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Hometown newspaper read by Jack & Janelle Burson

Stagecoach Inn buys Mill Creek

Transaction: 'a natural marriage of 2 institutions'

Salado's historic Stagecoach Inn announced that it has acquired Mill Creek Inn and Golf Club. Stagecoach Inn closed on the real estate transaction Sept. 2.

Stagecoach Inn purchase the 27-hole golf course, approximately 228 acres, a club house, restaurant and offices, maintenance buildings and the operation of a guestroom rental pool for an undisclosed price.

No immediate changes are planned for either operation. "The goal of both companies is to accomplish a seamless transaction with no disruptions of service," said Anthony Land, with Mill Creek. "Although no decision has been made at this early date, the alignment with Stagecoach Inn brings a wealth of food and beverage experience and opens up options for the Mill Creek Dining Room."

"This is a natural marriage of two great institutions and one that we feel will benefit both parties," said Mill Creek managing partner Curtis Logan. "We see big things ahead for Mill Creek by becoming a part of the Stagecoach."

Both companies will continue with their own administration. "We expect to share talents and realize economies of scale in purchasing," said John Anderson, who has been retained by Stagecoach Inn to coordinate the transition period following the purchase.

The 27-hole Robert Trent Jones, Jr.-designed PGA course has been drawing visitors to the Salado business community since its inception.

Now this draw is coupled with the lodging and newly-renovated Conference Center of the Stagecoach Inn, a combination which will afford new opportunities to attract large meetings and convention business, according to Anderson.

"Both companies are in a unique position of

attracting out-of-town guests to Salado," Anderson said. "These guests spend money in gift shops, restaurants, gas stations, et cetera and create a boon to the general economy of the area."

Anderson added that marketing efforts "will not focus on weekend business.... already at a healthy level of activity. However, the Stagecoach Conference Center and lodging will allow marketing to much, much larger business, government, charitable, social and special event groups who are drawn to a golf facility as a meeting site."

Anderson said that while Mill Creek will market to groups, "Mill Creek members can expect the same levels of service from the same employees and can expect full honoring of membership commitments."

MILL CREEK

While this new acquisition brings together two historic institutions in the village, it is not the first time that the two have been linked together.

Hugh (Mac) Sherrill fell in love with Salado in the 1930s when he would visit friends who owned Twelve Oaks. He vowed that someday he would do something special in Salado. His first opportunity came when he helped oversee the renovation and expansion of the famed old Stagecoach Inn, of which he was a part owner.

After selling his interest in Stagecoach Inn, Sherrill and Houston businessman Dixon Cain purchased the property then known as the Old Caldwell Jones Ranch and the DeGrummond Place. Cain sold his interest to Sherrill in 1966.

In the early years of Mill Creek, Sherrill virtually did everything himself, from the design and building of the first houses to the mowing of pastures.

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(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Jesse Rodriguez tries to evade Troy defenders as Andrew Ming provides a block in the Eagles' 15-0 win over the trojans to begin the 2003 football season. Salado has its first home game 7:30 p.m. Sept. 5 against Moody Bearcats. See stories, page 8A.

Commissioners present case for jail bond proposal

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Bell County officials presented the case to Saladoans Aug. 28 for the \$61 million bond proposal voters will decide Sept. 13 in a special referendum. Also on the Sept. 13 ballot will be amendments to the Texas Constitution.

Commissioner Tim Brown told the 40 people gathered at the Salado Civic Center for the town hall meeting that the debt service on the \$61 million bond would be approximately two-and-a-half cents on the tax rate.

Even with the tax increase, the Bell County tax rate would be among the lowest in central Texas. Of counties with a population of more than 200,000 people, Bell County is at least six cents lower than McLennan, Williamson and Travis Counties. Bell County is also the only county in central Texas to maintain a tax rate below 40¢ per \$100 evaluation.

Commissioner Brown said that a 2.5¢ tax increase would mean a \$25 per year increase on property valued at \$100,000.

Brown said that the commissioners court chose a site outside of downtown for several reasons, including the cost of real estate, cost of construction and ability to expand in the future.

The commissioners court weighed options to build and renovate downtown, which totaled \$65.5 million for the Jail, District Courts, Sheriff's Office and County Courts costs. The court then chose to pursue building in south Belton near Loop 121 because the cost was \$57 million for the same amount of construction.

Brown told the audience that "if we were to expand downtown, that would be all we could ever do there." With 76 acres of property on Loop 121, the campus is designed for eventual expansion to more than 1,100 jail beds.

The first phase is construction of 460 beds and the new courts building. Brown explained that the jail and courts would have secure entrances for both inmates and the public. Tunnels would lead from the jail to the courts building to deliver prisoners.

"Additional pods can be added as needed," Brown said. "The support capacity will already be there."

When the 460 bed jail comes on-line, Brown said, the county will continue to house prisoners in the current 708-bed facility. "There are no plans to abandon the downtown jail," Brown said. "We will operate it to capacity and house additional prisoners in the expansion."

When the downtown jail was completed in 1986,

Sheriff Dan Smith leased unused beds to state and federal government to house overflow prisoners.

Commissioners say that they will continue with that practice when the new facility is completed, until the units are filled.

Sheriff Smith told the audience that in the 17 years the county has leased space, the jail has generated \$39.3 million in income for the county, including leasing space, state reimbursements, the jail commissary and the jail phone system.

He said that he estimates "\$18 million of that \$40 million or so is profit."

If the county is unable to offset any of its maintenance and operating costs for the expansion of the jails and courts, the impact on taxpayers is estimated at an additional 2¢ on the tax rate.

Brown defended the need for the additional space by telling the audience that the jail is already filled beyond the recommended 90 percent of capacity with 675 beds. At 90 percent capacity, the Bell county jail should house 638 inmates.

"This number is just going to continue to grow as Bell County grows," Brown said.

"We can either choose to handle this ourselves, or pay someone else to do it for us," Brown said.

Hearing Sept. 4 to amend village budget for loan pay-off

Salado aldermen will conduct a public hearing 6:30 p.m. Sept. 4 on an amendment to the 2002-03 budget to allow the city to pay out the remainder of its loan for the purchase of the Municipal Building.

The board will then consider amending the budget by some \$83,000 in order to purchase the building outright.

Aldermen are considering using the village fund balance to pay off the loan early so that it will no longer have principal and interest payments on the loan. Principal and interest payments for the building loan totaled \$16,500 in 2002-03, as the board escalated its 15 year pay off last year.

The impact of no longer having principal and interest payments for the municipal building will be felt almost immediately by the Village. The proposed 2003-2004 budget will be balanced with \$475,900 in estimated revenues and \$475,344 in expenses.

Aldermen will adopt the 2003-04 budget at their Sept. 18 meeting in the municipal building. The 2003-04 budget is approximately the same in expenditures as the 2002-03 budget at about \$475,000.

The chief differences in the two budgets include administrative expenses, municipal building costs, police department costs, and street maintenance costs.

The 2003-04 budget calls for \$10,000 less in expenses for administrative costs at \$150,349 compared to \$160,125 this year.

It also cuts municipal building spending (due to the pay-off of the loan) from \$24,114 to \$8,950.

The budget increases spending for the Police Department from \$181,626 to \$189,275 despite paying for a new truck in 2002-03. The police department will add another officer next year.

Street maintenance costs will increase from \$72,709 to \$82,380 after a \$5,650 cut in street sign expenses.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Bring Back the Stay-at-Home Mom

If there's anything that we all care about, it's "the children." President George W. Bush long ago made the slogan of the liberal Children's Defense Fund -- "Leave No Child Behind" -- his own. We will do everything for "the children": spend untold taxpayer dollars on them, tuck them away in bicycle helmets, get hysterical about any perceived threat to their health or safety -- anything but acknowledge the harm done to them by day care.

In a devastating new book, "Day Care Deception," Brian C. Robertson marshals the overwhelming evidence about the risks of day care and explains why much of academia and the media try to cover it up. Any negative information about the effects of day care is considered out of bounds because it will upset one of liberalism's most sainted groups: working mothers, whom feminists adore as the vanguard of their assault on the "patriarchy."

The drumroll of day care's negative effects on kids includes higher rates of illness, including acute respiratory illness, ear infections and diarrhea; insecure attachment to their mothers; more aggressive behavior; and in the case of children of well-educated mothers placed in poor-quality care, slowed cognitive development.

Burton White, former director of the Harvard Preschool Project, writes, "After more than 30 years of research on how children develop well, I would not think of putting an infant or toddler of my own into any substitute-care program on a full-time basis, especially a center-based program."

Despite the widespread use of day care and the propaganda campaign on its behalf, parents know it isn't best for kids. According to a comprehensive survey of parents in 2000 by the New York-based polling agency Public Agenda, parents say

The Rich Lowry Column

one parent staying at home is better than "quality" day care for kids under five by a margin of 70 percent to six percent. It should be a goal of public policy to make it easier for these parents to act on their natural instincts.

Our onerous tax regime, which tends to force both parents into the workplace, is the place to start. According to Robertson, about half of married couples with children in the mid-1950s paid no federal income tax, thanks to a generous \$3,000 personal exemption. If this exemption had kept up with inflation, it would be \$10,000 today. The tax code's dependent-care tax credit is, perversely, only available for parents who go to licensed day-care providers, a bias in favor of commercialized care that is worse for kids than the informal care provided by grandparents and neighbors.

The biggest, most important change would be for our culture to stop showering praise and adulation on working moms in order to save some for those mothers who make the personal and financial sacrifices necessary to stay at home with their young children. No group in our society is so selfless or does so much for "the children" as stay-at-home moms. But we value some contributions to children's well-being more than others.

Final Amendment review deals with military installations; paying college profs for board service; and officials called to active duty

(WRITER'S NOTE: THIS IS THE LAST OF A SIX PART REVIEW OF THE 22 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS FACING TEXAS VOTERS ON SEPTEMBER 13. OUR SEPTEMBER 10 COLUMN - WILL BRIEFLY NOTE THE AMENDMENTS WE BELIEVE ARE WORTHY OF PASSAGE, AS WELL AS THOSE THAT SHOULD BE DEFEATED.)

BOTTOM LINE ADMONITION IS NOT TO SIMPLY FOLLOW THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, AS TO WHICH AMENDMENT TO SUPPORT OR DEFEAT, BUT TO STUDY EACH PROPOSAL AND THEN GO VOTE. IN SALADO - THE BALLOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CIVIC CENTER ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 FROM 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M. THIS IS THE SAME DATE, TIME AND PLACE THAT VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE IMPORTANT, ALBEIT CONTROVERSIAL, COUNTY JAIL-COURTHOUSE BOND ISSUE.)

AMENDMENT TWENTY SPECIAL LOAN FUND

Amendment Twenty, if approved by voters, would create a new commission that would assist communities impacted by the military, by funding creative projects designed to "enhance the value of their military installations," which means (in plain English) to try and keep these installations from being scrapped in the next round of base-closings by Congress.

The impact in dollars and manpower generated by the 45 military bases in Texas is astronomical. Over \$50 billion a year in new dollars and a workforce of over four hundred thousand including military and civilian personnel.

The next base-closing scrimmage is due in 2005 which is about the same time this new state program (if approved) will be fully operational.

The enabling legislation for Amendment 20 gives the Governor authority to set up a new state agency - "The Texas Military Preparedness Commission." He will then appoint the executive commissioners and charge them with creating a \$250 million revolving fund, from the sale of general obligation bonds, to be loaned to communities to "enhance" their military installations.

Projects could include expansion of the utility and road infrastructure around a base, or construction of housing and recreational facilities designed specifically for service personnel.

Commissioners will have the difficult job of creating the criteria for the loans and then decide who gets the money. Cities repay the loans with interest and the profit thus earned will redeem the bonds as the money recycles through the fund.

Failure to indemnify the bonds would result in a raid on the state treasury since these are general obligation securities, backed by the full faith and credit of the State - which means in effect - the taxpayer.

This is a new adventure for the State but considering the dollar and personnel impact by the military on the state's economy - it would appear to be a good investment and worth trying.

Recommend that Amendment Twenty be approved.

AMENDMENT TWENTY-ONE PAID WATER BOARD SERVICE

Buried within our current state constitution is a prohibition against holding more than one position of "emolument" at a time. Translation: "A person cannot have two jobs with the state at the same time, if both are paid positions."

This particular law has been "clarified" to allow a state employee (not an official) to serve on a local state governing board - but without pay. Later, by amendment in 2001 - this was changed to allow teachers and administrators (both active and retired) to serve on local gov-

Off the Record
by Ken Clapp



erning boards - with pay!

Next came the question of higher education faculty members, which created Amendment Twenty-One, that would if approved, allow college and university teachers to serve - with pay - as directors of a water district board.

Those favoring this change in our laws point out that a great deal of expertise is lost through the simple mechanism of not paying college profs for their board services.

Opposing the measure are those who feel that spending time as a water board member interferes with the main job faculty members were hired for in the first place. They also question the unfairness of picking out just this one class of worker to pay and not other state workers who could bring engineering, legal, accounting skills and experience to a board as a paid member.

Common sense would seemingly dictate that picking and choosing between various professions and classifications of state workers as to who should be paid, (or not paid), for service on various local boards, is pure nonsense.

This is a narrowly drawn amendment (albeit a proper start) when what is really needed is total approval - through a future amendment - that would allow all state workers from every training discipline, the right to serve their fellow citizens on any and all local boards - and be recompensed for their services. **Recommend that Amendment Twenty-One be approved.**

AMENDMENT TWENTY-TWO TEMPORARY STATE OFFICIALS

Amendment Twenty-Two, if approved, would clarify current law that appears to indicate that when an elected or appointed officer of the state or political subdivision, is called up for active military duty - the office becomes vacant, since the departed official cannot vote on matters required of his or her position.

There has always been a certain amount of uncertainty on the matter of "vacating" an elected office. This amendment seeks to adjudicate the matter.

The vagueness and unfairness of current law, particularly during international crises and with so many state officials belonging to state and national guard units, created an immediate need for this constitutional change that would add to Article XVI, a section permitting the appropriate governing or appointing authority to commission a temporary replacement, for the person mobilized for active duty. The substitute would have the same authority as the departing official and would serve until the active duty official returns to civilian status.

A few have raised objections to this amendment noting that the temporary official would represent a constituency that did not elect him. Another related misgiving involves the uncertainty as to how long the military service in question might last, which in turn might create an "inefficiency" within the office. Wise appointments would stifle these tenuous arguments.

Highly recommend that Amendment Twenty-Two be approved.

That's -30-

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Eagles have landed!

Supt's Corner

Dr. Robin Battershell

As our marquee states, The Eagles have landed -- all 1050 of them! A new school year always causes us to pause and consider how to best educate our children. Schools cannot educate children alone, but schools can be a partner with YOU in education.

As this year begins, I ask you to become a part of educating our children. There are many opportunities to do this.

*Participate in our community planning meeting on September 11, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. We are going to discuss the future expansion of our physical facilities to accommodate our growing family.

* Read with your children or grandchildren at home. It can be the classics, Harry Potter, or the funny papers, but READ!

* Become a substitute teacher. We are always looking for good people to substitute.

* Volunteer to read at the elementary school. We have children who need someone to read with them once or twice a week.

* Join a Parent Teacher Organization. They need you. Many times these organizations rely upon 3 or 4 good people. These

people are always looking for help.

* Join the Band, FFA, or Athletic Booster Clubs. You don't have to be a parent!

* Volunteer for the Texas Scholars program. These volunteers provide information on degree programs and job options after high school.

* Become a board member or support the Salado Education Foundation.

* Participate in community organizations which support children such as the Salado Family Relief Fund, Lions Club, Rotary, Masonic Lodge and there are many more.

Notice that I am not asking for things. Things are fleeting. I am asking for YOU. Your influence lasts a lifetime.

Questions may be addressed to Dr. Battershell at P.O. Box 98, Salado, TX 76571.

Dear Friends of Salado,

Thank you so much for the prayers, food, cards, calls, and flowers during my recent illness. I have never experienced such an outpouring of support.

You truly are a village! My appreciation and love, Robin Battershell



Amendments of interest to Bell County

The Texas Constitution was adopted following Reconstruction in 1876 and provides that the legislature, by a two-thirds vote of all members of each house, may propose amendments revising the constitution. Any proposed amendment must then be submitted to and approved by the voters of the state. A proposed amendment becomes a part of the constitution if a majority of the votes cast in an election on the proposition are cast in its favor.

Since its adoption, Texas voters have approved 410 amendments to the state constitution. Texas has changed quite a bit since 1876 and because of this, it is necessary to periodically review and amend our constitution to meet the needs of this growing and ever evolving state. As you prepare to go to the polls to

Capital Update

by State Representative Dianne WhiteDelisi



voice your vote on the proposed amendments, I ask that you please greatly consider the four following amendments that are of particular interest to Bell County:

Amendment No. 1: *Authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds.*

Though we already have a wonderful veteran nursing home at the VA in Temple, the facility is at full capacity, with a waiting list for the Alzheimer's unit. Considering the large number of veterans that reside here in Central Texas, we must create more opportunities for veterans to enter into the system. This proposition generates funding for such opportunities and future expansions.

Amendment No. 12: *Concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the Legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages.* Proposition 12 would limit frivolous lawsuits and lower the costs of health care. It would also create more access to health care because costs could be controlled. Central Texas is home to a tremendous health care industry and this amendment is vital to patients, doctors and our local medical infrastructure.

Amendment No. 14: *Providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund.*

This is a critical amendment for the future of transportation, not only in Bell County, but for the entire state. Proposition 14 would allow for short-term bonding and the leveraging

of dollars to float bonds for transportation projects. Our state has reached a point where it is difficult to keep up financially with the maintenance and operations of our roadways, much less the funding of new projects. Texas has 22 million residents and our population and needs for effective transportation are growing. Though traditionally a pay-as-you-go state, our transportation needs are exceeding this method. TxDOT and ultimately Bell County would benefit greatly from authorizing the transportation agency to leverage dollars for the bonding of short and long term projects.

Amendment No. 20: *Authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations.*

Fort Hood, with its two full divisions, is the largest military installation in the world. This proposed amendment is absolutely essential for national security and economic development in both the United States and Texas. With BRAC II quickly approaching in 2005, we must do everything possible to secure funding for our defense-related infrastructures so Texas bases will not be faced with reductions.

Please remember: early voting began August 28th and Election Day is September 13th. Your consideration of these amendments and your participation at the polls is crucial. The right to vote should not be taken lightly and I implore you to exercise that right. In the next few weeks, Texans will be stepping out to make changes and shape our state constitution. Make sure your voice and the concerns of Bell County are heard.

Wal-Mart-- Modern Robber Baron



Jim Hightower

The "free" in free markets is not an adjective, it's a verb - we must diligently work to free the market of conniving monopolists who try to lock it down and rule like autocrats.

A century ago, robber barons like Rockefeller and Carnegie used their riches to put a chokehold on commerce, buying off governments and media while crushing competitors, workers, and entire communities. The monopolist is a brute, and that's why the Populists and finally the Democrats and even trust-busting Republicans like Teddy Roosevelt responded to grassroots demands to free the market, using such tools as anti-monopoly laws, labor reforms, and small-business protection.

But monopoly continues to rear its ugly head. Today, there's a new brute on the block, exerting more power over America's economy than the Robber Barons could dream of. It is Wal-Mart. Behind the aw-shucks, smiley-faced demeanor portrayed in its ads, this giant is now not merely the largest corporation in the world, but the dominating economic power in our country, able to use its brute financial clout to monopolize practically any market it bulls into.

Its monopoly exists because, first, it has grabbed a chokehold on the retail supply chain, able to dictate its price to the thousands of manufacturers that put products in its stores, even compelling these companies to lower their wages or to move their manufacturing to China. Second, Wal-Mart doesn't play fair in the local market. When it moves into your community, it can drop its prices and lose money for months without affecting its overall profits, for it has thousands of stores. Your local hardware, grocery, pharmacy, and others can't do that, so they are crushed --- not by Wal-Mart's work ethic or efficiency, but by its brute monopoly force.

The bottom line is that Wal-Mart shrinks our economy, destroys middle-class wages, changes the face of our communities, and erodes America's values of fairness, justice, and opportunity. It's time to free the market again.

Flexibility needed in today's work day

By JACK FARIS

Let's face it: Labor Day is a big deal in America.

For many youngsters, it's the last day before they go back to school. For politicians, Labor Day is the start of the campaign season-an opportunity to stand on a bunting-wrapped platform to seek the favor of the voters.

But on September 5, 1882-the first Labor Day-it was a "workingman's holiday," the brainchild of the Central Labor Union in New York City. There was a demonstration followed by a picnic. Later, parades and speeches became part of the day. By 1894, more than 30 states had adopted the idea and Congress decided to make the first Monday in September a national holiday.

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Web site points out that "Labor Day is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers." Fair enough-if you include some of America's hardest workers: small-business owners.

In business, these employers and employees, but workers are the men and women who toil side-

by-side whether owner, manager or stock clerk.

Labor Day has evolved over time-fewer parades, for example, and more speeches.

It is unfortunate that the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) hasn't kept pace with the times. The FLSA became law in 1938. It provides minimum standards for wages and overtime. It established two classes of employees: blue collar and white collar-and requires those who are lower paid (blue collar) to receive overtime for work beyond 40 hours a week. White-collar employees are not eligible for overtime.

Few changes have been made to the FLSA in its 65 years. The regulations were last updated in 1949. Some of the job classifications listed then don't even exist today: keypunch operator, straw boss, gang leader and leg man.

More importantly, lifestyles have changed. Census data shows that in 1999 almost three quarters of households of married couples with children had both parents working. Women make up nearly half the work force. Commuting has added hours to the workday. Employees want more flexibility on the job, more time with

their families.

Small-business owners want to accommodate those desires, but the FLSA won't allow it. U.S. Rep. Judy Biggert (13th Dist. - Ill.) and U.S. Sen. Judd Gregg (N.H.) have introduced legislation to help. They want to give employers the option of paid time off or wages for overtime worked-an arrangement federal government employees have enjoyed since 1978.

The AFL-CIO has organized a campaign to derail the legislation, claiming that this is really an effort to end overtime for employees. They worry that employees would face unpredictable work schedules. But those issues have been addressed with safeguards to protect employee and employer.

So far the votes aren't there to pass the bill in the House and the Senate has not even held hearings on the proposal. It would be very ironic if lawmakers thumbed their noses at a plan for family flexibility, something their own employees have enjoyed for 25 years.

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

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Mill Creek Community Association plans Fall Shindig for Sept. 13

MCCA Social Committee Members are working to plan decorations for the "Y'all Come Old Time Fall Shindig" Sept. 13.

Fall pumpkins, Scarecrows, and colorful leaves are all parts of the decorating plans being made by the committee members for this Fall Social event. Busy decorating boy and girl scarecrows are social committee members, left to right, back row: Melonie Stringer and Bobbie Reihsen, sitting in front: Iris Heid and Pat Freeman. The Heirlooms shop in Salado will be supplying the decorative pumpkins used in the table centerpieces.

Cash Happy Hour is from 6 to 7 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The Fred Flowers Blue River Band will provide music and entertainment. Members reservations of \$10.95 per person, includes tax and gratuity. Please send check to MCCA, Box 562, Salado, TX 76571. Your check is your reservation.

Charter ABWA club hosts area meeting

The Five Hills Charter Chapter of Copperas Cove will be hosting the Central Texas Area Council ABWA meeting Sept. 11 at the Grace United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The church is located on 101 W. Ave. F and S. Main in Copperas Cove.

Networking begins at 6 p.m. with dinner and business meeting following at 6:30 p.m. Cost per person is \$15. Checks should be made payable to Five Hills Charter Chapter and mailed to Paula McNatt, 717 Kate, Copperas Cove, TX 76522. Deadline for reservations is Sept. 8.

The national American Business Women's Day will be celebrated and nominees for the Central Texas Area Women's Hall of Fame will be inducted.

For more information and directions contact Paula McNatt at 254-547-6870, Cinda Hart at 4-547-8681 or 939-3531. Lorinda Davison may be contacted at trailend@vvm.com.

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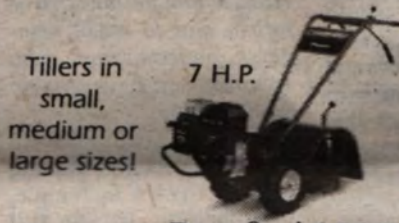


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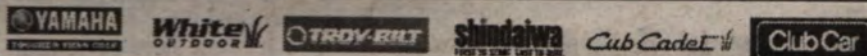
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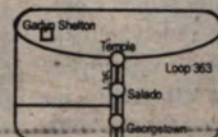
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Village Artists select Griffitt as Artist of the Month

Jo Griffitt has been selected as "Artist of the Month" by the Salado Village Artists.

Jo Griffitt was born in Naples, TX. She received her Bachelors of Science in Business education and later, a Masters in Elementary Education at East Texas State University in Commerce.

In college she met James Griffitt and in 1947, they married and then moved to Bonham, where he was a teacher and the director of Grayson College in Denison. He organized classes for credit and asked her if she would organize some non-credit classes. Since she had always wanted to learn to quilt, she chose to register students for that, also taking the classes, thus beginning her life-long enjoyment and making of quilts.

James and Jo recently celebrated their 56th anniversary. They have two grown daughters and five grandchildren. They have lived in Salado for about eight years.



Jo Griffitt

She has made many quilts through the years, and has studied with Darlene Christopherson from China Springs. Jo is mentioned in the forward of Darlene's book, "The Perfect Union" and has a signed copy of the book, which is about appliqueing and piecing of quilts. Darlene was associated with Jeannie Beyer, quilt color expert, who is well known for her many books on quilt and fabric design.

Griffitt especially likes trips to see the Quilt Fairs in Paducah, Kentucky and Sisters,

Oregon.

She also appreciates oil, watercolor and acrylic paintings and has several in her home painted by her sister.

Jo Griffitt enjoys working with the other artists and quilt artists of the Salado Village Artists.

Griffitt's quilts will be on display through the month of September in both Salado banks and the Salado Public Library.

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a private audition for a judge who is selected by national headquarters in Austin. Students can play anywhere from two to 20 pieces, and each student is judged against national standards and is graded on a standardized report card. Students earn membership in the National Piano Guild based on the number of

pieces they play. These students receive comments from the judge and receive a rating for their performance at the audition. The students from Salado participating in these auditions and earning certificates of merit were: Tavonn Shafie, playing three pieces and

earning a District Level membership; Nan Cryar and Chelsea Ervi, playing four pieces and earning District Level memberships; Jessica Rivers, playing two pieces and earning a Local membership; and Jenny Wiggin and Taryn Kornegay, playing 10 pieces and earning a National Level membership.

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Sept. 8 at the church. All interested parishioners are invited to attend and become acquainted with this program for their children. Fellowship and refresh-

ments will be provided at 6:30 p.m., with the presentation following at 7 p.m. The program is sponsored by the St. Stephen Women's Society and will be held in the Parish Hall.

Waco Hippodrome opens 90th anniversary season

The National Tour of the "Sound of Music" will mark the premiere of the Theater's 90th Anniversary Season for one performance, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 13.

Imperial decree in 1498, the choir sang exclusively for the Viennese court for four centuries. Since their first tour of the United States in 1932, the choir has become the most popular ever to tour North America.

The final Series performance of the season will be "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," scheduled for the night of April 24. Described as Seinfeld set to music, this comedic joyride features four actors delighting in what you've secretly thought (but were afraid to admit) about romance, and reveals the difficulties and joys of connecting with another person, no matter what age.

This Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic has won the hearts of audiences over the world. Major recent international productions include Japan, China, Israel, Greece, South Africa, the Netherlands, Peru, and Sweden - each with cast albums recorded in their native languages. The score features a remarkable number of memorable hits, such as "My Favorite Things," "Do Re Mi," "Clim Ev'ry Mountain," and, of course, "The Sound of Music."

The third Broadway performance of the season, "Titanic--The Musical," transports audiences to the heart of the ship's historic voyage. This Broadway extravaganza will make its memorable debut on the Hippodrome stage Jan. 31, 2004.

Series subscription packages are still available, though orchestra seating is selling fast. For package prices, visit the theater's website at www.wacohippodrome.com or call the Box Office.

Following the Sound of Music, the Hippodrome will host the prestigious Vienna Choir Boys in concert, Nov. 11. Founded by

young audiences. Prepare for a lively battle of the sexes as the fourth Broadway Series production, "Kiss Me Kate," bursts onto the Hippodrome stage Feb. 5, 2004. Racy and rambunctious, this performance is not recommended for young audiences.

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Monday Club meets Sept. 8

The Monday Club will meet 2 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Salado United Methodist Church. Rick Miller, county Attorney, will present the program titled, "Sam Bass." All ladies are invited to attend.

Salado Education Foundation's October 11th "Chisholm Trail Cattlemen's Ball" Highlights Scholarship Recipients

By Jackie Mills
 Hope Irish Buchanan graduated from Salado High School in 2001. She was one of the six students who were the first recipients of a Salado Education Foundation scholarship.

The SEF was formed late in 1999 by 19 concerned citizens who banded together with the slogan "Together, We Can Make a Difference." With the foundation's ultimate goal, to award financial assistance to every Salado High School graduate for continued education at the college or technical school of the recipients choice, it took a year to garner sufficient funds for the first scholarships.

Buchanan excelled in Theater Arts in high school. She starred in school productions as well as Tablerock and Vive Les Arts performances accumulating a list of roles longer than your arm. She chose St. Edwards University in Austin and is majoring in Theatre Arts, Acting Emphasis. Her estimated graduation date is 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

"Since I arrived at St Edwards I have been constantly busy. For the first two years I attended classes and waited tables to make ends meet. During my freshman year I lived on campus in the dorms. In my sophomore year I moved into an apartment with my roommate from the first year. Now I'm living in a little house with a couple of roommates and it's quite nice," said Hope.

"I have been involved in almost every Mary Moody Northern Theatre production for the past two years. I have worked both on and off stage," Hope admitted. Last summer I

traveled to Graz, Austria with the St. Edward's Choir group. We performed concerts in many beautiful locations, and had an amazing time."

"Recently I have become interested in costume design. Last year I took a design course, and I've been sketching ever since. I was very excited when two of my designs were used in the summer production of Honky Tonk Angels," Hope exclaimed.

"This fall I will be working part time in the St Edwards costume shop. I'll be making money and working at something I love doing. Now, who could ask for anything more? I have been cast in the fall show, "A Flea in Her Ear," written by Georges Faydo.

It opens Sept. 18 and runs for three weeks, Thursday through Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. I'm also interning on the post production work of an independent film that was shot in Austin. Summer was great, but I'm ready to get back into the swing of things here at St. Edwards. For the past two years I've been stuffing my mind on the banquet of education, keeping very busy, trying to eat right and stay healthy so I will have the energy to get all of my projects completed. The Salado Education Foundation Scholarship has been a blessing for me," Hope said.

The Salado Education Foundation fund-raiser "The Chisholm Trail Cattlemen's Ball" will be held 6-11:30 p.m. on Oct. 11 at Tenroc Ranch. Proceeds from this event will support the Salado Education Foundation in provid-



Hope Irish Buchanan

ing student scholarships and grants to teachers for educational programs. If a SEF scholarship recipient wishes to attend Temple College their scholarship is matched.

Attendees to the Cattlemen's Ball are invited to dress in western gear while enjoying a night of fun under Texas stars.

In concert will be Fred Fuller and his band. Dinner will be served by Johnny's Steaks and BBQ and entertainment will be

provided by Tablerock's Brazos Bottom Cowographers. The evening will include wagon rides by Dick Curtis' Good Time Carriage Rides, casino gambling and two live auctions.

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SPORTS

Salado smashes Troy 15-0

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

In an early exhibit of smash mouth football, Salado Eagles dominated the Troy Trojans Aug. 29 to open the football season with an ugly 15-0 win.

In his fourth year in Salado, Head Coach Jeff Cheatham will take an ugly win over a pretty loss. "I am pleased with the win," Cheatham said, "but it looked like a first game. There were plenty of mental errors, but our defense came up with the



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

In an exhibit of smash mouth football, Salado Eagles defense held Troy to a total of 28 yards offense in their 15-0 win Aug. 29.

plays."

The Eagles held Troy to just 28 yards total offense on the Trojans' home field. Of that, 17 came in the air and 11 came on the ground.

Eagles defenders got to the Troy quarterback for five sacks and caused three fumbles including a fumble on the first play from scrimmage.

Shane Pipes recovered the early fumble to give Salado the ball at the Troy 17 yard line. The Eagles could not take advantage of the turnover and the game remained scoreless until the end of the first quarter.

Jesse Rodriguez scored the first touchdown of the season for Salado on a one yard run with :38 left in the first quarter. A 30-yard pass and run from Scott Bates to Kris Stineman gave the Eagles the ball at the one yard line. The TD capped a 54 yard drive for Salado.

The teams swapped punts and turnovers for the middle part of the game, even though the Eagles had the ball deep in Troy territory midway through the third quarter.

Tyler Rooney blocked a Trojan punt and Bill Tubbs recovered it at the Troy 15 yard line with 8:12 left in the third quarter.

The Eagles pushed to the four yard line before Josh Jacobsen, who rushed for 111 yards and a touchdown on the night, fumbled into the endzone to give Troy a touchback and 20 yards of breathing room.

Jacobsen redeemed the fumbled ball midway through the fourth quarter when he scampered for 33 yards into the endzone on a fourth and two-to-go run around the end. Troy was called offsides on the PAT and Salado went for two, a quarterback sneak by Scott Bates.

The stingy Eagle defense was led by Tubbs, Rooney

and Simpson, who defended several pass attempts by Troy.

Jacobsen led the team with 111 yards rushing on 17 carries, including the fourth quarter touchdown. Rodriguez carried the ball 11 times for 36 yards for the run-laden Eagles offense.

Bates completed four of 10 passes for 53 yards with Stineman catching two of them for 39 yards. Bates was intercepted twice on the night.

Salado had three fumbles on the night, losing one of them for a touchback. The Eagles were called five times for 35 yards in penalties and punted three times for a 25 yard average.

Troy lost only one of four fumbles and had one interception by Salado. The trojans punted eight times for a 25.7 yard average and were called eight times for 40 yards in penalties.

Eagles play host to Moody Sept. 5

Salado Eagles will play host to the Moody Bearcats in their home opener 7:30 p.m. Sept. 5 at Eagle Field.

Salado enters the game as favorites, following a dominating 15-0 win over Troy Aug. 29. Moody lost its season opener to the Jarrell Cougars 35-14.

"They've got a lot of size," said Head Coach Jeff Cheatham of the Bearcats. "They are huge up front on the offensive line." He

added that the Eagles will probably give up 40 to 50 pounds a man on the line.

The Bearcats will predominantly run the ball with David Stoglin and Kirk Washington getting the lion's share of carries.

"We have to do a good job of getting to those two before they get going. If they get outside, we are going to have problems. They have a lot of speed," Cheatham said.

Cheatham said the defense will continue to rely on Bill Tubbs, Tyler Rooney and Chase Simpson to stop the Bearcats.

Josh Jacobsen and Jesse Rodriguez will see their fair share of action against Moody. "We're going to run, but we're also going to throw on them," Cheatham said.

Salado thrashed Moody last year 30-0.

Lions hold lasagna supper Sept. 5

The Salado Lions Club will be holding its fourth annual Lasagna Supper 5-7 p.m. Sept. 5 at the Salado Intermediate School cafeteria.

This will be in conjunction with the first home football game for the Eagles who will be play-

ing Moody.

The lasagna will be prepared from a recipe provided by Superintendent Dr. Robin Battershell.

The meal will include the home cooked lasagna, salad, bread, drinks and a dessert, all for the price

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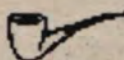
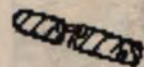


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JV Eagles shut out Troy 16-0

The Salado JV football team kicked their season off with a shutout 16-0 victory over the Troy Trojans Aug. 28 in Salado.

The Eagles got on the board in the early-going. Tucker Wilhite was the first to strike paydirt, taking the ball from six yards out and muscling his way into the end zone in the first quarter of play. Wilhite also ran for the successful two-

point conversion.

The score remained 8-0 until the third quarter, when Wilhite again took the ball and plunged in from the three yard line to put Salado up 14-0. Fullback Alonso Galvan successfully converted the two-point try, which brought the scoring to an end for the game.

Coach Travis Ling

credited the win to the entire offensive line, and an opportunistic defense. "Tucker Wilhite ran the ball well, and Alonso Galvan had a good game blocking from the fullback position," said Ling. "Craig Jackson, Michael Tracy, Brian Fetterman and Craig Sniggs, who had a 34-yard interception return, were outstanding defensive players."

"The shutout was the thing that really stands out, as well as the play of the offensive line," Ling continued. "All the kids played hard all night with a lot of focus. We as coaches were very proud of the overall effort."

The 1-0 JV Eagles next take on the Moody Bearcats, Sept. 4 in Moody.

Soldier returning from Iraq to speak to CTRW Sept. 19

Central Texas Republican Women September meeting will be a dinner 6 p.m. Sept. 19 at the Wildflower Country Club in Temple.

This month the speaker

will be LTC Douglas W. Mc Neese, a central Texas resident who recently returned from Iraq. He will relate his experiences while in Iraq.

Reservations are due

by Sept. 12 and may be made by sending a reservation and \$20 check made payable to CTRW to: Shirley Casey 811 Trail Crest, Harker Heights, TX 76549

those who pay at the door will be \$21. For information call 254-690-4004.

All Republicans are welcome to join them, applications for membership will be available.

Ballroom dance lessons held at CAC

Put on your dancing shoes and join local ballroom dance enthusiasts, Drs. Harold and Nil Whittington, as they instruct beginning dance classes in foxtrot, waltz and swing this fall at the Cultural Activities Center (CAC).

A four-week course in

foxtrot will be followed by courses in waltz and swing. Classes will be held 6:30-8 p.m. on Mondays with three weeks of instruction followed by a practice party.

Foxtrot classes are scheduled for 6:30-8 p.m. Sept. 15, 22 and 29, with a practice party held at Sammons Park on Monday, Oct. 6. Beginning Waltz classes will be held 6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 13, 20 and 27, with a practice party scheduled for Nov. 3 at Sammons Park.

Swing classes are scheduled for Nov. 17 and 24 and Dec. 1 with the practice party on Dec. 8.

The cost for each four-week session is \$25 per person. All students must wear leather soled shoes and must be pre-registered. Payment may be made up to the first class.

The classes are designed for beginners, but are also useful for dancers who want to brush up on patterns and techniques. Instruction is geared for couples. Singles are

encouraged to register and will be placed on a waiting list to be paired with other singles in an effort to maintain an appropriate gender balance.

Local dancers Howard and Yvonne Martin will assist the Whittingtons with course instruction. The instructors are not professional and are teaching as volunteers. All fees go to support the CAC.

For more information or to register contact the CAC at (254) 773-9926.

Violin prodigy returns to Georgetown

By LIZ STEWART

Regina Buenaventura, a talented 15-year-old violinist from the Philippines, will make a return appearance to Georgetown in a special concert 7:30 p.m. Sept. 17, at the Sun City Ballroom. The event is being co-sponsored by the Georgetown Symphony Society and the Friends of the Georgetown Symphony Society.

Buenaventura will select pieces by such composers as Bach, Kreisler, Massenet, Dvorak and Debussy. Since the program will last approximately one hour, this will be a wonderful opportunity for parents to bring their school-age aspiring musicians, even on a school night. Buenaventura began demonstrating her talent at a very early age. She began to study piano at age three and soon after switched to violin, with her grandmother - a renowned musician in her own right - as her first teacher.

Acclaimed by all who were fortunate enough

to hear her, Buenaventura last performed in Georgetown in June of 2002. The niece of Dr. and Mrs. Fidel Exconde of Sun City, she was here on a quest to find the "perfect violin."

At her young age, she was still playing a three-quarter-size instrument and was in Texas to try out several violins crafted by Joseph Nagyvary of Texas A&M. Professor Nagyvary is world renowned for his studies into what gave the violins of Stradivarius, Amati and Guarneri their distinctive tonal qualities. He himself has become a successful luthier, or violinmaker, using what he believes are the techniques of Stradivarius. During that visit, Buenaventura, indeed, found her "perfect instrument," and Prof. Nagyvary confers his Stradivarius versions only to players who match with the violin.

Since then, she has performed widely in her native country and presented a two-day concert in January of this year at the Cultural Center of the Philippines. Billed as "Regina: On Wings of

Song," her playing garnered such rave reviews as, "Her concert showed her wide range, fiery and authoritative, yet capable of the most delicate pianissimo supported by a sure and solid technique."

She has also been a soloist with the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra and the Manila Symphony Orchestra.

While in Texas, she will perform in a tribute to Prof. Nagyvary at the George Bush Presidential Library in College Station.

Buenaventura will be accompanied on the piano by Dr. Michelle Schumann from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Tickets for the concert are \$8 for adults, \$2 for students, and are available at the Williamson County Sun, the Hill Country Bookstore, the Sun City Community Association office, or by calling Lynn Duvall at (512) 864-3685. Proceeds will go to benefit the efforts of the Georgetown Symphony Society in presenting quality musical experiences to the young people of Central Texas.

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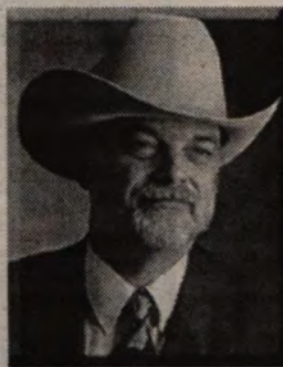
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Getting rid of unwanted facial hair

Dear Dr. Donohue: I am a woman in my late 50s with a humiliating condition -- hair growth on my chin and above my upper lip. I asked my doctor what I could do about it, and he told me to shave. I left his office in tears. I don't want to shave. I know that promotes hair growth. Please help.

Answer: Let me kill the shaving-causes-hair-growth idea quickly. Even though that's an often-repeated statement, it is not true.

Some women experience facial-hair growth as they get older merely as a genetic trait. Perhaps you can recall if your mother had the same problem. How about sisters?

Regardless of inheritance, as an aftermath of menopause, there is a change in a woman's female-to-male hormone balance. (Women do make male hormones.) The male hormone production

To Your Good Health

by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.



slightly increases, and the female hormone production plummets. Hair begins to grow in places where it grows on men -- above the upper lip, the chin, the cheeks and between the breasts.

If other male changes appear, such as a deepening of the voice or loss of hair at the temples or on the crown of the head, then the hormone imbalance could be coming from some serious problems, such as adrenal gland or pituitary gland tumors.

If the only sign of male hormone production is hair loss, then the loss can be attributed to the normal shift in hormone levels that is a consequence of menopause.

Female hair loss differs from male hair loss in that female loss occurs all over the scalp. It's a generalized hair thinning. Rarely, if ever, does the total scalp become bald. Male hair loss takes place at the temples and the crown of the head and can evolve into total loss of all scalp hair.

The solution to your problem is to resort to methods that attack hair follicles, such as electrolysis or chemical hair removers. Vaniqa is a prescription cream that retards hair growth. Spironolactone, flutamide and finasteride are oral prescription drugs that block male hormone action on

hair follicles.
Dear Dr. Donohue: My son, who is in his 40s, had a melanoma of his eye. I know skin melanoma is caused by overexposure to sunlight. My son was a sun worshipper for many years. Did the sun cause his eye cancer?

Answer: Melanomas are cancers that occur in cells having melanin, a dark pigment. Melanin cells are plentiful in the skin, but they exist in other places as well, including the eye. Ultraviolet light has a hand in skin melanomas. Melanomas, however, can occur in the mouth, the esophagus (the swallowing tube) and even in the lungs, so the ultraviolet rays of sunlight are not the only cause of these cancers.

I cannot say if sun exposure was at work in your son's eye melanoma. The link between sun exposure and eye melanoma is not as great as it is for skin melanoma.

Medicine ball training

Question: I recently purchased a 6-pound medicine ball. What are the benefits? Also, besides the arm exercises that were featured in the instructions, how can I use it for my legs?

Answer: The medicine ball is a great workout tool and can be used to strengthen and firm almost every muscle group. It has been around for many years, but recently it seems to be making a strong

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Andrea Renee Wyatt, M.S.S., C.S.C.S.

comeback. Designed as a way to add more resistance, the medicine ball can be used like a dumbbell or as added weight to make exercises more challenging by moving in many different directions. It also is easier to hold and control than dumbbells.

When using exercise tools such as the medicine ball, it is important to learn how to complete the exercise correctly without use of the ball. Be sure to master the exercise before adding any additional challenges. For example, you should know how to complete a squat before adding the weight of a medicine ball.

Regarding leg exercises using the medicine ball,

you can be very creative in designing them. Start with basic movements and hold the ball close to the body to become accustomed to the additional weight.

The lunge-and-twist is a great leg exercise. Start by practicing the basic lunge, which begins with legs shoulder-width apart.

Step forward with one leg and plant your foot. Bend your back knee, and lower your body toward the floor. (Your knee does not have to touch the ground.) Be sure to keep your front knee from extending over

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your toes. Use the strength of the front leg to push yourself back into the start position. Repeat using the other leg. Now, let's add the twist. While holding the medicine ball, place yourself in

the basic lunge position. As you extend your front leg forward, twist your trunk, ball included, to the side. Twist in the direction of the lead leg. For example, if you lead with your left leg, twist your body to the

left. After you twist, use the strength of the front leg to return to the start position. Repeat to the other side. Not only does this exercise work your legs, but the twist adds a challenge to

your core muscles.

Always consult a physician before beginning an exercise program. If you have a fitness or training question, e-mail Andrea at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com or write her in care of

Saving ourselves from obesity

EDUARDO J. SANCHEZ
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The warnings come every day now: Obesity is now linked possibly to the development of Alzheimer's. A million kids already have developed cardiovascular problems. Two out of three Americans are overweight or obese and, soon, 70 percent will be. The cost of treating obesity and obesity-related health problems is about \$123 billion per year at a time when costs for taking care of our senior citizens is also increasing. Obesity is linked to about 63 million doctor visits every year.

Few of us in public policy anticipated this problem 20 years ago. Yet the threat is real for millions of Americans who will suffer the torment of illnesses engendered by obesity. The threat is real for all of society - not just for those who are overweight - because obesity will soon put the medical-

care system at risk.

What are we to do?

The wave of obesity that will surely sink us if we do nothing did not appear overnight, and nothing can be gained from blaming anyone. Almost every facet of society bears some responsibility for the crisis that we now recognize as a serious threat to America itself.

The first step is to make sure that everyone knows that a direct link between obesity and disease and illness exists. As a medical doctor and as the state's commissioner of health, I am not sure that everyone understands the connection. If you are overweight or becoming obese, the chances increase that you will develop diabetes, which can cause blindness, the loss of limbs and a host of other ailments, none of them subtle.

An overweight or obese person also increases his or her chances of developing cancer. And the chances of developing a bad heart.

And high blood pressure. And depression. It used to be that being overweight was a cause for mirth and humor. Not these days. Being overweight is a cause for serious concern: It shortens life.

Effective public-awareness campaigns are critical. Yet addressing the problem of overeating and lack of exercise will not be as easy as it was to address smoking or drunk driving. Ordinances against smoking and laws against driving drunk result in penalties and fines. In their absence, it will be harder to convince individuals to reform their personal eating habits and to engage in physical activity.

The effectiveness of getting the message about the link between obesity and illness is a central concern because, by far, many more Americans are overweight and obese than there are smokers or drivers who drive drunk.

The second step involves concentrating on school-age children who are now devel-

oping their life-long eating and exercise habits. More than enough opportunities exist for local school districts, parents, local officials and leaders to make their contributions in the fight against obesity by making sure that instruction on good nutrition and physical activity are incorporated into a daily school curriculum and practiced at home.

We should be able to turn our schools into places where children can learn habits early that will avert the dangers of obesity. If we can do that, we can look back at the current obesity threat as only the temporary bulge in the snake that ate the horse.

If we fail, history may look back on these days as the time when we did not act to prevent an obvious threat. And when our much-vaunted medical care system broke down. And we turned our backs on our seniors.

And on our children's future.

Utilize the benefits of yoga to achieve better health

Yoga master and instructor Paul Coates will begin his next installment of Yoga classes 6:45 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Halley House in Salado and 5:45 p.m. Sept. 8 at the CAC in Temple.

"Harness the power of Yoga and gain fitness, happiness and freedom from stress," said Coates.

His classes at the CAC will be held 5:45-7 p.m. Sept. 8-Oct. 20, Mondays at the Cultural Activities Center (CAC).

The health benefits of Yoga are no longer a secret buried in the ancient traditions of the past. They are spreading quickly and gaining international popularity with individuals who are focused on holistic healing and obtaining harmony within the body and mind.

Yoga is instrumental in increasing flexibility and lubricating joints, ligaments and tendons. The seemingly unrelated and "non-strenuous" yoga positions act upon certain parts of the body in an interrelated manner and when done in unison they achieve flexibility.

It's also the only form of activity that massages the body's internal glands and organs. This stimulation provides individuals with a heightened aware-

ness of their body and invokes a forewarning for the likely onset of disease, disorder or injury.

By gently stretching muscles and joints and massaging organs, yoga ensures that optimum blood supply is transported to various parts of the body creating complete detoxification. Flushing toxins from the body leads to benefits such as delayed ageing, increased energy and a remarkable zest for life.

The cost for the six-week Yoga session is \$35. There is no special equipment required for students to enjoy the class, however loose clothing and a large beach towel or yoga mat to sit on are recommended. To register, contact Coates

at (254) 947-9992.

Coates began teaching Yoga in 1968 after recovering from a serious illness, and has studied at the California Institute of Asian Studies, the Integral Yoga

Institute in San Francisco as well as with schools and ashrams in New York, London, New Dehli, Benares, India, Rangoon, Bangkok, Hong Kong and Singapore.



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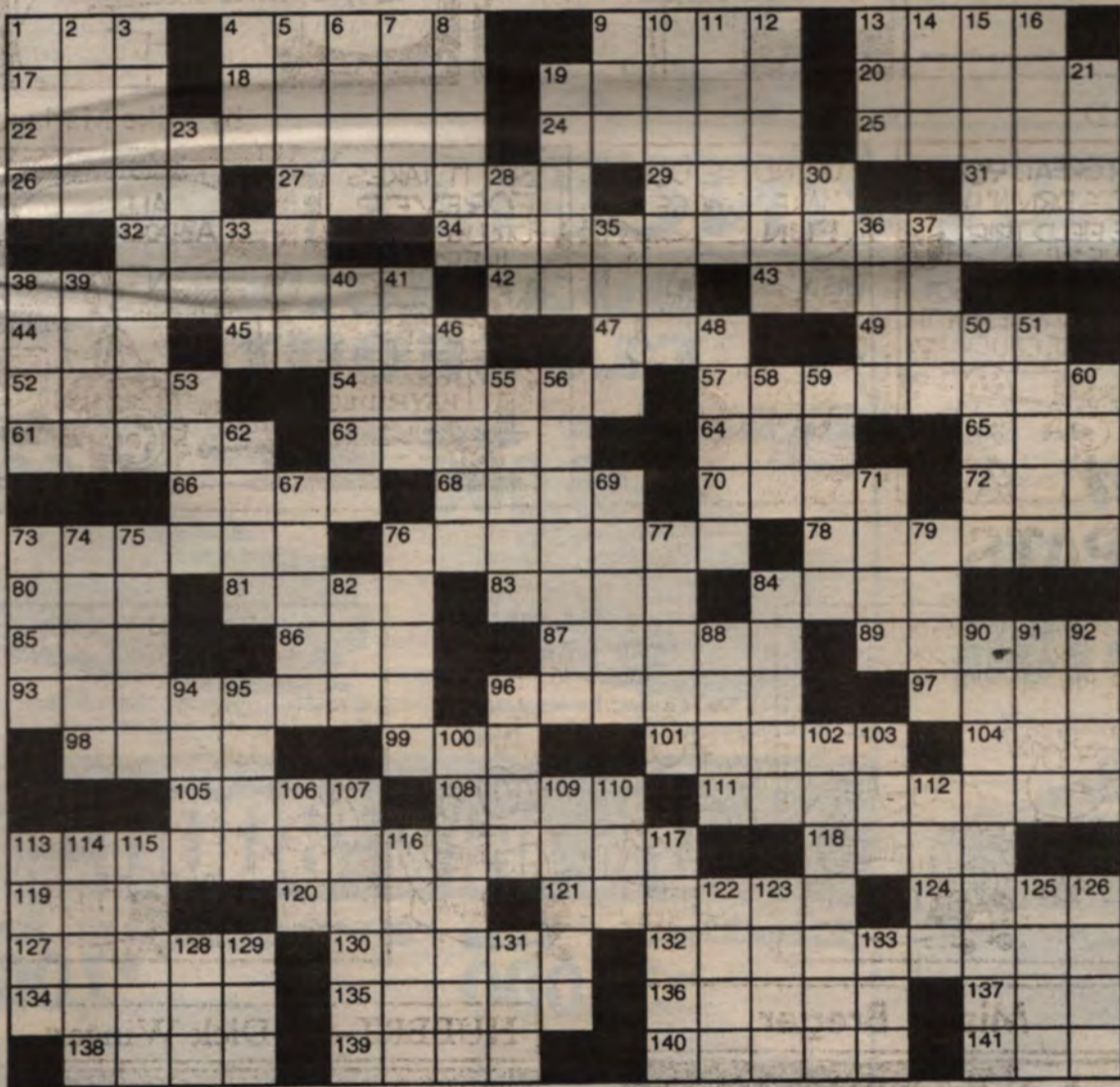
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Don't watch them! They're trying to put me to sleep so they can run away!



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 - 80 For each
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 - 86 Maglie of baseball
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 - 96 Cocktail ingredient
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 - 99 Bit part in "Cleopatra"?
 - 101 Mythical weeper
 - 104 ___ Pan
 - 105 Spellbound
 - 108 Word with candy or copy
 - 111 Labors
 - 113 Part 4 of remark
 - 118 Connecticut campus
 - 119 USN rank
 - 120 Leave
 - 121 San Luis ___ CA
 - 124 "Them!" critters
 - 127 Actor Christopher
 - 130 Incited, with "on"
 - 132 End of remark
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 - 139 "Eat your dinner ___ dessert!"
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 - 62 Distribute the deck
 - 67 Instant
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 - 71 Writer Bagnold
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By ALLEN MANTANONA

Like most people, you probably are plenty busy with your work and family. So you may not have the time and expertise needed to thoroughly understand the investment world. That's why you may want to work a professional investment representative.

But how do you find the right one? You can start by asking the right questions. Here are a few to consider:

• **Have you worked with people in my situation?** - As an investor, you have your own special set of characteristics:

level of assets, stage of life, long-term goals, etc. Before you sign up to work with a financial advisor, you need to make sure that he or she is comfortable working with someone like you.

• **What are your credentials?** - Inquire about a prospective advisor's qualifications. Make sure anyone you might work with has all the necessary securities licenses.

• **What is your investment philosophy?** - Just like investors, investment professionals have different investment personalities. Some might be naturally more aggressive, while others are conser-

native. But the ideal advisor is someone who will provide you with guidance that's based on your risk tolerance and investment preferences.

• **How will you communicate with me?** - You'll want to make sure that your broker will communicate regularly with you. Find out when you'll receive statements and how often you'll meet in person to review your portfolio. Will your advisor call with suggestions and recommendations? Are you free to contact your broker at any time? If the broker is not available, is there someone else that he or she works with who will be familiar with your situation? It's important to find these things out as soon as possible. Remember, you're entrusting this person with your financial future - so you have a right to expect open, honest and frequent communications.

• **What sort of resources do you have to draw on?** - Find out if a prospective investment professional has access to high-quality research and technical expertise in key areas, e.g., investments, insurance and estate plan-

ning. In some cases, an advisor may be able to bring in added expertise through a relationship with another professional, such as an attorney or accountant.

• **How do you get paid?** - Investment professionals get paid in a variety of ways: fees, commissions, percentage of assets under management, or even a combination of these. You do need to know, right from the start, how your advisor is getting compensated.

• **Can you provide me with references?** - A lot of people are too shy to ask for references. However, a reputable broker will be happy to give you some names of people you can call. Of course, you shouldn't expect a broker to provide you with the specifics of other clients' financial transactions. But you should be free to ask about an advisor's style, responsiveness, etc.

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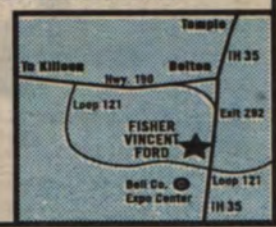
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Village Guide

Local B&B's aid in Christmas in October preparations

Salado Bed and Breakfast owners gathered recently at the Civic Center to discuss the refreshments they will be providing for the Tearoom Tent at the annual Christmas in October Celebration, to be held 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 10-11 on the grounds of the Civic Center. Christmas in October is the major yearly project and fundraiser for the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. The proceeds from the event help to fund the variety of civic contributions the group makes.

Admission, refreshments, and parking will be free at this year's event. "A variety of muffins, cookies and fruit breads

will be served with coffee or punch," said Joan Schrock, of the Ladies Auxiliary. "The hostesses of the Ladies Auxiliary will serve the goodies in a special Tearoom Tent. Christmas music, entertainment and style shows will be the order of the day, while shoppers take a break from their early Christmas buying."

Local bed and breakfasts participating are the Halley House, the Inn on the Creek, the Inn at Salado, The Levi Tenney House, Royal St. Provisions, Stonecreek Settlement, The Baines House, the Red Barn Hideaway and Innkeeping with the Times reservation service.



Suzanne Petro (left), of Inn at Salado and The Lodgings at Salado Springs, and Sue Whistler (right), of the Inn on the Creek are helping, along with other local B&B's, to prepare refreshments for Christmas in October.

11th Annual PTO Golf Tournament to be held Sept. 15 at Mill Creek Country Club

The 11th Annual Salado Parents and Teachers Organization (PTO) Golf Tournament will be held 1 p.m. Sept. 15 at Mill Creek.

Proceeds from this tournament are used to support events, projects and the purchase of additional educational tools for the children at Thomas Arnold Elementary. A variety of sponsorships are also available.

Registration is \$60 per player, with carts included. First, second and third

place, along with closest to the pin and longest drive will receive a complimentary 5 p.m. dinner at the 19th Hole.

Contributors donating \$10-\$50 will receive newspaper recognition.

Fairway sponsorships are priced at \$100, and include a sponsor sign, complimentary dinner, newspaper recognition and one tournament green fee.

Tee-box sponsorships, at \$150, include a sponsor

sign, complimentary dinner, newspaper recognition and one tournament green fee.

Green sponsorships are set at \$200, and include sponsor sign, complimentary dinner, newspaper recognition and one tournament green fee.

Deadline for sponsorships and entry fees is Sept. 8.

Checks may be sent to: Salado PTO/ P.O. Box 900/

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If mailing a check, include name of sponsor, contact person, address and phone number. It is also asked that players or sponsors indicate whether they will be attending dinner, whether they will be playing golf, their handicap, and the names and handicaps of additional players.

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Mondays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Exercise Class: Aug. 18-end of school year, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. except first Monday of the month, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. Class includes stretching, strengthening and Pilates. Held at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public.

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

Tuesdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesdays

Yoga classes: 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Salado Chiropractic and Massage. 947-2225.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

Salado Business Association: General meetings, 3rd Thursday 8:45 a.m. upstairs at the Civic Center.

Salado Neighborhood Group of the American Sewing Guild: 3rd Thurs. of each month 5:30 p.m. at The Sewing Basket.

Saturdays

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

What's happening here?

SEPTEMBER 4
Public Hearing for the Village of Salado concerning budget amendment, 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

SEPTEMBER 5
Salado Lions Club Lasagna Supper, preceding first home football game, 5:15-game-time at SIS.

SEPTEMBER 8
St. Stephen Women's Society meeting. Program by Laura Snyder on religious education programs.

SEPTEMBER 8
Salado Democrats meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

SEPTEMBER 8
Monday Club meeting, 2 p.m. at the Methodist Church. Attorney Rick Miller speaking on outlaw Sam Bass.

SEPTEMBER 11
Central Texas Poetry and Prose Reading 7 p.m. - Readings, 9 p.m. - Open mic.

SEPTEMBER 13
Mill Creek Community Assoc. Fall Fling 7 p.m. at Mill Creek Inn and Country Club. Cash bar at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10.95 per person.

SEPTEMBER 13-14
Fright Trail Auditions 3 p.m. at

Tablerock's backstage room.

SEPTEMBER 15
Eleventh Annual Thomas Arnold Elem. PTO Golf Tournament, 1 p.m. at Mill Creek. Deadline for entry is Sept. 8. For info, call Kathlyn Smith at 947-8239.

SEPTEMBER 20
Bell County Jamboree event, for specifics call 254-939-8560, or visit www.allcentex.com/jamboree.

SEPTEMBER 20-21
Fantasy Faire & Shakespeare Festival \$5 adults, \$3 children

SEPT. 20, 21, 27, 28
A Midsummer Night's Dream 8:15 p.m., \$10 adults, \$5 children.

SEPTEMBER 22
PALS presents First Annual Salado Wine Tasting Festival 6 p.m. at Stagecoach. For info call Fran Harris, 947-3429.

SEPTEMBER 27
Chisholm Trail ABWA Style Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Celebration Center. 947-9000 for info.

OCTOBER 2
6th Annual Storytelling Festival 1st through 4th grade, \$1 per person. 10 a.m.

OCTOBER 4-5
Christmas Carol Auditions 2 p.m.

OCTOBER 10-11
Christmas in October. Free admission, Salado Civic Center. 947-5040

OCTOBER 10-12
First annual teddy bear making class and retreat at the Baines House. Call 947-8885.

OCTOBER 11
Salado Education Foundation's Chisholm Trail Cattleman's Ball 6-11:30 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. Call 947-5479.

OCTOBER 14
Eighth Annual Salado Humane Society Benefit Dinner, 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Mansion. \$25 per person. Info: 947-3241.

OCTOBER 17-19
Second annual Titanic Texas Weekend: Gathering for anyone interested in the Titanic. For info: willingham@vvm.com.

OCTOBER 18
Fall Festival at Thomas Arnold Elementary, 1-4 p.m. Info: 947-5191.

Oct. 25, 31, Nov. 1
Fright Trail Nights at Tablerock 7-11 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3 children under 12.

NOVEMBER 22
Empty Bowl Project benefiting Salado Family Relief Fund, 1-6 p.m. at SIS auditorium. Call 947-5321 for info.

DECEMBER 2
Mill Creek Community Association annual Christmas Party at Creekside Restaurant. Happy hour, 6-7 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Call 947-3901.



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Greene speaks to Ladies Auxiliary Sept. 11

Judy Greene will present the program at the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary, 10 a.m. Sept. 11 at the Civic Center. Hospitality will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Greene is a former teacher, manager of public relations for a Dallas bank, and Director of Developments for The Hockaday School.

Twelve years ago, while living in Dallas, she began trying out for commercials and won roles in both local and national ones. When she and her late husband, writer A.C. Greene, moved to Salado in 1992, it seemed that her brief acting career had come to an end. However, Raymond Carver came to

town and Greene worked with him to found the Living Room Theatre of Salado.

She is a frequent performer for the Living Room Theatre, but she also researches, writes and performs monologues for a wide variety of audiences. Each of these monologues is about "a woman of faith." Her newest monologue is about Dolley Madison, which she will perform at the meeting.

Greene's first two plays, *Tea at the Adolphus* and *Past Tense* have been performed for the Living Room Theatre, Salado United Methodist Church, Christian Farms Tree House and the Aztec Theatre in Albany.



Judy Greene

ABWA to host 8th Annual Style Show

Chisholm Trail Chapter of the American Business Women's Association in Salado will be hosting their eighth annual fashion show and benefit luncheon September 27th. The style show will be held at the Celebration Center, 216 Royal Street, starting at 11 AM. Suzanne Petro and her staff at Inn of Salado will be catering the luncheon. Fashions from Christy's and The Store at Old Town in Salado will be featured.

Proceeds help support local scholarships each year.

The style show was moved to the Celebration Center this year to accommodate a larger crowd. Last year many local residents waited until the last minute to purchase tickets only to find out the event was sold out, according to publicity chairman, Barclay McCort. We hope to avoid that scenario this year, she stated.

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PALS to hold first annual Wine and Wildflower Festival Sept. 22

The Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) is producing the first annual "Wine and Wildflower Festival" 6-8 p.m. Sept. 22 in the Longhorn Room at the Stagecoach Inn. Henry Dominguez, general manager of Stagecoach, is assisting in the planning of the event.

Participating wineries for the event will be Becker Vineyards, located in Stonewall; Fall Creek Vineyards, located in the West Texas town of Tow; Flat Creek Wines, situated near Marble Falls; and Messina Hof Winery and Resort, located near Bryan.

Clinton Harwell, manager of the wine department at Temple HEB #2,

has selected the wines to be tasted.

Loni Bockstanz, a representative from the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center will be on hand, and wildflower and grass seeds will be sold by Salado Antique Roses. Also exhibiting will be Native American Seed Company, of Junction, and Wildseed Farms, of Fredericksburg, both providing catalogs and instruction for preparation and planting of wildflower seeds and grasses.

Admission for the wine tasting fundraiser is priced at \$25. For reservations, call (254) 947-8300, or mail a check to: Hulda Horton/Salado Civic Center/P.O. Box 814/Salado, TX 76571.



This still life photograph by Margaret Williamson features a sculpture by Charles Allen, a distinctive prize for the "Wine and Wildflower Festival"

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Returned soldier gives thoughts on Iraq

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

In a speech that was in turns stark, straightforward and emotional, Lt. Col. Douglass McNeese, commander of the 299th Combat Engineers and recently returned from the war in Iraq, addressed the Salado Lions at an Aug. 27 Mill Creek luncheon.

"My basic theme is that we've got to continue to support the decisions our president is making, and we must continue to support our soldiers," said the Temple native and 21-year Army vet.

Over those two decades of service, McNeese has been awarded two Bronze Stars, three Meritorious Service Medals and has completed six combat tours, serving in global locales such as Grenada, Puerto Rico, Honduras, Germany, Bosnia and Iraq. McNeese, a Belton resident, is set to retire in three weeks.

"We knew beforehand that we were going to have to fight in the cities," said McNeese of the Army's war preparations. "So we began to train for that 10-12 months ago."

But when internal disagreement arose in Turkey about whether U.S.

troops would be allowed in, which culminated in a Turkish refusal to America, McNeese said, despite their thorough training, his soldiers were forced to prepare for combat in a hurry, and from a different direction.

"Without Turkish help, we had to deploy out of Kuwait," he explained. McNeese said that his men had only about half the time typically required to ready their gear for battle, tasks such as testing weapons and checking equipment, but he credited his soldiers' professionalism with overcoming those logistical obstacles.

"We were actually test-firing our weapons on the way to the border," he said. "But I can tell you, we have the best army in the world. The best equipped and the best soldiers."

McNeese said that he resolutely believes America's presence in Iraq is justified. But the majority of Americans view and read only what the mainstream media chooses to report, he continued, which typically is not complimentary to the military. It is this alleged skewing that McNeese takes exception with.

"If they (the media) walked a day in my shoes,



Lt. Col. Douglass McNeese

and saw what I saw, they would know we are right in being in Iraq."

He pointed to such Hussein tactics as stationing aircraft in residential neighborhoods, and positioning munitions factories and soldiers next to playgrounds, parks and houses. "They wanted us to create as much collateral damage as possible. Now what does that tell you about Saddam Hussein, and how much he cares about his people,"

McNeese asked.

He also endorsed the belief that Iraq does, or did, possess the elusive WMD's. Intelligence reports to that effect led President Bush to levy that claim as his trump card in convincing the American public that war was necessary. Sharp criticisms of the administration have since arisen, as no weapons or agents have been uncovered yet.

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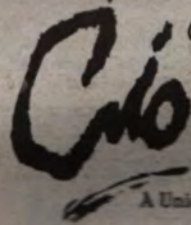


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Sara Sebti
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Iraq

"I had all the missiles they used," McNeese stated. "I just didn't have the agents." McNeese's men, who rolled through Baghdad and eventually secured Saddam's hometown Tikrit, discovered vast deposits of rockets which could quickly be equipped with chemical agents. "There's no doubt in my mind these agents are there, though," he said.

It was in Tikrit and nearby towns, said McNeese, that he and his men were forced to deal with the most troubling aspects of the war: the Iraqi penchant for sabotage and guerilla war.

"The Arab view of life is that, no matter what

happens, it's God's will," McNeese said of what he observed in northern Iraq. Thus, he continued, death, if beyond an individual's control, is not something to be feared in the Arab mindset.

"My soldiers had a hard time dealing with that initially, but then they realized it was them or us. And my soldiers wanted to come home."

With the prevalence of violence, a result of nearly every Iraqi owning at least one assault rifle, everyday life was and is a struggle for survival for American soldiers, McNeese said.

"At the end every day," he stated, choking back tears, "when all my men came back safe, I sat down and gave thanks. Our soldiers are in

harm's way, every single day."

There were so many guns and munitions in Iraq, that McNeese said he destroyed an average of 80 tons of explosives daily, until his superiors directed him to stop as the blasts were causing disruptions in the radar systems.

"We did let them (the Iraqis) keep one weapon for self-protection," he said. "It's only a handful of people that are causing the problems over there, but if they found out that any Iraqis were helping us, they would have broke into their homes and killed them. So a firearm for self-protection is neces-

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sary." McNeese said that despite what Americans see on television, rank-and-file morale is "extremely good."

"Out of 42,000 soldiers in a division, ABC or CBS is going to find the guy that's griping."

He said those images find their way back to the soldiers, and their impact can be destructive.

"Those soldiers need to know you support them and our effort," he said in closing, echoing his opening statements. "I have seen oppression. I have seen the Iraqi people oppressed. That's why we should be there."

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Rutherford spoke to Rotary Club Aug. 26

By SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL
STAFF WRITER

In 1981, Wayne Rutherford went to work for the City of Temple Fire Department. Since 1983 he has been employed by the City of Killeen Fire Department, he told the Rotary Club of Salado, Aug. 26.

In 1984 he earned his paramedic certification from Central Texas College. He is currently the Fire Chief for the Salado Volunteer Fire Department.

Since becoming a firefighter he has served under seven different fire chiefs.

"The first rescue call I responded to was a young man going to jump off an overpass and commit suicide," Rutherford said. "I told him not to jump and asked what his father would say if he saw him acting like a coward. He responded by telling me he didn't have a father. When asked what he thought his mother would think, the man answered, 'I don't have a mother.'"

Rutherford thought to himself, "this is going to be more difficult than I thought." So he asked him, "What Robert E. Lee think?" The man turned to him in shock and asked, "Who is Robert E. Lee?"

With that, Rutherford said, "jump you Yankee, jump." Needless to say, the young man was rescued safely.

Why firemen the things they do is a question that has been asked of him. "We do it out of a sense of service to mankind and out of the volunteer spirit," Rutherford answered.

In 2002, the SVFD responded to 401 calls. Among these calls were nine structural fires, 13 vehicle fires, 22 grass fires, 87 miscellaneous, 95 vehicle accidents and 175 emergency medical assists.

Rutherford explained that the difference between the volunteer firefighters and the paid firefighters (i.e. Temple, Belton, and Killeen), other than money, is the amount of training they are required to have before entering a structure fire. A volunteer fireman can enter a fire after only 70 hours of training, as a paid firefighter has to have over 468 hours before entering.

If you have ever driven around town and seen the Scott and White ambulance sitting on the side of the road or in a parking lot and wondered what they were doing, it is called "hot posting." They are in a spot



Wayne Rutherford

that would allow them to go north towards Belton, south to Jarrell, east or west, when a call comes in.

There are four levels of emergency medical service units: first responder, emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician intermedicate, and paramedic (certified and licensed). The SVFD has 26 firefighters and emergency service personnel.

The department is equipped with a rescue truck, a triple combination class A pumper, a tanker/pumper, the "twins" brush unit, and a Dodge pickup truck that doubles up as pump/tanker.

The biggest problem the fire department has is finding and developing a stable funding source. Rutherford stated, "we work closely with the Village of Salado for funding." The departments largest expenses are fuel, equipment and medical supplies.

The Rotary Club presented Rutherford a check in the amount of \$200 to help the SVFD.

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Lindbergh's ups and downs in Camp Wood

Tumbleweed Smith

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Somewhere around Uvalde he got confused and started following a small rail line that stopped at Camp Wood, a hill country village northwest of San Antonio. The line had been built to haul cedar out of Nueces Canyon.

Running out of track and needing to know just where they were, Lindbergh made a rough landing in a cultivated field between Camp Wood and Barksdale.

A man named guy Hutcherson drove his model T truck to the loca-

tion, loaded their luggage, tools and Mr. Klink. This lightened the plane for a safe lift-off. Lindbergh then landed the plane on Camp Wood's main street, between the Fitzgerald Hotel and Warren Puett's Hardware Store.

They loaded the plane and were taxiing down the dirt street, which had a number of ruts, causing the plane to wobble. The tip of the wing struck a telephone pole, throwing the plane into the side of Puett's Hardware.

The propeller was broken and a wing was damaged. They ordered a new prop and patched the wing. Lindbergh later said the plane forever flew slightly sideways the way some dogs trot. Lindbergh's offer to make restitution was rejected. Puett said, "People will come from miles around to see where this brave young birdman

escaped death."

The two airmen stayed at the hotel several days, visited and danced with the local girls. Residents of Camp Wood called the 22 year old Lindbergh "Slim." He was relatively unknown at the time, outside of barnstorming circles.

After a week, the propeller finally arrived, but it was the wrong size. A local mechanic, Russell Vernoy, made it fit. When the plane was repaired, Lindbergh gave several residents rides.

When it was time to leave, the young pilots climbed aboard, said goodbye to their new friends, took off safely this time, and continued their journey westward.

Many years later, the park was named Lindbergh Park and the street in front of the Fitzgerald Hotel was named Leon Klink street. The state placed a histori-

cal marker at the site.

The original propeller from the Canuck has recently been found. It had been in a garage fifty years..

Hill Country resident Tom Casey has made a replica of the plane Lindbergh flew into Camp Wood. It is in a museum in Camp Wood and is displayed the first Saturday in August of each year at the old Settler's Reunion. A few years after the incident, Mr. Klink visited the reunion and saw the hotel and the street named for him.

Two weeks after visiting Camp Wood, Lindbergh became a US Air Service Cadet at Brooks Field in San Antonio. On May 20-21 in 1927 he made the first solo flight from New York to Paris and the world took notice.

Previously, fourteen people died trying to make that flight.

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

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Thelma Fletcher

24 oysters Salt & pepper
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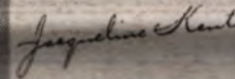


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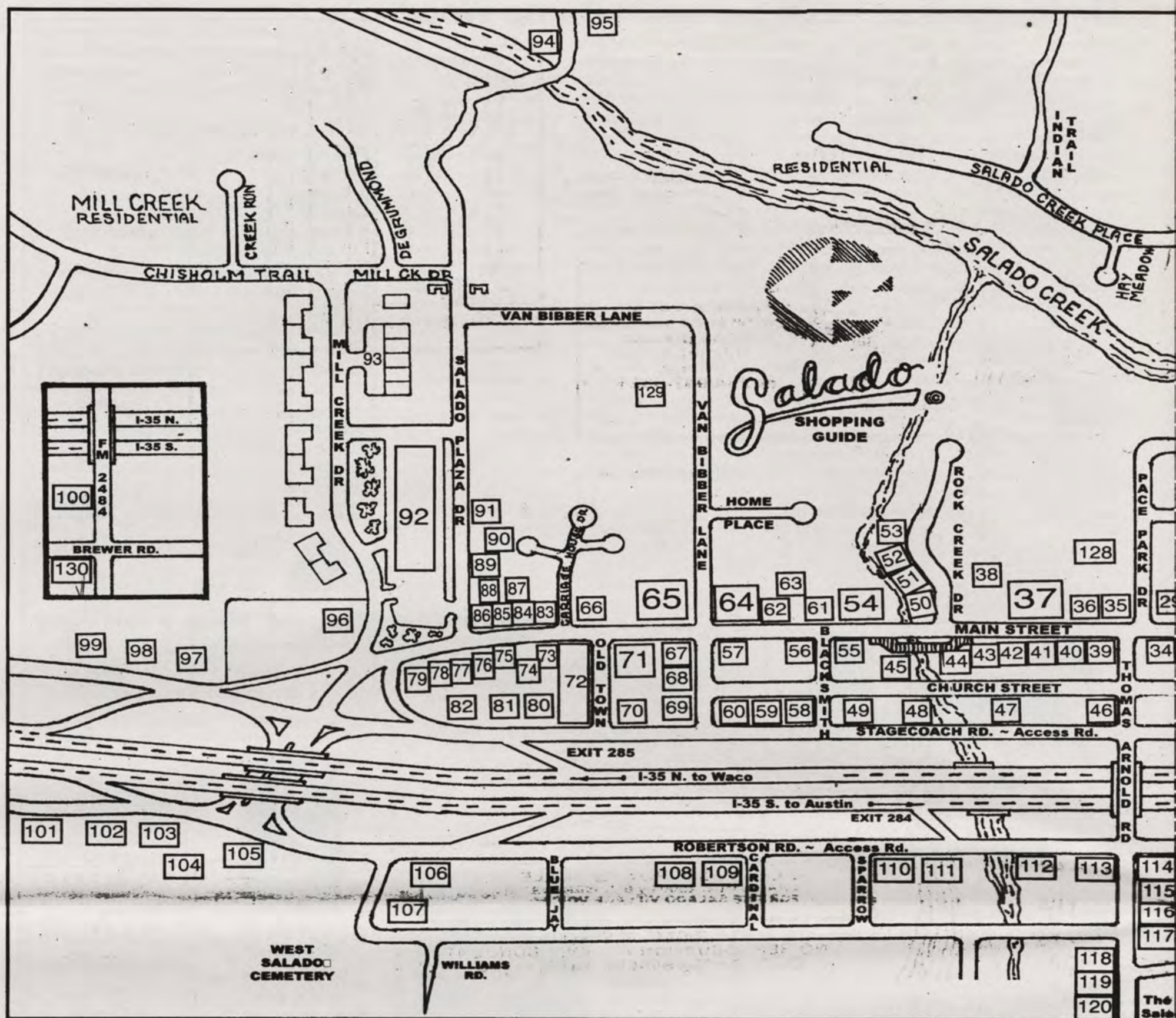
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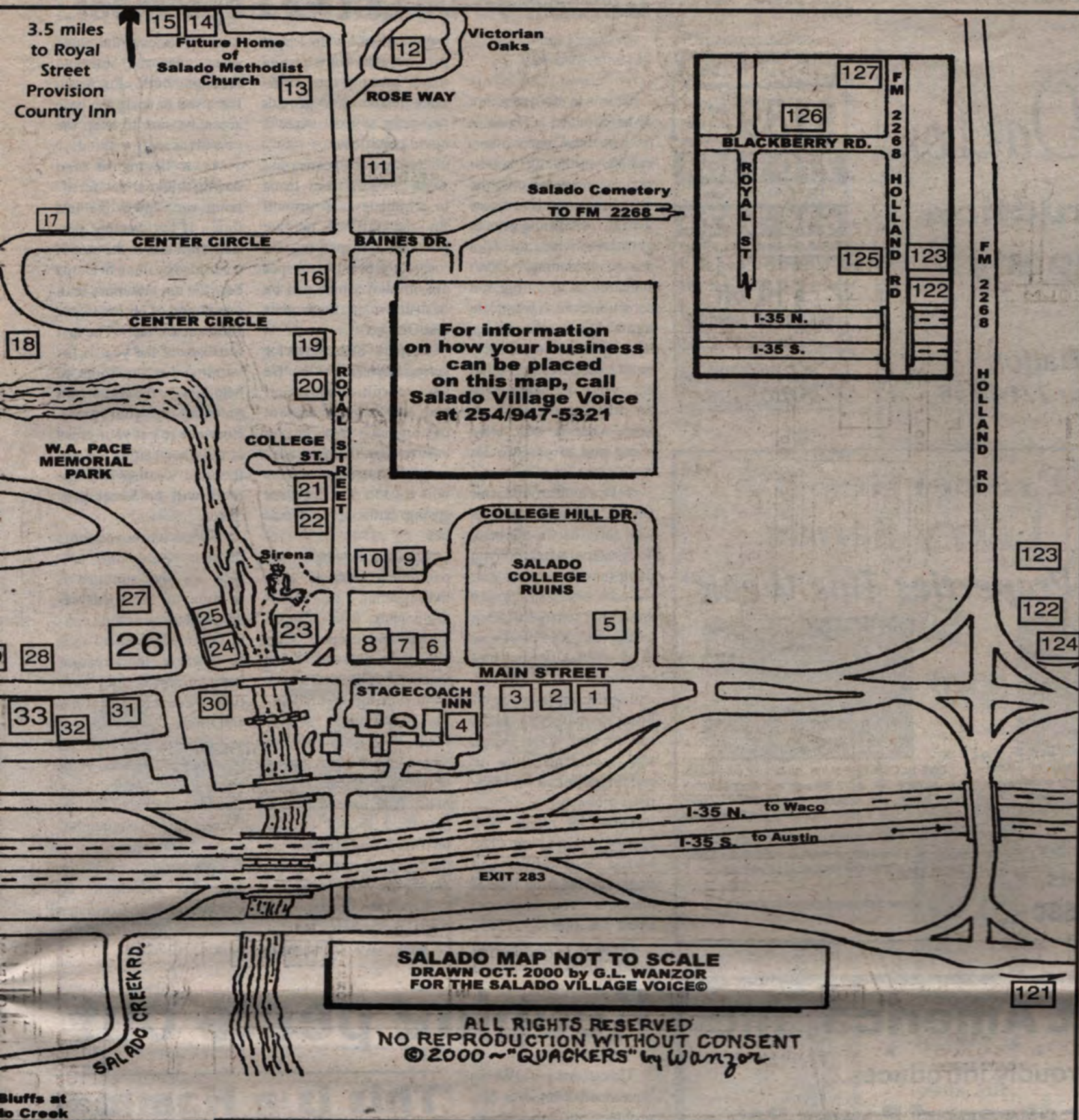
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Garden To-Do List for September

By DEBBIE LAUER
MASTER GARDENER

This is it, our last month of hot weather. Those of us who have been hibernating in the air conditioning and doing only the minimum outside are now getting restless and want to get started with some cool season gardening. Don't succumb to the urge too soon however. It is too late to add hot weather things to the garden and too early to add cool weather flowers. Here are some ideas for what you can do to keep what is still alive going and to prepare for the cooler season to come.

Take a look around your garden and see what did well this year in the heat. Take some notes so you don't have to rely on your memory next year. Start a gardening journal to keep track of it all. Be sure to record failures and successes.

Lightly prune and dead-head zinnias, marigolds, salvias and other things still producing color to encourage them to continue blooming.

Don't let plants with berries get dried out. The berries will suffer and might fall off from lack of moisture. Your birds will thank you later.

Prune dead or diseased wood from scrubs and

trees. Wait to do major pruning until midwinter as major pruning may stimulate tender new growth just prior to frost when it could be killed.

Remove dead canes and weak growth from roses to stimulate new growth for the fall. Continue preventative spraying on roses to prevent blackspot and mildew which can be destructive in September and October.

Prepare beds now for spring flowering bulbs. Be sure to cultivate the soil and add a good amount of organic material to ensure that there is adequate drainage so the bulbs will not rot. Do not plant spring bulbs until October.

Divide spring blooming perennials such as gailardia, canna lilies, daylilies, violets, irises, Shasta daisies and lirope. Trim off spent flowers, dried and dead stalks, and leaves from your summer blooming perennials. Scatter seeds, you just might have a bumper crop next spring of your favorites. Perennials that have finished blooming should not be fertilized any further as they will not actively grow during the winter season.

Repair any dead spots in your lawn where drought or bugs have killed your

turf. Remove the dead grass, turn the soil and rake it smooth. Put down fresh sod or sprig the bare areas, be sure to keep the new areas well watered.

As it begins to cool down, think about fertilizing your lawn one last time. If hot weather persists until late in the month it can also be done in October. Do not add more than one pound of Nitrogen per 1000 square feet. The last fertilizer of the year is for building healthy roots to help survive the winter, not greening up your grass. Continue to cut your grass at a higher height. When the cold weather hits the roots will be better protected.

If you have moved some of your houseplants outside for the summer it is time to get them re-adjusted to lower light conditions. Move them to a spot where they receive less sun now so they have time to adapt to lower light conditions.

Finally, if you have an area that gets at least eight hours of sunlight a day consider planting wildflowers late in September and early October.

Gardening questions may be submitted by writing: Master Gardener Questions/1605 N. Main/ Belton, TX 76513.

Keeping pests out

Question: We've developed a bit of a bug problem in our home lately, and we're not sure why. The exterminator is coming next week, but what caused this problem? We've never had trouble before.

Answer: If you clean your home regularly (and of course you do), and bugs suddenly appear, a change in the environment around the house -- inside or out -- is often to blame. The abundance of multi-legged pests can be caused by anything from a change in normal weather patterns, a shift in the location of certain items, or undetected access points to the house (such as cracks in the foundation).

Check your home, inside and out. Inspect the outside walls and foundation for cracks or holes and patch any you find. Check all windows and doors, and make sure they fit snugly in their frames. If a window is drafty (signaling a possible access point), add weatherstripping or caulk around the drafty area. Inspect screens for holes or rips, and repair any you find.

This is a Hammer

by Samantha Mazzotta

Check out foliage near the foundation of your house. Are foundation plants (shrubs or ground covers) located right up against the wall? If so, prune the branches back a few inches. If they're planted very close to the foundation, consider removing them and replanting shrubs farther out from the wall, so that encroaching roots don't damage the foundation and create an entry point.

Now, note the location of potential trouble spots. Extra-large bags of pet food shouldn't be stored inside the house; tuck them into a dry, elevated spot in the garage (always check carefully before reaching in to scoop out food, in case an unfriendly animal is rooting around in there, too. Trust me, I know). Or, store pet food in a large plastic container that can be sealed tightly. Don't store firewood inside the house either, since woodpiles often

harbor various pests, including spiders and roaches. Store it outside, at least 12 feet from the foundation. Keep the compost pile away from the house, too.

In the kitchen, store all food, including dry goods, in airtight containers. Clean up leftovers from dinner immediately, and don't allow food to be eaten in other areas of the house. It's inconvenient, but will limit the range of pests and make it easier to eradicate them.

Some of these measures are pretty extreme, but until the pest problem goes away, you'll need to reduce the temptation for them to come inside.

HOME TIP

Schedule a regular home inspection and treatment from a reputable, licensed and bonded pest-control company -- ideally, one that guarantees its work -- to keep a lid on pests.

Non-credit courses offered at Central Texas College

Central Texas College's Continuing Education department will offer the following non-credit courses this fall:

Jewelry Making with Fused Glass - Hand crafted glass jewelry, currently a fashion trend, can be designed to express your personal style or given as a gift. Learn how to use a small kiln and make your own frit and stringers to enhance jewelry. Class will also explore glass fusing terms, different types of glass used in glass fusing and a variety of methods for finishing jewelry to wear.

Each student will leave class with at least four or five pieces of jewelry (with an estimated retail value of \$35-\$60 each). Plan to spend a minimum of \$110 on supplies.

Class meets in Florence at the instructor's studio. Cliff Fahey owns a glass art studio and has been making a variety of art pieces for the past five years including wall hangings, bowls, platters, tile, clocks and jewelry for retailers and galleries. Class meets 7-9 p.m. Sept. 16-25, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cost is \$31.

Accessorizing with Scarves - This course is excellent for women of all ages who have scarves and don't know what to do with them. Students will gain hands-on experience and learn how to enhance their wardrobe by learning various techniques in tying scarves. Learn to accent

a plain dress, coat, hat, suit, jacket, pants or skirt just by accessorizing with a scarf. Bring scarves of various sizes (oblong, long oblong, square, etc.), a scarf pin and \$2 for hand-outs.

Christine Pointer has worked as a model, beauty consultant and makeup artist. Class meets 10 a.m.-noon Sept. 20. Cost is \$12.

Basic Photography - This basic course will teach you how to use your manual 35mm SLR (single lens reflect) camera. Learn about the history of photography, techniques for taking better pictures, how to overcome common problems and more.

Students are asked to bring 5-10 photographs to the first class (some of your best work and some that didn't come out the way you planned). Be prepared to share your photographs and gain feedback from your peers. Students must bring a manual SLR 35mm camera to class (no point and shoot cameras). Plan to spend a minimum of \$50 on film and developing. This class does not include darkroom instruction.

Bruce Jefferson has over 20 years of experience as a photographer and has owned and operated a photography business for five years. Class meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 15-Nov. 3, Mondays. Cost is \$49.

Situational Leadership

and Team Building - Take your leadership skills to the next level. Discover how leadership and management are different. Learn how to identify and apply various leadership and management styles. Class will focus on the process of diagnosing and improving the effectiveness of a team with particular attention given to both work procedures and interpersonal relationships.

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Scott & White Senior Games to be held Oct. 4-12

The 2003 Scott and White Texas Senior Games will be held in Temple Oct. 4-12, and anyone 50 and older who lives within a 50-mile radius of Temple can compete in the state-level competition without first qualifying at a local games event.

Local senior games featuring a variety of events are held in nine cities across the state, and only the top three finishers in each age bracket are invited to compete. However, since Central Texas will not have a local games event, competitors in the region can immediately advance to the state level.

This is great opportunity for local seniors to compete," said Kevin Beavers, recreation superintendent for the City of Temple and immediate past president of the Texas Senior Games Association. "Apart from the opportunity to put their skills to use, participants get to meet and socialize with great people from across Texas."

Competitive events are

held in volleyball, 3-on-3 basketball, softball, tennis, table tennis, swimming, golf, bowling, archery, badminton, cycling, racquetball, running, race walking, horseshoes, shuffleboard, track and field, and triathlon.

Recreational events, which do not require local-games qualification for any participant, are held in free throw and around-the-world basketball, 8-ball billiards, checkers, forty-two, washers and dominoes.

The registration deadline is Sept. 15. Registration forms are available from the Temple Parks and Leisure Services Department by calling 1-800-478-0308.

The top three finishers in each age bracket, which are split into five-year increments, receive medals. Every other year, the state senior games qualify the top finishers to participate in the Summer National Senior Games, also known as the Senior Olympics. The 2004 competition, also

to be held in Temple, is a national-qualifying event.

Host cities are selected by the board of the state association every two years. Temple was the host from 1995-2000, and will host the Games for the 2003-2004 period.

In addition to the sports events, there will be several social events surrounding the Games. The Celebration of Athletes on Oct. 9, will feature a parade of the athletes from the nine local games and inspirational speaker Rosemary Rumbley. A dance will be held Oct. 7, and spaghetti dinner on Oct. 10, at Temple's Senior Fellowship Center. On Oct. 11, the festivities will conclude with the BlueCross and BlueShield of Texas Hall of Fame Banquet.

For more information about the 2003 Scott and White Texas Senior Games or to request a registration form, visit www.temple-srgames.net, call 1-800-478-0308, or e-mail sr.games@ci.temple.tx.us.

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CAC Chorale begins rehearsals for fall program

The CAC Chorale, a group of nearly 100 musicians dedicated to choral masterpieces, begins rehearsals for its fall concert. Works selected will be "Magnificat" by J.S. Bach; a Gabrieli composition for double chorus and double brass; "Gloria" by Randall Bass; and "Christmas Cantata" by Daniel Pinkham.

The works will be performed with a chamber

orchestra Nov. 23, at the Cultural Activities Center, 3011 North Third Street.

Rehearsals start Sept. 8 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the CAC's Wendland Hall. Music will be available. Rehearsals will be held each Monday through the end of November.

Conductor will be Larry Guess, who has an extensive background in choral directing including the former Temple Civic

Chorus. Nancy Bales will be rehearsal accompanist.

Singers do not have to audition to join, and prior choral experience is helpful but not necessary. Last season, musicians traveled from Georgetown, Waco, Belton, Killeen and Salado to sing with the group. Professional soloists for the concert will be Central Texas performers and music faculty.

The CAC Chorale steering committee, chaired by Diane Howard, Ph.D., will be planning several social events and get-acquainted activities during the fall season.

The CAC Chorale was formed in the fall of 2002. In the spring 2003, the chorus and chamber orchestra presented "Requiem" by Mozart.

Corps of Engineers announces contract awards at Fort Hood

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced Aug. 22 two separate contracting awards for work to be done at Fort Hood.

The largest of the two awards went to MW Builders of Texas, Incorporated from Temple. The \$18,577,000 contract is for building 23 Access Control Buildings as part of the 2003 fiscal year Military Construction (MILCON) program.

The plan to construct the Access Control Buildings was already in place before the September 11 tragedy but because of a need to increase security at the Killeen and other military installations around the country, Congressional support for the design and construction of the buildings was accelerated.

The Access Control Buildings are expected to take 14 months to complete

and will replace temporary gates that have been put up around the installation since the September 11 incident.

Another contract, awarded July 22 in the amount of \$1,955,892, was awarded for installing new fencing around the cantonment area at Fort Hood.

Like the larger award, this plan is also part of the

FY 03 MILCON program and was already in place before September 11.

For further information about Access Control Buildings or the cantonment fencing, call the project manager, Carlos Solis, (817) 886-1453 or write to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District Office, ATTN: CESWF-PM-J, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas, 76102.

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Crawford Music Compositions selected for the Texas UIL Prescribed Music List

Stephen Crawford, Director of Bands and Percussion Studies at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor had two music compositions selected to be included in the Texas UIL Prescribed Music List.

The Texas PML is used by thousands of Texas high school students when selecting music for UIL solo and ensemble contests. Other states around the country that do not have official lists also look

to Texas PML for choice selections.

The two compositions, both written by Crawford for solo marimba, are "Ghost River" originally published in 2001, and "From the Edge of the Frame" originally published in 2002. The Texas PML is revised every four years by a select committee appointed by the Executive Director of the Texas University Interscholastic League.

Dr. Crawford is cur-

rently composing a new work for marimba and flute entitled "Remembering Tomorrow." All of the compositions written by Dr. Crawford are published by HoneyRock Publishing Company of Everett, Pennsylvania

Crawford, an associate professor of music at UMHB, is also the founder and music director of the "Ritmo y mas Percussion Group," and is the principal percussionist/timpanist with the Temple Sym-

phony Orchestra. He has appeared throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Ireland as a performer, lecturer, and conductor. An endorsed performing artist/clinician with the Ross Mallet Instrument Company, Crawford holds degrees from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music, the University of the Northern Iowa, and Minot State University.

Historic Texas documents now online

After 167 years of thumbing through paper indexes for the names of original land grantees, the Texas General Land Office has made them available over the Internet. The database is on the agency's Web site at www.glo.state.tx.us/archives/landgrant.html.

The new database allows anyone to access grants of land issued by the governments of Spain, Mexico, and the Republic and State of Texas. A multitude of search options can be used to locate land grants, such as the name

of an original grantee or patentee, the county where a tract is located, file numbers, and county and abstract numbers. The Web site has a page called "How to Use this Catalog" that features Frequently Asked Questions to make the site easy to navigate.

The database also makes it possible to get new abstract information over the Internet, or save it on CDs. Previously, this information was gathered every 10 years and sent to county clerks as hard copy supplements to the original set of abstract volumes.

As always, the research staff in the Archives and Records Division is happy to answer questions and assist the public. They can be reached at (512) 463-5277. Information

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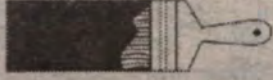
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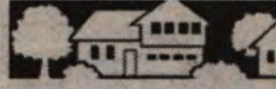
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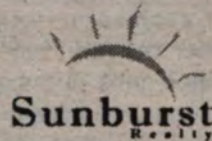


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\$169,800 - Looking for homey, comfort & easy maintenance? The soothing colors, private location & amenities are just right. Separate 12x24 office building. An RV garage perfect for those who travel. Enjoy front porch swing & deck.



\$459,000 - Walk into this elegant home located on 20.22 acres and feel instant comfort. Formal living area is accented with a floor to ceiling cave stone fireplace. The "catwalk" above leads to the private second floor study. This delightful home has 4 large bedrooms that include two private Master Suites. Fun gameroom/playroom downstairs leads to the covered patio overlooking an incredible in ground pool and cabana. Energy efficient home. Numerous items to convey with home.



\$249,500 - Live, play & work all in one location. Great opportunity to live next to your own business. Three bedroom home within walking distance to two nice metal buildings. One building is heated and cooled for a showroom, the other building is excellent for a workshop or storage. Oak trees scattered over the 1.23 acres.

Residential

- \$49,500 - 3 BR, 1 BA with fenced back yard.
- \$59,999 - 3 BR, 1 BA updated home in Belton - UC.
- \$83,500 - Nice manufactured home on 5 acres - UC.
- \$119,900 - 3 BR home. Front & back porches & metal shop.
- \$131,800 - New mid-size home on 1 acre.
- \$139,900 - Austin stone with metal roof. 3 BR, 2 BA.
- \$149,900 - 3 BR, 2 BA, island in kitchen. Mill Creek
- \$149,900 - "Orange Lady's Home" fronts golf course - UC.
- \$159,900 - Home on Live Oak Estates on cul-de-sac - Sold.
- \$169,800 - Charming 2 BR/ 2 BA with separate office building.
- \$174,900 - 4 BR in Mill Creek. Fenced back yard - UC.
- \$191,000 - Custom home has 2 master suites w/ large baths.
- \$199,800 - 3 BR, 2 BA home on 2 acres in Hidden Springs.
- \$202,800 - New Austin stone home with hillside views.
- \$205,000 - 3 BR, 2 BA open living area with vaulted ceiling.
- \$229,800 - 4 BR/2-1/2 BA on 1 wooded acre in Mill Creek.
- \$256,800 - New home in Mill Creek. Granite table.
- \$274,900 - 3 BR home overlooking Salado Creek & #3 Green.
- \$289,000 - Stone 4 BR home w/open floor plan. 1.93 acres.

- \$295,000 - 4 BR home in Troy on 60 acres, barn & lake.
- \$309,000 - 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA on Salado Creek Place cul-de-sac.
- \$309,900 - 1 year old home on #3 Fairway. Landscaped.
- \$324,900 - 4 BR, 3-1/2 BA home overlooking golf course.
- \$349,500 - New home with view of Salado Creek & golf course.
- \$389,000 - 3 BR, 2 BA home on quiet street, close to town.
- \$459,000 - Elegant home on 20.22 acres near Temple.
- \$469,500 - 4 BR 4-1/2 BA, game room, 3 car garage.
- \$699,900 - Country living, pool, 7 acres, barn, workshop.
- \$1,450,000 - Executive 4 BR home on Salado Creek.

Commercial Property

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

Acreage Available

- 140 acres located 10 miles northwest of Georgetown. Part coastal, cultivation, well fenced, 2 stock ponds, lots of paved

road frontage, pecan orchard. Huge metal implement bldg. with living quarters.

- 140 acres on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport, all or part.
- 38.78 acres FM 2843, 8 mile west, beautiful trees. \$174,500.
- 15.796 acres fronting FM 2268 with young trees.
- 12 acres between Salado and Florence. All woods, spring, secluded, view. \$49,000.

Mill Creek Lots

- 700 Indian Trail - \$30,000
- Mill Creek Springs - \$30 - \$75,000
- Fletcher Ct. - \$68,000
- 700 Willow Creek - \$36,000 - SOLD.
- Lot 1 Club Circle - \$35,000 - UC.

Other Lots

- Windy Hill Ranch - 2 acre lots - \$55,000 to \$90,000
- Jeremiah's Well - 10 acre tracts \$55,000 to \$90,000
- Lot 2, Rose Lane - \$38,900
- The Overlook - 1+ acre prime lots \$125,000 - \$165,000

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



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



In Salado 3/2 split level home with loft and 2 living areas, plus formal dining. **\$139,900** or lease for \$1,100 per month.



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



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



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



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



Manufactured home on approximately 5 acres. Beautiful live oak trees. Features include porch, water softener, gas fireplace and a sauna located off of FM 2484. **\$105,000.**



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



Great tree covered lot with house in Belton for only **\$77,000.**



4/2 manufactured home on approximately 2 acres with over 2,000 square feet. Features included large covered porch, workshop, and fireplace. **\$79,500.**



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

Acreage

- Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. **\$10,000/lot.**
- Approx. 2 acres near golf course in Mill Creek. Beautiful trees. **\$38,995.**
- 2 acre lot sw of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$28,900.**
- 2 acre lot sw of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$27,900.**
- 2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900** or 1.35 acres for **\$20,000.**
- 3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large Pecabtrees & live water. **\$39,900.**
- 3 BR/2 BA mobile home on 3.5 acres w/view overlooking lake. **\$50,000.**
- 3.5 acres with septic & water. **\$38,000.**
- 3.52 acres, mostly wooded. **\$49,900.**
- 4 acres SW of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$56,800.**
- 5.13 acres sw of Salado. Beautiful trees. **Reduced to \$44,900.**
- 20 acres sw of Salado on Buttermilk Creek. Heavily wooded. **\$125,000.**
- 29 acres sw of Salado on Buttermilk Creek. Priced at \$7,000 per acre. Beautiful Trees and outstanding wildlife.
- 51 acres Buttermilk Creek, spectacular views, excellent tree coverage, sw

- of Salado.
- 53 acres south of Salado. **\$2,990/acre.**
- 130 acres Rolling hills with great views. **\$4,500/acre.**
- 245 acres priced at **\$6,000/acre** per acre. Beautiful rolling hills with large live oak trees and a 3 acre lake. Outstanding development opportunity.
- 928 acres sw of Salado. Beautiful rolling tree country w/ live creek & large lake on property. Excellent views. Outstanding wildlife.
- Three 250 acre tracts ssw of Salado. Beautiful rolling hills w/large trees, live creek and water tank. Excellent views & deer country. **\$2,500/acre.**

Commercial

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

Salado Lots

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

Belton

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