

Salado Village Voice

For two decades, newspaper is family affair

Salado Village Voice newspaper will mark two decades under the ownership of the Fleischer family in early spring this year.

The newspaper has always been a family affair, since its founding by Dayton Kelly in 1979. After Dayton's death, his sons Dennis and Bill operated the newspaper until the Fleischer family purchased the newspaper in 1988.

As we begin the year, *Salado Village Voice* staffers would like to introduce themselves to the community they serve.

Salado Village Voice has a staff of five, including publishers Tim and Marilyn Fleischer. Other staffers are Ken Clapp, political columnist; Stephanie Hood, advertising and composition and Royce Wiggin, office assistant.

In addition to individual awards by staff members, *Salado Village Voice* has been honored by the community and state. The newspaper was the first-ever Business of the Year, awarded in January 2003 by the Salado Chamber of Commerce. The newspaper has also been named multiple times to the Texas Association of School Board's Honor Roll for news coverage of the Salado school district.

Tim Fleischer

Tim Fleischer has been a newspaperman since he was 16, working for both weeklies and daily newspapers. "I got the Devil's Ink at an early age and haven't been able to get rid of it," he said of his 25 years in the newspaper industry.

For almost 20 years of it, he has been the editor of the *Salado Village Voice*.

But his love for Salado has been for more than two decades. "I came to Salado

for the Art Fair and Gathering of the Clans with my parents when I was growing up in Coryell County," he said. "I drove through it every day on my way to run a small newspaper in Florence."

Tim and Marilyn Fleischer have published the newspaper since 1988. During that time, the newspaper has grown from an eight-page tabloid to a 28- to 44-page paper of three sections including two sections with full color.

"We have grown with the community and are a reflection of it," he said.

In those years, the newspaper has won several awards from the Texas Community Newspaper Association, where *Salado Village Voice* competed against newspapers from San Antonio, Dallas, Houston, Austin and around the state.

Tim has won several TCNA awards: advertising design (third in state for large ad format and third in state for advertising series); editorial work (first in state for editorial writing, third in state for editorial writing, third in state for column writing) and second in state for community service (for articles during the incorporation election).

He has also served the community in a variety of capacities, including four years on the board of directors of the Salado Chamber of Commerce and six years on the board of directors of the Institute for Humanities at Salado. He was president of the Salado Chamber of Commerce and treasurer for two years of the Institute for Humanities.

He and wife Marilyn share responsibilities at the newspaper. "She runs the office and I make editorial decisions," he



Salado Village Voice publishers Tim and Marilyn Fleischer

said.

Marilyn Fleischer

Marilyn got the Devil's Ink in her blood after meeting Tim more than 20 years ago.

She worked for TU Electric prior to the purchase of the *Salado Village Voice* in March 1988.

She also owned and operated a plant business in the Killeen/Copperas Cove area for several years while raising her three children.

During their years in Salado, Marilyn has served the community in many ways. "I think I have been most satisfied with my work with the Salado Family Relief

Fund," she said. In addition to her work to establish the Family Relief Fund, Marilyn has also been Art Fair chairperson for two years, and served three years as a Chamber of Commerce Director. She currently serves on the Salado Civic Center board of directors.

She has also won awards from the TCNA. She has twice been honored. She won second place for Best Feature Photo and second place for Community Service for her work with the Family Relief Fund.

The Fleischers' children -- Royce Wiggin, a Salado High School graduate,

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School approves continuous improvement plan

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Salado school trustees approved the Continuous Improvement Plan for the district at their December meeting, focusing attention on the four goals in the district for 2007-08.

The goals of the district are these:

1. Growth and planning for needing staffing, facilities, and transportation (completing high school).
2. Need for quality faculty and training quality faculty.
3. Need for clearly defined goals for student expectations (target every grade level) and to provide

all students the necessary training for post graduation success.

4. Need to take risk to be innovative (use inventive programs to increase educational quality).
5. Need to maintain a safe school environment.

Under each of the goals are approaches and programs to achieve them.

Goal 1:

- Conduct long-range planning.
- Develop a transition plan for growth and development.
- The district must upgrade and expand facilities.
- With over 300 computers in use in the District, it

must look at further infrastructure for technology.

- Sunset review for English as a Second Language (ESL) and technology.

Goal 2:

- Use faculty for recruitment. Have a form for current faculty to complete on individuals that they think would be excellent to work in Salado ISD to keep on file. Target under-served teaching areas.
- Retention of 80 percent.
- Curriculum-focused professional development targeting turning data into better instruction.

- Continue and increase teacher mentoring.
- Have 100 percent highly-qualified staff.
- Be competitive for all jobs on salaries and benefits.
- Promote Salado schools through all area newspapers.
- Use internet program for recruitment in hard-to-serve teaching positions.

Goal 3:

- Targets set for passing and commended TAKs for every grade level.
- Adopt a new policy with more rigorous standards in reading and in mathematics for promo-

tion to the next grade level.

- Realign vertical and horizontal documents to reflect changes in TEKS.
- Develop a historical student testing record on-line.
- Curriculum-focused professional development targeting turning data into better instruction.
- Put high school grades on-line.
- Put elementary plans on-line.

Goal 4:

- Thomas Arnold will adopt a total inclusion model for ESL.
- Salado Intermediate

will adopt a reverse inclusion model.

- Salado High School will adopt Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP).
- The board and Administration will discuss programs for children not served in special programs.
- Ensure that special programs are coordinated with the general education classrooms and aligned to TEKS.

The Improvement Plan included a comprehensive needs assessment of state and federal programs.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



The Rudy Fade

The National Intelligence Estimate arguing that Iran gave up its nuclear-weapons program back in 2003 went public last month, instantly lessening the urgency of the domestic debate over how to handle Iran. The following day, Rudy Giuliani released a get-tough-on-Iran television ad, a pre-NIE message for a post-NIE world.

It's just one of the ways that Giuliani's once-formidable front-running campaign has been off lately. He has been buoyed all year long by his post-9/11 celebrity, his strong debate performances and his outsized, tough-guy persona. The former New York City mayor has undeniable leadership qualities, but now, as the primary race gets more serious, is having trouble making them fit the party he aspires to lead.

Giuliani is finally suffering from the natural gravitational pull of his messy personal life (as mayor, he had a publicly financed security detail for his mistress) and his ideological heterodoxy (especially on social issues). The pull has long been there; only now it has dragged him down to a level where it is no longer an invisible force.

Nationally, his numbers have been on a slow downward slide since March. He was at 44 percent in an ABC News/Washington Post poll in February, and at 25 percent in the same poll last month.

This has trashed the Giuliani theory of the race, which was that his national lead in the polls was a bankable commodity that he could redeem even after losses in the early states of Iowa, New Hampshire, Michigan and South Carolina.

Rudy had his eye on one of the early states, New Hampshire. His supporters thought once he started advertising there he'd bump up in the polls. Since Nov. 10 he has spent more than Mitt Romney and John McCain in the state, and his numbers have, if anything, declined slightly. McCain has passed him for second in the

Rich Lowry



RealClearPolitics average in the state, and he hasn't gotten out of the teens in any poll since late November.

The nature of the ads has something to do with it. Besides the ill-timed Iran ad, Giuliani ran a spot touting his (truly extraordinary) work as New York City mayor. But Giuliani left the mayor's office six years ago, and was first elected -- and began the city's turnaround -- 14 years ago. Voters don't just want to know what you've done lately, but what you'll do for them in the future.

So Giuliani went to Florida to try to relaunch his campaign with a speech focused on his forward-looking "12 commitments" as president. He didn't mention the one about reducing abortions. When Giuliani was high in the polls, pundits speculated that the war on terror was the new social issue, more important to Republican voters than abortion or gay marriage. Mike Huckabee's rise shows that social conservatives are still animated by their traditional issues, and Giuliani has little to say to them.

It's possible that the Republican field stays fragmented enough that Giuliani can win Florida on Jan. 29 and the big states where he is still strong on Feb. 5. But his scenario depends on a fractured party that he will have trouble putting back together again given his fundamental disagreements with a large part of the GOP base. In Florida, Giuliani said: "I don't just pray for miracles. I don't just hope for miracles. I expect miracles." He might have to.

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2008's wild political ride begins today in Iowa; Eco woes remain leading issue

(Writer's note: As always, we start our first of the year column with a sincere hope that each of you readers will have a great new year. Also included is the wish for your good health, happiness, and as much prosperity as you can handle.

2008 will produce some exciting events politically, and the ride could become wild. So - hang on to your sense of humor in this full year of political gamboling, capering, shuffling, whimpering.

And always remember the famous naval saying that fits perfectly with what is about to take place - **starting today in Iowa: "When in trouble or in doubt - run in circles, scream and shout!")**

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APOLOGIST FOR GREED

M. Ray Perryman, an area economist, can seemingly find something good, about anything bad that disrupts our economy. He certainly made the money-changers happy when he tried to justify the greedy mess that sub-prime mortgage bankers created, at the expense of folks who purchased houses that required payments they knew (or should have known) they couldn't meet.

As Congress and the Fed began pushing plans to bail out these losers, Perryman in his December 17 column *Temple Telegram*, allowed as how all this was simply caused by an innate "desire for homeownership."

Later, downplaying the greed-created calamity, the well known economist either foolishly, or with blind optimism, explained that allowing cities and counties to issue tax exempt bonds to refinance mortgages; Freezing tax rates for five years; And, having the Fed pump \$40 billion "extra" lending dollars into the banks, **will (again according to Perryman) allow the nation to: "muddle through, until our resourceful economy works its magic."**

That's malarkey. What caused the problem was pure and simple greed. And these financial mismanagers should be made to pay the bill. Certainly not force taxpayers to again bail out lenders, as we did in the Savings-Loan debacle back in the eighties.

Yet, here we are, less than a quarter century later doing the same thing. And to make matters worse - we have to listen to economists explain, in pollyannish terms, that everything is okay because people who made and accepted bad loans did it because of altruistic reasons - like wanting to own a home - not a home they could afford, but one they couldn't.

And, both lenders and borrowers knew this would be the case - going in!

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CREDIT CARD CULPRITS?

In recent days the economic news has centered on yet another distressing event. First, the sub prime mortgage market collapse (noted above); and now the news that credit card debt is at an all time high. **Both are quick-steps in the "recession procession" and should require immediate corrective attention.**

Who's to blame for today's credit card debt problem? In this case - there are two culprits. First are credit card promoters - mostly banks, that have swamped Post Offices with letters (to everyone with an address), begging

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



them to accept a credit card - **"no questions asked."**

Culprit number two - is the person who takes a credit card; immediately "spends" past the limit they can afford; and quickly faces up to a 40 percent interest-penalty. After which, they declare insolvency.

These are the same "type" folks who created the sub-prime mortgage scandal. Mortgage bankers are seeking a federal bailout for their stupidity; and you can count on credit card bankers to do the same.

Apparently the only person who pays his or her bills on time, every time, is the American taxpayer, who is repeatedly forced to bail out the bankers and their poor risk customers.

And getting our elected officials - from the White House to the Congress, to correct this financial crisis objectively, is like waiting for hell to freeze over!

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NORTH AMERICAN UNION

Ever hear of the North American Union? It's the conservative-fringe's pipe dream that ebbs and flows, as these mongers of fear feel the need to create fake "straw men" that can be used to cover their "true agendas" - which today includes isolationism and mindless xenophobic fears.

The North American Union is the mythical merging of the United States, Canada, and Mexico into a European Union type governmental entity. NAU dreamers stir into their imaginary triumvirate: a central government; a new money system (called an "Amero" like the "Euro" dollar in the EU); a new flag; and abrogated laws.

Use of the NAU comes into play when matters like immigration surfaces for congressional debate. The Republican Party's radical right-wing (who believe in "zero quota" immigration policies) bring out the "North American Union bugaboo" as an example of a "supra-nation" removing all immigration restrictions.

These extremists also fear NAFTA, globalization and the "executive privilege" mantra that our current administration avows.

POLITICAL EXTREMISTS FEAR NAU

The ultra-conservative John Birch Society subscribes mightily to the notion that leaders of the three nations that would comprise the NAU- **(including George Bush), are working hard to put this fanciful "Union" together.**

Fact is, constituents at the remote "outer-edges" of America's political spectrum (Birchers to the right, and Liberal-think-tankers to the left), can rest easy about the NAU - since middle Americans are not the "sleepy headed buffoons" as characterized by most radicals.

Therefore, if our history is a true guide (which it has been), Americans will never surrender their sovereignty to anyone, much less a tripartite union with Mexico and Canada - no matter how many NAFTA corridors are planned or built!

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AND FINALLY.....

We've said it before and we'll keep saying it - the only way to force Congress to function properly, is to do away with their retirement benefits.

That in turn will remove the "dollar sign" and enact term limits at the same time. Think about it!

That's -30-

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The roadmap to health care reform

By TODD STOTTLEMYER

We've said this before, but it bears repeating: Small businesses have said consistently for 20 years that access to affordable health care is their biggest concern and the problem is even greater today.

We've seen nearly 100 percent increases in premiums since 2000. On average, small business pays 18 percent more than large business for the same health care benefits. It's clear that the bottom line for small-business people is the cost of health insurance and the growing expense of health care. And they go hand-in-hand.

Add to that the fact that small business creates approximately 70 percent of all new jobs in this country, and it's clear to see we have a health care crisis on our hands, and not just for small businesses, their employees and their dependents, but for everyone.

Discussions to date have focused on affordability, coverage or quality. To small-business people, this is not a multiple-choice question. The answer is "D, all of the above." We simply can't address the health care crisis unless we address affordability, coverage and quality as part of a total solution.

For that reason, the National Federation of Independent Business has developed a set of 10 principles that must form the foundation for any comprehensive health care reform effort. We have built upon our extensive research and brought in some of the best and brightest health care policy experts from across the political spectrum to gain their perspective on health care reform.

We've taken the best ideas to form these principles. As an example:

- Universal coverage: This does not mean a government-run, single-payer system. It means that everyone should have access to quality care that is af-

fordable and that provides protection against catastrophic costs.

- Affordable: We want to provide access to quality care for all Americans, so we've got to address both the cost of health insurance and the increasing cost of health care.

- Private and Competitive: Health care reform needs to take place within a private and, most importantly, a competitive marketplace with real choices for consumers.

- Portable. Americans should be able to go from job to job without the risk of losing their health insurance. Otherwise, you have a form of "job lock" where people are reluctant to go out and start a new business for fear of losing their health insurance. That is fundamentally unhealthy for the American economy. We want people to go out and start new enterprises, to have new ideas and take risks, so that our economy can continue to create jobs.

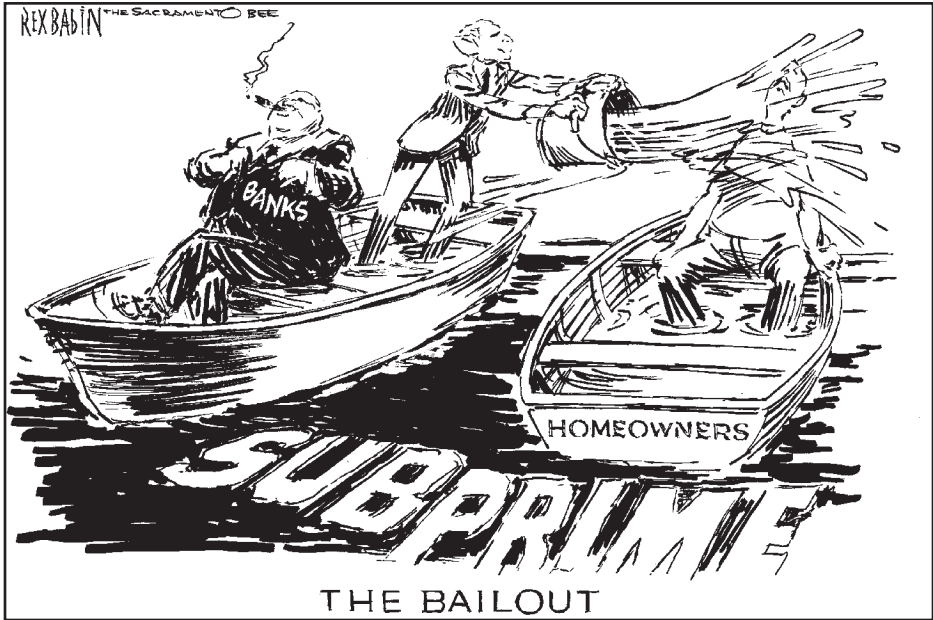
We will share these core principles with policymakers and use them to guide the development of more specific policy initiatives. With the presidential campaigns kicking into high gear and health care at the top of the domestic agenda, the time is right to set the table for reform in 2009. Since small businesses and their employees make up the largest segment of the uninsured population, it's critically important for them to have a seat at that table. With these principles, small business is giving policymakers a significant roadmap to navigate through the maze of options. Our message? When the health care system is fixed for small business, it's fixed for all Americans.

To read more about health care reform and all 10 principles, please go to www.NFIB.org/health-care.

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Early education is key

By GREGORY TAYLOR

New Year's is a time for reflection on where we've been, the lessons learned, and how we can better ourselves for the future. Unfortunately, many resolutions to help our children better succeed in school have been broken.

Every year, about one-third of American children enter a kindergarten class unprepared to learn. Many will never catch up. That all-important door to learning is already, in effect, closed. The reasons for this are complex, but this much is clear: The multiple systems – from family to schools to government – that should be supporting young children too often are failing to do so.

There is hope, however. Research suggests that investing in early learning is the best investment we can make in America's future.

Studies by the Institute of Medicine and National Research Council and others tell us that the achievement gap for poor and otherwise disadvantaged children is created in the first five years of their lives. A youngster's brain works on a "use it or lose it" principle, and synapses not used or stimulated early on will be discarded.

The child's first five years at home thus constitute the most important years of his or her life. The first four years in school are the second most important phase. And the transition from home and community into school may be the most important transition in his or her life.

But in most school districts there is little if any interaction between local childcare centers, early care and education providers and the public school system. Transitions to

kindergarten usually consist of a "meet and greet" session for parents. Rarely is there an alignment of teaching or curriculum or coordination of teachers and parents.

Fortunately, that situation is beginning to change. In 2006, early childhood education was named a legislative priority by 24 governors, compared to 17 in 2005. Some states such as Washington have created new departments dedicated to early learning.

To support states' efforts, many national foundations (including the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's SPARK initiative - Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids), as well as researchers in academia and the federal government, have launched system-building initia-

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Thanks for placing wreaths

Your Voice

Readers Opinion

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my appreciation to the hundreds of volunteers who helped make it possible to place a wreath at every grave site at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery this holiday season. A heartfelt thank you to Chine and Joan Ray and the others who served on the leadership committee, the many businesses and individuals who made generous donations, the Patriot Guard riders, the local city governments and chambers of commerce, the Texas Veterans Land Board, the local press and the selfless volunteers who turned out to prepare the wreaths and later to place them at the cemetery during a busy holiday season. This effort would not have been a

success without each and every one of you.

I am particularly pleased that this turned out to be a project without limits. Neighbors from throughout Central Texas pitched in with their money and their hard work. This cemetery serves a large region and help came from many miles away to honor our veterans and their families. Thank you for supporting your veterans cemetery.

To say that I am proud of this community would be a serious understatement. I am overwhelmed by your generosity – of money and of time. Your

pride in our country and our community was evident at every step of the way and is now visible in the beautiful wreaths adorning the cemetery where those who gave so much now rest.

Volunteers will be picking up the wreaths 10 a.m. Jan. 5 after a few remarks and prayer. We invite all who would like to help to come.

Sincerely,
Jean Shine, President
Friends of Central Texas Veterans Cemetery
wreathsforvets.org

Battling doctored milk



Jim Hightower

Time for another Gooberhead Award - presented periodically to people in the news who have their tongues running 100 miles an hour. but forgot to put their brains in gear.

Today's Goober is no one you've heard of, but he's messing with your consumer rights. Dennis Wolff is his name, Pennsylvania's secretary of agriculture. He's siding with Monsanto Corporation against his own state's organic dairy farmers who don't add BGH to their milk.

What's BGH? Essentially, it's an artificial sex hormone made by Monsanto to force cows to give more milk. Since consumers naturally prefer not to have hormone additives in their families' milk, organic producers and others who don't add them to their products have been labeling their milk as free of Monsanto's hormone, thus giving consumers a clear choice.

This honest marketing tactic has PO'd Monsanto, which has sent its lobbyists scurrying around the country to demand that state officials ban such labeling. You'd think that this would be laughed off as absurd - but not in Pennsylvania. Secretary Wolff recently rose up on his hind legs and howled at the organic producers, decreeing that they can't use "absence labeling," which informs shoppers what is not in their products. This Gooberhead is cracking down on labels that say such things as "no artificial hormones," "pesticide free," and "antibiotic free," - even though the labels are true.

Why? Because, he says, absence labeling "confuses" consumers. Indeed, Wolff claimed he has received many calls from confused consumers. But, alas, when asked who, specifically, had complained. he could not produce a single name.

Still, Wolff's ban has set a precedent, and Monsanto's lobbyists are moving into other states. To fight back, call the Organic Consumers Association: 218-226-4164. www.organicconsumers.org/





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Education FROM PAGE 3A

tives that link parents, educators, early childhood service providers, and their communities. A big part of this community-based innovative thinking is the movement toward ready schools. In communities as diverse as Miami, FL and Gwinnett County, GA, where SPARK has made investments, we are beginning to see positive change.

In early 2007, the Gwinnett County Public Schools (the largest school district in Georgia and the 20th largest in the country) adopted and funded the SPARK Georgia school transition

model. Using federal Title I funds to implement the nationally recognized Parents as Teachers program has resulted in increases in key school-readiness skills (including fine motor skills, problem-solving and socialization); greater parent participation and leadership in early education and schools (parents who participated in the Parent Leadership Institute now serve as chairs on seven committees); and parent attendance at GED and ESL classes.

In Miami, our initiative identified a lack of alignment in expectations between elementary schools

and childcare facilities. Support for an increase in the number of accredited centers led eventually to success in creating a quality rating system that further aligns expectations across early education and the early grades and includes criteria for those all-important transitions.

In the past, the burden was primarily on children and parents to get ready for school. But this “two-way street” approach helps shape schools so they are prepared to receive and serve all children. Some additional elements of this approach include screening children for developmental delays and health issues that impede learning; helping parents and families in their role as first teachers; and getting child advocacy organizations, businesses and state agencies to commit more resources to early education – because an investment now means savings later.

By focusing on the crucial learning period from birth up to the early grades we can also help ensure the success of existing programs such as No Child Left Behind, currently up for reauthorization by Congress. Policymakers at all levels should continue to provide tools and flexibility to nurture such community-based innovations on behalf of kids’ learning. We must resolve to create new structures, practices and programs to support the early learning of infants, toddlers and preschoolers. This is one New Year’s Resolution we should keep. Millions of children are counting on us.

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Make some financial resolutions and stick to them in the new year

If you make a New Year's resolution, and you don't follow through on it, what are the consequences? It all depends. If you vow to learn French, but you never get past "Oui, mademoiselle," your life will probably go on pretty much as before (unless, of course, you're now living in France). But if you make some financial resolutions, and you abandon them, you could fall short of your long-term goals - such as a comfortable retirement.

Consequently, you'll want to set reasonable and attainable financial resolutions - and then discipline yourself to achieve them. What sort of resolutions might you make? Consider the following:

Boost your 401(k) contributions this year - and every year. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar retirement plan - such as a 403(b) or 457(b) - take full advantage of it. Your earnings have the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis, and, because you typically make pre-tax contributions, the more you invest,

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



the lower your annual taxable income. Furthermore, you may have a dozen or more investment options within your plan, so you can tailor your choices to reflect your individual risk tolerance, goals and time horizon. If your salary goes up every year, increase your 401(k) contributions at the same time. Since the money will automatically be deducted from your paycheck, you shouldn't find it hard to keep this financial "resolution."

Contribute the maximum amount to your IRA. Your traditional or Roth IRA can be a key part of your retirement savings. A traditional IRA can potentially grow tax deferred, while a Roth IRA's earnings have the potential to grow tax-free, provided you don't take withdrawals until you reach 59-1/2 and you've had your account at least five years. Unfortun-

nately, many people don't fully fund their IRAs each year because they're intimidated by the contribution limits (\$5,000 per year, or \$6,000 if you're over 50). But there's no need to fund your IRA all at once; you can do it incrementally. Why not write out a check to your IRA each time you get paid, or, better yet, have the money automatically sent from your checking account? Again, it will be easier to keep this resolution if you don't have to work at it.

Build an emergency fund. This resolution may take a bit more effort, but it's worth it. If you can put away six to 12 months' worth of living expenses in a liquid account, and only use the money for

emergencies - car repairs, unexpected doctors' bills, etc. - you may be able to avoid dipping into your investments to pay for these costs. And the less you tap into your investments, the better.

Cut your debts. Here's another resolution that sounds simple, but can be difficult to achieve. Yet, every dollar that doesn't have to go for a debt payment can be invested for your future. In 2008, look for ways to cut your costs, and strive to live within your means.

See a professional. If you've never worked with a financial advisor, make 2008 the year to start. A qualified financial advisor can objectively evaluate your situation and suggest appropriate financial strategies for helping you achieve your long-term objectives.

If you can follow all these resolutions in 2008, you can help position yourself for financial success - for many New Years to come.

Happy New Year



Time can affect you as much as your investments. While you can't stop change, you can help make sure your investments match your current circumstances and goals. Let us start your 2008 off with a free portfolio review to help identify where your investments stand in relation to your goals. Let's put time back on your side.



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Ladies take 2nd in Thorndale

The Salado Lady Eagles took second place in the Thorndale basketball tournament Dec. 28-29, losing in the final round to the hosting Thorndale Lady Bulldogs.

The Lady Eagles beat North Zulch 41-24 in the first round and Whitney 55-41 in the second round.

Thorndale Tourney

Lady Eagles 34
Thorndale 51

Score by quarter

	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	11	12	2	9	34
Thorn.	11	9	22	9	51

Hadley Joiner led the team with 10 points scored. Followed by Kaylan Hearne scoring 7 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Kristen Smith and Jenna Sebek, each scoring 6 points; Brennan Boydston, scored 3 points; and

Danielle Hazard, scored 2 points.

Lady Eagles 41
North Zulch 24

Score by quarter

	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	26	11	0	4	41
N. Zulch	3	4	7	10	24

Danielle Hazard led Salado with 12 points scored. Followed by Hadley Joiner who scored 11 points.

Also scoring for Salado were: Perez, scoring 5 points; Jenna Sebek and Connor Smith, both scoring 4 points each; Brennan Boydston, 3 points; and Kristi Everett, scored 2 points.

Upcoming games for Salado basketball teams:

Jan. 4: Troy at home, Girls Varsity, Boys Freshmen, JVA, Varsity. Games begin at 5 p.m. District game.

Jan. 7: Rogers at home, seventh, eighth grade boys, games begin at 5 p.m.

Jan. 7: At Rogers, seventh B, eighth B, seventh A, eighth A, games begin at 5 p.m.

Jan. 8: Florence at home, Girls Varsity, Boys Freshmen, JVA, Varsity. Games begin at 5 p.m. District game.

Jan. 11: At Rosebud-Lott, Girls Varsity, Boys Freshmen, Freshmen, Varsity. Games begin at 5 p.m. District game.

Jan. 14: Lago Vista at home, seventh, eighth grade boys, games begin at 5 p.m.

Jan. 14: At Lago Vista, seventh B, eighth B, seventh A, eighth A, games begin at 5 p.m.

Jan. 15: At Academy, Girls Varsity, Boys Freshmen, Freshmen, Varsity. Games begin at 5 p.m. District game.

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Owner:	Builder	Location:	Date Type of Construction:	Date Rec'd	Date App'd	Value
Beverly Barber	Claude Allen	226 N. Main	level house, pour footings	1/5/07	1/9/07	\$6,800
J.R. Jarnagan	LeRoy Friedrich	1601 Old Mill	add electric to carport	1/11/07	1/12/07	\$2,000
Charlotte Yarbrough	Superior Carports	801 W. Village	Erect carport	1/9/07	1/24/07	\$5,000
Stanley Benoit	Hitt's Construction	1518 Chisholm Trail	Garage	1/25/07	2/1/07	\$8,000
Paul Williams	Paul Williams	502 Mill Creek	Driveway	2/8/07	2/8/07	\$1,000
Alex Jaimes	Alex Jaimes	1312 Natasha	add driveway and bedroom	3/7/07	4/9/07	\$17,500
Loris, Don Williams	Wolff Construction	700 College Hill Dr.	Driveway	4/5/07	4/12/07	\$7,230
Don, Margie Kohring	Volney Building Co.	900 Salado Oaks	Add'n of bathroom & patio	4/10/07	4/13/07	\$12,000
Robert Pascoe	Robert Pascoe	409 Salado Plaza Dr.	Residential Addition	3/30/07	4/17/07	\$200,00
Bob, Amanda James	TNT Metal Buildings	609 Royal View	Accessory Building	4/27/07	5/2/07	\$3,500
Walter Audrey	Ocean Quest Pools	1341 Walker Circle	install pool	5/25/07	6/1/07	\$32,000
Ismael Benavides	same	1327 Vanessa	cover deck	5/15/07	6/4/07	\$500
Trisha Fisher	Freytag Irrigation	1306 Chisholm Trail	irrigation system	4/12/07		\$3,275
Gene Joplin	Christianson Plumbing	1520 Old Mill Rd.	irrigation system	5/31/07	6/6/07	\$2,200
Bob Pascoe	Bob Pascoe	2001 Indian Trail	Pool House	6/5/07	6/7/07	
Scheffler	Ocean Quest Pools	1407 Fletcher	install pool	6/14/07	6/14/07	\$27,000
Robert Blanton	David Danek	233 N. Main	Metal Roof Cover	3/27/07	6/18/07	\$4,836
Ruben Lemus	Ruben Lemus	101 West Village Rd.	Metal Carport	7/2/07	7/3/07	\$20
Vidal Martinez	Scott Tweedle	201 Salado Plaza Dr.	Rebuild walls & roof	1/29/07		\$30,000
Loree Sutton	Ameriscapes LLC	417 Homeplace Ln.	Sprinkler system	7/31/07	7/31/07	\$2,700
Harry Thrasher	Matt Fleck	2001 Bluff Circle	Out door Kitchen area	7/16/07	8/7/07	\$16,000
Harlon VanWinkle	T&S Homes	1347 Walker Circle	New Residence	7/31/07	8/13/07	\$331,000
M.J. Craig Homes	M.J. Craig Homes	2864 Hester Way	irrigation system	8/16/07	8/17/07	\$3,200
Richard Pereira	Ocean Quest Pools	2725 Winners Circle	install pool	8/15/07	8/17/07	\$18,800
Carlos Urquiza	Carlos Urquiza	1324 Natasha	Reinforce/replace drive way	8/15/07	8/20/07	\$900
Nita Ransbottom	Nita Ransbottom	505 College Hill	Demo shed	8/24/07	8/24/07	\$0
Donald Williams	Donald Williams	700 College Hill Dr.	Asseccory Bldg.	10/9/07	10/19/07	\$14,000
John Robertson	RoRo	913 Southridge	replace driveway	10/16/07	10/23/07	\$2,200
Mike Cornett	Empire Seed	801 Arrowhead	Lawn Irrigation	11/19/07	11/21/07	\$3,000
Gerald Reihsen	Danney McCort	3901 Chisholm Trail	Add concrete porch	11/30/07	12/6/07	\$7,000

Commercial Building Permit Log

Owner:	Builder:	Location:	Construction:	Date Rec'd	Date App'd	Value
Brian Cornett	Mike Cornett	418 N. Main St.	New retail space	10/9/06	1/11/07	\$250,000
Salado Water Co.	Tom Gidley, Jr.	410 Salado Plaza	Conference room	1/4/07	1/19/07	\$5,000
First Holland Bank	TBD	815 N. Stagecoach	New Bank	2/5/07	2/16/07	\$140,000
Broecker Funeral	Larry Lilly	939 West Village	Remodel	3/27/07	4/12/07	\$235,000
Stagecoach Properties	Terry Potts	401 S. Stagecoach	Remodel	5/17/07	5/25/07	\$5,000
Salado Creekside	Joe Price	113 Salado Plaza	New retail space	5/1/07	5/31/07	\$200,000
Capitol Displays	Terry Cope	112 N. Robertson	Demo	9/19/07	9/24/07	
First Salado Center	Chick Landscaping	815 N. Stagecoach	Irrigation system	9/21/07	9/24/07	U10,000
Rita Zbranek Farmers	Tom's Home Imp.	40 S. Main	Partition wall	10/23/07	10/29/07	U10,000
Compass Bank	PBC, Inc.	960 N. Main	Replace Drive-thru	10/10/07	11/5/07	\$122,461
Phillip Sueoka	Phillip Sueoka	213 Mill Creek	Remodel	12/5/07	12/17/07	\$5,000

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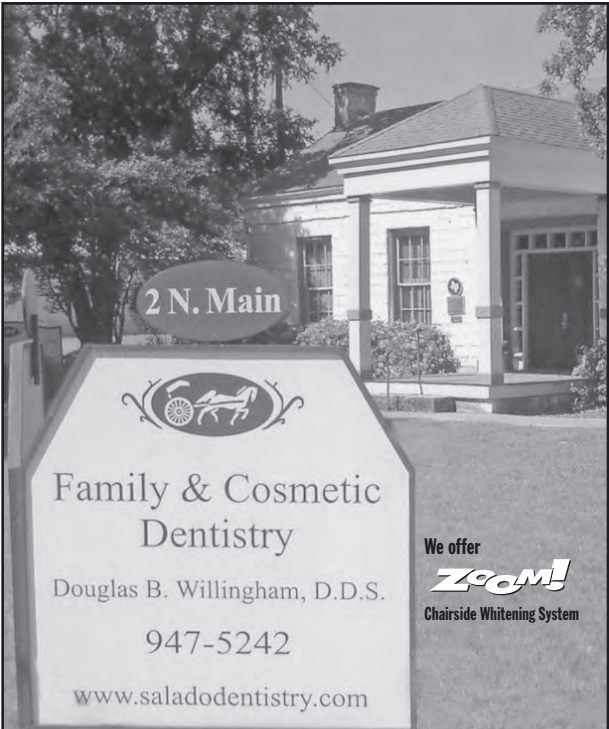
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AXA Achievement Community Scholarship – student must demonstrate ambition and drive; determination to set and reach goals; respect for self, family, and community; and ability to succeed in college; applications are available to download at www.axa-achievement.com. Applications due by February 15

Sallie Mae/Brandon Teacher Scholarship – must pursue a degree in education; four \$1000 scholarships will be awarded within Texas; requires 2 letters of recom-

mendation, SAT or ACT scores, & essay. Application deadline is Feb. 15.

2008 Go Texan Scholarship – requires SAT minimum of 1350 or ACT minimum of 19; must be in top 1/3 of class; three letters of recommendation and narrative required; applicants evaluated on basis of academics, character, leadership/citizenship, and financial need; application is available online at www.rodeohouston.com (click on education, then Area Go Texan for further information and online application); amount of scholarship is \$15,000; application deadline is Jan. 25.

Texas Engineering Foundation Scholarships – must enroll in an engineering program at an approved engineering college/university; must have SAT math of at least 600, critical reading score of 550, and writing score of 500 OR ACT scores of 29 on math and 25 in English; requires two letters

of recommendation and essay; amounts of scholarships vary; application may be downloaded from www.tspe.org. Application deadline is Jan. 21.

Bartlett Electric Cooperative Lawrence Karl Memorial Scholarship – six area high school seniors will be awarded scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each; applicants must be high school seniors whose parents are members of Bartlett Electric Cooperative; requires GPA of 90+; requires three letters of recommendation and narrative; application deadline is March 26.

Sam Walton Community Scholarship – applicant must have GPA of 2.5 (C average) and must have taken either the SAT or the ACT; selection is based upon a combination of financial need, academic record, SAT/ACT scores, extracurricular activities, and examples of leadership in school and community; amount of award is \$1,000; application available at www.walmartfoundation.org; click on "Scholarships." Application deadline is Jan. 14.

Fort Hood Area Military Family Member Scholarship – applicant must possess a valid military identification card and be son or daughter of active duty U.S. military; requires three letters of recommendation and essay; application may be for academic or vocational scholarship; amount of award was not stated. Application deadline is March 28

Carr Academic Scholarships at Angelo State University – awarded on competitive basis with priority given to high academic ability; amounts of awards vary; priority deadline for applications is February 1; online application available at www.angelo.edu/services/financial_aid/freshman.

Carr P. Collins Scholars Program at Baylor University – applicants must have a minimum combined Critical Reading and Math SAT score of 1250 or an ACT composite score of 28; must be in top 25 percent of class; Collins Scholars are awarded \$4,150 each year, renewable for 4 years, as long as criteria are met; recipients must participate in a program of civic or community service; applicants must have proven leadership qualities, strong communication skills, and a commitment to campus and community service; application is available at <http://www.baylor.edu/>





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Texas ELKS Scholarship – awards based on financial need, scholastics, leadership, extra-curricular activities, and evidence of good character traits provided in the application date and supporting documents; application available in counselor's office; applications due Mar. 7.

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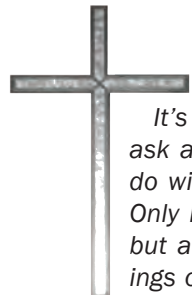
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- Joe Keyes, Minister

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Church & People

Airman Arias pursues dream in Air Force

Two days after his 18th birthday, Shea Arias graduated Air Force basic training on July 27, 2007 and began 16 weeks of intensive technical training.

Arias' dream of the Air Force began several years earlier. When he was 12, he wanted to be an Air Force fighter pilot.

"He loved airplanes," said his mother Melody Johnson. "That's all he ever talked about was going into the Air Force after high school."

At 14 though, Arias' vision starting going bad. He learned he was very near-sighted and began wearing glasses. To be a fighter pilot, one must have perfect vision.

"So, he gave up on his dream," Johnson said.

That is until a career day at Salado High School during his junior year. Arias spoke to a U.S. Air Force recruiter and learned that he could still join the Air Force and even go to college.

Johnson remembers how her son came home that afternoon. "He had

a gleam in his eye and a smile from ear to ear," she said.

During his junior year in high school, Arias took the ASVAB test, scoring a 63 on it, which would allow him to choose almost any job he wanted in the Air Force.

The day after turning 17 July 24, 2006, he went to the recruiter's office in Temple and signed up for the Delayed Entry Program with the US Air Force.

After signing up for the program, he went to Dallas in September 2006 for an extensive two-day physical to qualify for admission into the Air Force.

Arias graduated with honors from Salado High School on May 24.

Less than a month later, he left Salado on June 11 for six weeks of Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Airman Basic First Class Arias graduated from Security Force Technical School and was officially a Security Forces



Airman Basic First Class Shea Arias, of Salado.

Police Officer on Nov. 7.

He left friends and family in the Salado area the day after Christmas to be stationed in Greenland. He will be stationed there until December 2008, after which he will transfer to Italy for three years.

His family and friends glow with pride when talking about their young man in the Air Force.

They also confess that they will miss him and that they will be praying for his safety as he continues to follow his dreams.

Bible study class to ‘Return to Jerusalem

The Temple-Belton Community Bible Study (CBS) adult co-ed class will resume its 30-week study of the "Return to Jerusalem" 7:30 p.m. Jan. 7.

The study will encompass the books of Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Malachi and Zechariah. Anyone interested in joining the class is welcome to attend an introduction class.

The class will meet on

Mondays through April 29 from 7:30-9 p.m. in the old sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Belton, located at Sixth and Main Streets in Belton.

CBS is an interdenominational study for men and women of all backgrounds who are interested in an in-depth weekly study of God's Word. There are over 540 adult CBS classes around the country

Each week, participants will receive a reading commentary on the previous week's topic and a set of questions to work on each day covering the next week's reading. On Monday nights, these questions will be discussed in small groups.

Married couples may choose to participate together in a couples' small group or individually in

a men's or women's small group. Following the small group breakouts, there will be a short lecture over the same section of Scripture.

For additional information, please contact the class coordinator Kathie Kimes at 254 773-1842 in Temple or the class associate teaching director Curtis Gibson in Killeen at 254 526-9128.

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Ken Clapp



Royce Wiggin



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and Jenny Wiggin, a junior at Salado High School, - have grown up in the eye of the community. "We have dragged them to so many events with us as they were growing up," Marilyn said, "and now they are participating in many of the events that we are covering for the newspaper."

Kenyon Ford Clapp

Ken Clapp began his career in the newspaper business in 1938, at the age of ten, when he was hired to home-deliver the Cleveland News, one of that city's two afternoon papers.

He studied Journalism in high school and after three years' service with the Air Force followed later by a year's recall to active duty during the Korean conflict, Ken returned to Southwestern University in Georgetown with his wife Melba and their children.

Graduating with honors, Ken began teaching government, history and journalism at Uvalde High School. He later received his Master's Degree in Education from the University of Texas in Austin and was promoted to assistant high school principal.

After 10 years as teacher-administrator, Ken accepted the position of managing editor of the Uvalde Leader-News. Two years later he moved to Killeen as that school district's Director of Personnel, Research and Public Relations.

In 1972, Ken took a leave of absence to work with Uvaldean Dolph Briscoe in the rancher-banker's successful run for Governor. Governor Briscoe convinced Clapp to remain in state government thus ending his 18-year career as teacher and administrator. Clapp became the Governor's executive assistant and chief of staff in 1974.

Before leaving office, Governor Briscoe appointed Clapp to the Texas Employment Commission in late 1978 to represent Texas employers. Commissioner Clapp was approved unanimously by the Texas Senate in January 1979 and served a full six year term before retiring in December 1984.

Returning to their Bell County home, Ken and his wife Melba, founded the Salado Post-Dispatch, located in the historic Vickrey-Berry house. The recession of '85-'86 took its toll including the Post-Dispatch, however never straying far from journalism, Ken continued writing a political column for a number of Texas newspapers and in 1988 created his "Off The Record" column for the Salado Village Voice under the new publisher-editors Tim and Marilyn Fleischer.

He has made his column's "30-" deadline over 950 times during his years with the Salado weekly. In 2007,

he reached the million word mark as an observer of state and national politics.

Ken is Chairman of the Salado Civic Center Foundation and is one of the original members of the group that renovated the old school building in 1992-3.

Royce Wiggin

Royce Wiggin is one of those rare species: a native of Salado, born here in 1989.

He has attended school in Salado since first grade graduating in 2007. While in high school, he was a trumpet player in the Salado Eagle Marching Band and a tennis player.

He began work at the newspaper over the summer of his junior year in high school. His responsibilities include placing and rotating ads on pages, directing phone calls in the office, proof reading, typesetting and a myriad of other duties.

He is the son of Tim and Marilyn Fleischer, owners of the newspaper, and is glad to finally get paid for all the hours he spends at the newspaper office.

Stephanie Hood

A lifelong resident and 1987 graduate of Salado High School, Stephanie is a hometown girl at heart.

"I grew up here, Salado is more to me than just a tourist destination. Salado is its history and its people. I grew up swimming in Salado creek. I remember when people lived in the houses on Main Street and Roy T was the guy who owned the grocery store and played the fiddle. I really enjoy working in my hometown where the

news is about the people who I know and love."

Stephanie joined the newspaper in 2006 as the composition person. She has spent her career creating images that express ideas.

"My background is in Broadcasting, taking a complex idea and fine tuning it into a few simple images and words that make sense to everyone." Stephanie finds using those skills to help out in her community to be the most rewarding.

For 15 years she worked with Children's Miracle Network, creating 'Miracle Stories' about patients at Scott & White. CMN is not the only place Stephanie serves her community. Stephanie, her husband Robin and her four children find plenty of places to volunteer.

Stephanie first appeared at Tablerock at the age of 16. She now serves on the Tablerock Board of Directors and the kids are often found helping out both on and off stage.

The kids all enjoy Scouting. Stephanie serves as the Cubmaster for Pack 115 in Salado as well as serving on the District Scout Committee for Longhorn Council BSA and as an adult Girl Scout Leader for Senior Juliette Scouts in Salado.

A long time interest in pottery led Stephanie to the study of minerals used to formulate glazes. She currently serves as the President and youth director of the Tri-City Gem and Mineral Society.

Stephanie has received numerous awards on a national and state level for her photography.

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The family of Christy Coleman would like to thank our friends, the wonderful community of Salado, students and faculty of SISD, friends and co-workers at Scott and White, and our brothers and sisters at First Baptist for the outpouring of support and prayers during this time of our loss. Christy's death has had a profound effect on anyone fortunate enough to know her.

It is our hope and prayer that each person who was touched by Christy would receive peace and that the seed planted by her words of encouragement or smile will grow and blossom. We are so very proud to live in Salado and have been comforted by the love and concern from so many.



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Areas of concern are these: adequate facilities; Math and Science TAKS at the high school; third grade performance; Hispanic and LEP students lagged white counterpart; Economically disadvantaged lagged white counterparts; students who don't qualify for federal programs; RTI system; special education number of students qualifying; ESL only have one year before they are tested; change in truancy laws; change in drop out rate laws to include GEDs.

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Artfully Yours! Winter festival will focus on arts in Salado Feb. 22-24

With workshop tours, demonstrations and seminars, the Village of Salado will celebrate the authors, artists and artisans who give credence to the term "Artfully Yours" during the Artfully Yours weekend Feb. 22-24.

The weekend will be three days of action packed education, conversation, and entertainment, focusing on the visual arts, manual arts, culinary arts, performing arts and literary arts

You can stock up on supplies at the Salado Artist's Market, learn new techniques at seminars, demonstrations, and lectures and talk to artists, artisans, and authors before beginning your next

project. Shows

A three-day show pass allows access to the Woodworkers show, the Salado Village Artist Studio, musical concerts, and theatrical performances. Discounts will be offered by local eateries, shops, and galleries with the presentation of the show pass. Salado Shops and Galleries will feature artist and artisans to meet and greet during the Festival. Show passes are \$10 in advance and \$15 during the event.

Scheduled to appear are these:

Central Texas Woodworkers Show.

Salado authors reception.

Fashion Show by local



Bob Pascoe of Salado Sawmill is one of the local artisans participating in the Artfully Yours Festival Feb. 22-24 in Salado.

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Salado Village Artist Studio.

Salado choir/chorus Sing-off.

Antique car show.

Seminars

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Scheduled to appear:

On the road with P.T. Barnum: Granger Esch, Silver Spur Theater.

Writing the Salado Legends: Tablerock Theater staff

Kitchen utensils I use in the woodworking shop: Bob Pascoe, Salado Sawmill.

The challenges of wild-life art: Ronnie Wells, Wells Gallery.

The beginning woodworker: Mark Giles, Austin Area Woodworkers.

Playing with clay: Titia, Mud Pies Pottery.

Stained glass art of Texas: Tyler Fletcher, Fletcher's Books and Antiques.

My favorite gemstones: Frankie Sidas, FSG Fine Jewelry.

Glass as a canvas: Melissa Paxton, Coyote Glass.

Car restoration - what it takes: Ron Harrison.

Beading Basics: Brandy Ann Benton, Benton's Gallery.

Song writing 101 (and a 2 and a 3...): Richard Paul Thomas.

Workshop and Gallery Tours

The following galleries and workshops are scheduled to be open for inspection during the Artfully Yours Festival. Workshop tours are free.

Wells Gallery
Prellop Fine Art Gallery

Mud Pies Pottery
B. Herd Gallery
Coyote Glass
Salado Sawmill
Griffith Fine Art Gallery

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Calendar of Events

JANUARY 3

Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. at 317 Stagecoach Rd.

JAN. 3-24

Tablerock's 12 hour course in Classical Mythology, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tues. and Thurs. at the Tablerock Lodge. No admission charge. Refreshments for \$5. Limited to 15. 947-9205.

JAN. 3-FEB. 7

Conversational Spanish classes at Salado Public Library. Session II is 6-8 p.m. Thursdays.

JANUARY 8

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

JANUARY 10

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting at the Salado Civic Center. Social at 9:30 a.m.; program at 10 a.m.

JANUARY 13
The Romero Guitar Quarter, concert by Music in Salado. 4 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. Tickets are \$30 per person.

JANUARY 15

Teacup Tuesday, 9:30-11:00 a.m. First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Charlie Turnbo, local historian, will talk.

JANUARY 15

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

JANUARY 16

The Brown Bag Noon Book Review at the Salado Public Library will feature Letta Meinen.

JANUARY 17

Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. at 317 Stagecoach Rd.

JANUARY 17 - FEB. 7

The Basic Computer Skills four-week session of classes, 1-2:30 p.m. at Salado Public Library. Class is full.

JANUARY 19-20

Beginning Quilting Retreat, at A Sewing Basket, 947-5423.

JANUARY 21

Salado Masonic Lodge meeting, 7:30 p.m. Lodge is on Church St.

JANUARY 23

Salado Lions Club meeting, Salado Civic Center, 11:30 a.m..

JANUARY 26

Baltimore Block of the Month, 1-4 p.m. at A Sewing Basket, 254-947-5423.

JAN. 26-FEB. 1

Varied Visions: A photography exhibit of five photographers sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado at the Bell County Museum, Belton. Museum hours are Tues-Sat. 1-5 p.m.

JANUARY 28

Salado ISD Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center.

JAN. 28-FEB. 28

Tablerock's 12 hour course in Human Language, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tues. and Thurs. at the Tablerock Lodge. No admission charge. Refreshments for \$5. Limited to 15. 947-9205.

JANUARY 29

Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet, 6:30 p.m. at Tenroc Event Center.

JANUARY 31

Salado ISD Stars Conference, showcasing the talents of Salado students.

FEBRUARY 8-9

Third Annual Music Festival in Salado, sponsored by Music in Salado, www.musicinsalado.com.

FEBRUARY 8

Vocal and Chamber Music of Schubert, 7 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. Presented by Music in Salado as part of the Music Festival in Salado.

FEBRUARY 9

International Piano Duo in Concert, 7 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur. Presented by Music in Salado as part of the Music Festival in Salado.

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FEBRUARY 15 & 22

Collage Sweatshirt Jacket on Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at A Sewing Basket, 947-5423.

FEBRUARY 20

Brown Bag Noon Book Review at Salado Public Library, Patty Campbell.

FEBRUARY 22-24

Artfully Yours weekend, celebrating the authors, artists, and artisans of the Village of Salado. Three days of action packed education, conversation, and entertainment. For details, click on www.artfully-yours-tx.info/Home_Page.html

FEBRUARY 23

Authors' Reception, 3-5 p.m. Salado Public Library.

FEBRUARY 28

Transitions Seminar for Salado Seniors, 1-5 at Salado Civic Center. Sponsored by Salado Public Library.

FEB 28-APRIL 3

Basic Conversational Spanish Session III, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Salado Public Library.

MARCH 27-29

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MARCH 29-30

Eighth Annual Wildflower Art Show at the Salado Civic Center.

APRIL 4-5

Gospel Festival at Table Rock Festival of Salado.

MAY 10
Salado Fine Art Gallery Trail. More details TBA.

MAY 17TH

ABWA Scholarship Benefit & Style Show. Longhorn Room Stagecoach. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 947-3617.

JULY 19, 26, AUG. 2

Salado Legends at Table Rock Festival of Salado.

AUGUST 2-3

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Reversal of fortune Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The play that is probably overlooked more often than any other is the dummy reversal. It seems that nearly everyone who plays the game has a built-in blind spot that makes the dummy reversal very difficult to see.

Admittedly, South's decision to bid a grand slam was rather speculative, but it must be conceded that a seven bid is very tempting. Once there, however, South should naturally try to find the line of play most likely to succeed, his only real concern being a diamond loser.

He can, of course, attempt a heart finesse on the opening lead and get the agony over with quickly. But this has at best only a 50-50 chance of success, even if West is the type of player who might lead away from a king against a grand slam.

But there is a far better chance to make the contract if the missing trumps are divided 3-2, which occurs in about two deals out of three. The key is to get the greatest possible mileage out of the trump suit.

The desired goal, peculiarly enough, is to discard the eight of diamonds on one of dummy's trumps, a great trick if it can be done -- and it can be!


The heart jack is taken with dummy's ace, and a heart is ruffed with the jack. A low spade to the eight is followed by a heart ruff with the queen.

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.			
NORTH			
♠ K 10 8			
♥ A Q 6 4			
♦ Q 10 7 2			
♣ Q 3			
WEST			
♠ 6 2			
♥ J 10 9 3			
♦ K J 5 3			
♣ 7 4 2			
EAST			
♠ 7 5 4			
♥ K 8 7 5			
♦ 9 6 4			
♣ 8 6 5			
SOUTH			
♠ A Q J 9 3			
♥ 2			
♦ A 8			
♣ A K J 10 9			
The bidding:			
North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	7♣	Pass
Opening lead — jack of hearts.			

Next comes the nine of spades to the ten and a third heart ruff with South's last trump, the ace.

A club to the queen allows dummy's king of spades to draw East's last trump as declarer discards his diamond loser. South's last five cards are the diamond ace and four clubs, and the grand slam is home. All told, declarer scores dummy's three trumps, three ruffs in his hand, the two red aces and five clubs to come to 13 tricks.

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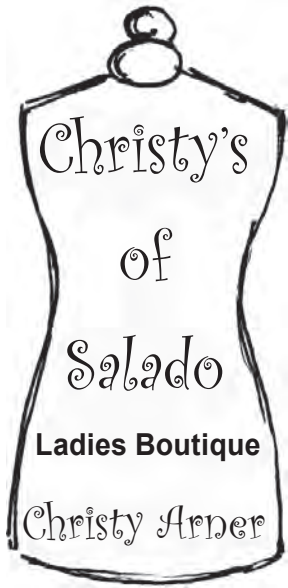
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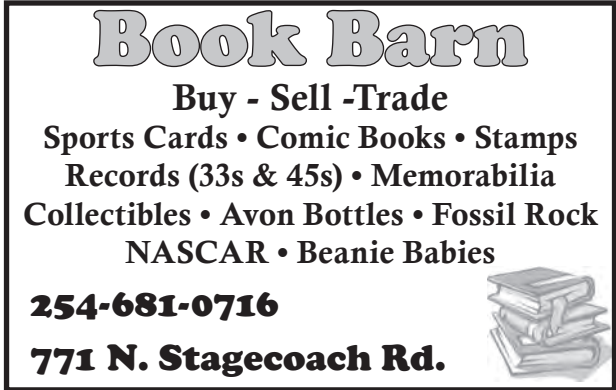


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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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1 Revue segments
5 Navigation aid
8 Milky stone
12 LummoX
13 LummoX
14 Heap
15 Captain Corcoran's ship
17 Sufficient, old-style
18 Traffic problem
19 Analyzed the grammar
21 Point
24 Fond du —, Wis.
25 Former frosh
28 Smooch
30 Scenery chewer
33 Blackbird
34 Pony or bean
35 Tokyo's old name ...
36 ... and its money
37 Black
38 Walked hard (on)
39 Conk out
41 Bigfoot's cousin
43 Bleachers
46 The end
50 Ringlet
51 Seal or walrus
54 Theater trophy
55 Wall climber

56 Dweeb
57 Diplomacy
58 Ball-bearing item?
59 Zales merchandise

hangout
9 Midsized working dog
10 Burn soother
11 Lascivious
16 Winter ailment
20 As well
22 Epidermis
23 Ring site, sometimes
25 "For instance, ..."
26 Inseparable
27 Like some odes
29 Eye woe
31 Big fuss
32 Chic, to Austin Powers
34 "The —

Piper"
38 Ability to choose the perfect moment
40 Bay
42 Heavy weight
43 Highlander
44 Marching band member
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47 Duel tool
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Food facts for youth

As we enter 2008, we will be discussing in a four-part series, "Food Facts for the Y and Z Generations." I can't think of anything more important than educating the youth of this nation on the importance of understanding proper food intake and how quality food can, and is, impacting their health, fitness levels and overall well-being. You see today, what used to be considered "common sense" just isn't so common. The questions covered will be practical, and very appropriate to what these generations are now coming up against.

Here are some of the questions that will be asked and answered in this column as we embark upon "Food Facts for the Y and Z Generations" during the month of January: QUALITY OF FOOD

1. "Does it matter if the animals or produce

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By Kevin McCauley



we eat are healthy or not? Why?"

2. "Should we be concerned about the living conditions of the animals we eat? Why?"

3. "What do natural, organic, beyond organic and biodynamic mean?"

4. "What is conventionally farmed?"

5. "What does GMO stand for? Should I care?"

6. "Can I become or even stay healthy if I eat convenience or fast food every day?"

7. "Gatorade is better than soda, right?"

FOUR MAJOR FOOD GROUPS

1. "Can I count a plate of "French Fries and Ketchup" as one serving each of a vegetable and a fruit?"

2. "A slice of pizza is a well-balanced meal, correct?"

3. "Fruit juices are loaded with beneficial nutrients, right?"

4. "Can I consume canned vegetable juice to achieve my required daily intake of vegetables?"

MISCONCEPTIONS

1. "As long as I keep my calories down, my health and weight will be fine!"

2. "Consuming fat will make me fat!"

3. "I rarely eat real whole foods, but I exercise all of the time to keep the fat off and stay fit and healthy."

4. "If I am skinny my health and metabolism are as good as they can possibly be."

5. "If in a rush, I stay healthy by drinking my

meals, by mixing a protein powder with skim milk."

6. "My favorite professional athlete helps market Gatorade, McDonalds and Pepsi. Look at them!"

7. "Yes I can cook. It's called the microwave."

The overall HEALTH of the children in this nation is on the decline, but the overall size of the children of this nation is on the rise. Childhood obesity is already a pandemic. Adult-Onset Diabetes can no longer be called such because of the rampant increase of children developing Type II Diabetes; some even as early as the age of 6. Children of all ages are now taking medications for "supposed" diseases that didn't even exist ten years ago. A very good percentage of parents will now outlive their children because of the poor health of Generations Y and Z.

Over the next month, this column will hopefully help those parents, and all adults, who are desirous of making a real effort in improving the health of the children of this nation. So please stay tuned, and maybe together we can take a pretty penny out of the pockets of the Drug, and Fast-Food Industries (Before they take it out of yours/ours!).

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New books, DVDs for new year

The New Year is upon us. All of us at the Salado Public Library hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are ready for a great 2008. The library is celebrating the new year with new books.

Little Heathens: Hard Times and High Spirits on an Iowa Farm During the Great Depression is a memoir by Mildred Armstrong Kalish about her childhood on her grandparent's farm in Iowa. The author, a Professor Emeritus of English retired from Suffolk County Community College on Long Island, says her book is about the remarkable challenges and inestimable rewards of living a rural life where children were expected to accept responsibilities beyond the ordinary." The book has received critical praise. *Publisher's Weekly* calls the book "illuminating and memorable".

Readers who love to shop should check out **Just Try It on: a Month by Month Guide to Shopping and Style** by stylist Susan Redstone. This handy guide will help readers stay fashionably up-to-date and stylish.

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Michael McGarrity's Police Chief Kevin Kerney is back in **Death Song**. Kerney, along with Sergeant Clayton Ishtee, finds that a murder investigation is connected with a drug trafficking case. Kerney is about to retire and does not want to leave without this important case solved.

The Salado Public Library also has new DVD's available starting with some very popular series. **24: Season 6 and Midsomer Murders** are back with their popular characters in new episodes. A new DVD series to watch for is **Chancer**, starring Clive Owen. Originally produced in 1990 and 1991 this is the story of Stephen Crane, a "likable conman and rogue".

3:10 to Yuma is a 2007 remake of the 1957 film

by the same name. Dan Evans is a small time rancher who is escorting outlaw Ben Wade to the train that will take him to Yuma where he will stand trial. It is not an easy trip as they face ambush by Wade's gang and other dangers.

What's going on at the library? Here's the scoop on this month's Noon Book Review.

Local Salado author, Letta Meinen, will review her book **The Cinnamon Stick: Tales of the Spice Trade** at noon Jan. 16 here

at the Library. She is not only an accomplished author on paper, but also writes book reviews on *Epinions.com*, a shopping website that provides reviews for all types of products. Meinen has also been published in the book, "Elder Wisdom Circle," a book of advice for youth and adults compiled from the website of the same name. Along with the review,

Meinen will share with us the ins and outs of self-publishing and how to get started with the process. Bring your sack lunch and join us for this very interesting book talk.

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Interviewing Jon Voight again

When the movie *Midnight Cowboy* was being filmed in Big Spring I did a daily radio program on the shooting. I interviewed the lead character, Jon Voight, several times. I was impressed with his friendliness and his willingness to cooperate with members of the media who interviewed him. He was extremely nice to everybody. He played the part of Joe Buck, a small town guy who decided to seek his fortune in New York City. I hung around the various shooting locations during the two weeks the film crew was in town and did interviews with the director, John Schlesinger and others involved with the movie.

At the time I was a correspondent for NBC Radio's Monitor, a weekend series that covered interesting things that were going on around the country. When *Midnight Cowboy* won the Oscar for best picture in 1969, I called the director of Monitor, Gordon Fraser and told him I had all these interviews with people who worked on the film. He

by
Tumbleweed
Smith



said, "Send them up." So the following weekend after the Oscars were announced, Monitor carried several of the interviews.

About six months later I decided to start a daily statewide radio program. My very first program featured an interview with Jon Voight. It has been interesting to see his career just zoom. He's done some 70 movies and won a best actor Oscar for the movie *Coming Home*.

I was talking to my wife the other day and told her the 10,000th broadcast of my radio program was coming up. She said, "You ought to do something special for that program." I decided to see if I could do another interview with Jon Voight and air it on February 7, the date of my 10,000th program. Through several emails and telephone calls I was

able to get hold of Jon Voight and do another interview with him. All his fame and accolades have not changed him a bit. He was as friendly and cordial when I interviewed him the other day, as he was when I interviewed him nearly 40 years ago.

Would you believe he actually thanked me for helping launch his career. His exact words were: "Tumbleweed, you and I are brothers. We both started way back when I was in Big Spring with *Midnight Cowboy* and you came along and interviewed all of us and you did such an amazing job for us and I really think you were a part of the launching of my career. It was such a pleasure to know you and to be back in touch with you and congratulate you on your 10,000th broadcast of THE SOUND OF TEXAS. You've made a lot of people happy, me among them. God bless you."

Folks, I can't express how much those words mean to me. Jon Voight is spending a lot of time these days going to VA hospitals and visiting members of the military who were wounded in the war. He told me he knew that his role of Joe Buck would be a life-changing experience for him. He had done some stage work off-Broadway and a couple of independent films, but this was his first big movie.

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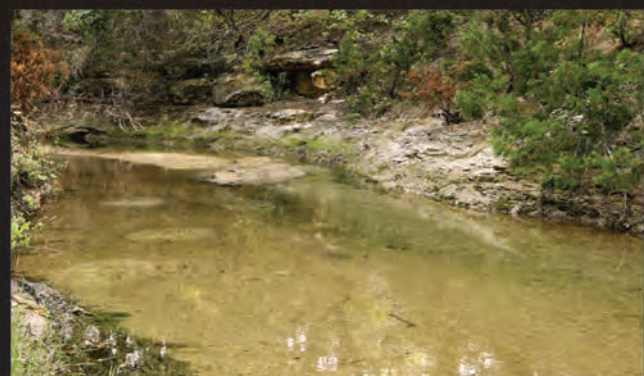
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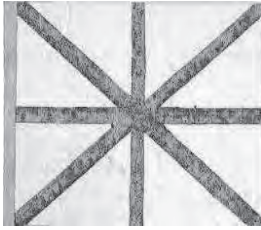
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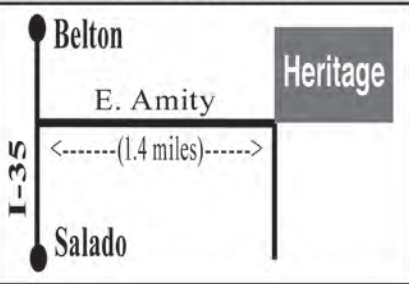


1-3 Acre Homesites

- Salado School District
- No City Taxes
- Lots \$39,500 & Up
- Highly Restricted
- No Homeowners Association
- Combined lots at discount
- Mail delivered to house

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Salado Charm! Great opportunity for home and business, home and rental property or just a great home in very convenient location. Two story side is 1300+ sf and formerly Wishing Well Antiques PLUS 1500+ sf attached residence. Some recent updates. Don't miss this one! **Reduced** to \$185,000 Call Carrice at 254-228-6873 for more info.



ALMOST 10 ACRES Texas Style Home with 3359 sq ft. boasts Oversized Open Living Area, Big Bedrooms, Huge closets, stainless kitchen, Granite Counter Tops, Walk-in Shower, Split Floor Plan, Custom Cabinets, and Generous Country Porches. Stock Tank, Barn/Workshop/Garage Combo, Fenced, Less than 5 years old. \$429,900



4/3.5/2 Home on 21 + acres. Extra detached 2-car garage, shop, fenced, barn & pens. \$465,000. Call Suzanne @ 254-721-3605



907 Indian Trail. 3/2/2 Mill Creek. Updated gorgeous kitchen with island. 2 Dinings. Large Trees. Big Lot. Call Peggy @254-624-4070



Large lots with views available in Highland Estates near Belton schools and just 5 minutes from the lake. Call Cindy at 254-760-2387.



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80 S. Main



Virtual Tour
Fine Living Defined throughout this Elegant Estate! Negative Edge Swimming Pool! Wine cellar, GE stainless steel appliances, interior stone walls, granite counters, rich crown molding, much more. **\$729,000.**



Virtual Tour
Beautiful custom home on tree-covered lot. 2 living rooms, large kitchen, 3+ car garage, granite counters and much more. Landscaping and blinds. Priced at **\$489,900.**



Virtual Tour
Quality is shown throughout this home on 3 tree-covered acres. Features include granite counters, stainless steel appliances, stone fireplace, 3 car garage and much more. 4 BR/2.5 BA/2 liv/2 din. **\$486,000**



Virtual Tour!
Spectacular Texas ranch-style home with extravagant wood craftsmanship. Granite counters and exposed beams make this 4 BR/3.5BA/2GA a must-see! **\$469,900.**



Virtual Tour!
Stunning home east of Salado. Bamboo and travertine flooring, upgraded countertops, stainless steel appliances, large lot, 3 car garage. **\$375,000**



Golf Course living at its best! Beautifully landscaped home, fabulous floorplan with 2 living areas, formal dining, study, 3 car garage. Call for tour, **\$339,900.**



Like to play golf? Excellent Home in Mill Creek on the golf course. High ceilings, Granite Countertops, & Hardwood Floors make this home a must see! **\$275,000**



Recently Updated and Ready for Move In. New Carpet, Fresh Paint and updated appliances. Call Ryan for more information today!! **\$179,900.**



Bring your horses! Home includes a nice 2-stall horse barn, dog run/pen and storage barn. Nice 3 bed, 2 bath home, 2 living rock home on 1.34 acres in Salado. **\$149,900.**



SOLD
Won't last long! Easy care, 3 bedroom, 3 bath home in Salado. Pretty landscaping, metal roof, nice desk, storage building, and room for an RV. **\$132,500.**



UNDER CONTRACT
Beautiful deck and tree covered lot complement this 3 bedroom 2 bath Salado home. Updated kitchen, nice wood floors in living, and more. **\$129,900**



Perfect family home in Killeen, large trees. Open floor plan, updated flooring. This house shows and feels brand new. Look at this for 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath **\$108,500.**



Three bedroom cottage in Holland on 1/2 acre lot with large trees, garden spot. ~~\$65,000.~~ **\$59,000.**



Beautiful Landscaping and Gorgeous Tree-Covered Lot invite you into this Extensively Renovated Home in Mill Creek. Call Today for an Appointment. **\$229,000.**



Historic Commercial Site in the heart of Salado. 3871 sq ft in main structure, outdoor seating area w/ fireplace. Several dining and meeting areas on two floors. Main structure includes unfinished basement. Separate structure could serve as office or separate rental.

Lots

One-of-a-Kind!! Creek with water fall! Well and electricity in place on Lot 243, Hidden Springs. **\$59,900.**
3.27 acre homesite, Lot 326 Mission Trail in Hidden Springs, **\$45,000.**
Beautiful treed lot in Mill Creek on South Ridge Road. **\$44,900. REDUCED.**
Indian Trail at Blaylock, large corner lot. 90x188 **\$40,000**

Under 10 Acres Under Contract

Two 1.2 acre lots on Sam Houston Rd., **\$20,000** and **\$29,900.**
Lot 296 Mourning Dove, beautiful cleared homesite. Nice trees on the 5 acre lot. **\$59,900.**
Lot 158 Western Trail. Mostly wooded creek front lot. Over 3 acres, **\$75,000.**
Lot 156 Western Trail. Mostly wooded creek front lot. 3.23 acres, **\$75,000.**

10 to 100 Acres

12 acres with beautiful live oak trees. This acreage would make a fantastic home site. **\$250,000.**
Over 30 acres in Bartlett. Good development property, well located with frontage on Bell Street and Harold Clark road. **\$106,170**
Nearly 50 acres on Hwy 95 and CR 355. Excellent location for development. Level to rolling highly productive Black land. **\$174,300**
25 acres between Salado & Holland with frontage and coastal fields perfect for horses. **\$5,000 per acre.**
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21.68 acres off of FM 2115 with outstanding views and nice pond, **\$185,000.**
55.38 acres, productive Blackland adjoining residential area on NW side of Bartlett. **\$193,830.**
44 acres off of Firefly Road between Salado and Florence. Great Trees. Will Divide. **\$5,000/acre.**

Over 100 Acres

126 acre ranch with 1,769 sq. ft. hme. 3 BR/1.5 BA/2 liv/2 car garage. Property located off of FM 2843. **\$595,000.**
146 acres, 4 miles northwest of Salado, off of Smith Dairy. **\$3,200 per acre.**
147 acres east of Academy on Reeds Lake Road. Beautiful hill country with outstanding coastal. Property has draw running through middle with 3 small tanks with excellent opportunity to enlarge. Possible gravel reserve as well. **\$3,450 per acre.**

Commercial

The famous Cotton Club and Steakhouse in Granger. Call Alan Persky at 254-760-2924 for information. **\$995,000.**
Great commercial site IH-35/FM 2484. **\$429,900.**
30 acres IH 35, 1 mile south of Stagecoach Inn.

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