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Tumbleweed spices up Chamber banquet with Texas humor

by John Eubanks

Noted storyteller Tumbleweed Smith spiced up the Salado Chamber of Commerce 33rd Annual Banquet Jan. 24 with taped recordings of interesting characters you'd have to hear to believe.

If laughter is indeed the best medicine, then the approximately 175 in attendance at Mill Creek Country Club got a full dose.

Best known across the state for his daily radio show, *The Sound of Texas*, Smith estimated that he's recorded 7,000 programs since the show first aired on Aug. 1, 1969.

Wearing his trademark genuine leather jacket with zig-zag designs -- "I hope my coat doesn't clash with the surroundings" -- Smith presented nearly an hour's worth of side-splitting stories as colorful as his jacket.

Included was the recording of a wedding at the Terlinqua Chili Cook-off in which the excited groom replaced the standard "I do" vows with "You

betcha!"

Not once, but twice.

The couple was showered with pinto beans, instead of rice. And the reception included chili and Shiner beer.

Smith surmised that "the marriage lasted about as long as the chili cook-off."

Smith also shared the story of the fellow who was robbed in Ranger, Texas, years back.

"Six dollars is all I got," the robbery victim told the robber.

The robber then handed back three dollars, noting that his brother was nearby robbing others of money, "and if you don't have none, he'll kill you."

Smith told several stories about the legendary Hondo Crouch, who "put Luckenbach, Texas, on the map," Smith said.

Crouch told Smith that the town was so small, "To start a cemetery we had to shoot a guy."

Smith elicited laughter from the crowd when he told about the fellow from Same Day Fire Department, who remarked,



Tumbleweed Smith signs his autograph for Bea Stewart, 1998 Salado Chamber of Commerce President, following his humorous talk at the Chamber banquet Jan. 24 at Mill Creek. (photo by John Eubanks)

"If you call us early enough, we'll try to get there the same day."

Smith also recited a poem from Cowboy Poet Wally McRee, titled, "A Cowboy's View of Reincarnation."

It reads in part, "... And in a while the grass will grow upon your rendered mound -- until someday upon that spot a lonely flower is found ...

"... And then a hoss may wander by and graze upon that flower that once was you and is now your vegetative bower.

"Well, the flower that the hoss done eat along with his other feed -- makes bone and fat essential to the steed ...

"But there's a part that he can't use and so it passes through and there it lies upon the ground -- this thing that once was you ..."

The final line reads, "... I'll think about reincarnation and life and death and such -- and I'll come away concludin' -- Why you ain't changed all that much."

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Monthly series kicks off

Take Care of Salado: It's the only one we have

Editor's note: It seems that there are plenty of slogans popping up around the village. We feel that one slogan we all might adopt is this: Take Care of Salado: It's the Only One We Have.

The Salado Village Voice will begin publishing a monthly series of features with this theme in mind.

These features (last issue of each month) will deal with topics such as ranging from septic tank care, to recycling, and native landscaping. Future article will address protecting Salado Creek and other water quality issues.

The first article on oak wilt is timely as the winter months are the most opportune for trimming trees and treating of oak wilt.

We hope that our readers find these articles informative and helpful.

Oak wilt, one of the most destructive tree diseases in the United States, is killing oak trees in Central Texas at epidemic proportions.

Oak wilt is an infectious disease caused by the fungus *Ceratocystis fagacearum*, which invades and disables the water-conducting system in susceptible trees.

All oaks are susceptible to oak wilt to some degree, but some species are affected more than others.

Red oaks, particularly Spanish oak, Shumard oak and Blackjack oak, are extremely susceptible and may play a unique role in the establishment of new oak wilt infections.

Live oaks are intermediate in susceptibility to oak wilt but are most seriously affected due to their tendency to grow from root sprouts and form vast interconnected root systems that allow movement (or spread) of the fungus between adjacent trees.

Spread of oak wilts through roots

Live oaks tend to grow in large, dense groups with interconnected roots. The fungus may be transmitted from one tree to another through these

root connections.

Root transmission is the only proven means of spread among live oaks.

As a result, patches of dead and dying trees (infection centers), are formed. Infection centers among live oaks in Texas expand at an average rate of 50 feet per year, varying from no spread to 150 feet in any one direction.

Occasionally, the oak wilt fungus is transmitted through connected roots between red oaks, but movement through roots is slower in red oaks and occurs over shorter distances than in live oaks.

Establishment of new infections

Red oaks appear to play a key role in the establishment of new infection centers. The oak wilt fungus may be spread overland by insect vectors and by man through movement of wood from infected red oaks to other locations.

Specialized spore-producing structures called fungal mats form beneath the bark of certain diseased red oaks in

late fall and especially in spring.

Individual fungal mats produce spores for only a few weeks. The fruity odor of fungal mats attracts many kinds of insects, the most important of which are believed to be sap-feeding nitidulid beetles.

The fungus may be transmitted by these small beetles as they emerge from mats to feed on fresh wounds on healthy oaks.

Fungal mats are most commonly formed on standing trees, but they can also develop on logs, stumps and fresh firewood cut from diseased red oaks.

Identification of Oak Wilt
Foliar symptoms, pattern of tree mortality and the presence of fungal mats can be used as indicators of oak wilt.

However, isolation of the fungus in the laboratory may be required to confirm the diagnosis. A trained expert should be consulted when in doubt.

Patterns of tree mortality
Most live oaks defoliate and

die over a one to six-month period following initial appearance of symptoms. Some live oaks take longer to die, and a few untreated trees may survive many years in various stages of decline.

Red oaks seldom survive oak wilt and often die within three to four weeks following the initial appearance of symptoms. During summer months, diseased red oaks often can be spotted from a distance because of their bright autumn-like coloration in contrast to the surrounding greenery.

Foliar symptoms
Leaves on diseased live oaks often develop chlorotic (yellow) veins that eventually turn necrotic (brown), a symptom called veinal necrosis.

Defoliation may be rapid, and dead leaves with brown veins often can be found under the tree for months after defoliation.

Foliar symptoms of oak wilt on red oaks are less distinct. In early spring, young leaves sim-

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



QUESTION MARK HANGS OVER AMTRAK

President Harry Truman once said, "Children and dogs are as necessary to the welfare of the country as Wall Street and railroads."

A great number of Texans apparently put railroads in the same, must-have category. Nearly 60 percent of those who responded to my annual questionnaire said they believe it serves our national interest to maintain rail passenger service. What follows are some of their comments.

From San Antonio: "I would really hate to see Amtrak fold because it is an interesting way to travel."

From Lockhart: "The states, as well as the federal government, need to be involved in keeping passenger rail viable. I was glad to see the state of Texas step up to the plate to keep Amtrak's Eagle line running."

From Selma: "The United States is far behind most other developed countries when it comes to convenience. Sooner or later, we must have fast, efficient passenger rail service."

From Longview: "I'm all for Amtrak, but it should be required to be profitable. Government should not provide a subsidy for this service."

From Wake Village: "It certainly would serve our national interest to have an efficient, reliable rail passenger service. Amtrak isn't there yet."

From Kaufman: "The unions and liability lawyers and all the others who are feeding off of Amtrak's government underwriting are going to have to start living in the real world with the rest of us. Amtrak should only keep going if it's competitive."

From Ballinger: "The fact that most people get around by automobile isn't the result of free enterprise, but the result of massive government support of travel by auto in the form of building highways and interstates. This was done at the expense of all taxpayers, including taxpaying companies such as railroads. It is no more wrong to subsidize Amtrak than it is to use tax revenues to build highways."

From Ennis: "I want to live long enough to see high-speed rail service between all of Texas' major cities."

From Idalou: "I can't believe we'd even think of letting Amtrak go down the tubes. We live in a huge state. We need to be talking about more transportation options, not less."

From Tomball: "We need to be as careful with our railroad tracks as we are in keeping our highways up. It's a lot easier to keep something going than to start again from scratch should that become necessary."

From Flower Mound: "If we can all pitch in a little to build an airport, what's wrong with pitching in a little to keep Amtrak going?"

From San Marcos: "Maybe we can get along without Amtrak, but I doubt anybody in Washington is arguing that we can get along without rail freight lines. Don't they run on the same tracks? We wouldn't build and maintain an interstate just for truck haulers."

When Congress set up Amtrak 26 years ago, it imposed financial burdens that no enterprise, regardless of how well run, could maintain indefinitely.

Reform legislation enacted last fall gives Amtrak a fighting chance. It encompasses what Amtrak needs: contract and liability reform, and closer accountability. It also calls on Amtrak to put its house in order or face the consequences.

A passenger rail system could provide mobility for those who don't drive; it also could provide another travel option by connecting city or state feeder lines to airports and points of interest.

Congress has given Amtrak the chance for a new start. Passenger rail is poised to evolve once again into an enjoyable and affordable way for Texans and all Americans to travel.



SADDAM'S ONLY GAME PLAN

Race for Lt. Gov. attracts attention from across country

The race for the number two position in Texas government is attracting attention far beyond our borders ever since Bob Bullock, the current holder of the senate reins as Lieutenant Governor, decided to retire at the end of his current term.

Such stalwart penmen as George Will and David Broder from the Washington Post and Robert D. Novak, Creators Syndicate writer plus a host of lesser lights, have zeroed in on the race to replace Bullock with either Republican Rick Perry or Democrat John Sharp.

Perry is the current Commissioner of Agriculture and Sharp the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

The reason for this special attention is that the winner of the race will be a shoo-in for the top job in the state should Governor George Bush run for - and win - the presidential sweepstakes either as the main man or running mate on the GOP ticket in 2000.

In Texas, when there is a vacancy in the Governor's Office, the Lt. Guv moves up automatically and therein lies this tale.

With George the Younger being touted widely as a "comer" in national conservative circles, there is good reason for both Perry and Sharp to feel happy about the job they have chosen to pursue.

It would be unfair to say that the current Clinton problem, regardless of outcome, will damage Vice President Al Gore but there is little doubt that Republicans think they have a better than equal shot at the next millennium's first presidency if they can keep their mouths shut during these days when the very office of the presidency is teetering between either the most savage slandering of a leader in history or a prime example of self destruction by a man incapable of self discipline.

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



PERRY-SHARP BATTLE

Question naturally arises - "If Bush should win in either position on the GOP ticket in 2000, what sort of person would take his place?"

John Sharp, well known for his role in designing plans for state agencies to cut costs through downsizing, has a slight edge in the Lt. Guv's race due to his years of pushing his ideas and himself. He has strength among rural voters as well as the business community that likes his plans for smaller government through privatization and personnel reductions.

Rick Perry, a relative newcomer to state politics has done a creditable job as head of the Agriculture Department and has the complete backing of the very popular Bush who is on the fast track to reelection over Demo Garry Mauro.

Both Sharp and Perry lean towards the conservative voter which is good politics in a state that has moved to the right over the years since McGovern tore the heart out of the Democratic Party.

And they are both Aggies, which doesn't hurt politically except perhaps down along the drag that borders "The University".

ME-TOO-ISM

Sharp recently accused Perry of having "the biggest case of me-too-ism Texans have ever seen"! The blast came after Perry picked up on the normal GOPline of cutting government spending.

Sharp's handlers pointed out that this is the main thrust of the Comptroller's performance reviews over the years therefore, they opined, Perry is a "copy-cat" and needs to come

up with something new.

This matter of cutting costs through privatization appears to be something both candidates, and the governor, favor.

The claim being that the private sector is better able to handle many of the chores of government for less money through cutting down on the number of state employees needed - a saving all the way around according to both Sharp and Perry.

Judging the question becomes a matter of public policy: "Should the government farm out its work to private companies or retain control of all facets of whatever task is assigned a particular agency by the legislature?"

PRIVATIZATION

Let's take a look at two current privatization cases here in Texas. The state lottery is privatized in that the Lottery Commission has contracted with a firm that takes care of all phases of the state lottery under the general oversight of the commission.

There is grave doubt that the state has the know-how to run the lottery. To staff such an operation and insure public credibility would take years of training and a large number of specialized and high cost employees thus siphoning off dollars that would otherwise go to winning gamblers as well as the state coffers.

Contracting out the mechanics of the lottery here in Texas is an example of privatization that appears to be the best route to take.

STATE BAILOUT REQUESTED

Case two can be found over on the welfare side of state government where we have a private company handling the food stamp program. This business entity signed a con-

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Band students named to the Centex Honor Band, in random order, are Lisa Karnes, Annie Daniel, Elizabeth Dachs, Anna Kate Mackie, Sam Daniel, Adam Smith, Tigger Day, Austin Love, Bonnie Martinez, Tiffany Tucker, Taylor Rozenboom, Melodie Gilliam.

Students selected to Centex Honor Band

Thirteen Salado junior high and high school band members were selected Jan. 14 to the Centex Honor Band.

They auditioned against other students in Central Texas and were then named to either the Symphonic Band or the Concert Band. Both bands participated in a clinic/concert Jan. 17 at Troy High School.

The following were named to the Symphonic Band: Lisa Karnes, third-chair flute; Annie Daniel, fourth-chair flute; Elizabeth Dachs, eighth-chair clarinet; Anna Kate Mackie, 11th-chair clarinet; Sam Daniel, first-chair bassoon; Adam Smith, third-chair trumpet; Tigger Day, fifth-chair

french horn; and Austin Love, second-chair trombone.

The following were named to the Concert Band: Bonnie Martinez, fourth-chair clarinet;

Tiffany Tucker, 11th-chair clarinet; Taylor Rozenboom, first-chair french horn; and Melodie Gilliam, second-chair mallets.



Adam Smith

Adam Smith advances to Area Band auditions

Adam Smith, senior trumpet player for the Salado High band, advanced to Area Band auditions, where he competed against 28 trumpet players from four regions.

The top six advance to the All-State Band; Smith narrowly missed this honor by earning seventh-chair.

Smith earned the right to advance to Area by making sixth chair on the Region 8 Band.

John Stafford, Salado band director, said it has been four years since any Salado band student has advanced to the Area Band audition.

"Adam is a great asset to the band program in Salado and everyone is very proud of his success," Stafford said.

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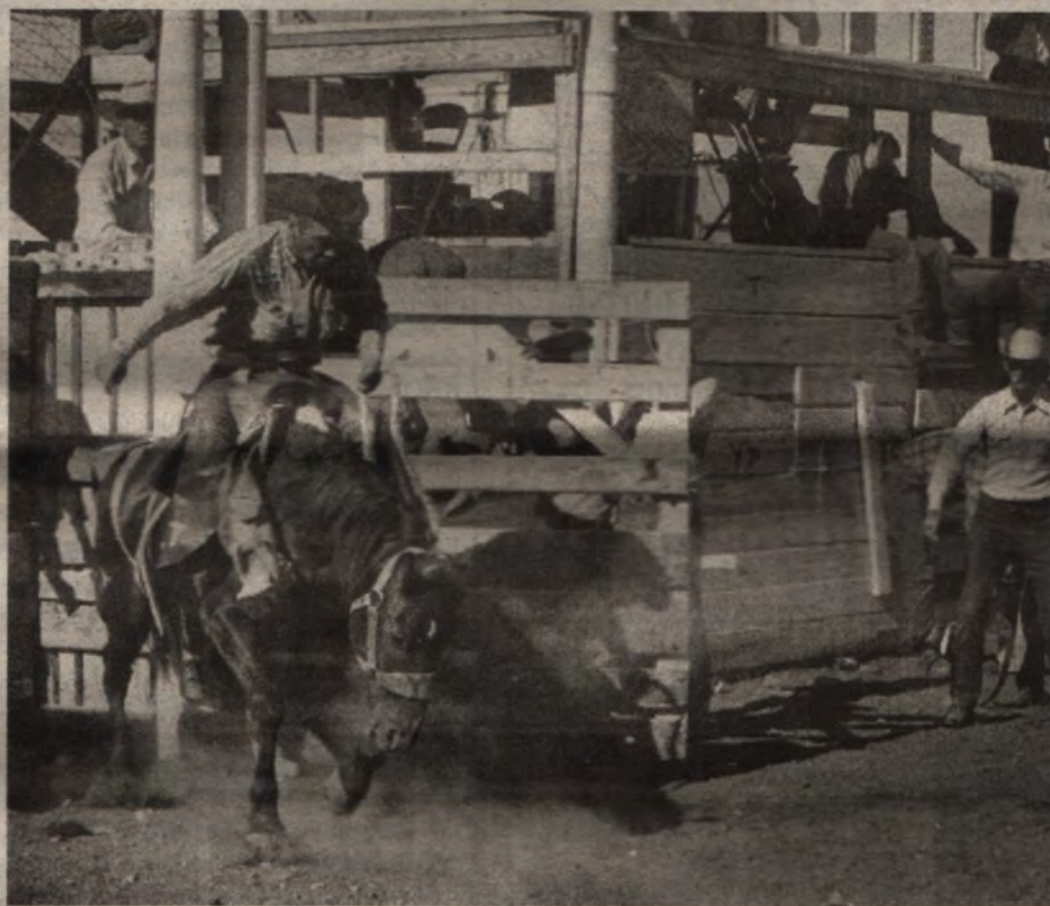
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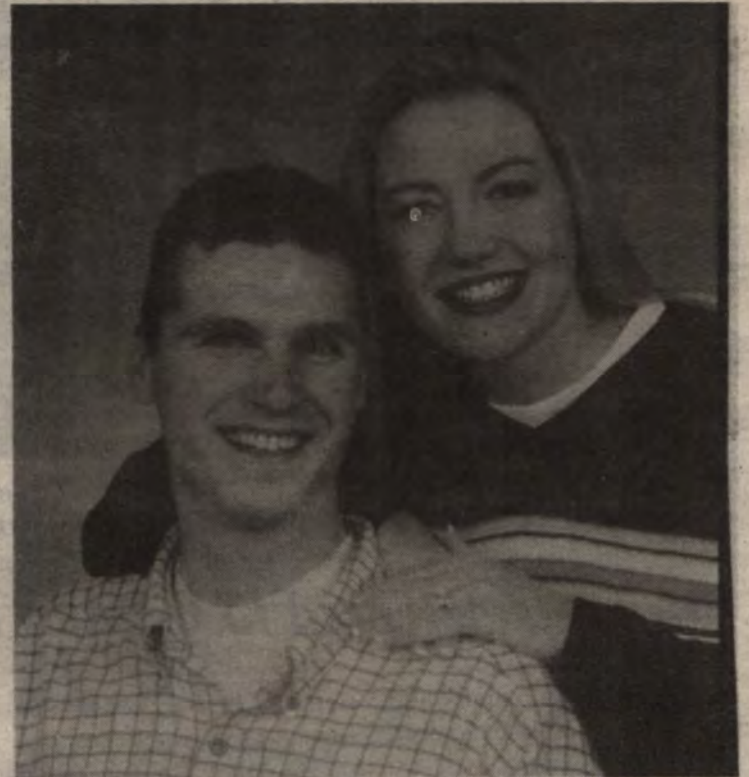
Gillespie will marry Hagen

Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Gillespie II of Salado announce the engagement of their daughter Amie Rebecca Gillespie.

Amie Rebecca Gillespie will marry Brian Alan Hagen of Houston. Brian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hagen of Houston.

The couple plan a March 14, 1998 wedding at the Dallas Latter Day Saint Temple.

Amie and Brian are students at Texas A&M.



Amie Rebecca Gillespie and Brian Alan Hagen

Coming to terms with divorce at First Baptist Church Salado

If you have experienced the pain of divorce and are looking for a group that will help you in dealing with related issues, you are invited to participate in A Time for Healing: Coming to Terms With Your Divorce. The group will explore issues such as: the realities and stages of divorce; fears, doubts, and anxieties; daily survival and coping skills; forgiveness and reconciliation of relationships; managing loneliness; how to

deal with children; how to deal with holidays; and how to seek God's wisdom for the future.

The group will begin 6:30 p.m. Feb. 1 in room C205 in the Education Building of First Baptist Church. Debbie Aldridge will be leading the nine week study. The accompanying workbook cost is \$13. If you are interested in participating in the group call the First Baptist Church office at 947-5465 and speak with Frank Wallace.

Rutherford listed in outstanding young women of America

Kathy Lou Rutherford of Salado has been selected for inclusion in the 1997 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America (OYWA).

The OYWA program has since 1966 honored men and women between the ages of 21 and 40 who have distinguished themselves in service to their communities, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural

accomplishments, and civic and political participation. Nominations are received from political leaders, college and university officials, clergymen, business leaders, and civic groups and organizations.

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tract to take care of the distribution of funds to the needy through a credit card type transaction, thus cutting down on costs and fraud.

First cloud on the sunny slopes of this privatized plan came when the private sector group, that had signed up to handle the food-stamps, discovered they were not making the big-bucks they envisioned due to the cutback of welfare rolls.

Can you guess what happened next?

Right the first time! These scions of private enterprise immediately ran to the state welfare department and demanded to be subsidized for their profit shortfall!

If this is what privatization is all about - i.e. willing to handle state work when there is a comfortable profit, but when things go sour, have the state make up the difference - then how much better off are we than before?

PROFIT NET?

If we plan to subsidize businesses after they contract to supply services to the state - as the feds do the tobacco farmers and other agricultural interests as well as the major suppliers of our military needs - then let us call it what it really is - a "profit-safety-net" for the private sector when they fail to make money handling government business.

This is oft-times given the sobriquet - "corporate-welfare" in certain liberal quarters, since it differs little from public welfare that conservatives rail against from sunup to sunset.

The answer to this mish-mash appears to be that if we do contract state government work out to the private sector - we need to hold their feet to the fire and force them to work without a "bailout" clause. And we also need to be careful as to what type work is taken away from government and put in hands of the profit takers.

BAILOUT THE BANKERS

While on the subject of free

Fair Boosters sell brisket Jan. 30 at Bo's Barn

The Salado Youth Fair Boosters will be selling brisket sandwiches 7 p.m. Jan. 30 at Bo's Barn to raise funds for the upcoming Bell County Livestock Show.

Sandwiches are \$2.50 each and will be served until they run out. So, stop by Bo's Barn and get a sandwich or two to help the youth of Salado.

market entrepreneurship (without the risk factor), let's take a look at another example of fouling up a capitalistic system through profit-plundering without regard to the principals of the free market.

We refer here, of course, to what is going on in the economically beleaguered nations along the Pacific rim.

Private bankers and investment experts in this country and abroad, always on the prowl for high interest and investment profits, began to lend money to the Indonesians, South Koreans and Thailanders without regard to collateral, over-production and cabals between government and businesses.

Can you guess what happened when things went awry, as they had to do?

Right again! A mad scramble by ailing nations and wailing lenders for "bailout" help from the international monetary fund which is a bank of last resort for nations that cannot, or will not, manage their affairs properly.

This "helping-hand-fund" is subsidized by taxpayers primarily from this country.

FREE LUNCH SYNDROME

What these international financiers want is exactly what the privatizers in Texas - led by our political friends, Sharp and Perry and Bush - are seeking. A money-making machine, that allows the private sector to make big time profits when the economies are high-rolling. Plus, and here's the kicker, a safety net to keep losses from ever becoming a problem.

The latter through subsidies from the hapless taxpayer who doesn't get to share in anything but the failures. Perfect example of this was the multi-billion dollar savings-loan and

bank scandals a few years back.

In other words, let the big boys make the profits as good capitalists should, but if things go bad - require the government to step in with treasury dollars to make up the losses.

This neo-capitalistic system, at both global and national levels, eliminates the risk that has always accompanied investment and forces taxpayers to assume the position of picking up the pieces when things go bad.

HUMBUG

This new spin on our economic system is pure hokum and should be stopped.

If we believe in the free market economy then let it work freely in good times and bad. If we want the privatization of government work to be accomplished in Texas, then let the private sector earn the profit and/or eat the losses.

That's the proper way to present this flim-flammery of government cutbacks, downsizing and privatization.

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A Titanic love affair

Dentist's interest for ship's story began at ear

by Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Titanic, recent winner of the Golden Globe award for Best Picture, has caused a renewed interest in the lore surrounding the "unsinkable ship." But for Saladoan Dr. Douglas B. Willingham, the *Titanic* has been a compelling story of fate and courage since he discovered it among the pages of his *World Book Encyclopedia* at the age of nine.

"That page is literally brown with my grimy fingerprints," Dr. Willingham said, "where I first read of the 'ship's band playing on the sloping deck' of the sinking ship and fell in love with her story."

The fictional love story of Rose and Jack, told in James Cameron's **Titanic** was, in Dr. Willingham's opinion, "somewhat predictable, but it was a good way to draw the viewer in to the humanity of the *Titanic*. When you care about what happens to Rose DeWitt Bukater and Jack Dawson, it makes you care about what happens to the other people in the story."

Dr. Willingham and daughter Sofie, who is quickly becoming a *Titanic* buff, saw the movie on its first day of release, Dec. 19, at a sold-out matinee. "Sofie's crazy about Leonardo DeCaprio, as are all her school friends."

His favorite part of the movie, which he has seen three times, is "the distant view from above of the *Titanic*. She is tiny on the screen and you can see the distress rockets and realize that no one is going to come. That scene gives you a sense of how alone, how tiny, how vulnerable the *Titanic* really was."

Titanic Primer

For those of us (this writer included) who are ignorant of many of the basic facts about the *Titanic*, here is a brief.

The *Titanic* set sail on her maiden voyage on April 10, 1912 from Southampton, England to Cherbourg, France, and Queenstown, Ireland, where it picked up immigrants heading for Ellis Island, New York.

Owned by White Star Line, the *Titanic* was a Four Funnel Ship, measuring 882 ft., 9 inches in length, 92 ft., 6 inches in breadth, with a gross tonnage of 46,380 tons. The largest ship of her kind in the world, she was slightly larger than the *Olympic*.

Her builder was Thomas Andrews. Her captain was Commodore E.J. Smith.

The *Titanic* struck an iceberg 600 miles Northeast of New York, near Newfoundland at 11:40 p.m. April 14. She sank at 2:20 a.m. April 15. She was traveling at 22-1/2 knots when she hit the iceberg.

The *Carpathia* was the closest ship to respond to the *Titanic*'s distress radio signal. She was 58 miles from the *Titanic* and reached the wreck in 4-1/2 hours.

Of the 2,358 passengers and crew aboard the *Titanic*, only 705 survived.

There were lifeboats for fewer than half of the passengers on board.

Dr. Willingham will speak to Sofie's classmates about the story of the *Titanic*, something he has done for four years now. "This year, they're really excited since the movie was released," he said.

For Dr. Willingham, the tragic story of the *Titanic* is that of fate and of heroes.

One fateful twist surrounding the *Titanic* were the numerous iceberg warnings that day, which were ignored by the *Titanic* as she steamed on at 22-1/2 knots. "Captains of the day liked to take their ships through an icefield as fast as possible if there was clear weather," he said. "The Edwardian attitude of the period was that man had conquered the elements. Crossing the ocean had become a safe, reliable way to travel in recent decades. It was

commonplace."

Another twist of fate is that the *Titanic* sank within 20 miles of the *Californian*. The *Californian* turned off its wireless radio system less than half an hour before the *Titanic* hit the iceberg. The *Californian* had turned off its radio, because it was interfering with the signal from the *Titanic*. The First Class passengers aboard the *Titanic* were using the wireless radio, much like today's airline passenger use the "air phone." The Marconi Wireless Co., not the steamship, owned radio lines and made its money from the First Class passengers.

Even though the distress rockets from the *Titanic* were seen from the *Californian*, none of her crew woke up the wireless radio operator to find out what was happening.

"If the *Californian* had turned on her wireless, she would have been blasted with the distress signal," Dr. Willingham said.

The first ship to respond to the wireless distress signal was the *Carpathia*, a Cunard steamer some 58 miles away. In the 4-1/2 hours it took the *Carpathia* to navigate the iceberg-infested North Atlantic waters, the fate of the *Titanic* was sealed.

The *Titanic*'s story is also one of heroes.

Heroes such as the ship's captain, Commodore E.J. Smith, and her builder, Thomas Andrews, who "went down with the ship," while the General Manager for the White Star Line, J. Bruce Ismay, got on one of the last lifeboats. Commodore Smith took the *Titanic* on her maiden voyage. It was to be his last voyage before retiring. As the highest paid captain on the North Atlantic run, Smith took all White Star Line ships on their first runs. "He was highly respected by his crew during a time when captains were seen and known by crewmembers," Dr. Willingham said.

Heroes such as the members of the ship's band, who played on the sloping deck of the *Titanic* as the ship sank. In the final stages of the tragedy, Dr. Willingham said, the band performed hymns before meeting their own fate.

Heroes such as the men of wealth and power who stayed behind. Men like John Jacob Astor, Benjamin Guggenheim, and Archibald Willingham Butt, who all perished. Astor, who was on board with his newly pregnant wife, asked a crewmember if he could join her on one of the lifeboats. When told no, "he admirably made no other inquiries and sent his wife off on the lifeboat, while he stayed aboard the sinking ship."

"There were many men on board wealthy enough to buy and sell the *Titanic*," Dr. Willingham said. "But they had amongst themselves an unspoken code, which was not to be broken."

A great deal of Dr. Willingham's interest in the *Titanic* lies in his filial relationship to Archibald Willingham Butt, military aide to Presidents Teddy Roosevelt and William Howard Taft. Butt's paternal grandmother was sister to Archibald Willingham. Archibald Willingham was the first white man to settle in Salado in 1850 and Doug's great-great-great grandfather.

In March of 1912, President Taft sent Butt to Europe to deliver a personal message to the Pope. This was to be a much-needed vacation for Butt, who wrote to his sister-in-law Clara: "He (Frank Millet) is sailing on March second on the *Berlin* and has got me in the mood to go with him, although I hate to leave the Big White Chief just at this time. But I will be back before the middle of April. I have come to the conclusion that if I am to go through this frightful summer, I must have a rest now."

According to Dr. Willingham, Butt was torn between President Taft, his close friend and former President Roosevelt, also his close friend. Taft and Roosevelt had fallen out of good graces with each other and Taft had recently decided to seek reelection. Roosevelt had written Butt earlier, telling him to resign his position with Taft and

join him in seeking election to the office of President.

Of this conflict between his friends, Butt wrote to Clara: "If it's to be a fight to the finish between them, nothing I can do or say now will be of any good. I have done my best. They see things differently, that is all."

With this conflict weighing heavily on his mind and heart, Butt traveled to Europe with his friend Millet, scheduled to return to the States aboard the *Titanic*.

The night of April 14, 1912, Major Butt joined a dinner party in the First Class Restaurant given by George D. Widener, his wife and son Harry. Joining the party were Commodore Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Thayer and Mr. and Mrs. William E. Carter. After the ladies had retired to their cabins, Major Butt joined Widener, Col. Archibald Gracie and others in the First Class Smoking Room, near the stern of A Deck. There they would enjoy a final cigar and bridge game, according to an article in the *Augusta Spectator*.

According to *Spectator*, when the *Titanic* struck the iceberg, "most passengers were asleep and even those awake showed little concern for the slight jolt they experienced. The bridge players in the Smoking Room continued their game while steerage passengers playfully threw chunks of the iceberg that littered the deck. No one seemed concerned. Not even an iceberg could harm the mighty *Titanic*."

But by midnight, water crashed over the first five watertight compartments and any hope for the *Titanic* was lost. The *Titanic* was built in such a fashion that if any four of her first five watertight compartments were flooded, she could stay afloat. But not with five.

Shortly after midnight, Commodore Smith ordered the lifeboats to be readied and the passengers alerted. According to the *Spectator*, "The boats were lowered to the A Deck railing where the women and children were placed aboard. Among the First Class passengers, there was a note of formality, as when Major Butt escorted Miss Marie Young to her boat. The former music governess to the Roosevelt children was



Dr. Douglas B. Willingham shows some of the items in his collection of *Titanic*-memorabilia, which he has collected for over 20 years.



This photograph from the Father Frances M. Brown, S.J. collection captured Maj. Archibald Butt on the deck of the *Titanic*. He is on the right in the group of three men.

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lifted into the boat and then "...he wrapped blankets about me and tucked me in as carefully as if we were starting on a motor ride." He said, "Good-bye, Miss Young, luck is with you. Will you kindly remember me to all the folks back home." Then he stepped back and raised his hat."

"When the last of the survivors were clear, the men returned to the Smoking Room. Oblivious to the drama unfolding on deck and the occasional passerby who peered in the A Deck in awe, they continued their game and awaited their fate," the Spectator reads.

After reading his last letter to Clara, one might think that Archie Butt predicted his demise: "Don't forget that all my papers are in the storage warehouse, and if the old ship goes down you will find my affairs in shipshape condition."

A memorial fountain on the Ellipse, outside the White House, was dedicated to Butt and Millet. President Taft was also present at the dedication of a bridge in Butt's hometown of Augusta on the second anniversary of his death, April 15, 1914. At the dedication, President Taft gave a bronze tablet signed by him and placed at the center of the bridge.

With his ancestral connection to Archie Butt, Dr. Willingham has sought out histories, letters and memorabilia from the *Titanic* and from Butt. Dr. Willingham's interest in the *Titanic* led him to become a member of the *Titanic* Historical Association. In fact, while attending a convention of the Association, Dr. Willingham acquired the April 28, 1912 edition of *New York Sunday American* covering the wreck of the *Titanic*.

Five survivors from the *Titanic* signed the newspaper, which is Dr. Willingham's prize *Titanic* possession. Eva Hart, one of the sur-



Major Archibald Willingham Butt was military aide to Presidents Teddy Roosevelt and William Howard Taft. (photo courtesy of Dr. Douglas B. Willingham)

vivors, was nine years old when the *Titanic* sank, "and she has real memories of it as opposed to younger children who recall what their parents told them about it," Willingham said. She became a leading proponent for leaving the *Titanic* as it was found, a graveyard to the 1,500 lives lost on it.

Other survivors signing the newspaper were Franks Aks, Edwina Trout MacKenzie, Ruth Becker Blanchard, and George Thomas.

Dr. Willingham's collection of *Titanic*-era memorabilia includes a china plate used by the White Star Line for its First Class passengers, as well as a music selection program performed by bands on the ships of the White Star Line.

Sitting atop a bookcase in Dr. Willingham's home full of histories and letters about the fateful

night is a model of the *Titanic*, which he built between college and dental school.

Because of his nautical interest, Dr. Willingham has made three Trans-Atlantic crossings. While aboard the Queen Elizabeth 2, he passed within sight of an iceberg, which caused a stir among passengers and crewmembers. "Because of the advances in ocean travel," Willingham said, "it is a rare occasion for even crew members to see an iceberg, much less passengers."

He said that passing within sight of the iceberg was an exciting and chilling experience for a boy who discovered the *Titanic* at age nine in his Lubbock home.

"Growing up in landlocked, dusty Lubbock," Dr. Willingham said, "it might be easy to understand how I came to love the sea and its stories."

Another Salado connection to *Titanic*

Another Saladoan who watched *Titanic* with a personal interest was Elizabeth Silverthorne. Her late husband Clark was raised by his uncle, Spencer V. Silverthorne, one of the survivors.

Spencer was a buyer for Nugent Brothers Dry Goods at the time and was in the Smoking Room reading *The Virginian*, a popular book of the day, while Archie Butt and his cronies played bridge nearby.

Because he was dressed and awake at the time the *Titanic* hit the iceberg, Spencer Silverthorne was one of the first to get on a lifeboat.

"Many of the first lifeboats to go off were lightly loaded," Mrs. Silverthorne said. "Here was this nice, warm ship with music playing and drinks flowing and people were being asked to get into these cold, wet lifeboats. Not everyone took the threat seriously, although Spencer had enough sense to get off the ship."

She remembers meeting Spencer in the 1950s, when he lived in Scarsdale, NY. He commuted to New York City where he was an executive with Lord and Taylor's.

Elizabeth recalls a scrapbook Spencer had of the *Titanic*, but regrets that the book was lost after his death.

"Looking back now, I wish I had prodded him more to talk about his experience," she said, "but I did not have the interest in history that I have now."



Spencer V. Silverthorne's business card is shown above with the other two men he sat with in the Smoking Room when the *Titanic* hit the iceberg. From *Titanic: Triumph and Tragedy*, by John P. Eaton and Charles A. Haus.



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Salado Junior High Boys Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Teams	Time
11/13	Lorena	7/8	4:30 p.m.
11/20	Rogers	7/8	5 p.m.
11/24	at Holland	7/8	5 p.m.
12/1	Lago Vista	7/8	5 p.m.
12/8	at Jarrell	7/8	5 p.m.
12/15	Hutto	7/8	5 p.m.
1/3	Salado Tournament	7/8	TBA
1/8	at Florence	7/8	5 p.m.
1/17	Rogers Tournament	7/8	TBA
1/22	at Rogers	7/8	5 p.m.
1/24	Holland Tournament	7	TBA
1/29	Holland	7/8	5 p.m.
2/5	at Lago Vista	7/8	5 p.m.
2/12	District Tournament	7/8	TBA
2/14	District Tournament	7/8	TBA

Coaches Alan Haire, Brett Mullins

Salado Junior High Girls Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Teams	Time
11/20	at Rogers	7/8	5 p.m.
11/24	Holland	7/8	5 p.m.
12/1	at Lago Vista	7/8	5 p.m.
12/8	Jarrell	7/8	5 p.m.
12/15	at Hutto	7/8	5 p.m.
1/3	Salado Tournament	7/8	TBA
1/8	Florence	7/8	5 p.m.
1/10	Rogers Tournament	7/8	TBA
1/22	Rogers	7/8	5 p.m.
1/29	at Holland	7/8	5 p.m.
2/5	Lago Vista	7/8	5 p.m.
2/12	District Tournament	7/8	TBA
2/14	District Tournament	7/8	TBA

Coaches Susan McLaughlin, Melvin Bates



1997-98 Eighth-grade boys

Top row, from left, Ricky May, David Matthews, John Kirk, Andrew Hanson. Middle row, from left, Dillon Reichert, Aaron Gonzales, Miles Wallace, Justin Hosch, Dan Watson, Aldo Rocha. Back row, from left, Chris Santoya, Matt Ward, Jeremy Grimm, Sam Silver, Josh Koch. Brett Mullins is the coach.

1997-98 SHS Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Girls Teams	Boys Teams	1st Game Time
11/18	Lorena	Here	JVBA, V		5 p.m.
11/18	At Valley Mills			JV, V	5 p.m.
11/22	Crawford	There	JVBA, V		1 p.m.
11/22	Itasca	There		9, JV, V	1 p.m.
11/24	McGregor	Here	JVBA, V		5 p.m.
11/24	Waco Vanguard	There		9, JV, V	5 p.m.
11/25	Cameron	There	JVBA, V		5 p.m.
11/25	Crawford	Here		JV, V	5 p.m.
12/2	Waco Robinson	Here	JVBA, V		5 p.m.
12/2	Bruceville-Eddy	There		9, JV, V	5 p.m.
12/4-6	Academy Tournament		V	9, JV, V	TBA
12/9	Rogers*	There	JV, V		5 p.m.
12/9	Academy	Here		9, JV, V	5 p.m.
12/11-13	Salado Tournament		V	V	TBA
12/12-13	Rosebud Tournament		JVBA		TBA
12/13	Troy Tournament			9, JV	TBA
12/15	Killeen	Here		9, JV, V	5 p.m.
12/16	Holland*	Here	JV, V		5 p.m.
12/19	Liberty Hill	There	JV, V		TBA
12/19	Milano	Here		9, JV, V	5 p.m.
12/29-30	Coleman Tournament		V		TBA
12/29-31	Hawley Tournament			V	TBA
1/2	Wimberley	There	JVBA, V	9, JV, V	2 p.m.
1/6	Lago Vista*	There	JV, V	JV, V	5 p.m.
1/9	Jarrell*	Here	V	9, JV, V	4 p.m.
1/13	Hutto*	There	JV, V	JV, V	5 p.m.
1/15	At Cameron			9	6 p.m.
1/16	Florence*	Here	V	JV, V	4 p.m.
1/17	Holland JV Tournament		JV	JV	TBA
1/20	Calvert	Here	V	JV, V	5 p.m.
1/23	Rogers*	Here	V	9, JV, V	4 p.m.
1/27	Holland*	There	JV, V	JV, V	5 p.m.
1/29	Academy			9	6 p.m.
1/30	Lago Vista*	Here	V	JV, V	5 p.m.
2/3	Jarrell*	There	JV, V	9, JV, V	4 p.m.
2/6	Hutto*	Here	V	JV, V	5 p.m.
2/10	Florence*	There	JV, V	9, JV, V	4 p.m.
2/13	Thrall**	Here	JV, V		5 p.m.
2/17	*Rogers	There		9, JV, V	5 p.m.
2/20	*Holland	Here		JV, V	5 p.m.

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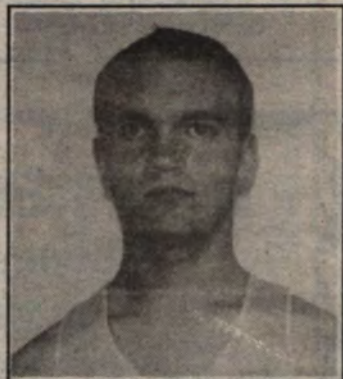
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Clapp noted: "The Foundation board is grateful to the Chorale for their consistent help in keeping the Civic Center going strong."

"Saladoans are so very proud of this group of talented folks who bring music into our lives as well as helping to keep the civic center a financially viable operation for the good of the community," Clapp concluded.

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There will be friends, food and prizes! At this time some of the prizes are a wooden rocking chair, silver jewelry, oil changes, travel certificate, food certificates, cakes, wood carving and more.

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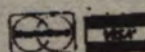
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Upset-minded Eagles fail in bid to knock off league-leading Rogers

by John Eubanks

The upset-minded Salado Eagles were hoping to knock off district leader Rogers before a raucous home crowd Jan. 23.

But Rogers' withering defense was too much to handle, and the home Eagles lost to the visiting Eagles, 65-42.

Salado (11-13 overall and 3-2 in District 26-2A) played at Holland Jan. 27 (results were unavailable at press time) before hosting Lago Vista Jan. 30.

The turning point in the Salado-Rogers game occurred early in the second period when Rogers scored back-to-back baskets off Salado turnovers. The second one gave Rogers an 18-12 advantage with 5:01 showing -- and a lead the visiting Eagles would never relinquish.

Salado would eventually commit 16 turnovers against a defense known for its tenacity. "We knew that (about Rogers). We just couldn't handle it," Salado Coach Alan Haire said. Salado led 9-8 after the first quarter, but Rogers outscored the Eagles 27-12 in the second quarter to take a commanding 35-21 halftime lead.

Rogers added a 20-point fourth quarter for good measure.

The win gave improving Rogers only a 9-10 overall record, but a 6-0 mark in district play.

First-year Rogers coach Steve Adamson said his team is 7-3 since the football players from Rogers' Class 2A state finalist -- including three starters -- joined the basketball team.

"We're finally starting to work out the kinks," Adamson said, noting that his team has its sights set on the state tournament.

Patrick Hutka, who quarterbacked the football team, gave the Eagles the



Eagle David Kirk protects the ball from Rogers' Patrick Hutka Jan. 23. (photo by John Eubanks)

forementioned 18-12 lead, forcing Salado to call a timeout.

His three-pointer from the top of the key with 1:05 left in the first half gave Rogers its first double-digit lead, 31-19.

He finished with 13 points. Teammate David Schneider led all scorers with 22 points, Kyle Kotrla added 10 points, and 6-foot-8, 270-pound Kyle Eaton chipped in six points.

Shawn Mitchell led Salado with 12 points. Chris Michna


added 10. He and David Kirk led Salado with eight rebounds apiece.

Salado 55, Calvert 53 Just when you thought it was safe it go outside (of district play), along comes a scrappy bunch from Class A Calvert.

In a game that filled an open date in each team's district schedule, Salado had to hold

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Every year the Salado Youth Fair Boosters have been fortunate, to have raised enough money so our children have buyers, at the fair and receive a good price for their projects. We have had from \$15,000 to

\$23,000 to take to this auction and have had money left over to reward those children who did not make the sale. This year, unfortunately that is not the case. Our current balance is only \$4,100. This will only help a few of our students, and there will be many disappointed children who have worked very hard throughout the year.

Please help us support our children by joining the Salado Youth Fair Boosters as a buyer or contributor at the auction. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated and the rewards are great. All donations are tax deductible. On behalf of the children of the 4-H, FFA and FHA clubs, we thank you!

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Artist Larry Weston's work is shown above.

Village Artists slate workshop

For their first workshop of 1998 the Salado Village Artists announce the return of the popular instructor and talented artist, Larry Weston. The workshop will be held Feb. 18-20 at the Salado Art Center and is open to anyone. The deadline for reservations is Feb. 1.

Weston's favorite subject is the Southwest, the inspiration for many of his paintings. His work has received numerous national and regional honors and awards. He is a member of several prestigious watercolor organizations and his paintings hang in major galleries and private collections across the country.

The workshop is designed for both the beginner and more advanced artist. A demonstration of the basic concepts in beginning a painting is followed by a series of steps leading to the completed painting. The student is given time after each step to put into practice the concepts demonstrated. The instructor moves about the classroom providing criticism and advice. "This provides the beginner with some logical steps to follow and the more advanced student an opportunity to explore some new ideas and concepts".

The cost of the three-day workshop is \$120. You may make reservations by completing the adjacent form and sending it along with a deposit of \$50 by Feb. 1 to Salado Village Artists, P.O. Box 363,

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Eagles

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on at the end for a two-point win on its homecourt Jan. 20.

The Eagles have won two of their last three games, despite being outscored by an average of 18-10 in the fourth quarter of those games.

Calvert (11-11 overall and 3-1 in District 57-A) chipped away at Salado's 12-point lead to open the fourth period.

While Calvert Coach Henry Thomas called the game "a wake-up call for us," the same could have been said for the Eagles.

It would be an understatement to say that Salado Coach Alan Haire was disappointed in his team nearly blowing a 14-point halftime lead, 35-21.

It appeared the Eagles had the game in hand midway in the fourth period on back-to-back highlight plays.

The first came on a pass from Mike Gamble that led to a David Kirk layup. The second came a minute later on touch passes from Chris Michna and John Woolard that led to a second Kirk basket and a 51-39 lead with 4:42 left to play.

But Calvert would fight back to outscore the Eagles 14-4 in the final four-and-a-half minutes.

They managed their comeback despite Coach Thomas receiving a technical foul that led to two Shawn Mitchell free throws. That made it 53-42 with 4:21 showing.

Mitchell was "Johnny on the spot" with 2:40 to play, when he somehow came up with the ball after a missed Kirk layup and scored to make it 55-46. That would be Salado's last points.

The Eagles would have to sweat out Calvert's 7-0 run down the stretch, although Michna helped matters at the 1:30 mark by tying up the ball with the possession arrow in favor of Salado.

Courtney Dodge made a heads-up play with 8.94 seconds left, when he called a time-out to avoid being trapped in the corner on

Salado's side of the court. The Eagles then set up a play to run the clock out.

Mitchell led all scorers with 20 points. He scored 10 in the first quarter alone, including a pair of three-pointers. Kirk added 12, and Woolard had six points on three second-quarter baskets.

Michael "Dewayne" Thomas, the coach's son, led Calvert with 16 points.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Salado's JV beat Calvert 51-32. Jeremy Whitaker had 11 points. Michael Schoepf and Trey Hutton each had nine. Salado held Calvert scoreless in the second period and led 31-9 at halftime.

The JV Eagles beat Rogers 44-30. Eric Mentzel had 17 points. Ryan Buckley added nine.

EIGHTH GRADE

The 8A team beat Rogers 26-14. Dan Watson and David Matthews each had six points.

The 8B team lost 11-9. Gordon Smale had four points.

SEVENTH GRADE

The 7A team beat Rogers 57-25. Jeremy Grimm had 22 points. John Kirk had 15.

The 7B team won 12-11. Jeremy Hosch had seven points.

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The game was scheduled to fill the open date both teams had in their district schedules. Calvert, 13-9 overall, is 3-1 in District 57-A.

Both teams played on nearly even terms in the first half. Salado led 12-9 after the first quarter and 25-19 at halftime.

The Lady Eagles pulled away in the fourth quarter, outscoring Calvert 19-5 to extend a 35-25 third-quarter lead.

Katie Punchard led Salado's balanced scoring, with 13 points. Liz Whiteley added nine, and Adrienne Akins had eight. Lauren Quirk chipped in seven points and a team-high seven rebounds.

Calvert's LaQuinta Morrow led all scorers with 16 points. Her team shot just 27 percent from the field (10-37), while Salado shot 41 percent and outrebounded Calvert 22-10.

Lisa Branch, Calvert's first-year coach, was impressed with Coach Salisbury's team.

"Good fundamentals, a sound team. I like 'em," said Branch, who starred for the Texas A&M Lady Aggies in the mid-1990s.

FRESHMEN

The freshmen girls lost two games in the Holland JV Tournament Jan. 17 -- 37-18 to Thrall and 32-21 to Holland.

Coach John Black said the girls, who normally play on the junior varsity, played well and had good intensity on defense.

Hope Buchanan had 10 points against Thrall, and Stacey Blodgett had nine against Holland.

EIGHTH GRADE

The two-week layoff showed in the 8A girls' performance against Rogers Jan. 22. Salado had trouble putting the ball in the basket all night.

The Eagles never trailed in the physical defensive struggle, holding a 7-4 lead at

the end of the fourth quarter and expanding it from there.

Lindsay Quirk was high point on the night, with six points. Robyn Womac, Kate Mentzel, Julie Couchman and Mandi Tsosie all contributed four. Emily Bates did a good job rebounding and Amanda Rivers played some great defense.

The 8B team won the Holland Tournament Jan. 24. In the first round, Salado defeated Bartlett 34-20. Tiffany Blair had 12 points. Sandi Trollinger added 10 points. Rebecca Lewis nine and Megan Burson three.

In the championship game, the Eagles beat Holland 32-13. Trollinger scored 18, while Blair added 10. Burson and Annie Correa both scored two.

SEVENTH GRADE

The 7A team beat Rogers 18-11. Lauren Mewhinney had four points, LeAnn Whitt had three and Megan Joiner and Lindsey Pruitt each had two.

Salado Youth Basketball scores

Salado Youth Basketball Association

1st-2nd Grade

Bears 8, Bulls 2

(Leading scorers) Bears: Radcliff 4, Champion 4. Bulls: Whitmire 2.

(Offensive standouts) Bears: Radcliff. Bulls: Wideman. (Defensive standouts) Bears: Schiller. Bulls: Whitmire.

Wildcats 14, Longhorns 8

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(Offensive standouts) Longhorns: Rosenau. Wildcats: Schilling. (Defensive standouts) Longhorns: Ervi. Wildcats: McLaughlin.

3rd-4th Grade

Girls

Ladybugs 16, Hurricanes 6

Record: Ladybugs 1-1. (Leading scorers) Ladybugs: Sunni 10, Wright 4, Dakotah 2. Hurricanes: Bartlett 4, Stoffle 2.

(Offensive standouts) Ladybugs: Lindsey Wright, Sunni Wells. Hurricanes: Laci Bartlett. (Defensive standouts) Ladybugs: Hillary Goodrum, Chelsea Ervi, Dakotah Buckley. Hurricanes: Haley Eddy.

Boys

Crusaders 21, Longhorns 14

(Leading scorers) Crusaders: Rodriguez 17, Marek 4. Longhorns: Torres 9, Pechal 4, Tumey 1.

(Offensive standouts) Crusaders: Rodriguez. Longhorns: Torres. (Defensive standouts) Crusaders: Sniggs. Longhorns: Dowell.

Rockets 26, Blue Devils 12

(Leading scorers) Rockets: Bates 8, Eckstrum 8, Quirk 4,

Askins 4, Califano 2. Blue Devils: Quick 5, Houston 4, Wilhite 3.

(Offensive standouts) Blue Devils: Quick. Rockets: Bates. (Defensive standouts) Blue Devils: Wilhite. Rockets: Califano.

5th-6th Grade

Girls

Cadets 24, Mean Green 17

(Leading scorers) Cadets: Houston 8, McLaughlin 6, Oaks 6, L. Wilson 4. Mean Green: Tumey 9, Goodnight 4, Blodgett 2, Gantenbein 2.

(Offensive standouts) Cadets: Houston. Mean Green: Tumey.

(Defensive standouts) Cadets: McLaughlin. Mean Green: Gantenbein.

Boys

Spurs 17, Celtics 15

(Leading scorers) Celtics: Nathan Grigsby 8, Joseph Shumate 3, Jake 2. Spurs: Nick Everett 10, Scott Bates 7.

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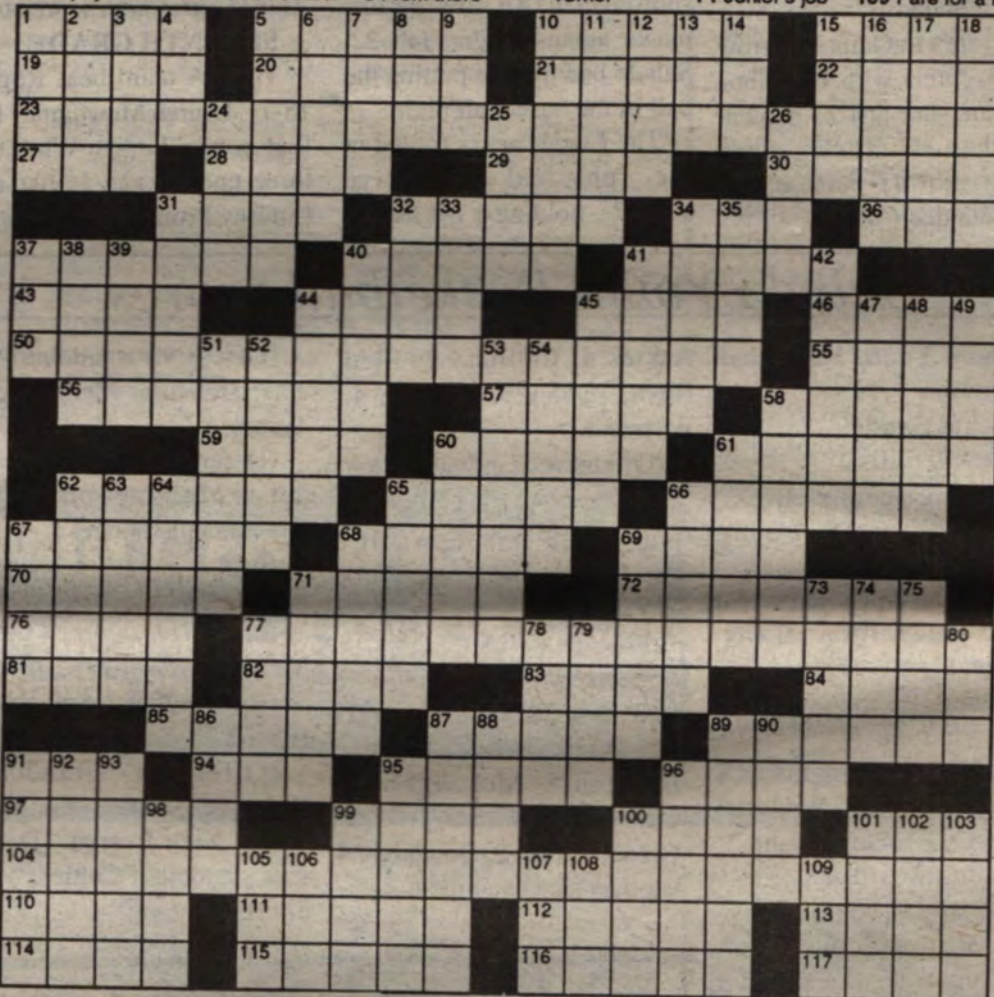
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| ACROSS | 55 Golden Rule word | 89 The man from Gdansk | 6 Swiss miss? | 40 Nag-ative one? | 73 Lasagna land |
| 1 Investigative | 56 Big business expense | 91 Youth org. | 7 Hawks' home | 41 Sitting duck? | 74 Pick a pol |
| 5 Sticky problem? | 57 "Evita" name | 94 Soap ingredient | 8 "A Passage to India" subject | 42 Fowl sound | 75 Desire defiled |
| 10 Fast mover | 58 Like 20 Across | 95 Comic Myron | 9 Vane dir. | 44 Tropical spots | 77 Hector's home |
| 15 Horner's fruit | 59 Impressed mightily | 96 Scads | 10 Enhance | 45 "M" man | 78 Lotion additive |
| 19 Ferris-wheel part | 60 "Johnny B. Goode" singer | 97 Tillstrom puppet | 11 On the ball | 47 "I give up!" | 79 Light material |
| 20 Bruiser | 61 Alley cat? | 99 Storm or Sayers | 12 Banish bacteria | 48 Tryon novel, with "The" | 80 Singer Sumac |
| 21 Lose one's tail? | 62 Steamy sites | 100 Bud of "Harold and Maude" | 13 Wynn and Sullivan | 49 It's in a jamb | 86 "The People's Choice" basset |
| 22 Superior | 63 Burst into flames | 101 Decide on, with "for" | 14 — Speed-wagon | 51 Seventh planet | 87 Grave |
| 23 Lost Judy Garland film? | 64 Pageant figure | 104 Lost Don Ameche film? | 15 Wear out the carpet | 52 Herbert Hoover, for one | 88 "That was a close one!" |
| 27 Wrap up ("64 tune) | 65 Playground toy | 110 Homer's field | 16 Chateau valley | 53 Head of the House | 89 "Watership Down" home |
| 29 Green land | 66 Off-the-wall | 111 Turn of phrase | 17 Remove an ascot | 54 Designer Ellis | 90 Opposed to |
| 30 A la King? | 67 "— Breckenridge" | 112 Pound the podium | 18 Lawless Lansky | 58 Peat's place | 91 Morticia's man |
| 31 Lady Bird's lass | 70 Presences | 113 Sty cry | 24 Actress Adams | 60 Chardonnay color | 92 Stowe sight |
| 32 Distort | 71 Stick one's neck out | 114 Paradoxical philosopher | 25 Cold feet | 61 House of Lords member | 93 Crazy as — |
| 34 Mil. citation | 72 Caustic | 115 Off the plate | 26 Megalomaniacal captain | 62 "The March King" | 95 Rapid runner? |
| 36 Charlot terminus | 76 "... us — is given" | 116 Infernal guy | 31 French opera composer | 63 Prudhomme's protector | 96 Saw |
| 37 Make reference (to) | 77 Lost Cary Grant film? | 117 Make too much of | 32 Social climber | 64 Kampala's country | 98 Not — many words |
| 40 A little night music? | 81 Durban dough | DOWN | 33 Anderson of "Nurses" | 65 Brandy bottle | 99 Pluck |
| 41 Apollo's isle | 82 Fleece | 1 June, but not July | 34 English county | 66 English Romantic | 100 Learn fast? |
| 43 Decorative stamp | 83 Have a propensity | 2 The yoke's on them | 35 Lingerie item | 67 Talk-show pioneer | 101 Columbus' locale |
| 44 Byzantine art form | 84 Mighty mite | 3 "Citizen Kane" prop | 37 No Einstein | 68 Refrigerant | 102 Shut up |
| 45 Stubbs or Strauss | 85 It gets squirreled away | 4 Even so | 38 Arrive at a conclusion? | 69 Tough element | 103 Ankle-biter |
| 46 Part of QED | 87 Thread bearer | 5 From there | 39 Actress Turner | 71 Junior's job | 105 Compete |
| 50 Lost Eddie Murphy film? | | | | | 106 Author LeShan |
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SHS students take Sweepstakes Trophy at Midway Literary Contest

Salado High School took 35 students to the Waco Midway Literary Contest recently and left with 11 individual trophies and four team trophies including the Sweepstakes Trophy. In the race for the Sweepstakes Trophy, Salado scored 211 points to 118 1/3 for Teague High School which finished second. Salado competed in the Small School Division which included twenty-eight 1A, 2A and 3A high schools. Salado results are as follows:

News Writing: Matthew Fiebig, 6th place

Feature Writing: Kristin Cawthon, 1st; Matthew Fiebig, 2nd

Spelling and Vocabulary: Ashlea Norman, 2nd; Rachel McGregor, 4th

Literary Criticism: Kristin Cawthon, 1st; Laura Schatte, 2nd

Literary Criticism Team: Cawthon, Schatte, Julie Gamble, 1st

Science: Shane Rigsby, 5th (The Science Contest is composed of three sections: Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. The top scorer in each section is awarded a trophy and Shane was the top scorer in Physics.)

Calculator Applications: (9th and 10th grade division) Greg Dachs, 4th

(11th and 12th grade division) Chad Kiphart, 4th; John Woolard, 5th

Number Sense: (9th and 10th grade division) Matt Günter, 3rd; Adrienne Akins, 4th

(11th and 12th grade division) Barry Hodge, 1st; Michelle Lenis, 3rd; Shane Rigsby, 5th (Barry's score was higher than anyone in the Large School Division, which included 4A and 5A schools.)

Number Sense Team: Hodge, Lenis, Rigsby, 1st

Mathematics: Lenis, 1st; Norman, 3rd; Hodge, 4th, Rigsby, 5th

Mathematics Team: Lenis, Norman, Hodge, 1st

Midway did not have Speech or Debate contests at this year's meet.



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Musician Allen Damron is mostly just a good ole boy having some fun

by Tumbleweed Smith

Allen Damron is a musician. He is a cowboy poet. He is a certified small arms instructor. He has been a commercial deep sea diver, a race car driver and night club owner, a movie actor and spear fisherman. He once had a vintage car museum. He helped start the Texas Folk Music Festival in Kerrville. He played for three U. S. Presidents and performed at the Kennedy Center.

I met Allen in Terlingua just recently. For some reason, our paths had never crossed before then. I had heard of him, of course, and planned to interview him one day, but as happens sometimes, we miss the obvious.

I had just finished doing an interview about the new school in Terlingua and was in the Starlight Theater eating dinner with a friend of mine, Sam Richardson. As we were leaving, we noticed a guy getting a guitar out of the trunk of his Cadillac. It was Allen. He had a gig at the Starlight that night. He has a home in Terlingua and spends as much time there as

he can. His permanent address is in Austin.

Allen smiles a lot. He laughs. He loves life and feels lucky to be making a living with his music.

Damron was born in Raymondville where his daddy was foreman of a large ranch. His father played guitar, his grandfather played fiddle. Allen became interested in acting when he was in high school. He attended Lon Morris College in Jacksonville on a drama scholarship, then went to the University of Texas. He made good money and good grades while in college. The money came from singing and playing his guitar. The grades came from having an alert brain in good working order. He considered getting a Ph.D.

He got his break when a club in Washington, DC, the Unicorn, hired him for a few weeks. A reporter from the Washington Post went to the club, heard Allen, interviewed him and put the story on the front page. Lines formed at the club and Allen stayed there three years.

My interview with Allen took place in a Presbyterian

church in Coahoma, Texas, where he played to an audience of about ten people. He uses the same energy for a small audience as he does for an audience of ten thousand.

He knows thousands of songs. At his performances he plays whatever comes to mind.

He has done a dozen or so cassettes and a few CD's. They range from old traditional Texas songs to music from Mexico or Ireland. His latest CD's have poems on them and songs for kids. Some of his ballads are from personal experience.

He writes some music, but sings songs other people have written. "That really limits you when you just sing your songs," says Allen. He plays Beethoven on banjo. He sings about the west, about ranch life, about the Indians and about Texas rivers.

Mostly, Allen Damron is just a good ole boy having fun. It shows in the twinkle in his eye and the smile on his face. "I'm a lot like my daddy," says Allen. He loved his work and I love mine. The only difference between us is he liked Lincolns, I like Cadillacs."

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Local dentist Dr. Douglas Willingham will present a program which will highlight his trip to Russia last summer with


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Don Owens (left) of Compass Bank - Salado presents the Compass Bank Spirit of Salado Award to David Kirk. (photo by John Eubanks)

Kirk receives Spirit of Salado Award

Salado High School senior David Kirk is the latest recipient of the Compass Bank Spirit of Salado Award.

The award was established to recognize students at Salado High for leadership, respect for others and a willingness to serve in community/school activities. The Spirit of Salado Award is presented to one student each six weeks.

Kirk is the recipient for the Area A&M Club to meet Feb. 5 in Temple to view Cotton Bowl film

The Greater Temple Area A&M Club will meet for a social hour and viewing of the Cotton Bowl film at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 5. The meeting will be held at El Conquistador Restaurant. All friends of Texas A&M are welcome.

third six-weeks period. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Interact, a class officer and an officer for the Fellowship of Christian Students.

Kirk also participates in football, basketball and baseball and was named Mr. SHS.

The son of Eddie and Darlene Kirk plans to attend

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Besides the Spirit of Salado Award, Kirk also receives a \$200 savings bond and his photograph displayed at the high school and bank lobby.

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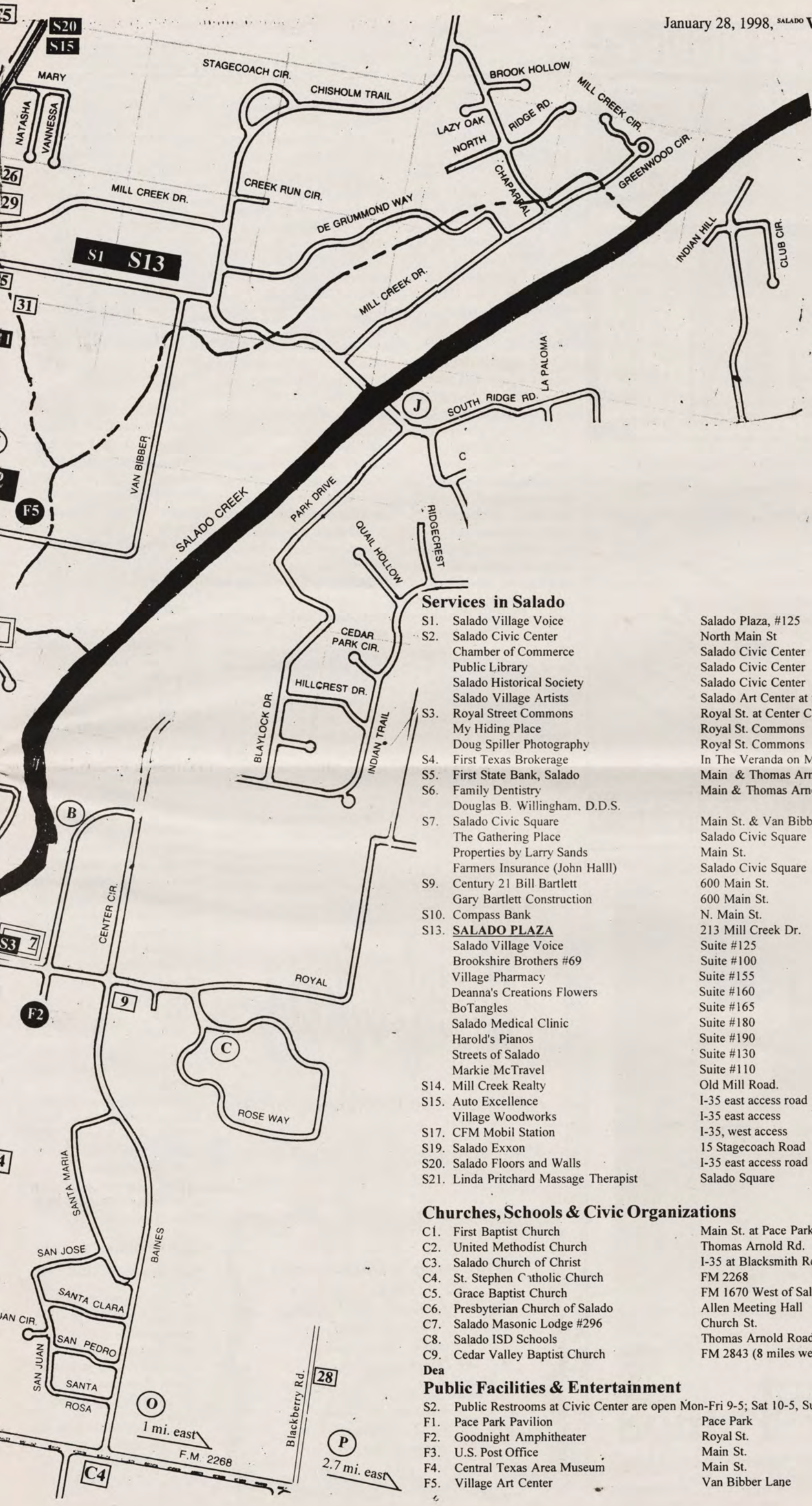
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Banquet

FROM Page 1A

The poem was available free to those at the banquet in calligraphy done by Smith's artist wife, Susan.

Smith reserved the last portion of his program to share a recording he made in November 1972 of the late Deon Van Bibber, who came to Salado in the 1940s.

Van Bibber and his wife, Ruth, restored the old Shady Villa Hotel into what is now The Stagecoach Inn and Restaurant.

Van Bibber talks about making repairs with his "own personal hands" and remarks about the people who appreciated the characteristics of Salado enough "to make it home."

Smith, who's visited Salado on several occasions, said he first came to Salado in the 1950s, and noted that "by the '70s Salado was a shopping mecca, a sophisticated place that attracted artists."

After Smith's presentation, outgoing Salado Chamber of Commerce President Tim Fleischer, who served as master of ceremonies, recognized numerous Chamber volunteers and presented awards.

He said Past President and Retiring Director Lloyd Parks "did a tremendous job as the military liaison. He laid the foundation for the relationship between Salado and Fort Hood."

Among the many Chamber committee chairpersons singled out were Hulda Horton, who chaired the Art

Fair. "I don't know how you did it," Fleischer said. "Without the funds from that, the Chamber would have been crippled."

Fleischer also pointed out that MaryBelle Brown, Ambassadors co-chair, handed out more than 80 welcome packets last year.

Before introducing 1998 Chamber President Bea Stewart, Fleischer said, "This year has been a lesson for me in what we can do, as a common goal, working together instead of working separately. I appreciate your faith in me."

He thanked his wife, Marilyn, managing editor of the *Salado Village Voice*. "She ran our business and our house so I could do this," he said, his voice cracking with emotion.

Catching himself, he then drew laughter when he added, "I look forward to being a full-time partner as she chairs the art fair."

Stewart, who has served on the Chamber board for five years, listed various goals for the year, including an emphasis on tourism and marketing, along with expanding and improving Pace Park.

"I hope I can fulfill obligations to the board and the village of Salado," she said, thanking her husband for allowing her to spend the last five years on Chamber work.

Reporter's notebook: After the banquet, with the room still abuzz from the night's proceedings, Hulda Horton came up to a crowd of us and said,

"Did you laugh?"

"Just about the whole time," I remarked.

"I did, too. That's why I'm so hot," she said, fanning herself with the banquet program. "I love to laugh."

I laughed the loudest when Smith told the story about the man who had a dog that could play poker.

Unfortunately, the dog didn't have a poker player's demeanor.

"Everytime he got a good hand," his owner remarked, "he would wag his tail."

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1997 Officers: President Tim Fleischer, Vice President Bea Stewart, Secretary David Matthews, Treasurer Eldon Miller.

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Square dance club to welcome new students

The Hoedowners Square Dance Club will hold an Open House for new students 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3 and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at Slim's Barn in Harker Heights. Slim's Barn is located at 301 S. Amy Lane in Harker Heights.

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The group will begin meeting 6:30 p.m. Feb. 1 in room C202 of the Education Building at First Baptist Church.

Youth Baseball Association to hold sign-ups Feb. 7, 14

The Salado Youth Baseball Association will hold sign-ups on Feb. 7 and Feb. 14 at the Thomas Arnold Elementary School gym.

Sign-ups will be held 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 7 and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 14.

Cost is \$40 for one child, \$70 for two children and \$10 for each additional child from

the same family. Curtis and Teresa Donaldson will be leading the group. The accompanying workbook costs \$13. If you would like to participate in the group please call Frank Wallace in the First Baptist Church office at 947-5465.

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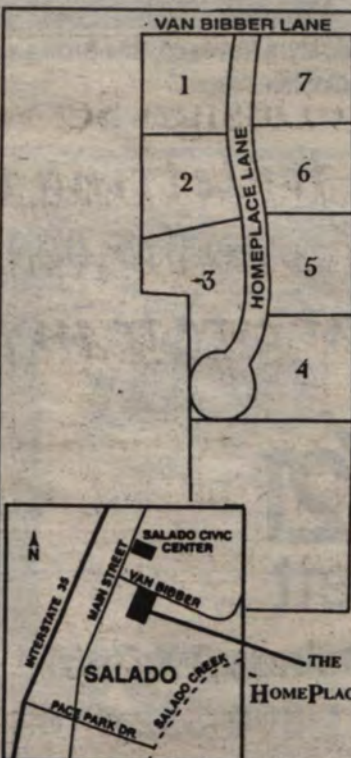


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Beck encourages couples to sit together and review courtship and wedding photos.

These mementos can help couples focus on their early hopes for the future and on what they loved and cared about when they were first together. The next step in resolving conflict is to start listening to each other.

"The essence of working things out is hearing one another and accepting what the other person has to say," Beck said. "Only then can you begin to understand what is important to your partner and work toward some type of mu-

tual agreement." Some ground rules for conflict resolution include:
*Talking through problems to mutual satisfaction rather than getting frustrated and giving up. Realize it may take several discussion sessions.
*Creating an environment conducive to discussion--no television, no children needing attention.
*Being willing to listen to the other person's viewpoint.
*Entering the discussion with an open mind and the ability to accept another opinion.
Couples can often solve problems on their own, but if not, Beck recommends seeking professional help.

"Do not seek advice from your friends. They are often too close to the relationship or may have an allegiance to one of you," Beck said. "Rely on friends simply for support." Beck encourages couples to find a counselor licensed by the State Board of Examiners in Marriage and Family Therapy or one who is a member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. Couples therapists can be found at community agencies and clinics, at hospital outpatient clinics or in private practice.

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- Elegant finishing touches throughout this Mill Creek home! Built in 1996, features marble entry, 3-sided fireplace, alarm, formal DR. \$144,800.
- Hardwood floors. Cozy den with French doors to private deck. Large Master bedroom with office. Majestic live oaks. \$149,900.
- Welcome to easy living. View of golf course. Sunroom views driving range and #5 Fairway. Monthly maintenance fee relieves you of yardwork. \$159,000.
- 5BR/3BA with workshop & apartment. On 1+ acre near Salado. \$159,000.
- Lovely custom home. 3BR/3BA. Special home in Mill Creek. \$165,000.
- Great corner lot in Mill Creek. Over 4,000 SF. 3BR/2-1/2 BA, office, formal dining & sun room. \$225,000.



Traditional home in outstanding neighborhood in Mill Creek. On quiet cul-de-sac only one block from Golf Course. Jacuzzi in Master Bath. \$137,500.



Belmont home on 8 acres near Stillhouse Hollow Lake. 5 acres fenced separately for pasture. Two storage buildings and a horse stall. Lots of breathing room. \$98,750.



Custom home in Mill Creek. Formal Dining & Living. Two fireplaces. \$309,000.

Executive home in Mill Creek. Gourmet kitchen and formal dining room. Pool & pool house with separate kitchen, office and full bath. \$260s

Scenic view of Stillhouse Lake. Great suite has own kitchen & living room. Total of 3BR/3-1/2BA on 6.11 acres. Swimming pool, hot tub, and fountain. \$298,500.

Many extras in this custom-built large home on beautifully landscaped lot in Royal Oaks. Well for outside watering.. \$329,000.

An outstanding estate! 4,053 SF Victorian home on 30 acres on the Lampasas River, plus a 900 SF cottage. Barns, out-buildings, well, sprinkler, alarm, everything you will ever need! \$739,000.

Acreage & Homesites

- 319 acres, Bartlett. Creek, lake, trice!
- 5-150 acres, Hwy 36 at Temple Airport.
- 104.9 acre tract near Prairie Dell. Lots of road frontage. \$126,000.
- 75 acres on FM 2115 with great view.
- 67 acres, on Lampasas River, 3 mi. from Belton, Large pecan & oak trees.
- 60 acres between Belton & Salado.
- Approx. 36 acres Fenced, good road frontage, native grass. \$76,521.
- 20.9 acres on I-35, 3 miles S of Salado.
- 19.71 acres on FM 2484. \$72,900.
- 17 acres on Amity School Rd. between Belton & Salado.
- 12 acres, Lampasas River frontage, trees.
- 10 acres 2 miles West of Salado.
- 5.24 acres on Salado Creek.
- 1.6 acre lot, Live Oak Estates, \$19,950.
- Lot in Live Oak Estates. \$13,500.
- 1.3 acres in Mill Creek. \$39,000.
- 2 acre lots Salado Heights, \$16,000.
- 1/2 acre lot in Salado Springs, \$9,000
- Homesite in Morgan's Point. \$5,500.
- 2 golf course lots. \$54,900 each.

Commercial Property

- Over 9,000 SF commercial property.
- .8 acre, Loop 121, Belton, \$25,000
- Excellent location, FM 2305 & Woodland Trail, 3,351 SF, \$1,210/month income. Only \$89,000.

Antiques/Gift Shop & Tearoom in the heart of Salado. Over 3,000 SF, quaint building with Saltillo tile and hardwood floors. Excellent opportunity to assume established business

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RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS



Mill Creek Guest House: Six units in the Mill Creek Golf Course rental pool. \$250,000.

\$215,000: Quiet cul-de-sac with spectacular view of Mill Creek #16 green. Large 3-2-1/2-3 stone with open floorplan **SOLD** master suite, hardwood floors and built-ins. Exit to deck from master suite, living area or breakfast room. Golf cart drive from house to course.

\$214,900, Price reduced! Country setting on almost 1 acre. 4/3/2 white stone with formal and informal living and dining. Spacious den with fireplace and many windows. Split bedrooms with beautiful master suite.

\$194,800: Custom built 3/2/2 on 1/2-acre lot with golf course frontage. Formal and informal dining, large den with pretty fireplace. Office with built-in. Many trees.

Price Reduced! \$154,900: One of the best golf course views in Mill Creek. The #18 tee box hosts this newly decorated 3-2-1/2-2 townhouse. Hardwood floors, new wallpaper and paint. Home owner's fee maintains lawn.

\$87,500: Close to shopping, schools, hospitals and churches. 3-2-2 formal living and dining. Screened-in back porch, large fenced yard with trees. **TEMPLE.**

\$74,000: LOW, LOW utility bills due to EXTRA insulation on 3-2-2 on quiet cul-de-sac. Privacy fence and some handicapped features. **TEMPLE.**

\$52,000: Located on one acre is this 2/1 frame. Picket fence, fruit trees, bluebonnets. Just off FM 2484 with easy access to Killeen or IH-35.



\$170,000: Horse ready! 10 acres with arena and stalls, wash area, tack room, equipment stalls and more. Large rustic 4-3 two-story with carport and covered porches, bonus rooms and more. Florence. A Must See!

ACREAGE

West Amity Estates: 10 acres with many trees. \$42,000.

Hwy 317: 26 acres of woods. Could divide, owner finance. \$129,900

The Bluffs of Salado Creek. Beautiful view of Salado Creek canyons. Owner finance.

Belton: 20 acres fronting Nolan Creek. Large live oak trees. \$119,000.

FM 2115: 19 acres, long road frontage, seasonal creek. \$2,200/acre.

FM 2843: 10-75 acres with trees and deer. Excellent home sites. \$2,500-3,500 per acre.

FM 2843: 30 acre **UNDER CONTRACT**

FM 2843: 37 acres **UNDER CONTRACT**

FM 2268: Mobile Homes allowed on this 4 acres. Owner financing, \$17,500.

River Place Road: 1.9 acres with river frontage. \$25,000.

West Amity: 1/2-acre lot. Ready to build. \$5,200. Last one available.

FM 2115: 178 acres with frame house, 2 barns, 2 stock tanks. Owner finance. \$275,000.

Atkins Road: 25 acres, good soil. Owner finance. \$1,350/acre.

Woods of Salado: 2 large lots with trees. \$25,000 each.

Salado Springs: 2 tracts facing FM 2484, \$15,000.

Salado Springs: 3 acres with many trees, \$20,000.

Salado Springs: 2 acres, \$17,500.

Mill Creek: Tree covered lot. \$25,000.

Live Oak Estates: 1.79 acres with beautiful trees. \$22,500.

IH-35 & Rose Lane: 38 acres with frontage on IH-35 and Rose Lane.

Many trees and creek. \$250,000.

Woods of Salado: 3.8 acres with many trees, electric and water meter.

UNDER CONTRACT
Property is ready for building. \$35,000.

Florence/Andice Area: Call Jan for information: 254/793-2597

Woods of Salado: 5 acres, panoramic view, woods. \$25,000.

City lots, sewer & water. For your duplex or home.

5 acres, horses ready! Wooded with lovely homesite, \$43,500.

12.98 acres with water & electricity. Many trees, can divide, \$6,000/acre.

1-1/2 acres and up. Trees or cleared, with or without improvements.

Killeen: large lot overlooking Corp. land at Stillhouse Lake. Restricted. \$11,000.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Main St. in Belton. 6 lots that include 3 houses, \$210,000.

3 acres fronting I-35, 1 mile S. of Salado, \$45,000.

Thinking of selling your property?

Call First Texas Brokerage for a listing appointment.

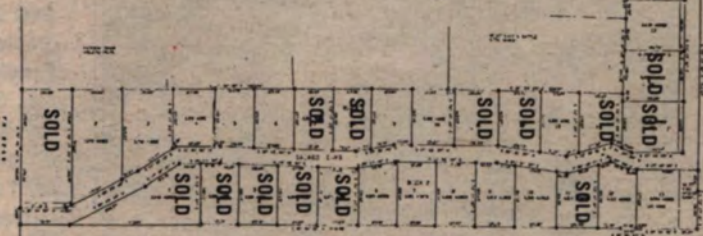
Horizon Homes



\$264,500: PRICE REDUCED! Serene is the word for the feeling as you sit on the deck and watch the sun set. This 4/3/2 has all the upgrades. Split bedrooms, formal and informal living and dining. Hardwood floors, fireplace and terrific kitchen. Wonderful lot with many trees.

Salado Oaks

1/2 Acre & larger restricted wooded lots



1/2 mile east of Interstate 35 on FM 2268

10% Down • 10% Interest

The Bluffs at Salado Creek

