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(Above) Jenny Cospers was crowned Homecoming Queen Sept. 18 before the Eagles beat Holland. She is a senior active as twirler and 4-H member. She is the daughter of Cecil and Virginia Cospers. Last year, (Below) The Salado Eagles posted a winning football season, 6-3-1, placing 19 players on the All-District squads.



1992 in Salado

Pictures on this page are just a few of the memories of 1992 captured by the Salado Village Voice. (Above) Bill Clinton and Al Gore stopped at Salado's Stagecoach Inn where hundreds had gathered during their Texas Bus Tour in Oct. It is the first time a major political candidate for President has stopped in Salado during the campaign. (Left) Wilma Williams was honored for her 10 years of service during the Chamber banquet in Jan. U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards was the featured speaker.



(Above) Renovation of the old red schoolhouse made headlines throughout the year as the village raised funds to benefit the project. B.J. McConnell presents a \$10,000 check to Patsy Sanford and Stewart Smith. Renovation began in December.

Salado has many events during the year, including the annual Bluebonnet Parade and Antique Show in April (left). Other events: Art Fair, Christmas in October, Gathering of the Clans and Christmas Stroll.

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Year of the Gun

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Our rating: ****

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

I don't know how it happened, but this film starring Andrew McCarthy and Sharon Stone slipped by me this year. Early in the year, I saw previews for this thriller, and intended to see it. I missed it at the theaters and later when it was released on videocassette.

But, there it sat at the IGA Video, surrounded by big budget blockbusters like **Basic Instinct**, **Patriot Games**, etc.

Let me say this: **Year of the Gun** is not a movie to be missed. Throughout the 110 minutes, it is an exciting, intelligent rollercoaster ride as good as **Patriot Games** and better than **Basic Instinct**.

McCarthy stars as David Raybourne, an American writer in Italy during the violent 1970s, writing a "novel" about the Red Brigade. He meets photojournalist Alison King (Sharon Stone) and the two are drawn into a web of danger and deceit.

If you liked **Patriot Games**, then **Year of the Gun** is a movie that you should not miss.

Our rating system

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

A brand new year kicks off in two short days and with it comes the always optimistic hope that things will be better as we open the blank pages of a new year's book complete with 365 days of promise.

Even the toughest curmudgeon among us has a fleeting moment of expectations that are good and helpful, especially on Day-One of a new year.

With this sort of "hopeful" theme in mind, this week's end-of-year column will contain some wishful thinking on the various levels of government that control so much of our daily lives. Just what you might expect from a political junkie who is politely called a "Political Commentator" by the publishers of this weekly newspaper.

Salado

The big news in 1992 was the start-up of the renovation of the old red brick school house on Main Street. Our hope, therefore, is that during 1993, funds will be available to complete the entire project, top and bottom and that the annual chamber of commerce banquet can be held in January 1994, in the assembly hall on the second floor of the

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



building and that the entire civic and cultural center will be busy from daylight until dark each day. No doubt the long awaited public restrooms will fit that description from opening day forward.

Second hope is that we develop, as was recently suggested, a group formed by our ministers to act as our agents in seeking out those in our midst who need help so that prompt assistance can be given before desperation sets in and hope is lost.

Final hope is that the spectre of incorporation remains comatose for yet another year. Regretably, this costly move will come to haunt us soon enough. Later rather than sooner is our hope!

State Politics

Two hopes come immediately to mind when we think of state level politics. First, the deeply sincere hope that Governor Richards will find an outstanding Texan to appoint as interim senator to replace Lloyd Bentsen who is

headed for the Clinton cabinet. Gov. Ann's record of appointments, thus far, has left a lot to be desired and another poor choice at this juncture will most certainly spell a Republican victory in May and a resulting "two-gram" type GOPers representing Texas. Two Gram(m)s is well above the recommended daily allowance and need for bipartisanism so greatly needed in the State and at the high altar of the federal senate. Especially for those souls who have a hard time stomaching one gram - Phil, that is - even on a good day.

A second hope is that the next legislative session slated to open early in January can somehow come to grips with the budget crisis; school crisis; prison construction crisis and all the other critical crises that have stumped our elected Pooh-Bahs for years. We doubt this new group will succeed without huge infusions of new taxes and the interference by federal judges - but as we have reported from the start - we get what we deserve when we don't send our best to Austin!

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Tim Fleischer, *Editor-in-Chief*
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Chamber banquet set here Jan. 16

Entrepreneur Paul J. Meyers will be the speaker at the Jan. 16 Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

The banquet will be 7 p.m. Jan. 16 at the Salado school cafeteria. Meyers has promised a brief, but unique presentation, "Our Small World... of Great Opportunity." Tickets are

available now for the banquet at a cost of \$15 per person which includes the meal of Chicken Cordon Bleu and one of Mr. Meyers' motivational tapes.

The banquet will also offer an opportunity to renew Chamber membership. "The dues we receive are devoted to worthwhile

projects and local activities, as well as helping maintain the integrity of the village of Salado," said Steven Ervin, chairman of the Banquet.

Membership dues are as follows: Individual memberships, \$15; family memberships, \$25; business memberships, \$50.

January Calendar of Events

Jan. 4
7:30 p.m. Masonic Lodge meeting.

Jan. 7
9:00 a.m. Merchants Committee at Garden Room Stagecoach Inn.

6:00 p.m. Chisholm Trail Republican Women at Mill Creek.

Jan. 10-16
Elderhostel Program at Stagecoach Inn

Jan. 11
6:00 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Board meeting at high school.

Jan. 14
9:00 Salado Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary at Stagecoach Club.

Jan. 16
9:00 a.m. Tri-County Democratic Women meet at Great Southwestern in Belton.

7:00 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Banquet. School cafeteria.

Jan. 21
Salado Historical Society Board meeting at library.

Jan. 26
6:30 Chisholm Trail ABWA at Church of Christ

Jan. 28-31
Salado Creek Studio Stitchers Retreat.

Scott & White offers course in life support

A renewal course for the general public in basic life support will be offered at Scott and White in Temple 5:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 6.

The four-hour class will renew the participants CPR skills for one year in one-man cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) adult airway obstruction and pediatric CPR and pediatric airway obstruction.

The renewal course is for lay persons who have not renewed the CPR skills within 12-15 months.


Registration and a \$15 course fee are required by Dec. 31. Enrollment for the course is limited to 24 participants 14 years of age or older.

The CPR training booklet entitled "Heartsaver Manual" provided by the American Heart Association may be purchased at the time of registration. All instructors are trained according to American Heart Association Standards.

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So have a good new year and continue to bless God in all things.

Sincerely,

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New Year's resolutions are not made to be broken: Here's how to keep them

Contrary to the way it usually happens, New Year's resolutions are not made to be broken.

"Resolutions can work any time of the year if you go slowly and realize you may not succeed on the first try," said Dr. Michael Cox, a psychologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Successful New Year's resolutions begin as reasonable goals with reasonable expectations.

"Make the first step a small one, and take your time," Cox said. "Pick something at which you can be successful, and build on that success."

Cox encourages people to ask, "how can I take better care of myself next year?"

"It may sound self-centered, but working on personal growth makes you more able to take care of relationships," he said.

After choosing a resolution or two, write them

down.

Cox says that it will not make the resolutions a reality, but it does indicate that you are serious.

Once New Year's Day arrives, it is time to review the list and to get support.

"Whatever change you want to make, tell other people," Cox said. "Give them your sense of direction, so they can help."

It may be a friend's encouragement to stick with that new walking program or a co-worker's positive comments that make the difference.

"Take credit for positive changes and accomplishments," Cox said. "As you begin to see yourself making changes, the attitude truly begins to change."

And, if you do break your resolution?

Try again. There is nothing magical about New Year's. Cox says it is seldom, if ever, too late to make a change.

Salado merchants to meet Jan. 7

The Salado Merchants Committee will meet 9 a.m. Jan. 7 at the Stagecoach Inn garden room for its first meeting of 1993.

A number of goals have been discussed for 1993, including these: more active merchant participation and increase membership; cooperative involvement with other organizations for beautification and landscaping of village; encourage and promote a more friendly atmosphere in shops; consider an ap-

propriate fundraiser for 1993 Stroll; consider designs and replacement ideas for north billboard; reinforce communication between merchants and Chamber.

The executive committee has set a budget of \$8,720 for the coming year. Expected income includes \$8,400 for members and \$320 for associate members. Expenses include \$5,000 for the shopping guide, \$2,500 for the Stroll, \$1,000 for publicity

and administration and \$220 for contingency.

Dues are payable by Jan. 1 and must be paid in full to be included in the Spring Shopping Guide with a printing deadline of Feb. 10, 1993. You may include Chamber of Commerce dues which will be forwarded to the Chamber.

Complete dues of \$200 (\$50 Chamber dues, \$150 merchants dues) can be paid to Salado Merchants Committee, P.O. Box 1161, Salado, TX 76571.

Road to Recovery program needs volunteer drivers

The local "Road to Recovery," a transportation program for cancer patients sponsored by the American Cancer Society, is in need of volunteers. The organization has recently been flooded with requests for transportation to cancer treatments, and the existing volunteers can't keep up with the new load. "We've had to turn people away be-

cause we just don't have enough drivers to get everyone everywhere they need to be on time. We are really looking for more helpers," said Charis Ballard, local organizer and contact person for the group.

Many people would like to do some type of volunteer work, but they don't think they are qualified to help cancer patients. The only thing required of a Road to Recovery driver is a drivers license and attendance of a two hour training. Many people drive patients even though they work full-time because of the patients' schedules. Still others have more flexible schedules themselves.

Last year in Texas 14,000 rides were given to over 1,000 patients who needed help. In the Bell County area, over 130

rides were given to area hospitals and treatment centers. This year the American Cancer Society is hoping to be able to serve more.

Jan Pickett, RN, MS, CS cancer care coordinator at Scott and White functions as a liaison between the American Cancer Society and Scott and White Hospital. Pickett encourages anyone who needs help with transportation to call the Road to Recovery group, and she also helps recruit new drivers. Anyone interested in helping should call Pickett at 774-2772 or Ballard at 773-5323.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to controlling cancer through research, education and service.

Economic and Investment Outlook Will 1993 Bring Dramatic Change?

As we bid farewell to 1992, a year of financial difficulty for many Americans, it's time to turn our thoughts to the new year. At the top of nearly everyone's list of concerns is the economy. After feeling the effects of recession, our nation's economy finally appears to be in recovery. At A.G. Edwards, we believe this recovery will continue and that 1993 will produce a stronger and expanded economy with many opportunities for investors.

A Slow Expansion

The economy started to show real signs of improvement in the third quarter of 1992. Leading economic indicators suggest that the economy is not merely recovering, but is also expanding. Currently, there are few signs that this expansion will end any time soon, but economic growth will continue to be slow.

Downward trend for inflation

At A.G. Edwards, we believe the inflation rate is likely to continue to decline in 1993. Restrained monetary growth and sluggish economies worldwide have kept inflationary pressures low. The long-term trend for inflation continues to point downward. With the inflationary rate expected to decline to less than 3% in 1993.

Interest Rate Activity

As the economy expands, we believe short-term interest rates could increase in 1993. Market forces will probably cause this increase, rather than a major policy shift by the Federal Reserve, as the strength of the econ-



Mike Miller

omy grows and consumer demand for credit increases.

What changes will occur under the Clinton Administration?

It appears that Americans are feeling more comfortable about the economy's health, but they remain concerned about the political outlook. Now that the basic question has been answered—that is, who will lead the country in 1993—the question that remains is, "What will the new administration do?"

After endless months of campaign rhetoric, the word "change" seems to be on everyone's minds as President-elect Clinton prepares to move into the Oval Office. The change that appears most likely concerns tax changes, although the magnitude and total mix of tax policy shifts may not be known for a long time. However, an increase in the top marginal income tax rate—probably to 36% or 37%—appears likely. Although investors in the higher tax brackets might consider investing differently to reduce taxes, investment decisions should not be made exclusively in anticipation of the tax changes.

What about investing?

A modest rise in short-term interest rates should not be viewed as a signal that

the stock market is going to decline significantly. A stronger economy means corporate earnings growth, while low inflation means no major threat to price/earnings multiples for stocks. All of these are positive signs for investors, and the rising short-term interest rates should not be a major concern. Currently, the stock market is reasonably valued and we expect this condition to continue in 1993.

In the bond market, we believe the outlook for municipal bonds will remain very attractive under the Clinton Administration. Clinton is a strong supporter of municipal bonds and has promised to relieve many of the constraints placed on municipal bond issuance under the Tax Reform Act of 1986. Additionally, the municipal market could benefit from the expected increase in personal income taxes. The higher your tax rate, the more attractive are municipal bonds, as they offer a steady stream of income free from federal and sometimes state and local taxes.

At A.G. Edwards, we remain positive about the future of the stock market, the economy and the American business. In some areas, the Clinton Administration should have very little impact on your long-term investment strategy; in other areas, the trends will become clearer with time. If your investments have been in a holding pattern as you wait to see what happens under Clinton, we believe that now is the time to act.

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8. The Dusty Rose
9. The Royal Emporium
10. Grace Jones
11. Creekside of Salado
12. Herbs n' Such
13. The Christmas Shop
14. Susan Marie's Boutique
15. Strawberry Patch
16. Unique Showings
17. Antique Jewelry & Collectibles
18. Salado Beauty Spa
19. Darwin Britt Furniture
20. Carolanne's Secret Gardens
21. The Allen Collection
22. Sir Wigglesworth
23. Seasons of Salado
24. Briar Patch of Salado & Bill Shaw's Gallery
25. Hutchens House
26. Gospel Gifts
27. Recollections
28. Fletcher's Books & Antiques
29. Robertson's Hams & The Choppin' Block
30. Mountain Mary's
31. Old Mill Antiques

Dining & Lodging

1. Stagecoach Inn
2. Inn on the Creek
3. The Rose Mansion
4. The Tyler House Restaurant & Club
5. The Inn at Salado
6. Browning's Cottage Cafe
7. Mill Creek Country Club
8. Cowboy's Barbeque
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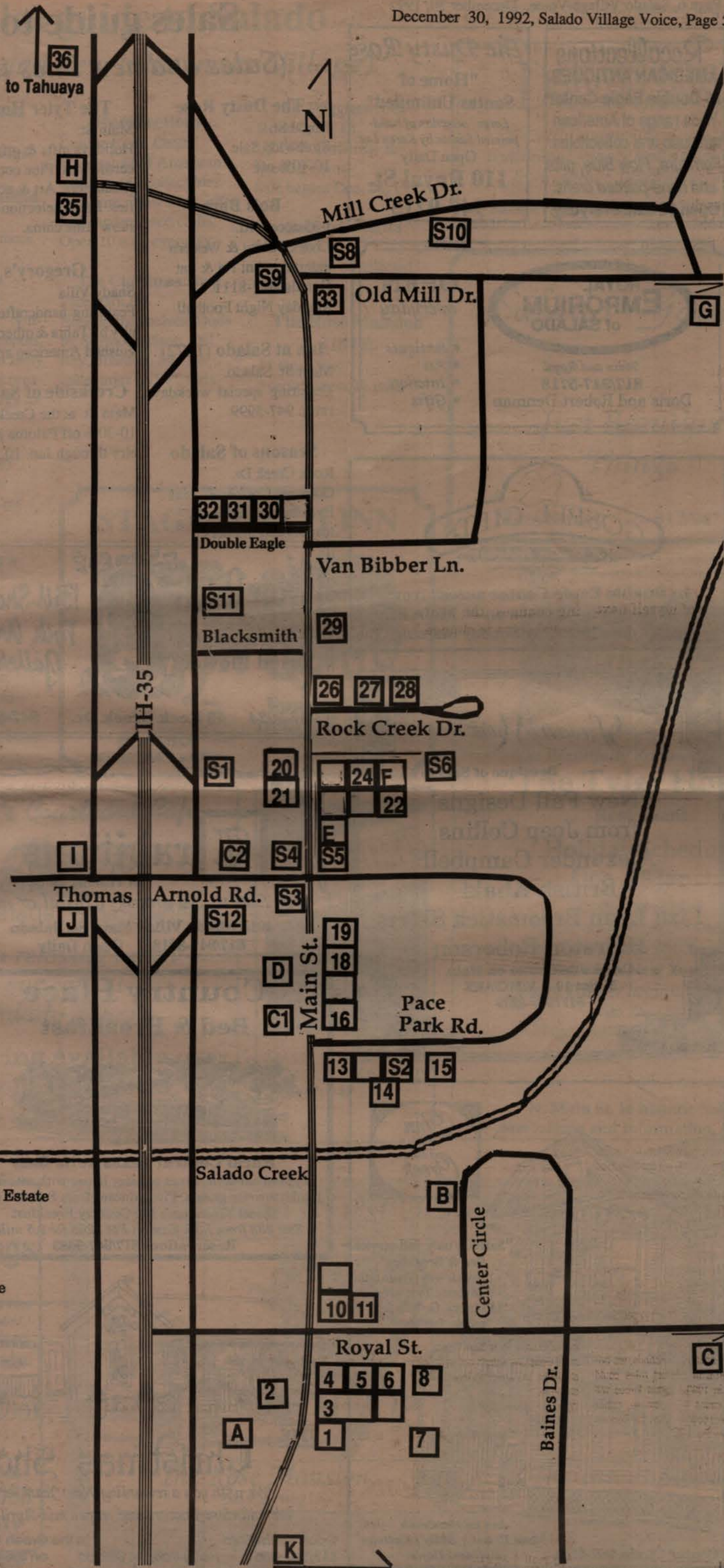
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1. First Baptist Church
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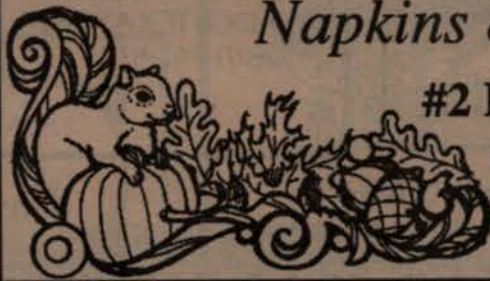


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Services held Dec. 26 for Cox

Funeral Services for George W. Cox Sr. age 60, of Belton were held Dec. 26, 1992 with Rev. Billy Johnson officiating. Burial followed in the Live Oak Cemetery near Youngs-port.

Mr. Cox died Dec. 23, 1992 in his home.

He was preceded in death by one brother Walter Lee Cox Sr. in 1983, 2 sisters Annie Mae

Maxwell in 1992 and Gertrude Y. Cox in 1945.

Mr. Cox was born September 23, 1932 in Florence to Fred I. and Gertrude O. Goad Cox. He married Carolyn Sue Cowen Sept. 30, 1955 in Belton. Mr. Cox moved from Salado to Belton and had lived there for the past 10 years. He was a member of the Cedar Valley Baptist Church.

Survivors include his

wife Carloyn Sue Cox of Belton, 2 sons George W. Cox Jr. or Troy, Reddie Cox of Midlothian, 1 daughter Patricia Carol Avilla of Connecticut, 4

brothers Fred I. Cox Jr., of Austin, Clinton Cox, Jim Cox, Charlie Cox all of Belton; 3 sisters Mary Cowen of Moody, Florence Cowen of Belton, Lorene Hill of West Virginia. Also 5 grandchildren.

Maxey passes away at age 87

Funeral services for Vivian Maxey, age 87 of Belton were held December 18, 1992 at the First Christian Church in Perkins, Oklahoma with Rev. Jeff Gill officiating. Burial was in the Perkins Cemetery.

She died Dec. 15, 1992 in a Belton Nursing home.

She was born on January 17, 1905 in Bowie, Texas to Hiram Cockrell Rice and Mary Emma Neece Rice. She had lived in Oklahoma for many years and only recently moved to Belton. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Perkins.

Survivors include a

daughter, Melba Kattner of Salado, 2 brothers Dr. Hillary Rice of Anderson, Oklahoma and Dr. Hershel Rice of Pomona, Oklahoma. Also 4 grandchildren.

Heartfield Funeral Home of Belton was in charge of local arrangements.

Heart of Texas Hospice plans grief support group

Heart of Texas Hospice will begin a new series of grief support group meetings for adults who have lost a loved one. The purpose of the group is to provide a safe place to share

one's feelings and concerns, and to assist in the mourning process.

The group will begin 3:43 p.m., Jan. 5 at the hospice office located at 900 Industrial Park Road in Belton. Future meet-

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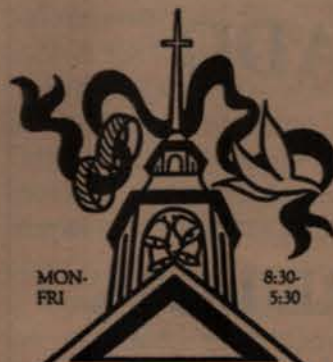
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Attorney General works to snare senior scams

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales and the American Association of Retired Persons have announced the creation of the Senior Service Program within the Office of Attorney General.

The program will enlist the services and experience of senior citizens in

the Attorney General's fight against consumer fraud perpetrated against the elderly. It also will educate senior Texans on ways they can protect themselves from becoming victims of criminal acts.

The **Senior Service Program** has three components: the **Senior**

Sleuths; the **Senior Sting**; and the **Senior Crime Alert**. The programs will be coordinated by the Attorney General's **Elder Law Section**.

The "Senior Sleuths" will be volunteers from across Texas who will assist the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division in the processing and investigation of complaints against con-artists, telemarketers and unscrupulous businesses that prey on the elderly.

The "Senior Sting" operations will collect mail and otherwise record solicitations aimed at the elderly in an effort to identify illegal businesses.

Morales said the program's "Senior Crime Alert" will conduct crime awareness workshops across the state to inform senior citizens on how to protect themselves from crime, including violent crime as well as consumer fraud. The workshops will be conducted by the senior volunteers with the participation of the Office of Attorney General and local police departments.

"As our elderly population expands, it will create a bigger and bigger target for unscrupulous operators," Morales said. "Many elderly persons live alone. They are forced to sustain themselves and cope with increasing health-care costs on meager fixed incomes. All of this makes them more vulnerable to slick, snake-oil salesmen."

"Senior citizens deserve much better than they have been getting. The

efforts we make today to protect our parents, we hope will be there tomorrow to protect us when we reach senior status, and there for our children also."

In regard to the Senior Sting operation, Morales said the AARP recruited senior citizens in the Dallas area to save all mail they received during the month of October from unfamiliar organizations that solicited contributions, offered awards or prizes or any deal that sounded too good to be true.

The seniors collected more than 100 pounds of fraudulent mail solicitations targeted at senior citizens. The Office of Attorney General is conducting follow-up investigations of the suspicious offers and solicitations. The seniors who received the mail may be asked to be witnesses during the prosecution of illegal operators.

"This is an opportunity for seniors to help our office and to help themselves by using their years of experience and knowledge to help stop those who seek to exploit the vulnerability of our senior citizens," Morales said.

Assistant Attorney General Clyde Farrell, chief of Morales' Elder Law Section will direct the Senior Service Program. The Elder Law Section was established by Morales more than a year ago to enforce laws protecting the elderly.

The section has filed

several lawsuits, including three against telemarketers who defrauded the elderly of thousands of dollars in life savings by using hard-sell tactics and offering prizes for the purchase of vitamins, cosmetics and water purification systems. None of the elderly consumers received the prizes they were promised.

Another lawsuit was filed against a Dallas area man who tricked at least 16 elderly persons into buying expensive medical equipment they did not need. He falsely told the seniors he was representing their doctors and the equipment was recommended by the doctors and the cost would be reimbursed by Medicare. An estate planning service was sued for taking thousands of dollars from the elderly without providing any service.

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National Level

We hope that everyone - Democrats and Republicans alike - will join hands behind the new president and give him and his administration a chance to succeed. Our economy and future rides on unlocking the feud between the White House and Congress. We may not have many chances left to avoid a real depression and greater class struggles within our nation. We also must decide if we are to be the world's policeman and pantry or if we are to bind up our internal wounds first. Big decisions needing advice and consent from both parties.

Last but Not Least

A final hope is for each of you reading this year's-end column. Have a great year! Be optimistic. Be grateful for the wonderful country and way of life we enjoy daily. Acknowledge God's part in giving us so much. Be a happy friend and giver to others. Each of us will have a mighty fine 1993 if we subscribe to these time worn hopes and wishes that are not original with this writer but borrowed for this moment in time and place.

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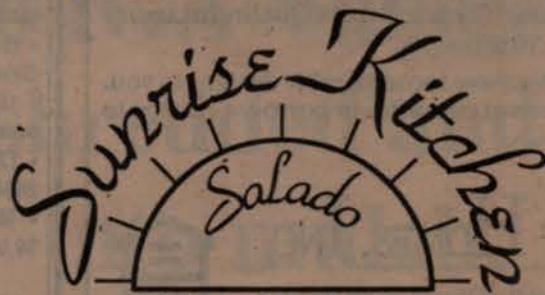
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