

# FORUM

*an open exchange of ideas*

## Sister Act

rated PG

starring Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith, Harvey Keitel

Our rating: \*\*

by **Tim Fleischer**

*Editor-in-Chief*

Ripping off *Nuns on the Run*, *Sister Act* is a poor excuse for a comedy. Completely reliant on one joke (that being the hilarious premise of a lounge singer going into hiding in a convent, yuk-yuk), *Sister Act* wears thin very quickly.

Whoopi Goldberg stars as Deloris, who witnesses her Mafia boyfriend (Harvey Keitel) killing someone. She goes into hiding in a convent where only the Mother Superior (Maggie Smith) knows her real identity.

*Sister Act* has no soul.

### Our rating system

\* A dog \*\* A dog with spots \*\*\* Reaches mediocrity  
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## "Recommended Reading." - Ed.

Several weeks ago the Salado Historical Society, at no small outlay of time and money, prepared and distributed to each villager a well prepared booklet on ways and means of preserving the look and atmosphere of the community with special emphasis on the treatment of buildings- either those being restored or new construction that fits into the historic look of Salado.

These guidelines have one overriding purpose and that is to keep Salado from following the footsteps of many once lovely villages that turned themselves into garish Las Vegas type tourist traps. This trading of beauty and history for money is shortsighted and results in the loss of both ambiance and dollars. Everyone then becomes a loser.

We commend our local historians for trying to preserve all that is good and pleasant to the eye in our community and recommend the booklet to all who care deeply about Salado. Too much time and effort and yes, money have gone into creating what we now have in our town. It would be disgraceful for those who build, remodel, renovate or restore to do so with an eye to the gaudy rather than to

### Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



the historic and traditional.

#### Weekly Reader Misfires

Perhaps the reason why the "Weekly Reader" poll of some 600,000 elementary school kids went down in flames last month,

when they predicted a Bush presidential win, is because most youngsters now-a-days don't much listen to their folks on any subject, much less politics. This "never failed" ('til now) poll was supposedly based on children reflecting what their moms and dads were thinking insofar as the race for president was concerned.

#### Falwell and Robertson Question

Read recently that Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell plan to gear up their respective morally indignant groups to battle Clinton and his proposals concerning a wide range of ideas not acceptable to the **denouncing-duo**. Would it not be a better idea for these "Christian leaders" to direct their attention to worrying about the non-Christian inroads being made by Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists and others right here in the United States who appear to be winning the battle for new converts?

Today according to folks who keep such statistics, there are more Muslims

than Presbyterians; more Buddhists than Assembly of God members and nearly as many Hindus as Episcopalians in America.

Looks like there are fields awaiting harvest in the area of religion that should come before fighting the battle of political liberalism versus conservatism that keep the so-called moral majority so fired up every four years!

#### Down in Austin

A few jaded pundits who

follow the machinations of lawmaking in Austin think that the current embroilment in Austin over equal spending of tax dollars on Texas students is nothing but a facade to cover up the main agenda of the top leaders. Their thinking - goes the plot - is that if enough local tax payers get enraged over higher property taxes they might turn towards a general state-wide levy - such as the income tax.

During legislative sessions we usually draw attention to what the German statesman Otto von Bismarck once said about legislation: "The process of making laws is like that of producing sausages and surely does not bear close scrutiny."

And, normally we would agree with old Otto but in the case before us in Austin right now, we need to exercise the closest sort of attention. As Sherlock Holmes used to say "the game is afoot" and in this case we taxpayers may be the "game".

That's -30-

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Tim Fleischer, *Editor-in-Chief*  
Marilyn Fleischer, *Managing Editor*  
Ken Clapp, *Political Commentary*

## Art Fair, Antique Show Chairs named

Denver Mills, president of the Salado Chamber of Commerce, announced at the regular board of directors meeting this past week the names of two villagers who will be in charge of the major fund raising activities of the Chamber during 1993. They include Jackie Mills, repeating as chairman of the Art Fair committee and Dave Gardner, to head the annual Antique Show. The Bluebonnet Parade that heralds the antique Show will be chaired by Rita Brown.

Chamber board member Ken Clapp was reappointed by Mills to chair the Budget and Insurance Committee for '93. Clapp noted: "The budgeting process begins at once as we ask the various com-

munity groups that wish to be included for budget considerations, to send us, in writing, their requests for funds. The various committees within the chamber are also asked to forward their budget needs for 1993. These can be mailed to the Chamber of Commerce office in care of P.O.Box 81, Salado, TX 76571. and tagged 'Budget Committee'. We plan to prepare a conservative budget proposal for the board in December since we have two high dollar items that have to be included in next year's budget - those being the principal and interest payment on the \$100,000 bank loan being used to help defray the first phase of the school renovation project plus the Chamber's

part in the maintenance costs of the new building when it comes on line in June, 1993."

Assigned to work with chairman Clapp will be Cathy Sands, Jim Pringle, Geneva Aiken, Laura McQueary, Glenda Hill, Denver Mills and Pete Jennings.

The first meeting, according to Clapp, will be held within the next few weeks in order to be ready for final presentation to the board at their next regular meeting on Dec. 14.

The 1992 budget was \$82,500 and thanks to the Art Fair's success which exceeded \$50,000 in net profit, the budget was met and a reserve set up that will be carried forward into 1993.

## Chili Supper Nov. 19 at cafeteria

The Salado Historical Society Chili Supper is 6:30 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Salado school cafeteria on Thomas Arnold Rd.

The annual membership drive will be held in conjunction with the Chili Supper.

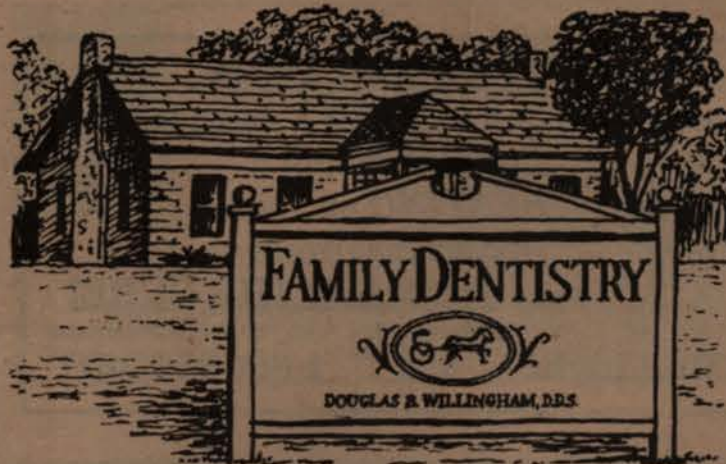
Cost for the chili supper

is \$5 per person. Dues of \$10 per family of \$25 for businesses will be taken at the supper. All monies donated as memorials or received from various projects are used solely to facilitate the work of the Society.

Officers for the upcoming

year will also be elected at the meeting and outstanding volunteers of the society will take place.

All Saladoans are invited to come to the chili-cornbread supper, to become members of the Salado Historical Society and to join in the festivities.



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## Brown recognized by HOT

Rita Brown, sales associate with Century 21 Bill Bartlett received third quarter recognition as the Number 16 agent in the Heart of Texas Brokers Council at the quarterly sales rally held Oct. 27 in Copperas Cove, according to district Director Vance Albrecht. The award was based on total units closed.

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The Salado Eighth Grade Eagles defeated Hutto 24-0 to become district champs in football this year. In district play, the Eagles were undefeated and unscored-on. They suffered only one loss this year, during pre-district play. Pictured above are (top, from left) Coach Melvin Bates, David Berumen, Beau Stewart, Roger Buckley, Billy Hughes, Chris Frazier, Shane Berrier, Chad Britt, Jereme Wigley, Jason Fowler, Doug Hill; (middle, from left) Lee West, Rusty Wasik, Scott Farr, Josh Goodnight, Gabe Soto, Joseph McGregor, Matt Tubbs, Clint Newman; (bottom, from left) Cody Hall, Terry Pjhillips, Chris McGregor, Toby McLaughlin, Eric Lopez, Martin Muniz, Richard Lopez, James Whitley.

**SHS Library receives 60 volumes**

Salado High School has been awarded a 60 volume set of The Library of America thanks to the dedication of local businesses. Toby Preston and local companies Geo-Logic and Scully and Smith Oil Corporation contributed funds totalling \$600 toward the cost of the books. This pledge was matched by \$600 from the Brown Foundation of Houston.

Salado High School is participating in an innovative program called CLASSICS, designed to help public high schools improve book collections in their libraries. Literature from American's greatest

and be successful in school and afterwards," said Susan Sobehrad, school librarian.

In a letter pledging her support for CLASSICS, Governor Ann Richards said, "All that is inspiring, entertaining and enlightening in the American literary and historical tradition can be discovered in the volumes of the Library of America." The Governor remarked that the series would help encourage in students a sincere and lasting love for reading, and added, "There is nothing greater our schools can hope to give them."

thoritative hardcover editions, and include the works of Willa Cather, Ralph Waldo Emerson, William Faulkner, Benjamin Franklin, Henry James, Eugene O'Neill, Mark Twain, and Walt Whitman.

As the third state in the nation to have a CLASSICS program, Texas is among the leaders in the national effort to improve education by enhancing the resources available to students and teachers. "We're proud that our community supports our mission in the Salado Independent School District -- to help students get the best possible education

and be successful in school and afterwards," said Susan Sobehrad, school librarian.

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**SHS Library book fair set Nov. 23-Dec. 3**

The Salado High School Library invites parents and students to attend the school book fair Nov. 23-Dec. 3.

Featured titles include books by student's favorite authors: The Third Eye by Lois Duncan; The Other Side of Dark by Joan Lowery Nixon; and a selection of Agatha Christie's best mysteries.

Classical literature appearing on book lists from Salado High English teachers is also available. The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway, Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte, and Pride

and Prejudice by Jane Austen are noted selections.

Selected hardcover editions of children's favorites, sports editions, and science literature will be on display.

Parents and others from the community are encouraged to visit the fair during the scheduled hours 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Nov. 23; 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 24, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Nov. 30-Dec. 3.

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13. Creekside of Salado
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15. The Christmas Shop
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17. Lady Asher Shoes
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19. Unique Showings
20. Antique Jewelry & Collectibles
21. Salado Beauty Spa
22. Darwin Britt Furniture
23. Ticklish
24. Carolanne's Secret Gardens
25. The Allen Collection
26. Sir Wigglesworth
27. Seasons of Salado
28. Briar Patch of Salado & Bill Shaw's Gallery

30. Gospel Gifts
31. Recollections
32. Tames Gallery & Framing
33. Fletcher's Books & Antiques

35. Mountain Mary's
36. Old Mill Antiques

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- A. Stagecoach Inn
- B. Inn on the Creek
- C. The Rose Mansion
- D. The Tyler House Restaurant & Club
- E. The Inn at Salado
- F. Browning's Cottage Cafe
- G. Mill Creek Country Club
- H. Cowboy's Barbeque
- I. Sunrise Kitchen & S+W Food Mart
- J. Dairy Queen
- K. Country Place Bed & Breakfast Inn

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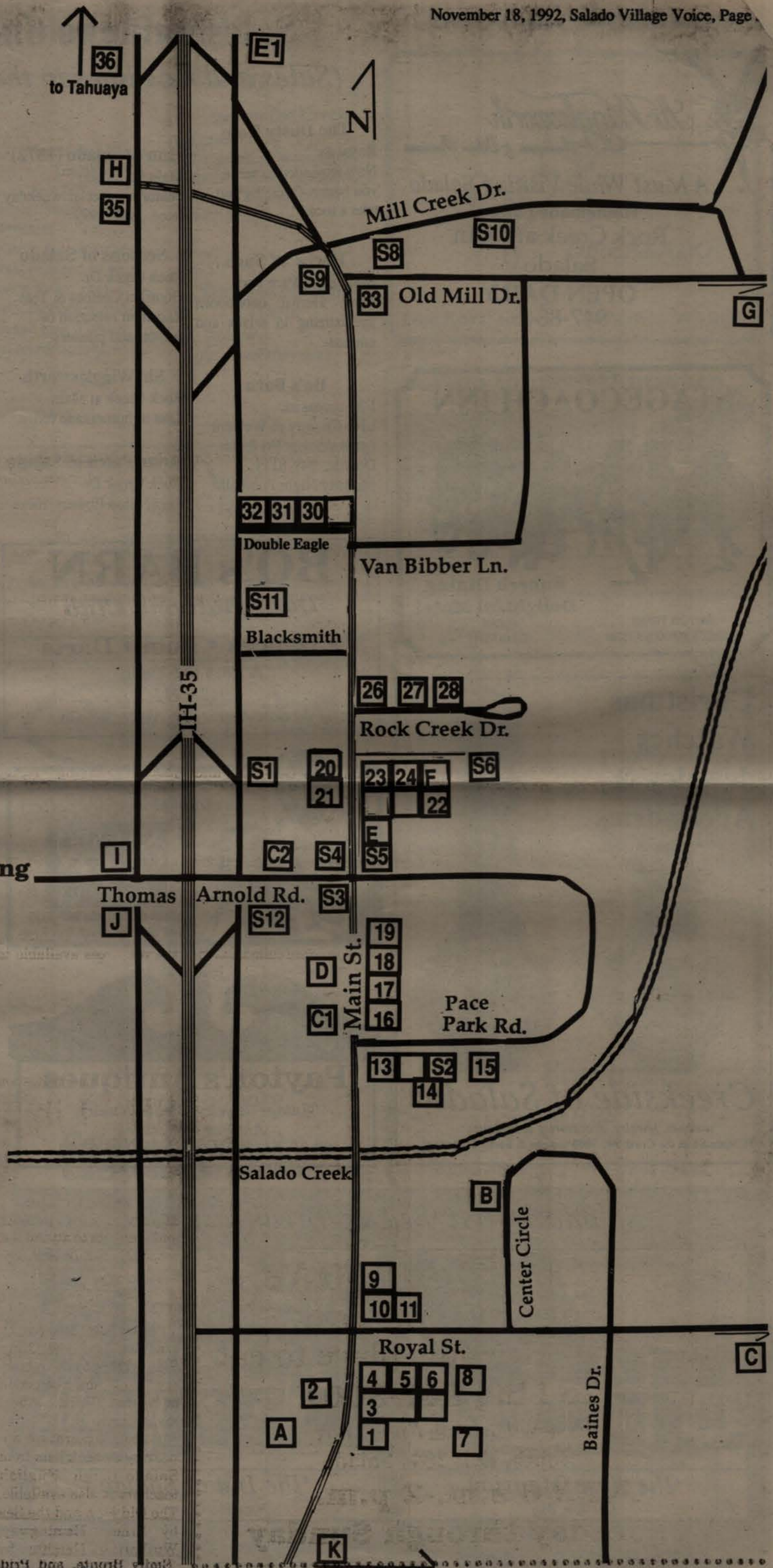
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- E1. Bo's Barn



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(Sales and new lines in the Village)



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Speaker 2nd; and Extemp. Speaking 1st

When Area Competition came Salado was ready, placing as follows: Sr. Chapter Conducting 10th; Jr. Chapter Conducting 6th; Quiz Team 9th, Creed Speaking 1st, and Extemp, Speaking 3rd.

Lisa Mitcham, the Salado Chapter Creed Speaker, competed at the State competition Nov. 7 at Sam Houston University.



Lisa Mitcham



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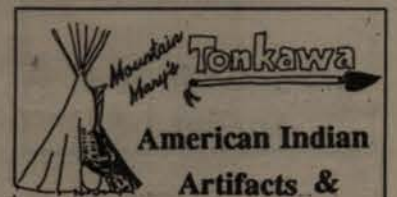
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## Services held for Ada Matthews Safley

Funeral services for Ada Matthews Safley, age 79, of Belton were held Nov. 16 at the Heartfield Funeral Home with Dr. Jay Beavers and Dr. Leroy Kemp officiating. Burial followed at the North Belton Cemetery.

Mrs. Safley died Nov. 13, in a Temple hospital.

She was born Sept. 19, 1913 in Nacogdoches, Texas to Thomas Pace Matthews and Willie Evelyn Harkey Matthews. She married Harris Clark Safley on April 15, 1937 in

Dallas. She then moved to Belton where she was a homemaker and member of the First United Methodist Church of Belton for the past 55 years. She was also a member of the Gold Boat Seniors Group. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Evelyn Matthews Griffith and her brother Rugely Matthews.

Survivors include her husband Harris Clark Safley of Belton; 3 daughters Peggy Martin of Temple, Susan Washburn of

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**Which stocks should you choose?**

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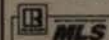
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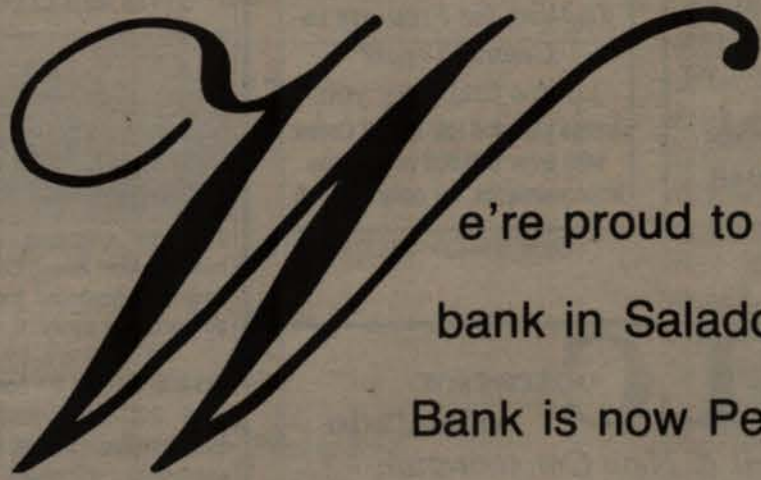
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