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Belton's recent move spurs first request for Salado annexation

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Tires kick up a swirl of dust as Stinnett Mill Road turns from asphalt to gravel on the outskirts of Salado. Down the sleepy road lies Joe and Linda Pehoski's blacksmith shop and home on property that backs up to the waters of Salado Creek. The Pehoskis have had the blacksmith shop there for almost 20 years, having moved to Salado in 1980.

The Pehoskis freely admit that they love Salado, not just for the beauty of the creek, but for its slower, neighborly pace.

For that reason, the couple was quick to react to news that Belton was considering annexing property along Amity East and Amity West. Linda trekked to Belton City Hall and Salado's Municipal Building to find what impact this possible annexation would have on their property, which lay just outside the ETJ of Salado and a small portion of which lay within the ETJ of Belton.

Linda immediately requested voluntary annexation into the ETJ of

Salado, which was unanimously approved by the Board of Aldermen in a July 16 emergency meeting called for that purpose. Pehoski told aldermen during the meeting that she was working with her neighbors for them to make similar requests of the Village of Salado.

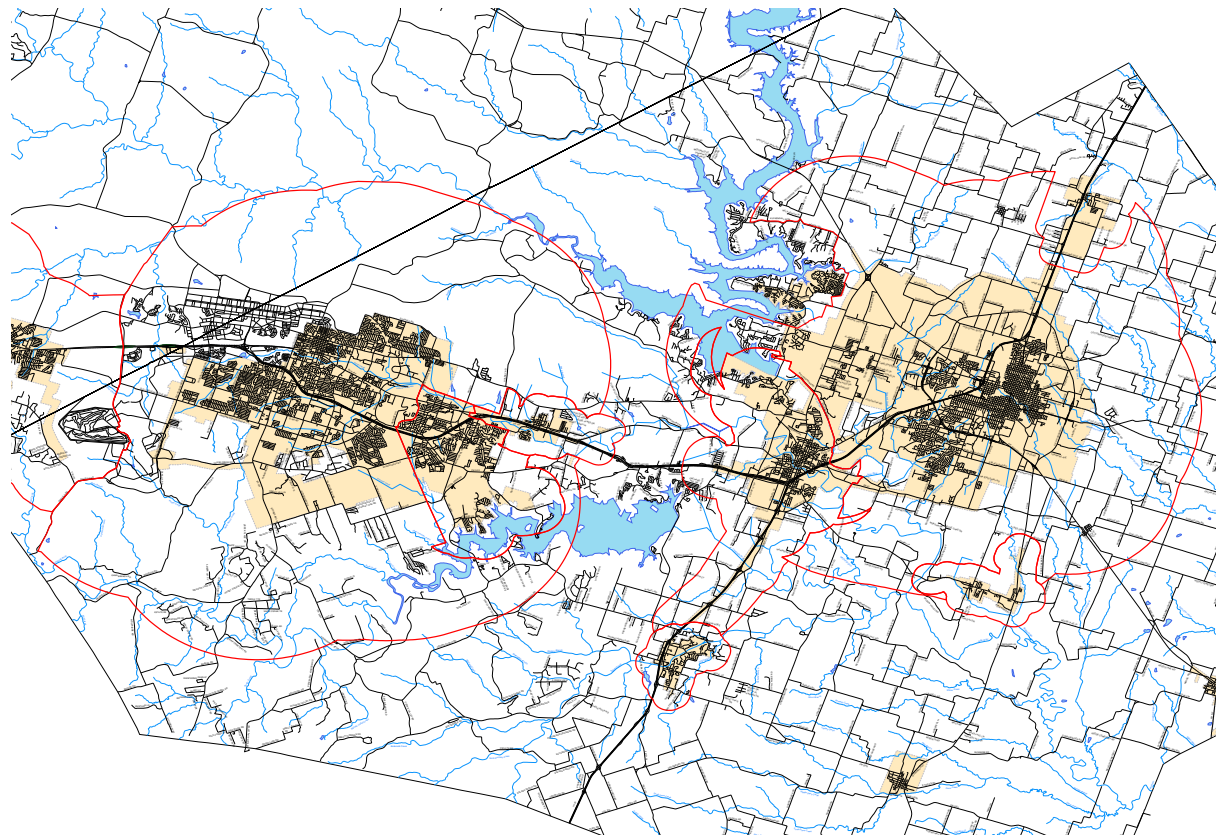
A handful of residents that may feel the effects of Belton's possible annexation attended the meeting with questions about how to be brought into the Village of Salado's ETJ.

Village attorney Alan J. Bojorquez informed aldermen and local residents of the process for voluntary annexation. The first rule to keep in mind, according to Bojorquez is that the property to be annexed must be contiguous to the current ETJ of Salado.

Citizens learned that groups of properties could request annexation simultaneously as long as they were contiguous and at least one property touches the ETJ of Salado.

Properties lying within the ETJ of another city must request de-annexation from that city first

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Above, a map shows the city limits and ETJs of several Bell County cities, including Belton, Temple and Killeen. The ETJ of each city is outlined in red. Belton's ETJ abuts Salado's northern ETJ. Killeen's five-mile ETJ extends as far west of Salado as Crow's Ranch Rd. and Temple's ETJ extends as far east of Salado as Elm Grove Rd. Joe and Linda Pehoski are shown outside their home with the ETJ of Salado somewhere in the grove of trees behind them.



Salado Storm, sponsored by Fairway Golf Carts. Back: Randy Bloomer, James Deal Asst. Coach, Will Passage-Asst. Coach. Joe Tischler- Coach, Ty Hankamer - Head Coach, Dan Snyder-Coach, Trey Little - Coach, Allen Wilhite. Middle: Robert Cortez, Jake Bloomer, Dane Hankamer, Davis Little, Brandon Wilhite, Dalton Hankamer Front: Abby Quick-bat girl, Jacob Quick, Tyler Tischler, Barrett Snyder Christian Deal, Jacob Little and Dillon Passage.

Storm headed to State

After placing first in the local Salado league, the Salado Storm won the District Championship by surviving a 16-team tournament held in Belton the week of July 12.

The Storm won the

championship game against the Belton Hornets by a score of 11-6. Davis Little, Barrett Snyder and Brandon Wilhite received "All Tournament" recognition for the Storm, while Dillon Passage and Dane

Hankamer received the "Big Stick" and "Tournament MVP" awards, respectively.

The Storm will next head to New Boston to compete in the State Tournament, July 26-29.

Salado sales tax stagnates

While sales tax payments to the state continued to grow, Salado's sales tax revenues remain somewhat stagnant.

The Village of Salado, which levies a one percent sales tax, received \$22,486.02 July 8, a slight dip of .71 percent compared to last July's payment of \$22,648.55.

For the year, though, Salado is running 1.54 percent ahead. So far in 2004, the Village has received \$172,936.93, compared to the \$170,309.12 received through July 2003.

Salado Public Library District levies a half-cent sales tax. The \$13,885.08 payment to the Library District for July was 3.18 percent less than last July's \$14,341.43. For the year, however, the Library is receiving 2.27 percent

more than in 2003. Through July, the Library has received \$107,571.45 compared to \$105,183.77 through July 2003.

Bell County received its July check of \$775,334.28, almost three percent more than last July's. For the year, the county is more than nine percent higher in receipts: \$5.8 million compared to \$5.3 million through July 2003.

Killeen leads the way for Bell County cities with a \$1.1 million July payment, which is about 10 percent more than last July's \$1 million payment. Temple, on the other hand, is down almost seven percent for July: \$918,777.44 compared to \$984,491.49 in July 2003.

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said the state received \$1.18

billion in sales tax revenue in June, up 4.1 percent compared to June 2003, and marking 10 consecutive months of sales tax growth. So far in fiscal year 2004, state sales tax revenue is up 7.7 percent compared to the same point in fiscal year 2003.

Strayhorn delivered \$315.6 million in July sales tax allocations to cities, counties and other local taxing entities, up 3.2 percent compared to last July. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are running 7.7 percent higher than last year.

June state sales tax collections and July sales tax allocations to local governments mostly represent sales that occurred in May.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Where's the misery?

The devastating question that was asked of the vacuous Gary Hart during the 1984 Democratic primaries was "Where's the beef?" In that spirit, John Kerry could be asked today: "Where's the misery?"

Desperately trying to prove that economic conditions in a booming economy that has created nearly a million jobs in the past three months justify his dire Depression-era rhetoric, Kerry has crafted his own "misery index." The old misery index added the unemployment rate to the inflation rate. By that standard, President Bush is an economic genius on par with the great Bill Clinton (Bush's index is 8.7 percent, Clinton's was 8.5 percent in 1996). So, Kerry came up with a new formula for the index that doesn't include inflation but instead just those few items that happen to be getting much more expensive, most importantly rising college tuition.

"George Bush is pricing thousands of young people right out of the American dream," Kerry said in April. According to Kerry's campaign, "Rising tuitions often mean that students have to drop out and others cannot afford to come." The campaign touted a 13.4 percent tuition increase by Ohio State University for the 2004-2005 school year as yet more evidence of Bush's depredations against aspiring college students.

Put aside the fact that George Bush doesn't himself set the tuition at any universities. The entire premise of this line of Kerry attack is still mistaken. Almost no one pays official tuition rates, and college tuition has become more affordable in recent years, not less. A report in USA Today found that the amount students pay public universities has fallen by a third since 1998. "In fact," according to the paper, "today's students have enjoyed the greatest improvement in college afford-

Rich Lowry



ability since the GI Bill provided benefits for returning World War II veterans."

It is positively raining college aid, meaning students are in a tight competition with the elderly over who can be more pampered by government. Georgia began a program in 1993 to pay full tuition to state universities for students who had a B average in high school. Thirteen states have created similar programs. Eight new federal tuition tax breaks have been created since 1997. Total federal and state financial aid hit a record \$49 billion in 2003, according to USA Today.

The game for universities is obvious -- hike official tuition rates ever higher. Then everyone thinks students cannot afford college and plies them with more aid, which ends up lining the pockets of the schools. It's one of the great scams of our time, and Kerry has been happy to play along. He is the dream candidate of greedy college administrators.

Meanwhile, Kerry's jury-rigged misery index needs another adjustment. "Soaring tuition costs," as the Kerry campaign puts it, shouldn't cut it anymore as scare rhetoric. Well, there is always the price of gas, another component of Kerry's index. But it has dropped a little and might well fall further with the end of summer. So, Mr. Kerry, where's the misery?

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Congressional "Self Policing" Ethic's rules give new meaning to "Fox-Henhouse Guardianship"

If you have been wondering how congressional lawmakers police themselves - wonder no more. They don't! Seven years ago, Speaker Newt Gingrich was found guilty by the House Ethics Committee for a number of arrogant lapses, and appropriately reprimanded and fined \$300,000. Shortly thereafter (very shortly) his fellow lawmakers, and our elected myopic guardians of right and wrong, decided the heat was getting a little too close to the seat of their pants, so they deviously reversed all prior self-policing rules in order to ease their worries while on the public payroll.

The revised Ethics rules for the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct directed that no one but sitting members of Congress may file a complaint against one of their brethren! They then locked things up with a "secret" in-house gentleman's agreement to never file an ethics charge against each other - no matter what!

Natural results of that 1997 deceptive stratagem by House members (who should know better - but don't) was that for the past seven years not a single ethics charge has been filed! That is until the "seal" was broken three weeks ago when Chris Bell (D-Houston) accused House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of "soliciting and laundering illegal corporate campaign funds" for use in Texas elections and redistricting ploys.

The unhappy Houston lawmaker included in his "Ethics" complaint against DeLay a further "strong as horseradish" verbal assault by calling the powerful majority leader "The most corrupt politician in America today!"

Bell failed to mention publicly the real reason for tampering with the seven year tradition of congressional "see no evil" monkeyshines. That being the fact that DeLay, the former bug exterminator from Sugarland, had "exterminated" Bell's job during the redistricting special sessions that "Bugsy" was in charge of, thanks to Governor Perry's leadership abandonment stance.

PLOT THICKENS

Hold on - there's more. Seems that some of the alleged "illegal" corporate campaign funds, that are at the heart of the complaint against DeLay - found their way into the itchy palms of four Republican members of (guess what?) the very Ethics Committee that will determine DeLay's guilt or innocence concerning these same well laundered bucks!

Records indicate four GOPers hauled in \$28,504.00 from DeLay's political action committee over the same seven year hiatus during which there was not a single ethical complaint lodged.

Perfect example of how the "new" congressional self-policing ethics scheme has worked over the past seven years. **Enough to warm the cockles of an old-timey, ward-heeling, Tammany Hall politician's heart.**

BUSINESS-YES! KIDS-NO!

Texas Lawmakers and statewide leaders - mostly gleaned from the conservative side of political life, are in a "madcap-rush" to assist corporate America with tax abatements; free roads; free utility infrastructure; and now with massive loans for commercial expansion.

Last week, we noted the three year old law that permits school officials to give tax abatements to businesses that want to locate (or expand) within their districts. The lost revenue from property taxes is recouped from the State Treasury - presumably from dollars that might otherwise have gone directly to the district's instructional program, thus handing the schools a

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



net loss thanks to what complainants tag "corporate welfare."

PSF ENTERS SCENE

Enter the Permanent School Fund with nearly \$19 billion available to invest on behalf of the school kids of Texas and which produces up to \$800 million annually for textbooks and school operating funds. **Salado's share is nearly \$200,000 a year for basic M&O spending.**

The PSF made headlines recently when they announced the planned purchase of an \$80 million dollar "Wal-Mart-Megacenter," which is a mammoth distribution complex serving the Baytown area. The State will lease the megacenter back to the giant retailer for 30 years and should (if all goes well) come out with \$187 million profit for the fund.

If PSF managers took that same \$80 million and "bank-loaned" it (commercially) at the lowest rates charged for long-term loans (7.28%-30 years) they would earn over \$197 million. A net gain of \$10 million over the Wal-Mart lease deal with no potential ownership type losses that cut into profits. **The Wal-Mart numbers don't take into account the State's cost for "owner" risk insurance, maintenance and repairs.**

There is a huge difference between abating taxes that forces non-exempt tax payers to pick up the difference in what a school or city or county needs for operating funds, versus the risk of lending Permanent School Funds for a profit. The most worrisome of all dangers involved in loaning dedicated school funds to finance commercial ventures of any type, is the potential risk of insolvency by the borrower.

Wal-Mart will, no doubt, continue to be the world's premier money making retailer - even if they lose the largest class action sex discrimination lawsuit in history - but what about other companies that rise and fall as the stock market zig-zags for little apparent reason (other than possible manipulation at the top) and who might eventually be forced to take some form of bankruptcy to protect themselves?

STATE SHARE DECLINING

Today's lopsided sharing of state-local tax dollars has seen State funding steadily decline over the years from a high of 80% down to around 40% today, with no expected reversal from the Republican controlled legislature and statewide office holders, all of whom are totally tied to the Gordian Knot of "no new or additional taxes."

As a result, State leaders allow the questionable practice of commercially lending Permanent School Funds and permitting loss of school property taxes through abatements, all of which immediately adds to the impossible tax burden carried by local school districts.

The answer to this disastrous problem is relatively simple. Put more money into public schools from general revenue sources. Stop lending money commercially from the PSF. And, kill all laws permitting schools to grant tax abatements.

This needs to be addressed early in the 79th session that starts in January - **or we will continue leaving children behind!**

That's -30-

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No time to waste Our Voice

Editorial Opinion

It was a small step, but the right one.

Salado aldermen voted unanimously July 16 to accept the annexation request of Joe and Linda Pehoski, bringing their property into the extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the Village of Salado. This was the first such annexation since the Village of Salado was incorporated in 2000 (Fairway Golf Carts' annexation was into the city limits, also a first).

Hopefully it won't be the last.

A recent announcement by the City of Belton to study the annexation of property within its ETJ lying inside the Salado Independent School District (ISD) boundaries has caused alarm among many who have long considered themselves Saladoans. Belton City Council is studying the possible annexation of a one mile stretch (1,000 feet wide) along Amity West and a one mile stretch along Amity East, from Interstate 35. If approved, this would extend the ETJ two miles from I-35 in each direction.

Properties within a city's ETJ are not subject to property taxation by that entity nor zoning ordinances, but are subject to the subdivision and sign ordinances of that city. Properties brought into the city limits through annexation are subject to property and sales taxes (as well as other local fees and requirements), as well as zoning regulations. Those properties also receive city services, such as police and fire protection, street maintenance and sewer and garbage service, if applicable. Since the areas to be considered for annexation already have adequate water service (Salado Water Supply Corporation), it is likely that the only services that the areas will receive will be road maintenance and police and fire protection. These are the only services that properties along I-35 that were annexed into Belton four years ago have received in return for the 73.5 cents per \$100 evaluation in property tax they pay to Belton.

Belton's recent announcement may be a catalyst similar to the driving force behind incorporation of Salado in 2000. Just as the incorporation effort needed cohesive leadership to see it to fruition in 2000, the coming rounds of annexation (whether it be by Belton, Temple, Killeen or Salado) will need leadership. It is our hope that the leadership comes from the Village of Salado, rather than the ruling councils of Belton, Temple or Killeen. Again, we are given the

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opportunity, albeit a brief one, to determine our own future as a community, rather than having that future dictated by a neighboring community.

Salado's aldermen can easily assume the leadership position, even though they cannot actively annex outlying areas. Rather, the board of aldermen can work with its attorney to inform local citizens of the pending choice. The Village of Salado should begin an information campaign to include mailings to property owners, public town hall meetings to discuss the pros and cons of annexation and posting information, maps showing the areas that might be affected by annexation, recommendations and forms on its website.

Further, the Village can identify and support "neighborhood" groups to lead a campaign of annexation by request. This is what was done during incorporation: convincing each neighbor that the threat of annexation is a real one and informing those neighbors of what they can do in response to the threat.

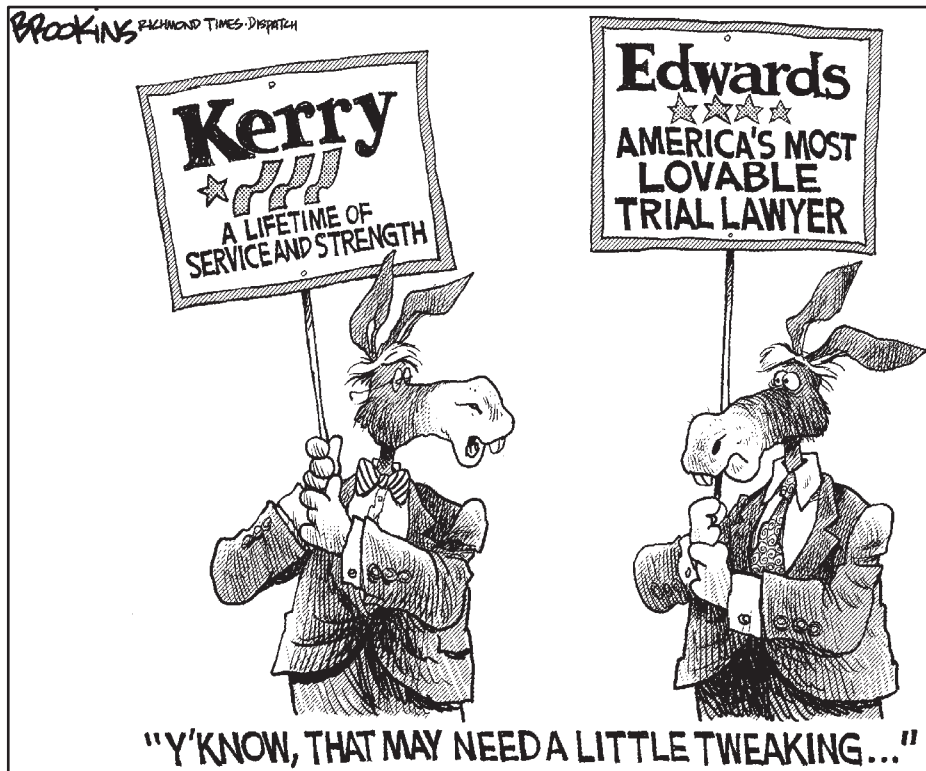
Village aldermen can also communicate with the city of Belton concerning property within its ETJ that could be transferred into Salado's ETJ with the owners' request. This effort will be much stickier than simply organizing those property owners outside of either entity's ETJ to join Salado. But it is one that should be undertaken by the Village.

The Village must be involved in this process because it is vital to the long-term viability of Salado as a community. If the Village becomes landlocked by Belton, Killeen and/or Temple, it will become a stagnant entity that may not be able to fiscally provide adequate services to its citizens. To avoid that, the Village must not only convince those lying outside the ETJ to be brought into the ETJ, but those inside the ETJ to request to be annexed into the city limits.

Four years ago, when Saladoans were faced with the choice of incorporation or being annexed by another city, they overwhelmingly chose incorporation.

If the Village of Salado takes the mantle of leadership, that choice will be extended to many others. There is little time to waste before the choice is taken away from our friends and neighbors.

FORUM



Your Vote Matters

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



The great American heroine, Susan B. Anthony once said, "Suffrage is the pivotal right." Today, voting is still one of the most significant rights extended to United States citizens. This presidential election year provides an excellent opportunity to exercise this right.

Under British rule, the American colonists were forced to pay taxes to Great Britain, yet they had no one to represent their interests in Parliament. The colonists rebelled against this policy of, "taxation without representation," fought a major war to win independence, and then founded the United States of America as a "Republic." This form of government would allow the citizens to elect people who would then represent their interests in Congress.

For many the new government was an improvement over British rule, but not all could enjoy this new, hard-fought right. Initially, only white, male, property owners could vote. It was nearly 200 years before all American citizens over the age of 18 had the right to vote.

Less than a century ago, women could not legally vote. The Women's Suffrage Movement, led by Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton throughout the latter part of the 19th Century, argued women should also have a say in who represented them. In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution finally

granted women the right to vote.

While black men were enfranchised by the 15th Amendment at the end of the Civil War, many African Americans still were obstructed from casting their votes in several states until the mid-1960s. A major element of the Civil Rights Movement focused on getting African Americans registered to vote and calling an end to tactics, such as poll taxes, and property ownership requirements, which created hurdles for many blacks from being able to vote. It was not until 1965, not quite 50 years ago, that African Americans were able to freely exercise their right to vote.

During the height of the Vietnam War, Americans expressed their concern over the idea that men could be drafted to fight in a war at 18, yet could not vote until they turned 21. With the passing of the 26th Amendment in 1971, nearly every U.S. citizen over the age of 18 could register to vote.

Surprisingly, however, less than half of the voting age population votes. Many Americans may have forgotten the historical significance of being able to vote or believe their votes don't matter. Others neglect to register in time to vote in an election. For instance, in Texas you must be reg-

istered to vote at least 30 days prior to the election. This means if you are not registered by Oct. 3, you will have forfeited your right to cast a vote for our next president on Election Day, Nov. 2.

Don't pass up your opportunity to vote. Registration is as easy as going to your local Department of Motor Vehicles. For information about polling locations and other local election details you can contact the Office of the Texas Secretary of State at www.sos.state.tx.us or call them at 1-800-252-VOTE.

If you know you won't be in your home district on Election Day, you can still cast your vote. Just be sure to contact your county or city election official in advance to request an early or absentee ballot. Also, the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) serves military and non-military citizens abroad by helping them register and vote by absentee ballot. You may contact the FVAP via email at www.fvap.gov or toll free at 1-800-438-VOTE.

History is ripe with tales of elections that were decided by close margins – even a single vote in some cases – so remember your vote does count. Voting is more than a right, it's a responsibility.

Costco does it the American Way



Jim Hightower

Costco is different... and that really POs Wall Street.

The nationwide retailer treats its 100,000 clerks, forklift operators, and other workers as valued assets to be invested in and nurtured - unlike the Wal-Mart model of paying the least you can to rank & file employees, squeezing the last ounce of toil out of each of them, busting any whisper of unionization, and causing a workforce turnover like employees are nothing but disposable coffee cups.

How different is Costco? Starting pay is \$10 an hour, workers typically earn \$40,000-a-year after three years on the job, the company covers 92 percent of employees' health care costs, and the Teamsters union provides strong bargaining representation for the workers. Also, while CEOs at other major corporations average 531 times the pay of their lowest-paid employees, Costco's top boss takes only 10 times the pay of his typical rank & filer. His annual salary \$350,000 - compared to some \$5 million a year hauled off by Wal-Mart's honcho.

"From day one," says the chief financial officer at Costco, "we've run the company with the philosophy that if we pay better than average, provide a salary people can live on, have a positive environment and good benefits, we'll be able to hire better people, they'll stay longer and be more efficient." It works. Costco's turnover is minimal, its profits are consistently strong, and its stock price has quadrupled in 10 years.

But Wall Street analysts are sourpusses when it comes to this remarkable corporate maverick, which is defying the contrived wisdom that worker exploitation is the only way to succeed. "Costco's benefits are overly generous," sniffs one Wall-Streeter, asserting that stockholders could do even better if only Costco would conform to the Wal-Mart model.

Come on! Costco is richly profitable for stockholders, while also providing middle-class possibilities for our communities. Isn't that the best model of all?

CHURCH NEWS

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SUNDAY		WEDNESDAY	
Contemporary Worship/Bible Study	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	4:45 p.m.
Traditional Worship/Bible Study	10:30 a.m.	Jr. High Halftime	5:15 p.m.
Orchestra Rehearsal	4:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	5:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Service	6:15 p.m.
		Team Kid (Age 3 - 6th grade)	6:00 p.m.
		Bible Drill (4th - 6th)	7:00 p.m.
		High School Halftime	7:00 p.m.



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The Sanfords on July 17, 1954



Paul and Patsy Sanford

Sanfords celebrate 50th anniversary

Paul T. and Patsy (Guest) Sanford, of Salado, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a July 11 luncheon with family and friends at the Salado Civic Center.

The couple was married July 17, 1954 at Salado United Methodist Church by Rev. Clint Lancaster of San Saba. Before retiring, for 19 years Paul owned and operated a feed and grain business in Salado, and worked as a rancher, a pipeline welder, and in the trucking business. Patsy is retired from a 41-year career as a teacher and counselor.

The Sanfords have resided in Salado as a couple for the past 47 years.

Present at the luncheon

were three guests from the wedding: Jack Cole, best man, of Sweeny; Bennie Hansson, bridesmaid, of Gatesville; and Darrell Hooks, usher, of Belton.

Out-of-town guests included brothers, sisters and their spouses: W.D. Sanford, of Victoria; Tommy O'Neal, of Savannah, TN; Eva Hancock of Bristow, OK; and Pat Shamas of Tulsa, OK. A niece, Mary Fails of Sweeny, also attended with her sons.

The luncheon was hosted by the couple's sons and wives: Terry and Janice Sanford of Sugarland, Tracy and Dana Sanford of Fort Worth, and Jim Sanford of Austin.

The couple has five grandchildren.

Califano named to TSTC Honor Roll

Joseph Califano, of Salado, is attending Texas

State Technical College Waco. Califano was among the students recognized with a scholastic achievement of a perfect 4.0 grade point average, and has earned a place on the President's Honor Roll for the Spring semester 2004.

He is a student in the Automotive Technology program.

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Sunday Morning Service • July 25, 2004



Joe Keyes
Minister

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Join us in fellowship at any of the weekly Wednesday "Summer Series" continuing through August.

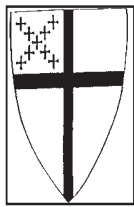
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Some liberals still can't get over Reagan

By Ed Feulner

Last month, our country said farewell to Ronald Reagan. Even his former enemies had to admit President Reagan won the Cold War, tamed inflation and rebuilt the economy after the stagflation of the Carter years. The praise was overwhelming and heartwarming.

But it wasn't universal. In the *New York Daily News*, columnist Denis Hamill claimed Reagan's policies "helped transform the U.S. from a manufacturing giant into a nation of burger-flippers" by "destroying our manufacturing base."

This charge isn't new. Like a political comet, it seems to come around during election cycles. So let's take a closer look at it.

Remember that in 1992, Bill Clinton captured the presidency behind the slogan "It's the economy, stupid," even as the country was recovering from a

brief recession. This year, the Kerry-Edwards ticket is taking a similar tack. The campaign recently claimed, "America's middle-class families are less financially secure today than they were when [George W.] Bush took office," and their "Two Americas" theme aims to highlight the differences between rich and poor.

But there's a real problem with this approach: The economy is booming. And that's good for everyone.

Our economy has added 1.5 million jobs over the last 10 months. And as Heritage Foundation economist Timothy Kane wrote recently, "Since January 2001, American disposable incomes have risen by 7.5 percent, wages have risen by 2.4 percent, and the government projects 21 million good job opportunities over the 2002-2012 decade."

These openings will include some "burger-flipping" jobs, of

course, but nothing out of the ordinary. The Labor Department's Occupational Outlook Quarterly projects 12 percent growth in the food industry over the next decade -- but that's the same rate of growth it projects for the entire labor force. In other words, there will probably be zero real growth in "burger-flipping" jobs.

There will, however, probably be an increase in the number of Americans working for themselves. At least 7.5 million already do, and these jobs don't show up in the payroll surveys used to tabulate employment numbers. There's good reason, though, to suspect these workers are happy and prosperous. After all, polls confirm one of the most popular aspirations of Americans is to be their own boss.

Meanwhile, for those who decide to keep working for someone else, there should be plenty of growth in high-skill jobs.

For example, the Labor Department projects a 45 percent increase in the number of software engineers, a 49 percent increase in the number of physician assistants, a 36 percent increase in the computer and information-systems sector and a 38 percent jump in the number of postsecondary teachers, to name just a few areas.

All those jobs should generate even more income growth, which would come on top of some amazing recent gains.

Since January 2001 real disposable income per person is up 7.5 percent. And annual real income per person has increased 5.2 percent, meaning the average person is taking home an extra \$1,800 after inflation. According to Tim Kane, that's enough for every American to buy an extra 900 gallons of gas.

All these statistics add up to the simple fact that today's American jobs are higher paying than they

were during the height of the dot-com boom in the go-go 1990s.

The only thing Reagan destroyed was malaise -- or, more technically, the perverse incentives that discouraged work by overtaxing income. Reagan's tax cuts fueled a 20-year economic boom, marred only by the two mildest postwar recessions. And history will note that Reagan's successors -- of both parties -- have basically

maintained his pro-trade, low-tax legacy.

A handful of columnists and politicians will be eager to ignore the good news and focus on the negative. And that's fine for them. But, for the rest of us, life is good and getting better. Let's get back to work.

Ed Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation (heritage.org), a Washington-based public policy research institute.

The Jacobsen and the Willis families would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to the community of Salado for all of your support during our time of grief. Everything you did was greatly appreciated.

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Annexation

before requesting annexation into the Village of Salado ETJ. A city is very reluctant to release property from its ETJ to go back into the county, he said, adding that a city is more likely to release property when it will be annexed by another city.

Bojorquez told the board of aldermen that voluntary annexation is a

much faster process than involuntary annexation by a home rule city, such as Belton. A property owner can be annexed either into the city limits or the ETJ of a city in only one meeting, when the property owner makes the request of the city.

In contrast, if Belton pursues annexation of the eight tracts of property proposed last week, the process may be completed after conducting two public hearings and having two readings of the ordinance before final adoption in November.

The schedule for annexation of the property was begun July 13 when the city council directed Sam Listi to develop a service plan and set the two public hearings on the matter.

Belton will conduct the public hearings on Sept. 28 and Oct. 12 with the public notice of the first hearing to be printed Sept. 16 and the notice of the second hearing to be published Sept. 30. The last day for submission of written protests by residents within the proposed annexation is Sept. 27. A site hearing will be required if 20 adult residents of tracts protest within 10 days after the first newspaper notice.

Following the public

hearings, the council may conduct the first reading of the ordinance on Nov. 2. The second and final reading of the ordinance will be Nov. 9 at the city council's regular meeting. The city will file for Voting Rights Act preclearance Nov. 10 if annexation is approved and will implement annexation upon preclearance from the Justice Department. Within 30 days of that preclearance, the city will provide documents and maps to the County Clerk.

The announcement of possible annexation by Belton sent a wave of alarm through many residents beside the Pehoskis, including residents of the Woods of Salado who consider Killeen a much greater threat of annexation than either Belton or Temple.

In the northwestern part of the Salado school district, residents of Woods of Salado learned recently that the western Bell County city's ETJ now extends five miles since Killeen's recent census showing it have a population of more than 100,000. As a large home rule city, Killeen has the same ETJ as cities such as Austin, Waco and San Antonio.

Woods of Salado resident Karen Duerr is worried that she and her neighbors might be

annexed into Killeen as it moves towards Interstate 35. "If I wanted to be in Killeen," she said, "I would have moved there."

Instead, Duerr chose the Woods of Salado in 1997 after retiring from the military and moving from Korea. She currently works in Killeen as outreach coordinator for Families in Crisis, Inc. and owns property in Killeen as well as her home in the Salado school district.

Duerr told *Salado Village Voice* July 19 that she will begin working with the Woods of Salado home owners' association and property owners along FM 2484 to bring voluntary annexation requests to the Village of Salado.

Duerr said that any property owners that are concerned about being annexed into the county's larger cities can contact her at 947-0600.

"There was some controversy when Salado incorporated," she said, "but from the looks of things, they were right to do so then."

But whether residents in the outlying areas will be brought into the protective area of Salado's ETJ is not yet clear. Before that can happen, neighbors of Saladoans like the Pehoskis and Duerr will have to take action.

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Village agenda includes budget

Salado aldermen will meet 6 p.m. July 22 to review the 2004-05 budget draft as well as considering other business items.

Among the items of unfinished business on the agenda are these:

- Texas Department of Transportation Maintenance Agreement (Mayor Ashe).
- Policy Change - Accepting Checks (Village Secretary).
- Zoning Board of Adjustment Members (Alderman Means).
- New Business items include the following:

- 2004-05 Goals (Mayor Ashe).
- Year-to-Date Financials and Quarterly Report (Treasurer Miller).
- Municipal Court Docket Program (Village Secretary).
- Planning and Zoning Commission recommendations on Blessingame Subdivision and Baines Street Subdivision (Alderman Means).
- Tourism Council grant rules and regulations (Alderman Mills).
- Itinerant Vendor application and fees (Alderman Schrock).

Services held July 20 for Jerry Soto, Jr., 28

Geronimo "Jerry" Soto, Jr., 28, of Salado, died July 14, 2004, in Round Rock, as a result of a work related accident.

Funeral mass was held July 20 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Salado. Father Charles Davis officiated. Burial followed at Resthaven Cemetery. Rosary was recited July 19 at Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton.

Soto was born to Geronimo and Carmen Maria De La Hoya Soto, Sr. in La Junta, CO on May 21, 1976. He had been a resident of Bell County most of his life.

He was a graduate of Salado High School. He was employed with TCI Tire Centers as a road

service technician. Soto was a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Salado.

Survivors include one son, Geronimo Francisco Soto, III of Temple; three daughters, Cheyenne Denise Soto, Kimberley Faith Soto and Carolina Renee Soto, all of Salado; parents, Geronimo and Carmen Soto, Sr. of Salado; three brothers, Jose Manuel Soto of Killeen, and Gabriel Raul Soto and Raymond Joel Soto, both of Salado; and three sisters, Maria Soto of Belton, Martha Soto of Marble Falls and Melissa Soto of Salado.

Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton was in charge of arrangements.



The Ovation quartet (above) entertained a packed house of patrons at Uncommon Grounds Cafe the morning of July 17. The Ovation quartet are part of the Austin Chord Ranger Chorus, a group dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the American "Barbershop Harmony" sound. Chartered in 1961, it is one of over 800 chapters, with a total of 30,000 members.

The Chorus' Annual Show, "Harmony Celebration" will be held 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Aug. 28 at the Lake Travis Performing Arts School in Lakeway. For information visit www.chordrangers.org. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

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Flowers are Texas' native sun

By CHARLIE AND BEVERLY TURNBO

What's big, yellow, and thrives "deep in the heart of Texas?" If you guessed the sunflower, you are right! Sunflowers are huge, colorful, plentiful and can be valuable. The sunflower belt extends from the Gulf coast to Canada, including all of Central Texas. Yet around these parts, the sunflower is relatively ignored. The sunflower is clearly overshadowed by another

native plant - the bluebonnet.

Tourists and natives alike stop along side our highways to take photographs of the bluebonnet, also a popular subject of many Texas artists. It's hard to compete with Texas' love for its bluebonnet. Named for the distinctive color, it has a petal that resembles a woman's sunbonnet. The Texas Legislature adopted it as the official state flower in 1901. It blooms in the early spring in south and central Texas. Ennis has adopted the nickname of the Bluebonnet City and Chappell Hill has created the Bluebonnet Festival.

In comparison, Texas doesn't appear to have a place nicknamed for the sunflower or a festival set aside to honor this other native plant.

Outside Texas the sunflower gets a lot of attention and recognition. For example, the sunflower has served as the Kansas State flower since 1903 and that State calls itself the Sunflower State. Each year Topeka hosts a special event called the Sunflower State Games which draws thousands of folks to take part in competitive sporting events.

Texas doesn't have a city or county like Sunflower County, Mississippi. On the local Sunflower River, they annually host a Sunflower River Blues and Gospel Festival. Many other States such as Wisconsin, Louisiana, and California, have special events and even elaborate gardens to celebrate the sunflower.

Few may be aware that the sunflower could actually be the origin of the name of Texas! When the sunflower was introduced into Mexico - which then included Texas - it was called maiztejas - Texas corn. The word teja means

tile and probably refers to the tile-like arrangement of the sunflower head. Tejas has of course evolved into the Texas we know and love today.

The common Texas sunflower, known as Helianthus annuus, is found all over the Lone Star State. It blooms from March through December - much longer than the bluebonnet. It is a stout, upright perennial native to Texas and can grow to 12 feet tall. It is extremely hearty and can survive very hot and dry Texas summers. The sunflower thrives on full sun and its flowers seek out and track the sun's direction from sunrise to sunset.

The sunflower is either yellow or rust-colored. It is not one flower but a cluster of more than 2,000 tiny flowers growing together. This all-purpose plant provides seeds which can be eaten raw or roasted, ground into meal and flour, and also crushed to make oil. As early as 2300 BC, Native Americans pounded the petals of wild sunflowers to make yellow dye; they also smoked the dried leaves. Early settlers found the sunflower could serve as a medicine for snake bites, cuts and fever.

Sunflower oil production has been on the increase for the past four decades and is quickly becoming the replacement of choice for many other oils here in the U.S. It is increasingly popular as a vegetable oil and also a semi-drying paint ingredient.

The State of North Dakota is the largest agricultural producer of sunflowers. Texas ranks in the top five of sunflower growing states. In here in the Lone Star State, Moore and Lubbock counties raise about 25 percent

of our sunflowers annually.

Sunflower seeds are a favorite of the birds native to Central Texas. Take a handful of sunflower seeds and watch the blue jays, cardinals, and other local birds compete for this tasty treat. Sunflower seeds are also a favorite of many folks who have learned to shell and eat this tiny delicacy with some fancy mouth work. Many athletes have chosen sunflower seeds as an alternative to tobacco.

The value of the sunflower as a decorative plant in local gardens has been recognized by some - such as Jill and Johnny Shipman at the StoneCreek Settlement. As you approach that B&B, you are greeted with sunflowers in their cultivated gardens. Jill - a Texas Master Gardener - employs the principles of "natural" gardening using these and other native plants with beautiful results.

Some inventive artists have accepted the sunflower as a worthy subject for their canvases. For example, in the late 1800's, Vincent Van Gogh immortalized the sunflower in 12 of his paintings. In fact, one of these paintings fetched \$30 million at an auction. Van Gogh's sunflowers are literally worth more than their weight in gold.

Salado has an abundance of native sunflowers in our area. For example, go out the Holland Road, near Gooseneck, and you'll find an entire field covered in them. That scene of yellow and green is a Texas classic.

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You may have read about a vast "transfer of wealth" that is taking place as baby boomers start to inherit money from their parents. While it's true that the wealth being transferred is enormous — in the billions of dollars — it may, or may not, have much of an impact on your personal life.

In any case, if you get an inheritance, you'll want to make the right moves. Of course, you already know your situation and what you're likely to inherit, but it's useful to keep in mind that relatively few people in the "baby boom" category — just over 17 percent — have received any inheritance, according to a study by the AARP (formerly known as the American Association of Retired Persons). And the same study showed that the average inheritance has only been about \$48,000.

Still, even that amount of money could help you make progress toward your financial goals — if you manage it carefully. Here are a few steps you may

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



want to follow:

* See your tax advisor — Your inheritance may have tax implications, so, before you do anything with the money, see your tax advisor.

* Consider "parking" your money — When you receive an inheritance, it may be an emotional time. But you want to make financial and investment decisions with your head — not your heart. So, don't rush into any decisions — it won't hurt you to "park" your inheritance temporarily in a money market account or a certificate of deposit. Later, when things have settled down, you can decide how to use the money to your best advantage.

* Think twice about "splurges" — Once you're ready to take action, you

may be tempted to spend some of your inheritance on a new car, a down payment on a vacation home or some other major purchase. You'll want to evaluate these choices very carefully before signing on the dotted line. Ask yourself some key questions: Do I really need this purchase? Will this move add to my debt load? There's certainly nothing wrong with using part of an inheritance for something that you may have wanted — just make sure you don't actually set yourself back by making the purchase.

* Boost your savings and investments — If you were determined to cut down on debt before the inheritance, now you can do it even faster. But if you were already pretty much debt-free, and you wanted

to help diversify your portfolio, now you've got more resources with which to work.

* Review your long-term strategies — If your inheritance is particularly large, you may want to re-evaluate all your long-term investment moves. For example, you may want to look at how you're allocating your investment dollars in your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Or, you may need to look at the percentage return you need to get from your investments each year to achieve your retirement goals. You may even need to consider additional "tax-smart" investment moves. In fact, with so many issues involved, you really should consult with your investment professional.

By following these suggestions, you can help yourself get the maximum benefit from your inheritance — and, perhaps just as importantly, you'll be showing respect for the people who left it to you in the first place.

Unemployment rate continues downward trend across Texas

The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped by two-tenths of a percentage point to 5.7 percent from May to June. Texas employers added jobs for the ninth consecutive month. The number of unemployed Texans declined 22, 834 from May to June and has declined 116,158 since June 2003.

Total Nonagricultural Employment in Texas gained 3,300 jobs from May to June and 111,700 jobs since Sept. 2003. Ini-

tial claims for unemployment compensation for the week ending July 3, declined 8.0 percent compared to one year ago.

Since the beginning of the year, 70,300 jobs have been added. Eight major industries in Texas have shown job growth over the year. Education and Health Services has led all industries showing a gain of 37,500 jobs over the year, an annual growth rate of 3.4 percent. Trade, Transportation and Utilities also showed positive gains over the year adding 23,200 jobs, while Leisure and Hospitality added 20,000.

Employment in Leisure & Hospitality increased for the fourth straight month with a 3,400-job gain in June. Education and Health Services added an additional 1,500 jobs last month.

Statewide, the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) with the lowest recorded unemployment rate was Bryan-College Station, with a rate of 2.3 percent. The highest rate, 12.3 percent, was registered in the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA. The Killeen-Temple MSA, of which Salado is included, had a recorded unemployment rate of 5.0 percent, with 118,100 employed out of an available pool of 124,400 workers.

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Chamber discusses future of Art Fair

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

At the direction of its board, the Salado Chamber of Commerce is mulling the future of the Salado Art Fair, now in its 38th year of existence.

Director Skip Blancett chairs the ad hoc committee that is debating the future of the Art Fair, its strengths and weaknesses, as well as recommendations for improvements.

Blancett gave a preliminary report to Chamber directors at their monthly meeting July 12. In their discussions, the committee considered locations for the event, contingencies if the Art Fair was disbanded or failed, and possible dates for the Fair.

The committee delved into locations for the Art Fair, which is held in Pace Park currently. Some of the discussions included spreading the fair out in the Park and having temporary walking bridges spanning Salado Creek or moving the fair to another location: Stagecoach Inn and using all the conference rooms available or 2. Tenroc Ranch. The committee does not favor dividing the Fair into various locations or moving it to the schools.

The committee says that the Chamber should not allow the Art Fair to disband or get eliminated, because no other event can raise that much money. If it should be eliminated, the committee recommends that the Chamber sponsor other fund raisers such as antique auctions, golf tournaments, 5K and 10K runs, car clubs, an Old Town Salado event or bike races.

The committee has no recommendation on moving the date of the Art Fair.

The committee has suggestions for future Art Fairs, including having the Fairs run by a large committee chaired by a volunteer with several sub-committees. The Art Fair should be juried with awards given to top artists and should emphasize quality art, not arts and crafts. Volunteers should attend many art fairs around the state for ideas and artist contacts. Preview parties should be held for select groups and the Fair itself should extend for several days.

Highway billboards and other advertising should be done at least six months before the events.

Serving on the committee with Blancett were the following: Suzi Epps,

Volleyball camp helps to hone skills

An all-around volleyball skills camp will be held 8 a.m.-3 p.m. July 26-27 at the Salado Intermediate School gym.

The camp is open to incoming freshmen through senior girls only. New Lady Eagle volleyball coach Stacy Lisenbe

is organizing the camp.

Cost for the camp is \$50 for both days, and campers will need to bring a sack lunch.

Registration can be handled the morning of the camp. For information, call 254-760-2171.



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Date	Offense	Location
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6/4	DUI/Minor	West Village Rd.
6/4	Minor Consuming Alcohol x 5	West Village Rd.
6/9	Accident (Private Property)	N. Main St.
6/12	Recovered Stolen Property	S. Stagecoach Rd.
6//18	Theft Over \$50	Elizabeth Circle
6/24	DWI	Mill Creek Dr.
6/27	DWI	N. Stagecoach Rd.
6/27	Accident	S. Main St.

By LINDA FUCHS
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT -
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Fruit - How sweet it is and how nutritious. Fruits are high on the list of foods we should be eating more of each day. According to the USDA Food Guide Pyramid and the National Cancer Institute, we should eat two to four servings of fruit per day, along with three to five servings of vegetables. Studies show however, that most adults are lucky if they eat one fruit serving a day with children eating even less.

Fruits are an important source of vitamin C and other antioxidants to help

prevent disease. A study measuring the total antioxidant capacity of popular fruits ranked oranges highest, followed by red grapes, kiwi fruit, pink grapefruit, white grapes, bananas, apples, tomatoes, pears and melons.

As creatures of habit, we tend to purchase the same fruits over and over again. Apples and bananas top the list as the most popular fruits. While these are plentiful year round in stores and good sources of nutrients, we need to increase the variety of fruits we eat if we are going to double or triple our consumption of fruit. The more colors in the fruits

we consume the greater the variety of antioxidants and other phytochemicals ingested.

The color of a fruit or vegetable gives a good indication of the type of phytochemical present. Blue/purple fruits and vegetables contain phytochemicals such as anthocyanins and phenolics. These phytochemicals are being studied for their antioxidant and anti-aging benefits.

Green fruits and vegetables contain lutein and indoles. These phytochemicals are of interest not only because of their antioxidant benefits, but they also aid in the health of our eyes. White, tan and brown fruits and vegetables which have allucin may help to lower cholesterol levels. Get all the health benefits of fruit and vegetables in this category by choosing foods such as bananas, brown pears, cauliflower, garlic, mushrooms, onions and white potatoes.

Red fruits and vegetables include lycopene and anthocyanins. Lycopene is known to have anti cancer properties. Therefore, select foods such as red apples, blood oranges, cherries, cranberries, red grapes, pink or red grapefruit, raspberries,

watermelon, red cabbage, red peppers, radishes, red onions, red potatoes and tomatoes.

There are many orange and yellow fruits and vegetables to select from as well, such as cantaloupe, apricots, lemons, mangoes, nectarines, oranges, papayas, peaches, pineapple, carrots, sweet corn, sweet potatoes and yellow summer squash. These fruits and vegetables provide vitamin C and carotenoids.

The next time you are walking through the produce aisle, try something new rather than reaching for a familiar fruit or vegetable.

Just as the variety of fruits and vegetables are plentiful, so are the benefits of eating fruits and vegetables.

Five servings of fruits and vegetables are needed every day to reduce our risks of getting chronic diseases. The vitamins A and E that are found in fruits and vegetables keep our bodies healthy, heal wounds, keep our skin healthy and keep our immune system working. Fruits and vegetables are low in fat, sodium and calories, high in dietary fiber and aid in the prevention of diseases.

First ever Mill Creek Open golf tournament announced

The First Annual Mill Creek Open Tournament will be held July 31 and Aug. 1 at Mill Creek Golf Course.

The tournament will be open to the first 60 paid teams. Cost is \$400 per team, which includes green fees, cart, range balls and dinner on July 1.

Prizes include \$1,200 for the first place team, \$900 for second place, \$600 for third and \$300

for fourth.

A dinner and pairing party will be held at Mill Creek following the opening round of play July 31. Play will resume with an 8 a.m. shotgun start Aug. 1.

The 5-6-7 stroke rule will be in effect.

Paid entries may be mailed to: Mill Creek MGA/2726 Winners Circle Dr./Salado, TX 76571.

For more information call Robert Ray at 254-760-2060, or Al Bishop at 254-640-1484.

Girls b-ball camp held July 26-29

Scott Copeland, new Salado Lady Eagles head basketball coach, will conduct a girls basketball camp July 26-29 in the SHS gym.

The camp will be divided into two age division. Incoming fourth through sixth grade girls will have camp 9 a.m.-noon daily, while incoming seventh through ninth grade girls will hold camp 1-4 p.m. daily. Cost for the camp is \$40, which includes a t-shirt.

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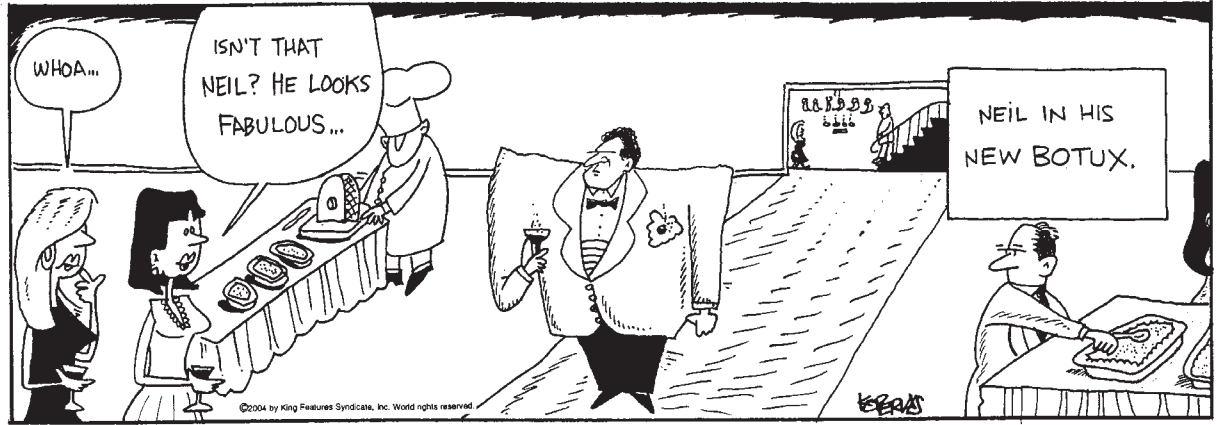
Students will need to bring their physical form, acknowledgment of rules

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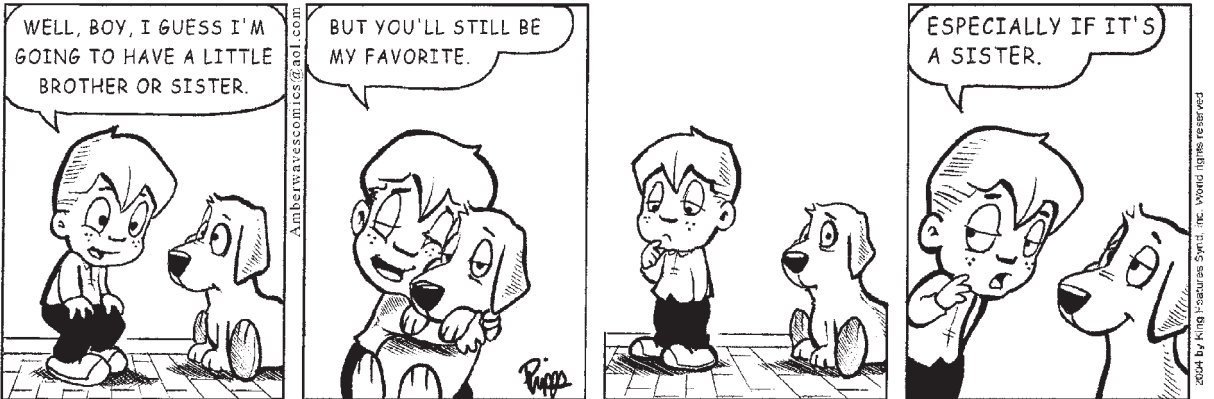
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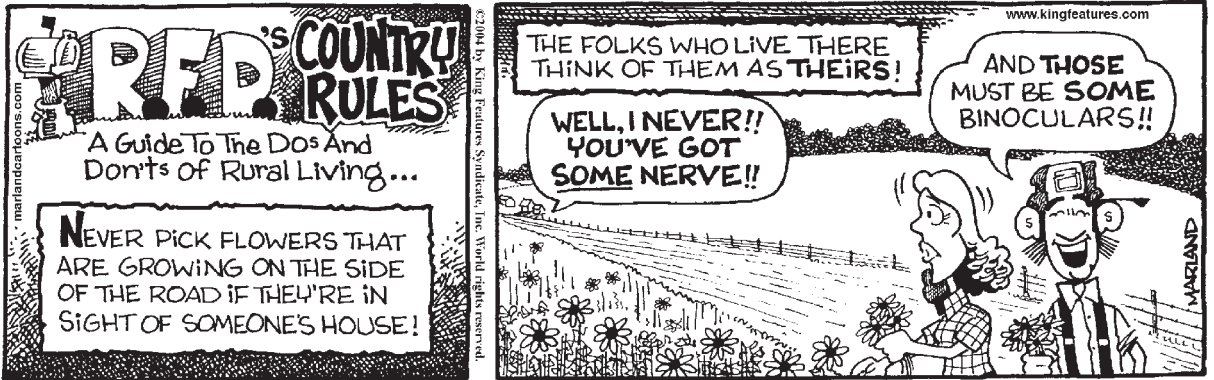
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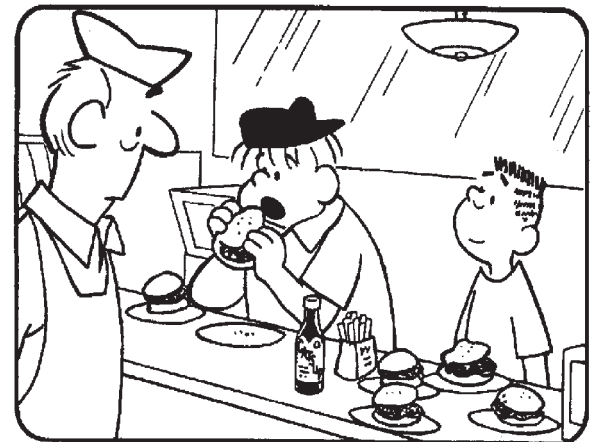
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Chamber gearing up for 38th Art Fair

Salado Chamber of Commerce will host the 38th Annual Salado Art Fair, Aug. 7 - 8. The Fair will be held in Pace Park from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Aug. 7 and 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Aug. 8.

Over 100 artists and craftsmen from Texas and throughout the Southwest will be on hand, among them Pat Chaney. Works will feature oil, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, photography and mix media including woodwork, sculpture, jewelry, glass-works, metal work and handmade clothing.

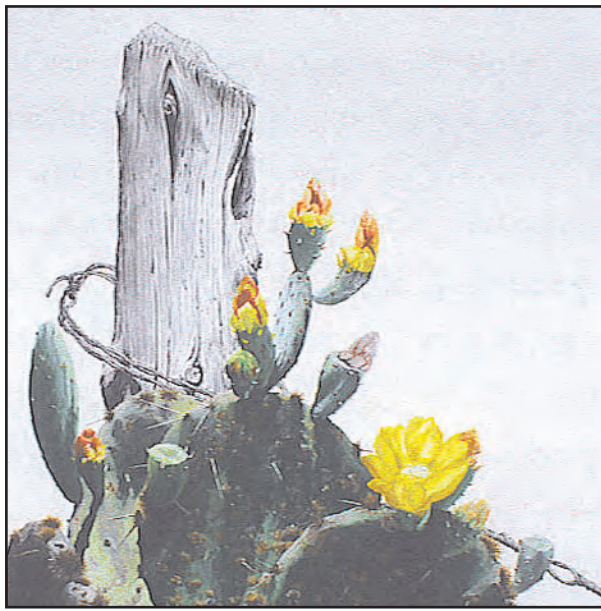
Chaney was born and raised in Bell County, where he developed a love for the outdoors, as well as a love for drawing. He graduated from Texas Tech University and worked 10 years as a park ranger for the National Parks Service. He worked in several Western parks and grew

to love and appreciate the desert landscape.

Later while working with children at Medina Children's Home in the Texas Hill Country, he began to hone his natural artistic abilities by wood carving and painting.

Chaney is doing less woodcarving and more painting. Desert landscapes of areas in and around the Big Bend National Park are a favorite subject. He prefers to paint with acrylics, but sometimes mixes media.

He has exhibited at the Texas State Arts and Crafts Festival in Kerrville, Medina Apple Festival in Medina, Bandera County Art Show in Bandera and more recently Art Splash in Graham. Awards received include Best of the Show for his ink drawings at the Bandera County Art Show in 1988 and several 1st and 2nd place



awards on his woodcarvings. At the 2004 Lake County Art Competition in Graham, he received First Place Ribbons for Still Life and Landscape and two honorable mentions in Landscape.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the Children's Art tent sponsored by the Salado High school Art Club. Children will be able to participate in various hands-on art and have their faces painted.

Admission to the Art

Fair is \$3, with children 12 and under admitted free. Parking is free throughout Salado.

For more information call the Chamber of Commerce at 947-5040.

Don't miss 12th Annual performance of Salado Legends, July 24, 31 and August 7

Tablerock's outdoor musical drama, Salado Legends, is readying for its 12th presentation on July 24, July 31 and August 7, at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater, located on Royal Street, three blocks east from Main St.

Lead roles for this year's performance will be handled by Brandon Baca, who will play the lead role of Andrew McIver for the second consecutive year, and Sarah Sanderford, a 2004 graduate of Belton High School, who will play Lucy McDougal, the female lead. Baca has appeared in Legends for five years, and Sanderford has filled other roles in her past three years with the

production.

Adult show tickets are priced at \$15, while children 12 and under are \$5. Dinner is optional for \$8 per child or adult.

Tickets to Salado Legends may be purchased in Salado at First State Bank, Fletcher's Books and Antiques, Compass Bank, The Salado Mansion or at the Salado Civic Center.

In Belton and Temple tickets may be purchased at Compass Bank. Tickets may be charged via phone at The University of Texas Box Office in Austin by calling 1-512-477-6060. HEB grocery stores in Pflugerville, Round Rock, Georgetown

and Austin require cash. At Fort Hood, ITR, you may purchase tickets by credit card or cash. Tickets over internet are available at www.texasboxoffice.com. To book tour or church group rates, contact Jackie Mills/Tablerock at 254-947-9205, or tablerock1@aol.com.

For more information about Tablerock see www.allcentex.com/tablerock.

Additionally, on July 30 the Salado Legends cast will give a free performance for the 1-4 Aviation Battalion, 4th Brigade, 4ID at Fort Hood, as part of Salado's Military Appreciation Day.

Village prepares to host 1-4 Aviation Battalion July 30

In an effort to show support to the United States Armed Services, and in particular those stationed at Fort Hood and abroad, including Salado's adopted military battalion, the 1-4 Aviation Battalion, Salado will host a Military Appreciation Day on July 30.

According to Charlotte Douglass, one of the organizers for the Fort Hood Day, the Village will join other Texas communities in paying special tribute to Military Units. "Our unit is 1-4 Aviation Battalion, 4th Infantry Division. These men and women have recently returned from Iraq and are highly deserving of a day in Salado," Douglass said.

Organizers are asking that shops and restaurants give a 10 percent discount on sales that day to those soldiers and families who will be guests that day and will be wearing wristbands to identify them both for discounts and so that Saladoans can say "Thank you" for serving our country. "We also hope everyone will put their yellow ribbons back out. The Chamber will be stocking more ribbon if you need it," Douglass said.

Programs for the day begin at 2 p.m. Setting up outside of Horsefeathers will be the musical duo "Sharon and Shellie" who will perform a set of patriotic and inspirational

tunes.

Also among the day's itinerary will be children's activities at Pace Park, including volleyball and a petting zoo. From 6-8 p.m., hamburgers and hot dogs will be served. At 7 p.m. Fred Fuller, "The Singing Cowboy" will provide live music entertainment.

Highlighting the evening will be a special, complimentary 8 p.m. performance of "Salado Legends" for the soldiers and their families.

For more information call Douglass, 947-0240 or 947-9130, or Jackie Mills, 947-9205.

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Court decision is victory for farmers, ranchers

By SUSAN COMBS
TEXAS AG COMMISSIONER

Far too often, Texas and American farmers and ranchers have felt that courts have ignored their private property rights. When it's been the case of Man vs. Insect, courts have ruled time after time for the insect, leaving farmers, ranchers and other entities with land they couldn't use, develop, or sell. In other words, land that was rendered virtually worthless.

The same held true when private property was "taken" for public projects. More than likely, landowners were not fairly compensated and land they did retain was often devalued or worse yet, destroyed.

Well, something commendable happened on the way to the courthouse. The Texas Supreme Court recently upheld the decision that the Tarrant

Regional Water District "took" the property of O.L. Gragg by flooding when the district discharged water from a reservoir after a heavy rain. In addition, the court upheld the lower court's award for damages. This is a ruling that has far-reaching implications to property owners across the state beyond a first glance. It was a crucial decision and one that stands up for private property rights across Texas.

The concept of "takings" comes from the Fifth Amendment of our nation's Constitution, which prohibits the taking of private property by the government for a public use without just compensation.

The Graggs have owned their land since 1949, and the ranch is one of the largest in East Texas located in both Anderson and Freestone counties. The Trinity River borders the land

in some places and crosses the ranch's midpoint. Regular flooding of the river made the land extremely fertile, and the land was excellent for raising cattle with its abundant supply of natural forage.

The Tarrant Regional Water District is a water control and improvement district that provides for the storage and conservation of water. In 1987 the district completed the 1.2 million acre-foot Richland Chambers Reservoir to supply water to Tarrant County and the surrounding areas. The reservoir to supply water to Tarrant County and the surrounding areas. The reservoir was built to supply water, not control floods, and the district keeps the reservoir as full as possible. A narrow discharge channel connects the dam to the Trinity River.

In March 1990, heavy rains caused extensive

flooding in the Trinity basin and for the first time, the reservoir released water through the flood-gates. Consequently, for the first time, the Gragg Ranch suffered monumental flood damage, destroying levees and washing away crops and large tracts of land. O.L. Gragg and his partners sued for inverse condemnation, alleging that the flooding made their land useless for extended amounts of time. By the time the case was tried in 1998, the ranch had experienced a number of extensive floods similar to the one in 1990.

The court ruled that a "taking" had occurred, damages were calculated based on the value of the property before and after the taking. The court of appeals upheld the verdict, as did the Texas Supreme Court.

For too many years, uncompensated takings

have been an expensive burden of private property owners, who have often borne the full burden of the costs for the public good. It's a cruel consequence when landowners lose land to federal, state or local authorities and are not justly compensated for it. It has created an adversarial situation of doubt, distrust and discouragement.

While serving in the Texas Legislature, I was proud to author the Texas private Property and the Texas Supreme Court for their bold actions and just decisions. It was a matter of fairness and responsibility for its actions and the Graggs and their partners deserved fair compensation for their devastating loss.

There isn't much doubt that Texas must plan for its future water needs. The state cannot afford to be "water short." But when

planning water projects-especially when construction reservoirs-water districts and local authorities must ensure that landowners are justly compensated when their land is used or impacted for the public good. This is a basic right guaranteed by our Constitution. It should not only apply to land that is lost when the reservoir is built and filled, but also to downstream easements in case water releases cause downstream flooding.

In addition, if cities should outright condemn property to obtain surface water rights, first they must assure that they have implemented the highest levels of water conservation before going to our rural areas in search of water and private land for reservoirs. Legislation passed during the 78th regular legislative session makes that a law. In addition, the legislation requires cities to prepare a drought contingency plan; make a good faith effort to obtain practicable alternative water supplies; and show that a city needs the water rights to provide for domestic needs within the next 10 years.

Ownership of private property has been the foundation of this country. I applaud the Texas Legislature and the Texas Supreme Court for upholding this principle.

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Public Arts awards event features local artists, lecturers July 26

As part of its First Annual Public Arts Awards Luncheon, the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS), will host, from 11 a.m.-noon July 26, six free lectures on "The State of the Arts in Salado," in Stagecoach Inn's Longhorn Room. The luncheon and awards ceremony will begin at noon.

The lectures will last no more than 10 minutes each, and will be presented by Darwin Britt, Suzi Epps, Jackie Mills, Allen Rice, Gil Wanzor and John Van Cura. Each speaker will give a report on current and historical arts events in Salado and elsewhere.

The purpose of the lectures is to define what's happening in Public Arts in Salado and to encour-

age volunteerism in - and support of - Public Arts.

PALS president Raymond Carver will introduce the speakers and serve as Master of Ceremonies at the Awards Luncheon. The theme of the event is "Can You Say Thank You?"

The lectures are free, however admission is \$20 for the buffet. Honorees receiving awards will be admitted for \$10. There are no free lunches.

Reservations for tickets may be made by calling 947-8300. (No reservations after July 23 for the luncheon.)

Honorees receiving awards are:

- Restaurant owners and managers and their chefs who contributed to the success of "A Taste of Salado

2004" and a "Wine Tasting 2003"

- Artists and volunteers who donated their work at those fund raisers.

- Salado merchants who donated items for last year's "Wine & Wildflower Festival"

- PALS Donors
- Chairs of fund raising events and projects

- Civic leaders, and
- Persons responsible for design, construction, and/or maintenance of Public Arts Landmarks and Events.

A special Recognition of Distinction will be presented to the Salado Civic Center's Board of Directors, for their assertive and sustained support of Public Arts programming in Salado.

The Lecture and Lun-

cheon committee is Ruth Howe, Jeanne Barrier, and Pat Wanzor.

Table decorations will be prepared by Vickie Kelley and Martha McCarter.

Hulda Horton will supervise reservations and ticket sales.

The special award for the Salado Civic Center, designed by Troy Kelley, will be presented by Ruth Howe.

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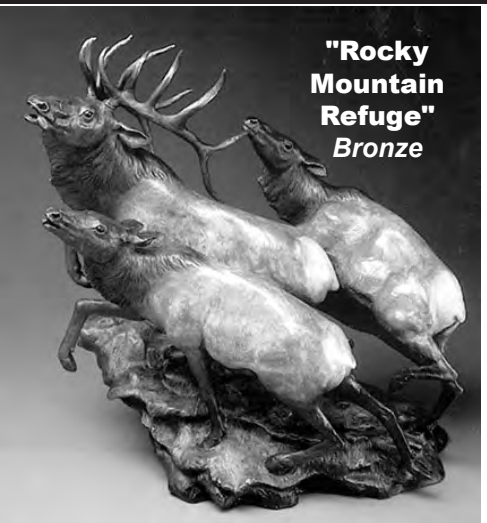
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JULY 24
Salado Legends 12th Annual Performance
 dinner 7:15 p.m., Theater 8:15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. For more information call 254-947-9205 or visit www.allcentex.com/tablerock. Tickets: adult \$15, child 12 and under \$5.

JULY 26-27
Girls volleyball camp, for incoming freshmen through seniors. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. daily at SIS gym; campers should bring a sack lunch. Cost: \$50. Info: New Lady Eagle volleyball coach Stacy Lisenbe, 254-760-2171.
JULY 26-29
Girls basketball camp, for incoming fourth through ninth graders, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. daily at SHS gym. Cost: \$40. Led by Scott Copeland, new Lady Eagle basketball coach. Info: 947-5429 ext. 1303.

JULY 26
Public Arts League first annual public arts awards/luncheon, beginning 11 a.m. at Stagecoach's Longhorn Room. Buffet lunch beginning at noon, pre-

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JULY 30

1-4 Aviation Battalion Military Appreciation Day. Participating local businesses offering discounts the entire day to Salado's adopted Ft. Hood battalion. Info: Charlotte's of Salado, 947-0240.

Live music on the patio at The Range restaurant, featuring Pat McCann, New Age jazz pianist. 7-10 p.m. Half price drinks on patio 6-10 p.m. Info: 947-3828.

JULY 31

Salado Legends 12th Annual Performance dinner 7:15 p.m., Theater 8:15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater For more information call 254-947-9205 or www.allcentex.com/tablerock. Tickets: adult \$15, child 12 and under \$5.

JULY 31-AUGUST 1

Mill Creek First Annual Open Golf Tournament. Limited to 60 paid teams, \$400 per team, includes green fees, cart, range balls and dinner. Info: Robert Ray, 760-2060, or Al Bishop, 254-640-1484.

AUGUST 2

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AUGUST 7-8

38th Annual Salado Art Fair in Pace Park For

more information call the Salado Chamber of Commerce 947-5040.

AUGUST 21

Fourth Annual Salado FFA Bull Bash at Wildfire Ranch. Featuring an auction, mutton bustin', student riding, open bull-riding and steer riding. Info: 254-534-2177 or 947-6982.

AUGUST 26

Thomas Arnold Elementary Open House. Details TBA.

AUGUST 27

Annual Salado Lions Club Lasagna Supper, 5 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School.

SEPTEMBER 4-5-6

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SEPT. 10-12 & 17-19

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SEPTEMBER 11

Mill Creek Community Association Fall Social at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6-7 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner. Info: 947-3901.

SEPTEMBER 18-19

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tablerock's **Fantasy Faire & Shakespeare** Play 8: 15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Tickets adults \$5, children \$3 Shakespeare tickets \$10 adult, \$5 child. Call 254-947-8933.

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OCTOBER 2

Reception for portrait artist Gene Dillard at Mill Creek Country Club. Sponsored by Griffith Fine Art Gallery. Details TBA.

OCTOBER 8-9

Christmas In October at the Salado Civic Center Free. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary.

OCTOBER 23

6 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. **3rd Annual Chisholm Trail Cattleman's Ball** at Tenroc Ranch. For more information call 254-947-5479.

OCTOBER 30-31

7 p.m. - 11 p.m. **Fright Nights Family Halloween Fun** at Tablerock's Trail. Adults \$5 Children \$3

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NOVEMBER 12-14

Gathering of the Clans at Robertson Plantation & College Hill.

NOVEMBER 18

7 p.m. **Salado Historical Society Annual Chili Supper,** Salado Civic Center

NOVEMBER 23

Noon deadline for Salado Village Voice newspaper Dec. 1 publication

NOVEMBER 25-26

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DECEMBER 3-4

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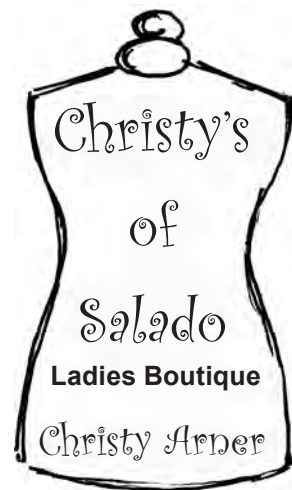
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Salado Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Mon., 6 p.m., at Civic Center.
Salado FFA Meeting: First Monday of the month, 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.
Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees: 3rd Mon. at 6 p.m., at Salado Civic Center.
Salado Library District Board: 4th Mon. at 5:30 p.m., at Salado Public Library Building.
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. through May, 7 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary.
Exercise Class: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. every Monday. Class includes stretching, strengthening and Pilates. Bring a mat or blanket. Held at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public. No class Memorial Day, May 31.
Salado Democrats: 6:45 p.m., first Monday of each month at the Civic Center.
Salado Youth Fair Boosters: Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the elementary school library.
Tuesdays
Salado Rotary Club: 11:30 a.m., Stagecoach Inn.
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.
Salado High School Band Boosters: 2nd Tues. of every month 7 p.m. in the Band Hall.
Salado Historical Society: board of directors, 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m. Salado Civic Center.
Salado Area Republican Women: 3rd Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-8422 or 947-3617 for information.
Wednesdays
Salado Creekside Cloggers: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church of Salado: Celebrate Recovery, Christian 12-step program, 6-7:30 p.m. Open to everyone dealing with personal hurts, habits or hangups. Info: 947-5465.
Salado Youth Baseball Association: meetings 7 p.m. at Civic Center.
Salado Presbyterian Church: Friends meet second and fourth Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon. All women welcome. Info: 947-5982.
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., 5 p.m., at Civic Center.
Scottish Country Dance Lessons 8-9:30 p.m. at the Scots Hall of the Clans. 947-0325 for info.

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Village of Salado Board of Aldermen: Regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Municipal Building unless otherwise posted.
Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA: 1st Thurs. 6 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn. 947-0173.
Salado Ladies Auxiliary: 2nd Thurs., 10 a.m., Salado Civic Center
Salado Water Corporation Board of Directors: 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m. Corporation office.
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.
Salado Business Association: General meetings, 3rd Thursday 8:45 a.m. upstairs at the Civic Center.
Salado Neighborhood Group of the American Sewing Guild: 3rd Thurs. of each month 5:30 p.m. at The Sewing Basket.
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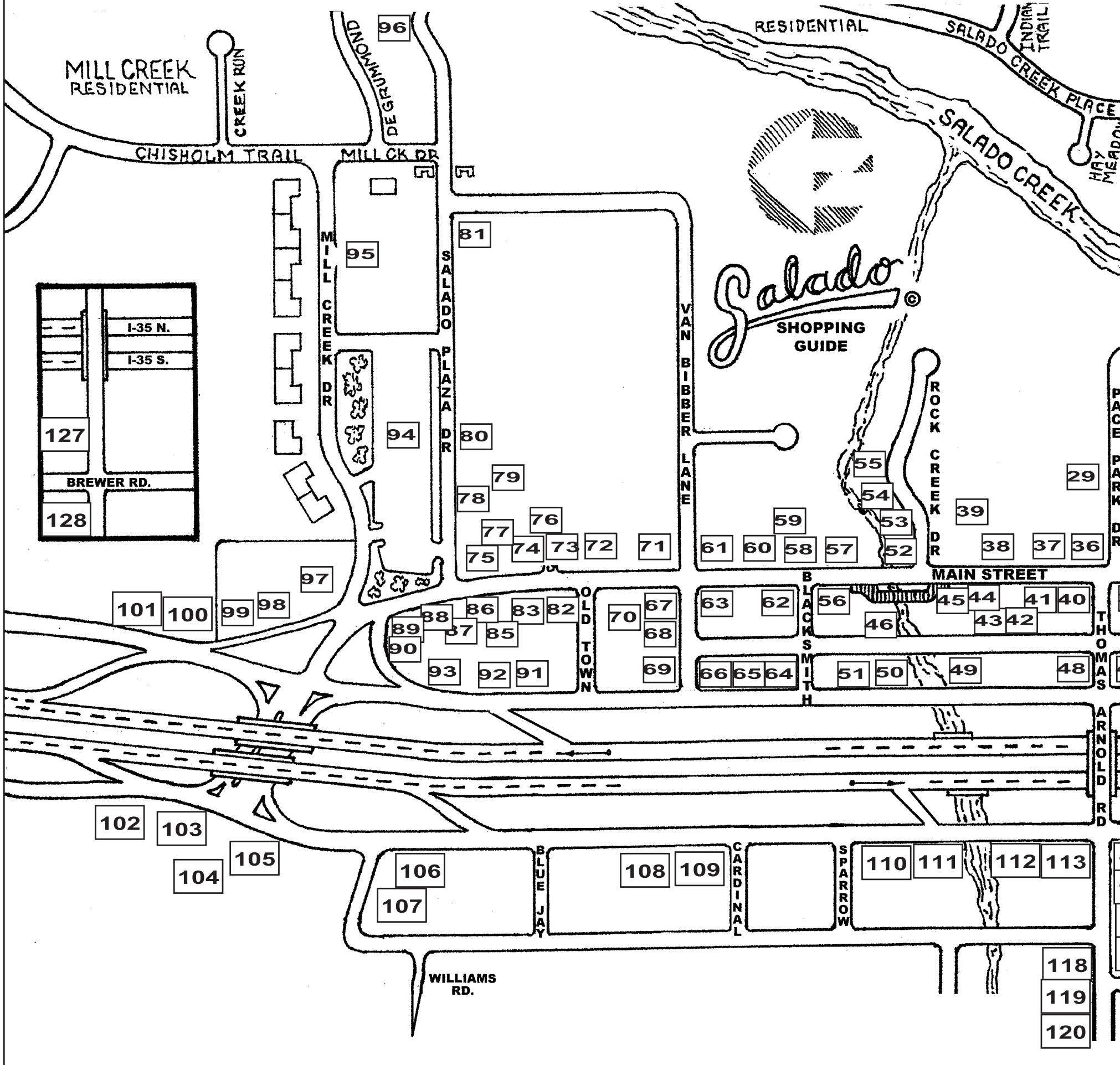
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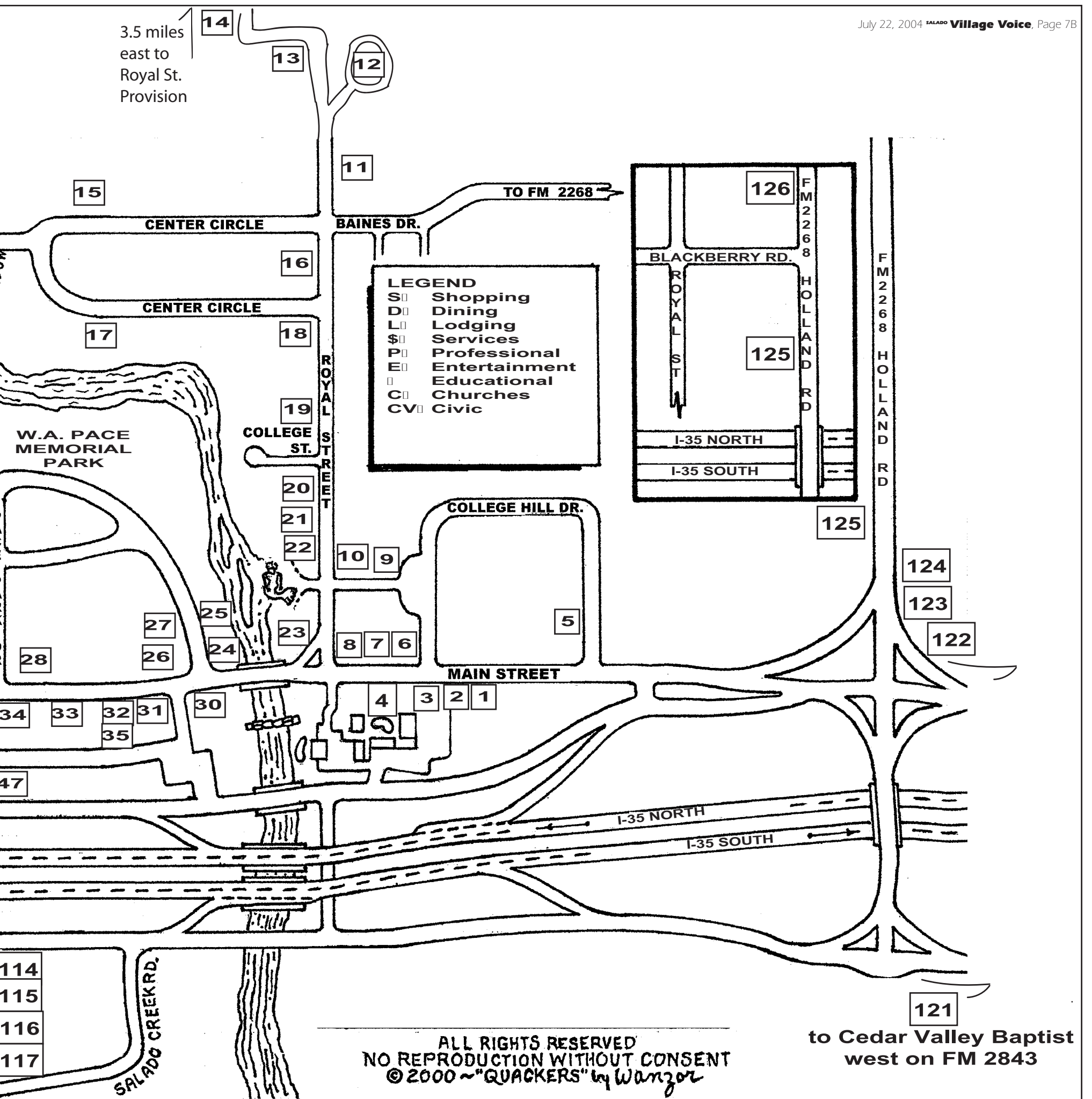
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Jim Runge is finally getting the attention he deserves

Jim Runge's "Running of the Bull" Festival in Eldorado is a big breakthrough for him. Newspapers, magazines and television stations all across Texas and beyond are planning to cover this year's event slated for July 24-25 around Eldorado's court house square.

The festival follows the Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, Spain by a few days. But, as Runge says, "in our festival, entrants are judged on who can run their mouth with the most bull...in several categories."

For years, Runge has staged some of the most unique events ever to occur in the Lone Star State. But hardly anybody noticed. Two years ago Jim took up residence in his hometown of Eldorado and started the EOBOC, the Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee, a loose knit organization to serve as

By Tumbleweed Smith



the vehicle for a tongue-in-cheek bid on the winter games of 2014 and the summer games of 2016. Jim says the underlying goal is the revitalization of the visibility and spirit of this once vibrant village in the middle of nowhere with numerous offbeat stunts, displays, spoofs, skits, pranks, eccentric attractions and other roadside shenanigans.

He stages the Elgoatarod, a takeoff on the Ididarod dog sled race in Alaska. At the Elgoatarod, goats pull carts around the courthouse square. The Tagoo Festival revolves around a mysterious bird that is found only to Eldo-

rado. He created a hysterical district near downtown with all sorts of spoofs and plays on words. The district has a very rare albino bat colony. In the past, Runge has staged yarn and weaving festivals in McKinney and a llama kissing contest in Fredericksburg. He held an April Fool's day event in Art, Texas.

But the Running of the Bull is becoming a Texas festival landmark. Now, only in its second year, requests for press credentials have come from the *San Antonio Express News*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Southern Living*, *Texas Monthly*, *Saveur Magazine* in New York City, Texas Co-Op Power and several TV stations including WFAA in Dallas.

Last year's inaugural event drew some formidable talent: Dennis Gaines, a national award winning cowboy poet, a clogging group from San Angelo

that performed in "heifer outfits" and 40 vendors. The event features the Biggest Lie Contest (Cock and Bull), musical routines, animal acts, impersonations, costuming, skits and stunts, extemporaneous speaking, legal mumbo jumbo, (Flim Flam), the longest talker without stopping, salesmanship (medicine shows, autos), tongue twisters, backwards talk, fastest talker, Burma Shave, cowboy poetry, rhyming poetry, double talk/mangled English, parodies, punning, shaggy dog stories (long story with twisted punch line) and true personal stories.

Judges include western novelist Elmer Kelton, Kathy Straach of the *Dallas Morning News*, Doug Rogers of Ghostlight Productions and others. Contact Runge at shootthebull@hotmail.com or 325-853-2434.

Rock gardens perfect in Texas

Master Gardener

by Francis Idous

What kind of a garden can withstand the summer heat of Texas and require little water or maintenance, yet can provide a bounty of color, variety, and fragrance?

Our son taught me the answer to this gardening question. His interest in desert plants motivated him to establish for me a rock garden that has flourished in spite of our area's rocky soil, scorching temperatures, and even the downpours of this June.

These plants are tough! Not only are they resilient, but these survivors are lovely. The damianita plants have cheerfully produced bloom after lemon-yellow bloom, and the red yuccas have vigorously sent up flower-laden stalks. The Mexican

feather grass has added its creamy strands to the colorful display of the penstemons.

All of these plants offer much and make modest requests; their major requirements are sunshine and good drainage.

Rock gardens come in all shapes and sizes; each one should be a reflection of the creativity and individuality of the gardener. The specimen gardens at Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin and at the Antique Rose Emporium in Brenham demonstrate what a delightful assortment is available for

the gardener. Numerous varieties of cactus, aloes, agaves, lantana, penstemons, salvias, and wildflowers - the shopping list can become long!

Because of the diversity of the selections, taking time to create a plan for a rock garden is essential to success. Before you head out with your shopping list, it is important to determine where the plants will go when you bring them home. Consider what you want to plant and where you want to locate the garden. Take into account the color and texture of the plants and their eventual size when full grown. Make a sketch of a design that will include the plants you want to select. When you have a sketch, the next step is to identify a site of the proper size in your yard that will receive a generous amount of sunshine.

Then you must be sure that the planting site has good drainage. If your yard has caliche, the typical clay-like soil of this area, building a raised bed may be the solution. Adding a layer of well-draining garden soil will give your plants an opportunity to establish roots. Creating an elevated mound for planting also promotes good drainage. Another challenge that your soil can present may require a pick ax. Our son soon discovered that the term "rock garden" was accurate for the area

he had chosen; he needed a pick ax to prepare the soil for planting.

Once your site is ready, the project becomes easier. Select the plants that will become part of your garden and decide what material you will use to cover the ground around them; either pea gravel or small white rocks work well. Using the plan you designed, install the plants you have chosen and water them well. You will need to water the plants carefully until they are established. The nursery where you purchase your plants should be a good source of information about the specific needs of each plant.

Once established, your garden will be low maintenance. If you added an adequate covering of gravel or rocks, you will not have to add more each season, and few weeds will try to invade.

The last step will simply be to enjoy your garden. After the initial effort, our son's garden has required little effort, and the plants have provided a succession of blooms since early spring. In fact, the first garden has been so successful that our son added two more this spring. With help from a lovely gardening partner, he designed and installed the pair on the other side of our yard.

They are living gifts from a son, now busy with medical residency, and his gardening partner, now his bride. They are a bouquet - fragrant sages, Texas betony, black-eyed susans - that will appear every day.

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Battershell addresses state of Salado schools at Lions luncheon

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

Having signed the paperwork initiating the purchase of 50 acres of land off FM 2484 and Williams Road - and with an accompanying school bond vote over the horizon - Salado ISD Superintendent Dr. Robin Battershell gave the Salado Lions a synopsis of the state of Salado schools at the club's July 14 luncheon.

She focused her talk on three chief topics of interest: finance, long-range planning and personnel.

Salado currently enjoys a \$1.2 million fund balance, said Dr. Battershell, which amounts to "two months operating expenses in the bank."

That figure is on-line with what is recommended by the State. Compared to other districts in Texas, Salado is near the top one-third in terms of fund bal-

ance, said Battershell.

Because of the relative property wealth in Salado, the district is deemed to require less state money, she continued, meaning that any tax increases that occur are not necessarily the result of overzealous spending by the district. Rather, they are a consequence born from receiving less state money than other, less affluent districts. "If your taxes go up, blame the State," she said.

And taxes are likely to rise. Battershell predicted a possible eight percent increase on property valuation in Salado. The maximum increase per valuation in taxation is 10 percent.

Battershell also explained the district's decision to purchase additional property. "We looked at 15 or 20 different parcels of land," she said, all varying greatly

in terms of size, location and price. The land on Williams Road, owned by Geneva Aiken, fit all prescribed criteria set forth in a needs-assessment project completed 18 months ago.

For 50 acres of land at \$10,000 per acre, the district gets a location close to I-35 and the existing campuses on Thomas Arnold, as well as easy road access and in-place utilities. Plans are to build a new high school.

Battershell said that building on current school property was not a viable option. "(The needs assessment) said you can't build where you're at," she explained, citing that the undeveloped land either lies in a flood plain or is occupied by septic systems.

Pending ongoing assessments, the superintendent said the bond election could come up as early as



Dr. Robin Battershell

mid-September.

Salado, with a total enrollment of 1,067 students, continues to see an increase in student population year-to-year, she said. While the district is still classed as AA, the likelihood of Salado making the jump to Class AAA in the next realignment period is seemingly unavoidable, barring a raise by the UIL in the AA enrollment cap, which Salado currently nudges.

As far as her own long term goals, Battershell aimed high: "I want to pass the bond election, and have three exemplary campuses...get the finest staff possible, and keep them"

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Youth Boosters raffling trailer

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Youth Fair Boosters support all youth in the Salado area that are members of FFA, 4-H, and FHA. They are awarded for the work they put into all entrees that they enter

in the Bell County Livestock Show.

"The Salado community has always supported the Salado Youth Fair Boosters. Last year was a successful year and we hope to have an even better year this year," said representative Deanna Christian.

The Youth Fair Booster's largest fund raiser is the reverse raffle dinner which will be held Sept.

30. Tickets will be on sale by the end of August. You can contact Brian and Amy Pyle 254-947-3268 or Deanna Christian 254-947-1564.



Former Village of Salado Mayor Charlotte Douglass was on hand at the Salado Rotary Club's July 13 luncheon at Stagecoach Inn. Douglass, formerly director of the Volunteer Services Branch in Fort Hood, gave Rotarians an overview of Salado's upcoming July 30 Military Appreciation Day.

2004 Cattlemen's Ball scheduled for Oct. 23

The 2004-05 Cattlemen's Ball is scheduled for 6 p.m Oct. 23, at TenRoc Ranch. Proceeds benefit SISD student scholarships.

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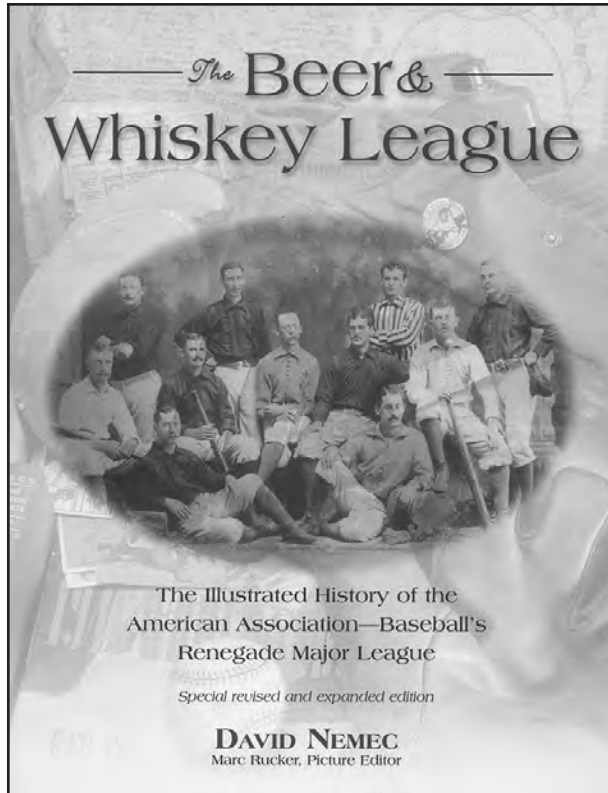
By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

Of all the sports alive in the American consciousness, baseball more than any other thrives on its past. Without its traditions, rivalries and history, the game might as well be basketball.

It's often overlooked the amount of changes that have taken place since 1876, the year the National League - the first major league - was founded. Just as often overlooked and under-credited are the men that played the game in its rollicking formative years.

Given the little that's been written on 19th century baseball, writer David Nemece took it upon himself to fill the void, recently publishing **The Beer and Whiskey League**, chronicling the history of the obscure and very nearly forgotten American Association.

Shadowy even to some contemporary baseball scholars, the AA operated as a second major league and was a serious contender to the Senior Cir-



cuit's supremacy for one wild, tempestuous decade, running from 1882-1891.

Its ranks were filled with a rougher sort of ballplayer than found in the NL, which is saying a lot. The men in the Association were a breed apart, even for their time.

They came from blue

collar backgrounds mostly, and enjoyed the pleasures of women and drink to a fault. By any measure, they were not your modern athletic archetype, and enjoyed, on the whole, a public reputation on par with professional gamblers and stage actors. They ranked about a 9 on the social despicability scale.

The league they played in flourished on the scraps brushed from the National League table. Team owners gained footholds in markets vacated by the NL, like Philadelphia, St. Louis and Cincinnati.

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And as Nemece illustrates, the imbibing wasn't limited to the stands. It was fairly common for AA players to take the field intoxicated, and a few got away with drinking on the bench or in the outfield during games. In fact, the members of the 1883 Pittsburgh team were such notorious lushers that their frustrated owner fired

almost the entire squad at season's end.

Those tidbits only begin to scratch the surface, for what the players lacked in moral fiber they more than made up for in personality.

Forget the pouty, money-grubbing, self-important athlete of today. These guys barely made a living wage, and most took second jobs in the off-season to sustain themselves. To anyone with an appreciation of baseball or history, the stories put down by Nemece are entertaining, and sometimes compelling, for in the game of baseball was an encapsulated version of American society. The two, in a sense, mirrored one another.

Even the owners themselves had aplomb. The St. Louis Browns, for example, were owned by a short, pudgy, hard-drinking brewer named Chris Von Der Ahe, who immigrated from Germany in his teens. He knew next to nothing about baseball, only caring that his team, or "mein poys" as he called them, stayed in pennant contention, which they did in most seasons.

In his book, Nemece devotes a chapter to every year the AA existed, and, along with the accounts, provides the final standings of each season, as well as individual statistical leaders, making the work worthwhile as reference material.

Its real value is in its cast of characters, however. The Pete Brownings, Buttercup Dickersons, Pop Snyders and Dave Orrs, are all classic, almost unknown cases with biographies as endearing as any in the game.

With all the protean changes baseball has experienced over the years - and there have been many - a trip back in time to its primitive beginnings is not a wasteful one.

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One-time Saladoan releases self-titled debut album

Singer-songwriter Maggie Brown, a former resident of Salado, released her self-titled debut cd June 22, bringing her musical career full circle.

As a young girl and teenager, Brown, at the insistence of her late mother, traveled from her native Louisiana to Salado, where she lived for four years with her family in an old run-down bus, or, when times were good, in a series of equally run-down country rent houses. Over that time, she made the Texas honky-tonk circuit, crafting a personal music style that owes its flavor to country, blues and rock and roll influences.

Having been performing under her mother's thumb for many years, not necessarily by choice, when Brown's mother passed Maggie nearly gave up music entirely, as a form of rebellion, or as she says, "spite."

She moved back to her hometown of Ferriday, and spent her early and mid 20s leading as "normal" a life as possible. She did the things most small town folks do: she went to college, got married and became a parent.



Despite her best efforts to hide from it, she could not shake the itch to sing and perform.

While she never abandoned writing, she had to ease herself back into performing, occasionally playing for tips alone.

It didn't take long for her to fit back into her old groove, and her debut album is the proof and culmination of the music that has always coursed through her.

Of the cuts on the cd,

Brown says "I've been carrying these songs around in a paper sack for a long time. It's been years of traveling, writing lyrics on bar napkins...I never thought I'd have an opportunity to record an album like this."

Her song writing repertoire, displayed on tracks like "Forty Dollars," "Mosquito Net" and "Jacob's Eyes" range from revved-up rock tunes, to ballads and other mid-tempo songs.

Despite the inevitable comparisons to artists like Bonnie Raitt and Sheryl Crow, Brown retains a stubborn sense of self. "Lots of people give me labels," she says. "I'm a product of the South. I set out to record these songs I've been carrying around with me. If any of these songs make a connection, I guess the rest will follow."

To find more information on Brown and her music, visit www.maggielbrown.net.



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Salado Salutes Educators coming soon

Local businesses are making plans for Salado's second annual Salute to Texas Educators. The event is organized to honor and recognize Texas public and private school educators for their service and dedication to Texas children and young adults. Teachers and their co-workers gave the event such an enthusiastic reception last year that the Salado Business Association has extended the teacher tribute to nine days beginning, Sept. 4.

Many Salado business owners were teachers and administrators in another life and because of the business community's continued involvement in education, business owners have organized a village-wide tribute to the men and women who teach and nurture our youth. The Salado Business Association and

First State Bank Central Texas sponsor the event that gives away thousands of dollars in gifts to teachers, administrators, university professors and support personnel in Texas schools.

More than 40 free \$100, to \$500, to \$700 door prizes have been announced as of this date by Salado business owners. Teacher registration for door prizes begins Sept. 4 and continues through Sept. 12. Registration is free to all Texas educators and absolutely no purchase is necessary to register.

Educators are invited to begin planning their trips to Salado to enjoy some rest and relaxation and to register for bed and breakfast stays, rounds of golf, a \$150 spa treatment, limited edition prints by

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For more information on the event and to see the gifts, visit the Salado Chamber of Commerce website at www.salado.com or call the Salado Chamber of Commerce at (254) 947-5040.

Booster Club reverse raffle tickets currently on sale

The Salado Athletic Booster Club will hold its second "nearly annual" reverse raffle 5 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Salado Intermediate School cafeteria.

Proceeds from the event will be used to supplement funding provided by the Salado Independent School District for all high school athletics, both boys and girls.

Booster Club president Jerry Smith says the last reverse raffle held in Aug. 2002 raised over \$23,000 for high school athletic programs. No raffle was held in 2003, pending the Booster Club's attainment of tax-exempt status from the IRS.

Raffle tickets are now on sale for \$150 each and will entitle the holder to four dinner tickets, participation in a silent auction, and a chance to win the grand prize of a \$10,000 shopping spree at

Home Depot. In a reverse raffle, the last ticket drawn is the grand prize winner. A second chance to have your ticket drawn, or "mulligan," may be purchased for an additional \$50. Smith emphasized that the cost of the raffle tickets may be shared by two or more people, families, or entities.

At the last Booster Club reverse raffle nearly 60 silent auction items were available and included autographed sport memorabilia and photographs, original artwork, guided hunts, and items provided by area merchants.

Also during the evening, \$1 raffle tickets will be sold for drawings for such items as barbecue grills and lawn mowers.

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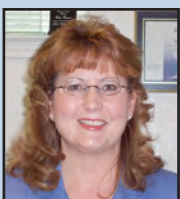


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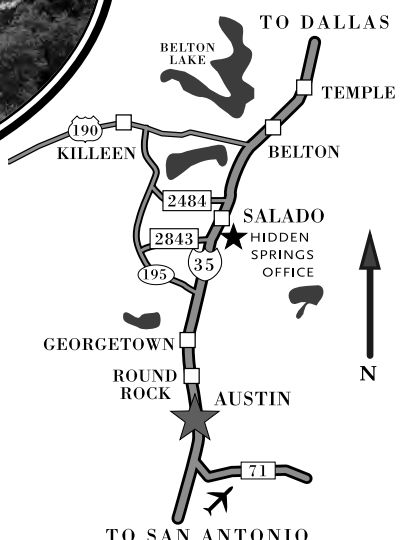
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Salado: Ranch homes on 10 acres to be built in the mid \$160s to \$190s. Open floor plans with 10' ceilings.

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Salado: 10 acres of land. Trees, great home site. \$75,000.

Salado: Mill Creek lot. \$33,500.



Need money for closing costs or decorating? This lovely home comes with a \$3,000 allowance for the buyer. Great oak-treed lot. Vaulted ceiling in LR with fireplace. Separate dining room with bay windows. Sunroom connects to large backyard with 12X20 storage building. Two car attached garage. \$145,900



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- \$74,800 - Charming, restored 1901 home in Holland.
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- \$119,900 - Secluded home on .90 acre. French doors.
- \$124,000 - 3 BR, 2.5 BA Texas decor, like living in a B&B.
- \$144,900 - 3BR/2BA with manicured lawn in Live Oak Estates.
- \$145,000 - Peaceful setting with deck & hot tub.
- \$149,000 - Walk to Mill Creek Pro Shop. Private backyard.
- \$169,000 - Facing Mill Creek golf course & creek. Gameroom.
- \$184,900 - Lovely 4 BR Mill Creek home. Workshop.
- \$185,000 - 4BR home backs up to bluff in Mill Creek.
- \$189,000 - Courtyard entry, 3 BR. Decorating allowance. UC
- \$199,000 - 3 BR, 2 BA open living area w/vaulted ceiling.
- \$219,000 - Custom house with many extras. RV hook-up.
- \$219,000 - 3 BR, 2.5 BA across from Salado Creek.
- \$219,900 - Home on 14th fairway. Handicap equipped.
- \$225,800 - 4 BR show place in Wild Rose Subdivision.
- \$225,800 - Custom detailed home w/ sep. 2-story building.
- \$249,800 - Golf course view! Balcony. Custom cabinets.
- \$259,500 - 3 BR overlooking Salado Creek & #13 Green.
- \$264,000 - 2 story home on 46 acres of rolling hills.
- \$279,000 - 4 BR home on 5 acres with covered porch. UC
- \$312,900 - 4 BR, 3-1/2 BA home overlooking golf course.
- \$325,000 - 4 BR Home overlooking Mill Creek #4 hole.
- \$338,500 - 4,000 SF home on 2 acres in Woods of Salado.
- \$385,000 - Southern style home on 3 acres.
- \$715,000 - 5 BR, 4-1/2 BA home by golf course. Media Room.

Acreage Available

- 160 acres on Hill Rd. and I-35, 5 miles S. Salado, all or part
- 32 acres on Rose Lane, 2 miles NE of Salado. - UC
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Mill Creek Lots

- 700 Indian Trail. - \$30,000
- Fletcher Ct. - \$68,000
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New Golf Course Lots

- Mill Creek Springs I & III - \$30,000-75,000
- Mill Creek Springs IV
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Woods of Salado Lots

- Mountain Dr. - Lot 5A- \$39,500, Lot 5B - \$39,500, Lot 6A - \$42,500.
- Hodge Canyon Dr. - \$39,500

Other Lots

- Windy Hill Ranch - 2 acre lots - \$55,000 to \$90,000
- Heritage - 1 to 3 acre wooded, near Salado. Restricted.
- The Overlook - 1+ acre prime lots \$99,000 - \$129,000.
- Eagle Creek of Salado: Amity Rd. East. 2 and 4 acre tracts, \$59,900 to \$69,900.
- Hidden Springs, Lot 78, Live creek.

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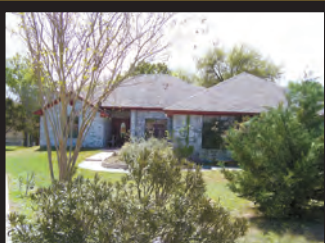
\$169,000: Located on one of Mill Creek's gorgeous streets. Look out the front door and view the golf course and creek.



\$264,000: 46 acres of Hill Country with rolling hills and panoramic views. Adventurous people can even explore this property's own cavern! A two-story cedar sided home with 3 BR and 2 BA with the master BR downstairs. Wrap around porch and second story dormers. Wood burning stove. Detached workshop/garage, chicken coops, fenced.



\$225,800: This is truly a showplace home! 4 BR/2-1/2 BA, 3 car garage on .837 acre built in 2001. The large back porch offers privacy & a hot tub! Bird watch from Gazebo.



\$185,000: Spacious 4 BR home in Mill Creek. Backs up to bluff with beautiful trees. Great deck on back for privacy, relaxing and entertaining.



\$119,900: Located on a secluded acre near Live Oak Estates, this home has an open floorplan and French doors throughout. Huge deck at the back of the home.



\$259,500: Sitting on Salado Creek & Mill Creek's #13 green. Features include wood floor entry, built-in entertainment center, study with custom cabinets, bright kitchen.

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When you look at these lenders' "good faith estimates," you'll find no origination fees, no credit report or appraisal fees, nothing. Of course, you can't get something for

nothing, and there is something behind the simple interest rates that these lenders charge.

The lender wants to recoup these costs, and they do so by charging a slightly higher interest rate, also meaning higher monthly payments. But consider this: if you can prepay the loan at any time, you may not have the loan long enough for the lender to recover those closing costs. This illustrates another reason for the slightly higher interest rate - the lender assumes more risk.

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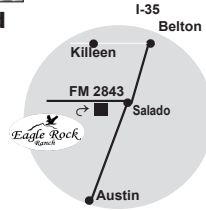


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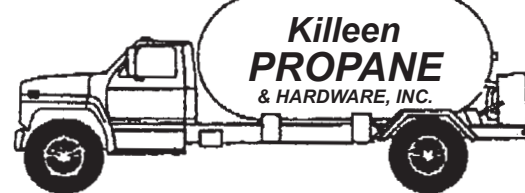
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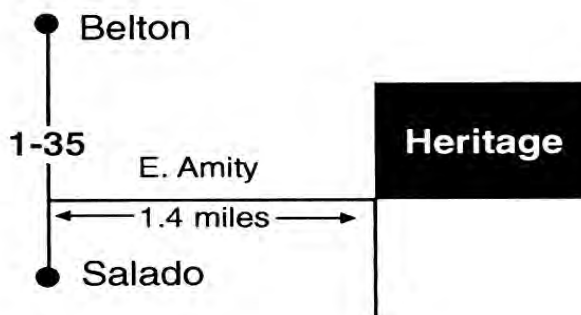
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2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900.**
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114 acres off of FM 2268, \$2,000 per acre
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Salado Lots

Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - **\$40,000.**
Indian Trail - 90x188 - **\$38,000.**

Commercial

3 acres commercial property fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$120,000.**
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Nice 2/2 doublewide with large and formal dining. Fenced yard. **\$39,000.**
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5+ acres fronting SH 190 and Boxer Road. Great commercial location. City water available. **\$299,000.**
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