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Gunter, Wiley throw hats in ring

Two file for school board, deadline March 19

With the deadline for filing for two open spots on the Salado ISD Board of Trustee March 19, two have thrown their hats into the ring: Mike Gunter and Mike Wiley.

As of presstime March 17, no other candidate had turned in an application to file for the positions, including incumbents Jerry Adams and Roger Hunter.

Tibetan Monk next speaker for Institute

The Venerable Lobsang Samten is the Institute for the Humanities' featured speaker on March 22,-23, in Salado, in the series "Quest for Silence." He will lead a seminar on March 22, titled "The Mandala As Offering, Meditation, Initiation and Art" at the Allen Hall from 10a.m.-3:30 p.m. Lobsang Samten will create the central portion of the Kalachakra mandala as part of his seminar presentation. On Mar. 23, he will lecture about Tibet beginning at 4 p.m. at Mill Creek Country Club dining room. Discussion is at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m.

Lobsang Samten is the spiritual director of the Tibetan Buddhist Center of Philadelphia, a non-sectarian organization. *See Institute, page 6A*

to benefit Peaceable Kingdom Retreat

Chamber music performance April 11

Peaceable Kingdom is pleased to announce that the Fourth Annual performance of the Austin Chamber Music Center will begin at 7 p.m. April 11 at the Salado Civic Center on Main St. A reception will immediately follow the program. The benefit performance will feature the Ananda Trio, with Miranda Dale, violin; Margaret Coltman, cello and Felicity Coltman, piano, along with Bruce Williams, viola.

THE MUSICIANS

British violinist Miranda Dale studied at the Royal Academy of Music. While

Mike Gunter
Mike Gunter and his family have lived in the Salado schools for about a year and a half, moving here from Belton where Mike is the investment broker with Edward D. Jones and Co.

A native of Bell County, Mike attended Texas A&M University after graduating from Rogers High School. He and his wife Nancy graduated from A&M in 1977. Mike

graduated with a degree in agribusiness.

The Gunters have four children in Salado schools: Michael, a freshman; Matt, an eighth grader; Mark, a second grader and Marissa, a Kindergarten.

Mike has been very active in Belton civic and church activities, including serving as deacon of the Belton Church of Christ. He served on the finance committee of the Belton

Church of Christ when it built its new sanctuary.

He is the past president of the Belton Lions Club, past treasurer of the Belton Area Chamber of Commerce, past chairman of the Bell County Tax Appraisal Review Board, and past chairman of the Belton Planning and Zoning Board.

He also served on the board of the Belton Christian Youth Center and the Central Texas

United Way.

He worked on the building committee for Belton ISD when the district remodeled the high school and built the performing arts center and fifth and sixth grade center.

"I'm running for the board to be of service to the community and the school. I want to try to help Salado school be what it can be," Gunter said.

See Candidates, page 6A



The Venerable Lobsang Samten

Easter Sunrise

Service in Park

6:30 a.m. March 30

The annual community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Pace Park Pavilion at 6:30 a.m. Mar. 30. Those on the program are:

Opening Prayer given by the Rev. Brian Dunks, First Baptist Church; Sermon delivered by the Rev. Billy Smith from the Presbyterian Church of Salado.

Music will be by Carl Cooper of Salado Methodist Church; Pianist is Becky Connor.

The closing prayer will be given by Brian Dunks. Participants are reminded to dress warmly and bring a folding chair.

there she received the David Martin Concerto Prize and the coveted Recital Diploma, and was awarded the Dove Prize for special merit. She also has received a few scholarships. Dale has performed extensively as recitalist, soloist and chamber musician in Europe and North America. She is currently teaching at the Royal Academy of Music in London.

Margaret Coltman began studying cello when she was 11 and at 16 was taken on as a scholarship pupil by Paul Olefsky. She made her debut with the San Antonio Symphony when she was 17. She has performed recitals and

chamber music extensively in America and in Europe. She currently lives in Austin, dividing her time between performing and teaching and her work as a Registered Massage Therapist.

Felicity Coltman was born in South Africa and received her musical training there and in England. She has performed extensively in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Zambia. She currently performs chamber music in Europe and in cities across Texas. As Director of the Austin Chamber Music Center, she received the 1993 Gruber Award for Excellence in Chamber Music Teaching from Chamber Music

America.

Bruce Williams, violinist, attended North Texas State University. He was principal violinist in the Haifa Symphony Orchestra in Israel. He is a member of the Austin Symphony and the Orchestra of Santa Fe, is principal violinist in the Laredo Philharmonic, and performs regularly throughout Texas as a chamber musician and orchestral player.

Admission at the door will be \$12. All proceeds benefit Peaceable Kingdom. You may obtain additional information or if you are interested in being a sponsor call Denise Thomssen at (817) 947-8901.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



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We're Losing the War on Drugs

Mexico is one of America's two closest neighbors and Texas' largest trading partner.

This country has enjoyed a long-term partnership with Mexico that has grown closer and more cooperative over time. The North American Free Trade Agreement cemented and strengthened our relationship — and our interdependence.

But I am still concerned that we are not making as much progress as we'd like in stemming narcotics trafficking.

Partnership is a two-way exchange. In recent years we have drifted into tolerance of unacceptable conditions in the arena of drug trafficking and the endemic corruption it causes in communities on both sides of the border.

On February 28 President Clinton certified (as required by law to do each year) that Mexico is fully cooperating in the fight against drugs. This, at a time when, according to the State Department, Mexico is the source of 30 percent of the heroin, up to 70 percent of foreign-grown marijuana and the transit point for more than 50 percent of the cocaine shipped into the United States.

The terrorization of Texas border ranchers by drug dealers is a prime example of what must stop. The revelation two days before the certification that Mexico's drug czar was bought and paid for by the very drug cartels he was supposed to be policing dealt a death blow to the credibility of Mexico's drug enforcement agency.

However, because a flat refusal to certify Mexico would cause enormous harm to U.S. exports and other vital interests, I believe the only appropriate action for the U.S. government to take in this situation is to register our concerns and lay out what must be accomplished in the next year. Our national interests require it.

What Mexico needs, in my opinion, is a wake-up call and some "tough love." We simply must insist that the Mexican government work with U.S. agents to take good-faith steps to stop this narco-corruption that infects and demoralizes both our countries. The goals include: taking effective action to destroy the major drug cartels and imprison their kingpins, implementation of laws to curtail money laundering, compliance with U.S. extradition requests, increased interdiction efforts and better cooperation with U.S. law enforcement agents, including allowing them to be armed when in Mexico.

The challenges of establishing a corruption-free law enforcement relationship with Mexico are formidable — but not insurmountable. The Mexican government must ensure the integrity of those involved in its efforts. It must give law enforcement agencies the resources and authority they need to get the job done. It must make sure that those who are caught and arrested receive meaningful punishment. On our side, we must curb the demand for drugs that drives this corruption.

Organized crime was contained in the United States, but only after decades of effort — and only after Americans came to understand the danger it poses to our way of life. That containment did not happen overnight. Mexico cannot be expected to remedy its current shortcomings tomorrow. But business as usual is not good enough — on either side of the border.

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A real political football

FINALLY.....after two and a half months of fooling around down in Austin, the 75th Legislature is getting down to business and **tackling the really important issues of the day.**

This past week there came forth, from the brain of one of our lawmakers, **a matter surpassing** the tax relief agenda of Governor Bush; the water conservation legislation that will determine the future of the entire State; funding for education; teacher and state employee pay raises.

HB 92 by Kenneth "Kim" Brimer (R-Arlington) kicked off a monumental debate that saw Lt. Governor Bob Bullock take off the gloves and swing mightily at the number one and two icons in Texas - sports in general and King Football in particular.

The proposed legislation by Brimer would allow cities to tax their citizens in order to gain funds for the all important stadiums and sports arenas necessary to bring even more expensively spoiled athletic teams to the state.

"Shocked, Shocked" cried Bullock. "We can only look at the Dallas Cowboys to see what is wrong with the sport's world around us and then some want to turn around and take tax dollars to build even greater shrines to these greedy millionaire players and their zillionaire owners!" (This blast paraphrased from the feisty Senate President and number two state official.)

CURIOUS QUESTIONS FOR DEBATE

"Shall we or shall we not allow a new urban tax to be imposed on our fellow Texans for the sole purpose of creating ever larger athletic centers?"

More to the point locally - could Salado ever build a tax supported domed stadium and bring in an athletic team of some sort to further entice

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



tourists as well as spread some of this happy money around for all of us to share?

After all, if Belton can chase hockey pucks around an ice rink, why can't our village find five giants to play round-ball?

All funning aside, it would appear that the timing of this matter is ill conceived. Especially when we are trying to do so many things with limited funds that do not require new taxes. And then turn around and slap an athletic coliseum tax on urbanites so a few wealthy and disloyal franchise owners can make more bucks before moving on to other communities or States.

On the other hand, it is refreshing to see our elected Pooh-Bahs getting excited over something other than how to get reelected.

UIL UNDER FIRE

While on the subject of sports and lawmaking, it is noteworthy to record that Ric Williamson, (R-Weatherford) has introduced a bit of legislative legerdemain that would, if passed, (which it won't), transfer the authority of the University Interscholastic League to the Texas Education Agency.

Now there is a plan that merits comment along the lines of Bullock's knock on sports facilities.

Shifting the UIL to TEA would be the kiss of death to the idea of local school district control of rule making for sports and academic contests.

The UIL is considered to be the best model for controlling interscholastic activities anywhere in America, while the TEA is noted as one of the more Byzantine of all our state agencies.

What you have to know

about this ploy by Williamson is that he may have a hidden agenda dealing with his own children and their sports activities in high school.

HEARD ABOUT

Always plenty of topics of conversation in and around Salado's gathering places including our excellent coffee shops and eateries.

This year the most talked about subject seriously involves our schools in general and school board in particular!

For some time now, a number of individuals have been meeting in homes around town to review the upcoming trustee election. Interest is spreading as more and more citizens have expressed a desire to take part in the discussion sessions.

This is what is known as "grass roots" politics and generally results in creating a more interested citizenry - which is what we all want, but rarely see occur.

Without getting into the "nitty-gritty" of personalities or recent school decisions that have reportedly sent some parents and taxpayers into orbit, it is refreshing to watch folks, who rarely take part in local school debates, all of a sudden get off their sofas and hit the ground running.

It would certainly appear that there will be a strong movement to get out the vote on behalf of candidates for the all important post of school trustee - two of which are up for grabs this spring.

Something even as important as this immediate action movement is the hope for a continued interest shown in the schools on a year-round basis by all Saladoans so that our teachers do not feel they are working in a vacuum at an "unappreciated" task.

That secondary result could

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also create a far better climate for learning by the one group that easily gets omitted when the public becomes aroused and changes are in the offing - speaking here of our young people who are clearly the most precious resource we have and deserve our constant vigilance when it comes to their public school education.

Citizen interest might also improve teacher morale which is reportedly low at this point in time and perhaps even get around to creating a feeling of partnership between trustees and the community.

We salute any move on the part of Saladoans, or citizens anywhere throughout the land,

that moves us from lethargy to positive action, which in turn can lead to the betterment of our lives, our schools, the environment, all levels of government plus the super-important area of just plain "getting along with one another"!

QUERY OF WEEK QUESTION: What is the longest period of time that can be measured in modern day Central Texas?

ANSWER: Time lapse between the day IH 35 was torn up and the day (or month) it will be resurfaced!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
The last day of this month - Monday, March 31, will mark

the ninth year of publication of the *Salado Village Voice* under the ownership of Tim and Marilyn Fleischer.

The paper has grown right along with the village and deserves a pat on the back for outstanding public service, as do the Fleischers.

This column started shortly after the 1988 inaugural edition and is approaching its 450th consecutive edition with this week's offering.

Which proves that right here in good old Salado, you can tweak all sides of the body politic and still get to drink coffee with the "Do-No-Gooders" almost on a daily basis.

That's -30-

Letter thanks local firefighters

Dear Editor:

I'm writing this letter to publicly thank and commend our local fire department for all its efforts in our community's behalf. Recently, the Department responded to a fire alarm at our house when we were not at home. Not only did they come immediately, but they were also gracious and understanding when it turned out to be a

false alarm due to a malfunctioning alarm system.

Instead of being irritated that they were called out "for nothing," our firefighters made us feel that being there was exactly what they wanted to be doing... responding to a call just in case they were really needed. Although chagrined and apologetic for causing them extra work, at the same

time we were reassured to know that we were protected so well.

Our firefighters serve as volunteers and their job requires training and commitment. We are indeed privileged to have such an outstanding group to protect us.

Sincerely,
Sara Mackie

Mr. Lampman's legacy for working families

by John Sharp
Texas Comptroller

Some 30 years ago, a University of Wisconsin professor who had taken leave to serve on President John F. Kennedy's Council of Economic Advisers, began promoting an innovative idea to help ease the burden of poverty for families who were working hard to play by the rules and raise their children but still having trouble making ends meet.

Earlier this month, Robert J. Lampman passed away at the age of 76. And though his death generated few headlines, his legacy could bring good

news to millions of working Texas families this year.

Mr. Lampman's legacy is known today as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a federal program that returns money to low- and moderate-income folks who have children and who meet specific guidelines. It's that rare Washington initiative that actually makes a positive difference in people's lives—a pro-work, pro-family incentive helping those who are eligible receive what amounts to an extra paycheck.

In fact, if you are one of the

1.8 million working Texas families who qualify this year, you could be in line for a federal income tax refund of more than \$3,500. But you'll have to act soon, because the April 15 deadline is just around the corner.

Here's how it works. If you have a child living at home with you, and an annual family income of less than \$28,495, you may be entitled to a refund of up to \$3,556 — even if you don't owe any taxes on your income. If you

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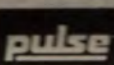
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For the past six years, I have served as the EITC's statewide spokesman to let eligible Texas families know about the program, which once was one

of the best kept secrets of the federal tax code. The year before I became involved, refunds to Texas families came to just \$748,000. Since then, 8 million working families have brought home a total of \$8.7 billion.

These EITC refunds are typically spent on local purchases, giving the Texas economy a quick shot in the arm-as much as \$3 billion this year. The EITC is one of the quickest ways I know to inject that much money into local communities.

The individual effect on the bottom line of working households is even more impressive-often making the difference between financial self-sufficiency and public assistance. What's more, by requiring families to choose work over welfare, the program provides an incentive for families to stay together, which in turn strengthens our communities and saves taxpayers even more money over the long haul.

But if eligible families don't

ask for it, that extra paycheck will never arrive. That's why I am again reminding working folks who think they may qualify to send their applications to the IRS before April 15. Just call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040 or get in touch with me at my special EITC hotline at 1-800-277-8383.

Robert Lampman's legacy can mean an extra paycheck for your family-and an important boon to the Texas economy.

(This is adapted from State Comptroller John Sharp's *Disturbing the Peace: The Challenge of Change in Texas Government*, his fourth comprehensive performance review of state government, available by calling 1-800-232-8927 toll-free or writing: Texas Performance Review, PO Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711. There is a \$10 charge for the two-volume report, which is also available free of charge on the Internet at <<http://www.window.state.tx.us>>

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Chamber board cancels annual antique show

The Salado Chamber of Commerce board of directors voted to cancel the Antique Show during its regular board meeting March 10.

The board decided to cancel the annual fund-raiser because of a lack of interest. As of March 10, there were only eight entries. Last year there were 34.

"The dealers don't want to go back to the tent," said chairman Bea Stewart, adding that it messes up their merchandise.

The board also heard a report on the recent Quilt Show, which had an income of \$2,241 and expenses of \$1,642. Becky McAulay said about 500 attended the show.

The board discussed the proposed gas pump at Brookshire Brothers but took no stance on the heated matter. The board was told that no guarantee could be made that the tanks would not leak. The board was also told of a water supply well that's nearby.

The board was told that soldiers from Fort Hood would help in the cleanup of Main Street on April 17. Another cleanup date is set for May 17 for the whole village.

A tour of Salado by visitors from Fort Hood is set for April 24.

In other business, the board was told that the Business Association has 69 members. Its goal is 75.

The board also approved \$3,000 for annual insurance for Pace Park with Leibowitz

Hendrick Insurance Co. in Belton.

The board did not set a date and place for the candidate forum. The board unanimously approved a contract with Tom Brown to be the COPS coordinator, after meeting in executive session.

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Salado Alert Candidates

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As soon as spring appears, plant some of these drought-tolerant wildflowers and plants: allyssum, blanket flower, butterfly weed, evening primrose, foxglove, gayfeather, hardy aster, lamb's ears, purple sage, sedum, yarrow and yucca.

Locate your county extension agent by looking in the government pages of your phone book.

Earthworm watch: an acre of land can contain up to 500,000 earthworms, capable of moving 5 tons of soil per acre per year, according to U.S.D.A. research. Insecticides kill these valuable friends of the earth.

Remember, always water groundcovers and shrubs before a freeze.

This spring, try growing a few of your garden plants from seeds. Cucumbers, herbs, peppers and spinach are easy and rewarding.

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Gunter said he will bring objectivity to the board, if elected. "I think my experience serving on other boards in the past will be helpful," Gunter said, adding that he feels a board member should "represent the whole community."

Mike Wiley

Mike Wiley has lived in Salado school district for three years with his wife Julie and daughter Brook, who is a junior at Salado High School. The Wiley's son Mark is a junior at Oklahoma Christian University.

The Wileys moved to Salado from Austin, where Mike works at the Texas Methodist Foundation.

While living in Austin, Mike served on the board of trustees of the Brentwood

Christian Schools and was its vice-chair. He also served on a campus advisory committee and a committee to select the outstanding teacher of the year for Eanes ISD.

Wiley holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from Sul Ross University. He also holds graduate degrees from the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking of Southern Methodist University and the Texas Tech Intermediate School of Banking.

Wiley said he is running for the board "to be part of the process of continuing the excellence in education at our schools."

He will bring "an objective look at the issues" to the board, as well as "my experience from serving on another school board and my desire to do what's right for our students."

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tion that is open to both Buddhists and non-Buddhists alike, and whose goal is to stimulate the cultivation of compassion and kindness based on the philosophy and methods taught by His Holiness the 14th Dalai

Lama. Lobsang recently returned from Morocco where he was consultant to the Disney film "Kundun" about the life of the Dalai Lama. Despite protests from China, the film is scheduled for release in 1997.

Born in Ribuce Chang, Tibet in 1953, Lobsang escaped to India in 1959 and by the age of 15 was ordained as a Tibetan Buddhist monk at Namgyal Tantric College. For the next 18 years, he practiced as monk at the Namgyal Monastery in Dharamsala, India. There he earned his doctorate of Sutra and Tantra while also doing intensive studies in art and dance.

From 1985 to 1988 Lobsang served as a personal attendant to His Holiness the Dalai Lama. In 1988, Lobsang and several of the monks traveled to the United States to complete one of the first "sand mandalas" the West had seen. Due to the positive response created by the project, he was sent in 1989 by the Dalai Lama to promote awareness of Tibet through his talents as an artist and long-standing practitioner of Tibetan Buddhism.

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SISD Trustees meet March 18

The Salado ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session March 18 with an agenda of over 17 business and discussion items.

Among the business items for discussion are these:

Discussion of local policy on payment of bills.

Discussion of 97-98 calendar

Discussion of a date and time for conference with construction management firms and conference with architects.

Discussion of DGBA(Exhibit), DGBA-A(Local) on employee complaints plus BBD(Local) on Communications.

Discussion on preparing questionnaire for post graduates.

Discussion of class summary regarding expectations, etc.

Actions items for board consideration were these:

Vote on ESC 12 Board of Directors

Appoint election judge, absentee voting clerk and absentee voting judge.

tee voting judge.

Consider request for proposals for construction managers.

The following construction management firms have submitted proposals to the district: High Valley Development Corp., Canyon Lake; B.F.W., Temple; Callahan & Associates, Ft. Worth; C.L.M., Gatesville; John Newman, Salado; Paul Revelle, Liberty Hill; Way Justin, Copperas Cove.

Consider request for proposals for architects.

The following architectural firms have submitted proposals to the district: Claycomb Associates, Dallas; Woolpert, LLP, Dallas; Barnes Architects, Austin; Hanfeld Associates, Ft. Worth; Tippet & Gee, Abilene; John Newman, Salado; Pfluger Associates, Austin; Pershall & Associates, Austin; Callahan & Associates, Ft. Worth; C.L.M., Gatesville; McLarty Baker & Associates, Lubbock; Booker/McGee & Associates, Dallas; B.L.G.Y., Austin.

Consider change in Strutter and Cheerleader bylaws.

The board discussed the following personnel items in executive session:

Consider Assistant Principal Contract.

Consider teachers, counselors, and nurse contract.

Establish Board Goals.

Review suggested Superintendent Goals.

Consider land purchase

Discussion of programs implemented this school year.

Two items reported on the agenda in the March 12 *Salado Village Voice* were taken off the agenda after presstime last week.

The Level III complaint by a SISD employee was taken off the agenda until arrangements with school attorney could be made.

Consideration of Athletic Director(s) contract was also taken off the agenda until a later date.

As of presstime March 17, no date had been set for the Level III hearing.

Families in Crisis to participate in Walk for Safe Families April 13 in Austin

Families In Crisis will be participating in the 10th annual "Walk for Safe Families" April 13 in Austin.

The afternoon 1.8-mile walk will begin at Woolridge Park and wind its way through downtown Austin and up Congress Avenue to the Capitol.

Walk registration begins at 12:30 p.m., and the walk begins at 2:30 p.m. Before and after the walk, there will be live

music, along with games, prizes and refreshments.

Prizes will be awarded to the top money raisers. Grand prize is a Hitachi 100MHz Pentium processor notebook computer, donated by Hitachi PC Corp. First prize is two round-trip tickets to any destination in the Caribbean, donated by American Airlines. There will also be a drawing

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Civic Center auction termed highly successful

The 1997 edition of the Civic Center Auction was termed "Highly successful" by Chairman Lloyd Parks following the fourth annual event held this past Saturday, March 15, at the school cafeteria.

"We cleared well over \$9,000 during the auction," noted Parks, "and this coupled with a fine attendance of over 200 Saladoans, marks the 1997 version of our annual fundraiser as a complete success."

Parks continued: "We want to thank all who contributed the fine items that were auctioned off as well as to say how much we appreciated the fine crowd that showed up for the great meal and remained to take an active part in the sale."

The Board of Directors of the Civic Center Foundation that operates the renovated civic center complex plan to apply the entire profit from the auction plus other grant dollars that have been collected in past months, to the paving project that has tripled the size of the current parking lot at the center.

Ken Clapp, Chairman of the Foundation Board, noted: "We have just completed a major construction project that will allow us to handle larger crowds at the Civic Center, and

with the success of the auction along with funds we have been saving for this needed addition, we will be able to reduce the \$22,520 paving cost by more than 75 percent."

The Salado Civic Center has become a popular meeting place for villagers as well as tourists and out of town groups that hold meetings in the center. As many as two and even three groups have been holding their sessions at one time thus creating a parking problem and forcing the directors of the civic center to enlarge the carpark.

The Foundation Board has added to the original 1992-93, renovation of the former high school building through construction of a bandstand and Lion's Club Park on the south side of the complex as well as making available a new home for the Village Artists in part of what was the old school's bus barn.

According to long-range plans created by the directors of the civic center, several historic buildings are to be brought on to the campus at the far east side of the complex for use by Village groups. A village green in that same area suitable for picnics and other outdoor activities is also in the

planning stage.

Completion of the overhaul of the storage area south and east of the main building plus landscaping of the remaining sections of the complex are all part of the long-range planning under way by the Foundation.

The Civic Center Foundation Board of Directors includes: Ken Clapp, Chairman of the Board; Bob Cottle, President; Lloyd Parks, Vice President-Finance; Wilma Williams, Secretary and special committee chairmen - Patsy Sanford, Pete Jennings and Jim Patterson.




(photos by Tim Fleischer)
Bill Hall (top photo) points out a bidder during the Civic Center Auction March 15, while Woodie Grisham (bottom photo) demonstrates that the bicycle up for bid does in deed work. Stan and Leigh Drake, of Village Pharmacy, were the winning bidders for the bike, which will likely be ridden by the much younger Gene Drake.

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A permanent exhibit on Salado was opened March 15 with a reception at the Salado Civic Center. The exhibition, a partnership of the Bell County Museum and Salado Historical Society, will be on display in the Salado Historical Society room at the Civic Center during Civic Center business hours and on special occasions. Pictured above are (from left) Mary Hill, Dr. Douglas B. Willingham, Karen Kinnison, Nan Russell and Bell County Museum curator Stephanie Turnham. (photo by Tim Fleischer)

March is Women in History Month

by MaryBelle Brown

The month of March has been designated as "Women In History Month."

Americans have no royal family, but we do have some very special First Ladies who are interesting and intriguing and who seem to take the place of royalty in our culture. This article contains questions which will test your knowledge and perhaps reveal some things you never knew. The answers to the questions at the end of the story.

1. This First Lady owned a collie dog; served as the first honorary chairperson of Project Head Start; lobbied her husband, unsuccessfully, to appoint the first woman to the Supreme Court; and was the only First Lady to have a Congressional bill named after her.

Her husband would not let her wear gathered skirts because he said they made her look fat, and her favorite television show was "Gunsmoke." Who was she?

2. This First Lady's primary concern was education. She was the first First Lady to openly disagree with her husband on a policy issue. Portraitist artist Gilbert Stewart compared her to Venus. She dipped snuff. She was the first First Lady to attend a speech in the U.S. House chamber. She died of typhoid fever. Who was she?

3. This First Lady drank a glass of orange juice every morning. She had lunch with her husband once each week. She was criticized for wearing the same dress at her husband's presidential inauguration that she had made and wore when he was inaugurated as governor. She was valedictorian of her high school senior class and was a cheerleader. She was known as the "Steel Magnolia."

4. This First Lady began the

annual tradition of opening the White House doors to all who wanted to come to a New Year's Day reception. She started the tradition that the First Lady would greet anyone who asked to visit with her. She was the first First Lady to be commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp. She was the first First Lady to regularly burn her husband's letters. She hated making speeches and only made one public speech in her entire life. She enjoyed presenting her famous Virginia baked hams to friends.

5. This First Lady was the first one to invite pregnant women to stand in the receiving line at the White House. She invited the wife of the first black Congressman to have tea with her at the White House. She organized the National Women's Athletic Association. She was the first First Lady to commission someone to write a book about the White House. She graduated from Stanford University. She served as a volunteer nurse in Peking, China, during the Boxer Rebellion. She was the only First Lady to major in geology in college.

6. This First Lady had a dog named Maggie. She was an orphan at an early age and had a French nanny. She helped found "Americans For Democratic Action." She was the first First Lady to testify before Congress and was the only First Lady to be seriously considered as a running mate for a presidential candidate.

7. This First Lady entered the Oval Office only four times in eight years. She insisted that none of the White House staff be allowed to use the elevator. She made surprise white-glove inspections at the White House. She christened the nuclear submarine, the USS Nautilus. She had frequent severe dizzy spells caused by

Meniere's disease. She was known as "Sleeping Beauty" because she did lots of her work while in bed.

8. This First Lady created a baby-sitting service for the children of migrant farm workers while she was still in high school. She was the first First Lady to have her financial dealings scrutinized by Congress. Although she was a Democrat First Lady, she was president of College Republicans when she was in college. She was the first First Lady to attend law school. She purchased her wedding dress at Dillard's the day before the wedding. She was the first First Lady to have an office in the west wing of the White House.

9. For security reasons, First Ladies are assigned code names. Which First Lady was named "Rover?"

10. Which First Lady was named "Victoria?"

11. Which First Lady was named "Pinafore?"

12. Which First Lady was named "Dancer?"

13. Which First Lady was named "Foxtrot" and "Rainbow?"

14. Which First Lady was named "Tranquility?"

Answers: 1. Lady Bird Johnson. 2. Abigail Adams. 3. Rosalynn Carter. 4. Martha Washington. 5. Lou Hoover. 6. Eleanor Roosevelt. 7. Mamie Eisenhower. 8. Hilary Clinton. 9. Eleanor Roosevelt. 10. Lady Bird Johnson. 11. Betty Ford. 12. Rosalynn Carter. 13. Nancy Reagan. 14. Barbara Bush.

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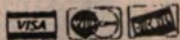
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Salado junior high distance runners, from left, Traci Crane, Stephanie Marley, Hollie Koch and Cassie Swanson head around the track during the Salado track meet March 7.



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Salado hosts annual track meets

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Four Eagles placed in the varsity division: Michael Gamble, second in the 1,600-meter run; Drew Oldham, third in the triple jump; Robby May, third in the 110-meter hurdles;

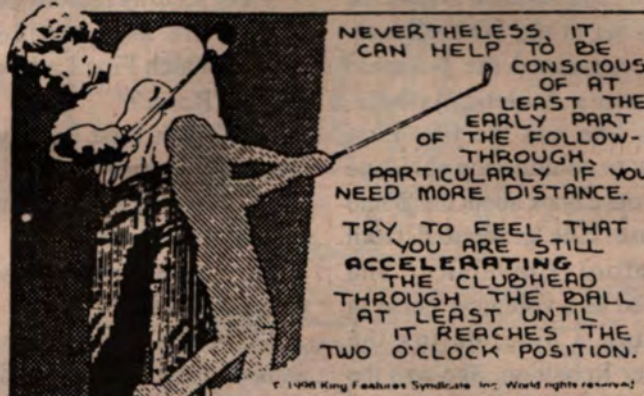
and Bryce Bolick, fifth in the 3,200.

Several Lady Eagles placed in the girls varsity division: Marisa Scully, second in the 800-meter run; Melissa Matthews, second in the 300 hurdles and second in the 100-meter hurdles; Liz Boyd, second in the high jump; Katie

Punchard, third in the 400-meter dash; and Chrystal Whiteley, fourth in the 100-meter dash. The girls' three relay teams also placed: the 800 team was fourth, the 400 team fifth and the 1,600 team sixth.

The boys' next meet is March 20 at Rogers. The girls' next meet is March 22 at Liberty Hill.

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Other first-place finishers were Dillon Reichert (110 hurdles), Dan Watson (200-meter dash) and John Kirk (long jump). Kirk also placed second in the 100-meter dash.

The boys' 1,600-meter and 400-meter relay teams finished first.

The eighth-grade boys finished second as two boys earned second-place finishes: Jon Teer, in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs, and Joe Califano in the pole vault.

The eighth-grade girls placed second as two girls placed first: Traci Crane in the 3,200-meter run and Becca Trost in the 400-meter dash. All three relay teams finished second.

The seventh-grade girls placed second as five girls placed first: Robyn Womac in the shot put, Emily Bates in the discus, Stephanie Marley in the 3,200 run, Misti Simonton in the 400 dash and Lindsey Quirk in the 300 hurdles.

The 1,600-meter relay team of Kate Mentzel, Candace Simpson, Womac and Mandie Tsosie placed first.

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Golf: Local Lions Club plans 2nd Annual Tournament April 21

The Salado Lions Club has announced plans for its 2nd Annual Golf Tournament April 21 at Mill Creek Country Club.

The tournament will begin with an 8 a.m. shotgun and is limited to the first 144 paid participants.

Players may enter the tournament for \$50 per person, which includes green fee, cart

and buffet luncheon. Mulligans are \$5 each with a limit of two per person and must be used by purchaser.

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Countdown to Festival Cameron

As the countdown continues for Festival Cameron March 27-29, events continue to be added. One new event this year will be a Community Choir which will present "God With Us."

It is free to the public. This choir under the direction of B.J. McDougal features singers from all denominations and will perform at 8 p.m. March 28 at the Williams Civic Center.

Another event which will take on a new twist from last year is a Quilt Fair. Everyone who is interested in displaying their antique and other quilts are invited to do so. Quilts will be judged and cash prizes will be awarded. For information on this event, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at (817) 697-4979.

Other events include a rodeo at the Rodeo Arena on Industrial Boulevard. The rodeo, presented by K Bar K Rodeo Company, will run both Friday and Saturday nights. Downtown, a three-day carnival March 27-29.

Other happenings on March 29 include a barbecue cookoff, viewing of the Milam County Museum and the Old Town Cameron Model, and 100-plus arts and crafts booths, and food booths.

Some of the musical events which can be heard throughout the day are the Matocha Polka Band, The Black Bexar Scot-

tish Band (bagpipers), Traci Rose, UT Ballet Folklorico, The Dirt Road Band, The Junior High Jazz Band, and The Mariachi Band.

That night a dance will be held in the Youth Exhibition Building featuring "Heartland." There will be a charge of \$5 per couple or \$3 per person for the Saturday night dance.

To round off a perfect week-

end, on March 30 the Dogwood Trail on the Fisher Ranch will be open to the public.

A few Arts and Crafts booths are still available, but are being filled on a first-come basis. For further information about any of the events for the weekend, please contact the Chamber of Commerce office at (817) 697-4979.

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


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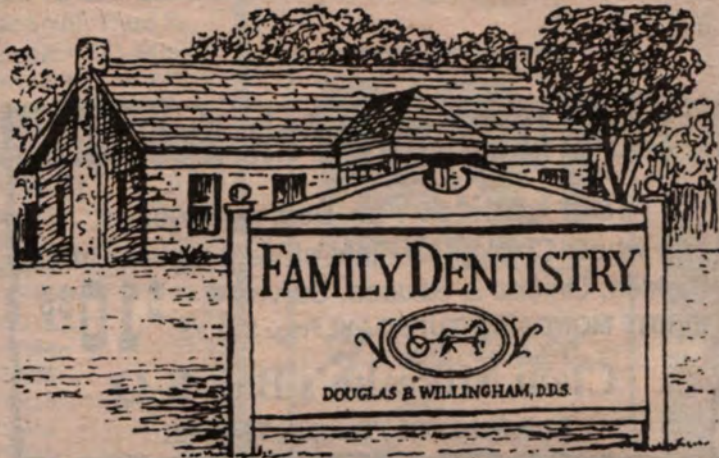
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News of the Churches and People of our village

Rodney Gage to present message to Salado March 30-April 1

Rodney Gage will be presenting his message to Central Texans in Salado, Mar. 30-Apr. 1. Rodney Gage is having a most successful evangelistic crusades across the nation. His burning vision to present the Gospel to a hurting world continues to establish him as a significant voice in evangelical Christianity.

Rodney, a Texas-based evangelist, leads crusades throughout North America and has expanded his worldwide ministry to include crusades in Brazil, Eastern Europe, and Russia.

In addition to his evangelistic crusade ministry, this dynamic young evangelist travels throughout North America speaking annually to thousands of young people in public and private schools. Rodney's "Wise-Up" school assembly lecture has been heard by more than two million students.

Rodney, son of Freddie and Barbara Gage, has a strong heritage in evangelism as his father and three brothers are all in full-time ministry.



Rodney and his wife Michelle are members of the Fellowship of Las Colinas in Irving.

Rodney has established a ministry with a vision to present the Gospel to the world through local church and city-wide crusades, public school assemblies, student and parent conferences, radio and television, books and tapes. Rodney is the author of *Let's Talk About AIDS and Sex* and his latest book is *If My Parents Knew*.

Rodney has been a special guest at Billy Graham's cru-

sades held in Philadelphia and Little Rock.

Rodney presents a message that will be meaningful to young and old alike.

All programs will be presented at the Thomas Arnold elementary school cafeteria.

Schedule for Crusade Events Sunday, March 30

10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Thomas Arnold elementary school cafeteria
5:30 p.m. Parenting Seminar
Thomas Arnold elementary school cafeteria
7 p.m. Worship service
Thomas Arnold elementary school cafeteria

Monday, March 31 Noon Lunch at First Baptist Church

By reservation.
6:15 p.m. Hot dog supper on Thomas Arnold elementary school parking lot
7 p.m. Family night emphasis
Thomas Arnold elementary school cafeteria

Tuesday, April 1

10 a.m. "Wise Up" Assembly
High School Gymnasium
6:15 p.m. Youth Pizza Blast
7 p.m. Service

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*7:00 p.m. Prayer Service
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Church of Christ marks anniversary

(Editor's Note: The following historical information found on the anniversary of the Salado Church of Christ was made available by local Historian Mary Belle Brown.)

Members of the Salado Church of Christ marked the 138th anniversary of the first service held by the local congregation on March 10.

It was on that date in 1859, when a group of 36 Christians from nearby Darrs Creek met in a brush arbor near the site of the present Baptist Church to hold their first services in Salado. The congregation has been in continuous existence since that date.

Preaching for the fledgling church was Dr. Carroll Kendrick who, besides being an itinerant evangelist, was also a physician and educator, and it was under his direction that Salado was selected as the site for the new congregation's home.

The village of Salado Springs had existed for a short time when Dr. Kendrick chose to settle in the area. The local

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Grammy winner to perform

Grammy Award winning trumpeter Allen Vizutti will be the featured guest artist for the 7th annual Temple Jazz Festival scheduled for March 20-22, at Temple College.

This year's festival will feature local as well as internationally known jazz artists and will include a competition for area high school and junior high school jazz bands.

Allen Vizutti has performed in 30 countries and every state in the union with a rainbow of artists and ensembles including Chick Corea, Doc Severinsen, The NBC Tonight Show Band, the Airmen of Note, the Army Blues, Chuck Mangione, Woody Herman, Japan's NHK Symphony Orchestra, and the Kosei Wind Orchestra. Performing as a classical and jazz artist, often in the same evening, he has appeared as guest soloist with symphony orchestras in Tokyo, Germany, St. Louis, Rochester, Syracuse, Honolulu, Milwaukee, Buffalo, Phoenix, and Edmonton.

Vizutti's status as an artist has led to solo performances at the Hollywood Bowl, Carnegie Hall, Newport Jazz Festival, Banff Center for the Performing Arts, Montreaux Jazz Festival,

the Teton, Breckenridge and Aspen Music Festivals, the Charles Ives Center, and the Lincoln Center in New York City.

As a composer, teacher, and clinician, Vizutti is in constant demand throughout the world. He will be the featured soloist with the Temple Jazz Orchestra for the grand finale concert performance on Saturday. TJO is directed by Tom Fairlie. The concert also will feature the traditional appearance of the high school all-region jazz ensemble.

The Festival program will open 7:30 p.m. March 20 with a performance by the Temple College Jazz Ensemble directed by Tim Doherty. The ensemble will perform a wide variety of traditional and contemporary band music. Also performing will be the Temple College Vocal Jazz Ensemble, directed by Sherry Marmon.

The Tom Doherty Quartet, one of the newest jazz quartets in Central Texas, will perform a cavalcade of new and traditional jazz favorites at 7:30 p.m. March 21. Special guest performers will be Trombonist Ron Wilkins, Saxophonist Morgan King and Percussionist Henry Brun.

Festival competition with high school and junior high bands competing for a variety of awards will be March 21-22. Jazz clinics will be presented at 5 p.m. March 21 by Ron Wilkins, Morgan King and Henry Brun, and Vizutti will present a clinic at noon on Saturday. The Junior High All-Region Band will perform at 5:30 p.m. March 22.

The appearances of the guest artists are sponsored in part by the Yamaha Co., The Selmer Co., and Latin Percussion. Other Festival sponsors include Scott and White, Temple Bottling Company, Johnnie's Office Machines, Holze Music and KAJZ Radio.

All performances will be in the auditorium of the Mary Alice Marshall Fine Arts Building. A three-day Festival ticket is \$12. Tickets for Thursday and Friday concerts will be \$5 at the door and Saturday's concert will be \$7 at the door. All student tickets are \$3.

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- 5:30 p.m. **Parenting Seminar:**
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- 7:00 p.m. Service

Monday, March 31

- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch with Rodney** (FBC Fellowship Hall)
Tickets are \$7 and available at the Church office. Buy one for yourself and a friend. The meal will be catered by the Salado Mansion. Don't miss this meal and inspirational message!
- 6:15 p.m. **Family Hot Dog Supper**
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Tuesday, April 1

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Fallon marries Williams

Janet Lenore Fallon, of Oakalla, and Barry J. Williams, of Salado, were united in marriage with a double ring ceremony March 8 at Oakalla Baptist Church with Reed Schraub officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Novenia Fallon, of Lawton, Okla. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Williams, of Salado.

Pam Bland was organist and Doug Bolin, of Salado and Marci Hicks, of Monroe, La., were soloists.

Given in marriage by her son John Cruise, the bride wore an elegant floor-length gown of ecru taffeta with a fitted bodice and princess neckline. The off-shoulder cap sleeves were made of taffeta adorned with pearls, sequins and gold braid. The full-length skirt was attached with lace and pearl trim.

Gena Perry, of Lampasas, was matron of honor. Bennie J. Williams, father of the groom, was best man.

The bride is the owner of Fallon's Fine Art in Lampasas.



Mr. and Mrs. Barry J. Williams (Doug Spiller photo)

The bridegroom is a Salado High School graduate and has a degree in Philosophy and History from Pepperdine University. He is the owner of

Barry's Coffee Co., in Waco.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Oakalla Community Center.

Col. Kirkpatrick addresses TROA

Colonel Kirkpatrick, MEDDAC and Darnall Army Community Hospital commander, will speak to the luncheon meeting of the Central Texas Chapter The Retired Officers Association on March 21. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. and President Wald will call the meeting to order at noon. The Board will meet at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will be at the Ft. Hood Officers Club.

Colonel Kirkpatrick will address Military Medicine, Inventory and Prospects now and in the 2000s. He will also address retiree concerns and be available for questions.

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Bigger bait=bigger fish?

by Keith Warren
Texas Angler

A bigger bait equals bigger fish, right? Well sometimes, but not necessarily. Just when you think you've got fish figured out, they throw you a curve ball. A prime example is worm fishing for bass.

Sometimes we fish with such large baits that I think we might actually scare some fish. Let's face it, not every bass we catch is going to be a lunker. More often than not, we would gladly catch some 2 to 3 pound fish and many times when the big boys aren't biting, we should downsize our bait to increase our catch.

If you're not catching fish on your 8 inch worm, fish with a 4 inch. If you don't have any 4 inch worms, just cut the big one in half. Sure a small bass will attack a huge bait, but far more are caught on smaller stuff. The same goes with spinners. You might want to try your 1/8 and 1/4 ounce spinners if your big stuff isn't delivering the goods. I hon-

estly feel that if anglers in areas with a small average bass size would catch more fish if they fished with smaller baits. Speckled trout fall in this category as well. Often we run into schools of barely-legal sized trout that aren't responding to our shrimp tails or plastic shad. Once again, cut an inch or so off of your bait and fish a smaller jig head and you might just surprise yourself with what you catch.

We can also over-gun ourselves on line too. Heavy line has its advantages, but if you're having a hard time detecting bites switch to something lighter. Set your drag accordingly and you should have no problem with it.

All of this doesn't mean that you will catch nothing but small fish because your fish- ing with a small bait. The big boys aren't going to pass up an easy meal. What it does mean is that you can turn an unpro- ductive day into some real fun and that's what counts in the end anyway.

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SALADO: Beautiful home in Mill Creek. 3 bedrooms, 2 large baths. Large master suite with fireplace. Formal Dining, office, sprinkler system. Quiet street. Price reduced \$137,900.

SOUTH TEMPLE: Large wooded lot in South Temple. Over 1/2 acre on cul-de-sac. Private and restricted. Great for building your dream home. \$50s.

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Village Pharmacy participates in Poison Prevention Week

Village Pharmacy of Salado will be among the many pharmacies nationwide playing an active role in National Poison Prevention Week March 16-22.

Pharmacist Stan Drake said his pharmacy will offer the following free items during the week: one unit dose of ipecac, a refrigerator magnet with the poison center emergency number printed on it, and English and Spanish Safety Checklists. Drake has been participating in the program since 1989 and knows of at least two occasions where people were grateful for having the ipecac and emergency information available.

Every year, all over Texas, there are thousands of poisoning incidents that result in frightened families, ambulance trips and emergency room visits.

However, 85 percent of poisonings can be treated safely at home with a toll-free call to The Poison Experts at the Texas Poison Center Network 1-800-POISON (1-800-764-7661). In an emergency, call 911.

The Central Texas Poison Center (CTPC) is joining the country in participating this week by distributing education materials to Central Texas pharmacies. This week is designated annually to raise awareness in local communities about the dangers of accidental poisonings.

The CTPC is one of six members of the Texas Poison Center Network. The CTPC is designated by the Texas Legislature in conjunction with the Texas Department of Health and the 911 Commission to serve the two million people residing in Public Health Region 7.

The CTPC operates seven days a week, 24 hours a day and is accessible through a toll-free number: (800) POISON 1/(800) 764-7661. The center also provides a TDD/TTY for the deaf and hearing impaired through the same number.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN PREVENT ACCIDENTAL POISONINGS.

** Store potentially harmful products and medications out of sight, out of reach or, best of all, locked up.*

** Read and heed precautionary labels on the products you buy.*

** Store products only in their original containers. When empty, rinse and discard. Never use food or drink containers to store harmful substances!*

** Always put products away immediately after use. Never leave children alone with household products.*

** Store household products and medicines separately.*

** Never call medicine "candy." Remember that children love to imitate. Don't take medicine in front of your child.*

** Use child-resistant caps. Remember that these caps are not child-proof.*

** Teach your child to ask you first before eating or drinking anything given to them by anyone other than parents or caregivers.*

** Remember that plants and flowers can be poisonous. Make a list of what's in your home and garden (both common and scientific names) and check them out.*



RareFind! Turn-of-century Victorian! Heart of Old Town Georgetown. Large corner lot. Rock-away on the front porch. Large rooms, soaring ceilings, 6 fireplaces, 4.5BA, 4 large charming bedrooms. Call for more details. \$294,000.

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New listing! New home on over 1/2 acre. Wild Rose Subdivision. Easy access to I-35. Act now and pick out colors. Over 1,800 SF. \$138,521.

3BR/1BA farm home on 1.3 acres, air & heat, barn, outbuildings. \$62,500. **New Listing:** Quality new 3BR/2BA home in quiet neighborhood. Many large trees. \$84,000.

Close to town. Two year old home with 3BR/2BA/ Vaulted ceiling in LR. \$91,000.

3BR,2BA ranch style home on 1.9 acres. Sit out on spacious front porch and feed and watch the deer! Native trees, rural and quiet. \$102,900.

Shady oaks on 2.66 acres in the Woods of Salado. Four year old home, fireplace, Berber carpet. **UNDER CONTRACT.** \$113,021.

Hilltop view of a pond in Mill Creek. 3BR/2BA, fireplace, tile & more. All for \$129,021.

Lovely 1 year old home, many extras. A true powder puff in Mill Creek. \$139,500.

A new home! Tree shaded backyard. Enjoyable deck extends from Master bedroom to living room. \$145,500.

An extra large kitchen in this native stone home nestled among large live oak trees in Woods of Salado. 4/3/2 on 2.85 acres. Spacious rooms! \$159,500. **Wooded 2+ acre lot** with excellent floorplan. 3BR/2BA, \$159,521. Great Oaks.

Wooded 2 acre lot. 4BR/2-1/2BA. Great Oaks. \$169,521.

Royal Oaks Jewel: 4BR/3BA, new home. 2,781 SF, large lot.- \$179,921.

Country living! 3-year-old 3BR/2BA ranch-style stone home on 24+ fenced acres. Vaulted Living Room, fireplace insert, ceramic tile. Barn, deer, well & oak trees. \$242,500.

Custom home in Mill Creek. Formal Dining & Living. Two fireplaces. \$339,000.

208 acre ranch with 2,022 Sq. Ft. brick home, guest farm house, barns, shed, fenced & cross fenced, stock tanks, live creek, landing strip. \$299,521.

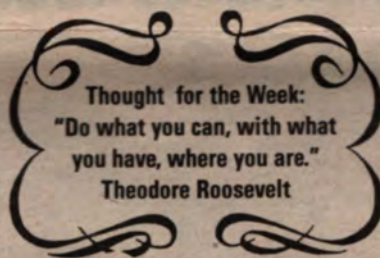
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Great view of golf course & woods! Austin stone contemporary. Large deck. Parquet floors. Office. Lots of windows! \$169,821.

This 1884 Victorian on 2.53 acres has an additional 3BR/2BA house for rental income, plus two outbuildings. \$270,021.

Acreage & Homesites

93 acres between Holland & Belton, hill-top. \$1,175/acre.

85 acres, all coastal grass, well fenced, S. Salado, owner financed. \$1,595/acre.

75 acres on FM 2115 with great view. 60 acres between Belton & Salado.

45.4 acres with I-35 frontage at Prairie Dell. Excellent tract, strategically located. \$3,750 per acre.

43.458 acres Loop 121. \$3,950/acre.

20.9 acres on I-35, south of Salado.

20 acres, woods, FM 2484.

10 acres west of Salado, \$3,500/acre

6,10 & 21 acres of rolling hills, FM 2115, owner financing \$3,500/acre.

5 acres, Blackberry & Royal. \$26,000.

5 acres, Armstrong, long creek frontage. large trees, good road frontage.

1.3 acres behind 12th Fairway, Mill Creek. Heavily wooded, \$39,000.

Residential lot in Mill Creek. Nice trees line the lot. \$13,521

Golf course lots in Mill Creek. Lot in Woods of Salado. \$15,000.

Unique lot in Salado Hills. \$15,000

Wooded homesite on quiet cul-de-sac in Morgan's Point. \$4,000.

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\$198,500: Enjoy a tremendous view of Mill Creek Golf Course from the porch of this 3-2-2.

\$182,500: Formal living and dining. **UNDER CONTRACT** office. Tall ceilings, pretty wall paper and great master suite.

\$145,000: Quiet cul-de-sac hosts this large **SOLD** birth bedroom could be gameroom. Formal and informal dining. Great fenced backyard has huge deck.

\$139,900: Large live oak trees surround this new home in Salado Oaks. Formal and informal dining, split bedrooms.

\$92,500: Salado Springs, 3/2 **UNDER CONTRACT**.



\$52,000: Small two bedroom frame on one acre. Currently rental property.

\$89,500: 1.6 acres in Live Oak Estates host this 2-3-2. Stone construction with pretty fireplace.

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FM 487: 179 acres with creek & **UNDER CONTRACT**

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Atkins Road: 5 miles east of Salado. 49 acres at \$1,400/acre. Owner finance

FM 2268: 6.75 unrestricted acre **UNDER CONTRACT**

Belton: 20 acres fronting Nolan Creek. Large live oak trees with old home. \$139,000.

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

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FM 2843: 120 acres with many **UNDER CONTRACT**

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FM 2268: Mobile Home allowed on 4 acres just off FM 2268. Owner finance. \$17,500.

River Place Road: 1.98 acres, River frontage. Beautiful trees, natural spring. \$25,000.

FM 2115: 178 fenced acres with long road frontage. Property has small house, two barns, two stock tanks, good grass. Great view. Owner finance. \$275,000.

Woods of Salado: Pick one - two tree covered lots, each \$25,000.

Mill Creek: One of the few lots left in Mill Creek. Many trees. \$30,000.

Royal St. 17 acres, excellent view, \$4950 per acre.

Horizon Homes

\$275,000: Tremendous master suite opens onto deck for viewing sunset. Located in Salado's newest subdivision, this 4-2-1/2 has many amenities. Fireplace, split bedroom, cherry wood cabinets, formal and informal living and dining.



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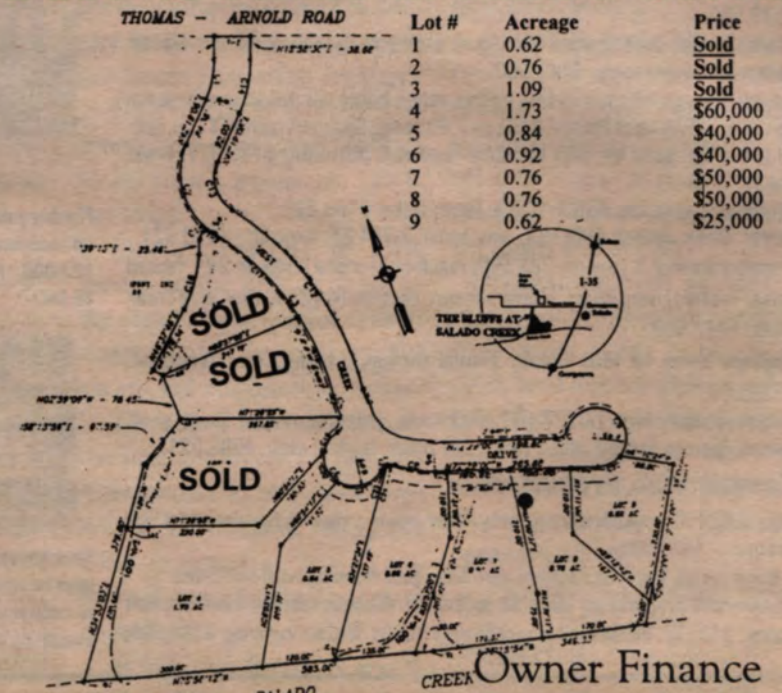
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Two ribbon cuttings set for March 21

The Salado Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Committee will hold two ribbon cuttings for local businesses March 21.

The Ambassadors will cut the ribbon at Texan by Design in Old Town Salado, across from the Salado Civic Center at 9 a.m.

Following that, the Ambassadors will cut the ribbon 9:30 a.m. at Wishing Well Antiques and Gifts, located on Royal St.

Storytime set March 27 at Salado library

Storytime for preschool ages 3-5 will be held 10 a.m. March 27 at the Salado Public Library.

The theme will be bunnies and Easter. The program will last approximately an hour. Call the library at 947-9191 to let them know your child will be attending. No children younger than 3 years old, please.

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All 4-H club units invited to 'work day' March 22

by **Tammera S. Beckham**
and **Chris T. Boleman**
Co. Ext. Agent

Bell County 4-H Council invites and encourages ALL 4-H club units throughout the county to join in the "work day" set for March 22 at Miller Springs. Miller Springs is located near Lake Belton. 4-H is

responsible for helping to clean up and maintain a portion of the Nature Trail named "Tennessee Valley." "The cleanup is set for 1-4 p.m. in the afternoon," says County 4-H Council President Stacie Freytag. "Clubs signed up to bring specific equipment like shovels, wheelbarrows and rakes during our last month's

County 4-H Council meeting. I'll be sending out reminder notes so everyone will remember. I hope to see all 4-H club units represented. This is a great county wide community service effort." For additional details, contact Stacie or the County Extension Office.

Mark your calendars for next week's County 4-H Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. March 25 at the County Extension Office. All Task Forces will also be meeting. The Adult Leaders Task Force will be planning the upcoming County 4-H Roundup Contest. The entries are due March 25 for County 4-H Roundup.

Following the joint County

Council/Adult Leadership group meeting, all other task forces will meet. Here's a quick synopsis of who will meet and what topics will be discussed: The Home Economics Task Force will be meeting to finalize plans for this summer's County 4-H Junior and Intermediate Fashion Show to be held on June 7th. The Agriculture Task Force will be meeting to plan summer agricultural trainings and activities. Tammera has "new" information on the National "Youth Voice in Action" public relations campaign that the PR & Marketing Task Force needs to process.

Congratulations to all of our Bell County 4-H exhibitors who participated at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Bell County 4-H had four exhibitors who placed and made the sale at Houston. They are as follows: Danny Palousek, 25th place turkey; Christina Pennington, 8th place broiler; Marisa Farris, 41st place turkey- and Mike Mikeska, 24 place Duroc barrow.


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Students compete at meet

Twelve Salado High School Students competed in Texas Math and Science Coaches Association State meet in San Antonio, Mar. 15. Students competed in Number Sense, Calculator, General Math and Science against students in their own conference and grade level. Following are the results:

Number Sense- 12th grade Kyle Whitacre, 17th; 11th grade Barry Hodge, 5th, Michelle Lenis, 11th; 10th grade Shane Rigsby, 7th; Chris Michna, 13th; 9th grade Michael Gamble, 5th; Paul Lucas, 15th, Brian Butscher 17th; Matt Keller, 20th. The Number Sense Team placed 6th.

Calculator- 12th grade Kyle Whitacre, 16th; 11th grade Barry Hodge, 19th; Michelle Lenis, 20th; 9th grade

Brian Butcher, 20th; Paul Lucas, 22nd; Matt Keller, 26. Calculator Team ranked 18th.

Science- 12th grade Kyle Whitacre, 4th; Amanda Morris, 16th; 11 grade Ashlea Norman, 14th; Michelle Lenis, 26th; 10th grade Shane Rigsby, 5th; Lisa Karnes, 11th; Chris Michna, 13th. Top Physics Score: Kyle Whitacre, Science Team, 6th.

General Mathematics- 12th grade: Kyle Whitacre 13th Amanda Morris, 21st; 11th grade: Michelle Lenis, 2nd; Barry Hodge, 5th; Ashlea Norman, 11th; 10th grade Shane Rigsby, 5th; Lisa Karnes, 10th; Chris Michna, 11th. 9th grade Paul Lucas, 6th; Brian Butscher, 10th; Matt Keller, 16th and Michael Gamble, 17th. The Mathematics Team placed 2nd.

Area Habitat for Humanity sets fund-raiser March 22-23

The Belton/Temple Habitat for Humanity Affiliate will be selling hotdogs and cokes, cookbooks and raffle tickets 11 a.m.- 5p.m. March 22 and noon-5 p.m. March 23. at Lowe's of Temple, 605 S.W. H.K. Dodgen Loop, Temple, Texas, located next to Temple Mall.

Prizes to be raffled include a chain saw, two cases of Surge soft drink and a massage. Prizes will be awarded at 5 p.m. March 23. It is not necessary to be present to win. All proceeds will be used to benefit Belton/Temple Habitat for Humanity Affiliate projects.

Habitat for Humanity is an international organization which seeks to eliminate poverty housing, and homelessness and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat invites people of all walks of life to work together in partnership to help build houses with families in need.

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The Belton/Temple Habitat affiliate was formed in 1993 and has already built two new homes, one each in both Temple and Belton. A third home in Temple was a HUD renovation.

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#1 Summers Mill	8.3	10	1.08	200	4.9	107	15
#2 Chisholm Trail	7	8.4	1.58	250	4.6	133	12
#3 Sirena	8	8.6	1.28	250	5.5	147	17
#4 Patterson's Crossing	8.5	9.5	1.83	250	6	133	13.5
#5 Stagecoach Dam	8.6	9	1.83	250	6	148	16.5
#6 Access Rd. Stagecoach Inn	8.9	9.2	1.54	250	5.4	153	16

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Childhood slated for performance March 8 at school cafeteria

The one-act play "Childhood" will be presented at 8 p.m. March 22 in the Thomas Arnold School cafeteria.

The play is Salado High School's entry for the UIL One-Act Play Contest.

All area residents are invited to attend and support the students who have worked on this extracurricular fine arts project. Admission is free to this play, written by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Thornton Wilder.

Wilder is best known for his full-length plays, among them the prize-winning "Our Town," "Matchmaker," which became "Holly Dolly," and his Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, "The Bridge of San Luis Rey."

The play selected for Salado's student presentation is described as a farcical comedy that attempts to focus a humorous light on our inability to bridge the generational communication gap. The student director is Elizabeth Boyd, and the stars of the show are Carrie Puckett, Kurt Salisbury, Jenny Karnes, Matthew Fiebig and Valerie Hernandez. The crew is led by Kyle Whitacre, Colt Smith and Chantal Dalton.

Gary Askins, faculty advisor for the production, said, "These students have given countless hours of their own time rehearsing, learning lines and learning about theatrical competition. I am very proud of their efforts and would invite Salado to come see what the best of our students have to offer."

He added, "What I find interesting is that this play,

'Childhood,' was published in 1960 and a careful examination of its humorous dialog is a very accurate and telling portrait of the American family in the decades to come. It has not been used frequently in competition because it is considered too difficult for many stu-

dents to perform without resorting to gross caricature instead of acting. I think everyone who attends will be pleasantly surprised at the talent displayed not only on the stage but behind the scenes to provide this 30 minutes of family entertainment."



(photo courtesy Patty Campbell)
Adelle Johnson, treasurer and Ruby Townsend, president, of the Salado Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary, present a \$2,000 check to Bob Cottle, president of the Salado Civic Center Foundation. The Auxiliary contributes to many local groups in Salado, including the Fire Department and Civic Center, as well as giving scholarships to Salado High School Seniors.



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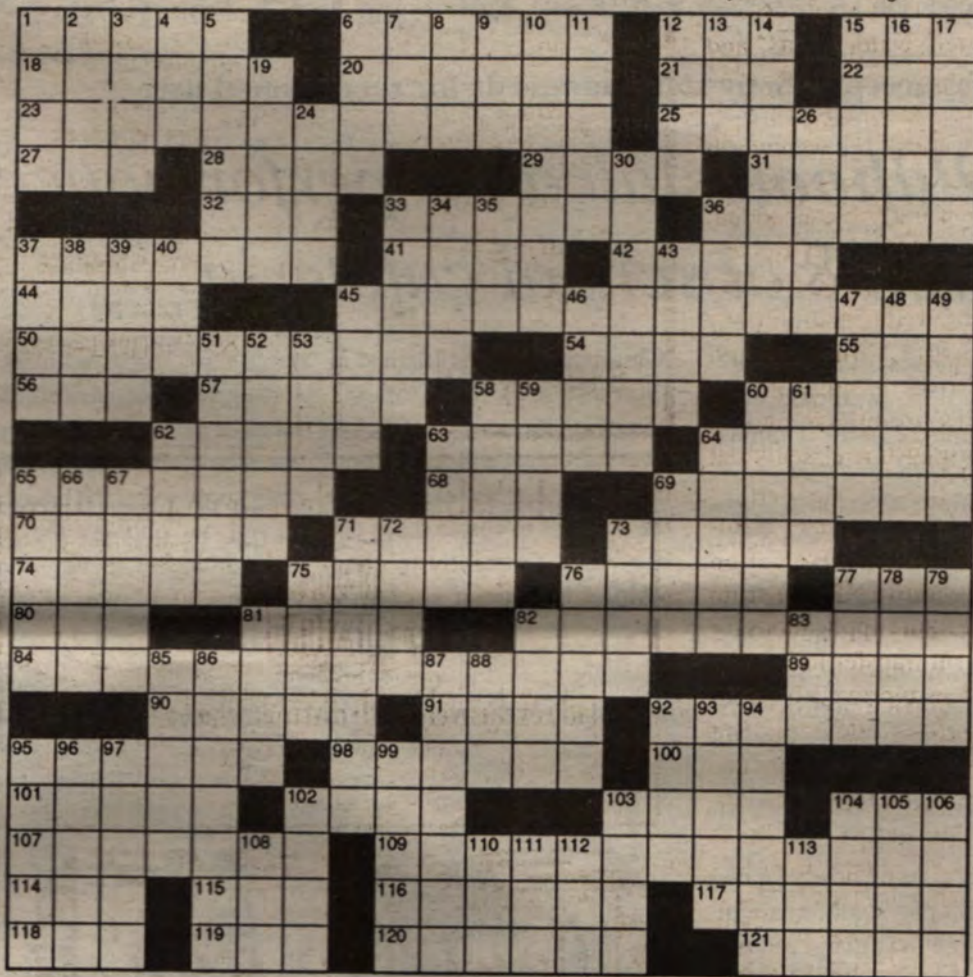
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Fraser seeks amendments to water management bill

Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Marble Falls, said March 12 he would seek a series of amendments to a comprehensive water management bill in order to protect local water rights and the property values of those affected by inter-basin river transfers.

Fraser, who represents 21 counties stretching from Colorado City to Temple, said he prepared to submit the amendments to the Senate Natural Resources Committee as early as the following Thursday.

"I'm not convinced that this bill provides adequate protection to land owners whose property values would be lessened by what amounts to a 'taking' by the government," Fraser said. "Acts of government are affecting property values if the state takes someone's water rights, and property owners ought to be compensated in those cases."

"How much is a well worth if it goes dry because the state took the water?" Fraser added.

Fraser, whose district includes the Highland Lakes area of central Texas and portions of both the Colorado and Brazos river basins, said he would try to improve the bill by proposing amendments that would:

-- Prohibit the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) from granting future applications for inter-basin transfer unless the transfer is approved by both the exporting and receiving basins, and the transfer is consistent with the regional water plans approved by the Texas Water Development Board.

-- Prohibit the TNRCC from granting inter-basin transfers unless there is "water for water" compensation to the exporting basin. In cases where monetary compensation is contemplated, Fraser said a surcharge should be paid to land owners in the exporting basin whose property values are diminished by the transfer of either surface or ground water.

-- Specifically provide for an appeals process for persons affected by an inter-basin transfer that is granted by the TNRCC.

-- Require the TNRCC to prohibit the use of water for "non-essential uses" (such as watering lawns or filling swimming pools) obtained through a contest inter-basin transfer.

-- Provide authority to the governor, not to the TNRCC, to transfer water from one water right holder to another, including inter-basin transfers, during an "emergency."

"The bottom line," Fraser said, "is that I'm fiercely opposed to the notion of empow-

ering state government to make important local decisions without the consent of the lo-

cal property owners who could suffer the economic consequences," Fraser said. "Right

now, this bill gives the state a tremendous amount of author-

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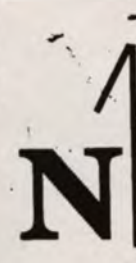
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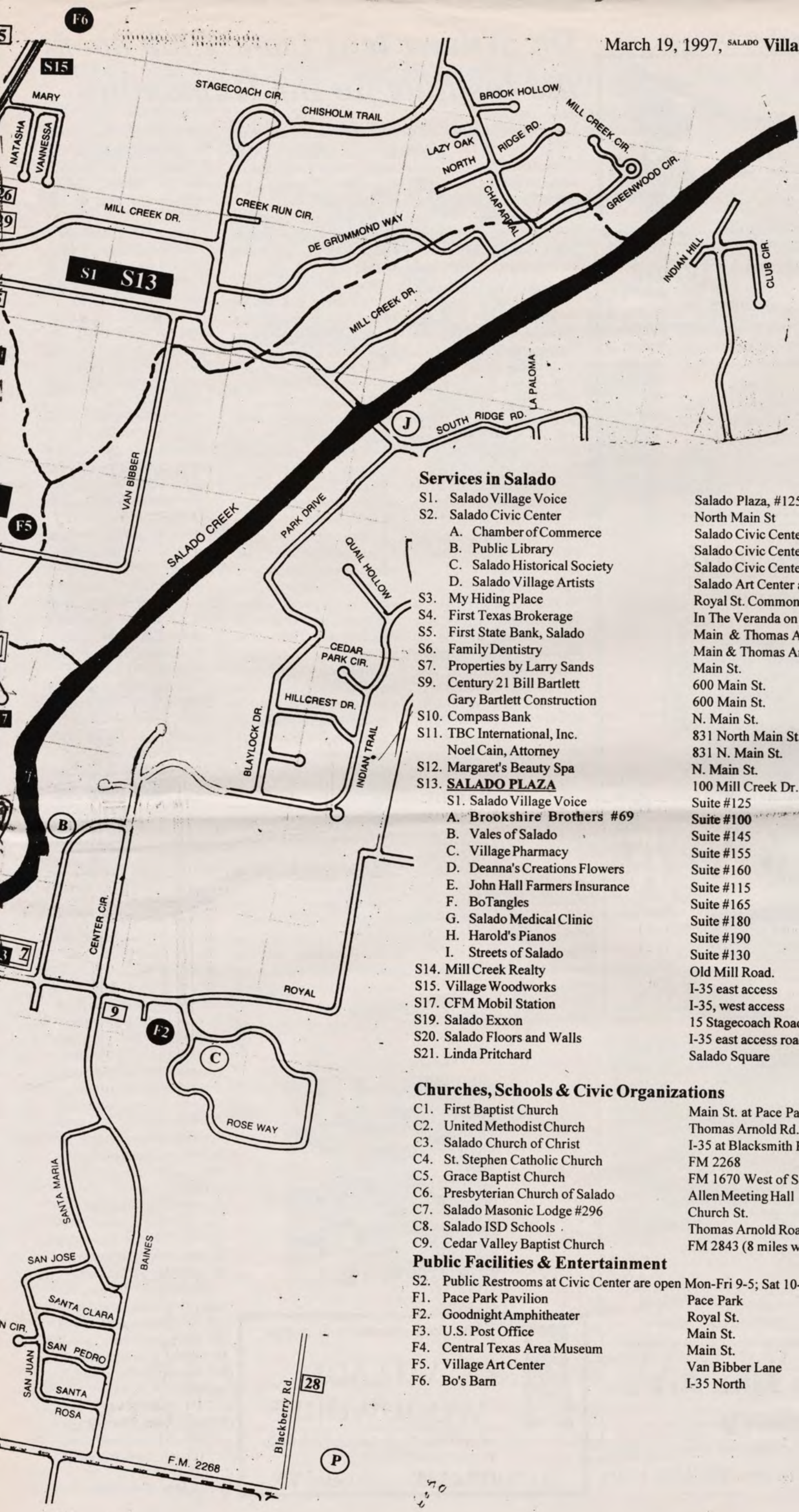
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Dr. Wilmer tells Lions Club about the Institute for the Humanities

by John Eubanks

Dr. Harry Wilmer, founder of the Institute for the Humanities at Salado, told the Salado Lions Club March 12 that he envisioned the Institute as a place "where people would come and talk in plain English to ordinary people."

Dr. Wilmer, a medical doctor whose specialty is psychiatry, addressed the Lions during their fortnightly luncheon at Mill Creek Country Club.

He gave a down-to-earth talk on the Institute, debunking the notion that he "would talk over your head," as Lions president Jim Patterson said he was told beforehand.

Dr. Wilmer, who has served as Institute president and director since 1980, told the Lions that he wanted to create an "autonomous institution" free of any bureaucracy.

He recalled a time, while working for the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, when he was discouraged from presenting a program on the subject of Vietnam because "it was too hot."

James Veninga, who was director of the Texas Council for the Humanities at the time, told Dr. Wilmer that "we need a small Aspen-like institute" to hold various programs.

"You live in Salado," Veninga said. "Why don't you do it there?"

Initial funding was provided in the form of a \$10,000 check from Joe Green of the Rockwell Fund in Houston. The check was made out "In Honor of Grace Jones," long-time Salado resident and current Wilmer Fellow at the Institute.

That was supplemented with funds from five other en-

tities: the Texas Council for the Humanities, the Trull Foundation, the Harris Foundation, the Potts-Sibley Foundation and the R.G. Foundation.

"It allows me to bring the most outstanding speakers in the country" to Salado, Dr. Wilmer said.

He doesn't know the reason for the Institute's success, but he attempted to explain why, by telling a story about his son Hank. When Hank was 5, he would blow bubbles with a bubble-blower that's dipped into a bottle of liquid. He would inadvertently put the bubble-blower into his mouth, drawing a warning from his father to take it out.

When Hank asked, "What did you say?" bubbles came out of his mouth.

"There's a magic about Texas, as you know, and there's a magic about Salado," Dr. Wilmer said, explaining part of the Institute's success.

The Institute is small by design, but also because of limited space.

"We have a waiting list that embarrasses me," Dr. Wilmer admitted. "But in order to maintain this level of intimacy, it's necessary to do that."

Speakers who have brought "intellectual stimulation to ordinary people" include 10 Nobel laureates and folks of such renown as heart surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley and poet Maya Angelou.

"They love Salado," he said, noting that speakers tell him they have not talked to a more attentive audience.

Dr. Wilmer said audiences here are better than ones in San Francisco, where he and wife Jane lived before moving to Salado in 1968.

There were 27 homes in

Mill Creek at the time. He had been offered a position at Scott & White Clinic in Temple as senior psychiatrist, after attending a seminar at the hospital.

Before going to Scott & White, he had spent the previous five years as a professor of psychiatry at UC-San Francisco.

On a cultural level, moving to Texas was a shock, Dr. Wilmer said. "On a human level, it was great. I wouldn't go back for anything. Jane feels the same way."

The Wilmers moved to San Antonio in 1972 when he accepted a position with UT Health Science Center, but kept their home in Salado because they knew they would retire here.

When he retired from UT at age 70, the Institute was blossoming.

Five years ago, anticipating his retirement from the Institute, Dr. Wilmer appointed a search committee to begin the task of finding his replacement as director.

Veninga, who had proposed the idea for an institute in Salado years earlier to Dr. Wilmer, was selected from among 16 candidates.

"He was really the outstanding person," Dr. Wilmer said.

Veninga is a Baylor graduate who has taught at the University of Mary-Hardin Baylor. He's also earned a Ph.D in history from Rice and a master's degree in divinity from Harvard.

Dr. Wilmer said that commentator Bill Moyers will add five minutes to a documentary on the Institute in order to introduce the new director. He and Veninga will go to New York in April for the taping.

Funding for the new director's salary and operating expenses for the first three years will come from the Cook Foundation, the Mayborn Foundation, the Rapoport Foundation, the Caddo Foundation and the Hobby Foundation.

Dr. Wilmer also said that Herbert Reynolds, Baylor chancellor and a member of the Institute's board, is helping direct a \$5 million fund-raising effort for the Institute.

Dr. Wilmer told the Lions about the Institute's efforts to involve teachers from school districts in Bell County, as well as students from high schools and colleges, in the Institute's programs.

LIONS UPDATE: Jim Patterson, Lions president, said the Salado Lions Club is the largest one in its district, which

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Quick response by nursing home in alerting state agency saves lives

According to Devora Goodnight, it wasn't just luck that only two people died in a recent outbreak of deadly pneumococcal disease where she works at the Houston County Nursing Home in Crockett. What "undoubtedly saved lives" when the outbreak began was a combination of the nursing home staffs recognizing the seriousness of the outbreak and their getting an immediate response from experts at the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

But perhaps the most decisive single factor was the quick immunization of all potential patients with a vaccine which often is overlooked by physicians and patients alike.

After two patients died and one other was stricken with *Streptococcal pneumoniae* infections, Goodnight said, "We knew we had a situation that might cost many of our residents' lives if it got further out of hand. We had never had anything like this happen before and didn't even know what to expect if we called TDH for help. But we knew we would most likely lose more of our 'family' if we didn't."

At TDH's Infectious Disease Control and Surveillance Division, epidemiologist Beverly Ray said that Goodnight and the home's nursing director Debbie

Hargrove showed "the highest standard of concern for their residents."

Ray explained that although outbreaks of pneumococcal disease caused by the *Streptococcus pneumoniae* bacteria are rare, the bacteria spread rapidly among unimmunized people whose health may already be compromised. People in good health with normal immune systems are not likely to develop infections, but ill people, such as elderly nursing home residents with existing problems, are especially at risk of developing pneumonia after exposure to the bacteria.

According to Ray, *S. pneumoniae*, also called pneumococcal, causes about half a million individual cases of pneumonia, some 3,000 cases of meningitis and about seven million ear infections in the U.S. every year. The most susceptible people are the elderly and ill, such as those at the Crockett nursing home, infants and toddlers, people with chronic health conditions such as diabetes or emphysema, and people without spleens or with weakened immune systems. Outbreaks of the disease occur most commonly during the winter months, among nursing home patients, jail or prison inmates and other groups who share close living quarters and often breathe the same air.

The U.S. Centers for Dis-

ease Control and Prevention recommend that the most at-risk persons be vaccinated against pneumococcal disease at least once every five years. The vaccine is effective against at least 23 different strains of streptococcal bacteria and is fast acting. However, Ray said that in a recent survey of Texans 65 and older, only 42 percent said they had been vaccinated against bacterial pneumonia.

Ray said, "This vaccine is one of the most effective, fastest acting vaccines we have for averting outbreaks among such groups as nursing home residents, yet it is unbelievably underused. We hope that physicians will offer the vaccine more often to their own patients who may be at risk, and that more patients or family members will remember to ask for the vaccine if they have not already had it.

After TDH received the Crockett nursing home's call for help on Jan. 23, Ray and a team of other epidemiology staff drove directly to Crockett to begin taking blood samples from about 90 nursing home residents and staff and obtaining permission to begin vaccinating as many of the residents as possible. Only 14 of 88 residents had previously been im-

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main facility at 2401 South 31st Street, and the Public Affairs Office (6th floor, Special Treatment Center) at Scott & White's main location.

Tickets will be available at the end of March.

Members of the Ballet and the family singing group will arrive from Aguascalientes, Temple's sister city, on April 4, and will be hosted by local families. People who would like to host one of these groups, should call Leticia Pena, who is a volunteer for Sister Cities. She can be reached at 939-0166.

In early February, Aguascalientes became a sister city of Temple. This partnering provides for an exchange of business, social and cultural programs. This concert is the first interchange of culture from this city to Temple.

This group is composed of 30 members of the Ballet and a family consisting of a mother, two daughters and a son. In addition to the Ballet and the singing family from Aguascalientes, a group from the Seaton Star Hall, Circle 2, Lodge No. 47, will be a Czech dance.

Shocking weather

Cold front surprises Central Texans, but winds help to dry oversoaked ground for farmers

by James M. Davis
Co. Ext. Agent

The cold front we woke up to last Friday morning was a rather large shock to most of us in Central Texas. However, the wind did get a drying trend started.

Delayed planting is on everyone's mind at this time. By now we should be through planting corn and have started planting soybeans and sorghum. At this time less than 3 percent of the corn is planted, no beans and no sorghum.

Dr. Cloyce Coffman, Extension Agronomist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, shared the following ideas with us at this time.

When planting is being delayed, at what point in time should a producer switch from corn to sorghum? This is very difficult to predict with great accuracy. However, the following thoughts may be helpful.

Sorghum is a more forgiving crop than corn when it comes to moisture-shortage during the growing season. Corn plants grown under moisture stress will tend to sacrifice grain yield potential much more consistently and significantly than sorghum under similar stress.

In most, if not, all corn and sorghum producers in the area have been equally delayed then switching to sorghum may not be too bad an idea. However, if some producers have planted some sorghum in the area, and those switching from corn to sorghum because of delayed corn planting will have sorghum flowering significantly later than the neighbors sorghum fields, then Sorghum Midge will need to be "scouted" and treated as nec-

essary.

Late-planted corn may also be plagued with aflatoxin-contamination. Thus, making it very difficult to market in the local area to traditional grain buyers.

The question about the advisability of changing hybrid maturities of corn when planting dates are delayed. The research data show that staying with the medium or medium-late maturity hybrid resulted in the higher yields.

As planting dates are delayed, the seeding rates may be reduced slightly as well. This is because the soil temperatures usually will be warmer at and after planting, and because the lower plant density for the delayed planting date will give the corn plants a reduced stress later in the summer.

Many producers will be tempted to begin field work just as soon as the soil moisture will allow them to operate, without getting stuck. However, a caution should be remembered, that soil compaction can occur where the soils are high in clay content and soil moisture below the surface is above "field capacity." Field capacity of a soil is at that point where no additional conditions by taking a handful of soil at various depths, and squeeze it into a ball in the palm of your hand; and then after opening your hand pushing down on the top of the soil ball. If the soil stays adhered together, even after a light pressure from the index finger, soil moisture is above field capacity. If on the other hand the soil ball falls apart with the light pressure from the index finger, soil moisture is at or below field capacity. Soil at field capacity will not compact significantly with tillage or planting

operations.

In those fields where tillage operations were carried out as desired earlier, planting into "stale" soil conditions should be considered very seriously, to avoid further delays in planting. Although winter weeds may be present, it may be more advantageous to plant first; and then kill the weeds with an herbicide, and apply fertilizer after the crop is planted or emerged.

The corn yields were quite low in the 1996 season for much of these areas in Texas, yet normal rates of nitrogen fertilizer were applied for that corn crop. As a result considerable nitrate-nitrogen may still be present for the 1997 corn or sorghum crop. It is advisable to have a soil sample checked for nitrate-nitrogen content. A savings in fertilizer costs could be made as a result from this carry-over of nitrogen fertilizer from last year.

Dr. Coffman also notes that the optimum planting date for corn is 10 to 14 days before the last average freeze date. In Bell County the average last freeze date is March 10.

Also a caution to farmers, I have seen a lot of sorghum corn rootworm beetles the last week or 10 days. The southern corn rootworm causes severe stand loss in emerging corn and sorghum.

Farmers may need to put down an insecticide at planting in both corn and sorghum to protect against southern corn rootworm damage.

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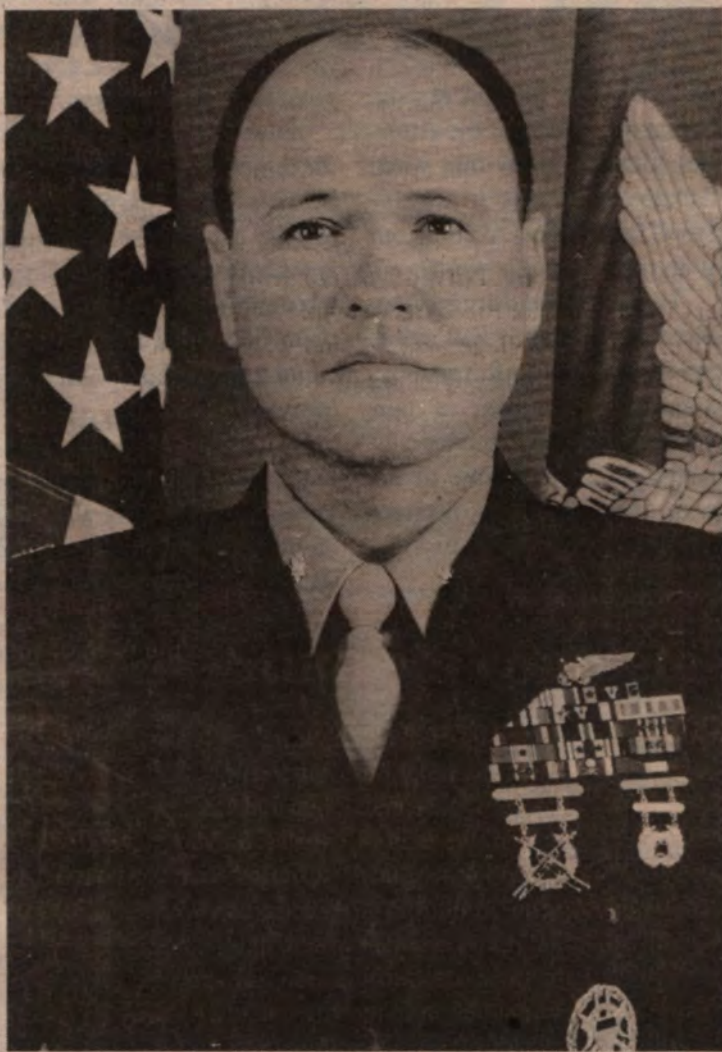
Wallaces attend change of command for Marine pilot son

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Wallace, Jr., of Belton attended the change of command ceremony at Naval Air Station Miramar, San Diego, CA, March 20.

Their son-in-law, Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel Harmon A. Stockwell of Houston, assumed command of Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 225.

He recently completed a tour of duty at the Pentagon in the office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, serving under General Colin Powell and General John Shalikashvili.

A Gulf War veteran, he flew 66 missions. Lt. Col. Stockwell received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and his Master's degree in Business Management from Webster University. He is married to the former Christine Wallace, a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston Chapter in Belton, and the Daughters of the American Revolution.



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munized.

By midnight of that same day blood samples had been taken and were en route to Austin for testing in the TDH Bureau of Laboratories. Vaccinations began the following morning, Jan. 24.

According to Hargrove, she and others on the nursing home staff "were amazed at how quickly TDH brought the outbreak under control."

Although two patients out of the first three diagnosed with pneumococcal disease died, the remaining victim of the outbreak survived and has recovered. The vaccines which the other residents received have begun protecting the home's residents from fur-

ther infections. For a few days after the residents were vaccinated, some of their visiting friends and family members were advised to take antibiotics as an additional precaution against more pneumococcal infections, but no other cases occurred.

Goodnight said that loss of the two residents who died from pneumococcal disease has been hard on the other residents and the staff alike. "They were part of our family. We always try to operate as one big family here, and a death is personal to all of us. We are just very, very grateful that help was there when we needed it to prevent even more tragedies," she said.

Lions

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includes a 15-county area.

Patterson also said the election of new officers will be April 9. He read the names of the nominees, including Lloyd Parks for president.

Two of the Lions' five newest members were inducted: Bob McKinney and Jack Larremore. Still to be inducted are Joe Holt, Mike Cornet and Dr. Charles Barrier.

REPORTER'S NOTE-BOOK: Dr. Wilmer told the

Lions that "there's something lucky about time and place. Where we are in the world."

Afterward, Patterson told Dr. Wilmer, "I tell you, it was a lucky day for us that you came to Salado."

I later met Dr. Wilmer (who turned 80 March 5) to doublecheck his comments. Odd thought, but I couldn't help but wonder about all the interesting people he's shaken hands with over the years.


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by Dan Morales
Texas Attorney General

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The great majority of jewelers and jewelry retail stores are honest, but unfortunately, some take advantage of their customers through misleading advertising, inaccurate or incomplete appraisals, product substitutions, and heavy-handed sales pitches.

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Among the most frequent problems are discounts and sales. Buyers are targeted with promotions that are difficult to verify and sometimes deceptive or misleading. How can a consumer tell if an advertised sale price really is a discount from the normal, retail price? How does a consumer find out if the store ever offered that item at a so-called full price? How can a consumer find out if the item is in fact worth at least the discounted price?

To further complicate matters, the value of jewelry is determined by a number of factors, include craftsmanship, changes in the price of the raw materials on the commodity markets, and the skill and judgment of the jeweler and appraiser. As a result, the advertised price is often not the best indication that a particular item is truly a bargain.

What you can do

To protect yourself when shopping for jewelry, follow these tips:

- Be sure the store is reputable; check with the Better Business Bureau, and ask friends and relatives for referrals. Ask the store for the jeweler's qualifications.

- Familiarize yourself with the terminology of the jewelry business, and learn how the jewelry you are shopping for is evaluated and priced. If you have questions, feel free to ask them, and avoid any store that cannot give you satisfactory answers.

- To guard against counterfeit goods, carefully inspect the jewelry to make sure all brand names are correctly spelled and that the gold and silver content marks are accurate. Avoid promotions that offer expensive name-brand goods at abnormally low prices.

- If you are in need of an appraisal, make sure you are confident in leaving the items with your jeweler. Insist on a receipt listing all items and retain a copy for your records. Make sure the jeweler is titled with a graduate gemologist (i.e., AGA, AGS, ASA) and is affiliated with a gemological association. There are appraisers who will appraise while you wait on an hourly basis. They should be accredited also. Be aware that an appraiser should be concerned solely with appraising your merchandise and should not be trying to sell you other jewelry.

- If you are buying precious stones, find out whether they are certified by the Gemological Institute of America (GIA). GIA certificates are commonly used to report a gem's value for insurance purposes. Remember, an appraisal is only an estimate of the item's current market value.

- Shop around. Price the

item you are looking for at several different stores. If a store is offering an item at a discount price, find out the "reference" or "normal" retail price, ask when and for how long the store offered the item at that price. Ask other stores what they would normally charge for an item of comparable quality. This will help you determine whether a sales price really is a bargain.

- Ask for a warranty. Find out the store's return policy, and whether they offer a trade-in option. (Under this arrangement, the amount paid for the original piece is credited toward the purchase of a more expensive item.)

- Get everything in writing, including the appraisal, a detailed technical description of the jewelry and all work done to it, and the store's repair and return policies. If the store is unwilling to put everything in writing, there is usually a reason.

- Take a photo of the jewelry and attach it to the receipt. Records and photographs are important both for insurance claims and for bringing a consumer complaint.

For more information

You can also contact various trade groups for more information, including:

Jewelers of America, Inc.
1185 Sixth Ave., 30th Floor
New York, NY 10036

Their Internet address is <http://www.jewelers.org>. If you have a complaint about a specific jeweler or retail store in Texas, you can contact the Jewelers Vigilance Committee at (212) 532-1919.

For more info about consumer issues, visit our Web site at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us>.

Church of Christ

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post office had opened in 1852, and the area was considered an excellent place for a town, as well as a school.

Salado was on a major trade and travel route, and with an abundance of wood, water and wild game as well as the natural scenic beauty, all combined to make it a perfect setting for the new Church of Christ and later for the founding of the historic Salado College.

In a short time, congregations of Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians had moved into town and together with the Church of Christ began meeting in a union or non-denominational Sunday School in the College Chapel each Sunday.

Each of the four groups then alternated having all-day services in the Chapel on a monthly basis.

The first permanent building for the Church of Christ was erected on North Main Street in 1875. That building was also used as a school for lower grades in the 1870s and 1880s. It burned and was rebuilt in 1908.

Later, in 1961, a brick building, now housing a funeral home, was built on Interstate Highway 35. Thanks to steady growth, the new Church of Christ building was erected in 1988, just south of the former building.

Today, the Salado Church

of Christ continues a long history of local evangelism, mission programs, support of children's homes and a variety of benevolence programs as well as its ministry of hospitality and friendship extended, not only to friends and neighbors here in Salado but to hundreds of travelers and visitors who stop by each year.

According to Dempsey Stripling, minister of the Salado Church of Christ, the local congregation is looking forward to the new century with the hope of being able to continue serving God and mankind here in the village as well as across the State and world through a variety of mission projects.