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Salado National Night Out brought together the Volunteer Fire Department, Scott & White EMS Ambulance and Salado Police Department Aug. 14 at the Salado Intermediate School. Firefighters had a Fish Fry while the Police Department offered tips of safety and fingerprinted children for parents. The Scott & White Ambulance and EMS workers were there for tours and to answer questions.



PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER



Aldermen to consider voluntary annexation request of residents of Mill Creek Springs subdivision

Salado aldermen will consider an annexation petition from residents of Mill Creek Springs Phase II and III during their regular meeting 6:30 p.m. Aug. 19 at the municipal building.

Other agenda items include the following:

- Baines Street Subdivision final plat.
- Zoning board of adjustment members.
- Topographical mapping of Salado.
- Solicitation ordinance revisions.
- Contractor registration.
- Regulating heavy vehicles on Salado streets.
- Tourism Council member replacement.
- Secondary Municipal Court alternate judge.

The board will convene into executive session to discuss real estate.

School trustees begin work on bond issue as enrollment grows 9%

BY TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The day after learning that student enrollment leaped by 90 students on the first day of classes, Salado ISD Trustees began laying the groundwork to call a bond election for March 5, 2005.

Enrollment topped 1,140 Aug. 16, near capacity for the schools. When Salado voters approved a \$6.5 million bond for a new intermediate school in 1997, they did so knowing that the expansion of the campuses would be at capacity at 1,200 students.

Salado trustees met in special session Aug. 17 to discuss a bond election timeline. While the Aug. 17 meeting was held after the newspaper went to press, the agenda for the

meeting was specific in dates along the bond election timeline.

According to the agenda, the district will call a community meeting Sept. 28 to discuss the formation of a Political Action Committee to promote bond passage. The Community Meeting will include discuss of goals, as well as present facility costs, tax impacts, draft proposals, photos of comparable facilities in an effort to determine what direction area voters want to pursue in terms of a bond election.

The district closes on its purchase of the 50 acres of property on FM 2484 on Aug. 20. Trustees considered adopting an order to authorize installment purchase contract not to exceed \$500,000 for pur-

chase of land for a new school site.

The Capital Improvements committee of the board of trustees will meet Sept. 14 to prepare for the community meeting.

Following the Sept. 28 community meeting, the capital improvements committee will meet Oct. 5 to begin to develop a plan for a bond proposal. Those plans will be developed until a final board deviation is made on a bond proposal Dec. 13.

Trustees will meet Jan. 24 to call for a Bond Election. The Bond Election will most likely be called for March 5, one of the five dates during the year allowed for elections in Texas. Early voting in the Bond Election will be Feb. 23 through March 2.

These dates are subject

Village to consider 1st round of requests on Sept. 2

Saladoans work on annexation

BY TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For more than five decades Louis and Fannie Hill have called Salado home. They have raised two sons and a daughter here. Their sons still live in Salado.

The couple was shocked when they read in *Salado Village Voice* last month that they were in danger of becoming part of Belton's Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ).

Immediately, the couple got to work. First, they learned how to request annexation into the ETJ of Salado.

And then they started visiting their neighbors. Louis estimates that they have talked with about 100 of their neighbors that could be affected in coming months by Belton's possible annexation.

If Belton approves the annexation of one mile strips along Amity Rd., it will extend the city's ETJ to engulf the Hill's property on FM 2484, as well as their farmland on FM 1670.

"They're right across the street there," Hill said of Belton's ETJ. "When I realized that, I got to work."

And so have many others who have realized from news stories, phone calls, e-mails and knocks at their doors that Belton is

not the only city that could extend its boundaries to take in homes and properties that have been historically considered "Salado."

Such as The Woods of Salado, Salado Springs, Salado Heights.

In fact, the homeowners association for Woods of Salado have organized a meeting 6:30 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Salado Civic Center to work with property owners on completing their petitions for voluntary annexation into the ETJ of Salado. Notaries will be on-hand to authenticate the petitions for property owners who attend the meeting.

More information about the meeting can be found at the homeowners' website, woodsofsalado.org. A map showing the ETJs of Bell County cities can be downloaded from that site, as well. The still-under-construction *Salado Village Voice* website will also have the map in PDF format (www.saladovillagevoice.com). Also, large format maps showing Salado in relation to neighboring cities' ETJs will be displayed in the front windows of the *Salado Village Voice* office for residents to view at any time. The newspaper office is located in the Salado Plaza Shopping Center.

Residents of the Woods of Salado understand that

one annexation by the City of Killeen, with its five-mile ETJ as a city of more than 100,000 residents, would bring them into Killeen's ETJ.

Residents along Armstrong and Blackberry Roads are also getting active and mapping out paths to the ETJ of Salado, hoping to bring themselves into the protection of the Village's buffer zone.

The quiet move by Belton to study the annexation of eight one-mile strips within its ETJ led to a noisy, stuffy, overflowing meeting Aug. 11 at the Salado Civic Center. About 200 people jammed into the Meadows Auditorium to learn more about the encroachment of Belton, Temple and Killeen into Salado school district, to learn what they can do to become a part of Salado's ETJ and to learn what it means to be part of a city's ETJ.

Cities are given a buffer zone around their city limits in which they have some regulatory authority. This buffer zone is called the city's Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). A municipality can regulate subdivision platting within its own ETJ and signage, but it has no authority to zone properties within its ETJ and limited abilities to levy taxes. A municipality may collect hotel/motel

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stadiums would be costly -- in the hundreds of thousands of dollars -- but would free land on the current campus for future expansion when the need is evident.

Architect Michael W. Marrs evaluated Salado ISD facilities and made several recommendations, including rough estimates. Marrs' proposals were for expansion on the current campus only. Consideration was not given to a new campus location.

His projections of probable cost ranged from \$8.3 million for a new primary school building of 20,000 square feet, 14,000 square feet in new classrooms at the high school, a new dressing room, band and music hall (7,000 square feet) and a new vocational center (8,000 square feet).

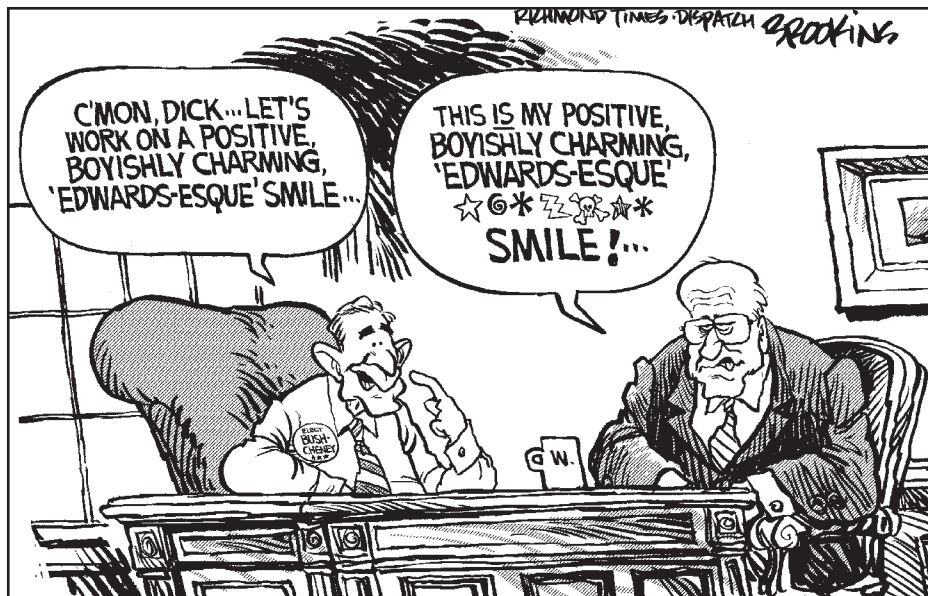
Construction of a new high school campus (70,000 square feet and 8,000 for vocational education building) and new construction at the elementary campus (8,000 square feet) is estimated at \$10.8 million.

With growth of students and the district's tax base concurrent, Salado taxpayers can expect a tax increase if they approve a new school bond issue. Estimates of tax impact range from approximately 9 cents for a \$6 million bond to 11.5 cents for an \$8 million bond to 17 cents for an \$11 million bond.

If voters approve a bond issue in March 2005, construction may be completed in Spring 2007, by which time the student enrollment may be 1,300.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



The Democrats' "Un-American" Charge

Before telling a reporter to "shove it" late last month, Teresa Heinz Kerry complained that there were "creeping, un-Pennsylvanian and sometimes un-American traits" to the presidential campaign. Few people outside of Wilkes-Barre care much about the epithet "un-Pennsylvanian," but in dropping the "un-American" bomb she highlighted an important truth about today's politics: It is the Democrats who routinely question the GOP's patriotism, not the other way around.

This makes for a fascinating stew of cognitive dissonance, transference and probably odd psychological maladies yet to be identified and labeled. It's not easy to question the patriotism of people you are denouncing for questioning people's patriotism -- but Democrats manage it.

Wes Clark personifies the art form. He gets so angry at Republicans allegedly questioning his patriotism, his head nearly explodes. "This flag is ours! And nobody will take it away from us," he shouted at the Democratic Convention. What is it Nietzsche once said? "No one is such a liar as the indignant man." Or such a hypocrite.

Clark based most of his primary campaign on questioning President Bush's patriotism. He said of Bush's landing on an aircraft carrier, "I don't think it's patriotic." He said that Bush had failed to do his duty to protect the country, and "if you're patriotic, you do your duty." He said of Iraq, "I don't think it was a patriotic war."

Clark has plenty of company. At a Democratic event, Michael Moore belittled of Republicans: "They are not patriots. They are hate-triots." Ted Kennedy denounced "false patriots," and Howard Dean criticized those who fly "under a banner of false patriotism." The implicit message from both was clear: Republicans aren't true patriots.

This fits a pattern. Back in May, Teresa Heinz Kerry called Dick Cheney "unpa-

Rich Lowry



triotic." New York Rep. Nita Lowey has called Republicans "unpatriotic" for cutting taxes. Howard Dean, again, has said that Attorney General John Ashcroft "is not a patriot."

Given the nature of their incendiary charges against Bush, Democrats are almost forced into questioning his patriotism. If Bush really lied the country into a war of choice to boost his own political fortunes, he is a treasonous scoundrel. If the Bush administration creates terror alerts to provide itself political cover, as Dean thinks, it is an unpatriotic monstrosity. If Bush is a "fascist" -- as Dean and prominent environmental activist Robert Kennedy Jr. recently suggested -- he is un-American.

Indeed, it makes sense for Democrats to pretend that the debate is all about whether they are patriotic. To that challenge they can simply answer, "Yes, we are -- next question." This was the flag-waving, reporting-for-duty approach of Sen. Kerry at the Democratic National Convention. But that's not the issue. It is whether the Democrats have a tough and serious national-security policy, a much more difficult question for them to answer.

If Democrats want to question Republicans' patriotism, that's their business. They just shouldn't pretend that they are the victims of the kind of assault they themselves are launching.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Book blasts Kerry's war record; Claims Purple Heart medal came from "self inflicted" accident

Veteran observers of our topsy-turvy world of politics, especially the current quadrennial campaign for the nation's highest office, have been wondering when the first full-blown book would be released by someone whose sole mission is to discredit John Kerry's war record. A record of critical importance to the Democratic challenger's background and qualifications.

The first widely circulated written defamation came from a not-unexpected source, as a **book review** by political columnist Robert D. Novak, one of the nation's leading apologists for all things Republican.

Novak - in his August 10 column, presented an in-depth report on "**Unfit for Command: Swift Boat Veterans Speak Out Against John Kerry**," written by John E. O'Neill, who replaced Kerry as captain of Swift Boat PCF 94 in 1969, after Kerry completed his tours in Vietnam; and co-author Jerome R. Corsi, a so-called "expert" on the Vietnam antiwar movement.

Novak calls the book a "passionate but meticulously researched account of how Kerry went to war."

Additionally, Novak notes that O'Neill admits to a personal vendetta against Kerry going back to 1971. We must also assume, from the reported tenor of the book, that Corsi finds little value in Kerry's public stand against the torturous war in the Vietnam quagmire. Both claim they have had no contact with Bush or his campaign.

The book is nonetheless well-timed politically. It lists a large number of former Swift Boat sailors who want Kerry's military record released, but the most damning charge is the allegation that Kerry's decorations are unjustified, according to Novak's article.

"**His first Purple Heart was accidentally self inflicted,**" is a shocking allegation Novak reported from the O'Neill book along with a quote from one of Kerry's Commanders: "**Kerry probably wrote up the paperwork (for the Purple Heart) and recommended himself.**"

DECORATIONS VERIFIED

Three Purple Hearts, a Silver Star and Bronze Star are not unmerited decorations for bravery, nor are they simply "handed out" without review by the Navy - especially in time of war. Kerry's awards have been verified from Navy records and are on the internet for anyone's personal review.

And what about the testimonial support by Kerry's Vietnam shipmates - the "Band of Brothers" - who have been by his side throughout this political fire-fight?

The President and his campaign (including the five times military deferred Dick Cheney) should disassociate themselves from any further denigration of Kerry's military service and follow John McCain's example by labeling such attacks contemptible.

UNBRIDLED PHONE RATES

As a relative newcomer to this area - having first arrived exactly 40 years ago last month, I feel it is well within my purview to offer an opinion on our Sprint telephone system (called Mid-Tex Phone Company back then) and its most recent move to raise long distance rates without a "by-your-leave" from any state or national regulatory agency.

All of us are in awe of the multiplicity of information that accompanies our monthly phone bill. It comes complete with three pages of small print with such teasing titles as: "Customer News," "Sweepstakes," and

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



"Important Information." All printed bilingually.

And finally, we turn hesitantly to the part that gives us the bad news - the cost of local and long distance service. Last month's LD bill was divided - 20 percent for the calls and 80 percent for "other" charges and taxes. Local service was better with 51% for the phone use and 49% for taxes, surcharges and "other charges."

We're used to fees and taxes, but there's an invisible addition lurking within the cost of LD (toll) service. Do you have any idea what Sprint must do to raise your in-state rates? Secure an OK from the Public Utility Commission in Austin? No-no. How about permission from the Federal Communications Commission in Washington? Again - nope!

Sprint's only requirement - to hike LD (toll) price-per-minute rates, is send you and me a card and tell us about it! That's right - no regulations. No bothering with hearings or rate justifications - just spring for a 23 cent post card and they're in business. Sprint did just that several weeks ago and come September 1, cost of toll calls will reach 12 cents a minute.

INCREASES "TOLL" FOR THEE

As any good reporter seeking info on bad news (rate hikes are always bad news), we called Sprint's toll free number and waited ten minutes to talk to a human, and then after adding it was a "press inquiry," had to wait another five minutes for them to find someone willing to talk.

Spokesperson finally told us Sprint can raise in-state LD rates whenever, and as high, as they wish - provided they notify customers in advance through the Postal Service.

We checked with PUC in Austin and were referred to the FCC in Washington. And the answer both places was identical - no regulations on in-state toll charges. No response to "why not" but would hazard a guess the phone lobby got that **de-regulated "handout" slipped into the law to give the communication giants another way to sweeten their bottom lines.**

Deregulation strikes again!

FUN AND GAMES

Even in the heat of a presidential campaign we find bits and pieces of humor. Last week in a whistle stop by Kerry and his troops - a group of Bush supporters showed up and began chanting "**four more years.**"

Stunned for a second - the Kerry enthusiasts then reacted without prompting from the candidate or his handlers and thundered back "**three more months!**"

Guess that's the reason we heard so much bellyaching when GOP officialdom began requiring signed loyalty oaths from those attending expensive fund raising events hosted by the Bush-Cheney duo.

Repubs apparently don't want anti-signs or rude noises from unwashed liberal-leaningers at their bashes. Democrats, on the other hand, just want the fund raising bucks, so even if Ralph Nadar and his "gang of ten" show up, (and have the price of a ticket), they'll let 'em in the tent-no questions asked!

That's -30-

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Readers sound off on annexation, creek

Dear Editor:

I want to thank the *Salado Village Voice* for their comprehensive reporting of the encroachment on our community by the cities from the north and west. It awakened the residents of the Woods of Salado to join forces in protecting not only our name, but our right to remain in the city we chose when we moved here.

I urge all the property owners in the periphery of the Village's ETJ to join us in our endeavor to surround our Village with a rural hedge of protection from the influence of neighboring cities, thus allowing our Village to maintain its unique identity. If I read the maps correctly, Belton or Killeen could one day adjoin our proposed high school on the corner of Williams Rd. and FM 2484.

The phrase echoing through the halls of the Civic Center last Wednesday at the annexation meeting, "If you are not currently in some city's ETJ today, you will be 'tomorrow'", keeps ringing in my ears. If you take Scarlet's "tomorrow is another day" attitude, you may wake up "tomorrow" in another city without having moved. Let's extend our hands across our boundaries to our neighbors until we reach Salado's ETJ. Under the ETJ rules, the Village can only expand along contiguous (touching) properties. Saving Salado from encroachment will require property owners along FM 2484 and properties to the north and south to join together in requesting the Village of Salado to expand its ETJ.

Pick up a petition to be included in Salado's ETJ at the Village of Salado office, 313 Stagecoach Road during regular office hours. You can also obtain one on-line at www.woodsofsalado.org or by calling Ben or June Willingham at 947-0878. Please join us in our effort to "Confine Killeen... Bind Belton...and Surround and Save Salado."

June Willingham
(the other Willingham)

To the Editor:

The third annual Back-to-School Clothing Drive, sponsored by Salado Family Fund, Inc. has been a success.

It means so much for the children to be able to start school in their new clothes and having the right tools to help them succeed. The way they are dressed supports their well-being and they are ready to learn.

The generosity of the people of Salado provided a new outfit and new

Your Voice

Readers Opinion

school supplies for over 123 children on the important first day of the school year.

Thank you, Salado!
Steven and Mary
Catherine Ervin,
Salado

Dear Editor:

I am an Aquatic Biologist with a B.S. and M.S. in

Biology from Baylor University and with another twelve years of experience working in the area of water quality protection. As a long-time visitor and as a three-year resident of Salado, I have been attracted to Salado by its beauty, of which Salado Creek is the centerpiece. Salado Creek is

a treasure to the State of Texas. Many of the State's beautiful spring-fed, clear-water streams have been polluted, channelized, or pumped dry many years ago. We should treat Salado Creek with care, as it is vulnerable to the same impacts. I was appalled when I discovered that someone had taken it upon themselves to bulldoze the creek and fill it will rock. I find the changes to the

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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.
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Joe Keyes
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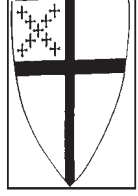
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St. Stephen Women announce quilt raffle

Recently, St. Stephen Women enjoyed a travelog presented by Ruthie Leffel on her experiences while an instructor on military troop ships. Ruthie and Bob Leffel are long-time residents of Salado, and she assisted her husband in founding the Salado Rotary Club in

the mid 1990s. Presently, they are both on the faculty of Central Texas College.

The SSWS Quilt raffle Kick off started after the weekend masses. The quilt is King size, hand stitched trapunto, Morning Dew pattern, white reversible to ecru, retail val. \$525. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and six for \$5.


The Sept. 13 SSWS meeting will be "Dancing 101" with Kay Short as our dance instructor. The business meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. with the program following at 7:15 p.m.

Monday Club to hear forum on town history

The Salado Monday Club extends an invitation to all ladies to hear a program on the historic background of the Village of Salado, 2 p.m. Sept. 13 in the fellowship hall of the Salado United Methodist Church.

The program will be presented by three women who have each lived in the Village for more than 60 years. A question and answer session will follow.

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creek to be as attractive as a drainage ditch. I would think that at the very least, these people would have approached the Village of Salado about such a plan before implementing it, considering that this portion of Salado Creek is the most visible portion of the creek.

In addition to the lack of aesthetics of the newly reconfigured portion of the creek, there are biological and physical factors to consider as well. The construction on the channel has destroyed a healthy portion of stream that was good fish habitat. Fish need cover and the cover in this case was the aquatic vegetation and the vegetated undercut banks. A significant change in water depth occurred as well which now restricts many fish from using this portion of the creek. In my opinion, the newly configured channel will not maintain its present shape. During rainfall events which cause the creek to rise, the new channel will be reworked

and the rock dumped in the creek will end up elsewhere, where it could cause additional problems such as erosion or loss of additional fish habitat.

Many of you are aware that the creek has been listed by the State of Texas as impaired by excessive nutrient loads and as a concern for bacteria. The State does regulate activities that would impact water quality of our streams, lakes, and ponds. In addition, the State and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulate what is known as dredge or fill activities in a waterbody. Remember, that the waters of Texas belong to us all, not just to the landowner adjacent to the waterbody.

I realize that not many people are aware of the regulations involved in construction activities on streams. To remedy that situation in Salado, I am enclosing an abbreviated description from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers website of their regulatory

authority for "waters of the U.S."

Sincerely,
Cynthia Gorham Test Salado

The description can be found on page 11B of this issue.

Dear Editor:

My husband, Joe Pehoski, and I, have lived in Salado, on Stinnett Mill Road, since October 1980. It is the longest we have ever lived in any one place, and we never want to move again. Salado has become our town, our home, and our refuge. It is the place where we hope to spend the rest of our days. We feel particularly blessed to be living along the Salado creek, which we consider to be the most special part of Salado! Salado is our mailing address, is where we have our business, where we donate our time and energy. It is in Salado that we place our civic pride.

This is why we were shocked when we learned that we could be annexed

into Belton, Temple or Killeen. We have always thought we were a part of Salado! We never dreamed that another town could come in and tell us we were a part of their community without our consent. Thankfully, the Board of Aldermen accepted our petition to be a part Salado's ETJ, on July 16th. However, through our experience, we have

learned that there are many other "Saladoans" who are in the same situation we had found ourselves.

So, we want to encourage all landowners, who have thought they were and want to remain "Saladoans", to do the following by August 25th:

1) Go to the Salado City Council and pick up a Petition for Voluntary ETJ Expansion

2) Sign it in front of a Notary Public

3) Obtain a map and description of your land

4) Take it to the Salado City Hall before August 25.

August 25 may define who is and who is not a part of this wonderful community.

Sincerely,
Lynda Pehoski
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Volleyballers hope to turn fortunes around

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
 STAFF WRITER

It's been 20 years since Stacy Lisenbe has walked the halls of a Salado campus. A 1983 graduate of SHS, Lisenbe - who is the daughter of long-time Salado coach and teacher Rance Dulaney - moved on from Salado to attend the University of Texas, and has spent the majority of her working career as the head track and field and cross country coach at Temple High, offset by a two-year stint at Cypress-Falls, in the Houston area.

When she learned of an opening for head volleyball coach in her hometown, she didn't hesitate,

applying for, and receiving the position. She inherits a program, though, that has faced its struggles in recent years, bottoming out with an 0-10 mark in district competition in 2003.

That being said, there's truly nowhere to go but up, and Lisenbe is already noticing a change in the team dynamic. In a girls athletics program that has been centered around basketball for so many years, Lisenbe says she was pleased when 20 girls, freshmen through seniors, participated in a summer volleyball camp that was organized in a matter of days.

The change in the collective team attitude - something Lisenbe stresses

- has been noticeable. Whereas in the past, the Lady Eagles might have thrown in the towel when they found themselves trailing in a match, Lisenbe contends that good attitude and sportsmanship will be a prominent feature of her coaching approach.

"The biggest thing I've noticed so far has been the positive atmosphere," she said. "I see a really good situation here. The girls have a very strong work ethic, and they're all great kids with great attitudes from good families."

Going into the start of the season, Lisenbe had 40 girls ready to suit up and play, a large enough number for Salado to carry Varsity, JV, freshmen teams. Lisenbe will carry an experienced squad of eight seniors on a 13-player roster. The team is rounded out with four juniors and one sophomore.

The Lady Eagles will be led by seniors Brittany Boydston and Lauren Hogwood, both recently named captains. Lisenbe expects strong play from both Stella Butts and Molly Rooney, while Kate Marshall and Nicole Weatherly, at 5'10" and 5'9" respectively, will lend height to the lineup.

One thing the Lady Eagles have in their favor is the fact that no one

else in the district is expecting much out of them. A greater challenge for Lisenbe will be convincing her team that they can develop a winning tradition despite past problems. "Actually," she says, "we're still in that phase, but I think we'll overcome it. We have depth this year, and a strong group of underclassmen. I think we can compete with any team in the district."

They've already gotten off to a good start. Competing Aug. 12-14 at a tournament in Cameron, the Lady Eagles placed sixth with a 3-3 record. The girls defeated two Class 3A teams to start the tourney (Troy and Marlin), then were beaten by the host team. They followed that with a close loss to Jarrell, but were able to rebound by defeating Granger 14-25, 25-12, 25-23. The final game was against district-rival Academy, which Salado lost. In that game, Rooney went down with an ankle injury. It is not yet known the extent of the injury.

But whatever won-loss record the Lady Eagles end up with this year, Lisenbe looks forward to getting the most out of her team, by doing things the right way. A team that, for the first time in years, could get used to the idea of competing.

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Sales tax up 4% for Village, but Salado trails state & county growth

While sales tax rebates to Salado are four percent higher this month than last August, the Village trails the trend set by the state and county of almost double digit growth in sales tax for the month.

The Village of Salado, which levies a one-percent sales tax, received \$30,433.50 from the Comptroller's office, an increase of 3.04 percent over last August's payment of \$29,534.76.

Payments to all Bell County cities levying sales tax increased by more than seven percent for the month of August, compared to last year.

For the calendar year, payments to Bell County cities is 7.45 percent higher than payments made

through Aug. 2003. Thus far in 2004, Salado has banked \$203,370.43 in sales tax checks, only 1.76 percent higher than 2003.

Salado Public Library District levies a half-cent sales tax within its boundaries, which coincide with the school district boundaries. The \$19,313.19 paid to the Library District this month is 4.11 percent higher than last August's payment of \$18,549.49. For the year, the Library District is 2.54 percent ahead of last year's payments: \$126,884.64 in 2004, \$123,732.91 in 2003.

The Comptroller's payment to Bell County, which collects a half-cent sales tax, was almost 17 percent higher in August than last year: \$1 million com-

pared to \$896,780.15. For the year, the County is 10 percent ahead of 2003: \$6.8 million in 2004 compared to \$6.2 million in 2003.

With Salado's recovering sales tax collections trailing the state and county, many Salado businesses are searching for answers to why their own sales are lagging.

Looking at the Bell County cities, the cities along the I-35 corridor (Temple, Belton, Salado, Troy) have had smaller increases in sales tax rebates this year compared to the other cities in the county (Killeen, Harker Heights, Nolanville, Rogers, Morgan's Point, Holland).

Texas Comptroller

Carole Keeton Strayhorn said the state collected \$1.27 billion in sales tax revenue in July, up 9.6 percent compared to July 2003. So far in fiscal year 2004, state sales tax revenue is up 7.9 percent.

"State sales tax collections have risen for 11 consecutive months," Strayhorn said. "After seeing sales tax revenue decline for an unprecedented two consecutive fiscal years in 2002 and 2003, I am looking forward to closing the books on fiscal year 2004 at the end of August with a solid gain in sales tax."

"Our state's economy has finally rebounded after the sharp decline that began in the third quarter of 2001," Strayhorn said.

"My Texas Index of Leading Economic Indicators points to additional economic acceleration in the coming months. One component of the index, Consumer Confidence, jumped 52.5 percent in March and by 35.4 percent in July, compared to the prior year."

Many local governments will see increases in their August sales tax allocations. Strayhorn Aug. 16 sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$431.4 million, up 11.9 percent compared to August 2003. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are running 8.3 percent higher than last year.

Strayhorn sent sales tax

payments of \$291.9 million to Texas cities, up 10.8 percent compared to last August. Sales tax payments of \$25.6 million went to Texas counties, 19.2 percent higher than last August.

In addition, \$13.2 million in sales tax revenue went to 86 special purpose taxing districts, 25.3 percent more than in August 2003. Nine local transit systems received \$100.6 million, up 11.8 percent compared to a year ago.

July state sales tax revenue and August allocations to local governments represent sales taxes collected in June by businesses that report sales taxes monthly, and sales taxes collected in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

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FROM PAGE 5A

Dear Editor:

During the public forum at the Salado Civic Center on Aug. 11, the consensus was that sooner rather than later, all properties in southwest Bell County will either be annexed by or sucked into the ETJ (extra-territorial jurisdiction) of one of the area cities. Also, based on information from the various city attorneys and city officials, it is obvious that all property owners within driving distance of Salado who now are or who can become eligible to do so will be much better off if included in Salado's ETJ. Major reasons for property owners to link their homes, lots, acreage, farms and ranches future to Salado are:

NO CITY TAXES: Properties in the Salado

ETJ can be permanently excluded from city taxes. Salado has no city tax, nor can it unilaterally annex from within its ETJ; therefore, even if Salado should tax properties within the Village city limits, those in Salado's ETJ will remain city tax-free. Inclusion in the ETJs of Belton, Killeen, or Temple will guarantee future annexation accompanied by high city taxes and minimal or no services.

FREEDOM: Annexation by Belton, Temple, or Killeen will severely limit property use by landowners. Anyone who hunts on their land or leases it for hunting will be denied that right along with many other rights including, but not limited to, unfettered personal construction, land use, outdoor activities, etc. and they will be subject to permit fees for almost anything they do on their own land. Inconsistent application of zoning criteria could be used to disadvantage landowners to favor political insiders.

Salado has minimal control over what private landowners do in its ETJ - and only then primarily with respect to signs and platted developments and the latter of which is already

subject to county subdivision ordinances.

BENEFITS TO THE VILLAGE: Although some Salado city officials are ambivalent about expanding Salado's ETJ, a wide buffer zone of like-minded citizens is invaluable to the nuclear Village of Salado. Permanent protection from city taxes in the Salado ETJ will assure maximum property value and high-quality development. This will guarantee a better maintained and more attractive approach to the Village (Just look at the South Belton city limits along I-35). More valuable development in the Salado ETJ will help support Salado's quality school system and dilute school tax demands on Village properties. At their discretion, any of the other cities could authorize zoning waivers allowing lower quality, less desirable development(s) within the Salado school district that would enlarge Salado's student census while contributing little to the school tax base.

An expanded ETJ will help Salado protect its centerpiece - the Salado Creek. What happens on the upper creek and its western tributaries invari-

ably affects the Village's creek. If Killeen or Belton is allowed to envelope these areas, any development would eventually require a sewage treatment plant south of Stillhouse Hollow Lake and west of the Village. (If you have ever been around Belton's Nolan Creek when there is an "inadvertent" spill from Killeen's sewer treatment plant, you know the negative impact it has on Nolan Creek's quality.) An expanded ETJ will help the Village to protect the quality of its segment of the Salado Creek.

If the Village becomes encapsulated within its current city limits and ETJ, any of the other cities could zone proximal or adjacent properties for uses detrimental to Village interests. Since no one wants to contaminate his own backyard, what if one of the cities' hierarchy wanted to put a wrecking yard south of Salado, or a rendering plant bordering Salado's ETJ, or a south-county garbage dump, or a sewer treatment plant like Belton did in Taylor's Valley? (Village vendors would need to stock clothespins to clamp on the noses of their dwindling customer base and residential neighbors.) Certainly, Belton's political environment could allow this to happen, and with its smaller electorate, Village voters could do nothing to prevent such adverse actions.

The bottom line is that inclusion in the Salado ETJ will give property owners permanent exclusion from city taxes and fees and maximum control of their property. It will give the Village of Salado an expanded buffer zone with a citizenry having common interests and objectives. Old-time area property owners consider Salado "home," and they do not want to do anything to negatively impact its ambiance or their quality of life; newer residents would feel comfortable in making significant investments in quality improvements. Everyone would win.

WHAT CAN SALADO-AREA PROPERTY OWNERS DO?: This is a rapidly-diminishing, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to protect your property investment and property rights. You must apply for inclusion in Salado's ETJ. Neighbors and neighborhoods need to move quickly to become qualified for inclusion. Application forms and instructions can be obtained at the Salado municipal building. Maps showing properties and owners with whom you can cooperate to qualify can be acquired at the Tax Appraisal District on Central Street in Belton. Salado-area citizens united when Belton tried to take away our schools - it's time to "circle the wagons" again. I'm giving my neighbors fair warning - I'll be calling you!

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occupancy taxes within its ETJ, but not property taxes or sales taxes.

That doesn't happen until a municipality brings property into its city limits through annexation. Involuntary (or at-will) annexation is an option for cities, such as Belton, Temple and Killeen that provide municipal utilities (water, electric, sewer, garbage).

A city that can annex at-will can do so with property that lies within its ETJ and is contiguous to the city limits. When property is annexed into a city, its ETJ extends accordingly, bringing more property under its authority.

"Clearly at some point in time, you are going to be in someone's ETJ," Belton city manager Sam Listi told area residents attending the town hall meeting last week.

Listi said that because the county is growing at such a rate that cities are expanding their reach and control of properties in an effort to control their own destiny.

Listi said that the Belton City Council directed him to prepare a study of annexation of property in the southern part of the city as a way of staving off Temple in the east and Killeen in the west.

In the middle is Salado.

The Village of Salado, as a General Law Type B Municipality, cannot annex at-will, like Belton, Temple and Killeen. However, it can accept voluntary annexations into its ETJ without the half-mile limitation coming into effect.

Salado aldermen will consider the first round of requests to be brought into the ETJ of Salado during their Sept. 2 meeting. As Alan Bojorquez explained to the audience Aug. 11, the Village can consider several requests at one time, as long as they are contiguous to the ETJ of Salado.

The Village, working with its attorney, will sift through the first round of annexation requests turned in by Aug. 25. Those that do not meet the criteria will be kept on file in the municipal building until such time that they might meet criteria.

The criteria for being brought into a city's ETJ are simple. First, the property cannot be part of another municipality's ETJ. Second, it must touch or be contiguous to the ETJ of the municipality to which it is making the request. Third, the petition must be signed in front of a notary by all property owners involved. Fourth, the request must include the meets and

bounds description of the property, as well as the address.

The Village of Salado is maintaining a map marking the properties that have requested to be brought into the ETJ of the Village. Residents can go to the Municipal Building to view those maps and request petitions for annexation into the ETJ.

Mayor Rick Ashe told citizens gathered for the town hall meeting last week that they should work with their neighbors to bring in requests in bulk, adding that the village does not have the resources to consider single pieces of property at each meeting.

By considering annexation requests in bulk, the Village may find its ETJ growing by leaps and bounds, which is something that Drippings Springs saw when nearby Austin threatened expansion. In fact, over 21,000 resident live in the ETJ of Drippings Springs, while less than 2,000 live within its city limits.

For those residents living within the ETJ of Belton, the town hall meeting offered little hope. Listi did tell the audience that he would have a form made for those residents to request to be taken out of the ETJ of Belton.

Quick action on those

requests is unlikely, at least while Belton is considering expanding its city limits and ETJ.

Rip Van Winkle, whose home lies within the ETJ of Belton but not within the one-mile strips of property proposed to be annexed, told *Salado Village Voice* that he has requested to be taken out of Belton's ETJ with the understanding that he will volunteer to be brought into Salado's ETJ. He said that he has petitions from 40 other property owners making the same request.

Cities can swap property within their own ETJs. Whether this will happen for property owners in Belton's ETJ who consider themselves Saladans remains unclear.

What is clear is this. In the words of Jim Reid, who recently moved onto Armstrong Rd. in Salado school district:

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Aug. 27: Cheesburger on roll; chef salad; hoagie; burger salad; oven fries, pineapple tidbits; choice of milk.



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Aug. 24: Fried chicken, hamburger, pizza, chef salad, baked potato, mashed potatoes with potato wedges, green beans, fresh fruit, pineapple tidbits, chocolate chip cookie, choice of milk, condiments.

Aug. 25: Pizza, chicken fillet on roll, chef salad, dirty potatoes, baked potatoes, burger salad, corn, breadstick, fresh fruit, peaches, choice of milk, condiments.

Aug. 26: Vegetable lasagna, nachos, pizza, chef salad, baked potato, quick-baked potatoes, spinach, carrots, fresh fruit, applesauce, rolls, choice of milk, condiments

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What to look for in portfolio review

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



could have gained so much value that they now make up 70 percent - which means you could be taking on more risk than you'd like. Conversely, during a long bear market, your fixed-income holdings, such as bonds, could take on an increasingly greater percentage of your portfolio's value, so that you risk losing some of the growth potential you need. By reviewing your portfolio annually, you can see what adjustments you should make to achieve a suitable level of diversification.

Of course, your definition of "suitable" will change over time. When you're young, you can afford to invest more aggressively. But, as you near retirement, you might want to become somewhat

more conservative to protect the gains you may have achieved. Consequently, during your annual portfolio reviews, try to determine if your risk level still fits your time horizon.

Are your investments performing as they should for you to reach your long-term goals? If you put your portfolio together carefully, you planned on individual investments achieving rates of return strong enough to help you meet your long-term goals. So, if some of your investments are laggards over a course of a few years, you may need to replace them.

Are you paying too much in investment taxes? - As you look over your portfolio each year, try to spot opportunities to reduce your investment taxes, which can diminish your "real" rate of return. For example, as a result of recent tax law changes,

taxes on most stock dividends have been reduced to 15 percent; previously, these dividends were taxed at your individual tax rate. You may now be able to integrate more dividend-paying stocks into your portfolio, thereby achieving some tax benefits. Your tax adviser can help suggest other ways in which you could cut your investment taxes.

Have you recently experienced job or family changes? Your employment and family situations will clearly affect your investment strategies. If you've taken a different job, you may have a whole new 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan to incorporate into your portfolio. And if you've just married, or had a child, you may need to adjust your investments to reflect some important new objectives, such as saving for a house or building funds for college.

By exploring these and other questions during your portfolio review, you can help make sure you're making progress toward your key financial goals - year after year.

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You may reach a point at which you think you're doing everything you should with your investments - and then you'll find that things have changed. Maybe your family situation is now different. Or maybe you've discovered that your portfolio has somehow evolved into something other than it once was. In short, things don't always stay the same. And that's why you need to conduct a portfolio review at least once a year.

If you work with an investment professional, he or she will have a particular method of evaluating your holdings, but every good review should cover, at a minimum, the following questions:

Is your portfolio properly diversified? Over time, your portfolio may have become "unbalanced" - even if you didn't do a thing to it. You may have started out with stocks making up, say, 60 percent of your investments. But during a strong bull market, your stocks



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Insurance rates rising

Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

Insurance premiums for homeowners could rise as much as eight percent this year (they rose seven percent last year!). When you're looking to buy a home, what can you do to take a bite out of those increasing rates?

It's important to guard your credit rating, because more insurers are becoming like lenders - they use your credit report to estab-

lish an "insurance score" to determine your premium.

You may be able to save money by holding your automobile and homeowners insurance with the same company, since many offer incentives for multiple policies. Are there any other special discounts you might qualify for? If you're a member of an association or organization, there may be a group discount available through their insurance company. Another example of a special discount is for retired seniors, who may qualify for a discount on theft insurance since they're home more.

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MCCA changes date for Fall Social

Mill Creek Community Association members are invited to mark their calendars for the Fall Social on Sept. 25, at the Mill Creek Inn. Plans are underway for a 6 p.m. cash bar, with a 7 p.m. buffet dinner followed by music for dancing.

The MCCA Social Committee members, Pat Freeman, Dorothy Dentry, Miriam Jordan, Iris Heid, Cathy Sands, Jackie Gipson, Letta Meinen,

Shelley Smith-McMaster, and Beatrice Killpatrick, met at the home of Bobbie Reihsen for discussion and planning.

Pat Freeman provided refreshments as the group worked out details for the event.

Every family in Mill Creek is invited to become a member of the Mill Creek Association, dues of \$20 per family for 2004 can be mailed to MCCA, Box 562, Salado, TX 76571.

PALS to hold Sept. 2 Open House featuring work of Village Artists

The Public Arts League off Salado (PALS) will sponsor an open house 6 - 9 p.m. Sept. 2 honoring "Friends of PALS," "PALS Best of Friends," and "PALS Benefactors" in addition to featuring the Salado Village Artists who will be exhibiting in a juried show at the home of Gwen and Joe Morrison, 1201 Rose Lane in Salado.

Gil and Pat Wanzor are co-chairs and the PALS Board of Directors will host the event.

Jurists for the show will be announced soon.

This event is one in a series of art exhibits produced by PALS and is open to the public.

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Bell Demo Women schedule Aug. 21 highway cleanup

Members of Bell County Texas Democratic Women will meet at McDonalds in Belton 7 a.m. Aug. 21 for their annual Highway Clean-up for their designated area. Members will have breakfast at 7 a.m. and begin work at 7:30 a.m.

All participants are

urged to bring heavy gloves and wear comfortable shoes. Following the clean-up a meeting will be held at the County Court at Law #2 Bldg., 550 E. 2nd Ave. in Belton. Discussion of the Texas Democratic Women's Annual Retreat held in Austin Aug. 13 and 14 will be the program for the meeting. All Democratic Women and friends are invited.

For any further information call the President at 933-0801.

Mafia enforcer turned minister to speak at First Baptist Church

Former mafia enforcer turned minister Bill Corum will speak at First Baptist Church of Salado, 6 p.m. Aug. 22.

Since he was a teenager, Corum lived a life of crime, drug addiction, and alcoholism. He has been held in prisons and jails in 10 different states and traveled more than 2,500 miles in handcuffs, waist chains and leg irons. Today, he now travels for God, going into prisons, jails, and churches telling the news of Jesus Christ.

Corum spent over 25 years in crime, drug addiction, and alcoholism. He has been in more than two

dozen car and motorcycle wrecks, several of which should have been fatal. He's experienced multiple drug overdoses, two resulting in heart attacks.

His reputation as a boxer and tough guy led to him becoming an underworld enforcer. One Mafia figure in the Kansas City crime family nicknamed him "Crazy Bill" because of the style he used in his illegal activities.

Corum wanted three things in life and went after them with a vengeance: "money, power, and influence" became his driving forces. He found himself with a \$500 a day cocaine habit and would go on cocaine binges that sometimes lasted for seven to eight days without food or sleep. In 1982 he was implicated as being one of the leading cocaine dealers in Kansas City. After eluding the law for 18 years he was now possibly going back to prison for life.

On April 15, 1983 Corum said, "God, if You are real and can change me, I will live my life for You." God kept His end of the deal and today Bill Corum is a changed man. He has been featured on the 700 Club twice, he has told his story in over 100 prisons in America and several foreign countries. His story was featured in Crosswind Comics' *Amazing True Stories* in July, 2002.

Corum's accomplishments and affiliations include: Founder and President of "Prison Power Ministries," Frequent Key-note Speaker Director of Correctional Services, Salvation Army, Kansas and Western Missouri Founder, Designer, Contractor and President of "Integrity Correctional Centers" Co-Founder and Vice President, Metcalf Auto Plaza, Overland Park, Kansas Member, American Correctional Association Member, Bill Glass Weekend of Champions.

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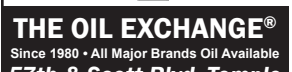
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Congressman John Carter makes stop in Salado, speaks on I.D. theft

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

Each year, hundreds of thousands of Americans fall victim to identity theft. This according to District 31 Congressman John Carter (R), who recently authored and sponsored the Identity Theft and Enhancement Act, which passed through the House and Senate and was signed into law by President Bush in July.

In an Aug. 10 address to the Rotary Club of Salado, the freshman Congressman noted that Texas ranked third in the nation in the number of identity thefts annually, one of the chief reasons he felt compelled to author the bill.

"Identity theft has actually become a rampant problem in the United States," he told the Rotar-

ians.

Combined with the emergence of the information age, the vast amount of business being conducted on-line has left the door open for criminals, and Carter explained that although identity theft is a relatively new phenomenon, it can strike without the victim even knowing it.

Carter followed with a blueprint of a typical identify theft scenario. "Usually, your social security, driver's license and credit card numbers will all be taken, and then those will be used to go out and get additional credit," he said. All of this generally takes place within the span of three to five days, he continued. Even more sinister, he pointed out, is the fact that all 9/11 terrorists were in possession of

fraudulent identifications.

Given the seriousness of the problem, and the relative difficulty in proving it, Carter says he was surprised to find that identify theft doesn't carry a big penalty on either the state or federal level. "There is no heavy risk for someone to go into the identity theft business, and most of the time, prosecutors will not pursue it," said the Congressman.

Carter said his 20 years of experience as a district judge in Williamson County helped in authoring the bill. He said his goal was to enhance existing laws, not write new ones, which he believes aided the bill's passing with ease in Congress. "It went through with very little opposition on either side of the aisle," he said. "Basically, the bill states

that if you commit i.d. theft and it's proven, you get two years added on to your sentence."

Additionally, if it's proven that identity theft is undertaken for terrorist purposes, an extra five years will be tacked on to the sentence. There is no eligibility for pardon or parole on an i.d. theft conviction, nor can sentences be served concurrently.

The new law also makes it easier to prove identity theft, and takes the step to protect a victim's federal benefits, with special attention paid to Social Security.

Congressman Carter, who maintains offices in Washington, College Station and Round Rock, will face off against Democratic challenger Jon Porter, of Georgetown, in the November election.

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AUGUST 22

Mafia enforcer turned minister Bill Corum speaking at First Baptist Church of Salado, 6:30 p.m. Open to the public. Info: Charlie Turnbo, 947-5465 or www.fbsalado.org.

AUGUST 26

Thomas Arnold Elementary Open House.

Details TBA.

AUGUST 26

Salado Area Republican Women meeting, 11:30 a.m. at Mill Creek. Guest speaker: Rick Green of WallBuilders speaking on patriotism. RSVP by Aug. 20. Info: 947-3617.

AUGUST 27

Football: Season Opener, Salado vs. Liberty Hill, 7:30 p.m. at home.

Annual Salado Lions Club Lasagna Supper preceding first home football game, 5:30 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Tickets: \$7 for adults, \$3 for children. Proceeds benefit Salado school scholarships.

SEPTEMBER 2

PALS Art Exhibit featuring the juried works of Salado artists, at the home of Joe and Gwen Morrison, 6-8 p.m. Public invited. Reservations: 947-8300.

SEPTEMBER 3

Football: Salado vs. Clifton, 7:30 p.m. away.

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SEPTEMBER 13

Monday Club of Salado program on historic background of the Village of Salado. Presented by three long-time Salado residents, 2 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church. All ladies invited.

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Football, District Opener: Salado Eagles vs. Somerville Yeguas, 7:30 p.m. at home.

SEPTEMBER 25

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

SEPTEMBER 25

Bell County Sheriff's Posse Trail Ride, Barbecue and Auction. Pace Park. 10-mile trail ride leaves at 9 a.m. \$5 per person donation. \$7 barbecue reserved tickets. \$8 at the door. Trailermasters: Sheriff Dan Smith and Andy Anderson, local meteorologist. Info: 718-1612.


SEPTEMBER 25 -26

8:15 p.m. **Shakespeare's "A Comedy of Errors"** 8:15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for child. For more information call 254-947-8933.

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SEPTEMBER 27

PALS Wine Tasting, "Under the Stars" at Inn on the Creek, 6-8 p.m. Open to the public. Reservations until Sept. 23: \$25; thereafter, \$30. Reservations: 947-8300.

OCTOBER 1

Football: Salado Eagles vs. Lago Vista Panthers, 7:30 p.m. away.

OCTOBER 2

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

OCTOBER 8-9

Christmas In October at the Salado Civic Center. Free parking and admission. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. Featuring a bake sale, live music and entertainment, classic car show and a wide-number of Christmas products from Salado merchants, available for purchase. Info: 947-5040.

OCTOBER 8

Football: Salado Eagles vs. Academy Bumblebees, 7:30 p.m. at home.

OCTOBER 15

Football: Salado Eagles vs. Lexington Eagles, 7:30 p.m. away.

OCTOBER 16

Living Room Theatre production of a Liz Silverthorne retrospective, featuring famous and infamous men and women; cast of over 30 characters. 7 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. Open to the public. Reception following. Reservations: 947-8300.

OCTOBER 22

Football: Salado Eagles vs. Florence Buffaloes, 7:30 p.m. at home.

OCTOBER 23

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

OCTOBER 29

Football: Salado Eagles vs. Rogers Eagles, 7:30 p.m. away.

OCTOBER 30

Salado Youth Fair Boosters reverse raffle dinner. Info: Brian or Amy Pyle, 947-3268, or Deanna Christian, 947-1564.

OCTOBER 30-31

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

NOVEMBER 1

Deadline for ad copy to be published in Winter 2004 Jewel in the Crown publication.

NOVEMBER 5

Football: Final regular season game, Salado Eagles vs. Jarrell Cougars, 7:30 p.m. at home.

NOVEMBER 5-6-7

10 a.m.- 10 p.m. Chisholm Trail Days Shops, Shoot Outs, eat at a campfire, cowboy poets and songs. Admission: adults \$10, children \$5. For more information call 254-913-0366.

NOVEMBER 6

Salado United Methodist Church Garden Guild Annual Style Show and Luncheon. Cost: \$12 per person, available at SUMC office. Info: 947-5482 or 947-5936.

NOVEMBER 12-14

Gathering of the Clans at Robertson Plantation & College Hill.

NOVEMBER 13-14

Salado United Methodist Church Sesquicentennial Homecoming Weekend Celebration.

NOVEMBER 18

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

NOVEMBER 19

Salado Haus hosts Tom Fenton, of Fenton Art Glass Company, for

a signing event, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Info: 947-1868 or www.saladohaus.com.

NOVEMBER 20

Annual Empty Bowl Project, benefiting Salado Family Relief Fund, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School.

Premiere of PALS Pots O'Plenty show, in conjunction with the Empty Bowl Project. Pottery demonstrations and sales. Info: 947-0281.

NOVEMBER 23

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

NOVEMBER 24-26

Salado schools closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

NOVEMBER 25-26

Salado Village Voice office closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

DECEMBER 3-4

A Christmas Carol 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Tickets: Adults \$5 children \$3. 6:30 p.m.: Sandwiches and drinks available. For more information call 254-947-9205.

DECEMBER 3-4-5

Salado Christmas Stroll Salado Historical Society Annual Christmas Homes Tour TBA.

DECEMBER 10-11-12

Salado Christmas Stroll.

DECEMBER 10-11

A Christmas Carol 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater Tickets: Adults \$5, children \$3. 6:30 p.m.: Sandwiches and drinks available. For more information call 254-947-9205.

DECEMBER 14

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nity Association Christmas Dinner at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6-7 p.m.

happy hour. 7 p.m. dinner. Info: 947-3901.

DECEMBER 20-22

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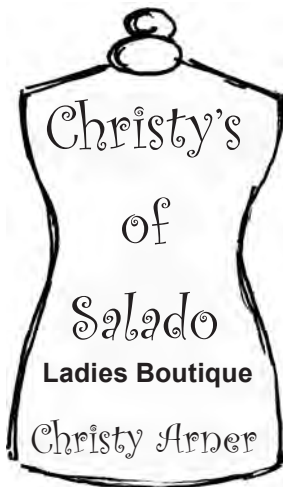
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Salado Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd

Mon., 6 p.m., at Civic Center.
Salado FFA Meeting: First Monday of the month, 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.
Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees: 3rd Mon. at 6 p.m., at Salado Civic Center.
Salado Library District Board: 4th Mon. at 5:30 p.m., at Salado Public Library Building.

Salado Masonic Lodge #296: 8 p.m. on the Mon. on or before the full moon.
Salado Village Artist Quilters: 1-4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mon. in the Salado Village Artist Building.
Storytime: 11-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Salado Public Library (ages 3-5).
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Salado Village Artists: 10 a.m. at Salado Art Center.
Salado Family Relief Fund: 2nd Tues. 1 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.
Salado High School Band Boosters: 2nd Tues. of every month 7 p.m. in the Band Hall.
Salado Historical Society: board of directors, 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m. Salado Civic Center.

Scottish Country Dance Lessons 8-9:30 p.m. at the Scots Hall of the Clans. 947-0325 for info.
Thursdays
Salado Area Republican Women: 4th Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-3617 or e-mail denisarw@vvm.com, for information.
Village of Salado Board of Aldermen: Regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Municipal Building unless otherwise posted.

Salado Democrats: 6:45 p.m., first Monday of each month at the Civic Center.
Salado Youth Fair Boosters: Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the elementary school library.

Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA: 1st Thurs. 6 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn. 947-0173.
Salado Ladies Auxiliary: 2nd Thurs., 10 a.m., Salado Civic Center
Salado Water Corporation Board of Directors: 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m. Corporation office.
PTC: (SIS Parent Teacher Co-op) meets the 2nd Thursday 3:45 p.m. in Room 101 at SIS.

Salado Education Foundation: Regular Board meetings, 9 a.m. 2nd Thurs. at Salado Civic Center.
Salado Business Association: General meetings, 3rd Thursday 8:45 a.m. upstairs at the Civic Center.
Salado Neighborhood Group of the American Sewing Guild: 3rd Thurs. of each month 5:30 p.m. at The Sewing Basket.
Salado Moms, play-group, contact: saladomoms@lantanatech.com.

Saturdays
Food Pantry: 2nd and 4th Sat. at First Baptist Church. 9 a.m.-10 a.m.
Salado Church of Christ Ladies Devotional Prayer Breakfast: 3rd Sat. of month, 9 a.m.. Location varies. Info: 947-5241 or 947-3533.

Wednesdays
Salado Creekside Cloggers: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church of Salado: Celebrate Recovery, Christian 12-step program, 6-7:30 p.m. Open to o everyone dealing with persoanl hurts, habits or hangups. Info: 947-5465.
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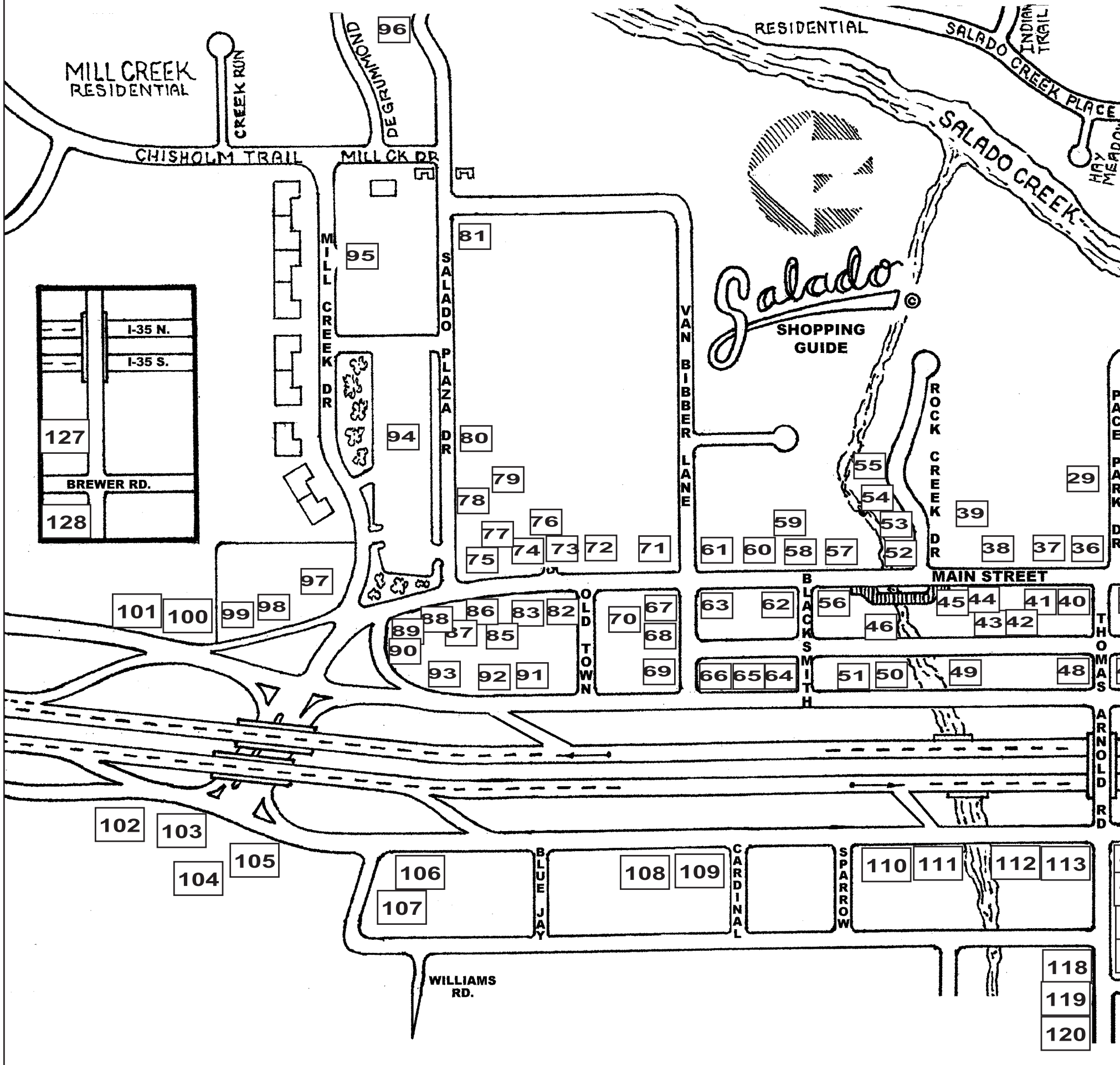
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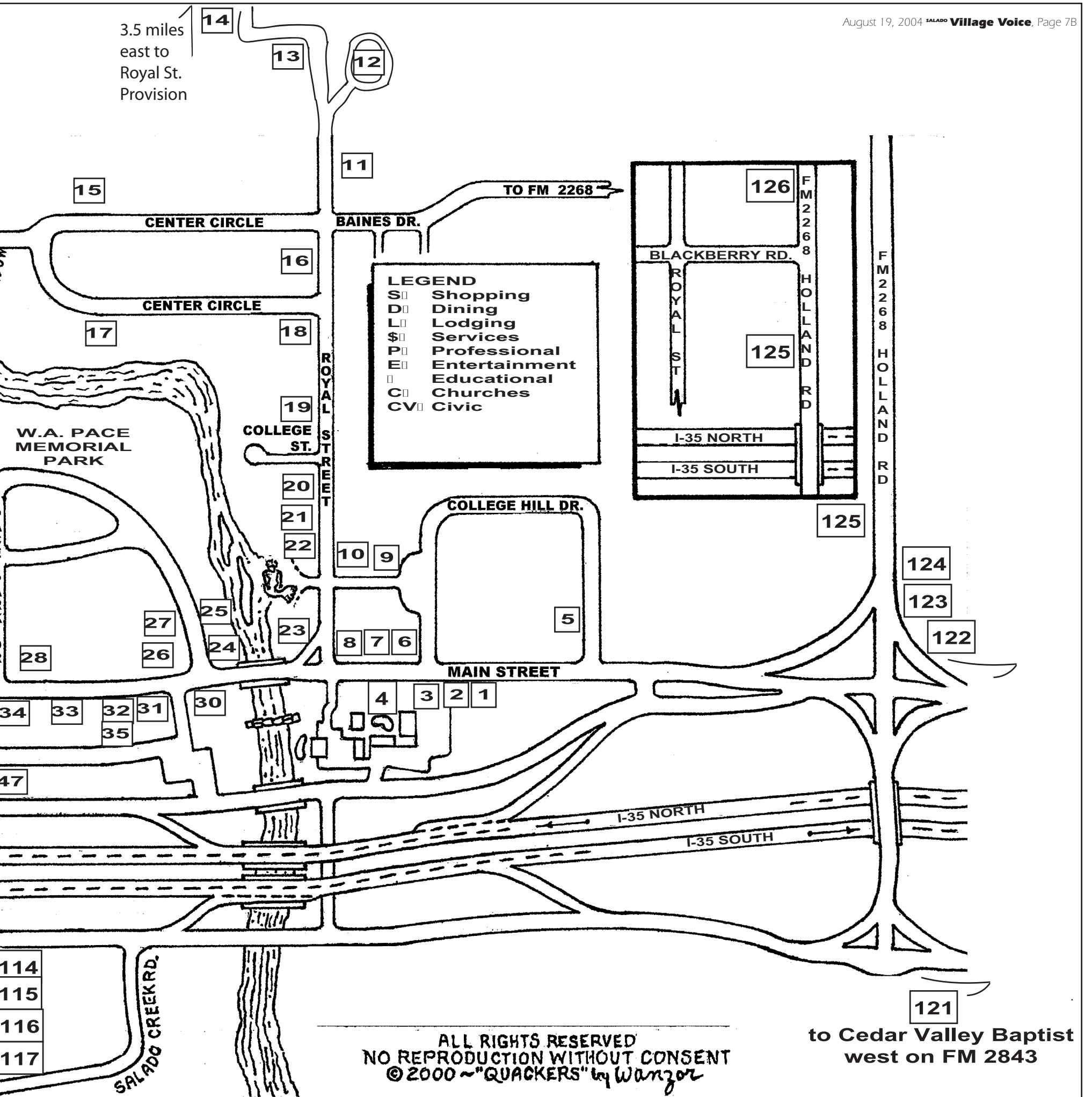
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Tips on staying safe while abroad

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

By definition, the act of terrorism is the use of violence, or the threat of the use of violence, against civilians to achieve political, religious or ideological goals.

And although that might be the textbook version, it's one that former anti-terrorism instructor Jim DeGlopper happens to agree with. "Terrorism is all those things in a nutshell," he told the Salado Lions Club Aug. 11. "It basically motivates people to do things they wouldn't normally do."

DeGlopper, who was also a Green Beret, gave the Lions an overview of the new dangers presented by various terrorist groups operating in the world, and which nations Americans traveling abroad should avoid.

"The world is not the same as it used to be. There are dangerous envi-

ronments for Americans all over the world," said DeGlopper. "When you travel, you might not want people to know you're American."

As a regular practice, DeGlopper said, the U.S. State Department releases lists and updates relating to foreign countries, particularly those considered politically or socially unstable.

Long held travel bans on nations such as Cuba, N. Korea and Iran remain in place, but the list of countries where visitation is discouraged seems to be growing.

For example, the current travel warning list includes over two dozen nations, among them Israel, Saudi Arabia, Colombia, Nepal, Ivory Coast, Indonesia, Haiti, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Nigeria, Kenya, Pakistan and The Congo - all locales where anti-American sentiment runs high.

The full list, along with a detailed analysis of each country in question, can be accessed at <http://travel.state.gov>. The State Department's web site is www.state.gov.

DeGlopper recommended a few behaviors if one travels anywhere overseas, whatever the State Department's assessment. "Dress in business casual attire, and definitely leave the tennis shoes at home," he explained. "You want to blend in with your surroundings and not draw attention to yourself."

As far as terrorist groups are concerned, DeGlopper noted that despite their differences in motives, terrorist factions are united by some inherent similarities. "A terrorist force is militarily inferior to almost any professional force in the world. In Iraq, some of the groups have started fighting (in the open), and when they do, they lose," he said.

"They're either going to get captured, or they're going to get killed."

DeGlopper was referencing the followers of Iraqi Moqtada al-Sadr, the Najaf-based Shiite leader whom Coalition forces accuse of inciting violence. Most recently, bloody street battles have raged in Najaf as al-Sadr's followers have clashed with government and American forces.

He continued by saying the true blame for the effectiveness of modern terrorism falls on the internet. "The spread of Al Qaeda, and the spread of terrorism could not have happened without the internet."

Extremist propaganda is routinely disseminated via internet web sites, as have the recent beheadings of western hostages in Iraq.

Without this means of coordination, DeGlopper said, most terrorist groups would be relegated to the obscure, and their influence would be only regional



in strength.

As it is though, the internet is not going anywhere, and subsequently neither are terrorist groups, leaving few options to combat them.

"There are only two ways of dealing with terrorists," DeGlopper advised, "you have to kill them, or you have to lock them up. There is no other way to handle them."

Bell County Jamboree set for August 21

The Bell County Jamboree will hold an evening of traditional country western and gospel music 6 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Cultural Activities Center in Belton. The doors will open at 6 p.m.

The featured performers for August are singer-songwriter-guitarist Greg Whitfield, from Round Rock, vocalist Tammy Childress, from Temple, and Melissa McGee, also from Temple.

Melissa will again bring her powerful, soulful voice to the Jamboree stage. "This promises to be another great show with some great artists and, of course, the best band in Bell County, The BellJam Band," says producer, Fred Fuller.

The BellJam Band features TerryLynn Schrimsher on guitar and vocals, LaRon Tubbs on keyboards and vocals, Greg Whit-

field on guitar, Richard Schrimsher on drums and vocals, Don Sowersby on steel guitar, Shorty Grisham on bass and vocals and Freddie Fuller on guitar and vocals.

This Bell County Jamboree takes place in a smoke-free, alcohol-free, family-friendly environment.

Local sponsors for the event include Village Realty of Salado, Charlotte's of Salado and Garlyn Shelton Autos.

The Cultural Activities Center is located at 3011 North 3rd St. in Temple. Take Exit 303B from IH-35 and follow the signs.

Tickets are priced at \$8 adults, and children under 12 are admitted free. Senior citizen, student and group discounts are also available.

The music will begin at 7 p.m.



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Second Annual Salado Salutes Texas Educators fast approaching

Local businesses are making plans for Salado's second annual Salute to Texas Educators. The event is organized to honor and recognize Texas public and private school educators for their service and dedication to Texas children and young adults.

Teachers and their co-workers gave the event such an enthusiastic reception last year that the Salado Business Association has extended the teacher tribute to nine days beginning, Sept. 4.

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

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

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

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

limited edition prints by nationally famous artists, \$200 pottery classes, a \$700 Pfaff baby lock serger, a \$500 weekend in Salado, dining and lodging at Stagecoach Inn and numerous \$100 shopping and dining certificates from Salado restaurants, clothiers, antique, home decor and specialty shops.

Businesses onboard to honor Texas teachers are Stagecoach Inn, Heirlooms, Stanford Court, Miz Tillywiggers, Chameleon Clothiers, Southern Comforts, Janelle's Antiques, Strawberry Patch, Tenroc Event Center, Royal Street Provision Country Inn, Red Barn Hideaway, Stonecreek Settlement, River-view Suite, Alice's, MJ's Country Corner, Prellow Fine Art Gallery, Holly

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

Reverse Raffle to benefit girls and boys athletics

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

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

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

In a reverse raffle, the last ticket drawn is the grand prize winner. A second chance to have your ticket drawn, or "mulli-

gan," may be purchased for an additional \$50. Smith emphasized that the cost of the raffle tickets may be shared by two or more people, families, or entities.

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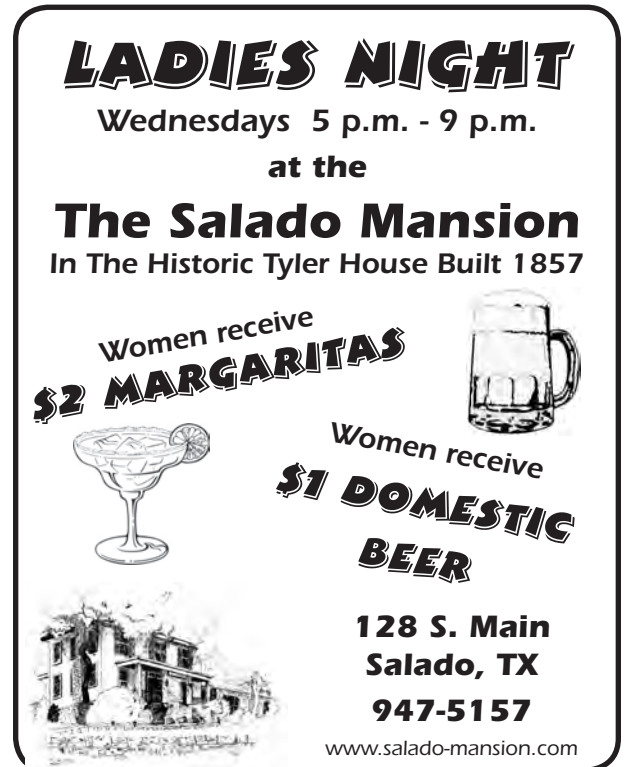


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In addition to watercolor, Shelton is proficient in a variety of media including colored pencil, pencil, and pen and ink.

She has won numerous awards in her career as a professional artist, having just received the designation of "Signature Artist" in the prestigious Colored Pencil Society of America.

The workshop will consist of three, three-hour morning sessions at a cost of \$125 per student. The subject matter will be florals.

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In addition to the home-made lasagna, salad and garlic bread will also be offered.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.

All proceeds benefit local scholarships through the Salado Lions Club.

Wildfire Bull Bash raises funds for FFA

The Fourth Annual Salado FFA Bull Bash will be held Aug. 21 at Wildfire Ranch.

The event helps raise funds for Salado FFA projects and will help members to attend the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY.

Events include mutton bustin', student riding, open bullriding and steer riding. An auction will also be held.

For more information call 254-534-2177 or 947-6982.

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**U.S. Army
Corps of Engineers
Regulatory
Program Overview
March 17, 2003**

The Regulatory Program of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) plays a critical role in the protection of the aquatic ecosystem and navigation. Important elements of the program implemented by the Corps under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 include authorizing activities in these jurisdictional areas through individual and general permits; conducting jurisdictional determinations for wetlands and other waters of the United States; ensuring compliance of issued permits; and enforcing requirements of the law for unpermitted activities. The Corps works closely with other federal and state natural resource agencies and the public in exercising these responsibilities.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), acting under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, provides a vital function in protecting our valuable aquatic resources, including wetlands. The objective of this Act is to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation's waters. Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the Secretary of the Army is responsible for administering a Regulatory Program that requires permits for the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands. The Ft. Worth office of the U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for authorizing activities within a large portion of Texas, including Central Texas.

Jurisdiction

Areas regulated under Section 404 are collectively referred to as "waters of the United States." Included are any part of the surface water tributary system down to the smallest of streams, any lake, pond, or other water body on those streams, and adjacent wetlands.

Wetlands have been identified as being of particular concern because they perform valuable functions in restoring and maintaining the quality of the Nation's waters. These functions include sediment trapping, nutrient removal, chemical detoxification, shoreline stabilization, aquatic food chain support, fish and wildlife habitat, flood water storage, and ground water recharge.

Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, a permit is required from the Corps for any activity involving the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands. The term "discharge of dredged material" includes the redeposit of dredged or excavated material into a water of the United States, when such redeposit has the effect of destroying or degrading waters of the United States. This includes the addition or redeposit of material associated with mechanized land clearing, ditching, channelization, sidecasting, temporary stockpiling, and other ground disturbing activities. The term "discharge of fill

material" includes the addition of material into a water of the United States where the material has the effect of replacing a water of the United States, such as a wetland, with dry land or of changing the bottom elevation of any portion of a water of the United States. An example of a discharge of fill material would be the placement of clean soil into a wetland to create dry land so that an apartment complex could be built on the site.

Certain activities in waters of the United States are exempt by law from regulation under Section 404(f), including certain farming, ranching, and forestry activities. Included are normal farming, silvicultural, and ranching activities; maintenance of recently damaged structures; construction and maintenance of farm ponds and irrigation ditches; construction of temporary sedimentation basins; and construction and maintenance of farm, forest, and mining roads using approved best management practices.

However, the exemptions are applied carefully and are not intended to exempt activities with more than minor adverse impacts to the aquatic ecosystem. The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) can answer questions and provide guidance concerning dredge and fill in waters of the U.S. on agricultural lands.

Enforcement and Compliance

Enforcement authority is shared by the Corps and EPA under Section 404 and is the sole responsibility of the Corps under

Section 10. The partnering effort with EPA in Section 404 in identifying potential violations is very important in the implementation of the regulatory program. Unauthorized activities may be discovered by a number of methods, including reporting by other agencies and the public.

When unauthorized activities are discovered, the Corps works to ensure compliance through various means, including voluntary restoration, other remedial measures, and after-the-fact permitting. Substantial penalties and fines may be used to deter further violations. The Corps also monitors authorized projects for compliance with permit terms and conditions, and to confirm that impacts to the aquatic system are no greater than expected and that any mitigation work is completed and successful.

Conclusion

The Corps is committed through the Regulatory Program to the protection of wetlands and other waters of the United States. This commitment is a partnership in water between federal, state and local agencies, and the general public.

For more information about the Regulatory Program for activities in Central Texas, please contact the Corps Regulatory Office (Fort Worth District, (817) 886-1731. On the Internet, you can visit the Fort Worth District's Regulatory Branch homepage at www.swf.usace.army.mil/regulatory/, or the national USACE Regulatory Program homepage at www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg/.



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There are about 319 species contained in the Trochilidae or hummingbird family. Here in Central Texas we usually see only one or two species. They are the Ruby throats and the Rufus.

Only a few hummers grow to more than six inches. Because these birds have a very fast heartbeat -

about 1,260 beats/minute in flight and 50 beats/minute at rest, they must feed every 10 minutes or so all day long and usually consume two thirds of their body weight in a single day. Their main diet is sugar, usually from flower nectar and tree sap.

However, they also need protein to feed their muscles and they get that from pollen and insects. The tongue of a hummer is quite unique. It is split and has grooves on the sides to catch insects in the air and from leaves and spider webs. When elongated, the tongue is folded into a tube for probing the center of tubular flower for nectar. They take up the nectar at the rate of 13 licks per second. Having a good memory, hummers remember food sources, even from previous years. Because of their feeding

habits, hummers are excellent pollinators.

Although tremendously agile in flight, hummingbirds have weak feet and stiff knees. The feet are almost useless except for perching and hummers don't walk. In order to turn around on a branch, they must fly, even if they want to move only a few inches. Being so lightweight, hummers build up momentum and can fly rapidly and then hover instantly.

Dive displays are usually for courting and protecting their territory, as hummers are exceedingly territorial. The male hummer's dives and displays are done with buzzing, whistling, and/or popping sounds made with the wing feathers and the vocal cords. The females usually perch and display their tail feathers to display the white "warning" underside. After

a dive display entices a ready female hummer, the male flies in front of her in short, rapid arcs in a field of about 10 inches wide.

Hummers establish separate territories with the female building the nest and feeding the young, and the male finding and protecting reliable food sources. Some nests are smooth neat cups on twigs; some are domed; and some are pendant.

Hummers compete for food and nectar sources and fiercely guard their territories by perching high up near flowering plants or feeders. Hummingbirds will attack strangers to the territory and engage in spectacular aerodynamic flights of war and dive-bombing. Despite these displays, instinctively, hummers will not risk damage to

their precious bill and will engage less in combat when food is scarce. Hummers are not only quarrelsome among themselves, but are known to attack much larger birds too.

A hummingbird's nest is about one inch in diameter; so small that a penny will almost fill the inside, their eggs are very tiny with usually two to a brood and usually one brood a season. Hatching in two weeks, the hatchlings stay in the nest for three weeks and are then ready for flight. There is a life expectancy of about five years.

It is important when feeding hummers it keep the food changed every two-to-three days in the heat and three-to-four days in cooler temperatures. Use one cup granulated sugar to one cup of water. Heat to dissolve the sugar and stir the mix and

allow it to cool all the way before adding to a feeder. You can keep the excess mixture in the refrigerator to have a supply on hand in these hot days of August. Never use honey or any other additives. Wash the feeders thoroughly with a bottlebrush and don't use bleach.

Hummers will bathe on a cupped moist leaf or a shallow pool. They will also dart several times through the mist of a sprinkler and stand on a limb in the rain until they are drenched. Having a water source for them will help attract and keep hummers returning. After bathing, hummers will preen and dry.

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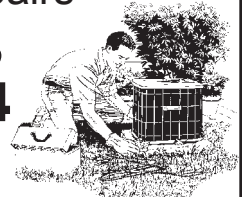
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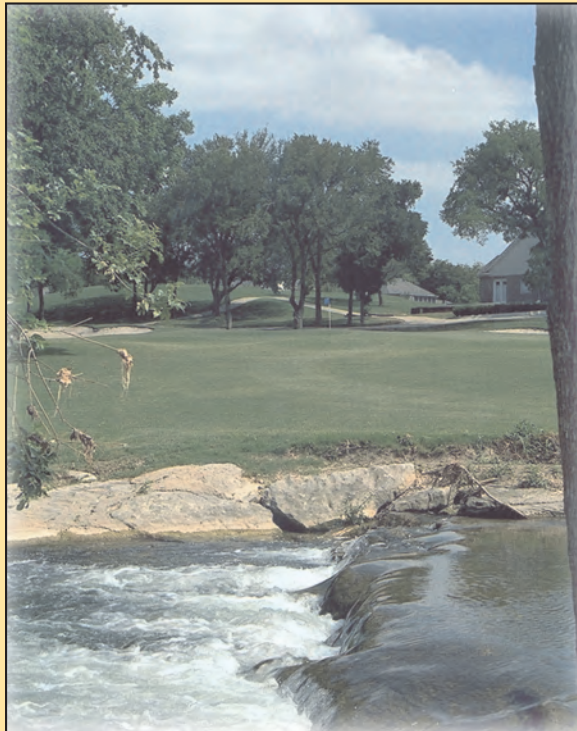
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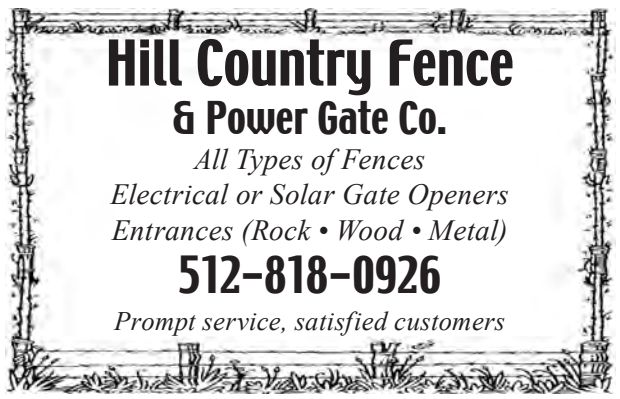
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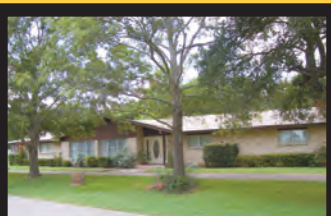
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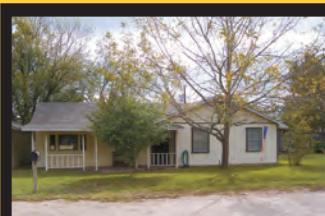
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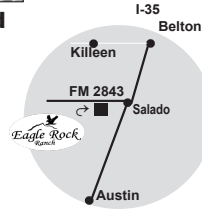


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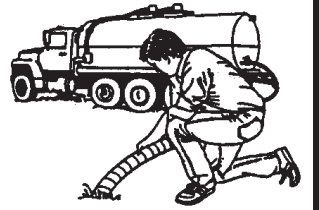


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Oak Park Lane

In peaceful Salado. Less than a mile to I-35 for convenience. One level, original owner. Native limestone. Updates: kitchen countertops, appliances, beautiful wood flooring! 3 BR/2 BA. ~~\$109,500.~~ **Reduced \$104,500**



Royal View

Looking for the perfect setting to build your new Salado Home! HERE IT IS! Just up the hill from Main Street, in one of the village's most elite neighborhoods, surrounded by other FINE homes over of a very few remaining lots. Approximately 7/10 of an acre with well-placed trees. Min 2200 SF heated area home to be built. **\$48,500.**

Great Oak ~~UNDER CONTRACT~~ trees, rolling ~~UNDER CONTRACT~~ hills on cul-de-sac. **\$49,000**

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Belton Schools! Rock home on one half acre in Country subdivision just North of Belton near Lake Belton. 8709 Oak Hills, Dr. 3 BR, 2 Ba, 2 Car garage. ceramic tile floors, close to schools. \$850 mo. Call Leta @ Village Realty 254-534-3521



109 West Creek Dr. Just Reduced

Exceptional residence. Approx. 2,530 SF of living space. This traditional style brick home has formal living and dining rooms, a great room, breakfast area, four bedrooms and a 2-car garage. The spacious master BR has a beautiful bath with two walk-in closets. Hardwood, carpeting, tile floors, vaulted ceilings, and oversized deck with a pathway and live oaks. Close to schools. Available immediately. \$252,500.



The sellers thought of everything! Custom-built home features a multitude of amenities, including travertine fireplace, gourmet kitchen, granite countertops, custom cabinets and central island located in the huge social room. Sound system, security system. 3 BR/3 BA, formals, office. Large master suite and bath. 4 car garage. Located on 1 acre in Academy school district. Call today for appointment.

Lots

Near Historic District: One of few lots left close in, trees, 110 Royal View. **\$45,000.**

Premier lot in Rosematt Oaks over 1/2 acre in restricted Mill Creek Golf course subdivision. Underground utilities, ready for custom homes with only 2,000 sq. ft minimum. 1801 Kevlin Trail, 1901 Kevlin Trail, 1900 Kevlin Trail, 1808 Kevlin Trail.



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Great chance to live in Salado and run your own Bed & Breakfast! Would make an amazing private residence on approximately 1.4 acres. Price Reduced. **\$300,000.**



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.**



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.**



Must see to believe

Incredible attention to detail shown throughout the house. Pecan flooring, raised ceilings, and granite countertops are just a few of the upgrades. 4 Bedrooms and 3-1/2 Baths in Mill Creek. **\$322,500.**



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.**



Contemporary, Light, and Open Home in Mill Creek. Walk into the large Living Room overlooking beautifully landscaped and wooded backyard. **\$177,000.**

Acreage

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Salado Lots

Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - **\$40,000.**
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3 acres commercial property fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$120,000.**
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Belton

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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.**
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