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First day of class Aug. 9

SISD anticipates over 1,000 students

About 1,025 students are expected for the first day of school in Salado Aug. 9.

Preliminary enrollment figures show Thomas Arnold Elementary with 364 students, Salado Intermediate School with 338 students and Salado High School with 326 students.

Thomas Arnold Elementary has enrolled students in the following grade levels: Pre-K, 12; Kindergarten, 56; First, 66; Second, 81; Third, 75 and Fourth, 74.

Salado Intermediate School enrolled students in

these grades: Fifth, 67; sixth, 103; seventh, 82; and eighth, 86.

Salado High School enrolled students in these grades: Ninth, 89; 10th, 89; 11th, 79; and 12th, 69.

According to administrators, these numbers are preliminary and will likely change between now and the week after the Labor Day holiday.

The first bell rings at 7:55 a.m. at all three campuses. Thomas Arnold Elementary will finish the day at 3:30 p.m., followed by

Salado Intermediate and Salado High at 3:33 p.m.

Nine regular bus routes and one special needs bus routes begin picking students up at 6:45 a.m. for daily delivery to the schools.

School breakfast will be served at Thomas Arnold Elementary beginning at 7:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at Thomas Arnold Elementary to students through fourth grade. Lunch will be served at Salado Intermediate School for students in grades 5-12.

For more information about the school breakfast and lunch programs, call 947-1706 or 947-8414.

The students will be greeted by two new principals at Salado High, a new athletic director and 16 new teachers.

Salado High

Kay Matthews has been promoted to SHS principal.

Sandie Hanks: Assistant Principal, Salado High School.

Jeff Cheatham: Athletic Director, Biology teacher.

Lynna Welbourn: Social

Studies and coach, Volleyball, Basketball and Softball.

Robert Daniell: Agriculture Science.

Charla Manning: will serve as interim band director for 2000/01.

Clayton Capps: Interim Band Aide

Chad Olson: Economics/Government, Baseball

Sarah Olson: Chemistry, Biology.

Christian Briehn: Physics, Composite Science.

Salado Intermediate

Kiersten Lancaster: So-

cial worker with Communities in Schools, Killeen.

Melissa Johnston-Hyer: 5-8 PE -

Debbie Wigley: 6th grade Science.

Shelley Cheatham: 5th grade Science.

Jacky Dumas: English and Football Coach

Travis Ling: Life Science, Football, Baseball.

Joshua Messinger: JH Math/Science/Coach.

Thomas Arnold

Kim Hines: 3rd grade.

Lisa Wagnon: 4th grade.

Good luck, students!

Salado voters decide future of village Aug. 12

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Salado voters will determine the future of the village when they decide the issue of incorporation of a two-square mile area Aug. 12. The polls will be open at the Salado Civic Center on Main St. 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Early voting ended Aug. 8, after press time for the *Salado Village Voice*. Early voting turnout, however, has been tremendous with 593 casting ballots through 7:15 a.m. Aug. 8. A total of 720 votes were cast in the 1996 incorporation election, which was handily defeated 530 against to 190 for.

In three previous elections, the issue of incorporation has been defeated by wide margins, as much as seven to one. In the earlier elections, the Salado Chamber of Commerce and other village organizations have been deeply involved in the debate. The Chamber of Commerce has purposely avoided the debate in this election stating that the issue should be brought by grassroots effort, if at all.

Citizens of Salado is leading the grassroots effort for incorporation. The group formed earlier this summer in reaction to annexation moves by Belton along I-35 corridor.

In June, Belton annexed a one-mile long, 1,000-foot wide strip along I-35 to bring its city limits south of

Tahuaya Rd. That annexation brought Belton's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) to just north of Amity Rd. Last month, the Belton city council authorized city manager Jeff Holberg to begin annexation of another one-mile strip along I-35 to its current ETJ. This process could take 90 days to complete, at which time the city could begin another step south.

Holberg told *Salado Village Voice* last month that he could foresee at least one more annexation step after completion of this process.

Facing the threat of being caught in Belton's annexation plans, Saladoans drafted a petition calling for the Aug. 12 incorporation election. After presenting the petition to County Judge Jon Burrows, the group has been meeting regularly to work at passing the issue. The group has distributed yard signs and pamphlets in favor of incorporation, as well as gathering information on the costs and revenues of a small municipality like Salado.

Citizens of Salado met Aug. 3 for the final time before the Aug. 12 election.

Vic Means, chairman of the finance committee, presented more information on the costs and revenues of a potential municipality. "We

met with County Engineer Richard Macchi to get an idea of the costs of main-

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(photo by Marilyn Fleischer)

Salado Art Fair

Cindy Dale works with a child in the Children's Tent during the Salado Art Fair Aug. 5-6. Salado Pottery, owned and operated by Jim and Cindy Dale, sponsors

the Children's Tent each year to support the Chamber of Commerce event. For more photos of the Salado Art Fair, turn to page 5B & 9B.

SISD trustees approve \$5.8 million budget, vote 4-2 to propose \$1.49 per \$100 tax rate

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Salado school trustees unanimously approved a \$5.8 million budget for the 2000-2001 school year, following a public hearing on the matter Aug. 7 at the Salado Civic Center.

The budget increases spending by approximately \$250,000 over last year's budget, chiefly in the areas of instruction, instructional resources, guidance, student transportation, cocurricular/extracurricular. It realizes cuts in plant maintenance and debt service.

Jackie Burson, the only Salado ISD resident in attendance besides board members, administration and media, told the board, "I don't know much about this budget, but I want to know whether you're going to raise my taxes or not."

The board will conduct a public hearing on the \$1.49 tax rate Aug. 21 at the Salado Civic Center. Though the proposed tax rate remains the same overall, it increases the maintenance and operating tax rate from \$1.31 to \$1.321, while it decreases the interest and sinking tax rate from \$0.18 to \$0.169. The rate is based

on \$100 of property evaluation.

Trustees proposed the tax rate after examining several implications of school funding and future needs during a revenue workshop session immediately following the budget meeting.

The board considered costs to repair or replace the roof at Salado High, upgrading the air conditioning at Salado High, the impact of a three-percent step increase on next year's budget and maximizing state funding for the next biennium.

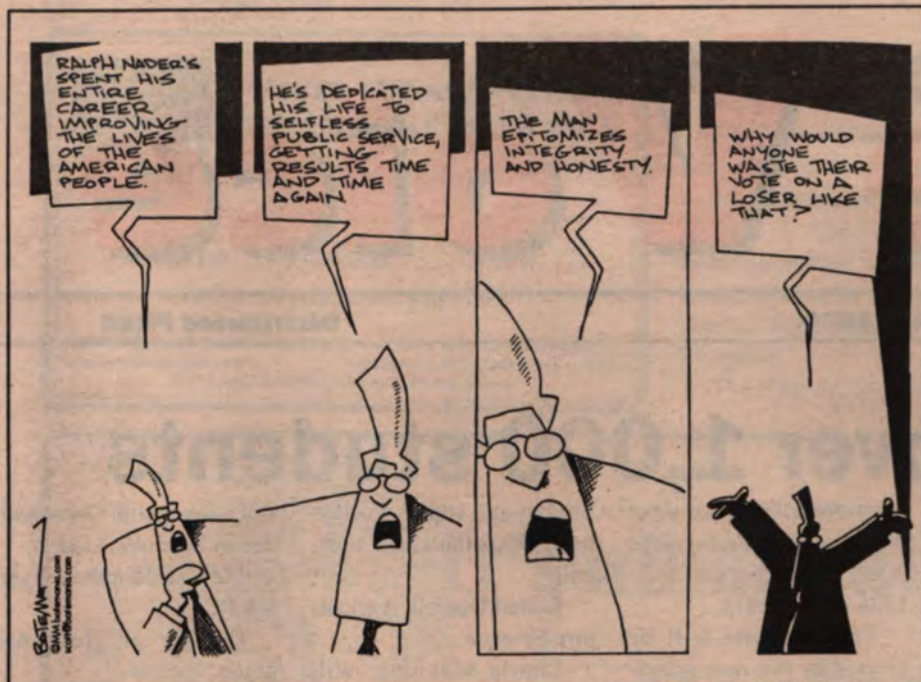
The board first rejected

then later accepted a motion by Carse Williams to propose the \$1.49 tax rate, while eliminating the early payment discount offered to property owners.

The board split on the first motion with Williams, Frank Carlson and Darrell Street voting for and Lynn Epps, Miriam Ervi and Dr. Bob Merrill voting against. Board member John Konzen was absent.

Dr. Merrill proposed a \$1.52 tax rate with no discount, saying that this was "really a six-cent increase in taxes." It failed 1-5 before

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The choice is simple

The choice on Aug. 12 is simple.

Either we go on in the same manner as we have for so long, or we choose to change our path.

It is time to change our path. Maintaining our identity as a village is only one defense of voting in favor of incorporation.

If this election fails, it will be at least three years before Salado has the opportunity to consider it again.

By that time, Salado may no longer be Salado. It may be part of Belton. Or it may be split in half if Belton continues its narrow march down the interstate.

Maintaining our integrity as a village is a much stronger defense of incorporation. Wimberley, a village very similar in nature to our own, voted to incorporate to protect its integrity. Because of its lack of zoning and land use ordinances, Wimberley's growth in the past few years has resulted in less than desirable change in the downtown area of that community.

Salado, by comparison, has been the victim of the same type of growth. For decades, Salado was able to protect itself from undesirable growth by peer pressure, high property values, and lack of basic utility services, such as water treatment.

These barriers to uncontrolled growth will tumble in the foreseeable future. The first to fall was peer pressure. In the past, Saladoans influenced the type of building at the heart of the village by suggestion, coercion and downright bluffing. But, recently, Main Street has changed in a manner that affects us all.

Not only has the quality of construction suffered in recent years, but weekends find street vendors selling everything from refreshments to crafts to puppies along our Main St. With no regulations in place to limit or chase off these vendors, we suffer as our integrity and identity suffers.

Tim Fleischer

Our Voice

Editorial Opinion

As undesirable land use continues, property values will eventually fall, which will result in further undesirable growth. This will become a vicious circle that will affect all of us whether we own property on Main Street, Mill Creek or Baines Drive.

With incorporation, Saladoans can influence the development at the heart of our village. While we favor property rights, it is important that no single individual can denigrate an entire community, hiding behind the façade of property rights.

We can become stewards of our village beginning Aug. 12. We have the opportunity to affirm our identity and defend our integrity. In the face of inevitable growth, we have the opportunity to ensure that future growth complements our village, rather than detracting from it.

Without incorporation, the last barrier to uncontrolled growth is the lack of a central wastewater treatment facility for the downtown area. Brazos River Authority is conducting a feasibility study of a public-private approach to this issue of wastewater treatment. If a partnership between business and BRA (or some other authority) comes to fruition, our final barrier against uncontrolled growth will tumble. No longer will a restaurant, hotel or retail business have to consider the costs of on-site treatment before construction.

If we continue to lack land use and zoning restrictions, the soul of Salado is at risk.

So, the basic choice we face on Aug. 12 is this: is the soul of our village worth the cost we will have to pay?

For us, the answer is, unequivocally, yes.

Marilyn L. Fleischer

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

GOP given high marks for convention

Democrats to convene in LA next week

The 2000 Republican National Convention went into the history books last Thursday following Governor George W. Bush's acceptance speech before thousands of happy delegates in Philadelphia's First Union Center as well as across the nation to millions of Americans.

Best way to describe the convention is to say it was disciplined in that attendees stayed on course with no clashes between either side of the abortion-religion issues or any other hot button items that might cause voters to think the GOPers were less than together.

This year's Grand Old Party is united.

They want to win above all else. And if Bush and Dick Cheney can lay out a set of ideas - stick to them in a relatively courteous manner while keeping the normal campaign in-fighting and in-house, they stand a chance of carrying the day provided they can convince moderates, independents and unhappy Democrats of their ability to lead with dignity, maturity and ideas that appeal to the masses.

The Bush-Cheney plan of attack against the Al Gore-Joseph Lieberman team will be to tie Clinton to Gore so whenever the Veep is mentioned it will always be "Gore-Clinton" or "Clinton-Gore". All in hopes that those who dislike Clinton will not give Gore a chance on his own. Probably a good strategy.

The final grade for the GOP gathering - based on quality of speeches; decorum of delegates; sticking with the message; unity and "bounce" is a solid "A"!

DEMOS TURN NEXT WEEK

It's the Democrats turn now as they head for Los Angeles next week to crank up their follower's spirits and prepare for the upcoming battle-royal.

Vice president Al Gore knows that Bush, Cheney, et al, will come at him with a number of battle plans mostly roping him as tightly to Clinton as they can. What his strategy will be to defense this GOPoffense is yet to be unveiled. But it had better be good. And Clinton needs to be careful when he speaks to delegates and the nation in LA. He could easily sink the Good-Ship-Gore before it clears the dock.

The Demo convention needs to be well behaved but with such a wide array of ideas and demands usually found under any Demo "tent" or roundup - you can't expect miracles.

The eyes of the nation will be on Gore, his speech and the Democratic counterattack next week.

Right now the momentum is on the GOP side which is only natural following a successful convention. Spirits are high and the candidates are pumped. Soon the Republican "bounce" in poll numbers will return to normal and the Demos will then get their share of the post convention hike in approval numbers.

From Labor Day to November 7, it is expected that the survey numbers will indicate a tight race with almost daily polls showing first one and then the other with slight leads. Opinions from the undecided centrist voters will begin moving back and forth right up to election day.

The debates will prove helpful to Gore but don't count Bush out as he is being prepped for these encounters by experts.

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



Fear of Gore's debating ability is evident by the Bushies so these debates, however many there will be, are "must see" events.

Best guess right now is that the race could go to the wire and we may not know the winner until the West coast returns begin pouring in late on election night. Talk about excitement. Like old times.

This will be a textbook run for the presidency and we highly recommend to everyone - even those who express no interest in politics, to keep an eye on this 2000 campaign. Be worth the time spent.

VIVA AUSTIN SALAMANDER

Regular readers of this column (as well as a few intermittent political sojourners) know we print an "Only in Austin" section from time to time that explores happenings which seemingly occur only in that once happy-hippy-haven for disparate souls we call our State Capital.

On point - we discovered just last week a report that wise city hall officials had decreed the spending of \$154,000 of taxpayer's money to build a breeding place for the famous Austin salamander.

For those not up on this lizard-like amphibian that has been declared an endangered species - this is the weak-legged night crawler that nearly closed down the Barton Creek swimming hole and actually did stop construction in that prime southwest Austin building area.

What the biologists have in mind is to create a breeding facility - sort of a "love motel" that will allow the little lizards to copulate publicly (two scientists will be watching at all times) so that enough little salamanders can be produced, thus permitting the Feds to take the amphibian off their bad list and thereby allow the Barton Springs area to go the way of other sections of Austin - high density commercial buildings, apartments, plenty of pavement and other amenities that have all but ruined our once beautiful and peaceful state capital.

The proposed fun-and-games facility for the all but lost lizard, will include a chiller, several tanks, electrical work, piping and lab equipment for testing. Probably be air conditioned so the water will match the temperature of Barton Springs.

As mentioned at the outset of this important scientific announcement - only in Austin would such an expenditure of public funds be used to promote the procreation of an ugly and distant relative to the Newt (not Gingrich). A creepy crawler that brought the capital city's movers and shakers to their knees while unknowingly protecting the last visible trace of a once neat and happy community that traditionally attracted the street cuckoos, the computer whiz-kids, students and aging protestors and now is the promised land for those who make zillions by tearing up the landscape so folks can live like cave dwellers in the thousands of "hide holes" they call luxury apartments.

That's -30-

Causes of freedom

Gentlemen:

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary to fight for the basic American principles of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, one must show himself stout of heart for the honorable causes of freedom.

There is no freedom, no life, no liberty and no happiness in a \$0.71 per \$100 valuation tax rate as imposed by Belton. This heinous tax rate is substantially more than twice the tax rate we paid in West University Place, an inner city, independently governed city of more than a little status in Houston, which provided excellent city services to its citizens.

Two years ago, we bought land in Salado with the intent to build our retirement home. That home is almost complete.

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

We were taken by the land, the charm and the people of this village. Now, when we are confronted with the threat of annexation, it makes us angry. Had we wished to retire in Belton, we would have purchased land in Belton. We do not wish to be Beltonite slaves to a ridiculously inflated tax rate cast upon their Salado "reachlings" for an exhaustive period of time.

We are Salado proud and do not wish to be servant to greedy, absentee landlord politicians who would yield precious little benefit to our village and citizenry.

Self-governance is a precious process that should not be feared, but revered.

This is one of the founding principles of America, and should, by all right and privilege, become an integral freedom of Salado life.

We voted, proudly, YES for SALADO, to protect these rights and genuinely hope the majority of you shall also.

Allen and Rita Rice
Salado

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FORUM

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Where are all the teachers?

By Dr. Robin
Battershell

SISD Superintendent

We are losing teachers at a rate greater than the rate that universities and alternative certification programs are able to replace them. Many teachers of the baby-boom generation are preparing to retire, enrollment is soaring and a healthy economy affords young graduates, especially women, more job choices, which provide much higher salaries.

Nationwide, US Education Secretary Richard Riley says, "It's gotten so bad that some schools have been forced to put any warm body in front of a classroom." Estimates show that 250,000 of the nation's teachers lack proper basic training and that nearly half of 1992-93 education majors never worked in a public school and one in five left the field within three years (Education Week).

Many states are taking extraordinary steps to recruit and retain quality

teachers. New York is giving free college tuition to students who commit to teaching, and recruiting teachers from all over the world. Other states are providing low-interest tuition loans, mortgage loans, pay raises, signing bonuses, scholarships and relocation aid to attract individuals to teaching.

Currently, greater than 22 percent of all Texas teachers lack certification for the subject area they are assigned to teach (Texas Education Agency). One in five students are enrolled in classes with uncertified teachers. The Texas State Board of Education Certification estimates that there will be 44,000 teaching jobs open for the 2000-2001 school year with school districts competing for approximately 14,000 new teachers.

For the first time, Salado ISD has been unable to fill all vacancies with individuals certified in the teaching field they are assigned to teach. We experienced a 17 percent turnover this year, as compared with 9.7 percent for last year. Salado

ISD administrators have been interviewing and hiring teachers throughout July; hiring is usually completed by mid-June. Salado ISD is hiring more teachers through aggressive recruitment, especially in math and science. We are using several teachers who are going through or who have completed alternative certification programs and we are using retired teachers to teach part-time. We have hired individuals to teach one specialty course and have hired individuals from other careers, i.e. engineering. We are maximizing the flexibility afforded us by the State Board of Education Certification.

At a state and local level, we must address the issue of teacher pay and benefits. I advocate substantially increasing teacher pay, providing comprehensive health insurance coverage, providing incentives for excellence and changing the climate for teachers.

First, let's address the issue of teacher pay. Last year, the Texas Legislature approved a \$3,000 pay increase for all public school

teachers, yet Texas ranks 35th nationwide in teacher pay. Twenty-eight percent of Texas teachers work a second job. After the past Legislative session, I do not anticipate the State substantially increasing teacher pay during the upcoming session; thus, locally, we must increase our teacher pay so that it is competitive with other careers. Having worked in many school districts, I can tell you that we have wonderful, professional, highly-trained teachers teaching our children. I want to keep them. The way to keep quality teachers is to pay and reward them in a manner commensurate with the importance of the job. The average new teacher salary is \$25,735 compared with the average beginning salary of a business administration major of \$34,831. My most precious possessions are my children and my children come into contact with teachers a lot more than they encounter business majors. Which job is more important to our future?

As teacher in academic areas such as science, math,

special education and bilingual education become scarce, we must provide signing bonuses. Some Texas districts are paying signing bonuses of up to \$10,000.

Second, the Texas Legislature needs to approve health insurance coverage for educators. The State of Texas provides a comprehensive health plan for state employees, yet fails to provide health coverage for educators who deal with children's stuffy noses, colds and viruses -- each and every day.

Third, at a state and local level, we must provide titles, accolades, financial rewards and public recognition to the best teachers. Unlike individuals in the business community, teachers have little to no opportunity for bonuses and upward mobility. Teachers with master's and doctoral degrees receive the same pay as teachers with bachelor's degrees, unless there is a local stipend. Outstanding teachers receive the same pay as poor teachers. A reward system for excellence in teaching

needs to be established.

Fourth, the climate for teachers must change. This will only occur when we all work together as a team. Parents, administrators and the community must establish and support fair yet strict discipline. We need to give teachers as much flexibility as possible in choosing their professional development and curriculum. Most important, we all must appreciate and respect the expertise and experience that most teachers bring into the classroom.

We contradict ourselves when we say our children are our first priority and yet we fail to establish a system that attracts and retains the very best adults to teach our children. I ask for your support in recruiting and keeping the very best teachers for our children.

Dr. Battershell will write a bi-monthly column and wishes to address needs and concerns in the community. If you have any questions you would like Dr. Battershell to respond to, please send them to P.O. Box 98, Salado, TX 76571.

Can I lose my license for not paying my child support? Yes, you can

By John Cornyn

Attorney General of Texas

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 and owe more than 90 days of 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 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

caseload with computer tapes from 58 different licensing agencies.

The system checks 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 will provide 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. The case will be referred for administrative or judicial prosecution.

Q: Can any other state agency or private company handle child support enforcement cases, and if so, will 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 DO 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. Some agencies may have you sign a contract that allows the company to receive a portion of any child support collected, even if the agency did NOT actually collect the payment for you.

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 caseload is much larger than that of any private collection agency.

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Salado Stars Seventh grade basketball players are pictured from left to right (back row): Coach Dwight Jennings, Garrison Hennig, Devon Dunn, Joseph Shumate, and Coach Davis. Front row (left to right): Matt Caskey, Matt Jennings, Nick Everett and Cameron Davis. The Stars completed their Spring and Summer schedule placing second in the B Bracket Tournament in Denton.

Stars finish second

The Salado Stars 7th grade basketball team completed its Spring and Summer schedule by finishing second in the "B Bracket Tournament" in Denton. This highly-competitive tournament featured Texas teams from Irving, Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Canyon, Carrollton, Krum, and Plano-Allen-McKinney.

The Salado Stars would like to thank all the merchants and individuals from Salado, Temple, and Killeen who financially contributed to the team.

Additionally, Coach Dwight Jennings would like to thank all the parents who supported this Spring and Summer basketball program. A special thanks to Assistant Coach Ronnie Everett who provided valuable coaching help and recorded team statistics; Terry Shumate and Johnnie Caskey who ran the time-clock and marked the score-book; and Beverly Hennig who organized the fund raising effort.

Baseball Assoc. celebrates seasons end

The Salado Youth Baseball Association will be hold its End of Season Celebration 5 p.m. Aug. 12 at Hodge Field.

They will recognize sponsors, coaches and award trophies to players. The drawing for the 4-wheeler will be held.

Youth Soccer sign-up Aug 12

The Salado Youth Soccer Association will be holding soccer sign-ups noon-4 p.m. Aug. 12 at Brookshire Brothers.

If your children are between the ages of four and 10, they will be eligible to play. If they have never played for SYSA, a copy of the Birth Certificate is required.

The first game of the season will be held Sept. 9.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The SALADO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m., August 21, 2000 in the SALADO CIVIC CENTER, 602 NORTH MAIN STREET, SALADO, TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates With Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.3100	\$0.1800	* \$1.4900	\$3,261	\$2,674
* Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.4540	\$0.1880	* \$1.6420	\$3,357	\$2,472
Proposed Rate	\$1.3210	\$0.169	\$1.490	\$3,395	\$2,471

* The Interest and Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residence	\$111,000	\$109,000
Average Taxable Value of Residence	\$95,663	\$93,909
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.4900	\$1.4900
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,425.38	\$1,399.24
Increase (Decrease) in Texas		(26.14)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.7002. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.7002.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$0
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

Water use high in Salado

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

As summer temperatures remain in the triple-digits, water usage in Salado remains high.

Salado Water Supply Corporation (SWSC) Manager Ricky Preston asks the 1,650 customers to voluntarily limit their recreational water usage.

Earlier requests to limit water usage worked for short periods, Preston said, but water usage has moved back up to a peak usage of 1.8 million gallons per day.

"We can treat 2 million gallons of water in 24 hours," Preston said, adding that if the usage continues to increase, mandatory rationing may result.

"We do not have to have a Drought Contingency Program in place in order to enforce mandatory rationing," Preston said. "Our tariff gives us that authority."

SWSC is developing a Drought Contingency Program for approval by the

Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC). It is currently under review by engineers before being presented to TNRCC.

Voluntary cutbacks

"Folks cut back their water usage for awhile when they got their last water bill," Preston said, "but after a few days they were back up to peak usage." Most of the water usage is outdoor watering, he added.

During the winter months, the average SWSC customer uses only 424 gallons of water per day.

During the summer months, the average customer uses 1,050 gallons of water per day.

"When peak usage exceeds capacity," Preston stated, "we must upgrade or expand our treatment capacity. This is not cheap and the costs involved are passed on to the customers."

The highest water usage

day came within five percent of maxing out treatment capacity. That was when customers used 1.9 million gallons of water on July 23 this year.

"The most water we can treat in a day is 2 million gallons," Preston said. "If we meet or exceed that amount, we will have to resort to mandatory water rationing."

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Church News

Hays celebrate 50 year anniversary

Mr. James H. Hays Sr. and Mrs. Dorthy M. Hays celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Aug. 5. Jim and Dot were married in Belton on Aug. 5, 1950 at the First Baptist Church of Belton, officiated by Dr. James Baisden.

Serving as Dot's Maid of Honor was here only sister, Marcelyn Crouch, of Freeport. Jim's Best Man was Dr. George Campbell, of Belton.

Dot is the former Dorthy Mae Crouch and grew up along the Gulf in Freeport. Jim grew up in Belton. He is now retired from The Aluminum Company of America and Subsidiaries (ALCOA), where he held the title and position of Chief Construction Engineer.



James H. & Dorthy M. Hays

The Hays have retired in Salado and Belton after residing in Rockdale and Houston, in Texas, as well as Kingston, Jamaica, Evansville, Indiana, Lausanne, Switzerland and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (three times).

They are the parents of

Jim Hays, Jr., of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Rue Hays Hammon, of Wheeling, West Virginia.

They are the grandparents of five: Lauren Kay and James Edward Hays and Thomas Luke, Jamie Rue and Brett Scott Hammon.

Brooks passes away at age 89

Doolen R. Brooks, 89, of Salado died Aug. 2, 2000 in Temple.

Services were held Aug. 5, 2000 at Victory Baptist Church with Pastors Raymond Lindsey, Doc Lindsey and Billy Barho officiating. Burial followed the service at Cedar Valley Cemetery.

He was born March 27, 1911 in Bell County. He

was a farmer and rancher. He was a member of the Victory Baptist Church and donated to and supported the Texas Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock. He was also a life-long resident of Salado.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lena Brooks in 1996 and a son, Franklin Brooks in 1991.

He is survived by sons, Robert Brooks of Andalusia, AL and William (Bill) Brooks of Florence; daughters, Nelta Wigley of Salado, Rayma White of Rusk, and Della Curtis of French Camp, MS; and a sister, Stella Jackson of Salado. He is also survived by 18 grandchildren and 32 grandchildren.

Lindseys married 50 years

Elmer and Betty Lindsey recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with dinner at the Salt Grass Steakhouse in Round Rock July 29 with their daughters, Tammy Knight and Brenda Holder.

The Lindseys were married July 20, 1950 in Youngsport by D.W.

Lindsey, Elmer's uncle. They have lived in the Salado area for 32 years.

Betty, formerly Betty Tanner, is retired from Compass Bank, Salado. Elmer is a retired rancher.

They have four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Courtney Burleson named on Dean's List

Salado native Courtney Burleson earned academic honors for the spring 2000 semester at Howard Payne University.

Burleson, a social work major, was named to the

Dean's List. She is the daughter of Edd and Ruth Burleson.

Students must accumulate a grade point average of 3.65 to 3.99 for the Dean's List.

Bell County Texas Democratic women hold meeting Aug. 12

The Bell County Texas Democratic Women will hold their monthly meeting Aug. 12 at the Democratic Headquarters, 111 N. East Street in Belton. Social time with refreshments will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow at 10 a.m.

Speaker for the meeting will be Phyllis Wells, of Killeen who is the Secretary for the Bell County Central Labor Council.

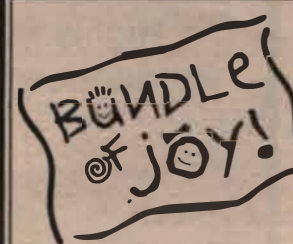
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Methodist look forward to day at Peaceable Kingdom

Family Day at Peaceable Kingdom

At 2 p.m. August 20, the Salado United Methodist Church Family will gather at Peaceable Kingdom for swimming, hiking, video games, and movies for their fall family day. Late afternoon in the newly built lodge, the church family will enjoy fried chicken and dishes prepared by some of the best cooks in Salado. In the evening there will be Vesper Services. The co-ordinators for the event are Tom and Sharon McGlasson.

Peaceable Kingdom, a non-profit retreat camp for chronically ill children, is located south of Killeen about 15 miles from Salado.

New Cookbook

The Monday Club has been gathering favorite Salado recipes for the past few months. These recipes will become the new cookbook that will be published in the fall. It will replace the current cookbook, "Salado Country Cooking." The 2000 Edition will be the tenth edition printed. The first cookbook was published in 1967.

The new cookbook features "golden oldie" recipes that have been Salado favorites for years. It will also include special recipes from Saladoans who have recently moved to the community.

There are still a few copies of the Ninth Edition "Salado County Cooking." A copy may be acquired at the Salado United Methodist Church Office at Thomas Arnold and Church Street, 947-5482.

The Monday Club meets every first Monday of the month at 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church. The community is invited to this non-denominational group. Theresa McGhee is President.

Trustees and Men Continue Improvements

Under the leadership of Norm Roden, Chair of the Trustees, and Jim Hodgins, Chair of Methodist Men,



Cara and James Keeton presented their son, Jacob Ryan for infant baptism on July 30 at the Salado United Methodist Church.

(photos by Gail Blancett)



Kirk Baxley, the new youth director at Salado United Methodist Church, leads the Methodist youth in praise and worship at a swim party held at the home of Ms. Arlene Singer.

improvements for the church as well as the Scout Troops continue.

New Plexiglas over the stained glass windows replaces the old yellow Plexiglas that has been in place since 1996. The Methodist Men have built a new patio in the Rose Garden. The Memorial Rose Garden contains roses planted in memory of people loved and honored. Engraved rocks mark the various rose plants.

The Scouts were presented with a Wells Cargo Trailer for their camping

trips. It contains tents and equipment. There are three Scout troops that meet weekly at the church. Boy and Cub Scouts meet on Monday evenings, and the Girl Scouts meet Tuesday afternoons.

Moment in History

In preparation for Heritage Sunday, September 24, the following historical article is from the archives of the Salado United Methodist Church:

"In the year 1854, the beginning of the Salado Congregation, there were

only two Annual Methodist Conferences in the State of Texas. Likewise, only two appointed churches were near Salado: the Belton Circuit, and Georgetown. Salado's first assigned minister was William F. Herbert, appointed to the Belton circuit at the Texas Annual Conference in November, 1854. Reverend Herbert made his rounds to the various congregations on horseback. Services were held in the homes of the Congregation."

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Lucas, Akins, and Doyle receive scholarships

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Three Salado High School graduates have been awarded scholarships by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Paul Anthony Lucas received a special one-year Nelda C. and H.J. Lucher Stark Foundation scholarship in the amount of \$3,260, payable \$1,630 each semester of his first year. There is a possibility the scholarship could be renewed for four years. This year, the Stark Foundation awarded a total of 15 four-year grants and 13 special one-year grants, including one in honor of Clyde V. McKee, Jr., to students who participated in the UIL Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement. Recipients must attend a state supported four-year college or university.

Lucas placed first in Science at the 2000 UIL Academic State Meet, and was a member of the first place Mathematics team at the 1999 State Meet. He also competed in Computer Science at the 2000 State Meet. He also participated in UIL Baseball, Football, Basketball, Track, Cross-Country, and Band Solo and Ensemble competitions throughout his high school career. He was a member of



Paul Lucas the 1st Team All-State Academic Football team, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, and Phi Theta Kapa International Honor Society. He had perfect attendance for 12 years, and was active in the community through his various volunteer efforts.

Lucas plans to attend Texas A&M University.

Adrienne Viola Akins received one of 15 Spalding Sports Worldwide awards in the amount of \$1,000, payable \$500 each semester of the first year. The Spalding Sports award is awarded to a student who has participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and has compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

Akins was a member of the first place Literary Criticism and Number Sense teams at the UIL Academic



Adrienne Akins

State Meet. She was also a member of the first place Mathematics and Number Sense teams at the 1999 State Meet. Throughout high school, she also participated in UIL Editorial Writing, Basketball, and Track. She was involved in National Honor Society and Spanish Club, and was a National Merit Finalist. She was Valedictorian of the class of 2000 at SHS, and was active in the community through her various volunteer efforts.

Akins plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University and major in English.

Adam Lee Doyle received a Harold Lawrence Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000, payable \$500 each semester of the first year. This year, the Lawrence Memorial is awarding 45 grants to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic



Adam Doyle

State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

Doyle placed third in Literary Criticism at the 2000 UIL Academic State Meet, and competed in the same category at the 1999 State Meet. He also participated in UIL Ready Writing and Editorial Writing throughout his high school career. He was involved in Science Club and National Honor Society, and was published in "Texas Young Poets 1999." He was active in the community through his various volunteer efforts.

Doyle plans to attend Trinity University.

This year, the TILF awarded 422 new awards and will renew approximately 208 awards for a total of 630 scholarships for 2000-01 with an approximate value of \$1,082,000. Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Armstrong Community holds annual Ice Cream Social

The Armstrong Community Improvement Center will hold their Annual Ice Cream Social, 8 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Armstrong Community Center on Armstrong Road. All neighbors and community members are invited to attend.

The Armstrong Community Improvement Association is made up of concerned citizens devoted to improving and preserving

the Armstrong Community. The Community Center, which once served as a community school, is located on the corner of Armstrong and Elmer King Roads.

Anyone interested in getting involved in the community. Call E.R. King Jr. at 939-6012 or Clint Young at 939-9245, if you have questions about the social, or wish to use building.

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SPAT Golf tournament set for Sept. 18

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The S.P.A.T. Golf Tournament attracts from 76-96 players from all over Bell County. Many players come back year after year, making this their largest fundraiser of the year. Almost all of the proceeds go to support events, projects and purchase educational tools enjoyed by the children at TAE.

To sponsor a green, cost is \$200 and includes sponsorship sign at the tournament, complimentary beverages and dinner at 6 p.m. at the 19th Hole, recognition in local newspapers, appreciation plaque, and one tournament green fee.

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Player's fee is \$40 and includes green fee (carts included); 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes, closest to the pin, and longest drive prizes; complimentary beverages and dinner at the

19th Hole.

To sponsor the 19th Hole you may donate \$5, \$10 or \$20 and will receive recognition in local newspapers.

Sponsorships need to be made by Sept. 8 and entry fees are due by Sept. 15. For more information call Cathy Little at 947-9348 or Grace Lavadia at 947-0827.

Chisholm Trail business women name new officers to serve one year

The Chisholm Trail Chapter of American Business Women's Association (ABWA) recently elected new officers. The following women were elected for a one year term: Linda Roe, President; Dana Beth Tinsley, Vice President; Wylene Williams, Secretary; and Marie Jackson, Treasurer.

The women were installed at the July meeting of ABWA held at the Texas House Bed and Breakfast, stated Barclay McCort, outgoing Vice President. The group meets each month usually on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., however the August meeting will be held Aug.



L-R Marie Jackson, treas.; Wylene Williams, sec.; Dana Beth Tinsley, vice-pres.; Linda Roe, pres.

15 at the Texas House, 310 Van Bibber Lane, Salado. The chapter usually has a social time followed by a meal, a program, and a short business meeting. The pro-

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Medical News

Breastmilk: Don't start life without it

The room is quiet except for the sound of a tiny baby happily slurping his mother's milk. New mom Maryann Todd-Thompson is giving her new daughter the best nutrition possible, her own breastmilk.

In Texas, about 63 percent of new moms breastfeed when they leave the hospital after the birth of their babies. Only about 25 percent continue to breastfeed six months later. The Texas Department of Health is working to improve those rates and increase breastfeeding of newborns to at least 75 percent at hospital discharge and 50 percent still breastfeeding at six months after birth. Changing how society views breastfeeding is key to making that change.

"Creating a culture that values breastfeeding and supporting mothers to breastfeed may be one of the most powerful, farthest-reaching actions we can take to improve the health of future Texans," said Dr. William Archer, Texas Commissioner of Health. "A growing body of evidence points to the multiple, long-term benefits of breastfeeding. It can significantly reduce the risk of obesity, improve cognitive functioning, build immunity against infection and create strong human bonds, a foundation for the resilience that can help young people and adults navigate life's ups and downs."

"We need to change the attitudes of health providers, employers and society in general," said Janet Rourke, Coordinator of The

Texas Department of Health's Texas Breastfeeding Initiative. "We need to make breastfeeding an accepted thing to do in the shopping malls, in restaurants, wherever a mom is."

Breastfeeding decreases a mother's risk of developing ovarian cancer and osteoporosis. Breastfeeding women also tend to return to their pre-pregnant weight faster.

But breastmilk's biggest benefit is for the baby. "It has a lot of nutrients that protect babies against infections, a fact that is important, particularly in the pre-term infant who has a very low immune system that needs help," explained Dr. Audelio Rivera, a neonatologist and president of the Mother's Milk Bank at Austin.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends infants be breastfed for at least 12 months, and thereafter for as long as mother and child desire. Research provides strong evidence that human milk feeding decreases the incidence and severity of diarrhea and respiratory, ear and urinary tract infections in babies. Studies also show possible protection against sudden infant death syndrome, juvenile diabetes, some childhood cancers, childhood obesity, allergies and chronic digestive diseases. Breastfeeding also may improve brain development in the baby.

In addition to individual health benefits, breast feeding proves significant social and economic benefits to the nation, including re-

duced health care costs and reduced employee absenteeism for care attributable to child illness. The significantly lower incidence of illness in the breastfed infant allows parents more time for attention to siblings and other family duties and reduces parental absences from work and lost income.

The Womens, Infants, and Children, or WIC program, with clinics all over the state, promotes breastfeeding as the preferred way to feed infants. WIC provides breast pumps to breastfeeding women with premature or sick babies and women who would like to continue breast feeding their babies after returning to work or school. The WIC program serves pregnant postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants and children up to age 5. For more information about the WIC program or to find a WIC clinic near you, call 1-800-WIC4YOU.

The Texas Department of Health also funds, with the City of Austin, the Mom's Place hotline at 1-800-514-MOMS. Mom's Place, a breastfeeding resource center in Austin, assists low-income mothers with breastfeeding problems. Through the hotline, mothers and health providers across Texas get information and referrals to local breastfeeding resources.

"We often help with interaction between mother and baby," said Maryann Todd-Thompson, Director of Mom's Place. "Often it is assumed that because breastfeeding is a natural thing to do that it's easy.

But it's not always easy. There are physical things that can come up. Sometimes moms complain of sore nipples or engorgement. Sometimes they're concerned about the baby's weight gain. They come to us for these problems, and they're pretty easy to overcome."

Milk banks around the world collect and pasteurize donor human milk and dispense it by prescription to premature and ill infants. Devastating neonatal infections are 10 times less likely when premature infants are fed human milk rather than substitutes.

The Mother's Milk Bank at Austin, the first milk bank in Texas, has dispensed more than 21,500 ounces of human milk to more than 78 recipients in four hospitals since it opened in July 1999.

The first priority of The Mother's Milk Bank at Austin is to provide milk to premature or sick infants whose mothers are unable to provide enough of their own milk. The milk bank also provides donor milk to children and adults being treated for leukemia and organ transplants and plans to use surplus donor milk for cancer research.

World Breastfeeding Week is an international effort to recognize and support breastfeeding promotion efforts. This year, August. Texas WIC's own World Breastfeeding Month theme is "Mother's Milk: Don't Start Life Without It." Contact your local WIC office to find out about community celebrations in your area.

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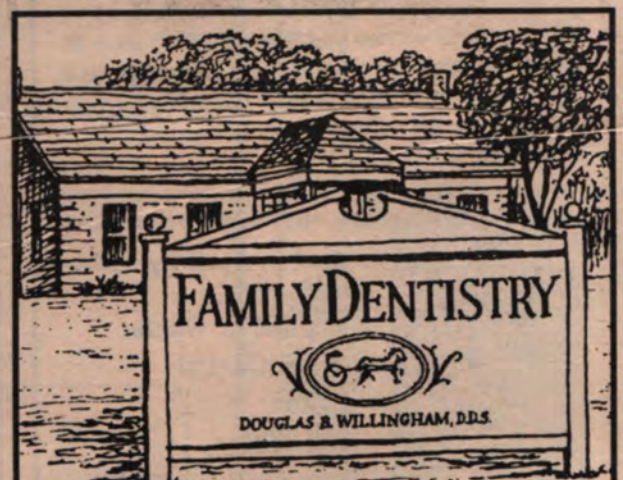
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Eagles start practice

About 60 Salado High School athletes showed up for the first day of football practice Aug. 7. The first day gave the new coaches and players a chance to meet and begin learning the new offense and defense Athletic Director

Jeff Cheatham will implement this season. Salado will scrimmage Crawford Aug. 19. Season opener is Sept. 1 against Troy. Girls volleyball players and cross country runners also began practice Aug. 7 to ready for the fall season. The girls first volleyball game is Aug. 15 against Robinson. Cross country begin meets in Sept.

(photo by Tim Fleischer)

New hope to those suffering from chronic major depression

We all feel depressed at some point in our lives, troubled with symptoms such as persistent sadness, feelings of hopelessness or worthlessness, sleep disturbance, fatigue, change in appetite, or loss of interest in ordinary activities. If your symptoms persist for two years or more, you may be suffering from chronic major depression. Chronic major depression is a serious form of depression affecting 14 million Americans.

Until now, those suffering from this disorder were often thought to respond poorly to treatment. However, a study recently published in The New England Journal of Medicine, offers hope for the millions suffer-

ing from this debilitating disorder.

In this study, a combination therapy of the antidepressants and psychotherapy designed specifically for chronic major depression provided the best results. In fact, patients in the study, all of whom had chronic major depression had an unprecedented 85 percent response rate to this combination therapy. This is the highest response rate ever seen in the treatment of depression for a three-month period. The use of antidepressants alone led to a 55 percent response rate, while the use of psychotherapy alone led to 152 percent response rate.

"This is the first time that combination therapy has

proven to be so much more effective than either medication or psychotherapy alone," said Martin B. Keller, M.D., Chairman, Brown University Mood Disorders Program. "The findings offer hope for the vast number of patients suffering from chronic forms of major depression, who are often considered poorly responsive to treatment. The study shows that these individuals are not resistant to medication and psychotherapy."

In the study, antidepressants, alone or in combination therapy, was associated with improvements in patients' symptoms of depression much sooner than psychotherapy. In addition, the antidepressants was well

tolerated and associated with minimal sexual dysfunction and no significant weight gain. Compared to psychotherapy, antidepressants were also shown to provide significant improvement in insomnia, which is common in patients who have depression and chronic depression.

More than 46 million Americans, ages 15-54, suffer from depressive episodes annually. Depression costs the United States economy an estimated \$53 billion each year.

If you or someone you know suffers from chronic major depression, talk to your doctor about what treatment options are available.

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As the new school year starts, the Department of Public Safety reminds motorists to slow down around schools and to watch for children who may be exiting school buses.

"The first few days of school, it's easy to be distracted," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "Make sure you're alert and paying attention when you're driving, especially in and around school zones or near school buses. You don't want to become part of a tragedy."

More than 1.3 million Texas children a day ride school buses, which continue to be the safest form of highway transportation - fewer than one percent of traffic accidents in the state involve them.

The most common time for accidents is when school buses are loading or unloading students. According to the National School Bus Loading and Unloading Survey, most children injured or killed while getting on or off buses are under the age of 10. All students should be taught to follow safety rules and to watch for traffic before crossing streets.

Texas law forbids vehicles from passing a school bus while its alternately flashing red warning lights

are activated. Motorists can be fined up to \$1,000 for passing a school bus while the warning lights are activated. Subsequent violations can lead to suspension of a drivers license for up to six months.

"Stopping for school buses is the law. We have zero tolerance for vehicles

that pass stopped school buses; if you pass a stopped school bus, you will receive a ticket from DPS," Davis said.

No one was killed in a Texas school bus crash or during loading or unloading of a school bus in 1998 (the latest year that full statistics are available), but 1,227

people were injured in school bus accidents and 22 were injured while loading or unloading school buses.

For more information on school bus safety, please contact DPS School Bus Safety Program Administrator Charley Kennington at 254/867-4611.

Bell County Sheriff's Office Reports for Salado and Surrounding Area July 2000

Date	Offense	Location
6/30	Criminal mischief	Main Street
7/01	Allowing cattle to run at large	FM 2843
7/03	Theft (value unknown)	Mill Creek Drive
7/04	Missing person (located)	FM 2484
7/06	Criminal mischief O/\$50	FM 1670
7/06	Burglary of a motor vehicle	Robertson Road
7/07	Theft O/\$500 U/\$1500	Mill Creek Drive
7/07	Theft O/\$500 U/\$1500	Main Street
7/10	Theft O/\$50 U/\$500	Main Street
7/10	Theft U/\$50	Robertson Road
7/10	Burglary of a motor vehicle	Chisholm Trail
7/11	Theft O/\$500 U/\$1500	San Pedro
7/12	Burglary of a motor vehicle	College Hill Drive
7/12	Credit card abuse O/\$50 U/\$500	Exact location unknown
7/12	Missing purse and items	Exact location unknown
7/14	Criminal mischief O/\$50 U/\$500	Irene Lane
7/15	Theft U/\$50	Stagecoach Drive
7/17	Criminal mischief U/\$50	FM 2115
7/20	Criminal mischief (value unknown)	Old Mill Road
7/21	Criminal mischief O/\$500 U/\$1500	Blackberry Road
7/24	Theft U/\$50	Robertson Road
7/25	Theft O/\$500 U/\$1500	Main Street
7/26	Burglary of a habitation	Live Oak Road
7/28	Criminal mischief O/\$50 U/\$500	10 locations (9 Mill Creek, 1 Baines)
7/30	Theft U/\$50	Stagecoach Drive
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	1998-99	1999-2001	2000-2001
	tax rate \$1.49	tax rate \$1.49	tax rate \$1.49
	M&O \$1.21	M&O \$1.31	M&O \$1.321
	I&S \$0.28	I&S 0.18	I&S \$0.169
Revenues			
Local	\$2,703,656	\$2,981,405	\$3,278,862
State	\$2,273,993	\$2,612,680	\$2,447,563
Federal	\$84,500	\$80,000	\$111,282
Revenue Total	\$5,062,149	\$5,674,085	\$5,837,707
Expenditures			
Instruction	\$2,858,725	\$3,171,790	\$3,312,815
Instructional Resources	\$141,309	\$153,760	\$181,439
Curriculum & Staff Develop	\$12,500	\$9,000	\$9,795
School Leadership	\$335,694	\$364,760	\$364,585
Guidance/Counseling	\$104,662	\$108,722	\$155,150
Health Services	\$34,960	\$38,180	\$52,630
Student Transportation	\$132,007	\$117,080	\$164,850
Food Services	\$221,100	\$228,272	\$238,160
Cocurricular/Extracurricular	\$220,359	\$202,040	\$228,332
General Administration	\$238,772	\$278,529	\$287,271
Plant Maint. & Operation	\$526,818	\$682,900	\$651,200
Security & Monitoring	\$2,400	\$3,400	\$3,400
Community Services	\$1,200	\$0	\$0
Debt Service	\$84,708	\$84,703	\$45,544
Payments to Fiscal Agents	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$88,500
Expenditure Total	\$5,005,214	\$5,533,136	\$5,786,971
Change in Fund Balance	\$56,935	\$140,949	\$50,736

Budget

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the board voted 4-2 to reconsider the \$1.49 rate. Ervi joined Carlson, Street and Williams in voting for the \$1.49 rate the second time.

In prior years, the discount totaled three percent for tax payments received before Nov. 1, two percent for tax payments received before Dec. 1 and one per-

cent for tax payments received before Jan. 1.

By eliminating the discount, the district will real-

ize about \$60,000 in additional local revenues, equivalent to a 3-cent increase in the overall tax rate.

Clarification

Last week, in a photo caption about Bob Cottle retiring from the Salado Civic Center board of directors, we erroneously reported that Cottle is moving. We are happy to report that he has no plans on leaving our fair village anytime soon!

Incorporation

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taining the roads within the village," he said. From that meeting, Means learned that there are about 21 miles of county roads in the proposed two-square mile area.

"It costs about \$2,000 per mile to maintain roads," Means said, adding that the total figure is well within the averages that the committee presented earlier this summer.

"Even if the village incorporates, there are some major undertakings that the county will pursue because they have already been budgeted," Means said of a conversation with County Commissioner Tim Brown.

Means met with County Sheriff Dan Smith. "He is very eager to work with us on some combination of county patrol and local patrols," Means said. "We may even be able to contract with off-duty deputies for patrols."

Means clarified the issue of utility franchise fees as income for a municipality. Utility franchise fees, Means said, can generate about \$50,000 in income for a small municipality.

"The franchise fee is already in the bill you are paying each month, even though we are not receiving any money locally," Means

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said, after meeting with officials from TXU Electric, which serves the Salado area. "We're paying for it now, but we're not getting it."

Linda Green, public relations for Sprint, affirmed this, adding that if the area is incorporated and franchise fees approved by the city council, then the utility company would determine the amount payable based on the total number of customers within the boundaries of the municipality.

Salado Water Supply Corporation, however, collects no utility franchise taxes. If the water company is taxed by the city, that would be passed along to the customers within the municipality.

Charlotte Douglass warned those gathered for the Aug. 3 meeting not to get complacent, even though almost 500 voters had cast ballots by the time of the meeting last week.

"We can't rest on our

laurels," she said. "We have to work hard between now and Aug. 12 to make this work."

Though there has been little sign of an organized opposition to the incorporation issue, leaders in the Citizens of Salado know that they are out there. The group must work in the coming days on the skeptics and undecideds who may be leery of local taxes and control.

Taxes and control are two reasons incorporation has failed in the past three elections.

In the 1996 election, Saladoans who opposed incorporation came together and worked to defeat the issue, distributing yard signs saying "No Incorporation" and working phone lines to get out the vote. Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) organized the pro-incorporation effort on behalf of the Salado Chamber of Commerce, Salado Historical

Society, Ladies Auxiliary, Salado Business Association, Mill Creek Community Association and Salado Civic Center boards of directors.

One of the leaders involved in the 1996 effort says that comparing it to the present incorporation effort is like comparing night and day. "We didn't have any yard signs or phone trees or much of anything to say we favored incorporation," he said. "The opposition outworked us. This time, it looks like the complete opposite when you drive through neighborhoods and see all the Vote Yes signs."

UMHB spring Honor Roll

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor released the names of students listed on the Vice President's Honor Roll for Spring 2000. Among those listed on the Vice President's Honor Roll were Kristin Cawthon, Karen Duerr, Linnie Harrison and Yesenia Rocha, all of Salado. The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, chartered in 1845, is affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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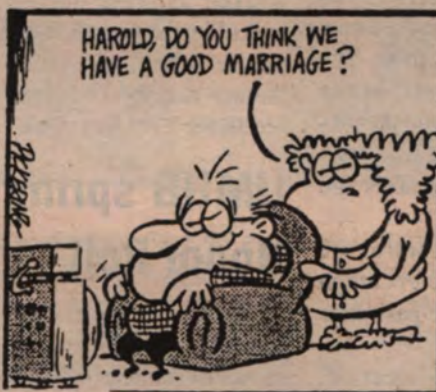
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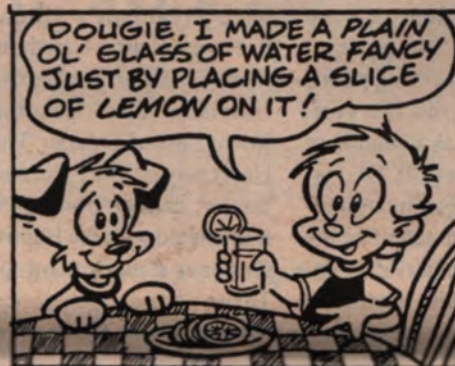
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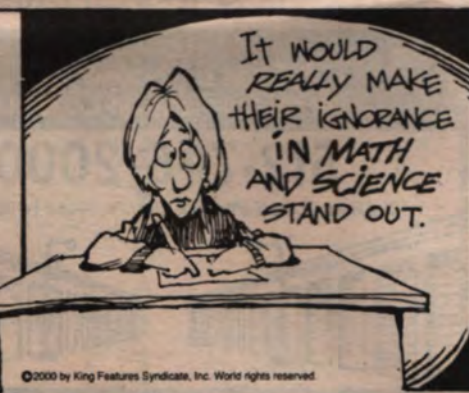
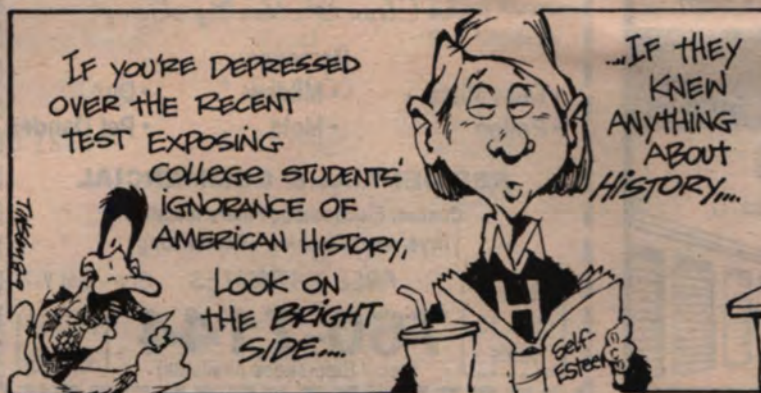
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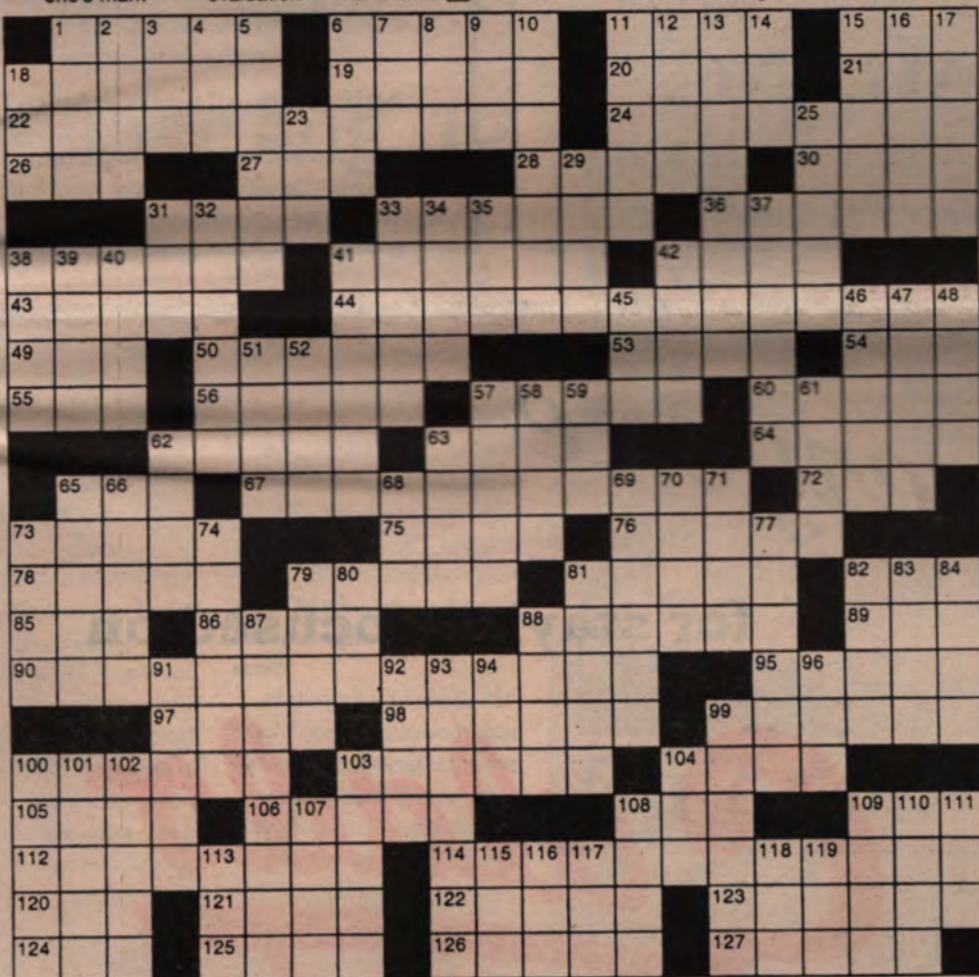
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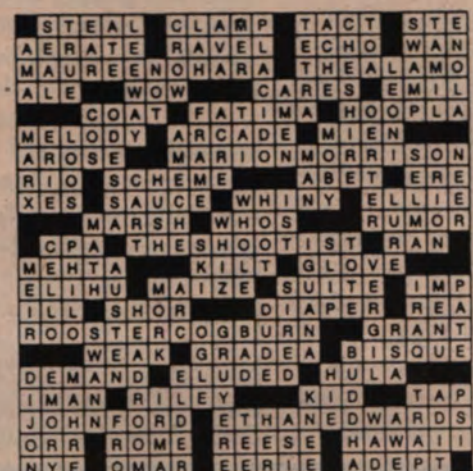
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Chet Edwards mobile office in Salado Aug. 10

U.S. Representative Chet Edwards' mobile office will be in Salado 10-11 a.m. Aug. 10 at the Civic Center. The mobile office serves some 30 cities throughout the 11th Congressional District on a rotating basis.

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National Night Out held Aug. 1 at Pace Park had young and old in attendance. Face-painting, dancers, horse back riding and special instruction on bicycle safety was only part of the evening event. Police officers were on hand to fingerprint and photo i.d. children as a record for the parents. Salado Volunteer Fire Department had all the latest equipment on display. (photos by Schuyler Rodocker)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

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

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

Thursdays

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

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

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

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

First Baptist Church: study of Covenant, 9 a.m. beginning Aug. 31 in the Fellowship Hall.

Saturdays

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

Mark your calendars for these future events

August 9

Salado ISD School Begins!

August 10

Luncheon Honoring Grace Jones- Stagecoach Inn, 11:30 a.m. Reservations must be made by August 3. Cost is \$10.50, please make checks out to Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary, P.O. Box 161, Salado, TX 76571.

August 12

The Salado Humane Society yard sale 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. in front of the Women's Exchange. If you would like to donate items call Betty at 947-8845 or Sharon at 947-5018.

August 15

Salado High School Band students to be fitted 6-8 p.m. Aug. 15 at the Band Hall.

August 17

Salado ISD Back to School Picnic

August 25-27

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

August 26

Salado High School Band Boosters car wash, 8 a.m.-noon at the Brookshire Brothers parking lot.

September 1

Salado High School Varsity Football game at Troy, 7:30 p.m.

September 8

Salado Lions Club Lasagna Supper, at the Intermediate School cafeteria. Starts at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund for Salado ISD. First home football game. ~ Riesel vs. Salado, 7:30 p.m.

September 22

Salado High School Varsity Football game at Liberty Hill, 7:30 p.m.

September 29

Salado High School Varsity Football game against Thorndale at Eagle Field, 7:30 p.m.

October 6

Salado High School Varsity Football game at Jarrell, 7:30 p.m.

October 13-14

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

November 10-12

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

November 19

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

December 1-3

Salado Historical Society - Christmas Tour of Homes.

Dec. 1-2 & 8-9

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

Dec. 2-3 & 9-10

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

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

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

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Students visit the Big Apple during summer vacation

Several Saladoans enjoyed a Day in the Park, Central Park last month as part of a trip to the Big Apple and the nation's capitol July 17-21.

The group of 39 Salado students, parents and teachers toured Washington, D.C. and New York City before returning home to Salado.

Tour highlights in Washington, D.C. included

visits to the White House, the Capitol building, Smithsonian Museums and Mount Vernon. They had the chance to view the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

In New York, the group visited the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building and Fifth Avenue. They also saw a performance of Beauty and the Beast on Broadway.

The tour group included these:

Abby Buchanan, Heidi Couchman, Laura Couchman, Mary Lee, Carey Quick, Rebekah Quick, Klaasje Day, Kim Dillon, Amanda Tumey, Jackie Drake, Olivia Lara, Jennifer Myhre, Rachael Oaks, Evan Clements, Nathan Grigsby, Ben Marsh, Judy Marsh and Josh Mitchell.

Also, Cody Gobin, Kyle Julia, Breck Stephenson, Randall Culp, Tim Hodgins, Jack Lucas, Tim Roberts, Drake Sobehrad, Lane Sobehrad, Susan Sobehrad, Paige Cameron, Ruby Cameron, Katie Gantenbein, Jeanne Snelson, Mallory Snelson, Justin Pechal, Betty Lum, Elaine Lindley, Sarah Summers, Sylvia Summers and Terry Summers.

Dr. Bill Muske is new Director of Church Relations at UMHB

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor has named Dr. Bill Muske Director of Church Relations.

Dr. Muske came to UMHB from Parkway Baptist Church in College Station where he served as senior pastor since 1994. Prior to this position, he was senior pastor for eight years at Willow Park Baptist Church in Houston and associate pastor for Metropolitan Baptist Church in Houston for seven years.

According to university president Dr. Jerry G. Bawcom, the church relations role serves as a liaison between the university and

churches.

"As a university, we have many levels of responsibility to our churches and associations, the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and other denominations in our community," said Bawcom. "Dr. Muske is an excellent choice because he brings a good solid background and years of experience from the pastor's perspective."

As director of church relations, he will represent the university at the annual Baptist General Convention of Texas; as a guest speaker in churches, and by attending local Baptist association

meetings. He will also coordinate community church events such as the annual UMHB senior adult conference (Senior Saints Summit), a prayer breakfast, a pastors' golf tournament, and other ministerial luncheons and dinners.

Originally from Houston, he graduated from Royal High School in Brookshire. In 1971, he received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Southwest Texas State University. Muske served in the U.S. Air Forces from 1971 - 1975 as a personnel officer.

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of Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1977 and his Ph.D. in Biblical Counseling from Trinity Theological Seminary in 1988.

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#1 Summers Mill	26	7.7	.340	7.1	.65	2.0	600
#2 Chisholm Trail	24	8.4	.60	7.4	1.01	3.3	1,317
#3 Sirena	25	8.3	.450	6.4	.74	4.3	1,383
#4 Pattersons Crossing				NO WATER			
#5 Stagecoach	26	8.3	.430	6.8	.69	4.6	1,983
#6 IH-35 Frontage	24	6.9	.520	6.8	1.02	4.7	2,000

What these numbers mean to you: conductivity

Conductivity is a measurement of the ability of water to conduct an electric current and is dependent on the amount of dissolved ions in solution. Conductivity is closely related to the concentration of dissolved solids and varies significantly with temperature.

The mean conductivity for all Salado Creek sites in 1998 was 442 microSiemens/cm. The site with the highest mean conductivity was I-35 at 495 microSiemens/cm, this high average value is most likely the result of two high values measured in July and

August. These two elevated values may be a result of runoff from the interstate and surrounding roads and most likely skewed the average upward. Patterson's Crossing had the lowest mean conductivity at 377 microSiemens/cm. No seasonal variation was exhib-

ited for conductivity. Several times during the year the conductivity exceeded the TNRCC screening level of 468.75 microSiemens/cm, these elevated levels are part of the reason Salado Creek has been placed on the 303 (d) list.



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Basketweaver caught in the act during Salado Art Fair

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Composting enhances water retention during drought

Texas is in the midst of its fourth drought in five years, and many communities have had to impose mandatory watering restrictions. Because of this, *Texas Recycles Day 2000* will focus on the water conservation benefits of a specific type of recycling - recycling of organic materials, or composting. On Nov. 15, 2000 Texans will celebrate the eighth *Texas Recycles Day* by holding as many as 500 events across the state that will spread the word about the benefits of using compost on our lawns and gardens.

Compost is the result of mixing "green" organic materials like grass clippings, fruit and vegetable scraps, and garden debris with "brown" organic materials like leaves, dry weeds, and twigs. Add water to the mix and natural microbes will go to work to decompose the materials until you are left with a nutrient-rich organic material that helps soil absorb and retain mois-

ture.

"The crumb structure of compost allows rain to soak into the soil - even heavy rain," says Malcolm Beck, founder of Garden-Ville and *Texas Recycles Day* Co-Chair. "Without compost, most of our soils can only soak up about one half of their natural capacity, and water that can't soak in has to run off. This run off sends top soil and lawn chemicals into our surface waters and public drinking water systems. We must show Texans how to use compost if we're going to conserve water and save our soil."

The organic materials in compost can increase moisture retention in your soil by up to 60 percent, and can actually reduce your water bills. Additionally, compost has all the nutrients plants require, unlike synthetic fertilizers, and it controls pathogens and moderates the pH level of your soil. Through regular use of compost, you can drasti-

cally reduce or even eliminate the need for synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides, which saves money and reduces pollution of our waterways.

"Anyone can make compost in their own backyard," said Karen Overgaard, backyard compost and *Texas Recycles Day* Co-Chair. "Many communities provide training and can qualify residents as certified Master Composters. It's fun, it's easy, and it's very rewarding. Once you learn to compost and see the benefits, you'll be hooked."

When people compost in their backyards, they quickly discover that compost is a natural alternative to synthetic fertilizers and pesticides for the entire lawn. Most backyard composters supplement the compost they produce themselves with commercial compost, applying a one-quarter to one-half inch layer to their lawn in the Fall and Spring. Commercial compost producers rep-

resent a growing industry in Texas, and more and more often, consumers find Texas-produced compost in their local gardening store and nursery.

Texas Recycles Day is a partnership between the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) and communities, industries, schools, and non-profit groups from across the state, working together to increase public awareness of the benefits of waste reduction through waste prevention, recycling, composting, and buying recycled. *Texas Recycles Day* served as the model for a similar national program. Now on Nov. 15 each year, the entire country celebrates *America Recycles Day*.

For more information about *Texas Recycles Day 2000*, visit the *Texas Recycles Day* web site at www.TexasRecyclesDay.org or call TNRCC's Event Coordination and Education Section at 512/239-3150.



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Rotate ear tags for best parasite management

By James M. Davis
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Dr. Stephen P. Hammack, Professor and Beef Cattle Specialist in Stephenville offers the following information concerning beef cattle.

Insecticide Ear Tags:
The extension publication "Managing External Parasites of Texas Livestock and Poultry" has recently been revised (note: this says "managing," not "controlling"). There are 12 ear tags listed of two types: seven

pyrethroid (four of which are the stronger third generation) and five organophosphate. To reduce development of insecticide resistance, it is recommended that the types of tags be rotated, using each for only one or two seasons. Start with the type other than what you used last. Tags should be removed after they are no longer effective (2-1/2 to 5 months). Other methods (sprays, etc.) can be alternated with ear tags for more effective management, but realize that the same types of compounds are used that are found in ear tags, so choose accordingly. While there are tags available that contain compounds of both types, they are not listed. These combination tags should not be used, as they can cause quicker resistance to both types of compounds.

Cow/Calf Industry in 2010? A recent survey was conducted of beef industry leaders to predict the next 10 years in the cow/calf business. Most think 1) the number of producers will decline 10-20 percent, 2) most of the reduction will be in "medium size" (100-500 head) operations, 3) average herd size will stay about the same (35-40

head); 4) operations on public land will decrease drastically; 5) large operations will be more allied with other segments of the industry; 6) desired cattle will be the standard, and not receive any premiums, while the undesired will receive significant price discounts; 7) more dollars worth of high-quality beef will be exported and more low-quality product will be imported, and 8) adversarial relationships will continue to exist between current industry organizations.

Trainer for New Calves: Ohio researchers evaluated the use of "trainer" animals to improve health and performance of newly-arrived calves at feedyards. Both steers and mature cows were used as trainers. Summarizing four trials, trainer steers were not effective. Using cows, new calves definitely started eating sooner. In some trials, sickness was reduced and grain for 28 days was higher, but these effects varied greatly between trials.

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A personal Stars Wars adventure

Tumbleweed Smith

I put off writing this column for a couple of days. I'm glad I did. The wait changed my attitude about things. We took our son BZ to see the Star Wars movie when it first came out 24 years ago. He flipped out over the film. Even though he was only eight years old, he started collecting Star Wars toys, books, games and movie posters. His collection grew and grew. He acquired Star Wars t-shirts, records, bubble bath, picture cards, soap, cookies, even sheets and bedspreads with pictures of Star Wars characters on them.

He displayed the items on shelving in his bedroom. Once he walked past the door to his room and glanced at his collection for a split second. He noticed a small gun missing from one

of his figures. I mean the gun was maybe half an inch long. He told us he would like to keep the door to his room locked when the cleaning lady came because she messed with his stuff. We obliged him. The tiny gun was found.

He kept an accurate count of everything he had. His inventory list was in a notebook along with receipts for items he purchased, and description sheets for his larger things.

Every gift-giving occasion we gave him a Droid Maker Factory, Imperial Troop Transport, Millennium Falcon or an Ice Planet. BZ left his collection in our care when he went off to college. He helped us put everything in their original boxes and stack them in a storage shed behind our house where we keep the lawnmower. The

collection stayed there for years. I went to the shed last Sunday to put up a weed eater and discovered the lock to the storage building was gone. When I opened the door, I saw only empty shelves. Everything had been stolen. We were devastated. The collection represented our son's childhood. Every time I went to the shed for the lawnmower, I would look at all the boxes and have good thoughts about BZ.

We called police, placed ads in the newspaper and local TV cable offering a reward for the return of the items. The local radio station did a heart-wrenching story on the loss. We prepared fliers and took them to neighbor's homes. We told everyone we could about the theft. We figured the items were taken sometime the previous Saturday

while we were out of town for about three hours. It was hard to call BZ and tell him what happened.

About 7 o'clock Wednesday morning, in the midst of our grief, I walked up to the front yard to work on a sprinkler head. I noticed a bunch of boxes and bags in our yard. My first thought was, "Now what...somebody has dumped garbage in our yard." But that thought lasted only a second. I realized the boxes and bags contained the stolen Star Wars collection.

Someone's practical joke? A conscience attack? Some parents' concern? I don't know. I do know that when I called BZ and told him about the stuff being returned, he was ecstatic. I told him we were sending it all to him.

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A: Your set was not made by Jacobean. It was made in the Jacobean style that first became popular in England in the early 1600s. The furniture was made of carved, dark wood. Large balls were often used as feet. Many of the old styles were redesigned as "colonial revival" pieces that were suited to the 20th century. Dining-room sets included servers, buffets, large tables and other pieces that would not have been used in the 1600s. The decorating styles of the 1950s required straight lines and little carving, so the revival styles went out of fashion. They are just returning to favor, and the dining-room sets are selling well. Price depends on quality, importance of the marker and the condition.

Tip: Doormats at every door catch dirt and keep it from creating dust and pollution in the house. Shake out, wash or vacuum the mats frequently.

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.

Cornbread Delight

Betty Lowe

1 c. yellow cornmeal	
1 c. flour	
2 eggs	5 tsp. baking powder
2 pinches of salt	3 T. sugar
1/3 c. Wesson oil	1 c. milk

Oil iron skillet with Wesson oil and put in 400 degree oven to heat. Mix flour, cornmeal, baking powder, salt and sugar. Pour Wesson oil into mixture; add milk and eggs. Stir, and beat ingredients. Mixture should run smoothly off stirring spoon. Add more milk, if necessary. Mix well. You cannot overbeat. Remove skillet from oven, pour mixture into skillet and place skillet back into 400 degree oven. Bake until done, about 20 minutes. Serves 6 people or 2 good cornbread eaters.

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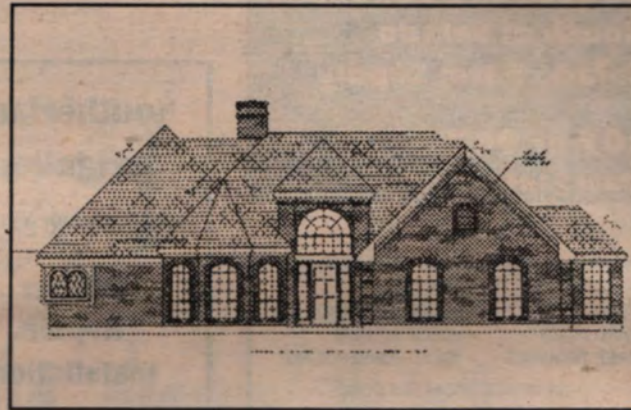
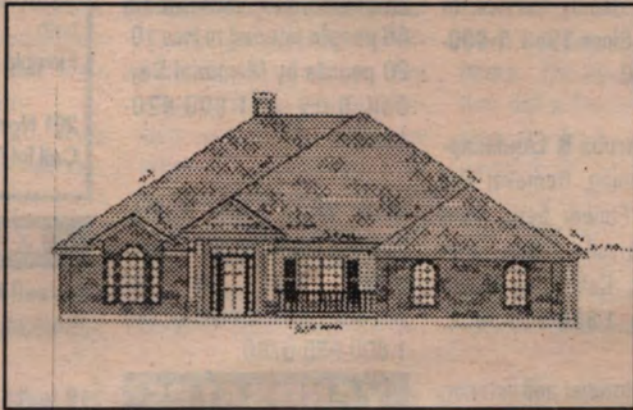
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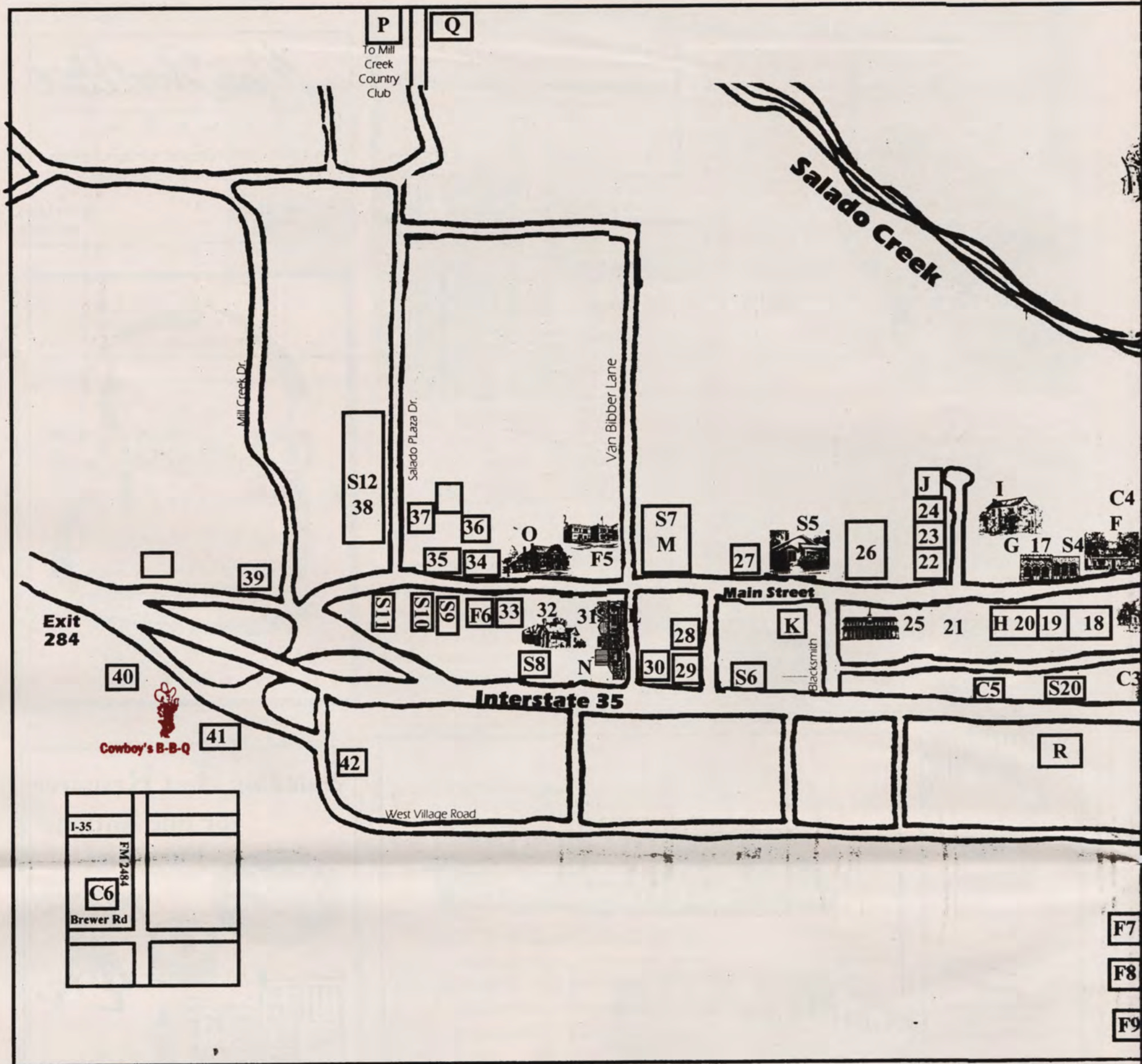
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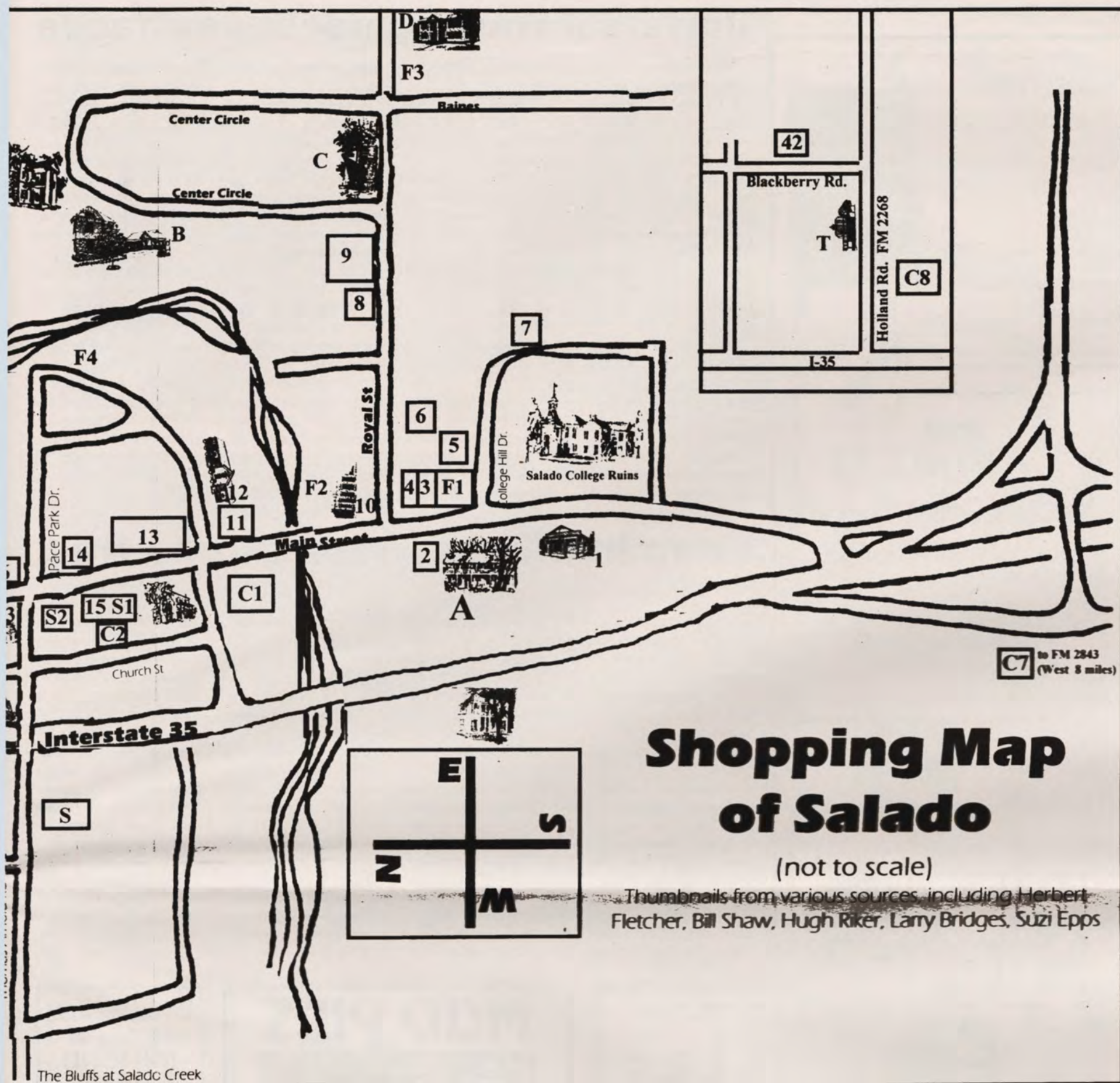
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Categories of universal waste currently include batteries, pesticides, thermostats (because of the mercury they contain), mercury-containing fluorescent lights, and paint-related wastes. Businesses that categorize these wastes as "universal" can avoid sev-

eral regulatory hurdles and expenses:

- * You don't need to register with the TNRCC if you generate or handle universal waste.

- * You don't need to include universal waste when you figure your hazardous waste generator status.

- * You don't have to identify universal waste on your facility's Notice of Registration.

- * You don't have to report universal waste on your annual waste summary.

- * You can accumulate universal waste for up to one year before sending it for disposal.

- * You don't need a manifest when shipping

your universal waste in Texas.

- * You don't need to use a registered waste-hauler to transport your universal waste.

- * You don't have to pay a hazardous waste generation fee.

So what requirements do you have to meet?

Basically, you must properly store, transport, and dispose of the waste. You can accumulate universal waste at your facility for up to one year. (Note: An exception is allowed only if your facility can demonstrate a longer accumulation time frame is necessary solely to facilitate the proper recovery, treatment, or disposal of the universal waste.) The waste must be

accumulated in an environmentally responsible manner so that no spills or leaks occur, and the containers holding universal waste must be properly labeled. While you don't need to use a TNRCC-registered waste hauler to transport universal waste, you must send these wastes to a universal waste handler, to a destination facility, or to a foreign destination meeting the standards specified by the Environmental Protection Agency. These include treatment, storage or disposal facilities and recycling facilities. *Remember: universal waste is still hazardous waste and may not be disposed of in the garage.*

Keep hunting season stress free

Keith Warren

Hunting season is right around the corner. Keeping this in mind, there are many things to do now to avoid the last minute rush and to have a stress-free enjoyable hunting season.

A few suggestions to get started:

1. Purchase your new hunting and fishing license now. They expire Aug. 31.
2. Make final arrangements on your dove, deer and other hunting leases.
3. Go to the gun range. Clean your rifles and shotguns, take the ammo (brand, load and caliber)

you plan to shoot and practice. Keep in mind that not every ammo is the same and I like to always make sure my rifle is sighted in and shotguns are patterned for whatever I am hunting prior to getting in the field. By visiting the gun range now, you will avoid the crowds of last minute hunters.

I also recommend going to your ranch or lease, getting your feeders up and running, setting up and moving blinds and making senderos now. By doing these things well in advance of hunting season it gives the deer the time to get acclimated to the changes.

I also recommend scouting now. It is a great time to get in blinds and watch the activity. It is very interesting to watch the bucks, their antler development and finally the transition from velvet to hard antlers! By the way, now is the time to make plans to take your youngsters to the field. They are the ones that really need to be prepared (especially if they will hunt). It is a great way to spend quality time with them!

Hunters, get ready now, invest a lot of time, and you are sure to have a successful and stress free season!

Keith Warren is the host

of *Fishing and Outdoor adventures* (formerly known as *The Texas Angler Television Show*) along with *Hunting and Outdoor Adventures*, both of which broadcast statewide. *Catch Fishing and Outdoor Adventures* from January through June and *Hunting and Outdoor Adventures* from July through December on Fox Sports Southwest Cable Network on Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

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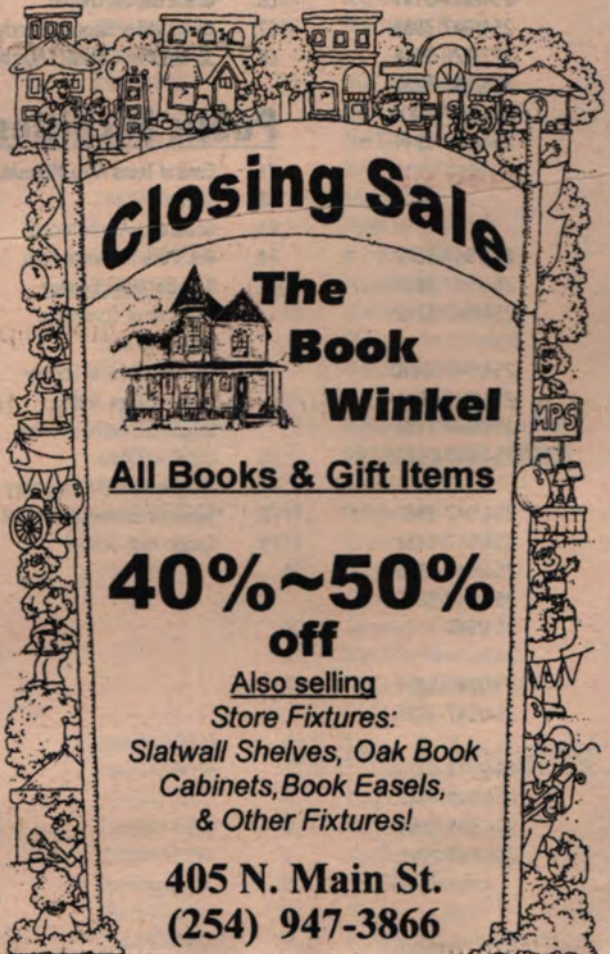
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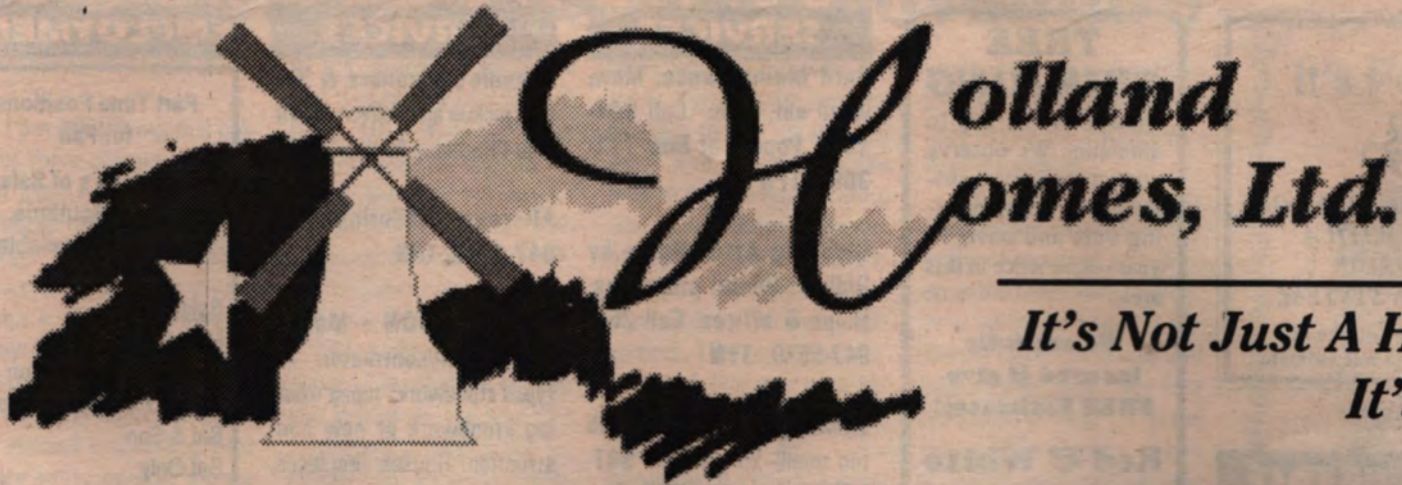
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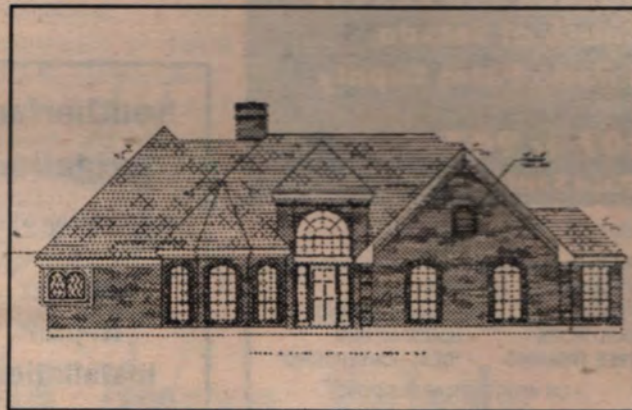
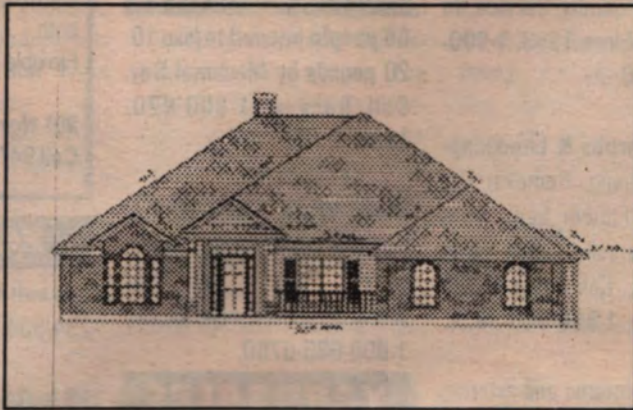


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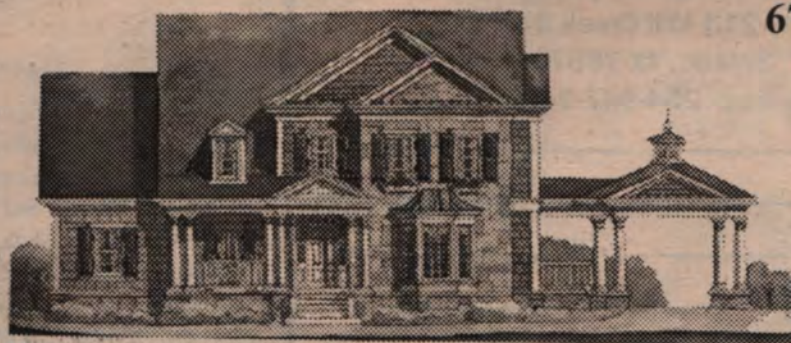
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New to the Market! Custom 3/2 all on one level. Carpet and tile, wood blinds, 9' ceilings. Beautifully landscaped back yard/trees, fenced and covered patio. **\$149,500.**



Scenic! Over-looking Salado Creek with views from almost every room. Luxurious interior and architectural design to complement this rare setting, two master suites. **\$212,500.**



New! Immaculate Mill Creek Home with 2/2.5 on beautifully landscaped lot. Large back balcony with view of trees, flowers, limestone patio. Custom Stillwell quality interior. **\$205,000.**



Roomy master bedroom downstairs in this 3/2.5 home. A sunny, brick floored morning view is just outside the kitchen. A wonderful design. **SOLD**



Look - New Price! 4 bedroom, 3 bath home on quiet cul-de-sac in Mill Creek. 4th bedroom is separate with private bath and entry. Raised ceilings, large master, over 2100 sq. ft. **\$144,900.**



Beat the Heat: Cool off in a pool of your own! Lavish family home on over 3 beautiful acres in Mill Creek with inground pool and pool house. Lighted tennis court, sprinkler system with private well, over 5500 sq. ft. home with 5 bedrooms. **\$595,000.**



Salado Countryside! Beautiful Country Home on 4.170 acres on Stinnett Mill Road! A great home with 4/2.5, swimming pool, wildlife, large oaks. Nice shady front porch. **\$292,500.**



Scenic Countryside: Residential or Commercial possibilities on 15 acres 3 miles east of IH 35. Beautifully designed manufactured home PLUS 3,750 SF warehouse and 1,000 SF barn. **\$129,000.**



Starting Soon!! Gorgeous NEW townhome in the Bluffs at Mill Creek. Elaborate architectural features interior and exterior. Wonderful one level floor plan with split master suites, formal dining, additional study/parlor. Ready for new owner decorating detail! **(\$229,500 - Photo of similar model home.)**



Golf! 3 bedroom, 2 bath home just across the street from Mill Creek Golf Course. Cozy dine-in kitchen, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, whirlpool bath. Additional lot available. **\$129,500.**



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Salado Institute receives money for lecture series

Texas Council gives Humanities grants

The Texas Council for the Humanities (TCH), a state partner of The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), has awarded \$148,244 to 11 nonprofit cultural and educational organizations in support of 13 public projects related to history, culture, and public issues.

Among projects recently approved, the Institute for the Humanities at Salado will offer a 9-part lecture series exploring the role and

importance of collective historical memory in society.

In announcing the awards, Monte Youngs, TCH executive director said, "TCH is proud to provide financial support for free public humanities programs that benefit all Texans. Our grants program promotes a grass-roots approach to humanities programming - locally-sponsored projects developed by nonprofit organizations.

"These organizations know best the values and interests of their communities, and serve as vital partners in TCH's efforts to provide opportunities for lifelong learning in the interests of their communities, and serve as vital partners in TCH's efforts to provide opportunities for lifelong learning in the humanities," he added.

"We are grateful to the Texas libraries, museums, historical societies, and pro-

viders of K-12 and higher education that work so diligently to improve the quality of our lives, our communities, and our state, he said. "We are also indebted to the public scholars of Texas colleges and universities who devote significant amounts of time in contributing to the rich range of public humanities programs statewide. Their service often goes unrecognized, but should not be underestimated."

Dodge City Steaks offers great beef

Dodge City Steaks Company announces the opening of their headquarters in Dodge City, KS, home to the cowboys covered with trail dust, vast herds of cattle and the world's best steaks.

DodgeCitySteaks.com brings back the succulent buttery taste of dry aged and premium cut steaks like you used to get in the legendary Old West.

All cattle trails again lead to legendary Dodge City -- the cowboy capital that put beef on the tables of America back in the 1870's and is looking to do it again in the 21st Century, in the time honored tradition of dry-aged steaks.

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has set up business on the famous grounds of historic Boot Hill Museum and is shipping hand selected, specially-aged steaks to discerning steak lovers all over the United States. DodgeCitySteaks.com also supplies upscale steak houses with their superb legendaray steaks.

Most beef processors went to vacuum-packed wet-aging in the 1960s, and only a handful of processors still apply the art of dry-aging. The process of dry aging allows the meat to tenderize itself under a rind that is trimmed away before the steaks are individually hand-cut. Anyone who tastes the rich, buttery flavor and experiences the ten-

der texture of a DodgeCitySteaks.com isn't likely to settle for any other type of steak again.

DodgeCitySteaks.com has found its future in the past, returning to the time-consuming, labor-intensive dry aging process that goes back to the days when Fred Harvey served up excellent cuts of beef to rail passengers who stopped at his Harvey House restaurants along the old Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe rail line. One of those restaurants was in Dodge City, where a pair of sun dials still rest alongside the tracks, a reminder of the days when westbound train passengers reset their pocket watches from Central to Mountain

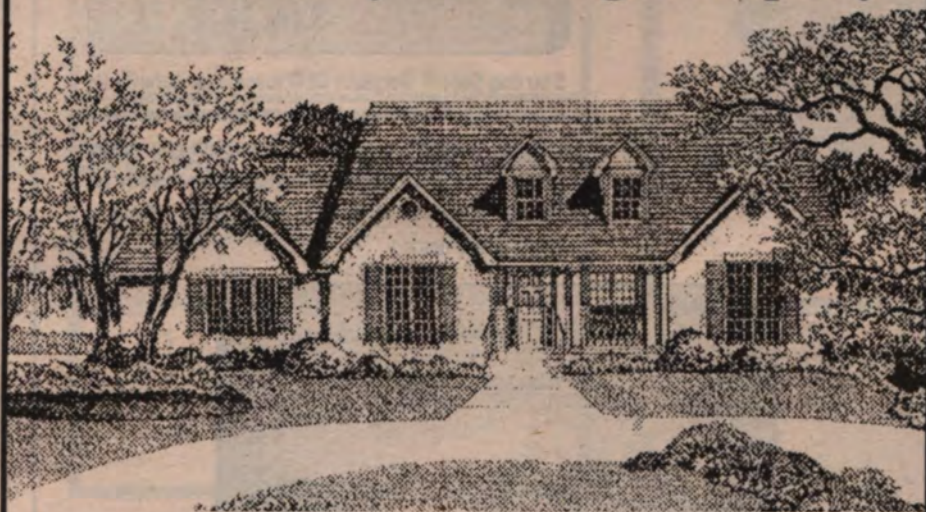
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DodgeCitySteaks.com still cuts 'em thick -- up to an inch-and-a-half in many cases and warns its customers not to cook 'em past medium-well, to savor the full flavor and succulence of the beef.

For \$35.95 (plus shipping), Dodge City Steaks.com will ship you two 10-ounce dry-aged sirloins and four 4-ounce bacon-wrapped filets in an insulated freeze pack, guaranteed to arrive colder than the Blizzard of '88 in two days time.

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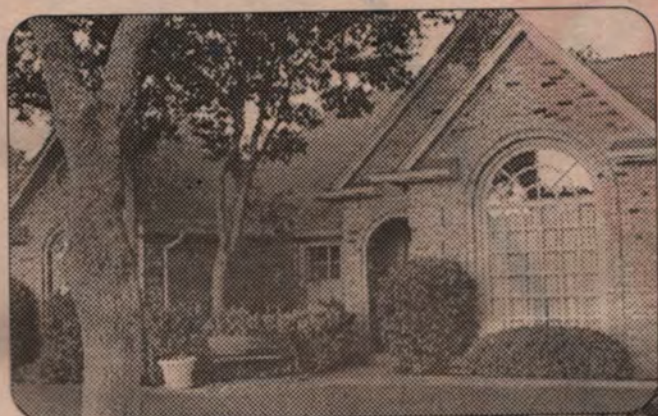
\$399,800... Larry Lilly built this spectacular home for himself! This golf course lot has one of the best views in Mill Creek. 4 BR, 3-1/2 BA, Office, Formal Dining, 2 car plus golf cart garage and an in-ground pool with deck. Throughout the home you will find decorator touches on window treatments, wall papers, fixtures & slate floors.



\$260,000... Two homes for the price of one on 10.5 acres! Completely fenced & cross fenced with 20x55 barn and 24x24 shop/garage. Old time charm home (1450 SF) includes 2 BR, 1 BA, fresh paint, carpet, roomy LR & large front porch. Unique 1996 2-story home features 9" wood plank floors & cabinets made from 1913 barn. Wood shutters inside, game room, 2 BR, 2 BA, kitchen/living dining great room.



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\$242,800... A true Show Home! New listing in Mill Creek. Stillwell built this as a showcase home with tons of decorator accents. Marble entry and fireplace, detailed carved woodwork, stained glass and a cozy den. Separate two-story building 16'X20' includes a guest bedroom, a full bath as well as an office.



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



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



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



\$110,000... This recently constructed 3 BR, 2 BA home will sell quickly. Split bedroom design with spacious master bedroom. Call for more details.

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- **\$59,900** - Mobile home on 4+ acres. Fronts IH-35 - **UNDER CONTRACT**
- **\$110,000** - New construction. 1/2 acre lot. 3 BR, 2 BA.
- **\$129,900** - 4 BR, 2 BA, beautifully redecorated with tile floors - **UNDER CONTRACT**
- **\$135,000** - Escape into the woods in Mill Creek. 3 BR, 2 BA.
- **\$137,900** - 4.1 acres. Fenced backyard, fireplace, raised ceilings.
- **\$150,000** - Prime location on Main Street. 2 BR, 1 BA. Lots of potential.
- **\$159,500** - Southern Plantation style home in Mill Creek. **UNDER CONTRACT**
- **\$168,500** - Lots of open space. 4 BR, 2 BA, great master suite.
- **\$172,000** - Room for everything. 4 BR, 3 BA, breakfast nook. **Under Contract**
- **\$179,000** - 5BR, 3BA, 2 dining. Fenced backyard.
- **\$179,900** - 3.04 acres. 4 BR, 2 BA, office. Ready for horses.
- **\$181,000** - Covered porch, split bedrooms, two fireplaces. **Under Contract**
- **\$183,000** - Quiet cul-de-sac in Mill Creek. 3 BR, office, 2 dining.
- **\$195,000** - Recent updates in paint and carpet. 5 BR, 2-1/2 BA.
- **\$199,321** - 4 BR, 2 BA located in new Mill Creek Springs.
- **\$210,000** - 10' ceilings, fireplace, breakfast nook, 4 BR, 3 BA.
- **\$219,900** - Beautiful 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA, close to Salado Creek.
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- **\$242,800** - Show home, cozy den, separate office.
- **\$259,000** - New home by Stillwater. Hearth room, 4 BR.
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- **635 acres** near Salado, all woods, rolling terrain, deer, turkey, quail & hogs. 3 miles from I-35.
- **163 acres** near Davilla in Milam Co. Very nice place, part cultivation, part pasture. Good road frontage. Owner financing.
- **Approximately 151 acres** 5 miles south of Salado. Well located, community water. \$1,200/ac.
- **150 acres** on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport.
- **70 acres** near Temple, all utilities, good road frontage.
- **55 acres** 2 miles from Salado. Park like setting, paved road, water.
- **8.77 acres** on I-35 at crossover with road on 3 sides, Exit 286 at Salado.
- **6 acres** on FM 2115, south of Salado. \$36,000 - **UNDER CONTRACT**
- **Mill Creek Springs** - new golf course area. Only 2 lots remain in Phase I. \$30 - \$75,000.
- **Winners Circle** - Beautiful wooded golf course lots. \$50 - \$58,000.
- **Royal Oaks Subdivision** - near downtown Salado, large restricted wooded lots, owner finance.

Building Sites

- **Live Oak Estates** - 2 lots - Amanda \$9,500 each.
- **Hodge Canyon Dr.** - \$28,000.
- **Wild Rose** - \$19,000 - \$24,000.
- **Live Oak Rd.** - \$33,500.
- **Lot 2, Great Oaks** - \$45,000. **Under Contract**
- **Live Oak Estates** - Betty Place \$22,000.
- **Royal Oaks** - \$30,000.
- **S. Penelope, Belton** - \$18,000.
- **#8 Oak Park** - \$8,000.

Other property available. Please call for details.

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