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Hometown newspaper read by Bob and Marge Howerton

SISD trustees discuss plans for AC work

 By TIM FLEISCHER
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado ISD Trustees reviewed plans for improving the air conditioning system at Salado High School during a special called meeting of the board 7:30 a.m. April 4. The trustees took no action on the plans, but will review final changes to the plans and approve them for the bid process at their regular meeting April 15.

Jake Pavlas, of the Wallace Group, reviewed the plans and informed trustees of what parts of the existing system would be utilized and where new through-the-wall units would be used.

Pavlas had questions about heating units in the dressing room areas that the district will research before the final plans are approved.

The facilities committee will also research how to cool and heat an area in the agriculture science shop used to raise fish.

After trustees approve the final plans, they will be put out for bid with a deadline of May 1 for responses.

The board will approve the winning bidder May 6 and schedule work to begin over the summer break.

Much of the work will take place in the high school office areas, classrooms in the older section of the building and the library. The old junior high wing will not be part of the project because the units there are operating properly, according to Supt. Robin Battershell.

The design will not utilize the condenser coils that were upgraded last year by the district. That unit will be left in place for the district to sell. The cost of a system utilizing the units was deemed prohibitive by the district and its architect.

The design of the air conditioning system will have through-the-wall units in many rooms with exterior walls and rooftop units on interior rooms.

Other work at the high school will include reno-

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Hunter Eaton, of Troy tries out some of the saddles during the April 6 Grand Opening of Wildfire Ranch Saddlery and Western Wear while his grandfather, Jim Howell of Troy, looks on. Wildfire Ranch Saddlery and Western Wear is located on Holland Road next to Wildfire Ranch Roping Arena. It is open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sundays during Roping events. The roping arena is sponsoring the Wildfire Ranch Shoot-out April 12-14 with \$50,000 in added money and prizes. Entry fee into the Shoot-out is \$100 per roper. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Aldermen approve sign

 By TIM FLEISCHER
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado mayor Charlotte Douglass' first ever vote at the April 4 board of aldermen meeting authorized a variance for a 70' pole sign on property currently owned by Ron Gravette.

Douglass cast the vote to end a 2-2 tie with aldermen Michael Cooper and Jackie Mills voting in favor of granting the variance and Dr. Raymond Carver and Vic Means voting against.

The variance to the city's sign ordinance and moratorium against pole signs of more than 12 feet in height came with strings attached. Cooper made the motion for the variance provided that Gravette and Jack-in-the-Box move forward in negotiations for the sale of the property.

Gravette came before the board to pursue the variance after Jack-in-the-Box abandoned negotiations to purchase the property along I-35 access where Cowboy's Barbecue is currently located.

Gravette said the Jack-in-the-Box corporation withdrew its offer for the property after a March meeting of the board of aldermen during which the corporation was instructed by aldermen to come back with more information concerning the sign.

Gravette explained to aldermen that the sign would be below neighboring signs when viewed from the highway. He also

explained that for a business to have viability at that location, it would need a sign that can be seen on the southbound side before the exit.

He pointed out that businesses in Hillsboro continue to be closed due to highway construction and a lack of visibility from the highway.

Gravette told the board that, in the consideration of Jack-in-the-Box, the property was more valuable if a sign was attainable. Without the sign that can be seen from the interstate, the cost of the property exceeded the price the Jack-in-the-Box corporation would pay.

In response to an earlier question from aldermen, Gravette told the board that Texas Department of Transportation would not allow Texas Logos to build the small blue exit signs with lodging and dining information on the southbound side of the interstate. "The exits are too close to each other," Gravette said.

Gravette further stated that the sale of his property to Jack-in-the-Box would help improve property values because it would provide for "higher comps."

After Gravette's presentation, board members discussed the potential variance. "I appreciate the need for getting people off the highway," Means said, but added that many communities along the interstate were moving toward "lowering signs."

He pointed to low profile signs in Georgetown in contrast to much higher signs in Round Rock.

"Temple just started regulating signs to be no more than forty-two and a half feet tall," Means said.

"I don't think we want people to see Round Rock instead of Georgetown" when they drive through Salado, Means said.

Gravette responded that no business "necessarily wants to spend \$70,000 to put up a sign, but they have to" in order to attract highway traffic.

Dr. Carver said that he had very strong feelings about the issue. "I can appreciate that it would improve the value of your real estate," Dr. Carver said, but added that approving the variance would set "a precedent... we would have one at 70 feet, then we would have a request at 80 feet."

In casting her deciding vote, Douglass said that she favored the variance, "solely on the elevation of the land. The sign is lower than its neighbors."

Financial policies

Aldermen also approved a measure of policies and procedures for the bank depository, paying bills, accounting, and auditing accounts.

The policy authorizes three individuals to sign checks written on the Village of Salado bank depository (First State Bank): Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem and Village Treasurer. Two

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Salado & Texas mourn loss of good friend A.C. Greene

 By KENT BIFFLE
 SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR
 DALLAS MORNING NEWS

A.C. Greene, Texas historian and longtime columnist for The Dallas Morning News, died April 5 at his home in Salado. He was 78.

Mr. Greene, who had written more than a score of books and dozens of articles for other publications, was emeritus director of the University of North Texas' Center for Texas Studies. He had authored the "Texas Sketches" column in The News since 1983. Mr. Greene used to say he'd lived several lives.

One life ended and another began, as he saw it, when his disease-wrecked heart was replaced by a donor heart in 1988.

A new life began in 1990, in another sense, he said, when he married Judy Dalton Hyland, a longtime family friend, after the 1989 death of his wife of 39 years, Betty Dozier Greene.

Even his name, legally speaking, had two lives. He was born "Alvin Carl Greene Jr." on Nov. 4, 1923 in the Taylor County seat of Abilene.

By his teens, he no longer answered to "Alvin" or "Carl." He preferred "A.C." And he was called "A.C." by everyone who knew him. At the Taylor County courthouse in 1953, he adopted the initials as his legal name.

"A.C. Greene" was by then a byline increasingly familiar to Texans. His reputation ultimately extended beyond the state's boundaries. His commentaries on Texan topics were often sought by broadcasting networks and national publications.

When the Republican National Convention came to Dallas in 1984, for example, Mr. Greene, by then an expert on Big D ("Ain't nobody knows it like I do."), gave 63 interviews to members of the visiting media.

Oddly, although he cursed the "prissy professors," he won respect of scholars.

University of North Texas Professor James



A.C. Greene

Ward Lee called Mr. Greene "the dean of Texas letters." He was, said Southern Methodist University professor Marshall Terry, "in charge of the definition of Texas literature."

His reputation as a literary arbiter rested in part on his 50 Best Books on Texas, a publication that won wide acceptance as a reference tool. The book and articles made him a lightning rod in debates on Texas letters.

For six years, he was resident professor of Texas studies at the University of North Texas and coordinating director of UNT's Center for Texas Studies.

He was a fellow of both the Texas Institute of Letters and the Texas State Historical Association, whose Southwestern Historical Quarterly he edited in the late 1960s.

In 1992, he was awarded an honorary doctorate in humane letters by Austin College in Sherman.

His experiences as recipient of the heart of a 31-year-old woman who'd died of a brain tumor provided first hand research for his 1990 book *Taking Heart*. "A transplant makes you feel young again," he reported.

He joined the laughter when friends noted that the transplanted heart made him a kinder and gentler curmudgeon.

In serious moments, he, too, speculated that the surgery supplanted his characteristic cynicism with tender patience.

Dallas history was a favorite subject of Mr. Greene, who wrote more than a score of books, several on Dallas' past. His fiction included a collection of stories entitled *The Highland Park Woman* (Shearer Publishing Co.),

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



U.S. Policy only emboldens Arafat

An incident last month in the office of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat should forever have a special place in the annals of good government.

Arafat was having an argument with one of his security chiefs, when the security official banged his fist on the table.

This apparently is not just bad manners, but potentially a shooting offense: Arafat brandished a pistol and reportedly shouted, "You are a collaborator for Israel and America!"

The two were separated before anyone could draw blood. So it goes during WWF pay-per-view specials and high-level deliberations of the Palestinian Authority.

As this incident and many more demonstrate, Arafat is essentially a gangster who happens to have a large caucus favorable to him at the United Nations.

This is what makes Arafat's rehabilitation by the Bush administration so dismaying. Not only has Arafat not fulfilled the demands the administration put on him (basically, stopping the terror), the Palestinian leadership is in the midst of an orgiastic frenzy of suicide-murders.

Palestinian terrorism, however, is not just hate-induced bloodletting, it is a serious instrument of foreign policy. It wears down Israeli will, as the Palestinians hope to prompt the same sort of precipitous Israeli withdrawal that took place in southern Lebanon two years ago.

It divides Israeli society, fracturing Ariel Sharon's coalition on the left (doves who think he's prompting violence by being too harsh) and on the right (hawks who think he's not being harsh enough).

And it energizes the Palestinians, giving them "victories" of a sort - vile ones, to be sure - to celebrate.

There are only two possible disadvantages to terrorism for the Palestinians: stern Israeli retaliation and the

The Rich Lowry column



opprobrium of the United States.

But the Bush administration is reducing the force of both of these disincentives by restraining the Israelis and softening its own attitude toward Arafat - thus, making terrorism even more attractive for the Palestinians.

Until the Bush administration's latest shift, it would have been inconceivable that Israel would be asked to tolerate daily suicide attacks. Now it's not quite so inconceivable anymore.

All that said, if making Israel uncomfortable for a few months were necessary to the cause of building support for toppling Saddam Hussein, it would be worth it.

But it probably isn't necessary, since Arab governments respect power most of all. If we make it clear that we are determined to take care of Saddam with or without their support, most Middle East countries would quietly acquiesce.

Instead, the United States is buying into the biggest and most pervasive Arab lie: that nothing ails the Middle East that can't be fixed by neutering Israel.

This is a dishonest dodge. In the West Bank, the problem isn't that a pistol-waving Arafat can't control the anti-Israeli extremists, but that he can't control himself.

And, with the administration ready to welcome him back into polite company anyway, why should he?

Is Ratliff's property tax plan a ruse to enact a dedicated sales-income tax?

Acting Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff has come up with what many believe is a "straw man" proposal that pretends to resurrect the old State Property Tax to help ease the school finance crisis, but is only a ruse to create so much controversy among school officials, lawmakers and taxpayers that Texans might turn for relief to either a relatively modest sales or income tax, solely dedicated to funding public education.

Or so the underground tittle-tattlers and rumor millers are producing, down in Austin - despite nothing more to go on than supposition and cynicism coupled with perhaps a slight modicum of political instinct.

Ratliff's plan, as it appears on the surface, would require a constitutional amendment allowing the state to take over the collection of each school district's maintenance and operating taxes, consolidate them in Austin and then divvy-up the plunder among the 1000+ school districts on the basis of their average daily attendance.

In a nut-shell - it would allow county tax assessors to assign a \$1.40 per hundred dollar value on all property within each school district, collect and send it to Austin for eventual state-wide distribution. This procedure would have an immediate two-fold effect on school systems. First, it would take away a large portion of local control from school boards, namely the ability to tax - which is certainly one of the more sensitive duties assigned to trustees. And, secondly, schools would only be allowed to collect that amount of property tax necessary to pay for their bonded indebtedness, plus an additional ten cents for general operations. The latter would also need local voter approval.

IMPACT ON SALADO ISD

Here's how it would work in the Salado Independent School District. Our district currently collects \$1.57 per hundred dollars in appraised property values. This amount is divided between \$1.38 assigned to M&O (maintenance and operation) and the balance (19 cents) for debt service (principal and interest on voter approved bonds). There is currently a \$1.50 cap on the amount that can be collected for M&O. No limit on the tax for paying off bond principal and interest - except as controlled by voters during a bond election.

The immediate effect, should Ratliff's state property tax be enacted, would be a two cent hike in property taxes for all property owners in the SISD. The long range taxpayer problem would be the state's right to increase the tax rate from \$1.40 to any number lawmakers might feel appropriate in the years ahead - in other words, a "sky's the limit" type levy!

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE NEGATIVE

The response to the Ratliff plan was almost universally negative starting with school officials who felt it took away nearly all their taxing authority; from members of the legislature who immediately heard from unhappy school officials; and taxpayers who were howling about giving the state unrestricted authority over collecting property taxes.

Local reaction was also quick and negative including word from Salado's representative in the House - Dianne White Delisi, who reported Friday that she did not favor "a state property tax nor any other new taxes."

Fact is the only apparent supporters were representatives of the state's "prop-

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



"How to make an Al Qaedan sing like a canary". Note complete details at end of this week's column.

erty poor" school districts - who benefit greatly from the current "Robin Hood" theory of redistributing the property tax wealth from rich to poor school systems.

HOW TO MAKE AN AL QAEDAN SING

Now that our military has captured Osama's best buddy and top confidant - one Abu Zubay-dah, the question of getting this thug to talk has been bandied about by no less a top official than the Secretary of Defense, who opined that we were going to take good care of "this one" so we can have him around for a long time to "visit with us".

Less sanguine proposals erupted from the media that offered ideas from mid-east writers, professors and former government officials, who tossed out a number of strange CIA-type methods of getting captured rag-heads to tell-all (against their will) including "truth serums", isolation, starvation-bribery or as a last resort "torture".

All of this is pure hokum on the part of "experts" who think it an easy matter to get Zubay-dah and his compatriots, to tell all they know about bin Laden's whereabouts and/or the names of his wild followers who are hanging out around the world just waiting to pounce on the rest of us, when given the signal.

IDEAS THAT WOULD WORK

The very best way to quickly break down this particular Al Qaedan (and others like him) and have them singing like canaries would be to put 'em in a room for 18 hours a day - exposed to one of the following:

A. Adolescent music played and brayed by some of the heavy metal groups that produce tuneless melodies coupled with words that are chewed up, spit out and are meaningless. Turn the volume up so nothing is missed, or.....

B. Force them to watch every single rerun of Gilligan's Island, plus countless moronic sessions with Jerry Springer. All supplemented with cartoons like the Simpsons.

THE COUP DE GRACE

If the above plans fail to move the hard-liner to tears and truth, then introduce the coup-de-grace, guaranteed to produce a rapid voluntarily confession. This "last resort" plan would sentence the silent terrorist to one full week of umpiring day-long little league baseball tournaments, followed by another seven days refereeing the same number of adolescent soccer matches - both activities complete with a horde of parents whose only ambition is to make sports official's lives as miserable as possible.

These loud-mouthed soccer moms and baseball dads, have baiting, cursing, denigrating down to as fine a point as a Palestinian-Israeli confrontation in downtown Jerusalem

Result of any one of these ideas would, we believe, have our captured pal of bin Laden - Mr. Zubay-dah, or anyone else of his ilk, willing and happy to "spill the beans" in short order!

That's -30-

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Terrorist: anyone who threatens rich

By JIM HIGHTOWER

Pay attention folks, because George W and the Congress are quietly maneuvering our country into another war that has nothing to do with any terrorist threat to America.

Their target is not Osama bin Laden, Saddam Hussein, or supposed terrorists in Sudan, Yemen, or the Philippines. Rather, they are committing us to an ever-broadening effort to prop up the elitist, corrupt, and inept government of Colombia, which is embroiled in a long and bloody civil war with two guerrilla groups in the south.

Until now, our country's involvement in Colombia has been rationalized as part of Washington's "war on drugs." We've sent military advisors, armed helicopters, CIA intelligence, and billions of dollars to



Jim Hightower

the Colombian military, all in the name of stopping the drug traffic that finances the rebels. Of course, drug trafficking also finances the right-wing paramilitary thugs who support the government, and it profits some of Colombia's elites who now cry out for the United States to save their pampered lifestyle from the guerrillas--but, hey, picky picky.

Now, however, Bush & Gang are proposing to remove any pretense that our military involvement is about drugs, instead drastically broadening our mission to the defense of

the Colombian government against the rebels.

How do they rationalize putting us smack into a raging civil war against a guerrilla movement that poses zero threat to our borders? Easy--by simply declaring that the rebels are "terrorists," thereby automatically making them targets of George W's limitless global war on terrorism. As an unnamed senior Bushite told the Washington Post, "all we are trying to do is to add the words 'counter-terrorism' to what the U.S. can do in helping Colombia."

This shows the extremism of Bushism. George and his ideological cohorts are willing to brand any and all groups they dislike as "terrorists," then use our tax dollars and military to kill them. This is not a war on terrorism, but a war on our own democratic values.

FORUM



Reader write about sewer, Edwards & state board of education

Dear Editor,

Dear Editor:

If adopted, the Brazos River Authority feasibility study to expand the Temple/Belton sewer system to Salado will empty the Village of its identity and its integrity. There is an opinion that insists that a sewer system is absolutely necessary for the well being of this community. This particular opinion conjures up visions of a loot and plunder mindset reminiscent of Ghengis Khan and Gen. Sherman, and here is why.

The fact that Salado is on septic system is one

A SEWER SYSTEM WILL ALLOW FOR HIGH-DENSITY HOUSING...
TIM RIVERS

of the few, if not the only remaining challenge to over development of the Village. A sewer system will allow for high-density housing such as zero lot, apartments and perhaps even government financed low-income housing. I'm not against affordable housing; however, Salado is not the only community that is available for government assistance. Who knows, with sewer, Salado might qualify for a State or Federal penal facility. Now that is just the kind of growth opportunity that we've been waiting for.

Growth minded developers energetically endorse sewer under the misleading assumption of septic system pollution. If successful, they will dutifully build multifamily housing on land to obtain the highest possible rate of return. (This highest possible rate of return theory is another nefarious assumption that is pro-

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Letters to the Editor

posed as desirable by the Texas Real Estate Commission.) Where will all these future residents drive their cars, on the same roads that we have now? I don't think so. Salado will need to expand and improve its existing infrastructure and that means new and wider roads, traffic control and additional services.

Septic system is a guardian of the unfettered livability of this community. Existing County standards are sufficient to protect the environment from pollutants. I fail to recognize a viable need within the Salado community that sewer will meet, other than to dramatically increase the population and to increase municipal responsibility, bureaucracy and costs.

Keeping Salado, Salado, will take vigilant and firm resistance to development oriented projects. There are no financial, quality of life or sanitary advantages in becoming another Lorena or Academy. Salado can not be all things to all people. The trick is to appreciate Salado's unique qualities, identify those qualities that are most desirable and conform future development around the limitations inherent of those qualities. Our present quality of life is the positive result of limitations to growth that already provide genuine value, both financially and esthetically.
Tim Rivers

To the Editor:

As a small business owner for the past 30 years, who currently has eight great employees, I disagree with the views expressed by Mr. Noel Dannheim of Lampasas in his recent letter attacking U.S. Representative Chet Edwards as being anti-small business. Mr. Dannheim is sadly out of touch with the facts.

Edwards is a former small businessman, and is well aware of the contribution of small business to the U.S. economy and our Central Texas communities. That's why he supported the Taxpayer Relief Act, which provided \$20 billion in tax relief to small

EDWARDS CO-SPONSORED A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION, WHICH WOULD PREVENT THE GOVERNMENT FROM SPENDING MORE THAN IT TAKES IN.
JOE PEHOSKI

business over ten years; the Small Business Job Protection Act, which simplified 401 (k) retirement plans for small businesses and made it easier for them to offer pensions to their employees; and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, which required insurance companies to sell coverage to small employer groups and individuals who lost group coverage, and increased

the tax deductibility of health insurance premiums for the self-employed.

This year, Edwards actively supported a real (emphasis on "real") economic stimulus package to help small business owners and family farmers depreciate investments in new equipment and property, which will promote business expansion and the creation of new jobs. He funded the Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) at Fort Hood, which privatized the remodeling, construction and management of base family housing, and is creating hundreds of new private sector jobs for local businesses.

And, because Edwards has always been a fiscal conservative, he recently co-sponsored a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution, which would prevent the government from spending more than it takes in. He pushed for the same amendment in 1991 and 1995.

Mr. Dannheim also accused Edwards of voting for more federal jobs and a bloated government. He obviously doesn't know that, except for the addition of the federal security screeners we wanted at our airports, the federal government has the fewest workers since 1960. And when he complains about federal policies and regulations, he's forgotten that the Republicans have controlled the House of Representatives since 1994, and the Senate from 1994 until last year.

A healthy political debate is a good thing, and our elected officials' records should certainly be scrutinized. Unfortunately, Mr. Dannheim

brings nothing to this discussion but misdirected anger.,
Joseph Pehoski

Dear Editor:

An Associated Press article dated April 2, 2002, is entitled "State Ed Board's Kids Not in Public School." While being so thorough about certain details, the AP mysteriously fails to mention anything about the children of Democrat SBOE members. Did their children attend the public schools?

Let me get this straight. According to the premise of this AP story, unless elected officials (e.g., Senators, Representatives, SBOE members, etc.) have children in the public schools, these elected officials have no right to pass legislation which will help

IT IS NO WONDER THAT MOST SBOE MEMBERS WAIT TO SERVE ON THE BOARD UNTIL THEIR CHILDREN ARE OUT OF THE HOME BECAUSE OF THE HUNDREDS OF HOURS THE MEMBERS HAVE TO COMMIT TO BOARD ISSUES.
DONNA GARNER

to improve the public schools even though the economic and political future of our state will be determined by the education of our Texas school children.

What about Texas Sen. Bill Ratliff? When he was interviewed by Janet Elliott (*Houston Chronicle*) who wrote the original article from which the AP story is taken, he indicated that people should not run for the SBOE unless they have public

school children. Does Sen. Ratliff want to be the one to tell his fellow Texas Legislators that they should not debate nor vote on public school issues unless they have children presently in the public schools? Would our Legislature even have a quorum left if such a litmus test were in place?

At least Sen. Ratliff and the other Legislators are paid a salary for their public service while SBOE members get no salary whatsoever. It is no wonder that most SBOE members wait to serve on the board until their children are out of the home because of the hundreds of hours the members have to commit to board issues. Since Ms. Elliott and the AP have done incomplete research on the Democrats and also have a faulty premise for their article, I would have to give them an "F" on their article. As for Sen. Ratliff, I am forced to question his motive for attacking certain SBOE members. He has spent years trying to undermine their authority over the Permanent School Fund (PSF -- pays for Texas children's textbooks). Could it be that he and a few of his fellow Legislators are lusting after the control of the \$19 billion in the PSF and that the only way he can gain control of this large amount of money is to attack the credibility of the SBOE members who have stood in his way? That \$19 billion could be considered a mighty convenient way to cover the shortfall which is predicted to surface in the next Legislative session.

Donna Garner
Hewitt, TX

Notice of Election (A Viso De Eleccion)

To the registered voters of the Village of Salado, County of Bell, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Pueblo de Salado, del condado de Bell, Texas)
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CDST on May 4, 2002 for voting in an election to elect five (5) Aldermen and mayor for the Village of Salado.

Location of Polling Place (Direccion(es) De Las Casillas Electorales)

Salado Civic Center
601 North Main
Salado, TX 76571
Pueblo de Salado, TX 76571

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de Lunes a Viernes)

Salado Civic Center
601 North Main
Salado, TX 76571
Pueblo de Salado, TX 76571

Between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CDST beginning on April 17, 2002 and ending on April 30, 2002.

(entre las 7:30 a.m. de la mañana la 4:30 p.m. CDST de la tarde empezando el 17 de April de/2002, y terminando el 30 de April del/2002).

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votan adelantadas, por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Village of Salado
(Pueblo de Salado, Texas)
Attn: Dianna Zulauf, Secretary
P.O. Box 219
Salado, Texas 76571
(Pueblo de Salado, Texas 76571)

Application for ballots by Mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 2002.

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Mayor Village of Salado, TX
Mayor - Pueblo de Salado,

A. C. Greene — From 1A

(Shearer Publishing Co.), a novel, **They Are Ruining Ibiza** (UNT Press) and a book of poetry, **Memory of Snow** (Browder Springs Books).

He surprised his Dallas readers in 1993 when he and his wife moved to the historic central Texas village of Salado, where he finished **900 Miles on the Butterfield Trail** (UNT Press). Researching the book, the Greens retraced the 1800s overland trail.

A.C. Greene's weekly "Texas Sketches" column began appearing in 1983 in *The Dallas Morning News*. In 1985-86, he was historical editor for the 100th anniversary edition of *The News*.

In 1967, writing an introduction to Ben Green's **The Shield Mares**, Mr. Greene began a long association with Austin publisher-screenwriter William D. Wittliff. In 1972, **The Last Captive** was the first of several Greene books published by Mr. Wittliff's Encino Press.

Mr. Greene's early interest in books and writing was spurred by his maternal grandmother, the late Maude E. Cole, Carnegie librarian for many years in Abilene. The Carnegie Library was a favorite hangout of young Greene.

He was graduated in 1940 from Abilene High School and in 1948 from Abilene Christian College. He also attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Phillips University in Oklahoma, and Pittsburg State in Kansas.

He served more than three years in the U.S. Navy during World War II, much of the time attached to the Sixth Marine Division overseas.

He began writing for

his hometown newspaper, the *Abilene Reporter-News* in 1948. He continued, off and on, until he came to Dallas in 1960.

In 1952 he founded A.C. Greene's Abilene Book Store, a firm he sold in 1957.

From 1960 to 1968, he was a writer-editor for the now-defunct *Dallas Times Herald*. He resigned to accept a Dobie-Paisano Writing Fellowship at the late J. Frank Dobie's ranch house west of Austin. His first major book resulted - **A Personal Country**, reflecting life and times in West Texas.

Originally published by Knopf, it has been reprinted by Texas A&M Press. Knopf also published his factual crime book **The Santa Claus Bank Robbery** in 1972.

Living as a boy with his grandmother Cole and great-grandmother Mary Catherine Dockray Craghead Longley, polished his skill for getting along with aging women, a skill that later proved pivotal in his financial life.

Mrs. Lula Gooch, elderly widow of former *Times Herald* publisher Tom Gooch, became fond of staff member Greene and his family. After her death, Mr. Greene learned he was in her will. She bequeathed him a stock purchase option that could have seated him on the newspaper's board. When board members resisted, Mr. Greene sued the paper.

Before the newspaper could be sold to Los Angeles-based Times-Mirror Corp. in 1970, board members discovered that the suit had to be settled.

Mr. Greene often grinned at the memory of having his former bosses over a barrel. "I came out

very well," he said.

His prosperity - representing yet another new life - gave him freedom to write generally as he chose on any subject that appealed to him.

Most of Mr. Greene's literary papers are in the special collections section of the University of Texas at Arlington Library. Dr. Gerald Saxon of the UTA Library said, "His strength was history written in a clear, active almost reportorial prose."

Other literary remains of Mr. Greene are found in the Southwestern Writers Collection at Southwest Texas State University.

He and his first wife, Betty Dozier Greene, had four children: Geoffrey C. Greene, of Los Angeles; Mark C. Greene of Corsicana; Eliot Greene of Dallas, and Meredith Elizabeth Greene Megaw of New York.

He had two stepdaughters, Mrs. Price (Julie) Ambler of Conroe and Leslie Hyland of Austin. Two step-grandchildren are Julia Ambler and J.P. Ambler of Conroe.

He is buried on the Shackelford County ranch of his friend of four decades, Bob Green. A.C. and Judy Greene were married at the ranch in 1990.

A memorial service is 2 p.m. April 9 at the Salado United Methodist Church.

The Greene family requests that memorials be made to the VistaCare Hospice, 819 South 5th St., Temple, TX 76504.

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Chief of Police Report

Police Chief Alan Rogers told aldermen that he continues to be concerned about calls to the Village Police Department when no officer is on duty.

All 911 calls are routed through the Bell County Communications Center whether a Salado officer is on duty or not.

But non-emergency calls directly to the Police

Department are picked up by an answering machine.

According to Rogers, some people are hanging up before leaving a message.

The Chief approached the County, but was told that the communications center only handles 911 emergency calls.

He asks that Salado citizens please call 911 in times of emergency or to report a crime, but to call the Village Police Department for routine and non-emergency calls.

"If it's not an emergency,

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please leave your name and number so that we can return your call when one of the officers comes back on duty," Rogers said.

Proclamations

In other business, aldermen approved proclamations for Lions District 2-X3 Day in Salado April 27 and for Komen Central Texas Race for the Cure Week April 20-27. Aldermen also approved a resolution in support of establishing a state veterans cemetery in Bell County.



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The Southern Gospel quartet of Danny Funderburk and Mercy's Way will perform 7 p.m. April 15 at Grace Baptist Church of Salado.

Danny Funderburk is former tenor with the Legendary "Cathedral Quartet" now ministering in smaller churches sharing the love of Jesus through music.

The concert is free and open to the public. A love offering will be accepted. For more information call Clayton Capps at 947-0212.

Gibson passes away at age 89

Services for Ray Gibson, age 89 were held April 9 at the First Baptist Church in Temple. Rev. Jerry Carlisle officiated. Burial followed at Bellwood Memorial Park. Gibson died April 6 in a local hospital.

Ray Gibson was born October 17, 1912 in Watt, Texas to William H. and Rhoda Gunn Gibson. He was a graduate of Waco High School.

He is a former member of the Temple Kiwanis Club and the Salado Rotary Club. Mr. Gibson was a member of the fellowship class and a member of the First Baptist Church in Temple for 62 years. He served on the board of directors at Merit Seating in Temple and at Peoples Nat'l Bank, Belton for more than 20 years.

Survivors are wife Inez A. Gibson and son Jerry Gibson, both of Temple.

He is also survived by seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the scholarship fund or building fund at First Baptist Church 102 W. Barton, Temple, TX 76501.

Annual Gospel Music Festival to be at Tablerock

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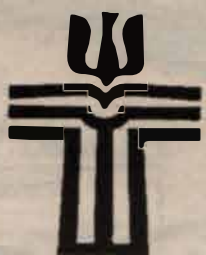
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Covention of Republican Women met in Bell County

Salado Area Republican Women attended the 2002 Biennial Bell County Republican Convention held at Sparta Elementary School in Belton. Precinct 203 had seven delegates attending, they were Jean Westerberg Precinct Chairman, Barclay McCort, Marie Jackson, Kay Adian, Billy Lummus, Borah VanDormolen, Rich Castle. Other officials attending were Judge Rick Morris, Judge Gordon Adams, Judge Gerald Brown, Justice of the Peace Don Svadlenak.

Chairman Nancy Boston paid tribute to the late Kitty Poke who was instrumental in the Republican Party in Bell County. Nancy also recognized MaryBelle Brown's contributions to the Republican Party. Eighteen resolutions were passed to bring forward to the Texas Republican Convention that will be held in Dallas Texas in June of this year.



Johnny's Steaks & Bar-Be-Cue, Johnny (Dad) and (Son) Josh Bratton are greeted by Salado Chamber of Commerce representatives at their April 5 ribbon cutting. Everyone had a serving of Johnny's peach cobbler. In addition to mesquite grilled steaks, hamburgers and bbq, all you can eat fried catfish will be served on Friday night.



After being in business for over 2 years, Catalina and Albert Lopez moved Coco Cabana Mexican Restaurant to a larger space next door. With the expanded serving space comes expanded serving hours to include nights and weekends Salado Chamber of Commerce officials celebrating the reopening at a ribbon cutting April 5.

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SPORTS

Salado teams run in Academy

Salado track teams competed at the Academy Bumblebee Relays April 4. Following are team and individual statistics for Salado competitors.

Boys Varsity

59 points, 5th place.
Long Jump: Devon Dunn, 19'3-1/2", 5th place.
Triple Jump: Dunn, 40'5-1/2", 5th.
400 Meter Relay: 45.73, 5th place.
800 Meter Run: Nick Everett, 2:05.83, 1st place.
110 Meter Hurdles: Jose Tonchez, 16.13, 2nd place.
Pole Vault: Matt Brown, 11'6", 2nd place.
400 Meter Dash: Dunn, 53.81, 5th place.
300 Meter Hurdles: Tonchez, 44.97, 6th

place.
1600 Meter Run: Everett, 4:47.03, 1st place.
1600 Meter Relay: 3:41.62, 3rd place.

Girls Varsity

105 points, 3rd place
Shot put: Robyn Womac, 32'5-1/2", 4th.
High Jump: Amanda Tumey, 4'10", 1st place.
Pole Vault: Brinn Newman, 8'6", 1st place; Johnna Konzen, 7'6", 3rd place.
3200 Meter Run: Abby Buchanan, 13:53.58, 6th place.
400 Meter Relay: 53.48, 5th place.
800 Meter Run: Bri-tanni Goodnight, 2:42.56, 5th, Laramie Wilson, 2:46.22, 6th.
100 Meter Hurdles: Michelle Houston, 16.90, 2nd place; Kim Dillon,

16.93, 3rd place.
800 Meter Relay: 1:54.78, 4th place.
400 Meter Dash: Lauren Mewhinney, 1:03.13, 3rd place.
300 Meter Hurdles: Houston, 51.76, 2nd place; Dillon, 52.93, 6th place.
200 Meter Dash: Valerie Clark, 28.86, 6th place.
1600 Meter Run: Mewhinney, 5:25.55, 1st place, Goodnight, 6:10.26, 5th place.
1600 Meter Relay: 4:26.97, 3rd place.

JV Boys

84 points, 3rd place
Shot Put: Jarrod Whitefield, 36'6", 5th place.
Discus: Lyssy, 113'9-1/2", 2nd place.
3200 Meter Run: Kris Stineman, 11:49.23, 1st

place, Lucas, 12:40.04, 5th place.
400 Meter Relay: 47.85, 4th place.
800 Meter Run: Zach Coffman, 2:21.36, 2nd place.
110 Meter Hurdles: Rex, 19.04, 4th place; D.J. Hampton, 19.26, 6th place.
Pole Vault: Sean Rex, 10'6", 1st place; Josh Jacobson, 10", 3rd.
100 Meter Dash: Jacobson, 12.23, 6th place.
400 Meter Dash: Adam Coffman, 57.36, 3rd; Austin Rogers, 58.02, 4th place.
200 Meter Dash: Rogers, 25.82, 6th place.
1600 Meter Run: Travis Clark, 5:31.08, 6th place.
1600 Meter Relay: 3:58.07, 4th place.




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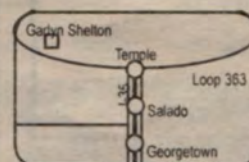
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Eagles split baseball games

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MELVIN BATES

The Salado Eagles fell behind the Rogers Eagles 6-0 after two and a half innings, but came from behind to win. Rogers scored two runs in the first and added four in the top of the third.

Salado finally started rolling in the bottom of the third. Hunter Konzen led off with a walk, then stole second and scored on Jeremy Grimm's double. Roland Buckley followed with a single; Both runners were driven in on Scott Bate's double.

The local Eagles cut the lead to 6-4 by adding another run in the fourth. John Kirk reached on an error and eventually scored two runs in the fifth for an 8-4 lead, but Salado sent 11 batters to the plate in the bottom of the fifth and scored seven runs for an 11-8 lead.

Miles Wallace led off with a home run to straight away center. Lane Wolff followed with a double. Heath Hale singled to bring Wolff home. Hale scored on a Randy single. Kirk and Konzen reached on errors to load the bases. Buckley drew a walk to score another run and tie the game. Bates delivered a triple down the right field

line to drive in all three base runners and give the Eagles their first lead, 11-8.

In the top of the seventh Rogers scored three runs to tie the game.

Bates was the leading hitter on the night going 3 of 4 with five rbi's. Buckley Wallace and Hale each pitched in with two hits apiece. After dodging bullets for the past couple of games, the Salado Eagles took one on the chin last Friday. The Lexington Eagles defeated Salado 9-8 in eight innings.

Things started great for the local Eagles. They jumped out to a 5-0 lead after two innings.

In the first inning Roland Buckley hit a home run with Jeremy Grimm aboard for a quick 2-0 lead. Later in the inning, Lane Wolff singled and Heath Hall reached on an error. Both runners eventually scored on passed balls.

John Kirk led off the second inning with a single. Hunter Konzen's sacrifice bunt moved him to second. Kirk scored on a Grimm single.

In the bottom of the third Lexington put five hits together and came up with four runs. The score stood at 5-4 until the sixth.

Konzen started the top of the sixth with a double.

Lexington scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth to tie it up at 6.

Each team scored two runs in the seventh. Heath Hale lined a double over the left fielders head to start things for Salado. Randy Tubbs was hit with a pitch and Hale moved up on a passed ball to put runners on the corners. Hale scored on a fielder's choice by Konzen. He moved over to third on Grimm's double. Konzen scored on an error off the bat of Buckley.

Lexington scored two in the bottom of the seventh and would have finished Salado off with another run, Heath Hale nailed the potential winning run at homeplate.

Lexington's leadoff hitter reached base. An attempted bunt was popped up and caught. A throw to first base trying to double off the runner ended up in right field and the runner made it to third base. The first pitch to the next batter made its way to the backstop and the winning run came home.

Grimm and Buckley led the offense collecting three hits each. Grimm pitched the first seven innings. He allowed 11 hits and struck out nine. Miles Wallace pitched the eighth and was charged with the loss.

Junior Varsity

The JV improved their record April 12 to 5-2-1 on the season and 3-1-1 in district. Cole Cox got the win pitching a complete game with a 10-8 victory.

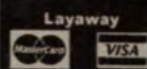
Blake Spence was 3 for 4 with 2 runs and 1 rbi.

Pete Culin was 2 for 3 with 4 rbi's. Evan Smith and Devon Dunn were both 2 for 4. "We hit the ball well as a team; with 14 hits, but we made a lot of mental mistakes that kept the game close," said Coach Novicke.

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Tennis teams win in Academy

Salado tennis teams won overall competitions in boys and girls brackets at the Academy Tennis Tournament March 26-27.

The boys team took first and second place in the doubles competition. Jarrod Whitfield and Bryan Johnston won first place and David Matthews and Adam Alderman were second place.

Brad Thaler was second place in boys singles competition and Aldo Rocha won consolation.

In girls competition, Joyful Alderman was first place in singles competition, while Heather McLaughlin won consolation.

The girls doubles team of Amanda Rivers and Tiffany Dixon took second place. Tabitha Lawson and Chelsea Norman won consolation in doubles.

Salado competed against teams from Academy, Troy and Rogers in the tournament.

The teams play in district competition April 10-11 in Georgetown.



Boys tennis team members are (back row, from left) David Matthews, Adam Alderman and Brad Thaler; (front, from left) Bryan Johnston, Aldo Rocha and Jarrod Whitfield.



Girls tennis team members are (top row, from left) Chelsea Norman, Tabitha Lawson, Heather McLaughlin and Tiffany Dixon; (bottom row, from left) Amanda Rivers and Joyful Alderman.

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Odee Pink	Found	4-5 Feet	Pink	Easy, Double
Old Blush	Climber	12-20 Feet	Medium Pink	Shrub/Climber
Old Blush	China	3-6 Feet	Medium Pink	Best all around
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Eagles teams sweep district golf

Salado High golf teams swept District play April 8 as both boys and girls came home with Championship trophies, qualifying the squads for Regional play later in the month.

The Boys Golf team won the District Championship over Moody with a score of 669. The second round of play at the Sammons Golf Course in Temple saw Salado pull ahead by almost 30 points. Salado and Moody were neck and neck in the first

round played at Mill Creek April 3, but the rain-slickened course gave Salado lower scores the second round of play.

Cody Quirk was Second Place Medalist for Salado with a score of 164, 88 first round and 76 second round. Quirk finished by Moody's Jeremy Miller, who had amazing rounds of 72 and 67.

Jake Mewhinney shot a 166 for Salado with rounds of 89 and 77. Kyle Salisbury had an 83 and 84 for

a 167 total; Kyle Turnbo had a 172 with a 90 and an 82 and Michael Harvell shot a 198 with a 99 and 99.

Also competing for Salado was Darron Sniggs, who had a 227 on rounds of 115 and 112.

Kaci Fritsch was first place medalist in the Girls Division, shooting a 164 over the two rounds. She shot an 83 at Mill Creek and an 81 on the Sammons course April 8.

Emily Lilly was Third

Place Medalist with a two-round total of 183. She shot a 95 and an 88.

Also scoring for Salado were Paige Cameron, 195, 102 and 93; Kate Mentzel, 198, 99 and 99; and Haley Scruggs, 107 and 109 for a 216.

The Lady Eagles total of 740 was far ahead of second-place Lexington's 895 and Jarrell's 1,009.

Meagan Joiner also competed for Salado, scoring a 201 on rounds of 102 and 99.

Lady Eagles play-off hopes dashed

Salado Lady Eagles softball team were knocked out of play-off contention with consecutive 10-Run losses last week to the Rogers Lady Eagles and Lexington Lady Eagles.

Salado lost 10-0 at home to Rogers April 2, even though Stephanie Krueger returned to the pitching mound earlier than expected.

The girls could garner no hits against Rogers and only four Salado girls got on base.

Rogers scored two runs in the first inning, another in the third inning, five in the fourth inning and two

in the final fifth inning to end the game 10-0.

Salado lost to the Lexington Lady Eagles on the road 13-1. Lexington sits atop district play and is ranked in the top 10 in the state.

Salado started out the game with their single run, courtesy of Michelle Houston. Houston reached first base on an error by the short stop. She stole second and third base before Lindsay Quirk drove her in with a two-out single. Quirk was left stranded on first base.

Lexington scored five runs in the first inning as 11 batters went to the plate.

The Lexington girls hit four singles in a row in the first inning.

Salado went three and out the next two innings as the Lexington defense made no errors. Krueger reached first on a two-out error by the short stop in

the fourth inning but was forced out at second for the third out of the fourth inning.

The girls went three and out in their final at-bat.

Salado is now 7-11-1 on the season and 3-5 in district play.



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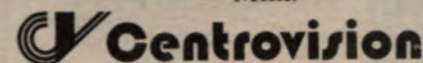
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April 15: Pancakes w/Syrup, Sausage Link, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
April 16: Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

April 10: Pizza, Corn, Breadstick, Fruity Freeze, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk
April 11: Hot Dog w/cheese, Nacho Rounds, Pasta Salad, Peaches, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk
April 12: Cheeseburger, French Fries, Pickle Spears, Fruity Freeze, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk
April 15: Pizza, Seasoned Fries, Pears, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk
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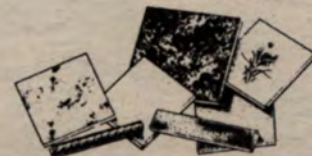
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Red Cross spoke at Salado Lions Club

By **TIM FLEISCHER**
 Editor-in-Chief

The average benefit to victims of catastrophes assisted by the American Red Cross is \$850 per person. The cost of benefits from the Red Cross to victims of the World Trade Center bombings will be approximately \$30,000 per person.

Matthew Wright, the executive director of the Mid-Tex Chapter of the American Red Cross, told Salado Lions recently that the Red Cross is expected to be involved in the recovery of the World Trade Center bombings in New York for another 25-30 years.

"There are 15 national relief efforts going on right now," Wright said, adding that the closest was in Temple, where an apartment complex fire forced many people from their homes.

"We're the only \$20 million corporation that can be set up and on the ground in three hours or less," Wright told the Lions.

The Red Cross can be on location with transportation, staff, communications, warehouses and staff offices in three hours of a disaster, whether it is natural or man-made.

But disaster relief is just one of five areas of responsibility for the American Red Cross, which was chartered by Congress in 1905.

Formed by Clara Barton and Henri Dumant in 1881, the American Red Cross has a legal and moral mandate from Congress that precedes FEMA.

Other areas of responsibility for the Red Cross include health and safety education, such as CPR courses and lifeguard swimming courses; international social services, such as holocaust tracing; blood services and service to America's Armed Forces abroad.

"We keep families and soldiers in touch with each other," Wright said. There are 5.6 million family members of the military, according to Wright, in addition to the 1.4 million active duty military and 1.4 million Reserve and National Guard.

The Reserve and National Guard -- "the hidden military," according to Wright -- "don't have the close support that active duty military have from their neighbors and friends. Their neighbor may be a doctor or lawyer or school teacher, rather than another soldier."

The Red Cross also acts as an advocate for veterans to the Veterans Administration.

In its service to the military, the Red Cross delivered over 646,000 messages last year and gave more than \$5.8 million in services and goods to mil-



Matthew Wright

itary members and their families.

In fact, the Mid-Tex Chapter has an employee ready for deployment to Kuwait.

In order to complete its missions, the Red Cross has a cycle that it continues to follow: Preparedness, Response, Recovery, Evaluation, Mitigation.

At disaster sites, volunteers have an average of 37 hours class time and field experience. Officers in charge have more than 1,500 hours of instruction and six to seven months of direct field experience with disasters.

"These are the volunteers, not the paid staffers,"

Wright said.

Each time the Red Cross responds to a disaster, the local unit is the first to respond. If the disaster is beyond the abilities of the local chapter, the regional disaster relief fund is utilized. Beyond that, the National Disaster Relief Fund of \$15 million is called upon for help.

"But, one major disaster can deplete all of those funds," Wright said.

Which is why it is important to support the local Red Cross, even when it is not on the CNN news.

Because when it is on the CNN news, it may be too late.

Ways to help abused children

Ask the Attorney
General John Cornyn

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. Instead of my usual question-and-answer column, I would like to take this opportunity to describe some ways you can help abused children. Report your suspicions if you have a reasonable suspicion that a child is being physically or emotionally abused or neglected. You are required by state law to report your suspicions immediately to a law enforcement agency or to the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (DPRS).

If you fail to report suspected abuse or neglect, you could face a fine of up to \$2,000 and/or up to 180 days in jail. The law does not require you to be certain that a child is being abused or neglected. You must only have a reason to believe it. If the child appears to be in immediate danger, you should call 911 or your local law enforcement agency for a prompt response. You can also report your suspicions to Child Protective Services, the division of DPRS that investigates cases of child abuse or

ASK THE AG



JOHN CORNYN

neglect. You can contact the DPRS toll-free hotline 24 hours a day at (800) 252-5400.

Signs of abuse or neglect

The following signs, on their own, do not necessarily indicate abuse. You might gently talk to the child to see if there are reasonable explanations. Some signs of abuse or neglect include:

- * Frequent injuries such as bruises, cuts or black eyes
- * Frequent complaints of pain without an obvious injury
- * Aggressive, disruptive or destructive behavior
- * Passive, withdrawn or emotionless behavior
- * Fear of going home or seeing parents or caregivers

Support a child who reports abuse
 Regardless of your rela-

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tionship to an abused child, your responses, attitudes and actions can be critical to his or her overall experience and eventual healing. Here are some tips if a child comes to you about abuse or neglect:

DON'T

- * Don't attempt to investigate on your own
- * Don't express shock or blame
- * Don't attempt to excuse or minimize the abuser's behavior
- * Don't promise to keep the abuse a secret
- DO**
- * Do ask open-ended questions, such as "What can you tell me about what happened?"
- * Do keep your tone even and comforting and

remain calm

* Do document what the child tells you and report it immediately to the authorities

* Do tell the child what you plan to do next
Protect your own child

You are legally responsible for the health and safety of your own child. If you allow your child to be in a situation where abuse can occur, you could be prosecuted for child abuse. If you believe that you and/or your child are in danger, call 911 or contact your local law enforcement agency for assistance.

Financial Assistance

If your child has been a victim of abuse or neglect, you may be eligible for financial assistance through the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund, administered by my office. The Fund can help pay for out-of-pocket expenses such as medical and counseling bills related to the abuse. For more information, visit the Office of the Attorney General Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

Our children depend on us to help them grow up safe and strong. By working together, we can end child abuse and neglect!

HEALTH

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Bioterrorism and healthcare, keynote at UMHB Symposium

Bioterrorism and its impact on the Healthcare Industry will be presented by Dr. Ronald R. Blanck as the keynote address slated for the 2002 Healthcare Management Spring Symposium at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor set for April 26 in the Shelton Theater of the Mabey Student Center on campus.

Hosted by the students in the Master of Health Services Management program at UMHB, the symposium will take place 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and will feature four leading healthcare professional speakers.

The event is designed to explore current issues and future trends impacting the healthcare environment specifically for healthcare administra-

tors, clinical professionals, and consumers. It has been approved for providing American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) category II continuing education credit (4), as well as nursing and social work continuing education credit.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Ronald Blanck, is president of the University of North Texas Health Science Center and former Surgeon General for the U.S. Army. His presentation will discuss bioterrorism and its impact on healthcare. He has served in the military as a medical officer and battalion surgeon in Vietnam. After the Persian Gulf War, he was Commander of Walter Reed Army Medical

Center in Washington D.C. where he established the Gulf War Health Center. Since September 11, the Texas Medical Association named Dr. Blanck chair of a special task force on bioterrorism.

Other speakers include Diane Peterson, FACHE, former president of the East Texas Region's American College of Healthcare Executives, will discuss "Marketing of the Healthcare Professional and the American College of Healthcare Executives."

Don Krieger, MHA, healthcare consultant, will present "The Current State of the Healthcare Industry and Future Trends."

Larry L. Mathis, former CEO of the Methodist Healthcare System in Houston and author of *The*

Mathis Maxims: Lessons in Leadership, will discuss executive leadership in the healthcare industry.

The registration fee is \$30 per person for reserved seating which includes lunch and continuing education credit. The reservation deadline is April 15. A place can be secured by contacting the UMHB Health Services Management Graduate Program at (254) 295-4558. Program sponsors include King's Daughters Hospital, MGMA (Medical Group Management Association), Mid-Tex Chapter of ACHE (American College of Healthcare Executives), Scott & White Hospital, and the University Alumni Association.

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New tax relief for farmers and ranchers

According to John Fuston, State Executive Director for the Texas Farm Service Agency, there is new legislation that offers immediate tax relief through additional depreciation on farm or ranch equipment and property.

The most significant provision for farmers is a 30 percent additional first-year depreciation allowance. Signed into law by President Bush on March 9, the Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002, is retroactive to 2001 allowing capital investments from the previous year be depreciated.

Under current law, farmers, ranchers and other small businesses can immediately deduct up to \$24,000 of the cost of investment in qualifying machinery and equipment. This is scheduled to increase to \$25,000 by 2003. The remaining amount is depreciated under the Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS).

In addition to the exist-

ing expensing provision, the Act provides an additional first year depreciation deduction equal to 30 percent of qualified property for investments made after Sept. 10, 2001 and before Sept. 11, 2004. Most depreciable farm or ranch property would be considered qualifying property, including farm machinery and equipment, crop storage facilities and single purpose agricultural and horticultural structures.

Since the provision is retroactive to 2001, farmers and ranchers can immediately benefit from the change on their 2001 returns although they may need to file an amended return. For 2002, the amount of farm capital investment that could be written off is estimated to increase by about 15 percent or \$1.8 billion as a result of this provision. This should reduce Federal

income and self employment taxes paid by farmers by over \$500 million. Annual tax savings in 2003 and 2004 are expected to be only slightly smaller at just under \$500 million per year.

To illustrate the potential benefits of this legislation assume that after Sept. 10, 2001, a farmer purchases a combine that costs \$100,000. The farmer would be able to expense \$24,000 under the section 179 expensing election. Under the new law, the producer would then be allowed an additional first year depreciation deduction of \$22,800, which is equal to 30 percent of the remaining cost (basis) of \$76,000 (\$100,000 - \$24,000). Finally, the remaining cost (basis) of \$53,200 (\$76,000 - \$22,800) could be depreciated under the current depreciation rules.

This would permit an

additional depreciation deduction of \$7,980. Thus, the producer would be able to deduct a total of \$54,780 of the \$100,000 investment in the first year. This is an increase of \$19,380 as a result of the 30 percent additional first year depreciation provision. Assuming the producer is in the 15 percent Federal marginal income tax bracket, the Federal income and self employment tax savings would equal \$5,440.

Fuston said, "Although this is not a farm program, our agency administers many programs to support farm and ranch income and we want to make sure that producers are aware of this legislation so that they can take advantage of the tax savings." Fuston added that producers should consult with their accountant to discuss the application of the new legislation to their individual situation.

Owe more taxes than you can pay?

If you find yourself in the predicament of owing more taxes than you can afford to pay, the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC) offers these tips for consumers who may have taxes due at

Dollars & Sense

by David Uffington

filing.

- Establish a weekly savings target. If you owe

money, take a hard look at your budget and see if you can squeeze out money for taxes. Start by eliminating expensive meals, vacations and other discretionary expenses. Afterward, look for ways to save on necessities like food, utilities and clothes.

- Generate extra cash. Inquire about overtime opportunities. Take a second job until your tax bill is paid. Hold a garage sale and sell that bicycle or couch that has been taking up space.
- Develop a repayment plan. You can make a bad situation worse by falling behind on your tax loan payments. Make sure that you can live with the terms before you sign.

- Always file. Don't compound your problems by missing the April 15 tax filing deadline. If you do, you may be subject to a "failure to file" penalty and a "failure to pay" penalty.

- Adjust federal withholding. Be sure to adjust your W-4 so that you withhold enough money to pay fully your federal income tax in the future.

- Consult a credit counseling professional for help. Treat your tax problems as a wake-up call to get your finances in order.

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Salado ISD trustees meet April 15

Salado ISD Trustees will meet 6 p.m. April 15 to approve the air conditioner design for the Salado High School and purchase of an additional school bus.

In other business, the board will consider approval of credit change for dual credit courses, approval of personnel for the 2002-03 school year and to recommend *Salado Village Voice* for the Texas Association of School Board Media Honor Roll.

Trustees will also consider approval of donations to the district, including high school glass enclosure for fish tanks by Jimsco Glass, mirrors in the high school weight room by Bell Glass and heater in the elementary gymnasium by Salado Youth Association.

Prior to the business portion of the agenda, trustees will hear public input and the superintendent's report.

The meeting is open to the public, but the board may convene in executive session for any of the items.

The agenda is tentative at this time and may change prior to the meeting. The official agenda will be posted at the Salado Civic Center 72 hours prior to the meeting.

APRIL 26-28

Village of Salado celebrates 150 years

In 1852, Salado's first post office was opened, and Salado Texas became a town. 150 years later, 2002, the newly incorporated Village of Salado will celebrate its 150th birthday.

Many events throughout the year will follow the Sesquicentennial theme. April 26-28, official days of celebration, will be highlighted by the Salado Education Foundation and the Salado Chamber of Commerce sponsorship of a dinner dance 7 p.m. April 27 at Jack's Barn.

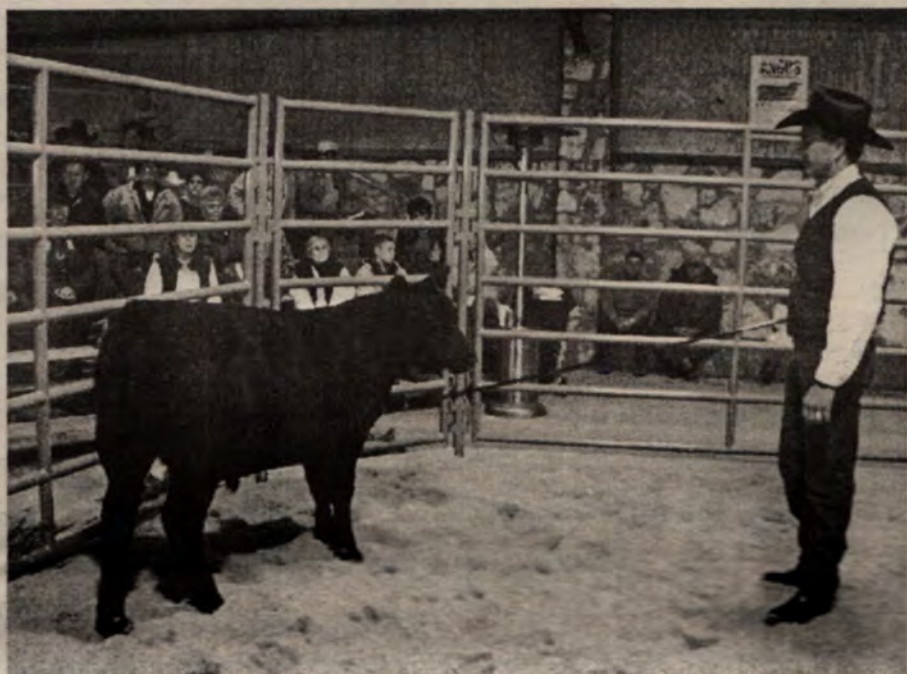
Dignitaries and Saladoan's will dance to live music, enjoy a home town catered meal and "bid 'em up" at the silent auction to furnish scholarships for Salado students.

Tickets to the formal dinner dance are \$50 per person. Seating is limited. Call 947-5479 by April 20 for your reservations.



Salado Packard Car Club met on the Stagecoach Inn grounds this past weekend for their annual gathering

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Angus Show Heifer and Steer Prospect Sale held at Tenroc Ranch April 6

April 27 Duck Race to raise scholarship money for Salado students

Buy several tickets for the Duck Race in Salado Creek on April 27 and watch one of your little feathered friends win the First Place prize of a \$1,000 trip, or, win a second place prize of a \$500 shopping spree for you and your

down covered fowl.

The Salado Education Foundation Board of Directors think this is a great way to earn scholarship money for Salado students as well as celebrating Salado's Sesquicentennial. Salado High

School students have volunteered to help.

Salado Education Foundation Board members will be selling the \$10 Duck Race tickets.

Tickets may also be purchased from the Century 21 Bill Bartlett crew on Main Street.

School Board — From 1A

variations of rest rooms to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act regulations. When the library was renovated as part of the 1998 bond issue, the bathrooms were not licensed for ADA compliance.

Salado ISD awarded the bid for the bathroom renovations to Best Construction, formerly Way-Juston CSM, the construction manager on the 1998 bond project.

In other business April 4, school trustees approved an additional \$8,250 for three air conditioner units at Thomas Arnold Elementary. Eleven units at Thomas Arnold have been replaced with new air conditioning units for a total cost so far of \$35,450.

The district penciled in \$75,000 of the 2001 bond to pay for air conditioning replacement at the elementary school.

In other business, the board hired four new teachers: Tom Bremer, head band director, four

years experience; Cindy Dale, art teacher, completing alternative certification program in August; Travis Ling, emergency certificate for earth science and coaching; and Becky Francis, English teacher.



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heavier paper stock gives the magazine a longer shelf-life, as well as making it more attractive.

The Jewel is distributed in every store, shop and restaurant advertising in the magazine as well as stand distribution. Hotels, and bed and breakfast inns put the magazine in their rooms for visitors to read and take home. The Chamber of Commerce, real estate agents, bus tours, and groups planning to visit Salado are

provided boxes of the magazine. Included in the Jewel magazine is a new user friendly shopping map of the village. To be listed on the shopping map, a business must have an ad in the Jewel.

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Summers Mill attract many visitors

 BY TIM FLEISCHER
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Perhaps the best testament to the success of Summers Mill Retreat and Conference Center is that owner Paul Meyers has to have his own corporations call ahead for reservations for meetings and retreats.

According to executive directors Bill and Alma Bunting, Summers Mill Retreat and Conference Center began operation in March 1998 so that Paul Meyers would have a beautiful, quiet, peaceful location in which to hold retreats and conferences for his corporations and for churches to gather.

The Retreat began on property once used by Meyers as an ostrich breeding farm. Before the bottom fell out of the market, Meyers looked for other ways to utilize the property, which is across FM 1123 from the original mill house, which is Paul and Jane Meyers' weekend home.

"They own homes in Cayman Islands, Colorado and other places," Bunting said of the Meyers, "but they consider Summers Mill to be their favorite."

As you look out on the property, which is graced by a stunning section of



Bill and Alma Bunting executive directors of Summers Mill

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Salado, you can see why it is a favorite place to stay for a weekend.

The Retreat began as a weekend gathering place for Meyers' corporations with eight rooms in three buildings: the Rutherford House, the Honeymoon Cottage and the Hummingbird Cottage.

Today, the Retreat has 49 rooms in nine buildings, including two conference and meeting centers and dining rooms for large and small groups.

The first additions to the Retreat were the Big Bird Lodge, which has

10 bedrooms with private baths and a beautiful entry with a stone fireplace, and a state-of-the-art conference center with multi-media capabilities. Both were completed in December 1998.

The latest addition is the Lone Star Cabin, completed in November 2001. The cabin is a special place for officers of corporations, pastors of churches and honeymooners looking to get away from the noise and hurry of the big city.

Featuring a huge Texas bed, an old fireplace,

kitchenette and bathroom with a double shower and large Jacuzzi tub, the Lone Star Cabin is a special treat for anyone.

Even with almost 50 rooms, the Retreat is finding that it is rapidly booked up. In fact, some groups are booking two to three years in advance. "We've even had a request for 2006," Alma said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Exercise Class: 9:30 a.m. except 1st Mon. at 10:30 a.m. at Salado Civic Center.

Tuesdays

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

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

Yoga Classes: 6:45 p.m., at Celebration Center in Royal Street Courtyard.

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

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

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

Salado High School Band Boosters: 2nd Tues. of

every month 7 p.m. in the Band Hall.

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

Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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

Thursdays

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

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

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

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

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

Salado Education Foundation: Regular Board meetings, 9 a.m. 2nd Thurs. at Salado Civic Center.

Saturdays

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

APRIL 11

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary will meet 9:30 a.m. April 11 at the Salado Civic Center. Following fellowship, the meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

"Party Items-Take it with you to the party" cooking class with Dave Hermann 9:30 a.m. at The Range. It includes packet and lunch or dinner. For more information call 947-3828.

APRIL 12

Mill Creek Community Association "Spring Fling" 6 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn, Longhorn room.

Wildfire Ranch Roping and Shoot Outs. 947-9988.

Bell County Librarians annual banquet meeting at Fletcher's Books and Antiques. 6 p.m. Registrations should be made by April 8 with Alayne Fuller Ramsden at the Salado Public Library.

APRIL 12-13

Lincoln Car Club meets at Stagecoach Inn Complex.

APRIL 13

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

Project Graduation 2002 Dinner 6 p.m., Auction 7 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School.

Boy Scout Troop 115 car wash, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Brookshire Brothers parking lot.

APRIL 14

Wildfire Ranch Roping and Shoot Outs. 947-9988.

CIO spring fashion show 10 a.m. at the Civic Center.

APRIL 16

Wildfire Ranch Monthly Barrel Race. 947-9988.

Salado Chamber of Commerce Candidates Forum 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

APRIL 17

School board Election. First day of early voting 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center Historical Room.

APRIL 18

"Summer Sweets" cooking class with Dave Hermann 9:30 a.m. at The Range. It includes packet and lunch or dinner. For more information call 947-3828.

Salado Area Republican Women meet at 11:30 a.m. for

Trends & Legal School Issues with speaker Dr. Battershell, Stagecoach Inn. For more information call 947-3617.

APRIL 20

Institute for the Humanities presents seminar by award winning essayist, Scott Russell Sanders 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Salado Springs Celebration Center. Lunch at the Range. For more info call 947-5729.

APRIL 20-21

Invitational Wildflower Art Show featuring 75 to 80 of the best artist in Texas Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on the Civic Center grounds. For more information call the Chamber office at 947-5040.

APRIL 21

"A Stylish Spring Affair" cooking class with Dave Hermann 3:30 p.m. at The Range. It includes packet and lunch or dinner. For more information call 947-3828.

Institute for the Humanities presents lecture by award winning essayist, Scott Russell Sanders 4-6 p.m. at the Creekside Banquet Hall. For more info call 947-5729.

APRIL 23

Wildfire Ranch Monthly Barrel Race. 947-9988.

Microsoft Word Training Class 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Salado High School Room 202. Call Melissa Kemp at 947-1700 for registration.

APRIL 26

Sesquicentennial Weekend Historic display open 6-9 p.m. Salado Historical Society Room at the Salado Civic Center.

4th grade essay contest winners will be announced 6:30 at Civic Center.

Time capsule presentation 6:45 p.m. at Civic Center.

4th Infantry Band concert 7 p.m. at Civic Center Pavilion.

Library reception and power point presentation 8 p.m. at Salado Public Library.

APRIL 27

Salado's Sesquicentennial Celebration. Salado celebrates it's 150th birthday. Texas Historic Marker Dedication at the Salado Cemetery 10 a.m. Gravesite includes Rev. James E. & Fannie Ferguson, 1800's Methodist Rider, Salado Creek Mill Owners, Texas Governor James E. Ferguson.

Historical Display open 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Salado Historical Society Room, Salado Civic Center.

Sidewalk Art Competition 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Civic Center.

Bowles - Aiken Log Cabin open, Denman Log Cabin open 10 a.m.-3 p.m.,

Duck Race 11:30 a.m.; noon lunch and 1:30 p.m. a Flying High Kite Competition in Pace Park.

Tablerock will present scenes from *Salado Legends: The Legend of Sirena* 3 p.m. at Salado creek and Sam Houston's Speech from the balcony 4 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn. For more information call 947-5060.

Salado authors will be signing books all day at Fletcher's book store.

Salado Education Foundation Dinner/Dance 7 p.m. at Jack's Barn. \$50 per person, reservations required. 947-5479.

Reunion of descendants of Col. Wilson Barton 11:30 a.m. at The Range. For more info call (512) 863-5515.

APRIL 28

Old time baseball games with churches 2-4 p.m. Pace Park.

APRIL 30

School Board Election. Last day for early voting 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center Historical Room.

Wildfire Ranch Monthly Barrel Race. 947-9988.

MAY 2

"Healthy Meals in a Hurry" cooking class with Dave Hermann 9:30 a.m. at The Range. 947-3828.

MAY 3-5

Mill Creek Men's Golf Association Member/Guest Golf Tournament For more information call 947-5698.

MAY 4

Election Day for school board 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center Historical Room.

Tablerock's invitational music festival. \$5 car load, \$1/person 9 a.m.-10 p.m. 947-9205.

MAY 6

Salado Lions Club Annual Golf Tournament. \$50 fee includes lunch. Tee off 1 p.m. at Mill Creek Inn and Country Club. 947-8300.

MAY 10 & 12

Wildfire Ranch 2nd Annual Barrel Race. 947-9988.

MAY 10-11

M.G. Car Club meets at Stagecoach Inn Complex.

MAY 11

Thomas Arnold Elementary 4th grade play 7:30 p.m. at Tablerock.

MAY 12

"Wine Pairing Menu" cooking class with Dave Hermann 3:30 p.m. at The Range. It includes packet and lunch or dinner. For more information call 947-3828.

MAY 14

Salado High School Band Concert 6 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater.

Salado Area Republican Women meet 6:30 p.m. for dinner meeting at McClure Building. Public Health Issues in Texas; State Rep. Diane White Delesi, speaker. For more information call 947-3617.

MAY 19

"Dinner Party" cooking class with Dave Hermann 3:30 p.m. at The Range. It includes packet and lunch or dinner. For more information call 947-3828.

MAY 25

Music in Salado presents *Music Under the Stars in Salado* 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Adults \$5. Children \$3.

MAY 27

Memorial day ceremony 9 a.m. at Salado Cemetery.

JUNE 1-2

Mohair Teddy Bear Classes at MJ's Country Corner. Class size is limited. For information call 947-8885.

JUNE 5-8

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

JUNE 15-16

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JULY 4

Salado Historical Society annual picnic 6:30 p.m. at Pace Park Pavilion.

JULY 20 & 27

Salado Legends. Dinner 7:15 p.m. Reservations required. Theater 8:15 p.m. 947-9205.

AUGUST 3-4

Salado's Annual Art Show. Over 200 juried art exhibitors at Pace Park. Free bus rides. 947-5040.

SEPTEMBER 8

Salado First Baptist Church presents *A Living Lord's Supper* 7:30 p.m. at Tablerock. 947-5465.

SEPTEMBER 12

Central Texas poetry and prose reading 7 p.m. at Tablerock. Open mic 9 p.m. for those who wish to share their poetry or prose.

SEPTEMBER 21-22

Tablerock's Renaissance entertainment Sat. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. \$5 adults, \$3 child. For more information call 947-9205.

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Craig & Brenda Landrum, and their two daughters, Ruth and Hannah, have moved to Salado to live with his mother, Minta Landrum, the Orange Lady. They have been missionaries in Mexico (Leon and Lagos de Moreno) for 16 years. They are members of Temple Bible Church. Their son Joshua will come to visit this summer after he graduates from Emmanus Bible College in Dubuque, Iowa.

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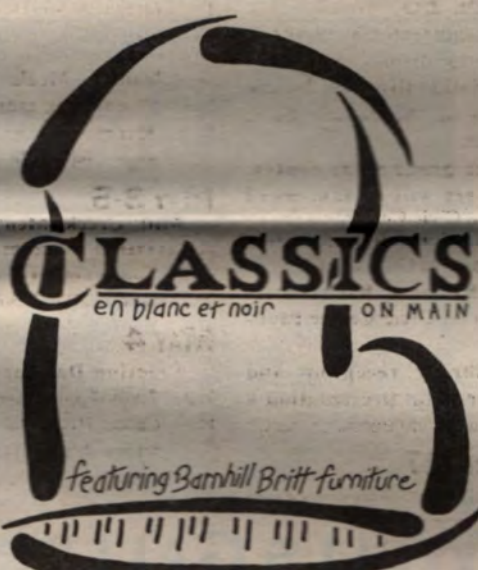
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A golf outing, a stone table, a load of top soil, clothing and meals at area restaurants are just a few of the many items to be auctioned off April 13 to raise funds for Project Graduation. The annual fund-raiser will begin with a barbecue dinner and silent auction at 6 p.m. in the Salado Intermediate School.

Tickets for the dinner are \$6 per person and may be purchased at the door.

"Everyone is invited to attend the event to take advantage of the opportunity to acquire some of the unique times generously donated by local businesses and individuals for the auction," said Carol Fleck, a Project Graduation volunteer.

The senior class will provide delivery service of meals to shut-ins. If you are a shut-in and would like to purchase a meal to be delivered to your home, call 947-9116 for details. Delivery meals can be ordered until 10 p.m. April 12 for delivery April 13. Please leave your name and number, should you get a recording when you call.

The Department of Public Safety started Project Graduation several years ago as a way to reduce traffic- and alcohol-related deaths of teenagers by pro-



Class of 2002 invite you to come bid on golf packages and other exciting items donated for the auction. Top Row (l-r): John Cullin, Whitney Brown, Haley Seruggs, Kate Mentzel, Candace Simpson. Bottom Row (l-r): Whitney Taylor, Megan Fleck.

moting safe, alcohol-free and drug-free graduation celebrations.

"Salado began its own Project Graduation celebrations in recent years," Fleck said, "thanks to the overwhelming generosity of Salado residents and businesses that have supported them."

This year's Project Graduation location is a secret surprise for this year's seniors.

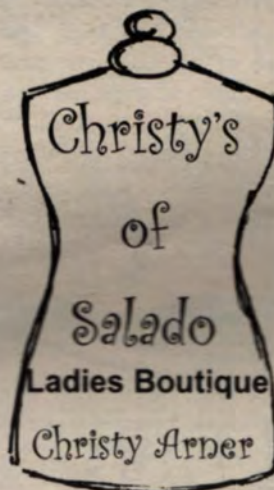
Craig Muirhead, of Ferris, and Tommy Hale, of Salado, will serve as auctioneers, which will feature some exceptional items contributed by local businesses and individuals.



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Louis Kuritzky is president of the Bookend Col-

lectors Club and edits a quarterly newsletter for fanciers. His address is 4510 N.W. 17th Place, Gainesville, FL 32605.

Jerry McBride is a serious collector and the author of "A Collector's Guide to Cast Metal Bookends." His address is 4005 Dellbrook Drive, Tampa, FL 33624.

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You pull out the ice cream freezer and begin to imagine how the fruits of summer will taste. You think about the old swimming hole.

No season offers more promise than springtime. And no place shows off its spring wardrobe any better than Texas. When it's springtime in Texas, fields of blue and red and yellow appear. The air is scented with wildflower perfume.

The early leaves on mesquite trees turn a shade of light green that artists find difficult to duplicate. Lawns come back to life. The earth warms. The sky boils. The wind ceases its relentless howling and settles down to a gentle breeze.

Seeing Texas in the spring is like seeing New

England in the fall. We experience the colors and our lives are enriched. Texas is the birthplace of spring. Flowers are arranged among the cactus and rocks in natural bouquets.

Spring is a time of rededication. You have more faith in yourself and an increased awareness of opportunities. Perhaps you do have a chance to do something great.

The silence of the prairie is broken with the piercing sound of birds. Welcome to the spring, they seem to say. And they show off their colors, too. Mocking birds dart about, flashing their white tail feathers from the tops of juniper bushes. Cardinals and cedar waxwings provide a spectacular aerial display. A hawk catches a wind current and glides gracefully over the land. The perfect blue of an April sky is an exciting backdrop for watching things fly. The miracle of spring is amazing to observe. Even when the winters are mild we still anticipate spring. We want to hear the birds, to feel the sunshine, to experience life outside the house.

Spring makes you appreciate the sense of freedom that makes Texas

famous. The skies open up and seem larger. Texas has more sky than most places, anyway. The sunsets are fabulous. Have they always been there? Or is it that we've been in the house so long we've forgotten to look westward at day's end?

The 24 hour celestial parade is an event not to be missed in the spring. We awaken to a dawn dressed in sunrise pink. Later the golden sun illumines the

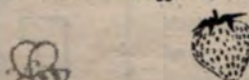
clouds. By mid-afternoon they become active and bounce around and bump each other. At sundown the sky is streaked with reds and oranges. And darkness brings its own special magic. It's fun to go outside at night, lie on a pallet and look at the stars. If you're lucky, you'll see one fall. You might even see a satellite streaking across the heavens. Spring makes you feel glad to be alive.

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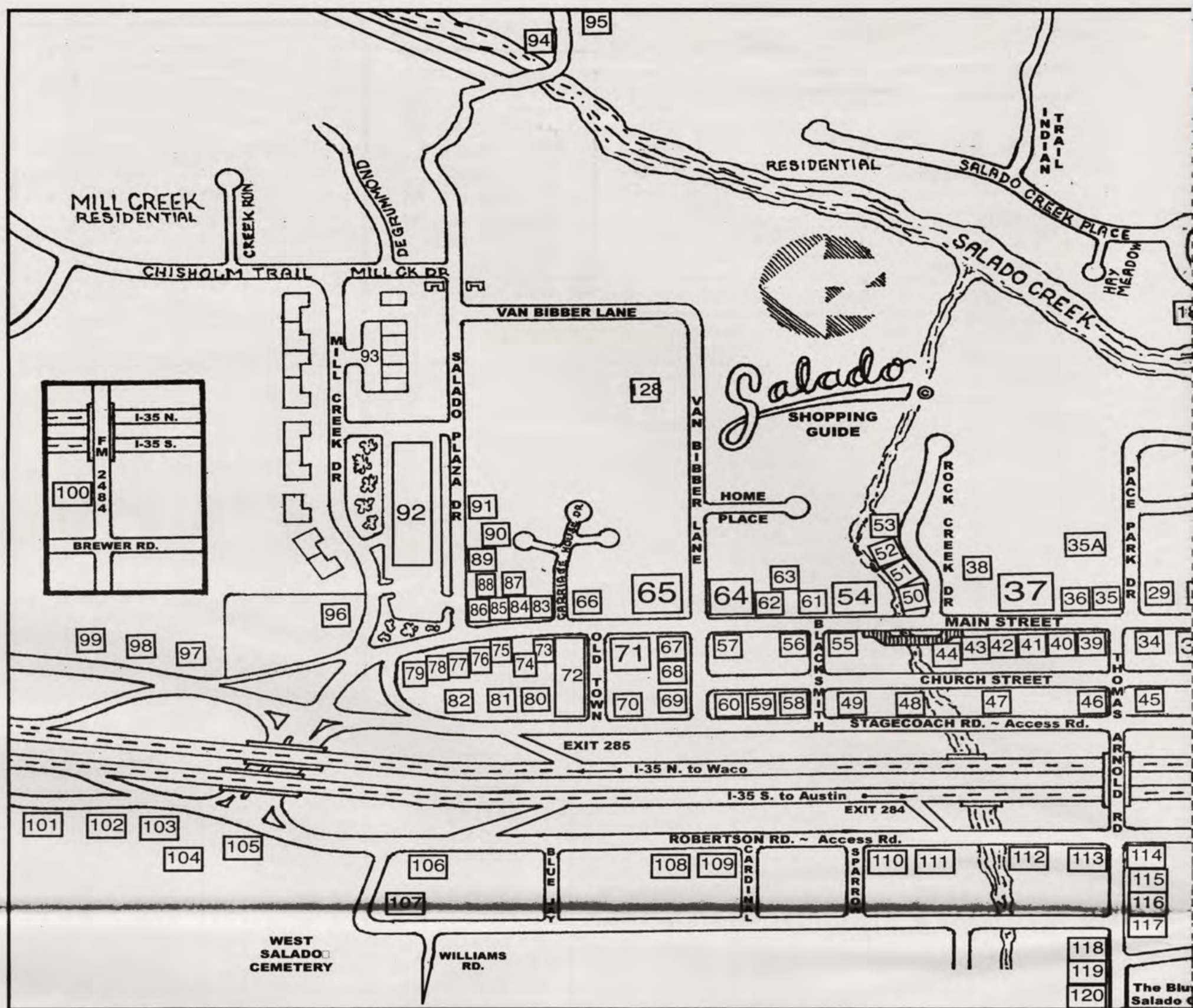
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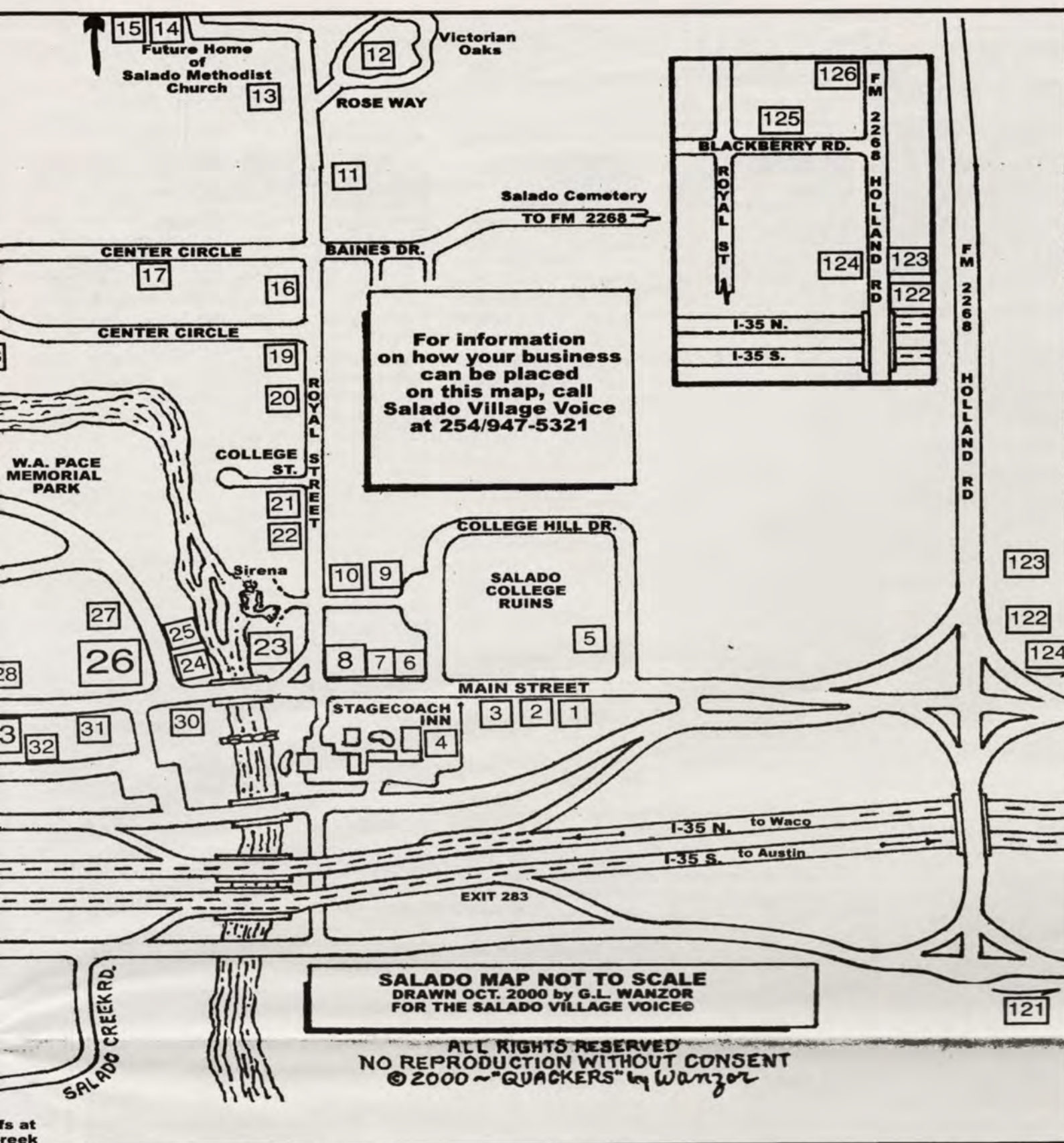
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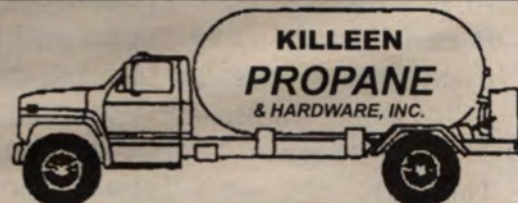
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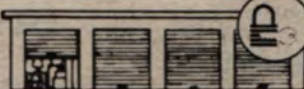
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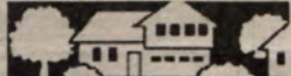
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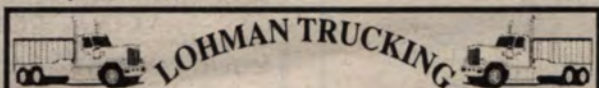
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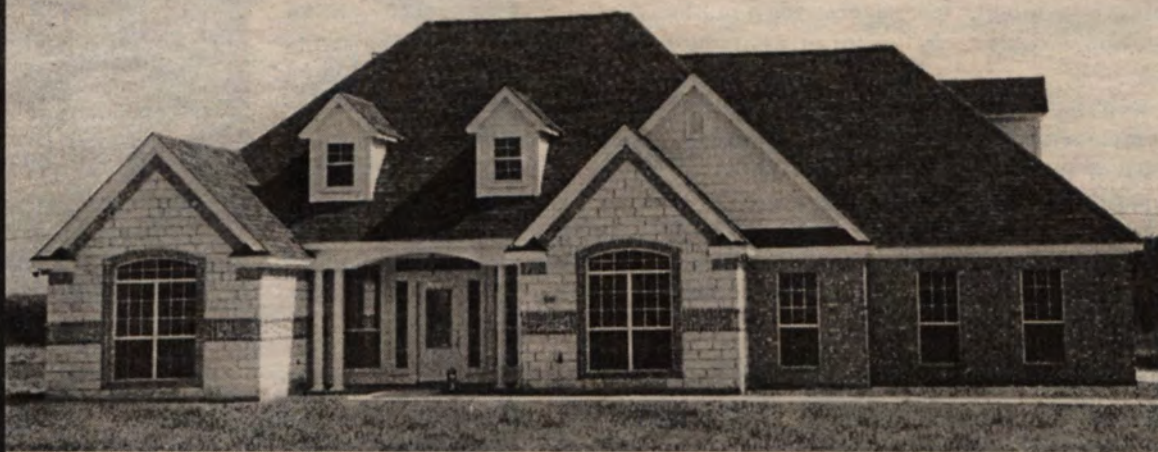
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Century 21 - Bill Bartlett



\$299,500 - Trees and privacy! Texas style home on over 4 wooded acres. Four bedroom plus office, large kitchen with island. In-ground pool makes this home excellent for entertaining. Loft upstairs provides an extra living area for a quiet moment.



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



\$289,500 - This newly completed home is a show place in Royal Oaks. Kitchen opens into the large living area/breakfast room. All overlooking the spacious backyard. The tall ceilings add to the elegance. Separate dining room could be a study or formal living.



\$174,200 - Sit back, relax, and enjoy the wide open spaces. Located on almost 10 acres, this home is ready for occupancy. Easy access to I-35, yet still in the country.



Residential

- **\$84,500** - Fixer-upper on gorgeous lot. 3BR/2 1/2 BA. - Under Contract
- **\$93,000** - Above ground pool, corner fireplace, open kitchen, dining & living area.
- **\$119,900** - Sunken living area. 3 BR, 2 BA, huge fenced yard.
- **\$132,500** - Custom built 3 BR, 2 BA, country kitchen, fenced back yard, storage building.
- **\$139,500** - Recently updated, 4 BR, workshop/garage, metal roof on 1 acre.
- **\$158,200** - Country style exterior accented w/stone. Bonus room upstairs.
- **\$159,500** - View of golf course and lake from this town home - Under Contract
- **\$159,800** - 1.6 acre, trees, children's play area, fenced area. Formals and large office.
- **\$163,500** - Cliffs on Canyon Creek. 4 BR, 2 BA, great master suite.
- **\$168,900** - Wrap-around porch with views of dry creek bed, loft.
- **\$169,900** - Within walking distance to Mill Creek Pro Shop. Large master bedroom, loft.
- **\$174,200** - 3 BR, 2 BA home on almost 10 acres, with easy access to I-35.
- **\$179,000** - Overlook the creek, across the street from Mill Creek Pro Shop.
- **\$184,500** - A Texas style Austin home on 2.146 acres.
- **\$184,500** - Beautiful hilltop view on 26 acres. 2 cabins and metal shop - Under Contract
- **\$196,000** - Wooded lot, large entry room, spiral staircase leads to private BR & BA.
- **\$199,000** - On the golf course, overlooking Salado Creek. 2BR/2BA.
- **\$225,000** - Overlooking Mill Creek Hole #2. Workshop could be an apartment or bedroom.
- **\$239,500** - Wonderful deck with hot tub & gazebo overlooks wooded lots and the lake.
- **\$246,900** - 3 BR/2-1/2 BA ranch home on 10 acres, with barn and lighted roping arena.
- **\$259,000** - Panoramic view of Salado Creek. Gas log fireplace and solarium.
- **\$260,000** - On the banks of Salado Creek, 3 BR, 3 BA. Separate cabin.
- **\$269,000** - Overlooking Green #3 on Mill Creek Golf Course #2, 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA, 2 dining.
- **\$289,500** - Show place in Royal Oaks overlooking spacious backyard.
- **\$298,500** - Log cabin w/ 4 BR, 3-1/2 BA, gameroom, metal building, storage shed.
- **\$299,000** - 5 acres. 5 BR, 4 BA, 2 living, 2 dining, sunroom, 2 car garage w/ shop.
- **\$299,500** - 4 BR Texas style home on over 4 acres. Loft upstairs.
- **\$329,000** - Custom home in Royal Oaks. 3 BR, 3-1/2 BA.
- **\$389,000** - Texas ranchette on 7.7 acres. In ground pool, RV/boat parking, storage shed.
- **\$995,000** - Home on 146 acres of wooded countryside, barns, sheds, water well.



\$184,500 - A Texas style Austin stone home on 2.146 acres. Beautiful wooded setting with a 42' long front porch, a perfect place for bird watching. Very open family room, dining room and kitchen for quality family time.



\$139,500 - Recently updated with fresh paint, wallpaper, tile, carpet, light fixtures & appliances. 4th BR is large enough for a 2nd living area. Oak stained kitchen cabinets with built-in microwave & smooth top range & oven. Large workshop/garage adds extra storage. Long lasting metal roof complements this home on 1 acre.



\$168,900 - Custom design with features that enhance this Cape Cod style home. Wrap-around porch with views of a dry creek bed and lush manicured lawn. Trees around the home provide shade and privacy. Master bedroom downstairs, loft and guest bedroom upstairs. Very open kitchen, dining, and living areas.



\$325,000 - Charming Victorian with over 100 feet of Main St. coverage. Built around 1900 with large front & back porch, hardwood floors, kitchen, 4 large rooms & 2 baths. Additional 2 story building with bath.

Commercial Property

- 3 acres along I-35, at Amity West.
- **\$166,800** - Darling cottage makes a great office, studio or B&B.
- **\$250,000** - Six beautiful furnished apartments in Mill Creek with Creek View. Good income history.
- **\$325,000** - Charming Victorian on 1 acre on Main St. w/ separate 2 story bldg. & 3 storage bldg.
- **\$400,000** - Commercial building on I-35 frontage road & 2 mobile homes on 1.86 acres.
- **\$429,000** - 5.66 acres commercial property off Main Street.
- **\$650,000** - Over 9,000 SF of commercial space on Main St.

Acreage Available

- 140 acres on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport.
- 90 acres on Lampasas River, with 1 mile of river frontage, many pecan trees and old frame house.
- 22.9 acres rolling hills, waterfall, creek, frontage. \$4,200/ac.
- 22 acres on Loop 121 in Belton many possible uses, has water & sewer.
- 24 acres with hill, views of hill country, near Stillhouse Lake. \$2,800 per acre.
- 10+ acre tracts in Hilltop View Farms off FM 2115. \$5,500 per acre.
- 8.77 acres on I-35 at crossover with road on 3 sides, Exit 286 at Salado.
- 8 wooded acres, very scenic with creek. 12 miles west of I-35 off FM 2843.
- 3 acres, all woods, good frontage, water available. Near Stillhouse Lake.

Lots

Mill Creek Lots

- Winner's Circle - \$50-\$58,000

Other Lots

- Royal Oaks - \$30,000
- Royal Oaks - \$45,000 U/C

- 808 Mill Creek Dr. - \$30,000
- Mill Creek Springs - \$30 - \$75,000
- 700 Indian Trail - \$35,000
- (2 lots) Club Circle - \$51,000 each
- 1014 Arrowhead Dr. - \$39,900

- **Eagle Rock Ranch**
Restricted acreage homesites
\$39,900 - \$66,900 each



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Spanish Hacienda on 3 acre hilltop, overlooking Salado. Open porches, 4BR, 5 full & 3 half baths, courtyard pool, guest quarters and 3 car garage. Mother-in-law suite, spanish tile throughout, new well. **\$385,000**



NEW, 4/3/3 rock home with split bedrooms, bonus room, and covered patio. **UNDER CONTRACT**



Build a new 1500 to 1700 square foot home for \$110,000 - \$150,000. Depending on size and selections.



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



New Construction! Salado White rock with dark green metal roof, wrap around porch and attached garage. It's a beauty and move-in ready. **\$129,900.**



Excellent commercial location on corner of West Village Road & IH 35 at Exit 285. **\$239,900.**



3/2/2 brick & wood home with rustic charm, living/dining combo, breakfast room, wood burning stove, CAH, 1.944 acre lot with beautiful trees. **\$149,900.**



Authentic Texas style home on approx. 11 acres on Hillside. 4/2/3, extra large living room with great fireplace, kitchen with stove top and woodburning stove, 7 stall barn. **\$215,000.**



Beautiful 27 acres with excellent large metal barn. 3/2 brick home with 2 living areas. Additional homesites available beyond house & barn. **\$275,000.**

Acreage Available

Lots with sewage & water available on Shady Lane. **\$10,000/lot.**

Sand & Gravel Rd. - 2 one acre tracts. **\$15,000/tract.**

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

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

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

2.35 acres heavily wooded on Rose Lane. **\$41,900.**

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

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

51 acres, beautiful hilltop views, rolling countryside, excellent trees, 8 miles west on FM 2843, 1/2 mile north on Cedar Valley Rd. **\$3,500/acre.**

59.25 acres, outstanding hilltop views, 2 lakes/tanks, fronting County Road 2115, 2 miles south of Salado. **\$240,000.**

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

Sunwest Estates: Tract 3, 4 & Lot 4.

Other lots available in Mill Creek, Salado Springs.

Salado Lots

Indian Trail at Blaylock, large corner lot, 90x188 - **\$36,000.**

Indian Trail - 90x188 - **\$34,000.**

Quail Hollow at Indian Trail, corner lot - **\$39,000.**

Country Homes

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

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

Commercial Listings

Excellent Commercial: location on corner of West Village Rd. & IH-35 at exit 285. - **\$239,900.**

Residential Listings

\$129,900: New Construction! Salado White rock with dark green metal roof, wrap around porch and attached garage. It's a beauty and move-in ready.

\$149,900: 3/2/2 brick & wood home with rustic charm, living/dining combo, breakfast room, wood burning stove, CAH, 1.944 acre lot with beautiful trees.

\$159,000: New on market. 3/2 formal dining, walk to Mill Creek. Great location!

\$189,900: New 4/3/3 home with split bedrooms, bonus room, and covered patio.

\$275,000: Beautiful 27 acres with excellent large metal barn. 3/2 brick home with 2 living areas. Additional homesites available beyond house & barn.

\$385,000: Secluded Spanish style rock home with clay roof on 3 acres. Gorgeous hilltop view of Salado, open porches, 4 bedrooms, 5 full baths 3 half baths, 3 car garage, pool and guests quarters. Mother-in-law suite, spanish tile throughout, new well. A beautiful MUST see!