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Salado Legends continues performances July 31, Aug. 7

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

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

Tickets to Salado Legends may be purchased in Salado at First State Bank, Fletcher's Books

and Antiques, Compass Bank, The Salado Mansion or at the Salado Civic Center.

In Belton and Temple tickets may be purchased at Compass Bank. Tickets may be charged via phone at The University of Texas Box Office in Austin by calling 1-512-477-6060. HEB grocery stores in Pflugerville, Round Rock, Georgetown and Austin require cash. At Fort Hood, ITR, you may purchase tickets by credit card or cash. Tick-

ets over internet are available at www.texasboxoffice.com. To book tour or church group rates, contact Jackie Mills/Tablerock at 254-947-9205, or tablerock1@aol.com.

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

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



A scene from Salado Legends.



The 1-4 Aviation Regiment of the Fourth Infantry Division are the Dragons.

Salado welcomes Dragons of 1-4 Aviation Regiment

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

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

Organizers are asking that shops and restaurants give a 10 percent discount on sales that day to those soldiers and families who will be guests that day and will be wearing wristbands to identify them both for discounts and so that Saladoans can say "Thank you" for serving our coun-

try. "We also hope everyone will put their yellow ribbons back out. The Chamber will be stocking more ribbon if you need it," Douglass said.

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

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

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

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

Village receives almost 2 dozen requests for annexation petitions

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Almost two dozen residents have requested voluntary annexation petitions from the Village of Salado in recent days, following Belton's announcement that it would study the annexation of 121 acres on West Amity Rd. and 121 acres on East Amity Rd., extending from I-35.

The proposed annexation would entail taking in 1,000 wide strips that are one mile in length along eight tracts of land:

- US 190, from Airdale Road west one mile to a point approximately half-mile east of George Wilson Rd.
- FM 1670, from Countryside Lane south one mile to Sherwood Blvd.
- The Lampasas River, west of IH-35 one mile to a point near Camp Tahuaya.
- The Lampasas River, east of IH-35 one mile, to a point approximately half-mile west of Elm Grove Rd.
- Tahuaya Rd., west of IH-35 one mile to a point along Smith Dairy Lane, approximately half-mile west of Amity School Rd.
- Elmer King Rd., east of IH-35 one mile to a point approximately half-mile east of Fox Rd.
- West Amity Rd., west of I-35, one mile to Smith Dairy Rd.
- East Amity Rd., east

of I-35, one mile to a point approximately quarter-mile east of Fox Rd.

So far, only one property has been brought into the extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of Salado since the announcement by Belton of the annexation study. Joe and Linda Pehoski requested voluntary annexation of the property on Stinnet Mill Rd. into the ETJ of Salado, unanimously approved by the Board of Aldermen in a July 16 emergency meeting called for that purpose. Pehoski told aldermen during the meeting that she was working with her neighbors for them to make similar requests of the Village of Salado.

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

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

Properties lying within the ETJ of another city must request de-annexation from that city first before requesting annexation into the Village of Salado ETJ. A city is very reluctant to release property from its ETJ to go

back into the county, he said, adding that a city is more likely to release property when it will be annexed by another city.

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

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

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

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

The announcement of possible annexation by Belton sent a wave of

alarm through many residents, including residents of the Woods of Salado who consider Killeen a much greater threat of annexation than either Belton or Temple.

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

Woods of Salado resident Karen Duerr is worried that she and her neighbors might be annexed into Killeen as it moves east and south towards Interstate 35.

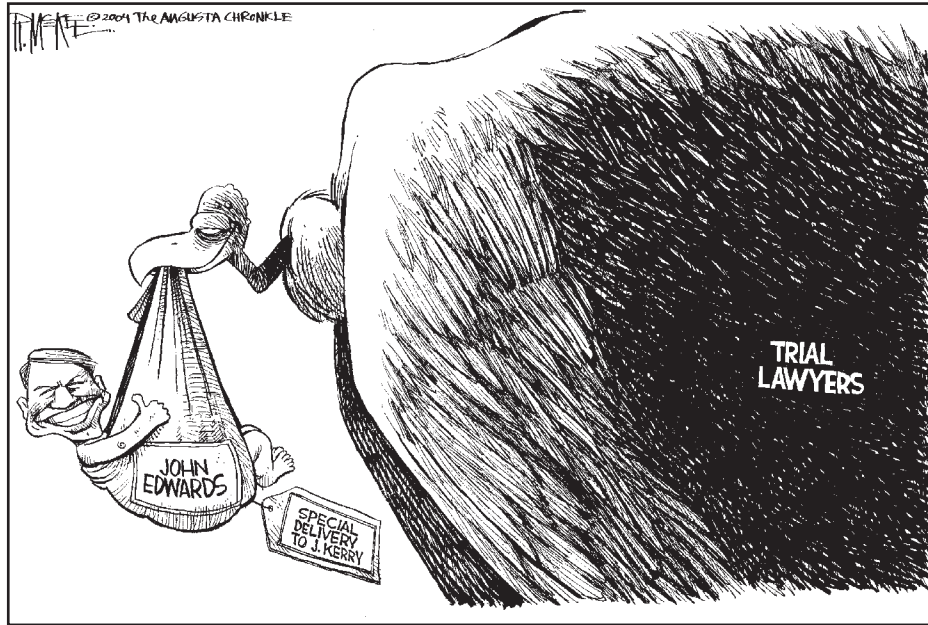
Duerr is working with the Woods of Salado home owners' association and property owners along FM 2484 to bring voluntary annexation requests to the Village of Salado.

Duerr said that any property owners that are concerned about being annexed into the county's larger cities can contact her at 947-0060.

Residents seeking voluntary annexation petitions can contact the Village of Salado municipal office at 947-5060.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Wealth vs. work

The cliché is that in choosing John Edwards as his running mate, John Kerry didn't just acquire a potential vice president, but a message: the rhetoric of "two Americas" -- one characterized by "work," the other by "wealth" -- that Edwards relentlessly repeated during the primaries. Less appreciated is that the choice of Edwards might finally give President Bush a message too.

Kerry has long lacked a campaign theme. By saying recently that the Edwards "two Americas" line is what the campaign is "all about," Kerry has signaled that he is ready to adopt the Edwards message. The Bush campaign should take a page from Kerry -- let John Edwards show the way.

Edwards has complained about Bush's income-tax cuts "on the rich," and scored him for wanting "to eliminate the capital-gains tax, dividends tax, the estate tax, all the taxation of wealth or passive income on wealth, and shift that tax burden to people who work for a living." Edwards, in other words, takes direct aim at Bush policies rewarding savings and investment.

The opposition Edwards tries to make between work and wealth doesn't make sense. Why do people work? For wealth. Rewarding wealth means rewarding the fruits of work. For instance, two-thirds of the beneficiaries of Bush's cut in the top marginal tax rate own some form of small business. In America, you work, make a business succeed, then get wealthy (and become the target of demagogic politicians -- the American dream!).

Edwards doesn't seem to understand that wealth, when it is saved and invested, is "working." Does he really want Bill Gates to stop investing in Microsoft, which has created countless jobs and made countless investors rich? Or the next Bill Gates not to be able to raise the capital to give

Rich Lowry



his venture a go, because that capital is likely to come from -- gasp -- the rich?

Bush can adopt an agenda for an "ownership society" that confronts this Kerry/Edwards angle of attack. Its most important element would be private Social Security accounts, allowing people to save and invest for their own retirement. Liberalized individual retirement accounts (IRAs) could also increase the number of savers and the amount they save, while private health and education accounts would allow people to save for their own health and educational needs. And Bush could steal a worthy Edwards proposal -- tax credits to help poor people save.

The themes of all policies are ownership (you own your own wealth, which no one can take away), choice (you decide what to do with your money) and opportunity (you get a chance to enjoy the wonder of compound interest and, through stocks, to own a piece of the American economy -- a chance, in short, to get rich). These themes are as winning and all-American as a John Edwards grin.

The election competition, then, would become roughly between punishing the rich and making more people rich. It's the latter goal that accords with traditional American striving. Wealth vs. work? Bring it on.

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Writer scopes out Enron's "Clueless" ex-boss; Cheney's future; Recruiting the poor; and Teamster's 2004 vote.

While our Democratic friends are whooping it up in Boston this week, it seemed a good time to clear the desk of items that recently tweaked our interest and so, in hopes they'll do the same for readers, we grabbed a handful for today's column. Naturally adding comments, both critical and/or objective - as needed.

We'd be remiss in not kicking off this "Flotsam and Jetsam" offering with a "Ken Lay" snapshot gleaned from a series of media meetings he held shortly after arraignment before the Federal judiciary in Houston. Lay, you recall was head of Enron when it went kaboom thanks to illegal fiscal chicanery that took this giant energy manipulator down for the count - along with billions of retirement dollars, stock losses, and thousands of jobs.

Lay, with a straight face, told the media-hounds that he was totally "clueless" (and also innocent) concerning the bad things that had happened to his company. This will be his defense in the days ahead.

If Lay's "Clueless" defense stands - then there is still hope for other fumbling failures who have sought (unsuccessfully) to rise to the top of the corporate world. Or who may lust (as a last resort) to enter politics! Just think - the losers of the world will finally have a sure-fire "poster boy" in Ken Lay. One that will inspire the inane; the stupid; the lazy; and the just plain crooked.

We seriously doubt that "cluelessness" will aid anyone climbing real ladders of success - regardless of the field of interest.

Nor do we believe this "out-to-lunch" defense will keep Lay out of the dock or prison.

CHENEY - IN OR OUT?

Lot of D.C. scuttlebutt concerning the future of President Bush's running mate - Dick Cheney. Bush swears by him and that should be enough to keep him on board. National GOP leaders however, are not so sure. Seems they sent old snarly Dick out to calm the faithful and the returns were less than great. He has a difficult time matching John Edwards' smile, vigor and ability to communicate with "rank & file" voters.

So who would take Cheney's place? Some say John McCain would be a good choice. Veteran. Smart. Perhaps too smart, and certainly up to now - not a favorite of young George. OK then, how about Colin Powell? Secretary of State. Black. Retired, and respected, General of the Army.

Biggest GOP-knock on Powell is he is too "liberal" (there's that bad old word again) and right-wingers would have to swallow hard to vote for a pro-choice candidate who embraces affirmative action and a much higher minimum wage.

The SecState would be devastating to the Kerry-Edwards election effort. Bush would have a Veep with top military experience; plays well in groups with others; smart and few political scars - not counting those inflicted by his fellow cabinet members. Powell would have to be a real trooper to brush off three years of slings and arrows from Cheney, Rumsfeld, et al. However, he's a man with sound principals and well understands history and his place in it as the first black Vice President.

DEMOS HOPE CHENEY STAYS

Not surprising that Democrats have high hopes that George II will stick with Cheney. Primarily because he's carrying vulnerable political baggage including: perceived control of Bush; hardliner favor-

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



ing Iraq war; Halliburton connections; and unfriendly bearing.

POOR KIDS TARGETED?

This writer's former hometown newspaper - *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*, carried an interesting article some weeks ago by Connie Schultz, in which she wrote a first person story about her daughter receiving so much mail from military recruiters.

Aside from Schultz' natural fear of sending a child into battle, the deeply troubling part of her commentary was the discovery that young people in Ohio, with "better" (read: "Wealthy") ZIP codes were not receiving invitations to join the armed services. Only young high school juniors and seniors, who live in less affluent ZIP codes, were being contacted.

DOD POLICY?

Now comes the key question. Is it Department of Defense policy to arbitrarily contact low income students to volunteer for the military? Is the richest nation in the world unable to provide a decent education for all its children, so the military remains the only perceived way out of their despair? Or, are we approaching the time in America when we consign our lower economic youth to act as an international police force, simply because we cannot keep the wealthy kids (or their parents) interested in government service - military or otherwise?

If any of this is correct - then we best rethink the value of Universal Military Training and let everyone (rich and poor) have a crack at defending our nation. UMT was proposed in 1946 and lost that battle in Congress. It may be time to try again.

WHITHER GOETH THE TEAMSTERS?

We have often wondered why the American Teamster's Union has supported the Grand Old Party for decades? These are hard working, blue collar professionals who normally should be content to cast their future with Democrats and other unionists. But they haven't and as a result, GOPers have enjoyed the fruits of their votes. At least until last week!

Seems these hard working men and women were saved by the bell (actually a federal court) when the judicial branch tossed out a Bush administration rule that would have toadied to the trucking industry's demand - namely, more hours daily behind the 18-wheelers and a longer workweek for all drivers.

The profits for the industry would have been immense, but the International Brotherhood of Teamsters took the matter to court and won.

Have to wonder what these truckers will do this year on election day?

ENOUGH ALREADY!!

Be back next week with a review of the fun and games the Demos had in Boston and see if anything alarming came out of their convention. Will do the same when the Grand Old Party gathers next month.

That's -30-

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Cigarette taxes are dangerous for your health

By BYRON SCHLOMACH, Ph.D.

Everyone, it seems, is suddenly anxious to tax cigarettes. Time and again new cigarette taxes have been put forward in proposals as, at least in part, a solution to everything from health care funding to school finance reform.

Of course, cigarette taxes were rejected when the state faced a \$10 billion budget gap last year, but proponents are addicted to visions of cash flooding the state coffers.

The proponents want the tax on smokes to rise by a dollar, from 41 cents per pack to \$1.41 per pack. They claim this will add \$1 billion per year to state revenue. They anxiously tout the extra money as part of a solution for the state's school finance woes.

Consumption taxes are preferable to other taxes, but any tax can be pushed too high.

The fact is that from 1992 to 2000, when the average state cigarette tax increased 64 percent, gross state cigarette tax revenues increased only 35 percent. This means that the Comptroller's \$854 million revenue estimate from a one dollar cigarette tax increase is much more realistic than the oft-mentioned billion dollar windfall.

Some proponents of increased cigarette taxes want them in order to discourage smoking. A noble goal, but since the number of smokers is falling one to two percent each year, cigarette taxes are already a dwindling revenue source.

Artificially increasing prices with a higher tax would doubtlessly discourage some from picking up the habit, producing revenue uncertainty in the future, hardly a recipe for secure school funding.

Cigarette smoking really is bad for people's health, but the state should not make it more so. The tax-tobacco crowd would even tax smokeless tobacco, a much less dangerous source of nicotine.

Cigarette taxes continue to generate large revenue precisely because tobacco users are addicted to nicotine. They will pay the higher tax by sacrificing other things like nutritious foods, safer cars, or nicer homes. They are already sacrificing their health.

And because many tobacco users are on the lower end of the income scale, an increased tax falls squarely on the backs of the poor.

On the other hand,

some will avoid the Texas tax altogether by ordering cigarettes from low-tax states. Texas retailers will get hurt, of course.

Even if new revenues from a higher cigarette tax were substantial, the negative effects on the state and national treasury must be taken into account. Cigarette tax differentials among the states encourage criminal enterprise, and even help to fund terrorism through smuggling. Cracking smuggling rings is a very labor intensive and expensive law enforcement proposition. Additional expense includes the lost lives of law enforcement officers and American soldiers.

At \$1.41 per pack, Texas would have the seventh-highest cigarette tax in the nation. Meanwhile, other states such as Virginia, Kentucky, and the Carolinas tax cigarettes at less than ten cents per pack. Oklahoma taxes cigarettes at 23 cents per pack. Mississippi taxes cigarettes at 18 cents per pack. A differential of \$1.18 and more per pack is enough to create a profit opportunity too big to pass up.

Texas, we all know, is a big state. Most smokers cannot drive to neighboring states to buy low-tax cigarettes. Smuggling enterprises will be huge; rented trailers will hardly do. We're talking big-rigs hauling 480,000 packs per load. The smuggling profit per truck could easily run a half million dollars.

Cigarette smoking is a legal activity, but the hodgepodge of state taxes has made cigarette smuggling almost as lucrative as drug running for terrorist cells. Cigarette smuggling has already funded Hezbollah's night-vision goggles, cameras, scopes, global positioning systems and video equipment.

Tragically, a higher Texas cigarette tax could inadvertently help finance weapons for our enemies.

Some might argue that a pre-emptive federal tax is the way to go, but our porous national borders are no greater barrier than those of our states. What we really need are policymakers more anxious to protect us from overreaching government than they are to fund it at any price.

Byron Schlomach, Ph.D., is chief economist for the Texas Public Policy Foundation, an Austin-based non-partisan research institute.

Looking overseas

"You may fly over a land forever; you may bomb it, atomize it, pulverize it and wipe it clean of life - but if you desire to defend it, protect it and keep it for civilization, you must do this on the ground, the way the Roman legions did, by putting your young men into the mud."

Those words were written by my friend T.R. Fehrenbach in his definitive work on the Korean War, "This Kind of War: A Study in Unpreparedness." I have often turned to Ted's insights when reviewing the mission and structure of our military. His observation of "boots on the ground" is incisive and has served our efforts well. During the World Wars and later, during the Cold War, the importance of an American military presence in Europe and Asia was critical. Our struggle to uproot Nazi totalitarianism and dispel Communism called for a strong, physical presence abroad.

But today, we face a different kind of enemy: terrorism. An enemy with no borders, no uniforms, no respect for the traditional rules of war, and more importantly, no respect for human life. It is an enemy that showed us on September 11, 2001, that the greatest battle of our generation will not be fought in one country or even a single continent. It is a global battle that requires a renewed, sharpened strategy, a changed and relevant force structure, and demands we take a close look at how we position our military at home and abroad.

As Chair of the Senate Military Construction Appropriations Subcommittee I oversee the allocation of federal funds for our military installations worldwide. It is an important role, which requires an in depth understanding of our force alignment and the facilities and infrastructure necessary to support it. In recent years, I

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



have become increasingly concerned with the Pentagon's tendency to shut down U.S. bases in an effort to modernize, consolidate and make our Armed Forces more efficient.

Bases in Germany and Korea, while relevant to a Cold War strategy, must be considered for closure first before bases in Louisiana, California and Texas face possible reductions or shut down as part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). In past BRAC rounds some state-side closures have been conducted hastily, and the military has only later realized their mistake costing millions of tax payer dollars, displacing soldiers and their families, and wreaking havoc on the local economies. Another growing concern is the increased restrictions being placed on our training capabilities abroad. In some areas our ability to fly helicopters at night, conduct live-fire exercises, or move vehicles over the countryside during war preparation has been severely limited. Not only do some bases fail to meet our national security needs; in some cases, the host countries are openly antagonistic toward our troops.

Last year I enacted an Overseas Basing Commission, responsible for a comprehensive study of U.S. military facilities abroad that will help defense policy makers arrive at more informed decisions. The panel's charge is to review the existing base structure and location, as well as assess whether our infrastructure is in place to meet current and future missions.

This July, the Commission held its first public meeting in Washington, the first of a series of meetings, which will culminate

in a report to the president and Congress later this year. At the meeting the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) presented its study on the costs of and options for changing the Army's overseas basing structure. CBO documented potentially significant savings in many areas, such as moving units home from Germany, where it costs about \$1 billion annually to maintain forces, and from Korea. Locating forces in Poland, Bulgaria or Romania was also recommended, as was consolidating the many bases and outposts in Korea.

If, as has been suggested in the media, the Pentagon returns 29,000 soldiers from Germany - approximately two divisions - we would save \$400-\$575 million annually and give our troops far better training capabilities and opportunities. And Texas is well poised to benefit from returning troops. Analysts suggest that Fort Bliss in El Paso or Fort Hood in Killeen could accommodate soldiers transferring from overseas.

The review is long overdue, but timely. With the 2005 BRAC rapidly approaching, we must know exactly what our troop commitments need to be internationally before we limit or close any bases here at home. I'm pleased the Commission's work is now underway. At year's end it will provide conclusions and recommendations to help us make sound decisions about our overseas basing structure. By taking a comprehensive look at our force structure, we can more effectively place our boots on the right ground at the right time to combat the new threats we face in the 21st century.

Tax Cuts Trickle Overseas



Jim Hightower

The Timken Company, based in Canton, Ohio, makes steel and other industrial products, and last year it was the proud recipient of a visit by his eminence, George W. Bush.

The prez had traveled to Ohio, a state that's up for grabs in this fall's election, to hype the value of all the tax giveaways he's passed for the rich. He went to Canton to claim that those giveaways would trickle-down from the rich to create jobs for middle-class America, and he needed a good visual for his televised speech. Timken's factory was the perfect made-for-TV backdrop.

A crowd of Timken's hard-hatted, blue-collar workers was dutifully assembled for Bush. The bossman, Tim Timken himself, was on stage beaming with pride and nodding in approval at George's every sentence. Why wouldn't he? Tim has long been a major financial backer of both Bush presidents.

Now, fast forward to May of this year. Just months after George's highly-publicized rooster strut in Canton, Tim announced that he was closing three of his U.S. factories, eliminating 1,300 jobs, and moving production to low-wage centers elsewhere, including overseas. Curiously, there was no national media coverage of this development, which made a mockery of Mr. Bush's earlier political posturing.

What's to happen to the workers who were made to serve as props for George's pitch about the power of trickle-down economics? "I have no idea what I'm going to do," says Scott Anderson, 41-years old, and a 23-year loyal worker at Timken.

"There are just no good job opportunities left in this community." Scott added that he now couldn't pay for the college education for his kids: "I want a better America, as my parents did for me," he says.

"Ironically, a Timken spokesman coldly replied: It's a business issue, not a political issue."

He's dead wrong about that. By stiffing America's middle-class, both Bush and Tim Timken are playing with political dynamite.

Salado is a great place to visit

Dear Editor:

This past week July-22-25 was my first trip to Texas and to Salado. I was staying in Temple, and was on a business trip to Fort Hood. When checking the internet for directions, places to stay and eat, I also checked antiques. Low and behold your Village came up.

My first impressions are:

1. Clean.
2. Well maintained properties and buildings.

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3. Friendly people and shop keepers.

4. More antique shops than I could shake a stick at. (that's good)

5. A beautiful bridge over a pretty and picturesque creek with well maintained picnic areas.

6. Easy access and free easy parking.

7. The stores are so

beautiful and appealing.

Keep up the good work, and change nothing!

The *Salado Village Voice* is a nice addition also.

The old and huge trees give Salado character.

Kent Jones
Greenville, Mississippi

CHURCH NEWS

First Baptist Church • Main St. at the Creek

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

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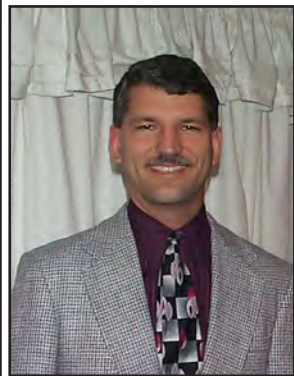
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The Salado Church of Christ

welcomes you to our services this week

Sunday Morning Service • August 1, 2004



Joe Keyes
Minister

Join us for worship as we explore a question for today's church: Are we infiltrating the world, or is the world infiltrating the church? How do we make our impact felt without ourselves being negatively impacted? Explore some possible answers to these questions as we begin a new sermon series: "Our Connection with Culture."

Sunday

Bible Class • 9 a.m. Worship • 10 a.m.
Evening Worship • 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes • 6:30 p.m.

IH-35 at Blacksmith Rd.

947-5241

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Cedar Valley Baptist Revival held Aug. 2-8

Cedar Valley Baptist Church will hold a week of revival services 7 p.m. nightly, Aug. 2-8 at the church, located at 12237 FM 2843, eight miles west of IH-35.

Evangelist for the revival will be Dennis Erwin, a Texas native raised in the Dallas area. As a youth, he attended the First Baptist Church in Dallas, and is a graduate of The Criswell Bible College in Dallas. Erwin and his wife Tiffany have four children: Keith, Cody,



Christopher and Katy. The family resides in the East Texas town of Edgewood.

In July, Erwin entered his 30th year of evangelical service, and in 2003 vis-

ited 63 different churches across the nation, logging over 37,000 travel miles.

Additionally, live gospel music from various groups will be performed nightly.

Homecoming Sunday, Aug. 8, will feature a 10 a.m. Bible Study, followed by an 11 a.m. morning worship. At 12:30, lunch will be served, and at 2 p.m. gospel music featuring The Messenger Quartet, The Binions, Circle of Faith, The Revelations and The Gibbs, among others, will begin.

The public is invited to attend all revival and Sunday services.

For more information call the church at 947-5100.

Community Bible study planned for fall

The Temple/Belton Community Bible Study (CBS) evening co-ed

classes will be studying "Servants of God," this fall.

The Bible study, encompassing the Old Testament books of Joshua, Judges, Ruth and I and II Samuel, will examine the lives of people like Joshua, Gideon, Deborah, Samson, Ruth, Samuel and David.

CBS is an interdenominational study for men, women and teens of all backgrounds who are interested in an in-depth weekly study of God's Word. There are more than 484 CBS adult classes around the country, as well as 60 teen classes.

Beginning Sept. 13, the class will meet 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays, in the old sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Belton, located at 6th and Main.

Each week, participants will receive a reading commentary on the previous week's topic and a set of questions to work on each day covering the next week's reading.

These questions will be discussed in small groups of about 15. Temple/Belton class members can choose to participate individually in a men's or women's small group or in a married couples group. Fol-

lowing the small groups, there is a short lecture over the same section of scripture.

The class will break for Christmas and spring vacation and finish at the end of April, 2005.

To register or to receive additional information, call Kathie Kimes, 254-773-1842, Richard Erickson, 254-899-1982, or Curtis Gibson, 254-526-9128.

Michael James Hall services held July 24

Services for Michael James Hall, 63, of Salado were held July 24 at Killeen Memorial Funeral Chapel, with Jimmy Towers officiating. Hall passed away July 18 in Temple.

He was born June 18, 1941, in Chicago, IL, and attended Lowell High School in Indiana, and also Indiana State University.

He served in the United States Navy, receiving a good conduct medal, and had been employed at the Pizza Palace in Killeen.

He had lived in Salado for the past six years.

Hall is survived by a son, Jeff Hall and wife Lori of Hayden, IN; daughter, Stacey Gerry of Coeur D'Alene, ID; two brothers, Jack Perry of Chicago, IL, and William Perry of Killeen; one sister, Carol Humble of Chicago, IL; and one grandchild.

Hall was laid to rest in Downers Grove, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Bell County Hospice.

Killeen Memorial Funeral Home handled arrangements.

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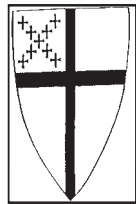
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Methodists ready for 150 year celebration

The Salado Methodist Church is gearing up for many events celebrating the church's 150th birthday this November.

The church congregation first met in a pasture near Salado in 1854, and this year is the church's sesquicentennial. There will be several events in November commemorating this anniversary that will culminate in a special "Homecoming Weekend" on Nov. 13-14.

Included will be inter-

views with long time members and founders' descendants, a panoramic photo and artifacts display, a quilt show, a fashion show, special guests and speakers, a drama, an art show, special music, historical interpreters and presentations, tours, and commemorative items for purchase (pins, coins, T-shirts, mugs). Everyone is invited to share in the festivities.

Following is a list of scheduled activities:

- Nov. 6 - Fashion Show, Garden Guild
 - Nov. 7 - Historical Interpreters and Coffee/Dessert After-Social
 - Nov. 13-14 - Homecoming Weekend. Tours, honors for former bishops and ministers, memorial service, harvest dinner, special music
 - Nov. 14 - Two special Sunday services
- For more information call the church at 947-5482.

Schrimshers joins Motown greats in Branson

On a recent trip to Branson, members of the Schrimsher family, of Belton, joined the stage with famous Motown acts like Walter White from The Platters, George Cane from The Drifters and Richard and KC from the Sunshine Band.

The Schrimshers have always been a musical family. Hiram Schrimsher played guitar and sang, and helped each one of the kids to sing and play an instrument.

The late Mike Schrimsher played guitar and sang in the local group, The Casuals, as well as owning and operating the barber-shop, Casual Cuts. Sharon Schrimsher Murrah played piano and performed at many weddings, as well as The Tyler House restaurant (now the Salado Man-



sion).

Richard Schrimsher, a drummer since boyhood, has played with Roy Robbins and The Availables, and Silver Creek and The Loners, in Austin. Richard met his wife TerryLynn at Willie Nelson's Arlyn Studios in Austin. TerryLynn plays guitar, and is a singer/songwriter. She is

employed as a Realtor with Village Realty of Salado.

The baby of the family, Lana Schrimsher Keeler - a teacher at Sparta Elementary, plays several different instruments and sings.

The Schrimsher Family is currently planning and organizing a Branson-type show for Bell County. Details for the event will be forthcoming.

Institute for Voice held Aug. 1-5

The Third Annual Institute for Voice and Teaching will be held Aug. 1-5 in the Inn at Salado's Allen Hall, located off Main St. at the Inn at Salado.

The Institute was founded by Saladoans Drs. John and Kim Van Cura to promote a lifetime of vocal health and success in the professional world of singing and teaching.

Daily 25 minute individual lessons in fundamentals of technique will be taught by Dr. John Van Cura, Professor of Voice, with a daily literature master class taught by Carol Meyer, a professional singer and teacher. Accompanist and coach will be Dr. Kim Van Cura.

Lectures each day will **LIFE ON A HOUSEBOAT** **Topic at next Monday Club**

The Monday Club will meet 11 a.m. Aug. 2 at the Salado United Methodist Church for a covered dish luncheon.

The program, "Life on a Houseboat," will be presented by Pat Wanzor.

All ladies are invited to bring a covered dish and enjoy the program.

include: Aug. 2 - "Fundamentals of Singing," by Dr. John Van Cura; Aug. 3 - "Procedures in One-to-One Teaching," with Dr. Kim Van Cura; Aug. 4 - "Fitness and Singing," with Ken Van Cura; and Aug. 5 - "Relationship in One-to-One Teaching," with Carol Meyer.

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tors are invited to participate or audit these classes may call 254-947-5592 or email: kjvancura@earthlink.net for information and fees.

Participants and staff attending the Institute will present a closing concert 7 p.m. Aug. 5 in Allen Hall. The public is invited to attend free of charge.

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The 2004 Salado Rookies

Salado Rookies claim fourth at State Tourney

The Salado Rookies girl's t-ball team captured fourth place at the TTAS Girls State T-Ball Tournament held the week of July 19 in Whitehouse.

The Rookies began the tournament with a heart-breaking 17-16 opening round loss to the host Whitehouse Lil' Rangers. The Rookies were defeated in the bottom of the fifth when the Lil' Rangers score three runs, including a close call at the plate, which saw the umpire change her initial call from

out to safe.

On July 20, the Rookies faced the other host team, the Whitehouse Stars. The Rookies scored the maximum 10 runs in the second, then followed that with 17 total runs in the third and fourth innings to cruise to a 30-15 victory.

Trying to stay alive in the loser's bracket, the Rookies took on the Chapel Hill Red Hots and came away with a 27-20 win.

After a 30-minute break, the Rookies took

the field again to take on the West Texas Frame and Alignment team. The game started out close, with West holding a 7-6 lead after two innings. Play was halted due to a power outage, and when it resumed half an hour later West went up for good, eventually winning the game 21-9.

The second loss ended the Rookies' season with a 16-4 record and a district title. The team started the season 0-2 before winning 16 consecutive games.

Season Tickets now on sale for Temple Symphony

Season tickets are now on sale for Temple Symphony Orchestra's 11th season, with an exciting series of seven concerts.

This year, the orchestra will feature outstanding soloists as well as present some of its own members in special performances. The Orchestra, under the baton of Thomas Fairlie, is composed of musicians from throughout Central Texas. The Symphony presents a wide repertoire each year to suit audiences of all musical tastes.

"It's extraordinary for a city the size of Temple to support and sustain such a quality symphony," said Bill Jones III, board chairman. "The symphony is the best entertainment bargain in Central Texas with seven glorious concerts for one low price."

The concerts will include the following:

Pianist Jan Jiracek, guest soloist, will return for another sell-out performance of Chopin's lyrical and expansive *Piano Concerto No. 1* on Sept. 18. The orchestra will also present Gershwin's sublime *Rhapsody in Blue* and Dvorak's *Symphony No. 8* that climaxes with an exuberant, 'take-no-pris-

oners' finale.

Temple Symphony Chamber Players, composed of orchestra members, will also feature Shari Santorelli on piano, the Temple Symphony String Trio and the Chisholm Brass Quintet on Nov. 6

The popular Holiday Concert returns with seasonal favorites in new arrangements on Dec. 11. Tenors Gerard Powers and Anthony Pulgram will be soloists.

The Young Person's Concert Jan 29, is a popular favorite for families and children. The Young Person's Concert will feature keyboard music from harpsichord to grand piano. Andrea Anderson will play period instruments.

As a season highlight, Van Cliburn International Silver Medalist Antonio Pompa-Baldi will perform in recital Feb. 18.

Trumpeter Wayne Bergeron will be the guest

1400 AM to hold live broadcast in town August 6; Chetham to speak on upcoming Eagle football season

Local AM radio station 1400 KTEM will hold a live remote broadcast 5-6 p.m. Aug. 6 at Uncommon Grounds Cafe, to preview the upcoming Salado Eagle football season.

Sports host Dave Hodges will be on hand to interview Eagle Head

artist April 2 with the Temple Jazz Orchestra.

The popular "Beethoven, Barbeque and Blue Jeans" concert May 7, will feature Beethoven's *Symphony No. 4* and Mozart's *Overture to "The Marriage of Figaro."* Soloists will be Cordelia Haggmann, violin, and Daniel Stewart, viola.

All concerts will be presented in the Mary Alice Marshall Performing Arts Center at Temple College. Sponsors are the City of Temple, Temple College, Materials Transportation Co., E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, Garlyn Shelton Dealerships and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation.

For more information contact the symphony at (254) 778-NOTE (778-6683) or email info@templesymphony.org.

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State agencies to work to eliminate fraud

By Gov. RICK PERRY

I believe government should do a few things, and do them well. Tax dollars should be invested where they can make the most difference, and for their intended purposes.

Unfortunately, there are those who seek to enrich themselves by cheating the system, employers and taxpayers. Those who engage in fraudulent scams to milk the system force all Texans to pay more for goods and services, health care, homeowner's insurance and critical services meant for those with the greatest need.

Fraud increases the price employers pay for workers' compensation, drains the unemployment insurance fund and steals from the poor in need of vital Medicaid and other health services.

Although it is difficult to estimate the total cost taxpayers and employers bear for fraud, there are enough examples of individuals who have been caught to know we must do more to safeguard taxpayer and employer dollars.

For example, an inmate serving time in the Dallas County Jail ran a sophisticated scheme to defraud Medicaid of \$2.8 million. With the help of his wife on the outside, the couple

purchased Medicaid ID numbers and submitted millions of dollars in Medicaid bills for trauma therapy sessions they never provided.

A couple in Houston received \$632,000 in overpayments from Medicaid after submitting bills for counseling services never rendered.

In Houston and Austin, a group of individuals repeatedly flooded their homes with a garden hose in an attempt to swindle \$5 million from insurance companies.

In San Antonio, a former state employee used her knowledge of the unemployment insurance program to steal \$167,000 of Texans' money.

Fortunately, all these individuals were caught and have paid a stiff price. But it's not the fraud we know about that worries me; it's the fraud we have yet to uncover.

That is why I have signed a sweeping executive order that directs every state agency to take three important steps to prevent, detect and eliminate fraud in state government.

First, every state agency will devise and implement its own comprehensive fraud prevention program and report its actions to my newly selected anti-fraud coordinator by Oct. 1 of this year.

Second, each agency will designate a point person to implement its fraud prevention and elimination activities, because we must not allow responsibility to be lost in bureaucracy.

Finally, every agency will review its existing policies and organizational structure to identify changes needed to better detect and fight fraud, and make recommendations for legislative action where necessary.

By issuing this executive order I am sending a clear message to those defrauding the state, its businesses or its taxpayers: we're coming after you, and we're going to get you.

Health care providers that seek reimbursement for treatments that were never provided, a building owner exaggerating storm damage to an insurance company, a worker collect-

ing unemployment benefits without seeking work, or employees who seek compensation for injuries conjured up in their heads can all know that their ill-gotten gains will be discovered and we will seek to prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law.

By being more vigilant in eliminating fraud, government will have more money for the critical services it provides to Texans in need without creating a greater burden on Texas families.

The foundation of our democracy is trust. Citizens must be confident that the authority and resources entrusted to government are used wisely, fairly and efficiently.

The directive I have issued will help ensure that dollars paid by taxpayers and employers are used responsibly and will give the people of Texas greater trust in their government.

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Tetanus) to the Nursing Department, located in Building 150, room 1266, no later than one week prior to the class start date.

The total cost of the course is \$250, and includes tuition, insurance, and textbook. Students will need to purchase the workbook at the bookstore, at an approximate cost of \$25.50. The State Exam (optional) fee is \$76. For more information, contact the CTC Nursing Department at (254) 526-1266 or (800) 792-3348 extension 1266.

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The only thing that mattered

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
 STAFF WRITER

There were so many ways to be snuffed out that each day spent alive was a small victory. The goal was to collect those days like trophies, until you had put together 365 of them and could go any place, so long as it was far away from Vietnam.

For guys like Saladoan Paul Letourneau, life was mitigated by how many times you could cheat death. Without question or discussion, the men knew that number was finite.

His story was not so different than others of his time. He arrived in Vietnam in 1967 by way of Springfield, Massachusetts - 20 years old, enlisted, a sergeant assigned to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. He figured that, as a young man in good health from a working class background, not enrolled in university, his chances of being drafted hovered around 100 percent.

Rather than wait around for the inevitable, he signed himself up under the pretense that he would be awarded a job as an electronic technician. No such luck.

The Army needed men that could fight, so, after a short stint assigned to a Hawk missile unit, Letourneau found himself in Germany as part of the 3rd Infantry Division. He made Sergeant E-5 within a year, training NCOs for combat duty until he himself was called to the trenches in Nov. 1967.

He was granted 30 days of leave, the last 30 days he would spend with



Sergeant Paul Letourneau (middle) and the men he served with in Vietnam in 1968. Remembered mostly by their last names, they are, back row, l-r: Lentz and Woody; front row, l-r: Ortiz and Watson. The dogs were mascots.

his new wife, and childhood sweetheart, Kathleen, for a long time. Before he departed, the couple discovered Kathleen was pregnant. What a send off, he thought.

Clearly, Paul Letourneau was not all that different from the others. He did what made sense, leaving the military the first chance he could, and rotated back to civilian life without much of a hitch.

His working career was marked by success. Without a college degree, he worked his way up the corporate ladder in the R.J. Reynolds Company - a Fortune 500 company - eventually becoming Director

of National Accounts. At 57 he is retired, living in a golf course home and spending as much time with his wife of 37 years as possible. And then there are the four grandkids. His life, in short, is a happy one.

Hardly fits with the popular notion of the Vietnam vet - the dissipated, mentally damaged soldier unable to cope in normal society. To this day, movies like Platoon and Apocalypse Now turn the genial, warm-faced Letourneau somewhat red with frustration.

Which is part of the reason why, a few years back, Paul literally put pen

to paper and in 12 furious days of writing, completed a memoir of his service in Vietnam. His account serves as the "other side," the one less publicized.

Prompted in part by the loss of both his father and father-in-law, Letourneau decided it was time to vent his memory, if for no other reason than posterity; he wanted his family to know what he had been through.

His book, "My Vietnam Conflicts," is tentatively planned for publication by Texas A&M Press in Jan. '06. It is an honest, apolitical, sometimes brutal but never sensationalized account of life in Vietnam, and was revelatory even to Kathleen. "There were things in there that I never knew about him," she says.

She never knew because he never told. Was it because he's a man haunted by conscience, brimming with nightmares? Hardly. He sleeps well now, as he always has, without regret because he knows what lies in his own heart.

Vietnam was never discussed with anyone because, as Paul says, there was simply no reason to bring it up. He makes a good point. After all, how do you begin a conversation with your wife that involves people dying for reasons that were unclear, then and now? "No, I didn't write this to be a published author," he

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asserts. "I wrote this for my kids. I don't think this (bookwriting) would have bothered me had it gone undone."

But the more he got into his work the more value he saw in its culmination. Here was a chance to honor the men he served with, telling the real story without guile or embellishment. He realized that here, too, he could point out that he and his men were not coldhearted killers, only soldiers doing a job of which they had no choice.

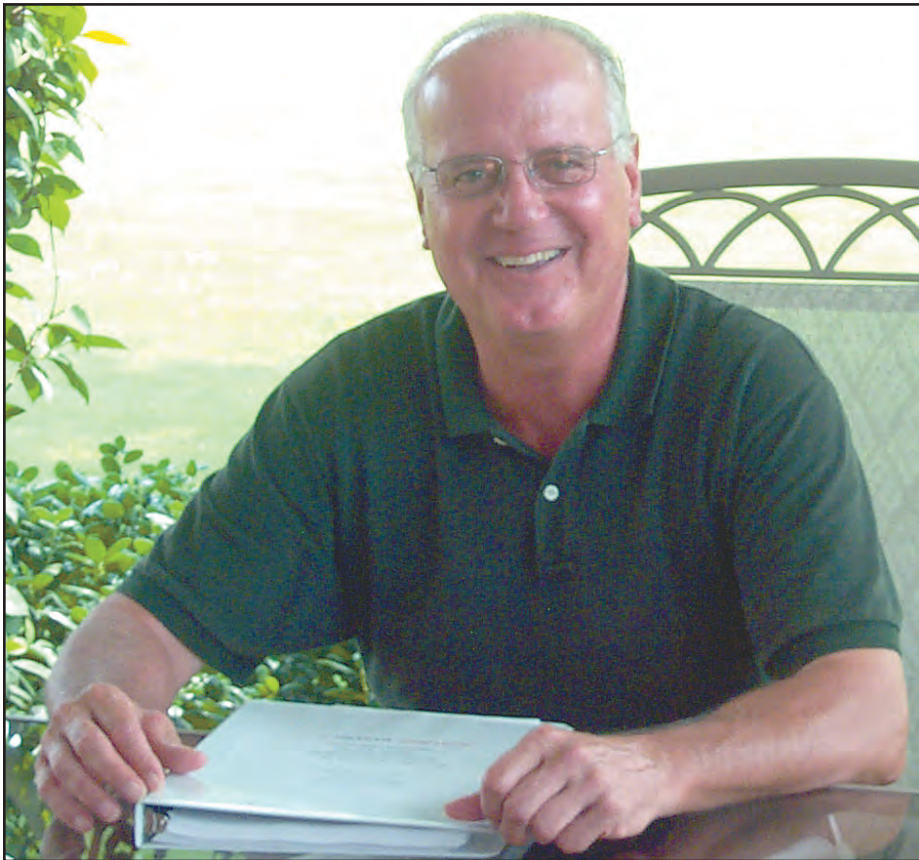
He had quite a bit of material to work with. When he arrived in Vietnam, Paul Letourneau wondered whether or not he was a coward. He did not question at the time why old men created wars and sent young men to fight them.

Fully trained but never combat-tested, he now held the lives of himself and the men he commanded in his hands, an unsettling juxtaposition. "A year and a half before, I was afraid to ask a girl to prom. Now I'm making life and death decisions," he says, recalling the abruptness of his circumstance.

His unit was the 1st of the 3rd 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, and he would be spending most of his time aboard an Armored Cavalry Assault Vehicle (ACAV) - a tracked vehicle with three large guns manned by a crew of four. His men were part of the Blackhorse Regiment, feared and respected by the Vietcong because of their ability to move quickly and hit the enemy with devastating firepower.

Letourneau chronicles not only the major events of his tour, but delves a great deal into the relationships amongst the men, that were unique unto themselves - digging out the humanity that's often neglected.

Almost 24 hours of everyday they were with one another, yet, in a dilemma shared by many veterans, Paul struggles to remember more than a few first names. They referred to each other by last name or rank, even though they shared a bond of brotherhood. A bond that crossed all social lines. On his track alone, Letourneau - a Massachusetts Yankee - served with a Mexican-American from the slums of L.A., a country hick from the Midwest, and a black man from New York. And they were brothers, united because their lives



Paul Letourneau outside his Salado home. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

depended on it.

Very few aspects Letourneau shares induce a warm and fuzzy feeling.

He tells of being on ambush patrol, belly to the dirt, spying his surroundings for vague apparitions, pajama-clad men, planting mines and booby traps under cover of darkness. There's also the search and destroy missions, when the unit reduced to rubble most of what they came across, especially the VC. He writes of the Tet Offensive and the tragedy and terrors of battlegrounds with names like the Hobo Woods and Sacred Mountain.

It's in the everyday mundane where the true lifeblood pumps, however. The homesickness that crept into the men, the letters from home detailing social strife, the care packages. All the tiny details, like the ubiquitous red dust that never left your pores, the misery of the climate, or the relief in having a beer after being in combat for several days. And the times when you could take a breath and feel marginally safe.

Interesting, also, is the term "conflicts." Letourneau never uses the word "war," not even in the title, letting for once a small political statement slip into the work, albeit subtle.

"What's a war and what's a conflict," he asks. "People die in both. It's just semantics," he says, referring to the fact that war was never technically declared in Vietnam, hence the sobriquet of "conflict."

Paul left Vietnam suddenly, shortly before his

tour was officially up. His brother, who was single and serving in the Navy, volunteered for duty in the Gulf of Tonkin, thereby giving Paul a chance to return home (brothers, by law, cannot serve in the same combat theater at identical times). That act of sibling charity might have saved Paul's life.

In the intervening decades since leaving Vietnam, Paul has gone from a man who didn't advertise his military past to one that, if not wholly embracing it, at least takes pride in his service. He even carries a lighter with the Blackhorse insignia emblazoned on a silver background.

He's not shy about his manuscript, either, although he's quick to point out that he doesn't consider himself a writer, and has no plans to put together another book. Others seem to find no fault with his style, however. His manuscript recently placed in the top three in the Barclay Literary Competition, and he has given a handful of readings to small groups at the request of friends.

He does regret, though, not having the opportunity to say goodbye to his buddies that day in 1968, when he boarded a chop-

per and left Vietnam permanently.

"I got out without saying goodbye to anyone," said Paul. "Sometime I'd like to meet back with those guys. I don't know if it will ever happen, but I look forward to the thought."

That could be a long shot, though, as Paul explains: "When you leave, everything you had in common is no longer in common." That single bond that kept the unit together is no longer intact, and there's not much that can fill the gulf. And the whole idea of engaging in chit-chat seems somewhat absurd.

Ultimately, he hopes the book will help dispel some of the negative notions about the men who served in Vietnam. "We were all normal people out there, but we coped. We came back. I turned out O.K., and a lot of other people did as well. You just don't hear about them."

As years go by, more men like Paul are beginning to talk about their time in Vietnam. One by one, their voices are being heard, and people are paying attention.

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Bumping up against 401(k) ceiling?

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



amount may fall short of the \$13,000 ceiling.

Which figure applies? It's the lower one. If the six percent limit results in you putting in only \$10,000 to your 401(k), then that's what you can contribute. Conversely, if the six percent limit meant you could actually put in \$17,000 to your 401(k), you'd be limited by the \$13,000 cap.

So, what can you do if you reach one of these ceilings and you'd like to put more away? You could try to lobby your company's benefits area to change the rules, but you may not have much success. Companies are often restricted on what they can do by "non-discrimination" laws designed to limit the amount of contributions made by highly paid

employees.

Consequently, you're better off looking for other tax-advantaged investments. Start with a traditional or Roth IRA. In 2004, you can put in up to \$3,000 to your IRA, with another \$500 as a "catch-up" contribution if you're 50 or over. Each type of IRA offers tax advantages: A traditional IRA grows on a tax-deferred basis, while Roth IRA earnings grow totally tax free, provided you meet certain conditions. Furthermore, you can fund your IRA with virtually any type of investment you choose.

After "maxing out" on your 401(k) and IRA, what should you do if you still have money to invest in tax-advantaged vehicles?

You may want to consider purchasing a municipal bond, which offers interest payments that are free of federal taxes. Municipal bond interest may also be free of state and local taxes; however, some "munis" may incur the alternative minimum tax. In general, you will achieve the greatest benefit from municipal bonds if you are in one of the highest tax brackets and if the "spread" — the difference in yield — between municipal bonds and taxable bonds is relatively small.

GO THROUGH THE "CEILING"

You'll almost certainly help yourself a great deal by putting in as much as you can afford to your 401(k). If you can't put in the maximum, contribute what you can. But if you do "bump" into the 401(k) ceiling, it's nice to know you can find other ways to take your retirement savings to higher levels.

Susan Hardin among tops of Houston Women in Tech

At a recent awards gala, Dr. Susan Hardin was one of 22 women named "Houston Women in Technology" by the Houston Chapter of American Women in Computers.

She is founder, President and CEO of VisiGen Biotechnologies, Inc. She is an Associate Professor of Biology and Biochemistry at the University of Houston.

With her company, Hardin, daughter-in-law of Jack and Juanita Hardin, of Salado, uses her expertise to focus on both basic and applied research involving DNA, including how



Dr. Susan Hardin

the DNA that carries all of our genetic information is accurately copied so that this knowledge can be exploited for biotechnological applications.

Dr. Hardin invented the core technology that forms the basis of VisiGen, and recruited the scientific and business expertise needed to transform the company from concept to operation. VisiGen is currently developing and commercializing a new method of sequencing DNA that is projected to completely sequence a genome in a day for approximately \$1,000, which contrasts to the current standard of six to nine months and \$10-\$25 million.

Dr. Hardin rose through the ranks at the University of Houston after completing post doctoral studies in Biochemistry at Brandeis University and serving as the Director of the Gene Technologies Laboratory at Texas A&M University.

She is the wife of Paul Hardin, a professor at the University of Houston.

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Future purchase of property tops list of goals aldermen adopt in drafting budget for 04-05

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen approved a three-page list of goals as they whittled at a 2004-05 draft budget of \$487,600 during their July 22 meeting. The board also approved changes to the Tourism Council grant rules and authorized the purchase of a Municipal Court Docket software program.

Purchasing property for the Village office tops the list of one- to five-year goals, followed by studying opportunities for youth sports and activities.

Other goals in the one- to five-year range include these: Pace Park improvements, investigate hiring of Village manager, investigate grants for Police Department, connect Tablerock walking trail down to Royal Street and into Pace Park, look at sewer system possibilities, examine property tax possibilities, purchase additional police car, more public restrooms and develop a connection between the schools and village for a poet laureate.

Enlarging the Police Department is the single goal for five or more years with these objectives: add investigation section, create special operations section and update policies and procedures.

Among the on-going goals are these:

- Review all street signs and traffic signs.
- Keep high profile interface with Texas Department of Transportation: call TxDOT periodically to get updates on designs for I-35; schedule

SHS sets pick up dates for 04-05 schedules

Salado High School students may pick up their schedules for the 2004-2005 school year according to the following schedule:

Seniors: Aug. 3, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Juniors: Aug 3, 1-3 p.m.

Sophomores: Aug. 5, 9-11 a.m.

Freshmen: Aug. 5, 1-3 p.m.

Students in grades 9-12 who are new to Salado ISD may register 2-5 p.m. Aug. 4. New students should bring the following items: Social Security card, birth certificate, immunization record, and records from the prior school.

review of plans when available; work with TxDOT to get better signage for Salado from I-35; work with TxDOT on Main Street maintenance and regulations.

- Address Salado Creek issues: research ownership and creek rights; work with state and county officials and Corps of Engineers; study cleanup costs.

- Continue to establish written procedures.

- Continue work with Salado Volunteer Fire Department.

- Continue to promote annexation: provide public information on how annexation is done for General Law Type B municipalities; recruit and solicit businesses to be annexed; get citizens interested and involved in process; set up committee to investigate

extra territorial jurisdiction growth and establish a plan of action.

- Do annual update on Emergency Management Plan.

- Employee evaluations.

- Articles in Salado Village Voice regarding Village government activities.

- Finish playground at Pace Park: landscape playground; create structure for tiles.

- Purchase officer equipment; police bike; shotgun; automatic defibrators with training for officers; training uniforms.

- Establish transportation system on Main Street: horse-drawn carriage or other potentials.

- Emergency management training for alder-

men.

- Water supply issue: fire chief and water department meeting.

- Investigate geographic and topographic maps.

With an eye to these goals, aldermen and village treasurer Eldon Miller have begun drafting a budget that will be approved in September.

The draft budget calls for \$487,600 in revenues and expenditures. On the revenue side, the village is anticipating \$287,000 in sales tax and \$108,000 in franchise fees.

The chief expense for the budget will be the police department (\$207,825) and administrative expenses (\$133,830). Street maintenance, which includes Pace Park upkeep, will top \$75,200.

Aldermen approved Encode to provide a software program for the Municipal Court docket. The initial cost of the software program is \$8,000 with a \$1,000 yearly update and maintenance cost. The initial cost will be divided between two budget cycles, with half of it paid in the 03-04 fiscal year and half paid in the 04-05 fiscal year. The Municipal Court generates approximately \$6,400 in fines and fees, of which approximately \$5,700 is paid in salary and taxes for a municipal court judge.

Aldermen also changed the Tourism Grant rules to require submission of an evaluation form, required receipts and financial information to be delivered no later than 60 days after an event. The change

also allows foreexamination of ledgers and others record detailing the use of the funds under the program by the Tourism Council.

The board took no action on two proposed subdivisions: the Blassingame Subdivision and the Baines Street Subdivision. Aldermen also tabled action on increasing the Itinerant Vendor application and fees, appointing zoning board of adjustment members, and a maintenance agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation concerning Main Street and its right-of-way.

Aldermen will consider the subdivisions at their next meeting slated for Aug. 5 at the Municipal Building. Meetings are open to the public.



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New brigade coming to Hood

A new brigade-size force is scheduled to come to Fort Hood during the Fiscal Year 2005 period, adding a fourth Brigade Combat Team to the 4th Infantry Division and increasing the population of Fort Hood by 5,000, the

Department of the Army announced recently.

The reassignment of the soldiers and the creation of new units will affect nine other installations in addition to Fort Hood, and is part of an overall plan to transform the Army by

creating modular Brigade Combat Teams (Units of Action) at Army installations in the continental United States.

At the current time, Army officials say the locations identified to house the new units are temporary, but necessary so the transformation process can begin rapidly. The permanent stationing for all of the new units will be addressed through the Base Realignment and Closure analysis mandated by Congress and scheduled in 2005. The temporary population increased at all affected installations will be supported by the construction of temporary, relocatable buildings.

No announcements have yet been made about the current location of the soldiers who will comprise the new 4th Infantry Division brigade, nor when any movements will occur as part of the FY 05 schedule.

However, Fort Hood officials are already making plans to accommodate the increased population.

Changes planned on the installation currently include the construction of approximately 220 temporary buildings, the construction of several new small arms firing ranges on the main installation, and the construction of necessary roads to travel to the main training areas, as required.

Fort Hood officials emphasize that all environmental laws and regulations involved in the construction will be complied with. An Environmental Assessment is currently being developed and will be available for public comment in the near future.

Additional information concerning plans for construction of new facilities and details about the arrival of the new soldiers will be provided as soon as it is available.

In addition to Fort Hood, the Army plans to organize and temporarily station the new modular Brigade Combat Teams at Fort Polk, LA, and Fort Richardson, AK, in FY 2005. During FY 06, new units will be created and temporarily assigned at Fort Benning, GA.; Fort Bliss, TX; Fort Bragg, NC.; and Fort Riley, KS. The Army previously previously organized new Brigade Combat Teams at Fort Stewart, GA.; Fort Drum, NY; and Fort Campbell, KY., this year.

In concept, the new Brigade Combat Teams are designed to deploy as independent units and be used in combat as modular forces.

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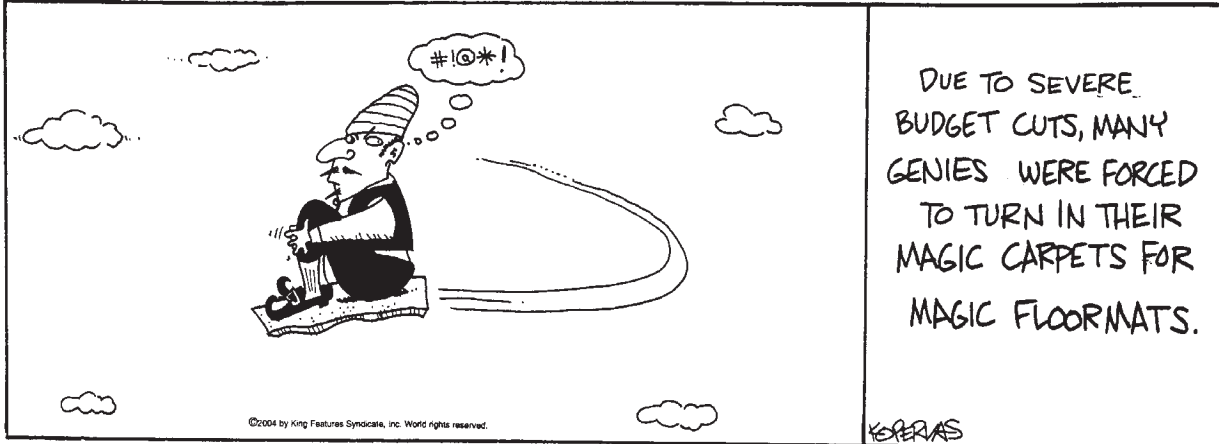


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Village of Salado Draft Budget Comparison

	Projected 2003-04	Proposed 2004-05
Revenues		
Sales Tax	\$289,391	\$287,000
Mixed Beverage	\$7,059	\$7,000
Franchise Fees		
Electric	\$47,800	\$47,800
Telephone	\$6,419	\$6,400
Waste disposal	\$5,072	\$3,400
Water	\$3,600	\$3,600
Development Fees		
Subdivision	\$923	\$1,000
Building Permits	\$6,325	\$6,000
Sign Permits	\$225	\$400
Inspections	\$0	\$5,000
Other	\$550	\$600
Total Development Fees	\$7,823	\$13,000
Municipal Court Fees	\$6,431	\$6,200
Fire Department Burn Fees	\$370	\$400
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,000	\$1,000
Tourism Council administrative fee	\$1,800	\$1,800
Interest Income	\$2,228	\$2,000
Total Income	\$487,038	\$487,600
Expenditures	Projected 2003-04	Proposed 2004-05
Administrative		
Salary	\$30,430	\$31,430
Overtime	\$589	\$600
Hourly administration	\$1,402	\$1,800
Benefits	\$1,545	\$2,800
Payroll Taxes	\$872	\$1,400
Dues & Fees	\$5,108	\$5,500
Election expenses	\$472	\$500
Insurance	\$10,558	\$11,200
Training & Travel	\$3,470	\$2,900
Office Supplies	\$4,027	\$4,500
Printing expenses	\$562	\$500
Postage	\$1,718	\$2,000
Telephone	\$4,550	\$4,600
Professional Fees		
Planning	\$29,978	\$10,000
Engineering	\$7,001	\$16,000
Subdivision	\$0	\$500
Auditor	\$3,540	\$8,000
Inspections	\$1,110	\$5,000
Legal	\$29,706	\$15,000
Public Notice	\$1,285	\$1,500
Equipment Leased	\$3,178	\$3,100
Equipment Purchase	\$1,920	\$0
Total Administrative Expenses	\$143,021	\$133,830
Municipal Building		
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,709	\$2,000
Supplies	\$798	\$800
Utilities	\$4,342	\$4,400
Total Building Expenses	\$6,849	\$7,200
Fire Department		
Burn Fees	\$210	\$300
Contract	\$25,000	\$25,000
Total Fire Department	\$25,210	\$25,300
Marketing	\$758	\$800
Municipal Court		
Salary: Judge	\$5,100	\$5,100
Payroll Taxes	\$623	\$600
Supplies	\$5,954	\$6,000
Total Municipal Court	\$11,677	\$11,700
Police Department		
Salary: Chief of Police	\$40,950	\$43,000
Salary: Officers	\$89,525	\$97,575
Salary: Overtime	\$5,274	\$8,000
Salary: Part-time	\$2,400	\$0
Payroll Taxes	\$3,000	\$5,600
Benefits	\$18,520	\$28,800
Officer Equipment	\$5,000	\$2,500
Training & Travel	\$1,000	\$5,000
Office Equipment & Forms	\$4,600	\$1,050
Cell Phone	\$3,280	\$3,600
Fuel	\$6,000	\$7,000
Repair/Maintenance	\$3,000	\$2,400
Reserve Officers	\$62	\$700
Jail Expense	\$500	\$600
Crime Prevention/COPS	\$1,800	\$2,000
Total Police Department	\$184,911	\$207,825
Streets & Maintenance		
Resurfacing	\$20,000	\$26,000
Pot holes	\$14,650	\$18,000
Other	\$3,000	\$7,000
Signage	\$7,764	\$5,000
Utilities	\$7,107	\$4,200
Parks	\$11,986	\$15,000
Total Streets & Maintenance	\$64,507	\$75,200
Animal Control	\$400	\$600
Contingency	\$845	\$6,000
Emergency Operations	\$354	\$1,000
Total Expenses	\$438,532	\$469,455
Capital Outlay		
Future Facilities		\$12,000
Police Auto		\$6,000
Expenses & Capital Outlay	\$438,532	\$487,455

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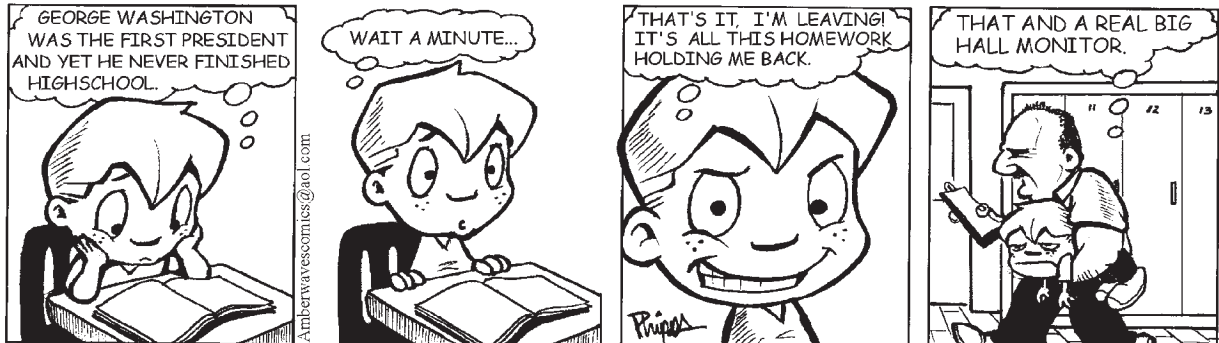


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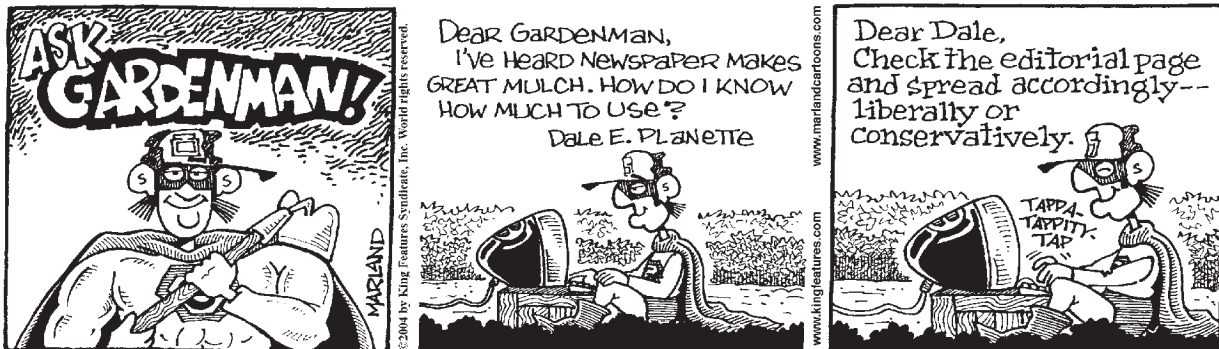
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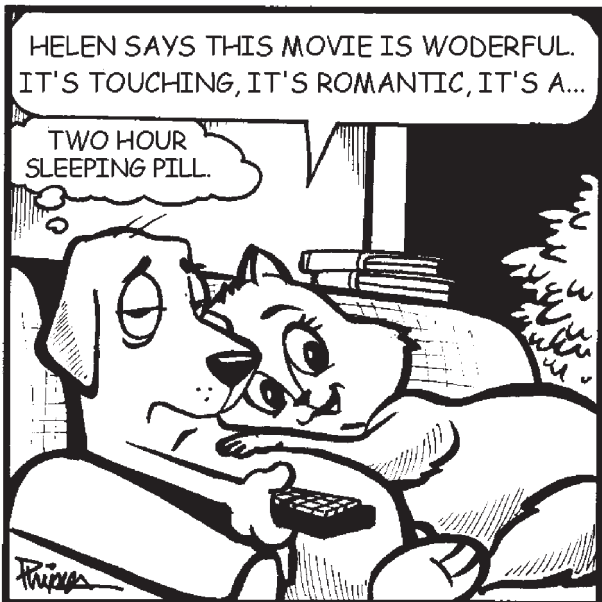


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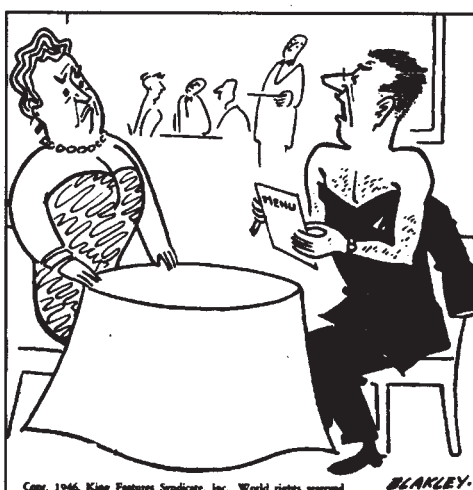
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PALS honors friends

The Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) hosted a series of six-minute lectures and a luncheon on July 26 in the Longhorn Room of the Stagecoach Inn. Featured speakers on arts events and activities in Salado and elsewhere were Darwin Britt, Suzi Epps, Jackie Mills, Allen Rice, Gil Wanzor, and John Van Cura.

PALS president, Raymond Carver, served as Master of Ceremonies at the luncheon introducing awards presenters: Charles Allen, Jeanne Barrier, Vickie Kelley, Bill Pinkston, Rita Rice, and Mike Williamson. Ruth Howe presented a special award designed by Troy Kelley as a Recognition of Distinction to the Salado Civic Center Board of Directors for their assertive and sustained support of Public Arts programming in Salado.

President Carver noted that since PALS' inception a year and a half ago, the arts group has raised over an incredible \$110,000 in cash and in-kind contributions. The purpose of the lecture/luncheon event was to define what's happening in Public Arts in Salado and to encourage volunteerism in "and support of" Public Arts.

The following Honorees were presented awards: Alice's, April Allen, Emmy Alvarez, Ambrosia, Angelita's, Mayor Rick Ashe, Gary Askins, Candus Ater, Jasper Barrett, Charles Barrier, Robin

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Harker Heights Chamber holds 10th annual golf tournament

The Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce will be holding its 10th annual golf tournament July 31.

The tournament will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. at the Clear Creek Golf course on Fort Hood. Registration at the door, starting at 7:15 a.m. \$70 entry fee includes: Green Fee, cart, lunch and drinks, tee

shirt, and chances to win prizes. Teams of four are only \$280.

If you're not a "Tiger", don't worry, they have mulligans two for \$5. There will be the Keagle Eagle Closest Pin, Most Accurate Drive contest. Not to mention over \$4,000 in prizes.

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Holland area students make strides in educating peers about sexual violence

Three Holland High School Students attended three-day conference addressing respect in secondary schools

While most students spent the weekend of June 24-26 working or playing in the Holland area as normal, these Holland High School students chose to spend a weekend gaining new knowledge and skills, preparing them to share a message of healthy relationships and respect at Holland-area schools this fall. The students attended the fourth annual Students Taking Action for Respect (STAR) Conference at the Stephen F. Austin University campus in Nacogdoches.

STAR, the youth outreach and education program created by the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA), incorporates positive mes-

sages directed at reducing sexual harassment and violence in schools. The STAR Program trains high school students to present workshops and organize activities dealing with sexual harassment while building an environment of respect within Texas schools. These student-led presentations are currently traveling the state, allowing STAR participants to increase sexual violence awareness among their peers. The STAR program is so respected and admired nationally that many other states, including Pennsylvania and Louisiana, are using Texas's STAR curriculum as a base for their own youth outreach and education program.

"These students walked away from the conference empowered by what they had learned and have grown passionate about

educating their friends and peers," said sponsor Patricia Luna. "The STAR Program, while offering an education in social responsibility, has also encouraged the students to seek out leadership roles among their peers and has improved their public speaking and presentation skills." The Holland High School STAR team is only one of over 30 such teams in the state.

The American Association of University Women study, Hostile Hallways: Bullying, Teasing and Sexual Harassment in School, found that 80 percent of American schoolchildren report they have experienced sexual harassment on campus. This report, a follow-up to the group's 1993 survey, reinforces that sexual harassment has become a fact of life for students.

The innovative and



Tatum Boltinghouse, Callie Johnson, Alysse Luna, Sponsor Patricia Luna.

nationally acclaimed STAR curriculum carries the "Speak Up. Speak Out." message of TAASA's public awareness campaign even further, bringing dialogue about sexual violence into school classrooms. Recent studies have shown that sexual assault is a top crime concern for Texans, and the efforts and hard work of STAR participants increases young Texan's awareness of this silent

crime. Workshops at the conference are, in many cases, conducted by teens who have been active in the STAR program since its inception and cover topics ranging from acquaintance rape and club or date rape drugs to sexual harassment and dating violence. By the close of the conference, all attendees have amassed the skills necessary to spread their lessons learned to their peers at home.

Texas Association Against Sexual Assault

The Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) is the statewide organization committed to ending sexual violence in Texas. TAASA is a non-profit educational and advocacy organization. As an agency, TAASA works to promote sexual assault awareness throughout the state of Texas. TAASA provides training to rape crisis personnel, law enforcement, other service agencies, community groups, and schools on topical issues related to sexual assault as well as curriculum information for sexual assault trainings. In February 2003, TAASA launched a \$2 million public awareness campaign, "Speak Up. Speak Out," which has since spurred a three-fold increase in hotline calls made to local crisis centers.

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- Inn on the Creek
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- Mill Creek Golf Course
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- Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe
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- The Range
- Coca-Cola
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- Splendors
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- Tynes Realty
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- Southern Comforts
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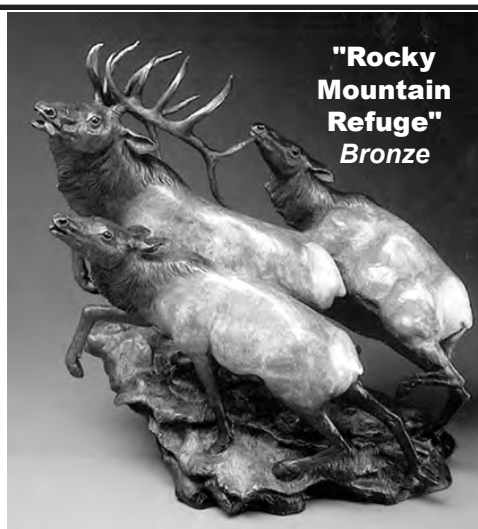
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Annual Open Golf Tournament. Limited to 60 paid teams, \$400 per team, includes green fees, cart, range balls and dinner. Info: Robert Ray, 760-2060, or Al Bishop, 254-640-1484.

AUGUST 1-5
Third Annual Institute for Voice and Teaching, led by Drs. John and Kim Van Cura, along with Carol Meyer, at Salado's Allen Hall. Daily lessons on vocal fitness and fundamentals of technique, culminating with a free public concert **7 p.m. Aug. 5** in Allen Hall. Info: 947-5592 or kjvancura@earthlink.net.

AUGUST 2
Deadline for ad copy to be published in Fall 2004 Jewel in the Crown publication.

AUGUST 2
Monday Club covered dish luncheon, 11 a.m. at Salado United Methodist Church. Program: "Life on a Houseboat," by Pat Wanzor. All ladies invited to attend. Bring a covered dish.
AUGUST 2-8
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Live music on the patio at The Range restaurant, featuring Pat McCann, New Age jazz pianist. 7-10 p.m. Half

price drinks on patio 6-10 p.m. Info: 947-3828.

JULY 31

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

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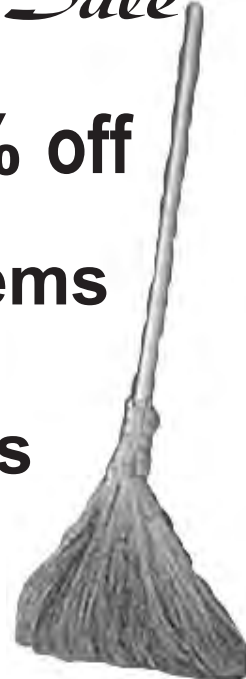
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AUGUST 7

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AUGUST 7-8

38th Annual Salado Art Fair in Pace Park. For more information call the Salado Chamber of Commerce 947-5040.

AUGUST 10

Meeting of the Poets and Storytellers Guild, with professional storytellers Doc Moore and Tim Tingle, 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. Public is welcome. Info: Joan Schrock, 947-9040.

AUGUST 21

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AUGUST 26

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AUGUST 27

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NOVEMBER 18

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NOVEMBER 23

Noon deadline for Salado Village Voice newspaper Dec. 1 publication.

NOVEMBER 25-26

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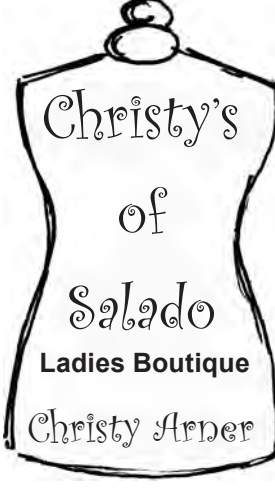
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Salado FFA Meeting: First Monday of the month, 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.
Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees: 3rd Mon. at 6 p.m., at Salado Civic Center.
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Salado Area Republican Women: 3rd Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-8422 or 947-3617 for information.
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Salado Water Corporation Board of Directors: 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m. Corporation office.
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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.
Salado Moms, playgroup, contact: saldadmoms@att.net

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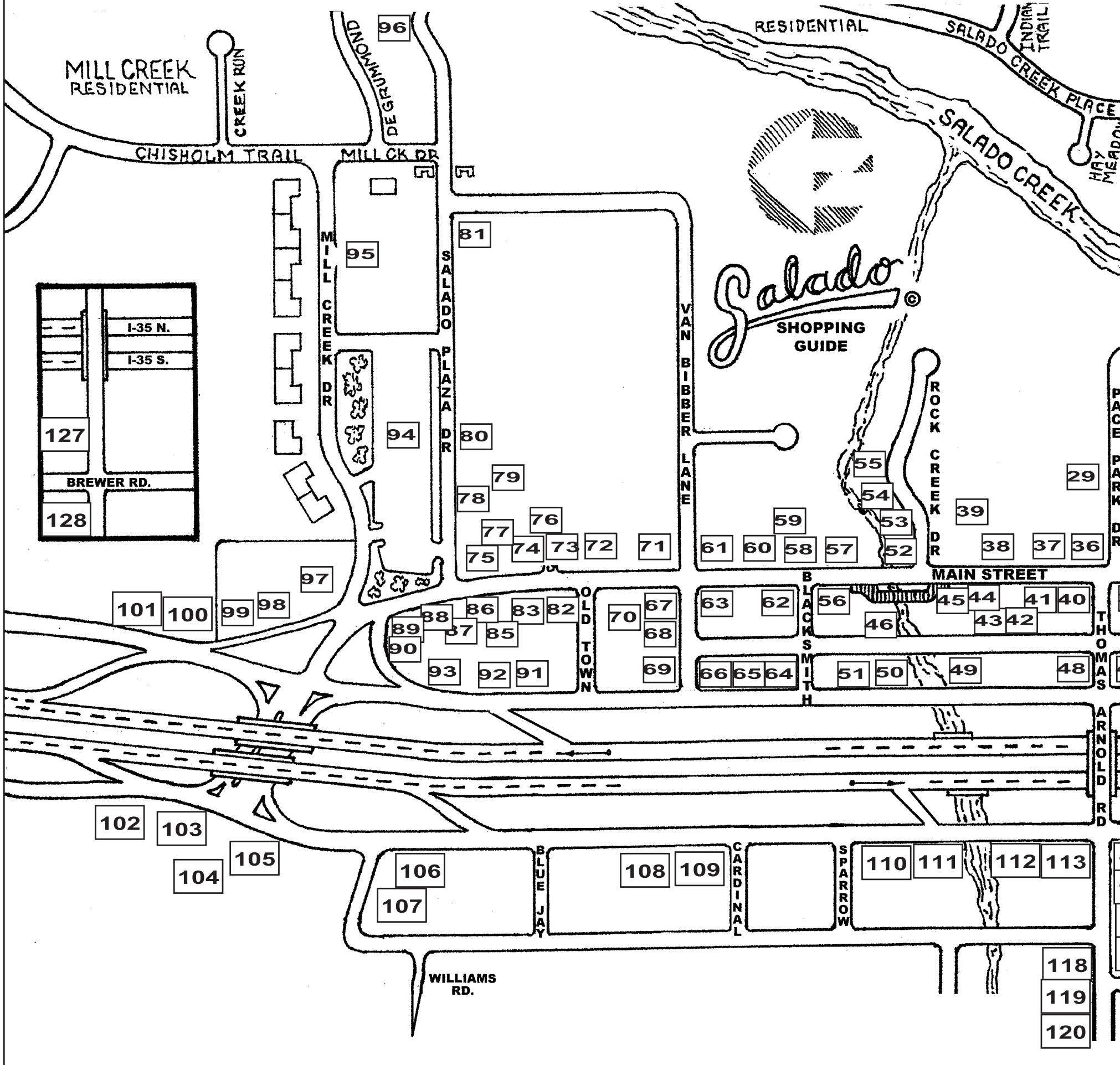
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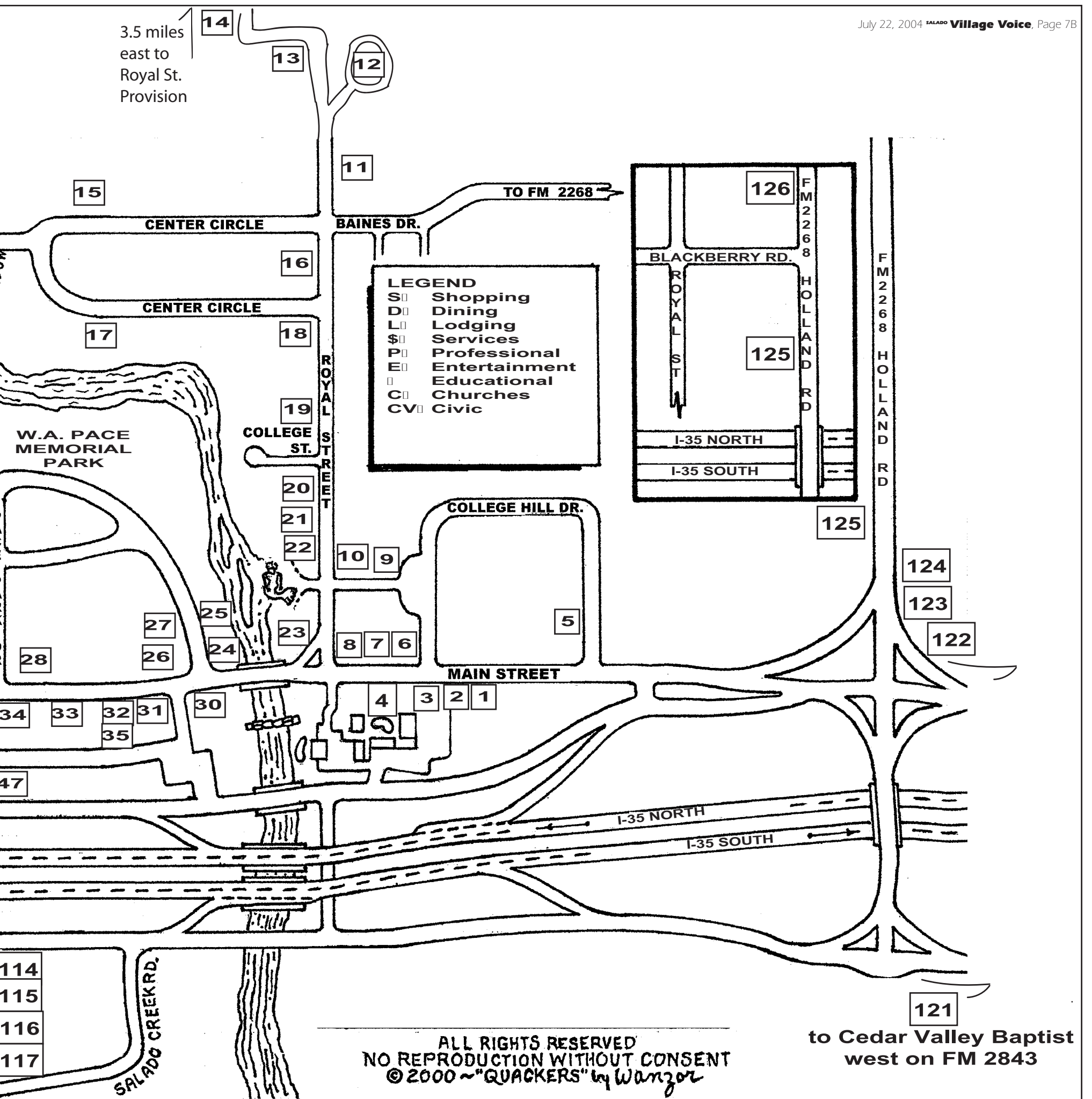
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Fighting battles against fire ants

Master Gardener

by Charles Newsom

The first step in controlling fire ants is to correctly identify the ant. There are many types of ants and in some instances, they are considered a beneficial insect. The imported fire ant builds earthen mounds that are one to two feet in diameter and several inches high.

The mound has a hard crust and there are not any visible entrances. This is in contrast to the harvester ant (red ant), which clears an area around its nest and has a visible entry. The volcano ant is a small ant that may be mistaken for a fire ant, but its mound is shaped like a volcano cone and has a visible entrance. The imported fire ant may be red and dark brown in color and is from one-eighth to one-fourth inches long.

It takes about 30 days for a fire ant egg to develop into an adult and the workers may live from one to six months. The queen may live from two up to

six years. A queen may lay up to 800 eggs each day and each colony may have more than one queen. Mating is usually in the spring or fall and occurs during mating flights. The males die after mating and the queens find a suitable nesting site and start a new colony.

Fire ants are not difficult to kill, but there are many of them and they move in from neighboring areas. Treatment of a single area is not as effective as treating a larger area. A community program where several people treat the fire ants at the same time is more effective than one person treating their yard. There has been some success in having an entire subdivision treat their yards at one time, but this requires cooperation

and coordination of all the homeowners.

There are many insecticides on the market to treat for fire ants. The recommended method is to first use a bait and follow up with an individual mound treatment a week to 10 days later. This method is called the "Texas Two Step." Many fire ant baits use ground corn cob for the filler, soy oil for the attractant and a small amount of insecticide. Before applying a bait, be sure the ants are actively feeding. This may be accomplished by putting a small amount of bait or crushed potato chips out and seeing if the ants pick it up in a few minutes.

If the ants are not actively feeding, do not put the bait out. The bait is an attractant for the fire ants, so do not put the bait near things like air conditioners, electrical boxes, telephone connections or other places you do not want the ants to get into.

Most baits contain a growth hormone regulator. The workers do not eat solid food, but do take the moisture from the bait, which contains the active ingredient. This is carried back to the mound where it is fed to the queen. Baits have different lengths of time to be effective and some have longer effective periods than other do. Some baits claim to be effective for up to one year. Others offer up to six month effectiveness.

After the bait has been applied, you will probably need to follow up with an individual mound treatment to kill the remaining ants. Some baits are also listed as an individual mound treatment. The key here, as with any pesticide is to carefully read the label. The label will tell you many things.

First is the required personal protective equipment. Do not disregard this information which usually calls for long sleeve shirt, pants and gloves. Some products will call for respirator, eye protection and other measures. Some labels will tell you not to apply the product if rain is expected or if the wind is more than 10 miles per hour. The label will tell you how much the product is to be applied. Some will call for eight ounces per acre or one tablespoon per mound. After applying the pesticide, wash the clothing separately and take a bath to remove any product that may have gotten on your skin or in your hair.

Other information found on the label will tell you where the product may be used. Before using a product in a garden, ensure the product is labeled for use where foodstuff is grown. Some products are toxic to fish, wildlife and pets. Many products are not labeled for use in pastures where hay is grown or livestock is allowed to graze.

The label on the product is a legal contract between you and the manufacturer. You are required to follow the instructions on the label. If you do not follow the instructions provided on the label, you are going "off label." This means that you will be solely liable for the use of the product. Also, you cannot allow the product to drift onto property that you do not control. You cannot place the product on your neighbor's property or allow it to blow or wash onto their property.

The active ingredient is another item listed on the label. You are buying the active ingredient, which may be sold under several trade names. Each brand may have a different concentration of the active ingredient. For example, you can purchase acephate (which is sold under several trade names) in 50 percent and 75 percent concentrations. A pound of 50 percent concentration will have eight ounces of active ingredient and the 75 percent will have 12 ounces of active ingredient. The intended use may determine which concentration is better in addition to the cost for the active ingredient. A less concentrated product may be easier to apply.

The label has very important information on it. Read and understand the label before using any product. The product will be more effective if it is applied according to the label and you will be in compliance with the instructions for application. The suffix "cide" means a thing that kills, whether a herbicide, pesticide, rodenticide, or fungicide. Carefully follow the label regardless of which product you are using.



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By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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Other scenes to follow are: Santa with presents in hand going down the fire-plac, presents under the tree, Merry Christmas to All, and May the Hope of Bethlehem be Renewed in your Heart.

The nine scenes will lead visitors through the crook of Pace Park on the lower level.

The cost of the Christmas in the Park display will be \$4,000 with 40 sponsors needed at \$100 each. The displays will be such that they can be

used in subsequent years, according to organizers.

If you or your business is interested in being a sponsor, contact the Salado Chamber of Commerce.

SBA members expressed their excitement about the new addition to the Annual Christmas Stroll during their regular meeting July 22.

In other business, SBA members learned that they have over \$20,000 in cash on-hand with more than \$27,500 paid in dues by 103 members.

Are those girls twirling plungers?

By TUMBLEWEED SMITH

As the parade moves down Main Street, we notice a marching group of ladies in cowgirl regalia, most of them at least middle age. They're prancing and dancing to music from a huge sound truck in front of them. They're wearing red cowboy hats, boots, bright blouses, capri pants and gloves and vests with fringe. And they're doing baton routines with bathroom plungers.

"When we go down the street in a parade and people see these plungers, you just cannot imagine the looks we get," says Lafon Frydenberg of Kingsland, who handles publicity for the group. "We're such a hit."

There are some good reasons why the group attracts attention. "First of all, we're old women. Most of us are in the prime of our life, 50's, 60's and 70's."

The group is called The Plunettes.

"It's about sixty ladies that march and perform in parades and small functions across the country."

The Plunettes are becoming well known. There's a waiting list of potential members. They were in the July 4th Parade in San Diego, California.

"We've been to Jackson, Mississippi for the Sweet Potato Queen Parade," says Lafon. "That was one of my first big parades. Another biggie for us was the inaugural parade for Governor Rick Perry in January of last year."

The group started when a member was trying to put together some type of skit for one of the service clubs. She went to the hardware store for inspiration and it came to her in a flash when she spotted the red and blue plumber's friends.

"Plunettes were formed right then and there. She thought it would be neat to use them as batons. We started with five little ladies who did this skit."

They have both summer and winter uniforms in red, white and blue.

"Our sound truck in front of us plays the music loud and we have routines we do with the plungers, which have streamers and glitter on them. Most of us are in sync. We're getting pretty professional at it."

They rehearse every Monday night.

"The rehearsals are fun. It's good to learn new things and keep in shape, but the real benefit is the togetherness and friendship we all feel."

They were invited to the Anatole Hotel in Dallas last November to perform at the international world pest control convention.

"We didn't know what we were getting into. We worked up two or threeroutines. It turns out there were about 2,500 people in that room. We were up on stage and did our thing. The crowd clapped their hands to the music and laughed. We got a standing ovation."

The Plunettes are all volunteers. They don't get paid. When they do night time performances, their plungers are lighted.

"We try not to use them at home."



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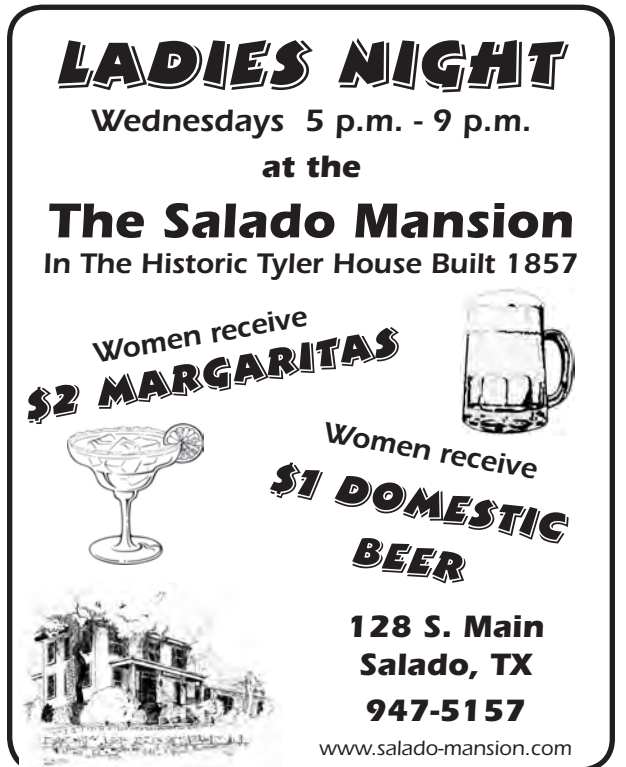
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Out-of-service wells of any type may pose potential safety hazards and

threats to ground water quality if not correctly maintained or abandoned ("decommissioned"), according to the National Ground Water Association (NGWA). There also may be liability issues to consider if an old well on your property is shown to be a pathway for contamination that reaches neighboring ground water.

Often old wells are forgotten. The components of abandoned wells may deteriorate, and new owners or property developers can

build over the old well site or unknowingly create a hazardous land use. For example, wastes associated with stables, chicken houses, dumps, etc. that are located over an old out-of-service well hole may flow straight down to the aquifer.

In an area where wells penetrate more than one water-bearing layer, contaminants may reach the ground water zone of the old well and then travel on to other portions of the aquifer. If the contamination connects with another abandoned well, it could impact other aquifers and threaten operating wells and water supply sources. Abandoned dug wells do not typically lead to contamination risk for deep aquifers, but their wide diameter, usually three to five feet, creates a physical safety hazard for construction equipment in addition to a danger to people and animals that may be injured from falling into the well.

NGWA recommends that landowners locate any old or out-of-service wells. Clues to the location of these wells include:

- * Pipes sticking out of the ground.
- * Small buildings that

may have been a well house.

* Depressions in the ground.

* The presence of concrete vaults or pits (perhaps covered by lumber or metal plates).

* Out-of-use windmills (wind pumps are likely to be located near an old well).

Other clues and information can be obtained from:

* Old maps, plans and property title documents.

* Information from neighbors.

* Additions to an old home (in the past, wells were commonly constructed in basements or under porches to keep the water pumps from freezing and to ease access in the winter).

* Water utility history: What was the source of water for your home before utility water was available?

Once a well is determined to have no current or potential future use, a water well contractor should be contacted to give advice about the most appropriate well decommissioning method, said NGWA. The water well professional will have knowledge of well decommissioning code requirements. Wells should be sealed from the bottom up, and in most cases, only well contractors have the proper equipment to do this. Any pumps, pipes, related equipment or blockage should be removed from the well so that it may be filled in and sealed properly.


Approved backfilling and well sealing procedures vary from state to state. They generally require the use of special sealing material, usually cement-bentonite grout or bentonite clay chips. The use of straight Portland cement is usually discouraged because cement shrinks in volume during curing, which creates very small fractures and gaps through which water may continue to penetrate.

In most cases, homeowners are required to notify their local Department of Environmental Protection or Water Quality Division to document the decommissioning of the well.

Homeowners are urged to contact these environmental agencies to learn what procedures are required in their region.

To learn more about water wells, visit the NGWA Web site, www.wellowner.org. To find a water well contractor near you, go to www.wellowner.org and click on "Contractor Lookup" at the top of the page.

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Who are these soldiers in Salado?

A brief history of 1-4 Aviation given

Who are the soldiers coming to town this week?

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UNIT HISTORY:

The 1st Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, was constituted on 21 August 1963 in the Regular Army as Company A, 4th Aviation Battalion, an element of the 4th Infantry Division. The unit was activated 1 October 1963 at Fort Lewis, Washington and then inactivated 25 April 1966 in Vietnam.

On 1 September 1966, the unit was reactivated at Fort Lewis Washington. After being sent to the Republic of Vietnam, the unit saw extensive action in the Vietnam conflict. The unit has campaign participation credit for the Defense; Counteroffensive; Counteroffensive Phase Two and Three; Counteroffensive Phases Four, Five and Six; Tet 69 / Counteroffensive; Summer - Fall 1969; Winter - Spring 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; and Counteroffensive Phase Seven.

In addition to these campaigns the unit earned the Meritorious Unit Commendation, and a streamer embroidered "Vietnam 1967-1968". The unit was also awarded two Republic of Vietnam Crosses of Gallantry with Palm, and streamers embroidered "Vietnam 1966-1969" and "Vietnam 1969-1970". Finally, the unit received the Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal (First Class).

Following participation in the Vietnam conflict, the unit was inactivated on 4 December 1970 at Fort Lewis, Washington. After a twelve year absence, the unit was activated again on 17 March 1982 at Fort Carson, Colorado.

On 16 August 1987, the unit was reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Aviation, an element of the 4th Infantry Division. Organic elements were concurrently constituted and activated. The unit was then inactivated 15 December 1995 at Fort Carson, Colorado.

The unit was reactivated 16 January 1996 at Fort Hood, Texas as 1st Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment also known as the Dragon Battalion. The Dragon Battalion is made up of Headquarters Headquarters Company (Stallions), A Company (Vipers), B Company (Reapers), C Company (Sidewinders), and D Company (Dawgs).

During 1999, the battalion was a key player in the Former Republic Yugoslavia (FRY) peace keeping operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The battalion (-) deployed with 16 "Apache" Attack Helicopters to Comanche Base, Bosnia. In Bosnia, the unit participated in day and night NATO operations in order to promote peace and to deter any threat between the warring factions. Later in the year the battalion conducted an Aerial Gunnery and participated in a Division level JANUS exercise, which validated concepts essential to the growth of the Army into the Twenty-

First century.

On 2 April 2002, the battalion began the Longbow Unit Fielding and Training Program and will complete the the training on Nov. 5, 2002. With the AH-64D's impressive array of fire power, mobility and night fighting capability, 1-4th Aviation Regiment remains the most lethal and deadly organization within the 4th Infantry Division.

In March of 2003 the battalion once again answered its nation's call and deployed to South-

west Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom where it conducted sustained combat operations for one year. The unit operated primarily in the "Sunni Triangle," where it played a key role in numerous operations, including Operation Desert

Scorpion, Operations Ivy Cyclone and Ivy Blizzard, and Operation Red Dawn. The battalion redeployed in March of 2004, and continues to prepare for future deployments in support of the Global War on Terror.

Schedule of events for 1-4 Aviation Regiment Day in Salado July 30, 2004

2 p.m.: Main contingency of soldiers and families arrive at Salado Civic Center to receive wrist bands and information and tours of Historical Room. Ladies Auxiliary volunteers to act as greeters.

Throughout afternoon: Shopping, soldiers' activities in Pace Park and relaxing.

2 p.m.: Music at Horsefeathers.

3-5 p.m.: Ice cream and cookies at Salado United Methodist Church.

4-6 p.m.: Kids' activities at Pace Park, sponsored by Salado ISD.

5-7 p.m.: Stilt walking by Uncle Sam and Lady Liberty at Sirena and elsewhere in the area. Uncle Sam and Lady Liberty are portrayed by Grainger and Penny Esch, of Salado Silver Spur Theatre.

6-8 p.m.: Dinner on the grounds of Tablerock Amphitheatre on Royal St.

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Tort reform: How much is necessary?

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

Not too many people find themselves perched on the fence when it comes to the subject of tort reform.

In an era where seemingly excessive filings and jury awards have led to the coining of the phrase "frivolous lawsuits," most states have some reform measures either in place, or in the works, including Texas.

Dan Corbin, a Killeen city councilman and practicing attorney, agrees that some tort reform is necessary, but cautions that the issue is complex, and that an open-minded approach should be taken - claiming that too often public opinion on polarizing topics is guided by emotion. Corbin shared his thoughts on the

matter with the Salado Rotary Club July 20.

Tort, as defined by Corbin, refers to any sort of "civil wrong." Most commonly, it's heard in association with medical malpractice lawsuits, but tort as a legal concept can apply to almost anything.

In terms of civil cases, Corbin said, "you're talking about getting money damages." Therein is the crux of the issue.

The impact of high dollar jury payouts are seen to trickle down to everyone. In the case of medical malpractice suits, insurance premiums raise, therefore increasing the cost of medical care, all of which gets passed on to the patient. Who really deserves the blame is a matter of debate.

Recently, Texas voters approved Proposition 12, a



Dan Corbin

constitutional amendment which places a \$750,000 total cap on noneconomic damages - e.g. mental anguish, pain and suffering, etc. - including a maximum liability of \$250,000 for individual entities, such as doctors, nursing homes and hospitals.

Critics of the proposition argued that it compromises the influence of the jury and that if - to borrow an example from a Wisconsin case - a doctor

removes a woman's breasts because he mistakenly believes they are cancerous, said doctor should pay through his nose in any amount the jury deems proper.

Corbin cited the now infamous 1993 McDonald's coffee case - which involved a woman who was burned because hot McDonald's coffee spilled on her leg as she rode in a car - as actually serving a public good.

The hot coffee which found its way onto the woman's legs and thighs was knowingly served at a temperature of 185 Fahrenheit, and caused third degree burns. "Third degree means that tissue is burned down to the muscle in two-to-seven seconds," said Corbin. For perspective, a typical resi-

dential water heater is set between 120 and 140 degrees.

"This woman had permanent disfigurement, pain and disability," he continued, saying the woman had to undergo extensive skin grafting to repair the coffee-damaged tissue.

The trial culminated in a \$3 million jury award to the plaintiff. In their decision, the jury decided that McDonald's was 80 percent at fault; the victim 20 percent.

Corbin credited that judgment as serving an example of corporate malfeasance being lashed in by the courts.

There is, however "a desperate need for tort reform," Corbin added. He blamed abuses by insurance companies, and a tic in the American judi-

cial system which stipulates that the loser in a jury trial is not required to pay their counterpart's attorney fees, for perpetuating frivolous lawsuits.

Because of that legal idiosyncrasy, "small businessmen are the ones that really get hit," Corbin said, especially in personal injury cases. Rather than face a jury trial, most small business defendants confronting a lawsuit choose instead to offer a pay-out, which saves the business money in the long run because weighty legal fees are nixed from the equation.

"Most of these type of cases, the personal injury cases, are settled without a trial, and it rarely involves a lawsuit," Corbin explained. But, he concluded, "that's the status of the law now."

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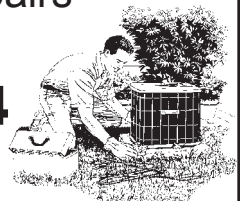
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\$219,000: Located on a beautiful street in Mill Creek, directly across from Salado Creek & golf course. The large kitchen opens into the formal dining & den. The formal living area in the rear of the home is accessible through the den or glass doors which open onto a covered porch overlooking backyard, which is large enough for a garden. 3 BR/2.5 BA, study, 2-car garage.



\$499,500: 7.65 acres on I-35 between Salado Belton with road on 3 sides. 2,000 SF, offices, 18,700 SF warehouses, 4,000 SF mini-storage. Excellent price, location and condition.



\$219,900: Located on the 14th Fairway in Mill Creek, this stately home has much to offer just the right person. Many areas of the home are handicap equipped.



\$199,000: Open living area with vaulted ceiling enhanced with a wood burning stove. The kitchen has custom made cabinets with eat-in bar. Large master bedroom.

Don't ask don't tell? Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge, First Texas Brokerage

Not everyone selling their home finds himself or herself in the happy position of entertaining more than one offer. However, in such cases you should be aware of the responsibility of you and/or your agent to disclose the fact that multiple offers exist.

The question is how much do the other buyers have a right to know about the other offers? How much can you, or should you, disclose about price, terms and conditions of all the offers?

There are two schools of thought on this subject. Your real estate agent should make clear any repercussions either way, and the agent will likely want to get your permission in writing, just to be

sure that you understand the possible outcomes.

On one hand, disclosing the terms of other offers could result in competing buyers withdrawing their offer, leaving you with less choice. On the other hand, if you instruct your agent to disclose the information, you might end up with a bidding war, which could be to your benefit!

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Earth-friendly building supplies

Dear EarthTalk: Where do I find sources of Earth-friendly building supplies and materials? Rich Duriff, San Francisco, CA

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"Our definition of quality requires us to look at what happens over the entire life of a product," says Lisa DiMartino of Seattle's Environmental Home Center, which sells non-toxic paints, natural carpets, sustainable wood products, energy-efficient insulation and organic cleaning supplies. The store's procurement staff examines products from a wide range of perspectives before putting in any orders, according to DiMartino.

Environmental Construction Outfitters in New York City's Bronx borough is a green building supplies retail store that prides itself on its ongoing research into state-of-the-art sustainable building solutions. "We specialize in consulting with architects, designers, developers and end-users and finding them the best products for their specific needs," says company founder Paul



Novack. The store offers environmentally friendly lighting, roofing, bedding, water filters and many other green products.

Not in Seattle or the Bronx? Many retailers have expanded far beyond their regions by going online. The Northwest Builders Network runs an Internet-based "Environmental Store" that sells construction-related books, software and calculators, as well as energy efficient lighting, recycled plastic benches, tables and yard accessories. They also carry non-toxic paints, oils, stains and many other building and design products.

Likewise, the Building for Health Materials Center, which bills itself as "one-stop shopping for healthy and environmentally sound building materials and home comforts," stocks and ships everything from landscaping elements to building supplies to interior décor. Other green retailers with a strong online presence

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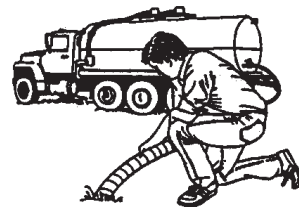
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Beautiful 4 BR/2.5 BA with open floorplan. Huge kitchen with large island that opens up to breakfast area and den with fireplace. Large living room and formal dining room. Call Katherine at 541-3502. **\$238,000.**



Great chance to live in Salado and run your own Bed & Breakfast! Would make an amazing private residence on approximately 1.4 acres. **\$325,000.**



Custom Austin Stone Home in Mill Creek. Many upgrades including raised ceilings, plantation shutters, butler's pantry, and crown moulding. Call for a special showing today! **\$239,900.**



Approximately 20 acres with Buttermilk Creek. **\$125,000.**



Lots of trees

Absolutely beautiful house on over 17 acres with small creek. Lots of Pecan Trees and Live Oak Trees. It is a must-see! **\$359,900.**



Singlewide manufactured home on a great location in Salado on approx. 1 acre with workshop. **\$54,900.**



Great Location, Great Price, Great Home - 3/2/2 Well maintained with an open floor plan on an approximately half acre lot. Oak Tree. **\$129,900**



Come relax on your covered back porch! 4/2/2 with huge great room on a little over 4 acres. Great place for horses or other 4-H animals. Priced at **\$182,900.**



House on large tree-covered lot in Mill Creek. 4/2/2, 14 ft. ceilings, formal living, crown mouldings and formal dining. Huge master suite with private porch. **\$196,000.**



Priced Right: A message of attainment enhances this gorgeous brick Traditional style home on country setting. Space aplenty. Covered patio includes hot tub. **\$290,000.**



There is easy access to the golf course from this 3/2/2 on corner lot. The professionally landscaped yard lends to easy care. Large kitchen opens into family room. **\$159,900.**

Acreage

Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. \$10,000/lot. Ready to build. Two lots in Hidden Springs already cleared! Priced at \$29,900 each or \$55,000 for both.
Appx. 1 acre ready to build. UNDER CONTRACT Meter, septic. **\$20,000.**
2 acre wooded lot in Hidden Springs with a great view. Walking distance to tennis court & the park on Salado Creek. **\$32,900.**
2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900.**
3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large pecans & live water. **\$39,900.**
5 acres located west of Salado in Hidden Springs. Enjoy the country and your private park. **\$54,900.**
10+ acres Bell Meadows off FM 1123. **\$89,000.**
20 acres southwest of Salado on Buttermilk Creek. Heavily wooded. **\$125,000.**

41 acres w/ SOLD country view \$3,500 per acre
44 acres off of Firefly Road between Salado and Florence. Great Trees with typical hill country topography. Will divide.
51 acres **UNDER CONTRACT**, tree coverage, sw of Salado.
20 acres off of FM 2268, \$3,000 per acre.
114 acres **UNDER CONTRACT**
94 acres **UNDER CONTRACT**
20 acres off of I-35.
5 acres off of Stinnett Mill Rd.

Aerials of our acreage listings can be seen at www.salado.net

Salado Lots

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

Commercial

3 acres commercial property fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$120,000.**
Excellent Commercial **UNDER CONTRACT** & IH-35
Bed & Breakfast - Great chance to live in Salado and run your own Bed & Breakfast.

Belton

Nice 2/2 doublewide with large and formal dining. Fenced yard. **\$39,000.**
Large lot with trees in gated Southlake Subdivision. **\$55,000.**
5+ acres fronting SH 190 and Boxer Road. Great commercial location. City water available. **\$299,000.**
Grand 3/2.5 home in Regatta Oaks. Huge master bathroom & bedroom. This home has so many special features you have to see to believe! Call Katherine at 541-3502. **\$339,000**