

SALADO Village Voice

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Calendar of Events

- May 2** Sunday afternoon Jam Session at Tablerock
- May 2-12** Senior Ventures at the Stagecoach Inn
- May 6** 8:50 am. Merchants Association Halley House/ Carriage House
- May 6** 7 p.m. Town Meeting, about Salado Community Center, held at the school cafeteria
- May 9** Sunday afternoon Jam Session at Tablerock
- May 8-9** MG Car Club at the Stagecoach Inn
- May 10** 6:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors at the High School
- May 12** 11:30 a.m. Salado Lions Club at Mill Creek Country Club
- May 13** Salado Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary trip to Austin
- May 15** 10 a.m. Old Salado School cornerstone dedication by Masons.
- May 15** 11 a.m. Joint meeting of the Chamber Board and OSSF at Salado High School
- May 16** Sunday afternoon Jam Session at Tablerock
- May 20** 7 p.m. Salado Historical Society at the Halley House - Carriage House Program by Carl McQueary, desserts
- May 23** 2-5 p.m. Junior Roundtable Awards Tea - Program honoring Mary Louise DeGrummond at the Art Gallery and Central Texas Area Museum Auditorium
- May 23** Sunday afternoon Jam Session at Tablerock
- May 25** 6:30 p.m. ABWA meet at the Salado Church of Christ
- May 26** 11:30 a.m. Salado Lions Club meet at Mill Creek Country Club
- May 30** Sunday afternoon Jam Session at Tablerock

Masons host open house

The Salado Masonic Lodge will hold its 1993 Open House 2-5 p.m. May 1 according to an announcement made by Bill Piper, the Master of the lodge. The lodge is located on Church St. behind the Salado National Bank. The public is cordially

invited to attend and view the lodge room and its unusual furniture and equipment, much of it looking exactly the same as it looked when Masonry first came to Texas in the early 1830's. Light refreshments will be served during the afternoon.

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School, Senate election set for Texas May 1

Texas voters go to the polls May 1 to choose a new U.S. Senator to fill the seat vacated by U.S. Secretary of Treasury Lloyd Bentsen and to vote on three proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution concerning school finance. Salado voters will also elect three to serve full three-year terms on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees.

Eight Saladoans will appear on the ballot for the SISD Board of Trustees: Dwayne Jackson, Grant Critchfield, Tom Berrier, Floyd Lee, Romaine Schatte, Roger Hunter, Rita Brown and Wayne Garner.

Voting for the school board election and the proposed amendments to the constitution will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m. May 1 at the Salado school cafeteria.

Voting in the special election for the U.S. Senate race is 7 a.m.-7 p.m. May 1 at the First Baptist Church.

Be sure to bring your voter's registration card



Earth Day: Chamber President Denver Mills and Becky McAulay of the Central Texas Republican Women, plant a tree outside Thomas Arnold Elementary School as students look on last week.

Architect to present plans at town meeting May 6

At the **Town Meeting** to be held **7 p.m. May 6** architect Larry Speck will present architectural plans for the future Salado Community Service Center. The presentation will include a slide show and model of the future building for community inspection.

Speck the Dean of the School of Architecture at the University of Texas in Austin has been named one of 100 leading architects in the world by *Architectural Digests*. He was also the lead architect in the building of Austin Convention Center.

Institute names newly elected board members

The Institute for the Humanities at Salado held its fourteenth annual Board of Trustees meeting April 18, at the Inn on the creek. The main purpose of the meeting was to elect new members to the Board of Trustees, the Texas Council of Advisors, and the International Council of Advisors.

The Institute is pleased to welcome four new members to the board. They are: Shannon Armstrong, Aus-

tin; Samuel Dunnam, Austin; Walter Herberts, Georgetown; Pete Jennings, Salado; and Amy Freeman Lee, San Antonio.

The Board re-elected the following officers: President Harry Wilmer, Salado; Executive Vice-President, Paul Woodruff, Austin; Vice-President, William Hilgers, Austin; and Vice-President, Barbara Wendland, Temple. New officers include two secretaries to the board; William and Shirley Courtney,

Temple. Mary Hill of Salado has been the secretary for the last 3 year.

Several people concluded their term on the Board of Trustees this year. They are: Kay Baden, Salado; Patricia Cook, Waco; B.J. McConnell, Salado; Robert O'Connor, San Antonio; Henry Randle, Jacksonville, Florida; and James Russell, Belton. The Institute acknowledges their committed involvement with the board over the past years.

While Mary Jane Taylor, Salado concluded her term as a member of the Texas Council of Advisors, several new members were appointed; Mark Lane, San Antonio; Billie Laney, Killeen; Annette Lucksinger, Killeen; Henry Lucksinger, Killeen; Elizabeth McEntire, Waco; Bobbie Weaver, Killeen; and Mickey White, Temple.

The Institute also gained several new members on the International Council of Advisors. They include:

Robert Berdahl, President of the University of Texas at Austin; John Howe, President of the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio; Sir Yehudi Menuhin, violinist, London, England; and Elaine Pagels, Professor of Religion, Princeton University, New Jersey.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I love a parade! Especially the Bluebonnet Parade this year. I appreciate everyone who participated in the parade. I had a lot of help with the parade and would like to thank the following for their part in making it a huge success.

The Bluebonnet Parade Committee: Vickie Allen, MaryBelle Brown, Anne Haws, Glenda Hill, Milo Johnson, Sue Perkins, Bobby Powell and Sandy Thomason. Our heartfelt thanks goes to Mr. Butch Cleveland, Chairman of the Belton 4th of July Parade. Butch was introduced to the committee by MaryBelle Brown. He secured the judges, headed by Betty Cluck, and the Temple Radio Club shop helped with staging, communications and parade route.

Butch also served as Announce, did the parade lineup, parking lot numbering, and

provided expertise in planning.

Thanks also goes to the *Salado Village Voice* for their excellent newspaper coverage, Channel 6 for their news broadcast, Garlyn Shelton for furnishing automobiles, The Salado Chamber of Commerce, Cathy Sands and the First Baptist Church for providing lunch to the Ft. Hood Band, Calvary and Color Guard; Mrs. Sterling Robertson for serving as the Parade Grand Marshall and the Century 21 Bill Bartlett office and our secretary, Debbie VonGotten, for serving as Parade Headquarters. I would also like to extend an appreciation to Denver and Jackie Mills for their help and for serving our community unselfishly in so many areas.

Thanks so much!

Rita S. Brown

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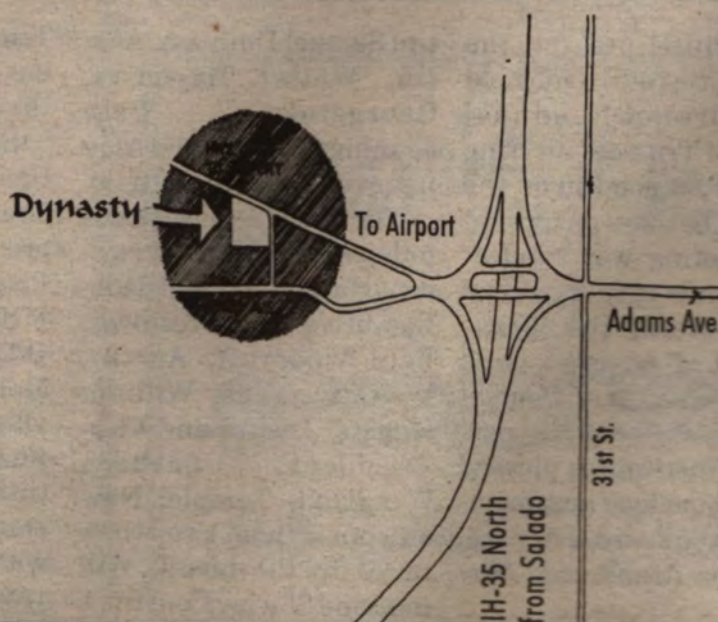
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School finance

Amendments May 1 decide future of Texas schools

As a public service to our readers, the Salado Village Voice is reprinting in full information taken from a publication printed by the Texas Legislative Council to assist in the interpretation and understanding of the constitutional amendments proposed in the May 1, 1993 election. We hope that you will read and contemplate this in-depth article before casting your ballot May 1. For or against, be sure to vote May 1 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Salado School Cafetorium.

General Information

In the 1993 regular session, the 73rd Texas Legislature passed two joint resolutions proposing three constitutional amendments offered for voter ratification on a May 1, 1993, election ballot.

The Texas Constitution provides that the legislature, by a two-thirds vote of all members of each house, may propose amendments revising the constitution and that proposed amendments must then be submitted for approval to the qualified voters of the state. A proposed amendment becomes a part of the constitution if a majority of the votes cast in an election on the proposition are cast in its favor. An amendment approved by voters is effective on the date of the official canvass of returns showing adoption. The date of canvass, by law, is not earlier than the 15th or later than the 30th day after election day. An amendment may provide for a later effective date.

Since adoption in 1876 and through April 1993, the state's constitution has been amended 339 times, from a total of 502 amendments submitted to the voters for their approval. The three amendments on the May 1, 1993, election ballot bring the total number of amendments submitted to 505. The following table lists the years in which constitutional amendments have been proposed by the Texas Legislature, the number of amendments proposed, and the number of those adopted. The year of the vote is not reflected in the table.

Wording of Ballot Propositions

The ballot wording of a proposal to amend the state constitution is prescribed in the joint resolution adopted by the legislature that authorizes the submission of the proposed amendment to the voters for ratification. The wording of the ballot propositions offered at the May 1, 1993, election is provided below.

AMENDMENT NO. 1

The constitutional amendment allowing limited redistribution of ad valorem taxes for schools, authorizing the legislature or local districts to set a minimum tax rate in county education districts, and placing a cap on the ad valorem tax levied by county education districts.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

The constitutional amendment exempting a school district from the obligation to comply with unfunded state educational mandates.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of \$750 million in state general obligation or revenue bonds to assist school districts in partially financing facilities, authorizing the state to forgive payments of loans

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H.B. No. 72.

made to a school district for partially financing facilities, and repealing the authorization for \$750 million in state revenue bonds guaranteed by the permanent school fund.

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Senate Joint Resolution No. 7, Section 1, proposing a constitutional amendment allowing the limited redistribution of

ad valorem taxes for schools, authorizing the legislature or local districts to set a minimum tax rate in county education districts, and placing a cap on the ad valorem tax levied by county education districts. (SENATE AUTHOR: Bill Ratliff; HOUSE SPONSOR: Libby Linebarger)

The proposed amendment amends Article VII of the Texas Constitution by adding Section 3-c. The amendment: (1) authorizes the legislature to redistribute among other school districts the property taxes levied and collected by a district (commonly called "recapture"); (2) authorizes the creation of county education districts with the power to levy property taxes as provided by law; (3) authorizes the legislature to set the tax rate for school districts or county education districts; (4) limits county education district taxes to a rate not to exceed \$1 per \$100 valuation of taxable property; and (5) limits the amount of recapture, either directly from school districts or effectively through imposition of county education district taxes, to an amount not to exceed 2.75 percent of the total state and local revenue in the public school system, excepting from that total funds for free textbooks or retirement system contributions. The amendment expressly provides that it does not affect the distribution of the available school fund under Article VII, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution.

Background

In a series of decisions known as the Edgewood cases, the Texas Supreme Court has held the Texas system of public school finance unconstitutional. That system relies on a combination of state funds (about \$7 billion for the 1992-1993 school year, including both general revenue and constitutionally dedicated funds); local property tax revenue (about \$8 billion for the 1992-1993 school year), and federal funds (about \$1 billion for the 1992-1993 school year). The lawsuit was originally filed in 1984, and the legislature went into special session almost immediately. That special session produced what many considered landmark reforms in public education, including public school finance, in the form of H.B. No. 72.

The reforms of H.B. No. 72 notwithstanding, the plaintiff school districts took the case to

trial in 1987. In October 1989, the Texas Supreme Court unanimously held the school finance system unconstitutional and ordered the enactment of a new system (Edgewood I). The primary basis for the court's holding was that the statutory system was not an "efficient" system, as required by the express language of Article VII, Section 1, of the Texas Constitution, because the system failed to provide substantially equal access to similar revenues per pupil at similar levels of tax effort. At the core of this inefficiency was the extent of reliance on local property taxes under circumstances in which there were such great disparities among districts in property wealth. In the words of the court, those disparities allowed high-wealth districts to "tax low and spend high" while low-wealth districts were required to "tax high merely to spend low."

In response to Edgewood I, the legislature met in four special sessions from February to June 1990, finally enacting S.B. No. 1 on June 5. That bill established a standard that 95 percent of the pupils in the state would be in a wealth-neutral system by 1995 and reformulated the funding formulas to achieve that balance. The bill provided an immediate funding increase of \$528 Million, primarily through a state sales tax increase. The bill also included various accountability and program reforms.

The validity of S.B. No. 1 also was challenged and was held unconstitutional by the Texas Supreme Court in January 1991, which found that S.B. No. 1 failed to restructure the system (Edgewood II). The court noted that some districts were still wealthy tax havens resulting in an overall loss of revenue in the funding system. The court suggested that tax base consolidation would be an efficient method of achieving equity and noted that the Constitution permitted it. The court went so far as to cite existing statutory authority for tax base consolidation as an example of the broad discretion of the legislature in creating school districts. In a clarifying ruling a month later, the court added that (1) "recapture," the distribution of tax funds from one school district to another, was prohibited by the constitution upholding the 1931 case of *Tove v. Dallas*; and (2) some unequalized local enrichment of the basic program was permissible.

The Legislature was in regular session at the time of Edgewood II. Following the court's lead, the legislature quickly moved to enact S.B. No. 351. That bill created 188 county education districts ("CEDs"), a form of tax base consolidation in which a county-wide district (in some cases a multi-county district) was superimposed over existing school districts to levy a property tax for distribution among all school districts within the county education district. The CED was required by law to raise a minimum amount of tax revenue. The bill also increased funding for facilities, increased the basic allotment to school districts, and placed tax rate and revenue limits on the component school districts of CEDs. Using existing constitutional authority to consolidate districts without having an election to authorize the levy of property taxes within the consolidated district, the Legislature sought to meet the mandate of Edgewood I while following a specific suggestion by the court in Edgewood II.

In January 1992, a divided Texas Supreme Court again held the legislature's efforts unconstitutional. *See School Finance, Page 4*

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stitutional (Edgewood III). This time, the court did not judge the merits of S.B. No. 351 under the efficiency standard from the earlier cases. Rather, the court held that: (1) the CED tax is a state property tax in violation of Article VIII, Section 1-e, of the Texas Constitution; and (2) the authority of a CED to levy a property tax without voter approval violated Article VII, Section 3, of the Texas Constitution, which requires a school district created by a means other than consolidation to obtain voter approval. The CED tax was found to be a state property tax because the Legislature mandated the levy of the tax (by requiring a CED to raise a set local share), set the tax rate, and prescribed the distribution of the proceeds. In addition, the court found that while the legislature had the power to create school districts, the creation of county education districts was not consolidation in the sense permitted by the constitution without voter approval of property taxes. The court did not require a refund of the unconstitutional CED taxes, and stayed the effect of its decision until June 1, 1993, to provide the legislature with adequate time to address the issue once again.

Frustrated by this series of court cases, the legislature proposed this constitutional amendment to address the impediments found by the court while accepting the responsibility to comply with the court's equity standard. If adopted, the amendment would:

(1) effectively overrule the *Tove v. Dallas* prohibition on recapture, by expressly allowing limited recapture;

(2) expressly authorize the creation of county education districts that combine the taxable property of existing school districts;

(3) authorize the levy, collection, and distribution of property taxes by a county education district as authorized by general law (which general law may or may not require voter approval of the imposition of the taxes) at a rate not to exceed \$1 per \$100 valuation of taxable property;

(4) authorize the legislature to set the rate of ad valorem taxes in county education districts or in school districts, effectively overruling the Edgewood III determination that the CED tax was a state property tax and overcoming the implication from Edgewood III that the state could not require a mandatory local share for the foundation school program; and

(5) limit the amount recaptured directly from school districts and effectively recaptured within a county through a CED to 2.75 percent of the sum of state and local revenue for the public schools, not including the amount of state revenue for free textbooks or retirement contributions. (The amount "effectively recaptured" from a school district within a county is the difference between what the school district would generate on its own at the CED tax rate and the revenue the district actually receives from the CED tax. The limit would be approximately \$400 million at current funding levels.)

The amendment does not affect the distribution of the available school fund, which under Article VII, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution is distributed to schools on the basis of the number of students.

An injunction of the supreme court that will prohibit distribution of state funds to school districts will go into effect June 1, 1993, if a constitutional school finance system has not been enacted by the legislature by that date. The district court with enforcement responsibility has ordered the appropriate parties to

prepare for enforcement of that Injunction. To (tale, the 73rd Legislature has not enacted the necessary enabling legislation to implement a new system.

Arguments For

1. By relying from the beginning on the nebulous standard of "effectively," the courts have yet to give the legislature meaningful direction as to how to satisfy that standard. After at least three hearings before the supreme court and eight years of litigation, the legislature is little closer to a common understanding of what legislation will satisfy the court's standard. Even after following a specific suggestion of the court in the second Edgewood opinion and creating county education districts as a form of tax base consolidation, the legislature again was held unconstitutional. A Constitutional amendment, approved by the voters of the entire state, is the only effective means to ensure those persons elected to make school finance policy—the legislature—have the ability to enact a valid school finance law.

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schools under the court order. Other alternatives are either economically or politically infeasible. The options are relatively few: full state funding or large increases in state funding would require a new revenue source such as a state income tax or state property tax; consolidation of school districts is locally unpopular and has an undesirable effect on local control of schools; and limiting judicial review of school finance laws upsets the traditional balance of powers within state government. The limited ability to redistribute tax revenue from one district to another and to consolidate tax bases within counties for at least part of the local share of support of the public schools is the only politically and economically feasible method of meeting the court's equity standard—that School districts have substantially equal access to similar revenues per pupil at similar levels of tax effort.

Arguments Against

1. By whatever name you call it—"recapture," "redistribution," or "Robin Hood"—the taking of local property tax revenue from one school district and expending that revenue in another school district violates a basic principle of government: that locally imposed property taxes are held in trust for the benefit of the residents of the district imposing the tax. It is that principle that the Texas Supreme Court has consistently refused to overturn in the Edgewood litigation. The legislature should allow the political will and courage to pursue an alternative to recapture, which has the aura of soaking the rich districts but in reality raises only a small portion of the funding for public schools.

2. There is no need to empower the legislature to set local tax rates, a power that will

enable the legislature to effect large increases in local property taxes. Even if it were necessary for equity purposes to authorize the legislature to require school districts to make a minimum contribution to the funding of the public schools, this amendment is much broader than that. By its express terms, it authorizes the legislature to set the rate of a local property tax, whether levied by a county education district or an independent school district. Nothing in the history of the Edgewood litigation justifies this level of intrusion into local control of schools. This offense to local control is compounded by the ability of the legislature to require those local taxes without any arm of voter approval, a right currently protected by the constitution.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

Senate Joint Resolution No. 7, Section 2, proposing a constitution amendment exempting a school district from the obligation to comply with unfunded state educational mandates. (SENATE AUTHOR: Bill Ratliff; HOUSE SPONSOR: Libby Linebarger)

The proposed amendment amends Article VII of the Texas Constitution by adding Section 8a to exempt a school district from complying with an obligation requiring the expenditure of school district funds unless the obligation is: (1) fully funded; (2) imposed in compliance with the Texas Constitution or federal law; or (3) enacted by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the legislature. The amendment requires the legislature to establish a procedure for determining whether an obligation is fully funded, in the absence of which the comptroller of public accounts makes the determination at the request of a board of trustees of a school district. The provision applies only to mandates enacted after December 31, 1993.

Background

States have always mandated functions, standards, tax limits, and other rules for local governments such as school districts. These mandates require the local governments either to take specific actions or not take specific actions. In recent decades, the number and cost of state mandates have grown in most states. The concern over state mandates is increased as a result of the decline in federal aid relative to state and local revenues, the shift of programmatic responsibility from the federal government to state and local governments, questions of accountability, public opposition to rising taxes, the difficulties faced by many local governments in meeting the financial demands of mandates, and the implications of mandates for local self-government.

These issues—common to the relationship of the state to all types of local governments—are compounded in relation to Texas school districts. Over the last decade, an increasingly greater percentage of the cost of funding public schools has shifted from the state to the local school district as the ability of the state to maintain levels of services has become more difficult because demands have increased as growth in revenues has slowed. At the same time, there has been increased emphasis on performance from the public schools and accountability of the public schools for the quality of education provided Texas students. The result has been increased demand at the state level for policy-making to improve the educational performance of the public schools statewide, a demand at odds with the ability of the

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state to generate revenue to fund the policies adopted.

The issue of educational mandates is further compounded by the litigation concerning the Texas public school financing system. In a series of decisions known as the Edgewood cases, the Texas Supreme Court has held the school finance system unconstitutional as being "inefficient" in light of the requirement of Article VII, Section 1, of the Texas Constitution that the Legislature establish an efficient system of public schools. One of the inefficiencies in the system found by the court is the extent to which Texas relies on local property taxes to fund the system; local property tax reliance creates inefficiencies because of the varying property wealth among Texas' school districts. Districts with high property wealth raise more money with less tax effort than districts with low property wealth; some districts have such a high amount of property wealth that they do not qualify for state funds, leaving their property wealth effectively outside the state finance system. It is the same local property taxes that must increase to meet the demands of state mandates.

Since 1973, when California enacted the first broad restriction on state mandates on local governments, at least 19 states have adopted some form of constitutional or statutory limitation on the ability of the legislature to impose mandates on units of local government. The scope of the various restrictions or reimbursement requirements varies greatly from state to state. In 10 states the constitutional or statutory provision pertains to any local government, taxing authority, or political subdivision. In other states, the provision applies solely to municipalities and counties, and in yet others only to municipalities. The Texas proposal appears to be unique in being limited to school districts and educational mandates.

The key issue in any provision applicable to mandates is one of definition: what constitutes a "mandate"? In its broadest meaning, a mandate is a demand for action by a superior government on a subordinate government imposed by statute, constitution, rule, or court order under pain of a sanction, be it a civil or criminal penalty or a loss of funding. A more limited definition would define mandate in terms of cost, i.e., the difference between what a local government spends on legally mandated activity and what the government would spend in the absence of that mandate. As with the type of approach to mandates, there is no consensus among the states with mandate provisions as to the definition of "mandate."

The proposal in Amendment No. 2 does not expressly define "state educational mandate," but limits its effect to obligations requiring the expenditure of school district funds. Examples generally conceded to fit a common understanding of what constitutes a mandate would include:

- (1) the requirement that schools operate for at least 180 days of instruction each year;
- (2) the requirement that each school district provide 20 hours of staff development training under guidelines approved by the commissioner of education; and
- (3) the requirement that teacher/student ratios not exceed 1:20 or that a school district not enroll more than 22 students in a kindergarten, first, second, or third grade class.

The proposal in Amendment No. 2 also does not define "fully funded" but by its terms does not necessarily require full funding of the obligations from which school districts may claim an exemption. The Legislature is directed to establish procedures for determining which mandates are fully funded. Procedures used in

other states involve (1) a legislative or Intergovernmental agency being charged with defining, identifying, and cataloging mandates, and (2) evaluating the costs of mandates through a fiscal note that accompanies each piece of proposed legislation. Texas legislative procedure has long included a fiscal note procedure, but the costs of mandates to local governments is often difficult or impossible to estimate.

Arguments For:

1. Unfunded state educational mandates represent little more than an unwillingness on the part of the legislature to confront voters directly on the true costs of public educational policy. Unfunded state educational mandates give the public the impression that they are getting something for nothing, when in fact the costs are being borne by the local property taxpayer. As the costs of a basic education have been increasingly shifted to the local property tax, it becomes increasingly more important for the school districts to have a mechanism to control state-imposed tax increases.

2. Many state educational mandates are an unwarranted intrusion into the affairs of the local school district, which itself is governed by an elected School board more closely associated with the needs and desires of the public than state legislators. State educational mandates supplant local priorities for the public schools. If state policy considerations are of such importance as to be imposed statewide on every School district, it should be the state government who provides adequate financing for implementation of the policy.

3. As a basic philosophy of government, the governmental unit mandating an expenditure of public funds should be responsible for financing the expenditure. School districts have difficulty meeting the financial demands of state mandates within the fiscal resources available to the district, which must also operate under state-imposed limits on taxing and borrowing authority. Since school districts rely solely on local property taxes as a source of revenue and do not have access to other forms of taxation and yes, state government is better able to equitably raise revenue than the local school district. This is particularly true in the context of the known inequalities of the local property tax system.

Arguments Against:

1. In this particular proposal, the definition of "state educational mandate" is unclear. For example, if they were not already law, would basic uniform requirements that school districts admit students of a particular age or maintain workers' compensation coverage for employees be mandates from which a school district could claim an exemption? Is there any requirement that the state may impose on a school district that does not in some sense obligate the expenditure of funds? The lack of definition is symptomatic of the fact that this particular proposal, adopted by floor amendment in the second house of the legislature, was not debated and developed by committee in either house and has simply not been studied, evaluated, and refined enough to present an appropriate and workable solution to the mandate problem.

2. The legislature and governor, elected to represent all the people of the state, have a broader perspective on policy issues and are less tied to particular parochial interests than a locally elected school board. There is a clear and unequivocal state interest in uniformity of services, yet this constitutional provision would deter effective uniformity in educational policymaking. If local officials object to statewide policy, the appropriate arena for airing the

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objection is legislative, judicial, and electoral, not a constitutional provision that allows individual districts to exempt themselves from state policy.

3. As with the mandates themselves, this proposal has a hidden cost that is difficult to evaluate—the cost of creating and maintaining the bureaucratic structure to define, identify, and enforce the provision. In other states such as Florida and California that have established limitations on state mandates, this cost of implementation and enforcement has been significant.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

Senate Joint Resolution 4, proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of \$750 million in state general obligation bonds or revenue bonds to assist school districts in partially financing facilities, authorizing the state to forgive payment of loans made to school districts for partially financing facilities, and repealing the authorization for \$750 million in state revenue bonds guaranteed by the permanent school fund. (SENATE AUTHOR: Teel Bivins, HOUSE SPONSORS: David Swinford, Christine Hernandez, Libby Linebarger)

The proposed amendment to Article VII, Section 5(b), of the Texas Constitution authorizes the legislature to provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds or revenue bonds to assist school districts by making loans to them, or purchasing their bonds, so that they may acquire, construct, or improve instructional facilities. The proposed amendment provides that the state may forgive the payment of all or part of the principal and interest on a loan made to a school district to partially finance an instructional facility. No more than \$750 million in bonds may be outstanding at any one time. Finally, if a school district is delinquent in repaying a loan made from the bond proceeds, the state must offset that against state aid to which the district is otherwise entitled.

Background

While the state has historically shared the cost of operating public schools with local school districts, the cost of building or renovating school facilities has fallen mostly on local districts. State funding formulas do not include funds specifically designated for facilities, although a district is free to use some state funds for any purpose, including facilities.

Because building a new school is expensive, districts typically raise the money by issuing bonds for a term such as 20 years and imposing additional property taxes to repay the bonds. To issue bonds, a district must obtain voter approval; in tough economic times, voters may be reluctant to approve additional taxes.

The reliance on local funds for facilities construction is discussed in *See Funding Texas Schools, Page 6*

Amendments address funding Texas schools

struction gives school districts with higher property wealth an advantage because a relatively low tax rate will generate much more money for bond repayment than a higher rate would in a district with lower property wealth. This allows a wealthy school district to build a higher-quality school than a poor district, or even to build a school when a poor district cannot build one at all. Rapidly growing districts, primarily in suburbs, must also build more facilities and are forced to raise taxes. Any school district that must spend a large portion of its tax revenue on facilities has less to spend on programs and personnel that more directly benefit students.

In the series of school finance cases known as the "Edgewood" Texas Supreme Court has held the Texas public school finance system unconstitutional because it does not meet the state's duty to provide "an efficient system of free public schools." The court has indicated that to meet the constitutional standard of efficiency, a school finance system would have to address facilities.

The Texas Education Agency recently completed a comprehensive audit of school facilities across the state. The agency estimates that at least \$1.5 billion is needed immediately for facilities construction and renovation. In 1989, Texas voters approved a constitutional amendment that would have allowed the state to issue \$750 million in revenue bonds to make loans to school districts or to purchase School districts' bonds. General obligation bonds, like those that would be issued if Amendment No. 3 is approved, are backed by the full faith and credit of the state and must be repaid from the first money coming into the state treasury. Revenue bonds, on the other hand, are usually paid from the revenue stream produced by the project for

which the bonds were issued (for example, tolls from a toll highway or gate fees from an airport). Because a school building does not generate revenue, to make the revenue bonds attractive to investors, the 1989 constitutional amendment permitted the legislature to use the permanent school fund, with a current market value of \$11.3 billion, to guarantee payment of the revenue bonds. Unfortunately, because of rulings by the Internal Revenue Service, the permanent school fund guarantee is not available to the state, and the \$750 million in revenue bonds have never been issued, although there is a possibility the Internal Revenue Service will eventually rule in favor of the state and allow the guaranteed revenue bonds to be issued.

The Texas Senate has passed S.B. No. 131 by Bivins that creates a school facilities equalization program to be funded by the bonds authorized by Amendment No. 3. The program has two components: the basic program, to receive 75 percent of the bond money, would be available primarily to districts that have a low Wealth of taxable property per student but would also take into account a district's tax effort; the supplemental program, to receive 25 percent of the bond money, would be available mainly to districts that have high taxes and are rapidly growing. Under the basic program, a school district must contribute at least 20 percent of the cost of a facility.

To help ensure that as many school districts as possible benefit from the program, a district would not be entitled to more than \$9 million in assistance in a state fiscal biennium. For each biennium, the legislature would authorize the amount of general obligation bonds to be issued so that all \$750 million would not necessarily be

issued immediately.

Under either program, the state's share of the cost of a school facility is in the form of a loan to the school district. For the first four years, the state would forgive payments on the loan. At the end of the four years, if the school district's wealth per student has increased, the district must begin repaying the loan. If the district's wealth per student has remained steady or decreased, the payments are again forgiven. A school district would be reevaluated every four years for the life of the loan. The Texas House of Representatives has referred S.B. No. 131 to the Public Education Committee, which has not yet acted on it. The final version of the bill may differ from that passed by the senate.

Arguments Against:

1. Relying too heavily on bonded indebtedness to solve the state's fiscal responsibilities at the present may lead to financial problems in the future. There are already many bond programs in operation, with total outstanding state debt currently at \$8.6 billion; another bond program will strain the state's credit. In addition, interest and principal payments on the general obligation bonds that the state will have to make in future years will increase the financial strains on the state.

2. The constitutional amendment will permit the state to forgive the repayment of loans made to a school district, which is effectively the same as if the state simply granted the money to the district. This means that all taxpayers in the state will bear the cost of building schools that are not in their communities. School construction should be a responsibility of the local district.

To prevent courts from taking over schools, pass amendments

On May 1, 1993, Texas voters will be asked to take the next major step in an ongoing battle to fund our public schools and prevent the courts from taking them over. They will be asked to support a constitutional amendment which would give the legislature another tool to ultimately craft a constitutional school finance plan in which the courts might accept.

The constitutional amendment is one option placed by the courts in which they feel will equalize education to avoid shutting down schools, the Texas Legislature must then forge a school finance plan it can deliver to District Judge Scott McCown on June 1, 1993.

There are actually three constitutional amendments related to public schools on the May 1 ballot.

* Proposition 1 deals directly with the Edgewood lawsuit.

* Proposition 2 frees local school districts from complying with unfunded state mandates.

* Proposition 3 allows the state to issue bonds to finance school construction, something the Legislature has never done before.

THE SCHOOL FINANCE PROPOSITION

Voters will be inundated with a lot of contradictory information and scare tactics on both sides of the argument between now and May 1,

An Opinion From Rep. Layton Black



but the primary reason to vote for this amendment is really very simple: The alternatives are much worse.

Like it or not, our public school system relies heavily on local property taxes. We believe the vast majority of Texas citizens are not yet willing to engage in the kind of tax restructuring necessary to change that.

Making the local property tax the cornerstone of our school finance system causes many problems because there is tremendous disparity in the way taxable property value is parceled out in the drawing of boundaries for our 1,045 school districts. The result is that vastly different amounts are available to educate students in rich and poor districts, even when their local property owners are being taxed at the same rate.

That situation cannot continue, according to the Texas Supreme Court when it has said three times: "Children who live in poor dis-

tricts and children who live in rich districts must be afforded a substantially equal opportunity to have access to educational funds." That does not mean that each district should spend the same amount of money per student — that has never been the issue. The Court said quite the contrary three times:

"We did not hold that efficiency requires absolute equality in spending; rather, we said that citizens who were willing to shoulder similar tax burdens should have similar access to revenues for education."

In other words, two districts with the same local property tax rate ought to be generating about the same amount of money. We shouldn't have a system where a wealthy district can raise \$1,352 per student with a 2-cent tax rate while a poor district can only raise \$2.54 with the same 2-cent rate. But we do.

That must change because, as the Supreme Court said three times: "To be efficient, a funding sys-

tem that is so dependent on local ad valorem property taxes must draw revenue from all property at a substantially similar tax rate."

The question remains, how do we get there from here? We only have three real options.

THE OPTIONS ARE LIMITED

First, we can consolidate school districts until their wealth has been equalized so that there is little, or no, difference in the taxable value of property in each district. That way, a tax rate in one district raises essentially the same amount of money as the same tax rate in any district. Hundreds of school districts would also be gobbled up and no longer exist, which is a very unpopular notion for many citizens. There would be no set number of schools until equalization was reached. Location, sparsity and wise will not be considered in the formula.

Second, we can pour state money into the system to raise everybody to the same level. That way, state funds can be used to make up the difference between what a poor district raises and what a wealthy district raises. In the end, all school district taxing the same rate would have the same amount of total revenue to spend. The price tag on this option is enormous... in the tens of billions of dollars.

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Benefit set May 1 for Finger

A benefit for the Ed Finger family is planned May 1 with a horseshoe tournament, barbecue dinner and auction and a split-the-pot raffle.

The horseshoe tournament is scheduled to begin 10 a.m. at the Britt ranch, southwest of Salado, off FM 2843 (Florence Rd). For more information, call Randy or Dana Britt at 947-5263.

A barbecue dinner is set at Bo's Barn on the I-35 North access road. Tickets are \$3 per person for the dinner and auction to begin at 5 p.m.

Some of the auction items include these:

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Many other items have been donated to the auction by local businesses and individuals.

Admission to the dance at 9 p.m. is \$5 per person.

This fund drive has been organized by family members and friends of the Finger family.

In November 1992, Ed Finger was struck with an aggressive terminal cancer. Donations to the fund drive

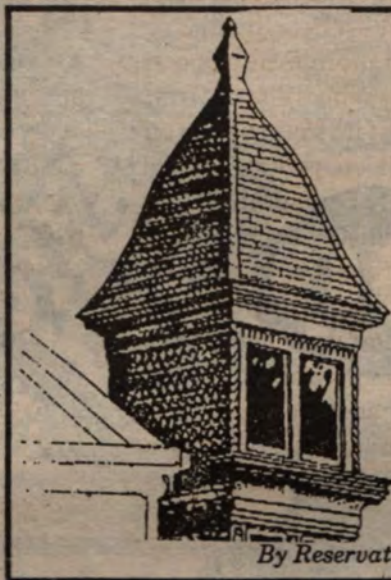
will be utilized to alleviate the added burden the Finger family is experiencing due to financial concerns surrounding the illness.

Ed Finger moved to Salado from Temple in 1982. He has been a self-employed brick mason in both of these communities. His wife, Linda Adams Finger, is an insurance underwriter with The Insurance Company, Inc.

They have two sons: Mountain (21), a Salado resident and Jessie (16), who attends Salado High School.

Donations of any amount are also being accepted at Salado National Bank, c/o Finger Fund-raiser, P.O. Box 127, Salado, TX 76571.

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Mike Miller

you will receive a portion of your total disability benefits if you are able to return to work, but must do so at a reduced salary. You should also find out how long you will receive benefits under the insurance contract.

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Consolidating domestic subsidiaries of the SALADO NATIONAL BANK OF SALADO in the state of Texas, at the close of business on March 31, 1993, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Title 12, United States Code, Section 161. Charter Number 16774, Comptroller of the Currency, SOUTHWESTERN District.

Statement of Resources and Liabilities Dollar Amounts in Thousands

ASSETS	
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	734
Interest-bearing balances	795
Securities	5,996
Federal funds sold	1,355
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	0
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	9,191
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	226
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	0
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	8,965
Assets held in trading accounts	0
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	263
Other real estate owned	256
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	0
Intangible assets	0
Other assets	166
Total assets	18,530
Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	0
Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	18,530

LIABILITIES Dollar Amounts in Thousands

Deposits:	
In domestic offices	17,133
Noninterest-bearing	2,668
Interest-bearing	14,465
Federal funds purchased	0
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0
Demanded notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	0
Other borrowed money	0
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	0
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	0
Subordinated notes and debentures	0
Other liabilities	44
Total liabilities	17,177
Limited-life preferred stock and related surplus	0

EQUITY CAPITAL	
Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0
Common stock	375
Surplus	375
Undivided profits and capital reserves	603
LESS: Net unrealized loss on marketable equity securities	0
Total equity capital	1,353
Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	0
Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	1,353
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, equity capital, and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	18,530

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

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Salado jumped out to a 7-0 lead after two innings. Brandon McGregor, Jeremy Fischer, and Andrew Voelter all had big hits that

produced rbi's.

Lexington was able to score three runs in the bottom of the third to close to 7-3. Only one of the runs were earned as Salado committed 2 errors in the inning.

Salado added single runs in the fifth and sixth. They iced the game with five runs in the top of the seventh. Fischer, Richard Berumen, and Voelter all had hits in the big seventh inning.

Fischer and Voelter were the only Eagles to collect more than one hit. Fischer was also the winning pitcher in the game. He pitched the entire game, allowing two hits and striking out 12.

The Eagles opened the second round of play with a loss to Liberty Hill. L.H. pulled away in later innings for a 10-5 win.

The score was 0-0 through 3 innings as Brandon McGregor of Salado collected the only hit up to that point. Both teams had

scoring opportunities in the early going but were unable to produce any runs.

Liberty Hill scored one unearned run in the top of the fourth. They added two more runs in the fifth.

Salado was able to tie the game up with three runs in the bottom of the fifth. Richard Jackson started things with a single. He scored on a double by Jason Hosch. Scot Sloan followed with a walk and both runners moved over on a passed ball. McGregor drove in both runners with his second hit of the night.

Liberty Hill put the game away with five runs in the sixth inning. They came on three base hits two walks and a Salado error.

The Eagles added single runs in the sixth and seventh innings but it was too little as L.H. scored two more in the seventh for the final 10-5 score.

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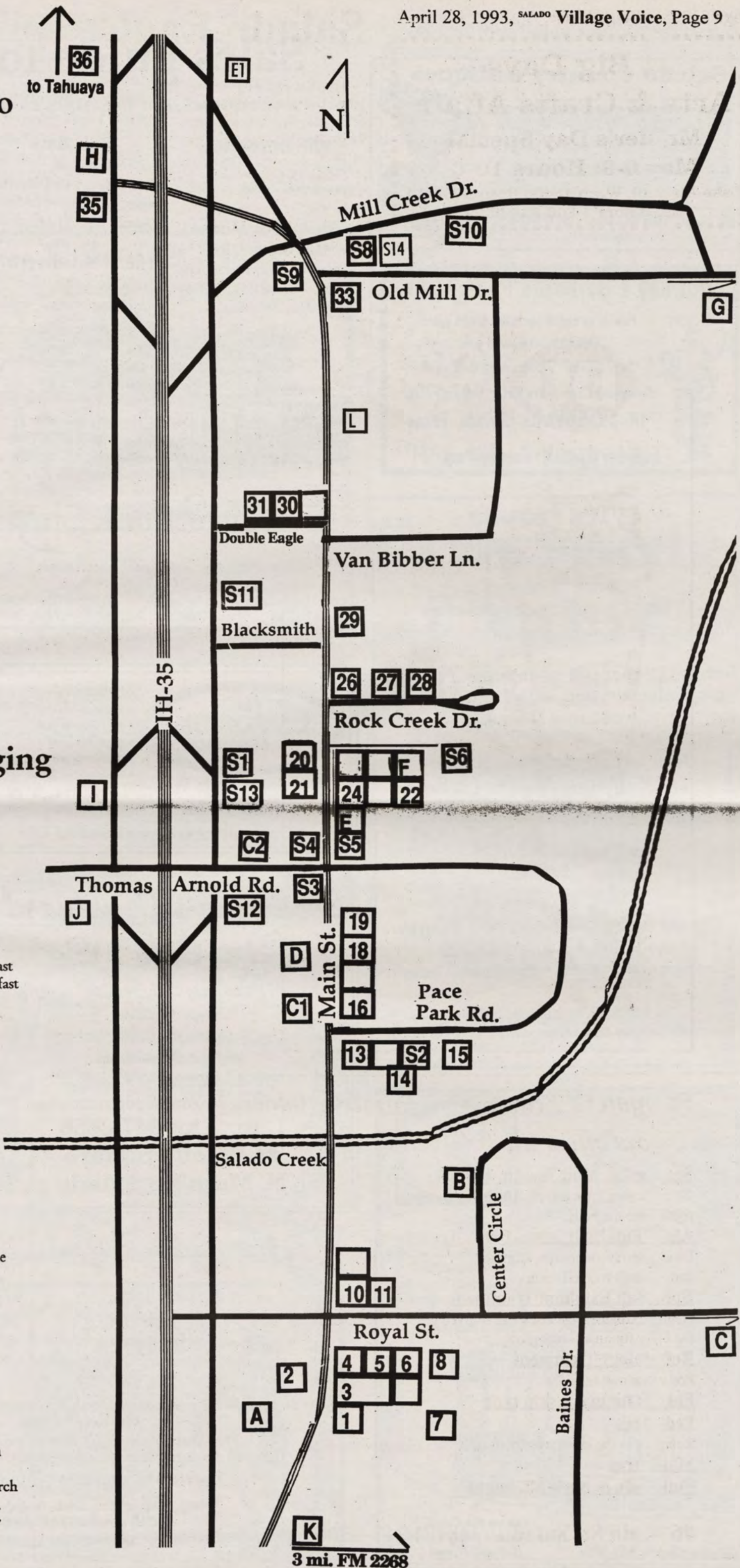
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The Region IV Conference AA U.I.L. Academic Meet was held April 24 at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. Salado was represented at the meet by 13 students. In the Number Sense contest, Brent Cabaniss won first place with a score of 234 and Kelsey Johnson placed second with 181.

The Salado Number Sense Team composed of Cabaniss, Johnson, Vinny Michna and Kyle Anderson the Regional Championship with a team score of 370. The first place finish qualifies the Number Sense Team to compete at the State Meet to be held at the University of Texas at Austin on May 7. This will be the first time that Salado

has been represented at the Academic State Meet since 1987.

In the Mathematics contest, Brent Cabaniss placed 4th with a score of 93. The Mathematics Team composed of Brent Cabaniss, Angie Cabaniss, Chris Duzich and Kelsey Johnson placed 2nd with a team score of 236, only 22 points behind Three Rivers.

Unfortunately for Salado, only the top three individuals and the first place team qualify for the State Meet.

Justin Hodge placed sixth in the Persuasive Speaking Contest. Others competing in the meet were Mary Jo Robbins, Ready writing,; Cara Fuhs, Spelling; Ricky Engleking, Cur-

rent events and Persuasive Speaking; Sharon Dunlap and Yolanda Berumen, Computer Science.

The Salado Youth Fair Boosters is an organization dedicated to the support of Salado's youth who participate in the Bell County Youth Fair. It supports FHA, FFA and 4-H member who place and represent Salado.

The 1993-94 officers will be elected 7 p.m. May 3 at the Salado High School Library. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Families in Crisis

Families In Crisis, a shelter and outreach program for the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, will be holding training sessions for person interested in volunteering. A general orientation for new volunteers will be held 9 a.m.-1 pm. May 1 at the First United Methodist Church

of Killeen, 508 N. Gray St. Training for volunteers interested in working with Families In Crisis' Sexual Assault Program will be held May 3-6 at various locations in the Killeen area. If interested in these or other volunteer opportunities, please 634-1184.



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Home essay winners named

In celebration of American Home Week, Century 21 Bill Bartlett and Peoples National Bank sponsored an essay contest entitled "What My Home Means To Me". Forty-four sixth grade students participated in the contest. The judges were Dr. Ira Ainsworth, Wynell Patterson, and Janet Powell. First place went to Nicole Whitacre. Nicole received a \$ 50.00 savings bond donated by Peoples National Bank. Second place went to Ryan Buckley. Third place went to Latasha Sides. Ryan and Latasha received a mint set from Peoples National Bank.

Special commendation went to Kristen Thompson. Outstanding essay awards were given to: Hope Evans, Rachel McGregor, Shelly Dillon, Jonathon Phillips, Sommer Wilson, Susy Castillo, Sail Ricks, Chris Michna, Ryan Gillespie, Aaron Nelson, Josh Lee, and Mark Weddell.

Honorable Mention awards were given to: Clint Smidt, David Kite, Sammantha Buchs, John McLaughlin, Raina Curry, Stacy Krueger, Katie Punched, Dusty Camp, Juan Jiminez, Adam Wigley, Juan Jiminez, Jimmy Thompson, Alberta Uriguiza, Jody Silvers, Taylor Hutton, Laura Schatte, Crystal Edmondson, Katy Moore, Chrystal Whiteley, Brad Davidson, Fiora McRae, Shellie Grimm, Annika Garcia, Lonnie Brooks, Wesley Delano, Jeni Hanson, Sarah Wiley, Crystal Shaw, and James Alamby.

Village Foods IGA donated a free movie or game rental to every student that participated.

Following are the three winning essays:



Don Owens of Peoples National Bank Salado and Bill Bartlett of Century 21 Bill Bartlett Real Estate are shown with the essay contest winners.

By Nicole Whitacre

I will try to express what my home means to me. I will tell you what I think makes a home.

My home, mainly, is in my heart. It, of course, is really in a neighborhood, but I think a home is really a place you want to be. I can't just say my home is on 1002 Whispering Oaks without thinking of special memories and feelings. I guess the words I'm looking for are expressed in the saying "Home is where the heart is".

Actually the saying is incomplete. I think the saying should be "Home is where the heart, family and best memories are." My home would be different if it were in another city, but also in feelings. I think a family is a big part of a home. I would call any place home if my family was there.

My home is made of bricks. My home also has an "insulation of love". My home is a one story home. I'd like to say my home is made of love and understanding. My home is made of fun and joking. My home is made of family, friends, and good memories.

Lastly, I would like to tell you up front and truthfully what my home means to me. My home means good times and bad. My home means getting through it all. My home means love. My home is what I want everywhere to be like.

That is what my home means to me. My home means a lot to me. In conclusion, I would like to add a new saying on the old one, "Home is where my everything is".

By Ryan Buckley

My home is a very special place. Not only to me but to my entire family. My home is filled with kindness, support, love and most of all togetherness. These qualities are what make the

bond of our family so strong.

I come from a rather large family, and yet although it's large, time is still made for each individual. Religion is also a big part of success in my life. Every Sunday at 9:30 my brothers and sisters and I go to C.C.D. It's a class that teaches us more about our religion, and how we should live. It hasn't just taught me about my religion, and how we should live, but also important things that will help me in everyday life. When C.C.D. is over, we go to church.

My parents moved here from Louisiana. They decided to live in the country where it is peaceful and quiet. Living in the country excludes us from all the town people, but it also allows us to get along better with our brothers and sisters. We've been living in this house for over 13 years. I am one of 9 brothers and sisters. My dad works but my mom doesn't. She has to stay home to watch my little sister. My parents are the most important people in my life. My parent's give me direction, they give me discipline, they give me encouragement, a lot of that, and they also give me support. Which I think is most important.

Our family might not have a lot of material things, but what we do have comes from the heart. There are many less fortunate people in this world that do not have loving and caring brothers and sisters, so that is one advantage I think everyone should think about. This is what my home means to me.

By Latasha Sides

I am going to try to describe what my home means to me. It will be hard to put on paper my feelings for my home, because it is

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Kiwanis host pancake supper

The Harker Heights Kiwanis hosts their Annual **All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Supper 5:30- 8 p.m. May 1** at the Harker Heights Elementary School. The supper includes bacon and drinks. The bacon will be available for purchase by the pound. Tickets will be available at the door. Adults are \$3.50 and under 12 \$1.50. The Kiwanis Club serves the community in a variety of areas including scholarships and civic projects.



Salado Quilters finish their work. Sunbonnet Sue, the Ladies Auxiliary quilt, is now on display in Salado shops. Measuring 117" X 100", it is handmade and cross-stitched by 19 ladies from throughout the Village. Chances are available at many shops in the village for 50 cents each or three for \$1. The drawing for the winner will be held at the Art Fair in August. You need not be present to win. Donations raise money for the Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary, which donates to many projects throughout the year.

Salado library has new books

The Salado Public Library has new books on the shelf:

Marking Time by Elizabeth Jane Howard

Vanishing Act by Seth Margolis

The Bookmakers Daughter by Shriley Abbott

Into Thin Air by Caroline Leavitt

The Children of Men by P.D. James

November of the Heart by LaVryle Spencer
The Client by John Grisham

The Bridges of Madison County by Robert James Waller

Assumption of Guilt by Harold Mehling.

Additional Texas Sunbonnet Award Books which have now arrived are:

The Mind Trap by G. Clifton Wisler

A Ghost in the House

by Betty Ren Wright
Missing May by Cynthia Rylant

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Masons host open house

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in the year, the grand lodge of Louisiana authorized lodges in Houston, Nacogdoches and San Augustine.

Salado Masonic Lodge was founded in 1867, and has been in its present location since 1961. The lodge has a memberships of 50.

Many local area leaders have been members of Salado Masonic Lodge over the years. Some of the best known include A.J. Rose, G.W. Tyler, and E.S.C. Robertson.

Although it is impossible to determine exactly when the first Masons came to Texas, we do know that Ben Milam came to the Tejas country about 1818, and general Zebulon Pike led an expedition into the area a few years later. Both were Masons.

By the 1830's, numerous Masons had come to the area from both Mexico and the United States. Antonio Navarro, Lorenzo De Zavala and Juan Seguin joined others like Stephen F. Austin, Anson Jones and Sam Houston in forming lodges. The first lodge was

formed at Brazoria in 1835, and in the same year, and

In 1837, those first three lodges met to form the Grand Lodge in the Senate Chambers of the new Republic of Texas, with General Sam Houston as the presiding officer, and a total of 27 members. Anson Jones, later to be the last President of the Republic, was elected the first Grand Master. Today, Texas Masonry has over 170,000 members and 934 lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Texas met in a lot of places until 1903, when the move was made to a permanent location in Waco. The beautiful Memorial Grand Lodge Temple. Completed in 1949 stands on a hill on Columbus Avenue overlooking downtown Waco, and is one of the most striking buildings in the city.

The Master of the Lodge was asked, "What is Freemasonry?" He answered: "Basically, it is a society of friends and brothers, banded together for their common good and the good of mankind--men who want to become better men. It's

a voluntary organization, and any man can make his interest known, and if he believes in God, and is basically a good man to start with, can become a Mason.

"It is said that Freemasonry developed from the stone masons of the Middle Ages, and although today's Masons do not work in stone, they work on the lives of men, and use the stone mason's tools as symbols to teach Masonic philosophy. The terms "acting on the square" and being on the level," are purely Masonic terms that have crept into our everyday language.

Although old by modern standards, Masonry isn't nearly as old as some would claim. The oldest Masonic document dates to just before 1400 A.D., or about

600 years. Early Masonry struggled for some 300 years, and then, in 1717, in London, several lodges got together and formed the first Grand Lodge. That was actually the true beginning of Speculative Masonry as we know it.

"Today, Freemasonry works very hard to help people of all races and persuasions, and the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospitals; the Burn Institutes, the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Texas' incredible Scottish Rite Hospital for Children located in Dallas; the Scottish Rite Learning Centers for Dyslexic children; the Grotto's dental care for the handicapped, and many many scholarships all contribute to a better life for everybody.

"Some of the world's greatest men have been and are Masons: George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Norman Vincent Peale, Gerald Ford, Mark Twain, astronaut Buzz Aldrin--35 Texas Governors, all of the Presidents of the Republic of Texas--many, many others. As each of them would say, "Masonry has but one aim; the improvement of mankind."

The Master of the Lodge added: "It is hoped that all citizens of this area will join in this exchange of good will and friendship, to the end that all citizens will be more aware of the Masonic Fraternity, and of the many ways we serve the community."

Auxiliary plans May trip to Capitol

Members of the Auxiliary of the Salado Chamber of Commerce are planning a trip to our capital city of Austin as their annual spring "outing" May 13.

Activities for the day will include a tour of the governor's mansion, visits to the botanical gardens in Zilker Park and Umlauf Museum, an outdoor mu-

seum of sculpture, a dutch treat luncheon and shopping.

Program chair Wylene Williams has announced that those members who plan to take the trip must send in a check for \$10 to treasurer Ann Thompson by May 3. This fee pays for transportation on the minibus.

The entrance fee to the museum is \$2 per person and will be collected on the day of the trip.

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Essays

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so special. I will try to describe it in detail. I will describe my family, house, where I live, and the community.

My home means many things to me. It's a place I feel loved. I don't feel lonely or withdrawn. My home is a place where I am encouraged to live my dreams. My home is filled with pure love, no hate. I think to some people a home is just a shelter in the wind, but yet it is so much more than that. Home is where you hang your heart. A home is where you can get "away"

from it all. A home is a place where you don't have the pressures of school.

My life at home is different than others because I live in the country. I live on Farm Road 2115 better known as "out by the truck stop". I have a big room to myself. I was pretty surprised when I first saw it. The house is an old, big, frame house. I love it out here in the country. It's so peaceful. We love to walk down to the pond and fish, it's so fun.

I live in Salado, Texas. This is not where I am from, but I like it here, it's 8 so

peaceful. It's a small town and has a beautiful creek. I love it here. At first I did not think I would like a small town (being from a big city) but I have come to love it. At heart I have always loved the country. The people of Salado don't know how lucky they are to live here.

My family is very important to me. A home would not be home without some kind of family. My family is my mom, dad, my sister, and me. I love my family very dearly. Don't know what I would do without them.

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While the "share the wealth" plan in the constitutional amendment isn't the most ideal policy, it is the end result of attempts to accommodate the concerns of many people.

Parade winners named

The winners in the annual Salado Bluebonnet Parade were chosen from over 70 entries. The six

Monday Club plans tour May 3

Salado Monday Club will tour the Hummel Factory in New Braunfels on May 3.

Members going on the trip are reminded to be at the Salado Methodist Church at 7:45 a.m. Departure will be at 8 a.m.

Transportation will be furnished. The group will stop for a Dutch Treat lunch in New Braunfels

Non-members wishing to attend should call 947-8030 or 947-9148 for reservations.

judges chaired by Betty Cluck of Belton chose the following winners.

Most Representative of Theme: 1st place, First Baptist Church Youth, 2nd place, Peoples National Bank; 3rd place Salado Library

Organization: 1st place, Texas Volunteer Militia; 2nd place, first Baptist Church Christian De-

velopment Center; 3rd place Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary

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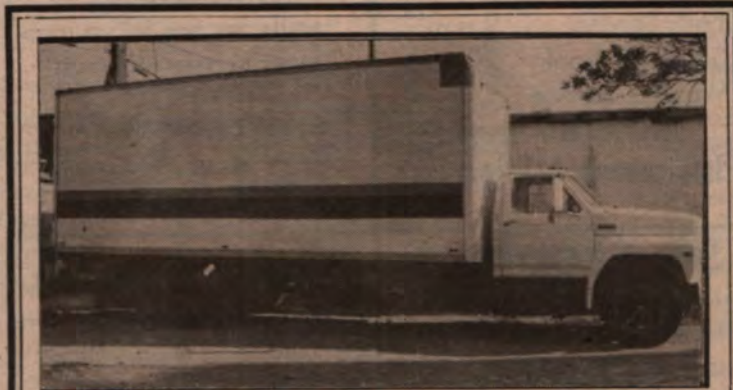
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Guardians of the gridlock

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Night and the City

rated R

starring Robert De Niro, Jessica Lange, Eli Wallach, Jack Warden

Our rating: **

by Tim Fleischer

Editor-in-Chief

Robert De Niro is a great actor. He may even be my favorite. Jessica Lange is a very talented actress, able to make herself very elegant or very plain.

But neither are enough to save a bad film. Night and the City is a bad film. Rather, it is one of those character-study films that big city reviewers will call "powerful and moving..." which means they don't want to tell their friends Bob and Jessica they picked a bad script.

Being untainted by the big city, I can freely tell my friend Bob he made a bad movie. And I can tell my other small town friends in Salado to skip this one at the video counter.

De Niro is fast-talking New York City lawyer Harry Fabian, who gets caught up in a scheme to bring back old-time boxing with local talent and other people's money. Some of the money he borrows is from his lover Helen (Lange), who is married to the meanest bartender in New York City.

It is clearly evident that De Niro and Lange love New York and its 10 million stories. Night and the City is one of those stories, but unfortunately it is a boring, disjointed one.

Our rating system

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

"Five hundred thirty five ants on a soapbox drifting down the Potomac, each of them thinking he's steering."

Definition of Congress by Stephen Coonts in the novel "Minotaur"

Republicans in the U.S. Senate, who now hold the dubious honor of being "guardians of the gridlock," may think they handed President Clinton a defeat last week when they steadfastly held their ground and forced the \$16 billion "jobs" bill down in flames - thanks to the upper house's ground rule that allows a filibuster to kill off bills unless 60 members vote to override. Democrats hold only 57 seats in the Senate - a majority but not enough to resolve issues that unite the loyal opposition.

Actually this may prove a blessing in disguise for Clinton despite his gnashing of teeth and finger pointing. The bill was almost pure pork from stem to stern and needed to be put out of it's misery and since it would have come back to haunt the President when details became public knowledge. Now since the deed was done by the hated GOPers - the Demos and Clinton can go around chomping at the bit about how the conservatives don't like people in general and the poor and

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



unemployed in particular! More importantly it will save a bunch of taxpayer dollars and that's good for all of us.

Perhaps the President can now get his important agenda - the economy - back on track and quit fooling with flash-point issues that ignite public outcries and waste time. We refer here to the gay-lesbian-military mish-mash and the equally volatile abortion issue. He best stick to important matters that affect all Americans or he will be another one term President.

Kudos to Chet Edwards

Congressman Chet Edwards (D-Waco) in a personal privilege speech to his colleagues last week struck the right tone as he passionately pleaded for restraint concerning the fiery end to the lunatic Koresh, his adult followers and a number of innocent children who perished in the Mt. Carmel inferno on April 19. Edwards begged his fellow lawmakers to wait for the final facts on the entire 51 day ordeal before making "sound bite" pre-judgements just for the sake of securing political points with the public. According to the Associated Press and the Temple Daily Telegram in a front page story, Edwards stated: "Nothing could be more sickening than for anyone to seek political gain from the loss of human life." He

included those politicians who immediately went on TV to demand an investigation of what they termed government miscues and impatience. He also included the media who were all over the wall when it came time to present "facts" when they were not yet available!

There may be a lesson hidden in this suicidal cult holocaust, especially for parents of young boys and girls. It is well known that there are a number of cultists and devil worshiping groups in Bell County. Now that we know what these groups can end up doing - we should redouble our efforts to be sure we know what our kids are doing; who they associate with and where they are at all times. The books they read and music they listen to might be checked as well.

Wish I Had Said That

A long time friend from Killeen days, who now runs a shop in Salado - Nettie Fay Ray at the Strawberry Patch, at Creekside Center on Main Street noted some years back over in Killeen, when the city officials got hold of the old Santa Fe Railroad Depot, that a problem immediately developed. Where to put the depot they pondered? First, they moved it west a block or two. Then back where it was originally and finally east a few feet. About that time Nettie raised the only sensible thought in town on the subject when she opined: "Fellows, you go it all wrong. It is the train that is supposed to move. The depot sits still!"

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