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Hometown newspaper read by Melvin & Judy Bates

Aldermen to adopt budget, Zoning Ordinance Sept. 18

Salado aldermen will consider a \$475,000 budget for 2003-04 and may adopt the Zoning Ordinance during their 6:30 p.m. Sept. 18 meeting at the Municipal Building.

Prior to adopting the 2003-4 budget, the board will conduct a public hearing on the budget.

The budget has the following expenses: Administrative Expenses, \$150,349; Municipal Building, \$8,950; Fire Department, \$25,900; Marketing, \$840; Municipal Court, \$9,050; Police Department, \$189,275; Street Maintenance, \$82,380; Animal Control, \$600; Emergency Operations, \$1,000; Contingency, \$7,000. Total expenses are \$475,344.

The board will also consider adopting the 140+ page Zoning Ordinance, following the recommendation of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. The Zoning ordinance is the fourth part

of the comprehensive plan: the preceding parts of the plan include the guiding document, transportation map and the subdivision ordinance.

When adopted the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance regulate construction and land use within the city limits of the Village of Salado. Regulations of the Subdivision Ordinance are also applicable in the extra territorial jurisdiction of Salado.

In other business on the agenda, aldermen will consider and discuss the following items:

- Grant recommendations from the Tourism Council.
- Possible adoption of hotel/motel budget for 2003-04.
- Renewal of Salado Volunteer Fire Department contract.
- Renewal of contract with Chamber of Commerce for maintenance of Pace Park.



(Photo by Marilyn Fleischer)
Salado High School senior Laramie Jackson was crowned 2003 Homecoming Queen prior to the Sept. 12 game against Thorndale. She is the daughter of Sam and Kim Jackson. Senior Scott Bates was named Homecoming King. He is the son of Melvin and Judy Bates.

Bell Commissioners to consider alternatives after defeat of \$61.1 million bond issue

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Following the defeat of a \$61.1 million bond to expand the Bell County jail and courts, Bell County Commissioners will consider alternatives in coming weeks. "An alternative we do not have is to do nothing," County Judge Jon Burrows said during a workshop meeting of the Commissioners Court Sept. 15. "We have to do something to address jail overcrowding and compliance and safety issues in the courts building."

Some alternatives that Judge Burrows mentioned at the opening of the workshop session include presenting the same issue again to the public, repackaging the issue into separate portions for the public to choose, or renovating the District Courts without expanding to meet code problems.

"While we are looking at the board picture, we have to think of the district

courts problem," Judge Burrows said. "The clock is ticking and we need to be in compliance by September 1, 2005."

Judge Burrows said that the issues involving renovation of the District Courts building includes not just bringing the elevators into compliance, but also mechanical issues, such as the air handling system, plumbing and electrical.

The Sept. 13 election proved that the expansion of the jail and courts "is a significant issue to the people of Bell County," Belton attorney John Galigan told the court during public comments. "Hopefully, now we can come together to find a solution."

O.L. Petty said that he thinks the commissioners should buy the 76 acres on Loop 121 in any case, "so that when you do have to meet the problem head-on in coming years, you will have the land to do it."

Former commissioner

Jack Oliver told the court that he supported the bond. "I think we ought to take another look at it," Oliver said. "I think it's a good idea, but maybe the public thinks that it is too much at one time."

Judge Burrows told Commissioners to take "a few days to kind of think this through." He suggested a decision-making matrix to "look at different possible solutions. We should involve the public in the process."

Bell County voters turned down the \$61.1 million bond proposal to build an additional jail and courts complex on 76 acres of property near Loop 121 by 7,893 to 7,238. Salado's Precinct 203 voted in favor of the bond proposal by a 316 for to 251 against difference. Countywide early voting showed a majority of people against the bond proposal: 3,430 against to 2,875 for.

Regular meeting
Prior to the workshop

session, Commissioners addressed several issues in their regular meeting.

Molly Bosley discussed the statewide mobility plan and funding for highway projects in Central Texas. Bosley told commissioners that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has slated \$344 million in improvements to highways in the Central Texas area, including \$307 million for I-35 expansion.

In 2005, TxDOT will spend more than \$55 million on I-35 expansion in Bell County. On the docket in 2005 is the expansion of I-35 from four to six lanes from the Williamson County line to North Prairie Dell Road for \$11.8 million and reconstruction of the Loop 363 South interchange for \$43.9 million.

In 2007, TxDOT has more than \$50 million in I-35 expansion projects on the docket. Those projects include reconstructing the US 190 interchange at I-35 (\$33.4 million), recon-

structing frontage roads from Amity Road to Loop 121 (\$5 million); and widening of I-35 from four to six lanes from Prairie Dell Rd. north to South FM 2268 (\$11.8 million).

In the years 2008-2014, TxDOT has plans for \$201.6 million in projects related to the expansion of I-35. Those projects include frontage road and I-35 expansion through Troy, Temple and Salado. The project to construct pavement and frontage roads from FM 2268 to FM 2484 will total \$20 million.

In other business, the Court did the following:

- Approved a 2003 Law Enforcement Block Grant that will bring \$26,424 in funds from the Justice Department and have a match of \$2,936 from local funds in the 2004-05 budget year.

- Approved \$48,000 for services from SBY and Company for software and training for maintenance department and Sheriff's

Office and payroll.

- Approved stop signs in the Wells Ranch subdivision at Retama Drive and Wells Drive, Retama Drive and Upton Drive and Danzig Drive and Wells Drive.

- Released a \$1.3 million construction bond from River Chase Venture for Phase II of Hidden Springs at Salado Creek to be replaced with a maintenance bond of \$135,640 and construction bond of \$10,000 for revegetation costs.

- Released a letter of credit of \$91,058 and accepted a maintenance letter of credit for roads and drainage improvements in Cedar Oaks Estates, Phase 2.

Appointed Bell County Engineer Richard Macchi to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and Steve Casey as Hazardous Mitigation Coordinator.

- Presented a certificate of appreciation to the Temple Amateur Radio Club.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



The Terrorist Protection Act

The war on terror has finally, as some critics always warned it would, whipped up a dangerous hysteria. It just so happens that the hysteria has taken hold among critics of the war on terror. They argue that the USA Patriot Act is a combination of the Alien and Sedition Acts and Kristallnacht, in a smear campaign that threatens to roll back policies that have made Americans safer after Sept. 11.

The challenge to critics should be this: Name one civil liberty that has been violated under the Patriot Act. They can't, which is why they instead rely on hyperbole in an increasingly successful effort to make the Patriot Act a dirty phrase. Many of the new powers under the act -- such as "the roving wiretap," which allows the government to continue monitoring a target who switches phones -- aren't really new. They give counterterrorism investigators the same powers investigators already have in mob cases. Opponents of the act must explain why Mohammad Atta should have greater freedom from surveillance than Tony Soprano.

The fact is that federal authorities cannot do any of the nasty things under the Patriot Act that critics complain about -- electronic surveillance, record searches, etc. -- without a court order and a showing of probable cause. A federal judge has to sign off on any alleged "violation of civil liberties."

The Republican-controlled House -- demonstrating that uninformed hysteria is bipartisan -- recently voted to ban funding for Section 213 of the law. Under Section 213, law enforcement can delay notifying a target that his property has been searched. These delayed-notification searches require a court order, and they can be used only when immediate notification would jeopardize an investigation. Such searches already existed prior to

The Rich Lowry Column

the passage of the Patriot Act, and the Supreme Court has upheld their constitutionality. Federal counterterrorism investigators have asked for delayed notification searches roughly 50 times during the past two years, and the average delay in notification has been about a week -- hardly totalitarianism.

Critics who want to eviscerate sections of the act should bundle their proposals together and call them "The Zacarias Moussaoui Protection Act," after "the 20th hijacker," whose computer wasn't searched prior to Sept. 11 due to civil-liberties concerns. We have already forgotten the importance of aggressive, pre-emptive law enforcement. The locus of forgetfulness is the Democratic presidential field, as Rep. Dick Gephardt, Sen. John Edwards and Sen. John Kerry all voted for the Patriot Act and now attack Attorney General John Ashcroft for having the temerity to use it. Out on the Democratic hustings, it's as if Sept. 11 never happened.

Of course, no organization contributed so much to the lax law enforcement that made possible the murder of 3,000 Americans that day than the ACLU. Mohammed Atta and Co. should have remembered it in their prayers as they screamed toward their targets. If the ACLU gets its way on the Patriot Act, some future successful terrorists will want to remember it in their prayers as well.

Bell bonds fail in close vote; All Amendments pass statewide; Salado bucks tide - OK's bonds

The controversial Jail-Courthouse bond issue that held center stage for months in Bell County, failed last Saturday, September 13, in a close percentage vote (52-48), as voters exhibited a "no-new-tax" mood against the \$61.1 million project. A total of 15,131 countians voted (11.2% of those registered) with the difference between the ayes and nays being 655 (7893 against and 7238 in favor). It was the early vote that killed the bonds as 555 more early-birds balloted against the construction project than for it (3430 opposed - 2875 in favor).

Salado's precinct (203) bucked the county tide and approved the bond issue by a 367 to 298 vote.

ALL AMENDMENTS PASS STATEWIDE

As of Monday, the unofficial statewide vote tabulation indicated that all 22 of the Constitutional Amendments passed voter muster including Proposition 12, that puts a cap on punitive damages that can be awarded in medical malpractice cases. Bell Countians approved all Amendments except number Nine that dealt with the Permanent School Fund.

(Note: This column will have a detailed local and statewide analysis of the bond issue and amendments next issue - September 24)

STREET TALK & RUMORS

Street talk and coffee shop tittle-tattle over in Belton are rife with political gossip -- both before, and more especially, after the jail-courthouse bond defeat this past Saturday.

Main subject being the long running rumor that John Galligan, Belton attorney, and leader of the jail-courthouse bond opposition, is positioning himself to run for public office next year. The bond defeat, many think, will further encourage him to take a plunge into the turbulent county political waters.

Scuttlebutt is Galligan will take on Precinct One Commissioner Richard Cortese in the 2004 primary and then challenge Jon Burrows for the top county job in 2006.

Some have speculated that the furor over the \$61.1 million bond proposal was part of a multifaceted plan -- to gain name ID and support throughout the county -- which the noisy petition drive certainly produced for newcomer Galligan. His near-the-current-courthouse office building also kept his name before the public, even when he denied the new construction had nothing to do with his battle over moving the jail-courthouse out by the Expo Center.

Exactly what political primary Galligan would select to run in, has county-seat observers scratching their heads. He could decide to make the race as an Independent which requires a force of volunteers to round up petition signatures to get on the primary ballot -- not to mention raising sufficient cash to make runs against popular incumbents.

Going to be an interesting few years among our political brethren here in Bell, as well as down in Austin as noted in the following piece on Comptroller Strayhorn.

STRAYHORN REHIRS TOP POLITICAL GUN

Republican Comptroller of Public Accounts Carole Strayhorn (we will drop her other names for the sake of brevity) sent spasms of apprehension spinning throughout the Governor's Office recently when word got out that she had brought hired-gun Mark Sanders back to head her public information office.

Sanders was Tony Sanchez' spokesman

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



during the 2002 gubernatorial campaign. He personally called Perry everything but a human-being, including "liar, lapdog for the insurance lobby, hypocrite" and those were on days when they were trying to "play nice." That campaign went down in Texas history as the meanest and nastiest in decades -- not to mention one of the most expensive.

Many believe Strayhorn's move is a warning shot across Governor Perry's political bow, to let Rick the Recalcitrant know she is gunning for his job. It may also set the stage for a venomous political free-for-all between the two adversaries, from now through 2006 since it is no secret that "Grandma" Strayhorn doesn't like the Guv at all, at all. Add Senator Kay Hutchison, (who wants to come home and run for Governor), to the mix and you've got the makings of a major rumble among normally staid Grand Old Party members.

In fact, the 2006 GOP-campaign has all the early earmarks of an old fashioned Democratic primary "blood and guts" donnybrook. Actually, what used to be said about the Demo primary is now true of the Repubs: "Winning the primary is tantamount to winning the general election" -- thanks to the shifting political sands that continue drifting to the right in Texas.

Outside chance that a Democrat contender, without primary scars, might prevail against a bloodied GOP survivor -- especially if it's Perry, since he is the most vulnerable chief exec Texas has had in years -- and with a record to prove it

TAKE FIVE (OR 60)

If you have plenty of spare time at some point in the future, take a gander at your phone bill. It's a hoot. Two months ago, the folks at Sprint sent their "valued customers" a "good news-bad news" message. The good part eliminated the Carrier Property Tax charge! Yea! Only a 7 cent deletion -- but worth a "Yea."

Bad news is that it will be replaced by a 99 cent Carrier Cost Recovery Charge!! Boo! Hiss!

That's a loss of 92 pennies per month for long distance users and "helps Sprint recover various costs." One such cost sounded terribly officious -- "The North American Number Plan." Question, what the heck is a national "Number Plan" anyway?

At any rate -- the phone bill is a fascinating document with some 37 basic cost entries together with three full pages of documentation entitled "Important Information," "Customer News" "Customer Rights" and stuff printed in Spanish that might as well be in Hebrew for those of us non-bilingualists.

Love my phone -- but why such mysterious bills with a multiplicity of fees and taxes? Oh, sure, I know the standard response from the billing office when you call seeking info and succor: "The state or feds made us do it!"

What it really highlights is but another example of our reactionary friends favorite toy (at all levels of conservative law-making) called "Deregulation." It, like "privatization," is a running joke that saves no money -- only increases cost and lowers service.

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Health care reform in just 4,000 years

By JACK FARIS

A while back—at least 3,700 years give or take a decade or two—mankind was already engaged in debates over the cost of health care. The first record of a public official kicking around the idea of regulating medical treatment and fees was Babylonian king Hammurabi, who gave the world its first written laws around 1700 B.C.

So no matter what excuse or legislative technicality those foot-dragging lawmakers in the U.S. Senate conjure up to avoid reforming the nation's health-care system, they can't say the issue has lacked ample discussion. Credit is certainly due the U.S. House of Representatives, whose members took a bold step earlier this session to pass a bill that would allow small businesses to buy health insurance from their trade associations.

It could be that certain senators are unable to see the link between economic growth and health benefits. Most Americans know that when our small-business-driven economy is chugging along, it puts more money into the pockets of wage-earners, encourages consumers to buy goods and services and fattens the tax coffers of governments at all levels.

It could be that certain senators could care less that small businesses create three out of every four jobs in America. Or maybe it's because some of those who serve in the upper chamber march to the tune of special interests, such as big business, big insurance and big labor, which can band together to buy low-cost, quality health insurance for their employees—an option not available to Main Street employers.

Are those senators who are reluctant to give small businesses fair treatment

aware that the single largest barrier to job growth among entrepreneurial firms is the cost of health care? Do they know that health insurers reaped more than \$4 billion in profit in 2001, a whopping 70 percent increase over the year before?

Have those indecisive legislators in the Senate heard that one big company alone—Blue Cross/Blue Shield—raked in a profit of nearly \$3 billion while small firms were staggering under dramatically excessive hikes in health care premiums? Or that the Kaiser Family Foundation reports health insurance costs rose 16.6 percent this year for the smallest of firms?

Association Health Plans can bring equity to the medical marketplace by allowing small firms to collectively purchase affordable, worthwhile health coverage. This crucial reform would open the door to medical care for millions of American workers who earn their livelihoods from more than 12 million small businesses.

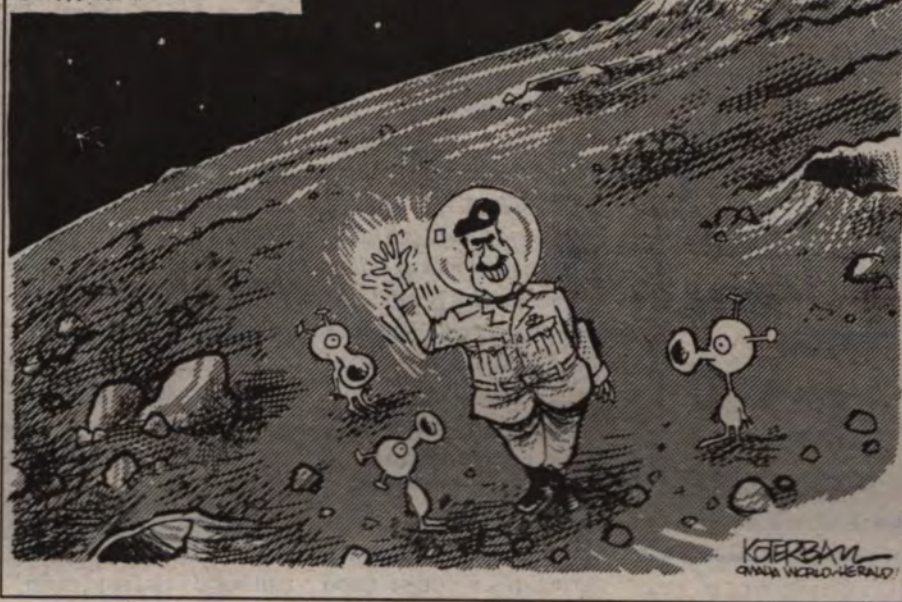
Interestingly, on one side of Washington, D.C., the U.S. Small Business Administration is gearing up to celebrate its 50th anniversary of service to the nation's entrepreneurs later this month. But at the highest point in the city, Capitol Hill, Senate efforts to help small firms by passing an Association Health Plan bill have fallen short.

King Hammurabi's code made all his subjects equal before the law. It's time for our modern lawgivers in the Senate to put small business on an equal footing when buying health insurance. If unfairness was easy to see 4,000 years ago, what's delaying health-care reform today?

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

FORUM

UPON CLOSER INSPECTION OF MARS...



Environment is about to get bad

The environment in the United States is about to get worse.

Not the environment around us - air, water, soil. That has been steadily improving for decades. I mean the political environment.

This fall, the Senate will open confirmation hearings for Utah Gov. Michael Leavitt, President Bush's selection to run the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

One of the Democrats aiming to replace Bush fired the first shot. "The American people deserve to know whether Gov. Leavitt shares the same disregard for clean air, clean water, land conservation and global warming as the president," Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut announced.

Expect more attacks over the coming weeks since that's what always seems to happen to EPA nominees who don't march in lock-step with the radical environmentalist agenda.

Now, I've disagreed with Leavitt in the past. When he was chair of the National Governor's Association back in 2000, he pushed a plan to impose state sales taxes on products purchased over the

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Ed Feulner, Heritage Foundation

internet. That would have greatly expanded the power of state governments, by allowing them to tax residents and businesses in other states. It was a bad idea, and I'm glad Congress shot it down.

But on the environment, Leavitt has some good ideas. He was the co-chairman of a 13-state coalition known as the Western Regional Air Partnership. That group, with the support of the EPA, is working with businesses and governments to reduce power-plant emissions and improve the air quality in several National Parks.

Imagine that - governments and businesses working together to solve a problem. Leavitt's method is so unusual he had to coin a term to describe it: "Enlibra." According to the *Salt Lake Tribune*, Enlibra "emphasizes cooperative problem solving between environmentalists, business and federal, state and local decision makers."

"There is no progress polarizing at the extremes," Leavitt said recently while standing alongside Bush. "But [there's] great progress when we collaborate in the middle."

Such an approach would be a real breath of fresh air in Washington, a welcome switch from the finger pointing, bureaucratic dictates and lawsuits that represent business as usual.

Of course, many environmentalists reside at the extremes that Leavitt mentioned. They depend on a series of "crises" to keep funds pouring in, so they aren't willing to compro-

mise on anything - even if by compromising they might end up solving a problem. If you don't believe me, just ask Patrick Moore, former director of Greenpeace International.

"We have an environmental movement that is run by people who want to fight, not to win," Moore wrote in the British newspaper, *The Mail on Sunday* in May 2000. On his web page, Moore adds, "The politics of blame and shame must be replaced with the politics of working together and win-win."

Sounds a lot like Enlibra.

There's no reason we can't work together toward the admirable goal of a cleaner environment. After all, we're better off when the air we breathe is cleaner, when the water we drink is purer, and when the planet we depend on is unpolluted.

One important way to achieve those goals is to give states more control over the environment. After all, state governments are on the front lines of the battle against pollution. It's in their best interest to protect air, water and land within their borders. As Leavitt has shown, it makes sense for EPA to work with the states, rather than simply issue top-down directives and expect states to follow them.

Pragmatists like Michael Leavitt are crafting ways for all of us to work together for a better planet. Let's give him a chance to succeed.

Stealing future of US middle class



Jim Hightower

Labor Day has gone all soft on us, and it's time to harden up on its true meaning.

This holiday is not some vague tribute to men and women who labor. Rather, it's a radically-democratic declaration of the intent to build and sustain a middle class in America - as a bold statement (and as fraught with perils) as Jefferson's Declaration and Lincoln's Gettysburg address. Far from being about taking a day off, Labor Day is about people taking democratic power.

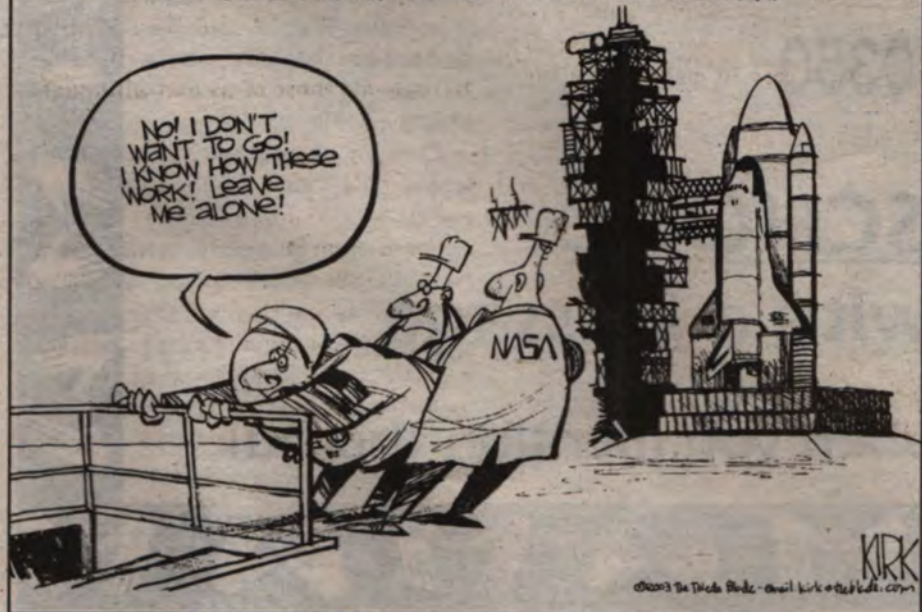
Today, our middle-class power is being steadily filched by thieves in high places - the BushCo government, the corporate-friendly Wobblycrats in Congress, and the corporate Kleptocrats themselves. All are busily hauling truck loads of money and power out of the middle class to the top, dumping it into the hands of CEOs and the wealthy investors.

We've seen pieces of this theft: the looting of our public treasury through giveaways to the rich, the White House assault on regulatory protections for everything from workplace safety to the 40-hour workweek, the high-tech industry's despicable manipulation of immigration loopholes to displace middle-class American employees, the privatization push through every agency of government, the secretly negotiated trade deals that empower global corporations to overturn labor protections throughout the world, the maneuvering to gut the pension laws so corporations can evade their legal and moral obligations to retirees... and so many more.

But the whole adds up to far worse than the parts, for it's the very framework of our middle-class possibilities that they're dismantling, and it's the egalitarian ethic of the common good that they are abandoning. It's said that the rich and the poor will always be with us. Perhaps, but it is not assured anywhere or in any time that the middle class will be there.

This Labor Day was no different than the first one that workers themselves declared in 1882 - it's about taking back power from the thieves who are trying to steal our middle-class future.

ONE WAY TO END COMPLACENCY IN THE SPACE PROGRAM: SEND UP A NASA BUREAUCRAT ON EVERY SHUTTLE MISSION...



Architect presents facilities study

Community discusses needs

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Architect Mike Marrs presented his evaluation and future projections of Salado ISD facilities to a two dozen people gathered for a town hall meeting on the issue Sept. 12 at the Salado Civic Center. Marrs conducted the facilities evaluation and future projections for Salado ISD in the spring and presented those findings to trustees early in the summer.

The board decided to bring the information to the public to begin a discussion about growth within the district and preparing for a future bond issue.

Marrs was limited by the board in his recommendation for future growth to consider only expanding on-site. However, board member Trey Little told those gathered for the meeting that, "It's known that we are looking for other properties for possible growth. This study was done to let us know what we have now and whether or not we could consider expanding on the current campus." Marrs told the group

gathered that his firm has worked on 200 school projects, many with "small school districts that don't have a lot of money to spend."

In his examination of the current campus buildings, Marrs said he considered compliance issues for Americans with Disabilities Act, safety issues, soundness of structures and traffic problems.

When he showed a master plan of the current campus, situated on 39 acres of 47.1 acres owned by the school district, he told the audience that much of the property is located in the flood plain. "You can build in a flood plain," Marrs said. "You just have to be sure that all construction is at least one foot above the 100 year flood plain."

Marrs showed the citizens that each school campus fell short of the recommended acreage for that particular type of school use. The Elementary school utilizes 10.9 acres, but should sit on at least 13 acres. The Intermediate School utilizes 17 acres (including joint use acres with the high school and elemen-

tary), but should sit on 23 acres. The High School utilizes a total of 23 acres, instead of 33 acres as recommended for high schools of its size.

However, by relocating the baseball and softball fields, the district could gain enough acreage for the High School to meet the recommendation and for the elementary school to be within a half-acre of the recommended amount of space. The intermediate school would still fall six acres short of the recommended space.

Marrs said that by moving the baseball and softball fields, the district could expand on-site to handle approximately 40 percent more students than currently on the campuses. "Something's got to give on that site," he warned.

He presented three possible expansion projects on the current location, including construction of a new primary campus and expansion of the intermediate school and high school for \$8.3 million.

Another possibility would be adding wings to all three campuses for an \$8 million total.

The third possible pro-


posal would be construction of a new high school, expansion of the intermediate school and elementary school and a new vocational building at \$10.8 million.


Of the three, Marrs stated that he would recommend the first proposal for \$8.3 million.

He added that his recommendation did not consider the possibility of a new campus in a different location. He told the group that if the district were to consider building a new school on a different location, then an elementary school would be the least expensive to build, followed by an intermediate or junior high school. "A new high school will be the most expensive to build," Marrs told the group.


A handful of citizens addressed the issue, following Marrs' presentation. Consensus among those speaking at the public meeting was that the district would be best served if it bought property now for future expansion. Concerns about building on the current campus included safety of young children, traffic issues and space.

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SISD trustees meet in regular session Sept. 15

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Salado ISD trustees breezed their way through most of a short agenda Sept. 15 until they bogged down on a \$976 payment to Stagecoach Inn as part of the refurbishing of tennis courts on that property.

Salado High School tennis teams use the tennis courts each year as the district has no tennis facility of its own.

Trustee Frank Carlson expressed his adamant opposition to the \$976

payment to come from the contingency budget.

Carlson questioned the legality of the move in which SISD would pay \$976 to help refurbish and improve the courts. A separate grant of \$10,000 has been secured for the projects at Stagecoach Inn and Mill Creek tennis courts.

Carlson asked Sup. Robin Battershell to seek the school attorney's opinion on the payment to Stagecoach Inn for improvement and refurbishing the tennis courts there.

When questioned by trustee Trey Little about refurbishing the courts, Carlson responded, "Am I opposed to spending taxpayers' money to improve someone's private property? Absolutely."

Even though the majority of trustees supported the measure, the board took no action on it, until it can get an opinion from legal staff about the issue.

In other facility business, trustees discussed replacing air conditioner units at the

elementary school with the \$7,000 in remaining bond money, as well as discussing the need for air conditioning at the elementary school gym.

The board also discussed the Sept. 12 community meeting on facility needs. A date for more meetings to discuss growth and facilities will be set and announced to invite the public.

Trustees also approved policy changes concerning transfer students, class ranking and home schooling.



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Salado Eagles fans to Homecoming last week got to see the new ticket booth and landscaping at the Eagle field. "This was a joint effort between interested community members and the school district," said Sup. Robin Battershell. Contributing to the effort in cash and in-kind were these: Salado Athletic Booster Club, Kenneth Wolff and Wolff Construction, Kenneth Spurlock Heart of Texas Fence, Alan Goodnight, Ken VanHoozer and Bell glass, Johnny Caskey and C&S Masonry, Lange Spence and Blake Homes, Richard McLaughlin, Mark Bruton and Acme Brick, Ronnie Heller and Heller Landscaping and Ronnie Everett and Everett Acoustics.

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Parks retires after 49 years

(Editor's note: The following article came from the Salado Church of Christ Bulletin and was written by Ken Clapp.)

Salado Church of Christ is pleased to salute Mary Ellen Parks on the occasion of her retirement after nearly 50 years of teaching the Bible to young children. She began this work in June 1954 in Oklahoma, and continued in Churches of Christ in other communities within the Sooner State as well as in Colorado, Indiana and Calgary, Canada - finishing up in Texas with her last assignment here in Salado.

Mary Ellen married Lloyd Parks in August 1948 and due to his work as an oil company executive, extensive travel was required which created a Bible school teaching record that would be difficult to match.

Mary Ellen began her teaching career in June, 1954 at the North Sheridan Road Church of Christ in Tulsa, Oklahoma - first as an assistant teacher in the VBS and later teaching second grade students on Sunday mornings. She taught there until 1960.

Taking a short timeout from teaching when her second child was born in 1955, she quickly returned in the fall of that year, teaching 22 preschool children. Her three month old daughter slept on two nursery chairs while Mary Ellen taught her class.

Moving to a new home in Tulsa, Parks taught preschool at the Park Plaza congregation where she also ran the Educational Media Center from 1960-67.

The Parks moved to Canada in 1967 where Mary Ellen taught third grade at the Calgary Church. Two years later



A typical scene that could have been taken at any time in the 49 year tenure of Mary Ellen Parks, pictures Casey Frazier solemnly listening to his teacher as she brings a Bible story to life. Casey is the son of Brooks and Vickie Frazier of Salado.

the couple moved to Carmel, Indiana, a suburb of Indianapolis, where she taught a preschool class at the Carmel Church of Christ.

It was at this time (1968) that Lloyd became President and Chief Executive Officer of Amax Oil and Gas Inc., a position he held throughout the remainder of his career until retirement in 1992.

In 1970, the Parks moved to Littleton, CO and Mary Ellen continued teaching preschoolers this time at the Littleton Church.

Texas was the next stop for the Parks thanks to Lloyd's decision, in 1973, to move the Amax Oil and Gas company's corporate headquarters to

the Lone Star State. The couple settled in Houston, where Mary Ellen taught preschool at the West Katy, Fleetwood and Memorial Churches of Christ.

In 1992, Lloyd retired and the couple decided to put down deep roots, finally settling on Salado as the best place to slow down life's pace, make new friends and enjoy life.

Since moving to Salado in 1992, Mary Ellen has taught preschool age children until she retired in June of this year thus rounding out a full 49 years of service to boys and girls in so many communities within four states and Canada.

Salado Library begins after-school program

Salado Public Library is offering an after-school storytelling program geared towards second grade through fourth grade. Such favorite folktales as Tico and the Golden Wings, Leopard's Daughter or Charlie the Caterpillar will be presented by Emmy Alvarez, Children's Librarian.

Mrs. Alvarez uses puppets in some of her stories and also combines music with the stories.

The new storytelling program will be held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m. at the library at 1151 N. Main Street, 947-9191. Please join them Sept. 23.

St. Stephen's Women's Society recognizes Synder

In September, St. Stephen Women's Society members heard from Laura Snyder, Religious Education Director in her review, "St. Stephen's Religious Education: Philosophy, Programs and Goals," Sept. 8.

Plans were made to assist in the St. Stephen's Fall Festival to be held Oct. 19. This is an annual event for not only the parish, but all Salado residents. The event will offer a dinner, game booths, cake-

walk, afternoon snacks, moonwalk, climbing wall, music, a raffle and two auctions, one of which be a silent auction.

On Oct. 13, Kandy Kirkley will present "Hospitality of Women of the Bible," with fellowship at 6:30 p.m. and program at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. Hostesses will be Barbara Hoelscher, Roxie Vincent and Peggy Watson.



Laura Snyder, Religious Education Director and Jennifer Reeves, President St. Stephen Women's Society.

Glasscock passes away in Temple Hospital Sept. 12

David "Dave" Dale Glasscock, Jr., 39, of Salado died Sept. 12, 2003 in a Temple hospital. Memorial services were held at the Glasscock home Sept. 16.

He was born on March 13, 1964 in Fort Worth to David Dale Glasscock, Sr. and the late Nancy Walker Glasscock. He graduated from Grapevine High School in 1982. He later attended Texas Christian University and graduated in 1989 with a Bachelor of Business degree. He was also a long-time member of the TCU Frog Club and the TCU Alumni Club. He moved to Salado in 1989.

He married Becky Bond on May 3, 1997. He was a former employee of Farm

Bureau Insurance Company. In 1999, he went to work as an Investment Broker for A.G. Edwards, where he was employed at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Becky Glasscock of Salado; his father, David Dale Glasscock, Sr. of D'Hanis; his sisters, Dr. Shelley Wood and husband, Rick of Rancho Santa Margarita, CA and Janet Shirley of Corona, CA.

The family requests that memorials be given to the Glasscock Legacy Fund c/o A.G. Edwards, P.O. Box 5189, Temple, TX 76505 or by calling (214) 772-1504.

Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Temple was in charge of arrangements.



Danny and Kim Grimm, of Salado, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Shellie Camelle Grimm to Scott Allen Oliver, son of Ricky and Mary Oliver, of Spring. The couple plans an Oct. 25, 2003 wedding at Royal Street Provision

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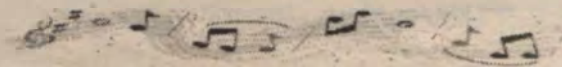
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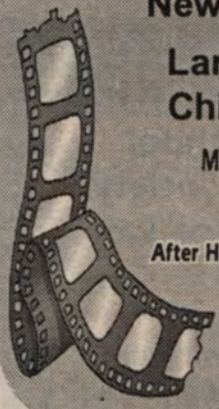
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What Do Rising Interest Rates Mean to Investors?

By: ALLEN MANTANONA

Long-term interest rates shot up significantly this past summer. If you're an investor, what do these higher rates mean for you?

There's no one simple answer. How you respond to various economic events, such as a higher-rate environment, depends, to a certain extent, on your investment preferences, risk tolerance and financial objectives. Also, in looking ahead, you'd like to know if long-term rates will continue to climb - and that's notoriously hard to predict. But it's interesting to note that the Federal Reserve seems committed, for the near future at least, to keeping short-term rates low - a stance that could also help restrain increases in long-term rates.

But let's take a look at how a change in rates would affect your investments.

Let's begin with stocks. Rising interest rates are frequently accompanied by a strong economy, which generally translates into greater profits for companies - and potentially higher stock prices.

On the other hand, higher rates mean that companies' borrowing costs will increase - so it becomes more expensive for them to expand their operations. This added cost could affect stock prices.

In short, it's impossible to say, unequivocally, that rising interest rates are always good or always bad for stocks. Of course, the best thing to do is hold onto high-quality companies for the long term, regardless of interest rate changes. This is how you create the oppo-

runity to build wealth.

Now, let's consider the impact of rising interest rates on bonds. Unlike the case with stocks, the effect of higher rates on bond prices is clear: when rates go up, bond prices drop. If you have a bond that pays four percent but market rates go up to six percent, nobody will want to pay full price for your bond. So, if you want to sell it before it matures, you'll have to offer it at a price that is less than you paid.

Of course, if you plan on holding your bonds until maturity, you might not care about rising interest rates and falling prices. No matter what market rates are doing, you can expect to receive regular interest payments. And, as long as your bond is of good quality, and has earned an investment

grade credit rating by an independent rating agency, you can expect to receive the face value back when the bond matures. Additionally, insured bonds can increase the credit quality even more. (Keep in mind, however, that insurance does not eliminate market risk.)

But even if you do hold your bonds until they mature, you can take steps to blunt the impact of higher interest rates.

How? By building a "bond ladder" - a portfolio of bonds with different maturities. When your short-term bonds come due, you'll be able to reinvest them at a higher rate. And if rates start to fall, you'll still have your longer-term, higher-yielding bonds working for you.

Killeen Quilt Guild to hold show/program meeting

The Crossroads to Texas Quilt Guild of Killeen and West Bell County will present the only Texas showing of the Hoffman International Fabric Challenge traveling show on Sept. 19-21.

The free showing will be held at the Killeen Civic and Conference Center, South W. S. Young Drive, Killeen, and will be available during any hours the

Center is open which is generally 8 a.m.-10 p.m. The show will close at 6 p.m. Sept. 21.

The program meeting for the Guild for September will be held 7 p.m. Sept. 22, at the First United Methodist Church, 508 North Gray Street, Killeen.

The program will be about the La Caldera Quilts. Mickey Burleson and other members of her church have been involved with a group

of women from Mexico who produce quilts in very primitive settings.

For the last several years, the La Caldera quilts have been shown and sold in Salado once a year. The women labor with no electricity, running water or other modern amenities to produce well-made quilts from donated fabrics. Burleson has been the spokes-

person for the group for many years. The Quilt Guild has supported the project for a number of years. Members are encouraged to bring patterns, magazine and fabric to share with the project.

For additional information about the Crossroads Quilt Guild or the events, please call (254) 547-7963.

Youth Fair Boosters readying themselves for Oct. 25 raffle and silent auction at Expo

The Salado Youth Fair Expo Center. Prizes include a John Deer Gator, YO Ranch hunt, and a permanent cosmetic

procedure (a \$300 value). The Booster Club is a non-profit organization

that supports all Salado youth who participate in the Bell County Youth Fair and Livestock Show.

The purpose of the Booster Club is to see that each participant member is rewarded for their efforts. Through the club's yearly fundraiser, and donations that are given, the club raised \$25,000 for the 2003 Show. The Booster Club was then the buyer/add on participant at the Bell County Youth Fair and Livestock Show auction. Youths who did not place in the top three of their category were given a placement/effort check based on a point system.

For the Booster Club to remain successful in supporting the youth, they are asking all local companies and businesses to donate items that can be used for the fundraiser, or to send monetary donations to the Salado Youth Fair Boosters, P.O. Box 244, Salado, TX 76571.

For more information contact Charlie or Deanna Christian at (254) 947-1564 or Mitchell and Keyla Sebek at (254) 947-9975.

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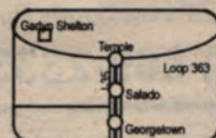
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Rep. Edwards secures hazard pay increase Sept. 10

On Sept. 10, Rep. Chet Edwards offered and passed a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1588, the Department of Defense (DOD) Authorization bill, to make permanent the increase in imminent danger pay and the family separation allowance for our armed services and their families and applying the increase to all those in imminent danger, no matter where they are serving.

"This is a global war on terror and the operation in Iraq is stressing active, reserve and guard forces everywhere, not just in the Middle East," said Edwards. "We need to make sure that all who put their life on the line and every family that is forced apart receives this benefit."

In April, in the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations bill (PL 108-11), Congress authorized a temporary increase in imminent danger/hostile fire pay from \$150 to \$225 per month. (Hostile fire pay is for those under hostile fire, while imminent danger pay is for those in imminent danger of being under hostile fire). The bill also authorized a temporary increase in the family separation allowance (which goes to help military families pay rent, child care or other expenses while soldiers are away) from \$100 to \$250 per month. Both of these temporary increases expire on Sept. 30, 2003 and many military families have been left not knowing whether their pay would be cut on Oct. 1 of this year.

Edwards stated, "I want to make it clear to the families at Fort Hood: Congress must act to address this problem and I will do everything I can to make sure their pay is not cut on October 1."

The Edwards motion directs the House conferees to the Defense bill to make the increases permanent.



Salado Masonic Lodge #296 Sept. 12 presented Salado High School's Fine Arts department with a donation in the amount of \$550. Pictured, from left: #296 Lodge Master Will Culbertson, Lodge member George Buschee, Salado High principal Kay Matthews, Kristi Billington, captain of the Salado Strutters, SISD superintendent Dr. Robin Battershell and Strutters coach Cindy Dale. Dale said the Strutters will use the money to "further their education in the fine art of dance."

Avant-Garde comedy opens Oct. 3

The Sarofim School of Fine Arts, Department of Theatre will present *Le Bourgeois Avant-Garde*, a comedy ballet after Moliere, by Charles Ludlam and directed by Rick Roemer, opening 8 p.m. Oct. 3 in the Jesse H. and Mary Gibbs Jones Theater, in Georgetown.

Show times are 8 p.m. Oct. 3-4, 17-18; 4 p.m. Oct. 5, 19; and 7 p.m. Oct. 16.

Billed as an outrageous, campy and Moliereque sendup of minimalism, absurdism and anything avant-garde. Roufus Foufas, a successful grocer, yearns to be a premier benefactor of the cutting-edge avant-garde art world. See what happens when he hires a director, Percival Hack, and a cast of zany artists who invade his upper-middle class Long Island home and make a "derriere" out of him.

Roemer will give a pre-show lecture about Charles Ludlam and the Ridiculous Theatrical Company 2:30 p.m. Oct. 5 and Oct. 19 in the Caldwell-Carvey Foyer adjacent to the Jones

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- Sept. 19: Biscuit, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- Sept. 22: Waffles, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- Sept. 23: French Toast, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

- Sept. 17: Pizza, Breadstick, Corn, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Fruity Freeze, Milk
- Sept. 18: Chicken & Noodles, Broccoli, Hot Roll, Pineapple, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk
- Sept. 19: Cheeseburger, Oven Fries, Burger Salad, Fruity Freeze, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk
- Sept. 22: Taco, Mexicali Corn, Peaches, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk
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Salado Eagles will try Sept. 19 to put the brakes on an explosive Franklin Lions offense which has outscored opponents 80-22 in two games. The Eagles have outscored their opponents 59-7 in three games.

The 3-0 Eagles will come up against the 2-0 Franklin Lions on the road. Kick-off is 7:30 p.m.

The Lions thrashed Bremond 45-8 and Buffalo 35-14.

Coach Jeff Cheatham said that the defense will have to look out for dual-threat Blake Lierman, who can throw and run the ball.

Lierman's favorite is wide receiver Cody Han-

cock, while Josh Boring is the Lions workhorse in the I-formation backfield.

"I am real pleased with how our defense has performed," Cheatham said. The Eagles have allowed only seven points in three games. The single touchdown came on a long pass during the Thorndale homecoming game.

"I can't get too upset about letting them (Thorndale) get two long passes on us," he said. "Other than those two plays, our defense has been extremely tough."

The defense will need some players to fill in the void left by Jesse Rodriguez, who was injured

in the Thorndale game. Rodriguez starts on both defense and offense, but is expected to miss two to three weeks with the injury.

"Franklin is a well-coached team," Cheatham said. "They play with a lot of effort and fly around on both offense and defense."

Franklin attacks the ball from a split defense. Salado will try to stay away from linebacker Joe Lopez and outside linebacker Cody Perez.

Salado switched from an I-formation to a split-back offense in order to give several players more carries and relieve the burden from just one back.

"I'm pleased with how that switch has gone," Cheatham said. "We are one or two players away from the consistency I want on offense."

The Franklin game is the last non-district game before Salado begins with Rogers and then Lexington in coming weeks.

Getting to Franklin: Take 1-35 north to Temple, head east on Highway 36 through Rogers, Cameron and Milano. In Milano, take Highway 79 to Hearne. In Hearne, turn left on Highway 79 and follow it to Franklin, staying on the right at the split outside of Hearne.

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Eagles 8th graders shut-out Thorndale 18-0

The Salado Eagles eighth grade footballers ran their record to two wins, no losses by virtue of their 18-0 shutout victory over the Thorndale Bulldogs Sept. 11.

Josh Bush got things started in the early-going with a 42-yard first quarter scamper. The conversion attempt failed.

Later in the first, Bush again took the ball to paydirt, this time on a 22 yard run. The conversion attempt was again unsuccessful.

Leo Galvan closed out the scoring in the second quarter with a four yard plunge, which brought the game to its 18-0 final.

Standing out offensively were Bush, Kevin Jackson, Nic Mohammed and Ryan Smith.

Defensively, Bubba Leifester, Jimmy Ferrell-Raborn and Dallas Butts had impressive performances.

"It was another dominating performance by our defense," said Coach

Melvin Bates. "These guys work hard and love to play the game."

The eighth graders next play Sept. 18 at home against Franklin. The seventh grade game will precede, with a 5 p.m. kick-off.

The JV game was called 8-2 at halftime.

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Cross country teams place

The Salado cross country teams competed in their first two meets of the 2003 season, Sept. 6 in Belton and Sept. 12 at Dana Peak Park near Stillhouse Hollow Lake.

On the boys side, Nick Everett competed in the 4A-5A division and placed third, only five seconds off the lead with a time of 16:04.

In the 1-3A division, Travis Clark outdistanced

the field to take first with a time of 17:48

Other boys results are as follows: Ryan Clark, 10th, 19:15; Grant Boston, 20th, 20:45; Jack Lucas, 22nd, 20:50; Clay Sharum, 24th, 20:54; and Michael Spinks, 46th, 24:39.

Chelsea Ervi was top runner for Salado in the girls division, 1A-3A, finishing in second with a time of 13:02, three seconds off the lead.

Other results are as follows: Brittani Goodnight, 10th, 14:04; Rachel Hargrove, 11th, 14:06; Rachel Blodgett, 15th, 14:22; and Rebekah Quick, 18th.

In the Sept. 12 meet, the boys team placed fourth overall. This time, Everett took first with a time of 16:31. Travis Clark won the bronze at 18:04, Ryan Clark finished 33rd (20:12); Grant Boston was 39th (20:27); and Clay Sharum placed

43rd (20:49).

With 59 points, the Lady Eagles won the team gold, 28 points ahead of second place Bruceville-Eddy.

Chelsea Ervi topped the field with a time of 13:02. Brittani Goodnight finished eighth (14:01); Rachel Hargrove placed 11th (14:13); Rachel Blodgett was 14th (14:23); Rebekah Quick placed 25th (14:58); and Jenny Ewton finished 28th (15:22).

SIS squads play volleyball, run cross country

In the first games of their volleyball careers, the Lady Eagles seventh grade A and B teams took the court against Jarrell Aug. 29.

The B team played first and defeated the Cougars in two games, 25-19 and 25-24. The A team was less fortunate, dropping the final two sets after winning the first, 25-22, 10-25 and 15-25.

Playing on the road in Academy Sept. 4, the B team ran their record to 2-0 with a three-game, 25-18, 14-25, 25-11 victory. The A team lost another three-gamer, 15-25, 25-15 and 15-12.

"The girls are beginning to get an understanding of the the game," commented

Coach Erica Meyer. "I believe that in a few weeks their passing will improve enough to begin some hitting, and it will make the games more fun to play and watch."

JH Cross Country

The junior high cross country teams participated in their first meet of the year in Belton, competing against many larger schools such as Copperas Cove and the hometown Tigers.

On the boys side, the Eagles placed fifth with 154 points, behind Belton, Canyon Vista, Copperas Cove and Rosebud-Lott. Individually, Jonas Goode, the only team-member with cross country experience, placed eighth.

Other individual results were: Sterling Martin, ninth; Greg Faber, 26th; James Ervi, 48th; Rob Little, 63rd; and Gene Radebaugh, 69th.

The girls squad placed fourth as a team, finishing behind Hamilton, Belton and Travis.

Individually, Tamra Stanish was the top runner for Salado, placing 15th. Keelie Mims finished 20th, Kamyille Palomino was 38th, Kristen Smith placed 39th, Chelsea Kitchens, 42nd and Lindsay Hora 43rd.

Other runners included: Reta Buckley, 66th; Amanda Mattson, 69th; Sarah Dowell, 70th; Amanda Hoffman, 74th; Lauren Culver, 83rd; and

Taylor Reed, 130th.

A handful of fifth and sixth graders also ran in the meet on the girls side. Their results are as follows: Hannah Goode, 36th; Lindsay Martin, 45th; Conner Smith, 78th; and Brennan Boydston, 89th.

The junior high cross country teams will next run Sept. 20 in Troy.

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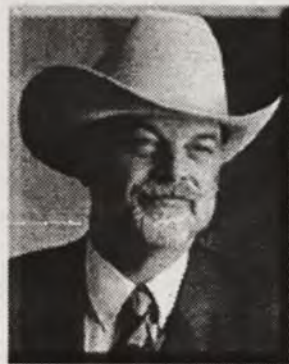


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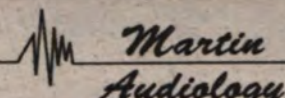
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Andrew Ming pushes forward for another yard against Thorndale. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Eagles get past Thorndale 20-7

By **TIM FLEISCHER**
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Eagles waited until the last two minutes of play to put away the Thorndale Bulldogs Sept. 12, scoring two touchdowns within a minute and a half to win 20-7 at Homecoming.

After Ben Marsh blocked Thorndale's 30-yard go-ahead field goal with 4:10 left in the game, Salado drove 80 yards in under two minutes to take the lead. Tied at 7-7, Salado and Thorndale offenses struggled with each other throughout most of the game.

The Eagles, however, put together an 80-yard drive late in the fourth quarter to take a 13-7 lead with 2:16 to play. Josh Jacobsen and Andrew Ming, who carried for 34 yards and 39 yards respectively, punched the ball to the Salado 36 yard line. On second down and five to go, Scott Bates hit Chase Simpson across the middle. Simpson shucked tacklers at the 40 yard line and mid-field before out running the Thorndale defense for the 64-yard touchdown with 2:16 left in the game. The PAT was blocked, giving the Eagles a 13-7 lead.

Simpson toed the ensuing kick-off deep enough for a touchback and the Eagles' defense, which gave up only 159 yards total offense on the night, pushed the Bulldogs back to their own 13 yard line before taking over on downs with 1:27 left to play. Wesley Ruth knocked down a pass by Wade Gilchrest and Tyler Rooney and Cale Cox sacked the Thorndale quarterback on the final defensive stand by the Eagles.

The Eagles offense took advantage of the final minute field position by scoring on a one yard sneak by Bates with 40 seconds left. An eight yard run by Bill Tubbs and a four yard dive by Ming set up the scoring play. The PAT was good for the final 20-7 lead.

The Eagle defense set up Salado's first scoring play, by holding the Bulldogs deep in their own territory before Ming intercepted Gilchrest's first pass attempt and returned it to the Bulldog five yard line midway through the first quarter. Salado had driven the ball 32 yards to the Thorndale 19 yard line on the preceding possession before a

36-yard field goal attempt by Simpson sailed to the left with 7:05 remaining in the first.

After Ming's interception, the Eagles took three plays to punch the ball into the end zone. Josh Jacobsen dove through the line from the four yard line to score at 4:59 left in the first quarter.

Salado missed a second field goal attempt with 7:31 left to play in the half. The Eagles took advantage of a Bill Tubbs fumble recovery at midfield to push to the Thorndale 22 yard line. Ben Marsh caused Gilchrest to cough up the ball at midfield. The Eagles lined up for the field goal on fourth and two at the Bulldog 17 yard line, but a procedure call pushed the ball back to the Thorndale 22 yard line. Simpson's kick fell short of the uprights.

Salado took a 7-0 lead into the lockers, but Thorndale took the opening kick-off of the second half and drove 64 yards in 10 plays to score the first touchdown of the season on the stingy Salado defense.

The touchdown came on a 42-yard pass from Gilchrest to Jonathan Pritchard, who got behind

the Eagle secondary and ran into the endzone with 7:08 left in the third period. The PAT tied the score at 7-7, where it remained until the end of the fourth quarter.

For the third straight week, the Salado defense held its opponent to less than 200 yards total offense, allowing 159 yards offense, 84 in the air. Passes from Gilchrest to Pritchard and to Chris Gerren of 42 yards and 39 yards respectively accounted for half of the Bulldogs' total offensive production. Even though the Bulldogs rushed 41 times, they covered just 75 yards on the ground.

Shane Pipes had 17 tackles and Ming had 15 tackles and an interception to lead the Eagle defense. Bates had 13 tackles and Matt Brown had seven tackles.

The Eagle ground game divided up 138 yards among three primary runners: Jacobsen, 11 carries for 34 yards; Jesse Rodriguez, 11 carries for 50 yards and Ming, 10 carries for 39 yards.

Bates completed three of 13 passes for 78 yards, including the 64-yard pass and run to Simpson.



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"We see this new plan as part of our ongoing effort to make UMHB accessible to more families," said Dr. Steve Theodore, Vice President for Enrollment Management. "Independent 529 Plan allows contributors to lock in tomorrow's tuition at less than today's price."

Section 529 Plans, so named for the IRS code that defines them, have gained in popularity over the last decade. Families have been attracted to these plans because accounts generate no federal income tax if used as intended, benefits are transferable to other members of the family, and refunds are available if the child receives a scholarship or decides not to attend college.

For purchasers, the effectiveness of Independent 529 Plan is not dependent on the performance of the stock or bond markets. Rather, contributions are actually pre-purchasing tuition, in part or in whole, at less than today's prices.

"Regardless of whether a student attends UMHB or another one of the member institutions, Independent 529 Plan represents a way for parents to contribute and pay for pri-

private college without worrying about either investment risk or tuition inflation," said Theodore.

"Independent 529 Plan proceeds can be used at any of the participating colleges. Think of it as buying a shopping certificate for use at any of the stores at a mall," said Doug Brown, president and CEO of Tuition Plan Consortium, the Albuquerque, N.M.-based nonprofit group that oversees the Plan. "Students don't choose their college at purchase, but after they have applied and are accepted in the regular manner." The purchase of a Tuition certificate does not guarantee admission or enrollment at a Participating Institution, and may have an adverse effect on the beneficiary's eligibility for financial aid.

For example, let's say private Colleges A and B have agreed to honor certificates purchased under Independent 529 Plan. College A has a tuition cost of \$30,000 for this current year and College B, \$10,000. A person who makes a \$10,000 contribution into Independent 529 Plan this year would receive tuition certificates that would cover 33.3 percent of a year's tuition at College A or a whole year at College B, regardless of how high tuition may be at the time the student eventually chooses to use the certificates.

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Individuals can open Independent 529 Plan account at no charge as well as locate member institutions and learn about refund policies and other plan features by calling 1-888-718-7878 or by visiting www.independent529plan.org. Other features of the Plan include:

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- Accounts can be opened for as little as \$25 provided contributions total at least \$500 within two years. The maximum lifetime contribution limit is equal to five years worth of tuition at the most expensive participating college in the Plan.

- The number of participating colleges and universities may increase over time.

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Tuition Plan Consortium is a nonprofit organization based in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and was formed in 1996 to make education at independent colleges and universities more affordable and more accessible for families in the United States.

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For more information, contact Dr. Steve Theodore at 254-295-4520 or stheodore@umhb.edu.

Dean of Christian Studies heads Fall Convocation at UMHB

Dr. William D.M. Carrell will be the guest speaker at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor 2003 Fall Convocation service at 11 a.m. Sept. 26, in the W.W. Walton Chapel on campus. The service is open to the public. The university will be celebrating 25 years of university status.

Dr. Carrell is dean of the School of Christian Studies. The School of Christian Studies began June 1. The school offers a Certificate in Christian Ministry, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion, and a Master of Arts degree in Religion.

He has received several

awards including the Distinguished Faculty Award (Faculty of the Year), the Academic Dean's Award for service as the Dean's Assistant, and the Distinguished Staff Award (Staff Member of the Year) all from Bluefield College.

Dr. Carrell received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University, a Master's of Divinity from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and a Ph.D. in Historical Theology, Systematic Theology, and Christian Ethics from Baylor University.

He served as pastor for First Baptist Church in Cisco and Lakeview Baptist Church in Waco. Born

in Lamesa, Dr. Carrell and his wife, Martha, have two sons, Adam and Nathan.

During the Convocation service, the university will celebrate 25 years of having gained university status. Officially recognized as a university in fall 1978, the first master's degree offered was a Master of Education degree in General Studies and Reading Education. Today the university offers Master of Arts degrees in Counseling, Psychology, and Religion; a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.); Master of Education degrees in Educational Administration, Educational Psychology, Reading Education, and

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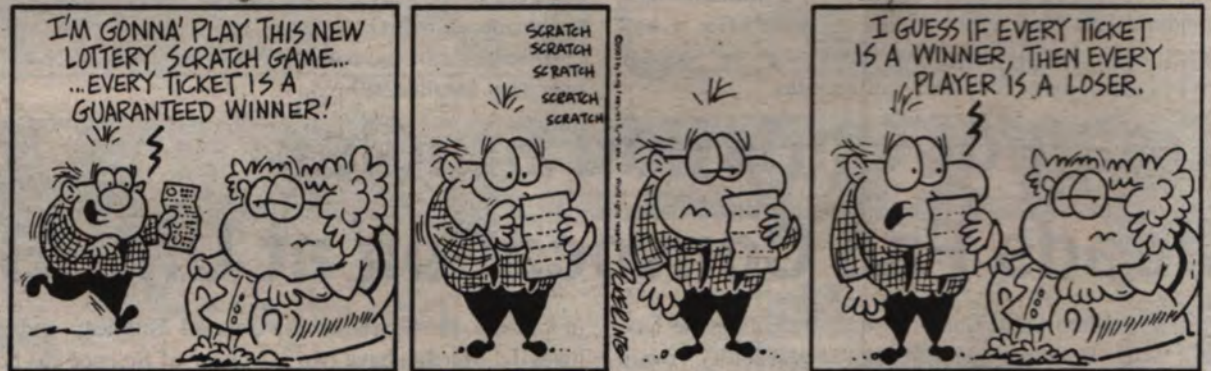


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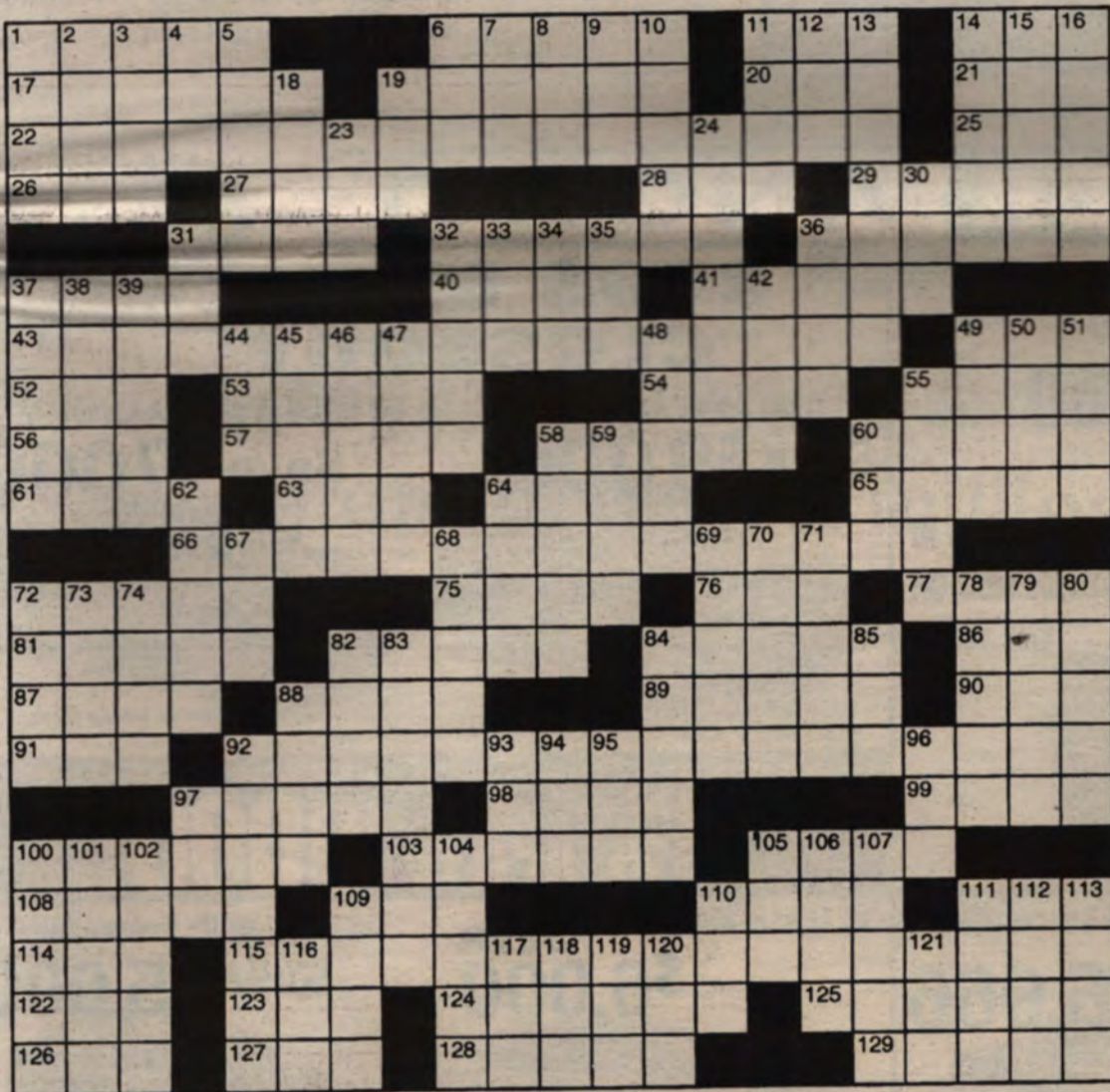
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 - 69 "Stop, sailor!"
 - 70 Time of your life
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 - 74 007's school
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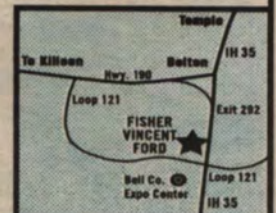
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ABWA Style Show planned for Sept. 26

Chisholm Trail Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) will hold its annual fashion show and benefit luncheon 11 a.m. Sept. 26. This year's event will be held at the Celebration Station, located on Royal Street.

The event will feature the music of Dr. Betty Thorne, who directs the Salado Community Chorus.

Fashions will be provided by The Store in Old Town and Christy's of Salado. Both stores are owned by longtime Chisholm Trail ABWA members Becky McAulay and Christy Arner, respectively. Last year's show was a sellout, although current plans are to have tickets also available at the door.

Even if you can't make it to the event, raffle tickets may be purchased, as you need not be present to win. Tickets are priced at \$1 each, six for \$5 or 25 for \$20.

The three packages being raffled include:

- The Texas Package, which includes a Texas wreath fashioned by Designs by Dorothy, Texas pottery from Mud Pies Pottery, Texas salsas from the Strawberry Patch, one of the annual Texas Capitol Christmas collectible ornaments, a Texas events calendar, a Salado poster, Texas wine, the book George Bush signed by author Ken Anderson, Chisholm Trail's ABWA fundraiser cookbook **Simply Sensational Salado**, and the **Texas Book of Wildflowers** donated by The Store in Old Town Salado.

- The Gourmet Package, including a \$50 gift certificate from the Stagecoach Inn, a gift certificate for a cake homemade at Sweets of Salado, a basket of gourmet items from Robertson's Hams, a basket with wine, a set of six Leonardo Crystal wine glasses, Chisholm Trail's ABWA cookbook **Simply Sensational Salado**, and a pound of chocolates donated by Godiva Chocolatiers.



Becky McAulay and Dorothy Dentry are preparing for the 8th annual ABWA Style Show and Benefit Luncheon set for Sept. 27th at The Celebration Center. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce, at Christy's or at The Store in Old Town Salado.

- The Queen for a Day in Salado Package, featuring an overnight stay at Mill Creek Country Club, a one-hour massage by Linda Pritchard's Massage, a Facial by Anne Marie, a Pedicure by Pretty Nails, a \$175 outfit from Christy's of Salado, One Month Free Exercise at Before and After of Salado, the Chisholm Trail ABWA cookbook **Simply Sensational Salado**, an hour and

a half of decorating by Horsefeathers, and Lady Primrose Bath Products from Main Street Place.

Tickets for the event are \$20 each. Reservations may be made by calling The Store, at 947-9000, or Christy's at 947-0561.

Proceeds benefit ABWA scholarships, including the Marge Kirkman Memorial Music Scholarship.

PALS hosts Wine and Wildflower Festival Sept. 22

Anticipating a large attendance, the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) is producing a Wine Tasting event at the Stagecoach Inn's newly-remodeled Longhorn Room, 6-8 p.m. Sept. 22. Reservations can be made by Sept. 18 by mailing a check to Hulda Horton, P. O. Box 814,

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Participating Wineries for this first annual "Wine and Wildflower Festival," are Becker Vineyards (Richard and Bunny Becker, Owners) at Stonewall; Fall Creek Vineyards (Ed and Susan Auler, Owners) at Tow in West

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Clinton Harwell, has selected the wines to be tasted, and Ross Latham of Block Distributing Company, Inc., has assisted in planning the event.

The HEB Food Store #3 in Temple and the Belton HEB have presented PALS with gift certificates. See WINE PAGE 4B

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Salado Community Chorus: 5:30 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

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 5:30 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 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., 5 p.m., at Civic Center.

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

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.

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SEPTEMBER 20
Village of Salado Chapter of DORT meeting, 10:30 a.m. at Central Texas Area Museum.

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 1-3
Salado Village Artists Acrylic Painting Workshop. Phillip Wade, instructor. Info: 939-9933.

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

OCTOBER 4
St. Joseph's Episcopal Chapel Blessing of the Animals, 2 p.m. at the Chapel, behind Fletcher's Books. Info: 939-1033.

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

OCTOBER 6
Salado Democrats meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Village Steakhouse.

OCTOBER 9
Christmas in October Preview Party, 6-8:30 p.m. on Civic Center grounds. \$8 advance, \$10 at door. Info: 947-5040.

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 Cattlemen's Ball 6-11:30 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. Call 947-5479.

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

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

OCT. 25
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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
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New plans include Preview Party

Plans are coming together for the biggest and best-ever celebration of Christmas in October in Salado. The event is sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary.

The Planning Committees are now in high gear preparing for this year's event, which is scheduled for Oct. 10-11. Unlike previous years, merchants will be able to sell and deliver merchandise directly from the floor and there will be no admission or parking fees.

In addition to specially selected Christmas items, there will be a style show and music in the Tea Room.

Two of the active committees include the Bake Sale and Decorating groups which recently met to finalize plans. The Bake Sale Committee will soon be calling all local residents for their best cakes and pastries and, once again, well over 150 entries are expected. The Bake Sale has been a



Barbara Snook, Dorothy Dentry, Bobbie Carroll and Cheryl Paney are pictured above preparing for Christmas in October to be held Oct. 10-11 on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center.

traditional event in the annual Christmas in October program as it has always been popular with visitors.

The Decorating Committee plans to decorate the grounds and Tea Room with wreaths, greenery and trees (provided compliments of Burnets Christmas Tree Farm of Salado). A Preview Party

in the Tea Room will also include poinsettias and seasonal candles in addition to some spectacular Christmas displays.

And, for an early look at this year's program, there will be a "Preview Party" on Oct. 9, that will showcase food and refreshments by local restaurants, lots of Christmas displays and merchandise, however

Bake Sale items will not be offered at that time. For the Preview Party only there will be an \$8 charge for tickets. Space is limited to 200.

This year, Christmas in October is a two and one-half day event that will be housed in several large tents on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center.

Contact the Salado Chamber of Commerce at (254) 947-5040 for more information or to purchase tickets for the Preview Party. Salado residents and/or merchants may request ticket delivery to their door.

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On Sept. 13, Carver attended a reception in his honor in San Angelo and - following a performance of the play - signed copies of a revised script published for this occasion.

Several Saladoans

traveled with Raymond and his wife, Barbara: Paul and Mary Jean Boston, Darwin and Carolyn Britt, Judy Greene, Troy and Vicki Kelley, Bill and Shirley Pinkston, and Steve and Libba Skarnulis.

Carver wrote and directed the drama in 1972, and the show was produced by the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce for the centennial of the founding of Fort Concho. It is being staged this year to com-

memorate the centennial of the city of San Angelo. So far, the producers have raised over \$40,000 from investors in the Civic Theatre production.

The show requires a cast of over 150 characters and features over 20 songs and dances. This year it was directed by one of Carver's ex-students, an assistant director for HBO's *The Sopranos*, Randy Barbee.

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Confetti Rentals, located inside Salado Wedding Wishes, on Royal St., officially cut the ribbon Sept. 12, thereby becoming members of the Salado Chamber of Commerce. Owner Chris Cowan is pictured at center, with scissors, amidst Chamber members and well-wishers. Confetti Rentals offers special occasion rentals from gazebos and fountains, to plateware and accessories. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

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Lori Bockstanz, a representative from the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center will participate, and Wildflower and Grass seeds will be sold by Salado Antique Roses (Mike and Rita Oden), with exhibitors: Native American Seed Company (127 North 16th St., Junction,

www.seedsource.com) and Wildseed Farms (425 Wildflower Hills, Fredericksburg, TX 78624, www.wildseedfarms.com), providing catalogs and instructions for preparation and planting of wildflower seeds and grasses.

More than 25 varieties of wines will be available for tasting while guests enjoy savory hors

d,oeuvres prepared from the new menu at the Stagecoach Inn.

There will be a drawing at 7:45 p.m. for a Primrose sculpture by Charles Allen valued at over \$200.

A Silent Auction featuring gifts donated by local merchants will close at intervals between 7:45-8 p.m. with no bids accepted

after that time.

PALS, the Public Arts League of Salado, is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to promote the arts and artists in Salado, and all receipts from admission sales for this fundraising Wine Tasting event will be used to encourage arts activities and events in Salado.

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Historical Society gives to Museum

Bell County Museum last week added \$5,000 to its coffers to build a 10,000 square foot addition to its present building. The check was presented by the Salado Historical Society to General Robert M. Shoemaker and W.A. Buck Prewitt III, campaign chairman and co-chairman respectively.

"The Society is pleased to support the Bell County Museum's effort to add a new wing," said Dale Gore, society president, in presenting the check. "Salado, which claims more historical markers than any community in the county, is proud to be part of this worthy project."

This gift brought total funds raised toward the campaign to \$469,000 in pledges and contributions, leaving a balance of \$231,000 needed to qualify for the Mayborn Foundation challenge grant.

"We're grateful to the



Ret. Gen. Robert Shoemaker accepts a \$5,000 donation from the Salado Historical Society, presented by Dale and LaVerne Gore. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Salado Historical Society for this gift, because it shares with us the common goal of preserving our outstanding heritage in Bell County," said Gen. Shoemaker in accepting the grant.

Dr. David Yeilding, a member of the Bell County Museum steering committee, urged the Historical

Society to make this contribution at a recent meeting.

Officers of the society are LaVerne Gore, vice president; Doris Kemp, secretary and Maurice Carson, treasurer. Directors are Charlene Carson, Billy and Martha Reynolds, Ed Drs. Leroy and Jean Kemp, Mary Jean Boston, Jack

Herrington, Hulda Horton and Johnny Watson.

Bell County Museum details aspect of rural and city life in permanent and rotating exhibits highlighting the first 100 years of Bell county, including Salado, from 1850 to 1950.

Son of Salado couple honored in Japan for research in biochemical science

Paul Hardin, professor of biology and biochemistry at the University of Houston, was recently awarded the Aschoff-Honma Prize for 2003 at a ceremony in Sapporo, Japan.

Hardin is the son of Jack and Juanita Hardin of Salado.

Hardin, who lectured at the Sapporo Symposium on Biological Rhythms, was honored with the prestigious award for his research on the molecular mechanisms that underlie circadian oscillators in animals. His work focuses specifically on understanding the circuitry of the biological clock in the fruit fly (*Drosophila melanogaster*).

The Aschoff-Honma Prize is presented every two years to a scientist working in the field of biological rhythms and currently carries a monetary award of one million yen (approximately \$10,000).

Hardin, who was trained as a molecular geneticist, joined the UH faculty in 1995. He is part of the Biological Clocks Program at the UH, a group of five professors in the department of biology and biochemistry that is one of the world's leading centers for biological rhythms research.

Circadian oscillators are biological clocks that control daily rhythms in

behavior, physiology and biochemistry observed in most animals. They are also found in humans, where they control sleep-wake cycles, cognitive performance, as well as the daily cycles of many hormones.

Circadian oscillators are important in medicine because they regulate the response to a number of drugs, including cancer chemotherapeutic agents. They also interact with disease processes, including certain kinds of debilitating depressive disorders.

Professor Hardin discovered that circadian oscillators are generated by a molecular feedback loop that controls the expres-

sion of specific genes. He has elucidated many of the relationships between these genes, as well as the role of circadian oscillators in different tissues within an organism. One of his most recent contributions is the discovery that circadian oscillators can produce profound effects on the performance of animal sensory systems.

In particular, he has been investigating what component of the olfactory system--that is, the sense of smell--is controlled by the circadian clock and what effect these olfactory rhythms may have on behavior.

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Lions Dist. Gov. pays a visit Sept. 10

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
 STAFF WRITER

The Fairchild PT-19, a small, lightweight plane used to train combat pilots in WWII, had an impressive nickname that belied its impish, unassuming appearance.

Many young cadets that trained in her cockpit moved on to become aces of the European and Pacific skies, and over time, the PT-19 came to be known as the "Cradle of Heroes" because of the role it played in developing pilots.

Jim Jones, Texas Lions Club Governor of District 2-X3, when speaking Sept. 10 to the Salado Lions, likened the service performed by the PT-19 to that done by Lions Clubs across the world.

"It was just a simple plane, made of tubes. It had steel tubes, wood parts and was covered in fabric, but it trained some of our best fighter pilots in WWII," said Jones, who served 41 years in the Army reserves, including a tour in Desert Storm. He retired in 1996 with the rank of Colonel.

"So what is the similarity between that plane and the Lions Club," he asked.

"Lions," continued Jones, "are similar in that we go out and recruit other Lions, and we train those Lions and send them out to serve. Then those Lions recruit and train and so on and so forth."

Jones said that, just like the nondescript PT-19, Lions lay the foundation of public service through their actions and the programs they create and maintain.

"When you recruit new Lions, teach them about the Lions Camp, the Eye Bank, the Texas Lions Foundation. Teach them about all the things we do," exhorted Jones.

A camp that began primarily as a retreat for diabetic children, the 504-acre Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville now services children with not only diabetes, but other physical infirmities as well, such as hearing and vision impairment or mobility loss.

The Salado Lions Club routinely sponsors area children to attend one of



Jim Jones

the summer sessions.

"You may not be a Lion before you go to that camp, but you'll sure be one before you leave," said Jones.

"If the things you see there don't make your boat float, then you've got a hole in it."

Returning to his comparison of Lionism to the PT-19, Jones displayed a set

of buttons he distributes to clubs he visits throughout the district. The buttons were simple: a picture of the old plane with the words "Recruit, Train and Lead" figured prominently above.

"Those three words," said Jones, "are also what we as Lions are here to do."

Relief Fund assists 45 families with school supplies

Salado Family Relief Fund provided back-to-school vouchers to 45 families in the school district, providing clothes to 80 children in grades pre-K through 12, according to Communities in Schools coordinator Jessica Beyer.

Each qualifying child was given a voucher good at the Temple Wal-Mart for school clothes, including jeans, shirts, socks and

underwear. The vouchers could not be turned into cash.

"Mary Catherine Ervin, Brenda Landrum and Jessica Beyer organized the back to school effort," said Family Relief Fund President Leigh Drake.

Each student who qualified was given a \$50 voucher. Students also were able to get supplies from a large stock kept

at the Communities-in-Schools office in Salado Intermediate School.

"This year, we spent over \$4,500 on helping our kids get back to school," Drake said. "This is one of our largest efforts and drains our accounts considerably."

Donations to the Salado Family Relief Fund can be made at First State Bank

and Compass Bank in Salado.

In addition to the Back to School drive, Salado Family Relief Fund helps more than 100 Salado area children per year to have Christmas by providing Christmas dinner and presents.

For more information about the Salado Family Relief Fund, contact Leigh Drake at 947-3185.

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Village Artists hold Acrylic Painting Workshop Oct. 1-3

The Salado Village Artists will present an Oct. 1-3 Acrylic Painting Workshop, with Philip Wade, from Laguna Gloria Art Museum in Austin presenting "Painting in the Manner of the Impressionist Masters."

Phillip Wade was born in Patterson, N.J. in 1953. He moved to Philadelphia in 1971 to attend Villanova University (B.A. in English 1975), but realized that painting was the only thing he really wanted to do. He was accepted at the

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in 1976, where he won the Perspective Prize and Cecilia Beaux Portrait Prize. The emphasis at the nation's oldest art school was on traditional techniques. Phillip studied with Arthur Dacosta. Ben Kamihara and Sydney Goodman.

In 1981, he moved to Austin to study with Kelly Fearing and Bob Levers at the University of Texas, from which he graduated in 1984 with a Masters of

Fine Arts.

He has exhibited widely since then, receiving many awards in such cities as Austin, Houston, Philadelphia, Los Angeles and Dallas. For the last five years he has taught at the school of the Austin Museum of Art.

His work can be seen in the collections of the Driscoll Hotel, Seton Medical Center and the Radisson Plaza Hotel; all of Austin, as well as in many private collections.

His style of teaching is

excellent and fun, as noted by several Salado Village Artists who have traveled to Laguna Gloria to attend his classes there.

The three day workshop, Oct 1-3, will be at the Salado Village Artist's Building behind the Civic Center. The class is limited to 20, so it is necessary to reserve a place as soon as possible. The workshop is \$125 and a \$50 deposit will hold your place.

For more information, call Heidi at 939-9933.

Village of Salado DRT schedule Sept. 20 meeting

Launching the second year of activities will be the purpose of the 10:30 a.m. Sept. 20 meeting of the Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas at the Central

Texas Area Museum.

The meeting will conclude with a Dutch treat luncheon at Stagecoach Inn.

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lings in several states and Canada, associate members, and the Honorary member Helen Burleson Kelso, 25-year member of the State organization which has profited from her service on every level culminating with her leadership as President General.

In addition to state pledges and symbols, President Doris Kemp has expressed interest in advancing the motto of President General Kelso, The Golden Rule followed by most religious and many organizations and businesses, one being Southwest Airlines. The Chapter

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Poncho Roberts and his wife Sugar live in Huntsville and have recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. That prompted Poncho to say a few words.

"After fifty years with Sugar I need a sympathy card. I looked up sugar in the dictionary and it means evaporated sap. If that don't bless your heart nothing else will. And I hate to even tell you this, but the other morning we were lying there in bed and I said 'Hon, would you mind getting up and fixing me a good old hot breakfast?' She just rolled over and said 'if you want a hot breakfast, get up and set your raisin bran on fire.'"

His real name is Frank, but in 1951 when he was working for the telephone company in Harlingen he developed a deep love for Mexican food.

"I had it for breakfast, lunch and supper. In Spanish, Frank is Pancho. My fellow workers started

calling me Pancho but they changed the A to an O because I developed a big belly or paunch."

Poncho later worked at NASA, setting up circuits around the world for all the space programs.

"I got to start with the original seven astronauts up to the first space shuttle. I was there sixteen and a half years."

Now retired, Poncho Roberts is a greeter at the Sam Houston monument in Huntsville. His colorful demeanor and comments entertain visitors from all over the world. He finds plenty to do around Huntsville, where he was born.

"I am the town clown, the community character the professional volunteer. I was born to retire."

He has been collecting autographs from celebrities for more than 25 years.

"I have an autograph collection with over fifty-five thousand autographs in it. I'm very proud of it. I have Gerald R. Ford, Alan Shepard, the first man in outer space, Vice presi-

dent Dan Quayle, Dallas Cowboy Hall of Famers Mel Renfro and Bob Lilly, Frank Sinatra Senior and Junior and people from all walks of life."

He has a collection of vests. He wears a different one every day. He started wearing vests while his son was playing football in middle school.

"His school colors were blue and gold. I told my Mama I'd like to have a vest to wear on Wednesday afternoons when he plays football. She made me one and I wore it to work every Wednesday morning. After about the fifth Wednesday the guys I work with told me they were tired of looking at

that cotton pickin' blue vest and suggested I get another color."

He says an idea began to hatch in his mind.

"I got my mother and took her to the material store and we picked out six wild colors and since that day in 1965 I've worn a vest every day.

I had the desire of having a hundred vests to give me a real variety."

His mother made seventy-five vests. His sister-in-law made thirty-five. Some were given to him. He now has one hundred and fourteen vests. He keeps them in a special closet and wears a different one every day.

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.

Fried Green Tomatoes

Cookbook Committee
 3 T. bacon fat 2 beaten eggs
 4 firm, green tomatoes, sliced
 Dry bread crumbs Flour
 Milk Salt & Pepper

Heat bacon fat in heavy frying pan (iron skillet is best). Dip tomatoes in beaten eggs, then in bread crumbs. Slowly fry them in the bacon fat until golden on each side. Put tomatoes on a plate while you make gravy. For each tablespoon of fat left in the pan, stir in 1 tablespoon flour and blend well; then stir in 1 cup of warm milk; cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Add salt and pepper to taste. Pour over tomatoes and served immediately.

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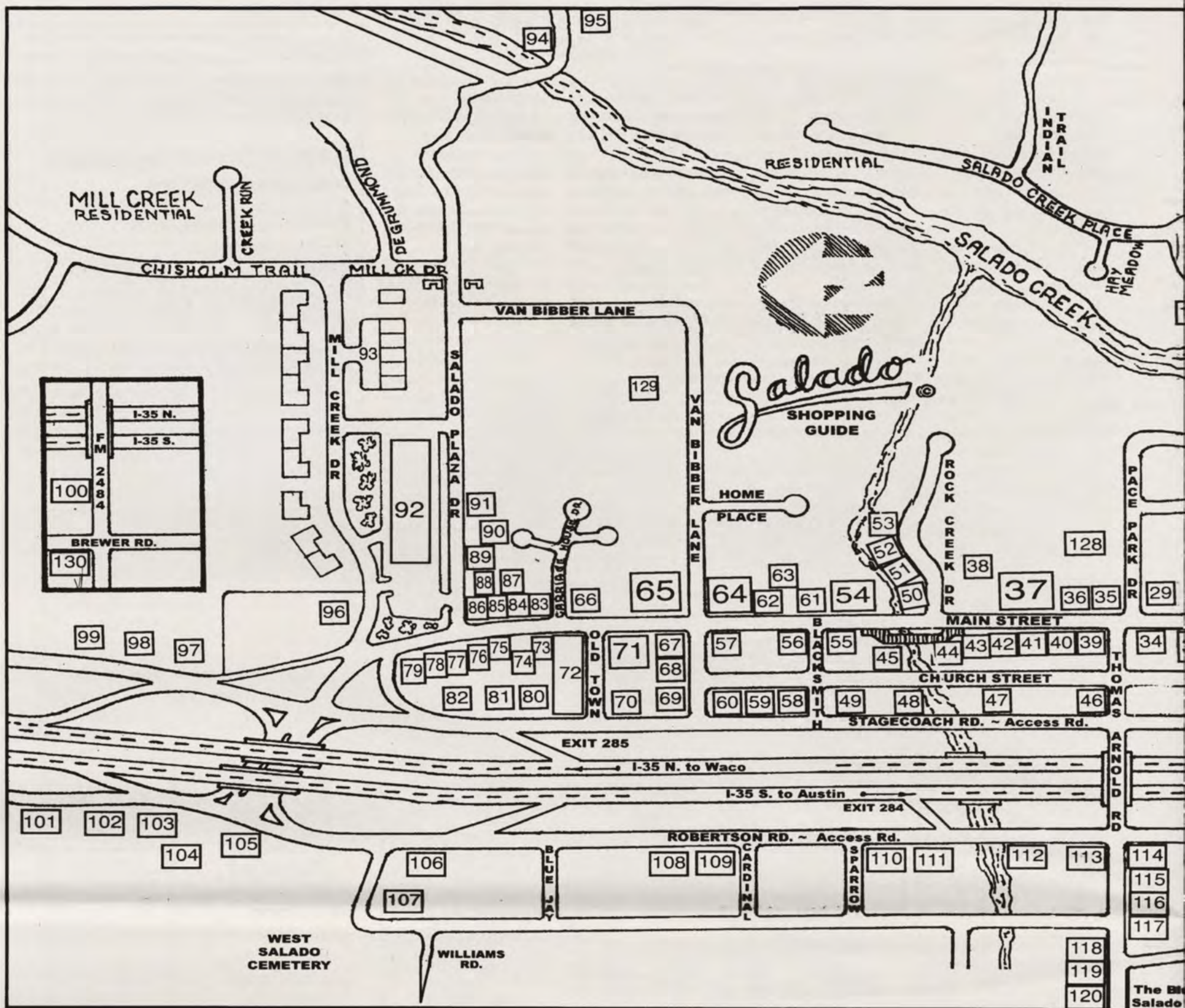
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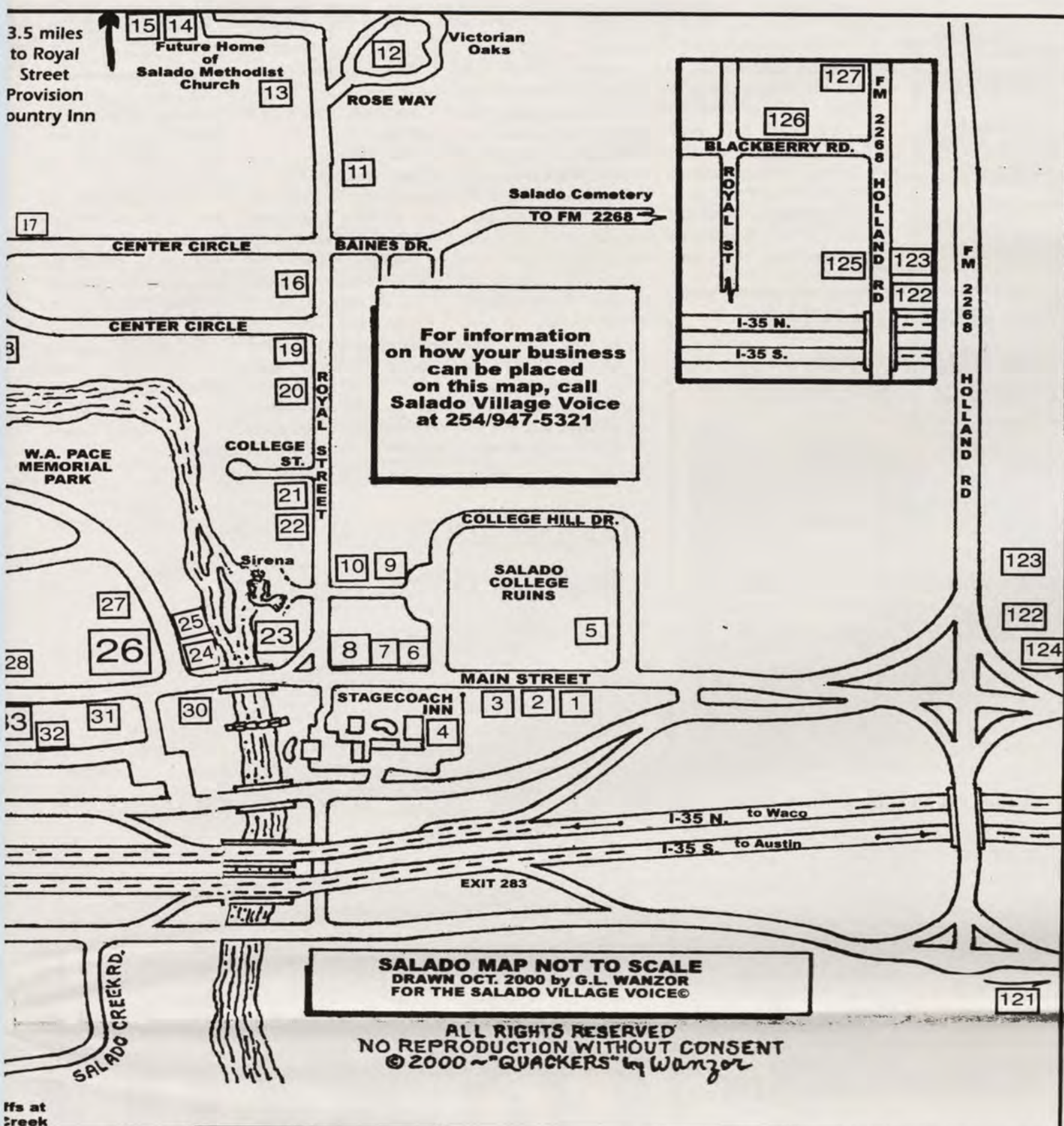
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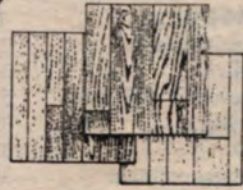
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ronment. Plenty of chairs and benches are available, but you can also bring lawn chairs for personalized comfort. Concessions will be offered and door prizes raffled at intermission.

"The September show is packed with such incredible talent and great song selection as well...we are confident that the audience will be pleased and completely entertained. This is truly an event for the whole family to spend a wonderful evening listening to music that you just do not hear much any more and certainly will always

remember," says Fuller. Salado sponsors for the event are Garlyn Shelton Autos Charlotte's of Salado, and Salado ISD.

The September Bell County Jamboree will feature the following performers: Madlyon Oppermann, of Temple; Rance Norton, of Morgan; Glenn Landrum, of Houston; and Rick Titus, of Copperas Cove.

The vocal performers will be backed by The Bell County Jamboree Band, with TerryLynn Schrimsher on guitar and vocals, Roy Robbins on lead guitar and vocals, Sharon Murrah on keyboards and vocals,

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

Doors open for the event at 6 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$8 for adults, with senior, student and group discounts available. Children under 12 are free.

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08/12	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	Rose Lane
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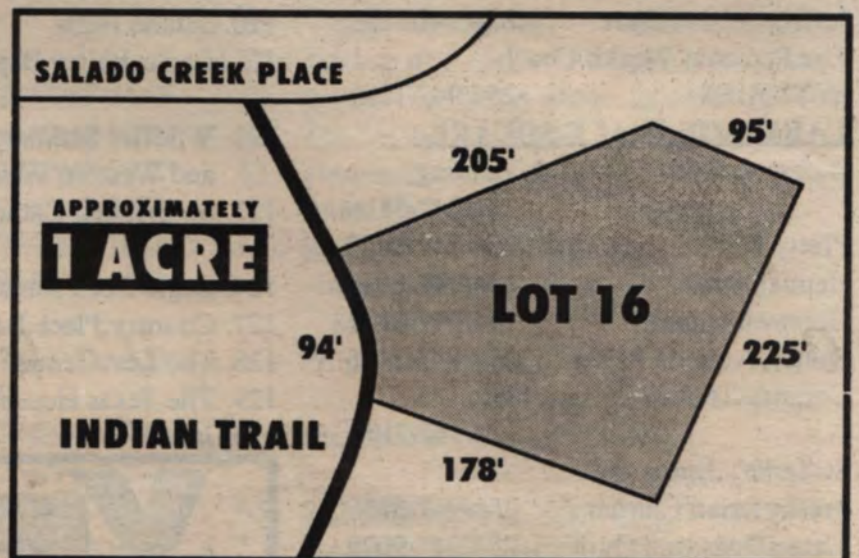
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SEF scholarship helps Coe to achieve culinary ambitions

By JACKIE MILLS

The Salado Education Foundation was formed in 1999 by 19 concerned citizens who banded together with the slogan "Together, We Can Make a Difference." The foundation's ultimate goal is to award financial assistance to every Salado High School graduate for continued education at the college or technical school of the recipients choice. The first scholarships were awarded in 2001. To date there have been 18 scholarships given to Salado graduates.

At the end of the 2002 school year Chrystin Coe received a Salado Education Foundation scholarship. Chrystin's high school years in Salado were filled with cooking. "I won ribbons at the Bell County Fair, made pies to sell to relatives and friends during holidays, and was honored to work at the Inn on the Creek. I was also influenced by my Salado High School Homemaking teacher, Marilyn Salis-

bury," said Chrystin.

"I chose Central Texas College to earn my Culinary Certificate. I have less than one year to finish my credits, but I want to take a few extra courses. I plan to graduate in May of 2004," she added.

"I am taking classes in History of Cooking this semester. In my International Cuisine class we studied history of the region, which crops grew best in certain areas, thus making those traditional foods of the region. Before taking these classes I never dreamed that history had so much to do with food," she said.

"In legal classes I learned you must have a certificate to serve alcohol and why Health Certificates are required to serve food. In Nutrition classes I learned what a body needs for fuel and how big daily servings need to be," said Chrystin.

"My baby, Jessalyn, is three months old. I'm anxious to get her in the kitchen with me to make cookies. Baking is my

love!" confessed Chrystin.

"I really want to become a pastry chef. My dream is to own my own pastry shop. But of course that is cost prohibitive for me. I will have to work for someone for many years before I can hope to have enough money to go into business for myself. In fact, I could not have gone to school without the scholarships I have received. The Salado Education Foundations scholarship also helped to pay for my chef's uniform. All of the little extra things I needed for school were a surprise to me. Thank heavens for scholarships!" Chrystin said.

The Salado Education Foundation fund-raiser "The Chisholm Trail Cattlemen's Ball" will be held 6-11:30 p.m. Oct. 11 at Tenroc Ranch in Salado. Proceeds from this event will support the Salado Education Foundation in providing 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 October 11th Chisholm Trail Cattlemen's Ball are invited to dress in western gear while enjoying a night of fun under Texas stars. The Master of Ceremonies will be Rusty Garrett from TV Channel 10.

In concert will be Fred Fuller and his band. Dinner will be served by Johnny's Steaks and BarBeQue and entertainment will be provided by Tablerock's Brazos Bottom "Cowo'graphers. The evening will include wagon rides by Dick Curtis' Good Time Carriage Rides, casino gambling and two live auctions.

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Apache unit reactivates

An Apache helicopter unit that recently inactivated in Europe was reactivated at Fort Hood's Sadowski Field on Sept. 12.

The 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment activates under the post's 21st Cavalry Brigade for the

Democratic Women to meet Sept. 20

The Bell County Texas Democratic Women will hold their monthly meeting 10 a.m. Sept. 20, in the courtroom of the County Court at Law #2, 550 E. 2nd Ave., Belton. Refreshments will begin at 9:30 a.m.

All Democratic women and guests are invited.

For more information contact (254) 939-1083 or (254) 933-0801.

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In recent years the 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment has deployed to

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Grow some Texas Wildflowers

Master Gardener

by Debbie Lauer

If conditions are right, every spring we are blessed with an abundance of beautiful wildflowers on our roadsides and uncultivated lands. It is possible for you to bring some of that natural beauty to your property, but it involves more than just tossing out a few seeds. In order to get that eye popping bumper crop of spring wildflowers there are several things that you need to take into consideration. The most important is where to plant your wildflower meadow.

Wildflowers need at least eight hours of sunlight every day. Some will tolerate a little shade but will tend to get "leggy" and support fewer blossoms without enough sun. The second most important characteristic for the selected site is drainage. Wildflowers need well drained soil. Soil that is compacted and does not drain well will produce mediocre results. Be sure

that the site you select already supports vegetation; if it is barren the soil may not have adequate fertility for wildflowers. Finally you need to have a water source nearby in case there is not enough rainfall.

Now that you have selected a site, the second most important question is when do I plant? My answer to that is right now!! Late Sept. and Oct. are the optimal months to plant your wildflowers. Some of the seed will germinate now and will establish a root system over the winter. Other seeds will not germinate until next spring and will stay dormant over the winter. When the right combinations of sunlight, ground temperature and water are present, up they pop!

Wildflowers do not need as much site preparation as flowerbeds, but some is required. A couple of weeks before you want to plant; you can use an herbicide to eliminate weeds and other unwanted plants in the area. You can also pull them up manually. Next mow and collect the clippings. Finally rake or till the area lightly; to a maximum of one inch deep. Over preparation of the soil will disturb dormant weed seeds that will germinate and compete with your flowers for nutrition and water. Now you are ready to spread your seeds!

Be sure that you purchase a seed mix that is made up of native Texas wildflower seed, that is adapted for our area. Since many wildflower seeds are

very small, mix them with vermiculite, potting soil or sand. This makes them easier to spread evenly. Add one part of seed to four parts other material and mix thoroughly before spreading. Broadcast one half of this mixture over the prepared area and then go back the other direction with the other half of the seed. Save a small amount of seed for a pot. Next, walk over the entire area to press the seed into the soil. You can also use a roller to press the seed into the soil. Some of the seed will be visible on the surface. Do not cover the seed. Prepare a large pot and spread a small amount of seed in the container.

The next step is water. For the best results the wildflower area needs to be kept moist for four to six weeks while the seedlings get established. Light and frequent applications (a little once a day depend- SEE GARDNER PAGE 15B

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ing on conditions) of water that keep the ground moist are especially critical once the seed has begun to germinate. Now you know why fall rain is so critical for a good wildflower season the next spring! Once your wildflowers are about two inches in height, you can gradually reduce watering. After that, water only when the plants looked stressed, if you are lucky Mother Nature will take care of it for you.

So now you ask, why the little bit of seed in the flower pot? Well for a couple of reasons. First, so you know when the wildflower seedlings begin to sprout and you need to be vigilant about keeping them moist. The seedlings

will dry out easily and if they get dry they will die. Second, to help you identify wildflower seedlings from weeds! You should periodically weed your wildflower patch as it gets established. Those in the pot will help you determine who is who.

Keep in mind that some wildflower species are perennial and may not bloom the first year they are planted. Your wildflower patch will come back if you continue to take care of it. Grasses tend to invade and can out-compete native flowers or make the blossoms hard to see. There is an herbicide that can be used to control grasses in wild-

flowers. Ornamec 170 can be applied to reduce grass problems. As with any herbicide follow the instructions carefully to prevent injury to wanted plants. By keeping weeds and grasses controlled, your wildflower patch will reseed it self and the perennials will come back every year. In order to get the best results wait a minimum of two weeks after the peak flowering period and mow your wildflower patch to a height of four to six inches. If you cut it lower you will damage the perennials. There is no need to fertilize wildflowers, if you do they tend to grow lush foliage and produce fewer flowers. If you feel

you must fertilize; use a low nitrogen fertilizer that has a 1-3-2 ratio (one part nitrogen, three parts phosphorus, two parts potassium) mixed into the soil at planting.

Finally, don't give up. If your results are not as good as expected, reseed the following fall. Note the flowers that did come up and those that did well. Instead of a general seed mix, plant more of what did well in your selected area. Enjoy the fruits of your labor next spring!

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Answer: Your carpet was stretched and loosened by the wet-process cleaning, but injecting adhesive into the "bubble" areas will only worsen the problem.

What occurred with your carpet is not so much caused by the concrete slab (as at least one layer of underlayment sits between the slab and the carpet) as by the way the carpet is anchored. The carpet backing may be glued to the underlayment, but more likely the carpet is anchored around the perimeter of the room. To see if this is so,

This is a Hammer

by Samantha Mazzotta

gently pry up a corner of the carpet. If you see a flat strip of wood with one or two rows of small metal pins jutting upward, then the carpet is held in place around the perimeter.

The first thing I'd recommend is to call the cleaning company and explain the problem. Stretched or loosened carpet is not uncommon following deep-cleaning processes, and professional cleaners do have means to address the problem.

If for whatever reason the cleaners don't come out to fix these "bubbles," you can make the repair yourself. Call a carpet distributor or rental center and ask for

a "knee kicker," a device designed just for this problem. This is a solid, heavy tool featuring a flat head with adjustable prongs on the bottom, and a long metal extension at the end of which a rubber pad is attached.

Adjust the height of the prongs using the knob on the head of the kicker. The prongs should be long enough to grab the carpet without penetrating through to the padding (which should not be stretched). Start from a corner of the room where the carpet is firmly attached, about two inches from the wall. Press the kicker prongs into the carpet and then thrust your knee against the pad at

the other end of the kicker. (See? Knee ... kicker ...) After a couple of kicks, tuck the edge of the carpet between the baseboard and the wood anchor strip, using a putty knife. If the carpet is still loose, repeat the kicker treatment. If the carpet edge can no longer be tucked neatly in, trim it with a utility knife, restretch the carpet and tuck it in.

Stretching the carpet should fix the bubble problem; if it doesn't, contact the cleaner again or the carpet manufacturer.

HOME TIP

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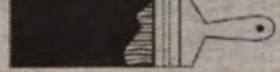
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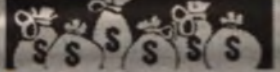
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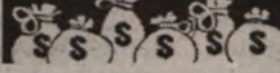
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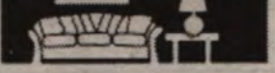


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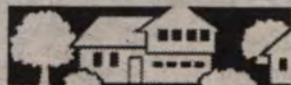
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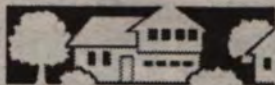


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LUXURIOUS golf course home in Salado. Over 5,100 sq. ft. of living. Located on the 9th fairway. \$450,000



CHARMING 3/2/1 All brick in Salado. Security system, water softener, solar screens, fireplace, huge master bath. Sits on over half acre lot with storage building. \$105,000.



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\$259,900 - A beautifully landscaped backyard creates an inviting atmosphere to welcome you into a pool with waterfall. View the pool from the family room, breakfast/kitchen area, and formal living room. The kitchen and family room are all open for easy entertaining. Master bedroom/bath is down the hall from a 4th BR/study while the other two bedrooms are located across the living areas. Built in bookshelves and fireplace are located in the formal living. Located on 1/2 acre lot.



\$349,500 - Newly constructed home with large windows across back of home provide an incredible view of Salado Creek and Mill Creek Golf Course. 2 BR and bath are located on main floor. Master bedroom and bath are located on third level. Master BR has view of Salado Creek & golf course from large windows all around. Bath is luxurious. Extra large closet. 3 car garage is on lower level.



\$139,900 - This new home is conveniently located near I-35 on FM 2484. Austin stone with metal roof. 3 BR, 2 BA. Gorgeous stone fireplace.



\$202,800 - Panoramic views of neighboring hillsides. Austin stone, volume ceilings office with French doors. Master bedroom suite features garden tub, separate shower and huge walk-in closet. Dramatic skylight in kitchen. Cat 5 wiring for computer. Extensive landscaping.

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\$389,000 - This home on 3 acres offers the quietness of Van Bibber with the activity of Main Street close by. Hardwood floors welcome you into this large open living room with a grand fireplace as the central point. The master suite has large windows to bring in the neutral light and provides privacy from the other bedrooms. The kitchen is directly off the living area and has a wonderful skylight. The third bedroom with the built-in bookcase could be used as an office or study.



\$119,900 - Open floor plan with living room, kitchen and dining room ready for friends & family to enjoy. 3 BR/2 BA home sits on corner lot conveniently located minutes from I-35. Back covered porch is perfect for the afternoon barbecue. Metal shop allows owner easy access to garden equipment or storage. Long front porch. Built in 1999.



\$229,800 - 4 BR, 2-1/2 BA, 2 car + golf cart garage, formal dining, breakfast room, all on wooded 1 acre lot in the heart of Mill Creek. Quality construction, designed with energy efficiency in mind.



\$274,900 - This beautiful home sits on Salado Creek and Mill Creek Golf Course #13 Green. Features include wood floor entry, built-in entertainment center, study with built-in cabinets, bright kitchen with see-through white cabinets, oversized garage, speaker system wired, including deck area.



\$205,000 - 3 BR, 2 BA. Walk into a large open living area with a vaulted ceiling that is enhanced with a wood burning rock fireplace. The kitchen in this home has custom made cabinets and eat-in bar. A dining room opens into the kitchen and living area providing a wonderful place to entertain friends. A large master bedroom allows enough room for a sitting area or office. The other two bedrooms are separate from the master to allow for privacy.

Residential

- \$49,500 - 3 BR, 1 BA with fenced back yard.
- \$67,500 - Mill Creek unit for weekend or home.
- \$83,500 - Nice manufactured home on 5 acres.
- \$119,900 - 3 BR home. Front & back porches & metal shop.
- \$128,800 - Jimmy Wilson home on 1 acre.
- \$130,800 - Great floor plan on 1 acre.
- \$131,800 - New mid-size home on 1 acre.
- \$139,900 - Austin stone with metal roof. 3 BR, 2 BA.
- \$149,900 - "Orange Lady's Home" fronts golf course - UC.
- \$159,800 - 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.
- \$219,500 - 2 story country style home & shop. 3.5 acres.
- \$229,800 - 4 BR/2-1/2 BA on 1 wooded acre in Mill Creek.
- \$256,800 - New home in Mill Creek. Granite table.
- \$259,900 - 4 BR home w/ pool & waterfall.
- \$274,900 - 3 BR overlooking Salado Creek & #13 Green.
- \$269,000 - 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.
- \$324,900 - New 4 BR home with lake view.
- \$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.
- \$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
- 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 \$95,000
- Lot 2, Rose Lane - \$38,900
- The Overlook - 1+ acre prime lots \$125,000 - \$165,000

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Absolutely beautiful wooded lot with stone home. Features included: 30x40 workshop, fireplace, game room, office, garden room, etc. Recently updated kitchen and wood floors. Priced at **\$217,900.**



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. **\$134,500** 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 thru the home. Priced at **\$310,000.**



Completely remodeled home on approximately 1 acre. Lots of privacy! Priced at **\$164,500.**



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.**



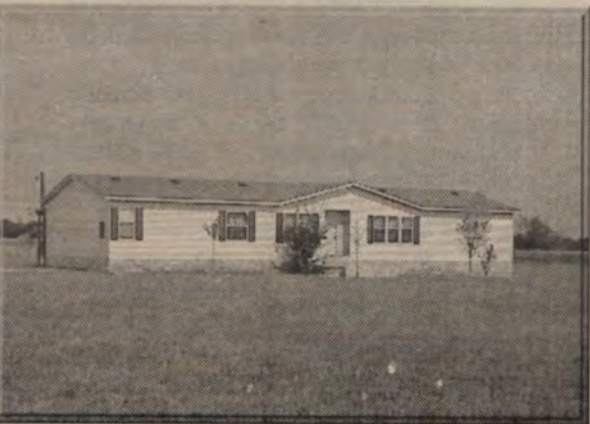
Manufactured home on approximately 5 acres. Beautiful live oak trees. Features include porch, water softener, gas fireplace and a sauna located off of FM 2484. **\$99,900.**



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 Pecan trees & 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.**
- 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.**
- 51 acres Buttermilk Creek, spectacular views, excellent tree coverage, sw

of Salado.

- 51 acres with hill country view \$3,500 per 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.

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.**