

Salado Village Voice

Trustees will cut tax rate by 1.5 cents with proposal

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Independent School District Trustees will conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed \$10.9 million 2008-09 budget and the proposed \$1.318 per \$100 evaluation tax rate at 6 p.m. Aug. 25 at the Salado Civic Center.

The maintenance and operations expenditures of \$10.9 million are approximately \$880,000 more than the 2007-08 budget.

The largest increase in the budget is for plant operations, up 25 percent to \$1.3 million from \$1 million in 2007-08. This increase is due to fuel prices and the cost of operating the new Salado High School.

Other increases related to opening the new high school include school leadership, which increase six percent to \$639,987 from last year's \$536,548.

There are \$778,753 in budget changes in the 2008-09 budget compared to 2007-08.

Those include the following additions:

- \$35,000 for additional Spanish teacher.
- \$22,150 for Instructional Contracted Services.
- \$20,000 for Instructional supplies
- \$22,911 for additional Librarian salary.

- \$3,300 Library supplies
- \$3,500 Library books
- \$103,489 Campus Administration for additional Junior High principal, travel and supplies, data services and Registrar at the High School.

\$9,034 Health services to replace aide with Licensed Vocational Nurse and added supplies for additional campus.

\$26,500 Transportation supplies and fuel

\$25,000 increase cost of buses and purchase one van.

\$30,000 increase extra-duty pay for Coaches

\$2,700 Contract service for Band and Speech/Debate

\$8,270 Extracurricular supplies

\$5,000 Athletic inventory and equipment

\$17,500 Band equipment

\$6,266 Extracurricular fees/dues and travel

\$1,500 Cheerleader supplies/camps

\$10,000 Superintendent's salary

\$4,000 Central Administration data processing software

\$1,500 Travel for superintendent, business, board

\$1,000 Board Legal Liability Insurance

\$1,750 Additional fee to inventory fixed assets

\$170,501 Additional maintenance (two) and

Custodial staff (four) including workers comp, group health insurance and benefits

\$30,000 Contracted service to monitor waste water treatment plant

\$117,628 Utilities for new high school campus

\$14,480 Building and custodial supplies

\$10,000 Mower

\$75,774 Food Service additional staff and supplies.

The proposed budget will spend down the general fund balance by \$427,153, the first time that the school district has budgeted a decrease in the fund balance. However, for the first time in nine years the district will dip into its fund balance.

In the 2007-08 budget, the school predicted adding \$326,733 to the fund balance of \$3 million.

However, because of a shortfall in state funding of \$367,785 coupled with other unbudgeted expenses of \$119,561, the district will dip into the fund balance for \$160,613, lowering it to a projected fund balance of \$2.9 million to start the 2008-09 school year.

The proposed budget for 2008-09 will lower the fund balance by \$427,153. The budget is based on no

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(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)
You know it's August when young men across Texas brave the heat for two-a-day practices, readying themselves for the upcoming fall football season. Salado Eagles took to the field last week and will scrimmage Crawford at 10 a.m. Aug. 16 in Crawford. Turn to page 8A for more information about the defending Region IV Champions.

New sales tax rebates jump by double digits for village, library

Village of Salado reversed a two-month skid when sales tax rebates jumped by 14 percent in August. The August 8 check of \$37,111.49 was 14 percent more than last August's payment of \$32,553.63.

For the year, the Village has received \$238,353.22 for the one-cent sales tax it levies, which is almost five percent more than the \$227,791.80 received through August 2007.

The August sales tax rebates are for sales taxes collected in June and reported to the Comptroller in July.

The Salado Public Library District, which lev-

ies a half-cent sales tax, saw a remarkable jump of 26 percent in August. The \$29,749.49 paid to the Library District outpaced last August's payment of \$23,561.98. For the year, the Library District is running about six percent ahead, having received \$175,150 compared to \$164,925.58 through August 2007.

The Bell County rebate was \$1.3 million, compared to \$1.2 million last August, an increase of almost 10 percent. For the year, the County is almost six percent ahead of 2007: \$9.2 million through August 2008 compared to \$8.7 million through Au-

gust 2007.

The local and county tax rebates outpace the increase seen across the state.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said Aug. 8 the state collected \$1.8 billion in sales tax revenue in July, up 10.4 percent compared to one year ago.

"Through July, fiscal 2008 state sales tax collections are up 6.5 percent," Combs said. "The Texas economy remains strong; however, we continue to monitor the slower growth seen nationally."

Combs sent \$583.4

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Amended budget not matching anticipated expenses

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Salado aldermen amended the current year budget Aug. 7 to spend down the fund balance to \$108,782; meanwhile, the Village will propose a budget for 2008-09 with a beginning fund balance of

\$174,700.

The ending fund balance is not the only discrepancy between the Amended Budget for 2007-08 and the anticipated expenditures and revenues for 2007-08.

On the revenue side, for example, the amended budget shows \$347,000 in tax receipts from sales

tax and mixed beverage taxes, while the anticipated revenues for the year is \$355,585 (based on proposed budget draft G).

Another notable difference in the revenue stream of the amended budget and the anticipated revenues is in the municipal court, which is \$14,000 in

the amended budget and \$22,848 in anticipated revenues for the village.

Total income for the Village under the Amended Budget is \$587,800; the anticipated total income is almost \$12,000 more: \$599,355.

Aldermen approved a budget amendment Aug.

7 that will have a total of \$693,046 in expenses and \$587,800 in revenues.

Aldermen voted unanimously Aug. 7 for the 2007-08 Budget Amendment ordinance which states that the budget Amendment is necessary "in order to make the current adopted budget reflect more accurate ex-

pensitures."

However, the Amended Budget and the anticipated actual costs and revenues for 2007-08 are quite different: \$12,000 different in revenue and \$50,000 different in expenditures.

A comparison of the

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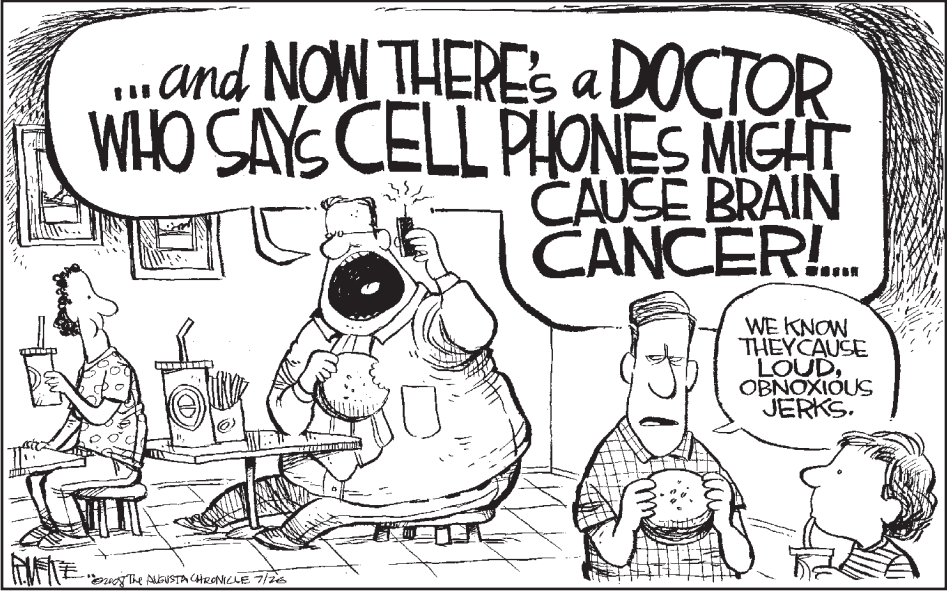
Shy Tree will perform in concert at Silver Spur on Aug. 17, featuring former Saladoan Josh Brown and wife Allison. Details, 1B.

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



McCain should take a page from Hillary

Politically, John McCain should be a candidate for involuntary committal -- he's a danger to himself.

If McCain is going to have a chance, he needs to run an un-McCain-like campaign, more negative than he'd prefer, more focused on domestic policy and less freewheeling: Think of a Republican Hillary Clinton circa this year's Ohio and Pennsylvania primaries.

McCain surely would be more comfortable running a race emphasizing character, national security and a few pet causes such as earmarks. But he has to leave his comfort zone -- something he may resist because he labors under an outdated self-image.

McCain often seems to think of himself as he was back in 2000 during the glory days of the "Straight Talk Express": a political phenomenon who was the fresh face on the national scene, beloved of the press. A conspiracy of circumstances -- most important, the passage of time -- has seen all his former star qualities (and then some) assumed by Barack Obama.

A McCain comeback has to begin in a deconstruction of Obama as too risky to be president, executed in a traditional, block-and-tackle campaign (of the sort McCain has never yet been able to run). The playbook is partly provided by Hillary Clinton, who found her voice in lunch-bucket appeals to working-class white and Hispanic voters.

She did not, of course, defeat Obama, but McCain ought to be encouraged by how close she came. She too was a plodding speaker, drew much smaller crowds than Obama and was outspent and out-organized.

For a contemporary Democrat, Hillary ran a center-right campaign; she talked of blowing Iran to smithereens, downed shots of Crown Royal and appealed frankly to blue-collar whites. These mostly substanceless gestures con-



veyed a sense of toughness that endeared Hillary to her working-class voters and highlighted a vulnerability of the polished but aloof Obama.

McCain has a higher natural toughness quotient than Hillary. But he has never spoken persuasively to economic concerns, which -- for all the focus on the Middle East -- will predominate this year. McCain's campaign needs a unifying theme, and one less abstract than "country first." Here again, he should take a page from Hillary, offering a conservative version of her occasional theme of a "fighter for you." In particular, he should be fighting for middle-class Americans against ineffectual government and tax-and-spend liberalism.

McCain has to give voice to the anger and frustration of the American public. He has to complain that Washington is broken and argue that both parties have let voters down. In 2000, he was the feisty -- even angry -- crusader against Washington and the status quo. He needs to find that old populist mojo again.

The fighter theme would tap into the public mood of disenchantment with Washington and politics. It would suit McCain, who is at his best when expressing an outraged irascibility. And it would communicate a certain vigor, perhaps mitigating concerns about his age.

But it must be harnessed in a tight, hard-hitting campaign uncharacteristic of McCain. This year, simply letting McCain be McCain is a formula for failure.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2008 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Internet stats supporting Bush-Iraq investigated and found to be "false"

Several of this column's more subjective readers handed us an e-mailed message they'd secured from the internet that endeavored to prove (statistically) that more members of this country's armed forces had died during President Bill Clinton's term, where there were no wars going on; than during President Bush's term (thus far) with wars underway in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The three page document claimed to use "official" military death statistics to prove the "media was politically biased and blinding readers with hatred towards Bush and the Iraqi war."

Statistics in the (e-mailed) internet missive, listed the total number of active duty armed forces deaths from hostile action (wars and terrorist attacks), accidents, homicides, illness and suicides, from 1980 through 2007.

The "document" reported the number of military deaths during Clinton's two terms (1993-2000) at 14,107; and in the George W. Bush years (2001-2007)- 7,932. Numbers, the internet critic asserted, that have never been reported by the media.

MEDIA VILIFIED

The e-mail creator declared that "his" (or her) numbers indicate many members of the "Liberal Media, and our Politicians, pick and choose the information they support." There's also a secondary grievance that suggests those who promote such false information are following an agenda "from the most powerful (Democrat) family of the decade." We presume the assertion refers to the Clinton family, although the author does not offer names nor develop this bizarre claim.

GENTLY CHALLENGED

The internet data given to us was accompanied by a "gentle challenge" that we wouldn't print the numbers. We're aware that many of our readers peruse "Off The Record" just to see how far we've strayed from the "straight and narrow super-conservative line, to which many of our local Tories subscribe."

We suspect they also hold a feeling of scorn for all "liberal" Demos and their coalition of "hand-out" seekers, dopey environmentalists and others of questionable antecedents.

So with fearless abandon - we picked up the challenge and began an investigative review of the statistical information produced by the unhappy decrier.

FIRST REFERENCE FLAWED

The first reference, associated with the data in the internet document was checked, and could not be found on the Web. However, with the help of a computer wonk at the Salado Village Voice, a link to the ultra conservative Federation of American Scientists (FAS) popped up, but produced nothing.

We then turned to an investigative outfit called "Snopes.com" that "examines" internet stuff for accuracy. They termed the original accusatory assault as false - but we needed something more objective.

It was only after re-examining the original internet document that we uncovered a brief closing note that the (death) "statistics are published by the Congressional Research Service" That looked like a positive lead but was accompanied by another faulty E-mail address.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT REFUTES CLAIM

We finally hit pay-dirt when we went to an internet directory and typed in "Congressional Research

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



Service" and there it was: an office within the Congress that provides data for members, on a wide variety of government activities.

Inside the May 14, 2008 CRS report, from the Department of Defense, we found the relevant sections listing worldwide Active Duty military deaths from 1980 through 2006, (Table 4, Page 7) plus a November 22, 2007 update (Table 5, Page 8).

With the Congressional Research Service report in hand, we compared armed forces casualty numbers from DOD's Manpower Data Center's analysis division, against the original internet (e-mailed) document, that had skewered the media with "trumped-up" statements concerning military deaths during the Clinton and Bush years.

NUMBERS FALSE

And when that review was completed, it was clear the charges against Clinton were "false" and oddly enough - proven false, by the very "data tables" the disparager claims to have used, in his accusation.

The following compares the initial internet document figures with Department of Defense numbers for the same periods of time:

Clinton years:

Internet numbers 14,107 deaths

DOD numbers 7,400 deaths

Bush years:

Internet numbers 7,033 deaths

DOD numbers 8,792 deaths

The Bush total includes his first six years and two wars. We omitted 2007 since that year was not part of the DOD listings (yet were strangely part of the original internet message). Clinton's totals are for eight years and no wars.

With the final result being that both the Bush and Clinton numbers, in the first internet E-mail document, had been falsified so as to favor the current President.

THE BIG QUESTION

The big question of course is why use phony numbers that can be so easily disproved? We could offer guesswork answers, but then we'd be playing the "mongers" game and we've tried to avoid that litterbox.

The reason we expended so much time and space on this week's "different" sort of political commentary is because all of us are bombarded daily with internet info, much of which is pure partisan humbug.

Consequently, we would urge everyone to avoid blindly accepting print or electronic media news, and be particularly cautious about internet info-transmissions, especially during today's highly charged political skirmishings.

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AND FINALLY.....

Last week's report on the flat tax would have been impossible to prepare without help from Carmen Fenton, Communications Director for Salado's Congressman John Carter (R-Round Rock). She offices in Washington and is a research pro.

Incidentally, the almost insurmountable problem about finding out how much the government spends annually is that no one in Washington knows how to unearth the totals, or even come close. Not the Congressional Budget Office, nor Members of Congress, and least of all the White House.

What a way to run a railroad. No wonder we're drowning in debt, with special assistance from guys, like Alaska's Senator Ted Stevens, who have stolen us blind.

That's -30-

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Creek safety and village finances heated topics

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

All this current Salado Creek “spring” controversy got me to reflecting on a very sad story once more. Perhaps someone in the area will read your column and be able to verify its happening.

Almost 20 years ago a family group from Arkansas stopped by our store and an older lady asked directions to “Belton’s park by the creek”. At the time, I thought only of Yettie Polk Park; however, in retrospect, I have often wondered if she might have been referencing Confederate Park, which at the time of her inquiry was the rodeo grounds. (This is now the site of Belton’s “Park and Ride”.)

The matriarch appeared to be at least 80 years old when she stopped in, and for some reason she must have felt it necessary to tell me why she inquired about the park’s location. Hers was a poignant story, and it was obvious that it still saddened her:

“When I was a child, my mother became ill, and shortly after the turn of the century (20th century), my parent’s, myself, and my siblings were traveling by wagon from our home in South Texas toward Arkansas, from where my parents had originally migrated. On the way, we camped beside the creek at the Belton Park so that my mother could lie down in the wagon and rest.

My two younger brothers gathered some bread scraps saying they wanted to feed the ‘swans’ swimming in the creek. After a while, my parents called for the boys, and there was no answer. A frantic hunt revealed that both boys had drowned. Upon investigation, it was surmised that the ‘swans’ had pulled them into the water. It looked as if the younger boy had been pulled in first, and from skid marks on the bank, it appeared the older boy had tried to save him and was also dragged in.

The people in Belton were really nice. The town buried my brothers, and it seemed as if everyone turned out for their funerals. I wanted to come back before I died so that my own children and grandchildren could see where our family tragedy happened.”

I don’t know if Belton’s Nolan Creek park(s) ever

had swans, which some Victorian-era parks did incorporate, or if these were actually geese, both of which can be aggressive. I’m sorry that I didn’t keep the family’s name, which would have helped in a cemetery search, but maybe someone has heard this story and can add to it.

Tom Curb

To the Editor:

I know it is human nature to be concerned about all potential dangers for our children and grandchildren, but I think parents and grandparents ought to take responsibility for their safety, not the village of Salado or Mayor Stalcup. If you take your children to the creek near the springs, then stay there with them and take charge of them. The springs need to be open. I support the woman who is trying to clear out the spring opening. Putting rocks in the spring is ridiculous. This is a natural phenomenon and should not be interfered with! That is the source of the nice cool water in the creek near Sirena. It will become a cesspool without the spring to refresh it. Then Mayor Stalcup and the village will be getting sued for their children developing infections from sitting in stagnant, nasty, polluted water. And where are all those environmentalists who want things to be natural? Why aren’t they coming to the rescue? Has anyone thought of putting an iron grate on top of the spring opening so that no one can fall or jump in to it? I believe the woman involved in this situation offered to do so. Why is the village being so obdurate about any solution--except rocks?

Another idea is to put up a sign to warn of the dangers and relieve the city of all responsibility?

Come on Salado. Let’s not be hold the creek hostage to “danger”....what’s next? Will people want to stop up Old Faithful because it’s hot?!

Karen Kinnison (the other one)

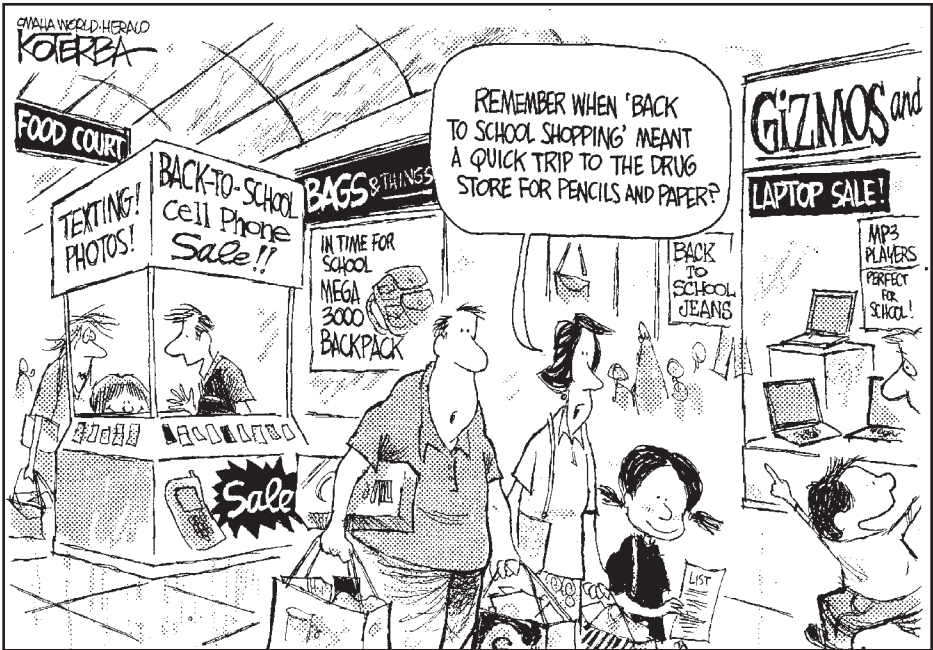
To the Editor:

There is a lot of controversy over the spring on Salado Creek all right. It probably should have

LETTERS

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FORUM



A Senator in the “No”

Heritage Forum

by Edwin Feulner

Some years back, a newspaper comic strip showed lemmings running toward a cliff. One said to another, “Don’t worry, this was a bipartisan decision.”

That, in a nutshell, is how Washington sometimes works. As long as both parties agree to an idea, everyone assumes the idea must be correct. Even if it’s not. Consider spending.

For more than a decade the Republican Party controlled the purse strings in Congress. Spending soared during those years, jumping by one third between 2000 and 2006 under a Republican president.

Ah, but big federal spending, while it may be taking our country over a cliff, enjoys wide bipartisan support. Since taking over Congress two years ago, the Democratic leadership has kept up the pace; our country’s debt ceiling was recently raised to its highest level ever.

That’s how leaders inside the Beltway operate. Few elected officials even talk about reducing spending. Whatever our government spent last year is considered the new floor; spending can’t drop below that. Indeed, it must rise. Lawmakers then fight over how much to increase spending.

Most liberals would prefer to see more spending on welfare and less on homeland security, and most conservatives want to invest more in defense and spend less on social programs. But you’d be hard-pressed to find many Americans who think our

country’s problem is that it doesn’t spend enough.

Well, the underrepresented majority that wants to see our \$3 trillion dollar budget trimmed a bit has at least one voice in Congress these days: Tom Coburn, Republican from Oklahoma.

He’s nicknamed “Dr. No” – and with good reason. This year, Coburn’s used the Senate’s arcane rules to block dozens of spending measures that, in the estimation of the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, would have cost taxpayers more than \$10 billion.

He simply refuses to go along. “For those of you who may not know this,” Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has said, “you cannot negotiate with Coburn.” Even trying to convince the Oklahoman to agree to more wasteful spending is, in Reid’s words, “a waste of time.”

But that’s exactly the point. Coburn has earned his nickname because he can’t be bought off by the prospect of more federal largesse for his state. He won’t play the usual Washington game.

Many of the programs he opposes are politically popular -- such as more funding for unsolved civil rights crimes, a national registry for ALS victims and more money to prosecute child pornographers. But he blocks them because they merely duplicate what the government is already doing.

“If we pass a new

program, we either ought to get rid of the old program, or we ought to make it to where it blends with this other one so it’s effective,” Coburn told The Washington Post. “Almost everything that they’ve offered has a duplicate program out there that they’re not either eliminating or changing.” Coburn, audaciously, wants to change the way Washington operates.

As the Senate was preparing to recess for the summer, Reid tried to outfox Coburn by combining 35 bills Coburn has blocked into one massive spending bill, nicknamed the “Tomnibus” bill (because wide-ranging spending bills are “omnibus” bills). Coburn countered by offering to lift his blocks on the new spending, if the Senate would also eliminate some \$45 billion in federal waste that Coburn and his staff had identified.

Reid refused to consider the spending reductions, because he was playing by Washington’s usual rules. But those rules don’t work anymore -- if they ever did. If they change, it’ll be because of stalwart senators such as Tom Coburn. Thank you, Dr. No.

Ed Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation (heritage.org).

Lawmakers cash in as Lobbyists



Jim Hightower

Old Congress critters never die; they just flutter away to K Street.

Take Dennis Hastert. Actually, he’s already taken. The longtime Republican lawmaker retired last November, but rather than return to Illinois, he has alighted just a few blocks from the Capital at the blue-chip lobbying firm of Dickstein Shapiro. The firm lured Hastert with more than half a million bucks in annual pay, designating him “strategic counselor” on the legislative needs of its corporate clientele.

Dickstein Shapiro brags that it lobbies for more than 100 of the Fortune 500 corporations - a lineup that includes tobacco giants, drug companies, the nuclear industry, mercenaries like Triple Canopy, and such brand names as AT&T and Time Warner. Hastert will feel right at home in this crowd, for he was always a faithful legislative errand runner for corporate America. Indeed, corporate interests essentially ran the place when Hastert was Speaker of the House, with the likes of super-lobbyist Jack Abramoff given a free hand to cut corrupt deals. While Dennis no longer has the muscle to ram through a corporation’s agenda, he certainly has his old buddy network and insider knowledge to get favors done - this time for personal gain.

Hastert is hardly the only Capitol Hill alum to cash in on his public trust. In recent years, more than 200 former members have made the lucrative metamorphosis from lawmaker to lobbyist, and Congress’s feeble ethics rules even let members openly shop for lobbying jobs while they’re supposed to be doing their legislative work. This is a revolving door system that special interests are happy to exploit - last year, they paid nearly \$3 billion to hire Washington influence peddlers. That’s \$17 million for every day Congress was in session.

And Congress critters wonder why their public approval rating is a humiliating 11 percent.

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Smart ways to respond to a down market

If you're an investor, you may have been disappointed with how the markets have been reacting this summer to the news of high oil prices and other short-term events. Nonetheless, your long-term financial goals don't have to be jeopardized by these losses — if you know how to respond to them.

Here are a few moves to consider:

- Stick to your investment strategy. It's almost always a bad idea to make long-term investment decisions in response to short-term market fluctuations. If you have built a diversified portfolio of quality investments, you're better off just "staying the course" during a market decline. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee or protect against loss.) If these investments were suitable for you before

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the market drop, they'll still be appropriate when the market turns around.

- Don't try to "time" the market. It would be great if you could know when the market had reached its low or high points, or which days would be "losers" and which ones "winners." If you had that foresight, you could always jump in and jump out of the market at the right times. Unfortunately, no one can make those predictions with any accuracy. And those people who do try to "time" the market in this manner end up jumping out at the wrong times and missing both short- and long-term market rallies. By staying invested through market

ups and downs, you can make progress toward your long-term goals.

- Look for buying opportunities. By definition, a market decline means that stock prices are lower — which means you may find some good buying opportunities. Of course, you'll want to know if the stock's price is low because of the effects of the broad-based market decline or because of other factors specific to the stock, such as poor management, non-competitive products or a decline in the industry to which it belongs.

While making these moves can help you get past the market decline, it doesn't mean that a severe

price drop can't affect you. If you need money to pay for an unexpected cost, such as a major car repair, you'll likely take a hit if you have to sell stocks when the market has fallen substantially. But you can avoid this problem by putting three to six months worth of living expenses in an emergency fund, preferably in a "cash" or "cash equivalent" account.

Nobody likes to see big declines in the stock market. But if you're a long-term investor, you've built an emergency fund and you've rebalanced your portfolio to fit your risk tolerance, you'll be in a much better position to withstand these market drops — and you'll be well prepared for an eventual recovery.



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Long Term Care

by MATILDA CHARLES

If you want to stay at home if you become ill or disabled, you might have to move to New Mexico, Oregon, Washington or Alaska. That is, if you want Medicaid to pay for your care.

AARP's Policy and Research branch recently conducted a study to determine what percentage of Medicaid money the states are spending on long-term at-home care. Only those four states spent more than 50 percent of their long-term care money to keep people in their homes in comfortable surroundings. (Change that to 40 percent

and you can add three more states: California, Minnesota and Texas.)

The rest of the states are spending the bulk of their dollars on institutionalized care. Not only does it cost more, but surveys show that 87 percent of seniors age 50 and older want to be at home. By comparison, for those with developmental disabilities or mental retardation, the majority do receive at-home care, with only 39 percent of the long-term-care spending on institutional care.

It makes no sense: If it costs less to keep a senior at home, supported by home and community services, than it does to institutionalize, why don't they spend fewer dollars to keep the senior in comfortable surroundings at home?

Fact: For every person in a nursing home, three people can be supported with at-home care.

Fact: Between 2001 and 2006, 27 states added more nursing-home money than at-home-care money.

There are obstacles, certainly, anytime you're dealing with government rules, especially when it comes to policy about how states are to balance and divide up their Medicaid dollars. But as the AARP report says, it takes a "creative problem-solving attitude that can find innovative ways to work within existing laws."

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School Budget

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additional growth in the student population, even though the school district is opening a new campus.

This no-growth approach may be in reaction to the trend in student enrollment the last two years. Since 2005-06 the enrollment in Salado schools has increased by only 27 students, from 1,210 students to 1,237 students last year.

If the Salado school

population increases with the opening of the new high school, the district will have a windfall in state aid, rather than a shortfall as it felt this year.

The district is proposing a decrease in the overall tax rate. The school will maintain the \$1.04 maintenance and operation tax rate in order to maximize the state funding formula, which will provide \$3.7 million

in state revenues. This is almost seven percent less than the amount budgeted in 2007-08 of \$4 million.

Local revenues are anticipated to increase by six percent, from \$6.1 million to \$6.5 million in 2008-09.

This is due to a 10 percent increase in taxable property values in Salado ISD.

Taxable property values in Salado ISD increase

by more than \$45 million, from \$451 million to \$496 million.

Of that, \$27 million is new property within the school district.

With the increase in property values, the district will lower its debt service tax rate for the current 0.293 per \$100 evaluation to 0.278 per \$100 evaluation.



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SALADO I.S.D. BUDGET COMPARISON		
Maintenance & Operations Budget by Function Tax Rate	Adopted 2007-08 Budget 1.333 1.04 M&O .293 I & S	Proposed 2008-09 Budget 1.318 1.04 M&O .278 I & S
Revenue		
Local	6,121,262	6,495,227
State	4,002,624	3,753,462
Federal	206,116	207,964
Total Revenues	10,330,002	10,456,653
Expenditures		
Instruction	5,656,311	5,768,541
Instructional Resources	297,420	333,586
Curriculum & Staff Dev.	67,533	78,416
School Leadership	536,548	639,987
Guidance/Counseling	192,805	200,891
Social Services	30,000	30,000
Health Services	71,065	78,099
Student Transportation	520,277	581,460
Food Services	397,256	473,030
Co-curricular/extra-curricular	492,328	554,737
General Administration	465,500	488,597
Plant Maintenance/Operation	1,006,280	1,344,689
Security & Monitoring	6,146	6,773
Debt Services	100,800	75,000
Payments to Fiscal Agents	163,000	225,000
Payments to JJAEP		5,000
Total Expenditures	10,003,269	10,883,806
Change in M&O Fund Balance	326,733	-427,153



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Congressman Carter speaks to Republican Women

Salado Area Republican Women will be hosting a luncheon Aug. 28 at Stone Creek Settlement Bed and Breakfast. The meeting will start at 11 a.m. for new member orientation followed by a 15 minute social time, preceding the noon day meeting.

The meeting will be conducted by Linda Hill, President of the local club.

United States Congressman John Carter will be the featured speaker and he promises time at the end of his talk for questions and answers.

The cost of the event, which is open to the public, is \$15.

Reservations may be made by mailing \$15 to SARW, Pac; P.O. Box 373; Salado, TX 76571. The

checks need to be received no later than Aug. 25. There will be limited seating so early reservations are encouraged.

The local club boasts a membership of 90 members at this time, stated Membership Vice President, Barclay McCort, and we hope to have one of our state officers provide the new member orientation.

Future programs include a dinner meeting Sept. 25 with guest speaker, Mayor Bill Jones of Temple. Mayor Jones will be presenting information and updates on the proposed light-rail system as well as other issues regarding energy and transportation.

Visitors are welcome.

LETTERS

never been opened up and certainly it should have not been covered up after it was opened. I suggest that before further action is taken on opening or closing that spring, whoever is involved may want to consider what Mother Nature had in mind when she created that spring. Mother Nature made that spring by following one simple rule of nature. She allowed the water to follow the line of least resistance.

That spring was here long before humans got into the picture. I am sure the spring has been covered by Mother Nature a few times throughout the years and Mother Nature opened that spring at some point each time after it was covered. Man may divert a flow of water created by Mother Nature, but totally blocking that flow will be extremely difficult. Mother Nature has time on her side. She may wait a few days or many years to overcome that done to her by man, but she will be the winner in the end.

In other words, I believe the water from that spring is going to come to the surface somewhere, some time, just as it did the first time it surfaced at that spot. By blocking the flow now you could very well be setting up a situation where it will make its next appearance from under Main Street, or any one of hundreds of places along Salado Creek. So rather than trying to stop the flow of water from that spring, I think it would be much better to try to give it another path to Salado Creek. Lord knows that creek could use the help to avoid looking like a sewage ditch, especially during the hot and dry summer months.

Using the excuse for covering the spring be-

cause it is a danger to children playing in it is a little weak. Now, I'm not saying children would not be at risk by playing in the bubbling spring, but trying to stop the flow of water from it by covering it with dirt and gravel is a little extreme. If it is such a danger to kids, why not put a fence around it, or cover it with some material that would allow the flowing water to be seen, but not give access by small kids. Anyway, if they are going to stop kids from playing in that spring by taking the extreme measure of trying to plug it, then someone should also take a look at all the kids playing in Salado Creek in the vicinity of the dam.

On weekends I see as many as 15 to 20 youngsters playing in that creek just west of the Main Street Bridge. I can guarantee that if you allow that many kids to play in a water hole week after week you will have one to get drowned sooner or later. So, if our city fathers want to do something really worthwhile, for a change, I think they should consider banning swimming or wading in Salado Creek or the city should have life guards there to protect the kids.

I'm sure the argument against life guards is that the parents or guardians are watching the kids. Well take my word for it; many a kid has drowned while under the watchful eye of a parent. It only takes about two seconds for a small child to disappear beneath the water, even when the water is only knee deep.

While I haven't addressed the issue of water pollution, the thought has crossed my mind about how safe is that water for swimming. From the looks of the algae and slime

growth I see, there has to be nutrients in that water and I'll bet some of those nutrients could be harmful to humans.

Sincerely,
Bob Smith
Salado

To the Editor:

"If you make any money, the government shoves you in the (Salado) creek once a year with it in your pockets, and all that don't get wet you can keep."

-- Will Rogers

While all over the country, the business community, citizenry and government alike are tightening their budget belts, your wise Village Alders in Salado are at the trough wearing elastic pants and prepared to put on suspenders. The proposed 2008-2009 budget not only taxes the average homeowner another \$300/year, it presents a 50 percent increase to 2007-2008 spending levels, and even then, will run a projected spending deficit of more than \$42,000, or 4.5 percent of anticipated receipts.

Within this budget, there's \$250,000 allocated for road resurfacing from the \$35,000 budgeted for 2007-2008, a modest 714 percent increase. Does anyone know where the \$35,000 in budgeted resurfacing occurred this year? What I know is that the age old ever growing pothole on Bluff Circle will still swallow your golf cart or small car. But there's another \$70,000 to deal with that problem, up from \$1,022 this year, a paltry 6,863 percent increase. That ought to be enough to cover that pesky pothole.

Meantime, there are few viable sidewalks on

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Main Street, the pedestrian bridge over Salado Creek is a lawsuit just waiting to bankrupt the village, and the golf course and surrounding Mill Creek community continue to be vandalized, yet the crime prevention budget was slashed by a third.

Alas, there's \$40,000 budgeted for yet another study. A study is another way of saying "we're politically afraid to make a hugely expensive decision right now but let's spend a lot of money, albeit less, to study it. That'll keep the septic system citizenry off our back ends as we shove this property tax down their leach fields." If public wastewater flows into production, at some point the Village Alders will find a way for you to pay for it, at least in part – and for the additional staff it will take to manage those leavings, even though you've bought and paid dearly for the system that runs right outside your home. And what will we invariably wind up with not so many years down the line? A Walgreen's caddy corner to a CVS down the street from a Walmart, Applebee's and McDonalds.

Do you hear the giant sucking sound?

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Brian Sunshine
Salado

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Amendment FROM PAGE 1A

Amended Budget with the anticipated expenses as well as the Proposed 2008-09 Budget can be found on page 11A.

The Budget Amendment makes two major decreases in spending and three major increases in spending.

The Amendment eliminates \$30,000 for a City Manager and eliminates \$24,000 in professional fees for planning.

The Amended Budget calls for total funds available of \$807,828. There is no "Total Available" or "Beginning Balance" amount for the anticipated revenues for this year.

However, if one takes the \$220,028 Beginning Balance of the Amended Budget adopted by Aldermen at their Aug. 7 meeting and add it to the anticipated revenues of \$599,355, the

Village of Salado will have an anticipated \$819,383 in funds available for 2007-2008.

The Amended Budget expenditures are \$693,046 for 2007-08; however, the anticipated expenditures are \$643,612. This approximate \$50,000 is due to spending in three chief areas. The Amended Budget calls for \$195,685 in Administrative Costs, while the anticipated expenditures is \$170,004. The Amended Budget sets the Police Department costs at \$216,450, while the anticipated costs are \$208,664. The Amended Budget for Maintenance is \$28,200; the anticipated costs for Maintenance are \$21,488.

The Aldermen will reconcile the differences in September when the board adopts a "Final Amended Budget."

The difference between an Adopted Budget in September and the Final

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Salado Eagles began practice last week. The defending Region IV Champions will have 23 seniors and nine juniors on the Varsity squad. The team will travel to Crawford for the first scrimmage of the year on Aug. 16 at 10 a.m. The following week, Salado will scrimmage China Springs, which is a state-ranked 3A team.

Eagles hope to continue success on football field

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With four returning starters on offense and seven returning starters on defense, the Salado Eagles varsity football team may be less affected by graduation of seniors than at first glance.

Salado will test its mettle in the first scrimmage of the year against perennial smashmouth football team the Crawford Pirates as the Eagles travel to Crawford to play at 10 a.m. Aug. 16.

The following week, the state semi-finalists and defending Region IV champions will face 3A China Spring in a scrimmage here in Salado at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Aug. 21.

Neither team are paties by any stretch of thought. Cheatham picked the opponents for their toughness. China Spring is ranked in

the top 10 in 3A, returning for the state finals, where they lost to Celina.

The Eagles will have 23 seniors on the team, many of whom started as juniors on the 8-1 junior varsity.

Returning to the varsity squad are Garret Ward (6'2", 210 lbs.) as starting quarterback. Ward moves from received to quarterback and will share time with Jerod Lutz (6', 165 lbs.) under center.

"Ward is more of our physical running kind of quarterback while Lutz will bring a lot of speed to the situation," Coach Jeff Cheatham said.

Lutz and Ward were both receivers on last year's 13-1 varsity squad. Lutz will also see time as a receiver, along with seniors Clayton Whitmire (6'2", 160 lbs.) and Tyler Wright (5'10", 175 lbs.).

"We've got a great re-

ceiving corps," Cheatham said, adding that the focus of the offense will be to get the ball in their hands.

The Eagles will continue to run the multiple I-offense that gave Salado such great success last year. With a receiver coming across in front of the quarterback at the snap, the offense will have many different looks for defenses to try to stop.

Defenses were not very successful at stopping the Salado Eagles last year and Coach Cheatham is hopeful of the same success.

He admits that the offensive line has "some inexperience" compared to last year's dominant squad, but the lineman match up well with last year's blockers.

The offensive line will be anchored by returning starting tackle Chase Stuckey (6'7", 275 lbs.), who was an All District player last year. Other starters include returners center Barton Grigsby (6'5", 245 lbs.) and guard Heath Bracken (6'4", 240 lbs.). Returners Tyler Coker (6'2", 255 lbs.) and Caleb Little (6'2", 255 lbs.) will share time at the offensive tight end position. Juniors Brandon Heller (6'2", 260 lbs.) and Caleb Hayslip (6'4", 260 lbs.) will move up to varsity this year.

Logan Foster (6', 175 lbs.) and Justin Berumen (5'11, 210 lbs.) return from last year's varsity squad to fill the runing back vacancies left by Seth Collins and Leo Galvan.

Coach Cheatham said that he expects to see Wright and Trae Liller (5'10", 165 lbs.) in the backfield as well.

Many of the starters will see action on both sides of the line of scrimmage.

The Eagles return four All District players to the defense, including Defensive Newcomer of the Year Ward at defensive end. Other All District return-

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Auxiliary learns of heart health

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The program will be presented by Cardiologist Catherine McNeal, M.D, PhD, Dr. McNeal is Assistant Professor of Medicine in Pediatrics at Scott and White Hospital. Her topic will be "What You Need to Know to Maintain Heart Health and Wellness."

All area women are invited to attend.

Clay classes offered at CAC

CAC Visual Arts Director/Curator Marilyn Ritchie is offering two new classes beginning in August at the Azalee Marshall CAC.

Tuesday Clay classes will be offered 6-9 p.m. each week Aug. 19- Sept. 23, and they are from 6-9 p.m. Friday Clay classes run 9 a.m. to noon weekly from Aug. 22 to Sept. 26.

Classes are \$95 per student plus \$10 for clay. To sign up, call 773-9926.



front l-r: Chelsie, Sarah back row: Danielle, Betty, and Leslie

Family Fitness lines up fall session

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Music & movement and pre-ballet taught at CAC

The Cultural Activities Center is offering Little Ones Music and Movement and Pre-Ballet this fall.

Instructor Marcia Beeksma will teach Little Ones Music and Movement and Pre-Ballet starting in September. Little Ones Music and Movement is for ages three and four and will be 5-5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the CAC. Pre-Ballet is for ages five and six and will be 5:30-6:15 p.m. on Tuesdays. The first session for each class will run from Sept. 9- 30. The next session is Oct. 7-28 and the last session will be

Nov. 4-25. Dates for the December session will be set at a later time.

Little Ones Music and Movement is an introductory dance class focusing on basic movement to music, spatial awareness, directionality, imaginative/creative movement, and musical awareness.

Pre-Ballet is a progressive class that will introduce the basic elements of ballet as well as dance. It will include instruction in elementary ballet positions and steps, musical elements such as rhythm

and tempo, and creative expression. Students will participate in warm-ups, barre work, and floor exercises designed to teach proper posture, balance, and spatial awareness. The class will also focus on using dance and creative movement to express emotions, action, and to tell stories.

Beeksma has been teaching ballet for the past year in Temple and has trained in ballet over a 20-year period at the Newcomb School of Ballet in Killeen. Beeksma enjoys teaching

ballet and children as she has taught kindergarten through 6th grades in the past.

To enroll your son or daughter in Little Ones Music and Movement or Pre-Ballet pre-registration is required. For Little Ones Music and Movement the cost is \$35 per month and for Pre-Ballet, the cost is \$40 per month.

To register for the class or for more information call the CAC at 254-773-9926 or visit us online at www.cacARTS.org.

Sales tax FROM PAGE 1A

million in August sales tax allocations to local governments, up 9.2 percent compared to August 2007. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are up 6.3 percent compared to this time last year.

Combs sent sales tax payments of \$393.1 million to Texas cities, up 8 percent compared to last August. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax revenues surpass 2007 by 5.4 percent.

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Village proposes .1777 tax

Village of Salado aldermen will consider adopting a tax rate of .1777 per \$100 evaluation following two public hearing in September on the proposed budget of \$945,570 in expenditures for 2008-09.

The board will conduct public hearings at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 4 and Sept. 18 at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Dr. Citizens can comment on the budget and the tax rate at that time.

Aldermen defeated a motion by Curtis Strong to raise the proposed tax rate to .20 per \$100 evaluation. The motion received a second from Michael Cooper, but was defeated by Bob Pascoe, Stephen Peters and Carol Walls voting against the increase in the proposed tax rate.

Peters offered a motion to cut the expenditures road maintenance by \$200,000, but it failed to received a second.

The proposed budget and tax rate can be viewed on page 11A of this issue of *Salado Village Voice*, as well as the amended budget for 2007-08 and the anticipated expenditures and revenues for 2007-08.

Aldermen will also conduct public hearings on the proposed Hotel Occupancy Tax budget for 2008-09.

The proposed budget is shown at right.

Village of Salado Proposed Hotel Occupany Tax Budget

Beginning Balance	\$57,443
Income	
4100 Occupancy Tax	\$274,700
4500 Interest Income	\$6,000
4700 Other Income	\$4,000
4810 Salary Income from CoC*	\$11,000
4820 Rent Income from CoC*	\$10,800
4830 Utility Income from CoC*	\$1,650
4840 Janitorial INcome from CoC*	\$1,560
Total Income	\$309,710
Total Available	\$367,153
Expenditures	
5000 Overhead	
5110 Salary (Director)	\$45,552
5112 Salary (assistant)	\$22,000
5115 Overtime/Part-time	\$5,000
5120 Benefits	\$4,400
5130 Payroll Taxes	\$1,700
5140 Dues & Subscriptions	\$3,500
5150 Insurance	\$925
5160 Training and Travel	\$7,100
5170 Office Supplies	\$4,000
5180 Postage	\$15,000
5185 Janitorial Services	\$3,120
5190 Telephone	\$2,960
5195 Utilities	\$4,650
5210 Legal Fees	\$1,500
5215 Audit Fees	\$1,000
5300 Rent	\$23,000
5310 Village Admin. Fee	\$3,000
Total Overhead Costs	\$156,407
6100 Sales & Marketing	
6110 Advertising/Marketing	\$80,000
6140 Trade Shows	\$14,600
6160 Design/Printing of Marketing	\$13,000
Total Sales & Marketing	\$107,600
6200 Visitor Services/Visitor Center	\$15,400
6450 Special Project	\$3,000
6500 Contingency	\$3,000
6520 Way-finding Signage	\$10,000
6530 Publicist	\$12,000
6540 Website	\$10,000
6550 Chocolate Festival	\$2,500
Total Expenses	\$319,907
Estimated Ending Balance	\$47,246

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Village of Salado Proposed Budget for 2008-2009

	2007-08 Amended (8/7/08)	2007-08 Anticipated	2008-09 Proposed
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance	\$220,028	\$220,028	\$174,700
INCOME			
4000 Ad Valorem Taxes (17.77 cents per \$100 evaluation)			\$353,864
4100 Tax Receipts	\$347,000	\$355,585	\$337,000
4120 Sales Tax		\$350,243	\$330,000
4140 Mixed Beverage		\$5,337	\$4,000
4200 Franchise Fees	\$186,000	\$179,662	\$182,000
4210 Electric		\$111,565	\$112,000
4230 Telephone		\$51,624	\$52,000
4240 Waste Disposal		\$9,478	\$11,000
4250 Cable		\$2,995	\$3,000
4290 Water		\$4,000	\$4,000
4300 Development Fee	\$25,100	\$22,784	\$16,100
4320 Subdivision		\$1,257	\$1,000
4340 Building permits		\$17,813	\$11,000
4350 Sign permit fee		\$120	\$200
4360 Inspections		\$497	\$500
4370 Contractor Registration		\$2,872	\$3,000
4375 Zoning Request		\$225	\$400
4500 Municipal Court	\$14,000	\$22,848	\$18,000
4550 Court Fees		\$21,504	\$17,000
4580 Technology Fee		\$777	\$600
4585 Security Fee		\$567	\$400
4600 Fire Department Burn Fees	\$400	\$280	\$300
4671 Rental Fees, Pace Park	\$6,000	\$5,574	\$5,000
4700 Misc Income	\$1,00	\$219	\$200
4750 Tourism Council Administrative	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
4760 Solicitation/Itinerant Vendor	\$500	\$1,500	\$1,000
4800 Interest Income	\$6,000	\$8,358	\$9,000
4900 Other Income	\$0	\$750	\$0
Total Income	\$587,800	\$599,355	\$921,464
Total Available	\$807,828	\$819,383	\$1,096,164
EXPENDITURES			
5000 Administrative Expense Totals	\$195,685	\$170,004	\$186,160
5100 Salary - Admin		\$38,115	\$39,260
5102 Overtime Admin.		\$1,541	\$2,000
5103 Hourly Admin		\$3,181	\$7,500
5104 City Manager		\$0	\$0
5110 Benefits		\$3,436	\$2,900
5120 Payroll Taxes		\$1,281	\$2,000
5140 Dues & Fees		\$6,544	\$6,600
5150 Election Expense		\$1,484	\$1,500
5160 Insurance		\$11,131	\$14,000
5170 Training & Travel		\$3,307	\$3,000
5180 Office Supplies		\$3,821	\$6,500
5190 Printing Exp.		\$753	\$600
5195 Meeting Expenses		\$1,087	\$1,500
5200 Postage		\$1,553	\$1,600
5210 Telephone		\$3,264	\$3,200
5221 Professional Fee: Planning/Misc		\$0	\$0
5222 Professional Fee: Engineering		\$8,086	\$40,000
5224 Professional Fee: Auditor		\$6,225	\$7,000
5226 Professional Fee: Inspections		\$11,540	\$10,000
5228 Professional Fee: Legal		\$44,538	\$20,000
5260 Public Notice		\$5,711	\$7,000
5270 Equipment- Leased		\$3,398	\$5,500
5275 Equipment- Maintenance		\$2,189	\$3,000
5280 Equipment- Purchased		\$9,175	\$900
5285 Cell Phone		\$644	\$600
6100 Municipal Building Totals	\$93,721	\$92,960	\$18,000
6110 Mortgage: Principal		\$72,145	\$0
6120 Mortgage: Interest		\$2,474	\$0
6130 Maint./ Repair		\$6,044	\$5,000
6135 Building Supplies		\$849	\$1,000
6140 Utilities		\$11,448	\$12,000
6150 Signage			
6200 Fire Dept.	\$25,200	\$25,285	\$25,200
6210 Burn Fees		\$285	\$200
6220 Contract		\$25,000	\$25,000
6300 Marketing/Website	\$850	\$1,224	\$5,000
6400 Municipal Court	\$7,740	\$6,589	\$8,000
6410 Salary- Judge		\$5,301	\$5,300
6420 Payroll Taxes		\$460	\$500
6430 Supplies		\$148	\$800
6431 Technology Fee			\$500
6432 Security Fee			\$300
6440 Judge Training		\$680	\$600
6470 Code Enforcement	\$22,000	\$21,273	\$24,000
6500 Police Department	\$216,450	\$208,664	\$235,110
6510 Salary- Chief of Police		\$45,149	\$45,150
6515 Salary- Officers		\$89,349	\$88,760
6520 Salary- Overtime		\$8,459	\$10,000
6530 Payroll Taxes		\$2,501	\$3,000
6535 Benefits		\$24,988	\$25,000
6540 Officer Equipment		\$1,682	\$4,000
6545 Training & Travel		\$1,267	\$3,000
6550 Office Equipment & Forms		\$5,503	\$5,600
6555 Cell Phones/ Communications		\$4,274	\$21,200
6560 Auto		\$0	\$0
6565 Fuel		\$18,989	\$20,000
6570 Repair/Maintenance		\$4,474	\$3,400
6575 Reserve Officers/ Police Chaplin			\$5,000
6580 Jail Expense			\$0
6585 Crime Prevention		\$1,993	\$1,000
6600 Street Maint.	\$58,600	\$55,583	\$341,200
6610 Resurfacing		\$35,000	\$250,000
6620 Pot Holes		\$1,022	\$70,000
6630 Other		\$1,410	\$1,000
6640 Signage		\$1,009	\$3,000
6645 Public Facility Rental		\$7,200	\$7,200
6650 Utilities		\$9,942	\$10,000
6660 Maintenance	\$28,200	\$21,488	\$45,400
6661 Maint.- Salary		\$13,443	\$23,400
6662 Maint.- Overtime		\$1,253	\$1,900
6663 Maint.- Payroll Taxes		\$506	\$1,000
6664 Maint.- Benefits		\$1,739	\$2,000
6665 Maint.- Supplies		\$3,444	\$10,500
6666 Maint.- Vehicle		\$1,103	\$3,000
6667 Maint.- Fuel		\$0	\$3,600
6670 Pace Park	\$17,100	\$15,958	\$18,000
6671 Pace Park- Salary		\$11,425	\$13,000
6672 Pace Park- Utilities		\$2,498	\$3,000
6673 Pace Park- Maint. & Repairs		\$2,035	\$2,000
7100 Animal Control	\$2,500	\$1,608	\$1,500
7200 Contingency	\$5,000	\$9,240	\$5,000
7300 Emergency Operations	\$20,000	\$13,378	\$33,000
Total Expenses Before Capital Outlay	\$693,046	\$643,612	\$945,570
Estimated Year End Balance	\$114,782	\$175,771	\$150,594
Capital Outlay for Police Car	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$18,000
Ending Balance after Capital Outlay	\$108,782	\$169,771	\$132,594



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Salado Methodist add new worship service beginning August 24

The Salado United Methodist Church announced today that they will begin a new worship service on Aug. 24.

The service will feature contemporary praise and worship music. This will be in addition to the current 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. services, which are both traditional worship services.

The music will be led by Kyle Grimes. Grimes is a senior at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. He is a guitar player that has been leading worship for a number of years now.

Mary Bentley will lead the vocals. Bentley is a member of Salado United Methodist Church. She

has been a blessing to the congregation with her singing in the church since she was young.

Rev. Brady Johnston will be preaching at the service. Rev. Johnston has served as Associate Pastor of Salado United Methodist Church for the last three years.

The service will take place in the chapel at 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Rev. Johnston would like to extend an invitation to the community to gather with them for worship. "We are excited about this new opportunity to serve Salado" he adds.

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SSWS President, Pat Broecker, Molly White and Dorothy Dentry, Program Chairman.

Dir. of Redeemed Life Ministries address St. Stephen Women

The St. Stephen Women's Society held their August meeting recently with fellowship and refreshments, getting acquainted with new members time and starting out their year that extends from August 2008 to August 2009.

Following the fellowship, Molly White, Founder and director of Redeemed for Life Ministries, Inc. and Women for Life International, Inc. presented the program. White has a degree in psychology from the University of

Mary Hardin Baylor and is a national and international speaker on Women's issues. She is currently the host of a new television documentary: "Beyond the Dark Valley" which will debut in the Dallas area this month.

Democratic women meet Aug. 16

The Bell County Texas Democratic Women will meet on Aug. 16 at the Bell County North Annex, 1605 N. Main in Belton.

Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting begins a 10 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Dian Ruud, PhD., State Democratic Executive Committee Woman for Senate District 24. Her topic will be "Healthy Women, Healthy Families: A Texas Coalition Project."

All area Democratic Women are invited to attend and new members are welcome.

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Church

Emily Fuller weds Brandon Benton

Aug. 9 at Canyon of Eagles, Burnet



Emily Mary Pauline Fuller of Killeen, formerly of Belton, and Brandon Lee Benton of Killeen, formerly of Sacramento, California, exchanged vows on Aug. 9, at Canyon of the Eagles in Burnet. The outdoor ceremony was held at Rattlesnake Point on Lake Buchanan. Justice Ted Duffield officiated and a reception was held in the Live Oak Room after the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Fred and Michele Fuller of Belton. She is the granddaughter of Billy Fuller of Salado and the late Ray Fuller, Polly Fully and Mary Fuller of Salado, as well as Clifford LeGette of San Francisco, California. The bridegroom is the son of Gemma Benton and Bear Jackson of Susanville, California and Bruce and Nancy Benton of Antelope, California. He is the grandson of Eugenia Bigelow, Neva and Harlan Benton, and the late John Bigelow, all of Sacramento, California.

The bride wore an elegant white strapless satin lace-up gown with pick-up pleats and a sweep train. Maid of Honor was Tasha Gonzalez of Fremont, California. Bridesmaids were Nichole Ford of Temple, and Heather Boyd of Sacramento, California, sister of the

Lubbock, and Lyle Walker of Denver, Colorado, who served in Iraq with the groom. Ushers were Travis Fuller and Clayton Fuller of Belton, and Mark Fuller of Temple, brothers of the bride.

The bride graduated in 2005 from Belton High School and is pursuing a Psychology degree at Tarleton University. She is a Mental Health Associate at Cedar Crest Hospital in Belton.

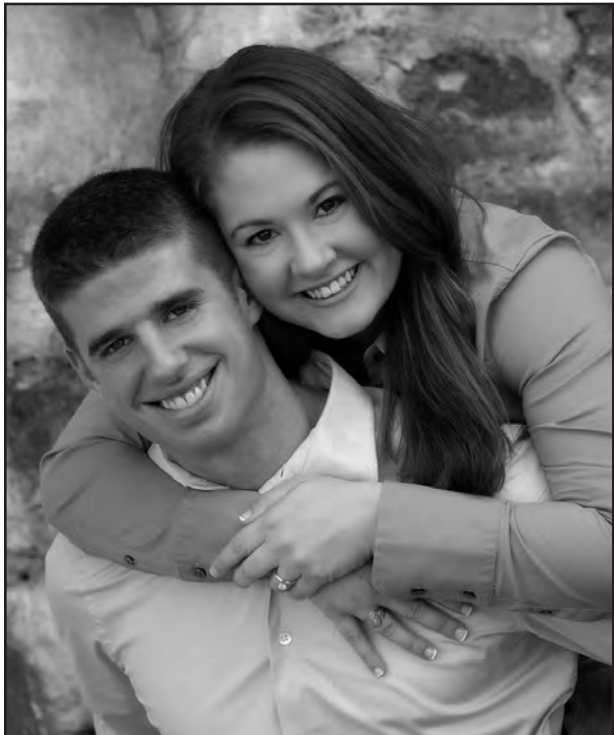
The groom attended high school in Lebanon, Oregon and Antelope, California and graduated in 2002. He recently completed six years of service in the U.S. Army and served two tours of duty in Iraq.

After a honeymoon in Fiji, the couple will reside in Killeen.

The bride's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at Canyon of the Eagles.

Mrs. Brandon Lee Benton, nee Emily Mary Pauline Fuller

groom. Best man was James Small of Roseville, California, childhood friend of the groom. Grooms- men were Eli Garcia of



Adria Raley to wed Brad Ray

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Raley -Ray upcoming nuptials announced

Rick and Martha Raley of Temple announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Adria Raley to Brad Ray of Salado.

The couple plan to wed Aug. 30 in a double ring ceremony held at Saint Williams Catholic Church in Round Rock.

Brad Ray is the son of Debby and Jeff Aldridge of Salado and Terry and Kathleen Ray of Round Rock.

Adria Raley a 2002 Salado High School graduate and a 2006 graduate of Texas A&M, is a Marketing Magazine Production Manager with Dell Inc. Brad Ray a 2003 Salado High School graduate and a 2007 graduate of Texas A&M, is an Austin Police Officer.

and Community



Sonterra Fellowship in Jarrell broke ground on the new church building Aug. 3. The new 10,000 sf structure is appraised at \$1M. The new worship and children/youth space will be located at 1460 CR 313 in Jarrell. The church will continue holding services in the Jarrell Cougar Plaza, behind the McDonald's until the construction is completed in September 2009. Sonterra will celebrate its second anniversary. In two years they now average 180 people in attendance on a weekly bases. For the ground breaking ceremony 242 adults and children were in attendance.

Trisha Leigh Graxiola graduates UMHB

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor summer Commencement was held Aug. 9, in the Mayborn Campus Center on campus.

This was the university's 152nd graduating class. One hundred and six students were awarded degrees. Of these, 82 received baccalaureate degrees and 24 received master's degrees. Among the gradu-

ates was Saladoan, Trisha Leigh Graxiola earning a BPS.

Student awards given during the ceremony included the Alpha Chi Award for highest overall GPA which went to Donald Bechtel of Belton and the Loyalty Cup for the student who is most representative of the ideals, traditions and spirit of the university went to Jordan Jones of Belton.

Our Lady of Guadalupe holds Fall Fest

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will hold its Annual Fall Fiesta Jamaica 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 31 at 707 South 6th St in Temple. The festivities include food, game booths, country store, bingo, Mexican loteria, folklorico dancers, Danza performances, mariachis, DJ, live entertainment, train ride car show live auction and raffle.

The highlight of the festivities will be the coronation of the 2008-09 Fall Fiesta Queen at 2 p.m.

Candidates for Queen are Sabrina Hernandez and Laura Perez

The live auction is at 3 p.m. and the drawing for the raffle prizes begin at 6 p.m.

The raffle ticket features the grand prize of a \$500 MC gift card. Other prizes include a 26 inch HD-TV, Pressure Washer, Portable GPS car navigator, dvd player and two Apple Ipod shuffle MP3 players. To purchase tickets call 254-773-6779.

Obituaries

Eva Juanita Warrick services held Aug 12

Funeral services for Eva Juanita Warrick, 85 of Salado, were held Aug. 12 at Dossman Funeral Home of Belton with Rev. Derald Dugger officiating. Interment followed at Salado Cemetery.

Eva Juanita Warrick died Aug. 8, 2008 in a Bartlett care center.

Eva Warrick was born Feb. 8, 1923 in Prairie Dell the daughter of John F. and Gussie (Tisdale) Alexander. She married William Lynn Warrick on May 25, 1939 in Jarrell. Warrick was retired form Forth Hood where she worked as a Dental Assistant. She was a member of the American Dental Association, Salado Chamber

of Commerce Auxiliary, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Salado for more than 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William Lynn Warrick and one grandson Scotty Tomlin.

She is survived by her daughter, Betty Kirkpatrick of Salado; one son, Donnie Warrick of Salado; one sister, Ruby Townsend of Salado; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Visitation was held Aug. 11, at Dossman Funeral Home.

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Townfolks in play plus Chase film



The angora-chaps-wearing hero, Ranger Sam Houston “Tex” is played by Grainger Esch and Kevin C. Carr of Round Rock is Snidely H. Whiplash, the Villain.

The Silver Spur Theater’s Fourth Annual Melodrama, “Perry’s Hatter Is Up the Creek” has been greeted weekend after weekend with a chorus of boos and hisses from the assembled audiences, and the Writer-Director Gary D. Askins couldn’t be more pleased.

“This is what melodramas and live theater are supposed to be all about,” Askins admits. “I love it that our village and theatre guests are so involved in this year’s show. Our crowds, mostly families, are encouraged to audibly participate, even throwing popcorn at the villains! The jeers turn to cheers for the heroes -- and the actors -- by the end of the play, I

assure you.”

Heroes, gorillas, villains and ordinary townfolks were seen earlier this summer chasing through the historic village and along the bucolic creek as part of the melodrama-silent cinema summer hijinks subtitled: “The Deathly Secret Half-blood Prisoner’s Phoenix Stone Goblet.” The play spoofs Harry Potter books, with generous helpings of political satire and slapstick comedy.

Performances continue through Aug. 23, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights with 2 p.m. Saturday matinees. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for senior citizens (65 and over) and military personnel, and \$10 for children (12 and under); and \$12, \$10 and \$8, respectively for matinees. For group prices, reservations or more information, call 254-947-3456 or visit www.saladosilverspur.com.

“This latest melodrama from Gary’s pen may well be his best script yet,” says Grainger Esch, Co-founder and Executive Director of the Spur. The 150-seat proscenium theater was developed in 2003 in the historic Sanford & Guest Granary and Feed Store (at 108 Royal St.).

“Come prepared to dis’ the villain and to support the heroes as they attempt to save damsels in distress and to protect innocent villagers from the evil clutches of rampaging apes and evil personified -- Snidely H. Whiplash,” advises Askins. The playwright and retired master teacher of theatre at Salado High School is an original member of the Spuraldical Players.

“As always, the show will include – on our screen – our own 20-minute silent movie chase sequence through the streets and businesses of Salado,” he explained. “The cinematic sequence is a contemporary take on the classic beginnings of modern movie making.”

“We had the able assistance, both enthusiastic and reluctant, of several of Salado’s most famous and infamous citizens, including members of the state championship baseball team,” he noted. “Of course, the film is complemented by the live musical accompaniment arranged and performed by pianist Nelda Milligan of Harker Heights.”

The Silver Spur Theater strives to revive a bygone era of family entertainment, offering a blend of live vaudeville acts, live music, stage plays and classic cinema.

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Shy Tree plays at Silver Spur

The Las Vegas Rock/Pop band Shy Tree is making its first Texas appearances, 7 p.m. Aug. 17, at the Silver Spur Theater.

The emerging alternative radio rock band will be showcasing often uplifting secular songs. Lead guitar player Josh Brown, a 1998 SHS graduate is the son of Mike and Rita Oden of Salado.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children (12 and under), with group discounts available. Tickets are available at the Silver Spur box office, 108 Royal St., 254-947-3456, by phone or online. Visit: www.saladosilverspur.com.

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AUGUST 14

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, Salado Civic Center. Social time will begin at 9:30 with the meeting to follow at 10. The program will be presented by Cardiologist Catherine McNeal, M.D., PhD: "What You Need to Know to Maintain Heart Health and Wellness."

AUGUST 14

Teen Computer Class at Salado Public Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Internet etiquette: Myspace Myths and Realities.

AUGUST 17

Shy Tree will perform in concert at 7 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur Theater on Royal St. Josh Brown and his wife Alison are members of the band. For more information, visit www.shytreet.com. Ticket availability to be announced.

AUGUST 19

Salado Rotary Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Stagecoach Inn dining room.

AUGUST 20

Noon Book Review at Salado Public Library.

AUGUST 21

Summer Book Talks and Poetry Readings at Salado Public Library, various readers. 7-7:50 p.m.

AUGUST 21

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen, 6:30 p.m., 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Open to the public.

AUGUST 23

Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony for Salado High School, 10 a.m. 1880 Williams Dr.

AUGUST 23

Salado Athletic Booster Club Annual Reverse Raffle. Salado High School. Max Heiner is Chairperson, 254-947-1192.

AUGUST 26

Salado Rotary Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Stagecoach Inn dining room.

AUGUST 27

Salado Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center. Speaker will be Mr. Drew Pittman, a professional sports agent.

SEPTEMBER 4-6

Fall Frolic Shop Hop at A Sewing Basket, 560 N. Main St., Call 947-5423.

SEPTEMBER 14

Annual Horses to Harleys Trail Ride and Bike Run to benefit Children's Miracle Network. Trail ride begins 8:30 a.m. at Bo's Barn. Trail ride info from Jody Folsom, 254-760-7891. Bike run begins 8:30 a.m. at Ft. Hood Harley Davidson. Bike run information, Dave Curtis, 254-394-2824,

SEPTEMBER 16

Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas, luncheon meeting, 1:30 p.m. Ambrosia Tea Room on Main Street.

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. Showtimes at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call 254-947-9205 for information.

OCTOBER 1

Institute for Humanities at Salado Lecture, 6-8 p.m. Lord Conference Center, University of Mary Hardin Baylor. Featuring Cal Thomas and Bob Beckel. For info, call 947-5729 or email ifh@vvm.com.

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OCTOBER 6

Saladobration, the annual fund raiser for the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS); 6:30 p.m., Creekside at Tenroc Ranch.

OCTOBER 7

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

OCTOBER 8

Texas Historical Marker dedication for missionaries Kate Crawford Taylor and Zachary Clay Taylor, First Baptist Church, 6:15 p.m.

OCTOBER 10-11

Christmas in October at Salado Civic Center.

OCTOBER 11

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

OCTOBER 11-12

Salado's Chocolate & Art Festival Expressions of good taste. Chocolate & wine tasting, chocolate demonstrations, sampling and gallery tour. Sunday Chocolate Champagne Brunch. Contact the Salado Tourism Dept. 254-947-8634 or salado_tourism@vvm.com

OCTOBER 11-12

A Christmas Carol and Fright Trail auditions. 3 p.m. at Tablerock.

OCTOBER 15

Community prayer breakfast, 7-8:30 a.m., Salado United Methodist Church, Royal Street, Sponsored by Salado Area Republican Women.

OCTOBER 21

Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas, luncheon meeting, 1:30 p.m. Ambrosia Tea Room on Main Street.

OCTOBER 18

Institute for Humanities at Salado Lecture, 5-7 p.m. Longhorn Conference Center, Stagecoach Inn. Featuring Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi. For info, call 947-5729 or email ifh@vvm.com.

OCTOBER 22-24

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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.

NOVEMBER 9

Institute for Humanities at Salado Lecture, 4-6 p.m., Creekside dining room of Mill Creek. Featuring Edwin "Bud" Shrake. For info, call 947-5729 or email ifh@vvm.com.

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

A Christmas Carol at Tablerock Salado, Inc. 7 p.m. \$10 Adults \$5 Student \$3 Child (12 & under). Call 947-9205 or www.tablerock.org.

DECEMBER 11

Christmas Party for Mill Creek Community Association. Details to be announced.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

After a beginning player has taken part in a few thousand hands of bridge, it is natural for him to conclude that certain similar situations in the bidding or the play tend to repeat themselves. As a result, the beginner may develop a tendency to follow whatever his previous experiences have taught him.

But after playing another few thousand deals, the serious player has learned that each case has to be taken on its own merits. Exceptions arise where common sense favors abandoning standard practice because of a particular set of circumstances.

Consider this deal where South was in three notrump and West led the diamond nine. The normal play for East would be to win with the ace and continue with the queen. This would establish East's long suit and presumably allow him to defeat the contract by eventually scoring his remaining diamonds after gaining the lead with the

ace of spades. But any East who allowed his reasoning to stop right there on this deal would, in effect, be playing with his eyes closed. He would be overlooking the simple reality that with a diamond return at trick two, declarer will collect at least nine tricks -- seven clubs, a heart and a diamond -- before East can score five.

Having gotten that far, East would therefore shift to the ace of spades at trick two in hopes of finding partner with at least four spades headed by the K-10 or K-9. East would then continue with the queen and the five to quickly put the contract down one.

Following standard procedure may work well in the great majority of cases, but it should not

West dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	J 8		
♥	A J		
♦	J 3		
♣	A K Q J 8 4 3		
WEST		EAST	
♠	K 9 7 2	♠	A Q 5
♥	8 7 6 5	♥	9 4 3 2
♦	9 5	♦	A Q 10 8 7
♣	9 6 2	♣	7
SOUTH			
♠	10 6 4 3		
♥	K Q 10		
♦	K 6 4 2		
♣	10 5		

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1 ♣ 1 ♦ 1 NT
Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

be forgotten that there are times when the usual practice must be forsaken. The present case is clearly one of those times.

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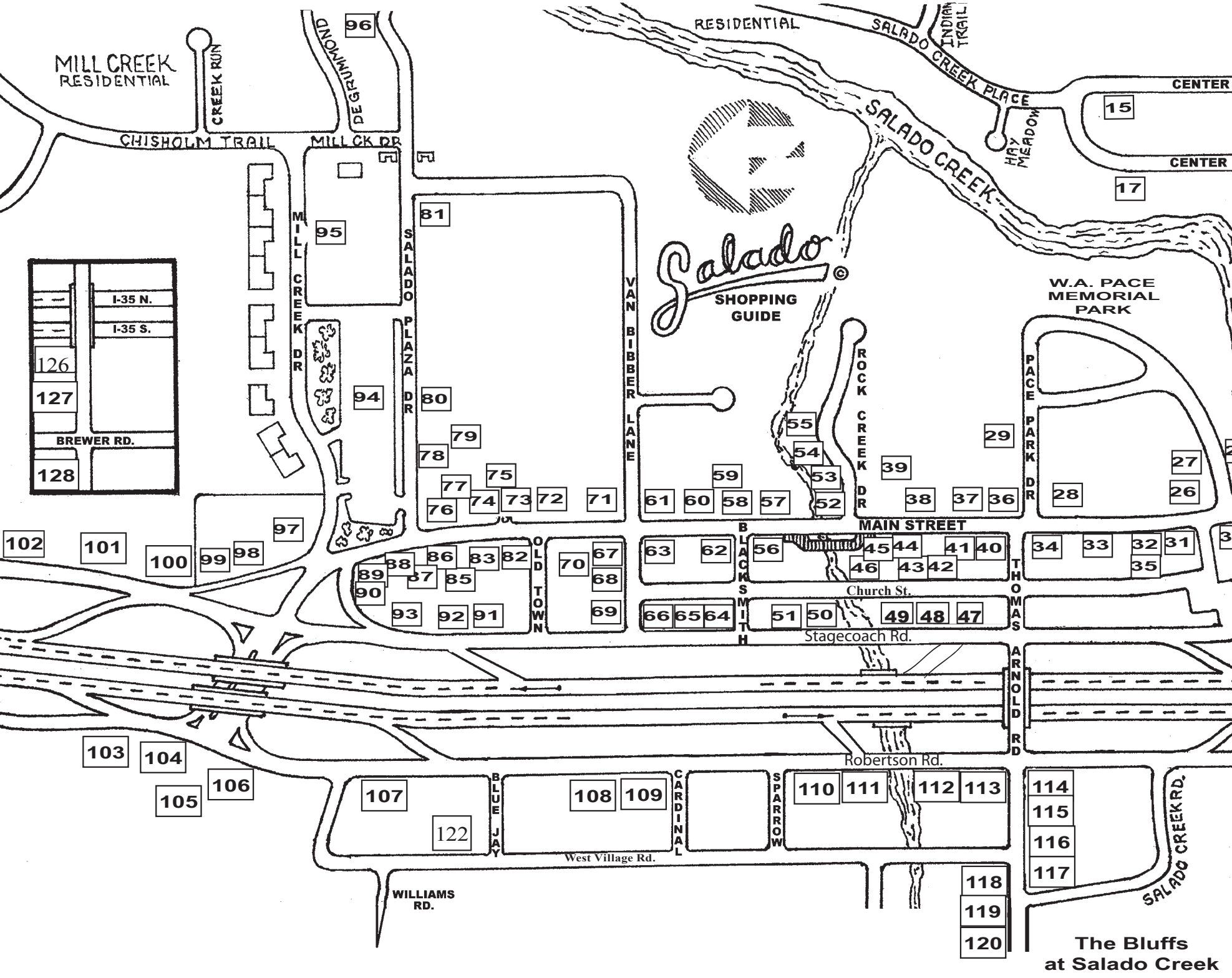
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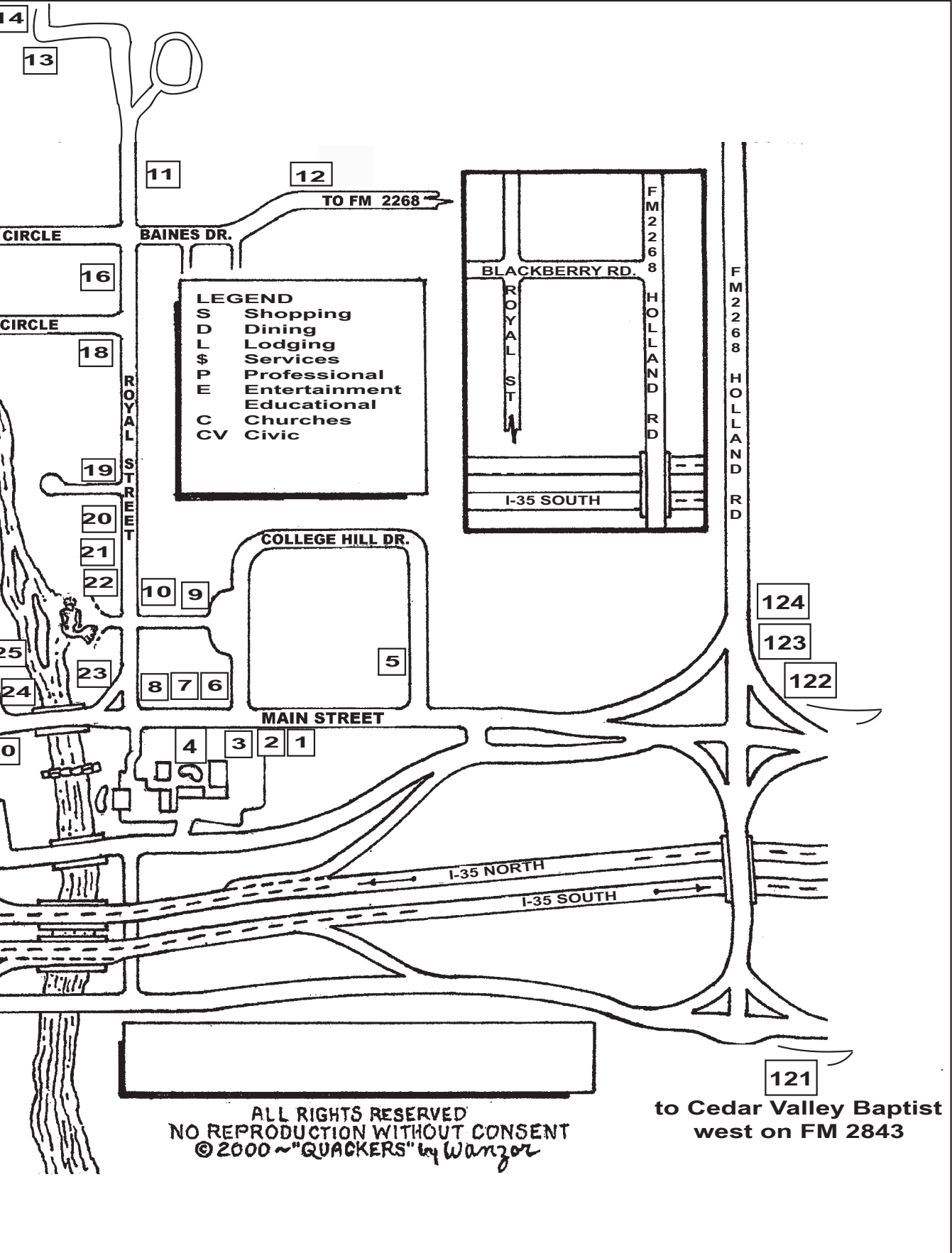
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1 Tibetan monk
5 "— & Order: Criminal Intent"
8 Imperfection
12 Opposite of "sustain," in a courtroom
14 Highway division
15 Octopus' arm
16 Bits and pieces
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18 Persian Gulf state
20 Ill-deserved
23 Kelly or Rayburn
24 Authentic
25 Spirally plant stem
28 "Platoon" locale
29 Surpass
30 Filch from
32 Lease signatories
34 Corrupt
35 Therefore
36 Supermarket section
37 Part of RAM
40 Hostel
41 Fat
42 "Enoch"
43 Arden" poet
47 Verbal
48 Climbing the fort walls?

DOWN

1 Realtor's offering
2 "Hail!"
3 Chaps
4 Willy
5 Linus' sister
6 Every iota
7 Time off, for many
8 Bouquet
9 component
10 "Doctor Zhivago" role
11 Opposed to
13 Into the sunset
19 Exceptional
20 Destroy
21 Coffee-shop vessel
22 Tidy
23 Lord's wife
25 Reach
26 Wolfram
27 Rainbow
29 Just hang about
31 Galley tools
33 Hive denizen
34 Thread transporter
35 Old 45s, e.g.
36 Kournikova of tennis
37 Lotion additive
38 Singer Vikki
39 Grouch
40 Part of the foot?
43 Superlative suffix
44 Perched
45 Praise in verse
46 Fresh

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Eat food in its natural state

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By Kevin McCauley

Recently I have received a number of questions covering a vast array of topics, most concerning people's health and fitness. Over the next couple of weeks I will answer these questions.

1. Question: I have been making a major effort at improving the quality of my foods, frequency of meals and proper food combinations. I am beginning to feel the difference in my energy levels and my metabolism. What tip might you give me concerning my desire to continue improving my well-being?

Answer: You may have heard the saying, "you are what you eat" and actually that is incorrect. The correct saying should be, "you are what you assimilate." Because you are making a real effort on improving your food intake, here is a tip that can make all the difference in the world, "drink your food, and chew your liquids". Proper digestion is essential for the quality of health you are desirous of achieving. Though this can be a somewhat complex topic, here are some basic tips that will benefit you at your next meal: 1) chew your food until it is ground into a fine paste, 2) eat in a relaxing environment, and 3) only sip on water during the meal.

These three simple behavioral changes will enable you to assimilate the majority of the food you are consuming and will also decrease your chance of gastro-intestinal issues in the future.

2. Question: You have mentioned on numerous occasions the challenges with pasteurized and homogenized commercialized dairy. What are some other options?

Answer: The lowest quality of dairy products that I would recommend for you and your family would be pasteurized and homogenized "organic", grass-fed cow's milk. If you can find goat's milk in your grocery store of choice I would try that as well. A grass-fed goat's milk is "naturally" homogenized, loaded with nutrients that are void in grain-fed cow's milk, and is more similar to human mother's milk than that of

the cows (improving assimilation and decreasing chances of intolerance and allergies).

My recommendation for finding raw and whole milk in your area can be found at this web address: <http://www.realmilk.com/>. You will also be able to find other products like: cheese, ice cream and yogurt.

3. Question: I am finding it difficult to get my child to eat anything of substance for breakfast, but she does like to drink 8-12 ounces of orange juice every morning. What do you think of orange juice as a breakfast food?

Answer: Commercialized pasteurized orange juice should be considered a convenience food. The reason for this is simple; eight ounces of orange juice contains one hundred calories of sugar! Plus, the benefits that might come with a glass of fresh-squeezed orange juice are non-existent as the pasteurization and oxidation of the juice kill and destroy anything that might resemble beneficial nutrients for your child. So, your child is consuming 100-150 calories of sugar with little to no nutritional value, which leaves him/her with what I would define as "convenience food".

My recommendation would be to "eat foods in their natural state" which would mean in this case; eating an orange and drinking a glass of "filtered" water. This way, your child consumes less sugar and calories, but benefits from increased nutrient and fiber intake and improved hydration.

Breakfasts that create sugar spikes and hormonal imbalances are poor choices for anybody and are a primary reason that children today struggle with energy level issues, weight-gain and ADD.

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By KAREN KINNISON

Uggghhh. The dog days of summer are here. The Art Fair is over and I don't know how those people survived it. Anyone out there doing the rain dance? Two tropical storms and still no rain in Bell County. But we are still here for you--- rain or no rain.

Also, with fall fast on our heels let me mention the adult programs Miss Lainie is working on. Here are some to take note of:

Noon Book Reviews every 3rd Wednesday

New. Adult Harvard Classics Evening Book Club, 3rd Thursdays at 7 p.m. Teen Advisory Group Meetings, 2nd Thursdays

Teen Book Talks, Teen Read Week in October, High School Seminars

Haiku Society, last Thursday of each month at 4 pm

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Local Author's Reception Poetry Readingsand more. Look for notice of these events in this column and mark your calendars.

For the August Noon Book Review, Wednesday,

Check It Out



News & Notes from Salado Public Library

Aug. 20, I will review The Years of Lyndon Johnson: The Path to Power by Robert Caro. Aug. 27 is LBJ's 100th birthday.

For those of you who have requested books by romance and inspirational novelist, Francine Rivers, we have two new titles: Redeeming Love and A Lineage of Grace.

NEW IN FICTION:

The Bourne Sanction by Eric Van Lustbader (Robert Ludlum)

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by
Tumbleweed
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Tommy Lucia grew up in Minnesota during some rough times. When he was eleven years old he set pins in a bowling alley until 1 AM and had three paper routes. His mother worked day and night to feed the family. When he was fifteen he went to his first rodeo and his life was changed forever.

“I wanted to be a bull rider,” says Tommy, who now lives in Weatherford. “So I started going to rodeos, competing in bull riding and bareback events. It was a challenge to see if I was tough enough.”

He became a rodeo clown at age 19 and for 20 years performed at rodeos all over the country, including the National Finals Rodeo. During that time he trained animals for various clown routines.

“I would train a goat, a dog or a horse. I had a lot of original acts and used all kinds of animals. It takes a long time to train one. You have to get to know the animal and he has to know you.”

He quit clowning in about 1982 and started doing specialty acts. At rodeo arenas these days, he has a monkey named Whiplash who rides a border collie while the dog pens some sheep.

“The sheep are Bar-bado. I use those because they stay so wild and it makes the dog really have to work. I’ve been using Whiplash for more than 35 years. He rides in a special saddle made by Cactus Saddlery in Greenville that makes saddles for the National Finals rodeo. It’s a very light; custom fit saddle for the dog’s back. It’s not like a saddle for a horse where you cinch it up. We don’t draw it tight because we want the dog to be able to breathe good and have freedom of movement. It takes a long time to get that just right so Whiplash can ride and balance himself. Of course his tail is wrapped around the dog. His front feet have hold of the hair on the dog’s front shoulders and he’s got the saddle horn or bars to hang onto. So he sits up there and rides.”

The monkey and dog make a good team. No matter how many quick stops and turns the dog makes, the monkey stays on. During the act he wears a shirt, bandana and hat and makes all sorts of movements when the dog is crouched on the arena floor. He’ll look at people in the stands or reach down and pick up some dirt.

“I don’t think the word teach is in the monkey’s realm of understanding. I call it negotiate. You have to make it interesting for the animal, something they’re going to like to do.”

This Whiplash is 21 years old and has a special room in Tommy’s house.

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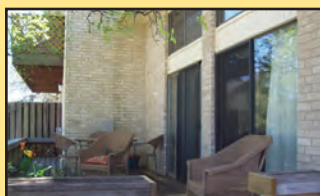
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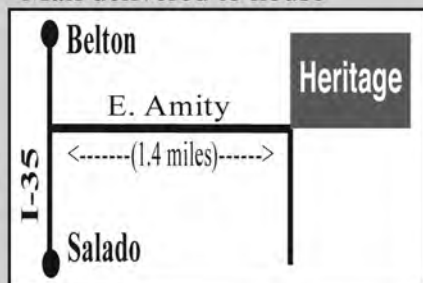


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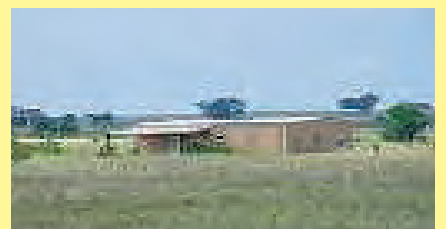
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2007 – 2008 BUDGET AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS AMENDING THE 2007 – 2008 VILLAGE ACCOUNT BUDGET, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code allows local governments to amend the budget as needed; and

WHEREAS, due to unexpected events during the current fiscal year, the Board of Aldermen see a need to amend the current budget to reflect the necessity of adequate monies in the appropriate accounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.

In order to make the current adopted budget reflect more accurate expenditures, the 2007 – 2008 Village Account Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Decrease account 5104 – City Manager, from \$30,000.00 to \$0

Increase account 5228 – Legal, from \$20,000.00 to \$46,000.00;

Increase account 6110 – Mortgage Principal, from \$18,000.00 to \$72,146.00;

Decrease account 6120 – Mortgage Interest, from \$6,000.00 to \$2,475.00;

Decrease account 5221 – Professional Fees, Planning, from \$24,000.00 to \$0.00;

Increase account 7300 – Emergency Operations, from \$4,000.00 to \$20,000.00;

Increase account 6666 – Maintenance Vehicle, from \$3,000 to \$8,800

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A: A wire stripper (usually a cutter/stripper) and a tester are among the basic ingredients of an electrical repair set. Most apartment dwellers will not (and should not) need to perform repairs to their wiring. However, like the rest of the items in the tool kit you received from your dad, they are handy to have around and may make an appearance while decorating the place. (Putting up a new light fixture or ceiling fan is one immediate use that comes to mind.)

A good basic electrical tool set can be put together for between \$20 and \$100 and should include the fol-

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--A neon tester, which will tell you whether power is on in a socket, switch or receptacle.

--A wire cutter/stripper to cut small wires and strip some of the plastic casing from the ends (very useful when attaching wires to fixtures).

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Some of these tools are helpful in other areas besides electrical work -- needle-nose pliers, for example, are a big help when hanging pictures, as they can quickly crimp the picture wire into shape.

When you do decide to take on an electrical project -- such as hanging that ceil-

ing fan -- ask someone with experience to work with you. Always shut off the circuit to the receptacle or switch you'll be working on, and test using the neon tester to make sure no current is traveling through it before starting work.

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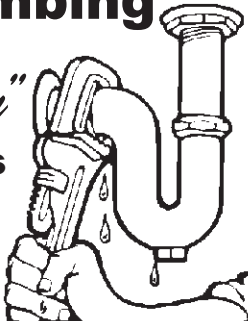
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Indian Trail at Blaylock, large corner lot. 90x188 \$32,000
Lot 9 Salado Creek Place, one of a kind Salado Creek lot, 2 plus acres with huge tree cover on the creek, The Best.
Lot 165 in Hidden Springs, nice trees. \$39,900.

Under 10 Acres

Tree-covered park-like 4.82 acres located on FM 2843 just southwest of Salado. Well on site. \$95,000.
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

Approximately 11 Acres east of Salado with trees off Royal Street. \$169,900.
12 acres with beautiful live oak trees. This acreage would make a fantastic home site. \$250,000.
Approximately 25 acres with excellent home site off Royal. \$325,000.
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 24 Gorgeous Tree Covered Acres with Moon Creek. (Clear Rock Bottom Creek) \$299,900

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.
Approximately 140 acres southwest of Salado, fronting I-35 and FM 2115. \$910,000.
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.

Commercial

Great commercial site IH-35/FM 2484. \$450,000.
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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