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I-35 expansion discussed during town hall meeting

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Engineers with the Waco District Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)discussed the $1 billion Interstate 35 expansion project with 250 Saladoans gathered July 13 for the sixth in a series of 10 public meetings along the 94 miles from north of Hillsboro to south of Salado.

In addition to improvements to and reconstruction of existing ramps, bridges and access roads, the 10-12 year project will expand the interstate to six lanes (three northbound and three southbound) in rural areas including Salado, and eight lanes through urban areas including Temple and Belton.

According to Project Manager John Obr, TxDOT will work to expand the present Right of Way (ROW) from 250 feet on either side of the interstate to at least 400 feet in the project area. "This is equivalent to the right of way that Williamson County has," Obr said, adding that the additional ROW will allow for the expanded lanes as well as better entrance and egress ramps.

Currently in much of the rural area along I-35, slip ramps are in place which are inadequate for the demand of the traffic flow.

Obr told the audience that in the Waco District, rural areas average 39,000 to 52,000 vehicles per day while the urban areas average 48,000-80,000 vehicles per day. "We expect a 50 to 100 percent increase over the next 20 years," Obr said.

Of those numbers of vehicles, 25-30 percent are commercial trucks. The growth along the I-35 corridor is not all attributable to North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). "Eighty percent of the trucks on the interstate are not NAFTA trucks," he said, "They are carrying from Ft. Worth to Waco or Austin or other areas within the state."

Salado lies within one of the priority areas of the building project. Priority areas, according to Obr are north of Hillsboro at the split leading Dallas and Ft. Worth, the Temple area (which has 65,000 vehicles per day) and from the Williamson County line to north of Salado.

"Eventually, we will buy right of way on both sides, but initially, we will be buying right of way on one side," Obr said. In rural areas, TxDOT will buy ROW on the east side of the interstate. The amount and placement of ROW that TxDOT will acquire through Salado will be determined by several factors. TxDOT is seeking input from Salado citizens concerning ROW, entrance and exit ramps, overpasses and other areas of concern.

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(photo by Tim Fleischer)
Saladoans looked over schematics of the I-35 corridor through the 94-mile project area during a public meeting sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation July 13.

What's it gonna cost & where's it gonna come from?

One of the chief questions in the debate over incorporation of Salado is, "What's is gonna cost?" which begs the question, "Where's the money gonna come from?"

Vic Means and the Finance Committee of Citizens of Salado presented information to answer these two questions during an open meeting of the Citizens of Salado group July 11 at the Salado Civic Center.

According to Means, the committee examined the income and expenses of six area cities that are comparable in size and population to Salado: Bartlett, Holland, Little River-Academy, Moody, Troy and Wimberley, which recently voted to incorporate.

An average annual budget for these six cities is $273,000 with the low of $111,000 and high of $406,000.

"There is a wide range in the line items of the public, both in the expenses and revenues," Means told the group.

Means compared the revenues available to cities, including sales tax, property tax, utility franchise taxes, fines, grants and permits.

"We estimate that Sales Tax and Utility Franchise Tax revenues for an incorporated Salado would generated approximately $350,000 annually," Means stated, "more than any other city in our study for these two items."

Expenses include police, fire, streets, insurance, personnel, professional services and other expenses.

"The only solid conclusion which may be drawn from these widely ranging figures" Means stated, "is that each budget reflect on the independent choices of the citizens of each city."

Comparison of city expenses & revenues

Budget Average	High	Low
$273,000	$111,000	$406,000
Revenues	**High**	**Low**
Sales Tax	$242,000	$8,000
Property Tax	$97,000	- $0 -
Utility Franchise	$95,000	$24,000
Traffic Fines	$208,000	$1,000
Permits	$9,000	$4,000
Grants	$45,000	$26,000
Expenses	**High**	**Low**
Police	$134,000	$44,000
Fire	$17,000	$11,000
Streets	$82,000	$5,000
Insurance	$50,000	$4,000
Personnel	$114,000	$28,000
Professional Services	$98,000	$12,000
Other Expenses	$43,000	$0

** Cities in comparison are Bartlett, Holland, Little River-Academy, Moody, Troy, Wimberley.*

SVFD named First Responders of Year

Central Texas Trauma Council awarded the Salado Volunteer Fire Department with the 2000 First Responders of the Year Award July 15.

The award is given to a First Responders organization staffed by volunteers that assumes a leadership role in EMS by achievementi n areas of patient care, public access, medical control, disaster preparedness, public education, and training to protect and saves lives of citizens in trauma Service Area L, which includes Bell, Coryell, Falls, Hamilton, Lampasas Milam and Mills counties.

Joe Tischler, a member of the SVFD, is the Outstanding EMT of the Year. The award is given by the Trauma Council to a certified EMT/Paramedic who has demonstrated uncommon leadership and courage in providing emergency medical service and contributed to professional and public education and awareness to protect and save lives.

"We are extremely proud to be chosen for these awards," said Fire Chief Wayne Rutherford, "and we will continue to provide the same exemplary service to this community. We appreciate your support!"

(photo by Schuyler Rodocker)
Joe Tischler, Outstanding EMT of the Year, and SVFD Fire Chief Wayne Rutherford. SVFD was named First Responder of the Year.

Soccer registration continues

Soccer registration for the Fall season of the Salado Youth Soccer Association is being held now until July 29 from noon-5 p.m. at Brookshire Brothers. Registration is for recreational soccer for girls and boys between the ages of four and 11 as of July 31. Registration permitting there will be four leagues: under 6, under 8, under 10 and under 12. Leagues will be coed unless 48 girls and 48 boys register in the league. Fall season will run from Sept. 9-Nov. 12.

Referee Clinic

Anyone interested in earning money refereeing can contact Steve Meiman at 947-3902 for more information regarding the clinic to be held Aug. 25-27 and for qualifications to referee soccer games in Salado.

Soccer Clinic

A soccer clinic is coming to Salado in August. More details will be available during registration times.

Volunteers Needed

SYSA needs volunteers to help board members to improve the soccer organization. They are needed to assist in many various areas, ie. newsletters, concession, fields, coaching, etc. Interested persons may call Jennifer Marburger at 947-9547.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

Do ends justify means?

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:
Ref: Salado, Texas
Incorporation 2000

Do the ends (incorporation of Salado with intended and unintended consequences) justify the means (liberal use of scare tactics, half-truths, selective reporting, faulty analysis, and virtually no publication of dissent)? The answer is probably a resounding, yes, if incorporation is viewed as the first and necessary step in gaining the requisite ability to manipulate (sometimes referred to as control) the future agenda and consequent quality of life in Salado.

Multiple indicators within the village and case analysis of other cities suggest the following, possible hypotheses or prediction for Salado, if incorporation passes: (1). Within three years, Saladoans will experience dramatic property tax increases due to numerous supposed city needs and initiatives. The tax rate will likely approximate other incorporated entities. Pre-incorporation prognosticators who suggested Salado could operate on sales tax revenues alone, may be hard to locate and probably hope their comments have a quick half-life – but, maybe they just felt the ends justify the means. (2). Growth of large businesses in Salado will manifest themselves. We're not just talking about gift shops and residences. An incorporated entity doesn't have to have a wastewater treatment plant, but Salado will to accommodate the relentless big business concerns and the Chamber of Commerce. Users and taxpayers will pay for it. Salado, as we know it today, will only exist in the history books. It's an irony, but septic systems may act as a limiting factor or "anchor" on most major development. This could be viewed as a positive. (3). The city will not regulate type or amount of growth. What cities have effectively regulated these areas? A lawyer from Round Rock was brought in to discuss Salado incorporation. Doesn't Round Rock have three men's clubs on I-35? (4) Belton will still be Belton and care less about Salado (see Belton Journal, Village of Salado to Vote on Incorporation). But, the threat of Belton annexing Salado provided a good smokescreen to achieve ends desired. (5) Some newcomers to Salado will still want to escape the big city (6) Some newcomers to Salado will come to retire, but be unable to live a life of relative obscurity. (7) Meddlers in Salado affairs will still abound and want their voice to be heard, even though they don't have to pay the toll.

Some Saladoans say we should incorporate, now, because we'll have to do it sooner or later, anyway. This logic analogously would posit that many of us will die from cancer or heart problems at some point, so why not do surgery, now? Maybe it's because … the ends don't justify the means at this time.

Robert E. Pappas, Ph. D.

Dear Editor:

Ken Clapp's recent column regarding the platforms of our two political Parties while amusing was no wholly accurate. Not to belabor the point, but in the interest of pure, unadulterated truth, no where in the Texas Democratic Platform can be found any reference, requirement, request or hint that a candidate must support the Party platform in order to be supported by the Party. However, in the Republican platform you will find that a candidate is required to not only read but to initial each page and sign a statement affirming the entire platform has been read and a list will be kept of those who complied with this request. Small wonder that, when Will Rogers was asked if he belonged to an organized (political) party, he replied, "No, I'm a Democrat."

H.C. Wallace

To the editor:

The scholarship and Activities Committee of the Salado High School band Boosters would like to thank Brookshire Brothers for helping us to raise money at our car wash on July 9. We would also like to thank eveyrone for their generous donations. Thanks Salado, for sypporting our youth.

Salado High School
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Huge budget surplus could convert lawmakers into statesmen

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp

Are you as bum-fuzzled as the rest of us over the consternation being displayed by our elected federal officials who cannot seem to cope with what to do with the trillions of surplus dollars already in as well as projected for, our national treasury?

These are the folks who will eventually determine what to do with this **gigantic economic windfall that gives government a once-in-a-lifetime chance to get its financial house in order.**

It borders on the inane when we hear some of these lunatics declare how we should spend and/or give away the surplus rather than pay our debts and protect our economic future.

Fact is - it staggers our limited imagination to even have excess dollars in the first place, so we probably should not be too miffed when we find out our representatives cannot grasp the opportunity handed them especially after years of Democratic and Republican pork barreling, foreign aid giveaways and too many dipsy-doodle spending programs that have produced little if anything other than a misguided euphoria of having "spent it all" while conveniently eschewing the national debt!

How much money are we really talking about? Federal economists say the government will take in about $27 trillion over the next ten years, from all tax sources including corporate and personal. Enough to run the government, with money to spare, assuming things continue booming during the decade.

$27,000,000,000.00 - Wow! In fact - "Double Wow!!"

Our national debt currently is $5.6 trillion of which the Social Security trust fund deficit is $2.4 trillion with the balance owed to banks, corporate and individual investors who buy government bonds and promissory notes.

Let's do some rough figuring. Cost of running the government in fiscal year 2,000 is $1.8 trillion. Multiply that out for ten years of government operations = $18 trillion.

Assume inflation for both income and expense will offset, you find a positive balance of $9 trillion over the decade - more than enough to pay off the national debt in less than five years.

Interest saved the first year alone would amount to almost $50 billion which could be immediately returned to taxpayers. Each year thereafter the interest savings would compound and the total saved could be returned until the debt is retired at which time you would have an annual interest savings of $280 billion - all of which could be handed back to taxpayers without upsetting the proverbial apple cart!

True, the above is simplistic but if the general direction is followed - i.e. payoff debt and return interest saved to taxpayers while living within the total revenue of the nation - you come close to the numbers outlined.

First candidate for president or congress who buys these ideas (debt repayment, tax refunds from interest saved and living within income) - **elect him or her on the spot.** No questions asked. Just imagine, no national debt. No future social security shortfalls. Less due the IRS.

SIDE BAR ON DRUG EDITORIAL

The *Salado Village Voice* editorial on July 5, outlined the problem folks are having with high priced prescription drugs while pharmaceutical companies laugh all the way to the bank with obscene profits. Not to mention the fact they spend twice as much marketing their pills as they put into research and development - clearly opposite of the poop they send out for public consumption.

Related news on this subject comes from the Texas Pharmaceutical Association who recently reported that Senator Slade Gorton (R-Washington) has introduced a bill that would help American consumers by **prohibiting drug companies from charging higher prices in the United States than they charge in other countries.**

Probably never pass but a step in the right direction particularly by a conservative Senator whose peers are normally in the hip pocket of the pill producers.

NEED A JOB?

King Features is a news service that provides weekly newspapers with comic strips, editorials, conservative and liberal columns, cross word puzzles and the like.

The *Salado Village Voice* subscribes to this service and in a recent e-mail notice to member newspapers across America came a "Help Wanted" notice that might appeal to someone in conservative Salado.

The notice follows: **"To help round out our editorial coverage, we're looking to add a conservative columnist. Know a talented writer whose views fall between Rush Limbaugh and Pat Buchanan? Give us a call."**

A cross between Rush and Pat -now that would be something to behold. **Sort of an isolationist who hates government in general and people in particular.** So, if you know anyone who meets this unusual requirement and can read and write - let this column know so we can forward the name to the proper authorities.

Give us all something else to be proud of as we move forward into the brave new millennium.

That's -30

Library payment totals $13K

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered a total of $208.9 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,106 Texas cities and 119 counties last week.

Salado Public Library District received a check for $13,230.32, an increase of 10.89 percent over last July's payment of $11,930.19.

To-date, the Library District has received approximately $100,000 in sales tax rebates, up from approximately $83,000 through July of last year.

Bell County received a check of $621,365.51 for July, which is 10.67 percent higher than last July. This year, the county has received $4.8 million, while last year the county received $4.5 million through July.

Across the state

The statewide July payments are up 16.9 percent compared to July 1999.

Year-to-date, payments to cities and counties are running 9 percent ahead of the first seven months of 1999.

The sales tax rebates Comptroller Rylander delivered include $192.3 million to Texas cities, up 17.1 percent compared to July 1999. Texas counties received July rebates of $16.5 million, up 14.8 percent compared to a year ago.

In addition to city and county sales tax rebates, $75.8 million went to Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems, and $6.8 million was paid to 51 special purpose districts.

July sales tax rebates represent sales tax collected in May and reported to the Comptroller in June.

For details of July sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose district, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Report on the Comptroller's web site at: <www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html>

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Letter from the editor: A response to Dr. Pappas' letter

Dr. Pappas,

Thanks so much for your letter. It furthers a dialogue about the future of Salado. Regardless of your position on incorporation, an open dialogue is vital and important for all of us, most especially those who have yet to choose their position.

I respond not in hopes of changing your mind, Dr. Pappas,. but in order to reach those others who are undecided. I also write to clarify inaccuracies in your argument.

First, the issues of scare tactics, half-truths, selective reporting, and virtually no publication of dissent.

It is not a half-truth nor a scare tactic to report that the City of Belton annexed a 1-mile long strip along I-35, bringing its city limits south of Tahuaya Rd. and its Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) south of Amity Rd. Both Tahuaya and Amity Rds. are in the Salado school district affecting our readers. Any conclusions drawn from that report are up to the individual.

Salado Village Voice covers the meetings of the Citizens of Salado because they are open to the public. Posters announcing the dates, times and locations (all in public) of those meetings have been distributed throughout the village inviting ALL Salado citizens to attend. Citizens of Salado also announced those meetings through this newspaper when there has been adequate time to do so.

Rest assured, we will publish "dissent" if and when those dissenters do the following: 1. meet in a public place, 2. announce said meetings via the newspaper or other public vehicle, and 3. allow any Salado citizen to voice his opinion in that forum. So long as dissenters meet in private homes (to which we have not been invited), those meetings will remain private as far as we are concerned.

Since you brought up scare tactics, I think it is fair to point out some of the scare tactics in use by opponents of incorporation: 1. as soon as we incorporate, the county will drop us like a hot potato. 2. as soon as we incorporate we will be forced to have a sewer system at the cost of $10,000 each to every man, woman, child, dog and living animal in the area. 3. as soon as Salado incorporates, Dell is going to set up shop in our backyard. I could go on, but I won't. I will say that the more ludicrous the supposition, the more it seems to be accepted.

While you apparently see smokescreens everywhere around you, you quote with some authority an article written by the mayor of Belton. Unlike you, I do not see the threat of Belton annexing Salado as a mere smokescreen. I think it is a possibility for these reasons: 1. $140 million in taxable property. At Belton's tax rate of 71 cents per $100 valuation, Salado's property wealth would generate over $1 million per year for Belton's coffers. By the way, if you're home is valued at $100,000, your annual ante to Belton would be $710 per year. 2. $300,000 in sales tax (at 1 cent per dollar) 3. $40,000+ in possible hotel/motel tax revenues 4. Salado currently has adequate water and waste treatment so no major expenses to incur for those services. Belton could gain almost $1.5 million per year with little responsibilities beyond police patrols and street maintenance.

On to quality of life issues, such as taxes, growth, and control.

Let me be the first to agree with you on property taxes. I don't like them one bit. But I do like having a good school for my children. I enjoy passable roads that don't require an SUV to manage the potholes. I am thankful for police protection and wish for more of it (especially to pull over some of those SUVs driving 50 mph in a residential area).

To think that you can address growth without incorporation is to bury your head in the sand and hope no one sees. While the lack of a central wastewater system has prevented or hindered some growth — a hotel, a pizza chain and an assisted living center — it has not stopped other types of growth in years, including a number of mobile home parks. Nor has the village been able to set a standard for acceptable land use within the downtown area of Salado. While you and I enjoy the protection of restrictive covenances on our homes, the heart of our village is virtually unprotected.

It is simply wrong to think that what happens to downtown Salado does not affect the quality of life in Mill Creek (or any other residential area in Salado, for that matter). That's analogous to the brain living without the heart (or vice versa).

We enjoy high property values because the village as a whole is attractive on many fronts. Otherwise, there would be no newcomers to complain about, would there? I will leave pointing out the irony and hypocrisy of moving to Salado and then complaining about t .e next guy who moves here to someone else.

If you think Salado is growing now, just wait. Salado Water Supply Corporation is investing over $1 million to upgrade its water delivery system to handle demand. It also is planning to access surface water for future need. Brazos River Authority will examine the feasibility of a limited-use wastewater system funded by the users. When these two pieces fall in place with no legal protection (in the form of zoning ordinances and building codes), the Salado we all know and love will be a distance memory.

If wanting to protect what I consider as the essence of Salado for my future and my kids makes me a meddler, then so be it.

Sincerely
Tim Fleischer

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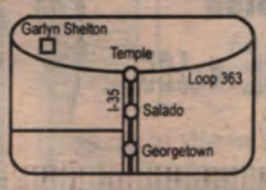

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Expansion

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Right of way

Following the series of public meetings, engineers will begin drafting plans for right of way acquisition. Before acquisition can begin, TxDOT will give citizens a second opportunity for input during public hearings in the district.

Then TxDOT will finalize plans for right of way acquisition, which is affected by several constraints. According to Alisa Polansky, "some constraints have been identified and will be incorporated into the constraints map."

Among other areas of concern, impact areas include water quality, endangered species, historic structures, socioeconomic factors, land use and development and air quality and noise.

In the Waco District, the project is focusing on building along the existing alignment. "If we looked at routes around the towns, we would be impacting properties that are not currently impacted," she said.

Entrance and exit ramps will also affect right of way considerations, as well as other design considerations.

Design considerations

Engineer David Neuman told the audience that the strip of I-35 through south Bell County was designed and built in the 1950s. During that time, average traffic count was 3,400 cars per day. The average today is more than 10 times that amount. "We are adding capacity for the sheer number of people on the road," Neuman said.

Design considerations include the horizontal geometry of the land, the vertical geometry of the land, bridge clearances of at least 16 feet and space for vehicles to pull out of the flow of traffic.

Frontage roads will all be one-way, Neuman said, before the construction project begins. The project will include construction of a barrier wall between northbound and southbound lanes.

In addition to moving and reconstructing frontage roads, ramps will be rebuilt or removed. "The current

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(photo by Tim Fleischer)

(Second from left) John Obr, project manager of the I-35 expansion through the Texas Department of Transportation Waco District, visits with concerned citizens during a July 13 meeting in Salado.

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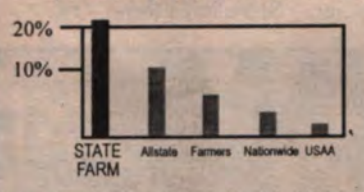

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Church News

Smithwick became bride of Cowan

Mr. & Mrs. David Jeremy Cowan

Jamie Helene Smithwick of Florence became the bride of David Jeremy Cowan of Academy in a double-ring ceremony, Feb. 19 at the First United Methodist Church of Georgetown.

The bride is the daughter of Jack and Lenice Smithwick of Florence and the granddaughter of Paul and Barbara Boggs of Salado and Nancy Smithwick of Westcliffe, CO. The bridegroom is the son of Bill and Janice Cowan of Academy and the grandson of Laura Cowan of Belton and Oma Lee Ivey of Little River.

The Rev. Dr. Mike Roberts of First Presbyterian Church, Georgetown officiated. Music was provided by Pam Rossman as organist and Phyllis McColly and Jennifer Gunn as vocalists.

Given in marriage by her father and mother, the bride wore a ivory matte-satin designer gown by Moonlight. The traditional gown featured a deep-scooped neck with a V back, basque waist, and long, illusion fitted sleeves. The skirt of the gown featured battenburg lace accented with pearl beading and had a cathedral length train.

Maid of Honor was Alicia Howard of College Station. Bridesmaids were Natalie Dickerson of Stephenville, July Danley of Stephenville and Melissa Cowan of Arlington.

Best Man was Owen Sadler of Stephenville. Groomsmen were John Cowan and Chad Miller of Stephenville and Derreck Lisenbe of Salado.

Flower girls was Carlee Toeppe of Temple, niece of the groom.

Seating guests were Todd Schultz of Weatherford, Johnny Kent of Stephenville, Shawn Pullin of Tyler and Darwin Hargrave of Lott.

Candle lighters were Bryan Boggs and Joe Boggs of Mt. Pleasant.

Sarah Boggs of Austin registered guests. Heather Hayes and Sara Hayes of Westcliffe, CO, cousins of the bride, served guests at the reception.

A reception followed at Berry Creek Country Club.

After a wedding trip to Maui, HI, the couple will reside in Yukon, OK.

The bride graduated from Florence High School and Tarleton State University. She is currently employed by C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc. in Oklahoma City, OK.

The groom graduated from Academy High School and Tarleton State University. He is currently managing a Tractor Supply Store in El Reno, OK.

Burnett receives Master of Arts degree in French

Elizabeth Ann Burnett received her Master of Arts degree in French from the University of Texas at Austin, May 20.

She is spending the summer at the American School in Tangier, Morocco, and will proceed to Marseille, France, in the fall for study and research towards her Ph.D. in French Linguistics from the University of Texas.

She graduated from Enterprise High School in Enterprise, AL in 1990, and received her Bachelor of Arts in French and Education from the University of Texas in 1994.

She is the daughter of Peter and Mavolyne Burnett of Salado.

First Baptist church offering the study of Convenant

First Baptist Church of Salado will be offering the study of COVENANT written and developed by Kay Arthur, perhaps one of the best known woman Bible teachers in America today. The discussion leader/teacher will be Kathy Miller of First Baptist Church of Belton. Kay leads by way of video, after the discussions.

They are extending an invitation to the community to join in this sty to be held 9 a.m. on Thursday mornings in the Fellowship Hall of FBC beginning Aug. 31 and running through Nov. 16.

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FUNraiser to Killeen

The Salado United Methodist Church FUNraisers will be traveling to Killeen 10:30 a.m. July 20. The morning and afternoon will be spent shopping, eating lunch, and enjoying a movie at the new Killeen Hollywood Theaters.

The FUNraisers are a group of retired folks that love to visit areas around Salado. Most of them do not get the opportunity to visit the larger cities due to not driving in heavy traffic. The program allows them the opportunity to have fun, see new places, and enjoy each other's fellowship.

Evening with Friends

The Salado United Methodist Church will have its second Evening with Friends Dinner at Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe from 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 25. Twenty couples of the church family are invited to dinner for the purpose of getting to know each other better. The couples do not know who their dinner partners are until they arrive. After the main course, the couples change dinner partners and have dessert with other couples. There is no program; just good food and fellowship. There is no charge for the evening.

The Salado United Methodist Church has three worship services on Sunday. This dinner gives the church families the opportunity to meet other church families that attend different worship services. According to Cathy Carlson, Chair of the Outreach Committee, "the last Evening with Friends dinner was a great success."

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Col. Johnsen discusses services available

The Retired Officers Association of Central Texas will meet 11:30 a.m. July 21 at the Fort Hood Officer Club.

The speaker will be Col. Nick Johnsen, USA, who is the DCA, Director of Community Activities, III Corps and Fort Hood. He is a regular army officer and has served as G3, Director of Plans an Training. He will present the latest on personal services available to retired personnel and club activities at Fort Hood.

TROA members and guest are encouraged to attend this meeting to enjoy the fellowship with other retired officers. Lunch will be available at the club at 1:00 p.m.

The TROA Board meeting will precede the luncheon at 11 a.m. in the Club dining room.

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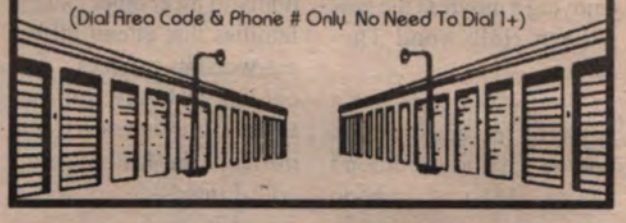

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Y-configuration in place now will be replaced by an X-configuration that you see in Williamson County," he said. "These Y-ramps provide more access to the frontage roads, but end up taking more right of way to construct."

Because of this, two of the ramps in Salado may be closed and the ramps at the ends of town reconstructed. "This approach allows minimal acquisition of right of way through the village," Neuman said, "but you don't have the number of entrance and exit ramps for access."

After design is complete, traffic management will be a chief concern.

Traffic Management

According to Clark Gauer, TxDOT will put in place a four-pronged traffic management plan: 1. traffic handling strategy, 2. schedule of activities, 3. plan for active speed control, 4. temporary lane and ramp closures.

Making all frontage roads one-way and being sure that at least two lanes are open at all times will help the traffic flow during the construction project. Also, a temporary detour will be constructed that can be taken out at the end of the project.

Construction will be scheduled during off-peak traffic times, Gauer said. "This may mean different times for different communities."

TxDOT will work with other local and state agencies to be sure that speeding violations are strictly enforced in the construction areas.

The Department will also consider lane and ramp closures in particular construction areas, because "those are the areas where accidents occur which really impede the flow of traffic," Gauer said.

Public input

One of the chief reasons for the meeting, according to Obr, was to get public input on the project. TxDOT gave the opportunity for citizens to air their concerns following the presentation and will continue to take written statements.

Two citizens spoke during the public input session. "TxDOT has always been good to Salado," Robert Denman said. "I hope that you will be sure to maintain the integrity of Salado as the project goes through here."

George McAulay told TxDOT engineers that he was "in favor of minimizing that taking of right of way through the village, particularly on the east side because of the number of historic structures, churches, residences and businesses along the access road."

Written comments may be mailed to John F. Obr, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation, 801 Austin Ave., Suite 1030, Waco, TX 76701.

Band Boosters to meet Aug. 1

The Salado High School Band Boosters will hold its first meeting of the 2000 school year 7 p.m. Aug. 1 at the Band Hall.

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Medical News

Heart disease can begin in childhood

In the era of video games and VCRs, children are spending more time playing games on screen and less time playing games in the yard. This increasingly sedentary life-style, combined with poor eating habits, puts children at risk for long-term health problems, especially cardiovascular disease.

Cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of both men and women in the United States, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. Cardiovascular disease, which includes heart disease, stroke and other illnesses involving the heart and circulatory system, accounts for about 950,000 deaths each year, representing more than 40 percent of total deaths from all causes. In 1996, 42,330 Texans died from heart disease - up from 41,630 in 1995. And stroke took 9,845 lives, compared to 9,788 in 1995. Together, heart disease and stroke cost the state more than $9 billion a year, which totals more than $500 per Texan.

Though biology plays a role in the development of cardiovascular disease, behavior is even more influential. The physicians of the Texas Medical Association (TMA) are concerned that even as health officials bombard the public with information about cardiovascular disease, people continue to engage in high-risk behaviors. Americans are smoking more, eating more and exercising less, according to a number of recent studies.

These risky behaviors often begin early in life, with children developing habits that result in serious health problems when they are adults.

"The process that leads to cardiovascular disease can begin as young as age three," says TMA President Dr. Jim Rohack, a Temple cardiologist. "Children, based on the food they eat and their level of exercise, can develop plaque in their arteries at a very young age. However, good diet and exercise can prevent or at least delay the onset of cardiovascular disease. It's never to early to start."

The physicians of the TMA urge parents to help their children develop good habits and become heart smart while they are young, following these principles:

Eat right

Children cannot live on Happy Meals alone. Instead, encourage them to eat a variety of foods from the four food groups: grains, vegetables and fruits, milk products, and meats or nuts. Provide them with healthy foods, use salt and sugars in moderation and reduce the amount of fat and cholesterol in their diets. Even when a family is on the go, it is possible to find quick, healthy snacks and meals.

Parents should lead by example. A 1999 study in Israel showed that when parents take the lead in weight loss and nutrition programs, children experience more long-term benefits. As an added benefit, the parents also enjoy better health. For menu ideas and helpful tips about eating right, check the Nutrition Guide at www.heartinfo.org.

Be active and exercise

Children do not become physically fit sitting on the couch. They need to be active at least 30 minutes a day for most days of the week, either through sports or play.

Encourage your child to participate in physical activities, including walking, running, swimming, bicycle riding, dancing, and team sports. Not only will these activities keep your child in shape, but he or she also will develop skills to carry into adulthood. Plan activities with family or friends, since it is more fun to play with others. Limit the amount of time your child spends watching TV or playing on the computer to less than two hours per day. Instead, encourage your child to go out to the playground, park, pool, or gym. In addition, find out what types of organized exercise or sport programs are available through the community and school.

Do not smoke

In spite of volumes of evidence that smoking is unhealthy, more young people are picking up the habit. Most people know that smoking causes lung cancer. But they may not realize that smoking also significantly increases their risk for cardiovascular disease.

Scientists have discovered that smoking speeds up hardening of the arteries, a condition that can lead to a heart attack or stroke.

Even living with a smoker nearly doubles the risk of heart disease for children. Second-hand smoke lowers their HDL (good) cholesterol, hardens their arteries and reduces the oxygen in their blood.

Parents should discourage their kids from smoking and should quit themselves.

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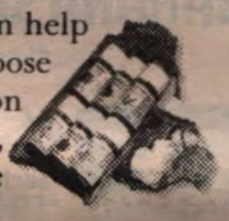

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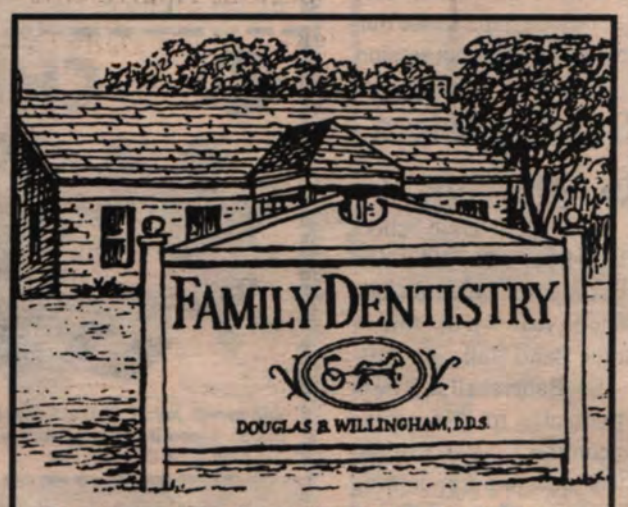

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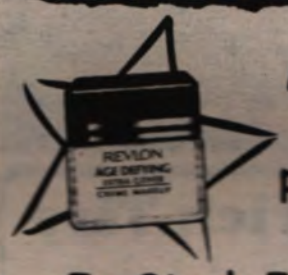

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Salado students return Aug. 9, registration announced

Salado ISD students return to school Aug. 9.

Following are important dates for teachers, students and parents to makr on their calendars.

July 26: New student registration for pre-kindergarten, 9a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary.

July 26-27: Salado High school student nights: July 27: Seniors, 5-6:30 p.m.; Juniors, 6:30-8 p.m. July 27: Sophomores, 5-6:30 p.m., Freshmen, 6:30-8 p.m. Check in at SHS Library. Students must pay fines before being issued books.

July 29: Trophy day, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Come by and pick up old trophies at no cost. Aug. 4: New teacher inservice. Report to Salado Intermediate School.

Aug. 1-4: Registration for Salado Intermediate School, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Commons. Students new to Salado should report July 31. Fifth graders Aug. 1, 6th graders Aug. 2, 7th graders Aug. 3.

Aug. 7-8: Teacher professional development. Report to individual campuses.

Aug. 7: Staff luncheon, 12 noon at Halley House, hosted by First State Bank, Salado branch.

Aug. 7: Public Hearing and Adoption of 2000-2001 Salado ISD Budget. 6:30 p.m. Salado Civic Center.

Aug. 8: Meet the teachers and bring school supplies at Thomas Arnold Elementary and Salado -Intermediate Schools, 6-7:30 p.m. SPAT back to school barbecue at 5:30 p.m.

Aug. 9: First Day of school.

Aug. 17: Back to school picnic for stafff and families at Pace Park, sponsored by First Baptist Church.

Aug. 28: Early out at noon. Curriculum meetings in afternoon for teachers.

Aug. 29: Meeting of Salado ISD Board to adopt the tax rate.

Sep. 5: Open House at 6 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary School.

Sep. 7: Open House at Salado High School at 6 p.m. Parents will walk through their student's schedule and be briefed on the student code of conduct and handbook.

Sep. 11: Open House at 6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School.

Sep. 28: Early out at noon. Parent conferences during afternoon.

Oct. 27: Early out at noon. Parent conferences during afternoon.

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• City property taxes must be approved by Salado Voters.

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• Salado is not required to have its own Police Dept. Police services can be contracted.
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Rock Creek shops rock

Block party visitors help themselves to treats prepared by Chef's Dave and Katie Hermann at The Range

Charlotte's of Salado, Charlotte Douglass has a chat with local real estate broker Larry Sands and friends.

Stageline Furniture owner (L) Janet Shiner shares details about imported wagonwheel with Jenny and Dr. Robert Shull.

Outside the entry to The Old Granary owner Judy Schulz spends time cooling off with Darlene Young as block party guest enjoy special family recipes

Mary Lynn Totty, owner of Aunt Granny's talks about her new food line offered in her store.

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Mondays

Monday Club: 1st Mon., 2 p.m., Salado United Methodist Church.

Salado 4-H Club - 1st Monday of each month 7 p.m. at Civic Ctr.

Salado Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Mon., 6 p.m., at Civic Center.

Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees: 3rd Mon. at 6 p.m., at Salado Civic Center.

Salado Library District Board: 4th Mon. at 5 p.m., at Salado Public Library.

Salado Youth Association,Board meeting 4th Mon. 6:30 p.m., at Civic Center

Salado Masonic Lodge #296: 8 p.m. on the Mon. on or before the full moon.

Storytime: 11-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Salado Public Library for preschool age children.

Tuesdays

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m., Salado Mansion.

Salado FFA meeting: First Tuesday at 7 p.m. at SHS ag shop.

Salado Village Artists: First Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Salado Art Center.

Yoga Classes: 6:45 p.m., Salado United Methodist Fellowship Hall.

Salado Family Relief Fund. 2nd Tues. 1:30 p.m. Civic Center.

Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA, 2nd Tues. 6:30 p.m. Texas House, 310 Van Bibber Lane. For more info. call 947-3617

Wednesday

Salado Creekside Cloggers: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Info: 947-5845.

Salado Youth Baseball Association meetings 6:30 p.m. at Civic Center.

Lions Club: 2nd & 4th Wed. at 11:30 a.m., Creekside. Board meets 2nd Wed. 8 a.m.

Mill Creek Community Association Board: 3rd Wed., 6 p.m., at Civic Center.

Thursdays

Salado Business Association: 1st Thursday, 8:45 a.m. Salado Civic Center

Salado Ladies Auxiliary : 2nd Thurs., 10 a.m., Salado Civic Center

Salado Water Corporation Board of Directors: 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m. Corporation office.

Salado High School Band Boosters 1st Thurs. of every month 7 p.m. in the band room.

Salado Historical Society board of directors, 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m. Salado Civic Center.

Saturday

Food Pantry: 2nd and 4th Saturday at First Baptist Church. 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

Mark your calendars for these future events

July 15-29

Salado Youth Soccer Association Registration - 12 p.m. - 5 p.m at Brookshire Brothers. Girls and boys between the ages of 4 thru 11.

July 17-20

Basketball Camp - hosted by the Salado High School Girl's Coach Staff. Girls grades 5 - 8 for the 1999-2000 school year. 8:30 a.m. - noon. The cost is $35 (includes t-shirts, certificate and awards). For more information call 947-5429.

July 22,29 & Aug 5

Salado Legends Directed by Mike Doggett. Dinner at 7:15 p.m. and the show at 8:15 p.m. Cost is $6 for dinner, $15 for adults for show and $5 for child for show.

July 22

Mill Creek Community Assoc. Annual Picnic at 5 p.m. at Lions Park on the grounds of the Civic Center.

Salado High School Class of 2002 Golf Tournament, Mill Creek Golf & Country Club, 1:30 p.m. For more information call Vonda Marley at 947-8732.

July 24

The Salado High School Band Boosters will hold their first meeting of the 2000 school year on Tuesday, August 1 at 7 p.m. at the Band Hall. Dr. Battershell will be in attendance to discuss the upcoming year and to answer any questions concerning the band program. All band parents interested in attending this meeting are urged to attend.

August 1

National Night Out - Salado Pace Park, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. A crime and drug prevention event, free hot dogs, drinks, and snow cones. For more information call 933-5472 or 1-800-234-3277 ext. 5472.

August 5-6

Salado Chamber of Commerce, 34th Annual Art Fair in Pace Memorial Park. Show times: Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. $4 admission, children 12 and under free. For more information call 947-5040.

August 9

Salado ISD School Begins!

August 10

Luncheon Honoring Grace Jones- Stagecoach Inn, Reservations must be made by August 3. Cost is $10.50, please make checks out to Dorothy Westlake, P.O. Box 647, Salado, TX 76571.

August 17

Salado ISD Back to School Picnic

August 25-27

Referee Clinic - hosted by the Salado Youth Soccer Association. For more information call Steve Meiman 947-3902.

September 8

Salado Lions Club Lasagna Supper, at the Intermediate School cafeteria. Starts at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund for Salado ISD. First home football game. ~ Riesel vs. Salado.

October 13-14

Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary - Christmas in October at the Salado Civic Center. For more information call 947-5040.

November 10-12

Central Texas Area Museum- 38th Annual Gathering of the Clans.

November 19

Salado Lions Club presents, two time Grammy Award winner, David Holt, from North Carolina for a great afternoon of family entertainment. Songs, stories, and more. Salado Intermediate School cafeteria at 3 p.m. For more information call 947-3154.

December 1-3

Salado Historical Society - Christmas Tour of Homes.

Dec. 1-2 & 8-9

Tablerock Amphitheater A Christmas Carol. For more information call 947-9205.

Dec. 2-3 & 9-10

Salado Chamber of Commerce/Business Association - 19th Annual Christmas Stroll. Extended shopping hours.

April 7, 2001

American Business Women's Association (ABWA) - Annual style show, Salado Civic Center, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call Barclay McCort 947-3617.

If you would like to have a local event listed on the Calendar of Events, you may contact the Salado Village Voice at 947-5321 or by fax 947-9479. You may also drop off the information to 213 Mill Creek Dr. #125. The deadline to get the information is 5 p.m. Friday for the following Wednesday's paper.

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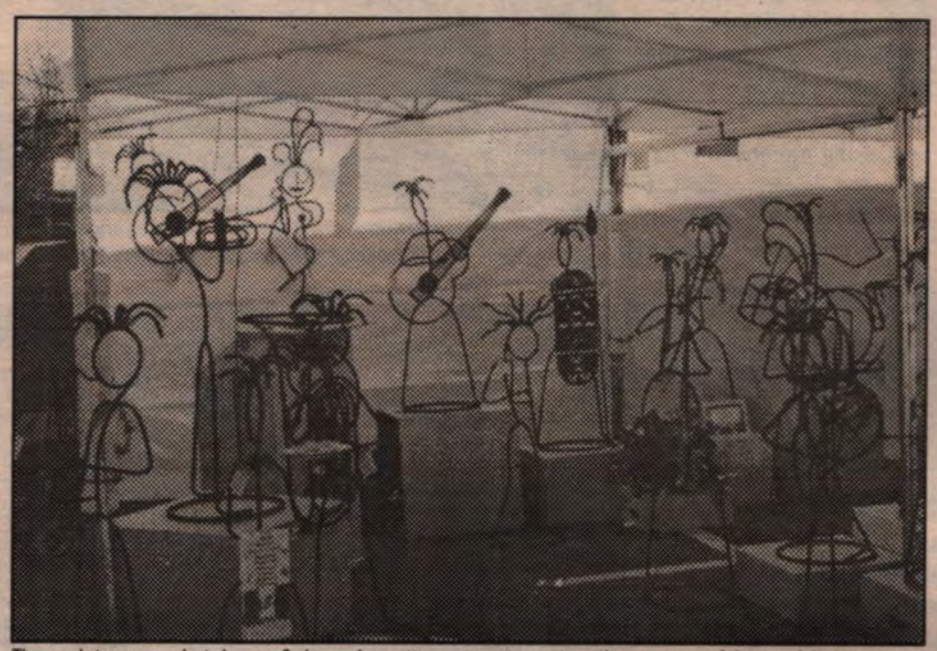
In 1994, Don chose to strike out in a different direction. His first three-dimensional sculptures were so well received he has made their design and creation a full time career and now his works are becoming increasingly popular.

Influenced by his early experience as a trumpet player in an orchestra, Don has used his distinctive metal sculpture technique to create an orchestra of his own. His musicians are charged with energy and motion, their curving shapes and dynamic postures seem to capture the essence of the musician portrayed. Placed together in a group they seem to interact to form an ensemble with its own character and identify, no two groups are ever the same.

Don, also known as the "Man of Steel", additionally designed several sculptures that appeal to non-musical art lovers, zulu warriors, chefs, fishermen, and golfers as some of his unique, fun creations.

All sculptures begin as a 20 foot length of steel, primarily "rebar" (reinforced steel for concrete). Don cuts the desired lengths of steel for a piece, then curves, bends and twists them into component shapes on a custom designed jig. After welding into an assembles form, the metal is smoothed and hand filed. After chipping all welds and preparing the surface of the metal, each piece receives four coats of lacquer paint.

The sculpture's hands (all cut to show three fingers) are made from flat steel and shaped using a plasma cutter. Detail is added to the sculptures in the form of metal washers and pieces had turned on a lathe. The final piece of art is unique, each sculpture displays an individual personality and attitude.



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During months of rehabilitation, she learned to use her left hand to express on canvas her appreciation for nature with a renewed fascination for the ever changing sky. Ann desires her art renditions to be a reflection of God's creation and witness of His saving Grace.

Born in Texas and having lived in Arlington, she now enjoys the wooded beauty of east Texas near Buffalo. Here she can daily touch base with the wildlife and nature.

Ann studied art at Texas Tech, Lubbock; The University of Texas at Arlington; McClennon Community College, Waco; and under many artists through the years.

Her paintings have won numerous awards and are marketed nationwide.

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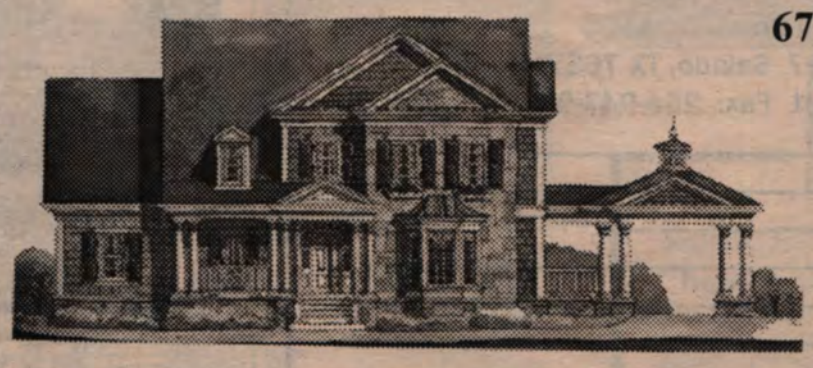

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A cross to bear: McKinney man carries Word on way to San Antonio

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

"I go where the Lord leads me," McKinney man Jerry Roberts told me as he made his way through Salado early last week. This time, the Lord has led Roberts from Temple to San Antonio.

Just over two-and-a-half hour drive for most of us.

But for Roberts, it will be at least a two-week journey. For him, the journey is both a personal and public one as it gives him the opportunity to further carry the Word of God.

Roberts has been the pastor of the Fountain of Life Worship Center in Greenville for 10 years.

His journeys have taken him over 3,500 miles in the 10 years that he has carried the 10-foot cross on his back. Those journeys have given him ample opportunities to meet with and pray with people.

"I have had very good responses from people," he explains. "They usually stop and ask where I'm going and why I'm carrying the cross."

Jerry admits that not all of the response has been positive. "I've been spit at and had plenty of beer bottles thrown at me," he says, adding that he has had his life threatened on the road.

Law enforcement officials stop him as he makes his way down the side of the road, like the DPS Officer who stopped to check on him while we talked.

"You be sure to have enough water and to take care of yourself," the officer told Jerry before driving off to pull over speeders.

Speeding, however, is nothing that the DPS will have to worry about with Roberts, who says that he is lucky to make 11 miles in a day.

"I try to get started early in the morning before it gets too hot," he said, adding that it's been getting hot earlier and earlier. "If you think it's hot now, you don't know nothing yet."

At the end of the day's travels, whether it's five or 10 miles, Roberts tries to find a nearby roadside motel to spend the night. But sometimes he's not so lucky. "Then I camp out between the trees," he said.

Jerry makes two or three journeys each summer. "I go whenever I feel led by the Lord," he said. He has made journeys in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, Virginia and Tennessee.

He visits other states to do his part. "I want to see this nation turn back to the Lord," he says. Much of the reason he wants to see a return to the Lord is his family.

(photo by Tim Fleischer)
Jerry Roberts is happy to stop and visit with people as he makes his way down I-35 to San Antonio.

The father of two, a three-and-a-half year old son named Joel Zechariah and a seven-month-old daughter named Savannah Michelle, Roberts and his wife Lisa are expecting another child this winter. "If you raise a child up to love God and do right, you don't have to worry about outside influences," he says.

His wife supports his work in carrying the Word of God. "She drove me down to Temple and will pick me up at the end of the trip," he said. He may reach the end of this particular journey on his 41st birthday July 23.

To make the almost 200-mile journey, he carries adequate supplies, including water, in a backpack that attaches at the bottom of the cross. But the supplies add plenty of weight to the cross, bringing its total to 135 lbs.

Wheels attached to both ends of the cross help him to bear the burden. "I put those wheels on to satisfy the laws of the land," he said of the cross, which is the fourth he has built for his journeys by hand of cedar or redwood.

"Besides that," he adds, "I ain't Jesus. I just have him with me."

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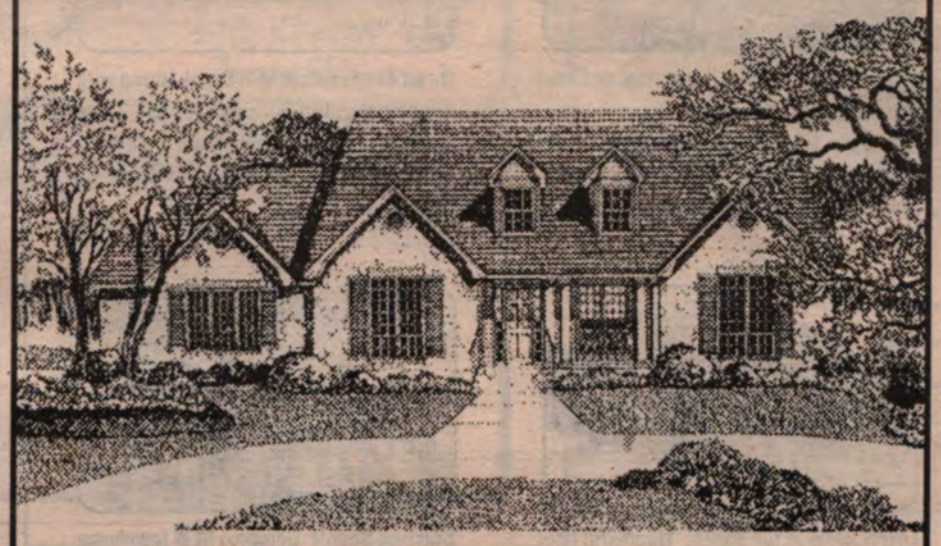

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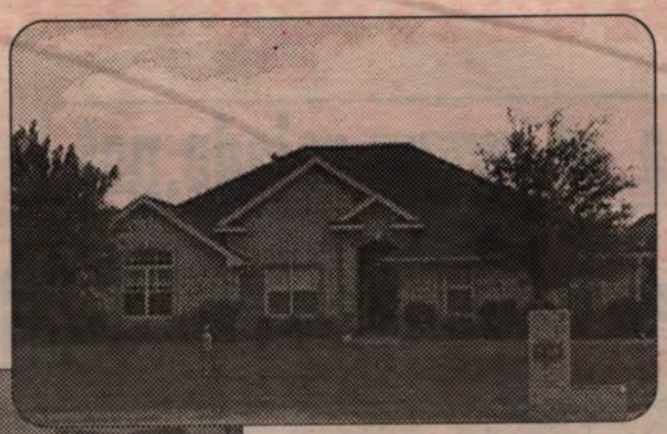
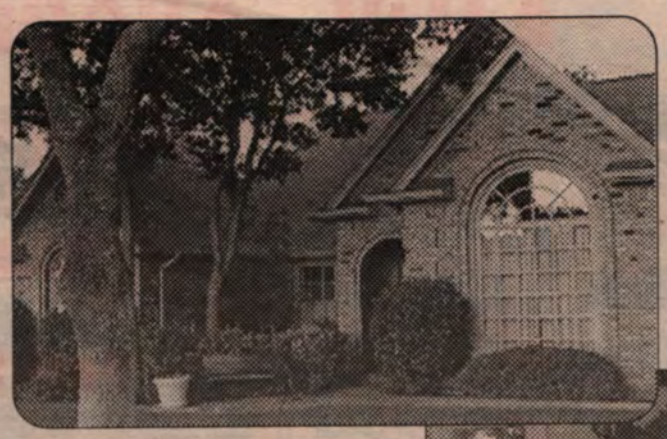


$183,000...Quiet cul-de-sac in Mill Creek. 3 BR, office, 2 dining, with landscaped front and back yard. Open dining and living combination. Fenced back yard.



$242,800... A true Show Home! New listing in Mill Creek. Stillwell built this as a showcase home with tons of decorator accents. Marble entry and fireplace, detailed carved woodwork, stained glass and a cozy den. Separate two-story building 16' X 20' includes a guest bedroom, a full bath as well as an office.

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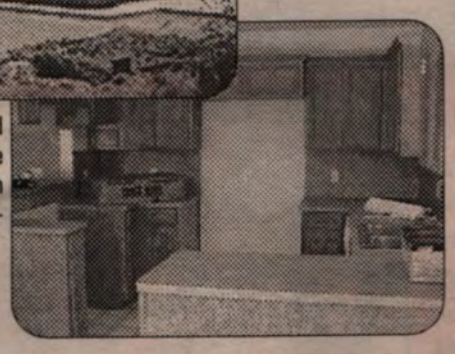

$113,000...New construction to be completed in mid-July. This attractive 3 BR, 2 BA home will sell quickly. Split bedroom design with spacious master bedroom. Call for more details.

$199,321...4 Br, 2 BA located in new Mill Creek Springs. Estimated completion is July, 2000.

$137,900...A Country Welcome Home on 4.1 acres. Oak trees frame the lovely brick home. Fenced backyard, fireplace, raised ceilings, large master suite & bath are extras!

$179,900...Quality home recently constructed on 3.04 acres. Lot is heavily wooded. Fenced & ready for horses. 3 BR, 2 BA, office (or 4th BR).

$150,000...Prime location on Main Street. 2 BR, 1 BA - lots of potential.

Residential

- **$59,900** - Mobile home on 4+ acres. Fronts IH-35.
- **$93,000** - New Listing. 2 BR, 2 BA, office, sunroom. **Under Contract**
- **$129,900** - 4 BR, 2 BA, beautifully redecorated with tile floors.
- **$135,000** - Escape into the woods in Mill Creek. 3 BR, 2 BA.
- **$159,500** - Southern Plantation style home in Mill Creek.
- **$172,000** - Room for everything. 4 BR, 3 BA, breakfast nook.
- **$179,000** - 5 BR, 3 BA, 2 dining. Sprinkler System.
- **$181,000** - Covered porch, split bedrooms, two fireplaces.
- **$195,000** - Recent updates in paint and carpet. 5 BR, 2-1/2 BA.
- **$210,000** - 10' ceilings, fireplace, breakfast nook, 4 BR, 3 BA.
- **$229,900** - Beautiful 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA, close to Salado Creek.
- **$239,000** - New Construction by Stillwater. 4 BR, 2-1/2 BA.
- **$242,800** - New listing. Show home, cozy den, separate office.
- **$259,000** - New home by Stillwater. Hearth room, 4 BR.
- **$268,500** - Very open floor plan. 3 BR, 2 BA, office.
- **$275,021** - Overlook 14th Fairway. Immaculate home. Large gameroom.
- **$282,000** - Texas style home with wrap around porch. 19+ acres. **SOLD**
- **$299,921** - Auction Barn Rd. Rock home, horse barns, 40+ acres.
- **$399,800** - New listing Larry Lilly built for himself. Pool.

Acreage Available

- **635 acres** near Salado, all woods, rolling terrain, deer, turkey, quail & hogs. 3 miles from I-35.
- **163 acres** near Davilla in Milam Co. Very nice place, part cultivation, part pasture. Good road frontage. Owner financing.
- **Approximately 151 acres** 5 miles south of Salado. Well located, community water. $1,200/ac.
- **150 acres** on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport.
- **70 acres** near Temple, all utilities, good road frontage.
- **51.55 acres** in Burnet County. Excellent deer hunting. Very isolated.
- **6 acres** on FM 2115, south of Salado. $36,000.
- **5.78 acres** west of Salado. $33,500. - **Under Contract.**
- **4.11 acres** with large oaks, IH-35 frontage, mobile home, near Salado. $59,900.
- **Mill Creek Springs** - new golf course area. Only 2 lots remain in Phase I. $30 - $75,000.
- **Winners Circle** - Beautiful wooded golf course lots. $50 - $58,000.
- **Royal Oaks Subdivision** - near downtown Salado, large restricted wooded lots, owner finance.

Building Sites

- **2 MillCreek lots**-view course & creek - $45,000/each.
- **Old Mill Rd. @ S. Ridge** - $39,000.
- **Chisholm Trail on #3 Tee** - $20,000.
- **3 lots - Old Mill Rd.** - $89,921.
- **Jack Nickalaus Circle** - $58,000.
- **Chisholm Trail** - $26,900.
- **2 lots - Salado Plaza Dr.** - $29,000/each.
- **#12 Lane** - $39,900.

Other property available. Please call for details.

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Residential Listings

$249,900: Only thing missing in this house is the phone to the kitchen to order room service. 4 bedroom, 4-1/2 bath, 3 living areas, formal and informal dining. 2 fireplaces, small office or workshop in garage. Pool and hot tub.

$179,900: Salado Oaks - Under Construction. 4 BR, 3 BA, 2 car garage, lot loaded with large live oak trees.

$174,900 : Two story brick, 3/2.5/2, formal living and dining. Walking distance to Pro Shop. **UNDER CONTRACT**

$149,000: "Daddy's Hands" helped to build this two story home with 5 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Enjoy the country and your 4 acres from the large covered porch. Extra large shop will let you take care of almost any hobby needs. Lease/purchase option. **SOLD**

$62,900 : South of Salado. Prairie Dell Church Road. Need to see before pictures, to appreciate the mountain of work that has been done.

Belton Area

$150,000: Large corner lot in Belton, 2 living, 2 dining, 4/2/2 + 2 half baths. Updated.

$64,900 : 3/2/1 - recently updated with carpet, paint, wallpaper, counter top, light fixture & cabinets.

Temple Area

$82,000: Western Hills 3/2/2, formal living/den.

Acreage Available

3 acres commercial fronting I-35, 1 mile S. of Salado, $79,900.
3.5 acres, Woods of Salado, ~~$45,000~~, reduced to $42,500.
10 acres fronting Fox Rd. Excellent views. $38,900.
10 acres fronting East Amity. Excellent views. $38,900.
26.38 acres on Tollbridge Road. Heavily wooded. 500' Lampas River.
30 acres overlooking Salado Creek. Thomas Arnold Rd. Tremendous views.
60 acres w/2800 feet on Salado Creek.
80.45 acres Shanklin Road.
928 acres Southwest of Salado. Beautiful rolling tree country with live creek and large lake on property. Excellent views. Outstanding wildlife.

Salado Lots

Indian Trail at Blaylock, large corner lot, 90x188 - $36,000.
Indian Trail - 90x188 - $34,000.
Quail Hollow at Indian Trail, corner lot - $39,000.
Southridge - Large lot covered with trees - $36,900.

Belton Area Properties

Lots with sewage and water on Shady Lane. $7,995 each.
1 acre tracts: Sand and Gravel Rd. $15,000 each.

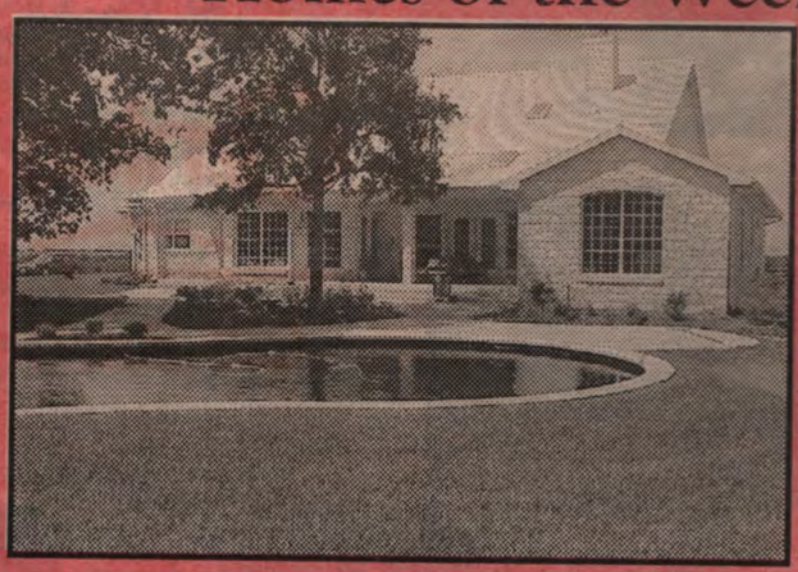
The Bluffs at Salado Creek

Lot #7	0.76 acre	UNDER CONTRACT	$35,000
Lot #3	1.00 acre		$39,900
Lot #11	2.28 acre		$45,000

Large Acreage

1428 acres west of Salado, Willingham Creek, 1 mile of live water. From gentle rolling to semi-deep canyon, outstanding Hill Country views. Excellent tree coverage.

Homes of the Week



Texas Style Country Home on 335 acres in Academy ISD. This rock/metal home perched on a hill. Amenities include 4 bedroom, 2 full bath, 1 half bath, in ground pool with spa, covered patio front and back, gourmet kitchen, school room. 40-50 acres of woods, 3 stock tanks, one heavily stocked.

$330,000: Secluded Country Estate. Driveway amble back to picture perfect setting in Temples only gated community. This home offers 2 living, 2 dining, 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 bath, hot tub, 2 sided fireplace, two outside decks, hot tub and a nicely landscaped 1.29 acres.

Sunwest Estates & Acreage

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TRACT	ACRES	PRICE
1	5.34	47,900
2	7.06	57,900
3	53.27	3,900 per acre 30 acre minimum
4	62.06	3,900 per acre 30 acre minimum
5	13.56	64,900
6	11.98	69,900
7	17.75	139,900
8	29.24	194,900
9	16.99	149,900
10	7.03	69,900
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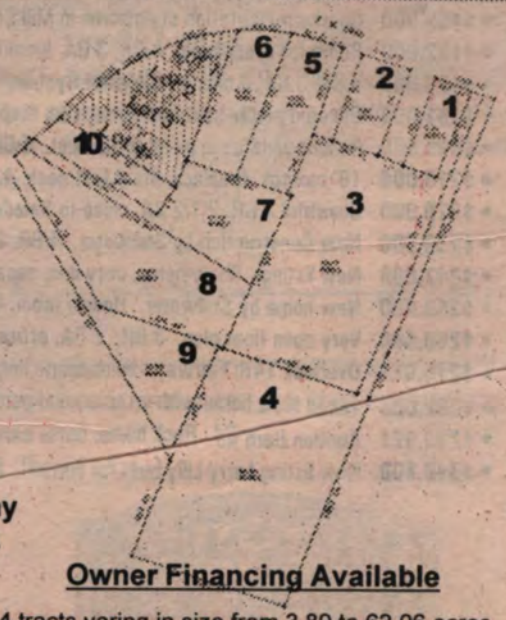
Lot 2	4.82	57,900
Lot 3	6.09	59,900
Lot 4	6.38	62,900



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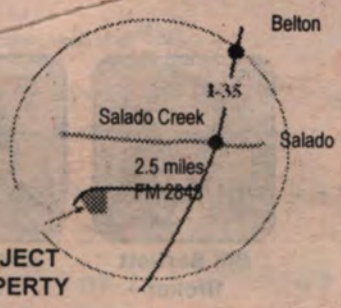

Owner Financing Available

Acreage: 14 tracts varing in size from 3.89 to 62.06 acres
Water: Well water, Edwards Formation
Taxes: Bell County and Salado ISD currently Ag Exempt
Schools: Salado ISD
Zoning: Deed Restrictions
Topography and Vegetation: gently rolling terrain with large Live Oaks, Elms, Spanish Oaks and many other trees common to this area
Location: 2.5 miles West of I-35 and FM 2843 intersection fronting the South side of FM 2843