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Hometown newspaper read by Richard & Deborah Webster

Art Fair set Aug. 2-3

Merchants and artists alike, from Salado and across the Southwest, are gearing up for the 37th Annual Salado Art Fair, Aug. 2-3 in Pace Park. Hours for the Art Fair will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 2 and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 3.

Over 110 artists and artisans from will be on hand, from the mediums of oil, watercolors, acrylics, pastels, photography and mixed media, all the way to sculpture, woodworks, glassworks, jewelry, metal work and handmade clothing.

Longtime vendor Larry Bridges, whose studio is located in Brady, will be back for the 2003 fair. An artist for over 30 years, Bridges has been heralded as having the ability to realistically capture and accurately preserve nostalgic subjects, landmarks and period settings. He works primarily in watercolors and pen and ink drawings.

Bridges is a member of the Texas Wild Bunch Professional Artists Association, and has won numerous awards in his artistic career. More information about his work can be obtained at www.larrybridges.com.

Also displaying his work at the Art Fair will be North Texas potter Ron Hollister. His diverse interests in pottery have led him to work in functional pot-



Pottery pieces, like Ron Hollister's pictured above, will be available at the 37th Salado Art Fair

tery forms, as well as Raku, pinched ware and bamboo series. The bamboo pottery generally consists of a large, storage style piece that incorporates bamboo, made from clay, as a design motif.

Hollister says of his work, "I make and sell pottery because of the opportunity to bring together education, experience, interests and abilities to meet a challenge head-on, to be independent and derive a sense of accomplishment, self-actualization in clay. More of his work can be viewed at

www.ronhollisterpotter.com.

As it goes every year, numerous local groups will also be present at the Fair. The Salado Volunteer Fire Dept will man the first aid booth, the Ladies Auxiliary will work the gate, the Lions Club and Rotary will be on hand, the Salado Public Library will have their book tent and the Salado Strutters will be selling concessions as a fundraiser.

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

Salado Legends continues

Salado Legends will continue its 11th season July 26 and August 2 with performances at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheatre on Royal Street.

History, legend and memories are brought to the stage in the epic musical-drama *Salado Legends*, written by Salado playwright Jackie Mills. One of the original songs, "Be Careful What You Wish For," weaves the legends of the Tonkawa Indians, the dreams of the Spanish explorers and the hopes of the Scottish settlers into a panoramic tale. *Salado Legends* is the only outdoor musical-drama in Texas by the Library of Congress to serve as a record of life in America at the end of the 19th Century.

Actors, crew, composers, sponsors and helpers number over 200. They range in ages from three to 91 years old and live all over Central Texas. Brandon Baca, of Copperas Cove, will play the lead role of Andrew McIver. Kathryn Davidson, of Belton, will play the lead role of Lucy McDougal. Krista Lofland, of Belton, plays Sadie Lou Chalk; Charles Clark, of Kempner, will play Cam



Dave Jackson returns for his eighth season.

McDougal.

Dale and Anita Allen, of Waco, will appear in the roles of Angus and Dora McDougal. Gregg Manning, as Malcolm Ross and Robert Cortes, as Douglas McDougal, are both of Salado and are in their second seasons with *Salado Legends*. Rebecca Petro, of Salado, is cast as Emma-line McDougal.

Howard Horton, who lives in Bartlett and is a professor at UMHB, will appear for the fifth season as Sam Houston.

Susan Lee, of Waco, will make her debut as Texas. Michelle Clark, a UT student, will play Bonnie Belle Posey for her fourth season.

Dave Jackson, from Yukon, Oklahoma, will play Tonweya for his eighth season.

Dinner reservations for the catered meals are

required: \$8 for adult or child. Adult show tickets are \$15 and children's tickets (ages four to 12) are \$5 each.

Tickets may be purchased at Salado Mansion, First State Bank, Compass Bank and Fletcher's Books in Salado.

In Killeen, you may purchase tickets at Renaissance Records, or at ITR on Fort Hood. HEB sells tickets for cash in Round Rock, Pflugerville, Georgetown and Austin.

To charge tickets, call UT Texas Box Office at 512-477-6060. Tickets may be purchased online at www.texasboxoffice.com.

For groups of 20 or more, call 254/947-9205 or write to Tablerock, PO Box 312, Salado, TX 76571.

Trustees examine budget

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado ISD Superintendent Robin Battershell will recommend a one-cent tax rate increase to trustees when they meet 6 p.m. July 29 at the Salado Civic Center.

Trustees will discuss the tax rate to be published prior to conducting hearings on the tax rate and the budget. The board will conduct public hearings before formally setting the tax rate and adopting the budget.

Trustees are examining a budget based on maintaining the current \$1.57 tax rate that will fund \$7.4 million in expenses in 2003-04 and add another \$73,289 to the general fund balance.

Dr. Battershell told *Salado Village Voice* that she is asking for the one-cent increase in the tax rate in order to maximize state funding for the 2004-2006 biennium. The one-cent increase will also add another \$31,000 to the general fund balance.

The board is considering a \$7.5 million maintenance and operating budget that will be funded by \$5.3 million in local revenues and \$1.9 million in state revenues. An additional \$250,000 will come from federal funds and loan proceeds.

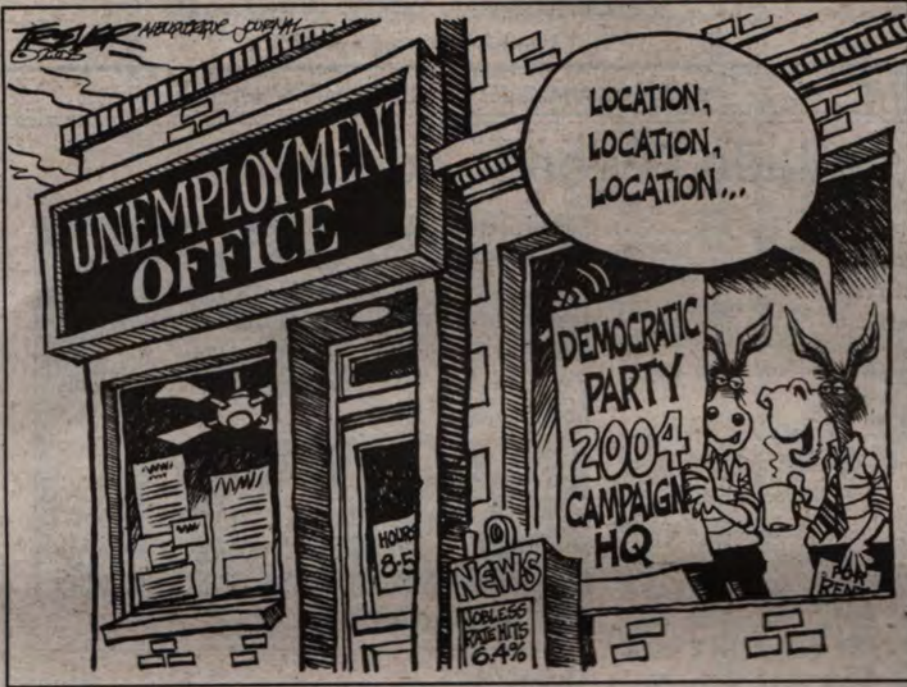
Since 1998-99, the budget has grown from about \$5 million to \$7.4 million in expenditures. The tax rate has increased from \$1.49 to \$1.57 in the

Salado ISD Budget comparisons

	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS BUDGET	TAX: \$1.49	TAX: \$1.49	TAX: \$1.57	TAX: \$1.57	TAX: \$1.57
Revenue					
Local	\$2,981,405	\$3,278,862	\$3,849,114	\$4,642,932	\$5,310,347
State	\$2,612,680	\$2,447,563	\$2,480,798	\$1,852,081	\$1,912,532
Federal	\$80,000	\$111,282	\$110,807	\$131,455	\$142,057
Loan proceeds				\$98,000	\$105,000
Revenue Total	\$5,674,085	\$5,837,707	\$6,440,719	\$6,724,468	\$7,469,936
Expenditures					
Instruction	\$3,171,790	\$3,303,515	\$3,725,785	\$3,892,149	\$4,193,450
Instructional resources	\$153,760	\$181,439	\$194,537	\$218,062	\$232,760
Curriculum & staff development	\$9,000	\$9,795	\$11,472	\$12,500	\$12,700
School leadership	\$364,760	\$364,585	\$379,771	\$393,509	\$438,697
Guidance/counseling	\$108,772	\$155,150	\$155,612	\$158,225	\$170,975
Social services					\$7,000
Health services	\$38,180	\$52,630	\$61,425	\$63,641	\$64,578
Student transportation	\$117,080	\$164,850	\$187,300	\$280,651	\$329,674
Food services	\$228,272	\$238,160	\$247,268	\$262,258	\$317,579
Co- & extra-curricular	\$202,040	\$231,632	\$259,959	\$292,526	\$337,485
General administration	\$278,529	\$287,271	\$310,660	\$320,161	\$370,791
Plant M&O	\$682,900	\$651,200	\$665,700	\$652,500	\$784,258
Security & Monitoring	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Debt service	\$84,703	\$45,544	\$31,900	\$53,700	\$53,700
Payments to fiscal agents	\$90,000	\$88,500	\$85,000	\$85,067	\$80,000
Expenditure total	\$5,533,136	\$5,777,671	\$6,320,659	\$6,687,949	\$7,396,647
<i>Change in M&O fund</i>	<i>\$140,949</i>	<i>\$60,036</i>	<i>\$120,060</i>	<i>\$36,519</i>	<i>\$73,289</i>

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Build a New Nuke

Cue the outrage: The Bush administration is interested in developing and testing a new bunker-busting nuclear weapon. Earlier this year, Congress approved funds for the development of such a nuke, and one could conceivably be tested as early as 2005.

This will become one of the great foreign-policy fights of the next few years, as liberal arms controllers attack the administration for allegedly stoking a new arms race. In this debate, their paradoxical preference for indiscriminately destructive weapons and a less safe U.S. arsenal will both be on full display.

The Bush administration has fully embraced the end of the Cold War by deciding to drastically reduce the nation's operational strategic nuclear force from roughly 6,000 warheads to 2,000. But it makes no sense to react to the changed international environment only by scrapping our old nuclear force. The arsenal should be updated to deal with new realities. An earth-penetrating nuke is needed to target the kind of deeply buried sites housing weapons of mass destruction that are now favored by rogue states.

The problem is that we don't have such a weapon. Given that we have been in the nuclear business for 50 years, how is that possible? A host of strategic and technical reasons account for it, together with the perversities of arms-control orthodoxy.

Mutual Assured Destruction relied on the "balance of terror," on the willingness of the United States and the Soviet Union to hold its populations hostage. Any highly accurate or earth-penetrating weapon that instead would have been effective against specific military targets was considered "destabilizing." So, U.S. nukes tended to be designed for killing lots of Russians rather than destroying narrow military tar-

The Rich Lowry Column

gets. This was also simply easier as a technical matter. Getting a warhead to drive into the ground, then explode, is an engineering challenge, but one that is probably surmountable, eventually.

A new nuke would also require new testing, which is sacrilege for arms controllers. The first President Bush instituted a voluntary moratorium on U.S. testing in 1992 that continues to this day.

The fact is that the longer the United States goes without testing, the less safe its aging arsenal is. Our current warheads were designed to last only 15 to 20 years. Arms controllers argue that computer simulations can supplant testing, but this is a hope rather than a fact.

The ulterior motive for the arms-control taboo against testing seems obvious: to prevent the United States from developing a new weapon, and ultimately to force the existing arsenal to die on the vine. It ensures that the United States has an aging, less and less reliable arsenal, built for a long-past strategic threat that bears little resemblance to the present one.

As usual, it's the Bush administration that wants to reject old thinking and try something new. And it is correct in its key insight: It is the arsenals of other countries, perhaps buried deep underground somewhere, that we should fear, not our own.

Perry and Dewhurst threaten lawmakers: "Pass redistricting plan or face second session with less stringent voting rules"

A number of gauntlets have been thrown down in recent days in the upper house of the Texas Legislature as tempers flare and days dwindle in the special session called to reshuffle the State's congressional districts - along partisan lines.

First came word from former Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff, (R-Mount Pleasant) a veteran moderate conservative, who announced he was joining 10 (of 12) Senate Democrats who had sent word - in writing - to Senate President David Dewhurst that they planned to vote against bringing up any redistricting plan during the session. In effect - using the two-thirds rule to kill the reason lawmakers were recalled to Austin in the first place, and giving Governor Perry and his puppeteer Tom (Bugsy) DeLay a nervous twitch at the very thought of a Republican disobeying orders from on high!

Mutterings escalated into threats among the Grand Old Party's faithful, who seriously believe that joining the opposition - for anything beyond a "happy hour" drink (or two) - is anathema!

Came to a head when Rick the Reluctant allowed as how he would call the miscreants back to their "special" law-making "squirrel cage" immediately, if they failed to pass a gerrymandered redistricting map that guarantees at least 18 or more solid GOP seats in Congress.

The stubborn Guv was aided and abetted by Lt. Governor Dewhurst who told his charges he would not change the two-thirds rule this session - even though it has bottled up consideration of all redistricted plans and maps - but woe betide the Demos if there is a second session! That's because he's vowed to change the rules and permit all Senate actions to be based on a simple majority vote.

Meaning - that instead of needing 21 votes to get a Republican redistricting plan up and running (2/3 rule) - GOPers would need only 16 (simple majority). The Senate has 19 registered GOPers on board and even if Ratliff remains a "defector," the right-wingers would have enough strength to get their "questionable deeds" converted into law.

COURT CHALLENGE?

Not much has been said (or written) about a court challenge by disenfranchised losers in the high stakes redistricting game, but unless Democrats have lost their last vestige of hope, strength and perspicacity (with a little meanness coupled with revenge tossed in for good measure) there will be a court challenge to whatever the Repubs come up with in the way of new congressional districts.

One has to wonder if any federal court would be willing to overrule the current boundaries - that they themselves drew up in late 2001.

Our bet is that if redistricting does pass muster in any special session (this one or the next), the courts will kick it out and tell Texas to use the map they currently have, until after the next decennial census.

JAIL-COURTHOUSE SAGA CONTINUES

Bell County Commissioners, as expected, set September 13, as the date voters will have a crack at the highly publicized and oft-maligned (mostly for the wrong reasons) \$61.1 million jail-courthouse spending plan, that until June 30 was for all practical purposes a "done-deal."

Commissioners, with advice from

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



COUNTY ODDSMAKERS GIVE JAIL-COURTHOUSE VOTE 50-50 CHANCE OF SURVIVAL. TAX HIKE COMING REGARDLESS OF OUTCOME - TO PAY FOR PROJECT OR HOUSE EXCESS JAIL-BIRDS.

their bond agents, had agreed to issue a series of Certificates of Obligation to fund the new multi-purpose facility near the Expo Center.

Downtown Beltonians - led by a lawyer, (owner of a new office being built near the current jail-courthouse) had some different ideas. "We need to vote on this big a dollar-deal," was the basic outcry and a petition drive got underway.

By June 30 - it appeared there were enough petitioners to stymie commissioners so things were put on hold. Next day the certification process proved the petitions lacked the required names but officials decided to call an election anyway, thus putting the matter into the hands of the electorate.

"UP OR DOWN" VOTE

Commissioners opted to use a simple ballot that asks a simple question which runs something like this: "Will you (the voter) grant permission to Bell County Commissioners to issue \$61.1 million in Certificates of Obligation to pay for a new Jail and Courthouse facility - Yes or No?"

Had the leaders decided to go the "bond issue" route, they would have had to separate the components of the spending plan (jail, courthouse, paving, etc.), to allow a vote on each item.

At this point in time - with a little over seven weeks until election day - traditional courthouse handicappers are calling it a 50-50 battle, with any last minute revelation (true or false) capable of tilting the balance.

REGARDLESS OF VOTE WE'RE TALKING TAXES

In addition to those who claim they want to "protect downtown Belton," there are others who just naturally embrace the "anti-tax" stance as an automatic "aginer" tool to kill any (and all) governmental projects.

County officials including Salado's Commissioner Tim Brown - are quick to point out that regardless of the September 13 vote results - Bell County will be faced with a tax hike to either pay for the jail-courthouse expansion or to reimburse other counties that will house our excess prisoners.

EXPECT NOISY DEBATE

Expect noise and distortion in the days ahead as both sides gear up for the pro-con public debate on the jail-courthouse issue - and that's as it should be.

Those in favor say it's better to spend money to build a new jail rather than sending tax dollars to other counties to house prisoners because our lockups are loaded.

Opponents favor an addition to the current jail if absolutely necessary, but they want county business kept in downtown Belton; they suggest better use of the historically remodeled courthouse and if "really needed" add offices in the available downtown area. Presumably, using "stilt construction" in the flood plain to keep new buildings from floating down the creek during heavy rainfalls.

As they say in the lower forms of reporting "Stay Tuned."

That's -30-

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FORUM

Liberal education is a misnomer

By Ed Feulner
HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Universities once had an honorable mission: Learning. Students were required to take a wide range of classes. They came to school to read, write, argue and discuss controversial issues with professors and with each other. That was the original meaning of a liberal arts education.

It's liberal today, all right, but not in the classical sense. Now, a university is more likely to be a politically correct haven for special-interest groups than a true forum for the exchange of ideas.

That's because radical educators have subdivided most university campuses into racial and gender enclaves by creating African-American studies departments, Hispanic studies departments, women's studies departments and others. A "liberal" education often means one that dismisses any conservative ideas.

What's next? How about "whiteness studies?" It's a growing concept on college campuses. At least 30 institutions, including Princeton, the University of Massachusetts and UCLA, offer such courses.

As *The Washington Post* explained recently: "The field is based on a left-leaning interpretation of history by scholars who say the concept of race was created by a rich white European and American elite, and has been used to deny property, power and status to nonwhite groups for two centuries."

One class, taught at UMass, is called "The Social Construction of Whiteness and Women." According to the syllabus, "this course will explore the social construction of whiteness, it's (sic) interaction with gender, and historical and contemporary political resistance to white privilege." Students are required to take part in at least one activist project "to challenge white supremacy."

Of course, "whites" are not a political group. There's no social construction involved in being white. It's simply a skin color that many of us are born with. Behind that skin, there are liberals and

conservatives, grounds-keepers and airline pilots. Atheists and priests.

It's truly off to read liberals claiming that "whites" inventing the idea of race. After all, it's the campus pressure groups that have perfected using race to classify people, whether through affirmative action groups or student political groups.

Ironically, while universities are finding new ways to divide people up, out in the real world we're pulling closer together. Scientists have proven there are virtually no genetic differences between races. The Census now allows people to select more than one racial category. And according to the Census Bureau, between 1970 and 1994, the number of interracial married couples increased from 310,000 to 1.3 million.

For close to 200 years, immigrants of all races, creeds, and genders flocked to our shores for the chance to build a better life. They were tired of being classified based on their religion or skin tone.

Sadly, universities today are trying to take us back to a time when people could only be known by their race, rather than by their merit. To accomplish that, educators in "whiteness studies" classes are beginning with the conclusion that "whites are bad" and are working backward to prove that conclusion. They choose only the history that seems to support that.

For example, they focus on the fact that Thomas Jefferson once wrote that he suspected blacks were inferior to whites, but they ignore that he more famously wrote, "All men are created equal," and helped create a country where that truth would one day be fulfilled.

This approach is exactly backward. A true academic examines all the evidence first, and only then forms conclusions based on that evidence. Universities should return to their roots. That means students should be taught, not indoctrinated. That's a liberal education that even staunch conservatives could support.

Ed Feulner is president of *The Heritage Foundation*, a public policy research institute.

Readers on church move, baseball

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: The following letter has been presented to the Board of Aldermen for its discussion in relation to the moving of the Salado United Methodist Church chapel. It has been edited for space and reference to a series of photographs of buildings along the I-35 access road in the proposed Historic District.

Dear Distinguished Citizens of Salado,

As a resident of Salado for the past 33 years, I have had opportunities to observe and participate in the growth of our beloved village.

During these past 33 years, I have observed that Salado has grown and changes have come in a reasonably orderly manner without the need for highly restrictive ordinances. People seem to respect the history of our village and appreciate the natural beauty of its environment. Some very attractive buildings have been constructed in the downtown area and many beautiful homes have been built throughout the area. I do not mean to say that there is no need for certain ordinances -- just that I believe an ordinance should be enacted only to satisfy an unquestionable need and should not impose undue hardships on the citizenry of our village. I suggest we remember that we chose to name Salado The Village of Salado, and I don't believe we want to become like a small city with ordinances like a small city, a term used by city attorney Alan Bojorquez during a recent meeting of the Board of Aldermen....

With about 43 buildings, properties, sites and objects in the Village of Salado having been designated as historic landmarks, there is certainly justification for the establishment of a Historic District within the incorporated area. About 20 of these historic landmarks are located along Main Street and could collectively constitute a Historic District. Others are scattered about Salado at such locations as Van Bibber Lane, center Circle, Rose Way, Pace Park Rd., the Interstate service road, Salado Cemetery and Tablerock walking trail. Consequently, I question the need for the seemingly broad brush application of a blue area on the map which designated a Historic District, and which appears to cover about 20 percent of the incorporated area of Salado.

According to Section 3.15 of the proposed Zoning Ordinance, the Historic District. (HD)

possesses "a significant concentration, linking or continuity of buildings, structure, object or sites united historically or aesthetically by plan or physical development. Existing within the Historic District are examples of outstanding historical, cultural, architectural, or archeological properties that are of significance in the state, nation, region and community."

I wish to express my concern with the proposed zoning ordinance which designates a certain area of Salado as a Historic District. The area to which I refer is the area bound on the west side by I-35 east service road and on the east side by Church Street and beyond the north end of Church Street. I am concerned by the absence of historic structures, sites, properties or objects that could meet your definition of a Historic District. This area extends for a linear distance of about one mile along the service road and embraces only two structure with historical recognition -- the Salado United Methodist Church and the Salado Church of Christ -- two buildings which are separated by a distance of two-tenths of a mile. There is no significant concentration, linkage or continuity of buildings, structures, objects or sites united historically or aesthetically by plan or physical development associated with the described area. Obviously the area does not qualify as a Historic District according to your definition....

Of the 24 structures in the area, only two bear historical markers: the Methodist Church and the Church of Christ....

The area contains church office buildings, churches, restaurants, a gasoline service station, residential property, a fire station, a funeral home, a municipal building, commercial property housing retail merchants, offices and other buildings of various descriptions. If this area is to be zoned, perhaps the designation of a Mixed Use District would be more appropriate. Please give careful consideration to this matter!

The opposition to certain aspects of the proposed zoning ordinance as voiced by local citizens seems to reflect the opinion that we may be moving too fast in making such sweeping changes to our village. Orderly growth and/or change is certainly desirable; however, I think

it should be the result of good judgement and a sense of fairness to all persons affected insofar as possible. I hope you will agree with me that, if possible, we should avoid situations which have the potential to create widespread controversy among the people of our community.

I, among others, appreciate your fine service to our community, and I am confident that your decision will reflect your efforts to do what you believe to be in the best interest of our community as a whole.

Sincerely,
Jean Tarbutton

Dear Editor:

I was born in Salado ninety-and-a-half years ago: I have lived here ever since. I am grieved to think about the Salado Methodist Church being moved to the edge of town. Most towns and cities have a focal point -- a courthouse, a municipal building, some structure of note -- and although the Stagecoach Inn is imposing and important, the focal point, the soul and heart of Salado is the Methodist Church and its corner. The Methodist Church is the only one of the four original church buildings in Salado still holding services. For over a hundred years, the bell in the tower sounded every Sunday morning; farmers outside of town could hear its call to worship. When I was a teenager, the bell somehow got turned over so I climbed the tall ladder to the belfry and swung it back so that it could be rung again. My father, Edgar Griffith, was superintendent and song leader for many years, and my mother, Nannie Poteet Griffith, taught the beginners' Sunday School class for over 50 years.

My great-grandparents came to Salado as part of the original Robertson Land Grant; they and others of my family helped to build the schools, the churches, the town. Obviously, my roots in Salado are deep. I no longer belong to the Methodist Church, so in that sense I no longer have a vote on what happens to it, but as one who has loved the church and the town for almost a hundred years, maybe my opinion matters a little. I understand about congregations physically outgrowing buildings, and of course, few things stay the

Shareholders' rebellion is on in England!



Jim Hightower

If you're among the millions of workers and shareholders who are sick of seeing your companies crash while the pampered CEOs who caused the wreck skip gaily away with tens of millions of dollars in lavish pay packages, you might want to look to England for hope.

There's been a long-simmering political debate across the pond about the unseemly self-enrichment of their corporate chieftains -- even though CEO pay there still is a fraction of the sums paid to corporate royalty in America. But some British wannabes have been steadily pushing to bring buccaneering, off-the-charts, U.S.-style pay levels to England -- for example, the aptly named Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman of the global drug giant Glaxo-SmithKline, claims that British pay levels must become competitive with the king's ransoms paid to American CEOs.

Hogg wants, about England's shareholder and worker groups, who've seen the destructive results in America when the fortunes of top executives are separated from the well being of everyone else. These egalitarian forces have been fighting the Sir Hogg -- and winning! In January, a new law passed requiring large British corporations to (1) disclose details of pay packages, and (2) put them to a vote by shareholders.

The law is working. In May, shareholders and union pensioners gave Sir Hogg's own corporation a comeuppance, voting down the proposed deal for Glaxo's CEO, who would have gotten a special \$24 million payout even if he bankrupted the company. Now, to avoid similar public humiliation, honchos at the retailing giant, Kingfisher, are scaling down their extravagant deals prior to facing shareholders at their upcoming meeting.

The rebellion is on! And not only are the Brits storming the barricades of CEO power, but it's happening here, too. To help foster the rebellion among American shareholders, call United for a Fair Economy: 617-423-2148.

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same forever, but so little of the original Salado is left that surely we can work to preserve this precious, spiritual part. The town worked to save the red school house; can't we work together to save the church? Isn't a congregation about community and spirit rather than money and size of buildings? After all, the first temples were "the groves." I am not suggesting that the Methodist congregation meet under the trees; I am suggesting that the

town and the Christian community work harder to keep the church where it is.

As a practical matter, how much will moving the church and the other buildings cost? Will whoever buys the land cut the trees to put in another row of shop or another fast food place?

I don't expect everybody in Salado to have the same feeling for the place that my family has, although I believe that there are many, many

others who share my sadness. The past is important in that it helps to determine what we become. The Salado of my youth and middle age is gone, but the Methodist Church in its present location is a reminder that some things are too important to change, that the heart and soul of Salado should stay on the shady corner where it has always been.

Sincerely
Susie Griffith
Cabaniss

Dear Editor:

Entitle this "Shanghaied in Salado" or "Salado's typical class turned up missing."

I and hundreds of others (probably a couple thousand in all) non-Saladons spent the week of July 6-12 at Salado's baseball/softball facility during the girls softball tournament.

Unlike many other tournaments, a week-long pass wasn't offered; rather, every parent, grandparent and fan had to pay full price admission every day. In addition, fans weren't allowed to bring snacks or drinks into the facility, again unlike many other excellent tournaments. Apparently, the promoters weren't confident that their concession offering were of a quality to sell themselves.

To top it all off, the restroom facilities were inad-

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equate and consistently filthy. Perhaps the exorbitant admission charges will allow the responsible people to at least expand restroom facilities and arrange to have them kept clean.

Monty Montgomery
Belton, TX

P.S. These aren't just my opinions. They've been very, very widely voiced.

To the Editor:

I grew up in a baseball family. I spent more time at the baseball field than most kids do in front of the television these days. I was so excited when my son was finally old enough to play t-ball in Salado.

I expected him to learn how to throw, catch and hit a ball. I expected him to learn a position that he would proud to say was his, but most of all I expected him to learn integrity and sportsmanship by being a part of a team.

My son was one of the youngest and most inexperienced boys on the team. His father is an officer in the U.S. Army, currently deployed to Iraq, and has been gone for over three months now.

I expected that tee-ball would fill a lot of the time he would normally be spending with his father doing what only boys do together. I must admit that

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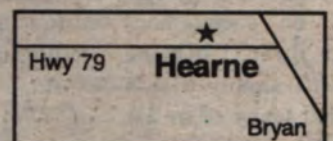
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he did have a good time at practice and he did learn how to throw, catch and hit a ball and met some very nice boys along the way.

However, the attitude of the Texas Teen-Age Baseball and Softball League does not reflect the ideals that a team sport should. This was evident in a brief encounter with the State Director of the league.

Cole played catcher most of the season when he wasn't sitting on the bench. Don't get me wrong, I did not have any preconceived notion that he should be the star of the team.

As the season came to an end his team was fortunate enough to have made it to the playoffs. This was very exciting for him, but I had to explain to him that he might not be able to play.

Why? Well, in our league the playoff team is able to recruit three players from other teams to go with them to the playoffs. I explained to my son that it was very likely that unless three kids were absent or

hurt, or if we were winning by a lot of runs, that he would not be playing at the playoffs.

I wanted him to be prepared for the disappointment rather than see him disappointed once the game was over. I gave my son the choice to participate in the playoffs or just call it quits for the rest of the season. He took the high road, saying he wanted to be there for the team "in case they needed him."

Two business days before the playoffs were to be played, I was told that I would need an official copy of his birth certificate on file with state before he could play in the playoffs.

Apparently the birth certificate that I had given for him was not good enough. The copy I had was from the hospital where he was born. It is the same birth certificate that we have used to enroll him in school and to serve as proof for his military benefits, but it was

not good enough for him to play in a tee-ball play-off.

I was unable to get away from my client's project in Austin on those two business days before the game. Cole was so disappointed that he was unable to play that I decided to go to the field and talk to the person in charge to find out why the certificate was not sufficient for him to play.

I went with a positive attitude, expecting to talk to someone reasonable in order to get an extra day to be able to get the certificate so that my son could still participate. I did find out that I could have another day but only after being insulted over and over by a state director for Texas Teen-Age Baseball and Softball.

In the five minute conversation, I was told that I was an irresponsible mother, not committed to my son, and if I was, then I would be spending 12 hours a week volunteering at the baseball field like

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Mrs. Laura Michelle Bersosa

Carroll weds Bersosa July 12

Laura Michelle Carroll, daughter of James and Linda Carroll, of Salado, became the bride of Oscar Bersosa, son of Eugene and Margarita Bersosa, of Odessa, at a July 12 ceremony held at the Salado United Methodist Church.

Dr. Randy McDonald officiated the double ring ceremony.

Music was provided by Marlandwood Strings, of Temple and Jeremy Wentreck, also of Temple, served as the soloist.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. She wore a strapless satin gown with a corseted bodice and beaded lace embroidery.

Matron of honor was Tiffany Elkins, sister of the bride, of Belton.

Bridesmaids were Annette Roby, of Morgan's Point; Catherine Garrett, of Aledo; Brentney Field, of Lampasas; Celeste Conlee, of Plano, and Diana and Myra Bersosa, both of Odessa.

Best man was Jesse Bersosa, cousin of the groom, of Odessa.

Groomsmen were Andy Holt, of Sulphur Springs; Barry Elkins, of Belton; Adrian Puente, of Temple; Matt Birkhead, of Temple, and Eugene and Lorenzo Bersosa, both of Odessa.

Flower girl was Arian Bersosa, niece of the groom, of Odessa.

Ushers were Jeremy Marquez, Luis Carmone and Patrick Salgado, all of Odessa, and Michael Montoya and Andy Sandoval, both of Temple.

A reception at Mill Creek followed the ceremony.

After a honeymoon to Cancun, the couple will reside in Temple.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Mary Hardin Baylor with a bachelor of arts in psychology. She is employed as a patient service representative at Scott & White hospital.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Mary Hardin Baylor with a bachelor of science in biology. He is employed by Temple ISD, where he teaches biology and coaches soccer for Temple High.

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Burk marries Jackson on June 28 at Salado United Methodist Church

Shelley Suzanne Burk, of Rotan, became the bride of Richard Alfred Jackson, of Salado, in a double-ring ceremony June 28 at First United Methodist Church, Rotan.

The bride is the daughter of Becky and Vick Burk, of Rotan. The bridegroom is the son Betty and Dennis Gregurek, of Salado, and Marilyn and Mike Jackson of Waco.

The Matron of Honor was Melissa Ellis, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Stacy Morrow, Allison Curbo and Nicole Briley.

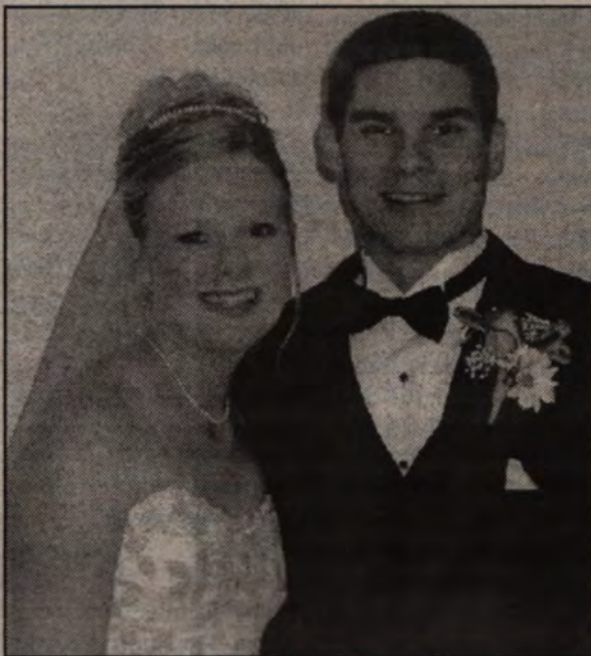
Best Man was James Gregurek, brother of the

groom. Groomsmen were Kevin Chance, Jonathon Nobles, Damon Wooten.

Flower girls was Lauren Gregurek and ring bearers were Tyler and Jackson Zander. Ushers were Monty Sands, Chris Duzich and James Hill.

The bride is a graduate of Texas A&M University and is employed by the government of Qatar as a Special Education Teacher. The bridegroom, also a graduate of Texas A&M University, is a Petroleum Engineer with Occidental Petroleum.

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I told him that he knew nothing about me and that I resented the fact that he was saying those things about me (especially in front of my five year old son). I told him that I have a business and could not with such short notice leave my clients in order to get a birth certificate. He went on to tell me that I don't work 12 hours a day and that I should have taken my lunch hour to get the certificate.

When I reminded him again that he knows nothing about me and that he should not assume that he knows how much or how little I work, he went on to say, "I can tell by the way you came out here that you are not an involved parent." I knew then that there was no sense in talking to this man, especially after he continued to insult me even after he saw that I was crying.

All I wanted to know was why the birth certificate was not sufficient proof of his age for their league, and if Cole could play the rest of the week if I brought the certificate the next day.

So who am I that I

deserved to be called an uninvolved, uncommitted and an irresponsible parent by the man who serves as a State Director of the Texas Teenage Baseball and Softball league?

Well, I am just the mother of a five year old whose husband is deployed to Iraq, while I am home maintaining my family, home and business, taking my son to tee-ball practice and games as much as I can, getting him involved in other activities as my schedule allows, volunteering with our battalion Family Readiness Group, the Junior League of Bell County, the Officer's Wives' Club and my church.

I'm trying to be a good mother and father, while my husband is away. I'm trying to teach my son the importance of integrity and teamwork. I'm not a mother who is upset that her son is not starting the game; I just wanted him to have a chance to sit on the bench and be ready to play.

When I told my son that the reason he might not participate in the game was because we had to have a document from the state saying he is five years old,

his question was, "Why can't you tell them my whole birthday and then say 'I really mean it.'?"

I guess that my goal was met in the end. He understands the meaning of integrity and he was willing to put in the time for the team even though it would mean sitting on the bench.

The director and his board should learn a lesson from this five year old and focus on the true focus of tee-ball and team sports.

He should also realize that, in serving on the board, he is a representative of those parents who pay to have their children play and should treat the parents with respect and dignity and as customers of their league.

It was very easy for him to stand there and insult and belittle me in front of my son. (I just wonder if he would have treated my husband the same..) And what did I do to deserve the treatment? I questioned the rules and asked for the courtesy of a response I felt I deserved as a paying member of the league.

My son's reaction was very insightful. Cole pointed out to me that the director "did not sound like a very smart man" and that

"he sounded more like a four year old than an adult."

It made Cole angry to hear the way the director spoke to me and luckily Cole thinks higher of me than to believe the things the director said about me. This episode may have devastated another child. What has happened to the integrity of children's athletics and the notion of serving the people who put you in a position of responsibility?

The director should be ashamed, and Cole and I deserve an apology, not for the rules being as they are, but for the way he treated my son and I for questioning the rules.

Alexandra Morrow
Salado

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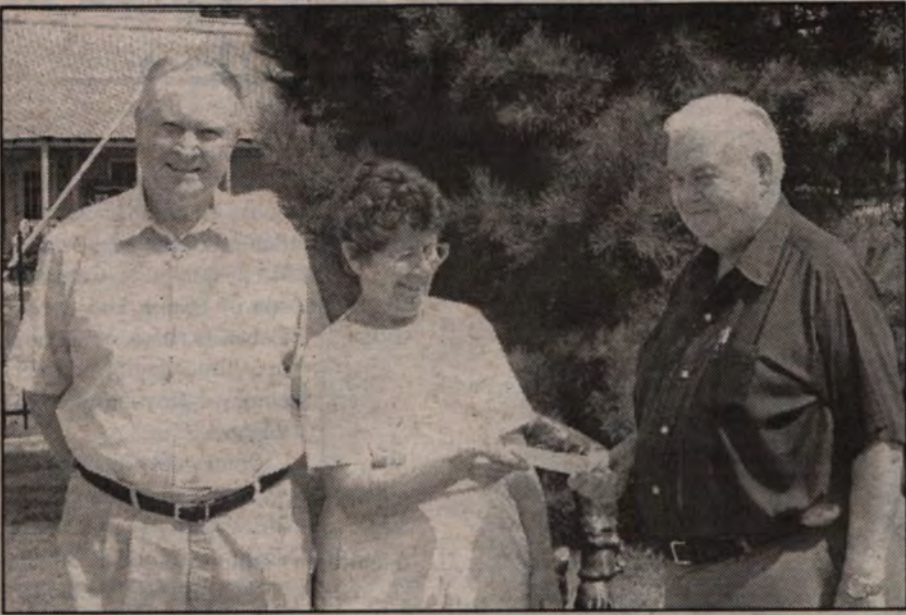


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Civic Center Foundation President Lloyd Parks (at right) noted that the Ladies Auxiliary group has given the center a grant each year since shortly after the opening of the renovated school building in 1993. "We are grateful to this fine civic organization that does so many unselfish things for so many groups in the Village and we are pleased and honored to be the permanent headquarters for the Auxiliary."

He concluded: "This grant in the amount of \$2,500 will immediately go into the maintenance and operation fund of the Civic Center and will help the foundation remain financially secure and 'in the black' as it has been from 'day one' - a span of over ten years."

Treasurer Vernon Holt echoed Park's sentiments and added his thanks to the Treasurer Wanzor on behalf of the entire Board of Directors of the Foundation.

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Grace Baptist holds VBS July 25-30

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contest.

VBS services will continue at the church from 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 25-30. There will be Bible stories, crafts, refreshments, skits and recreation. Parents are invited to join at the church 7:30 p.m. July 30 for a pro-

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Alcozer and Cabaniss united in marriage July 5 in Salado



Mrs. Jacqueline Suzanne Cabaniss

Jacqueline Suzanne Alcozer, daughter of Daniel and Dora Alcozer, of Salado, became the bride of Brent Matthew Cabaniss, son of Dennis and Lyndal Cabaniss, also of Salado, in a July 5 double ring ceremony at Royal Street Provision.

John Ash officiated the service, and Marlandwood Strings, of Temple, provided the music.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, wore a strapless satin gown with beaded lace embroidery.

Matron of honor was Tamara Alcozer, of Bryan. Bridesmaids were April Keller, of McAllen, Anna-lea Volk, of Mansfield, OH, and Angie Cabaniss, of Austin.

Best man was James Jackson, of Addison. Groomsmen were Blaine Furman, of Waco, Allen Lenis, of Arlington, VA, and Greg Barrentine, of Dallas.

Flower girl was Bekah Alcozer, of Belton. Ring bearer was Cody Alejandro, also of Belton.

Ushers were Rick Englekling, of Roanoke, VA, and Kyle Anderson, of Austin. Hostesses were Jonina Kneeksen and Suzanne Geil, both of Austin.

A reception at Royal Street Provision followed the ceremony.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Texas A&M University, with a bachelor of business administration in accounting and finance. She is employed as an investor reporting analyst at Fairbanks Capital Corp.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering. He is employed as a project manager with Dynamic Systems, Inc.

Both bride and groom are graduates of Salado High School.

Preceding the wedding, a rehearsal dinner was held July 4 at the Stagecoach Inn.

The couple will reside in East Greenwich, RI.

Monday Club meets Aug. 4 at Salado Methodist

The Monday Club will meet Aug. 4 at the Salado United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. for a covered dish luncheon. All ladies are invited to come and bring a covered dish and enjoy the program "Joyful Company" by the Belton Quartet.

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five year period. The fund balance has increased from \$92,028 at the beginning of the 1998-99 school year to an anticipated \$1.2 million at the end of the 2003-04 school year.

Expenditures in the 2003-04 budget increased in every category except two: debt service and payments to fiscal agents.

Instruction expenditures increase more than \$300,000 to \$4.2 million. School leadership increases more than \$45,000 to \$438,697. Student transportation increased \$49,000 to \$329,674; food services increase \$55,000 to \$317,579, co-curricular, extra-curricular increases \$45,000 to \$337,485; general administration increases \$50,000 to \$370,791 and plant maintenance and operation increases \$132,000 to \$784,258.

Expenses will increase from \$6.7 million in 2002-03 to \$7.4 million in 2003-04 once approved by trustees.

BOARD MEETS JULY 15

The board met July 15 to approve four items that will impact the proposed 2003-04 budget: non-exempt personnel salaries, administrator salaries, stipend schedule, and a local homestead exemption option.

Trustees approved a 20-step pay schedule for educational secretaries/specialists. The schedule is based on four pay grades -- Secretary I, Secretary II, Secretary III and Specialist -- ranging in hourly wages from \$6.85 for Step 1 to \$13.35 for Step 20. The board also approved a 20-step pay schedule for educational aides and facilitators. The pay schedule includes four aide pay grades and three facilitator pay grades. The hourly wage ranges from \$6.35 to \$14.85.

The board also approved pay increases for all administrators except the recently hired elementary principal. The board unanimously approved three-percent increases in salaries for the superintendent (\$73,758), technology director (\$57,368), finance director (\$37,513), athletic director (\$54,672), maintenance director (\$30,298), high school principal (\$59,028), high school assistant principal (\$53,354), intermediate school principal (\$57,914) and administrative assistant (\$34,967). Food services director will receive a four percent pay increase (\$20,246).

The board also approved the stipend schedule for coaches and extra curricular sponsors:

The schedule for

coaches is as follows:

Primary assignment: H.S. Head coach or coordinator, \$3,000; J.H. or H.S. assistant, \$2,750.

Secondary assignment: Head coach for second sport, \$1,000; H.S. assistant for second sport, \$750; J.H. assignment, \$500.

Third assignment: \$500.

Coaching single sport (tennis or golf): \$2,500.

Cheerleader sponsor stipends are these: Varsity, \$2,500; JV, \$750; eighth grade, \$750; seventh grade, \$750.

Stipends to band sponsors are these: Band director, \$4,600; assistant director, \$2,750; drill team sponsor, \$1,500; flag corp sponsor, \$1,500.

Stipends to UIL Academics sponsors and coaches are the following: H.S. Coordinator, \$3,000; J.H. Coordinator, \$1,000; One Act Play, \$2,500; H.S. Sponsor/Coach, \$500 per event; Junior High Coach, \$150 per event.

Other stipends are year-book sponsor, \$2,000; student council sponsor, \$1,500; National Honor Society sponsor, \$1,500; vertical team leaders, \$1,000.

Trustees approved a \$3,330 local homestead exemption for homeowners over the age of 65 for the 2003-04 school year.



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New model to help project water availability for Salado

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

Many times in Central Texas, over the past several years or so, questions as to the future availability of clean, potable ground water have arisen.

In Salado, where all of our water is derived from the northern segment of Edwards Aquifer, this concern is especially sharp.

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), since 2001, has undertaken a project to assist local water districts, water planning groups and other similar organizations in an effort to scientifically project water distribution strategy over the next 50 years.

They title this project GAM, or Groundwater Availability Modeling.

On July 17 at the Salado Civic Center, the TWDB held its last of six advisory public meetings with stakeholders and citizens on the GAM model for the northern segment of Edwards Aquifer. The northern segment services an area that lies roughly between the Colorado River in the south, and the Lampasas to the north.

The GAM model consists of a series of computer displays tracking groundwater flow,

discharge and recharge. The TWDB has been directed by the Texas Legislature to create models for all major, and most minor aquifers in Texas by 2004. In all, there are 23 segments they have or plan to model.

"The purpose of this is to develop state-of-the-art, publically available information," said Ian Jones, conductor of the presentation. Jones is a hydrologist with TWDB.

"The aim is to create aids to assist in groundwater management strategies," he stated.

These aids could then be utilized, if requested, by organizations such as Salado Water Supply, Corp., which uses eight large wells connected to the Edwards Aquifer with the potential to pump as much as 2,650 gallons of water a minute, or 3.8 million gallons of water daily to Salado. These would also help larger organizations like the Clearwater Underground Conservation District (CUWCD), the body responsible for groundwater management in Bell County, in projecting future water supplies.

According to Ricky Preston, Operations Manager of Salado Water Supply and director-at-

large for the CUWCD, these models would be used as reference only, final policy decisions would rest with the individual districts.

The TWDB provides these models at no cost.

In his presentation, Jones noted that the GAM model, when compared to the past 30 years of monitored discharge and recharge in the Edwards Aquifer, with the exception of a small sampling error, was right on target with its predictions. This, he said, demonstrates the model's usefulness to local districts.

Anyone interested can view the model by visiting www.twdb.state.tx.us/gam/, then following the appropriate links.

Preston related that the model will be applicable for Salado to a point, but only if its projections are based on correct data.

For example, according to the model, pumpage out of the northern segment of the Edwards Aquifer will reduce by as much as 200 percent in the next few decades. The model cites a transition from ground to surface water, as in Williamson County, where a pipeline is being constructed to connect Georgetown to Stillhouse Hollow

Lake. Preston and the other members of the CUWCD said, however, that they have made no such plans, and that in Salado for instance, there is easily enough groundwater to keep the town wet for another 50 years, which is as far ahead as planning reaches. He also said that the well-level has gained around 2.5 feet in the last year. "There is ample water here," Preston stated.

That's not to say that contingency plans are not in place, though. Looking to the future goal of attaining surface water, Salado Water Supply owns 1,600 ac. ft. of water in Stillhouse Hollow. An acre foot is defined as the amount of water that covers one acre of land to a depth of one foot. One acre foot equals roughly 325,851 gallons of water. Multiply that by 1,600 and you've got a lot of water and then some.

Preston said his biggest hope is that the model would help in accurately tracing well-depth, as there is no fail-safe method to doing that now. "If it can do that, it will be useful to us here."

More information on the matter is also available at www.clearwaterdistrict.org.

Steering committee continues work, sets meeting for July 24

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

The Village of Salado Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee met July 17 to continue work on the proposed Zoning Ordinance.

Among issues discussed by the committee was a letter submitted by Jean Tarbutton, 33 year resident of Salado. Tarbutton requested the committee again reconsider the Methodist Church's placement in the Historic District.

The church has been lobbying vigorously to have that designation removed. With it in place, the church believes it will have a more difficult time in selling the land, as building restrictions in an Historic District are more rigorous than in other zoning districts.

Their intent is to sell the land presently occupied by the church and move the historic structure to a site off Royal St. In that location they will also build a new church building. The sale of the land off I-35 will help to fund its construction.

Tarbutton's letter is published in this issue of

Salado Village Voice.

The committee decided that it would be communicated to Tarbutton that the matter had been considered and re-considered, and that there would be no zoning change in that matter.

The committee then addressed a pending request from Dick's Clubs, that asked for the property, which is zoned as SF-7 (single-family residential,) be grandfathered as retail so that any future business that may occupy the building be exempt from the outlined process that new businesses must undergo.

The stated intent of SF-7 districts is "to provide for development of primarily low-density detached, single-family residences." (Section 3.4:A)

The committee decided to leave the zoning "as is," that is, they would like to encourage the concept of grandfathering. The property occupied by Dick's Clubs will be allowed to continue as a retail site, but unless any future buyer retails golf clubs from the site, then they will be obliged to undergo the outlined process required of

all new businesses.

The committee also voted to strike section 5.1:E.3 of the proposed ordinance, which states, "Vehicular access to non-residential uses shall not be permitted for alleys serving residential areas, and shall not be configured as 'head-in' parking spaces that are accessed directly from the street."

That vote will now allow head-in parking off the street, so long as the parking space lies on private property, as opposed to right-of-way. The committee also decided that design guidelines for that type of parking should be adjusted in the Engineering and Technical guide.

The committee additionally addressed a request from Billy Pipes regarding a multi-acre property he owns on Van Bibber Lane. Pipes requested the land be adjusted from a designation of SF-21 to SF-7.

An SF-21 (single-family estate residential) zone requires a minimum lot size of 1/2 acre, or 21,000 sq. ft. An SF-7, however, requires a minimum of only 1/6 an acre, or 7,000 sq. ft. per

lot. A motion to adjust Pipes' Van Bibber property to SF-7 was carried unanimously.

The committee tabled a zoning request change by Ron and Debbie Harrison, as the request involves property other than what is owned by the Harrison's. The request will be handled when all property owners impacted by the request are "in concurrence."

The Steering Committee will next convene 1 p.m. July 24 at the Municipal Building. At this meeting, the committee will adjourn for an on-site visit to Freda Hanks' property to "investigate zoning designation change." The committee will then reconvene at the municipal building to review the concept plan submitted by Hanks.

The public is invited to attend all meetings of the steering committee. The committee asks that anyone with an interest or concern in the Hanks development attend.

Chamber readies for Art Fair

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

The Salado Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors held its monthly meeting July 14 in the Civic Center.

Chris Hale, co-owner of Royal Street Provision, is chairing the annual Summer Mixer, which functions as one of the Chamber's largest membership drives. Hale stated that invitations to the July 24 Ice Cream Social had been sent to not only Chamber members, but also to the general public. The mixer will be held at the Pace Park Pavilion.

The Chamber has been courting individual citizens as of late, in an effort to show the public they do not represent solely business interests. Anyone who would like to provide ice cream for the pot-luck gathering should call the Chamber office, 947-5040.

Mike Cornett stated that he had been in contact with Lawton Printing, a company based out of San Angelo, that develops visitor catalogs at no cost to local Chambers of Commerce. One of their more recent projects was for the city of Temple. Once signed to the job, Lawton Printing would handle advertising with local businesses from their end.

"I think this is something we might want to pursue," said Cornett.

Chamber Secretary Dawn Orange stated that the brochure could alleviate some of the tasks she performs relative to newcomer information. Currently, she said, newcomer packets are gathered from a variety of sources. This brochure, according to Orange would help consolidate that information.

Orange also reported that she had recently attended a conference in

San Angelo for Texas Chamber of Commerce executives. Orange received a grant to travel to the event.

She explained that at the silent auction, for which various Texas cities provided vacation packages, Salado's sold for \$400, which was among the highest for any city. By comparison, Orange said, Galveston's only went for \$150.

The board also continued discussion on its yearly Van Bibber scholarship, a \$1,000 award presented to a graduating senior from Salado High School. There had been some talk of turning the scholarship over to the Salado Education Foundation, however, the Chamber decided it would be best if they kept the gift in their name. "I think it's something we shouldn't pass by," said Chris Hale.

In other business, the board discussed the upcoming

37th annual Art Fair, which will be held Aug. 2-3. With over 110 vendors signed on so far, and more coming in daily, the fair is on pace to equal, or possibly eclipse the number of vendors from last year. The Chamber hopes the increased number of vendors will boost what has been lackluster turnout in the past few years.

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting 9:30 a.m. July 24 at Uniquely Europe, located at 26 Rock Creek Drive, next to Charlotte's of Salado. All Chamber members are invited to attend.

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A senior business management major at Texas A&M, Deanna was also initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi last fall.

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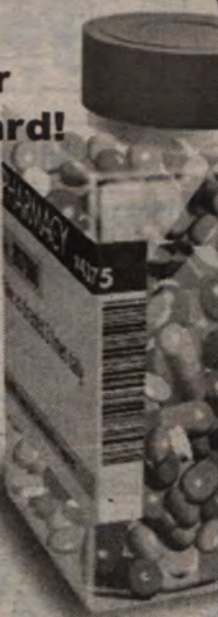
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- 72 Part 3 of remark
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Chamber summer mixer July 24 in Pace Park

With the summer heat-
ing up, the Salado Cham-
ber of Commerce will give
Chamber members, and
anyone interested in join-
ing, a chance to cool down

at its annual Summer Mixer,
6-8 p.m. July 24 at Pace
Park Pavilion.

The theme for this year's
event is an Ice Cream
Social.

The evening will serve

as an informal gathering to
reminisce with old friends,
or make new ones. "These
mixers are a way to let
everyone in Salado know
that we welcome individ-
ual members, as well as
businesses," said Darwin
Britt, Chamber of Com-
merce president.

Britt said he discour-
ages people from the notion
that the Chamber repre-
sents strictly the business
community. He said the
Chamber welcomes every-
one into their ranks, regard-
less of whether they are a
business owner.

Britt pointed to the civic
work the Chamber per-
forms annually. "In 2002,"
he said, "over 25 percent
of our budget went to civic
projects. It's a pretty big
portion of our work."

Some of its projects
include an annual grant
to the Civic Center, and
the installation and mainte-
nance of a sprinkler system
at the Green Bridge on
Main Street.

Individual membership
dues to the Salado Cham-
ber of Commerce are \$20 a
year, which includes voting
privileges in Chamber elec-
tions.

The Summer Mixer is
the Chamber's third orga-
nized event of 2003, follow-
ing the January Chamber
Banquet and the April
Spring Mixer. Both the
Spring and Summer Mixers
emphasize membership.
"We hope our members will
bring others interested in
becoming a member," Britt
stated. "But also, it allows
everyone a chance to inter-
act and socialize with one
another."

For more information,
or for anyone wishing to
attend the Ice Cream Social
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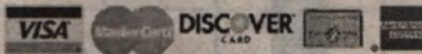
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Aldermen face weighty July 24 agenda

The Village of Salado Board of Aldermen will meet 6:30 p.m. July 24 at the Municipal Building.

The aldermen will continue discussion on, and possibly adopt the proposed Solicitation Ordinance, as well as review the proposed budget and review and possibly adopt Tourism Council rules and regulation changes.

In new business, aldermen will hear financial reviews from both June and the most recent quarter. They will also consider for adoption the Emergency Operations Plan Annex Amendments and will appoint an Associate Municipal Court Judge.

These meetings are open to the public.



The Salado Public Library's Summer Reading program continued its jaunt through July Monday afternoon. So far, the children have been treated to a magic show and several arts and crafts activities. Here, from left, Jared Bryant, Bryce Martin, Brandon Wilhite, Tristin Bragg and Tristin Chudej beat the heat with the perpetually popular subjects of Star Wars and baseball.

The Summer Reading Program concludes July 30. For more information, call 947-9191. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

SFRF begins school drive

Donations sought to purchase clothes, supplies for area children

The Salado Family Relief Fund, Inc. once again launches the Back to School Project. Needy children attending the school in the Salado ISD will be wearing a new set of clothes for their first day of school.

Vouchers will be provided to qualified families to buy a set of clothes for back to school.

The vouchers will be

available at the Salado Intermediate School 9 a.m.- 11 a.m. Aug. 1 and Aug. 5-8. Those applying need to see Community In School coordinator Jessica Beyer.

The Salado Family Relief Fund is a non-profit organization supported by the village churches, civic organizations, school organizations and the contributions of the public.

Scheduled for later in the year is the S.F.R.F. "Empty Bowl Project" fund raiser to take place 1-6 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Salado Intermediate School. All proceeds from the sale of bowls and soup goes toward the aide of those in need.

In December many area families will receive Christmas gifts distributed by the S. F. R. F.

Contributions can be made at First State Bank

Salado, Compass Bank Salado or mailed to Salado Family Relief Fund, Inc. P.O. Box 461 Salado, TX 76571.

Monthly meetings of the S.F.R.F. are held at the Civic Center 1 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. To become part of this group or to participate in the upcoming projects call president Leigh Drake at 947-1118 or 947-3185.

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Regular Meetings

Mondays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Exercise Class: June 9-Aug. 11, 8:30-9:30 a.m., except first Monday of the month, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. Class includes stretching, strengthening and Pilates. Held at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public.

Salado Youth Fair Boosters: Third Monday of each month, 7 p.m. at the elementary school library.

Tuesdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesdays

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

Salado Youth Baseball Association: meetings 7 p.m. at Civic Center.

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

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

Scottish Country Dance Lessons: 8-9:30 p.m. at the Scots Hall of the Clans. 947-0325

for info.

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

Thursdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Saturdays

Food Pantry: 2nd and 4th Sat. at First Baptist Church. 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

What's happening here?

JULY 21-24

Salado Eagles Football Camp, 8:30-11:30 a.m. daily. Incoming 3rd-9th graders. Cost is \$40. 947-0803 or jcheatham@saladoisd.org for info.

JULY 24

Salado Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting, 9:30 a.m. at Uniquely Europe, 26 Rock Creek, next to Charlotte's.

JULY 24

Salado Chamber of Commerce Summer Mixer/Ice Cream Social, 6-8 p.m. at the Pace Park Pavilion. Public and Chamber members invited. *Call 947-5040 for more information.

JULY 26, AUG. 2

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

AUGUST 2

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

AUGUST 2-3

37th Annual Salado Art Fair.

AUGUST 4

Salado Democrats monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

AUGUST 13

First day of school for teachers.

AUGUST 11-12

Salado Intermediate School registration, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at SIS. Aug. 11 for incoming 5th-6th graders. Aug. 12 for incoming 7th-8th graders. Aug. 8, all students

new to SIS.

AUGUST 16

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

AUGUST 18

First day of school for students.

AUGUST 30

Salado Salutes Texas Educators, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. at various Salado businesses. For info, www.SaladoTex.com.

SEPTEMBER 1

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

SEPTEMBER 11

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

SEPTEMBER 13-14

Fright Trail Auditions 3 p.m. at Tablerock's backstage room.

SEPTEMBER 15

Eleventh Annual Thomas Arnold Elem. PTO Golf Tournament, 1 p.m. at Mill Creek. Deadline for entry is Sept. 8. For info, call Kathlyn Smith at 947-8239.

SEPTEMBER 20

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

SEPTEMBER 20-21

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SEPT. 20, 21, 27, 28

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SEPTEMBER 22

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Annual Salado Wine Tasting Festival 6 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. For info call Fran Harris, 947-3429.

SEPTEMBER 27

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

OCTOBER 2

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

OCTOBER 4-5

Christmas Carol Auditions 2 p.m.

OCTOBER 10-11

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

OCTOBER 17-19

Second annual Titanic Texas Weekend: Gathering for anyone interested in the Titanic. For info: willingham@vvm.com, or www.encyclopedia-titanica.org.

OCT. 25, 31, Nov. 1

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

NOVEMBER 22

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

DECEMBER 2

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

DECEMBER 4

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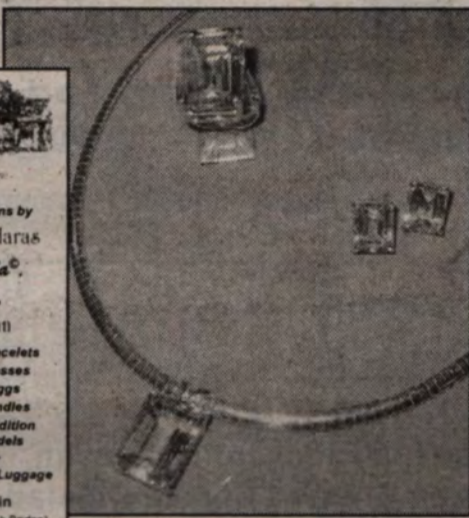
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The Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas is a magazine published four times a year by the Salado Village Voice newspaper. The next edition will have 20,000 copies printed on 50 # white offset paper. The heavier paper stock gives the magazine a longer

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The Jewel is distributed in every store, shop and restaurant advertising in the magazine as well as stand distribution. Hotels, and bed and breakfast inns put the magazine in their rooms for visitors to read and take home. The Chamber of Commerce, real estate agents, bus tours, and groups planning to visit Salado are provided boxes of the magazine. Included in the Jewel magazine is a user friendly shopping map of

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Fall issue deadline August 1 to be distributed by August 21

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Representing the Mill Creek residents, MCCA President, Gil Wanzor and Treasurer, LaNora Miller recently presented a check to show support for the C.O.P.S. (Community Oriented Police Services) program to Coordinator Tom Brown, semi-retired Deputy Sheriff of Bell County.

This support is part of on-going goals of MCCA for the safety and security of Salado. Many Mill Creek residents also actively support the C.O.P.S. program by volunteering to help with the evening street patrols of Salado and area.

Bell County Sheriff, Dan Smith, implemented this program to bring the



Tom Brown is shown above with LaNora Miller and Gil Wanzor.
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Houston-area author Kay Finch will be on hand with her debut release *Final Decree*, an award winning mystery-suspense novel released May 1 of this year.

Finch draws on her extensive legal knowledge

and experience to bring her story to life. The book centers around private investigator Corie McKenna, who is drawn into a web of trouble when she accepts a case from her good friend, divorce attorney Wade Alexander.

Her latest case begins as a typical divorce surveillance until she witnesses the murder of her client's wife.

According to a press release, McKenna fights to prove her obnoxious client isn't behind the killing. To

do that, she chases evidence from Houston's swankiest suburb to a dingy furniture warehouse, to the Houston Medical Center to a sleazy strip club.

Along the way, she makes a disturbing personal discovery, but can't foresee the deadly turns this "routine" divorce case will take, or the danger she will face.

Kay Finch began her legal assistant career at Richard "Racehorse" Haynes' criminal defense firm in Houston, but now specializes in family law. Through


her work, she says she continues to encounter intriguing plot ideas.

Her novel *Final Decree* won the Mystery Writers of America Southwest Chapter manuscript contest in 2002. Finch is currently working on her next Corie McKenna private eye mystery.

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Ten year old Hannah, who will be entering the fifth grade at Salado Intermediate School, plans to compete in more triathlons in the future. She is the daughter of Jim and Julie Goode.

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"The Temple Symphony Orchestra and Habitat for Humanity are combining efforts to host the Taste of the Town in an effort to provide an entertaining event for everyone in the Central Texas area and to highlight our programs. They are both organizations whose main goal is to improve the quality of life in the area and to provide educational opportunities throughout the community," says Sandi Wicker, Executive Director for the Temple Symphony Orchestra.

"We are so excited with this collaboration and the creation of an annual event that we hope to be the highlight of the new season. Not only will there be great food, fine wine, and wonderful music, but we see this as a possibility to enhance our visibility and fund-raising efforts. The Cultural Activities Center has joined in the collaboration and will be showcasing its new facilities and services."

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by members of the Temple Symphony Orchestra.

If tasting wine does not tickle your fancy, additional non-alcoholic beverages will be provided to accommodate all those attending.

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Every 4th of July the Koger family gets together on a farm south of Lamesa to have fun and celebrate the holiday. Kid Koger's substantial home serves as headquarters. Family members of all ages come from as far away as New York City. They call their gathering place the heart of the golden triangle; between the communities of Klondike, Sparenburg and Flower Grove.

Kid's garage is filled with all types of coolers containing liquid refreshments and food. Each cooler has the name of the owner on it.

Some Kogers or offshoots thereof bring beautiful pies and cakes, steaks, pork tenderloins and all manner of home made and home grown goodies to eat.

Those in attendance take part in a variety of events: skeet shooting, rifle practice, coyote calling, pasture golf (played with a 7 iron and tennis

balls), swimming in a concrete tank, cowboy poetry and music. I asked one of the musical family members, who has sung in Las Vegas, what type of music he performs. He replied, "both kinds. Country AND Western."

Perhaps the most unique thing the whole weekend is lemon shooting. No, I don't mean shooting at lemons. I mean shooting lemons. They're fired from a home-made cannon. The guy doing the firing is Paul Blezinger of Houston. He's some kind of Aggie engineer who made his hand-held cannon. The barrel is about 40 inches long, made from two inch PVC pipe. The lemons are sprayed with WD-40 and lodged into the pipe.

Attached to the barrel is a four inch PVC pipe about 6 inches long with a screw top on it. On the lid of this cylinder is a lighter device, something like a charcoal or ciga-

rette lighter. When you push a button, it emits a spark that ignites of all things some Aqua Net hair spray that has been sprayed into the chamber.

The resulting boom is as loud as an aerial bomb and sends the lemon skyward out of sight. It travels up to 500 yards. The shooter aims it at barns or trees that dot the horizon. "I've got to get the trajectory just right," says Paul, while a small group of folks watch him shoot and cheer the good shots. Always looking for new adventures, they're considering a catapult to fire watermelons.

Gradually the folks gather up some of those ice chests filled with beer

and head to a nearby place that grows gold fish and water lilies. "It's some of the best frog fishing in Texas," says Tom Koger, the poet of the group. "Some of

these things are eighteen inches long," he says, as he tosses a fishing line into the water. They catch enough frogs to have frog legs for supper. Since there's about 30 or 40 people on hand, they need lots of frog legs.

They call their celebration THE REDNECK WHITE AND BLUE and wear T-shirts carrying the slogan "IF YOU'RE NOT PART OF THE SOLUTION YOU MUST BE FAMILY."

Planning for the family reunion starts in January or February each year, mostly by internet. Next year ought to be a big blowout, since the state will recognize the ranch for being in the family 100 years.

I got to spend a couple of hours with the Kogers over the fourth of July and enjoyed every minute of it. Every family should do what the kogers do at least once a year. Contact Tumbleweed Smith at tumbleweedsmith.com.

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

Leftover Ham Salad

- 2 c. diced, cooked ham or lamb
- 1 c. diced, cooked potatoes, carrots, peas or beets
- 2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
- 1 med. onion, minced
- 1/2 c. diced celery
- Salt & pepper, to taste
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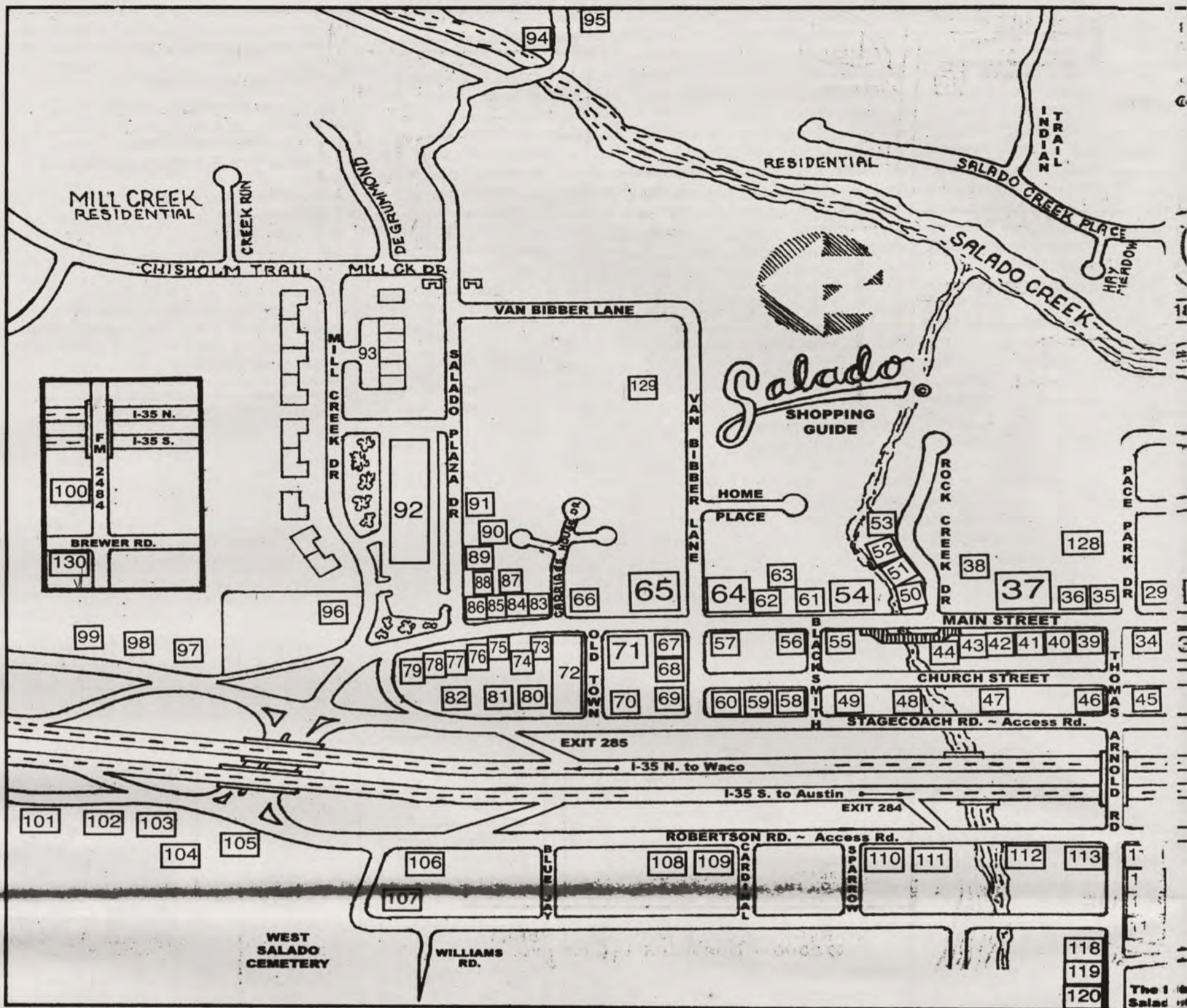
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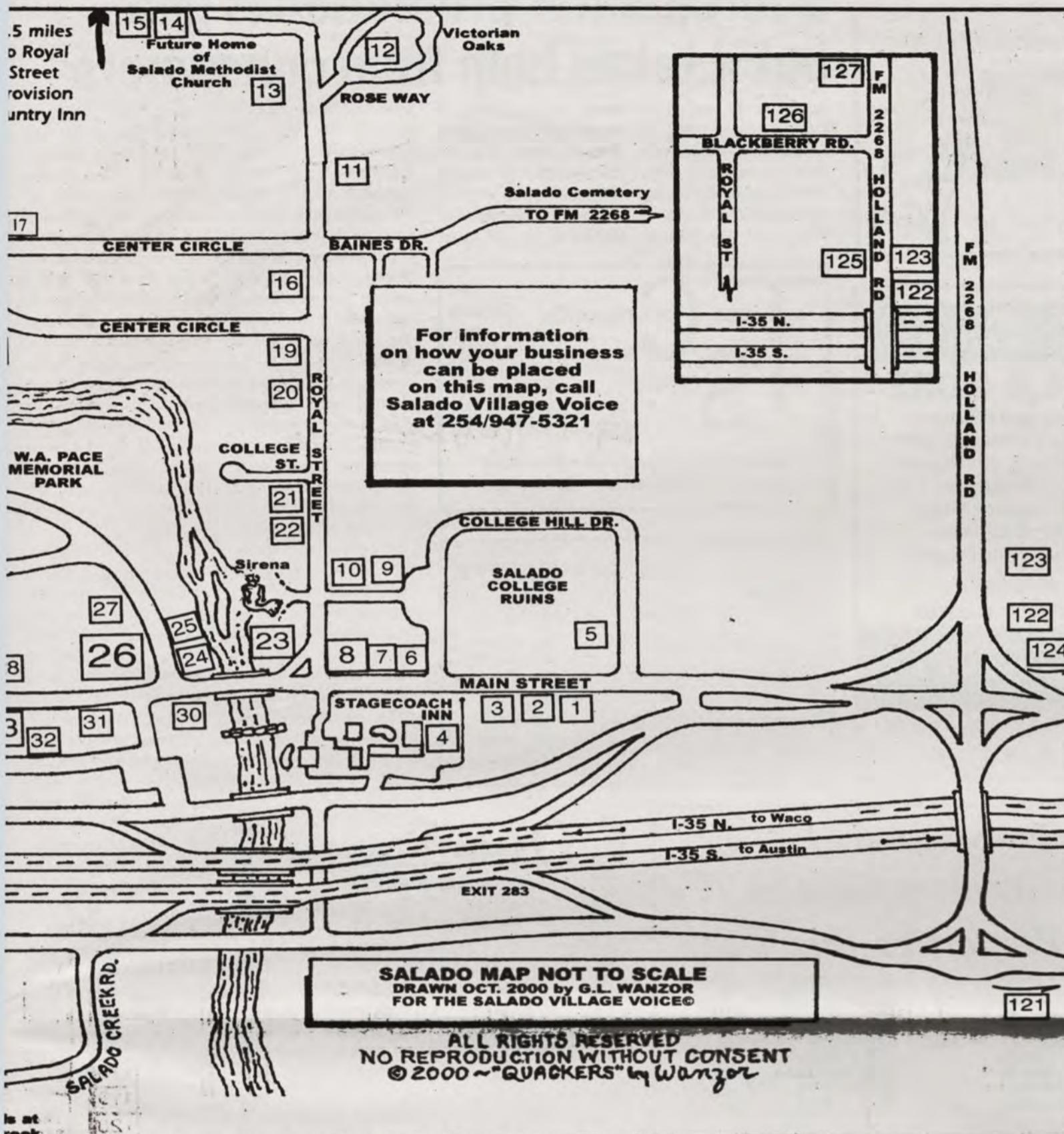
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Source water protection is goal, but it takes help from consumers

This is the second in a series on a drinking water and protection program to assure a safe, potable supply of drinking water from Lake Stillhouse Hollow for the Central

Texas area customers. It is provided by the Central Texas Water Supply Corporation, of Harker Heights.

Source water protection (SWP) is, by definition,

protection of the area surrounding our source of drinking water, for Central Texas Water Supply Corporation, it is Lake Stillhouse Hollow. Source water protection is a local initiative to protect your drinking water by preventing the pollution of Lake Stillhouse Hollow that serve as a source of drinking water for its customers. SWP seeks to identify these potential sources of contamination to our drinking water source and provide management tools to minimize their potential threat.

Source water protection began with a cooperative effort between Central Texas Water Supply Corporation (SWSC), Texas Rural Water Association (TRWA) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

The next step involves defining boundaries, or Source Water Protection areas (SWPA), around your drinking water

source, Lake Stillhouse Hollow. This is the area through which contaminants by either surface or subsurface means are likely to pass and eventually reach Lake Stillhouse Hollow. For surface water, the SWPA is generally 1,000 feet from the foot of the lake, river or stream. Step three involves identifying and locating potential sources of contamination within the SWPA. Step four entails managing the SWPA in order to deter contamination within the area. Step five includes planning for the future.

If you would like to participate in the source water protection of Lake Stillhouse Hollow, please contact Central Texas Water Supply Corporation at 254/698-2779 and ask for Andre Sanders to see how you can get involved.

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CASA to train volunteers on Aug. 25

CASA of Bell County (Court Appointed Special Advocates) has set its next training session for Aug. 25, at the Child Protective Services office in Killeen, 405 E. Elms Road.

CASA of Bell County is an organization which advocates for foster children in the district courts, where the fate of their lives determined.

CASA says they are in desperate need of loving, caring individuals willing to stand up and speak on a child's behalf. This requires attending a 30-hour training session, where volunteers will learn about the dynamics of child abuse and neglect and the foster care system.

Volunteers will also learn about the district courts and how they can help foster children, parents and any individuals that can provide them with information in order to report to the district regarding what is in the child's best interest.

There are over 350 children in foster care in Bell County, and this number continues to grow at an alarming rate. There are over 49 CASA programs in Texas and 900 nationwide.

Anyone interested in attending this training should contact CASA of Bell County at 939-1346.

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SBA discusses events, tourism

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

The Salado Business Association held its monthly general meeting July 17 in the Civic Center.

SBA treasurer Joe Czaus, general manager of the Salado Mansion, reported that, while the bank accounts are dipping lower than budgeted, the funds available are being managed prudently.

"We are well under budget for what we are planning," Czaus said. "But we are being very frugal with our money."

In the budget report Czaus presented, he brought to light that he had not factored in possible grant money, or money carried over from the previous year. Had those figures been included, he explained, the coffers would be more full.

He also stated that the SBA website, which had

been budgeted \$7,500, is "almost completely paid off."

At this point, the SBA has a negative \$3,480.11 difference between income and expenses, but that is expected to even out as the year progresses and more dues from the 91 members are collected.

Tourism director April Allen informed those present that she has placed two ads in forthcoming issues of *Texas Highways* magazine, one for August and the other September. Allen also reported that the tourism council placed two co-op ads in the *AAA/Journey* publication, for the Nov./Dec. and Jan./Feb. issues.

The tourism office also recently mailed out 4,442 mail packages throughout Texas, which included not only brochures, but flyers for upcoming Salado events such as the Salado Book Fair, *Salado Legends* and Christmas in October.

When asked about the

progress of the Salado website, particularly how much traffic it is attracting, Allen responded that she does not have an accurate way to measure that statistic. She said that simply cataloging the number of "hits" a website receives is not a true indicator of the traffic the site is generating.

She said that she is currently investigating software that would record the amount of time the average user is spending on the site, which according to Allen, is a more accurate barometer. She gave no timetable as to when the software would be obtained or implemented.

It was also brought to the attention of the members present that some shops that have signed on to participate in late Friday shopping hours are not doing so.

Becky MacAuley, of The Store in Old Town, said that although Friday sales might not increase signifi-

cantly by staying open until 7 p.m., the extended hours might entice people to stay the night in Salado, which would invariably increase sales on Saturday. That, she said, is the premise behind the extended shopping hours.

Ronnie Tynes, president of the SBA, suggested that those shops in question should hold tight for the time being, to give the newly installed program some time to catch on. "If we don't do this for an extended period of time," he said, "then it's not going to work."

Local shops signed on to participate plan to stay open until 7 p.m. through December.

Discussion also took place regarding complaints registered by tourists, who alleged that some shops had voiced complaints to them about the late night shopping hours, saying that the hours do not benefit the shops, only the bed and breakfasts.

It was decided that phone calls be made, or e-mails sent out to those businesses, to remind them of the point of extended hours shopping, and to encourage them to attend SBA and Chamber meetings so that they might be better informed.

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teaching job search and career classes. Class meets 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 2. Cost is \$18.

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Students are asked to wear pants and shirts with sleeves. Ingredients, recipes and nutritional information will be provided. Bring a hand towel, apron and a container so you can take food home.

Len Pawelek, a certified culinarian with the American Culinary Federation, is the sous chef at a local restaurant.

Class meets 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 2. Cost is \$46.

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Keep your lawn healthy with these tips

By DEBBIE LAUER
 With the temperatures rising, it is time to think about some things that will help your turf grass survive the heat. There are several things that you can do to keep your grass healthy during this stressful time of the year.

The first thing is to make sure that the blade of your lawn mower is sharp. A dull blade will shred the tops of the grass as it cuts which causes grass to lose moisture faster than a clean cut would do. Take a look at the blades of your grass and see if you have a "fringed" effect on ends of

your grass, if so sharpen the blade.

Proper watering this time of year is crucial. Water infrequently, every 3 to 5 days if possible. Water deeply and slowly, to a depth of 6 inches. Water only when your grass tells you it needs water; if the blades are curling or footprints stay after it is walked on, it needs water. Your grass needs 1 to 2 inches of water per week this time of year. This must be applied slowly or the water will not absorb and will run off down the street. Run your sprinkler system through multiple cycles. Don't let

any one station stay on any longer than 15 minutes at a time; our clay soils will not absorb water at a faster rate. Water early in the morning, finish before 10:00 a.m. Do this for several reasons: because there is usually less wind to blow the water into the street, because it will be cooler and less will evaporate, and because the grass will dry quickly and be less susceptible to fungal diseases.

The last thing to watch for is insect problems. If you have brown patches in your turf, check for chinch bug or grub infesta-

tions. If your turf is easily pulled from the ground look for grubs, they attack the roots. If you have more than 5 grubs per square foot treat for grubs. If the roots are still attached, look for chinch bugs by cutting off both ends of a coffee can and pounding it into the edge of a brown area and filling it with water. The chinch bugs will float to the top after ten minutes. Go to your local nurserymen or to "Aggie-Turf.tamu.edu" for recommended treatments.

Texas Vets Cemetery plans to be viewed

Architectural renderings of the first Texas State Veterans Cemetery will be shown in public for the first time at 10:30 a.m., July 29. The ceremony will take place at the future site of the cemetery near Killeen and Fort Hood.

Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas

General Land Office, U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards, state Rep. Dianne White Delisi, will speak at the event.

The site of the future Texas State Veterans Cemetery, and the ceremony, will be at the northwest corner of State Highway 195 at Chaparral Road, about six miles south of

U.S. 190.

For additional information on Texas State Veterans Cemeteries or other veterans programs offered by the Texas Veterans Land Board, call (800) 252-VETS, or visit the Texas General Land Office Web site at www.texasveterans.com.

WHO: Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards, state Rep. Dianne White Delisi, Killeen Mayor Maureen Jouett, Fort Hood Garrison Commander Col. William Parry and other local elected officials.

WHAT: First public showing of architect's renderings of the first Texas State Veterans Cemetery.

WHEN: 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., July 29, 2003.

WHERE: The northwest corner of State Highway 195 at Chaparral Road, about six miles south of U.S. 190. If traveling south on Interstate 35, exit (for Killeen) onto U.S. 190 in Belton and go west 17 miles to SH 195 in Killeen. Turn left on SH 195 and go south about six miles. There will be a large sign and balloons marking the site near Chaparral Road.

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This non-membership, not for profit organization is supported by the Central Texas Workforce System, the Killeen Economic Development Corporation, the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce, and Central Texas College.

Each month the BRC offers or sponsors classes and special events for the small business community. The BRC class and event schedule follows.

Aug. 2003 classes and events:

Aug. 1: Techniques for Promoting Your Business: This course discusses specifics about how to market a business, and budget for related costs. Time: 10:30a.m.-12:30pm. Cost: \$25 per person. RSVP at least one day in advance by calling 254-200-2001 or e-mail brc@workforcelink.com.

Aug. 5: Bankrolling Your Business: This free course covers information about funding sources available for businesses including grants, loans, and other sources, and how to qualify for funding. Time: 5:30 p.m. Cost: Free. RSVP at least one day in advance by calling 254-200-2001 or e-mail brc@workforcelink.com.

Aug. 8: Conducting Business on the Internet: This course discusses the fundamental issues that small business owners must consider when setting up a business on the Internet. Time: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$25 per person. RSVP at least one day in advance by calling 254-200-2001 or e-mail brc@workforcelink.com.

Aug. 8: Introductions to Quickbooks Accounting Software: This course will provide an overview of the QuickBooks software program and the role it plays to assist your business with financial record keeping. (It is not required that you have the software) Susan Patterson of Kaisen Group will be conducting this workshop. Time: 1-4 p.m. Cost: \$35 per person. RSVP at least one day in advance by calling 254-200-2001 or e-mail brc@workforcelink.com.

Aug. 15: Business Plan Boot Camp: This series of four courses covers a thorough overview of developing a well-written business plan, with a Q&A session. Time: 1-5 p.m. Cost: \$75 per person payable in advance. RSVP at least one day in advance by calling 254-200-2001 or e-mail brc@workforcelink.com.

Aug. 19: Starting a Day Care: This course discusses the fundamentals and requirements involved in starting a child day care business. Time: 5:30-7 p.m. Cost: \$25 per person. RSVP at least one day in advance by calling 254-200-2001 or e-mail brc@workforcelink.com.

Aug. 26: Tax Fundamentals for the Newly Self-Employed: This class will cover how the IRS looks at your business money, basic tax jargon, standard business deductions and where to begin. Susan Patterson of Kaisen Group will be conducting this workshop. Time: 5:30-7 p.m.

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A common maintenance issue occurs at the part of the chimney where the mortar meets the roof. This is a prime entry point for moisture and a troublesome source of leaks (especially in older homes), so checking the seals and flashing and repairing even the smallest crack or ding is critical.

The chimney bricks (or mortar) should be checked for deterioration, cracks or other damage. Small cracks can be quickly sealed with cement. Chipped or broken bricks should be replaced if possible; if only a small piece is broken off you may be able to cement it back into place. However, if the chimney has a lot of damage, leans several degrees or appears to be on the verge of separating from the roof, call a professional immediately.

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Roof and chimney maintenance are no fun, but this is the perfect time of year to make repairs atop the house. You'll be glad you did it when winter closes in!

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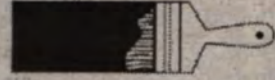
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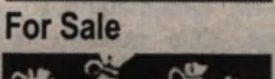
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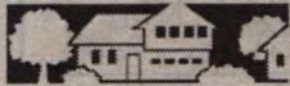
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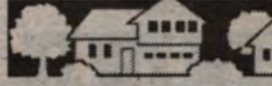
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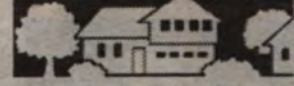
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Commercial Property

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

Acreage Available

- **140 acres** located 10 miles northwest of Georgetown. Part coastal, cultivation, well fenced, 2 stock ponds, lots of paved road frontage, pecan orchard. Huge metal implement bldg. with living quarters.

- **140 acres** on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport, all or part.
- **50 acres** in deer country, wooded, good road frontage.
- **38.78 acres** FM 2843, 8 mile west, beautiful trees. \$190,000.
- **15.796 acres** fronting FM 2268 with young trees.
- **12 acres** between Salado and Florence. All woods, spring, secluded, view. \$49,000.
- **8.77 acres** on I-35 at crossover, Exit 286 at Salado.
- **Last 5 acres** in restricted subdivision - UC

Lots

- **Mill Creek Lots**
- **808 Mill Creek Dr.** - \$30,000
- **700 Indian Trail** - \$30,000
- **Mill Creek Springs** - \$30 - \$75,000
- **Hester Way** - \$55,000
- **Jack Nicklaus Circle** - \$90,000
- **Fletcher Ct.** - \$68,000
- **700 Willow Creek** - \$36,000 - UC.
- **Lot 1 Club Circle** - \$35,000
- **Other Lots**
- **Royal Oaks** - \$30,000 - Under Contract
- **Rita Bend Drive** - \$39,900
- **Windy Hill Ranch** - 2 acre lots - \$55,000 to \$90,000
- **Hidden Springs**
- **Lot 82** - 4.87 acres - \$83,000

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



Great four bedroom house with formal dining. Fenced yard with covered porch. Like new! Priced at **\$159,900.**



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



New home under construction on the golf course overlooking Salado Creek. Absolutely beautiful view. Ten to fourteen foot ceilings thruout the home. Priced at **\$310,000.**



Exquisite 4 1/2 on .868 acre lot in one of Salado's choice subdivisions. Formal and informals living & dining areas, beautiful view, custom landscaping, green house, garden room, hot tub, etc. **\$337,000.**



A beautiful hilltop 3/2 home, manicured lawn overlooking 3 acre lake on 13.42 acres. Numerous windows and a huge covered deck, outstanding views. Foliage and trees enhance the beauty of the home supplying shade from the hot summer sun. **\$399,000.**



Secluded country home with over 4,400 SF in main house 5+ BR, 4 BA, 3 car garage, workshop, gameroom, storage and more on 10-1/2 acres. **\$437,000.**



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



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

Acreage

- Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. **\$10,000/lot.**
- Approximately 2 acres near golf course in Mill Creek. Beautiful trees. **\$38,995.**
- 2 acre lot sw of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$28,900.**
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- 2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900** or 1.35 acres for **\$20,000.**
- 3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large pecan trees & live water on Butter Milk Creek. **\$39,900.**
- 3 BR/2 BA mobile home on 3.5 acres w/ hilltop view overlooking valley and lake. **\$50,000.**
- 3.5 acres with septic & water. **\$38,000.**
- 3.52 acres, mostly wooded. **\$49,900.**
- 4 acres SW of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$56,800.**
- 5.13 acres sw of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **Reduced to \$44,900.**
- 20 acres sw of Salado on Buttermilk Creek. Heavily wooded with Great views. Priced at **\$125,000.**
- 29 acres sw of Salado on Buttermilk Creek. Priced at \$7,000 per acre. Beautiful Trees and outstanding wildlife.
- 51 acres Buttermilk Creek, spectacular views, excellent tree coverage, sw of Salado.
- 53 acres south of Salado. **\$2,990/acre.**
- 130 acres Rolling hills with great views. **\$4,500/acre.**



245 acres priced at \$6,000 per acre. beautiful rolling hills with large live oak trees and a 3 acre lake. Outstanding development opportunity.

- 928 acres sw of Salado: Beautiful rolling tree country w/ live creek & large lake on property. Excellent views. Outstanding wildlife.
- Three 250 acre tracts ssw of Salado. Beautiful rolling hills w/large trees, live creek and water tank. Excellent views & deer country. **\$2,500/acre.**
- 250 acres, 3 lakes hilltop views w/appro. 60 acres of woods. **\$1,950/acre. SOLD**
- 425 acres, 3 lakes almost 2+ miles of road frontage. Approximately 40-50 acres of woods with balance of native pasture & fields. Roads on 3 sides. **\$1,950/acre. SOLD**



Gorgeous tree covered corner lot with 3BR/2BA home in a prime location of Mill Creek. **\$169,900.**

Salado Lots

- Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - **\$36,000.**
- Indian Trail - 90x188 - **\$34,000.**
- Mill Creek Lot - **\$39,900.**

Belton

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

Commercial

- 3 acres commercial property fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$89,900.**
- Excellent Commercial: location on corner of West Village Rd. & IH-35 at exit 285. - **\$239,900.**