board Meeting, Salado Civic Center.

March 17--7 p.m. Meeting at the Salado Civic Center regarding the Rock Crushing Plant. Community invited to attend.

March 19--7 p.m. Tablerock's A dinner Concert Series, Tom Taylor, at the Goodnight Amphitheater located on Royal St.

\$10 for members, \$12.50 for non-members. More information call 817-947-8735.

March 21--10 a.m. E.S.P. (Extra Special People) meet at the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church.

March 21-- 7 p.m. Masonic Lodge meets at the Lodge located on Church St.

March 23--8:30 a.m. Lions Club Board meets at Mill Creek dining room; 11:30 a.m. Lions Club meets at the dining room.

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by **Tim Fleischer**
Editor-in-Chief

Harrison Ford is either the luckiest man in Hollywood or one of the best actors of our time. I think the latter. And after **The Fugitive**, you will too. The Fugitive, released to videotape February 10, is one of the best action movies of the 90s. It is as good as any of the *Indiana Jones* movies, and *Star Wars* movies.

With Tommy Lee Jones tracking Harrison Ford as Dr. Richard Kimble, who escapes when his prison bus is in an accident, the action cannot get any better.

Jones has been nominated for a Best Supporting Actor Oscar. He may not win it, but he will win millions of fans with his performance. It is about time that he got the respect he deserves.

The Fugitive is exciting, tense, edge-of-your-seat and, most importantly, it is human. The characters are people, not cookie-cutter caricatures or wise-cracking Bruce Willis clones.

After you get in line (early) Feb. 10 to rent a copy from IGA Village Foods Video, you may want to buy it to keep. I know I will.

Our rating system

* A dog ** A dog with spots *** Reaches mediocrity
**** Better than many ***** One of the best

Of primary interest to all...

Candidates for political office come in all sizes, shapes and forms and it was this purely American mix, match and more who showed up for the "Candidate Forum" held last week at the Civic Center here in Salado. More than 100 villagers listened to nearly two dozen hopefuls explain their backgrounds, hopes and ambitions insofar as public office was concerned. Some did very well. Others tumbled around a bit. All in all it was a great chance for a sort of adult "show and tell" program that gave us political junkies a chance to put a name with a face. Something we tend to forget when we enter the polling booth.

Probably the strangest mix of wannabees can be found in the three man race for County Judge. The two GOPers are spending their time in-fighting with Butch "I'm Super" Cleveland jabbing Perry Dalby, thus breaking the cardinal rule of conservative politics (Thou shalt not chew on a fellow Republican). Democrats do not have this rule since they firmly believe in political genocide and practice it daily! Demo incumbent John Garth remains above and beyond it all - so far away in fact, that he sent a friend to represent him at the forum. Dalby presented a fairly concise

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



picture of his fiscal restraint ideas despite the fact that the county is the least costly level of government we have and in Bell County probably the most efficient. We should have asked these two conservative standard bearers their thinking on the hated gravel pit project but for some reason left them out of the debate.

Our thanks to the Chamber for hosting the evening and a "well done" to Stew Smith for his always great job as MC.

Primary Vote

The first primary is set for March 8, and both parties in the Salado precinct will be voting on the first floor of the Civic Center. Each group will have its own room so that after 7 a.m.-7 p.m. polling, the two parties will be able to hold their conversation in private.

Runoff election will be held in the same spot on April 12. General election slated for the same building on Nov. 15, only this time just one polling place will be needed. That's the election where you can vote a straight party affiliation. The primary and runoff election require you to stick with your party since it is, in reality, only a nominating election. Absentee vot-

ing continues this week ending March 4, with the nearest place to cast that ballot being the courthouse in Belton.

New ERA?

Chanced upon a new group in the village a few days back while meeting with Easter Egg Hunt Committee. Three of the participants were bright young women who are part of "Mom's and More" which is composed of young women married with children who have elected to stay home and raise their youngsters. This about-face in today's trouble economic times - that almost always requires two paychecks and some day-care just to stay even - is refreshing to say the least. The Mom group is dedicated to doing charitable work in the community as a way of saying "thanks" for the "privilege" they have of working at home. How's that for a turn-around in modern thought?

What caught my attention even more was the fact that they told of a rapidly growing younger generation of kids living in what we all thought was a retirement community. No actual count but presumed there some 200 pre-school kids in the district. No wonder the school folks are going around with worried looks and talking bond issues and more classrooms. That number could translate into 100 or more new

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The Sign

FROM Page 1

something like this happening may cause it to come sooner than later. We certainly do not want to be annexed by Belton."

"I want to apologize to anyone who has been hurt by this, Scully said.

Sandy Scully told the *Salado Village Voice* early March 1 that "as long as my name is on the deed to the property, there will never be a gentlemen's club in that location."

Sandy said that she discovered the sign when she drove past it on her way to Susan Marie's Dress Shop.

"I was shocked. I did not know beforehand that the sign was going up. If I had known, it would not have happened. I have lived here basically all my life. I would be furious if anyone did that anywhere in Salado," Sandy told the *Salado Village Voice*. "I do not want people in Salado to associate me

with that."

August will pass by without a gentlemen's club across from the Salado Civic Center, but the possibility of future problems has rekindled discussion about incorporation.

"Right now, anyone can build anything they want in Salado," said Jack Herrington, acting chairman of the Salado Historic District Committee, which works with property owners, builders and developers to insure that growth in the village happens in a way that maintains and enhances the historic nature of the village.

Herrington points out that the Historic District Committee has "no power, but we encourage everyone to follow the guidelines which have been established as the desire of the community."

"We do not have the

power of a zoning committee," Herrington said. "The guidelines do not even attempt to address land use control."

A community can only implement land use control through incorporation. Incorporation is not a new issue in Salado.

Salado turned down incorporation during an election in the mid-1980s.

The County Judge may call an election on the issue of incorporation when he is presented with a petition signed by at least 50 resident within the proposed incorporated area.

Salado is breathing a sigh of relief after learning that Noel Scully and Michael Smith have no intentions of putting a gentlemen's club on Main St.

But one question remains: What about next time?

Eagles baseballers win 1st game of year against Belton

The Salado Baseball team opened the 1994 season on Feb. 25 with a victory over the Belton J.V. It was a tight contest through the three innings before the Eagles pulled away for an 11-7 victory.

In the top of the first, Salado started the scoring with a run. Chris Jackson walked and stole second. He scored on Richard Berumen's double.

Belton came back with two runs in the bottom half of the first. Belton was aided by Salado pitcher Richard Jackson's struggle with the strike zone. Jackson walked four in the inning and gave up a single for the only two earned runs in the night.

Salado added single runs in the next two innings. One came on a towering homerun by Jereme Hosch to center field. Belton scored a run in the second, so after three innings the score was tied 3-3.

The Eagles pulled away with four runs in the fourth. Things started with a walk to Jason Hosch. He scored on a triple by Jackson. After a walk and a hit batter, Brent Cabaniss singled to drive in two runs. The fourth run scored on a pass ball.

Belton scored their last run in the bottom of the

fourth. It came with two outs on three walks and an error. Jereme Hosch relieved Jackson on the mound to record the last out of the inning.

Salado scored one run in the sixth and sewed up the game with three runs in the seventh. A bases loaded double by Cabaniss drove in the seventh inning runs.

The Eagles collected 12 hits on the night. Chris Jackson and Cabaniss both had three hits on the night while Jason Hosch and Berumen added two apiece.

Richard Jackson picked up the win for the Eagles. He went three and two-third innings. He allowed three hits and struck out six. Jereme Hosch pitched the next two and a third innings and Josh Goodnight pitched the seventh.

The Junior Varsity also opened their season very successfully. They won the Salado J.V. tournament for the third year in a row. They defeated Rosebud-Lott 16-10 in the first game and Florence 6-0 in the championship game.

Chris Frazier led the Eagles with two hits against Rosebud Lott. Josh Goodnight contributed with three run homer. Goodnight pitched 4-2/3

innings for the win. Jerry Soto went the final 2-1/3.

In the championship game Goodnight and David Berumen both had two hits for Salado, but the night belonged to Salado pitcher Chris Frazier. He pitched a perfect game, striking out 15.

I would like to thank the Salado Youth Fair Boosters for buying my 2nd place ODB Dig. Also many thanks to the add-ons by these individuals and businesses:

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Letters concern recent events

Dear Editor:
I wish to express my appreciation to Vonda Marley, Salado I.S.D. nurse and the school board and Supt. Steve Ervin for allowing our Salado I.S. D. teenagers to hear the truths on sex, disease and abstinence.

The teachers and speakers at the recent seminar were outstanding and I am so proud of the attitude of our teenagers during this time. They were attentive and conducted themselves in a mannerly way that we can all be proud of.

Teenagers are eager to listen and learn about abstinence.

Even though we think it is too late for kids we need to stop and think again! It is not too late. They need our guidance and as parents and adults in Salado we need to influence our children by setting a good example.

Thank you,
Cathy Sands
A proud supporter of our teens!

Dear Editor:
The meeting held February 22 to inform citizens of Salado about candidates for public offices was not effective and provided little useful information.

A better forum could have resulted if those candidates who were invited had been sharply limited in regard to several factors. For our purpose (to decide how to vote) greetings from unopposed candidates, and from those who run an office, such as the county clerk, who has virtually no significant policy authority are unnecessary. As nice as these people are,

we could socialize with them in another venue. For example, Vada Sutton is one of the finest people in the courthouse. But why waste her time and energy?

In contrast, the opposing candidates for positions most intimately involved in the administration of county affairs should have been invited and the meeting scheduled when all of those candidates could be present. To have such a meeting when the incumbent presiding judge is elsewhere is patently absurd, as he is obviously the most important and powerful member of the group.

In addition, such a forum could be useful if candidates were asked to state specific intentions or opinions regarding specific points at issue. Not generalities.

For example we would like to know that a candidate has some specific ideas in mind regarding juvenile crime (at least one candidate did) rather than just the identification of this problem as the most important.

One of the significant questions was to determine whether the voters are entitled to a referendum, as specified by law, on the underground water district. The question is whether to have the referendum, not the virtues of such a board, or the lack thereof. Only one candidate, Mr. Brown, supported the idea, two were not allowed to speak to the point (because of "lack of time") and one had to "study it".

What's to study?
To accomplish all of this efficiently, each candidate should be supplied with a fairly short list of specific questions well in advance and in writing. It would then be fair to expect the candidate to state his position and not hide behind "further study".

It is entirely possible that such a well-planned procedure would result in increased voter turn-out, voters well informed about issues rather than extraneous qualifications, and in the long run a community closer to the ideal.

Any or all of these results would be a step in the right direction.

Sincerely,
R.E. Merrill

To the Editor:
A terrible thing took place on Main Street Feb. 27. Under the cover of near darkness two or three unknown persons put up a sign on North Main Street that would be at home only in Las Vegas.

Should we cry or should we laugh? If it were not so sad, it would bring a chuckle because it is so far out of keeping with our community.

There have been many many positive steps forward with businesses upgrading their buildings and our wonderful Salado Civic Center being completed for the use of all the people. It has been phenomenal how the people have worked to accomplish this.

A silk purse can't be made from a sow's ear and a saloon, dance hall and "showgirls" by any other name will still be a saloon, dance hall and "showgirls." The name can be changed but the content is the same. It is time once again for Salado to unite to let the owners know how we feel.

I personally know that prayer is still stronger than money and am calling on others to join me in asking the Lord to convince these people to reconsider their plans and to be grateful for their recent good fortune.

Salado is so special. It would be terrible for a few people to hurt in a few weeks what it has taken several generations to cultivate and grow.

Please make your voice heard.
Thank You,
Doris Denman

Magnolias on the square

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Around the Village of Salado

Biology III class news

The Salado High School Biology III Class will conduct an historical and environmental tour of the area along Salado Creek in Pace Park 9:45 a.m., March 10.

The class will be preparing for tours to be given for the benefit of the general public during the 5th annual Bluebonnet Antique Show.

The tour and examination of areas below the park will conclude at Sirena. Member of the Salado Historical Society as well as members of the community are invited to attend.

This is part of a three-part project focusing on Salado Creek.

Chamber Auxiliary

The Salado Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary will meet 9:30 a.m. March 10 for coffee to be followed by the program. The group will meet at the Salado Civic Center located on Main St.

Guest speaker will be O.C. Buckelley of Temple. He will be speaking on historic homes and public buildings he has created as models. Buildings in Miniature is the title of the program to be presented. Currently several of his models are displayed at the Bell County Museum.

This is also the last chance to be listed in the 1994 Salado Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary Directory. Dues of \$5 can be paid

at this meeting or mailed to Doris Denman P.O. Box 280, Salado, TX. Checks should be made out to the Salado Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary.

Baseball Sign-ups

Salado Youth Baseball offers final chance to sign-up 8 a.m.-noon, March 5 in front of Thomas Arnold Elementary School.

If your child plans to play in the Summer League Baseball or Softball this is the last day to sign-up.

Girls and boys ages 5-18 are eligible to play.

SPAT fun night

Everyone is invited to join the Salado Parents and Teachers (SPAT) in an evening of family fun and entertainment 6-10 p.m. March 5 at the Thomas Arnold Elementary School Cafetorium.

The event is a family 50's Dance with pizza, dancing to KOOL 99 radio disc jockey.

Lots of games and prizes including a best dressed 50's costume. Ticket prices are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

This is not a fund raiser, the ticket prices will go to pay the cost of the disc jockey. All ages, Moms, Dads, Grandparents, relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Salado Monday Club will meet March 7

The Salado Monday Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on March 7 at the fellowship hall of the Salado United Methodist Church.

Guest speaker Joan Blum will present a timely topic, speaking on "Wildflowers of Texas". She is well known for her interest in the preservation of the natural environment and especially promoting the extensive use of wildflowers in landscaping.

Joan and her husband Henry are residents of Salado.

Salado Schools host Open House March 3

Elementary

Thomas Arnold Elementary will hold their annual "World's Famous Taco Supper" March 3 in honor of Public School Week.


Serving will be 6-7:30 p.m. Open House will follow until 8:45 p.m.

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Planning your tax strategy for the new year

April 15 will sneak up on many Americans despite popular new Year's Resolutions to get 1993 tax returns in on time. With the new tax law, it is more important than ever to organize your tax strategy this year. While you map out your route to the post office to beat the deadline. Here are three tips to help plan a more organized tax strategy for 1994.

1. Find the Right Financial Advice ... And Take It!

Tax planning on your own can be an overwhelming task. To prevent missing some tax saving opportunities, hire a professional tax advisor. An accountant or attorney can point out tax saving alternatives you may not have known existed. An investment broker or financial planner can point out tax saving strategies as they relate to your investment.

Meet with your advisor now, while the year is still young, to tailor a tax plan to fit your needs. Then meet with him or her near the end of the year to plan year-end tax strategies. Keep all advisors -- investment brokers, attorney and accountants -- informed of your financial situation and of each other. Having your team of professionals working together to combine their area of expertise is



Mike Miller

a good idea and to your financial benefit.

2. Get organized.

Organization is the key to reducing the aggravation and stress of filing your tax return. Instead of struggling to organize a year's worth of financial papers and then forgetting something important, develop a system. Decide now what you are going to keep and where.

Most experts recommend keeping a copy of your will, any outstanding agreements and other legal documents with your tax returns. All trade confirmations should also be kept with your tax records. One way to ease record keeping burden is to set up an asset management account with your investment firm.

3. Consider tax advantaged investments in 1994.

To help prevent a high tax bill this year, consider moving part of your portfolio into tax-free or tax-deferred investments.

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Glady Bunger is being honored as Artist of the Month by the Salado village Artists during March and April, 1994. Her paintings will be on view in the lobbies of People's National Bank and First State Bank in Salado.

Bunger, a Temple resident, was similarly honored by the Bell Fine Arts Association during the opening of its Gallery in Belton during September, 1993.

Glady and her husband, Charles moved to Temple four and a half years ago when they sold their retirement farm at Sallisaw, Oklahoma. She has been

an active member of the Bell Fine Arts Association for over four years and is a member of the Salado Village Artists.

She began painting and studying seriously about 15 years ago. She has studied with T.W. Alston, a student of three outstanding Southwest Artists. She has had shows in Ft. Smith and Van Buren, Arkansas, Sallisaw, Oklahoma and in Belton, Ft. Worth and now Salado.

Following her husband's retirement, they bought the farm at Sallisaw and she became active in art leagues in Sallisaw, Ft. Smith and Van Buren. She has painted

ings in private homes in Canada, France, Mexico and in several states. A brother, a sister and two nephews are also artists.

Glady paints a variety of subjects, including landscapes, seascapes, horses and other animals, people and portraits.

The Salado Village Artists is an organization of local artists interested in the promotion of art of all kinds. They meet weekly on Tuesdays at Tablerock Amphitheater for work sessions, programs and discussion. They sponsor workshops several times each year by artists of renown. They contribute countless hours and talent along with other Salado organizations in bringing to Salado many functions to the Village for which Salado is well known.



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State University. He served as county attorney and was appointed to the County Court at Law in 1979. He also served as 264th District Judge in the past. "I know what it take to sit over the bench and pass down a sentence," Bachus said.

County Judge John Garth will face either Perry Dalby or H. H. "Butch" Cleveland in the November election. Judge Garth was unable to attend the forum, but the Republicans running for the position were there.

Cleveland, who was born in Germany, said that the commissioner's court does not "have enough time or money for a juvenile detention facility to correct youngsters."

He recommends a boot camp for juveniles under 17.

Perry Dalby said that as County Judge, "I will get a stranglehold on the budget, which is killing taxpayers. As a private businessman, I know what it is like to live within a budget. It means, sometimes you have to say 'no.'"

Justice of the Peace Don Svadlenak will face Jody Arnold, a Republican opponent, in the November general election.

Arnold said he is a life-long resident of the area, except for 20 years serving in the Air Force.

A graduate of University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Arnold said he gained a wealth of experience as a military officer. He retired to the Salado area Nov. 1992.

"I will make the Justice of the Peace system serve the people," Arnold said.

Svadlenak was elected in a special election in 1989 and elected to his first full-

term in 1990.

A lifelong resident of Holland, Svadlenak is a Texas A & M graduate who became a CPA in 1984.

"I have completed extensive training programs (over 100 hours), as J.P. I think this experience is valuable to the position I serve," Svadlenak said. "I have owned a small business in the Holland area since 1984 and served six years on the Holland City Council."

Two Republican candidates for County Commissioner, precinct two were present.

Tim Brown has lived in Salado most of his life. "We moved back here because

the quality of life in this area is so much better than many other places."

Things are changing in the county, Brown said. "We are at a critical time with some complex issues to face us."

Brown said his experience and education would be beneficial as a County Commissioner. Brown is a graduate of Texas A & M with a degree in Urban Planning.

His opponent in the Republican primary is Tom Davis, who served 14 years as assistant superintendent in Killeen ISD.

Davis said there are three issues facing the commissioner court: juvenile crime,

a juvenile detention center, and the renovation of the courthouse.

Democrat H.F. Rucker was not present for the meeting, but was attending a Killeen City Council meeting.

Rucker is a city council member. According to his daughter Patricia, Rucker would like the opportunity to serve "the county with the same dedication he serves the city of Killeen."

The County Commissioner candidates were asked questions about formation of an underground water district for the Edwards Aquifer, part of which is located in Bell County.

Davis said that he had not researched the issue fully, but would have concerns over powers of taxation by the district.

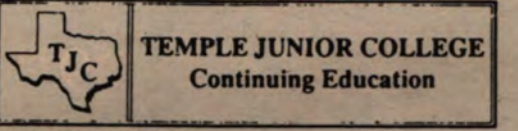
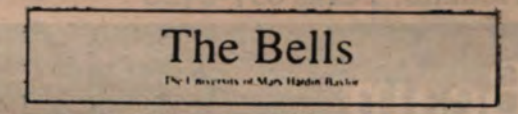
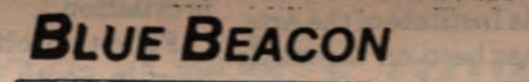
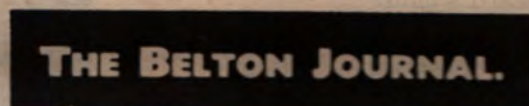
Rucker also responded that the issue was being studied.

Brown said he had researched the issue, "which is not a new issue to Salado. I support giving the people the choice of making an underground water district in the area. It does create a taxing entity, but I think you would be looking at \$50 to \$250 for a home of \$100,000 in value. I think we must protect our water source."

Several other candidates were in attendance.

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Ballroom dancers gather March 12

Central Texas ballroom dancers will move to music of the Dick Thomas orchestra on March 12 at the monthly gala of the Stardust Dance Club.

The Killeen ensemble will appear on the bandstand of the Elks Lodge ballroom in Temple, 8 p.m. until midnight. Guests are admitted to the ballroom at \$20 per couple. Dress is semi-formal: Men wear coat and tie, women after-five apparel.

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Ananda Trio to present benefit concert March 11

The Austin Chamber Music Center will present a benefit concert for the continual restoration of the Red Schoolhouse 7:30 p.m. March 11 at the First Baptist Church in Salado.

Hear the works of Mozart, Beethoven and Schumann. A \$12 donation pledge is suggested. No cash will be accepted at the door and no reservations are needed.

The Ananda Trio, with Miranda Dale, violin, Margaret Coltman, cello and Felicity Coltman, piano, was formed in 1989 when Miranda and Margaret were studying in Bloomington, Indiana.

The Trio's first performance was in Austin, Texas in May 1990, and since then Miranda, who now lives in London, has returned to Texas several times for concerts in Austin and San Antonio.

The Trio performed in England and Germany in 1992 and 1993, and has engagements in Texas, England and Germany for the coming season.

Ken Ishii joins the trio for performances in Austin, Salado and San Antonio in March, 1994.

British violinist Miranda Dale started playing the violin at the age of three

and a half. At sixteen she won an Associated Board Scholarship to study at the Royal Academy of Music with Howard Davis. While there she won many competitions including the David Martin Concerto Prize and the coveted Recital Diploma in 1989, and was awarded the Dove Prize for special merit.

By invitation she participated in an extended tuition course organized by the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and directed by Lynn Harrell. During the summer of 1989, her piano trio won a scholarship to the Banff Fine Arts Center in Canada to study with Menahem Pressler.

She was invited to study with Franco Gulli at Indiana University, where she remained for two years. While at IU, Miranda's string quartet was awarded the Kuttner Scholarship which enabled them to represent the School of Music in recitals throughout the state and in the Lincoln Centre as part of the Mozart Bicentennial celebrations.

Miranda has performed extensively as recitalist, soloist and chamber musician in Europe and North America. She now lives in London and performs with



The Ananda Trio will perform with Ken Ishii March 11.

the London Chamber Orchestra, Philharmonia and the European Women's Orchestra. She plays regularly in the prestigious "Sessions" in London, and with them recorded the soundtracks of the award-winning film, "Queen of Hearts" and the newly released E. M. Forster film "Howard's End."

She has been soloist with many orchestras, including several performances of the Brahms Double Concerto with her sister, cellist, Caroline Dale, and a recent performance of the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto in Lancaster. She is currently teaching at the Royal Academy of Music in London.

Ken Ishii received his master's degree in cello performance from the California Institute of the Arts. He has been on the music faculty at the State University of New York at Buffalo, the University of Texas at San Antonio, and the Sewanee Summer Music Festival at the University of the South in Tennessee. As the original cellist with the ensemble of composer Steve Reich, Mr. Ishii toured the United States, Canada, and Europe and appears on the CD recording of Reich's Music for 18 Musicians.



Formerly principal cellist of the San Antonio Symphony, Mr. Ishii now devotes himself to his busy private teaching schedule as well as performing both classical chamber music and mainstream jazz improvisation.

Felicity Coltman was born in South Africa and received her musical training there and in England. She holds the Licentiate of the Royal Schools of Music in piano and organ performance, the Licentiate of the Trinity College of Music in London in piano teaching, and a Bachelor of Music from the University of Kansas.

She has performed extensively in South Africa, Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and

Zambia, and has appeared as soloist with the Johannesburg Symphony Orchestra, the Durban Symphony Orchestra and the South African Broadcasting Corporation Orchestra.

She moved to the United States in 1966 and has been active as a solo and chamber music pianist in Kansas and Texas. As Director of the Austin Chamber Music Center, she has played chamber music concerts in Europe and performs frequently in Austin and other cities in Texas. She received the 1993 Gruber Award for Excellence in Chamber Music Teaching by Chamber Music America.

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The twelve original entries for 1994 and the four

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The 1994 winners are:
 First place, "The Day the Animals Played a Baseball Game" by Jeremy Grimm, Alex Torres and Sarah Moon. Awards were ribbons and \$50 savings bonds from

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Second place, "The Magic Stone." by Aldo Rocha, Mandy Tsosie, Chrystin Coe, John Kirk. Awards were ribbons and minted coins from First State Bank and Peoples National Bank.

Third place, "The Seattle Circus" by Robyn Womac, Gordon Smale, Stephanie Marley and Randy Tubbs. Awards included ribbons and writing journal and pen from Century 21 Bill Bartlett.

Meritorious, "Superman For A Day" by Tiffany Blair, Emily Bates and Nathan Roberts. Awards included ribbons and writing pen from Mill Creek Country Club.

Editors note: Awards were presented March 1. Over the following weeks the **Salado Village Voice** will present the edited versions of the winning stories.

Hoedowners Square Dancers to meet March 8

The Hoedowners Square Dance Club will hold an Open House March 8 and March 15 at 7:30 p.m., at Slim's Barn, 301 S. Amy Lane in Harker Heights.

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March 16

Learning about older adults, their health needs and problems, sources of assistance and managing care givers' stress is the focus of a one-day conference, "Senior Focus '94" March 16 at the Mayborn Center in Temple.

The program is designed to address the needs of direct care givers such as family members and hospice volunteers and professional care givers such as nurses and state agency community care workers.

Concurrent sessions for the conference, which run from 9:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. include such topics as Managing Caregivers' Stress, Medication Interactions, Family and Legal Decisions, Improving Communication Skills, Understanding Depression and Dementia, Building Community Coalitions and Programs to Meet Family Caregiver Needs.

Other sessions will focus on benefits and available programs to aid the older adult. Participants can select from concurrent sessions on - Medicare, Medicaid and Food Stamp Benefits, - Social Security Benefits, - Veteran's Benefits, - Long Term Health Care Insurance Policies and - Home Health Care.

Improving quality of life for older adults is also a focus of the one-day conference. Workshops are scheduled on nutrition, personal safety, elder abuse and

The conference is sponsored by Area Agency on Aging, King's Daughters Hospital, Scott & White Memorial Hospital, Social Security Administration, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Department of Human Services.

A preregistration fee of \$10.00, which includes lunch, is due by March 4 to Area Agency on Aging. On site registration from 7:45-8:00 a.m. is also scheduled for the event.

Senior Focus '94 is open to all interested adults regardless of age, race, color, national origin, economic circumstances, sex, disabilities or religion.

Contact hours for nurses, social workers and activity directors attending the conference will be offered

For information on the care giver conference, contact the Bell County Extension Office at 933-5306 or Area Agency on Aging at 939-1886.

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Salado Republicans will meet at Mill Creek Club dining room 6:30 p.m. March 10 to hear a program on President Clinton's proposed Educational Reform Plan, which has been designated as "Goals 2000".

The speaker will be Allan Parker of San Antonio who is an Attorney at Law and presently serves as president of Texas Justice Foundation.

The public is invited. Reservations may be made by calling MaryBelle Brown at 947-5331.



Allan Parker of San Antonio

The first Sami Arts & Crafts Affaire™ of the year returns to the Bell County Expo Center with a fabulous array of handcrafted items, exotic imports and tasty gourmet treats.

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And who can think of spring without thinking of new spring clothes? Crafters have been working since last year on new designs in fancy shirts and skirts, colorful pant sets, and trendy scarves and hair accessories. Styles and colors are as varied as spring flowers. There will be jewelry of every description, from lavish costume pieces to elegant designs in sterling silver and gold.

The Sami Arts & Crafts Affaire is known throughout Central Texas as a great place to shop for quality merchandise, wide selections and terrific ideas. The first show of the year in Belton is at the Bell County Expo Center, Saturday March 5 from 10-5 and Sunday, March 6 from 11-5. Admission is \$2.50, good for both days. Children under 12 are free.

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Salado ISD releases 5th 6 weeks honor rolls

The following students were named to the honor roll for the fourth six weeks at Thomas Arnold Elementary.

THIRD GRADE

All As
Isaac Beruman, Shelia Arnold, Tabitha Lawson, Evan Gillespie, Narissa Mohammed, Jamie McGregor, Mary Beth Murchisor, Chance Thompson, Cody Quirk, Aaron McGregor, Elizabeth Dachs, Jenna Fritsch, Rome Urquiza, Meagan Joiner, Michael Evans, LeAnn Whitt, Richard Corona, Liesl Quick, Kyle Salisbury, Emily Lilly, Peter Smith, Beau Bartlett, Olga Urquiza, Aron Cabalero, Jacob Brizendine

"A-B"

Katee Blankenship, Kia Chaparala, Ashley Farr, Chad Ingle, Cody Mabry, Jason Stanley, Nicole Foster, Roland Buckley, Benton Ewton, Josh Dunn, Omar Torres, Megan Brown, Jesse Dalton, Francisco Ruiz, Charlie Gantenbein, Nathan Jackson

FOURTH GRADE

All As
Whitney Brown, Megan Fleck, John Kirk, Sarah Moon, Misti Simonton, Abby Sparks, Matthew Von Gonten, Aaron Gonzales, Jeremy Grimm, Stephanie Marley, Lindsay Quirk,

Adria Raley, Candace Simpson, Emily Bates, Craig Camp, Mandy Tsosie.

A-B

Andrew Hanson, Echo Jacobsen, Randi Rader, Dillon Reichert, Nathan Roberts, Tiffany Blair, Reina Dela Hoya, Nicole Martinez, Kristi McAdams, Aldo Rocha, Linda Biesterveld, Megan Burson, Frank Carlson, Mario Guajardo, Robyn Womac

FIFTH GRADE

All As
Hope Buchanan, Sabrina Chaparala, Sam Daniel, Jennifer Punchard, Chris Smith, Jon Teer, Becky Wilson, Matt Stowell, Warren Hileman, Grant Schilling, Stacy Blodgett, Tessa Schreiner, Cody Melton, Donny Pipes, Micki Rosanky, Amy Barbour, Gregory Dachs, Garlin Hennig, Jennifer Joiner, Lara Lee, Matt Nelson, Lacy McDaniel, Stephanie Niquette, Rebecca Trost

A-B

Bryce Bolick, Harley Davidson, Paul Holloway, Ashley Kelley, Cindy Lopez, Jonathan McHaney, Sheena Page, Samantha York, Kyle Souter, Chris Woolard, Casandra Holton, James Butler, Chris Corbitt, Crystal Cospers, Tracy Crane (Higginbottom), Brandon Newman, Christine Urquiza

SIXTH GRADE

All As

Zach Brown, Sarah Buchanan, Michael Gamble, Melodie Gilliam, Lauren Quirk, Deanna VonGonten, Kendall Anderson, Blake Cameron, Tigger Day, Alicia Doyle, Diedra Hodge, Paul Lucas, Veronica Quick, Jennifer Tsosie, Adam Doyle, Nick Long, Michelle Tillman

"A-B"

Matt Fleck, Will Barbour, Vincente Fraire, Brooke Herrick, Nikki Jackson, Anna Kate Mackie, Scott Marley, Brooke Simpson, Troy Smith, Jordon Klein, Franky Conlee, Nichole Hill, Trey Hutton, Larry Whitt, Amber Claburn, Sarah Holloway, Laura Jiminez, Jonathan Robbins, Colt Smith, Paige Teer, Elena Thomason.

The following students are listed on the Salado I.S.D. A Honor Roll for the Fifth Six Weeks:

Seventh Grade

Thomas R. Buckley, Ryan P. Gillespie, William T. Hutton, Joshua F. Lee, Rachel E. McGregor, Katie E. Puncard and Chrystal D. Whiteley

Eighth Grade

Dan A. Alcozer, Richard K. Barbour, Kristin E. Cawthon, Courtney R. Dodge, Christina G. Fuhs, Julie M. Gamble, Claude B. Hodge, Ryan G. Hodge, James T. Hunter, James B.

Johnston, David E. Kirk, Daniel P. Mashburn, Marissa R. Michalewicz, Lindsay E. Owen, Amber L. Preston, Howard R. Sartor and John R. Woolard.

Ninth Grade

Elizabeth A. Boyd, Chris D. Frazier, Rachael A. Long, Sandra A. Morris Kurt W. Salisbury, and Carolina Urquiza

Tenth Grade

Jacqueline S. Alcozer, Kyle L. Anderson, John N. Donner, David M. Dunlap, Marie A. Grigsby, Marissa E. Lindley, Vincent W. Michna, and Tiffany N. Scheriner.

Eleventh Grade

William S. Boyd, Brent M. Cabaniss, Justin A. Hodge, Joseph A. Mashburn, Valorie K. Michna, Michael A. Sierra, and Mark A. Thompson.

Twelfth Grade

Diana R. Dunnahoo, Jennifer M. McHaney, Erica J. Mullins, Nora Nelson and William J. Wilson.

The following students were listed on the A-B Honor Roll:

Seventh Grade

Raina D. Curry, Bradley A. Davidson, Shelly A. Dillon, Elizabeth H. Evans, Annika Garcia, Jennifer C. Hanson, Stacy N. Krueger, Christopher J. Michna, Katy A. Moore, Sail N. Ricks, Laura A. Schatte, Nicholas W. Smith, Alberta Urquiza, Mark H. Weddell, Cody N. Whitacre.

Eighth Grade

Bradley A. Bolick, Joshua K. Brown, Luis A. Costello, Christine O. Daniel, Leah M. Davis, Matthew P. Fiebig, Matthew J. Fisher, Tiffany L. Higginbotham, Chad A. Kiphart, Michelle A. Lenis, Stephen M. Lindley, Susan C. McDonald, Shawn F. Mitchell, Marisa S. Scully, Adam C. Smith, Codi D. Stone, Jennifer L. Stowell and Elizabeth G. Whiteley.

Ninth Grade

McKenzie D. Brown, Roger L. Buckley, Amanda S. Collins, Misty D. Conlee, Anndra D. Dunnahoo, Cody J. Hall, Cassie R. Kite, Fayegan Nelson, Timothy M. Powers, Carrie A. Puckett, Marina Rodriguez, Nicholas L. Teer and Kyle C. Whitacre.

Tenth Grade

Jay C. Adams, William E. Culp Jr., Shawn D. Easley, Lamar D. Kirk, Sophia G. Lara, Michelle Martinez, Michael C. McDonald and Jerome T. Peoples.

Eleventh Grade

Joseph R. Agee, Brian C. Carroll, Kimberly D. Claburn, Rebecca L. Collins, Robert L. Curb, James W. Deaton, John H. Edmondson, Ricky G. Engleking, Earl L. Gillespie, Michael D. Humphrey, Laurelyn Hunter, Amy C. Jackson, Tamecia M. Lopez, Kayce B. Moore, Annalea Ray, Geronimo Soto Jr.

Twelfth Grade

Barbara Aguilar, Aaron N. Baldwin, Edith D. Beckham, Karie M. Brown, Benjamin J. Daniel, Steven G. Dunlap, Michael W. Fiebig, Amie R. Gillespie, Jason K. Gilpin, Jennifer A. Hill, Marla D. Jackson, Anna K. Johansson, Danny R. Light Brandon L. McGregor, Holly A. McQueen, Monty A. Sands, Deborah A. Wasik, and Hunter C. Wesson.

Salado Village Artists now

accepting pledges for "barn"

The Salado Village Artists club has accepted the challenge of renovating the "Old Bus Barn" which sits on the grounds of the new Salado Civic Center and the Boles-Aiken Cabin.

The structure, once the Union Grove Schoolhouse has changed identities several times during its history.

When the district consolidated in 1948, the schoolhouse was moved from its original location to the old high school campus.

From that time until Salado's new high school was built in 1980, the building served as an agricultural classroom and maintenance building, hence the name "Old Bus Barn". When

the old Salado High School was converted to the new Salado Civic Center, landscaping plans included the destruction and removal of the "Old Bus Barn".

The Salado Village Artists expressed an interest in making the building a useful part of the Civic Center complex. Although the art club will be responsible for funding and supervising this project, the building will remain the property of the Salado community.

Planned reconstruction will include all new electrical, plumbing, insulation, heat and air as well as replacement of doors and window glass. Roof repair and paint will complete Phase I of the project. Cost is could

reach \$8,000 to \$10,000.

The possibility exists that the organization will receive grants from public and private foundations; however, virtually all these grants will require matching funds.

If you are interested in making a financial commitment to this project use the form adjacent to this story. If need more information regarding this project you may write the Salado Village Artists at P.O. Box 363, Salado, TX 76571.

YES! I'd like to help renovate the Old Union Grove Schoolhouse (please check one):

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Salado's Thelma Fletcher is Texas' Lady of Books

In honor of Women's History Month a series of articles will be forthcoming in the following weeks representing influential women in our area and Texas history.

by MaryBelle Brown,
Bell County
Historical Commission
Based on a series of interviews by Ms. Brown for the Oral History Project.

"A Lady of Books". "First Lady of Books". "The Book Woman". "The State's Premier Book Woman". "Publisher". "Dealer in rare books". "Appraiser". "Octogenarian". "Walking History Book". "Grand Marshal of the Bluebonnet Festival Parade". And, yes, even "Owner of an Adult Bookstore".

All of these titles have been used at one time or another by journalists and other writers, speakers, tradesmen, dealers and collectors of rare books and antiques, and ordinary people to identify, describe, explain, or otherwise label Mrs. Thelma Fletcher, A.S.A.

Mrs. Fletcher is the owner of Fletcher's Books and Antiques of Salado. She has been a certified appraiser of rare books since 1970. She was the first book appraiser to become a Senior member of the American Society of Appraisers. She serves as a member of the American Society of Appraisers. She serves as a member of their international Board of Examiners and passes on the qualifications of persons applying for membership in the Society with expertise on books. She is responsible for writing entrance examinations for future book appraisers.

Mrs. Fletcher's business

Texas Women's History Month

Since 1987 the Texas Historical Commission has officially promoted the celebration of Women's History Month in Texas each March. The Local History Programs Department at Texas Historical Commission serves as a clearinghouse for information about state and national level activities. The purpose of Women's History Month is to recognize the achievements and contributions of women to our history. The theme for the 1994 celebration is "In every generation action frees our dreams."

Locally the Oral History Committee of the Bell County Historical Commission, chaired by Michele Mears of Temple, is participating in Texas Women's History Month by offering for publication in county newspapers a series of articles about some of the women who have made a difference in the growth and development of Bell County.

Committee members have researched local history, identified subjects for oral history projects, and so far have conducted 20

interviews covering a diversity of topics. In the near future transcriptions of these interviews will be available to the general public for research purposes. Members of the Committee are MaryBelle Brown of Salado, Emily Means of Belton, Mary Irving and Carol Kehl of Temple, and Alice Burbank, Gra'Delle Duncan and Marjorie Jean of Killeen. For further information about the Bell County Historical Commissions Oral History Program call 817-771-8205.

During his Salado years, Herbert Fletcher played a predominate role in reviving the ghost town or village of Salado leading the way for it to become known as an historic spot.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Fletcher sold his collection of rare books to Rice University. She then began her own business which she continues to run on North main Street in Salado.

Except for the Texiana collection, and a more recent addition of children's classic's, there are no new books in the store. Shelves are crammed with used books of interest to collectors, researchers, and customers who enjoy going back in time in their reading.

An anecdote which Mrs. Fletcher's family and friends enjoy telling concerns an ad she placed in a trade journal explaining changes in her business after Mr. Fletcher's death. The ad stated that there had been a change in management and that she was now doing appraisals and dealing in books and antiques. She used the term "adult books" meaning book of interest to adults, such as travel, history, etc., as opposed to children's books. For several years after this she received numerous letters from people in the New York City area, especially from the Bronx, wanting to buy or sell pornographic literature. Finally, with the help of the U.S. Postal Service, she was able to get mailings stopped.

Mrs. Fletcher, at age 89, continues to operate her book and antique and appraisal business with the assistance of a grandson,

interests extend throughout the South and she maintains internationally associated interests in London, England. In her travels, Mrs. Fletcher has appraised for estates, libraries, insurance companies, banks, attorneys and other professionals as well as for private individuals. She has appeared in court as a qualified expert in the area of identification and evaluation of books and antiques. She has presented papers at the International Conference of the American Society of Appraisers in Williamsburg, Va., Toronto, Canada, and at Trinity University in San Antonio and Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. Mrs. Fletcher has been written about in a number of professional publications and is the author of numerous articles in such publications.

Mrs. Fletcher appraises antiques, libraries and rare

books and often tracks down a desired book for one of her customers. She more or less "eased" into the antique business since visitors to Salado seemed to expect it. There are now many demands on her time to appraise estates throughout the country.

Thelma Rawls Fletcher was born on February 5, 1905 on a cattle ranch in the Big Bend country to an isolated, sometimes lonely but oftentimes exciting life. For example, Mrs. Fletcher recalls hearing the roar of cannons when Poncho Villa was bombarding the village of Ojinago in 1916.

Mrs. Fletcher grew up with an inquiring mind, an undying curiosity about people, a love of books and an appreciation for the history of Texas and the Southwest, as well as the Mexican influence on our culture. She has spoken Spanish well since early childhood.

When she was nine or

ten years old, Mrs. Fletcher was sent away to boarding school in San Antonio. Here at Incarnate Word Academy and later, San Antonio College, she was educated in the classics and trained in charm, grace and the social skills which are an innate part of her personality today.

While working in a book store in San Antonio, Thelma Rawls met Herbert Fletcher who had headed the rare books' department at Wanamaker's Department Store in Philadelphia. The couple married in 1927 and moved to Houston where they opened a bookstore. The Fletcher's continued in the book business and in publishing in Houston for 30 years.

The couple moved to Salado in 1954 in search of a better climate for Mr. Fletcher's health. Herbert Fletcher continued as an appraiser and dealer of rare books until his death in 1968.

Texas Conservative Coalition honor Rep. Layton Black

Rep. Layton Black, D-Lampasas, was honored by the Texas Conservative Coalition (TCC) for his dedication and commitment to conservative principles during the 73rd Legislature. Black was recognized during the TCC's Annual Membership Meeting held on February 15, 1994, at the University Club in Austin, Texas.

"Without the commitment of our members, the TCC would not have been considered the most suc-

cessful caucus of the 73rd Legislature," said Rep. Warren Chisum, president of the Coalition.

The TCC also recognized the contributions of its donors at the membership meeting. Some donors were accorded special recognition for their long-time and generous support of conservative principles.

The TCC announced that it will sponsor five public hearings during April and May 1994 in Fort Worth, San Antonio, Midland,

Houston and Austin. The information gathered through this hearing process will serve as the basis for developing a package of legislative proposals for the 74th Legislature. These hearings will build on the success of the first series of public hearings held during the interim of the 72nd Legislature.

"We had great success with our legislative package last session and anticipate even greater success in 1995," said Chisum.

In conjunction with the public hearings, the TCC has formed five task forces to study education issues, property rights, state finance, tort reform and welfare reform. These task forces will enable Coalition members to develop effective public policy and draft legislation on these issues for the regular session of the 74th Legislature.

The TCC is non-partisan coalition of legislators who subscribe to the principles of limited govern-

ment, free enterprise, individual liberties and traditional family values. The TCC currently has 72 members, six from the Senate and 66 from the House.

"Coalition members have diverse interests and expertise which cover virtually every issue facing the state. By utilizing the talent of Rep. Black, the Coalition will continue to play a vital role in the Legislature," said Chisum.

Youth Fair winners named

Salado's 1994 Bell County Youth Fair and Livestock Show Results

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 SHANE BERRIER, LAMB*, 1ST; LAMB, 9TH; SR. LIVESTOCK JUDGING, 10TH.
 TIFFANY BLAIR, RABBIT, RGC; RABBIT, 3RD; HANDMADE BASKETS, 5TH; FUDGE, 4TH, BANANA NUT BREAD, 9TH.
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 JEREMY BUCKNER, BROILERS*, 3RD.
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 MICHAEL COMBS, SWINE*, 1ST.
 RAINA CURRY, LAMB*, 2ND; LAMB, 1ST; JR. LIVESTOCK JUDGING, 4TH.
 ANNDREAD DUNNAHOO, BREAD, RC; SWINE*, 4TH.
 DIANNA DUNNAHOO, HANDMADE BASKETS, 2ND; HOLIDAY CORNER, 5TH; SWINE*, 3RD.
 JOHN EDMONDSON, MODELS, 5TH; RABBITS, 4TH; RABBITS, 6TH; CANDY, 4TH; UICK BREAD, 6TH.
 RICKY ENGLEKING, LAMB; 5TH.
 MATTHEW FIEBIG, LAMB, 10TH; MICHAEL FIEBIG, LAMB*, 4TH.
 ADRIENNE FISHER, CAKE, 5TH.
 MATTHEW FLECK, BREEDING CATTLE, 2ND;
 MEGAN FLECK, DECOR BASKETS, 4TH.
 ANDREW FRIEDEN, BREAD, 3RD; ART, 5TH; RABBIT, CHAMPION.
 SAMANTHA FUCHS, ART, 4TH.
 REBECCA GIDLEY, SWINE, 5TH.
 ANGELA GILLIAM, BREAD, 3RD; TWO-PIECES SEWN, 4TH.

JASON GILPIN, BREEDING CATTLE, 1ST;
 CODY HALL, STEER*, 4TH.
 JOHN HAUFLE, HORSES, 1ST.
 ANTHONY HILL, WOODWORK CRAFTS, 4TH; SWINE, 4TH.
 JENNIFER HILL, BREEDING CATTLE, 2ND.
 NICOLE HILL, CANNED VEGETABLES, RC; SKIRT, 2ND; CUCUMBER PICKLES, 3RD; CANNED TOMATOES, 3RD; HAND EMBROIDERY, 3RD; MACHINE APPLIQUE, 3RD; TWO-PIECE SEWN, 3RD; JAM PRESERVES, 5TH; BLOUSE, 5TH.
 BARRY HODGE, SWINE, 8TH.
 DIEDRA HODGE, SWINE, 6TH.
 JUSTIN HODGE, RECORD BOOK COMMERCIAL STEER, 3RD; OVER-ALL COMMERCIAL STEER, 5TH; LIVESTOCK JUDGING, 3RD.
 JEROME HOSCH, BROILERS, 17TH.
 MICHAEL HUMPHREY, CAKE, 6TH.
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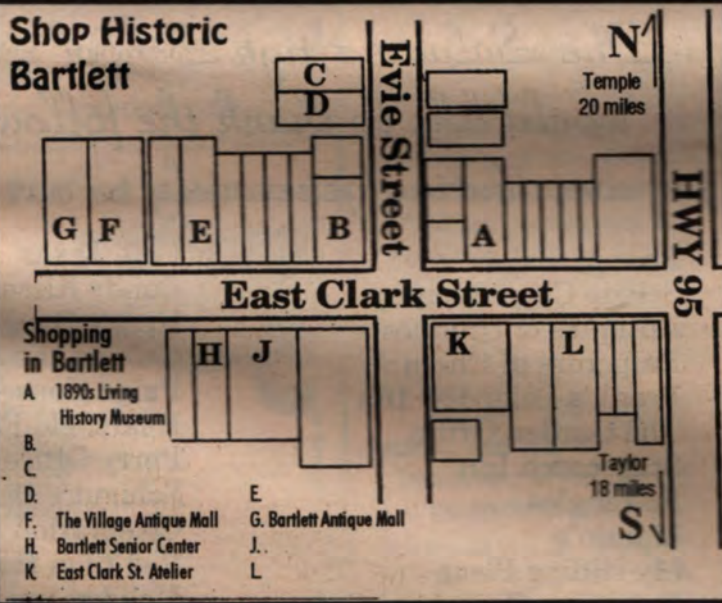
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Richard Thomas to perform at Tablerock March 5

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Richard Paul will sing his popular songs from "Salado Legends" plus other original songs he has composed over his career as a songwriter/composer.

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Richard is president of Technology and Business Consultants, Inc. in Salado.

Seating is limited and reservation are required. Tickets are \$10 for Tablerock members are \$12.50 for non-members.

For more information call Jerry Taylor after 5 p.m. at 817-947-8735. Tickets may be purchased at Peoples National Bank, Salado and at First State Bank, Salado.

Funeral services set for Smith, formerly of Salado

Mrs. Carroll P. Smith (Gwendolyn J.), formerly of Dallas, Denton and Salado, died Sunday, Feb. 27, 1994, in Sherman, Texas after a long illness.

Services will be 1:30 p.m. March 2, at Restland Wildwood Chapel. Interment Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.

Mrs. Carroll P. Smith was born Nov. 18, 1906 in Irving, Texas. She was a school teacher.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carroll P. Smith; brothers, Melvin, Jay B. and Gordon B. Smith, Sr.

Survivors include one son Joe R. Smith of Sadler Texas; one daughter Carol L. Toole, of Temple, Texas; grandchildren Joel Smith, Mrs. Reagan Martin and Cecilie Smith.

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many seasoned citizens we have as compared to how many young and middle age citizens would allow more realistic planning by churches, schools, merchants, the water board, Realtors and builders.

We might put to rest those ideas that all we have here are old folks who wish someone would lock the gate now that they are ensconced in Salado! That gate is wide open and over the past several years has enticed a lot of folks to our area and changed, possibly

forever, the community profile. I would wager our average age has dropped dramatically. But who knows for sure without facts?

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