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Hometown newspaper read by Randy & Patricia Pinkston

Hearing on Zoning slated June 17

The Village of Salado will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map 6:30 p.m. June 17 at the Salado Civic Center on Main St.

The Comprehensive Plan steering committee has been working on the 140+ page draft document in workshop sessions for several months, since completion of the Subdivision Ordinance.

The Zoning Ordinance is one of four parts comprising the Comprehensive Plan. The other parts that

have already been adopted by the board of aldermen are the Guiding Principles, the Transportation Plan and the Subdivision Ordinance.

The steering committee is recommending the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning map "in order to help ensure that future development occurs in a well-planned, attractive and coordinated manner," according to the announcement mailed to property owners within the two-square mile area of the Village of Salado.

The Zoning Ordinance regulates non-residential building within the limits of the Village of Salado. The Subdivision Ordinance regulates residential construction within the Village of Salado and its extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ), a half-mile zone around the Village.

According to the announcement mailed to property owners last week, "the primary purpose for zoning is to preserve and protect the public health, safety, convenience and welfare of the communi-

ty's residents and property owners."

Copies of the proposed Zoning Ordinance and Zoning map are available at the Village of Salado Municipal Building for inspection and will be available for viewing at the meeting as well.

The public may make comments during the hearing or they may submit comments in writing on the Zoning Ordinance and Map by June 17 to the following: Village Secretary, Village of Salado, PO Box 219, Salado, TX 76571.



(PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

Joe Czaus, manager of Salado Mansion, tees off June 2 during the annual Salado Lions Golf Tournament at Mill Creek. The tournament raises funds for the club's scholarships and other programs.

Greene Literary Festival set June 4-7

The Living Room Theatre of Salado presents the fifth annual Judy and A. C. Greene Literary Festival, June 4-7. All performances begin at 7 pm. Reservations for the general public will be available beginning June 3 by calling 947-8300 daily, from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. only. Admission is \$10 for each event.

The following plays are scheduled for performances with support from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Texas Commission on the Arts, the Writers' League of Texas, and the Village of Salado Tourism Council.

The purpose of the Festival is the development of unpublished new works by

Texas writers.

The festival is named in honor of Texas author A. C. Greene and his wife, Judy. The Festival manager and artistic director is Raymond Carver, and Master of Ceremonies is Charles Barrier.

The first of the three shows competing for \$1,500 is "Unintended Consequences of Our Brothers" by Phyllis Allen. Featuring Allen and Richard Dillard, it will be performed on Wednesday, June 4, at the home of Joan and Chine Ray, 601 Willow Creek Rd.

On the following evening June 5, "A Hole in the Head" by Fred Afflerbach will be produced, featuring

Afflerbach, Lilla Barnes, Kevin Bloomfield, Cameron Burk, and Mike D'Amelio. The performance will be held at the home of Katherine Tyson, 601 Baines Rd.

The final show in competition at the festival is "Billy Bob's Garage" by Mary Cimarolli, featuring Buzz Rahm, Tom McGlasson, and April Allen, on Friday, June 6, at the home of Lynda and Jerry O'Rear, 4971 FM 2843.

On June 7, at the First State Bank of Salado, an excerpt will be presented from "Roseborough" by Jane Roberts Wood featuring Ann Faber, Dawn Orange, and Barbara

Harper, followed by "My Mother had a Maid," also by Jane Roberts Wood, featuring Shirley and Bill Pinkston, Joan Ward, and Brandon Jarratt. Scenes from shows by the three finalists will be presented. Following the Awards Ceremony, the audience is invited to a party at Stonecreek Settlement hosted by Living Room Theatre of Salado Producers.

The Festival Critic/Judge is Fran Vick, retired director and co-founder of the University of North Texas Press. She will determine the first place recipient of a trophy and \$1,500. Second- and third-place winners will receive \$250.

Aldermen to discuss property June 5

Salado aldermen will consider adopting a resolution disaffirming any interest of the Village of Salado in a certain 0.90 acre tract of land south of the U.S. Post Office during their 6:30 p.m. June 5 meeting at the Municipal Building.

The resolution will disaffirm any interest of the village in the property located immediately south of the post office and acknowledge that Bell County has never regarded the property as a county road and that the tract never became a city road upon incorporation.

In other business, aldermen will hear reports on the zoning ordinance, Pace Park, road work, as well as considering additional office space at the Salado Civic Center and annexing property into the village.

Aldermen will also appoint a Mayor Pro Tem, discuss the 2003-04 budget, the Texas Beautification Program and the proposed Solicitation Ordinance.



Hulda Horton give the keys to the barn of the Salado Civic Center to Leigh Drake and Marilyn Fleischer. The barn will be used for storage.

(PHOTO BY SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL)

Event to feature over a dozen authors

Plans underway for Salado's 2nd Annual Book Fair Aug. 2 at Stagecoach Inn

The second annual Salado Book Fair is set to take place 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Stagecoach Convention Center. The event gathers a number of Texas authors in a variety of genres, and gives the public the opportunity to meet and converse with them.

Among those featured will be Georgetown resident Joan R. Neubauer, the author of *From Memories to Manuscript: the Five Step Method of Writing Your Life Story*, *Dear Diary: the Art and Craft of Writing a Creative Journal* and her latest release, *The Complete Idi-*

ot's Guide to Journaling.

Her newest book is described as "an informative guide to everything you wanted to know about keeping a journal and then some. It gives a brief history of journals, who should keep a journal and why, and then gives a detailed description of several popular types of journals. The book concludes with instruction on using your journal as a tool to take control of your life and formulate a philosophy to help you achieve great things."

Neubauer began writing as a child, and at the age of nine, had her first

articles published in her local newspaper, *The Bristol Courier*.

She graduated from West Chester University with a B.S. in education, and taught Spanish and ESL for a number of years before making a transition to freelance writer.

In 1984, she began writing seriously for publication, and by 1987 was selling her work regularly. Eventually, she expanded from freelancing into copywriting, ghostwriting, editing, and now, into publishing.

Neubauer and her husband, Steve, own and

operate WordWright.biz, Inc., a publishing company that helps develop new writers.

The Salado Book Fair is sponsored by the Salado Press, owned by James Lee. Lee has authored such books as *Nine Years in the Saddle*, about his father's life as a cowpuncher and adventurer, and *When Surrender Was Not an Option*, the true story of an American POW in World War II. His company also publishes new books on a regular basis.

For more information, contact Lee at 947-0080, or lee@saladopress.com

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Relax -- Deficit Will Take Care of Itself

President Reagan famously quipped, "I'm not worried about the deficit -- it's big enough to take care of itself."

Taken at the time as out-to-lunch insouciance, Reagan's quip was right. The budget deficit took care of itself, a fact worth recalling in light of the deficit angst currently tormenting Democrats.

Democrats invoke with longing the Clinton administration's approach to the deficit in the 1990s, and they should, so long as it is properly understood. How to summarize it in a word? "Relax."

President Clinton would like to claim that his 1993 budget plan erased the deficit. Republicans would like to claim that their kamikaze anti-spending charge in 1995-96 did it. In fact, both parties were largely spectators as economic growth trampled the deficit for them.

The soaring economy created a wave of new income, corporate and capital-gains tax revenue that made a stark irrelevance of Washington tax and budgetary policy. The robust growth of the late 1990s had another benign effect: It created a tight labor market that increased the wages of lower-income workers. Clinton understood this early in his administration, when he abandoned plans for liberal spending programs -- "All the folks that I ran to help would be more hurt by a slow economy than they would be helped by a marginal extra investment program."

Want to "soak the rich" by getting them to pump more revenue into federal coffers? Want to reduce the deficit? Want to help the poor? The key to it all is economic growth.

In which case, the question is what policy will best create an environment conducive to growth. Clintonites argue that deficit reduction itself stoked growth in the 1990s, by reassuring markets and reducing interest rates. But even former

The Rich Lowry Column

Clinton economist Alan Blinder says it worked only in "a particularly fortuitous set of circumstances."

Those circumstances from 1992 -- a market worried about a potentially free-spending liberal in the White House, a deficit that was a relatively high 4.7 percent of GDP -- don't apply today. Bush is trying to boost the economy into higher growth when the deficit is a more manageable 2.8 percent of GDP.

One can disagree about the "fairness" of his tax cuts, but few economists would argue that they hurt the economy, and most would agree that -- all things being equal -- they probably help. What alternate policy do Democrats propose to create more growth?

Deficit reduction? According to an analysis of congressional Democrats' budget plans by the anti-deficit Concord Coalition, Democrats simply spend all the money that Bush would devote to tax cuts on programs from Medicare to education.

They would do well to recall another lesson from the 1990s: A growing economy creates more tax revenue, which can, in turn, be devoted to higher spending. In the booming late 1990s, Clinton and Republicans could afford routinely to agree to levels of spending above statutory spending "caps."

So, cut taxes now to grow more later. The deficit? It's big enough to take care of itself.

DOLDRUM DAYS AFOOT

Voters taking deserved break before 2004 political hoopla shatters peace

The "Summer Doldrums" are officially upon us - and will hopefully produce a reasonably peaceful three month "R&R" period - at least until Labor Day and the "official" start of the 2004 Presidential-Congressional-National Convention "hooplas," all devised to keep us transfixed to the "idiot box" or hopelessly enmeshed in newspapers (from both right and left political extremes), not to mention the radio-troglydites spewing hard core venom for hours on end.

Thankfully the federal government has also slowed down for the moment, what with the Iraqi front shifting from the devastation of war to the political carnage of peace. The tax reduction package was legalized and money is currently flowing unequally to citizens. And, President Bush is flying high in the polls (with or without his top-gun costume).

Only nagging problem is our "hostile" economy that appears insensible to reason, and defiant of "experts" in its consistent refusal to create what our "voodoo" economists (and other conservative wizards) claim is "just around the corner" - namely "prosperity." Most of us would happily settle for a simple "recovery."

Texas Voters Unhappy!

On the "home front," the Legislature finally adjourned, but alas, will soon return (perhaps within days), or as soon as Governor (Rick the Reluctant) Perry can figure out what will best serve his dwindling popularity - regarding a special session on redistricting and other matters of even less moment.

The full impact on the disastrous biennial budget (now awaiting the Comptroller's certification) will not be fully exposed for a few weeks or even months - but until then the State will stumble along with a majority (53%) of voters unhappy with their elected lawmakers. Same poll showed 32% "satisfied." That number (32%) is strangely enough, the exact percentage of Republicans registered across the State.

And we foolishly asked two weeks ago "what it takes to make a Republican happy!" Clearly "no new taxes at the State level and a tax cut from Washington" - that's what makes 'em happy!

Demo Problems Remain

The *New York Times* recently analyzed the National Democratic Party's strengths, foibles, and future, as the presidential election of 2004 looms. The "Times" correctly pointed out that there are more admitted (and registered) Democrats than Republicans and that on "most domestic issues, the public trusts Democrats more than Republicans."

That being the case why, with high numbers and trust, have Democrats been losing both the presidency and Congress in recent years?

Or, closer to home - why is every Texas statewide elected official, plus a majority in both houses of the Legislature, all card carrying members of the Grand Old Party?

Naturally every pundit has an opinion, but cutting through the haze we believe there is an overriding reason, as noted by former House Speaker Thomas "Tip" O'Neill: "In any other (civilized) country, the Democratic Party would be divided into five political parties."

And he's right! Demos embrace so many diverse groups, that it is all-but-hopeless to find common ground. Check the makeup of the Party - Blacks, Mexicans, feminists, labor, liberals of every persuasion, plus those tauntingly termed "WD-40's" (White-Democrats, over age 40) who arguably are the last of the mod-

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



Reason the Grand Old Party is doing so well (these days) at the ballot box: "Republicans are like preachers and umpires - they're not always right - but are never in doubt. Democrats on the other hand, are like the guy who jumped on his horse and rode off in all directions at the same time."

erates from their "good old days."

Putting together a message or agenda that keeps all these folks happy (or more importantly - quietly unified), is as one unhappy Demo complained, "damn close to impossible."

Another problem holding Democrats back is their lack of a simple, straightforward and understandable long range message that connects with independent voters and encourages the moderate Republican to change horses.

GOP FUTURE BRIGHT

Today's Republicans have one message (less government, more tax cuts), and one messenger (George II).

On the other side, we find Democrats with "no message and 12 messengers," (as of this minute).

So - what's the predictable future for 2004? Most agree there is little hope that Democrats can defeat Bush or even hold their own in Congress - unless the economy or the Iraq-Afghanistan situation blows up in our faces - neither of which appears likely with the emergency economic and military weapons that can be brought to bear in each case.

ANOTHER VICTIM

Do you recall the promise the State made to help parents save for their kid's future college education? Called the "Texas Tomorrow Fund." Money is deposited with the State Comptroller who invests the funds, while "locking-in" today's tuition rates at any of the State's universities. A great idea that helps defray the soaring costs of higher education.

Bad news announced late last week - "no new 'Tomorrow' enrollments for some time to come" (current enrollees are safe), according to Strayhorn. Two reasons - first is the passage of HB3015 that gives higher education officials the right to set their school's tuition rates (and who knows where that will end), thereby prohibiting any reasonable "lock" on future tuition numbers; and secondly, the fund itself having taken its lumps thanks to the stock market (where much of the contributions are invested) and cannot absorb (new) major hikes in tuition.

State officials and lawmakers should be embarrassed on two counts - first to allow any curtailment in the "Tomorrow" fund, and secondly to be conned into allowing college executives to determine tuition rates.

UNEXCUSABLE RESULT OF BUSH'S TAX CUT

Deadline precludes getting into one of the cruelest results of the President's tax cut, that he joyously "high-fived" with cronies, when signing the bill into law last week. Talking here about giving a few of our citizens the bulk of the break (example: Veep Cheney will reap \$100,000), while 12 million kids were eliminated from the \$400 child tax credit.

Even Republicans are scurrying for cover over this "intended" consequence. Will have more on this later.

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Who owns the news? Mother's Day Massacre

By JANE BRIESEMEISTER

When there's a fire, a political scandal, or an election in your area, where do you turn for information? If you're like most people, you turn to your hometown newspaper or a local television news station. You depend upon these sources to give you all of the information you need on the stories, both big and small, that affect you and your neighbors.

You probably also count on the newspapers and TV stations to keep tabs on your local government, businesses, and even on each other. This is the public service we have all come to expect from the media.

But in Washington, D.C., the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is moving towards changing the rules that protect the quality and local ownership of your community's newspapers and television and radio stations.

If these rule changes are enacted, as the FCC did on June 2, the news that you rely upon could change drastically.

The multiple, contrasting news voices you hear now in your area may be reduced to one dominant news voice with a few weak alternatives. The dominant owner could influence what local content to provide in your area, and if that company decided not to cover a story in any of the newspapers, TV stations, or radio stations it owns, there is no way to guarantee you would get the whole story.

The cautionary tale is in radio. In 1996, Congress effectively removed limits on the number of radio stations one owner could control. The result? Clear Channel went from owning 115 radio stations nationwide in 1996, to owning over 1,400 today. It is no coincidence that most radio stations seem to sound the same these days. In the name of efficiency and cost-savings, large radio station owners have homogenized playlists and formats, eliminated staff, and removed

local news programming altogether.

It is not farfetched to expect the same to happen with newspapers and television if the FCC is allowed to weaken the media ownership rules. The largest media companies argue that relaxation of these rules is necessary to create greater cost efficiencies. But where would these "efficiencies" come from? Probably from reducing newsroom staff, putting less emphasis on investigative reporting, and recycling and sharing news content among outlets.

Those pushing hardest for the FCC to weaken the media ownership rules claim that there are a plethora of media choices available today. But the FCC's own data show that when surveyed, people list TV and newspapers as their dominant sources of news.

The Internet has exploded onto the scene in the past 10 years, and there are many cable channels on the dial, but how many of these sites and channels provide original local news? The most popular web sites are those such as MSNBC.com and CNN.com, sites that do not provide local news, and that are owned by large media companies. And cable channels are not a new source of local news, since they simply rebroadcast the same TV news channels you can already get without cable access.

The FCC changes will not and should not end this debate. You can still take action to make sure your news stays independent and geared toward the needs of your community. A healthy democracy depends on a diverse marketplace of ideas. The FCC and our elected officials deserve to hear from all of us, since any changes to the rules will affect each of us directly. Otherwise, we stand to lose the watchdogs who help make this country what it is.

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Mother's Day Massacre

On Mother's Day, most Central Texans were with their families. Congressman Tom DeLay of Sugarland and his partisan forces, however, were busy in Austin putting the final touches on a secret plan for Central Texas: a Mother's Day surprise, or more accurately, a Mother's Day Massacre. DeLay and friends planned to split the historic 11th Congressional District of Central Texas among four other districts stretching from Ft. Worth to the suburbs of Houston to San Antonio. The rural district anchored by McLennan, Bell and Coryell Counties for over 100 years—the district of Bob Poage and Marvin Leath—would have been gone.

For the first time, Fort Hood and Bell County would have been put in a district with most of its population in San Antonio and Austin. McLennan County would have been placed in a separate 300-mile long district stretching from Ft. Worth to Fredericksburg, southwest of Austin.

It is important to remember that this is a "re-districting" process. Three federal judges redrew Congressional district boundaries to reflect changes in the 2000 Census less than two years ago when the Texas Legislature failed to do so. And, the judges were forbidden by law from any political considerations in drawing the districts.

DeLay's secret plan made a mockery of the fundamental principle of redistricting: to keep communities of interest together. McLennan and Bell counties would no longer have been the center of a rural congressional district where people shared the bonds of Ft. Hood, I-35, the Temple and Waco VA hospitals, and a small town and agricultural economy.

And, to add insult to

Keeping in Touch

by U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards



injury, this Mother's Day Massacre scheme involved shoving this bizarre redistricting plan through the Texas House at 10 a.m. Monday, less than 24 hours after it was secretly finalized and put on the Texas Legislative Council website without public announcement, without a minute of public comment, without a second of public input.

Whether one is a Republican or Democrat, this secretive process and bizarre map are insults to Central Texans. The DeLay scheme denies the 650,000 citizens of this district a voice in shaping their communities' future. And, yes, this is the same Tom DeLay who said just last year that parents should not send their sons and daughters to Baylor or Texas A&M because the universities were too liberal.

There is only one reason Central Texas citizens didn't wake up on Tuesday morning, May 13th to learn that their Congressional district had already been "sliced and diced" and added on to four other districts. Fifty House Members had exercised the only procedural option left to them to stop the Tom DeLay scheme in its tracks. They kept the House from voting on the plan by denying the House the necessary quorum of members to conduct legislative business.

To break a quorum for frivolous reasons would be wrong. But, to do so to protect the our right to have a Central Texas voice representing Central Texas

for the next decade was an act of courage. Speaker Tom Craddick used this same tactic in 1971 to protest his objections on other issues.

The redistricting issue is much larger and more important than whether Chet Edwards is in Congress or not. The good Lord has blessed me with a wonderful wife and two healthy young sons, whether or not I am in office. This should not be a partisan issue. It is about McLennan and Bell Counties continuing to have their own voice in Congress or becoming additions to San Antonio and Ft. Worth districts. And, above all, it is about open vs. secretive government.

Virtually every major newspaper in Texas, including the *Waco Tribune Herald*, *Temple Daily Telegram* and *Killeen Daily Herald*, editorialized against what they characterized as Tom DeLay's partisan power grab at the expense of Texas' communities of interest and power in Congress.

Tom DeLay said, "I am majority leader and I want more seats." Tom DeLay has the right to that belief, no matter how partisan or selfish, as well as his beliefs about Baylor and Texas A&M. However, I think Central Texans should salute the courage of the 50 State Representatives for standing up so that all Central Texans can have their voices heard on Congressional redistricting before—not after—the Texas Legislature votes.

Cracking down on the poor



Jim Hightower

At last, the IRS, prodded by the Bush White House and Republicans in Congress, is cracking down on tax cheats!

Great - finally they'll stop the giant corporations and superwealthy investors from using tax scams and offshore tax havens to hide at least \$150 billion a year of their profits, thus dodging their tax responsibilities to our country...right?

Uh, not exactly. The Bushites and the IRS are not going after the big fish. Instead, they're going after the small fry, launching a massive, bureaucratic, intrusive, wasteful, unfair, elitist, intimidating, mean, abusive, and stupid effort to crack down on the meager tax filings of the working poor.

The target is a successful program called the Earned Income Tax Credit. It's for people who work in low-wage jobs at McDonald's, Wal-Mart, Starbucks, and the like, offsetting some of the taxes these workers would pay and helping them to rise a bit above poverty. The average credit for workers with children is less than \$2,000 a year, but that can make a difference when your job only pays \$12,000 to \$20,000 a year.

Some four million Americans count on this tax credit, but the Bushites now intend to harass them so much they stop using the program. Bush's pals have issued new IRS rules that require recipients to submit documented proof that they are eligible in advance of claiming the tax credit. This is a cumbersome, complex, and intimidating burden of advance proof that is not required of corporations that have entire tax firms to hop them through loopholes and gain tax breaks not of a mere \$2,000 - but of \$20 million, \$200 million or more.

The new rules are so severe that honest, low-income taxpayers will have to hire tax preparers to handle the extra paperwork - and meanwhile, George W has asked Congress for \$100 million to hire hundreds of new IRS agents to go after these poor workers.

Enlarging government to harass poor people is neither compassionate nor conservative.

Your Voice

Reader's Opinion

Response to Delisi

Dear Editor:

In response to the article of Rep. Diane Delisi in last week's issue, I must point out that the action taken by the Democrats to prevent passage of the redistricting plan of Tom Delay's was a brave one and necessary in the light of foisting an unscheduled matter on the House. Knowing Republican members march in lockstep, there was no choice for the Democratic minority to do other than what they did. Bravo for them! Tom Craddick is no stranger to this

tactic as it is one in which he participated in protest of Gus Mutscher's heavy-handed methods.

Going farther back in history, Abe Lincoln also took this method to break a quorum when serving in the Illinois Legislature, resorting to jumping out the window when the door was locked to prevent him from leaving.

If the Republican members of the Texas House truly wanted to get down to the real business at hand, all that needed to be done was for the Speaker to take the redistricting issue off

the table. But, Texas is not alone in this battle on the part of the Republicans to totally wipe out the Democrats, the same "stunt" is being pulled in Colorado and Georgia. Kinda like Hitler in his rise to power to eliminate all opposing parties. And as for arrogance, "The Exterminator," i.e., Delay, when asked to put out his cigar in a D.C. restaurant as no smoking was permitted in a government building, his response was, "I AM the government."

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It's not often one can say France's tax policy makes more sense than ours.

After all, in 2000, the average Frenchman paid 54 percent of his income in state and federal taxes, while the average American paid 42 percent. That, of course, is one reason why our economy is so much more robust than France's.

But there's one advantage to France's system: If a highly skilled, well paid employee makes the sensible decision to leave France to work in the United States, he leaves his high income tax rate behind. France taxes only those who work inside its borders.

Not so with the United States. Americans abroad still must pay U.S. income taxes, in addition to the income taxes of the country they're working in.

For now, these Americans enjoy at least some relief from the IRS. Under a tax code provision known as Section 911, they're not subject to

income tax on the first \$80,000 they earn in another country. While that may seem like a large exemption, consider that every penny earned over that amount is taxed twice. Talk about unfair!

Since the United States is the only developed nation that taxes its expatriates at all, you'd expect Congress would act to change the law. "The tax exclusion for overseas income should be expanded," Thomas Donohue, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said recently. He correctly observed that Americans overseas "play a vital role in promoting our national interests, and their presence helps support U.S. exports and creates U.S.-based jobs."

Unfortunately, the Senate recently passed a tax bill that would repeal Section 911, meaning any income earned by Americans abroad would be subject to U.S. taxes, just as if it had been earned in the country.

Lawmakers took this step because they claim it would "reduce the cost" of the tax cut they're trying to hammer out. Some senators estimate

that repealing Section 911 will increase tax revenue by \$32 billion over the next 10 years.

But such shortsighted measures ignore the real reasons to cut taxes: To encourage job creation and economic growth. According to PricewaterhouseCoopers and Johns Hopkins University economists, eliminating Section 911 would reduce U.S. exports by \$8.7 billion and cost nearly 150,000 U.S.-based jobs.

Plus, as my Heritage Foundation colleague Daniel Mitchell wrote recently, "Repealing Section 911 would significantly increase the cost of employing American citizens and make it more likely that foreigners would get these jobs instead." So the overall cost of scrapping Section 911 - in American jobs and tax revenues - would probably be far greater than any expected savings.

There are things Congress can, and should, do. Recent Heritage research shows that even a relatively modest \$550 billion tax cut can stimulate the economy and create hun-

dreds of thousands of jobs - if the right taxes are cut.

Congress should eliminate the individual income tax on dividends, accelerate the reduction in marginal tax rates, wipe out the "marriage penalty" and increase the child tax credit from \$600 to \$1,000. Our computer models show these steps would create explosive growth. In fact, simply eliminating the dividend tax would create 488,000 jobs over the next five years.

Tax measures should be designed to encourage people to work, save and invest. An intelligent tax cut would do just that. However, repealing Section 911 would only harm American workers and, ultimately, make us less competitive overseas.

Let's take the right steps, and make sure that overtaxed France remains just a speck in our economy's rearview mirror.

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Salado Fire Department receives donation from Mill Creek Community Association

Captain Joe Tischler, President of the Salado Volunteer Fire Department, accepted, for the Fire Department Executive Board, a donation of \$250 on behalf of the residents of Mill Creek Community, presented by LaNora Miller, treasurer of MCCA.

The Mill Creek Community Association member dues help fund this annual donation to the Fire Department to support the safety and security of Salado and Mill Creek residents.

At the May meeting of the MCCA Board, a proposal to help with emergency preparedness was made, as well as the possibility of helping with a donation for a siren to be sounded in case of a tornado or other such disasters.

The Safety and Security of our community are



Fire Department Captain Joe Tischler receives donation from LaNora Miller, treasurer MCCA

part of the on going goals and objectives of MCCA. MCCA Board members are open to community suggestions for emergency preparedness and community safety.

Simple steps can make homes more resistant to wildfires

Existing drought conditions across Texas have prompted fire officials to encourage homeowners to prepare now for what may be a difficult fire season.

"We just haven't had any widespread, soaking rains this spring," said Rich Gray, Texas Forest Service urban wildland interface coordinator. "Much of Texas is already well below normal rainfall for the year. That doesn't bode well for the hot, dry summer months to come. In fact, the weather patterns are setting up like they did in 1998, which was a very active fire season."

Homeowners can prepare now to increase the chance their homes will withstand the threat of a wildfire.

"People have two misconceptions about wildfires," Gray said. "First, they don't think they are at risk in Texas. The reality

is that we do have devastating wildfires here, and every year homes are needlessly lost to wildfires.

"Second, they tend to think preparing their home for a wildfire means they can't have trees, grass or shrubs in their yards," he added. "Actually, fire wise landscaping can be beautiful, and it can incorporate a variety of plants and trees as long as they are strategically placed so fire does not have a direct path to your home."

Gray said a homeowner can make a home more resistant to wildfire by making the following changes:

- Replace volatile plants, such as juniper and yaupon holly, with more fire-resistant species, such as hardwood trees, red yucca, forsythia, China rose, Texas sage or crepe myrtle;
- Prune tree limbs up to six feet and remove tree

limbs within 10 feet of your chimney and roof;

- Irrigate the grass around your home if possible, and keep grass and weeds mowed to two inches;

- Remove ladder fuels, which include anything that would carry fire up into the tree canopy or onto the roof;

- Stack firewood at least 30 feet from the house; remove woodpiles stacked next to decks, the house or wood fences;

- Clean all dead leaves and needles from the gutters and roof;

- Use fine gauge wire screen to cover vents in eaves, attics and under decks. Also skirt wooden decks with non-flammable siding or rock.

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Replica of Salado United Methodist Church to be auctioned June 7

Salado United Methodist Church to hold auction & barbecue June 7

Salado United Methodist Church will host an auction and barbecue June 7 in Pace Park. The silent auction will begin at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m., and a live auction at 1 p.m.

Among the items to offered are two sets of adult and one set of child's golf clubs, formal dinner for eight, English cabinet, Lonnie Edwards bronze, electric keyboard, Italian dinner for eight, quilts (new and antique), exercise machine, new lawn mower, silver coffee service, three-wheel bike, a commercial safe, furniture, jewelry, preparation of a will, oriental rug, three hours of yard work, an oriental rug, man's belt with golf emblems, antique dishes, antique radio, dessert-a-month, and much, much more.

Meal tickets are \$5 for adults and \$ for children. Tickets may be purchased at the church office, Charlotte's, Salado Civic Center, Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe, or the 1860's Shop (across from First State Bank).

For more information contact the Salado United Methodist Church at (254) 947-5482.

Salado Annual Reunion June 14 at SIS

The annual Salado Reunion will be June 14 at the Salado Intermediate School. The Reunion brings together families and graduating classmates from Salado every year.

The reunion will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a catered luncheon at noon. To reserve your tickets for lunch, please call Zelda Allen at 933-0801.

Newcomers and old-timers alike are invited to attend the Salado Reunion, to talk with old friends and make new ones.

Roberts recognized on Blinn College Distinguished List

Blinn College has announced its academic honor students for the 2003 spring semester on its Brenham campus.

The college recognizes those students who take a minimum of 12 college credit hours and earn a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.74 as Distinguished Students and those with at least a 3.75 as President's Scholars.

Krystal Roberts of Salado has been named to the Distinguished Students list.

Salado United Methodist Church sets Vacation Bible School June 9-13

Salado United Methodist Church invites children to dive into God's love at SCUBA (Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventures). SCUBA will be held 9 a.m.-noon June 9-13.

The program will provide fun, memorable Bible-learning activities

for kids ages four-12. Each day kids will sing songs, play teamwork-building games, treats from Dive-In-Diner, experience Bible adventures, and create Bible Point Crafts.

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Stroke screening at First Baptist Church

Residents living in and around the Salado community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke. Life Line Screening will be at First Baptist Church on June 11. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m.

A stroke, also known as a "brain attack," is ranked as the third leading killer in the world, and the second among women. Through preventive screenings, the risk of having a stroke can be greatly reduced.

Screenings are fast, painless and low cost. They

involve the use of ultrasound technology, and scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke, aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which are a strong predictor of heart disease. Also offered for men and women, is a bone density screening to assess their risk for osteoporosis.

"My physician told me I had no pulse above the blockage in the neck. I was days away from having a

stroke. Thank you very, very much." - Earl D. Morris, Lancaster, TX

Each screening requires 10 minutes or less to complete. A complete vascular screening package, including the Stroke/Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Ankle Brachial Index (hardening of the arteries). Screenings are \$99. Sign-up for a complete vascular package; including the osteoporosis screenings and pay only \$125.

Life Line Screening was established in 1993, and has

since become the nation's leading provider of vascular screenings. Over 45 ultrasound teams are on staff to travel to your community, bringing the screenings to you. These non-invasive, inexpensive and painless, ultrasound tests help people identify their risk for stroke, vascular diseases or osteoporosis early enough for their physician to begin preventive procedures.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-613-6188. Pre-registration is required.

Pubic forum sponsored by Mental Health & Mental Retardation Services

Central Counties Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services (CCCMHMR) is conducting a public forum with two available sessions offered to the community on June 12 at the Temple MHMR Main Center.

The session will be 3-4:30 p.m. and 6-7:30

p.m. at the Temple Center at 304 South 22nd Street.

Individuals need to attend only one of the two sessions. The public forum will be conducted via video conference to the Lampasas, Gatesville, Hamilton, Killeen, Cameron offices and the

MARC Center in Rockdale.

The purpose of the public forum is to gather public input on what services and supports should CCCMHMR provide to the local community. Also, there will be a presentation on how the

outcome of the 78th Texas Legislation will potentially impact services through CCCMHMR to the local community for the next two years.

The public will have time to ask questions after the gathering of public input and the presentation.

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SPORTS

Salado to host Dan Sheppard Softball Camp

Coach Dan Sheppard, former University of Mary Hardin-Baylor head softball and former state high school championship softball coach will be conducting one of his summer softball clinics at the Salado Lady Eagle softball field on July 18-20. This is a three day camp for those players entering the third grade through 12th grade.

Coach Sheppard will be covering the fundamentals of throwing, catching, hitting, pitching, sliding, and other skills necessary to play the game of softball successfully. The camp will be broken down into three sessions:

- July 18 Hitting Camp Session I (3rd-6th graders) 3-5 p.m.;
- Hitting Camp Session

II (7th-12th graders) 5:30-7:30 p.m.;

- July 19 Skills Camp Session I (3rd-6th graders) 8-11 a.m.;

- Skills Camp Session II (7th-12th graders) 12:30- 4 p.m.;

- July 20 Special Pitching Camp for all ages two to five.

Camp cost is \$40 for Hitting and Skills Camp,

and additional \$30 for the Pitching Camp.

Camp Brochures may be picked up at the front office of the high school or you may contact Coach Jarod Womack at 254-771-0025 or E-mail jwomack@saladoisd.org or Coach Doug Harrigan at 254-947-3255 or E-mail dharrigan@saladoisd.org for any further information.

Communities in Schools to hold fifth annual Ken Morgan Invitational Golf Tournament

The non-profit Communities in Schools (CIS) will hold its Fifth Annual Ken Morgan Invitational Golf Tournament July 12 at Mill Creek Country Club. The tournament will begin with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The purpose is to help raise funds for CIS programs in services.

CIS is a nationwide organization whose mission is "to champion the connection of needed community resources with schools to help young

people to successfully learn, stay in school and prepare for life."

The Bell-Coryell Counties, Inc., CIS is located on 35 campuses in six school districts in Bell and Coryell counties. The program in Salado is located on all three campuses and has served over 150 students this year. The CIS in Salado also works closely with the Salado Family Relief Fund in assisting the needs of less-fortunate

families in town.

Entry fee is priced at \$90 per player, which includes green fees, cart and complimentary lunch following the tournament, which will be played in a scramble format. The tournament is limited to a maximum of 120 players.

Businesses also have the opportunity at hole or golf cart sponsorships. Hole sponsorship is priced at \$200. Each hole sponsorship includes a com-

plimentary player. Golf cart sponsorship is priced at \$100.

Cash prizes include \$300 for the first place team, \$250 for second place and \$200 for third place.

For more information, contact Jessica Beyer, Site Director for Salado CIS, at the Intermediate School, 947-1700 through the month of June. After June, Beyer can also be reached at 718-0701.

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Shipman speaks at Rotary Club

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Johnny and Jill Shipman bought a cottage seven years ago on College Hill to come down and escape the city life. "Five years ago we built StoneCreek Settlement Bed and Breakfast," Shipman told the Rotary Club of Salado, May 27.

"I want Salado to be more recognized for being on the Chisholm Trail," he said. So, in an effort to do so, he has come up with the idea to build life-size steel animals, (i.e., cattle, long-horns, buffalo) and place them strategically through town, starting at the Hanks property.

These figures would be thinner and more contemporary than the eight foot tall Angels he has done that line Main Street during the

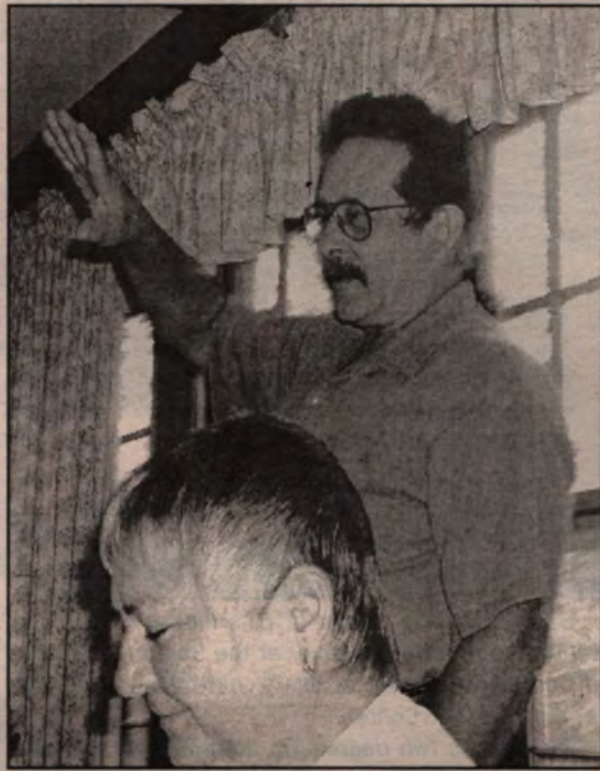
Christmas season.

There would be 12-14 animals with concrete bases. Cost for each piece could range in cost from \$2,000-\$4,000.

I would like to see businesses, clubs or individuals sponsor an animal. Each sponsor would receive a commemorative plaque. A brief synopsis would be placed in town. "The Public Arts League (PALS) has been receptive to the idea," Shipman says.

"This would be my contribution to Salado," said Shipman. "And is a good calling card to Salado."

He has studied Advertising Art and Design at Texas Tech University. He was a professional photographer for 35 years in the Dallas area. Some of his clients were Southwest Airlines, Exxon, Southern



Johnny Shipman

Methodist University and Frito Lay. He taught photography in a Graphic Arts Program at SMU.

Forty four Salado graduates receive honors from Texas Scholars Program

Salado High School will graduate a total of 44 students recognized with medals and certificates from the Texas Scholars program, which encourages students to enroll in more challenging classes in order to better prepare them for the rigors of college study.

12 students will be recognized as graduation through the Distinguished program: Sara Culver, Valedictorian, honor graduate; Chelsea Norman, Salutatorian, honor graduate; Evan Durham, honor grad-

uate; David Faber, honor graduate; Evan Gillespie, honor graduate; Heath Hale, honor graduate; Paige Herrick, honor graduate; Meagan Joiner, honor graduate; Tabitha Lawson, honor graduate; Mary Lee; Lauren Mewhinney, honor graduate and Tiffany Young, honor graduate.

These students graduated through the recommended program: Sheila Arnold; Isaac Berumen; Brad Carter, honor graduate; Natalie Clark, honor graduate; Evan Clements,

honor graduate; Ryon Clifton; Annie Correa, honor graduate; Nicole Foster; Kaci Fritsch, honor graduate; Chad Gray; Keri Hansen; Bryan Johnston; Kelcie Keating;

Emily Lilly, honor graduate; Ashley Lummus, honor graduate; Erin Lummus, honor graduate; Narissa Mohammed, honor graduate; Cody Quirk, honor graduate; Brad Ray; Devon Rex, honor graduate; Fran Ruiz;

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Bobbie Jacobs, owner of BJ's Flower Shop, Inc. will be the featured speaker at the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary, June 12 meeting at the Salado Civic Center.

Jacobs has two degrees in floral design and has been in business for 12 years at the same location in Belton. She has three employees, two designers and a driver.

Jacobs, along with one of her designers, Lynda Hilbert, will discuss cutting and care of garden flowers and how to arrange and care for them. They will also demonstrate how to arrange flowers in a vase and basket. These arrangements will be given as door prizes.

For more information call (254) 947-5254.

Classic cars to gather in Belton June 14

Classic cars will gather June 14 at Belton's Confederate Park, located just off I-35. The car show will be open to the public 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

All vehicles are welcome to register for the car show. Registration is \$20 per vehicle. Registration will be 7:30-9 a.m.

Participants will receive a dash plaque, goodie bag, free food and the chance to win door prizes and trophies. There will be awards given for the top 20 cars and the Best of Show.

There will also be a cruise to the Peaceable Kingdom Retreat for Children.

Bring the family for a day of fun, games, coloring contests, music and arts and crafts, in addition to the collection of classic cars.

All proceeds of the car show will benefit Peaceable Kingdom Children's Retreat west of Salado.

Peaceable Kingdom

Retreat for Children is located on 125 acres 15 miles west of Salado. The late Daurice and Jim Bowmer established Peaceable Kingdom in 1984 in memory of their grandson Charles Bowmer Schreiner V, who died of a heart ailment at 11 months of age, and three diabetic grandchildren.

It was originally a fishing day retreat for chronically ill children called Baby Charlie's Fishing Camp.

Today, Peaceable Kingdom serves over 3,000 chronically ill and special needs children every year. These children come free of charge without regard to race, religion or ability to pay.

Peaceable Kingdom is a 501(c)(3) charity that gets no government funds and depends on donations from individuals, corporations, businesses, foundations and fund-raising events such as the classic car show June 1.

For more information about Peaceable Kingdom, call 773-9951.

For more information about the car show, contact Eddie Cox, 778-4666 or 939-8493.

Barefoot in the Park performed at Vive Les Arts

Barefoot in the Park, the play by Neil Simon, will be performed at the Vive Les Arts theatre June 6-7 and June 13-15. The performances are sponsored by Metroplex Hospital.

Performances are 8 p.m. nightly except on June 15, which is a 2 p.m. matinee. The box office is now open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. for tickets, which are \$10 for adults, \$8 for children. Tickets can be reserved by calling the box office at 526-9090.

Barefoot in the Park takes a humorous look at new love. Corie (Jessica Stone) marries Paul (Raphael Zubizarreta). While setting up their newlywed's love nest, she attempts to matchmaker for her mother, Ethel (Lynn Matthews).

Corie's attempt to pair Ethel with the crazy upstairs neighbor Mr. Velasco (Dennis Williams) has all the earmarks of a colossal mess.

Neil Simon's romantic comedy, written in 1963, is still just as funny and just as pertinent today.

Corie learns how to manage her mother and her husband and her neighbor, and there are many laughs along the way.

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Edward Jones likes tax cut

Financial services firm Edward Jones hailed passage last week of the \$350 billion federal tax cut package, saying it will have a "profound impact" on individual investors ability and willingness to invest while providing a strong economic stimulus. The Salado Edward Jones investment representative is Allen Mantanona.

"This is good public policy because the current tax policy rewards borrowing and punishes saving and investing," said Mantanona. "Individuals should not be penalized for owning the types of securities that can help them secure their financial independence."

The bill, that was signed last week, lowers the top tax rate on dividends and capital gains to 15 percent through 2008 and accelerates scheduled income tax cuts.

It also includes tax breaks for businesses to encourage investment in new equipment and provides for checks of up to \$400 per child to be issued in 2003. Edward Jones has been a prominent proponent of the tax cut plan, especially the provisions regarding double taxation of dividends.

Currently, a corporation pays income tax on the company's earnings. If a portion of the earnings is paid to the investor in the form of a dividend, the investor pays a second income tax on those same earnings.

"Since WWII, economists have agreed that taxing dividends twice is not good public policy," said Mantanona. "We now have a President and Congress that have had the courage to address the issue."

More than 35,000 Edward Jones customers signed petitions urging total elimination of dividend taxation. While the approved

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tax package doesn't completely eliminate taxes on dividends, it does significantly reduce them through 2009.

"On average, this bill reduces dividend taxation by more than 60 percent," said Mantanona. "This is a terrific victory for all individual investors, especially those retirees who depend heavily on dividend income."

Rick Lazio, former New York congressman and now president and CEO of the Financial Services Forum, credited both Edward Jones and its customers with making sure the double taxation of dividends was

addressed in the package.

"Edward Jones, its associates, and its customers were a driving force in the effort to address double taxation of dividends. When the President proposed his plan, it was written off by leaders on both sides of the aisle, but Edward Jones would not give in. They kept the issue alive and brought it to the fore throughout the winter and spring. With tireless effort like no other firm, the people of Edward Jones were essential to the passage of this legislation that will be so beneficial to their clients: individual investors," Lazio said.

The Financial Services Forum is a trade group made up of the 25 largest financial-services firms and Edward Jones. Edward Jones, the only major financial-services firm advising individual investors exclusively, traces its roots to 1871 and currently serves more than six million clients.

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It's June Dairy Month, and to celebrate, your fridge should be packed with delicious dairy products. June has marked an annual salute of America's dairy farmers since 1937, when grocer organizations sponsored "National Milk Month." Two years later, the observation became known as dairy month, promoting the consumption of all dairy foods.

June Dairy Month has become a time to honor the contributions of dairy farmers who work 24/7/365 to provide consumers with fresh, wholesome dairy products.

This year's new 3-A-Day of Dairy campaign urges consumers to get three servings of dairy a day by consuming a glass of milk, a cup of yogurt or a slice of cheese, all of which are good nutrition for your body. Milk and milk products are great nutrient packages of nine essential vitamins and minerals, including calcium, potassium, riboflavin, phosphorus,

vitamins A, D and B-12, and protein. Providing 72 percent of the calcium available in the American diet, dairy products are what dietitians call nutrient-dense foods, containing an abundance of vitamins and minerals per calorie. But that's not all.

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Coping with mold

They are everywhere - in the air, on your clothes, walls, carpet - waiting for the right convergence of moisture and food. Where water from a leak in a roof, a seeping pipe or some other source meets sheetrock, wood, carpets or some other tasty morsel, they grow and spread. Then these lowly mold spores become a headache - or, for some, a more serious health threat.

"Mold is a fungus, and it has a useful function in nature because it breaks down organic material," said Claren Kotrla, chief of the bureau of environmental health at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "Unfortunately, the destructive properties that make it so useful outdoors can become a health hazard when molds are active inside a home or building."

He said one of the reasons mold has become a problem recently is because modern homes and building are designed to be energy efficient. "As a result of greater insulation in buildings, we no longer have the natural ventilation and air circulation that tend to keep mold growth in check," Kotrla said. However, good construction techniques that prevent water intrusion can reduce the potential for mold exposure.

Because mold spores and the building materials they feed on are ever present, the best way to prevent mold growth is to control moisture.

"A good maintenance program - inspecting for potential water leaks following a heavy rain, high winds or any construction that penetrates the roof - goes a long way to prevent mold problems," Kotrla said. However, good construction techniques that prevent water intrusion can reduce the potential for mold exposure.

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lowing a heavy rain, high winds or any construction that penetrates the roof - goes a long way to prevent mold problems," Kotrla said. TDH recommends that maintenance supervisors at schools, other public buildings and businesses include mold prevention strategies in a comprehensive maintenance plan.

Homeowners also should check periodically for possible water leaks. In addition, Kotrla offered some steps for controlling mold in and around the home:

- Clean bathrooms often with bleach and keep surfaces dry;
- Repair water leaks promptly and properly;
- Ensure that the home has adequate ventilation, including exhaust fans in the kitchen and bathrooms; and

- Do not carpet bathrooms, basements, kitchens or other areas prone to collect moisture.

Homeowners can deal with minor mold problems by wiping down the affected area with bleach and removing and replacing moldy materials. Kotrla advises those who need to remove larger amounts of mold to close off the affected area, turn off air conditioning, wear gloves and eye protection and then wash their clothes promptly. If there is extensive damage due to flooding or an undiscovered leak, professional help may be required.

People with asthma, immunocompromised people, the very young and the elderly should avoid exposure to mold and should not be present when mold is removed from a building, Kotrla said.

Individual reactions to mold exposure vary widely from watery eyes to severe respiratory distress and often depend on such factors as amount and type of molds present, length and frequency of exposure and the health of the individuals at the time of exposure. Many people who are sensitive to mold have flu-like symptoms - headache, congestion, sneezing, coughing and throat irritation.



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Keeping the Entrepreneurial Tradition Alive

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"Keep thy shop, and thy shop will keep thee," an early American small-business owner encouraged his fellow shopkeepers nearly 300 years ago. Few today have heard of the colonial entrepreneur Richard Saunders, but his advice about business management continues to inspire those who pursue the path of free enterprise.

"No pain, no gain," is a popular phrase used widely these days, but the words were originally penned by Saunders, whose actual statement was: "There are no gains without pains."

Richard Saunders never existed except as the fictitious author of one of the young nation's greatest sources of entrepreneurial guidance, **Poor Richard's Almanack**. The creation of young Philadelphia printer Benjamin Franklin, Saunders' axioms

served to boost America's emerging entrepreneurs with inspirational mottoes that today remain firmly embedded in the consciousness of millions of small-business owners.

"Drive thy business, let not that drive thee" is not a phrase you're likely to hear from the NFIB Education Foundation, but a close look at the information it dispenses regularly to the nation's youth contains virtually identical messages that are grounded in the long-standing traditions of industry and business ownership that Franklin and his peers established.

Raising American youths' awareness of the critical role that private enterprise and entrepreneurship play in the building of our nation is the primary mission of the foundation. Its parent organization, the National Federation of Independent Business, which today represents some 600,000

Main Street firms, has maintained a long-term commitment to the values so critical to fostering business start-ups and growth.

Were Franklin alive today, he would no doubt happily support the foundation's primary goals: to encourage young people to consider careers in small business and entrepreneurial endeavors, to recognize teachers and other entrepreneurial mentors who promote entrepreneurship and to encourage small-business owners to take their experience into college classrooms to share the risks and rewards of small-business ownership with students. The foundation also serves as a catalyst to bring together interested parties, to forge partnerships with other organizations to educate youth about the role of emerging businesses in America.

Like Franklin, the successful small-business owners of today are a restless breed, never content to sit idly, but forever on the lookout for ways to strengthen and improve their operations. They

know that by supporting the foundation's NFIB Free Enterprise Scholars program, they're helping build a future generation of business leaders. This year alone, the organization will grant 110 scholarships of \$1,000 each to students entering their freshman year of college or vocational school.

As a printer's apprentice, Ben Franklin gained valuable skills that aided him throughout his long and productive life. Surely he would smile approvingly upon the foundation's internship program, which opens doors to business, government and public policy arenas for college students.

In his later years, Franklin turned his energies to the shaping of our country, but his wisdom about business affairs is indelibly stamped upon the commerce of America. The NFIB Education Foundation serves the nation by perpetuating his tradition.

Jack Faris is president of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB).

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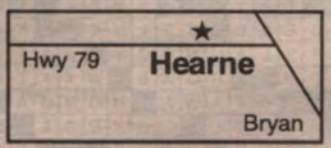
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Prelop painting nets 20K

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
 STAFF WRITER

Larry Prelop has reached a point of dual renown in his career. You see, he is almost as well-known for his high quality art gallery, located on Main St., as he is for his sweeping, ethereal paintings of the Texas landscape.

Almost, but not quite.

One of Prelop's original works, "Hill Country Sunset" recently brought home the bacon during the live auction portion of the annual Texas Bankers Association convention.

All told, the donated piece, which Prelop painted for the event, brought in \$20,000 for the charitable arm of the Bankers Association, the TBA Foundation, a program that provides scholarships and awards to deserving individuals within the banking industry.

Olivia Solas heads up the TBA Foundation, headquartered in Austin. "This year, for our auction piece, we were looking for a real Hill Country theme. Rick Smith, who is the president of the TBA, is also a good friend of Larry's. He approached Larry with the idea of doing a piece for the auction, and Larry agreed. When we saw the completed piece, and how good it was, we decided to take it to the next level by printing complimentary t-shirts with Larry's painting on them, which were



"Hill Country Sunset" by Salado artist Larry Prelop.

distributed to conventioners. That was a big success, also."

Prelop has operated his gallery in Salado for over seven years, dealing not only his own work, but also those of renowned artist G. Harvey and Salado sculptor Troy Kelley, among others. Prior to moving to Salado, the Central Texas native was represented in Salado Galleries for 18 years.

Prelop himself has an established reputation worldwide as a painter of powerful yet approachable seascapes. He truly only began creating Hill Country scenes in the mid 90s, as a way to reconnect with the essence of his native stomping grounds.

Prelop is somewhat out of the ordinary in that he is a self-taught craftsman. He cites stylistic influences from predecessors like A.D.

Greer and Porfirio Salinas, but has never undergone formal instruction.

At the convention, Prelop's piece, illuminated in its own booth, was causing some commotion before crack of the gavel and hawking of the auction actually began. "It was certainly generating a lot of conversation," said Solas. "Everyone that passed by had to stop and comment on it."

Initially, the high-bidder on "Hill Country Sunset" was Sterling Bank, of Houston, which bid \$10,000. Sterling then generously placed the piece back into the auction pool, where it eventually picked up an extra \$10,000 in bids.

Interestingly, the winning group, Clarke American, decided not to keep the work either. They donated it to the TBA, where it

is now displayed in their Austin office.

Prelop's pieces have also found a home in the homes of former governor Dolph Briscoe and the late senator Lloyd Benson. He has also been commissioned to create an artwork for Governor Perry.

Additionally, for the past two years, Prelop has been the official artist for Keep Texas Beautiful, an organization that promotes awareness for, and responsibility to, the Texas environment.

"We're very grateful to Larry for his donation," Solas said. "The artwork was a hit, and the foundation ended up with \$20,000 we didn't have. The event was a complete success."

For more information about Prelop Fine Art Gallery, call 947-3930, or toll-free at 888-461-2605.

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Mondays

Boy Scouts: Each Monday, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Methodist Church.

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

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

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

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

Salado Public Library: Summer reading program for Pre-K through fifth grade, 11 a.m.-noon during July. Call 947-9191.

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

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

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

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

Exercise Class: June 9-Aug. 11, 8:30-9:30 a.m., except first Monday of the month, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. Class includes stretching, strengthening and

Pilates. Held at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public.

Tuesdays

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

Salado Band Boosters: Second Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. in the Band Hall.

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

Yoga Classes: 6:45 p.m., at the Halley House.

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

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

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

Salado High School Band Boosters: 2nd Tues. of every month 7 p.m. in the Band Hall.

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

Salado Area Republican Women: 3rd Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-8422 or 947-3617 for information.

Wednesdays

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

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

Salado Youth Base-

ball Association: meetings 7 p.m. at Civic Center.

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

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

Moms Club walking at the High School track, 8:45 a.m. Every fourth Wednesday, monthly meeting 10:30 a.m. at SUMC. Call 947-5507.

Thursdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

What's happening here?

JUNE 4-7

5th Annual Judy & A.C. Greene Literary Festival featuring Fran Vick and an original show by Jane Roberts Wood. See www.lrtsalado.com for more information.

JUNE 7

The Living Room Theatre of Salado Fiction Writing Workshop, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Place to be determined.

JUNE 10

Mill Creek Community Association Spring Fling Mixer at Creekside Restaurant. Happy hour 6-7 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Call 947-3901 for info.

JUNE 13

The Range hosts a wine tasting, featuring Cap Rock Winery, 6-9 p.m. Call 947-3828 or e-mail to therange3828@earthlink.net.

JUNE 14

Salado Humane Society yard sale, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the north corner of Pace Park and Main Street.

JUNE 17

Public hearing, Village of Salado Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. Public encouraged to attend.

JUNE 19

Salado Area Republican Women meeting 11:30 a.m. at Mill Creek Country Club. Program: Kay Matthews speaking on literacy. Call 947-8422 for info.

JUNE 21

Bell County Jamboree event, for specifics call 254-939-8560, or visit www.allcentex.com/jamboree.

JUNE 21-22

A Midsummer Night's Dream Auditions 2:30 p.m. at Tablerock's backstage room.

JUNE 26

Salado author John C. Perry lecturing on his book, "Myths and Realities of American Slavery," 7 p.m. at the Salado Public Library. Call 947-9191 for info.

JULY 4

Salado Village Voice office closed. Advertising deadline for July 9 issue: 12 noon July 2.

JULY 12

Communities in Schools 5th Annual Golf Tournament, at Mill Creek. Benefitting CIS programs. Call 947-1700 for info.

JULY 19

Bell County Jamboree event, for specifics call 254-939-8560, or visit www.allcentex.com/jamboree.

JULY 19, 26, AUG. 2

Salado Legends at Tablerock Amphitheater. Dinner at 7:15 p.m., \$8 adult or child. Theater at 8:15 p.m., \$15 adult and \$5 child.

AUGUST 2

Book Fair at Stagecoach Convention Center 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information call 254-947-0456 or visit www.saladopress.com.

AUGUST 2-3

37th Annual Salado Art Fair.

AUGUST 16

Bell County Jamboree event, for specifics call 254-939-8560, or visit www.allcentex.com/jamboree.

SEPTEMBER 1

Salado Village Voice office closed. Advertising deadline for Sept. 3 issue: 12 noon Aug. 28.

SEPTEMBER 11

Central Texas Poetry Prose Reading 7 p.m. - Readings, 9 p.m. - Open mic.

SEPTEMBER 13-14

Fright Trail Auditions 3 p.m. at

Tablerock's backstage room.

SEPTEMBER 20

Bell County Jamboree event, for specifics call 254-939-8560, or visit www.allcentex.com/jamboree.

SEPTEMBER 20-21

Fantasy Faire & Shakespeare Festival \$5 adults, \$3 children

SEPT. 20, 21, 27, 28

A Midsummer Night's Dream 8:15 p.m., \$10 adults, \$5 children.

SEPT. 27

Chisholm Trail ABWA Style Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Celebration Center. 947-9000 for info.

OCTOBER 2

6th Annual Storytelling Festival 1st through 4th grade, \$1 per person. 10 a.m.

OCTOBER 4-5

Christmas Carol Auditions 2 p.m.

OCTOBER 10-11

Christmas in October. Free admission, Salado Civic Center. Call 947-5040 for information.

OCT. 25, 31, Nov. 1

Fright Trail Nights at Tablerock 7-11 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3 children under 12.

NOVEMBER 22

Empty Bowl Project benefiting Salado Family Relief Fund, 1-6 p.m. at SIS auditorium. Call 947-5321 for info.

DECEMBER 2

Mill Creek Community Association annual Christmas Party at Creekside Restaurant. Happy hour, 6-7 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Call 947-3901 for info.

DECEMBER 4

Christmas Parade

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Annual Christmas Stroll

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Tablerock's Christmas Carol 7 p.m., \$5 adults and \$3 children.

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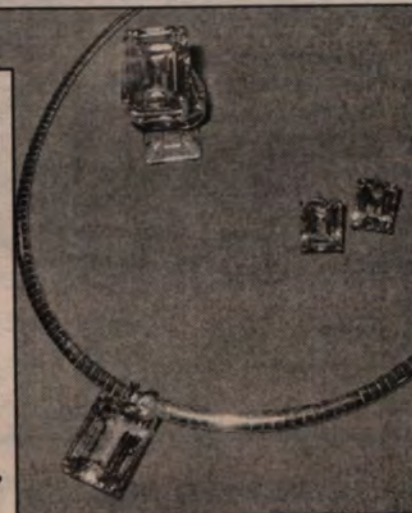


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Carpenter donates bench, dedication June 22

A stone bench that will overlook the Village of Salado will be dedicated 5 p.m. June 22 on the grounds of Salado College. The bench will commemorate two of the families who attended the school on the hill nearly a century ago.

The board of the Salado Hill College Foundation and trustees of the Central Texas Area Museum will be the hosts.

The cordova creme limestone bench will mark the memory of Mary Elizabeth Robertson and Thomas Shelton Sutherland, parents of Liz Carpenter, Salado-born author and journalist. Both parents met and attended school there in the early 1900s.

Carpenter was born in Salado in 1920. She is a graduate and Distinguished Alumna of the University of Texas, was a White House Correspondent covering 12 Presidents, and served as press secretary to Lady Bird Johnson during the Johnson Administra-

tion. She resides in Austin and is a frequent visitor to Salado.

"Like so many people in this area, I have very sentimental ties to College Hill and its picturesque remaining walls of the early Salado College and the remarkably advanced Thomas Arnold High School, early educational centers from 1859-1917. From the beginning of the earliest settlers, the cause of education was established when my great-grandfather, Col. E.S.C. Robertson, made a gift of 100 acres of land for the town and for a college," Carpenter said. "The College's values, which began in a tent before the Civil War, continues to draw people for research, conferences and think tanks."

The distinctive qualities of Salado were set forth in a letter written to one of the College's first teachers, Gideon Buck, from Sallie Watson on Jan. 2, 1860. She wrote: "There is a new town called 'Salado' just

being laid out seven or eight miles below Belton...The principal object in building the town is to get together a cultivated refined community and for educational purposes."

An early historian, George W. Tyler, verifies the character of Salado in his book, **The History of Bell County**. He wrote:

"Early families of Salado were excellent quality. Many were people of education and refinement, and all were appreciative of the value to their children of good schools and good society. They were a sober, honest, industrious and intelligent group who gave to their beautiful little town a reputation for high character that was unsurpassed at the time by any community in the state."

Next door to College Hill, the Central Texas Area Museum, founded in 1958, works with the college foundation to preserve a part of Texas heritage. The president of the museum, Cile Robertson Ambrose

said, "Effusive as it sounds, our programs throughout the year emphasize the diversity of our state's culture by sponsoring the Readers and Writers Round Table in the spring to the Gathering of the Scottish Clans in the fall. Our Museum libraries are used by genealogists and historians. We strive to keep Salado's history from being lost."

The stone bench, a gift from Carpenter, was designed by Bob Ragan of Texas Crushed Stone, in Florence. Ragan estimates the rock is 180 million years old.

Friends and family of the Museum will be among the audience at the informal program to be held at 5 p.m.

The event is open to the public.

"In view of Texas weather in June," Ambrose said, "I urge that visitors wear comfortable shoes and bring a fan."

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The Salado Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony May 30 for one of Salado's newest shops, Water Lily, located at 642 N. Main Street. Water Lily is owned by Summer Sparkman, pictured at center, holding scissors. Water Lily specializes in custom made soaps, gels and lotions, which are made on-site. Water Lily also carries apparel, bath teas, jewelry and manicure and pedicure sets.
 (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

Deadline June 12 for entry in Belton 4th of July Parade

The Belton Area Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to participate on July 4, by attending the 4th of July Parade. There will be floats, bands, marching units, decorated vehicles, antique cars, decorated bicycles, etc. Participants are encouraged to incorporate the parade theme,

Trail of Freedom, into their entry.

The first parade was held in the mid 1800's and has been an annual event in Belton since 1919. This long time Belton tradition starts at 10 a.m. on Main St. at 10th Ave., travels south on Main St. to Central Ave., turns east on Central Ave., turns left on Birdwell and ends on 4th Ave.

We are proud that in the January 2001 issue of Texas Highway magazine,

the readers rated Belton as one of the "Best Things To Do on the 4th of July" and rated our 4th of July Celebration Parade in the top 10 in Texas, placing us in the company of parades in Dallas, Houston, and Galveston. Don't just take their word for it, come spend awhile on the Chisholm Trail to celebrate our nation's independence.

If you would like to enter the parade, entries turned in by June 12 will receive

a discount on their entry fees. All entries must be in by June 26, in order for them to furnish the lineup number and a map of the parade line up area. All entries are eligible for judging in several categories.

For more information, contact Julie Preston at the Belton Area Chamber of Commerce, (254) 939-3551 ext. 103 or email julie@beltontxchamber.com.

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In the second ribbon cutting of May 30, The Village Steakhouse was officially inducted as a member of the Salado Chamber of Commerce. Owners Richard and Kim Clapper are pictured at center, with scissors. The Village Steakhouse has recently introduced a lunch menu, with specials priced at \$2.99. They are located at 302 N. Main St., next to Heirlooms. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

Auditions for "A Midsummer Night's Dream" to be held June 21-22

Tablerock Festival of Salado has announced that open auditions for William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream will be held 2:30 p.m. June 21-22. in Tablerock's backstage room.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be performed on the main stage at the Goodnight Amphitheater on Sept. 20-21 and Sept. 27-28. The performances on Sept. 20-21 will be in conjunction with the Second Annual Fantasy Faire. All performances

will take place at 8:15 p.m., with ticket prices of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under eight.

The play is to be directed by David Dunlap, of Salado, who hopes to make Shakespeare an annual and permanent part

of the Tablerock season.

For additional information on auditions, rehearsal schedule, or performances, please contact David Dunlap by phone at 254-947-8933 or by email at dunloptx@yahoo.com.

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250 candidates for spring graduation. Summer and fall graduates also participated in the ceremony.

Among those honored from Salado were Benjamin Casey, Certificate of Com-

pletion; Cynthia Gonzales, Associates of Arts degree; and Jennifer J. Miles, Associate of Applied Science degree. Emilie Ziegler of Jarrell received an Associates of Arts degree.

Grazier listed on college honor roll

Students from 46 states and the District of Columbia are listed on the University of Oklahoma-Norman campus honor roll for the Spring 2003 semester.

Kristen Nicole Grazier, of Salado was among those listed on the honor roll.

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Our dining experience was outstanding. After complimentary cocktails, we sat down and found a printed menu at our places. "Tumbleweed Smith Dinner" was printed at the top of a small piece of parchment paper that listed the six courses. They included blue cheese chips and pecan crusted turkey for appetizers, an avocado shrimp salad and creamed eggs with onion as anti-pasto, followed by the

Laird Ranch signature tomato soup accompanied by delicious hard rolls. Then came a palate-clearing sorbet. The entree was pecan smoked and roasted prime rib of beef cooked slowly over a fire of orange wood. Vegetables included mashed potatoes, a signature hominy casserole, glazed carrots and wine soaked mushrooms. The dessert was creme brulee served with coffee.

John came to the table early in the meal to show us a printed guide to the 101 satellite radio stations available. We chose standards and light jazz.

Everything is made fresh, from scratch. Nothing comes from a can. Beth prepares all the early dishes, vegetables and desserts while John cooks the meat and serves.

John has made his living in wholesale hardware. He still works in that area but is in Balmorhea on weekends. He and Beth had a catering business that put their kids through college.

"We enjoy cooking and

eating and we're good at both," says John.

"We've eaten in some of the finest restaurants in the country. When we find something we like, we try to find out how to make it."

The dining room has room for four or five couples. "It's ideal for folks who come in for a dinner with their friends or neighbors. We have an outdoor porch that can seat 35." They serve a minimum of four people.

BYOB. When you go to the Laird Ranch, don't be in a hurry. After the sorbet and prior to the entree, Susan and I went to the Gazebo to watch the sunset. Outside speakers

kept the music all around us.

After the two and a half hour meal, we took a walk along the one mile hiking trail across the highway. John said while we were gone he would make a fire for us in one of the chimineas on the porch.

The prime rib was the best I've ever had. It was tender and flavorful and cooked just the way I like it.

John and Beth say they came to Balmorhea for the people, the view and the tranquility. "We like it here and love sharing it with our guests."

The meals are about forty dollars per person.

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The following recipe was taken from the cookbook "Salado Country Cooking." It was sponsored by the members and friends of the Monday Club from the Salado United Methodist Church.

Cold Pepper Steak

Vicky Sartor

1 (4 lb) eye of round

Garlic powder, to taste Pepper, to taste

MARINADE:

1/2 c. soy sauce 1/4c. corn oil

1 (12 oz) btl. cooking sherry

1/4 c. Worcestershire sauce

Generously cover meat with garlic powder and pepper. Prepare marinade. Place meat in a deep dish and pour marinade over it. Refrigerate meat in marinade for 24 hrs, turning periodically. Remove meat and allow it to come to room temp. Place meat and marinade in roasting pan. Bake at 500 degrees, uncovered, for 30 min. Reduce temp. to 350 and continue to cook, basting occasionally, for 1 1/2 hrs. Remove the meat from oven, allow it to cool to room temp, and refrigerate it. Serve the meat thinly sliced.

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12. Chicken Fried Chicken Breast.....	\$9 ⁹⁵
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Delisi on legislature

By DIANNE WHITE DELISI
TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

The 78th Texas Legislature is wrapping up a long and tumultuous session this week. We started the session \$9.9 billion in the hole, a number considerably larger than the original estimates. That shortfall was a target which to a large degree dictated what we could and could not accomplish.

Legislators across party lines knew that tough choices had to be made and spending had to be reigned in. Everybody shared in the deficit, and the votes that I made on the floor are some of the most difficult ones I have ever made. For each worthy program vying for state dollars, there were many more that were equally needy. Nonetheless, there were also many areas of waste and inefficiency to be found.

By restructuring in these programs, we were

able to draft a budget that met our basic needs without having to raise taxes - in a time when the economy is suffering. Letting Texans keep more of their own money will go a long way towards generating the growth that Texas needs to rebound.

One of the early tests of the legislature came in the area of tort reform. As many doctors throughout Texas can testify, rampant lawsuits have plagued our health care system. Although no final agreement has been reached yet on House Bill 4, the landmark tort reform bill, we have established limits on lawsuits that will bring down the cost on all fronts.

In addition, we tackled the state's insurance crisis, passing a package of bills that will have a direct, positive effect on homeowners' and auto insurance rates. We passed important reforms to prevent the abuse of mold

claims and to license public adjusters to prevent fraud.

As I write this is a very important time in the session. It remains important to stay vigilant. I have been appointed to a number of conference committees, in particular, the committee for the omnibus transportation bill. This legislation is critical for I-35, and I hope that I can help ensure that Central Texas gets the dollars it takes to keep up with our growing transportation needs. It also includes language I wrote to help the state meet its trauma care needs and ensure a system of quick response from emergency volunteers to Level 1 ERs.

One area we did not address was an overhaul of the school finance system. However, to attempt to do so with half-measures and short-term fixes does not do our schools and com-

munities justice. In order to create an equitable finance structure for Texas schools, we must look at long-term solutions.

To this end, the Speaker of the House has appointed a select committee to meet in the interim and address this issue. I have been honored to be appointed to this committee, and will work with my colleagues in a bipartisan spirit to meet this challenge.

I sincerely hope that there will not be a special session on the budget or other issues, but if there is, I look forward to continuing the work we have done in the last four months. When I do drive across the Lampasas River and back into Bell County, I will breathe a sigh of relief knowing that the legislature made the hard decisions to fund the most essential services without raising the state's taxes.

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The Dick Thomas orchestra will be the first

on the Strasburger Hall bandstand, 8 p.m.-11:30 p.m.

Stardust is a non-profit organization, and all its dances are open to the public. Club members pay annual dues in advance, thereby receiving a discount rate and eligibility to vote or hold offices. Public guests pay \$10 per person admis-

sion. All dances are semi-formal, the enforced dress code requiring coat and tie for men and after-five attire for women. The byob venue is non-smoking.

Other top-quality ballroom ensembles are regulars on the Stardust bandstand. The July 12 dance at the new CAC venue will feature the Ken Ragsdale orchestra. Dr. Ragsdale is a retired historian who never retired from making dance music. Dr. Charles Stewart, whose Heritage Club and, the Echoes, has been a leading figure in Central Texas dance venues, will play for the Aug. 9 dance.

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New method for Selective Service

States that have joined the national movement to require young men to register with Selective Service before they can renew their drivers' licenses have seen dramatic positive results from their efforts, with increases in registration rates as high as 11 percent.

Results of the fourth annual state-by-state registration compliance report released recently by the Selective Service System show that most of the 32 states, two U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia, that have driver's license legislation showed dramatic increases in compliance rates. Texas, which has enacted the driver's license legislation, reported 82 percent compliance rate - a three percent increase since last year.

The state-by-state report of state registration compliance rates are based on the percentage of draft eligible men who were born in 1983 and had registered

by Dec. 31, 2002. Nationally, registration compliance in 2002 increased to a record 89 percent for men reaching age 19 during the year, up by two points from 2000's high of 87 percent. Virtually all young men living in the United States are required by Federal law to register with Selective Service when they turn 18. While failure to register is a crime punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000 and/or up to five years imprisonment, the government rarely prosecutes men in peacetime who fail to register. However, many Federal opportunities - including eligibility for student loans, job training, Federal employment, and citizenship for male immigrants - are denied to young men who fail to register.

In addition, cities and counties over the years have taken their own steps to ensure registration. Chicago and New York City,

for instance, require young men to be registered if they want municipal jobs with the city, such as police officers or fire fighters.

Over the past few years, a movement among states to link driver's license registration and Selective Service registration has been growing.

Selective Service has the challenge of reaching more than 5,000 young men in America who turn 18 every day with a message that they're not always interested in hearing. "It's especially gratifying to see state governments take this issue so seriously," said Lew Brodsky, acting director of the Selective Service System. "By tying registration directly to something that is a top-of-mind association for pretty much every young man in America - the ability to get a driver's license - states are sending the clear message that they support registration and expect young men

to take their responsibilities seriously."

In most states with such legislation, Selective Service works with the Department of Public Safety or Motor Vehicles to include a consent statement on all applications or renewals for driver's permits, licenses, and identification cards. The statement informs the applicant that by submitting the application he is consenting to being registered with Selective Service if he is required to do so.

In 2002, states and territories which had begun transmitting registration data made significant gains in their compliance rates. They include Hawaii, posting 11 percent; Georgia, 10 percent; Colorado and Illinois, eight percent; Alabama and Arkansas, six percent; and Ohio and Florida, four percent.

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Each year about 15 Texans drown driving into floodwaters flowing

across roadways or beneath underpasses. The nationwide fatality figure is about 127.

DEM State Coordinator Jack Colley said: "These deaths can be prevented. Just turn the car around and choose a different route. I believe if our citizens become aware of the danger through the 'Turn Around, Don't Drown' campaign, they will avoid driving into floodwaters."

"We are asking newspapers, radio stations and

TV stations to help make our citizens aware of these dangers," Colley said. "Even one of these preventable deaths is too many, and the media can help us get this message out."

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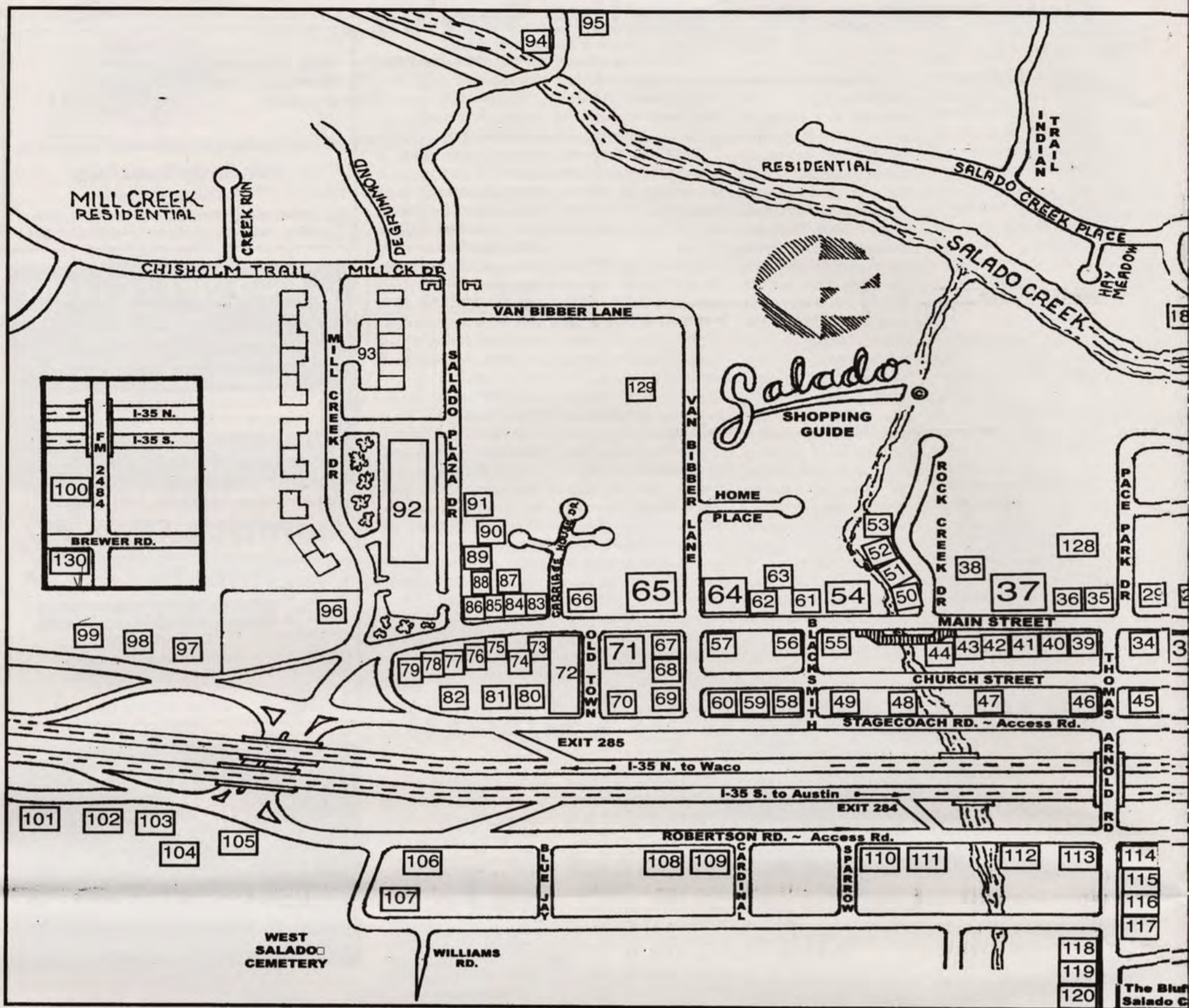
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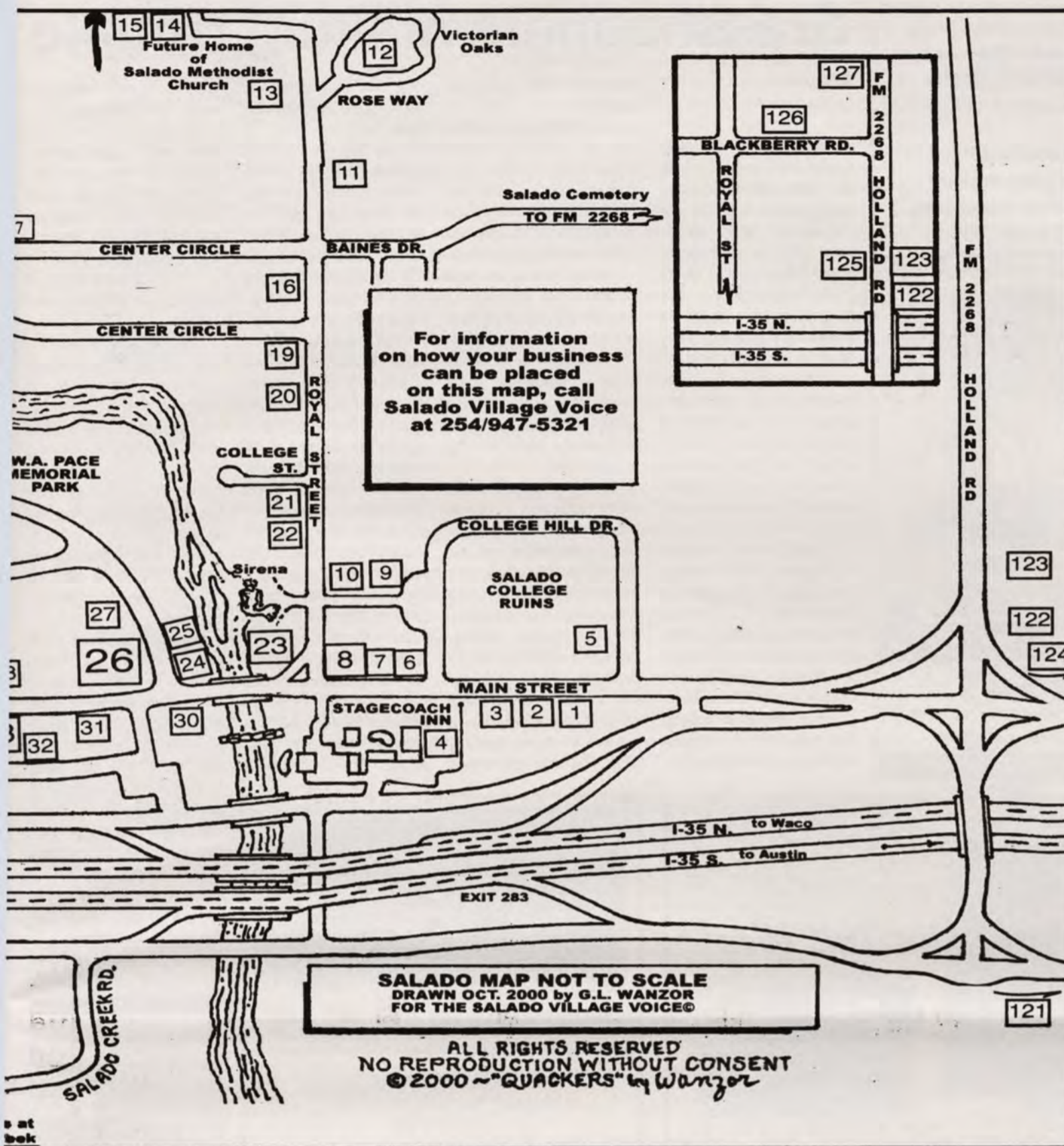
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Grasshoppers making trouble

By JAMES M. DAVIS
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Grasshoppers have really made their presence felt this year. Each year their population and damage can increase on crops, pasture land and in landscapes. Some folks wonder if we are in the beginning or middle of a seven year cycle. In reality, grasshopper problems are not that simple.

Obviously this is a complicated subject made more difficult by the lack of research in Texas. In looking at grasshopper outbreaks in the Western United States, there is no evidence for any type of cycle.

Outbreaks have lasted up to 10 years and as few as two years. The determining factors seem to be rainfall and food availability. A key factor seems to be the current weather pattern of rain ending in late May. There is some reason to believe that this lack of moisture is limiting grasshopper dis-

eases and thus leading to outbreaks.

Residents need to realize that the outbreaks we are experiencing involve more than one species. The outbreaks experienced in the eastern part of the state are called eruptive outbreaks.

In other words, the food supply is not limiting but the outbreaks usually follow drought or heavy grazing. This is opposite of Jones County where the food supply is limiting and the area finally gets enough rain to generate food for the grasshoppers.

There is no doubt that the grasshoppers have had a huge economic impact. Each grasshopper can eat half its weight each day. A population of 30 per yard will eat one ton of vegetation in 10 days. Populations in east Texas easily averaged 100 to 300 per acre so ranchers were losing up to a ton of vegetation per acre every one to three days. The economic impact

does not include all the ornamental damage that occurred.

The big five species causing problems are the migratory, the differential, the two-striped, the Packard and the red-legged grasshopper. These are the species that cause the most damage. There are 150 grasshopper species.

The important thing to remember about these five is that they will cause the most damage. Most species will have one generation per year but the migratory and red-legged can have two to three. The first hatch starts in mid-April but every species has a different time of egg hatch. Some species hatch early and others hatch later. The other critical point to remember is that the hatch will be extended. So even though a species egg hatch will occur in mid-April, some individuals will hatch later in the season. This is a survival mechanism of the grass-

hoppers in case conditions early in the hatch are poor.

Grasshoppers hatch in areas with open canopy. This is the reason that overgrazing and drought cause such problems. Sunlight and low humidity discourage grasshopper diseases, which is the main factor in limiting grasshopper populations.

Control options are limited for most individuals. Ranchers must try to increase the live plant basal cover and decrease open areas. This means managing livestock so that grass has a chance to recover from grazing and harvesting hay at the right time. Grasshoppers also exploit weedy areas. Tilled fields will not support eggs or hatching nymphs.

The key to treatment is getting out in April and again in June and checking for grasshoppers before they start moving. The disease *Nosema locustae* is of limited value for our area. The greatest success with this product (Nolo Bait®, Grasshopper Attack®, etc.) has been on large areas (40,000-60,000 acres). The level of control is about 50 percent in a good year. While this strategy works in open range land, most homeowners are not going to be happy with 50 percent control.

Homeowners are at a disadvantage because most of the grasshoppers will be moving into their landscape from pastures and weedy areas. Homeowners should invest in floating row covers for best control, especially for high value bedding plants.

Homeowners should use the pyrethroids for best control. A brief list includes bifenthrin (Ortho Ready to Use® Home Defense) permethrin (Eliminator® Home Pest Insect Control, Spectracide® Bug Stop) and cyfluthrin (Bayer Advanced Garden® Lawn and Garden, Tempo®).

Chemical control varies with the area. In non-crop areas Asana®, diazinon, malathion, acephate (Orthene®) and carbaryl (Sevin®) can be used.

Timing of treatments should probably be late April and a second application in mid-June. Dimilin® is approved in both improved pasture and rangeland (non-improved pastures), roadsides and ditch banks. Dimilin is a chitin synthesis inhibitor that prevents an insect from molting or growing to the next stage.

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Annual tea held for future Wildflower Belles

The Central Texas Wildflower Guild recently held its annual perspective Belle Tea at the Wildflower Country Club for approximately 30 sophomore girls and their mothers from Salado, Belton, Temple, and other surrounding areas.

They received information on the requirements for becoming a Wildflower Belle and were also given a calendar of scheduled events for the 2003-04 Belle year.

As Wildflower Belles,

they will be attending educational informances and concerts sponsored by the Central Texas Orchestral Society to be held at the Cultural Activity Center in Temple throughout the 2003-04 concert season.

They will participate in etiquette and personal grooming classes, attend dance lessons and usher at the CTOS concerts. They will also complete community service requirements by volunteering at Scott and White Hospital for the Designs of Hope project and the Contemporaries annual fund-raiser.

The Belles will be formally presented at the annual Wildflower Belle Ball on March 6, 2004.

Salado Volunteer Fire Department Incident Report May 2003

Date	Time	Incident
05/01	1:43 p.m.	Authorized controlled burning
05/03	8:34 p.m.	Authorized controlled burning
05/04	7:18 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
05/04	4:43 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
05/06	1:09 p.m.	Alarm system, no fire-unintentional
05/06	3:04 p.m.	Vehicle accident w/injuries
05/09	1:23 a.m.	• Passenger vehicle fire
05/09	10:52 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
05/09	9:10 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
05/10	8:23 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
05/10	11:31 a.m.	Grass fire
05/12	11:00 a.m.	Vehicle accident w/injuries
05/12	12:55 a.m.	Vehicle accident w/injuries
05/12	12:49 a.m.	Building fire
05/15	1:06 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
05/15	5:44 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
05/15	6:55 p.m.	False alarm or false call, other
05/19	10:07 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
05/20	2:23 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
05/20	3:38 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
05/21	5:38 p.m.	Vehicle accident w/injuries
05/21	9:04 p.m.	Authorized controlled burning
05/22	10:27 p.m.	False alarm or false call, other
05/23	9:05 p.m.	Electrical wiring/equip. problem, other
05/26	7:00 a.m.	Vehicle accident w/injuries
05/26	7:07 a.m.	Alarm system, no fire-unintentional
05/26	9:45 p.m.	Vehicle accident w/injuries
05/27	4:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
05/28	6:38 p.m.	Grass fire
05/29	9:42 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
05/29	12:54 a.m.	False alarm or false call, other
05/30	2:48 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
05/31	1:21 p.m.	Brush, grass mixture fire
05/31	1:24 p.m.	Alarm system, no fire-unintentional
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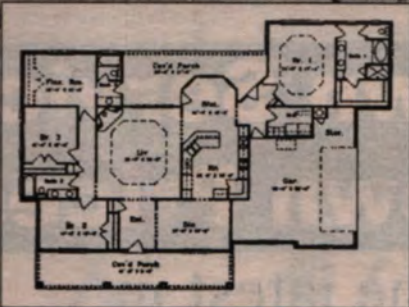
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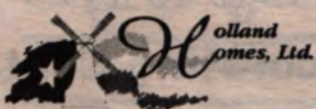


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Students will get hands-on experience in mosaic application and grout techniques. Students must purchase a stained glass kit from the instructor (birdbath, \$18-\$35; cross with wrought iron base, \$30).

Jean Porras is the owner of a local garden ornament business and has

been designing and manufacturing mosaic garden pieces and kits for over four years. Class meets 6-9 p.m. June 24. Cost is \$21.

Grant Proposal Writing — Non-profit organizations are facing leaner times making it even harder to secure funding. Discover the key concepts of grant proposal writing to enhance fund development. Learn how to develop a grant proposal that will be read and awarded.

Topics include Researching Opportunities, Developing a Budget, Developing an Executive Summary, Developing Project Plans for Man-

agement, Demonstrating Effectiveness and Methods of Evaluation. Learn what needs to be included in proposals, tips on language style and how to measure effectiveness of your projects.

Bring a copy of a current proposal to be reviewed. Develop a basic proposal as part of the session. Participants will receive a resource handbook.

M. Koleta Thompson, CFRE, has held non-profit management positions and is a consultant in non-profit management, financial development, public relations, marketing, strategic planning and grant proposal writing. Class meets 9 a.m.-5 p.m. June 26. Cost is \$99.

CPR and First Aid —

Knowing how to administer CPR effectively could save the life of a family member, friend or co-worker. Participants are required to register in person in order to pick up the pre-test and the course manual (included in the price of the class).

This course meets requirements for childcare workers. CPR instructors are selected from a highly qualified group of individuals with years of combined teaching experience. Class meets 9 a.m.-5 p.m. June 28. Cost is \$51.

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Victoria King, TCT Business Manager, said "Temple Civic Theatre is proud to support the Barclay Art Contest providing winners exposure in our Saulsbury Room. Our goal is to coordinate artistic style with a current production's theme and we feel the results of the Barclay Contest and Steel Magnolias is a winning combination."

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Charcoal grills are less expensive than gas grills, but the savings may dwindle after purchasing briquettes and lighter fluid several times a season. Lighting the briquettes can take a bit of finesse, since too much lighter fluid can impart an undesirable taste to foods. (In any case, letting the charcoal heat for 30-45 minutes should allow the petroleum-based fluid to completely burn off.)

This is a Hammer

by Samantha Mazzotta

Gas grills cost more, but the convenience of simply switching them on can quickly make up for the amount you spent. Remember not to go for the cheapest model -- look for grills with at least two burners, which will distribute heat more evenly than a single-burner discount grill.

If flavor is important, but you prefer a gas grill, options are available to get the best of both worlds. A smoked flavor can be created by soaking hickory or mesquite chips in water for 30 minutes (just as you would for charcoal grilling), spreading them atop the diffuser element (a layer of pumice or other medium), and placing a metal pan of water on the lowest rack of the grill,

directly beneath the meat. Keep the grill temperature at low to medium to get the most flavor, and don't let the wood chips flare up -- they should just smoke throughout the cooking process.

The health issue surrounding grilling concerns the amount of carcinogens in food cooked on the grill, particularly meat. You can dramatically reduce the amount of carcinogens (either created or imparted) by cleaning the grill thoroughly after each use, making sure no charred food particles remain on the cooking surface or (in a gas grill) the diffusers. It's also important to watch the grilling closely to make sure meat doesn't get charred.

Applications accepted for emergency farm loans on losses from Jan. 1 201 - Feb. 12, 2003

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by excessive rain that occurred from Jan. 1, 2001 through Feb. 12, 2003 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Belton, D. Dale Vann, Sr., Farm Loan Manager.

Bell County is one of 21 contiguous counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman, eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the excessive rain.

D. Dale Vann, Sr. said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or

the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Vann said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Dec. 24 but farmers should apply as soon as

possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Vann said.

FSA is a credit agency of the US Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnership, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a major interest.

The FSA office in Belton is open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Texas Forest Service offering \$400,000 in grants to improve tree programs

The Texas Forest Service is offering over \$400,000 in partnership grants to cities, towns, and community groups to begin or improve local tree programs.

These competitive grants range from \$1,000 to \$20,000 and must be matched dollar-for-dollar. Applications may be downloaded from the Texas Forest Service website and must be received by 5 p.m. on July 17 to be considered.

"We call them 'Partnership' grants because they can be a catalyst for improving the whole community," said program coordinator, Pete Smith. "Our money is paired with the energy and effort of city staff and local citizen volunteers to take stock of their urban forest or make plans to plant new trees,

protect existing ones, or improve their care."

New this year are \$5,000 grants to begin a "NeighborWoods" tree planting program, which helps a community work with citizens to plant trees in their yards or in the public right-of-way to serve as street trees.

"Urban forestry is the management of trees and related natural resources where people live, work, and play," said John Giedraitis, state urban forestry coordinator for the Texas Forest Service in College Station. "Texas is now an urban state, where over 80 percent of the people live on just three percent of the land. Providing grants and technical assistance to communities are the two best ways our agency can improve the lives of urban

Texans."

Applicants may be local or state governments and non-profit groups. Projects eligible for funding include professional forestry staff positions to manage a community-wide forestry program, tree ordinance development, workshops, volunteer programs, and the production of public service announcements, brochures, videos, or other educational materials. Funding priority is given to projects that have a long-term impact on the community.

For more information contact the Texas Forest Service office nearest you, call the Forest Resource Development Department in College Station at (979) 458-6650, or go to <http://texasforestservicetamu.edu/>.

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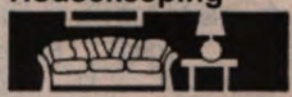
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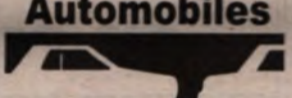
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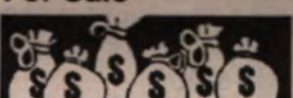
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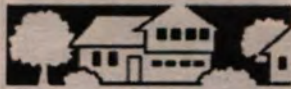
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- **\$248,000** - 4 BR/2-1/2 BA on 1 wooded acre in Mill Creek.
- **\$287,500** - Elegant comfortable home on 4 acres. Lakeview.
- **\$289,000** - Stone 4 BR home w/ open floor plan. 1.93 acres.
- **\$295,000** - 4 BR home in Troy on 60 acres, barn & lake.
- **\$339,000** - Mill Creek cul-de-sac - **SOLD**
- **\$349,000** - Elegant home backs up to golf course.
- **\$349,500** - New home with view of Salado Creek & golf course.
- **\$375,000** - Ranch-style Austin stone home on 29 acres.
- **\$449,500** - Country Place B&B, 7 BR home, large barn.
- **\$469,500** - 4 BR/4-1/2 BA, game room, 3 car garage.
- **\$479,500** - On #9 Fairway, overlooks golf course & creek.
- **\$699,900** - Country living, pool, 7 acres, barn, workshop.
- **\$895,000** - 4 BR on 40 acres fronting the Lampasas River.
- **\$1,450,000** - Executive 4 BR home on Salado Creek.

Commercial Property

- **\$246,500** - Retail space on Main St. 2090 SF w/office & BA.
- **\$249,500** - 3 BR home, with separate showroom & workshop, on 1.23 acres.
- **\$429,000** - 5.66 acres commercial property off Main Street.

Acreage Available

- **140 acres** located 10 miles northwest of Georgetown. Part coastal, cultivation, well fenced, 2 stock ponds, lots of paved road frontage, pecan orchard. Huge metal implement bldg. with living quarters.
- **140 acres** on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport, all or part.
- **50 acres** in the heart of deer country, wooded, good road

- frontage.
- **38.78 acres** on FM 2843, 8 mile west of IH-35, beautiful trees. \$190,000.
- **15.796 acres** fronting FM 2268 with young trees.
- **12 acres** between Salado and Florence. All woods, spring, secluded, view. \$49,000.
- **8.77 acres** on I-35 at crossover with road on 3 sides, Exit 286 at Salado.
- **5.7 acres** with long frontage on Lampasas River. Beautiful trees, lovely view of countryside.
- **Last 5 acres** tract in restricted subdivision. Reduced to \$55,000.

Lots

- Mill Creek Lots**
- 1136 Mill Creek Dr. - **Under Contract**
- 808 Mill Creek Dr. - \$30,000
- Mill Creek Springs - \$30 - \$75,000
- 700 Indian Trail - \$30,000
- Jack Nicklaus Circle - \$90,000
- Lot 1 Club Circle - \$35,000
- Fletcher Ct. - \$69,000
- Hester Way - \$55,000
- Other Lots**
- Royal Oaks - \$30,000
- Royal Oaks - \$31,500
- Rita Bend Drive - \$39,900
- Windy Hill Ranch - 2 acre lots - \$55,000 to \$90,000
- Hidden Springs**
- Lot 111 - 3.3 acres - \$49,900
- Lot 82 - 4.87 acres - \$83,000

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Tree covered corner lot, 4BR/3.25 BA, formal dining, study, security system and many extras. **\$238,000.**



3/2/2 formal dining, fireplace, walk to Mill Creek. Great location! **\$144,900.**



3BR/2BA Brick home with metal roof. 60'x38' metal barn & 2 stalls on 2 acres. **\$110,000.**



Charming country home west of Salado. 3 BR/2 BA with tile and hardwood flooring. Large fenced back yard. **\$89,500.**



Absolutely amazing view of Salado from this home located in the prestigious Royal Oaks. Enjoy your huge living room with beautiful hardwood floors throughout the living area. 3/2/2 with study that could be used as a fourth bedroom. **\$259,900.**



A beautiful hilltop 3/2 home, manicured lawn overlooking 3 acre lake on 13.42 acres. Numerous windows and a huge covered deck, outstanding views. Foliage and trees enhance the beauty of the home supplying shade from the hot summer sun. **\$449,000.**



Authentic Texas style home on approx. 11 acres on Hillside. 4/2/3, extra large living room with great fireplace, kitchen with stove top and woodburning stove, 7 stall barn, new roof. **\$185,000.**



Exquisite 4/3/2 on .868 acre lot in one of Salado's choice subdivisions. Formal and informals living & dining areas, beautiful view, custom landscaping, green house, garden room, hot tub, etc. **\$337,000.**



Approx. 5 partially wooded acres with a 4/3, red brick home featuring large living/den with fireplace opening to a large kitchen. Exhilarating in-ground pool and hot tub. Additional acreage can be purchased up to 63 acres. **\$279,000.**



In Salado 3/2 home with 2 living areas, formal dining, split level. **\$139,900.**



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



Secluded country home with over 4,400 SF in main house 5+ BR, 4 BA, 3 car garage, workshop, gameroom, storage and more 10 acres with an option on 3 additional acres. **\$437,000.**



Gorgeous tree covered corner lot with 3BR/2BA home in a prime location of Mill Creek. **\$188,000.**



Beautiful wooded lot in the Woods of Salado subdivision. 3BR/2BA, brick fireplace, covered patio deck in back, storage shed. **\$129,900.**

Salado Lots

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

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

Mill Creek Lot - **\$39,900.**

Belton

Nice 2 BR/2BA doublewide with large living and formal dining. Fenced yard - **\$39,000.**

Acreage

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

Approximately 2 acres near golf course in Mill Creek. Beautiful trees. **\$38,995.**

2 acre lot southwest of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$28,900.**

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2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900** or 1.35 acres for **\$20,000.**

3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large pecan trees & live water on Butter Milk Creek. **\$39,900.**

3 BR/2 BA mobile home on 35 acres w/ hilltop view overlooking valley and lake. **\$50,000.**

3.5 acres with septic & water. **\$38,000.**

3.52 acres, mostly wooded. **\$49,900.**

4 acres Southwest of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$56,800.**

5.13 acres southwest of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. Reduced to **\$44,900.**

51 acres Buttermilk Creek, spectacular views, excellent tree coverage, southwest of Salado.

53 acres south of Salado. **\$2,990/acre.**

928 acres sw of Salado. Beautiful rolling tree country w/ live creek &

large lake on property. Excellent views. Outstanding wildlife.

Three 250 acre tracts southwest of Salado. Beautiful rolling hills w/large trees, live creek and water tank. Excellent views & deer country. **\$2,500/acre.**

250 acres, 3 lakes hilltop views w approximately 60 acres of woods. **\$1,950/acre.**

425 acres, 3 lakes almost 2+ miles of road frontage. Approximately 40-50 acres of woods with balance of native pasture & fields. Roads on 3 sides. **\$1,950/acre.**

Commercial

3 acres commercial property fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$89,900.**

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