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Comprehensive Planning committee invites Salado residents to Jan. 10 meeting

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Salado's comprehensive planning committee discussed future land use and transportation plans sketched by Dunkin, Sefko and Associates during a workshop Jan. 10.

The committee will discuss its concerns with the firm at a 10 a.m. meeting Jan. 10 at the Municipal Building at 313 N.. Stagecoach Rd.

the Transportation Plan is one part of the four-part document Dunkin, Sefko presented the committee at a December workshop.

The Transportation Plan defines streets as arterial, collector or neighborhood. Arterial streets are at least four lanes and divided, according to the Transportation Plan. According to the map in the Plan, I-35, Main St., Thomas Arnold Rd. and Royal St. are arterial roads.

Collector streets, according to the Plan, "distribute traffic from local access streets and funnel it to arterial roadways." The Plan classifies the following as collector streets: Van Bibber Lane, Old Mill Creek Rd., Baines Street, Center Street, Rose Lane and Stinnett Mill Rd.

The Plan notes that many Local Streets, which are 28 foot wide two-lane streets, currently serve the role of collector and minor arterial streets despite their reduced size. "The integration of the concepts containing within this transportation Plan will alleviate this as Salado continues to grow and develop," the document states.

Members of the committee expressed concern over how current streets are labeled as collector streets, particularly through Mill Creek subdivision.

Those streets should be redefined as rural collector or neighborhood collector streets, committee members said.

The committee also reviewed the Future Land Use Plan, which outlines how areas of the Village of Salado should be developed in the future.

Future Land Use Map. Large, color coded version can be viewed at the Village of Salado Municipal Building.

Committee members discussed their desire to protect the historical nature of the Village through the Future Land Use Plan combined with planning and zoning measures determining asthetics of construction within the historic district.

The documents composing the Comprehensive Plan, as well as maps, can be viewed at the Village of Salado Municipal Building.

Republicans plan Candidates Forum

The Salado Area Republican Women will be hosting a Candidates Forum 6:30 p.m. Jan. 17, at the Salado Civic Center. This is the first program of the new year for the Salado Republican Women.

Over 20 Republican candidates who have filed for office in Bell County thus far have been invited to participate in the program. The three Republican candidates for the U.S. House District #11 will be speaking at the Candidates Forum. The Republican candidates include Bob Curnock of Waco, Ramsey Farley of Temple and James (Dub) Maines of Florence. Each will have three to four minutes to discuss his or her plans if elected or reelected to office.

This year's program is expected to be larger than usual since so many Democrats have changed over to the Republican Party, according to First Vice President, Barclay McCort.

The meeting which is open to the public requires a reservation by noon, Jan. 15 to McCort at 947-3617 or bam2@flash.net. Cost for the dinner will be $12.50 which helps defray the cost of the Civic Center.

The meal will be catered by Sherry Bonnett, formerly of Salado, and includes Italian herbed chicken breast strips with angel hair pasta and marinara, Italian squash, green salad, bread, iced tea, coffee and blueberry/strawberry strata dessert.

The Republican Women will be meeting the third Thursday of each month with half the meetings being luncheon meetings and half evening ones.

Programs planned for the new year include American Freedom, What it Means; Military Trends Post Sept, 11; Public Education Trends; Public Health Issues and Trends in the Economy. Other programs are also planned.

(Photo by Marilyn Fleischer)

Stagecoach Inn welcomed Salado families during a Feast of Sharing in the newly remodeled Longhorn Room Jan. 3. Open to the public, the Feast of Sharing invited families served by the Salado Family Relief Fund for the traditional holiday dinner of turkey, dressing, vegetables and peach cobbler for dessert. According to General Manager Terry Potts, the Feast of Sharing is one way the Stagecoach Inn can give back to the community of Salado.

City to buy new cop car, hire engineer

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Salado aldermen approved the purchase of a new police car Jan. 3 at the request of Chief Alan Rogers. The board also discussed street signs and road maintenance and the need to begin a search for a city engineer to be hired on an hourly as-needed basis.

Chief Rogers reported to the board that the current car used by the Village of Salado would have difficulty passing a vehicle inspection. The car was donated to Salado last year by Big Tex Autoplex in Belton. It had 179,000 miles on the engine at that time, according to Chief Rogers.

At the earlier instruction of the aldermen, Chief Rogers investigated leasing a new police car, purchasing a used police car through the state Department of Public Safety and purchasing a new police car.

Chief Rogers said he favored purchasing a new car over leasing a new car,

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SISD long range planning kicks off Jan. 10

Salado I.S.D. is beginning a long-range planning process. The kick-off meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Jan. 10 at the Salado Civic Center, Meadows Auditorium. All interested parents, students, community and business members are encouraged to come and help set the direction for the district for the next three to five years.

There will be six committees working toward the final product. The six committees are Safety/Discipline, Finance, Facilities, Communication/Parent Involvement, Curriculum, and Technology. Each committee will be led by co-leaders from the district administration, school board, and community site based committee.

For more information contact Robin Battershell, Superintendent, (254) 947-5479.

Chamber slates Jan. 26 banquet

A generous donation, compliments of AMTRAK, will be the door prize highlighting the theme of "A Sentimental Journey" for the Salado Chamber of Commerce annual banquet on Jan. 26. The door prize will consist of two round trip AMTRAK private compartment tickets from Austin or Temple to Chicago—or any point in between.

In addition to the door prize, there will be music and lots of reminiscing as the Salado Chamber of Commerce celebrates the past year and looks forward to 2002. "A Sentimental Journey" will feature Salado natives and some long-time residents, who will offer personal or family recollections spanning 100-plus years of Salado history.

"We are looking forward to a really enjoyable evening," said Chamber President, Darwin Britt. "The stories these folks have to tell make fine listening and show us why Salado is, and always has been, such a special place. And we are extremely grateful to AMTRAK for its generosity. It's a great donation and the tickets should sell like hotcakes. So, get 'em while they're hot."

Ticket prices are $25 per person. Each banquet ticket holder will be eligible for the door prize drawing. Tickets will be on sale January 11, at the Community Center, Compass Bank and First State Bank. The banquet will be 7 p.m. Jan. 26 in the Middle School Auditorium.

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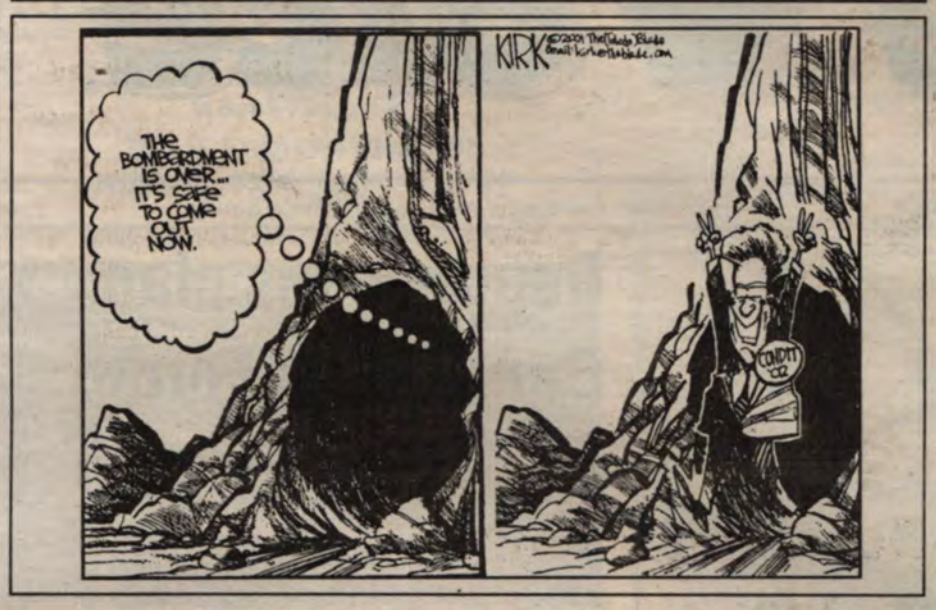
An Open Exchange of Ideas



Treason, What else?

Commentary

by Jeffrey Hart

President Bush surely went too far when he called him a "poor fellow" who might "have been misled."

When he was 16, the Mann County boy, who went by the name John Walker, decided that after reading "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," he would devote himself to the Quran with a view to becoming a Muslim. Of course, at age 16, he was in no intellectual position to make such a decision responsibly.

His parents were divorced. His father, Frank Lindh, is a Catholic. His mother, Marilyn Walker, is drawn to Buddhism. Their duty was to forbid the young man from doing any such thing as becoming a Muslim until he was old enough to vote.

Instead, young Walker adopted his mother's name, grew a beard and bought a skirt and said that his name was Abdul Hamid. He frequented a local mosque known to be a hotbed of radical Islamism. He decided to go to Pakistan to study the Quran.

When young Walker told his dad that he was becoming a Muslim, the reply should have been: "Forget about it until you are earning your own keep. Not here you don't. The idea is nuts." So, in the absence of adult resistance at home, Walker or Abdul Hamid or Sulayman al Fails or whoever wound up fighting for the Talihan in Afghanistan, wound up as a prisoner of war in a dungeon, and picked up an AK-47 in an uprising designed to kill Americans. An American CIA agent, who was interrogating prisoners, was indeed shot and killed.

Walker is now in American custody in Afghanistan. Mildly wounded, he is being cared for by Americans that he would have killed if he could.

In Article III, Section 3, the Constitution provides: "Treason against the United States shall consist only in levying war against them, or in adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort." It also says that a defendant may be convicted only "on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act, or on confession in open court."

Walker is guilty as hell. He went over to the enemy. On CNN he even said that he approved of the suicide assault on the World Trade Center.

Leading figures in the Bush administration, perhaps correctly, have been very circumspect in their comments on this matter. But President Bush surely went too far when he called him a "poor fellow" who might "have been misled." Walker wanted to kill Americans and joined those who, in fact, had done so. He also committed a list of other crimes as long as your arm.

If he forfeited his citizenship by fighting with the Taliban, John Walker Lindh could get a military trial. If he has not, he would be tried in a federal court for treason and much more.

If he cooperates with his U.S interrogators and provides valuable information, that might mitigate his sentence. He'd better change sides pretty quickly. And we can do without the "poor fellow" stuff from the president. Let's get on with accountability, admittedly not one of our strong points lately.

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Dan Morales stuns Demos with entry in Governor's race; Kinsey opts to unseat Commissioner Brown in Precinct Two

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp

WORTH PONDERING?

"Due to budget cuts the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off!"

Lineups for the March 12 primaries are now complete including a shocking, albeit typical, Democratic "bonehead" move - this time by former Attorney General Dan Morales who opted to drop out of the U. S. Senate race and file for Governor.

This **"shoot yourself in the foot" ploy by Morales** has rank and file party faithful shaking their heads as they foresee a bloody battle that could split the Hispanic vote and hurt wealthy Tony Sanchez' scheme to hold his fire and money until after the first primary and then go "all-out" against incumbent Rick Perry. Sanchez is the sub-rosa favorite among most Demo Party leaders.

Reason behind the Morales move is not too complex. He has well over a million bucks saved from past races that can be spent on the gubernatorial try. Dollars that otherwise would have to be forfeited under federal election laws governing a Senate race.

The always unpredictable Morales is carrying, in this observer's opinion, way too much baggage from his days as the state's AG (remember the tobacco pettifogging payoff scandal?), so his chances of unseating Perry are slim to none, assuming he can dump Sanchez in the primary run-up.

The second political surprise, on the final filing day, came locally with news that former Salado ISD superintendent Nolan Kinsey had signed up to run against incumbent Tim Brown for the Precinct Two commissioner's position in the Republican primary.

Both Brown and Kinsey have deep roots in Salado and Bell County. Commissioner Brown told this column, when asked about his reaction to the last minute arrival of an opponent: **"I like my job and plan to run a clean, hard campaign to keep it!"**

Brown is in his eighth year as a member of the Commissioner's Court and currently serves as President of the North American Superhighway Coalition, the international group that coordinates all State activities connected to Interstate 35, from Mexico to Canada.

Dr. Kinsey noted that he wanted to run for the Precinct Two Commissioner's position to: **"Get involved in county government and make a contribution to my hometown and surrounding area."**

All State Senators Must Face Election

Following each decennial census all 31 Senators are required to stand for election. Upper house lawmakers normally serve a four year term with half running for reelection every two years. However, thanks to the district reshufflings, all Senators must run this year for terms whose length will not be determined until after they are elected and take office. This will be done, when the Senate convenes next January, through a drawing with half the members picking four year term tickets and the rest having to run in two years for a full term.

Sibley Quits Today

Five veteran senators (three Demos and two GOPers) will not be returning next session including **David Sibley (R-Waco) who is resigning today.** Sibley indicated he was leaving early to give his successor a head start in the fall election as well as gaining certain seniority assignments and office perks - especially if Senate conservatives remain in the majority.

Sibley is hailed as the "father" of the State's electric deregulation law (many call it an "illegitimate electric-deregulation-child") that went into effect the first day of this year. Sibley plans to open a law office in Austin while working as a lobbyist in both that city and Washington.

It's our guess his biggest clients will be the same power barons who supported him as a lawmaker and saw to it that deregulation became law.

Sibley is supporting retiring House member Kip Averitt (R-Waco) in a special election to be held in May.

20 House Dropouts

Over in the House of Representatives some six Republicans (including Averitt) and fourteen Democrats have announced they are leaving at the end of this year. Included in this group are nine Democratic committee chairmen who are also key lieutenants to Speaker Pete Laney, thus leaving poor old Pete scrambling to find enough fellow Democrats and unhappy GOPers to give him the necessary 76 votes to hold his speakership.

With so many new faces headed for the next session of lawmaking, one can only hope that the capital complex parking attendants will return "en masse" or no one will ever be on time for a quorum or roll call during the 140 days of the 78th session (which might not be all that bad - come to think of it!).

There will be a move to enact new taxes next year - which should prompt each of us to **ask all candidates currently seeking any one of the 181 legislative positions, just how they stand on a state income tax or any increase in the current tax system.**

Matter of fact - we need to get those answers in writing!

Questions that Beg a Response

Couple of questions to gnaw on as we begin our journey through the new year. You recall the Paris-to-Miami American Airliner that was diverted to Boston because a **shaggy haired fruitcake by the name of Reid was fixing to blow up his shoes and the plane?** Question: Where was the sky-marshall in all the furor that ended with passengers taking charge and tying down the bearded wonder?

Another question now that we know the **Toyota pickup is the vehicle of choice for bin Laden and his al Qaida and Taliban pals.** Will we soon be seeing TV commercial-testimonials, from a cleaned-up-Osama (if he is captured alive) or other terrorist-types, on the value of the Toyota as the best all-terrain conveyance?

The Nipponese auto maker could bring out a whole new line including: **"Bomb-Dodger", the "Cave Dweller" or a snappy sports version "Spelunker II".** Bet some folks would buy one just to have the infamous "rag-head's" picture painted on the side. Like a sick joke.

That's -30-

FORUM

Enforcing child support payments

ASK THE AG

JOHN CORNYN

Q: Can I lose my driver's license or my hunting license if I don't pay child support?

A: Yes. Non-custodial parents who hold a State of Texas license, owe more than three months past due child support, and are not in compliance with an existing court-ordered or voluntary repayment schedule, may face license suspension.

Most adults have a driver's license. Many have professional licenses such as medical, dental, law and commercial vehicle. Others have recreational permits such as hunting and fishing licenses.

The Office of the Attorney General's Child Support Division matches its case load with computer tapes from 60 different licensing agencies.

The system checks every six months for non-custodial parents who hold eligible licenses and meet the criteria for license suspension. When a match occurs, the Office of the Attorney General provides the license holder with a warning and an opportunity to resolve the outstanding delinquency.

If the non-custodial parent fails to respond, the Child Support Division will confirm the parent's location and other information necessary to suspend the license and refer the case for administrative or judicial prosecution. In State Fiscal Year 2001 (ending August 31), we filed 4,753 cases for administrative or judicial license suspension.

Q: Can any other state agency or private company handle child support enforcement cases, and if so, would I receive money sooner?

A: In Texas, county-operated domestic relations or child support offices, private attorneys, and private collection agencies also provide some child support enforcement services. Private agencies charge for their services.

If you use the services of a private child support collection agency, be sure that you fully understand any contract that you sign. The majority of the Attorney General's incoming cases do not have established paternity or child support orders. These cases take longer to process than cases with established paternity and child support orders. Private child support collection agencies and county domestic relations offices generally handle only cases with established paternity and existing court child support orders.

The Office of the Attorney General is required to provide child support services to all families who apply for our services and to all families receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

Moreover, the Office of the Attorney General provides the full range of child support services free of charge. As a result, the Attorney General's case load is much larger than that of any private collection agency.

A private agency may be able to process some cases more quickly. This factor should be balanced against the cost of hiring a private agency.

The 77th Texas Legislature passed a law regulating the activities of private child support enforcement agencies. Effective January 1, 2002,

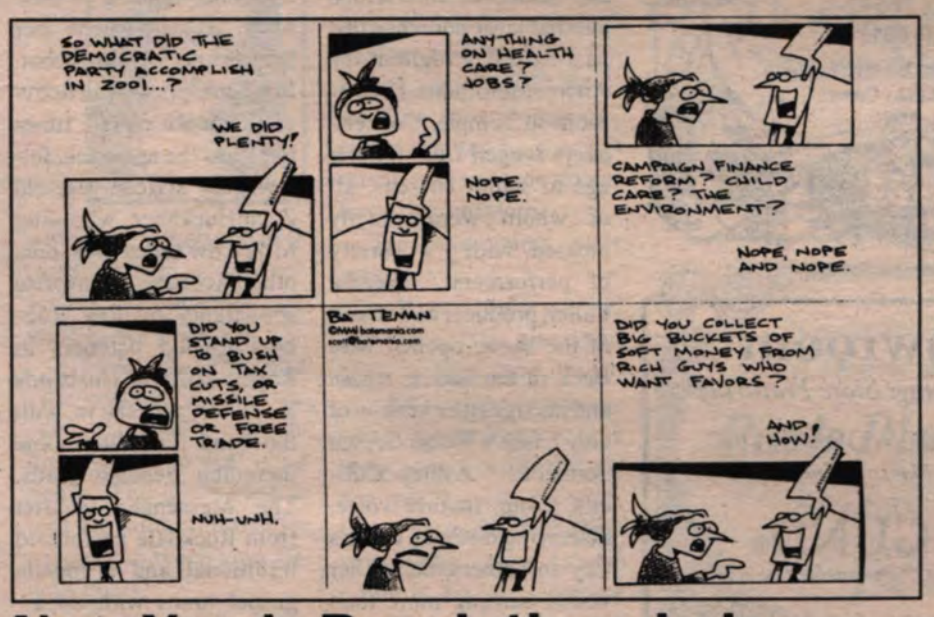
Agencies are required to register with the Texas Department of Banking to operate in Texas. The Department of Banking has the authority to revoke the registration of an agency that does not comply with the law.

Q: How can the amount of child support be changed?

A: Only the Court can modify a child support order, which establishes the amount of child support to be paid. It cannot be done by agreement of the parties. Grounds for a modification include a material and substantial change in the circumstances of a child or another person affected by the order, or the passage of three years since the last child support order and a difference in the existing monthly payment by either 20 percent or $100 from the amount that would be ordered according to an updated calculation using the child support guidelines.

A parent subject to a child support order can request a review of the ordered child support amounts every three years by contacting the Office of the Attorney General.

To further information on Child Support Services offered by the Office of the Attorney General, call (800)252-8014. Information is also available on our website at www.oag.state.tx.us.



New Year's Resolutions help parents keeps kids off drugs

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Robin Battershell

I keep newspaper and magazine clippings which seem to make a difference. Barry R. McCaffrey, Director for the Office of National Drug Control Policy wrote ten anti-drug New Year's Resolutions in 1999. As a parent, they are worth repeating and thinking about.

1. Start! It is never too early to discourage your children from trying drugs. Protect them by letting them know you care. Resolve to start now.

2. Connect! Begin building lines of communication. Resolve todo things as a family. Show your children that having fun doesn't require drugs.

3. Listen!!! Take a more active interest in your children's lives. Know what they are up to--what parties they're attending, with whom, what will be served, who will be supervising. Resolve to spend at least 30 minutes a week LISTENING to your kids cares and concerns.

4. Educate. Spend 30 minutes in the next 30 days explaining in simple facts to your kids how drugs can hurt them. Don't wait for the school, the church, or their friends to do this.

5. Care! Tell your children you care about them. Tell them you love them. Never assume they know this.

6. Learn. Children today are more sophisticated. In order to teach your children, educate yourself about drugs. You can learn together, but never assume you know everything. Your children will teach you otherwise.

7. Set Limits. Show and tell your children: This family doesn't do drugs or hang around people who do.

8. Get Involved. Get involved in your church, your school, and your child's life.

9. Lead. Set an example. Don't drive drugged or drunk, don't let your friends do this either. If you, yourself, have a substance abuse problem, use the new year and get help.

10. Be Aware. It can happen to you and your child. Look for the warning signs and don't be embarassed to seek help. It is better to be an alarmist in this situation, then to sit back and wait to see what happens.

In 2002, Dr. Dobson, of "Focus on the Family", corroborated that research points to three keys to having children with healthy self-esteem. They are 1. love, 2. consistency, and 3. discipline (caring enough to say no).

Don't let your voice go unheard

Our Voice

Editorial opinion

We hear "you can't fight city hall" so often that we sacrifice our rights without a whimper, much less a fight.

But, here in Salado, we have the opportunity not just to fight City Hall, but to frame it, to shape Salado into the community we want it to be.

Saladoans will have two opportunities Jan. 10 to have a lasting impact on our community. The first will be at the 10 a.m. Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meeting at the Salado Municipal office. Later, the Salado I.S.D. Long Range Planning Committee will kick-off 6 p.m. Jan. 10 at the Salado Civic Center.

With the pending expansion of I-35 through Salado over the next 10 years, our community will face unprecedented growth as the local and state economies continue to expand.

Growth is inevitable. However, we can have a voice in controlling the growth of Salado and determining how Salado will grow.

The comprehensive plan is a living document on which the Village of Salado has only recently begun to work. Once in place, the comprehensive plan will guide how future boards of aldermen and planning and zoning committees address issues varying from land use to signage to transportation and infrastructure needs. Rarely do residents of a community have the opportunity to have such an impact on shaping the future of their hometown.

The Salado ISD long range planning committee will shape the school district over the next several years, with committees on Safety/Discipline, Finance, Facilities, Communication/Parent Involvement, Curriculum, and Technology.

We can think of little of more importance to our future than our schools and our community.

The unique opportunity before us to have an impact on shaping these should not be missed.

Jim Hightower

How you can tell chicken salad from chicken manure

As George W's handpicked Social Security Reform Commission learned the hard way, you can't make chicken salad out of chicken manure.

All 16 members of this hokey commission, chaired by the chief executive of AOL Time Warner, were chosen because each of them had sworn in advance that any proposal they come out with would include Bush's pet provision: Put part of people's Social Security retirement funds in the stock market.

This proviso, long pushed by drooling Wall Street brokerage firms and some of the right-wing think tanks they fund, is rationalized by their assertion that stock investments will always deliver higher returns to retirees than the guaranteed benefits paid by Social Security.

Chicken manure.

This is the Ed McMahon approach to social policy: "You may already be a winner!" You're just about as likely to win one of Ed's sweepstakes as you are to score big by putting your retirement eggs in Wall Street's nest -- ask the employees of Enron about that.

But aside from the fact that stock prices can plummet from $90 a share to 57 cents in about a year, as Enron's did, there's another little catch that Bush & Company don't advertise when they hype their plan to put your old-age money in the stock market: Fees. The big Wall Street investment firms are drooling over the possibility of getting their fat hands on Social Security because they'll pocket billions of dollars a year from the fees they would charge every time they buy or sell a stock with your money. These fees would come straight off the top of your Social Security account, drastically cutting the returns that you'd get.

Still, Bush's stacked commission dutifully issued not one, but three "reform" proposals, each of which contain the Wall Street giveaway.

These three proposals are the Larry, Curly, and Moe of Social Security reform. Don't buy the reforms of any Social Security commission unless it's made up of people who actually need Social Security when they retire.

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Jamming at Bell Co. Jamboree

The Bell County Holiday Jamboree entertained another large audience this past Saturday night at the Ancira Motorhomes Showroom in Temple. Concert-goers ranged from toddler age to senior citizens, all of whom were equally pleased with a variety of performers. Freddie Fuller, producer and emcee of the show, opened with Back in the Saddle Again and his signature version of Guy Clark's Home Grown Tomatoes. Ashley Culler's strong mature voice, delivering on Patsy Cline's Cry and others, belied her youth, causing more than one listener to proclaim that "this girl is definitely going places." J. C. Holloway performed an awesome rendition of The Fireman, which he dedicated to firemen everywhere who work tirelessly to keep us safe. Heather Piatt's clear full sound had folks dancing in their seats, as she made her flawless performing debut. Madlyn Oppermann delivered smooth classic tunes to please the audience, followed by sixteen-year-old Zach Huckabee, who sang Milk Cow Blues and some other favorites. A surprise appearance by Roy Robbins treated listeners to Roger Miller's Husbands & Wives and sat in with the band providing some incredible acoustic leads. The Messenger Quartet from Rockdale performed traditional and acappella gospel tunes with unparalleled enthusiasm and energy to the delight of all. TerryLynn Schrimsher had everyone moving to the Tennessee Waltz after Sharon Murrah had whet their appetites with Jambalaya. Richard Schrimsher delivered a gusty Four Strong Winds and Richard Paul Thomas rocked with an up tempo Little White Moon. To close out the evening, all performers returned to the stage and audience members stood for a patriotic and stirring version of America the Beautiful, in which everyone participated enthusiastically.

Fred Fuller

The next Bell County Jamboree will be 7-10 p.m. Jan. 19 at Ancira Motorhomes in Temple. A full slate of quality performers are guaranteed, including Nashville recording artist Brian Gowan. For information on group tickets or performing, call Slough Creek Productions at 939-8560.

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because with a lease, "at the end of three years, you don't have anything."

Chief Rogers expects to have the Crown Victoria in service in 60 days. The car is being ordered through a co-operative that the Village of Salado joined during the meeting.

The co-op buys vehicles in bulk to give small entities more buying power with their dollars. The co-op charges 1.6 percent of the vehicle price for the cost of managing the program. The cost to the Village is about $29,000, including overheard lights and a camera system for racial profiling compliance.

Rogers told the board that when the new car arrives, the department will use the current car as a back-up and to serve papers and handle other errand-type work.

Mayor Charlotte Douglass told aldermen that the Village has enough cash to pay for the vehicle now. "At this point in our budget, we have $21,536 more in income than we anticipated and $48,028 less in expenses than budgeted," Douglass said.

To-date the Village has a surplus of $62,857.66 for General and Administrative budgets and a surplus of $7,671.91 in City Protection budget. The Municipal Court budget is $966.02 short so far.

Alderman Rick Ashe said that the Village needs to get public input from citizens about what level of road and right of way maintenance residents expect from the Village and what services for which they are willing to pay.

Ashe said that the Village has had several requests from residents to trim trees that are in the right-of-way. People "are used to being able to call the county to come out and trim trees," Mayor Douglass said, adding that when the village incorporated, residents assumed that "we would be doing that now."

Douglass and Ashe both said that when the county was responsible for the right-of-way, there was a road-and-bridge property tax residents paid to the county. However, while the county continues to collect the road-and-bridge property tax, it is no longer responsible for maintaining right-of-ways within the Village boundaries.

Ashe and Jackie Mills also reported to the board that the Village will purchase a large amount of road base to fill potholes. Then, periodically, the Village will utilize community service workers from the Bell County Jail to fix minor potholes in the Village. Major potholes will still be repaired by a road contractor.

Mills reported to the board that the weekend work crews could also repair street signs in the Village. Aldermen decided to replace broken and missing street signs in Mill Creek with pole signs with reflective letters. As new signs are needed in the Mill Creek area, they will be replaced with the reflective signs so that emergency services can better find streets in the Village.

In other business, Douglass reported to the aldermen that the Village will play a flat fee for the village prosecutor and on an hourly basis for other legal needs.

The board authorized Village Secretary Dianna Zulauf's attendance to a four-day court clerk training program.

Aldermen adopted two housekeeping ordinances: Ordinance 2002.01 outlines a records retention schedule for the Village concerning all public and private documents. Ordinance 2002.02 defines the Village participation in the Texas Municipal Retirement System at a one-for-one match of employee contributions.

Aldermen will meet again 6:30 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Municipal Building.

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Village Permits issued

The Village of Salado issued building permits for the following projects in 2001:

Commercial

Permit #01-2001C to Robert Denman, May 1, 2001, for new construction at Settler's Crossing.

Permit # 02-2001C to Dry Creek Holding, May 11, 2001 for construction of a new Subway Restaurant.

Permit #03-2001C to First Baptist Church of Salado, May 24, 2001, for renovation of its sanctuary.

Permit #04-2001C to Harold's Piano, July 31, 2001, for addition to building.

Permit #05-2001C to Stagecoach Inn, September 5, 2001, for renovations to its Stagecoach Club.

Permit #06-2001C to Stagecoach Inn, September 5, 2001 for renovations to Longhorn Room.

Permit #07-2001C to Salado Volunteer Fire Department, October 2, 2001, for renovations to generator room.

Permit #08-2001C to St. Stephen Catholic Church, October 25, 2001, for construction of a storage shed.

Permit #09-2001 to Salado Masonic Lodge, October 31, 2001, for construction of sidewalk and parking lot.

Residential Permits

Permit 01-2001R to Jack Schrock for a steel storage building issued on May 7, 2001.

Permit 02-2001R to Early Bird Construction for construction of a new house in Royal Oaks issued on May 30, 2001.

Permit #03-2001R to Rod Whitmire for construction of a carport issued on June 1, 2001.

Permit #04-2001R to David Barnard for construction of a new home issed on June 4, 2001.

Permit #05-2001R to Robert Pascoe for construction of a new home, issued on July 2, 2001.

Permit #06-2001R to Carlos Urquiza for a roof on an existing home issued on July 2, 2001.

Permit #07-2001R to Dave Gardner for construction of a new home at #9 Salado Commons, issued on August 22, 2001.

Permit #08-2001R to Ramirez Swimming Pools for a swimming pool at 2001 Indian Trail, issued on Oct. 23, 2001.

Permit #09-2001R to Jim Garrett for renovations at 910 Mill Creek Dr., issued on October 23, 2001.

Permit #10-2001R to Ralph Shafer for a storage shed, issued on October 26, 2001.

Mayor Charlotte Douglass said that anyone planning new construction or renovations within the Village of Salado should call the municipal office at 254/947-5060 to inquire about whether a building permit is required.

Building permits are $25 minimum, based on overall square footage of the project.

The Municipal Office is located at 313 N. Stagecoach Rd.

Ken and Debbie Von Gonten of Salado are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Deanna Sue, to Stephen Jacob Sallee, son of Rick and Glenda Sallee of Belton and Diana Ulmer of Houston.

The couple plans to wed in June of 2002.

Necah Cannon graduated from the University of Texas at Austin Dec. 7, 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Anthropology and a minor in Spanish. Necah is the daughter of Tom and Sandy Cannon of Austin and the granddaughter of Minta (The Orange Lady) and the late Cy Landrum of Salado.

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Salado School Menus

Jan. 16 - 22

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January 17: Ham & Egg Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

January 18: Biscuit, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

January 21: Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

January 22: Sausage Rolls, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

January 16: Pizza, Corn, Breadstick, Green Salad, Pineapple, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk

January 17: Shepherd's Pie, Green Beans, Peaches, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk

January 18: Cheeseburger, Burger Salad, French Fries, Fruity Freeze, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk

January 21: Tacos, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato, Pears, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk

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7:00 p.m. • Discipleship Classes

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First Baptist Church of Salado offers Parenting Seminar

The First Baptist Church of Salado will offer a parenting seminar entitled Watch Out for the Snakes — Equipping Your Child to Walk Through a Drug-filled, Sex-crazed Violent World Safely 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon Feb. 16 in the church's worship center at 210 South. Main Street. The cost is only $7 per family to cover the cost of materials. Each family will receive a copy of Watch Out for the Snakes by Van H. Houser.

Van N. Houser of Weatherford, will be the featured seminar speaker. Born to a middle class family in the middle of America, Van Houser is anything but a middle-of-the-road individual. Armed with an intense and burning desire to see his life make a positive difference in the lives of others, he has addressed a wide spectrum of our society. Following graduation from Baylor University with a combined bachelor's degree in Physical Education and Religion, he achieved a Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. After twenty years of successful and innovative ministry, Mr. Houser turned his gifts and talents to addressing the critical issues facing young people, families, and businesses in America. His present mission is assisting all individuals to "keep their balance in a world off center."

Currently, Van Houser is the pastor of Northside Baptist Church in Weatherford. He is the author of numerous prevention training resources. He has also produced dozens of videos and has been a guest on a variety of radio and TV talk shows. He was the founding president of the American Foundation for Drug Prevention and is director of Keys to Prevention. Van Houser believes that positive people are powerful people. The focus of his message to all is that there is only one PROACTIVE response to the drug problem and all other negative consequence behaviors impacting our children...PREVENTION.

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Owen graduates from Texas A&M

Lindsay Owen of Salado was among the December graduates at Texas A&M.

She graduated cum laud and received her bachelor of science degree in management information systems. She will be attending Texas Tech graduate school of business this spring and plans to attend Texas Tech school of law in the fall 2002. Her goal is to earn a joint MBA/Law degree.

Lindsay is the daughter of Bill and Carolyn Owen of Salado.

Miller receives Eagle Court of Honor

Boy Scout Troop 287 lauded Brian Robert Miller Dec. 8 with an Eagle Court of Honor at the First United Methodist Church in Killeen.

Scoutmaster Gordon Plumlee gave the Voice of the Eagle before Gail Hughling presented the Eagle badge, the highest badge given by the Boy Scouts of America, to Miller.

Miller joined Cub Scout Pack 218 in 1993 and advanced through Bobcat, Wolf and Bear badges. He progressed through Webelos, earning the Arrow of Light Award. Miller bridged over into Boy Scouts on July 11, 1995.

In attaining his Eagle Badge, Miller earned 47 Merit Badges and two Eagle Palms. He also earned the World Conservation Award and the God and Country Award.

An active member of Troop 287 in Killeen for six years, Miller was a Patrol Leader twice, Assistant Patrol Leader, Scribe, Quartermaster, Historian and Senior Patrol Leader. He is also a member of the Order of the Arrow.

For his Eagle Scout Project, Miller built and oversaw the placement of six 6 by 5 foot oak and poplar shelving units in the South Campus of the First Methodist Church in Killeen. The project included building the shelves, staining, varnishing and installing them in the kitchen pantry, Minister's closet and storage area of the Church over a period of six weekends.

A senior at Salado High School, Miller plays the French horn in the marching and symphonic bands. He is a member of the National Honor Society and will be graduated on the Distinguished Plan at Salado High.

In the seventh grade, Miller qualified for the Duke University Talent Search Program and received statewide recognition at Texas A&M for exceptional SAT scores prior to the eighth grade.

He as competed in UIL Academics for three years, earning his Varsity Letter in 1999 as a member of the winning State Literary Criticism Team. He placed seventh in individual competition.

He competes in Ready Writing, Computer Applications, Debate and Literary Applications.

Miller will attend Southwestern University in Georgetown, where he plans to major in biology or pre-med.

He said he hopes to remain a Scout leader after high school graduation this spring.

Brian is the son of Brian Terry Miller, of Killeen, and Linda Hill Miller and the grandson of Jim and Marjorie Miller, of Salado.

Texas A&M Singing Cadets perform Jan. 11

A variety of songs -- religious, patriotic selection, Broadway, popular music, hit tunes, novelty numbers and school songs -- are included in The Singing Cadets' repertoire.

The Singing Cadets from Texas A&M University will perform 7 p.m. Jan. 11 at Ellison High School auditorium.

Admission is $10 per person, sponsored by the West Bell County Aggie Moms Club. Tickets are available by calling 254/698-1635 or 254/526-9090. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Texas A&M has had an all-male chorus since 1893. This group, originally known as the Texas A&M Glee Club, was named The Singing Cadets in 1940. Texas A&M was originally an all-male, military institution; therefore, all members of The Singing Cadets were members of the Corps of Cadets. Today, Corps participation is no longer a requirement for membership in The Singing Cadets.

The Singing Cadets started the Fall 1995 academic year with their new director David L. Kipp, who is the 13th director of the 60-member men's choral group.

The group includes members from across Texas and the United States. All the members are actively involved with many other campus organizations and activities. Several of the groups' members are also members of the Corps of Cadets.

During the past six years, The Singing Cadets have traveled over 35,000 miles, performed over 400 concerts and visited more than 125 Texas cities and communities. The group has also performed for nine state and national conventions and at the Texas Choral Director's Convention. The group has also performed before President George H.W. Bush on several occasions.

Last year, the group returned to the United Kingdom for performances in Wales, Scotland and England. This year, the group plans a performance tour to New Mexico and Colorado.

Adult edcucation classes offered by Salado United Methodist Church

Salado United Methodist Church will offer a new Adult Education Class on the epistles of Paul. Classes will be held 6:30 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall. The first of the six session series will be Jan. 10.

Dr. Robert Volle and Lyle Radebaugh will lead the sessions.

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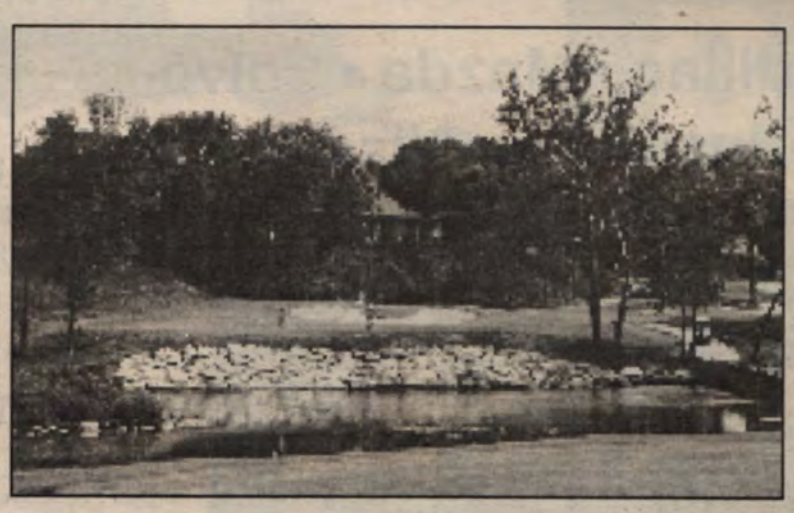

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SPORTS

Lady Eagles reach 4-1 district record

Salado Lady Eagles suffered a disappointing district loss at home to Lexington Jan. 3 before thumping Hutto on the road Jan. 5 to reach a 4-1 district record.

Lady Eagles	**38**
Lexington	**45**

Salado coughed up a slim first quarter lead to Lexington at home Jan. 3, trailing 26-25 at the half.

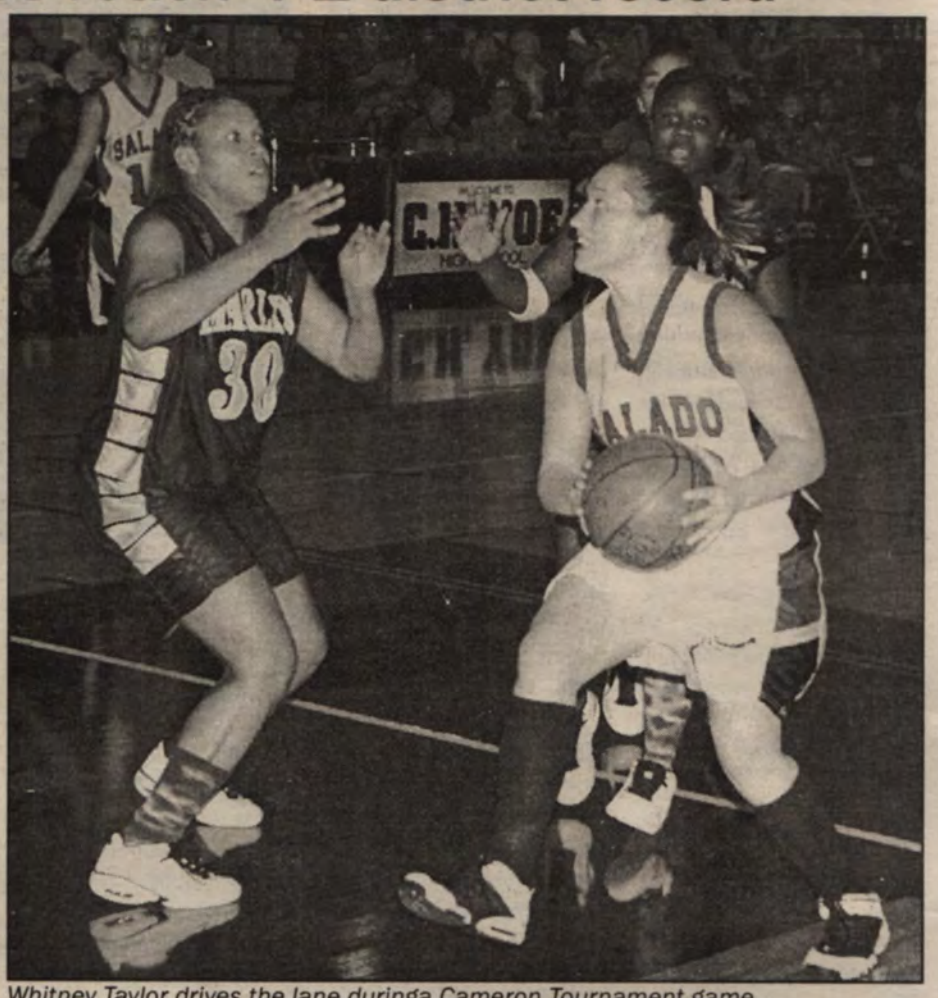
Lexington had 13 points in the third quarter, while holding Salado to just 13 points in the second half to take control of the game. The Lexington Lady Eagles added another six points in the fourth quarter to pull off the 45-38 win.

No Lady Eagle managed double figures in Salado's at-home loss to Lexington.

Lindsay Quirk led the scoring for Salado with nine points, followed by Whitney Taylor, eight points.

Also scoring for Salado were Robyn Womac and Meagan Joiner, with seven points each; Amanda Tumey, three points, and Lauren Mewhinney and Jenny Goode, two points each.

This brought the Lady Eagles to a 3-1 district record.



Whitney Taylor drives the lane duringa Cameron Tournament game.

Lady Eagles	**62**
Hutto	**37**

The Lady Eagles took out their frustrations from the loss to Lexington on the hapless Hutto Lady Hippoes, thrashing them 62-37.

Salado led 13-6 at the end of the first quarter and 30-17 at the half.

Salado stretched its lead to 43-25 at the end of the third before outscoring Hutto in the final quarter 19-12.

Freshman Goode led the scoring with 14 points. Tumey came off the bench to follow with 13 points..

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Womac, 11 points, Joiner, 10 points, Quirk, six points, Laramie Jackson, five points and Mewhinney, three points.

Baseball Alumni vs Eagles Feb. 16

Former Salado Eagle baseball players are invited to dust off their cleats and play on the diamond at Eagle Field once again Feb. 16 during an SHS Alumni game against the current crop of Salado Eagles.

The game is slated to start at 2 p.m., pitting the older Eagles against this year's varsity players.

Melvin Bates and Dennis Cabaniss will coach the veteran players against the youngsters coached by Chad Olson.

Alumni Game t-shirts are $10 each for former Eagles baseball players.

If you would like to play in the Alumni Game, please let the baseball coach know by Feb. 6. You can contact Chad Olson by calling 947-0803, 947-5429 or e-mailing colson@saladoisd.org.

Following the Alumni Game, the Eagles baseball team will hold a Home Run Derby, open to anyone.

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Eagles 2-1 after loss to Hutto

Salado Eagles moved to 2-1 in district play after splitting their games last week against Lexington and Hutto.

Eagles	**55**
Lexington	**45**

Salado scored 15 points in the third quarter to ward off Lexington, which trailed by just two points at the half. The Eagles added another eight points in the fourth quarter while holding Lexington to just 15 total points in the second half.

Salado held a narrow 32-30 lead at the end of the first half before outscoring Lexington 15-9 in the third quarter and 8-6 in the fourth quarter.

Jeremy Grimm led the scoring with 21 points, including five three pointers in the first half, adding two free throws, Grimm had 17 points in the first half.

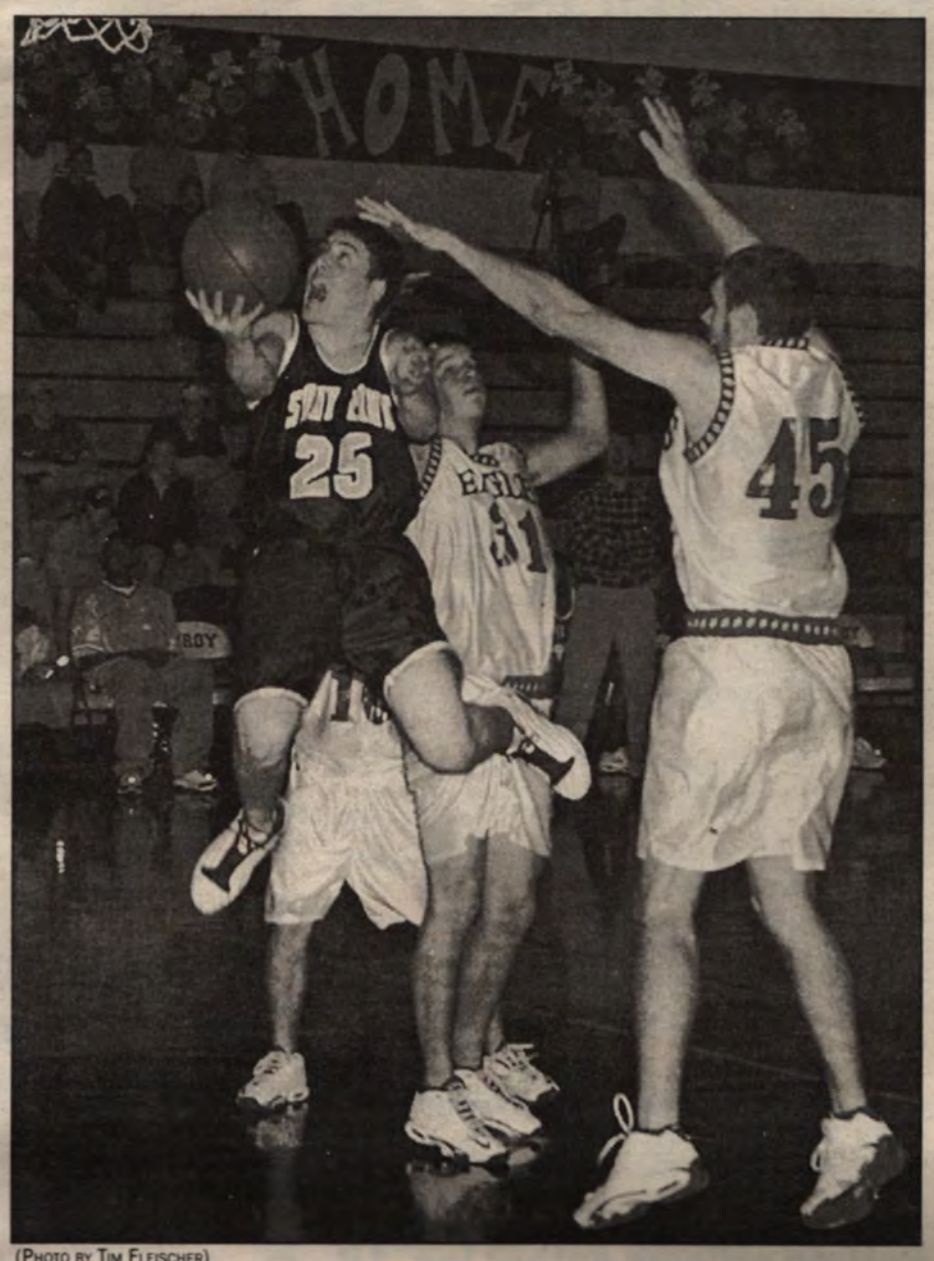
Garrett Quarles followed with 12 points, all in the first three quarters.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Matt Ward, six points, Cody Quirk, five points, Devon Dunn and John Kirk, four points each and Matt Caskey, three points.

Eagles	**36**
Hutto	**46**

Salado had a hard time shooting against Hutto, suffering their first district loss Jan. 5 on the road 46-36.

"We just couldn't get anything to drop," Coach Tom Long said of the disappointing loss to Hutto.



(Photo by Tim Fleischer)
Garrett Quarles tries to block a shot during a recent tournament game

Salado scored just six points in the first quarter and 15 points in the first half. Hutto held a 22-15 lead at the half. The Eagles scored only five points in the third quarter but exploded for 16 points in the fourth quarter. Hutto, however, had 14 points in the fourth quarter to protect their lead.

Freshman Caskey led the scoring with 10 points, including two three point shots. Ward followed with eight points, two three pointers.

Also scoring for Salado were Grimm, six points, Quarles, four points and Omar Torres and Dunn, three points each.

Salado is 2-1 in district play and 11-11 overall this season.

Banners benefit Lady Eagles softball

Salado Lady Eagles softball team is raising funds to purchase new equipment and replace outdated equipment.

Outfield banners are now available for $125 for a one-year banner or $200 for a two-year banner with options to renew after the original one- or two-year period.

The professionally-created banners are 2 feet by 6 feet and will be in color to advertise your business and show your support.

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For more information about purchasing an outfield banner, contact Judy Houston at 254/947-8370 or via e-mail at jhouston@saladoisd.org. You can also contact softball Coach Doug Harrigan at 254/947-5429 or dharrigan@saladoisd.org.

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Salado Police Report

Salado police department responded to the following calls recently.

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Dec. 21: Exchange Plaza, Assault by Family Member.

Dec. 24-26: Criminal mischief reported by Mill Creek Gold and Country Club. Someone had driven circles on the #7 green of the golf course, causing damage.

Dec. 27: Cellular phone reported missing. Not known whether it was stolen or lost.

Dec. 26: Forgery reported at 213 Mill Creek Dr. Brookshire Brothers Grocery store reported that three forged checks were passed at the store. The forged payroll checks totaled $989.14.

Dec. 26: Theft under $50, 213 Mill Creek Dr., Gas drive-off of $9.54.

Dec. 27: Domestic disturbance reported on San Pedro.

Dec. 28: Theft of $50, Gas drive-off reported at Texaco Station at 100 N. Robertson Rd.

Jan. 1-2, 2002: Burglar of Vehicle reported at 200 Carriage House. Unknown suspect broke car door window and stole purse. Total cost of theft and damage: $472.

DPS asks drivers to resolve to drive safely

Many people make New Year's resolutions regarding diets or breaking bad habits. Instead of emphasizing the negative in 2002, why not focus on something positive that will show immediate results? Resolve to drive better.

Some ideas for life-changing New Year's resolutions:

* Make buckling up everyone in your vehicle before you start the engine a habit. The latest statistics show that nearly half of those killed in traffic collisions were not properly restrained.

* Drive sober. Drunk driving kills hundreds and injures or maims thousands in Texas every year. A DWI conviction gives you a criminal history for life.

* Slow down-even a little. When you combine driving over the speed limit and unsafe speed under the limit, speed is the leading contributing factor in fatal wrecks. Remember to reduce your speed when weather, construction or other road conditions warrant.

* Drive courteously. Don't forget your manners when you get behind the wheel and fall into the road rage trap. Courtesy and anger are both contagious on the roadway. Which would you rather spread?

* Put the cell phone down. A cell phone can save your life, but it can also end it if used improperly.

* Don't tailgate. You need that space between you and the vehicle in front of you in case unforeseen problems arise.

* Obey traffic control devices.

Crops Clinic held at Expo Center Jan. 18

Farmers and ranchers need to mark their calendar for the Bell County Crops Clinic to be held Jan. 18 at the Bell County Expo Center. There will be five CEU credits given at this clinic for private and commercial/non-comercial presticide license certificates.

Retired officers gather Jan. 18

There will be a meeting of the Retired Officers Association at noon on Jan. 18 at the Fort Hood Officers Club.

John Dye, director of security at KISD will be the speaker. The president of the Council of Chapters (state level of TROA), Ginny Alloway will make a distinguished visit.

The Board will meet at 11 a.m. in the dining room, prior to the regular meeting.

Come renew old friendships, enjoy fellowship, have a good lunch and be informed about a major initiative in "our backyard".

Quilt guild meets in Killeen twice monthly

The Crossroads to Texas Quilt Guild meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 507 N. 8th St. Killeen.

Cassie Miller of Houston will be the special guest at the Jan. 14 meeting. Miller is a musician who has incorporated quilting in her music themes.

The Guild will also be voting on representatives for the 2002 board.

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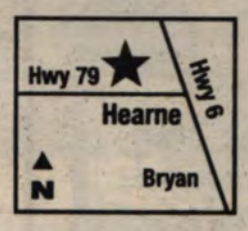

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Three new gallery exhibits on display at Cultural Activities Center

Three new gallery exhibits "All On Paper," Oils, "Trees & Landscapes: Real and Imagined," & Miniature Prints at the Cultural Activities Center will be on display Jan. 11 through March 29 in the Saulsbury, McCreary and Carabasi Galleries featuring a variety of artists. Come to the Opening Night Artist's Reception and Gallery Tour, Jan. 11, 7-9 p.m. Admission is free and the public is invited. Music will be provided by pianist Diane Calderwood.

In the Saulsbury Gallery view an exhibit by San Marcos artist Jean Laman, "All On Paper." "My work is a journey into exploration," describes Laman, whose husband, Gene has also been a Saulsbury Gallery exhibitor. Many of these explorations "of images, textures color and form" are undertaken with hand formed paper because it produces a multitude of surfaces, some of which are sculptural or relief in nature," she continues. "In addition, it allows for a variety of molding possibilities, such as embedding and embossing. In some works hand formed paper is used as a printing tool on traditional paper surfaces, resulting in images that can be embellished with color." Color is an important element in Mrs. Laman's work., whether it's applied to hand formed or traditional papers. Because of the almost endless variety of approaches offered by paper, the media continues to be a major focus of Mrs. Laman's work which will be described further in the Gallery Tour at the opening night reception.

In the Carabasi Gallery, enjoy the whimsical nature and exacting detail of Pam Skinner's Miniature Prints. A native of Chicago, Ms. Skinner resides in Oakdale, Minnesota. Her works have been reviewed in Art News and she has had solo and group exhibitions internationally, in France, Spain, England and Finland, as well as in Waco, TX and in Minnesota.

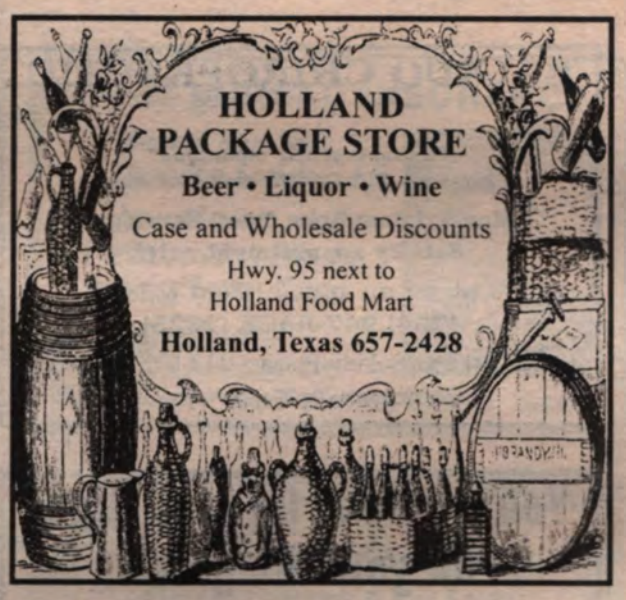
In the McCreary Gallery Jan. 11-March 29, artist Tom Bates has a new collection of oils on canvas, many pieces with a patriotic theme. Bates wants people to enjoy his work for its own sake. "It should be pleasing to both the eye and the spirit," he said. "My paintings are meant to be whimsical, abstract and fun. "I work from themes in my painting," he notes, "but instead of focusing on realism, I prefer using abstract images to convey my vision," he said.

Mr. Bates has had numerous one-man shows in Austin, Oklahoma, Dallas, Ft. Worth, and New Mexico, and has been featured in exhibits at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Tulsa University's Alexandre Hogue Gallery, and the London Gallery of Fine Arts in Austin.

He holds a bachelor of fine arts degree from UT Austin, and an MFA from Tulsa University where he published Rebusism, a collection of lithographs.

Sharing space in the McCreary Gallery is an exhibit by Pamela Neeley, "Trees & Landscapes: Real and Imagined " Known for bold, colorful landscapes of the Italian countryside, Ms. Neeley springboards into new territory with landscapes of places, real and imagined. She utilizes her past experience in plein air (outdoor, on-location) painting, combined with her dreams and imagination to capture a moment in the landscape. Neeley's unexpected use of brilliant colors and eclectic visions enliven her plein air paintings of the South of France, a sheep farm in Tuscany , and many U.S. locations. The exhibit comes from an exhibit at d.o.c.s. Contemporary Gallery in the Arts District of New Orleans.

These exhibits may be seen Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and by appointment. For more information, contact CAC Visual Arts Coordinator Marilyn Ritchie at (254) 773-9926, or visit www.cacARTS.org.



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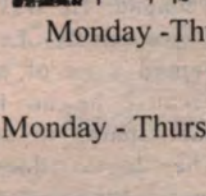
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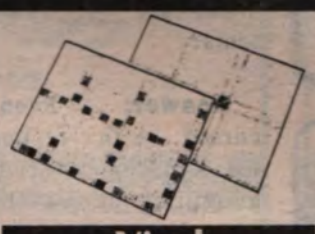
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Your Health

Helmets are important for bicycle safety

Everyone knows that once you learn how to ride a bike you never forget. It's too bad, actually often tragic, that everyone doesn't know that you should never forget to wear a helmet while riding a bike.

Bicycling can be dangerous, even deadly. Last year 580,000 people received emergency room treatment for a bicycle injury. Each year 1,000 people die from bicycle-related injuries, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Helmets are especially crucial for children, who fall off their bikes, get hit by cars, crash into other riders and otherwise are more likely to take a tumble than older riders.

Children under 15 years old sustain the highest injury and death rates among bicycle riders. Far too often the injuries are the worst kind. Eighty-percent of children who suffer multiple injuries sustain brain injuries.

Some people believe that helmets are too clunky, heavy, hot, and don't look stylish when riding. Not so. Today's helmets are sleek, lightweight and lined with ventilation holes. Shaped like an oval turtle shell, they fit comfortably on the head. Best of all, today's helmets offer vital protection for the brain. The hard shell gives on impact. A second line of defense for the brain is the soft but durable interior liner.

It's a proven fact that helmets on children are often the difference between a fall that results in only a scraped knee and a fall that causes a fatal blow to the brain. Fatal injuries are 20 times more likely when helmets are not worn.

"I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for children to wear helmets while riding a bike," says neurosurgeon, Ronald Wamick, MD, of Cincinnati, a member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. "Allowing your child to ride without a helmet may result in a severe head injury that will change you and your child's life forever. Parents need to serve as role models and consistently wear helmets themselves."

While wearing a helmet is crucial, a helmet itself is not enough to ensure safety. The helmet must meet safety standards. And children must learn to ride safely to minimize the chances of a fall. Wearing a helmet can provide a false sense of security if a rider has a substandard helmet or ignores safe riding techniques. It is important that riders wear the helmet correctly with a snug fit. The helmet should also offer substantial coverage of the forehead.

Since 1999, all bike helmets manufactured or imported in the United States must be approved by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Helmets approved by the CPSC carry a sticker of approval. Even so, some helmets with a CPSC approval sticker, have later been recalled by manufacturers after failing random tests by consumer advocates or the CPSC. For information on recalls; visit the Web site of the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute at www.helmets org/recalls.htm.

Bicyclists also must follow basic safety rules to protect themselves against injury. A reckless rider, even one wearing a helmet, is asking for trouble. Be sure to use a bicycle that is the right size. Concentrate on riding and staying in control and use hand signals for turns. Make sure the handlebars, pedals, brakes and chains are in good working order. In addition, remember to wear brightly colored clothing or jackets with reflector strips.

Bike riding is meant to be fun and healthy, not an occasion for injury and death. Ride cautiously while on the bike—strap on a helmet before you start pedaling.

For more information on bike safety, visit the Web site for Think First, National Injury Prevention Foundation at: www.thinkfirst.org; or for more information on traumatic head injury, visit the American Association of Neurological Surgeons' Web site at: www.aans org.

Restless legs drive sleep away

To Your Good Health

by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Dear Dr. Donohue: Could you please describe restless legs syndrome? I get it at night. What causes it, and what is the cure? What are the symptoms?

Answer: People cursed with restless legs syndrome describe a tingling or crawling sensation in their legs, most often when they lie down to sleep. For some, the disruptive feeling arises during the day when they sit.

Along with the unpleasant sensation is an irresistible urge to get up and walk to quell the sleep-robbing feeling. Many people suffer, in addition, so-called periodic limb movements of sleep. Their legs twitch or jerk often with such force that they waken the affected person.

For a few, thyroid problems, kidney disease, iron deficiency or nerve malfunction brings on restless legs syndrome. For most, however, no underlying illness can be found. The syndrome just happens.

A successful attack on the syndrome takes time, trial and patience. Eliminating caffeine, nicotine and alcohol is a must. A warm bath before sleep, along with leg massage can quiet restless legs.

Permax (pergolide) and Mirapex (pramipexole), two Parkinson's disease medicines, and Neurontin (gabapentin), a seizure control medicine, are examples of drugs employed for this syndrome. There are others. Here's where patience comes in, experimenting until the right drug for an individual is found.

Perhaps the best medicine is contacting the Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation at (877) 463-6757. The foundation not only provides information but also keeps members informed of new treatments. You can visit its Web site at www.rls.org.

Although not a report on restless legs, the insomnia report covers the many things that rob people of sleep and what can be done to restore refreshing sleep. Readers can obtain a copy by writing:

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Dear Dr. Donohue: Our grandson had a seizure on Christmas Day two years ago. He had another one eight months later at his sister's wedding and again at school and just last weekend. He was very active. Now he has gained a lot of weight because he no longer participates in sports. The doctor does not seem concerned. Could you suggest a diet or exercise program?

Answer: Your grandson does not need a diet or an exercise program. He needs to see a neurologist immediately. Neurologists are the doctors who specialize in the care of seizures and epilepsy.

Once the boy starts taking medicine, there are few restrictions on the kinds of activities in which he can participate. Many professional athletes suffer from seizures but have not had to curtail their sports careers. Medicines keep them free of seizures.

"No Excuse" Exercise Plan

From Start to Fitness

by Kelly Griffin, B.S., C.S.C.S.

After seven years of personal training, I have heard just about every excuse in the book on why people cannot work out. Some of the most popular ones are lack of time, money or energy. I believe most people really want to feel better about themselves, have more energy and be more productive, yet feel that exercise requires a block of time that just does not exist. Yet, if our mindset about exercise would change, maybe it would be easier to get started. Here are some suggestions:

• Time is very precious to most people; the more we can fit into one day, the better. If you work a full-time job and feel you don't have enough time to exercise, why not use half of your lunch break to exercise and the other half to eat? You don't have to work up a sweat. Keeping a set of dumbbells at work and doing some weight training on your break can still make a difference.

• Many people find themselves awash in family duties. If you spend a lot of time playing taxi to and from the soccer field, try getting there early and walking a couple laps around the field.

• Being productive with your time means scheduling exercise into your day. Blocking out a time will guarantee a workout. The next time you're sitting around watching a daytime talk show or soap opera, ask yourself if there really is no time for exercise!

• From the examples I've already given, you can see that exercise doesn't have to cost you a penny. You don't have to join a health club or hire a trainer to reach your fitness goals.

• Start simple, especially if you're embarking for the first time on a program of exercise. Try walking for 10 minutes three times a week, and then add one minute to your walk each week. You'll start to feel better, and once you do, you'll want to continue.

• Afraid that exercise will rob you of important energy you need for the rest of your day? This can only be true if you are exercising too hard or too much. Most people do not have this problem.

Try exercising your attitude:

• If you believe that exercise will give you more energy, then it will.

• Most of the "explanations" I hear from people who aren't working out are really just excuses. Give yourself five reasons why you should commit to an exercise program, get started and stick with it.

• Leave the whiners behind and join the winners.

Kelly Griffin, B.S., CS. CS., is a personal trainer and the owner of Power Break Fitness.

What you should know about pediatric epilepsy

Most children categorize good days as those when they have won a baseball game, received an "A" on a book report or were allowed to order pizza and stay up late. Other children categorize a good day as one in which they are seizure-free. These are epileptic children.

According to the Epilepsy Foundation, more than two million Americans have epilepsy and 181,000 people are diagnosed with the condition each year. A substantial number of these people are children. In fact, there are thousands of children who do not respond to anti-epileptic medications, and who are excellent candidates for surgery. Over the past decade, tremendous advances have been made in the success and safety of epilepsy for children.

There is no known cause for epilepsy in children. Frequently identified causes may include: trauma at birth or a high fever, head injuries that cause scarring of the brain tissue and certain drugs or toxic substances when taken in large doses. Symptoms of epilepsy, though difficult to detect early on, can include strange sensations, emotional or behavioral problems, convulsions, muscle spasms and loss of consciousness.

The main symptom of a child with epilepsy is a seizure. Seizures may occur throughout a person's lifetime from infancy to old age. Children may develop seizures at the time of a high fever. In some cases, severe head injury can lead to seizures or epilepsy. Seizures in children are very common, estimated to occur in 4 percent of children nationwide. They are defined as individual events or episodes, in-dicative of a temporary electrical "misfiring" in the brain. When seizures occur repeatedly, the child is said to have epilepsy. Many children with epilepsy or recurrent seizures will benefit from initial conservative treatment with anti-epileptic medications that reduce or eliminate the number of seizures.

There are many children who do not respond to high doses of multiple medications, and have continued seizures. Significant evidence now indicates that recurrent seizures, which are poorly controlled by medications, are harmful to the development of the brain of a child. Moreover, the medications used to treat these seizures may have side-effects such as lethargy or behavioral changes. For these reasons, there has been a growing interest in surgery to cure seizures in children and improve their developmental outcome.

"Children can actually experience physical injury during a seizure, impairment of learning and attention and negative side effects from medications. Long term effects include brain injury due to seizures and disruption of family life," says New York neurosurgeon Howard Weiner, MD, a member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. "Any or all of these factors, in addition to concerns about quality of life and future childhood development, may influence a family to think about having neurosurgery performed to improve seizure control."

An Overview of Epilepsy Surgery for Children

Infants, children and young adults with frequent seizures may be considered for epilepsy surgery when conservative treatment with anti-epileptic medication fails. Neurosurgical intervention at an early age can very frequently cure children of their seizures that can result in dramatic improvements in their development.

There are two main surgical procedures performed to treat children with epilepsy. Resective surgery removes the source of seizures, whereas disconnection surgery disrupts the pathways that spread seizures. In resective surgery, a team of epilepsy specialists will identify the part or region of the brain that causes an infant's or child's seizures and then remove this area. The goal of this procedure is to cure the seizures. In disconnection surgery, neurosurgeons will disrupt seizure pathways in order to reduce spreading throughout the brain. The most common type of disconnection surgery is corpus callosotomy, a disruption of a structure that connects the two hemispheres of the brain. Disconnection surgery is rarely curative.

Hemispherectomy is another type of epilepsy surgery performed in children. This procedure is commonly performed in children whose origin of epilepsy is located only in one hemisphere (half) of the brain. Hemispherectomy has a very high success rate for curing seizures.

While epilepsy is not 100 percent curable, for some people it does eventually go away. A recent study found that children with idiopathic epilepsy, or epilepsy with an unknown cause, had a 68 to 92 percent chance of becoming seizure-free 20 years after their initial diagnosis.

It is important to take precautionary steps to avoid severe head injury such as wearing seat belts in cars and using helmets when riding a bicycle or playing competitive sports. Following these simple precautions can protect people from epilepsy and additional problems that result from head injury.

For more information on epilepsy, or to find a neurosurgeon in your area, visit the Web site of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons at www.aans.org.

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As we end the momentous year of 2001 we look back on a recession, a bear market, an attack on our homeland unparalleled since the Civil War, and more importantly, a unity of purpose we have not seen in half a century. That very series of events led to something that is, in my opinion, even more important for our future. For lack of a better definition, I will call this factor "The Bush Doctrine."

President George W. Bush has effectively announced that the nation-state as an entity is not relevant to the United States. More, he effectively extended the borders of the United States to any place in the world where we believe our vital interests lie. Prior to his series of speeches such an action would have been unthinkable. Although this is not the first time in history we have done so, it is the first time we have taken that action overtly. In effect, after consultations with NATO, we invaded and destroyed the government of a foreign country. We did not ask the United Nations to sanction our actions; we simply offered the Security Council the opportunity to condemn them.

What all this has done is to turn our attention outward. In the midst of our prosperity we were focused on our desires and complaints about little things. Even as the bear market progressed, we turned inward, far more concerned about our problems than the world situation. The events following the attack on Sept. 11 changed all of that. Rather than closing our borders, we have ventured abroad, suddenly aware that we are in a very interdependent world.

We had a choice, or more properly, our President had a choice. He could have created a "Fortress America" concept and cut off trade, sealing our borders. The President and Congress effectively did so in the early 1930s and the result was the economic depression that followed. We have instead accepted our role as leader of the Free World. Even as we bring some degree of stabilization to distant corners of the world, we are creating the very environment that will virtually guarantee a market for our goods and services not unlike that which we found open to us following World War II.

Here's my forecast for the year 2002. During the year we will see the economy recover from recession and enter into a sustained period of economic growth greater than any that preceded it. Beginning with the western hemisphere, nations will be receptive to lowering and even eliminating trade barriers resulting in greatly increased international trade. The economies of the world will become more integrated and the resultant boom in demand will propel our economy and the companies that create it to heights we never dreamed of over the next several years. All this will get us off to a great start in 2002.

Get your 2001 tax house in order

Did you swear last year that you would be better organized to pay your taxes the next time around? OK, here's your chance to make good on your promise. Now's the time to start gathering up the numbers for your 2001 return. By looking down the road and seeing what's required in the process ahead, you can make this year's tax preparation a whole lot easier.

If you're going to use a tax preparer, schedule an appointment now for a time in February. Believe me, you'll have a lot easier time getting the appointment you want than you will in late March or April, when tax preparers are booked up and do not have as much energy and patience with individual returns.

• Income: Collect all your W-2s for wages and salaries from employers, and 1099s from banks, brokerage houses, etc. These usually start arriving in the mail in the latter part of Jan.

• Other income: Remember, alimony received and unemployment compensation are both taxable income.

• Capital gains: If you sold stock, you're going to need to know when you sold it and for how much, so you can figure your capital gains. You'll also need to know when you bought it and how much you paid then. If you don't have that information, call your broker now. They get just as busy as tax preparers when the procrastinators finally start their desperate dash.

Credits are worth more than deductions because they reduce your final federal income-tax bill dollar for dollar. Keep these in mind:

• Child credits. If you have dependent children under age 17, you may qualify for a $500 child tax credit. If you have children under age 13 and both you and your spouse work or one of you is a full-time student, you may qualify for the dependent-care credit.

• Excess Social Security. If you worked for more than one employer and earned more than $76,200 ($80,400 for 2001), you may be entitled to a credit for excess Social Security withheld from your pay.

• Retirement plans. If you qualify for a deductible IRA or Keogh, make those contributions NOW! The earlier you make the contribution, the longer you get to enjoy the benefits of the tax deferral.

Next week, I'll discuss numbers you should be gathering on deductions.

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31 Half and half?
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35 Always, to Arnold
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61 Present company?
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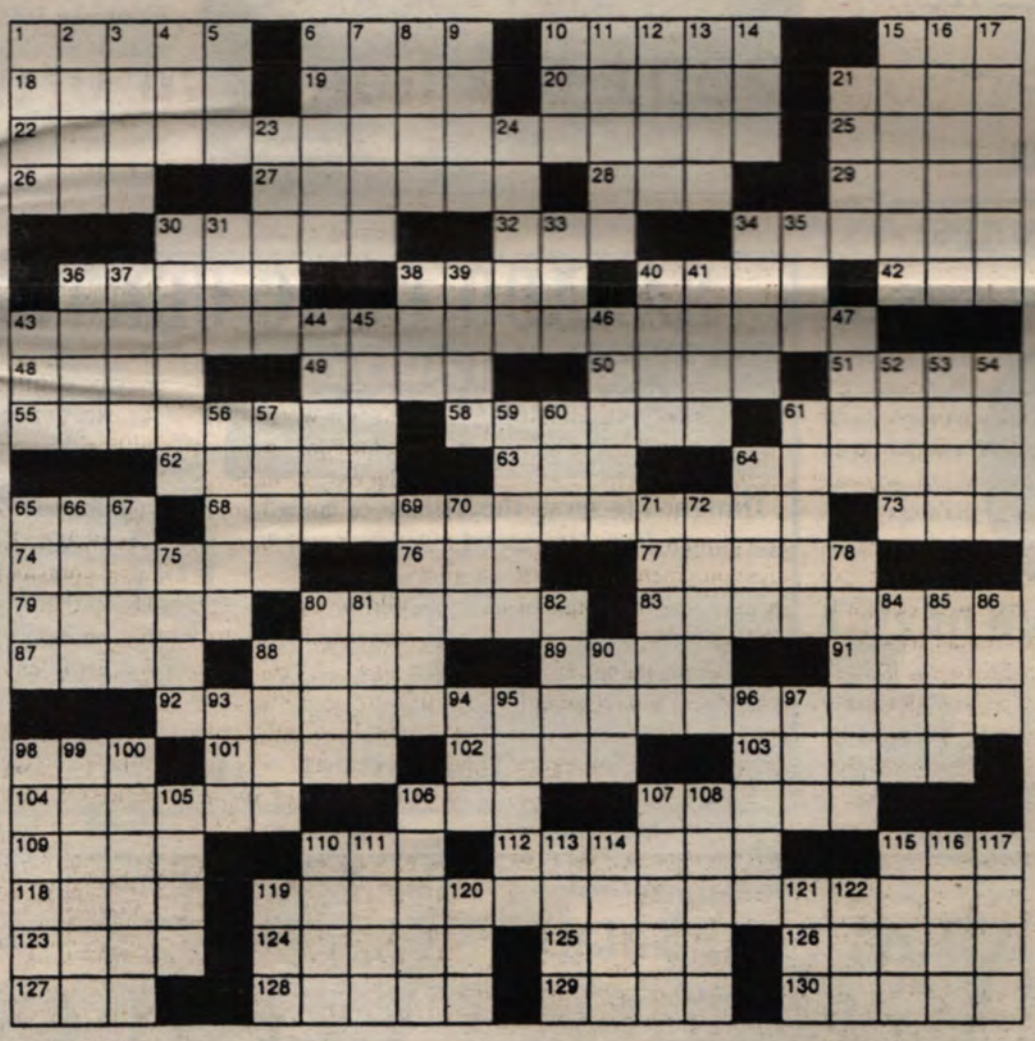

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Amber Lea Preston graduates Texas A&M

John Ricky Preston and Juana K. Preston of Salado are proud to announce that their daughter, Amber Lea, graduated from Texas A&M University on Dec. 15 with her Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Journalism.

During her 3 years at the university, Amber was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, president of Aggie Networks, and volunteered at Still Creek Boys Ranch and the Special Olympics. Amber also works at KAMU-TV/FM in College Station as the Assistant Director of Development.

Amber will begin work on her Master of Science degree in Agricultural Development and Leadership Education this January at Texas A&M University. She will also be accepting a Teaching Assistantship, helping teach classes in Agricultural Development and Journalism while completing her degree, as well as becoming the co-advisor for the Agrileader, a biannual magazine produced by Texas A&M University.

Amber is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toby Preston and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gibbs of Salado. She is a 1998 graduate of Salado High School.

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Spring Jewel deadline February 1

The advertising **deadline for the next publication of Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas is February 1** for the Spring 2002 edition. The street date is February 21. This edition will be on the stand and will continue to be distributed until May 1, 2002.

The **Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas** is a magazine published four times a year by the *Salado Village Voice* newspaper. The next edition will have 20,000 copies printed on 50 # white offset paper. The heavier paper stock gives the magazine a longer shelf-life, as well as making it more attractive.

The Jewel is distributed in every store, shop and restaurant advertising in the magazine as well as stand distribution. Hotels, and bed and breakfast inns put the magazine in their rooms for visitors to read and take home. The Chamber of Commerce, real estate agents, bus tours, and groups planning to visit Salado are provided boxes of the magazine. Included in the Jewel magazine is a new user friendly shopping map of the village. To be listed on the shopping map, a business must have an ad in the Jewel.

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Mondays

Democrats: 1st Mon. 6:30 p.m. at The Salado Mansion (2nd floor).

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

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

Salado Village Artist Quilters: 1-4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mon. in the Salado Village Artist Building.

Storytime: 11-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Salado Public Library (ages 3-5).

Salado 4-H Club: 1st Mon. 7 p.m. at the Intermediate School.

Tuesdays

Salado Rotary Club: 11:30 a.m., Stagecoach Inn.

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

Yoga Classes: 6:00 p.m., at Celebration Center in Royal Street Courtyard.

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

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

Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA: 2nd Tues. 6:30 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn.

Salado High School Band Boosters: 2nd Tues. of every month 7 p.m. in the Band Hall.

Salado Community Chorus: 5 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center

Wednesday

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

Salado Creekside Cloggers: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen: Regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Civic Center unless otherwise posted.

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

PTC: (SIS Parent Teacher Co-op) meets the 2nd Thursday 3:45 p.m. in Room 101 at SIS.

Saturdays

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

What's happening here?

January 9

Salado students go back to school.

Tablerock Sponsors the young authors writing contest. Open to 4th grade students. The theme is "Salado's Sesquicentennial".

January 10

Carolyn Britt will present a program to the Salado Chamber of Commerce. The program will be A Picture Visit to the Middle East 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

Salado ISD long-range planning meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. Everyone is invited to come and help set the direction for the district for the next 3-5 years. For more information call 947-5479.

Salado United Methodist Church offers a new Adult Education Class on the epistles of Paul 6:30 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall.

January 12

Mill Creek Men's Golf Association annual dinner and meeting 6 p.m. at Creekside Banquet Hall.

January 17

Republican Women open forum. Meet the candidates for primary elections 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. For more information call 947-3617.

January 24

Annual Membership Meeting for Salado Water Supply Corp. 7:30 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. For more information call 947-5425.

January 26

"A Sentimental Journey." Salado Chamber of Commerce annual banquet 7 p.m. in the Middle School Auditorium. Salado natives and long-time residents will offer personal and family recollections spanning 100-plus years of Salado History. Tickets $25. Door prize consits of two round trip tickets to Chicago. For more info call 947-5040.

February 5

Democrats will meet 6:30 p.m. at The Salado Mansion on the second floor.

February 9-10

Salado legends auditions 2 p.m.-5 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater.

February 16

Salado High School Alumni baseball game against the current crop of Salado Eagles 2 p.m. at the SHS ballpark. If interested in playing notify coach Olson by Feb. 6. Call 947-0803 or 947-5429.

The First Baptist Church will offer a parenting seminar entitled Watch Out for the Snakes 8:30 a.m.-noon. Cost $7. For more info call 947-5465.

March 2

Salado Civic Center 9th Annual Auction at Salado Intermediate School. Dinner 6 p.m., Auction 7 p.m.

March 18

6th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament. Benefit for Tablerock Amphitheater. $60 fee. Tee off 12:30 p.m. at Mill Creek Golf Course. For more info call 947-9205.

March 29-31

Easter Pageant 7:15 p.m. at Tablerock presented by Salado's First Baptist Church. Free Admission.

April 13

Tablerock's 7th Annual Gospel Festival 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Admission $1. 947-5100.

April 20-21

Invitational Wildflower Art Show featuring 75 to 80 of the best artist in Texas held on the Civic Center grounds. For more information call the Chamber office at 947-5040.

April 27

Salado's Sesquicentennial Celebration. Salado celebrates it's 150th birthday. Tablerock will present the legend of Sirena 3 p.m. at the creek and Sam Houston's speech from the balcony 4 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn. For info call 947-5060.

May 4

Tablerock will hold its invitational music festival with divisions in Jazz, Country, Gospel, and more. $5 car load, $1 per person 9 a.m.-10 p.m. 947-9205.

May 11

Tablerock sponsors the 4th grade play 7:30 p.m. Thomas Arnold Elementary students, under the direction of Jackie Mills, write, produce, crew and act in their melodrama. All proceeds will be banked for the 4th graders senior class trip. $5 adults. $3 children.

May 14

Salado High School Band Concert 6 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. No admission fee.

May 25

Music in Salado presents an evening of opera, operetta and musical theatre, *Music Under the Starts in Salado* 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater.

June 5-8

Fourth Annual Judy & A.C. Green Literary Festival sponsored by the Living Room Theatre, featuring performances of works by prize-winning short story writers in homes of Salado hosts. Times and places to be announced.

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Remember that most show have a 230-270 pound weight range. Also, keep in mind that typically animals will lose a little weight when on the trailer, thus you need to plan for this shrink and arrive at the show in time to feed or water if necessary to reach the desired weight.

All livestock exhibitors should check water sources daily. Animals that do not have access to fresh water will not eat at potential. With the cold nights we have been having, you should take warm water to your animals three to four times a night if you expect them to maintain their weights. This is very important as each year several livestock projects are compromised due to insufficient care. Remember that if your animals are not at peak consumption, they will probably never catch up again. Also be sure you are de-worming your animals appropriately and check withdrawal dates.

Rabbit Validation for the Bell County Youth Fair will be held 5:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 17. Rabbit exhibitors who plan to show in the Bell County youth Fair must bring their fryers to the Extension office on this day to be eligible to show in Feb.

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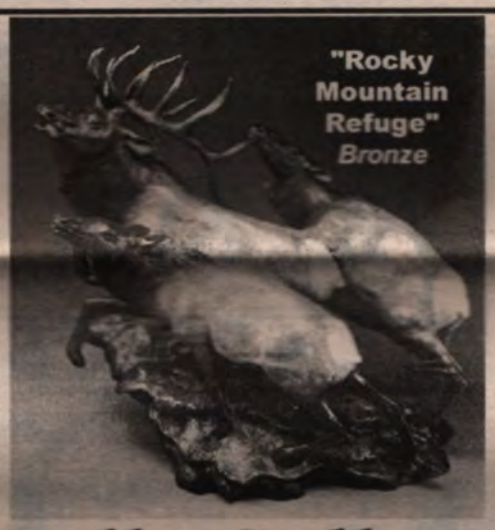

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While some of these contaminants are natural, such as sediment from erosion, many are man-made pollutants and include the following:

- excess fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides from residential areas and agriculture lands
- oil, grease and other toxic chemicals from urban runoff
- motor oil, car batteries and home chemical containers that have been disposed of improperly
- sediment from improperly managed construction sites, crop and forest lands, and eroding stream banks
- bacteria and nutrients from pet waste, livestock and faulty septic systems.

All the seen and unseen contaminants that enter our waters from these diverse sources make up what is called nonpoint source pollution. Unlike pollution that can be traced to a single source, with nonpoint source pollution there is no factory, no single pipe, no single point that can be identified, monitored and regulated. Instead, nonpoint source pollution is caused by millions of individual actions and for this reason, is difficult to control. Because we all contribute to the problem, it is everyone's responsibility.

What you can do to reduce nonpoint source pollution:

- Properly dispose of household chemicals.
- Choose non-toxic chemicals for your lawn and garden.
- Compost grass clippings and leaves.
- Sweep (do not wash) fertilizer and soil off driveways and walkways.
- Never allow pet waste to wash into storm drains.
- Repair oil leaks from motor vehicles immediately.
- Recycle used oil and oil filters.
- Do not hose spilled brake fluid, oil, grease and antifreeze into the street.
- Never throw litter in streets or down storm drains.
- Inspect septic systems every year and pump out every two to five years.

Small changes in one's behavior may seem insignificant, but when multiplied by the entire community, adds up. Do you share to keep out waters clean.

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Diamonds, Denim and Dice benefit set for Jan. 26

The Contemporaries of the Cultural Activities Center plan their Annual Diamonds, Denim and Dice Benefit for the CAC to begin 7 p.m. Jan. 26 at the VFW Hall on Airport Rd. in Temple.

Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will begin along with a silent auction for seven dozen items donated by area merchants and individuals. The first set of over 40 items will close at 10 p.m. The second set of over 40 items will close at 10:30 p.m.

A live auction of 10 items will begin at 8 p.m.

Live auction items include a five night getaway Glidden Lodge Beach Resort on Whitefish Bay on Lake Michigan. The three bedroom condo has a fireplace and patio with access to an indoor pool and sauna.

A classic Caribbean evening at the home of Al and Elaine Dobos will feature dinner and dancing for twelve.

Also on the auction block is a week-long trip to Breckenridge, Colorado at an 1,800 square foot townhouse with a hot tub on the balcony.

Tammy and Gill Naul will open their home on Oct. 12 for an Oktoberfest party for 16 partiers.

Another auction item is one week at a three bedroom home on The Bluffs at Lake Whitney featuring a large game room with pool table and arcade games as well as a tennis and basketball court. The Lake Whitney home of Shirley and HT Strasburger will be available for one week on a mutually agreed upon date.

Betty Prescott will open her home on Sept. 28 for an elegant Black Tie evening of a multi-course meal and cabaret music, reminiscent of New York parties. The party will be open to 14 guests.

Wilsonart has done it again, donating 35 linear feet of a Gibraltar counter top, complete with backsplash and Gibraltar double sink, valued at $6,000.

An experienced gourmet club in Temple will prepare and serve an elegant Sunday brunch for 16 guests at the home of Mary and Denny Lynch. Indulge your Valentine and 14 friends with a four-course brunch featuring Bob Shull's famous Bananas Foster.

The Hot Springs home of Jean and Ralph Wilson will be available for one week. The three bedroom home can sleep up to six people. Enjoy sunset on the water by the deck, golf, tennis, swimming, fishing, hiking and horse racing.

Finally, the CAC Board of Directors will host a theme party for up to 60 people in the Wendland Hall of the CAC. Provide the guest list and your work is done!

Following the Live Auction, the Sure Shot Drawing for an exquisite 14K yellow gold slide and omega designed by Diamond and Gold Fine Jeweler specially for the 2002 Diamonds, Denim and Dice evening. The slide is designed with a 3.5 ct. oval amethyst and 1.1 cts. of round brilliant cut diamonds. Tickets for the Sure Shot Drawing are $10 each and available prior to the drawing at 9:55 p.m. The winner does not have to be present.

Casino games will begin at 9 p.m., closing at 11:15 p.m. with the Trail's End Casino Auction.

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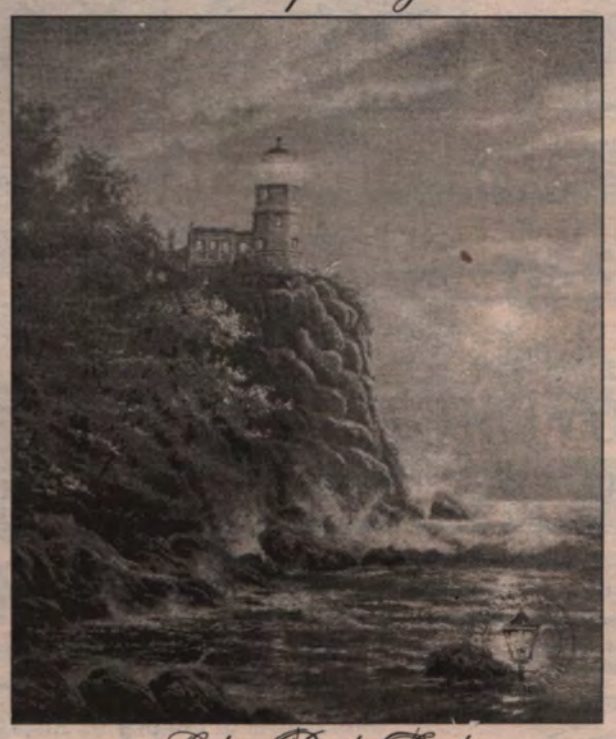

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The following recipe was taken from the cookbook "Salado Country Cooking." It was sponsored by the members and friends of the Monday Club from the Salado United Methodist Church.

Earthquake Cake

Jane Inman

1 c. flaked coconut
1 c. chopped pecans
1 (18 oz.) box German chocolate cake mix
1 stick (1/4 lb.) margarine, softened
1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
1 (16 oz.) box powdered sugar
1 tsp. vanilla

Spray or grease well a 9x13 inch or 11x15 inch pan. Sprinkle bottom of pan with pecans and coconut. Prepare cake mix as directed on package; pour over nuts and coconut. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese, butter, powdered sugar and vanilla until smooth. Spoon, dollop or spread on top of cake batter; do not stir. Bake cake 40 to 50 minutes at 350 degrees until toothpick inserted between cream cheese dollops comes out clean. Yield: 12 servings

What are your collectibles worth?

Question: My antique baby cradle is nearly the size of a modern crib. The sides and ends are solid oak, except for short spindles near the top of each end. The cradle rocks on a platform that can be locked so it stands still. The locks are marked "Betts St. Furniture Co., Pat. Oct. 26, '75." What is it worth?

Answer: Betts Street Furniture Co. worked in Cincinnati. The patent year for the rocking mechanism is 1875, so your crib was made around that date. Your crib would sell for about $250. Although your old crib has solid ends and sides, many old cribs are not safe to use for a baby because the slats are too far apart.

Question: I inherited a fairly large collection of Candlewick glass from my mother. She had also inherited most of it. Some pieces still have the silver-and-blue Imperial label. Some of the dishes are decorated with an etched or cut design. All of the pieces are clear glass except one, which is turquoise. Did Imperial make Candlewick in turquoise? How can I tell if every piece is authentic?

Answer: The Imperial Glass Co. of Bellaire, Ohio, introduced Candlewick in 1937. It became the company's best-selling pattern and was made until Imperial closed in 1984. Most Candlewick is clear glass. Some pieces were also made in several colors, including turquoise. Since you inherited pieces your mother owned for many years, you don't have to worry that they are recent copies made from Imperial molds.

Question: I bought a pottery teapot at a rural Ohio flea market and hoped you could give me some information if I describe it. It has a rounded handle, a smooth body and a plain, round cover with a plain, round handle. What I like about it is the beautiful color swirls in the clay. The colors range from light tan and brown to yellow and red.

Answer: Your teapot could be a piece of "Juanita Ware," a swirled or marbled pottery made by an Ohio studio potter named Bert Crawford (1891-1972). Crawford perfected a technique for mixing different types of clay in the same piece of molded pottery -- a daunting task, because different clays shrink at different rates when they're heated in a kiln. Crawford and his business partner, Greta Corey, began producing Juanita Ware at their own pottery, the Triangle Novelty Co. of Carrollton, Ohio, in 1933. The pottery moved a few times before it closed in 1949. Crawford opened another pottery, named Crawford's Pottery, in Dalton, Ohio, in 1951. He continued making marbled tableware, planters and other items for two more decades. Juanita Ware is popular among pottery collectors.

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Men and their patriotic verse

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Some junior high and high school students in Colorado City are interviewing war veterans. They hope to get photos, memorabilia and tape recorded reminiscences from all the veterans in their county.

I heard about the program and invited the students and some of their teachers to come speak to my oral history class, which I teach at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa.

They not only came 100 miles one-way on a schoolbus to speak to my 7:30 p.m. class; they came with their principal, their parents, sponsors and teachers and impressive displays on several of the veterans they had interviewed. They also brought video and audio tapes of some of their interviewees and a power point presentation about their project. Their program started with a girl singing a song from the World War Two era.

My students were impressed. So was I.

The group of about 20 students and that many adults went to eat at a local fast food restaurant before coming to the campus. All the youngsters wore matching shirts and pants and looked extremely professional. A man sitting near them in the restaurant asked them what they were doing. When he found out, he pulled out a poem he had written on Jan. 17, 1991 and gave them a copy. It is called FREEDOM and goes like this:

They rattle sabers, they roll their tanks. It is not a game, so don't say thanks. The brave will fight, the cowards run. Regardless which it is no fun.

For young and old, some lose their lives. And mothers cry, the same with wives. Sometime in life we must unite. To have our freedom we all must fight.

That poem was written by Tommy Johnson of Odessa.

The other day I was eating at my favorite barbecue restaurant when the waitress brought over a piece of very fine paper with a poem and a picture of an eagle on it. She told me, "That man sitting over there asked me to give this to you." I read the poem, then went over and met the man. Bo Bokelman. He wrote a poem titled LET THE EAGLE FLY. The words follow:

There's a powerful message for you and me. It's written in the Bible in Ecclesiastes Chapter 3. "There's a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to be born and a time to die." Now, it's time for the Doves to watch the Eagles fly.

We've tried to talk, we've tried to get along. We've bent over backwards and we've danced to their song. We've watched our ships blown apart and our children die. It's time for the Doves to watch the Eagles fly.

The world can't fathom the fiber of this land. The more you damage it the harder it is to bend. The people come together with one common cry: for the Doves to watch the Eagles fly.

We've been taught to listen to God when he speaks. Let's listen closely, we don't need a repeat. "There's a time for peace and a time for war." The message is clear. We don't need anymore. How many more people have to die before the Doves stand down and let the Eagles fly.

And when everything's settled and the world's on the mend, let the Eagles stand down and let the Doves fly again.

I'm sure that both these two men represent thousands more who have taken up a pencil or pen during wartime to express how they feel. These two have not just written their words to keep in a book somewhere. They have taken the time to have them printed professionally and are handing them out on rare occasions to people who might understand and appreciate them.

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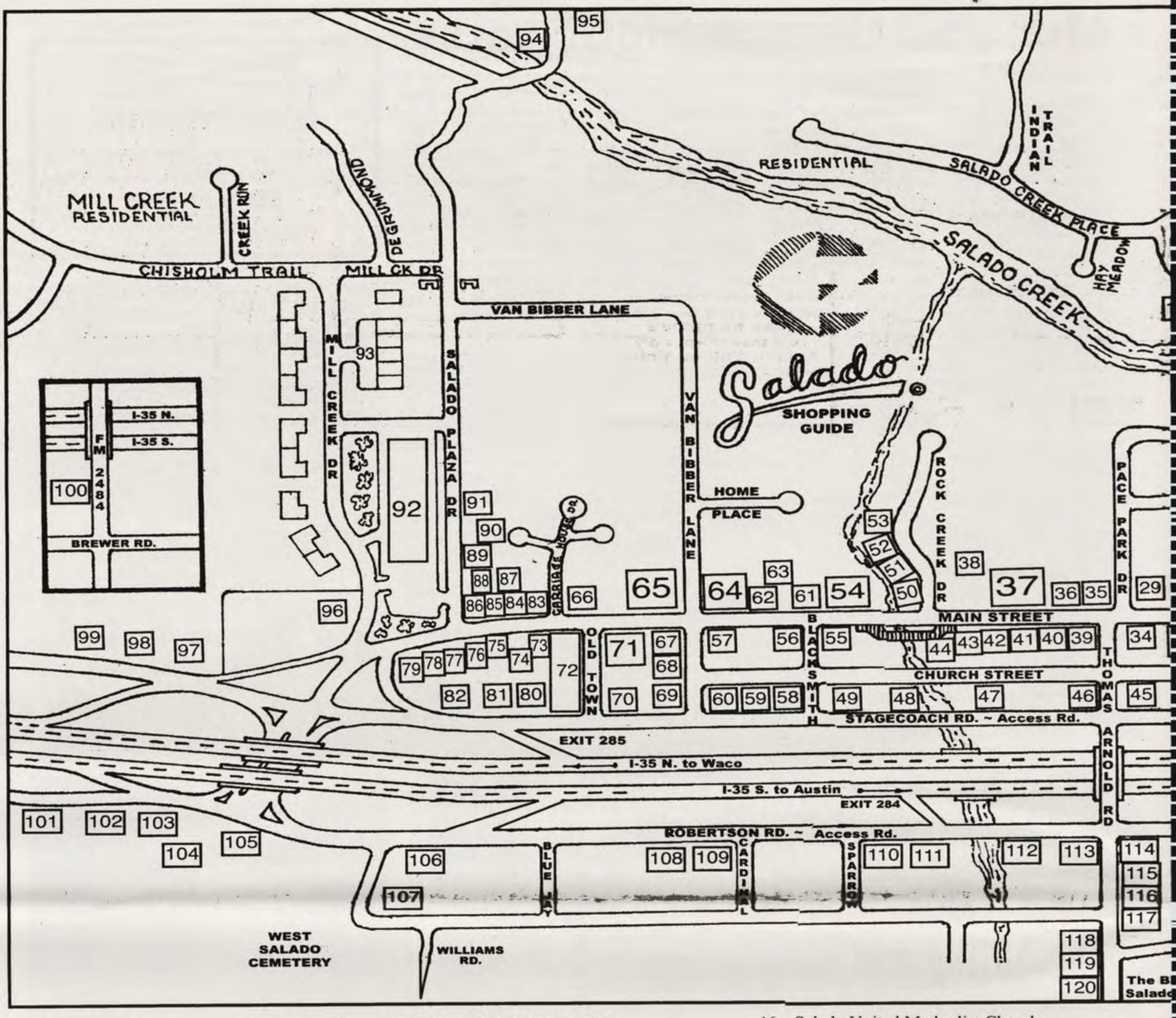

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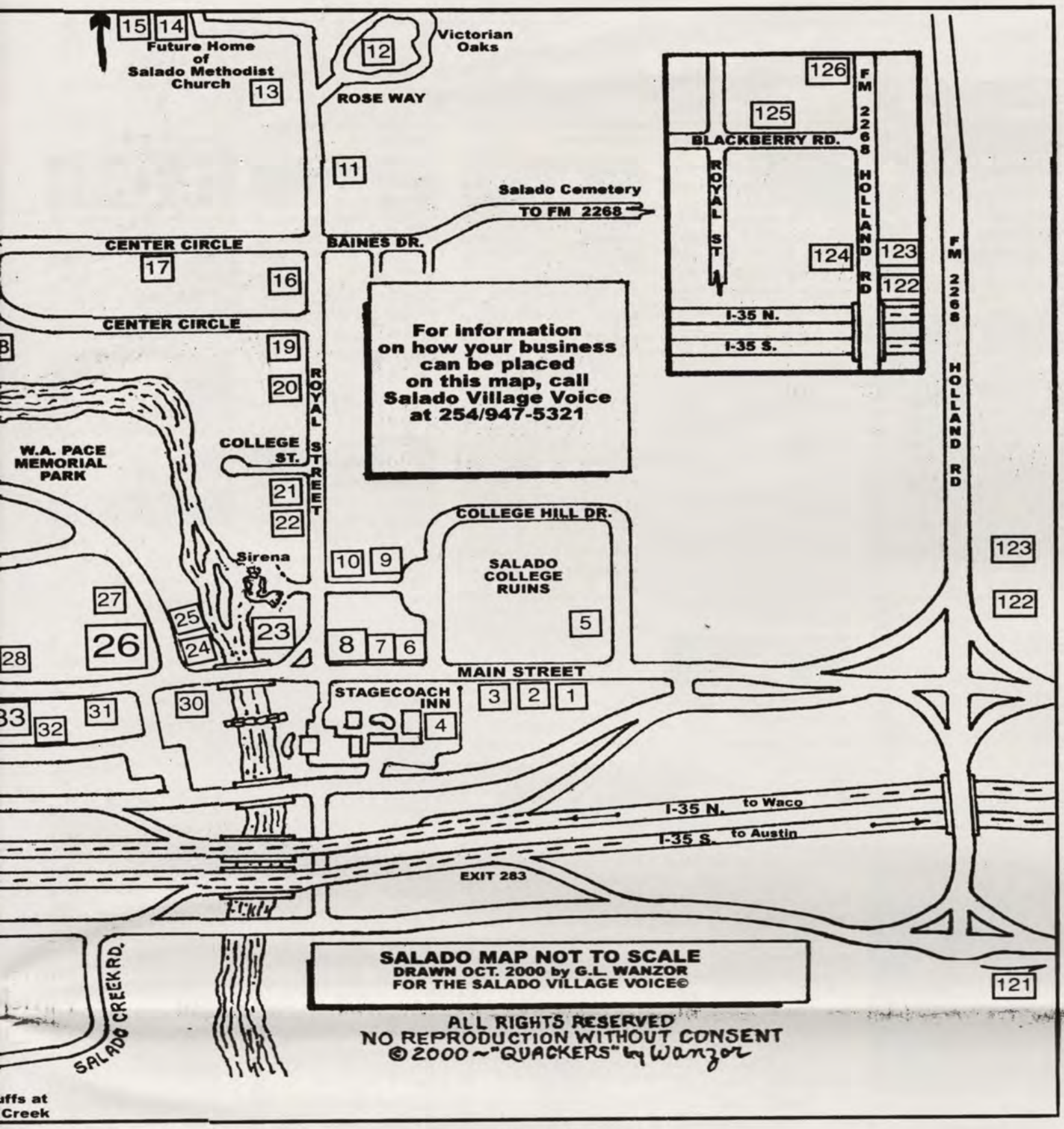

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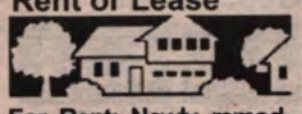

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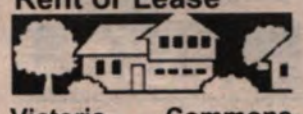

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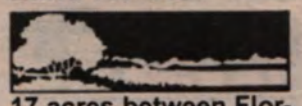

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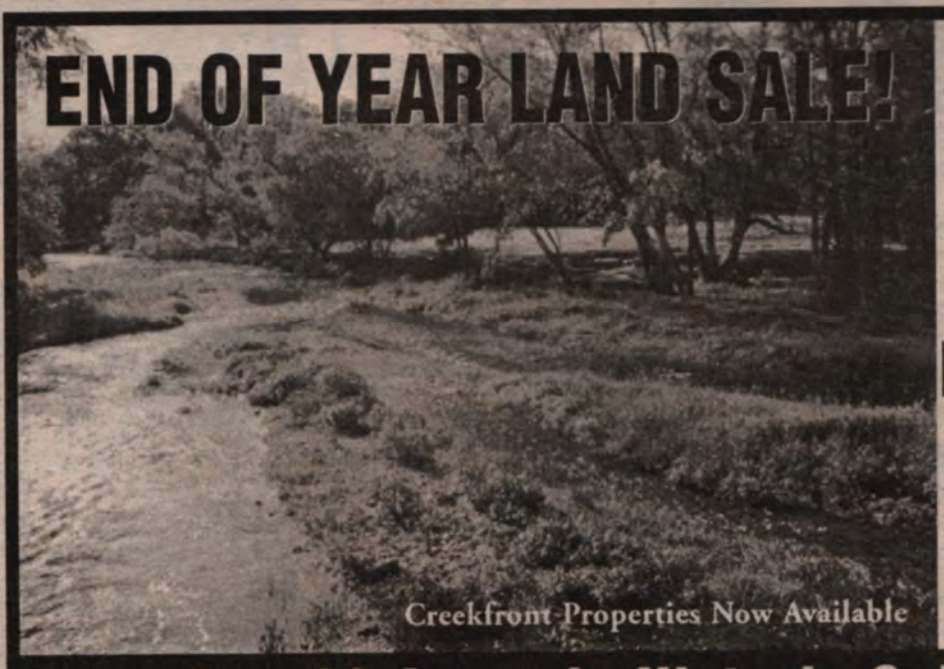

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The drip is due to the deterioration of seals on the cartridge; the leak at the base occurs because water is getting past the O-rings.

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Write down the model number and type of faucet and take to the hardware store. Purchase the right size of cartridge and O-rings. Turn off the water at the nearest shutoff valve. With your screwdriver, pry off the cap on top of the faucet. Remove the handle screw underneath. Tilt the faucet handle up and back to remove it.

Underneath the handle you'll see the retaining ring, a threaded plastic ring that holds the cartridge in place. Use adjustable pliers to unscrew the ring. This will free the cartridge for removal.

Grip the top of the cartridge with your pliers and pull straight up. Toss the old cartridge and install the new one in the same position.

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She enjoys spending time with her children Kayla and Cameron. Melanie has recently married Bob Roemer and is delighted to have Bob and his son Stephen join her family.

With over 10 years of real estate experience, Melanie invites you to call her with any of your real estate questions.

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$179,000 - Walk out on the wrap around deck & enjoy the view of Salado Creek. The woods below offer privacy & serenity. The kitchen, living areas and Master BR overlook the creek. Walk across the street to Mill Creek Pro Shop.

$225,000 - Well maintained home overlooking Mill Creek Hole #2. Separate room is currently a workshop, but could easily be an apartment or extra bedroom. Golf cart garage. Entire home has large closets and ample storage.

$246,900 - Ranch home on 10 acres, with horse barn and lighted roping arena. Beautiful setting. 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA, 2 living.

$250,000 - Six beautiful well located apartments in Mill Creek with creek view. Native stone with metal roof, well done interior & totally furnished. Excellent rental property with good history of income.

$260,000 - If a unique home is what you are looking for, this one's for you! Tucked away on the banks of Salado Creek, this home offers many artistic features with stone interior walls, Douglas fir flooring, and beaded ceiling. The view from many rooms will make you feel like you are in a tree house! A natural setting with decks, walking paths and garden areas. One of a kind. 3BR, 3 BA, 2 living areas, 2 kitchens, plus a separate cabin.

Residential

- **$94,900** - Fixer-upper on gorgeous lot. 3BR/2 1/2 BA. Detached garage.
- **$103,500** - New 3 BR home in the country. Salado Prairies.
- **$106,500** - New 3 BR home. Salado Prairies.
- **$140,000** - Recently updated, 4 BR, workshop/garage, metal roof on 1 acre.
- **$154,700** - Mill Creek elegance w/ marble entrance & 3 sided fireplace. 3 BR, 2 BA.
- **$159,500** - View of golf course and lake from this town home.
- **$163,500** - 6 acre wooded lot, 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA brick home.
- **$165,000** - 4 BR home on 12+ acres with barn.
- **$173,900** - On almost 10 acres, this new home allows you to enjoy country living.
- **$175,000** - Cliffs on Canyon Creek. 4 BR, 2 BA, great master suite.
- **$179,000** - Overlook the creek, across the street from Mil Creek Pro Shop.
- **$184,500** - A Texas style Austin home on 2.146 acres.
- **$185,000** - Under construction in Wild Rose subdivision. 4BR/2BA, grand entrance.
- **$199,000** - On the golf course, overlooking Salado Creek. 2BR/2BA.
- **$220,000** - 2 story colonial with columns. 4 BR, 3 BA, formals, grand stairway & studio.
- **$225,000** - Overlooking Mill Creek Hole #2. Workshop could be an apartment or bedroom.
- **$246,900** - 3 BR/2-1/2 BA ranch home on 10 acres, with barn and lighted roping arena.
- **$248,700** - 3 BR, 2 BA & game room. Home with wrap around porch- **Under Contract**
- **$249,500** - Wonderful deck with hot tub & gazebo overlooks wooded lots and the lake.
- **$260,000** - On the banks of Salado Creek, 3 BR, 3 BA. Separate cabin.
- **$275,000** - 8.8 acres, lighted arena, two metal barns, Austin stone home.
- **$289,500** - Show place in Royal Oaks overlooking spacious backyard- **Under Contract**
- **$299,500** - 4 BR Texas style home on over 4 acres. Loft upstairs.
- **$329,000** - Custom home in Royal Oaks. 3 BR, 3-1/2 BA.
- **$345,000** - Texas style home with wrap around on 19+ acres - **Under Contract**
- **$400,000** - Mill Creek native stone on 1.4 acres. Heated pool with cabana.
- **$1,100,000** - Home on 146 acres of wooded countryside, barns, sheds, water well.

Commercial Property

- **3 acres** along I-35, at Amity West.
- **$150,000** - Prime location on Main Street. 2 BR, 1 BA. Lots of potential.
- **$250,000** - Six beautiful furnished apartments in Mill Creek with Creek View. Good income history.
- **$400,000** - Commercial building on I-35 frontage road & 2 mobile homes on 1.86 acres.
- **$429,000** - 5.66 acres commercial property off Main Street.

Acreage Available

- **150 acres** on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport.
- **90 acres** on Lampasas River, with 1 mile of river frontage, many pecan trees and old frame house.
- **22 acres** on Loop 121 in Belton many possible uses, has water & sewer.
- **10+ acre tracts** in Hilltop View Farms off FM 2115. $5,500 per acre.
- **8.77 acres** on I-35 at crossover with road on 3 sides, Exit 286 at Salado.
- **8 wooded acres**, very scenic with creek. 12 miles west of I-35 off FM 2843.
- **3 acres**, all woods, good frontage, water available. Near Stillhouse Lake.

Lots

Mill Creek Lots

- **Winner's Circle** - $50-$58,000
- **808 Mill Creek Dr.** - $30,000
- **Mill Creek Springs** - $30 - $75,000
- **700 Indian Trail** - $35,000
- **(2 lots) Club Circle** - $51,000 each

Other Lots

- **Amanda Circle** (2 lots) - $9,500 each
- **Royal Oaks** - $30,000
- **Salado Oaks** - $35,000

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Commercial Listings

Business opportunity: Car wash, washeteria & warehouse. Salado Area. - **$325,000.**

Spanish Hacienda on 3 acre hilltop, overlooking Salado. Open porches, 4BR, 5 full & 3 half baths, courtyard pool, guest quarters and 3 car garage **$399,000**

4/3 rock with metal roof home on 7 gated acres with live oak trees. 1 year old, large kitchen, fireplace, 2 living areas. **$260,000.**

Business Opportunity: Car wash, laundromat, store front and office with living space in the Salado area on IH-35 frontage. **$325,000.**

NEW, 4/3/2, 2 story rock home with split bedrooms, bonus room, and covered patio. **$189,900.**

Residential Listings

$260,000: Beautiful, 1 year old 4 bedroom, 3 bath, rock with metal roof home, fireplace, large kitchen, 2 living areas, setting on 7 acres with large oak trees.

$399,000: Secluded Spanish style rock home with clay roof on 3 acres. Gorgeous hilltop view of Salado, open porches, 4 bedrooms, 5 full baths 3 half baths, 3 car garage, pool and guests quarters. A beautiful MUST see!

$595,000: Custom southern plantation style home on 60 acres. This two story main house offers formal living, dining, large den, 3 BR, 2 full bath and 2 half bath. Guest house has bedroom, full bath living and kitchen. Property is fully fenced and has a 2 stall barn.

Acreage Available

1/2 acre facing FM 2484. **$12,500.**

1.7 acre w/small house. Center Circle, great business location.

2 one acre lots on Sam Neil. **$15,000/acre.**

3 acres comm. fronting I-35, 1 mile S. of Salado, **$79,900.**

30 acres on Smith Dairy Rd. Panoramic hilltop view. 5 minutes to Belton or Salado. **$2,600/acre.**

33 acres with beautiful native trees on Sulphur Wells. Perfect homesite. $360,000.

51 acres, beautiful hilltop views, rolling treed countryside. **$3,900/acre.**

928 acres Southwest of Salado. Beautiful rolling tree country with live creek and large lake on property. Excellent views. Outstanding wildlife.

Sunwest Estates: Tract 1, 3, 4 & Lot 4.

Country Homes

Charming country cottage secluded on 2 acres covered with large native trees. Small guest room in garage. **$160,000.** Additional acreage available.

Unique country setting on 33 heavily wooded acres with a charming country cottage on a 2 acre parklike setting. **$360,000.**

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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.**

NEW in Salado White rock with dark green metal roof, wrap around porch and attached garage. It's a beauty and move-in ready. **$135,000.**

2-story Main house, 3BR, 2 full & 2 half baths, formal living, dining, and large den. 1/1 guesthouse has living area & kitchen well on 60 fenced acres with 2 stall barn. **$595,000.**

Charming country cottage secluded on 2 acres covered with large native trees. Small guest room in garage. Additional acreage available. **$160,000.**