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Residents grill Mayor hopefuls during annual Candidates Forum

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Property taxes. Local residents filled the Salado Civic Center auditorium April 14 to grill the two Village of Salado mayoral candidates and the three Aldermen candidates about their stances on a proposed property tax.

Michael Cooper and Merle Stalcup were the first candidates introduced by Ben Willingham as candidates for Mayor.

Cooper and his wife T9e have lived in Salado for 10 years. Cooper is an attorney who moved from Dallas to open what he called "a country law

practice" in Salado. He has served seven years on the Board of Aldermen as one of the first slate of elected officials. Cooper has served two terms as Mayor Pro Tem of the Village.

Stalcup and wife Karen Walker have lived in Salado for nine years. He is serving his second term as an Alderman. He and Karen have six children and 13 grandchildren.

Stalcup told the audience that as an Alderman, he has been active in the acquisition and renovation of the current Municipal Building and the renovation and expansion of the Pace Park pavilion. He chairs the Economic De-

velopment committee. "I led the team that helped to bring the Scott & White clinic to the Salado area," he said, adding that he has also worked with businesses such as The Brazos Collection to get them to locate in Salado. He said that he worked with Country Boy's to get them to ask for annexation into Salado.

Stalcup said he worked with the Salado Volunteer Fire Department to help lower the insurance rating for Salado.

He told the audience that he would support an ordinance that would direct the expenditure of a

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Holloway resigns as alderman, moving to San Antonio for work

Forrest Holloway submitted his resignation from the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen effective immediately on April 14. He presented a letter of resignation to Village Secretary Dianna Zulauf.

"Theresa (Holloway's wife) and I have been afforded an unexpected opportunity of which we cannot take advantage and remain in Salado," Holloway stated in his letter. "Therefore, we will be relocating to San Antonio and starting a new adventure there working in support of Fort Sam Hous-

Holloway stated that he wishes "all of you the best with the issues that Salado will be facing in the future such as I-35 construction, property tax and the day-to-day operations of the Village government."

"Remember, if it doesn't pass the Common Sense Test, don't do it," he added. "Is it good for you and me? Is it good for the Village? Can we afford it?"

If the answers to any one of those questions is no, Holloway said, "it doesn't pass the test."

Holloway voted against proposing a 25-cent per



Forrest Holloway

\$100 evaluation property tax last month. He was the lone dissenting vote.

"I thank the residents

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Trustees Darrell Street and Jeff Kelley listen as Superintendent Robin Battershell discusses the next steps for the district. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

As superintendent leaves for Temple, district trustees to begin search

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Now the hard part begins.

Over the next weeks and months, Salado school trustees will begin the process of searching for and hiring a new school superintendent. Dr. Robin Battershell, Salado ISD Superintendent for a decade, has been named the lone finalist for the superintendency of Temple school district.

The Temple school board is expected to offer her a contract on May 1, following a 21-day waiting period after which she was named the lone finalist. The Temple ISD Board of Trustees named her the lone finalist for the superintendency at an April 12 meeting.

If the contract is offered on May 1 and if Dr. Battershell accepts, she will officially tender her resignation effective May 31. She informed trustees and other administrators that she was the lone finalist last week, telling them that if the contract is offered on May 1, she will accept the position.

Salado trustees convened in a called meeting April 15 to begin the process of searching for and hiring a new superintendent, faced with the likelihood of Dr. Battershell's departure on

May 31.

They began by revisiting the process in which Dr. Battershell was initially hired in Salado a decade ago. No trustees from that time period remain on the board at this time, but former school board president Sara Mackie discussed that process with current trustees.

Mackie told the board that the district chose a small search firm rather than using the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) at that time because a smaller firm "seemed to have more flexibility and less bureaucracy."

Dr. Paul Fleming led the search on behalf of the firm 10 years ago. He vetted the first round of applications, going through more than 100 resumes before whittling the pile down to fewer than 30 applications. From there, he worked with the board to further reduce the list to about eight to 10 that were interviewed by the school board. From those eight, three finalists were announced and from that group Dr. Battershell was hired.

Dr. Battershell said that she went through three interviews in the process of being hired in Salado: one long interview with Dr. Fleming and two more with

the board.

"What did it for us," Mackie said, "was that when she walked in for that final interview, she had a game plan in mind for our district. We could tell that she had been giving a great deal of thought to our schools."

Trustees discussed the process in which the board will proceed. The first step will be in gathering input from staff about what they want in a superintendent. The criteria will be gathered while the board discusses what it wants in a superintendent search firm.

"If you are not comfortable with your search firm," Mackie said, "you will not be comfortable in the outcome."

The board cannot hire a search firm until Dr. Battershell formally tenders her resignation in early May. But the board can determine what it expects from the search firm and can begin the process of identifying the expectations and ground rules for a search firm to work with the district.

The board will also have to name an interim superintendent to lead the district while it searches for a permanent replacement.

Trustees will discuss this items again April 28.



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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Detroit: The City That Liberalism Ruined

The indictment of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick on eight felony counts, including perjury and obstruction of justice, would just be another dreary entry in the long annals of misbehaving politicians if it weren't for the backdrop of a decaying city.

Elected at age 31 in 2002, Kilpatrick was supposed to bring youthful vitality to his job, and he talked about reform. Now, he's just another tragedy to befall Detroit, a city whose decline is -- as psychologists put it -- overdetermined, but stands as a stark statement of the failure of urban liberalism.

Detroit suffers from every possible malady except a plague of locusts, and that's only because they find urban living uncongenial. Detroit has a revitalized downtown, but all around it, the city rots. Forbes magazine declared Detroit "America's Most Miserable City," on the basis of its unemployment and crime rates, among other things.

Detroit has lost 1 million residents since 1950. It was hit by the decline of the auto industry and white flight, fueled partly by racism. These trends would have rocked the city no matter what. Detroit compounded them with disastrous governance, personified by Mayor Coleman Young, who held office for 20 years beginning in 1974.

"Imagine a Rev. Jeremiah Wright with real power," says urban expert Fred Siegel. Coleman [Young] taunted suburbanites, accusing them of "pillaging the city," while his scandal-plagued administration managed the city into the ground. He neglected policing, maintaining that "crime is a problem, but not the problem. The police are the major threat ... to the minority community." The 1968 riots never really ended in Detroit, dragging on in a long crime wave. With government services terrible to nonexistent and both crime and tax rates high, there was

Rich Lowry



no reason for anyone to stay. "Several Detroit mayors have been the best economic development officers Oakland County ever had," comments Michael LaFaive of the Michigan-based Mackinac Center for Public Policy, referring to the county to Detroit's north.

Public-sector unions protect the dismal status quo. Detroit high schools graduate just a third of their students, according to an estimate by Michigan State University. But when a philanthropist offered to spend \$200 million to create 15 new charter high schools, teachers staged a walk-out. Mayor Kilpatrick spurned the offer. These failing schools throw kids with no skills into a struggling economy in an environment characterized by social breakdown.

No matter what Mayor Kilpatrick did with his chief of staff or how many lies he has told, this is the true scandal of Detroit -- and too many American cities. In the wake of the controversy over Rev. Wright, Barack Obama called for a national conversation on race. But we talk about race incessantly already, and Mayor Kilpatrick will carry on his own dialogue by playing on black fears with charges of "selective prosecution."

What would better serve the interests of African-Americans and the country is a national conversation about good urban governance -- how to crack down on crime, reform the schools and free the economy from sclerotic government. Detroit awaits it, as its disgraced mayor twists in the wind.

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Hearings produce apt description of Iraq War: "The bottom line is, there is no bottom line!"

The most succinct analysis of the Iraqi War produced thus far, emerged from last week's Congressional grilling of David Petraeus, the top General in Iraq, and Ryan Crocker, our Ambassador to that war torn nation.

Thrust of the hearings centered primarily on questions that lawmakers noted were uppermost in the minds of Americans, from Members of Congress to Main Street citizens: "When (and how) will the Iraqi conflict end?"

"ON TARGET" PERSPECTIVE

The Washington Post printed what we believe put the Iraqi situation into its clearest perspective (to date) with this, sadly prophetic statement: "The bottom line is - there is no bottom line!"

Not certain who authored those words - but they'll always remind us of Iraq and the war. Words that gradually surfaced in many minds, not long after President Bush, in full battle regalia, proclaimed "Mission Accomplished!" That was four years ago!

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SCARY SS-MEDICARE FUTURE

In 1983, an historically important meeting was held in the Oval Office. President Reagan, Republican and Democratic leaders, and appropriate Cabinet Secretaries were present, and together they made a series of surprisingly wise decisions concerning the Social Security Administration.

Looking to the future, the group formulated plans to meet the needs of a growing population that one day would be receiving retirement and health benefits from SSA.

The social security tax (FICA) was increased and applied against a higher income level, which would produce an ongoing surplus of funds. Monies to be "kept" in the SS Trust Fund, drawing interest, and available when needed in the years ahead.

As predicted, SS-tax revenues (starting in 1984) began accumulating faster than current beneficiary expenditures. As an example of that growth - the 2007 numbers (alone) produced a \$175 billion surplus.

Adding the annual surpluses over 23 years (plus interest) would have produced (as of today) close to **\$4.5 trillion dollars in reserve!**

That is - if the money had been left in the Trust Fund as required by SSA statutes.

LEGAL THEFT APPROVED

Tragically, when the fund reached into the billions the temptation was too great for both Republican and Democratic administrations and Congress, so the surplus dollars were "borrowed" and mingled with general revenue to finance government operations.

In effect, Congress "questionably" approved the "theft" of SSA reserves in order to avoid raising taxes to properly pay for normal growth services, plus new programs. **Fact is, the 2003 Bush tax cuts would never have become law had it not been for the "stolen" Social Security surpluses.**

NO HELP FROM WASHINGTON
Congress and later administrations "thought" about resolving this "theft" of Social Security funds over the years - **only problem was (and remains) that both groups lack compelling motivation and abilities.** Candidly, most of our elected folks would screw up a two car funeral - if put in charge!

What Republicans have "tried" thus far, to resolve the retirement trust fund calamity, is revert to their favor-

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



ite theory of government - "privatization." That "third rail" scheme surfaced in 2005 by President Bush, who used every means at his disposal to turn SSA trust funds over to the unregulated Wall Street investment crowd.

Thankfully the proposed move only intensified public ire-fear, and the plan died despite immense resuscitation efforts by George (Secundus).

MEDICARE-MEDICAID DISASTER

The Trust Fund's retirement benefit program is not SSA's only problem. Medicare-medicare costs are increasing so rapidly that they will eventually consume "most" of the federal budget.

Congress and the White House are aware of the "stolen" SSA Trust Funds and the exploding costs of senior and low income health care - but to date they've produced (as noted above) nothing more than hand-wringing, partisan bickering, and continuation of "business as usual" which drags us closer to the day of fiscal reckoning that has "economic disaster" written all over it.

A BETTER WAY? - ABSOLUTELY!

Acknowledging the aforementioned congressional and administration failures, and accepting the fact that "devastating" financial problems are brewing within SSA, the question naturally arises: **"Why are these financial "doomsday" problems not first on Congress and the President's agendas?"**

Good question, but no answers. However, despite the leadership vacuum, there are a number of "workable" ways to begin resolving the SSA retirement and Medicare-Medicaid financial dilemma without "socializing" our entire system of government!

From a number of top federal budget officers and fiscally trained health care professionals, we discovered several valid "action plans." **First - stop "borrowing" SS Trust Fund monies and begin immediately repaying that debt from general revenue taxes. And then (ASAP) apply the FICA tax to total income.**

Next - turn public "heat" on elected officials and demand: (a) Creation of laws requiring Congress and future Presidents to approve only "pay-as-you-go" non-deficit budgets (without "earmarks"); (b) Bring global trade into a more favorable balance; (c) Rewrite tax codes and eliminate "special" tax breaks for all "special interest" groups; (d) Enact a low, temporary "flat tax" to eliminate the national debt.

Be interesting to see what the new administration and Congress will do with the "approaching" politically created (and connived) SSA fiscal cataclysm, that threaten not only our economic system - but our way of life as well.

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AND FINALLY.....

We recently picked up a thoughtful rejoinder that "hit the proverbial nail on the head," concerning anti-American sentiment and negativity that aggravates us from time to time.

To combat this inane gainsaying and depreciation - we would offer the insight of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair who explained his admiration for America: **"A simple way to take measure of a country is to look at how many want in. And how many want out!"**

That brilliant and sincere statement is worth remembering - especially by those who denigrate our nation, but never pack up and leave!

That's -30-

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Homing In on a Solution

By Ed Feulner

During a recent visit to the doctor, I noticed a sign on his wall: "First, do no harm." That is, of course, part of the Hippocratic Oath. If only we could convince lawmakers to adopt that adage.

Instead, Congress does two things well: "nothing," and "too much." And the recent struggles in the housing market are tempting many lawmakers to over-react. Before they wade in and make matters worse, they should make sure they will first "do no harm" to our national economy.

That's critical, because owning a home has always been a big part of the American dream. Between 1960 and 1995, about 64 percent of Americans owned their own homes.

In the last 10 years, though, that number shot up, reaching an all-time high of 69 percent in 2004. But the increase was made possible mainly because lenders made it easier for people with poor credit to buy homes. They offered "subprime" mortgages, such as those with no down payment, or those in which the borrower paid only interest on the loan -- for a while.

To raise more capital to lend to homebuyers, lenders bundled these risky mortgages together and sold them to investors. As long as housing prices were increasing, it was an easy and popular way to encourage housing sales. By 2006, almost half the new mortgages in the U.S. were subprime.

Now, though, the bubble has burst. Prices are falling, foreclosures are climbing and lawmakers (many of whom will face voters this fall) want to do something.

Consider the bill the Senate recently passed. It would give anyone who buys a home which has been foreclosed upon a \$7,000 tax credit. But that's the wrong approach. It would only encourage lenders to foreclose, when it would be better for them to work with owners to keep them in those homes.

And it should be noted that many of those now losing their homes committed fraud to get into them in the first place. As an economist from

George Mason University puts it, "In some cases, borrowers who were asked to state their incomes just lied, sometimes reporting five times actual income; other borrowers falsified income documents by using computers." Even The New York Times has noted that, "as much as 70 percent of recent early payment defaults had fraudulent misrepresentations on their original loan applications."

Instead of trying to intervene directly in the housing market, lawmakers should focus on making sure those markets are working properly and see that they're not repeating the mistakes that caused today's problems.

An example of a successful intervention is the "Hope Now" program, a voluntary alliance of businesses brought together by the Departments of Treasury and Housing and Urban Development.

Hope Now has encouraged the mortgage industry to restructure loans so families can keep their homes. In the last nine months, the industry has reworked more than a million mortgages to prevent foreclosure. That's helped owners and neighborhoods retain value.

Meanwhile, the Federal Reserve has pitched in, making money available so markets won't freeze up as prices fall. That should keep the housing market operating until it can right itself -- which it always does.

No amount of regulation or intervention can force people to pay more for a home than it's worth. And people who can't afford to make their monthly payments will, sooner or later, lose their houses, no matter what Washington says or does.

Instead of trying to prop up the artificially high prices and homeownership rates of the last few years, lawmakers should let the market work. That will speed the healing process, allowing us to cure the problems in our housing and financial markets -- and get our economy growing again.

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Governance and taxes on minds of readers

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

For over 50 years Salado managed to manage itself without any form of city government. Homes were built, streets were paved, emergency services were provided and more importantly, the citizens of Salado went about their lives without any sort of government intervention telling them when and how they could do things in the community.

There weren't any costs to the homeowners for "Professional Planning Fees," "Professional Engineering Fees" or "Professional Auditor Fees," as an example. Not to mention over \$100,000 in "Maintenance Fees" covered by County Texas or Civic Organizations raising money through the community's support. These fees alone account for \$125,000 of the city's current budget.

I think all of us would agree emergency services are something we all want. An additional \$250,000 of this year's budget -- which will exceed \$600,000 -- will cover emergency services. That leaves another \$250,00 our council has figured out how to spend.

So the real question is this: Just how much city government can you afford? And if we were able to exist for over 50 years managing ourselves, why does our current city government need to spend money at the rate they are? Hundreds of thousands of dollars are raised through the hotel/motel tax to advertise Salado and businesses still come and go just like they have for years. Obviously more taxes hasn't changed the chances for success for the business community.

With the fear of Belton annexing Salado, our mayor and former mayor convinced the community to incorporate. "Save the integrity of Salado" was the

battle cry. Is the integrity of Salado worth thousands of dollars in property tax to you? How much should we have to pay to save the integrity of Salado? Just a simple vote to change the status of Salado when the council runs out of money the next time and your "integrity bill" will be in the thousands, not the hundreds. More importantly, they both campaigned promising they did not support a city property tax. Now that the fox is in the hen house, both of them have come forward telling us how we should be grateful and pay a city property tax.

Granted incorporation has kept us from paying taxes to Belton. As our former mayor said, she has saved thousands by not paying taxes to Belton. Unfortunately, at the rate our council is spending money, we'll all be paying thousands in Salado.

It was only three years ago the community voted down a school bond for a new high school and athletic facilities to come back a year later and approve the same amount for just a high school with just a nominal increase in school taxes. At least in the end the community got a new high school.

We are now faced with an approximate 15 percent increase in our property taxes and we aren't going to get anything in return. I am sorry, I should say we won't get anything; rumor is, we will get a city manager at approximately

\$75,000 a year to manage our new tax budget. At what point do we say enough is enough?
Jim Ervi

Dear Editor:

As is oft said of ALL politicians, "when their lips are moving, they're lying: when their hands move, guard vigorously your pocketbook". Could the current or, even former, Salado city councils give more credence to this most apropos statement with their brazen, contrived concoction of a city property tax? The tax even appears already, with much apparent certainty, on our 2008 Bell County tax statements, as if a "done deal?", even though the tax, supposedly, is still being "mulled over". Clearly, it must "be in the water", so much "truth decay" on the part of elected officials, here in Salado.

Just one more piece on the pile--what next? It is my feeling, we won't believe "it", either.

If a Salado dis-incorporation petition and/or recall of Salado city council members petition exists or is being considered, I would gladly sign both.

Signed for publication,
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P. S. I've included my email address in the hopes it's inclusion will allow the coalition and communication with other outraged Salado voter/taxpayers

Forest service caters to mining company



Jim Hightower

What a special joy it is to visit the Grand Canyon. It's awe-inspiring to view the majestic gorge, the powerful river, the gorgeous sunsets. and, of course, the uranium mines.

Say what?!

Well, they're not there yet, but our Bushified National Forest Service has ever-so-quietly issued a permit allowing a British mining company to explore for uranium adjacent to Grand Canyon National Park. Vane Minerals Corporation will be allowed to drill seven exploratory shafts in the Kaibab National Forest, which abuts the canyon.

This whole dirty deal was a sneak attack on local residents, environmental groups, tribal officials, and park supporters - all of whom oppose the effort to dot the public lands with uranium mines. In addition to the sheer inappropriateness of this commercialization, locals recall the cancers suffered by those who worked in previous uranium mines on area reservations. They also have concerns about uranium trucks high-balling through the area, and about contamination of the region's scarce water supplies.

The Forest Service, however, ignored these realities and gave the corporation a green light without conducting an environmental review and, worse yet, without even holding a public hearing. The agency arbitrarily ruled that Vane could be "categorically excluded" from the normal review process because its exploratory drilling would take less than a year. Never mind that mining companies can do some serious damage in a year.

Meanwhile, Congress has been dilly-dallying with an overdue reform of the 1872 mining law that lets corporations run roughshod over our public land, putting their profiteering interests above the public interest. To learn more about this reform, and to see a report on the impacts of uranium mining in this unique region, connect with the Environmental Working Group at www.ewg.org.


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Time for some financial Spring cleaning

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



You may or may not engage in many of the typical activities of “spring cleaning” - de-cluttering the attic, reorganizing your closets, touching up the paint, etc. - but you can almost certainly benefit from “sprucing up” your financial situation.

As you survey your financial landscape, what areas might you want to tidy up? Here are a few suggestions:

Clear your portfolio of “redundant” investments. Over time, you may have built a sizable investment portfolio. But if you have too many investments that look alike, you may actually be hindering your progress toward your goals. After all, if you own a dozen stocks of companies in the same industry, they're all likely to be buffeted by the same economic forces. Look for opportunities to replace some of these “redundancies” with different types of securities, taking into account your risk toler-

ance and time horizon.

Organize your financial records. If you're like those of us who file our taxes at the last minute, now is the perfect time to organize your financial records, because you've probably got them close at hand. And it's not just a matter of having your brokerage and 401(k) statements in nice, neat piles. Once you've got these documents together, you might see opportunities to consolidate some of your accounts. For example, you may have IRAs with different banks and financial services companies. By moving them all to one provider, and possibly rolling over an old 401(k) into an IRA, you could save some fees and reduce your paperwork, but, more

importantly, you may find that such a move actually helps you better manage your investments. You'll know exactly what you're invested in, and it will be easier to follow a single investment strategy. Also, with all your IRAs in one place, it will be much easier for you to manage the required minimum distributions you must start taking when you turn 70-1/2. (These distributions are not required for Roth IRAs.)

Review your “systematic” investments. Many years ago, you might have started systematically moving money from your checking account into an investment. But perhaps the circumstances of your life have changed and this money could better be used elsewhere. Scrutinize your automatic investments to see if they still make sense for you. Check your beneficiaries. Beneficiary designations on financial

documents - insurance policies, IRAs, 401(k)s, etc. - are extremely important, because they supersede even the instructions in your will. Over time, your family situation may have changed, through death, divorce, remarriage or the birth of new children, so you should periodically review all your beneficiary designations. Examine your insurance coverage. When you have a young family, you need a certain amount of life insurance coverage to provide for some major expenses - such as your mortgage, college for your kids, perhaps some retirement funds for your spouse. But when your children have grown, your mortgage is paid and your spouse has decades' worth of retirement savings, your insurance needs may change considerably. At the same time, you may find other uses for insurance. Take some time and review your insurance coverage with your financial advisor.

By following these “spring cleaning” suggestions, you can help put your financial house in order for the seasons to follow. Take action soon.



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Get serious!

Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

Familiar with the law of supply and demand? In real estate right now, it may seem like the supply of homes for sale is much greater than the numbers of buyers demanding those homes, forcing prices down and decreasing activity. But what's really in shortage may be

serious, legitimate sellers.

A committed seller is willing and able to accept the best offer in the current market, and be motivated to do so. Receiving a fair offer is inextricably connected to pricing your home fairly. The best way to arrive at an attractive price is to aggressively challenge the competition. Using past prices, your investment in the home, or even appraisals may not produce the ideal value factor for your home.

If you're serious about selling, let an agent describe to you how an appropriately priced and aggressively marketed home will always generate interest and offers, and will ultimately sell for exactly what it's worth in the current market. All other factors being equal, a home that languishes on the market is simply overpriced, and a seller willing to wait for more than fair price would be better served by waiting until the market catches up before entering the fray.

Remember this Golden Rule: There is a buyer for everything. Any home can be sold in any market when proper pricing is combined with effective marketing.

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Village furthers work on Strategic Plan, contracting with Texas A&M Ag. Ext.

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A Strategic Plan is “a management tool to hold you accountable for what you do,” Dr. Chris Boleman told Village of Salado aldermen at the start of an April 10 workshop.

Aldermen met with Dr. Boleman, who aldermen have contracted with to prepare a Strategic Plan for the Village of Salado, as the next step in preparing the Strategic Plan.

Dr. Boleman works with communities, counties mostly, to develop Strategic Plans through the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension office.

Earlier this year, aldermen drafted nine points that they felt should be included in the Strategic Plan from a much longer list of more than 20 items.

“You have already made a good start,” Dr. Boleman told the board, adding that he thinks the list of nine goals or strategies should be narrowed even further.

“The more you focus your energy,” he said, “the more success you will have in achieving your goals.”

Aldermen worked on a

list of nine issues, narrowing them to six issues.

The board defined goals and measurements for each issue that will be prepared by Boleman and further developed.

Those top issues are these items:

- City Manager form of government/style of government. This first goal under this issue will be to define what the role of the city manager will be, the possible costs and the relationship between the city manager and the board of aldermen and mayor.

- Providing adequate law enforcement services. To determine this, aldermen will define what the Village if legally bound to provide, what the Village provides currently and what the residents of the Village want in terms of law enforcement services.

Decisions on increasing or decreasing law enforcement services will be based on the differences between these three levels of service: legal, actual and desired.

- Road maintenance. The strategic plan will help aldermen to determine the level at which the Village will provide road maintenance, considering safety and transportation and the wants of the citizens of the Village.

- Define health, safety

and welfare. With these three concepts defined by the board of aldermen, then future decisions about ordinances and services can be made.

- Commercial development: type of and how to entice new development.

- Maintenance personnel.

Boleman will further develop the Strategic Plan before it is presented for formal adoption at a later date.

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Mayor's race

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large portion of the proposed ad valorem tax for road improvements, “that way it could not be spent on anything else.”

He proposed the formation of a citizens’ advisory committee to address three issues: determine the rate that should be adopted, determine exemptions for property owner, review the budget for line items that could be reduced or eliminated.

His said that his approach to being Mayor of Salado, if elected, would be to balance the “ambiance of the historic Village while keeping the needs of tomorrow in mind.”

Cooper said that he has “the experience, the leadership and the vision” to

Holloway

FROM PAGE 1A

of Salado who supported me in the last election and who allowed me the opportunity to serve the Village of Salado,” he said. “Just make sure in the upcoming election that the candidates for whom you are going to vote support your positions and hold your values.”

The board of aldermen will be faced with filling Holloway’s vacancy as the term continues into May 2009.

The board of aldermen could see two vacancies come up within the next month. If Aldermen Merle Stalcup should win the May 10 Mayoral race, he would have to resign his position as Alderman, leaving one year to his term.

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our village so that we can have access from the highway.” He added that the latest plan provides for adequate exit ramps through the Village of Salado.

Cooper said that his leadership style is one that “brings people together. There will be a conciliatory nature in my leadership.”

Following the introductory remarks, Willingham opened the floor to questions from the audience.

Bud Wood asked the candidates if they had promised or campaigned in the past that they would not support an ad valorem tax. Cooper said that he had not made a statement

like that in the past. Stalcup said “No.”

Mayoral candidates faced questions concerning the amount of money spent on road maintenance, additional sources of revenue to the Village, legal fees on defending an annexation case, controlling expenses and hiring a city manager.

Salado Village Voice will sponsor a Candidates’ question and answer forum in the coming editions of the newspaper leading up to the May 10 election. If you would like to e-mail a question for consideration, send it to Tim Fleischer, news@saladovillagevoice.com.

Aldermen meet

6:30 p.m. April 17

Village of Salado Aldermen will meet 6:30 p.m. April 17 at the municipal building at 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

The meeting will be called to order followed by citizen comments, approval of meeting minutes, a report from chief of police: crime report, report from tourism director, and a resignation letter from Alderman Forrest Holloway in that order.

Unfinished business includes the possible adoption of a rabies control authority ordinance (Chief Rogers), letter of support for Highlands of Salado development (Mayor Ashe), possible adoption of a health and sanitation ordinance amendment (Mayor Ashe), and possible formation of a community advisory committee (Alderman Stalcup).

New business in the meeting will include possible relocation of Salado’s tourism department (Director Charbonneau), tourism council alternate Member (Director Charbonneau), year-to-date financials and quarterly reports (Treasurer Miller), consideration of paying off municipal building mortgage (Treasurer Miller), annex P,U,R and Q of the emergency operations plan (Mayor Ashe), review of TxDOT rules on digital billboards (Mayor Ashe), zoning board of adjustment recommendation on variance request at 909 Santa Maria (Mayor Ashe), planning and zoning commission recommendation on Haddon-Royal Oaks Replat (Mayor Ashe), road training proposal from Fugro Enterprise (Alderman Cooper), Smith Branch flood mitigation report (Alderman Holloway), regulation of keeping farm animals within the village limits (Alderman Cooper).



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SHS Boys, Girls teams both win District Golf Tournaments

The Salado Boys Varsity first team and second team both competed in the District 25AA Golf Tournament.

The Salado Boys first team placed first overall with combined rounds of 311 on the first day and 306 on the second to total 617 points. Individual results are as follows:

Ryan O'Rear placed first in the tournament shooting a round of 70 on the first day and 67 on the second to total 137. Jared Hahn placed second shooting round of 78

and 79 to total 157. Tyler Pines placed third shooting round of 80 and 77 to total 157. Craig "CJ" Little placed fifth shooting rounds of 83 and 85 to total 168. Tom Baine placed sixth with rounds of 88 and 83 to total 171.

The Salado Boys Second team placed seventh with combined rounds of 416 and 432 to total 848. Individual results are as follows:

Colby Montgomery placed eighth shooting a round of 89 on the first day and 93 on the second day

to total 182. Cole Brentham placed 12th shooting rounds of 84 and 103 to total 187. Caleb Little placed 35th shooting round of 124 and 113 to total 237. Brandon Heller placed 36th shooting rounds of 119 and 123 to total 242.

The Girls Varsity Golf Team placed first in the District 25AA Golf Tournament. Individual results are as follows:

Taylor O'Rear placed first in the tournament shooting a round of 91 on the first day and a round of 86 on the second to to-

tal 177. Rachel VanHoozer placed second shooting rounds of 94 and 96 to total 190. Haley Kemp placed third shooting a round of 95 and a round of 99 to total 194. Hadley Joiner placed sixth shooting rounds of 98 and 115 to total 213. Brennan Boydston placed 13th shooting rounds of 115 and 117 to total 232. Stephanie Hoernis placed 19th shooting rounds of 123 and 119 to total 242. Megan Seaton placed 28th shooting rounds/ of 128 and 133 to total 261.

Eagles split hardball games, but hang onto first place lead

The Salado Eagles baseball team split their two games during the week but still held on to a one game lead in the district race.

On April 8 the Eagles lost a controversial game to Troy 5-2. All of the runs in the contest were scored in the first inning.

In the top of the first Matt Fritsch drew a one out walk. He stole second base and scored on a Kevin Jackson single. Justin Schiller walked and Johnny Nix was hit with a pitch to load the bases. Jackson was forced out at home but Schiller scored on an error for the Eagles second run.

Troy came right back with five runs. Troy had three hits in the inning but only two of their runs were earned as Salado committed two errors in the inning.

After four innings there was a short delay for lighting. At the end of the de-

lay Salado had runners on second and third with two outs. The Eagles made the third out after play resumed.

In the top of the sixth Salado bats came out smoking. A couple of walks, a hit batter, and four consecutive hits accounted for seven Eagles runs. With the score 9-5 and a runner on second the lightning closed back in and another delay was called.

With word of a funnel cloud nearby both teams and their fans went into Troys gym. Inside discussion was made of a district by-law that stated all weather suspended games would be picked up at a later date exactly where they left off. But a call to UIL the next morning gave Troy a 5-2 victory, stating that five innings constitutes a complete game.

Matt Fritsch and Jus-

tin Schiller both collected two hits in the game. Sam VanHoozer was the losing pitcher in the contest. He allowed six hits and struck out four.

On April 11 the Eagles traveled to Florence and took out their frustration on the Buffaloes. Salado scored in all but on inning en route to a 22-2 win.

Matt Fritsch gave the Eagles an early lead as he followed a walk to Seth Collins with a homerun over the center field fence. After two outs Johnny Nix singled and scored on a double by Garret Ward. Justin Berumen followed with a single to drive in Ward and give Salado a four run lead.

Salado added four more runs over the next two innings. In the top of the fourth Justin Schiller added to the lead by following a Kevin Jackson single with a homerun to give the Eagles a 10-2 lead.

The Eagles couldn't hardly make an out in the top of the sixth. Salado scored twelve runs in the innings. Johnny Nix had a grand slam in the inning and Ward had two homeruns in the big inning. Other collecting hits in the inning were, Schiller, Berumen, Clayton Whitmire, Blake Heller, Josh Coleman, Josh Rodriguez, and Matt Ming.

Ward had four hits in the game with four rbi's. Berumen had three hits. Collins, Jackson, Schiller, and Nix had two hits each.

Schiller ran his record to 4-0 on the mound for the Eagles. He pitched four innings allowing three hits and striking out six. Jackson pitched the last two innings giving up one hit and striking out three.

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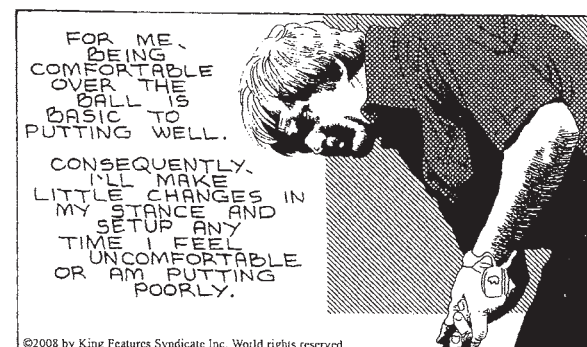
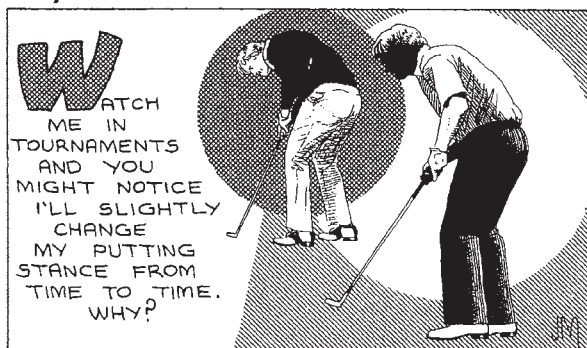
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First State Bank-Central Texas (FSB) helped the Salado Youth Baseball Association (SYBA) kick-off the 2008 season through the donation on the scoreboard. The old scoreboard was hit by lightning at the end of the season in 2007. Faced with an additional \$6000 in electric demand fee charges, SYBA was not sure if it could replace the scoreboard this year. David Matthews and FSB came through with the generous donation. Matthews said of the donation, "FSB has always been a proud supporter of Salado youth and we are happy that we could help."



Lady Eagles tied for second

Salado Lady Eagles varsity softball team remained in a three-way deadlock for second place, winning two games last week. As of press-time, the Lady Eagles were tied with Rosebud-Lott and Rogers.

The Lady Eagles played host to Rosebud for the final home game of the season April 15 (after press time for this week's newspaper). If Salado beats Rosebud and then Academy on the road April 18 for the final district game, the girls will secure one of the two remaining play off spots.

The girls beat Troy 5-4 on April 8 and Florence 12-1 on April 11 to improve to 20-7 on the year and 8-4 in district play.

Salado	5
Troy	4

The Lady Eagles beat Troy at home April 8 5-4 to improve to 19-7 and 7-4 in district play.

The lady Trojans took an early 1-0 lead in the second inning, but Salado scored two runings in the fourth inning to take the lead.

Lindsey Coffey led off the fourth inning with a single and advanced when Keelie Mims walked. Danielle Hazzard hit a single to drive in Coffey and

Mims before two straight outs were recorded to end the inning. Hazzard was left on third base.

Both teams scored one run in the fifth inning so that Salado held a 3-2 lead after five innings.

Karleigh Goodnight reached on a single and advanced on Coffey's single. She scored on Mims' double with two outs in the inning.

Coffey and Mims were left at second and third to end the fifth innning of play.

Salado stretched its lead to 5-2 in the sixth inning with back-to-back singles by Hazzard and Ciera Pipes. Both girls stole second base and scored runs in the inning. Kristen Dunnahoo knocked in Hazzard on a fielder's choice, while an error allowed Pipes to score.

Salado did not score in the seventh inning, but allowed only two runs from Troy in the seventh for the slim one point win.

The Lady Eagles had eight hits on the night.

Hazzard led the team, going three of four with three singles.

Coffey was two of four on the night with two singles.

Mims was one of four with a double.

Pipes and Goodnight

both hit singles in the game.

Rachel Van Hoozer earned the win, going 6-2/3 innings, allowing eight hits, four runs, three bases on balls and three earned runs. She struck out one batter. She improved to 11-5 on the year.

Salado	12
Florence	1

The Salado Lady Eagles only needed the two runs they scored in the top half of the first inning, but went on to score 10 more, beating the Florence Lady Buffs 12-1 on April 11 on the road.

Amanda Coffey hit a single, advanced on a passed ball and stole third to lead off the game for Salado. She scored on a single by Keelie Mims, who advanced on Kim Barton's sacrifice. She scored on a passed ball.

Victoria Perez scored in the second inning after-reaching base on a single. She was driven in by Coffey's double.

Salado added three more runs in the third inning for a 6-0 lead.

Jordan Svadlenak reached on an errant throw, and scored on Camryn Bintz's single. K. Dunnahoo hit a single and moved to third on passed balls. She scored with two outs in the inning when Perez reached first on an errant throw.

Salado added four more runs in the fourth inning, starting off with Mims' one-out triple. She scored on Barton's at-bat. Svadlenak hit a single and advance on Megan Harvell's single, scoring on a passed ball. Harvell scored on a sacrifice by Dara Schiller.

Florence scored a run in the fourth inning, as the batter reached base on an error.

Salado took two bases on balls and turned them into runs in the seventh inning for the 12-1 win.

Coffey was three-of-four at the place with two singles and a double.

Mims was two-of-four with a single and a triple.

Barton had a single, as did Svadlenak, Bintz, Perez and K. Dunnahoo.

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What Groundwater Resources are in Bell County?

Bell County has two major aquifers—the Trinity underlies all of Bell County and the Edwards BFZ is found in the southern portion of the County from Salado southward. In addition, there are several smaller water bearing formations found in the County mostly utilized in eastern Bell County.

What Does Clearwater Do?

Clearwater registers wells, grants well permits, conducts groundwater studies, monitors aquifer levels, checks water quality, collects data, and provides educational materials to schools and the public.

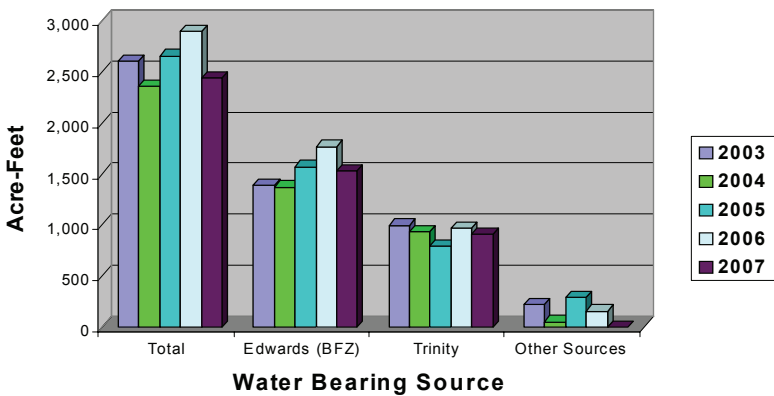
Do All Wells Have To Be Registered with Clearwater?

All wells are required to be registered with Clearwater, even if they are not in use. Registration enables Clearwater to protect existing well owners from new wells that may impact their production and to maintain an accurate database to manage our groundwater resources. Although all wells have to be registered, permits are only required for non-exempt wells.

How Much Groundwater is Produced in Bell County?

During 2007, production occurred from 80 non-exempt wells in Bell County. In general, these wells are capable of producing more than 25K gallons per day or are used for purposes other than domestic, livestock or poultry. Non-exempt wells are required to obtain a permit before they can withdraw groundwater. Production from these wells is shown in the chart below and totaled 795,624,332 gallons or 2,442 acre-feet. In addition, production from the District's approximate 4,400 exempt wells is estimated at 945,000,000 gallons or 2,900 acre-feet during 2007. One acre-foot of water covers one acre of land a depth of one foot (325,851 gallons).

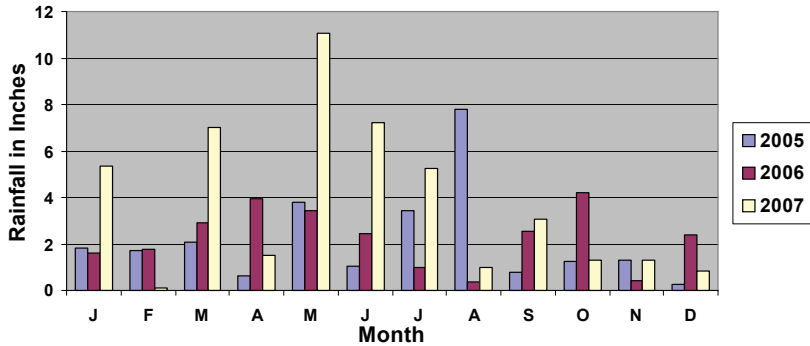
Production from Non-Exempt Wells 2003-2007



How Much Rainfall Does Bell County Receive Annually?

Bell County, along with much of the State, has seen a fluctuation in rainfall from drought conditions in 2005 and 2006 to near record rainfall in 2007. The average annual rainfall in Bell County is 34 inches. The chart below shows the average rainfall in Bell County for 2005 through 2007.

Bell County Average Rainfall in 2005-2007



Annual Average Totals - 2005: 26.89 in. 2006: 27.01 in. 2007: 45.04 in.

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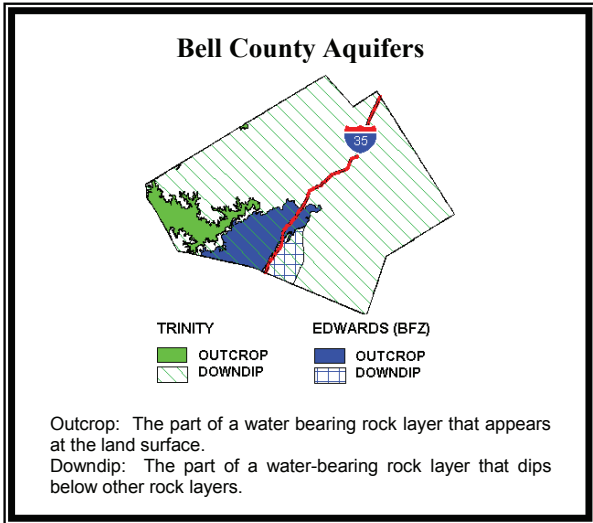
Clearwater continues to participate in GMA8 joint planning, along with nine other groundwater conservation districts (GCD). These GCDs are required to develop desired future conditions for the 2 major and 7 minor aquifers within its 45 county area. Desired future conditions have been adopted for the Edwards BFZ aquifer, as well as the Brazos River Alluvium, Blossom, Nacatoch, and Woodbine aquifers. Remaining aquifers include the Trinity, Ellenburger-San Saba, Hickory, and Marble Falls. Visit the GMA 8 website at www.gma8.org for upcoming meeting notices and updates on the joint planning process.

Upcoming Events

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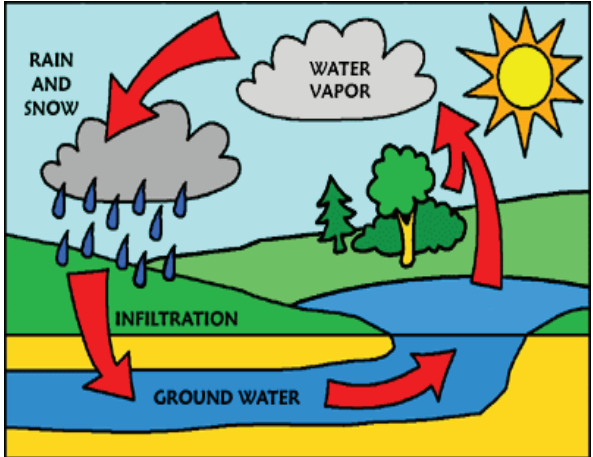
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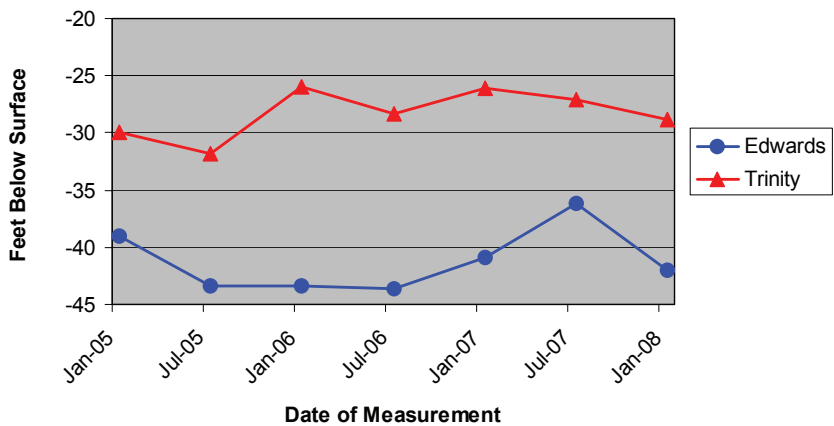


This water is recycled from one stage to another. This cycle takes time to complete. When more and more water is used, all of the used water is temporarily unavailable for use again until the cycle is completed. Increasing population growth combined with natural weather patterns can result in drought conditions and water shortages. Extreme weather conditions resulting from climate change can magnify these results. It is important for us all to incorporate water conservation in our everyday lives to ensure an adequate water supply for the future.

Have the Aquifer Levels Changed?

Clearwater takes water level measurements from selected wells in the Trinity and Edwards BFZ aquifers twice a year. Measurements are shown below for one Edwards well in Salado and one Trinity well in Holland. The Trinity well is under artesian pressure so the water level is considerably higher than the actual formation which is located approximately 2,000 feet below land surface. Additional monitoring sites are needed—contact the Clearwater office if you would like to participate in this program.

Aquifer Levels 2005-2007



Water Conservation Tips

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- Harvest rainwater for watering plants.
- Water lawn only once every 5 days and water thoroughly—1" to 2" to encourage deep root growth.
- If it rains 1+ inches, wait at least 5 days to water.
- Water in early morning or evening hours—not during the heat of the day.
- Use sprinklers with large drops instead of a mist.
- Don't water on windy days.
- Mulch trees and plants to retain moisture; use native plants for landscaping.
- Use a cut-off nozzle while car washing.

Indoors

- Install water efficient showerheads and aerators on your showers and sinks.
- Take shorter showers or use less bath water.
- Install water efficient or air assisted commodes.
- Adjust water level on washing machine to match your load size.
- Turn off water when brushing teeth and shaving.
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Candidate Forum introduces three hopefuls for Board of Aldermen

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado voters will elect two new aldermen on May 10. They were given the opportunity to meet the three candidates for the two two-year terms during a Forum sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce April 14.

Candidates are Hulda Horton, Stephen Peters and Carol Wall.

Carol Wall is a retired speech pathologist who worked for 16 years in the field in Oklahoma. She and her husband Jim have lived in Salado for nine years.

Walls has been involved in the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary, including acting as chair of the Christmas in October event; the Bell County Newcomers Association, American Business Woman's Association, the Salado Chamber of Commerce and the Salado Ambassadors. She is also active in the local Republican Party and in her local church.

She told the audience gathered at the Salado Civic Center that she does not support the 25-cent property tax as proposed. She said that the Aldermen should get feedback from the citizens' advisory committee about implementation of a property tax.

She said that the Village government should find a way to involve local residents in support of the Village. "There is a wealth of human resources in the Village," she said that is going untapped.

Col. Stephen Peters has lived in Texas for 30 years. He retired from the Army and became the finance controller for a national government service contractor. Col. Peters said that he controlled a budget of more than \$100 million as a certified public accountant and controller.

Col. Peters pointed out that there were two pressing issues when he ran for the board of aldermen last year: "Beer and wine sales was one. I was the only candidate to say out loud that we should allow beer and wine sales in the Village as one means of generating sales tax," he said. "It passed by a seven to one margin."

The other crucial issue is property tax. "I think it should be put to a vote of the people," he said. "If the people don't want a property tax, there ought not be one."

"I won't vote for an ad valorem tax in the two years of the term," he said.



Hulda Horton



Stephen Peters



Carol Wall

Because the average value of a home in Salado is \$200,000, the board of aldermen by setting a 25-cent property tax "have just reached into your pocket and taken \$500 out of it. What have you gotten in return?"

Facing a tight budget, Peters said that the board should "prioritize what we need, then find a way to pay for it."

Hulda Horton has owned property in Salado for 44 years and has lived in her home in Salado for 31 years.

"For the past 15 years, I have worked many long hours to do my part to make Salado a better place to live," she said.

She said that Salado had faced crisis that were "meant to divide us." She recalled the first attempt to incorporate Salado in the 1990s that failed. In 2000, with Belton coming down the highway toward Salado, "we got incorporation passed," she said.

She said that a new crisis is facing Salado: property tax.

"The days of the volunteers doing the jobs around Salado are past," she said. "The old volunteers cannot do as much work as before and the young families are all working."

Because of this, the responsibilities are falling to the Village.

Many of the responsibilities of the Village are mandated by law, she said.

Horton said that as an alderman her decisions will be made "in all good conscience of what is most beneficial for all of Salado."

Following the introductory remarks, citizens asked questions of the aldermen regarding the police department, increasing sales tax revenues and property taxes.

Salado Village Voice will sponsor a Candidates' question and answer forum in the coming editions of the newspaper leading up to the May 10 election. If you would like to e-mail a question for consideration, send it to Tim Fleischer, news@saladovillagevoice.com.



Deborah Aldridge



Rodney Bell



Kim Bird



Robert Daniell



Nelson Lewis



Joe McKethan

School trustee hopefuls introduced at Forum

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Six candidates have filed for three three-year terms on the Salado Independent School District (SISD) Board of Trustees: Deborah Aldridge, Rodney Bell, Kim Bird, Robert Daniell, Nelson Lewis and Joe McKethan. Salado voters were given the chance to meet the hopefuls during a Candidates Forum on April 14, sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce.

Deborah Aldridge is the lone incumbent seeking re-election to a third term on the board. She has served six years on the board of trustees.

Aldridge said that she is running for the board again because "I am trying to make my little corner of the world better."

"I am passionate about education and opportunity," she said, "especially for those who are less fortunate."

She said that SISD 26 percent of the student population is considered economically disadvantaged.

She added that she wanted SISD to "provide a decent start on the future for these and all students."

As a trustee, Aldridge was instrumental in starting the Salado Mentors program. She pointed to the Mentor board, as well as the recruiting of volunteers and matching of Mentors to students as a program that has had a tangible impact in a short time.

"The second year of the program has seen 30 Mentors matched to students," she said. "Teachers have asked for an additional 20 Mentors for next year."

Aldridge said she supports staff. "Our staff is A+," she said. "Our infrastructure is in good shape. We have technology advances and a healthy fund balance."

She pointed to the recent success of students taking the TAKS. She said that 100 percent of the eighth graders pass the reading portion of the test while 94 percent of the fifth graders and 98 percent of the fourth graders also passed the reading portion.

Rodney Bell holds a BBA in business information and is the technical services manager for Professional Data Solutions. He grew up in the Midway school district, which he compared in many ways to SISD.

"It was a small district at the time," he said, "but it was going to grow and you could not stop the growth."

"Salado is going to grow," he said. "How we deal with it is up to us."

Bell said that he brings experience in banking, information technology and non-profit businesses.

"I have the experience to help the school district prepare and respond properly to grow," he said.

Kim Bird is a former school teacher and school administrator who is now staying at-home to raise her two children.

She said that when she decided five years ago to settle in Central Texas to raise her family, "Salado ISD was the number one reason we chose to come here. I asked everyone I

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Shelton Imports 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 17 at 5700 HK Dodgen Loop 363, Temple. The BMW Ultimate Drive is a grassroots program that is currently traveling across the country visiting 210 participating BMW Centers. The money raised directly supports

breast cancer research, education, screening, and community outreach programs provided by the cause. The drive will continue through December 2008, encouraging consumers to get behind the wheel and help contribute to the fight against breast cancer.

After each participant finishes their drive, they will proudly add his or her name to the BMW X6 Signature Vehicle- the world's first Sports Activity Coupe to debut in dealerships May 2008- as a testament to all who have joined in the battle to end breast cancer.

Trustees


FROM PAGE 11A

know about the experience they had with the schools.” “The school is the cornerstone of the community. If you have a safe, effective and dynamic school,” she said, “then the community will be the same.” Bird said that the schools should “teach children to value education and to strive for excellence.” She said she does this by participating as a volunteer in many SISD activities, including the long range planning committee, the Salado Mentors program, the Salado Education Foundation, the Thomas Arnold Elementary site-based decision-making committee. She is

also active in her church as the head of the Mother’s Day Out program. Robert Daniell told the audience that he is a resident of Prairie Dell and has two girls in the school district. He taught vocational agriculture for 12 years, the last four of them in the Salado school district. He now works in private business. He holds a BS from the Sam Houston State University. He said that his chief reason for running for the Board of Trustees was the children of the school district. “Everything I do, if elected, I will do in what I hope is in the best interest of the kids of the school.” Nelson Lewis introduced himself as a parent,

a businessman and a community leader. A former resident of Round Rock for 25 years, he told the audience that he watched as that school district exploded with growth. He chose Salado as the school district in which to raise his two daughters. “I want them to get the best education we can supply them with.” He said that he has owned businesses and worked for himself since he was 17 years old. This experience has given him the “knowledge and common sense to know that you can’t always throw money at problems that might crop up.”

Joe McKethan served in the Air Force for 26 years, retiring as a Colonel. He is an adjunct professor for McLennan Community College, teaching U.S. History. McKethan holds a principal’s certificate for mid-level administration and a superintendent’s certificate in school administration. He has also been a counselor. He said that he had five areas of concern and support: student achievement and safety; allocation of resources; all of us are accountable to someone; an informed policy review and increased community involvement.



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Roy T’s plays host to Stalcup reception

Owners of Roy T’s, John and Traci Davis and Knox and Betsy Tyson will be hosting a reception to meet Merle Stalcup, candidate for Mayor of Salado. The reception will be an outdoor affair at Roy T’s from 5:30-7 p.m. April 25. There will be refreshments. Since moving to Salado 10 years ago, Merle and


his wife, Karen, have been involved in a great many volunteer efforts for the Village, such as Chamber of Commerce, Mill Creek Association, Living Room Theater, A.C. and Judy Green Festival, Past Board Members of the Historical Society, Pace Park Art Fair, Christmas Parade, Tablerock Theater, and Public Arts League. They are members of the Salado United Methodist Church where Merle served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and then on the Executive Building Committee. They have a combined family of six children and 13 grandchildren. During his three years as Alderman, Stalcup has accomplished numerous endeavors. Stalcup has a degree in Finance and Accounting from the University of Texas and also graduate work at the SMU School of Banking and Texas Tech School of Banking. He has many years of banking, finance, and lending experience. Stalcup is also retired from the U.S. Navy. You are invited to attend and to ask him questions regarding issues facing our Village.


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Members of Boy Scouts of America from Salado participated in the Round Rock Express Scout Night April 14. Cub Scouts Charlie Steiner, Jeremy Jarvis (front) and Tyler Edmondson (not pictured) are members of Salado Pack 115, sponsored by Salado United Methodist Church. (Back) Brenna Sirois of Venturing Crew/Sea Scout Ship 150 sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bell County, Allen Sirois, Webelos with Salado Pack 115 and Belton Pack 177 sponsored by the Henry T. Waskow VFW Post 4008, and Lainey Sirois, Vice President of Crew/Ship 150. Joining hundreds of scouts from Central Texas the Salado scouts participated in a pre-game parade on the field. The Express pulled off a 7-6 win against the New Orleans Zephyrs.

Wildflower Bluegrass Festival offers family fun

Members of the Temple Sunrise Rotary Club are preparing for the Wildflower Bluegrass Festival set for 10 a.m.- 9 p.m. April 26.

All of the top bands have now been secured and food planning is underway.

The Wildflower Bluegrass Festival is the primary fund raiser for the club. Proceeds help support the club's projects for Peaceable Kingdom and their clean water project in Guatemala.

The Festival is held at the Texas Early Day Trac-

tor and Engine Association Fairgrounds, just off I-35 on Eberhart Road, between Nugent and Industrial Blvd. The Bluegrass Festival runs from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. April 26.

Advance tickets are \$7 and tickets at the gate are \$10. Children 12 and un-

der are free. Tickets will be available from Sunrise Rotarians and all Bell County locations of Extraco Banks.

The Festival is a family event designed to be fun and entertaining, introducing folks to the wide variety of music classified as Bluegrass.

Central Texas Airshow scheduled for May 2-4 in Temple

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Schools to practice evacuation
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Mackie named to A&M dean's list
The Douglas Mackie of Salado, who is enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts, Theatre has been named to the Dean's List at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi for the 2007 fall semester.
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Swimming lessons are available for children and adults ages nine months and up. The UMHB swim program follows the Red Cross "Learn to Swim" levels, focusing on water safety skills and swimming fundamentals. Children are grouped by age and current swimming skill level. Students must have a previous level's certificate before entering the next level or be able to demonstrate all the course requirements for the prior level.

Group lessons consist of 10, 45-minute lessons, held Mon.-Fri. for two weeks. Session I is May 12-23, Session II is June 2-13, Session III is June 16-27, and Session IV is July 7-18. The fee for each

group session is \$65 per person. The May session is geared towards small children ages 5 and under.

Private lessons are available for 30 minutes with the option of either five lessons for \$80 or ten lessons for \$140.

Registration may be done in person at the Mayborn Campus center from noon- 2 pm and 4:30-6:30 p.m., Mon. through Fri. The Mayborn Campus Center is located on the corner of King Street and

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Twilight Golf Tournament scheduled for April 19

The 5th annual Twilight Golf Tournament will be held on April 19, at the Mill Creek Golf Club in Salado.

Registration begins at 4 p.m. There will be a shotgun start for Day Golf at 5:30 p.m.

The dinner program will be held at 8 p.m. and includes barbecue and an

Mabee Drive. Each class has a limited number of students, so lessons are based on a first come, first serve basis. You may also mail in your registration form.

Teaching positions are also available for certified lifeguards and water safety instructors. For more information on lessons or teaching positions, contact Laura Williams at 295-5431 or e-mail lwilliams@umhb.edu.

entertaining program. Raffle winners will be announced during this time. Shotgun start for Twilight Golf is at 9:30 p.m. Four man scramble for both sessions. Boggie is the worst score for day session and a good score for night session.

Prizes include trophies for first, second, and third place teams.

Contests range from closet to the pin on all par 3's, most accurate drive, longest drive. The above contests, will begin during the twilight session of the tournament.

Two mulligans- \$10. Throws- \$10 per player. (limit one per player for throws and mulligans).

For more information call (254)939-7582 or (254)624-7601.

Memorial Day service announced

The annual Memorial Day service at historic Salado Cemetery will be held 9:30 a.m. May 26 .

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Salado Humane Society raises funds with dinner and auction at Tenroc

The Salado Humane Society annual dinner and live auction will be on April 22. Facilities will be provided by Tenroc Event Center. The dinner will be a fajita dinner from Las Casas at 6:30 p.m. At 7:15 p.m. there will be a live auction with Bill Hall as the auctioneer. B. Y. O. B.

Fabulous items from retailers in Salado and

around Central Texas will be auctioned.

Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased at Stanford Court or Salado Veterinary Hospital. All proceeds go to help the Salado Humane Society. If you have questions or wish to volunteer contact Michelle at SHS (254)541-5844.

Obituaries

Monty Knight services held April 12

Graveside services for Monty Knight, 49 of Prairie Dell, were held April 12, at the Salado Cemetery. Rev. Joe Bentley officiated.

Mr. Knight passed away April 10, 2008 in a Temple Hospital.

He was born October 25, 1958 in Belton, the son of George Troy Knight and Eleanor Inez Buford Knight. He graduated valedictorian of Salado High School and went on

to earn an associates degree from Temple College. He attended Texas A&M University before working in research for a few years at Wilsonart.

Mostly he farmed with his family in Prairie Dell. He was a member of the Prairie Dell Baptist Church.

He is survived by an aunt and four cousins.

Dossman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lochlear services held in North Carolina

Alfred Lochlear of Lumberton, North Carolina died April 15, 2008, at the age of 83.

Lochlear was a veteran of World War II.

He was the father of Lafon Ditzler and her husband John of Salado.

Funeral services will be April 18 in Lumberton, NC.

The family requests that memorials be made to the donor's favorite charity in lieu of sending flowers.



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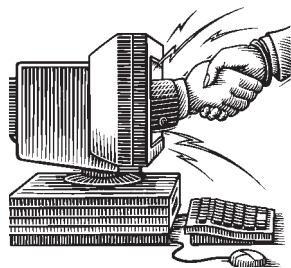
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Salado High School Regional qualifiers are these: (front row, from left) Heather Williams, Preston Watkins, Reed Farr, Janson Oyler; (second row, form left) Ryan Suresh, Taylor Reed, Meagan Seaton, Ciera Pipes, Reena Suresh, Courtney Lavadia, Jacob Heiner; (third row, from left) Bailie Reed, Ashlee Cantrell, Grant Hancock, Paul Warren, InHey Robison, Tamra Stanish, Jordan Svadlenak, Josh Coleman (back row, from left) Cory Langford, Trent Wagnon, Kevin Jackson, Jon Spinks, Tyler Cook, Matt Arant, Brandon Heller

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Academic squad takes 2nd at Region, sends 12 to state

Out of the 12 students that will be representing Salado High School at the UIL State Meet in Austin this year, eight are freshmen and sophomores. In a year that was anticipated as a rebuilding year for the UIL academic team, un-

derclassmen have pulled like varsity veterans to capture the second place overall regional trophy, trailing just behind a more seasoned team from Industrial by only 13 points.

Winning individual gold medals were Heather Williams (sophomore), former 2008 regional champion and state finalist in poetry interpretation; Jon Spinks (junior), former 2008 state champion team member in calculator applications; and Janson Oyler (freshman) in number sense.

Tyler Cook (junior) doubled his prize when he won first place in both persuasive speaking and Lincoln Douglas debate. Cook was the 2A state champion in persuasive speaking his freshman year.

Other placing medalists were Reena Suresh (junior) second place in LD debate; Grant Hancock (freshman) fifth place in number sense; Paul Warren (freshman), sixth place in calculator applications.

Winning coveted over-all first place team tro-

phies were the number sense team, the calculator applications team, and the speech team(prose/poetry interpretation/LD debate/extemporaneous speaking).

In addition to freshman gold medalist Janson Oyler, team members for number sense advancing to the state meet are: Ryan Suresh (freshman), Jacob Heiner (freshman), Reed Farr (sophomore), and Grant Hancock (sophomore).

Calculator applications team members advancing to state include: Jon Spinks (junior), Trent Wagnon (sophomore), Paul Warren (freshman), and InHey Robison (junior).

Team members for speech include Jordan Svadlenak (sophomore), seventh place in poetry interpretation; Ciera Pipes (sophomore). 8th place in poetry interpretation; and Taylor Reed (junior), seventh place in informative speaking.

The state qualifiers will compete the first weekend in May at the University of Texas in Austin.

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Sue Kemp, will be teaching a watercolor workshop at the Salado Village Art Center, April 23 - 25. Kemp is a faculty member of the Austin Museum of Art School and a signature member of Texas Watercolor Society (Purple Sage Honor Society) and Southwestern

Watercolor Society. She is also a member of Waterloo Watercolor Group (past president), Capitol Art Society, Third Coast Artists and Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

Kemp teaches adult watercolor classes, workshops and judges art shows. She has traveled, painted and led workshops in the Southwest, New England, Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, France, Italy and all around the great state of Texas.

"I became addicted to painting in watercolor in 1980. A few years later, my second career began." Kemp's first career was teaching elementary school.

"Over the years I have painted and sold hundreds of paintings, which are now hanging on some pretty nice walls throughout the country, and beyond. I eventually returned to teaching in 1990, but this time it was teaching watercolor to adults."



2007 Wildflower Days poster by Sue Kemp. The painting was created for the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center to be used for the 2007 event.

"It is my goal to give the everyday things in life a special place in the viewer's heart, through the use of vivid color and

the sparkle of watercolor.

In our busy lives, we often take for granted the beauty which surrounds us. God has blessed me with the desire and ability to share my vision with you. I find inspiration for my paintings everywhere by keeping my eyes, mind, and heart open to the possibilities."

Kemps paintings have hung in the Cannon House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., the Texas State Capitol and in many juried competitions. Her work is included in private and corporate collections.

Many of her paintings have been used in print she has been the official poster artist for the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center 2007 Wildflower Days, 2007 A Night in Old San Antonio. Kemp has illustrated the children's book *Sick Bay* and her works have been reproduced in many art publications including *Texas Watercolor Society-Fifty Years of Excellence*, *Painting Great Pictures from Photographs* and *The Encyclopedia of Watercolour Landscape Techniques*. More information on the artist is available on her website at: www.suekemp.com

If you are interested in painting, with this accomplished teacher. Please contact, Veanne Stowell, workshop chairperson at 254-771-5624.

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2008 Calendar of Events for Salado

APRIL 17
“Don’t Dress for Dinner.” Salado High School One Act Play performance, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School.

APRIL 17
Salado Friendly classes at the Salado Civic Center, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

APRIL 17
Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m., Village Municipal

Building, 301 Stagecoach Rd. Open to the public.

APRIL 18
Music to Lunch By, Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo, Salado Civic Center.

APRIL 19
Spring Social, Mill Creek Community Association, Mexican Fiesta. Details to be announced.

APRIL 21
Salado ISD Board of

Trustees, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center.

APRIL 21-26
New Elementary student registration, 8-11 a.m., Thomas Arnold Elementary Office. For information, call 947-5191.

APRIL 22
Salado Friendly class given by Salado Tourism department.

APRIL 22
Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m. Stagecoach Inn.

APRIL 22
Salado Haiku Society, 4-4:45 p.m. in the Salado Public Library. Open to the public.

APRIL 22
Salado Humane Society dinner and live auction, 6:30 p.m., Tenroc Ranch. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available at Stanford Court. Bill Hall will gavel a live auction at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call Michelle at 254/541-5844.

APRIL 23-25
Salado Village Artists watercolor workshop. Cost is \$160 for members, \$180 for non-members. vhs paint@aol.com for more information.

APRIL 23
Salado Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center, Diane Waite, Texas Lions Camp director.

APRIL 24
Salado Area Republican Women meet at noon at Stonecreek Settlement B&B for lunch. Meg Grier, author of “Grassroots Women: A Memoir of the Texas Republican Party.” Tickets \$15. Contact Nancy Healey, 947-5003 for reservations.

APRIL 24
Mealtime Mastered at The Range at the Barton House. An offering of 12 prepared entrees to serve families of four to six for \$225. For more information, visit mealtime mastered.com. For reservations, call 947-3828. Session will be 10 a.m.-12 noon.

APRIL 24
Salado Chamber of Commerce After-Hours Mixer, 5:30 p.m. at Gregory’s. Co-hosted by Gregory’s and Inn on the Creek.

APRIL 25
Music to Lunch By, Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo, Salado Civic Center.

APRIL 26 & MAY 3
Paul Cox will play on guitar at Salado Wine Seller, 881-B N. Main St.

APRIL 26
Mealtime Mastered at The Range at the Barton House. An offering of 12 prepared entrees to serve families of four to six for \$225. For more information, visit mealtime mastered.com. For reservations, call 947-3828. Session will be 9-11 a.m.

APRIL 26
Beginner Genealogy class, 10:15-11:45 a.m. in Salado Public Library. Three part series of classes. Sign up

early.

APRIL 26
Casino Night at Tenroc Ranch, 7-10 p.m. St. Stephen Knights of Columbus. Heavy hors d’oeuvres, two grand prizes, door prizes, silent auction, music, dance floor. Must be 21 or older. For tickets, call Bobby 254-493-0590 or 254-947-8037.

APRIL 29
Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m. Stagecoach Inn.

APRIL 29
Mealtime Mastered at The Range at the Barton House. An offering of 12 prepared entrees to serve families of four to six for \$225. For more information, visit mealtime mastered.com. For reservations, call 947-3828. Session will be 6-8 p.m.

APRIL 30
All About Estate Planning, by Tom Normand, 3-4 p.m. at Salado Civic Center, sponsored by Salado Public Library.

MAY 1
Salado Friendly class given by Salado Tourism department.

MAY 1
American Business Woman’s Association meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn. 947-3617.

MAY 2
Music to Lunch By, Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo, Salado Civic Center.

MAY 3
Salado Masonic Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Texas will level the cornerstone at the new Salado High School on FM 2484 and Williams Dr., 10 a.m.

MAY 3
Legends & Puppies Tour of 2008 7:30 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur Theater on Royal St., Kinky Friedman and Steven Fromholz benefit for the Utopia Animal Rescue Ranch. Tickets: 947-3456.

MAY 9
Music to Lunch By, Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo, Salado Civic Center.

MAY 10
Salado Lions Club Pancake Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Salado Church of Christ Activity Center.

MAY 10
Salado Fine Art Gallery Trail. More details TBA.

MAY 13
Off-site evacuation drill for Salado Independent School District. 1:30 p.m.

MAY 16
Music to Lunch By, Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo, Salado Civic Center.

MAY 17
Neighborhood clean-up. Mill Creek Community Association.

MAY 17
ABWA Scholarship Benefit & Style Show. Longhorn Room Stagecoach. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. 947-3617.

MAY 17
Michelle Watts, a nationally-known quilt

teacher and designer, is having a trunk show and teaching a class at A Sewing Basket, 560 N. Main St., call 947-5423 for information.

MAY 22
Salado Friendly class given by Salado Tourism department. Class sizes are small, so sign up at the Salado Civic Center early

MAY 23
Music to Lunch By, Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo, Salado Civic Center.

MAY 26
Memorial Day Service at the Historic Salado Cemetery, 9:30 a.m. call MaryBelle Brown at 947-5331 for info.

MAY 30
Music to Lunch By, Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo, Salado Civic Center.

JUNE 5-7, 12-14
First Annual Spring Presentation of Tablerock’s Repertory Theater of Salado. Horton Foote Society, under the direction of Dr. Marion Castleberry, will present Horton Foote’s “Blind Date,” and Foote’s adaptation of William Faulkner’s “Tomorrow.” Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15, 254-947-9205 or email tablerock1@aol.com.

JUNE 7
Institute for the Humanities at Salado Annual Wilmer Memorial lecture; 4-6 p.m. Dr. Kaye Howe, “Education: The American Civil Religion.” Free and open to the public.

JUNE 12
Watercolor workshop by Joan Hoffman, sponsored by Salado Village Artists. \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members. E-mail vhs paint@aol.com for information, reservations.

JUNE 14
Annual Salado Reunion. 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Intermediate School. Info: (254) 947-5783 or (254) 939-3187.

JUNE 19-21
Texas Trail Ride Shop Hop at A Sewing Basket, 560 N. Main St., call 947-5423 for information.

JULY 4
Fourth of July Picnic with entertainment, 6:30 p.m. at Pace Park. Hosted by Salado Historical Society.

JULY 19, 26, AUG. 2
Salado Legends at Tablerock Festival of Salado.

AUGUST 2-3
45th Annual Salado Art Fair, Pace Park.

AUGUST 4-6
Oil/pastel workshop by Jerry Hunsinger, sponsored by Salado Village Artists. Cost is \$160 for members, \$180 for non-members. E-mail vhs paint@aol.com for information/reservation.

AUGUST 5
National Night Out, fall social for Mill Creek Community Association, Details to be announced.

SEPTEMBER 4-6
Fall Frolic Shop Hop at A Sewing Basket, 560 N.

Main St., Call 947-5423.

SEPTEMBER 18-20
The First Annual Fall Presentation of Tablerock’s Repertory Theater of Salado. The Horton Foote Society, under the direction of Dr. Marion Castleberry, will present works of Horton Foote and other Southwest writers. Selections to be announced in May. Showtimes at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call 254-947-9205 for information.

OCTOBER 2-4
The First Annual Fall Presentation of Tablerock’s Repertory Theater of Salado. The Horton Foote Society, under the direction of Dr. Marion Castleberry, will present works of Horton Foote and other Southwest writers. Selections to be announced in May. Showtimes at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call 254-947-9205 for information.

OCTOBER 10-11
Christmas in October at Salado Civic Center.

OCTOBER 11
Salado Fine Art Gallery Night, 5-9 p.m.

OCTOBER 11-12
A Christmas Carol and Fright Trail auditions. 3 p.m. at Tablerock.

OCTOBER 22-24
Mixed media workshop by VeAnne Stowell, sponsored by Salado Village Artists. Cost is \$160 for members, \$180 for non-members. E-mail vhs paint@aol.com for reservations.

OCTOBER 25
Salado Area Republican Women community prayer breakfast. Village Arts building. Call 947-8556.

OCTOBER 25
Salado Area Republican Women’s Fine China Luncheon. Longhorn Room of Stagecoach Inn. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. 939-7085.

OCTOBER 25-26
Tablerock’s Fright Trail, 7:30-10 p.m. Relive the great horror classics and expect the unexpected along the enchanted trail. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children (12 and under).

NOVEMBER 3
Salado Historical Society Fall Chili Supper and Membership Drive, 6:30 p.m. Noted Texas vocalist, poet and songwriter Jeff Gore will provide entertainment.

NOVEMBER 8-9
Gathering of the Scottish Clans.

DECEMBER 5-7
Salado Historical Society Annual Tour of Homes. Tickets \$14 in advance, \$15 days of tour.

DECEMBER 5-7 & 12-14
Annual Salado Christmas Stroll.

DECEMBER 5-6, 12-13
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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The knack of determining how the defenders' cards are divided can be acquired by anyone willing to take the trouble to assemble the necessary clues. In doing so, declarer forms a composite picture consistent with the bidding and plays that have already taken place.

Today's deal illustrates how the process works. South is in five diamonds doubled, and West leads a club. Declarer ruffs and plays a diamond to the ten, losing to the ace. Back comes a club, which South ruffs, and after cashing the trump king, declarer is at the crucial point of the hand.

His only problem is to avoid losing two heart tricks. He can do this easily enough, if West has the ace, by leading twice toward the K-Q. But if East has the ace, this method of play fails, since a second heart trick would eventually have to be lost.

Before broaching the suit, South must first try to decide which opponent is more apt to have the ace. This is not really difficult, since it's highly unlikely that East would double five diamonds unless he had the ace of hearts.

South therefore leads a heart and, after West follows low, finesses the nine! This works like a charm because West happens to hold both the jack and ten, so declarer loses only one heart trick.

Considering the bidding, the nine is clearly the right play to make - even though it requires a substantial measure of good luck to succeed. But the fact remains that once East is credited with the ace of hearts, there is no

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K Q 4
♥ K Q 9 5 2
♦ J 10 2
♣ K 6

WEST
♠ J 7 6
♥ J 10 7
♦ 8
♣ J 10 8 5 3 2

EAST
♠ 10 9 3 2
♥ A 8
♦ A 6
♣ A Q 9 7 4

SOUTH
♠ A 8 5
♥ 6 4 3
♦ K Q 9 7 5 4 3
♣ —

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♥	2 ♣	2 ♦	5 ♣
Pass	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
Pass	Dble		

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

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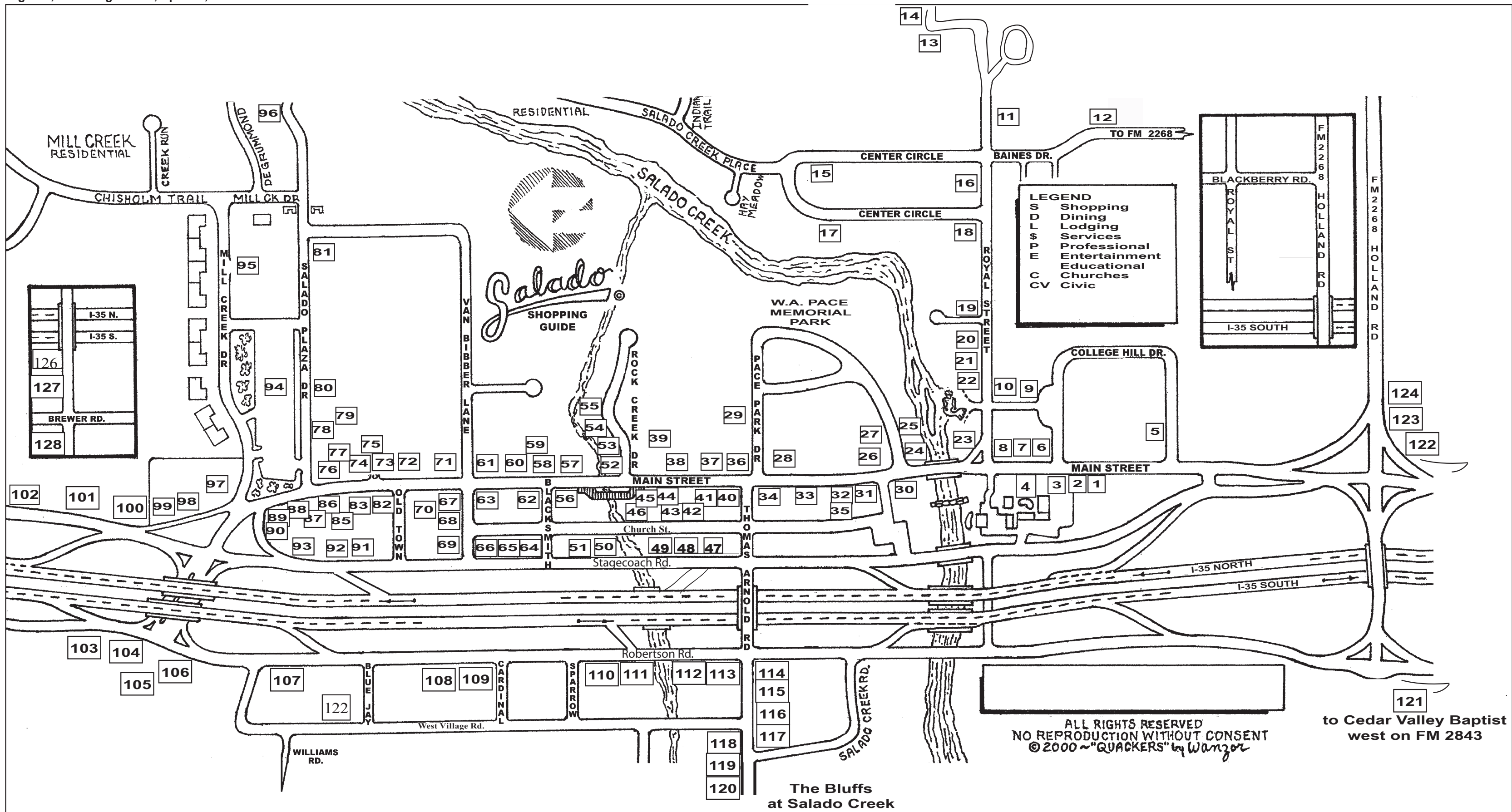
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Fiction:

“Hollywood Crows” by Joseph Wambaugh: Through the eyes of an eccentric collection of beat cops, Wambaugh gives a compelling picture of what policing is like under the federal monitor appointed to oversee the real LAPD after the Rampart corruption scandal.

“Black Widow” by Randy Wayne White: Revenge becomes personal for Doc Ford in the popular series about the marine biologist and covert operative who lives on Florida’s Sanibel Island.

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“Winter Study” by Nevada Barr: Anna joins the team of ‘Winter Study,’ a research project intended to study the wolves and moose of Michigan’s Isle Royale National Park.

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“The Resurrectionist” by Jack O’Connell: This novel is about stories and what they can do for and to those who create them, the nature of consciousness and the power of the unknown.

“Bathtub Admirals” by Jeff Huber: A satirical adventure of two naval men who follow America’s rise to global dominance but when the Iron Curtain crumbles, the “sand-box generals and bathtub admirals” are reduced to playing war.

Non-Fiction:

“President Lincoln: The Duty of a Statesman” by William Lee Miller: This reverential biography follows Miller’s Lincoln’s Virtues and covers Lincoln’s years in the White House.

“Erased: Missing Women, Murdered Wives” by Marilee Strong: Based on five years of investigative reporting and research into forensic psychology and criminology, Erased presents a profile of a widespread type of murder—a carefully planned and executed form of

“erasure” starting with the murder that inspired the classic novel by Theodore Dreiser- “An American Tragedy.”

“Human Smoke: The Beginnings of WWII, the End of Civilization” by Nicholson Baker: A pacifist’s portrayal of World War II that may invite controversy. The many short anecdotes and quotations that comprise this book allow readers to reach their own conclusions.

New in Audio:

“The Ghost” by Robert Harris

“The Society” by Michael Palmer

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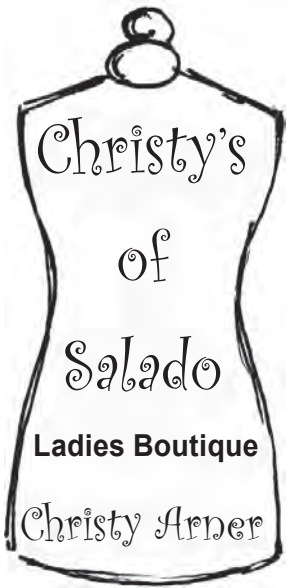
“I Am Legend”: A terrible virus has spread and turned the human race into bloodthirsty monsters. One lone man fights to find a cure. Starring Will Smith—who else?

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Menard: a city of practical jokers

by
Tumbleweed
Smith



I had the distinct pleasure of speaking to Menard's annual Chamber of Commerce banquet the other night. It was something I had wanted to do for a long time because I wanted to tell the residents of Menard how much material I have found there and how much enjoyment I've had visiting the city. I've met some fascinating people in Menard.

So many of them mentioned practical jokes that have been pulled in the city. Someone at the banquet told me a book has been written about some of the better ones. I did a story one time on Menard's Big Broadcast. Some enterprising folks thought they would rig up some wires and tell everybody that a live show from Menard was going to be broadcast on the radio statewide. On the day of the supposed broadcast, a large crowd gathered in the park. A flatbed trailer truck served as the stage and there was entertainment. The broadcast never went past the park.

During that event someone in the crowd was

told that he had won the Irish Sweepstakes. He was severely disappointed to learn it was a joke.

One Menard resident put a live bobcat in a suitcase and put it beside Highway 83. Another one told me about a man who had too much to drink one night and some of his friends put him in a casket in the funeral home.

Menard is a place on the San Saba River. The bridge that crosses the river is surrounded by dozens of huge pecan trees that are so inviting you want to stop and have a picnic or just sit in the cool shade.

Menard County is a land of prairie and hills, of creeks and old canals. The dark soils are alkaline and grow live oak, juniper and mesquite, which provide the perfect playground for deer, turkey, javelina, squirrel, fox, raccoon, coyotes and bobcats.

The Apaches loved the area around Menard. So

did the Comanches. A few pioneer cattlemen arrived in the 1840's and found the place worth fighting for. Soon there was a store, a blacksmith shop and a saloon. New settlers arrived by oxcart and stagecoach. Early schools were held under shade trees or in one-room buildings, which also served as churches. After the civil war, Menard became a trading post and an overnight stop for cattle drives.

The San Saba River flooded in 1899 and did lots of damage, but the resourceful people rebuilt the city within a year, even better than it was before. When the railroad arrived in 1911, the city experienced a boom.

Visitors have discovered Menard. They hunt and fish and tour historic missions and forts nearby. In addition to tourism, income is generated by cattle, sheep and goats, pecans, wheat and alfalfa. A legend of buried silver has brought many treasure hunters to Menard. It is a unique place, with an interesting history and confident people who love where they live and have an advanced sense of humor. The city was named for the founder of Galveston Michael Menard.

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\$965,000: 523 Van Bibber Rd., Salado. Pristine setting on 8.3 acres fronting Salado Creek. Beautiful home with wood floors. Large trees shade the yard.



\$525,000: 1606 Trails End, Salado. Hill Country Charm with a touch of Tuscan. Quality & style are evident in this 4 BR, 3.5 BA home on 2 acres.



\$498,700: 1295 Western Trail, Salado. Home on 9.10 acres fronting the Willingham Creek in Hidden Springs. 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2 half baths.



\$339,500: 1219 Ambrose Dr., Salado. Gorgeous 4 BR home with a view! Beautiful tile floors. Patio is covered with large area for entertaining.



\$329,700: 2013 Highland Dr., Salado. Light, bright & immaculate describes this home on Highland Drive overlooking Mill Creek golf course.



\$279,700: 910 Mill Creek Dr., Salado. Large home with generous rooms in the heart of Mill Creek. Great view of Salado Creek, private backyard.



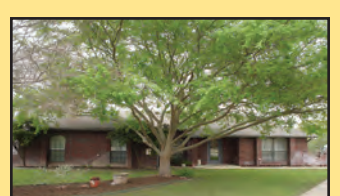
\$275,700: 1211 Yellow Rose, Salado. Pool and hot tub in your private back yard. 4 BR, 3 BA, game room, with additional living and dining.



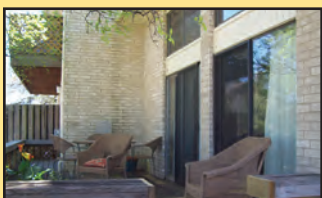
\$209,700: 825 Park Dr. #1, Salado. Private patio with great view of Salado Creek. HOA takes care of the yard work, so enjoy your free lifestyle. 3 BR, 3 BA, plus two office areas.



\$199,700: 14661 Spotted Horse Lane, Salado. Large mobile home on 9.83 acres with 4 BR, 3 BA & a study. Barn has electricity & water.



\$188,700: 812 Blaylock Circle, Salado. Ready to move in. 3 BR, 2 BA home on cul-de-sac in Mill Creek. Fenced back yard. Several shade trees in front & back yard.



\$174,700: 3901 Chisholm Trail #10, Salado. Open living area with vaulted ceilings, beautiful fireplace & a view of the golf course. Master suite downstairs.



\$169,500: 1602 Guess Dr., Salado. 3 BR, 2 BA home on nice wooded lot. Recently updated tile & kitchen cabinets. Large deck in front with covered deck in back.



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ROOM NO. 1
CAUSE NO. 29D01-080 **4** -AD- **574**

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) SS:
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF)
ELIZABETH NICOLE COLE,)
a minor child)

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The unknown father is notified that a petition for adoption of a child named, Elizabeth Nicole Cole, born on December 29, 2000, was filed in the office of the Clerk the Hamilton Superior Court, Room No. 1, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The petition for adoption alleges that the consent of the unknown father is not required pursuant to Indiana Code § 31-19-9-8.

If the unknown father seeks to contest the adoption of the child, the unknown father must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with Indiana Code § 31-19-10-1 in the above named court not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice.

If the unknown father does not file a motion to contest the adoption within thirty (30) days after service of this notice, the above named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption, the consent of the unknown father will be irrevocably implied, and the unknown father will lose his right to contest either the adoption or the validity of the unknown father's implied consent to the adoption.

No oral statements made to the unknown father relieves the unknown father of the unknown father's obligations under this notice.

This notice complies with Indiana Code § 31-19-4.5-3 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption statutes.

Peggy Beaver
CLERK, HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT
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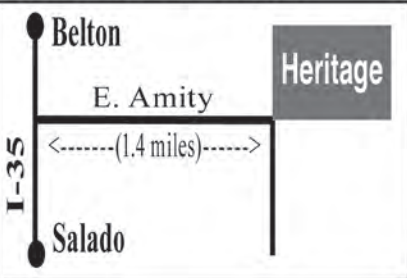


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Golden opportunity in historic district .73 Acre that backs up to Rock Creek. Most unusual property. Must see! \$115,000.



451 College Hill Extremely rare land near the historic district. Great building site and just a short stroll to historic Stagecoach Inn Restaurant, village shopping on Main Street, Salado Creek and golf. Approx 2 acres. \$139,500



Choice Commercial Property in the heart of Salado's historic district. Three buildings with net rentable space of 5,592 square feet. The site is .63 acres at the corner of Thomas Arnold and Church Street. Easy access to I-35 and Salado's Main Street. \$575,000.

Mill Creek Homesites Only 2 Lots Left!



Excellent Homesites in established Mill Creek neighborhood. Located off Chisholm Trail on Kevin Dr. with golf course views. Premier half-acre lots, underground utilities ready for homes with only 2,000 sq. ft. minimum.

Temple Commercial

3308 S. 5th street, Temple building site available in the growing Temple Business District, 5.7 Level acres currently zoned single family (sf 1) or can possibly be rezoned for business. Close access to Temple College and Scott & White, \$1,750,000

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80 S. Main



Texas Fine Living at its Best! Estate on approx. 30 manicured acres with a 1-acre clear lake, horse facilities and guest house. Find yourself in the lush tropical landscaping around pool/waterfall. **\$995,000.**



Historic Commercial Site in the heart of Salado. 3871 sq ft in main structure, outdoor seating area w/ fireplace. Several dining and meeting areas on two floors. Separate structure could serve as office or rental. **\$745,000.**



Located in Summer's Mill area, this Texas-designed estate sits on over 23 acres and has gorgeous views of both Moon Creek and the rolling countryside. Spacious great room, large stone fireplace, **\$699,900.**



Secluded home on over 30 acres. Perfect place for horses. In-ground pool, beautiful horse barn. All the extras with room to roam. Great open family home. 38X60 barn, 25X25 storage barn. **\$629,900.**



Hidden among mature oak trees, lies this private Tuscan estate. Expansive living room and kitchen perfect for cooking. Spacious master suite, swimming pool overlooks park-like backyard. **\$595,000.**



Beautiful custom home on tree-covered lot. 2 living rooms, large kitchen, 3+ car garage, granite counters and much more. Landscaping and blinds. Priced at **\$479,900.**



Quality is shown throughout this home on 3 tree-covered acres. Features include granite counters, stainless steel appliances, stone fireplace, 3 car garage and much more. 4 BR/2.5 BA/2 liv/2 din. **\$475,000**



Escape to this tranquil backyard and enjoy the peaceful setting while relaxing by the pool. Home boasts formal and informal living and dining rooms, open kitchen, spacious master bath, covered patio. **\$435,000.**



Like to play golf? Excellent Home in Mill Creek on the golf course. High ceilings, Granite Countertops, & Hardwood Floors make this home a must see! **\$275,000**



Beautiful view of Mill Creek Golf Course with garage space for golf cart. Granite in Kitchen. Master suite down with spa tub and super closet. Tons of storage. Covered patio with fireplace. Trane heat pumps. **\$275,000.**



New Home built by Holland Homes with open floor plan. 3/2/2 with flex room. Salado school district, convenient to Stillhouse Lake, Killeen, Harker Heights, **\$199,900.**



Beautiful Landscaping and Gorgeous Tree-Covered Lot invite you into this Extensively Renovated Home in Mill Creek. **\$229,000. Priced Reduced to \$199,900.**



Great Open and Spacious Floor Plan. Flex room could be used as 4th bedroom. Backs up to Corps of Engineer property. Convenient to Killeen and Harker Heights with Salado schools. **\$199,900.**



Bring your horses! Home includes a nice 2-stall horse barn, dog run/pen and storage barn. Nice 3 bed, 2 bath home, 2 living room home on 1.34 acres in Salado. **\$129,900.**



Live Oak Trees welcome you into this recently updated home. Updates include paint, flooring, fixtures and kitchen appliances. 3/2/1, large bonus room. **\$155,800.**

Lots

Beautiful treed lot in Mill Creek on South Ridge Road. \$44,900. **REDUCED.**
Indian Trail, 1/2 acre corner lot. **Under Contract**
90x188 \$40,000
Lot 9 Salado Creek Place, one of a kind Salado Creek lot, 2 plus acres with huge tree cover on the creek, The Best.
Lot 165 in Hidden Springs, nice trees. \$39,900.

Under 10 Acres

Two 1.2 acre lots on Sam Neil Rd., \$26,500 and \$29,900.
Lot 296 Mourning Dove, beautiful cleared homesite. Nice trees on the 5 acre lot. \$59,900.
Lot 158 Western Trail. Mostly wooded creek front lot. Over 3 acres, \$75,000.
Lot 156 Western Trail. Mostly wooded creek front lot. 3.23 acres, \$75,000.
Lot 295 in Hidden Springs with live oak trees. \$54,900.

10 to 100 Acres

12 acres with beautiful live oak trees. This acreage would make a fantastic home site. \$250,000.
Over 30 acres in Bartlett. Good development property, well located with frontage on Bell Street and Harold Clark road. \$106,170
21.68 acres off of FM 2115 with outstanding views and nice pond, \$185,000.
55.38 acres, productive Blackland adjoining residential area on NW side of Bartlett. \$193,830.

Over 100 Acres

126 acre ranch with 1,769 sq. ft. hme. 3 BR/1.5 BA/2 liv/2 car garage. Property located off of FM 2843. \$595,000.
147 acres east of Academy on Reeds Lake Road. Property has draw running through middle with 3 small tanks with excellent opportunity to enlarge. Possible gravel reserve as well. \$3,450 per acre.
280 acres east of Holland off Rosanky Road. Rolling topography with live water creek, large live oaks and pecans, stock tanks, deer. \$3,250/acre.

Commercial

The Mansion Restaurant downtown Salado on over 1 acre Plus \$745,000.
Great commercial site IH-35/FM 2484. \$429,900.
30 acres IH 35, 1 mile south of Stagecoach Inn.
Great Southwest Restaurant in Belton, excellent location between the on and off ramp of I-35 next to What a Burger \$349,900.
12 plus acres fronting I-35 between Salado and Belton with exit at property, just north of the Lampasas River, approx. 3000 ft. I-35 frontage \$259,900.
Commercial site on west side of I-35 in Belton. 0.8 acre with building, \$125,000.

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