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First public hearing to adopt budget, tax rate set Sept. 4 Aldermen to adopt property tax Sept. 18

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen will conduct the first of two public hearings on the proposed 2008-09 operating budget at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 4 at the Village Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

Aldermen will conduct the public hearing on the operating budget, as well as on the Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax budget, which is a separate budget.

The board of aldermen has proposed a budget of \$945,570, which will require an ad valorem tax rate of 17.77 cents per \$100 valuation.

Earlier this summer, a citizens' committee advised that the Village adopt a tax rate of about 8 cents per \$100 valuation.

Bell County Tax Appraisal District delivered certified values to the Village of Salado. The Village has an assessed value of \$258,807,528. After exemptions totaling \$59,599,528, the total taxable value of property in Salado is \$199,248,000.

The average home is valued at \$205,000. After local exemptions that were put in place this summer, the taxable value of the home is \$164,000. At the possible tax rate of 17.77 cents per \$100, the average home owner will pay \$291.43 in new property taxes to the Village of Salado.

The possible property tax will help to fund almost \$1 million in expenses for the 2008-09 budget year.

Even with the proposed property tax, the expenses of the proposed budget are greater than the income of the budget. The proposed

budget anticipates total revenue from all sources to be \$921,464; meanwhile, total expenses before an \$18,000 capital outlay for police vehicles is \$945,570. This will lower the fund balance of the Village, which may be as low as \$108,782 following the recent amending of the 2007-08 Village budget.

A complete budget comparison printed in the Aug. 14 edition of *Salado Village Voice* can be found in PDF format on the newspaper website, www.saladovillagevoice.com.

The proposed budget increases every area, with the exception of the municipal building and the fire department.

The Village paid off the mortgage on the Municipal Building this year, which increased that portion of the budget to \$92,960. In the coming year, the Village budget calls for only \$18,000 in expenses for the municipal building, most of it in utilities \$12,000.

The Administrative budget will increase by about 10 percent, from \$172,299 to \$186,160. The Administrative budget includes \$40,000 for engineering fees.

Even though the Village is spending \$44,721 in legal fees this year, the budget calls for \$20,000 in legal fees in the ensuing year.

Code enforcement also increases in the proposed budget by about 10 percent to \$24,000.

The police department budget jumps by almost 15 percent, from \$205,641 this year to \$235,110 next year.

Principally, the increase is due to increased fuel costs (\$20,000), reserve officers/chaplain (\$5,000) and cell phones/communica-

tion (\$21,200 from \$3,839 in 2007-08). The Village will purchase a base station radio and two digital handheld radios with the additional \$15,500.

In early August, aldermen increased the budget for resurfacing from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

The total street maintenance budget for next year will be \$341,200, with \$70,000 in maintenance and \$250,000 in resurfacing. This year, the Village has budgeted \$55,258 for street maintenance, including \$35,000 for resurfacing. The Village has actually spent \$15,708 for street maintenance, \$5,400 for the rental of public restrooms for downtown. The \$35,000 in this year's budget for resurfacing remains unspent as of press time. The budget year ends Sept. 30.

The Village maintenance budget will increase from \$19,717 to \$45,400, due mostly to the addition of a part-time maintenance worker and an increase in supplies from \$3,218 to \$10,500.

The Pace Park maintenance budget will increase from \$15,892 to \$18,000.

The second budget hearing is slated for 6:30 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

Any citizen wishing to address the board of aldermen may do so during the public hearings. However, depending upon the number of citizens signing up to speak before the board, each speaker's time may be limited by the board of aldermen.

The board of aldermen will adopt the operating budget and set the tax rate for 2008-09 at the Sept. 18 meeting.



Registering voters

Visitors to the Central Texas State Fair had an opportunity to register to vote in the General Election at the booth of the Bell County Republican Party. Shown above is Tom Slye registering two new residents to the county. Wanda Slye, coordinator for the Republican event, stated they had registered over 200 individuals at the fair this weekend. (PHOTO BY BARCLAY McCORT)

Tourism Council seeks members

The Tourism Council is seeking two new members to serve on the council beginning Oct. 1.

The members, appointed by the Board of Aldermen may serve two three-year staggered terms, serving no more than a total of six years.

The members shall in-

sure that all requests for Municipal Occupancy Tax are verified as promoting tourism and local hotel/motel and convention activity.

The Tourism Council oversees the operation of the Tourism Office and Visitors Center, as well as the annual budget for ho-

tel occupancy tax funds of more than \$300,000.

If anyone is interested in serving on the Tourism Council, contact Debbie Charbonneau, Tourism Director, for an application.

She can be reached at 947-8634 or e-mail: saladotourism@vvm.com

Last chance to give to soldiers Sept. 5

A group of local volunteers is taking donations for items that will be assembled into care packages and sent to a group of US soldiers currently serving in Iraq with the 1st Cavalry Division.

The final day to donate is Sept. 5.

These soldiers are in Iraq for the next year to train the Iraqi Security and Police Forces.

"The care packages are aimed at providing small niceties that are sometimes taken for granted here at home," said Roy Robinson, one of the volunteers.

The group would like to

create care packages for a unit of 250 men. There are no women deployed in this particular unit.

You may donate in two ways:

- Drop any quantity of new items from the list below in the drop-off box located in Brookshire Brothers supermarket or at the *Salado Village Voice* newspaper office.

- Make a cash donation that will be used to purchase items for the care packages. Checks can be delivered to the *Salado Village Voice* office.

The group has already collected a variety of books

and snacks, but could use your help with items on the list below in new and unopened packages:

Disposable razors
Travel-sized shaving cream
Travel-sized toothpaste
Travel-sized shampoo
Travel-sized soap
Individually-wrapped toothbrushes
Chapstick
Sunscreen
Canned coffee
Baby wipes

For more information, or to make cash donations, please contact: Roy Robinson, 254-493-7144.



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Salado Silver Spur Theater on Royal St. will have three weeks of the "Fall into Fun" review on Sept. 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20. For details, call 947-3456 or click on www.saladosilverspur.com

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Barack Obama -- Abortion extremist

Barack Obama had a mini Bob Dole moment after the recent Saddleback presidential forum in California. Asked on the Christian Broadcasting Network about a controversy over his opposition to legislation in Illinois protecting infants born alive after surviving abortions, an irked Obama replied, “I hate to say that people are lying, but here’s a situation where folks are lying.”

Obama’s line recalled Dole’s plaint on national TV after the first George Bush beat him in New Hampshire in 1988, “Tell him to stop lying about my record.” Dole’s outburst would live in infamy as evidence of his distemper. Obama’s problem isn’t his temperament, but the unsustainable exertions necessary to attempt to square his reasonable-sounding rhetoric on abortion with the extremism of his record.

Asked by Pastor Rick Warren when a baby gets rights, Obama said, “I’m absolutely convinced that there is a moral and ethical element to this issue.” This is a crashing banality couched as thoughtfulness. If Obama is so sensitive to the moral element of the issue, why does he want to eliminate any existing restrictions on the procedure?

He told Warren that he favors “limits on late-term abortions, if there is an exception for the mother’s health.” But the exception he wants is so broad it makes the restriction meaningless. Obama opposed the partial-birth bill that passed the House and the Senate, 281-142 and 64-34 respectively, and has criticized the Supreme Court for upholding the law. It’s not just partial-birth abortion where Obama is outside the mainstream, but on the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act -- the occasion for his televised accusation of lying.

In 2000, Congress took up legislation to make it clear that infants born alive after abortions are persons under the law.

Rich Lowry



The National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League opposed the bill as an assault on Roe, but it passed the House 380-15. Back in the Illinois state Senate in 2001, Obama spoke out against and voted “present” -- effectively “no” -- on a similar bill, aligning himself with the tiny pro-abortion rump of 15 congressmen.

In 2002, Congress considered the legislation again, this time adding a “neutrality clause” specifying that it didn’t affect Roe one way or another. The bill passed without any dissenting votes in the House or the Senate and was signed into law. In 2003 in Illinois, Obama still opposed a state version of the law. He long claimed that he voted against it because it didn’t have the same “neutrality clause” as the federal version. But the National Right to Life Committee has unearthed documents showing that the Illinois bill was amended to include such a clause, and Obama voted to kill it anyway.

Confronted about this on CBN, he said the pro-life group was lying. But his campaign has now admitted that he had the legislative history wrong. Obama either didn’t know his own record, or was so accustomed to shrouding it in dishonesty that it had become second nature.

Here’s one of the central dilemmas of Obama’s candidacy. Nothing in his career supports his contention that he’s a post-partisan healer. So, as someone as splotic as Bob Dole might put it, he’s forced to lie about his record.

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

Obama-Biden vs McCain-Palin in two month donnybrook for all the marbles

PLEASE NOTE: Hurricane Gustav slammed into Louisiana, slightly west of the New Orleans area Monday and scrambled the GOP Convention in Minneapolis-St. Paul. Other than delegates handling required business, the first day’s schedule was scrapped, including featured speeches by President George Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney.

The balance of the convention activities were still on hold when this column was deadlined, but according to presumptive nominee John McCain, his acceptance speech will be given this evening (Thursday) either at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul or by satellite from the Gulf Coast.

Running mate Sarah Palin was scheduled to accept her nomination as vice president yesterday - schedule permitting.

We’ll have a full report on the adjusted proceedings in next week’s column.

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DEMOCRATS HOLD “HISTORIC” MEET

You can say what you want about Democrats in general (or in particular, if preferred) including “bad old liberals” or “spendthrifts” (with your money) or worse. Still and all, their quadrennial convention last week was “historic.”

For the first time in American politics, a major party not only nominated a young black man for President; but also produced the first viable woman candidate for President. And, although not nominated during the longest primary in that Party’s history, Hillary Clinton racked up 18 million primary votes and was later needed to convince her supporters to switch allegiance to the winner, unite their party, and hopefully produce the impetus needed for a November win.

FIRST DAY - “EMOTIONAL”

The first day of the convention was given an unexpected and emotional beginning when the ailing Edward Kennedy walked to the podium. The surprise visit created a spontaneous and “heartfelt” greeting from delegates that was nearly unstoppable. The iconic Senator from Massachusetts, with typical Kennedy verve proceeded to electrify the crowd of well-wishers with a speech that brought them to their feet, time and again, many with tears flowing.

Michelle Obama followed Kennedy, speaking with charm and maturity about her family, while reintroducing viewers to her husband.

HILLARY HITS “HOME RUN”

Senator Clinton was the “main event” on day-two of the convention and proved once again she’s a force to be reckoned with politically. Her speech accomplished what was needed, as her followers (for the most part) joined in the call for unity.

And she did it with a style that created an unrestrained affectionate reaction.

NOT A “HO HUM” MEETING

This was not your normal run-of-the-mill Democratic “head butting” contest designed solely to pump up the faithful and try to oust Republicans, that Demos have been battling unsuccessfully for 27 of the past 39 years.

The meeting’s positive tone continued on the third day with a non-petulant Bill Clinton delivering a clarion call for a united victory against an “administration that has the nation on

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



the economic ropes.”

Later came the nominations of Joe Biden and Barack Obama, followed by the roll call vote that ended with New York delegate Hillary Clinton calling for the convention to elect Obama by acclamation.

Biden’s VP selection was considered, by non-partisan observers (and the delegates), to be a “near-perfect” choice and his aggressive acceptance speech helped nail down that belief.

The final day of the convention shifted to “Mile High” stadium, and before 84,000 happy warriors, Barack Obama accepted his party’s nomination in a speech not designed to be “lofty” as many expected.

Rather, the powerful orator presented delegates and the nation with a well crafted administrative philosophy, buttressed by a list of goals that Obama “pledged to accomplish” during his first term.

VERBAL SAVAGERY MISSING

All in all - the convention was businesslike, with a minimum of verbal savagery. Mostly on time and fully scripted. The disunity eruption, from the Clinton gang of unhappy loser-supporters, ended up being “minimal.”

Not to put a damper on the proceedings, we would remind Demo loyalists that the Clintons have plans beyond the next administration, and we can guess (with a degree of certainty) what those political adventures include.

Question: If Obama is elected and offers Hillary an attractive appointment - reckon what she’d do? The great thing about political drama is that it never ends - especially for the addicted participants and observers!

DEMOS GIVEN

“WELL-DONE” RATING

As a veteran convention scrutinizer, we would rate this year’s gathering one of the “better convocations of the political faithful” and should give Democrats the fuel needed to wage a vigorous two month campaign against McCain-Palin.

With McCain and Obama tied (statistically) in the public polling arena, it would be highly presumptuous (and foolhardy) to pick a winner at this point. However, if the race develops into a true “referendum” on just George Bush and his eight years in office - it’s this writer’s opinion that Democrats will win - in a landslide!

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GOP WRAP-UP NEXT WEEK

As noted in today’s intro, we were only able to review the Democratic gathering this week. However, in our next column we’ll recap the Republican convention, that’s been interrupted by Hurricane Gustav in an unprecedented manner.

For now - we can objectively predict that the political stage is set for a knock-down, drag-out battle royal between the Obama-Biden tag team as they face McCain-Palin in 61 days of political warfare, that hopefully will have abandoned the disgraceful advertising extremism that has thus far tarnished both campaigns.

Regardless of personal politics, let’s hope (for the good of all) that the race doesn’t end like the Gore-Bush ruckus in 2000 that left us in the dismal economic condition that we find ourselves eight years later!

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THE COUNTDOWN CONTINUES

Days remaining to Nov 4 - 61

Days remaining to Jan 20 -138

That’s -30-

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Readers respond to creek issues and recent Lowery column

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I have been visiting the Salado creek spring about twice a week with my grandchildren. They are two and three and beg to go to the creek daily. I was really upset when the spring was dug out. I feared someone would be hurt in the narrow crevasse. I was really glad when the spring was filled in. I talked to many people who came to visit the spring. Most of the people I talked to were from out of town and knew nothing about springs or creek. Those are the ones that could be hurt by that hole. I warned so many of them to be careful. I was in town Saturday and picked up a copy of the *Salado Village Voice* and read Troy's letter. I agree with him. The gravel needs to stay and a grate would be ugly and mess up the natural beauty.

The lady that dug out the creek was trying to do a good thing. I do not think she understood the consequences. She worries that the spring will not be there in 20 years. I think as long as there is water in the Edwards aquifer there will be water in the spring. I also think the creek changes the spring. During floods rocks get moved around. That is one reason the spring was filled in the first place. I think it would always be a work in progress to keep it opened up and maintain a grate.

I have always loved Salado. I lived there as a child and played in the creek. I brought my kids there in the 1980's. Some of their best memories are swimming and tubing in the creek. A concerned visitor. Sharlene Hoelscher Temple, Texas

To the Editor:

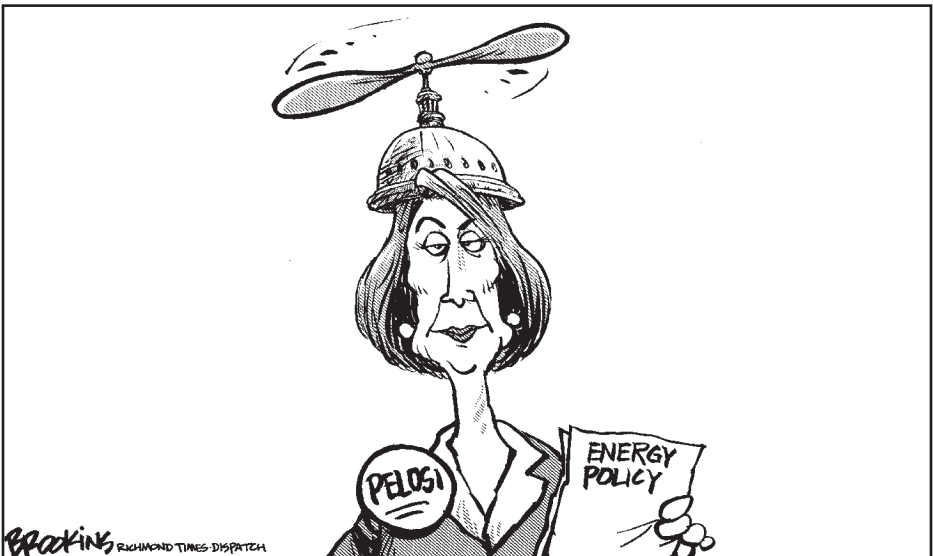
Rich Lowry's column about the Democratic Presidential Nominee Barack Obama (*Salado Village Voice*, August 28, 2008: "The Audacity of Haughty"), managed to be both cutesy and dismissive ("... the Anointed One; "... no word on whether the tires were adequately inflated"; "...gazing regally into the middle-distance during his orations"; "... Obama would need prodigious reserves of humility to keep from taking himself too seriously"). Some of that "holier than thou" approach seduces Lowry to slip over into the lowest form of criticism, namely,

the ad hominem attack, the kind of attack on an opponent when one doesn't have a valid criticism of one's opponent's ideas and policies (e.g., the "gazing regally into the middle-distance" and citing the McCain ad which compared Obama to popular icons Spears and Hilton).

As far as hitting back hard against Republican attacks - Lowry needs to be reminded who started this whole process of the filthy low blow so many years ago. Maybe recalling the most recent example of hard-hitting ads, namely, the Swift Boaters' attack ads, will jog a few memories. The only option left open, unfortunately, is for the Democrats to slam back with a sledge hammer as quickly and as hard as possible against any inane ad, any false statement or claim, any subtle but influential inaccuracy, any innuendo or other statement which portrays the candidate in a false light. Democrats have discovered that lies cannot be left lying to fester and rot or these lies take on a life of their own.

Before Lowry criticizes outright the suggestion by Obama that we need to check our tire inflation, he should read the analysis given in the following Fact Check website: http://www.factcheck.org/elections-2008/the_truth_about_tire_pressure.html. It appears that in the long run Obama is wrong but in the short term he is correct. The amount of gasoline saved in the short term with regular tune ups and proper tire inflation is significant. But the "quick fix" advocated by the Republicans ("Drill here, drill now, lower prices") is equally faulty. If you corner any oil company CEO or VP and force them to talk reality, they will say that a wildly optimistic estimation is that it will take a minimum of 3 years before any new-found oil will find its way to the pumps in the form of gasoline. Most say 4-6, even 10 years, before new drilling will have an effect on gasoline prices. So, the choice is yours: regular tune-ups and proper tire inflation for savings now or wait for several years to get the price of gasoline down. Personally, rather than wait, I will opt for the here and now and get regular tune-ups AND make sure that my tires are inflated properly. Who knows if I'll still be alive in 3-10 years? Ben Liles

FORUM



Texas Ports – A Gateway to the World

Texas boasts 28 seaports, dispersed along our Gulf Coast from Houston and Galveston down to Brownsville, including three of the busiest ports in the United States. Our state's economy depends on the viability of our port system, which serves as a gateway to markets around the world. To bolster our prosperity, we must ensure that Texas' ports remain secure, competitive, and operationally sound.

Each year, over 500 million tons of cargo move through Texas seaports. This flow of commerce keeps over a million Texans employed and accounts for more than \$180 billion in revenue. The wheat, corn, rice, and peas from Texas farms and ranches pass through these portals as they are shipped to dinner tables across the globe. Ports also facilitate the import and export of many other products vital to Texas' economy, including petroleum and chemical supplies, electronics and machinery, dairy products, and fertilizers, among others.

The Port of Houston, a 25 mile complex comprised of the Port Authority of Houston and more than 150 private industrial companies, leads the nation in foreign waterborne tonnage and is ranked second in the U.S. for total tonnage of cargo. In 2006, more than 222 million tons of cargo was shipped through the Port of Houston, nearly 80 million tons moved through the Port of Beaumont, and the Port at Corpus Christi handled 77.5 million tons. These and Texas' other 25 ports make an enormous contribution to the U.S. economy.

Because these ports are so important to our nation's economy, we must constantly work to preserve their safety and viability. One terrorist incident at a U.S. port could impact a number of coastal

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



port communities, and the domino effect would have a catastrophic effect on our nation's economy. The tragic events of 9/11 dealt a serious blow to our internal sense of security, and also revealed vulnerabilities that we are still working to address.

We have made a number of improvements to the safety of our airports, mass transit systems, and major ports of entry. In 2006, I helped pass the SAFE Port Act, which authorized random inspection of containers, established minimum standards and procedures for security containers in transit to the U.S., and implemented an improved container targeting system. I also offered an amendment, which was passed and became law, to add hundreds more Customs and Border Protection officers to inspect incoming shipments.

In addition, I actively support the Port Security Grant Program, which helps our nation's ports assess security risks and make preparations for emergencies or attacks. Since 2002, Texas has received over \$200 million in competitive Port Security Grants, primarily to secure petrochemical facilities at ports.

The viability of our ports also depends on the maintenance and expansion of infrastructure. In the U.S. Senate, I have worked to direct funding to important projects that will keep commerce moving in and around the Texas seaports. For example, I secured funding for the operation and maintenance of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, which is a critical connector between our state's coastal ports. I also joined with local leaders to

provide resources to extend the La Quinta Ship channel, a segment of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel (CCSC), to a container terminal site where operations are scheduled to begin in 2009. The funds will also be used to better separate barges and ships within the CCSC, making the channel safer and more efficient. In addition, I have worked to secure funding for the Houston Ship Channel, the Sabine Neches Waterway, the Matagorda Ship Channel and other Texas waterways critical to commerce. To maintain the vibrant commerce that keeps our ports in business is to support, foster, and expand free trade. The Port of Houston, for example, handles cargo in and out of northern and southern Europe, the Mediterranean, Mexico and Latin America, and western Africa. Other lucrative trade relationships, like the one we share with Colombia, should be strengthened through free trade agreements, which would open up more commerce. The U.S. must continue to pursue formal trade relationships with international partners.

Our state's ports are essential to our long-term economic growth and we must constantly work to expand their safety and viability. As the senior Republican on the Senate Commerce Committee, which has oversight of most port security issues, I will work to ensure that our nation's ports have the resources to meet the economic and homeland security challenges of the 21st century.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the Ranking Member on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation

SKIP BURMESE BLOOD GEMS



Jim Hightower

The brutal military dictatorship that controls Burma showed the world just how thuggish it is when it famously attacked and imprisoned Buddhist monks who had dared to protest peacefully against the regime. To see the military cracking heads and hauling off so many monks was appalling. But what can we do?

Well, you can strike a financial blow against the Burmese oppressors simply by not doing something: Don't buy gems mined in that country.

Burma is rich in precious gems, producing 95 percent of the world's rubies and 99 percent of the world's jadeite, known as "imperial jade." The military regime there pockets more than a quarter-billion dollars a year from exports of these gems - money that helps fund its bloody repression.

Wait, you say - isn't it against the law to import Burmese products into the United States? Sort of. The raw gems can't be brought directly here from Burma, but they can be imported indirectly. China, for example, buys raw Burmese rubies and jade, then cuts and polishes them into jewels, which it turns around and sells to U.S. retailers. So, bloody Burmese bling is being sold by American jewelers, ranging from Wal-Mart to Nieman Marcus.

Last year, a watchdog group called U.S. Campaign for Burma launched a national effort to persuade retailers and importers not to buy or sell any jewelry containing Burmese gems. Tiffany's was the first retailer to agree, and the campaign is now calling on consumers, shareholders, churches, students, and the general public to write letters and emails, make calls and visits, and join local protests and other actions to convince the other jewelry retailers to stop being a conduit for blood money to Burma's dictators.

To find out what you can do to support "No Burmese Blood Bling," call the U.S. Campaign for Burma 202-234-8022.

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Give smart financial gifts to your grandchildren

Sept. 7 was Grandparents Day. If you are a grandparent, you probably like to help out your grandchildren. But if you're thinking of making a financial gift, take your time to explore the options.

For example, suppose you want to help pay for your grandchildren's college educations. You could open an investment account and designate it for college. But you will probably be better off by putting the money in a plan that is specifically designed for college.

Here are two possibilities:

- **Section 529 savings plan** — In a Section 529 savings plan, you put money in specific investments, managed by an investment professional. You can give \$12,000 per year, without incurring gift taxes, to every grandchild. In fact, you can even combine five years' worth of contributions and give \$60,000 (or \$120,000

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



if it comes from you and your spouse) to a Section 529 plan in a single year. (However, if you do bunch the contributions in this manner, you won't be able to make another \$12,000 gift to the same grandchild for the next five years.)

All withdrawals from a Section 529 savings plan will be free from federal income taxes, as long as the money is used for the beneficiary's qualified college or graduate school expenses. (Withdrawals for expenses other than qualified education expenditures may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes.) Also, if you participate in your own state's Section 529 savings plan, your contributions may be tax-deductible. Keep in mind, though, that a

Section 529 savings plan could affect a beneficiary's ability to qualify for financial aid.

A Section 529 savings plan gives you, as the account owner, significant control over the money, so if the grandchild for whom you've set up the plan decides against attending college, you can transfer the assets to a different grandchild.

- **Coverdell Education Savings Account** — Depending on your income level, you can contribute up to \$2,000 annually to a Coverdell Education Savings Account (ESA). Your Coverdell earnings and withdrawals will be tax-free, provided you use the money for qualified education expenses. (Any non-education withdrawals from a Coverdell ESA may be subject to a 10 percent penalty.) You can place your contributions to a Coverdell ESA into vir-

tually any investment you choose — stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc.

If you'd like to give money to a grandchild, but you're not sure you want to designate your gift exclusively for education, you might want to consider opening a custodial account, commonly referred to as an UTMA or UGMA. You can fund an UTMA/UGMA with most types of investments, and, like the Section 529 plan, you can put in up to \$12,000 per year without incurring gift taxes. But once your grandchildren reach the age of majority (usually 18 or 21, depending on the state of residency), they can do whatever they want with the money from the UTMA/UGMA.

You may want to consult with your financial and tax advisors to determine which gifting methods are most appropriate for your situation. But no matter which route you choose, your generosity may well ensure that Grandparents Day will always have special meaning in your family.

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It's time to get "REO"

Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

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If a bank is forced to foreclose on a property, then the bank owns that real estate, making it "REO." Of course, banks don't really want to own the home, because it negatively affects their financial status, and they have to pay for taxes, insurance and maintenance on the property.

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Tax code should treat all health insurance purchases equally

By TODD STOTTELMYER

Few people now remember that employee benefits such as health insurance only became common in the 1940s, when World War II wage and price controls prohibited employers from raising salaries to attract or keep good workers.

Those conditions propelled Congress to allow businesses to offer health insurance as part of an employee's compensation. At the same time, lawmakers excluded the cost of those benefits from your income tax.

But the law of unintended consequences has struck. Essentially, the federal government is providing more than \$200 billion in taxpayer money to lock the purchase of health insurance into your job. This forces many would-be entrepreneurs who might have the next big idea to stay in their current jobs rather than leave to follow their dreams.

This connection between the workplace and healthcare benefits also creates unique challenges for America's small businesses and the self-employed by driving up the costs in the small-group and individual insurance markets.

In addition, the tax code is simply unfair to self-employed people. Until recently, these individuals didn't receive any of the tax advantages of those who have health insurance through their employer. Congress addressed part of this problem by creating an individual tax deduction for the cost of self-em-

ployed healthcare plans. This deduction has started to level the playing field for the self-employed, but unlike big businesses, they continue to pay payroll taxes equal to the value of their health insurance.

The exclusion has created an "invisible" tax benefit that few employees realize they are getting. It also helps to disguise the real cost of your healthcare. In addition, the exclusion encourages over-insuring that leads to distortions in the market, again affecting the affordability of insurance for small businesses.

A more open and competitive market for health insurance would encourage smarter healthcare consumption. People would pay closer attention to the true cost of health insurance and have an incentive to match those costs to their actual healthcare needs.

By including the right balance of tax incentives with such a proposal, the next president and Congress could create a system that would offer new incentives for individuals to shop for health insurance. The right solution also could provide the self-employed with equal healthcare incentives and end the disparity in the tax treatment of health insurance for the self-employed.

Technology has provided more workers with the tools to start their own business.

We shouldn't continue to stifle America's entrepreneurial spirit by locking these individuals into their workplace to keep their insurance. Creating tax equity is an important step that the next administration and Congress can take to reduce the cost of health

insurance and level the playing field for all workers.

Todd Stottlemeyer is president and CEO of the National Federation of Independent Business in Washington, D.C.

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Salado Public Library Directors approved the 2008-09 operating budget of almost \$250,000 in expenses.

Of that, about \$25,000 will be for renovations of the Library to better accomodate the collection the Library maintains of books, DVDs and videotapes.

Robert Tocker, the President of the Tocker Foundation in Austin, presented the Library with a check of \$24,650, in the form of a grant for the renovation work.

“We are very excited about the grant because it will help us to make the library more flexible and hopefully more inviting,” said Marsha McGuire of the grant. “We are adding more computer stations, a teen area, an area for community programs, and more quiet areas - all within the confines of the current building!”

The Library spends abotu \$27,000 of the \$250,000 in expenses on the adult and children’s collection of books, DVDs and videotapes.



(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)
Patty Campbell, Robert Tocker and Marsha McGuire are shown above. Tocker presented Salado Public Library with a \$24,650 check.

Salado Public Library District Budget 2008-09

Income	
4000 Sales Tax Revenue	239,478.00
4100 Grants	
4101 Lone Star Libraries	5,346.00
4103 Tocker Grant	24,650.00
Total 4100 Grants	29,996.00
Total Income	269,474.00
Gross Profit	269,474.00
Expense	
6100 · Adult Collection	
6101 · Audio / Visual - Adult	4,800.00
6102 · Books - Adult	8,400.00
6103 · Subscriptions - Adult	2,000.00
6105 · Furniture	4,000.00
Total 6100 · Adult Collection	19,200.00
6200 · Children’s Collection	
6201 · Audio / Visual - Children	1,050.00
6201.5 · Audio / Visual - Teen	1,050.00
6202 · Books - Children	2,400.00
6202.5 · Books - Teen	2,400.00
6203 · Subscriptions - Children	100.00
6203.5 · Subscriptions - Teen	100.00
6204 · Software - Teen	500.00
6205 · Children’s Area Furniture	300.00
Total 6200 · Children’s Collection	7,900.00
6310 · Computer & Automation	
6311 · Computer	2,750.00
6312 · Multimedia equipment	2,000.00
6310 · Computer - Other	3,700.00
Total 6310 Computer/Automation	8,450.00
6360 · Election Expenses	1,200.00
6400 · Insurance	
6406 · Property	1,640.00
6407 · General & auto liability	1,040.00
6408 · Bond	500.00
6409 · Worker’s compensation	400.00
Total 6400 · Insurance	3,580.00
6410 · Lawn Care	
6411 · Mowing, Edging	2,700.00
6412 · Fertilizer & Treatment	650.00
6413 · Miscellaneous Lawn	300.00
Total 6410 · Lawn Care	3,650.00
6440 · Pest Control	375.00
6450 · Professional Fees	
6451 · Accounting	4,140.00
6452 · Annual Outside Audit	4,000.00
6453 · Consulting	10,000.00
Total 6450 · Professional Fees	18,140.00
6500 · Payroll Expenses	
6501 · Salaries	119,040.00
6502 · Payroll Taxes	8,928.00
Total 6500 · Payroll Expenses	127,968.00
6600 · Repairs & Maintenance	5,500.00
6650 · Scholarship Support -SISD	800.00
6670 · Lone Star Grant Expend.	5,346.00
6675 · Tocker Grant Expenditures	24,650.00
6680 · Supplies-Office & Operating	6,600.00
6690 · Public Relations	300.00
6700 · Training and Travel	3,400.00
6800 · Utilities	
6801 · Cable-Internet Access	840.00
6802 · Electricity	8,500.00
6803 · Propane	50.00
6805 · Security Monitoring	240.00
6806 · Telephone	2,160.00
6807 · Trash Collection	240.00
6808 · Water	300.00
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6910 · Fixed asset acquistions	0.00
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Saladoans honored at Bell County 4-H Banquet

Seven 4-H members from Salado were honored at the Bell County 4-H banquet on Aug. 23 in Belton.

Joshua Rodriguez was honored with the Emerald Award and was recognized for his record book in the Goat category.

Stephanie Lastovica was honored with the Silver Star award and recognized in the Beef Category with her record book.

Brady Alexander received honors for his photography project.

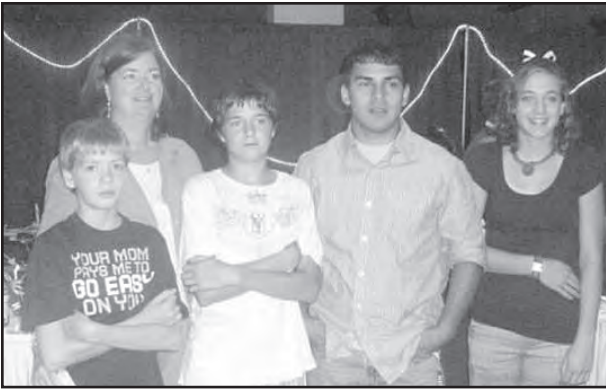
Garret Marburger was recognized for his Science and Technology record book.

Morgan Marburger received honors for his poultry record book.

Taylor Marburger was installed as the 2008-09 Recreation Officer for the Bell County 4-H Council and received accolades for her clothing and textiles record book. She was installed as a Bell County 4-H Ambassador and received the Silver Star award.

Liza Spurlock was recognized for participating in the District and State 4-H horse show.

Jennifer Marburger was recognized as the Salado 4-H club manager for the 2007-08 year. The first Salado 4-H meeting for 2008-09 will be held Sept. 7 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.



Salado 4-H Club members were honored at the Bell County 4-H banquet Aug. 23. The first meeting of the school year is 2 p.m. Sept. 7 at Salado Civic Center.

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SPORTS

Eagles thrash Trojans 26-0; face Lions in week two

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Eagles dominated both sides of the line of scrimmage en route to a 26-0 season-opening win on the road over the 3A West Trojans. The Eagles seemed evenly matched in the first half, as they took a 6-0 lead to the lockers following a 61-yard pass from Garret Ward to Jerod Lutz.

Lutz and Ward shared time at the quarterback position, combining for 206 yards passing. Ward was four of 13 passing for 94 yards and two interceptions. Lutz was seven of 12 passing for 112 yards.

Salado totaled 359 yards offense with seven players carrying the ball, as well as eight receivers catching passes from Lutz and Ward. Lutz' catch and run for a touchdown with 3:28 left in the first half was the biggest play of the game.

"I felt like many of the kids that hadn't played on a Friday night grew up pretty fast, especially in the second half," Head Coach Jeff Cheatham said, adding that "I think there were some pretty wide-eyed kids who settled down to play the game."

He pointed out that the offensive line "did a much better job in the second half."

Cheatham said that West is likely one of the larger and stronger challenges the Eagles will face, adding that the defense did a great job against a "very big line."

The second half of the game was quite a contrast to the first half when both teams seemed evenly matched. Salado scored three touchdowns in the second half and kept West on their side of the field throughout the third and fourth quarters.

Lutz connected with Trae Liller for a 20 yard touchdown with 4:52 left in the third quarter of play. The touchdown capped a 60 yard drive that took 11 plays. The PAT failed giving Salado a 12-0 lead.

The Eagles added to the lead on a 10 yard pass from Ward to Liller with 5:24

left in the game. The Eagles took five minutes to drive 33 yards on 12 plays for the touchdown. Lutz hit Justin Berumen for a 13 yard pass and a first down and goal to go when the Eagles faced fourth down and eight at the West 20 yard line.

Liller scored the final touchdown on an eight yard counter with 1:24 left in the game. The touchdown capped a 60-yard drive that took just over two minutes and five plays. The key play of the drive was a 39 yard quarterback counter by Ward to get the ball to the West 16 yard line.

The Trojans started their first three possessions on the Salado side of the field but could not manage a first down until the second quarter of play. The Trojans never crossed the midfield line in the second half as the Eagles defense allowed only three first downs in the entire game.

The Salado defense gave up only 37 yards on 27 rushing attempts. West's Cody Aycock carried the ball 15 times for 22 yards total for a 1.5 yard per carry average.

West quarterback Kelvin Anthony was three of 15 passing with an interception and 27 yards total. Twenty of those yards came on one pass to Dalton Vannatta.

Ward and Lutz, sharing time at the quarterback position, led the Eagles offense. Ward had 81 yard rushing on 11 carries, while Lutz had 38 yards on 11 carries. Berumen had 11 yards on six carries. No other Eagle runner had double figures in rushing yards.

While Lutz had the most yardage receiver on the 61 yard pass from Ward, seven other Eagles caught passes on the night. Liller caught three passes for 47 yards; Caleb Little had three catches for 35 yards, followed by Matt Ming, two catches for 32 yards; Berumen, two catches for 17 yards. Tyler Coker caught a 19 yard pass while Clayton Whitmire had a 15 yard catch.

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Salado is 19-3 in volleyball

Lady Eagles win Schulenburg tournament

The Salado Lady Eagles varsity volleyball team begins district next week, after winning the Schulenburg Varsity tournament. The win improves the Lady Eagles record to 19-3 on the year.

In pool play, the girls defeated two teams: Smithville, 25-9, 25-10; Shiner, 25-27, 28-26, 26-24. In bracket play, the girls beat Rice Consolidated, 25-13, 25-12 and Schulenburg, 25-15, 25-16 to move on to the final round. In the final, Salado defeated 3A Columbus, 27-25, 21-25, 25-19.

Senior outside hitter Danielle Hazzard was voted tournament MVP while Sophomore middle blocker Jenna Sebek and senior libero Lindsey Coffey were named to the All-Tournament team.

The following are individual statistics for the Schulenburg Tournament:

Hazzard: 72 kills, 41 digs, 5 aces

Sebek: 30 kills, 9 digs, 8.5 blocks

Coffey: 54 digs, 7 aces

Senior setter Kaitlyn Ruth: 101 assists, 57 digs

Sophomore opposite hitter Brennan Boydston: 32 digs, 3 aces, 2 blocks

Sophomore outside hitter Hadley Joiner: 14 kills

Sophomore defensive specialist Brittney Frazier: 36 digs, 5 aces

Sophomore middle blocker Camryn Bintz: 14 kills, 2.5 blocks

"I was so proud of the way we competed all weekend," Coach Bree Holz-Gonzalez said. "We gave the other teams game point so many times, and then would fight back and win. That completely deflated the other team, and then we'd capitalize on it."

"They demonstrated so much poise and grace under pressure," she said.

"Even going into the championship against a 3A team who played in the state tournament last year, they were so relaxed, and it was unlike anything I've seen

with Salado volleyball. They completely deserved this championship."

The girls will open district play in Jarrell on Sept. 9.

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UIL Academic orientation slated for students, parents Sept. 9

The Salado High School UIL Academic Team will host an orientation for students, parents, and community members on 7 p.m. Sept. 9 in the high school cafeteria.

Students participating in and/or interested in participating in academic UIL events should attend this meeting. Parents are highly encouraged to attend. Successful UIL competitors and coaches will be on hand to give an overview and to answer questions about each event and review the schedule for the upcoming year.

The University Interscholastic League began awarding UIL State Academic Championships in 1991. Salado High School has won seven state championships since 1995 and finished second twice and third once over the same period. Salado High School has won more Academic State Championships than any high school in ANY conference (1A - 5A) in Texas with the exception of one other school.

This year, Salado High School received the 2008 2A Lone Star Cup Award. The Lone Star Cup is awarded to the school in each conference for points accumulated in both athletic and academic points.

UIL state qualifiers are eligible for the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships. TILF has funded over \$21 million in scholarships to more than 15,000 students since 1954. For the past several years the foundation has disbursed over \$1 million annually to students who have earned eligibility by



SHS sophomore Janson Oyler won his first UIL state medal as a freshman last spring, making him eligible for one of the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships.

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Cornett, a member of the American Angus Association with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Missouri, is one of 402 Angus breeders who have been elected by fellow members in their state to serve as a representative at the annual meeting. Representing 45 states, the District of Columbia and Canada, the delegates will

participate in the business meeting and elect new officers and five directors to the American Angus Association board.

The annual event is held in conjunction with the Super Point Roll of Victory Angus show, Nov. 15-18 during the North American International Livestock Exposition.

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competition. "UIL ignites a thirst for knowledge and provides enrichment and a creative outlet for both scholars and artists. It not only unlocks students' potential, but it expands their horizons," said 2007 graduate Dixie Darling, a three-year UIL state finalist. "It not only prepared me for college; it prepared me for life."

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For an overview of the UIL program, the UIL state office offers an online video at <http://www.uil.utexas.edu/academics/video.html>.

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Eagles

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The Junior Varsity squad defeated West 31-6 while the freshman White team won 32-8.

Salado will face the Franklin Lions in the second week of play. The Eagles will host Franklin at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 5 at Eagle Field.

Franklin beat Rogers 28-21 in the first week of play. The Lions are picked by Texas Football as the third place team in District 20 behind Teague and Marlin.

The Lions return 18 from last year's 8-3 team that went undefeated in district 6-0 last year. The Lions were knocked out of the playoffs last year by Lago Vista, the third place team from District 25AA.

The Lions return five offensive starters and six defensive starters to the team.

The Slot T offense will be led by returning quarterback Jake Russ, returning running back and cornerback Ross Bishop and

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Rep. Carter, Sheffield speak to local GOP

Ralph Sheffield, candidate for Texas House District #55, and U. S. Congressman, John Carter, spoke to a large crowd of the Salado Republican Women Aug. 28 at Stonecreek Settlement Bed and Breakfast. Congressman Carter informed the crowd before he gave his full endorsement of John McCain for President he insisted he, Carter, be

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American Spectator publisher will address county Republicans

The Republican Party of Bell County has announced its 19th annual dinner and auction which will be held Sept. 22 at the Bell County Expo Center.

Bell County GOP Chair Nancy Boston said, "We are extremely pleased that Alfred S. Regnery has agreed to be our keynote speaker."

During the Reagan Administration, Regnery served in the US Justice Department as Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Land and Natural Resources Division, and as Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Department's largest grant-making agency.

Regnery has practiced law in Wisconsin and in Washington DC, served as Counsel to Senator Paul Laxalt (Rep. Nevada) and was Minority Counsel of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

He serves on numerous non-profit and corporate boards, and is Chairman of the Board of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute.

His writings have been published in many magazines and periodicals, including The Washington Post, The New York

Times, National Review, Policy Review, and The Wall Street Journal.

He is the publisher of *American Spectator*. He is the author of "Upstream: The Ascendancy of American Conservatism, a history of the conservative movement from 1945 to the present," published in 2008 by Simon & Schuster.

He attended Beloit College and the University of Wisconsin Law School, and lives in Alexandria and Madison County, Virginia.

Regnery will be available at 6 p.m. to autograph copies of his book which will be available for purchase. The silent auction and social hour will also begin at 6 p.m., with program starting at 7 p.m. Retired LTG Dave Palmer will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Tickets may be purchased at the Republican Party Headquarters in Temple Mon.- Fri. 9 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. at 725 South General Bruce Drive. Tickets are \$35 each and \$25 for students. Advance ticket reservations and purchases are encouraged. For more information call the office at 254-771-2923.

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She will play Paganini's "Concerto for Violin in D major," an ardent, emotional showstopper full of musical thrills and technical challenges, which she has mastered.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 13, in the Mayborn Auditorium at the Azalee Marshall Cultural Activities Center, 3011 N. 3rd.

The concert will be held at the CAC because renovations to the Mary Alice Marshall Performing Arts Center on the Temple College campus are still under way. Thomas Fairlie, TSO conductor, has planned a program that will evoke Italy's optimistic gaiety and dancing tempos to transport the audience.

Completing the evening's program will be "The Pines of Rome," a musical excursion through the Italian countryside, composed by Ottorino Respighi; and "Capriccio Italien," by Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, a Russian who moved to Italy and wholeheartedly embraced its color and culture. Respighi's work is a nostalgic romp through Roman history as witnessed by its trees. Tchaikovsky's "Capriccio" is a wonderfully melodic piece evoking folk tunes and tarantellas.

Ms. Leurs is the first concertmaster of the Radio Kamer Filharmonie, the Dutch Radio Chamber Orchestra, and is guest leading this year the Britten-Pears Orchestra of the Aldeburgh Festival, the Philharmonic Orchestra of Santiago de Chile and the Dutch Ballet Orchestra Holland Symfonia.

After winning the national edition of the Princess Christina Competition in 1993, Ms. Leurs

debuted with the Youth Orchestra of the Netherlands. Since then she performed with orchestras throughout Europe, Russia, Asia and the United States. She performed at major festivals in Switzerland, Austria and Russia. Carla was a featured recitalist in the "Artist International

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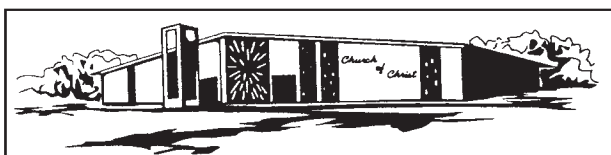
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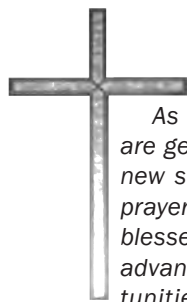
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History of Women in Rotary presented at Aug. 26 meeting

Salado Rotary hosted a program Aug. 26 on the History of Women in Rotary. The guest speaker was future District Governor Ruth Allison of the Rotary Club of South Austin. She is a graduate of UT of San Antonio and has experience and background in the field of finance as well as being a Court Administrator.

She opened her discussion by pointing out the original Rotary Charter referred to members as "persons" not men. She also noted that women in America became more than wives and mothers during the Civil and First World Wars when it became necessary for them to stay home and carry out all the duties of heads of households. As early as 1912 Rotary rejected clubs that had been formed as "Rotary Wives" organizations. The 1921 Rotary

Manual of Procedures specifically prohibited the use of the name Rotary in any women's organization. As a result a group of women seeking to affiliate with Rotary in 1927 started an organization named the "Inner Wheel"; this organization was once again rebuffed by Rotary.

Several efforts were made from 1927 to 1950 by individual Clubs to admit women led by a club which wrote its own Charter dropping the word male from its provisions. This again was not accepted by Rotary hierarchy. The

Rotary Club of Duarte, California admitted female members in 1977 and summarily lost their Charter. They then regrouped and called themselves the "Ex-Rotary Club". They also brought suit against Rotary International and were joined by another Club. The suit proceeded all the way to the Supreme Court and was won by the dissenting Clubs in 1987. By then Rotary had already begun to change, as several Clubs admitted women in 1985 in anticipation of the Court's decision.

Currently 51 percent of all Rotary Clubs have female members but cultures such as those of Mexico continue to bar women in other ways such as having exclusive male and female clubs. The District in which Salado resides has had two female District Governors and will have its third when Allison assumes this position in 2010. The presentation noted the importance of women in Rotary because once Rotary was opened to membership by women all other civic organizations were forced to do likewise.

Kick-off luncheon for Christmas in October planned for Sept. 11

Kick Off Luncheon for Christmas in October set for 11 a.m. Sept. 11 at the Stagecoach Inn.

Aline Wilson will present a program using a set of musical handbells playing a concert by one person. Wilson has been ringing handbells for 28 years and has been solo ringing professionally for the past 21 years. She has performed for numerous churches, the Houston Junior League,

the Republican Women's Association, and the Houston School for the Performing Arts. She also directed and coordinated handbell choirs in the Houston area for 20 years, teaching children as young as 8 up to senior adults. She and her husband Wayne moved to Salado 2 years ago from Houston. They joined Salado First Baptist Church where she directs the church's new handbell

choir. Wilson will be accompanied on the piano by Virginia Guess.

The luncheon will be served at the Stagecoach Inn following the presentation. Doors will open at 11 a.m..

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The concert is free and open to the public.

The organ was built by the Pilcher firm from Louisville, Kentucky, and installed in the building at the corner of Main and Penelope streets in 1908, says Green. The instrument contains 1,081 pipes and originally had a mechanical key action and a water-driven motor to operate the bel-

lows.

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For more information and directions to the concert, view the church's website at: <http://www.fumcbelton.org/>

Virginia Bryan buried in Temple at Hillcrest Cemetery Sept. 2

Virginia Bryan, age 84, of Temple passed away Aug. 26, 2008. Broecker Funeral Home of Salado is in charge of the arrangements.

A visitation was held for friends and family at the funeral home Sept. 1 with a family celebration of her life at Broecker's Sept. 2 with burial to follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Temple beside James, her husband of almost 60 years.

She was born Patricia Virginia Stroup on October 28, 1923, youngest daughter of Herbert Ainsley Stroup and Ida Belle McKinley Stroup in Tahoka, Texas. She grew up in nearby Brownfield and on November 22, 1942, married her high school sweetheart James Everett Bryan. World War II had begun and James enlisted in the Army. Virginia worked for the Red Cross and was able to work in that capacity at Fort Knox, Kentucky while James was stationed there. She returned to Texas when he was sent to Okinawa, and their first child Patricia Elaine was born in Brownfield while he was overseas. After the war ended and he returned home, a second daughter Constance Sue was born.

Her husband James worked for Texas Pipeline Company at several places in West Texas before the family relocated to Houston in 1953, where he was employed by Texaco. A son, Jonathan Marshall, was born in Houston in 1959. They moved to New Orleans, Louisiana in 1973 and lived there until James retired in 1984. Wanting to return to Texas, they chose Temple as their retirement home and greatly enjoyed the years they shared there until James died in June 2002, just four months shy of their 60th anniversary.




Virginia Bryan

After being diagnosed with Alzheimers in late 2002, Virginia lived at Hearthstone Assisted Living and then for the past 2 1/2 years at the home of her devoted caretaker Karen Richman in Hewitt.

Virginia was a member

of First Christian Church in Temple, and participated in the Women's Circle there and also in Kiwanis.

She is survived by her three children, Pat Ash of Tarzana, California, Connie Bryan of Salado, and Jay Bryan and his wife Jo of Richardson, Texas. She leaves behind eight grandchildren: Erin Mallen, Ellie Ash, Andy Klunder and wife Michelle, Mike Klunder and wife Jena, Melissa Klunder, and Jonathan, Jake, and Jacey Bryan. She is also survived by six great-grandchildren: Bela, Jady, Sofia, and Judah Klunder and Madelyn and Jackson Mallen.




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Parents and youth interested in the youth club program of the Camp Fire organization are encouraged to attend. Adult volunteers serve as mentors/leaders for a club of youth that meets regularly to participate in group learn-



ing skills, self-esteem building activities, community service projects, arts and crafts, field trips, and camping.

Adult volunteers follow a nationally developed curriculum with youth earning awards after completion of projects. Par-

ticipating in a Camp Fire club helps youth develop leadership skills, teamwork skills, self-confidence, self-responsibility, respect for diversity, an appreciation for the environment, and a concern for their community.

As a youth develop-

ment organization, Camp Fire USA Tejas Council also serves youth in Bell County and Coryell County through camping programs, self-reliance programs, after-school programs, and an Absolutely Incredible Kid program.

Camping activities take place at Camp Mitchell near Belton. Camp Mitchell is a 38-acre campsite with a lodge, playground equipment, tenting areas, nature trails, fenced, concrete basketball court area, and a picturesque creek. The camp is available for rental to outside organizations or individuals.

Camp Fire USA is a community partner with the United Way of Central Texas and the United Way of the Greater Fort Hood Area. For more information about Camp Fire USA or the meeting, call the district office, (254) 773-6614.

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8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:50 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Chapel)

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Tasty fun at Salado Chocolate & Art Festival in Oct.

The Village of Salado hits a sweet spot with weekend getaway fans. For those who believe the four basic food groups consist of white chocolate, milk chocolate, dark chocolate and truffles...the 'Expressions of Good Taste' Chocolate & Art Festival is one event not to be missed. This year's event takes place throughout the downtown shopping district Oct. 10-12. The weekend offers visitors three great Salado events.. Expressions of Good Taste Chocolate & Art Festival, Gallery Night in October and Christmas in October.

The three-day chocolate celebration promises to satisfy all the senses with chocolate, wine tastings, music, demonstrations, chocolate sculpting, a gourmet chocolate and champagne brunch, and gallery tours. The festival kickoff begins on Oct. 10 with an Evening of Choco-



late & Wine from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Salado Wine Seller. Guest will be invited to savor the taste of premier Texas wines paired with decadent chocolates. The Evening of Chocolate & Wine will feature the finest in artisan chocolates, wine tasting from Texas vineyards, hors d'oeuvres, and live jazz. Carriage rides and Belgian horses will provide transportation from both Stagecoach Inn and the Holiday Inn Express to the event location.

A Day of Chocolate & Art is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 11. The first event takes place 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Stagecoach Inn. This event will feature chocolate cooking demonstrations from Chef Denice, an instructor at the Texas Culinary Academy, along with fellow instructors. There will also be a fun/educational class on wine and chocolate pairings from Jane Nickles entitled "Like Wine for Chocolate" along with live music and children's chocolate activities.

Participants will have an opportunity to sample some delicious desserts made by Pastry Chef Denice Woods, each paired with a wine hand selected by Sommelier Jane Nickles. "We'll see how the wine and chocolate interact, and keep tasting until we find each the perfect wine and chocolate match," stated Chef Woods. Carriage rides and the Belgian horses will be available to transport guest to and from the event.

Gallery Night in October will open Oct 11 with all eight Salado galleries hosting featured artists and art enthusiasts with a wine and cheese reception from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Chocolate sculpting demonstrations will also take place at several galleries. Specific times and locations will be announced at a later date.

A special highlight of Gallery Night in October is the appearance of Susan Eminger at Prelop Fine Art Gallery. Eminger received national acclaim with her Eminger Berry recipe

in The Food Network's "Road Tasted" with Jamie and Bobby Deen. Eminger will be showcasing her famous dessert stuffed strawberries at the gallery from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Guests will be able to sample her famous strawberries stuffed with New York Cheesecake. The berries are dipped in dark and white chocolate. Eminger will be providing booklets full of recipes and stories from her experience. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the original Eminger Berry. This is simply Eminger's way of reaching out to Salado visitors. "I have found a new joy in this community," stated Susan Eminger. "What better way to share the magic than through the chocolate festival?"

The three-day event is concluded Oct. 11 with a spectacular Chocolate and Champagne Brunch from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Participating restaurants and inns will dazzle guests with their finest chocolate and gourmet recipes. Menu selections incorporate the finest chocolate and gourmet selections, including Adelea's cocoa rubbed beef tenderloin thinly sliced and placed on a bed of field greens with a raspberry vinaigrette and dark chocolate mousse with fresh raspberries. A complete list of Chocolate and Champagne Brunch locations and menus can be found at www.saladochocolatefestival.com.

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Salado Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 4

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen, Public Hearing on the proposed 2008-09

budget; 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

SEPTEMBER 4-6

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SEPTEMBER 8

Salado Democrats, 6 p.m. Salado Civic Center. Any interested Democrat is invited to attend.

SEPTEMBER 8

Salado Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m., at the Lodge building on Church St.

SEPTEMBER 2

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

SEPTEMBER 10

Salado Lions Club meeting, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center.

SEPTEMBER 11

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary, 9:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center.

SEPTEMBER 11

SPL Teen Advisory Group meets, 4 p.m., Teens can pick up an application at the Library.

SEPT. 11; SEPT. 18

Adult afternoon computer classes at Salado Public Library, 1-3 p.m. Sign up at library. Space is limited.

SEPT. 11; OCT. 10

Designer collection fabric collage jacket class at A Sewing Basket, 947-5423.

SEPT. 12-OCT. 31

Basic Conversational Spanish classes at Salado Public Library, Fridays at 10-11:30 a.m., Please sign up at library. Space is limited.

SEPTEMBER 13

Salado Fire Department Fish Fry 5 - 8 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria. Adults \$8 - Kids \$5

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 meet-

ing, 1:30 p.m. Ambrosia Tea Room on Main Street.

SEPTEMBER 17

Brown Bag noon book review, 12 noon at Salado Public Library.

SEPTEMBER 18

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen, Final Public Hearing and Adoption of the proposed 2008-09 budget and tax rate; 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

SEPTEMBER 18

Adult Harvard Classics book club at Salado Public Library, 6:45-7:45 p.m.

SEPT. 18-OCT. 16

Fun Computer Classes for teens at Salado Public Library; Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Sign up at library, space is limited.

SEPTEMBER 24

Salado Lions Club meeting, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center.

SEPTEMBER 25

Salado Haiku Society meets at 4 p.m. Salado Public Library. Public Welcome.

SEPT. 25-OCT. 16

Adult evening computer classes at Salado Public Library, 6-7:30 p.m. Sign up at library, space is limited.

SEPTEMBER 27

Hand Reflexology Workshop; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Learn how to relieve back pain, headaches, sinus congestion, and stress without the need for more medication. \$45 tuition fee includes Reflexology map. Contact Bonnie Lowery at Salado Healing Center for registration. bonnie@saladohealing.com or 254-535-9649

SEPTEMBER 28

Music in Salado will present the Baylor Symphony in concert, 4 p.m., in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Salado.

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.

OCTOBER 2-4

The First Annual Fall Presentation of Tablerock's Repertory Theater of Salado. Showtimes at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call 254-947-9205 for information.

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.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Declarer does not have the advantage of seeing the defenders' cards when he is playing a hand, but he is nevertheless expected to do as well in the majority of deals as if he had actually seen the opposing hands.

In most situations, declarer does not have much trouble meeting this goal. Many hands play themselves, so to speak, and declarer attains par without much bother. But other hands do require a modicum of skill, and it is these that pose a challenge to the serious student of the game.

To demonstrate, take this case where South finds himself in five hearts and gets a chance to display his wares. After a spade lead, how should declarer play the hand?

If we examine the East-West cards, it seems South is destined to go down regardless of what he does. He takes two club finesses, both of which lose, and, since a diamond loser is inescapable, he

finishes down one. This result can be attributed to bad luck, of course, but actually, South should not rely on the hope that one of the club finesses will win. He should adopt the line of play that guarantees the contract regardless of how the defenders' cards are divided.

The issue can be settled at trick one. On the king-of-spades lead, he plays low from dummy and discards a diamond from his hand! West's next play does not matter. Let's assume he leads another spade.

Declarer discards another diamond on the ace, cashes the ace of diamonds and ruffs a diamond. He then crosses to dummy with a trump and ruffs dummy's last diamond.

The stage is now set

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	3♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥			

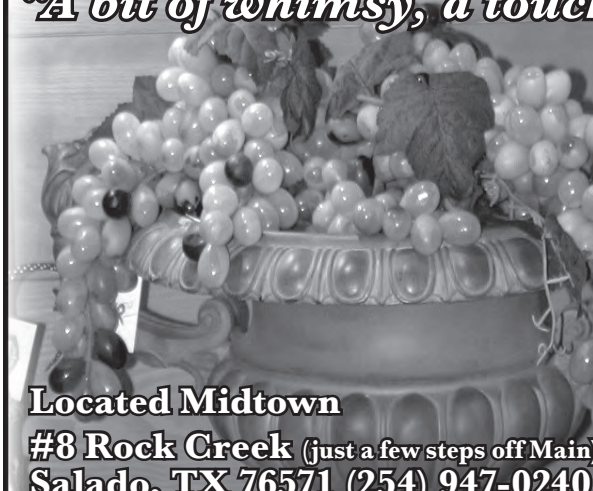
Opening lead — king of spades.

for the surefire endplay. Dummy is entered with a trump, and a club is led and finessed. West wins, but whatever he returns gives declarer the contract.

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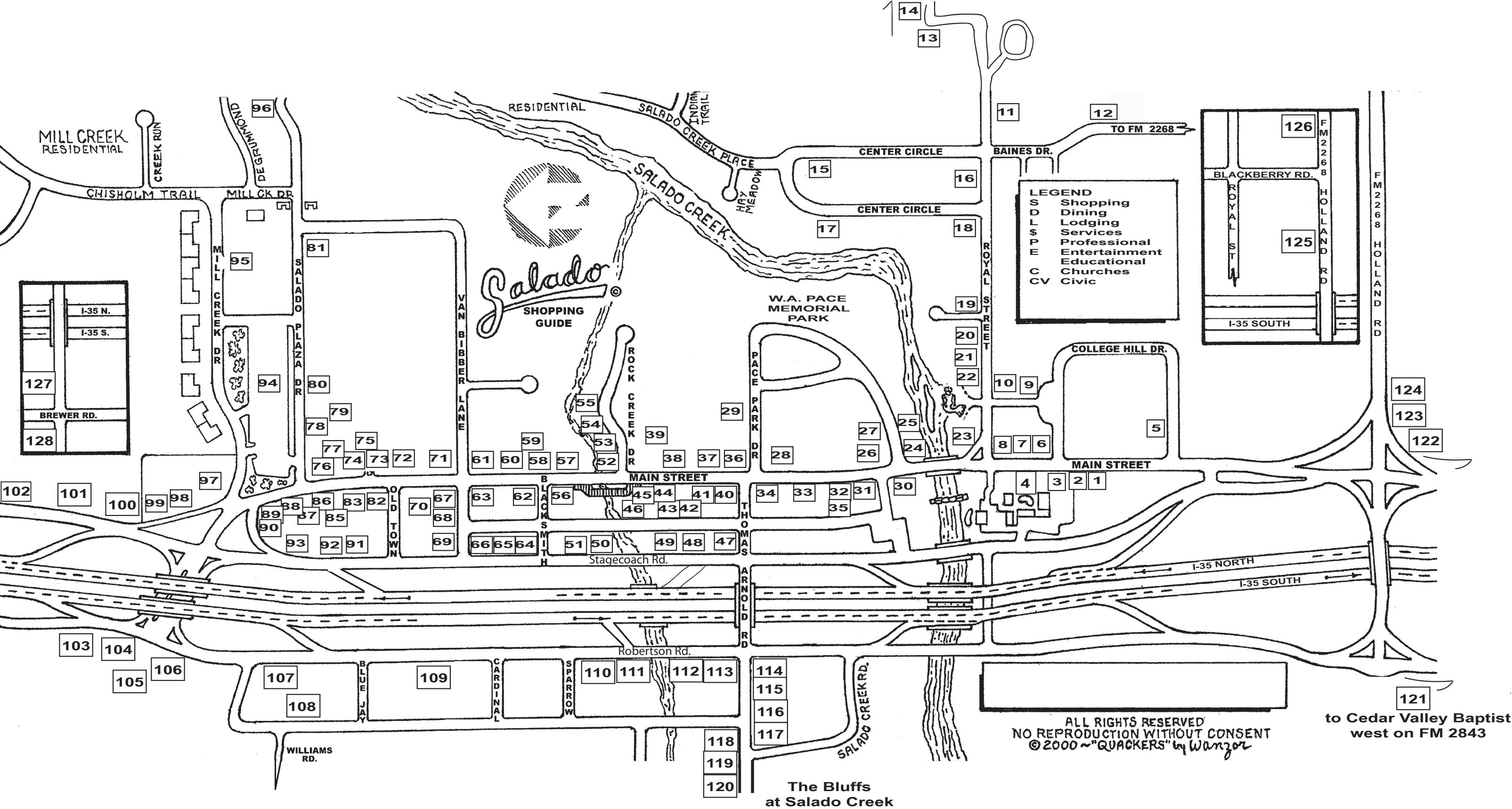
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By Kevin McCauley



If you have been reading this column for any amount of time you will know why I am really disturbed by this new unfortunate reality. One: Half the people who die of heart disease do not have high cholesterol, and half the people with high cholesterol do not die of heart disease. And two: This "pushing the drugs" program is just another opportunity for the pharmaceutical industry to try to mop up the damage done by our bad choices (parents passing them on to their children) with their medication.

Why has it come to this? Well, we seem to be too tired and busy to do what is right for our health. Also, allopathic medicine (the major medicine practiced in the US) focuses on the Symptoms of the disease and not preventing the Cause of the disease so it is a perfect segue for Big Pharma to introduce their products. Hmmm, but what is the motivation? Did you know that the “Drug Lobby” is made up of 1274 drug lobbyists? Did you know from 1998-2005 over \$900 million was spent by these lobbyists in Washington? Nearly \$100 million was also spent during this time on federal candidates and political parties? What about this, from just January 2005 to June 2006 \$182 million was spent by Big Pharma on federal lobbying? The concerns with these types of numbers and this amount of money being thrown around are these: (1) Doubts about clinical research’s objectivity; (2) Doctor’s over prescribing medications; and (3) Medication prices that are exorbitantly higher than other national averages. Does your favorite senator, representative, or even future President have their hand in the pocket of this lobbyist group? If so, do they really care about your health?

But there is more. Just a short course in Biochemistry 101 would tell you

that this preoccupation with high cholesterol levels not only has limits, but can also be detrimental to your health. For example, here are some real benefits of cholesterol: a. cell membrane stiffness; b. repair substance; c. precursor for Vitamin D; d. makes up Bile Salts; e. powerful anti-oxidant; f. needed for proper neurological function; g. improves uptake of hormones (including serotonin); h. aids in formation of memory; i. makes up half of dry weight of cerebral cortex; and finally, j. precursor to all hormones made by Adrenal Cortex, including your sex hormones. Yes, it is possible that you may have additional issues with estrogen and menopause/andropause (male menopause) if you have lived your life overly concerned with high cholesterol levels. Low cholesterol levels may lead to blood sugar problems, edema, mineral deficiencies, chronic inflammation, and difficulty in healing, allergies, asthma, reduced libido, infertility and various reproductive problems. Combine this with the side-effects of Statin drugs such as: joint aches, nausea, diarrhea and constipation, as well as the two potentially serious side-effects of liver damage and muscle problems, I would think more than twice if any physician recommended these drugs to my child.

If we begin promoting drugs to our children at such an early age, what do they have to look forward to? If we begin teaching them at an early age that the answers to all of their problems can be solved by taking medications what message are we sending? The majority (3/4, 75 percent) of us are ill and diseased because of our own habitual lifestyle choices, not genetics, we need to get this message out so the young people will understand that there are consequences and they cannot be simply solved by popping a pill.

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Library will renovate space in Nov.

By Karen Kinnison

Okaaaay! Finally... the Olympics are over; one convention is over; the election still two months away----sooooo...now we can get back to football! If that's not your thing, then of course, you can trot down to your library and get something good to read. You know we'll be here for you.

In November we will close for a week to do some renovations. We received a \$24,650 grant from the Tocker Foundation to do some remodeling that will give us a more flexible space and create some new areas for the teens and for browsers. You're gonna love it!

On Aug. 28, Miss Lainie hosted a Teen Back-to-School Movie and Pizza Nite at the library that was a great success. Everyone watched the movie "I Am Legend." We would like to thank our co-sponsors, The Friends of the Library and Roy T's, for the Pizza, and Gracie Stanley (www.cookiesforthemood.com) for the homemade cookies. The next big Teen Event will be in October during Teen Read Week, Oct. 12-18.

Let me remind you of

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News & Notes from Salado Public Library

the two classes starting in September.

Basic Conversational Spanish -- Fridays, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Sept. 12 to Oct. 31.

Adult Afternoon Computer Classes--Sept. 11 - 18, 1 - 3:00 p.m.

Both are free and are here at the library. Be sure to sign up first.

Now for new books. New In Fiction:

"Laughter of Dead Kings" by Elizabeth Peters: For Peters fans.... plucky art historian, Vicky Bliss is back and, along with her British lover and their Egyptian friend the "Inspector of Antiquities for all Upper Egypt", investigate the theft of King Tut's mummy from its' tomb.

"Keepsake" by Tess Gerritsen: At the Crispin Museum, Dr. Isles attends a CAT scan of Madame X, what they think is a perfectly preserved mummy

found in the basement and something the director hopes will save their financially troubled facility. But this is no mummy.


"The Highly Effective Detective Goes to the Dogs" by Richard Yancey: After failing his P.I. test a second time, Teddy Ruzak closes his office only to discover the body of a homeless man he had just befriended. Bumbling through the case, he is "assisted" by two visitors from the pound: one with four legs and one with two!

"Fine Just the Way It Is: Wyoming Stories 3" by Annie Proulx: Proulx is the female Cormac McCarthy. She has a bold, gritty language and a ferocious eye for detail. This is her 3rd short story collection.

"The Book of Lies" by Brad Meltzer: In Chapter 4 of the Bible Cain kills Abel. It is the world's first

murder but the Bible leaves out one detail: the weapon Cain used. Until now. No stodgy legal thrillers here. New in Non Fiction:

"Bliss to You: Trixie's Guide to a Happy Life" by Dean Koontz and Trixie Koontz: Author Dean Koontz says his dog, Trixie, changed his life and made him a better, happier person. Trixie shares the eight steps that anyone can take to achieve happiness and bliss.



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Men: Stay out of women's purses

by
Tumbleweed
Smith



There are stressful and traumatic moments in most men's lives. Some of them are caused when they try to find something in their wives' purses. In that situation, a man is like a fish out of water.

Most women's purses have so many pockets, compartments, zippers, fasteners and bags within a bag that it's difficult for even the owner to find anything. Many items in my wife's purse all have the same shape and are roughly the same size. I'm specifically talking about a billfold, checkbook and

telephone.

I usually know better than to rummage through my wife's purse, but occasionally I have no other choice. I recently had one of those traumatic, stressful situations involving an exploratory expedition through my wife's new shoulder bag.

We had spent the day on a sailing ship out of Newport, Rhode Island. After the sail, we took the ferry back to our hotel in Providence. There was a small couch at the end of the bed where we watched TV in our few spare moments. We had dinner plans and Susan decided to leave her bag in the room. As we were leaving the hotel, she stopped at the front desk to inquire about some transportation. It was there she decided she needed her phone and asked me to go get it.

I immediately got nervous and actually started to sweat. I didn't want to do it. But I returned to the room, retrieved her bag from the safe and put my hand inside it to get the phone. Sound simple, right? Forget it. My hands touched every item in her purse except the phone. I went to the couch and

emptied the contents. No phone. I reached inside again and felt it. It was in a zippered pocket. I got it!

I loaded everything back into her purse, put it back in the safe and left the room. We had a wonderful time at dinner. When we returned to the room, I thought I'd see what was on TV. I couldn't find the remote. We looked all over the room, but no remote. We called the front desk and told them the remote was missing; that apparently the maid accidentally took it out with the linens. We told the front desk we didn't need the remote, we just wanted to report it missing so we wouldn't be charged for it.

The next morning we took the shuttle to the airport for the flight home. Susan decided to go get a snack while I stayed with the luggage. She came back with a couple of apples and a surprised look on her face. She told me she had found what we had been looking for and pulled the remote out of her purse.

I knew immediately how it got there. Apparently while I was putting the items back in her purse, I put the remote right in there with them.

We mailed it back to the hotel. When we landed back in Texas, Susan had been carrying my sunglasses in her purse. I asked her to get them out for me. She just handed me her purse. I handed it right back to her. She laughed and fished out my sunglasses.


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\$193,721: 1701 Guess Dr., Salado. Close to I-35 & downtown Salado, 4 BR, 3 BA with split bedrooms. Three car garage. Heavily treed backyard with small creek.



\$182,521. 2025 Chisholm Tr., Salado. Walk out your back door to Mill Creek Golf Course. 3 BR, 2 BA with wood floors throughout living areas. Cherry stained cabinets in kitchen.



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A draft 2008 – 2009 Budget has been filed at City Hall for public review. The Village of Salado Board of Aldermen will hold two public hearings.

The first on

Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 6:30 P.M.

the second on

Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 6:30 P.M.

At the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

On the proposed 2008 – 2009 Budget

This will be in addition to the regularly scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting agenda items.

All citizens are invited to attend.



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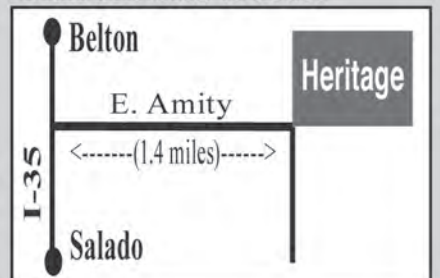
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808 ARROWHEAD Beautiful traditional home in Mill Creek This home offers hardwoods and tile throughout, wide moldings, beams and attention to detail. There are three bedrooms and three full baths, library adjacent to the master suite, large formals and great room that opens into the spacious kitchen with Avanza countertops. other features include cedar closet, large screened porch, recessed lighting, water softener, and sprinkler system. This home is timeless in design. \$345,000.



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123 ROCK CREEK Charming Darwin Britt classic featured in Texas Homes. Use of indigenous materials of bygone era makes this home unusual, warm, and inviting. Formal living and dining, 3 living areas, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, and 2 enclosed porches with walls of glass. There are 2 fireplaces, one in the living room and the other in a sitting room/library that could be 4th bedroom. This room has french doors and screens that open to a covered patio overlooking the gardens. Other features include hardwood floors, painted wood walls throughout, and wood beamed ceilings. There is a studio in the detached carport. Must see to absorb the uniqueness. \$560,000.



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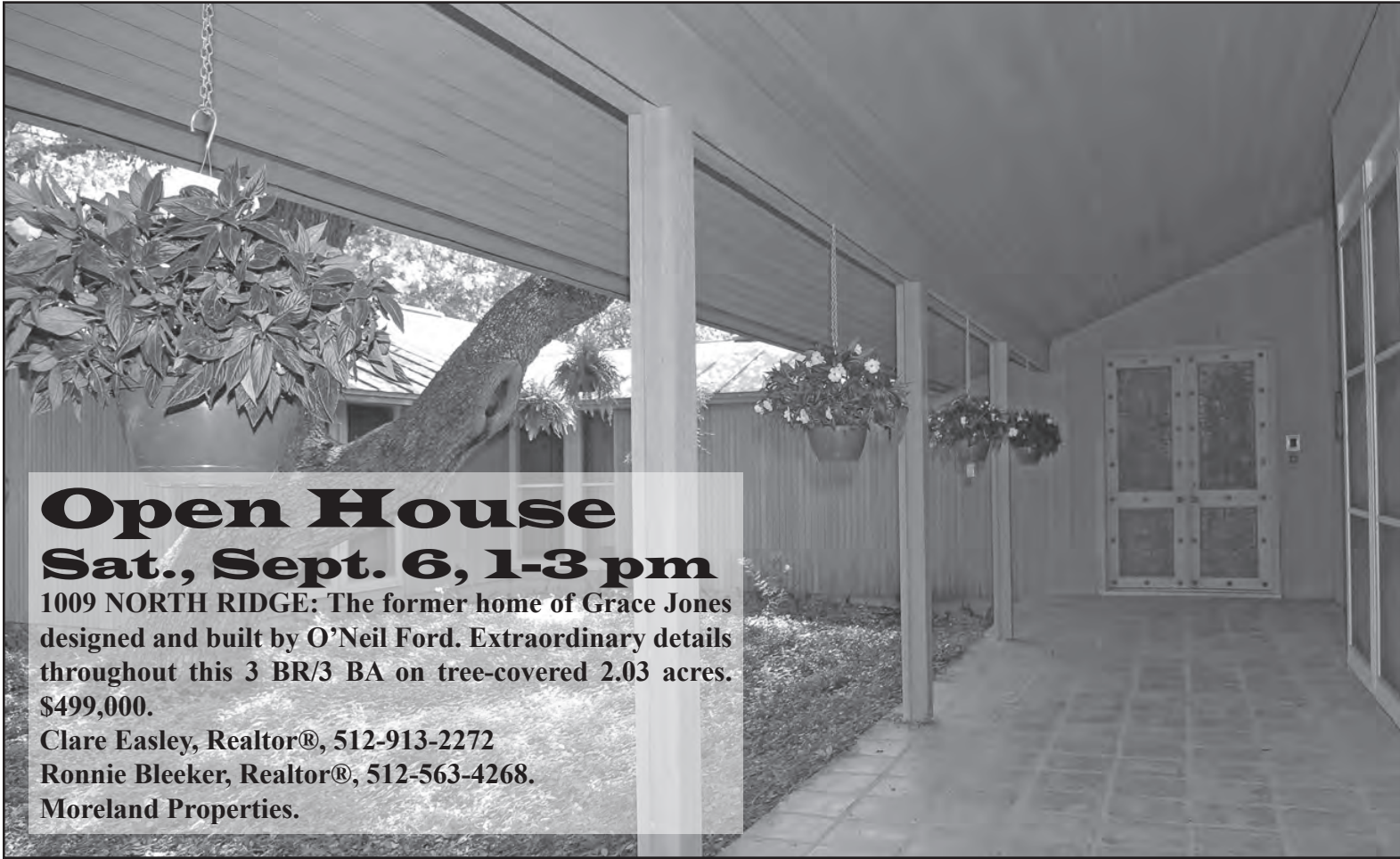

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Hidden among mature oak trees, lies this private Tuscan estate. Expansive living room and kitchen perfect for cooking. Spacious master suite, swimming pool overlooks park-like backyard. **\$575,000.**



SOLD!

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. **\$459,900.**



Under Contract

Escape to this Elegant Estate on Tree-Covered Lot. Tropical Landscaping with swimming pool, granite counters, stainless steel appliances, fireplace, 3 car garage and more. ~~\$459,900~~ Reduced to **\$429,500.**



SOLD!!

If gardening is your passion or if you just need space, large 2-acre estate lot is a perfect fit. David Foust custom has natural stone, stainless steel appliances, granite counter, hardwood floors and more. **\$449,900.**



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. **\$269,900.**



Austin Stone Ranch home on almost 5 acres. Great location off FM 2484. Large living room and wood floors in the master bedroom. **\$259,900.**



Excellent Curb Appeal on this Home in Mill Creek with two lots. Large stone fireplace and much more. Call us today for information. **\$239,900.**



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, **\$194,900.**



Great Open and Spacious Floor Plan. Flex room could be 4th BR. Backs up to Corps of Engineer property. Convenient to Killeen, Harker Heights with Salado schools. **\$194,900.**



Price Reduced

Beautiful Landscaping and Gorgeous Tree-Covered Lot invite you into this Extensively Renovated Home in Mill Creek. **\$179,900**



SOLD!

Excellent Home conveniently located in Mill Creek. 3/2 very well taken care of. Priced at **\$179,900.**



Secluded and Private, just northwest of Salado. Tree-Covered 1 acre lot with home. All for **\$79,900.** Call Ryan today at 254-541-2255.

Lots

Beautiful treed lot in Mill Creek on South Ridge Road. \$39,900. REDUCED.
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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