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29th Salado Art Fair shows work of 200 artists, crafters

James Russel "Rusty" Speck and Jon Birdsong are two of the 200 artists who will show at the Salado Art Fair Aug. 5-6 in Salado Pace Park.

Rusty Speck was born in Midland, Texas. Raised in Houston, he developed an interest in art from an early age. His talent enabled him to win numerous awards and competitions and lead him to study at the University of Houston, where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

Rusty's first professional experiences lay mainly in the Applied Arts and commercial markets. He's worked as a draftsman, illustrator, interior and industrial designer. He also employed his talents as Art Director for various publications. His extensive background in commercial photography carries over to his work in the Fine Arts industry.

During the early period of his career, Rusty was

involved as a professional musician. He still enjoys the guitar and piano and composes original music. Music provides a balance for his artwork and often one interest becomes a catalyst for the other.

Travel in Europe has influenced Rusty's work in a traditional manner. Although his recent experiments with various media has lead him in a more avant-garde direction, Today, Speck's primary medium is painting in watercolor and gouache. He also enjoys working in oils, mixed media, and sculpture.

Established as a printer of fine art limited edition serigraphs, he has discovered unique and interesting techniques that he uses in his own printmaking. Recently, he has worked and developed a new method of printing which he refers to as "Monoserigraphy." This process involves the use of

oil paint, pastel, and also watercolor. Its results are dramatic and each print within a series is individual and one of a kind. No two images are ever alike.

Speck spends most of the year traveling throughout the United States. He promotes his art in most major American cities and his imagery reflects the many places he has worked in and visited. The artistic style of Rusty Speck is versatile and his subjects are varied. From tropical fantasies to rich mountainous landscapes, Rusty's paintings and limited edition prints exhibit a colorful and playful whimsy that has become his signature.

Jon Birdsong

Growing up in the Texas Panhandle, an area of vastness and isolation, has been the inspiration for the works of artist Jon Birdsong.

After graduating from West Texas State Uni-



The 29th Salado Art Fair will feature artwork from 200 artists and crafters, including brush artist Rusty Speck.

versity with a teaching certificate in Social Studies, Birdsong had his first exposure to art. Since art seemed so natural for him, he coupled his love for teaching with art and completed certification in that area. He has been an art

instructor in the public school system and taught private watercolor workshops for nineteen years. Birdsong completed a Masters of Education at WTSU and is presently teaching

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Salado Soph named All-State baseball

Chris Frazier, Salado High School sophomore, has been named to the All State Baseball Team as a pitcher.

Frazier was also named First Team All-District and Honorable Mention All Cen-Tex.

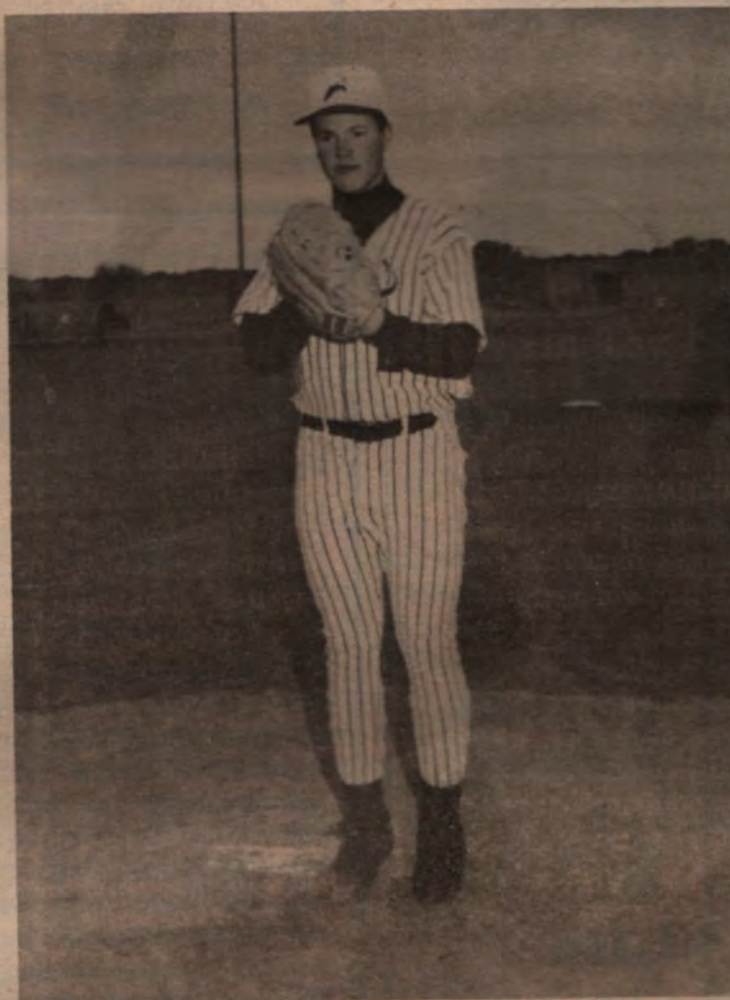
Frazier had a perfect season with 9 wins and no losses, including 6 wins in district play.

Pitching 62 innings, Frazier struck out 94 batters, walked 16 and allowed only 19 hits.

Only three batters crossed the plate on earned runs, giving him an ERA of .33 for the season.

His district stats were very impressive as well as he pitched 38 innings with 52 strikeouts, 6 walks, and one earned run for an ERA of .18.

Frazier is the son of Don and Susie Frazier, of Salado.



Chris Frazier, All State Baseball Pitcher

George W. Bush will speak at Expo

Governor George W. Bush will be the featured speaker at the Bell County EXPO, July 20.

This will be Governor Bush's first visit to Bell County since his inauguration in January, 1995. The visit will celebrate the successful completion of the 94th Legislature, during which Bush's campaign agenda was enacted into state law. Governor Bush will celebrate with Bell County Republicans to support the local Republican Party and its Headquarters.

The dinner will be held at the Bell County EXPO Center in Belton, Texas, beginning at 6:30 p.m. July 20. The theme for the din-

ner will echo Bush's Inaugural theme, "What Texans Can Dream, Texans Can Do!"

The event will also feature an auction by the Bell Conservative PAC to raise funds for Conservative Candidates in 1996. Auction items will be accepted until July 18, 1995 at Republican Headquarters.

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Cobb

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Our rating: ****

by **Tim Fleischer**
Editor-in-Chief

For Tommy Lee Jones fans, **Cobb** is a must-see movie! I think it is Jones' finest performance to-date, even better than his role in **The Fugitive** (for which he won Best Supporting Actor).

It is easy to see that Jones enjoyed portraying the egomaniacal, bigoted, brash and spiteful Ty Cobb, who hires a sportswriter to write his autobiography. Jones portrays Cobb over 50 years, from a young man entering the game to a sick, angry old man, left without friend or family in his last days.

Robert Wuhl plays Al Stump, who is forced to choose between writing the truth that Cobb is mean, hateful and prejudiced or writing about Cobb's greatness on the baseball field. Beginning as Cobb's writer, Stump becomes his stenographer, nursemaid and, at the end, his friend.

This is a great baseball movie, even though it is hardly about baseball at all. It easily earns its R rating for the colorful (and imaginative) language.

Our rating system

* A dog ** A dog with spots *** Reaches mediocrity
**** Better than many ***** One of the best

Clinton begins race early during dog days of summer

If these are the "dog days" of summer for all of us lesser lights, think what they must be for certain members of our political ruling class! Specifically, President Clinton, who is a long 16 months away from the 1996 general election - and yet has already begun an unprecedented early reelection advertising move!

These TV short-shots started in late June and will continue in selected states for the next few months.

Texas has been spared this ordeal for now, but never fear, all that will come soon enough when those who yearn for the presidency (and they are legion) drop in on us (via the airwaves) during the pre-primary silly season.

We have to presume that Clinton has written off the Lone Star State for now and that may be a well advised move - that is, to spend his money where it will buy the most votes.

Texas not being a credible market for him at this point in time.

The Pres has other problems as well, starting with Jesse Jackson, the self-proclaimed rainbow (spelled black-only) coalition leader who spends his waking

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



hours searching for any (and all) photo-ops while screaming to anyone listening that **he "must" run for the presidency** since Clinton, he says, has "retired" him to the **back of the leadership bus**.

Jackson is not Clinton's only problem. A number of conservative Democrats are jumping ship almost daily including Texan Greg Laughlin who represents an area running from the Austin suburbs to the gulf coast.

Laughlin says he decamped to the GOP because he believes: **"so much in family values"**. From that we would surmise that Democrats do not embrace nor share such noble beliefs.

Of course being appointed the next day to the House Ways and Means Committee by old "Eye of the Newt" Gingrich, may have assisted the turn-coating Laughlin to also believe in **the value of helping one's self**

Clinton's poll results are not providing much peace of mind as he battles daily

with a GOP loaded Congress filled with libertarian-like beliefs plus an increasingly hostile public that is far from happy with the lack of progress the president and his band of merry staff-persons, have come up with during the past two years (and six months and four days and three hours).

But who is counting?

And to top all this off our fearless leader-in-chief came forth last week to tell us of his great pacific victory over Japan. Japan **blinked** he noted with glee - something no other president had ever done - i.e. forcing the Nip government into conceding anything - so it was to be clear sailing from now on as the gates to trade would swing wide.

This is all **political double-speak**. Japan won that agreement and the debate hands-down with nothing but a finger-crossed promise and nothing in writing. They will continue keeping our stuff out and their stuff in - thus helping to increase the imbalance of trade dollars.

Embattled on all fronts, Clinton cannot even turn to the funny papers for relaxation without seeing or reading about those who

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Salado Legends features 8th generation Texan

Grace Sayre-Hill who plays Emmaline McDougal in the **Legends of Salado** this year, is an eighth generation descendent of one of the first families to settle in Bell County.

Her ancestor Goldsby Childers arrived in Texas in 1832 and settled on the Little River near Rogers. Goldsby and his son Pryor located the large spring at present day Camp Tahuaya and his son Robert built a mill near the spring as marked by the Historical Marker on Camp Tahuaya grounds. His daughter Carline married O.T. Tyler and the family lived in Salado for 20 years. Acting the part of Emmaline will be like reliving her family history for Grace, who is proud of her Texas ancestors. She is currently serving as Registrar General of the Children of The Republic of Texas, an organization of descendants of the original settlers of Texas.

Salado Legends will open its summer season at Tablerock Amphitheater on Royal St. July 22, July 29 and Aug. 5.



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SHS Cheerleaders return from NCA Camp, Kite named All-American



Cassie Kite

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The National Cheer-

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Mashburn earns silver at state

Tony Mashburn, a 1995 graduate of Salado High School participated in the State Solo and Ensemble Contest at San Marcos, May 27. Tony earned a first division rating on his class I solo at the district competition earlier this spring to be eligible for the contest. Class I music literature is the most difficult level in U.I.L. Contests. At the State Contest Tony earned a second division rating and a silver medal for his performance of Leopold Mozart's "Concerto for Trumpet." Tony has been a



Tony Mashburn

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These test readings indicate Salado Creek meets state standards for a stream used for recreational purposes.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:
As the bumper sticker says, "I wasn't born in Texas but I got her as soon as I could." I was raised in a military family which meant we followed my father all over the world and nation. I moved over 72 times before I was 12 years old. I lived in or visited over 20 countries and 40 states, attending as many as 5 schools in one year. This all just goes to say that I have met and known a lot of people...but never ever have I known any people as kind, caring and just plain loving and wonderful as the people of Salado, Texas.

In June we held a benefit barbecue-dance-auction for my Uncle Charles Edward Smith, aged 77. Unbeknownst to many, Charles, as he was fondly known at the Dairy Queen where he was cook and friend to many, had quietly and valiantly been fighting a losing battle against prostate cancer.

The doctors finally told Charles to put his affairs in order and his private battle suddenly became public knowledge in early May. Within days friends and family were offering unsolicited assistance with Charles' medical and travel expenses so that he might return to Phoenix, Arizona to live out his life in the company of his children and grandchildren and where

his wife has a sister. Soon the idea of a benefit occurred and before you could say, "Salado Texas cares," over 100 auction items were donated and by the time the benefit was held over 200 friends and family had come together in support of a neighbor. People come together all over Texas to support their neighbors. What makes this event so special? Here are just a couple of the many stories I could tell.

A young man in his early teens was bidding on an autographed baseball cap. The bidding exceeded the young man's assets of \$20. His father offered to loan him some extra money but the young man said, "If I don't have the money I don't need that hat." The young man let the cap go but as soon as the auction was over he came up to the cashier with his hard earned \$20 and donated it. He could've had a cap but that wasn't what he was there for, he was there for Charles.

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Auxiliary meets to hear about county museums

The Auxiliary of the Salado Chamber of Commerce will meet at the Civic Center July 13 with a social period at 9:30 a.m. followed by the regular meeting at 10 a.m.

A program titled "History of Bell County as Reflected in its Museums," will be presented by program chairman MaryBelle Brown. A representative from each museum will speak briefly about their organization, and handouts will be available. Those included will be, The Railroad and Pioneer Museum, Scott and White Memorial Hospital Archives and Museum, and The Czech Heritage Museum, all of Temple. Also the Bell County Museum of Belton, the Central Texas Area Museum of Salado and two military history museums of Forth Hood.

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Art Fair

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at the University,

Teaching is a strength of Birdsong's yet he has won several prestigious awards with his own paintings. Birdsong's work is sold through several major galleries in Texas and New Mexico. He is asked to display work in shows, for conventions and for others interested in art in the Panhandle area. He received national prominence when President Gerald Ford accepted one of his

paintings to hang in the White House during his administration. This past year, Ford received a second Birdsong painting as a gift from the University.

Birdsong prefers to work with watercolor. His technique is basically the wet into wet with dry brush in the final stages. He uses a limited palette which he feels sets the mood of his subject matter. His work captures the feeling of the Texas Panhandle with houses and barns on the farms and ranches, surrounded by gnarled trees and clusters of vegetation. Although this is the area of concentration, his paintings simulate the beauty of many other areas of the country with moody skies, nostalgic buildings, trees with character, weathered fences and barns and the symmetrical beauty of windmills and silos.

The artist and his wife, Ronnie, work out of their home studio. Birdsong prefers to do his painting in his home setting, close to his family. He and Ronnie, along with their four children Jeff, Jon, Ronda and Michael, welcome those interested to visit their studio located in Canyon, Texas.

The 29th Annual Salado Art Fair August 5-6 in Pace Park will draw thousands of visitors to this quiet village.

The Art Fair also draws some of Texas' finest artists in several media, including all styles of paint-

ing, sculpture, jewelry, wood crafts, handmade clothing and handmade toys. This year, almost 190 juried artists, from a list of over 1,000 applicants, will show their work at the Art Fair.

The Art Fair is set in Pace Park, along the banks of Salado Creek. Admission to the Salado Art Fair is \$3.00 per person, free to children age 12 and under. The Fair will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, August 5 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, August 6.

The annual event is the largest fund-raiser for the Salado Chamber of Commerce. The Art Fair also helps to raise funds for many civic and school organizations in the village. Many of these organizations offer a variety of food and drinks. Salado Public Library holds a used books sale. The Salado Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary handcrafted a beautiful quilt, on display at the Fair. A drawing for the quilt will be held August 6.

There are free parking areas in the village with free transportation to the Art Fair grounds. Handicapped parking is available on the Pace Park fairgrounds. A hospitality tent provides shade for sitting, eating and relaxing. Free programs map artists' booth locations.

For more information about the Salado Art Fair, contact the Salado Chamber of Commerce at P.O. Box 81, Salado, TX 76571 or phone 817-947-5040.

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Keifer Marshall, Jr. is shown above with wife Kitty at the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima Memorial Service in Washington, D.C.

Iwo Jima vet speaks to Lions

A veteran of Iwo Jima will address the Salado Lions Club during its luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. July 12 at Mill Creek Country Club.

Keifer Marshall will recall the 45 days of battle he spent in Iwo Jima. A member of the Third Marine

Division, he was in the 9th Regiment, F Company, 2nd Battalion and was a rifleman.

The Temple native was photographed by a military photographer in a fox hole with a Marine from another unit. The photograph was used in the book, **Iwo Jima: Amphibious Epic.**

Because of the photograph, he was invited to the 25th and 50th Anniversary ceremonies in Washington, D.C., of the Battle of Iwo Jima.

Over 60,000 Marines landed at Iwo Jima and almost 6,000 were killed in the battle, but Marshall was uninjured in the fight.

Marshall was also in the mop-up campaign of Guam.

After the war, he returned to the University of Texas to complete his BBA Degree in 1950. He returned to his hometown of Temple and went into the life insurance business.

In 1968, he organized a property and casualty agency and operated it for 27 years.

He sold the agency to Anco Insurance, where he continues to be associated as Senior Vice-President.

SHS Science Club sends 4 to wildlife management camp

Salado High School Club will be sending four students to the Kerr Wildlife Management Area, July 24-28. Two teams consisting of Jeremy Buckner and Michael McDonald-Anndra Dunnahoo and Kelly Whitley will spend five days at the wildlife ecology and management youth camp. The students will receive intensive training on the principles of wildlife biology and habitat management with emphasis on the Central Texas region.

To raise funds for this youth camp, the Science Club students will have a car wash on Saturday, July 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Salado Dairy Queen. Please come out and support your Salado youth.

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Langford to review *The Scarlet Letter* at FBC

Camille Langford from Lampasas will review **The Scarlet Letter** by Nathaniel Hawthorne 10 a.m., July 17, at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall. Langford has been reviewing books for 32 years. Her purpose has been to comfort and inspire. As an educator she has taught on the college level as well as Junior high and primary levels. She earned a Master of Science and a Bachelor of Arts from Baylor

University.

She is married to Henry Langford, a rancher. They have three children: one daughter and two sons.

Bring your favorite game and covered dish and join in the fellowship and fun after the program. If you cannot stay for fellowship and lunch, feel free to leave after the program. Everyone in the Salado area that is 55 plus is invited to attend.



Camille Langford

Tapestry set July 22 at First Baptist, Belton

The 6th Annual Tapestry, a special event for women, will be July 22, at First Baptist Church of Belton. The day's schedule begins at 9:30 a.m. with registration and coffee fellowship, followed by the morning session with guest speaker, Joanne Wallace, of California.

Wallace's subject for the morning is "Becoming Your Best," not allowing past failures get in the way. Lunch will be catered by Spices Restaurant of Belton and Ye Olde English Bakery of Temple. During the lunch break, a bookstore will be available by Greater Gifts of Belton. The afternoon session will be "Starting Over Again," whether it be the empty nest, the loss of a loved one, the loss of a job or a divorce



Joanne Wallace

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Wallace is a best-selling author, media personality, internationally-known speaker, former corporation president, award winner, wife, mother, and grandmother. She has received the prestigious designation of Certified Speaking Professional from the

National Speakers Association, the title of Mrs. Oregon 1969, and competed in the Mrs. America pageant. She founded Image Improvement, Inc. and has been heard by thousands through Dr. James Dobson's "Focus on the Family," the 700 Club and Sheila Waish's "Heart to Heart." For ten years she wrote a feature column for Virtue Magazine. Some of her books include Starting Over Again, How To Be Your Best, The Confident Woman, and The Working Woman. Gospel Films is distributing her video series, Being Your Best for Him.

Registration is \$12.50 before July 18. After that date, the cost is \$15.00. Registration forms are available at First Baptist Church of Belton.

Childcare is free by reservation only and includes planned activities for the day for infants through 8 years old. For more information call Mrs. John Coulter or Mrs. Paul Crews of Temple, chairmen.

Village Voice move complete

Salado Village Voice is now in the new office on 100 Mill Creek Dr. #125 at Salado Plaza, just a few doors down from IGA Village Foods.

Regular office hours remain the same: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday and Wednesday through Friday. Tues-

day, Saturday and Sunday the office is closed. Deadline is Friday for publication in the following Wednesday issue.

A drop slot is located at the office entrance for those who cannot make it by during regular office hours.

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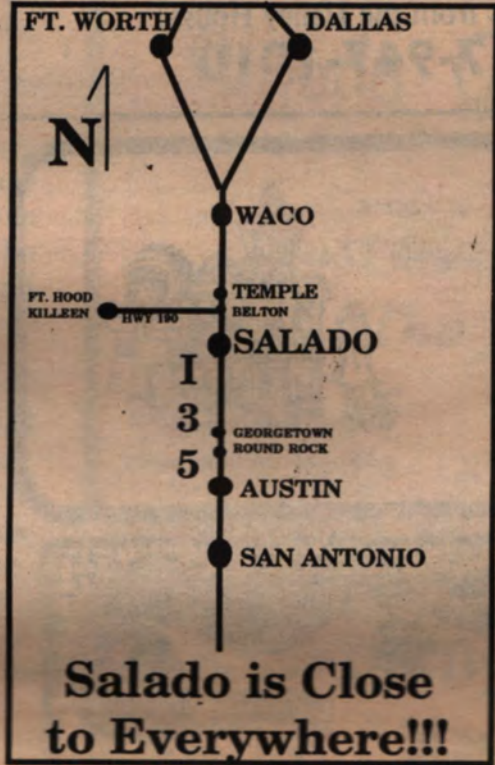
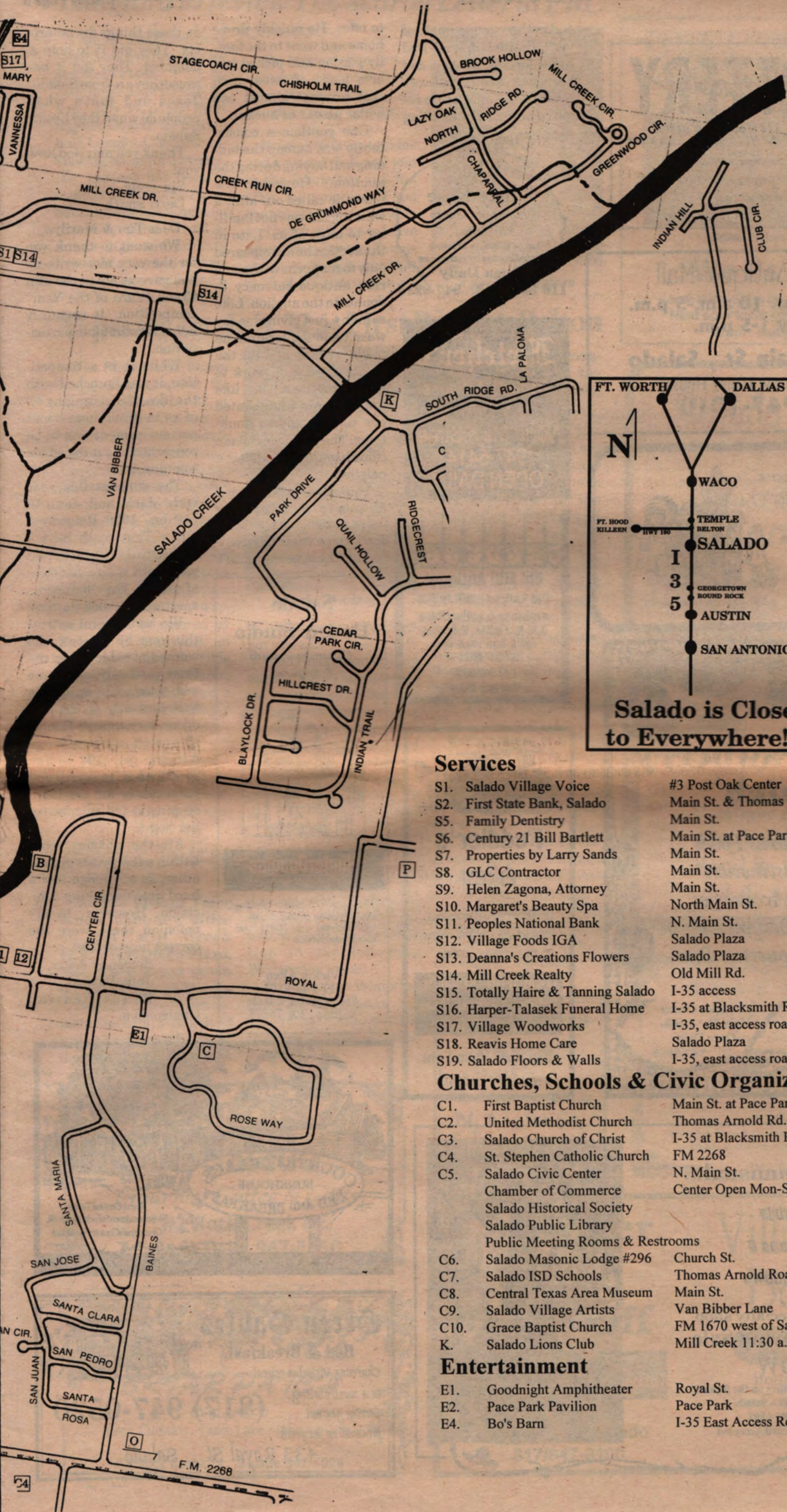
Shopping

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| 1. Wells Gallery | Next to Stagecoach Inn | 817/947-0311 |
| 2. Salado Pottery | Next to Stagecoach Inn | 817/947-5935 |
| 3. Salado Galleries | Main Street | 817/947-5110 |
| 4. Gregory's | Shady Villa on Main St. | 817/947-5703 |
| 5. Salado Country Antiques | Shady Villa on Main St. | 817/947-8363 |
| 7. Sweet Nut Things | Shady Villa on Main St. | 817/947-8088 |
| 8. Peddler's Alley | Behind Museum off Main | 817/947-9722 |
| 9. The Dusty Rose | Royal St. | 817/947-9215 |
| 11. Spring House Antiques | Royal St. | 817/947-0747 |
| 12. Royal Street Commons | Corner of Royal and Center Circle | |
| A. Red Barn Antique Mall | Royal St. Commons | 817/947-1050 |
| B. Scents of Salado | Royal St. Commons | 817/947-0340 |
| C. Cultures | Royal St. Commons | 817/947-0626 |
| 13. The Royal Emporium | Main & Royal | 817/947-5718 |
| 14. Grace Jones | One Royal | 817/947-5555 |
| 15. The Gazebo | Old Mill Plaza | 817/947-0075 |
| 18. The Christmas Shop | Green House on the Creek | 817/947-5561 |
| 19. Susan Marie's Boutique | Creekside Center | 817/947-5239 |
| 20. Lady Asher | Creekside Center | 817/947-9450 |
| 21. Strawberry Patch | Creekside Center | 817/947-9955 |
| 22. Magnolia's on the Square | Salado Square on Main St. | 817/947-0323 |
| A. Cowgirls, Indians & Outlaws | Magnolia's on the Square | 817/947-0323 |
| B. Penelope's | Magnolia's on the Square | 817/947-0323 |
| C. The Village Vintner | Magnolia's on the Square | 817/947-0323 |
| 23. Main Street Place | Salado Square | 817/947-9908 |
| 24. Ticklish of Salado | Salado Square | 817/947-8089 |
| 25. Another Day | Salado Square | 817/947-0300 |
| 26. Darwin Britt Furniture | Salado Square | 817/947-3011 |
| 27. The Village Boutique | N. Main St. | 817/947-9100 |
| 28. Sir Wigglesworth | Main at Rock Creek | 817/947-8846 |
| 29. Seasons of Salado | Rock Creek | 817/947-8250 |
| 30. Briar Patch of Salado | Rock Creek | 817/947-5024 |
| 31. Heirlooms Mall | Old Church Place | 817/947-0336 |
| A. The Doll House | Heirlooms Mall | |
| B. Classic Antiques | Heirlooms Mall | 817/947-0604 |
| 32. Hutchens House | N. Main St. | 817/947-8177 |
| 33. Salado Confectionery | N. Main St. | 817/947-0326 |
| 34. Old Town Salado | Across from Salado Civic Center on Main St. | |
| A. The Store | Old Town Salado | 817/947-9000 |
| C. Christy's | Old Town Salado | 817/947-0561 |
| D. Cathy's Signatures Cakes | Old Town Salado | 817/947-8162 |
| E. MJ's Country Corner | Old Town Salado | 817/947-8885 |
| F. Circle S | Old Town Salado | 817-947-8788 |
| 35. Salado Antique Mall | N. Main St. | 817/947-1010 |
| 36. Fletcher's Books & Antiques | N. Main St. | 817/947-5414 |
| 37. Mountain Mary's Tonkawa | I-35 access road, exit 285 | 817/947-9393 |
| 38. Old Mill Antiques | I-35 at Tahuaya Rd. Exit | 817/947-9959 |
| 39. The Chopping Block
at Robertson's Hams | I-35, exit 285 | 817/947-5562 |

Dining & Lodging

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| A. Stagecoach Inn | I-35 exits 283, 284 | 817/947-5111 |
| B. Inn on the Creek | Center Circle | 817/947-5554 |
| C. The Rose Mansion | One Rose Way | 817/947-8200 |
| D. La Mansion de Salado | Main St. | 817/947-5157 |
| E. The Inn at Salado | Main St. | 817/947-8200 |
| F. Browning's Courtyard Cafe | Salado Square | 817/947-8666 |
| G. Young Williams Manor | Main St. at Blacksmith Rd. | 817/947-0306 |
| H. Halley House Bed and Breakfast | N. Main St. | 817/947-1000 |
| K. Mill Creek Country Club | Old Mill Rd. | 817/947-5141 |
| L. Cowboy's Barbecue | I-35, exit 285, west side | 817/947-5700 |
| M. HoJo Inn | I-35, west side | 817/947-5000 |
| N. Dairy Queen | I-35 at Thomas Arnold Rd. | 817/947-5406 |
| O. Country Place Bed & Breakfast | FM 2268 east of Salado | 817/947-9683 |
| P. Green Gables Bed & Breakfast | 433 Royal St. | 817/947-0520 |
| Q. Pink Rose Tea Room | N. Main St. | 817/947-9110 |
| 34D. Cathy's Signatures Cakes | Old Town Salado | 817/947-8162 |





Services

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| S1. Salado Village Voice | #3 Post Oak Center | 817/947-5321 |
| S2. First State Bank, Salado | Main St. & Thomas Arnold | 817/947-5852 |
| S5. Family Dentistry | Main St. | 817/947-5242 |
| S6. Century 21 Bill Bartlett | Main St. at Pace Park | 817/947-5050 |
| S7. Properties by Larry Sands | Main St. | 817/947-5580 |
| S8. GLC Contractor | Main St. | 817/947-0600 |
| S9. Helen Zagona, Attorney | Main St. | 817/947-8170 |
| S10. Margaret's Beauty Spa | North Main St. | 817/947-9360 |
| S11. Peoples National Bank | N. Main St. | 817/947-5051 |
| S12. Village Foods IGA | Salado Plaza | 817/947-8922 |
| S13. Deanna's Creations Flowers | Salado Plaza | 817/947-0222 |
| S14. Mill Creek Realty | Old Mill Rd. | 817/947-8800 |
| S15. Totally Haire & Tanning Salado | I-35 access | 817/947-0700 |
| S16. Harper-Talasek Funeral Home | I-35 at Blacksmith Rd. | 817/947-5511 |
| S17. Village Woodworks | I-35, east access road | 817/947-0345 |
| S18. Reavis Home Care | Salado Plaza | 817/947-0844 |
| S19. Salado Floors & Walls | I-35, east access road | 817/947-0048 |

Churches, Schools & Civic Organizations

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| C1. First Baptist Church | Main St. at Pace Park | 817/947-5465 |
| C2. United Methodist Church | Thomas Arnold Rd. | 817/947-5482 |
| C3. Salado Church of Christ | I-35 at Blacksmith Rd. | 817/947-5241 |
| C4. St. Stephen Catholic Church | FM 2268 | 817/947-8037 |
| C5. Salado Civic Center | N. Main St. | 817/947-5040 |
| Chamber of Commerce | Center Open Mon-Sat 9-5, Sun 1-5 | |
| Salado Historical Society | | |
| Salado Public Library | | |
| Public Meeting Rooms & Restrooms | | |
| C6. Salado Masonic Lodge #296 | Church St. | |
| C7. Salado ISD Schools | Thomas Arnold Road. | 817/947-5479 |
| C8. Central Texas Area Museum | Main St. | 817/947-5232 |
| C9. Salado Village Artists | Van Bibber Lane | every Tues. |
| C10. Grace Baptist Church | FM 1670 west of Salado | 817/947-5917 |
| K. Salado Lions Club | Mill Creek 11:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays | |

Entertainment

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| E1. Goodnight Amphitheater | Royal St. | 817/947-8887 |
| E2. Pace Park Pavilion | Pace Park | 817/947-5040 |
| E4. Bo's Barn | I-35 East Access Rd. | 817/947-8111 |



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do these things for notoriety. They did it to help a neighbor. They did it because they are from Salado, Texas and that's what people do when they live in Salado.

Thank you and God love you!

Sincerely
Dezri Smith

Dear Tim & Marilyn,
We want to thank you for the very nice write-up you gave us about the Mill Creek "Yard of the Year" competition. It certainly helped to stimulate participation.

While it is a competition, it was launched with the idea of encouraging all of us to think more about our environment and to be concerned about the whole community.

The winners this year were Jack and Jaunita Hardin, 1000 Ridgecrest Drive. They really have a beautifully landscaped yard with many varieties of plants. They had some spectacular moon flowers.

We had several entries this year by persons who wanted to enter either the front yard only, and some who wanted to enter the backyard only. In this category, we awarded Honorable Mention to Mrs. Marge Kirkman at 1124 Indian Trail for her front yard and particularly for the landscaping at the entrance of her home.

All the entries were within a few points of each other, so our judge had a hard time in making a decision. However, in my opinion these were the correct judgements.

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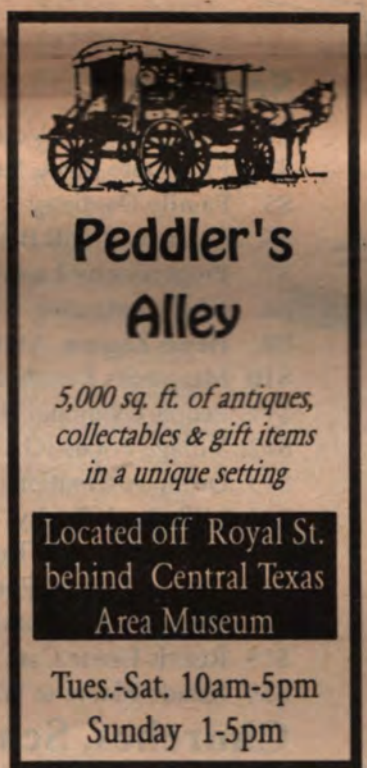
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You will note that I used no names in recounting these stories. It's not that I don't know their names, I do. But these people didn't

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"A limited number of signed copies are also for sale," said museum director Stephanie Turnham. The book retails for \$27.95, plus tax, but "museum members can receive a 10 percent discount on its purchase."

The Eakin Press publication chronicles the life of Texas first female governor, who is also the woman ever elected to serve as governor in the United States. "Ma" Ferguson was a Bell County native, and the Bell County Museum is home to the most comprehensive collection of Ferguson material in the public sphere.

May Nelson Paulissen, Ph.D., is an instructor at Houston Community College who has worked over 15 years gathering material for the Ferguson book. Carl McQueary is currently director of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Museum, is a former director of the Bell County Museum, and also serves on the Texas Historical Commission.

While serving as the first director of the Bell County Museum, McQueary, along with the Curtis Younts family and other community leaders were instrumental in obtaining the Ferguson collection for the museum in 1991. The material was made available to the museum by the family of Mrs. Ferguson.

Other publications about Miriam Ferguson for sale at the Bell County Museum are "Ma's in the Kitchen," a cookbook also written by Paulissen and McQueary (\$16.95), and "Miriam Amanda Ferguson: First Woman Governor of Texas," which chronicles her life through the clothes she wore (\$9.95). This informative book, written in a paperdoll book format, is by Nelda Patteson.

The museum is located at 201 N. Main, Belton. Museum hours are Tuesday - Saturday 1-5 p.m. For more information, call 933-5243.



1995 Salado Sizzlers

The Salado Sizzlers Freshmen Girls Fast Pitch Team, sponsored by The Stagecoach Inn, completed the 1995 season with a 7-6 record in regular season play, third place in the west zone. Team members were (front row, from left) Megan Fleck, Randi Rader, Stephanie Krueger, Stphanie Marley, Jenna Fritsch, (second row, from left) Lindsay Quirk, Megan Joiner, Veronica Quick, Ashley Kelly, Lindsey Pruitt, (back row, from left) Stacey Bloidgett, Coach Steve Marley, Lauren Quirk, Coach Linda Quirk, Robyn Womac. Not pictured is Tiffany Blair.

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Events are open to everyone with an interest in the art and skill of quilting. Events will include lectures, workshops and meals. Vendors will be available on Saturday and Sunday, featuring quilting supplies.

QPW 2 opens with a kick-off social hour 6:30 p.m. Sept. 8. As many of the guest instructors as possible will be there. A free day long series of lectures on the basics of

quiltmaking will be offered Sept. 9.

Each lecture will be 40 to 45 minutes long and is taught by a volunteer from the Quilt Guild. Also Sept. 9 are classes on miniature quilts, children's quilting and using mirrors to determine the piecing of a quilt. Costs for these classes vary as does the length of the classes. Instructors are Mary Ann Loveless, former Guild president, Gail Valentine of Austin and Jackie Cantrell Asbill of Richardson, Texas.

The noon luncheon on Sept. 9 will include a lecture by quilt historian, Terry Browder of Terry Browder Quilts, Abilene. Browder is a quilt historian who focuses his attention on preservation of the art of quilting, dating quilts and the quilting heritage. This will be an 'inter-active' lecture so participants are asked to bring questions.

A morning 'show and tell' brunch, where works developed the previous day are displayed, and two afternoon workshops will be held Sept. 10. The winner of the 1993 Best of Show award at the American International Quilt Show in Houston, Cynthia England, will teach one of the afternoon classes, using a special technique she developed while producing the winning quilt. Floral designs will be featured in this class. The other afternoon class will feature Killeenite Nancy Farmer, teaching about watercolor quilts.

For additional information or registration forms, send a self-addressed, stamped envelop to QPW 2, Box 10543, Killeen, TX 76547. Deadline for registration is Aug. 28. Supply and equipment lists are sent after registration forms have been returned and classes paid.

Anita Monfrini, of Arlington, Texas is happy to announce her engagement to Graham Cornford of Windmill Hill, Great Britain. Anita is the daughter of Richard and the late Martha Monfrini of Salado, Texas. The wedding will take place at Fielder Road Baptist Church Chapel in Arlington, Texas on October 14, 1995.

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News of the Churches and people of our village

Cedar Valley Baptist VBS set July 17-21

Cedar Valley Baptist Church has set its Vacation Bible School, Trail of Treasures for July 17-21 7-9 p.m. each evening.

The Vacation Bible School is open to preschoolers ages 4-5 and Kindergarten-6th graders.

Trail of Treasures is the Vacation Bible School theme. Together, Bible schoolers will learn from the Bible about the treasures of God's beautiful world, and ways to thank and praise Him for His goodness. Special studies, times of recreation, and

Unity Church names its new spiritual leader

The Unity Church of Temple welcomes its new spiritual leader

Rev. Tommy Thompson, Pastor Thompson has only recently completed 28 years as an Army Chaplain. During his military service, he saw two tours in Vietnam and other assignment in Greece, Italy, Germany, and the Republic of Panama.

The new pastor was identified as a powerful communicator who always sought unique ways to communicate his strong faith in Jesus Christ and in the Christian Church. To that end, he developed dramatic monologues for over 20 Biblical characters which he does in full costume.

Widely sought for his patriotic addresses, he received 15 awards in Europe for speeches which connected the Christian faith to the foundations of democracy. Past Thompson videotaped two of these addresses for the Secretary of the Army by request. Additionally, he was twice commended by Toastmistresses International for exceptional speaking ability.

Under this new leadership; the Unity Church of Temple will continue to offer its ministry to the community of the central Texas area: a ministry of love, peace, prosperity, and an intense belief in the individual worth of all God's children.

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**Cedar Valley Baptist Church
Vacation Bible School Registration Form**

Child's Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Child Age/Grade: _____

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A registration form adjoining this article should be sent to Cedar Valley Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Box 118, Salado, TX 76571 or bring it with you the nights of the Vacation Bible School.

The Cedar Valley Baptist Church is located eight miles west of Salado on FM 2843.

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Phair named Artist of Month

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After graduation from Highland Park High School Andy enrolled in the College of Fine Arts at the University of Texas. There she discovered that art should be her hobby instead of her profession. Participating in several art groups while living in Austin, she took lessons from prominent artists there, studying and exhibiting until she moved to Salado in 1982.

Andy started Salado's first art club, the Salado Village Artists, which has continued to grow into a prominent, community-minded group. She was selected to show her work with the Salado Village Artists club at the Cultural Arts Center in a juried exhibition, from which she was chosen as one of two artists to be featured in a two woman show in the McCreary Gallery. Ultimately, this led to an invitation to participate in a fund raiser for the CAC in which artist painted their works on the walls of the gallery; and these were auctioned off. Successful bidders actually took home a portion of the wall for their efforts.

She has taught several sessions of beginner oil painting classes, introducing many of the present club members to the enjoyable pastime of painting for pleasure. This summer she organized and taught part of a two-month program aimed at Salado High School students which included drawing, oil painting and watercolor. Her



Andy Phair

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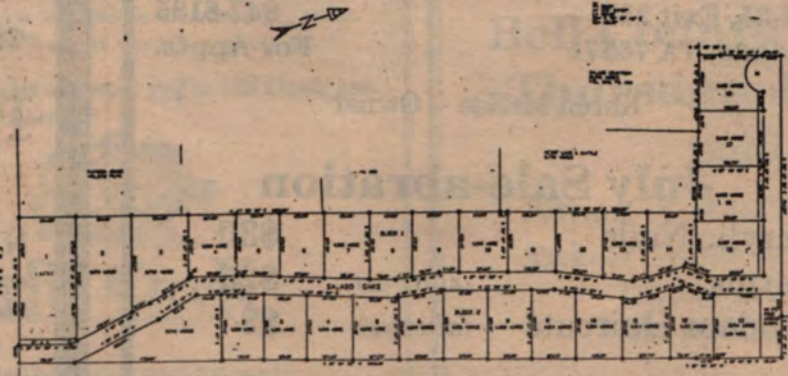
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The 1995-96 officers of the Salado Masonic Lodge, #296 were installed recently. They are (bottom row, from left) Senior Warden Wayne Lowery, Installing Master Moore Matthews, Worshipful Master David Matthews, Past Master Joe Lanthier, Junior Warden Fred McAferty, (second row, from left) Senior Deacon Billy Leonard, Installing Marshal and Secretary George Bushee, Chaplain Bill Piper, Junior Deacon Tim Fleischer, Senior Steward Truett Williams and (top) Tiler Gerald Bridges. Not shown are Treasurer Derwood Mosley and Junior Steward Paul Boggs.

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salivate openly for his job. Those on the other side of the political fence as well as a few within his own party.

There is fearless Pat Buchanan who has a lock on the **far right zealotites** and grumpy Phil Gramm who fashions himself the **guru of the secular-economic rag-heads**.

And of course, Bob Dole who is leading the various opinion polls and gravitating towards the moderate center where he has to be to win nomination.

Oh yes, we sure don't want to forget the troublesome Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) who is the **acknowledged cuckoo-vote leader!**

Helms, of course, does not think of himself as presidential material, but he does love to cause just enough mischief to keep Clinton off balance.

And lest we forget, there is that diminutive leader of the group that gave Clinton the White House in 1992 - by denying votes to George Bush - our old friend from Dallas - Ross Perot. He could be a force to reckon with again in 1996, if he so desires. And we think **he does so-desire!**

Who the winners will be 16 months from now - we dare not guess. The losers we predict will be the long suffering American public who will be forced to listen to all this nonsensical chit-chat for what will become an historically elongated pre-pre-election period of time.

Cut, Slash and Then Spend!

The 1995-7 Texas State Budget was signed into law amid the "no new tax" hurrahs of both political parties down in Austin two weeks ago. The spending plan, lawmakers bragged, outlines a way **to reduce** - through fewer dollar allocations - **several thousand state employees over the next two years.**

A few pages later on in the biennial spending bill is an **appropriation of some \$46 million to**

build a brand new 240,000 square foot office building that will house the legislative support staff including the Legislative Budget Board, Sunset Commission, State Auditors office, Legislative Reference Library and the Legislative Council.

All of this **one short year** after they put the finishing touches on the **\$200 million capitol building restoration** which they (whoever they are) now say "lost space for staff".

In fact some have opined that between the Governor's Office, Secretary of State, legislative staff and support workers there will be a need, by the year 2021, **for a million and a half square feet of additional office space!**

Our lawmakers have proven once again they are a scruffy lot except when it comes time to plan for future personal staff growth with the accompanying office space.

Actually, the projected need for space during the next 25 years may or may not be correct, but increasing staff size is a given when it comes to the legislature.

What really is needed during the next several years, is not more office space, but additional dollars for education, criminal justice and some workable social programs whose funds will be cut when they are block-granted by the Feds!

That's -30-