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Hometown newspaper read by Jamie & Phyllis Bonner

Library District buys Denman building

Salado Public Library District purchased the Denman Building on North Main St., signing closing papers on the property 11 a.m. Aug. 30 at Monteith Title and Abstract Co. in Temple.

The Library District paid \$525,000 for the building, financing \$320,000 of the purchase through a 15-year fixed-rate loan of 5.1 percent with First State Bank of Salado.

The Library District will lease the building to the Denmans for six months

at \$2,500 per month. The Denmans own Royal Emporium, which is housed in the building.

After the completion of the lease, the Library District will begin renovation of the building. The board budgeted \$10,000 in capital improvements for the renovations and another \$35,000 for furniture for the building.

Board member Lynn Epps said he expects the Library to close at the end of March to make the move to the new building.

Hearing set on I-35 project Widening from Jarrell to Salado to be discussed at meeting Oct. 8

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public information session to present the proposed widening of Interstate 35 from FM 487 in Jarrell to FM 2843 south of Salado. Significant changes have been made to the schematic since the last meeting.

The meeting is scheduled for Oct. 8 at the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria at 550 Thomas Arnold Rd. in Salado. The session will begin at 5 p.m. and close at 8 p.m. Maps showing the proposed location and design will be displayed in an open house setting. No formal presentation will be made.

The section in Salado from FM 2843 to FM 2484 will not be discussed at this meeting. A separate meeting will be conducted at a later date to discuss this section.

Additional right-of-way would be required for the project and relocations may be necessary. Information concerning the State's Relocation Assistance Program and the benefits and services available to affected property owners will be available at the session. This material will be available after the meeting at TxDOT's Interstate 35 Project Office located at 801 Austin

Avenue, Suite 1030, Waco, TX 76701.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the open house and express their views. Persons interested in attending the session who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the I-35 Project Office at (254) 754-8087 as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made. Since the public meetings will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least one week prior to the meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Verbal and written comments regarding the proposed project are requested. Comments may be presented either at the meeting or in writing after the meeting. Comments must be received no later than 10 days following the meeting in order to be included in the public involvement record. Written statements may be submitted to Mr. John F. Obr, PE, I-35 Project Director, Texas Department of Transportation, 801 Austin Avenue, Suite 1030, Waco, TX 76701 at any time on or before 5 p.m. Oct. 21.



Miss Texas Lisa Dalzell

Miss Texas visits Salado

By ASHLEY SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Miss Texas Lisa Dalzell, originally of Kingwood, visited Central Texas on Labor Day weekend. She appeared as the Master of Ceremonies at the Central Texas State Fair Pageant Aug. 31 at the Expo Center, and made an appearance on the morning of Aug. 31 for Alltel, one of her sponsors. The Stagecoach Inn welcomed her for dinner and the evening.

Dalzell was crowned

as Miss Texas on July 6, 2002. In her 365 day reign, she will make over 400 appearances all across the state of Texas.

Dalzell's platform, entitled, "Shaping America's Volunteer Efforts," is focused on encouraging young Texans to give back to their communities. The flute was Dalzell's talent choice in the Miss Texas pageant.

Miss Texas is a 2002 graduate of Texas A&M University, with a degree in journalism. She

planned to attend law school in Houston this fall, but had to defer her enrollment for one year due to her recent crowning.

After Dalzell was crowned, she was asked to move to Ft. Worth and was provided with a completely furnished apartment. She will reside in Ft. Worth until her reign as Miss Texas expires. Dalzell leaves Sept. 6 for her biggest appearance, the Miss America Pageant, which airs September 21.

Aldermen to conduct hearing on budget Sept. 5

Salado aldermen will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2002-03 budget 6:30 p.m. Sept. 5 at the Municipal Building.

Citizens wishing to address the board should compete a request form prior to the start of the meeting. Comments should be limited to three minutes per person, without deferring time from one speaker

to the next.

The board of aldermen are considering a budget of more than \$500,000 for the 2002-03 fiscal year.

Following the public hearing on the budget, the board of aldermen will conduct a business meeting with the following items on the agenda:

Old business items, include emergency medi-

cal services, the 2002-03 budget and the subdivision ordinance.

Under new business, the board will discuss and Oncor compromise settlement and release agreement, a capitalization policy and animal control.

The board of aldermen will meet again 6:30 p.m. Sept. 19.

Salado loses friend in death of Coach Smith

REMEMBERING COACH
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Services celebrating the life of U.G. "Coach" Smith, 81, will be 5:30 p.m. Sept. 5 at Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton with Rev. Skip Blancett officiating. Burial will follow immediately after at the Salado Cemetery.

Coach died Sept. 1 at home in his beloved Salado. He was born Ulysses Grant Smith in Dexter, MO, to Charles Judson Smith and Myrta Dyer Smith. He lived and attended school in Urich, MO. After graduating, he joined the United States Army.

Coach received many medals and recognitions while serving his country in the army for over 22 years, but he was most proud of the admiration and loyalty he earned while serving beside his troops during his many stints in Korea, Japan and Europe.

After retiring as an officer from the military, Coach eagerly began his life as a teacher and coach. At age 42, he was the oldest enrolled college freshman when he entered The University of Nebraska at Omaha. He coached in Slater, MO and Chadwick Preparatory School in Palos Verdes, CA, before coming to Salado, to begin his Texas tenure. He left Salado and was principal/coach in Jarrell, TX and Santo, TX before ending his career in Moran, TX.

Coach's proudest moment was the re-naming of the Salado High School gym, "The Coach Smith Gym" in recognition of his many years of unwavering support and enthusiastic attendance of all Salado athletics, most particularly girls' basketball.

Coach returned to Salado to begin his last adventure, business. He owned and operated Salado Hardware, Salado Car Wash, Salado Texaco, Rogers Laundry Mat, Bartlett Dairy Queen and his favorite, Salado Dairy Queen. Coach also owned a restaurant in Missouri. He was proud of his mem-

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



"THE LAST THING HE SAID WAS, 'IF THIS FINANCIAL STATEMENT ISN'T HONEST AND COMPLETE, MAY GOD STRIKE ME DEAD!'"

Owning a gun is true empowerment

"You go, girl!" feminist empowerment apparently has its limits.

When it comes to defending yourself against a stronger and more violent man, nothing so empowers a woman as three little words: Smith & Wesson. In Louisiana, Gov. Mike Foster recently suggested that, in light of a serial killer murdering women in Baton Rouge, women should consider vigorously exercising their Second Amendment rights. "You have the right to get a gun permit," the governor advised frightened women on his weekly radio show. "Learn to use it." But most feminists aren't willing to take back the night if it has to be at the barrel of a gun.

"My gosh," says the head of the New Orleans National Organization of Women, "I'm just afraid, like all gun-control proponents, that the gun will get in the wrong hands or be used against her, get in the hands of a batterer or an abusive husband or ex boyfriend."

For NOW at least, an ideological commitment to gun control trumps women's self-defense.

If the world is actually as threatening as feminist groups portray it, with every man a potential rapist or batterer, a gun would seem to be the ideal antidote.

According to research by criminologist Gary Kleck, "As many as 200,000 women use a gun every year to defend themselves against sexual assault."

A gun is so important to women, because otherwise they are likely to be physically overwhelmed by a male attacker. John Lott of the American Enterprise Institute notes data showing that fighting back with her fists or trying to run away are the worst responses a woman can make, since she will usually be beaten or run down.

A gun is the great equalizer, giving women power far beyond their natural physical means.

The Rich Lowry column



One recent study showed that in cases of robbery, aggravated assault and rape, women who brandished a gun were four times more likely to escape unharmed than women who tried to resist by other means.

Across the country, roughly 17 million women own a gun. Nifty models like the .38 Smith & Wesson Special, which is only 12 ounces and an ideal way to accessorize a Prada or Coach handbag, are particularly popular among women.

The numbers just don't support the gun-controllers' conventional wisdom that more guns in the population mean more violent crime, more suicide and more gun accidents.

As criminologist Kleck has demonstrated, areas with higher gun ownership don't have higher levels of violent crime (research by AEI's Lott shows it is actually lower in those areas); people determined to commit suicide will find a means to do it whether there is a gun available or not; and gun accidents are so rare—and occur mainly among such a reckless, tiny subset of the population, that they don't bear any relationship to gun-ownership levels generally.

In any case, while NOW wrings its hands, women are voting with their trigger fingers. All together now: You go, girls!

Most statewide candidates shut down ad machines until after Sept 11; a few gambling against voter backlash

Labor Day has come and gone, as have (temporarily) most political TV and print ads - the latter in response to the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas' plea for a moratorium on the hard hitting attacks raging between candidates seeking statewide office. CLEAT's hope is to have a campaign advertising "stand-down" through September 11 to honor and remember those who died in last year's terrorist attack in New York and Washington.

This column reported in the August 21 edition of the *Salado Village Voice*, that a survey of statewide candidates indicated a general willingness to cancel September's political advertising leading up to the anniversary of the barbaric horror that shocked our nation to its very core.

GUV CAMPAIGNS DITHER

The gubernatorial campaigns however, were undecided until last Friday, as to what schedule they would follow. Governor Perry broke that log-jam by announcing he would honor the law enforcement group's request by halting his advertising from September 7 through 11 in honor of the nation's plan to mark the 11th as a day of commemoration.

Holly Sprague from Tony Sanchez' Austin press office, reported Friday: "Our campaign will pause - as will the nation on September 11, to show the reverence that special day deserves." There was some hint the campaign might expand their ad break, but refused to confirm anything beyond the one day pause.

The Dewhurst campaign for Lt. Governor shifted from an earlier "total" black-out pledge, to last weekend's report that changed their timing to: "still up in the air." Opponent John Sharp plans to abide by the moratorium.

Senate hopeful John Cornyn changed his 11 day non-advertising schedule to align with Perry's five day break. His opponent Ron Kirk will hold ads until after September 11.

Presumably all candidates will hold off the bombast at least on September 11.

POLITICAL BACKLASH

There could be, of course, a potential voter backlash in not going with the moratorium on advertising leading up to September 11. Most TV viewers have already seen enough verbal sucker-punching and counter-jabs to last a lifetime. Started way too early and has increased faster-than-fusion, so the question naturally comes to mind - "what would be lost if there were no political ads aired for a couple of days?"

EDWARDS-FARLEY TAKE OFF GLOVES

In the tumult of a statewide gubernatorial race, that has Perry and Sanchez close to accusing each other of being against both apple pie and motherhood, we have somewhat neglected the District 11 Congressional race, between incumbent Chet Edwards (D-Waco) and Temple's Ramsey Farley.

These guys have been at each other's throats from day one with accusations that contribution sources and amounts have been incorrectly reported; inadequate funding for military and veterans; Edwards voting record (Farley says it's "too liberal") and Edwards' complaints about Farley's "mud slinging," which gave rise to Edwards' heated accusation that Farley was blaming him for the "September 11, terrorist attacks!"

"Not true," was Farley's rejoinder, "Just another example of Edwards playing 'poor pitiful me' to shelter himself from his well-documented public record."

"Look at the record," scolded Edwards,

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



Super conservative writer George Will is on target with two thoughtful editorials that deal with the PLO and Iraq.

referring to Farley's candidacy announcement that read in part: "We must challenge him (Edwards) and all those who brought us to the brink of death in this country, left us afraid to fly or to open our mail."

Eating one's words is the worst punishment meted out to bellicose politicians and in this instance - it would appear the incumbent made a point. **Bon appetite!**

GEORGE WILL ON TARGET

It is this writer's contention that only through reading and discussing differing philosophies of government from far left liberalism to ultra right wing reactionism, with stops along the way for centralism, moderation and yes, even ideas promoted by the quirky or inane, can we ever come to grips with cogent ideas and opinions that challenge our thinking and help us better understand our complex political world.

Take for example the thought provoking musings from one of America's leading protagonists of conservatism - George F. Will. Many followers of the great game of politics scoff at George for being too far out in right field (he is, after all, a true-blue baseball enthusiast) and as a result many turn away from his writings with the same mean spirited rejection that Tories feel towards the liberal railings of Molly Ivins.

Fact is, the work of both Will and Ivins should be read carefully in order to understand at least two sides of the major issues facing America's heterogeneous population. Based on this theorem, we recommend George Will's editorial in the August 19, issue of *Newsweek*.

He begins the piece: "These are the best of times for the worst of people," and proceeds to shred the insane theory held by wicked leaders who claim that human nature is "so watery and flimsy that it poses no serious impediment...to treating people as malleable clay to be molded into creatures at once submissive and violent."

Will points out two regimes that endorsed the notion that human nature can be terribly modified to create monstrous outrages - including what the Nazis did during their days of butchery and ties that disgrace tightly to what years of the Palestinian Authority's "thugocracy", have inculcated into it's most unstable members, that causes mothers to rejoice openly when their children become human bombs in order to kill other mother's children!

Will's thesis is that all such barbaric systems fail as did the Nazis and as will the savagery of the PLO - when human nature eventually revolts and is replaced by order and freedom.

Also presented by Will, in a nationally syndicated column (August 29), was a quiet voice of conservative thought and reason aimed at the national debate swirling around the pros and cons of a pre-emptive strike against Iraq.

We recommend, without reservation, these ideas as being worthy of consideration.

That's -30-

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Homeland Security: Defending the Homeland

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



In this, the third and final segment of my annual survey, I would like to gauge Texans' views on our nation's homeland security efforts. Since September 11, our world has changed. Our attitudes and outlooks are different and your government is grappling with the enormous task of securing the United States from future terror attacks.

Your input and ideas on these important topics will help me better represent Texas values and opinions in Washington. Thank you to those who have taken the time to reply thus far. I look forward to your responses, and again, I am grateful for this newspaper's generosity in printing this survey.

Questionnaire Part Three -- Homeland Security

One of the first and most visible security overhauls our nation experienced after September 11 was in our nation's airports. We have implemented more intense screening processes for baggage and passengers and, by year's end, federal screeners will be in place at our nation's largest airports. What are your thoughts on aviation security at this time?

Do you feel the new security measures have made flying safer?

Do you think passenger screening has improved?

Suggestions for making the screening system better.

Another area we are currently addressing is air cargo security. While 22 percent of air cargo travels on passenger flights, only a tiny percentage is inspected before the flight. How do you think we should address this problem?

All cargo on passenger flights should be inspected.

Cargo from established shippers should be exempt from inspection

Ban cargo from passenger flights

Other

Securing our nation's borders is a monumental task. In Texas alone, we share more than 1,200 miles of border with Mexico and thousands of people cross into the U.S. through Texas each day. We are working to develop a better system for tracking those coming and going across the border, and there are a number of areas of concern as we proceed. Please check all of the following statements that represent your views on this issue.

The U.S. should work with other nations to develop machine-readable, tamper-proof visas that would allow us to better collect and disseminate information about foreign visitors.

Texas' universities and colleges should continue to admit foreign students as long as schools are held responsible for notifying the government if students fail to attend school, or drop out of classes.

An increased presence of border patrol agents and enhanced security at international crossings will most effectively address these concerns.

Other

Ninety-five percent of our nation's overseas trade is carried via ship. Yet only two percent of inbound containers are checked by U.S. Customs at our nation's ports. One of the world's largest petrochemical ports is in Texas at the Port of Houston. A terrorist attack in Houston would not only devastate Texas' economy -- it could cripple our nation's energy industry. How do you think we should protect our ports? (Check all that apply).

Ships entering U.S. ports should be subject to as much scrutiny as airplanes coming into U.S. airports.

Cargo aboard ships should be inspected at random.

Cargo from established shippers should be exempt from inspection.

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Representing poor is marathon not sprint

By Raymond Gill and Annette LoVo

The effort to bring quality representation to poor people accused of crimes in Texas is a marathon, not a sprint.

We have already taken some much-needed strides toward ensuring that all Texans get qualified legal representation in the criminal justice system in a fair and timely manner. Last year, Texas passed the Texas Fair Defense Act, which has been hailed as the most important piece of indigent legislation in Texas in the past 25 years.

Getting the law passed was the first step, but we still have a long way to go to ensure its effectiveness.

Until the law was passed, the Texas system for public defense was widely criticized. Mounting evidence demonstrated that the quality of representation for the poor was often woefully inadequate. Many defendants languished in jail for weeks and months before seeing an attorney. Once they did get attorneys, there was no guarantee that the lawyers would be qualified to handle their cases. The quality of justice varied from county to county and in many instances from court to court within a single county because there was no consistent and fair method for selecting attorneys.

The Texas Fair Defense Act, which went into effect this past January, brings much-needed change. The law sets out basic requirements for each county's system, providing immediate improvements of swifter and fairer justice in many counties.

Judges in all Texas counties are responsible for ensuring speedy appointments of qualified attorneys

through a fair procedure. To achieve these goals, all counties were required to submit plans to the state by January 1 of this year. A report released in March by Texas Appleseed and the Equal Justice Center indicates that Texas counties are off to a good start. This report analyzes 95 county plans describing adult indigent defense procedures in 80 counties where almost 90 percent of Texans reside.

Texas Appleseed and the Equal Justice Center found that many county plans met basic fair defense act requirements and that some went beyond the requirements of the law. For example, counties with populations of 250,000 or more have up to four working days to appoint an attorney to an indigent defendant from the time the defendant is arrested, and smaller counties have up to six working days. However, a few county plans included procedures that can result in even faster appointments.

Other plans included procedures by which magistrates request appointment of counsel for defendants whom they suspect might be mentally incompetent to request their own attorneys. Other counties require attorneys to meet special qualification requirements to represent persons with severe mental disabilities.

The fact that so many counties have made a good faith start indicates that we can arrive at a system of which we can be proud. At the same time, during this critical transition, we must stay focused on the goal of bringing quality representation for all indigent defendants.

A statewide Task Force of legislators, judges and practitioners is reviewing

the county plans, issuing additional statewide standards, and distributing approximately \$20 million of supplemental funding to compliant counties over the biennium. In order to keep Texas on the road toward the kind of justice every Texan deserves, the task force must pursue its responsibilities vigorously. It must help counties meet their plan requirements and create standards and policies that promote improved representation for the poor in our criminal justice system.

The Task Force should also develop specific statewide standards for attorneys who want to represent populations that are particularly vulnerable in the criminal justice system, such as persons with mental illness and/or mental retardation and juveniles. In the meantime, attorneys at Texas Appleseed, working with a mental health consultant, have created a handbook for attorneys to help them better represent their clients with mental illness, and they are currently developing a handbook for attorneys who represent juvenile defendants.

Keeping us on this long road to justice, however, is not only the responsibility of the lawmakers, county officials, and advocates. It is the responsibility of every Texan who cares about having a criminal justice system that is fair. Everyone suffers when our system is not fair.

We all need to help our local communities implement this vital reform measure so that none of our counties are left behind and to keep the spirit of this law alive -- all the way to the finish line.

Gill is attorney fellow and LoVo is executive director with Texas Appleseed.

Agriculture gets a clod



Jim Hightower

Some of George W's appointees are so ugly you wouldn't pull them behind a John Deere with 30 feet of rope. But the ugliest yet might be the man Bush just snuck into the Ag Department as our new Undersecretary for Rural Development.

Start with the fact that as head of a large corporate farm in Iowa, Thomas Dorr was slipperier than an Enron executive. He rigged his books so he could get around the legal limits on federal farm payments, which allowed him to grab more crop subsidies from us taxpayers than he was entitled to receive. Twice, including this year, he got caught and was forced to return thousands of dollars to the government. Dorr just shrugs off his unethical conniving, saying he has "no idea if it's legal" and telling senators at his confirmation hearing that even if illegal it's OK, because "I have known many, many farmers who have done that over the years." Maybe, but they probably don't expect to get a top government appointment.

While Dorr loves federal farm money so much he'll cheat to get it, he hates the idea that any of his tax dollars might go to help other rural people. Three years ago, he sent a hot letter to Senator Tom Harkin denouncing a small tax that helps extend Internet service to rural areas, saying that "subsidy games" had turned Iowa into a "state of peasants."

Odd attitude for a guy who wants a government job to administer programs that help the rural poor.

Speaking of attitudes, he once made the unfortunate comment that three Iowa counties were enjoying economic progress because of their homogeneity--meaning white and Christian. Dorr also doesn't like small, as in small farmers. He says that 200,000-acre factory farms fit his vision of what agriculture should be.

This guy should not be in the U.S. Agriculture Department, and he wouldn't be, since the Senate would not have confirmed such an obtuse clod. But, in August, George W. Bush made Dorr a recess appointment, sneaking him into office while the Senate was out of town.

FINANCIAL

About margin loans

The market is quite a roller coaster these days, but if you're in need of short-term cash, turning to your stock portfolio may still be a better idea than drawing on a credit card.

I'm talking about margin loans here, where you borrow against the holdings in your brokerage account (as much as 50 percent) and pay interest rates to the brokerage firms. Depending on the size, interest on margin loans can be as low as

Dollars & Sense

by David Uffington

5 percent. That compares favorably to an average credit-card rate of about 13 percent.

Taking out a margin loan is easy; all you do is write a check out against your account. You don't have to liquidate any investments.

However, margin loans aren't as popular these days; margin debt fell

from a high of \$279 billion in January 2000 to \$146 billion this past June. The reason: bear market conditions, which have caused a steep devaluation in stock prices. When the value of your stock holdings on which a margin loan was based falls below the amount the brokerage firm feels is enough to back the loan,

the brokerage makes what is called a margin call. Unless you add funds to your account, the brokerage will sell your securities to cover the loan.

Still, a modest margin loan, say, 20 percent to 25 percent, is quite durable, even under current market conditions.

It's best to avoid loans like these, but if you're strapped for cash in a hurry, you ought to take a look at a margin loan before pulling out the old plastic.

Central Texas Business Resource Center's schedule of events for Sept.

The Central Texas Business Resource Center (the BRC) provides high-quality business counseling, training, and assistance to potential and existing small business owners. This non-membership, not for profit organization is supported by the Central Texas Workforce System, the Killeen Economic Development Corporation, the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce, and Central Texas College. Each month the BRC offers or sponsors classes and special events for the small business community, ranging from cost-free to \$25. The BRC's September class and event schedule follows.

September classes and events schedule:

September 3, 2002: Being your Own Boss - course discusses the fundamentals of starting your own business and how to prepare for

self-employment. Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm. Location: Killeen Workforce Center, 300 Cheyenne, Room 102. Cost: \$25. Please RSVP at least one day in advance by calling 254-200-2001.

September 10: Business Plan Basics - course covers a thorough overview of business planning, with a Q&A session. This is class 1 in a 4-class series. Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm. Location: Killeen Workforce Center, 300 Cheyenne, Room 102. Cost: \$25. Please RSVP at least one day in advance by calling 254-200-2001.

September 17: The Art of Showing Off! FREE TO CELEBRATION SHOW EXHIBITORS. This special workshop will cover practical tips for businesses that exhibit in shows, conventions, conferences, festivals, etc. The workshop will show you how to make your experience

as stress-free and profitable as possible. Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm. Location: Killeen Workforce Center, 300 Cheyenne, Room 102. Cost: Free. Please RSVP at least one day in advance by calling 254-200-2001.

September 24, 2002: Understanding Financial Reports-course discusses the essentials of financial reports for business planning purposes. This is the 4th class in a 4-class series. Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm. Location: Killeen Workforce Center, 300 Cheyenne, Room 102. Cost: \$25. Please RSVP at least one day in advance by calling 254-200-2001.

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ALRIGHT, TAKE A BREAK BOY, I'LL GET A FRISBEE.

GEEZ, I'LL BE GLAD WHEN HE GETS A LICENSE.

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR HYBRIDS, SIM?

YUP! TAKE A GOOD WHIFF!

AH-CHOO! AH-CHOO! AH-CHOO! PEPPERCORN!

Got a Life

by Terri Davis

Stacey, that guy just winked at you!

Oh, wow. You know what that means?

It means I probably have a glob of food on my chin, and he was mocking me.

Geez, I'd better get to a restroom. God knows what else I've got clinging to my face.

It's been a long time since you've been single, hasn't it?

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

HAROLD, IT FEELS LIKE OUR MARRIAGE IS GOING NOWHERE.

I FEEL THE SAME WAY.

I'M GLAD IT'S STAYING RIGHT HERE.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

Funny Ha Ha...

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by Jerry Craft

OH, THOSE 3 LITTLE WORDS THAT WARM EVERY MOTHER'S HEART...

SAY IT AGAIN!... BUT, MOM, WE ALREADY SAID IT 4 TIMES!

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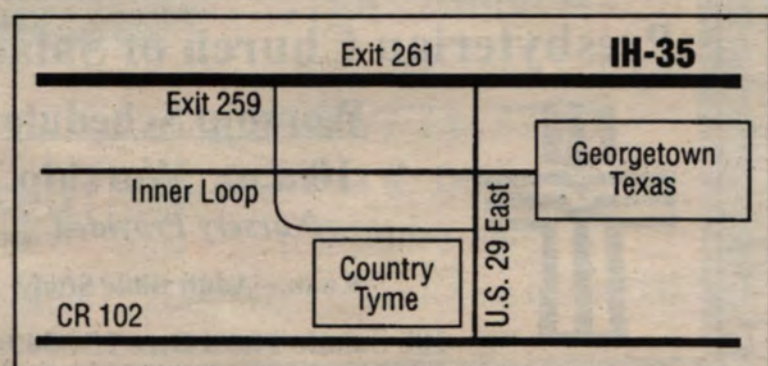
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Family enrichment study begins Sept. 8 at First Baptist Church

Intimate Encounters, and eight-week marriage and family enrichment study will begin Sept. 8 with classes being held at the Salado Mansion. Classes will run 9:15-10:30 a.m.

All couples are encouraged to attend the sessions, taught by Joe and Colleen Palmer and co-led by Alan and Brenda Rogers, whether they would like to enrich a good marriage, are struggling with a marriage, or are thinking about getting married. Couples of all ages are invited.

Joe and Colleen have been married for 32 years and have three grown children. They are members of Temple Bible Church and have taught hundreds of couples over the past 10 years. Joe is the principal of the Salado Intermediate School and Colleen teaches sixth grade Language Arts.

SEE FAMILY ENRICHMENT PAGE 7A

Yarbrough passes away at age 80

September 4, 2002 **Village Voice** Page 7A

Clyde Demar Yarbrough, Sr., 80, of Salado, died at his residence Aug. 26.

Services were held 10 a.m. Aug. 30 at Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton with Rev. Roy Smith officiating. Burial was in the Resthaven Cemetery south of Belton.

Yarbrough was born Oct. 3, 1921 in Aliceville, Alabama to Walter Demar and Lola Mae Mitchell Yarbrough. He attended

Mississippi State University, where he studied business. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII as an M.P. at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Following his discharge from the Army, he worked in sales at various levels. He married Elva Fellers on Feb. 6, 1991 in Youngsport. Yarbrough was a member of Lawler Baptist Church and formerly served as a Deacon at Youngsport

Baptist Church. He had been a resident of Salado for the past 13 years, moving here from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Survivors include his wife, Elva Fellers Yarbrough of Salado; one son, Clyde D. Yarbrough, Jr. of China Spring; two daughters, Marcia Bock of Memphis, Tennessee and Nancy Smith of Sturgis, South Dakota; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty LaVernce Russell Yarbrough in 1990 and a sister, Gladys Kline.

Memorials may be made to Lawler Baptist Church, 590 CR 229, Florence, TX 76527 or S&W Hospice, 2401 S. 31 St., Temple, TX 76508.

Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton is in charge of arrangements.

Macbeth to be performed Goodnight Amphitheater

Tablerock Festival of Salado would like to announce that William Shakespeare's tragic drama, *Macbeth*, will be performed on the main stage at the Goodnight Amphitheater on Nov. 15, 16, 22, and 23. All performances will take place at 7 p.m., with ticket prices of \$8 for adults, \$3 for children under eight, \$5 for seniors (over 55) and \$5 for students (primary school through college).

Open auditions will be held at Goodnight Amphitheater on Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 14 at 3 p.m. There are approximately 35 speaking roles in *Macbeth*, and all parts are to be cast based on these auditions. We will also need volunteers to work behind the scenes on sets, audio, lighting, costumes and make-up.

"If you have an interest in participating behind the scenes, please show up for

one of the audition dates, and let us know where you would like to volunteer," said Jackie Mills. The play is to be directed by David Dunlap, of Salado, who hopes to make Shakespeare an annual and permanent part of the Tablerock season.

For additional information on auditions, rehearsal schedule, or performances, please contact David Dunlap by phone at 254-947-8933.

Family enrichment study — From 6A

Alan and Brenda have been married for 25 years and have a son, Jerad, who is a senior in high school. They are members of First Baptist Church in Salado. Alan is the Police Chief for Salado and Brenda is a gifted and talented facilitator with Killeen ISD.

Topics as varied as identifying and understanding needs, developing soul and spiritual oneness with your spouse, Biblically dealing with hurt, anger, guilt, fear and condemnation, developing intimacy through four key ingredients of an intimate relationship, and how to truly know your children and open doors of communication will be covered.

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* 10 a.m. Drip Irrigation - Walter Daude, MG. Getting the most from your watering. Water more efficiently with drip irrigation. Learn how to set up a drip irrigation system.

* 11 a.m. Butterfly Gardening - Susan Kasler, MG. A patio or part of a yard can be turned into a butterfly garden by selecting the right plants and

adding a source of water.

* Noon Composting in the Backyard Ursula Nanna, MG. Turn your yard clippings into compost and return the nutrients back to your soil.

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* 1 p.m. NWF Backyard Habitat - Al Kirchner, MG. Learn how easy it is to attract wildlife and certify your yard with National Wildlife Foundation.

* 2 p.m. Water Gardening Louise Oldham, MG. The basics on how to start a pond. Ponds types, plants choices, locations, fish and other information to get your pond off to a good start.

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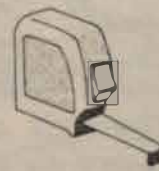
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Your Voice

Dear Editor,

Tablerock Festival of Salado, Inc. sends a grateful thank you to the cast, crew, sponsors, organizations, individuals and attendees for their support in helping to make *Salado Legends* a success in its tenth annual performance.

Our cast and crew consisted of over 200 members, helpers and sponsors this season. The family-oriented production had 22 families ranging from three year olds to 72 year olds, and from one to four generations. Cast and crew members lived as far away as Waco, Kempner, Austin and Bangs.

In keeping with our *Salado Legends* family tradition, we encourage our young people to pursue a higher education. Four Tablerock Scholarships, each for \$250, were given to "Legends" college stu-

dents. And again this year, Shirley and Mike Cornett donated \$1,000 for scholarships to two *Salado Legends* college students. Jeff McClure, Judy Harvey, Lastovica Angus Farm, Indian Trail Press and Denver Mills also donated scholarships. All together, *Salado Legends'* cast and crew were the recipients of \$3,500 in scholarships. Two of the lines in *Salado Legends* are "We're gonna learn them kids how to read," and "We'll learn 'um how to talk." It is just as true today as it was in 1860, only we use better English today and since Salado College closed its doors, we have to send "them kids" to other Texas institutions of higher learning.

Despite the high temperature and threats of rain, people drove in from big towns like Dallas,

Houston, Fort Worth, Oklahoma City and San Antonio. Not to be outdone, the little towns like Wimberly, McAllen and North Richland Hills were represented, too. A drawing for a one night stay at the Inn at Salado gave us names and addresses of people from Kansas, Georgia and Hawaii, also from Scotland and Germany.

The economic impact of the 1,242 people who attended the three performances of *Salado Legends* is remarkable. The ticket sales combined with tourist sales at area motels, hotels, bed and breakfasts, shops, gas stations and

restaurants is estimated to be \$257,272. What a boon for Salado's tourist trade! This year it helps the Salado Village one percent sales tax and the Hotel Motel Tax. Our attendance was up three percent over last year and is only one person less than our all time high for attendance.

Thank you one and all for your continued help and confidence in *Salado Legends*.

Sincerely,

Jackie Mills, President
Tablerock Festival of Salado, Inc.

Surveys From 3A

The President has proposed the creation of a Department of Homeland Security. This is a massive undertaking that would involve nearly 100 government agencies. If it is done correctly, it will increase our nation's ability to protect its citizens more efficiently and provide a stronger defense against future terror attacks. In your opinion, what are the most crucial elements of a proposed Homeland Security Agency? (Check all that apply)

Bringing all agencies present at our nation's border, including Immigration and Naturalization, Customs and Border Patrol, under the same agency.

Creating a streamlined communication mechanism that will allow state and local authorities to quickly communicate in case of an emergency.

Developing a central intelligence database to help the U.S. track and monitor suspected and know terrorists, to keep them from entering our nation.

There is no need for a new Cabinet-level position, or a Department of Homeland Security. We need to focus on making our current systems and agencies more efficient.

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Coach Smith remembered

The following story appeared in the May 10, 2000 issue of the *Salado Village Voice* newspaper.

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Coach Smith has had more lives than a cat. He's loved every one of them.

After a full military career, he went back to school so that he could coach young people.

His travels in the military and in coaching took this Missouri native around the world and across the country.

Coach joined the military in 1939, mostly just to get a job. The Depression had taken its toll on the family business, a large rice farm in Missouri.

"My brother and I joined the Army so that we could have a job," Coach said.

But that job turned into a career for Smith, who retired from the Army as a Major after 22-1/2 years.

Smith earned many decorations during his years in the military. In addition to serving during World War II, Smith also served during the Korean War.

"I went to Korea three times," Smith says, showing two sabers that were presented to him by the Japanese during his last tour of Korea.

His military years included travels to Europe, especially Germany and Belgium.

"My greatest day in the Army was graduating from Ranger school," Smith said, recalling his days as a parachutist and glider pilot.

Smith even worked with atomic warheads in Nevada. "We worked on the Honest John," he said. "We were the first Army unit to fire an atomic warhead

the job here.

"I decided to leave Chadwick when they got a new headmaster," Smith says. "I had four teenagers at the time."

Smith wanted to bring his family to a small town where children learned discipline. "I remembered Ft. Hood from my days in the Army," he said, "and thought I might like to settle in the area."

He called Texas Education Agency (TEA), where he learned of an opening in Salado.

"I called the Superintendent and spoke to him about the job," Smith said. "He told me that I was the kind of man he was looking for and asked me to send in my resume."

Which he did. But when he did not hear from the school, his wife told him to call the superintendent again.

Which he did. "The superintendent said that the board was meeting that night to hire a new coach and asked if I could come in to meet the board," he explains.

"Now, I was in California and the job was in Texas, but I got there," he said with a laugh.

He adds that the board held the position open until 11:30 p.m. when Smith finally pulled in to Salado.

So Coach literally got his job in Salado in the 11th hour.

But the saga does not end there. "The superintendent who hired me was gone by the time I got here," he said. Earlier Salado had gone through a bitter election over whether to consolidate with Belton schools. Evidently, the superintendent was on the wrong side of the argument.

So, Coach began his job

of building a football program from the ground up. Competing in six-man football means traveling long distances to play against other small schools.

Coach remembers some of those players, who now have children of their own in high school or college. Players like Danny Grimm, John Preston, Billy Cottle, Jesse McLaughlin, Jimmy Wilson and others.

Some of those players, as well as other well wishers will be on hand 6 p.m. May 11 when Salado High School dedicates its gym to Coach Smith for his years of supporting Salado school athletics.

Supporting athletes here in Salado began in 1971 and has continued long after his last days as a coach.

After two years in Salado, Smith coached in Jarrell, Santo and Moran, before returning to Salado to go into business for himself.

"My kids stayed here, so I wanted to come back to Salado," he said of his decision to return.

He bought a service station in 1977 and the Dairy Queen in 1978.

In the 20+ years owning businesses in the area, Coach estimates that he has hired 1,500 teenagers.

For many of them, Coach was their first boss.

For some, he helped them to buy their first car. "I would pay for it and they would pay me back each week from their pay checks," he said. "I never lost a dime on any of our kids here doing that. These are good kids."

For some of them, he was also the first to give them a pink slip. "I never had to fire a Salado kid

SEE COACH SMITH PAGE 10A

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Sept. 6: Waffles, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Sept. 9: Biscuit, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Sept. 10: Pancakes, Sausage Link, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

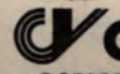
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Coach Smith

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for stealing or for doing anything bad," he recalled, "except maybe for not showing up for work."

Coach considers it his duty to help others who are not as fortunate as he is. "This community has been very good to me," Smith says. "The kids here have been great to us. By supporting our schools and kids, it's one way we can give back."

But Smith's generosity does not end with athletes or his young employees. Sometimes he extends a helping hand to complete strangers. When he does that, he says he has never been disappointed.

He shares one story of

a young man traveling through Salado on the Interstate.

"He was on his way from Ohio to apply for a job as manager of a Wal-Mart in Austin," Coach said. "His car broke down on the highway and he and his wife came into the Dairy Queen."

"I asked what happened and he told me," Coach says, "so I told him to take my car and make that interview on time. His jaw just dropped."

But the young man took the car, returning it to Coach three days later. In the meantime, Coach had the young man's car repaired. "He stopped by

about six weeks later to tell me he got the job and was moving to Texas," he said.

"I had no doubts about it," he adds.

Sometimes Coach takes the phrase "he'll give you the shirt off his back" literally. Just ask his buddy Darrell Street.

A few days ago, the two went to a softball game to watch Troy play Lexington (who knocked Salado out of the playoffs).

A norther blew in with heavy winds and light sprinkles. After a while, Coach and Darrell decided that watching Troy and Lexington play was not worth risking a cold. You

can bet that if it had been Salado playing, they would have stayed.

On the way out, Coach noticed a young woman who was under dressed for the surprise cold snap.

"So, I gave her my jacket. I told her that she had two little kids and couldn't afford to get sick," he said. "I said if she wanted to return it she could drop it off at the Dairy Queen in Salado."

Whether or not she returns that jacket, she will long remember Coach Smith.

As does anyone who has known him.

Coach

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bership as a Master Mason as well as a York Rite 32nd Degree Shriner.

Coach was preceded in death by his devoted brother and partner Charles Edward Smith, also sister, Myrta Hill.

Coach is survived by his wife, Lou Ann McQuery

Smith, son Dezri Grant Smith, daughter Myrta Ann Hodge and husband, Claude, daughter Kathy Lou Rutherford and husband Wayne, and daughter Penny Sue Curry and husband Ron. A brother, Ronald J. Smith of Salado, three sisters, Katherine

Louise Melchiorre, Marjorie Sterling Mendenhall both of Rohnert Park, CA and Alice Elizabeth "Betty" Smith of Kansas City, MO. Coach leaves behind a living legacy of 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren who loved their "Pa-Pa"

dearly.

Memorials may be made to The Soaring Eagle Scholarship Fund at Salado High School started by Coach Smith to support aspiring young athletes.

Visitation is 6 - 8 p.m. on Sept. 4 at the funeral home in Belton.

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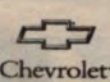


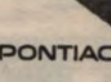
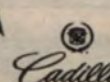
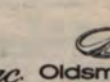
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Eagles open season with win

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Salado Eagles showed they are a second half team, beating the Troy Trojans 28-21 in the season opener at Eagle Field Aug. 30. Salado scored two third quarter touchdowns to break a 14-14 first half tie and held off a fourth quarter effort by the Trojans for the victory.

Tied at 14-14, Salado took the second half kick-off and drove down the

field, eating up the first half of the third quarter. Isaac Berumen scored on a 25-yard first down carry with 7:03 left in the third. The PAT gave the Eagles a 21-14 lead.

After holding Troy to negative three yards on the next drive, the Eagles took over the ball at the Troy 48 yard line, following a Trojan punt.

Five plays and two minutes later, the Eagles were up 28-14. Berumen carried

for three yards, followed by Evan Gillespie's nine yard jaunt to give Salado a fresh set of downs at the Trojan 36 yard line. Berumen carried for eight more before Scott Bates, with two defenders closing in behind him as he rolled out of the pocket, hit Jarrod Whitfield, his favorite target. Whitfield leaped over three defenders to grab the ball and haul it in. He got to the three for a 25 yard gain before being

caught from behind. Berumen scored on the next play, diving through the line with 2:04 left in the third quarter.

After Salado thwarted the Troy offense for most of the second half, allowing just 33 yards total offense midway through the fourth quarter, Troy took advantage of an Eagles fumble deep within the Salado red zone. Chris Fink fell on a Gillespie fumble at the

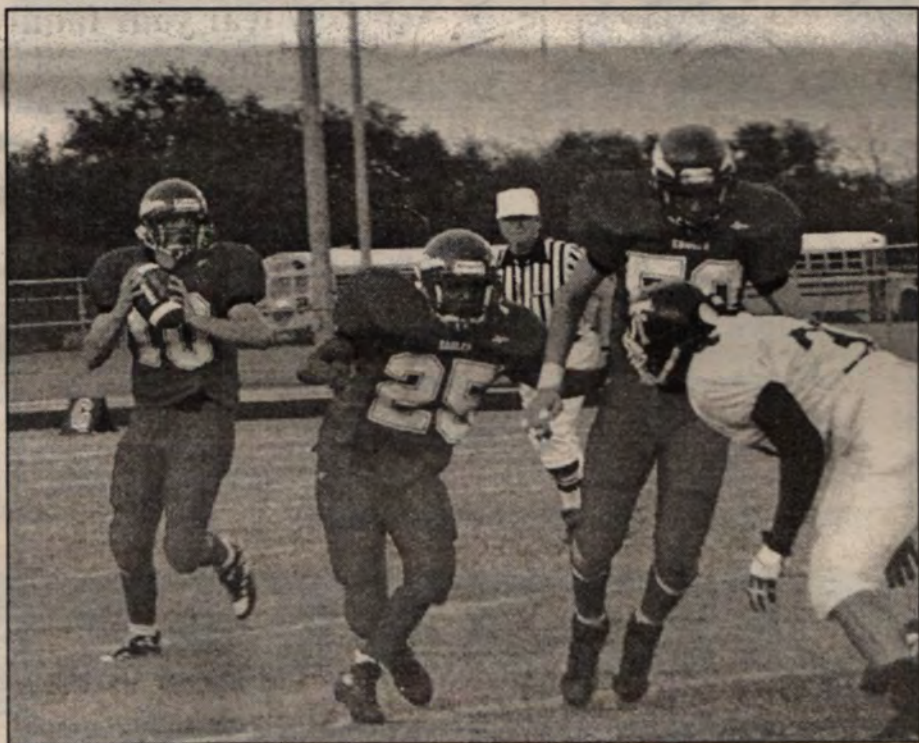


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Eagles Football

Salado seven yard line. Chase Sparks connected with Matt Newman for a touchdown on the next play. The PAT brought the score to 28-21.

Salado's hands team recovered the on-side kick and the Eagles ran out the remaining three minutes to secure the win, with Berumen keeping the ball on the ground.

Salado drew first blood

on a five yard touchdown pass from Bates to Bryan Johnston, coming out of the backfield. The PAT gave Salado a 7-0 lead with 11:54 left in the half. The Eagles drove 48 yards in about three and a half minutes, with senior running back Omar Torres doing the lion's share of the work. He carried the ball six times during the nine play drive, including a 22-yarder and 12 yard run.

Torres was injured in the second half, during the Eagles opening drive. His status for this week's game is unknown.

Troy took advantage of a Bates fumble, which

Anson Petru recovered at the Eagles' 36 yard line. On a fourth and two, Troy's Sparks threw to Newman in the flat between Eagles defenders for a 28 yard touchdown. Troy tied the score at 7-7 with 9:00 left in the half.

The Eagles answered by driving 75 yards on the next series in just over three minutes. Bates connected with Whitfield two times on the drive, including the 25 yard touchdown pass with 5:16 left in the half. He also converted a third and nine with a 14 yard pass to Whitfield to get the ball to the Troy 27 yard line. The PAT gave Salado

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a 14-7 lead, which was to be very short-lived.

After Gillespie stuck Troy's Hank Mayes at the Trojans' 23 yard line, Sparks again found Newman open, this time good for a 77 yard touchdown strike. Troy tied the game 20 seconds after Salado went up.

Berumen led the defense with two fumble recoveries. Also standing out for the defense were Bates, Brad Ray and Cale Cox.

Salado faces the Moody Bearcats on the road 7:30 p.m. Sept. 6. The Eagles beat Moody last year for Coach Jeff Cheatham's second win.



Lady Eagle volleyballers converge to make a play in a recent contest. Although the season just began, the team is looking ahead to making the playoffs. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

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Texas Historical Commission will host meeting to develop Texas Brazos Trail

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) will host an organizational meeting to assist the Texas Brazos Trail Region in beginning its work as the next Texas Heritage Trail.

"The purpose of the meeting is to assist those interested in developing the region as a heritage tourism attraction. It will help them move forward in capturing a greater share of the more than \$40 billion spent on tourism in Texas," said Janie Headrick, director of the THC's Texas Heritage Trails Program.

The meeting will be held Sept. 6 in the Lester and Bea Williams Civic

Center located at 408 South Columbus St. in Cameron from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Registration is requested, and lunch will be available for \$7.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in promoting their historic and cultural resources to tourists - particularly museum directors, heritage society members, Main Street managers, chamber of commerce directors, convention and visitor bureau directors, city managers, economic development directors, historic site operators, county judges, county historical commis-

sion members and county extension agents in the region.

The Texas Brazos Trail Region includes the following counties: Bastrop, Bell, Bosque, Brazos, Burleson, Coryell, Falls, Freestone, Grimes, Hamilton, Lee, Leon, Lime-stone, McLennan, Madison, Milam, Robert-son and Williamson.

The Texas Heritage Trails Program is a regional tourism initiative of the THC. The program helps Texas communities promote tourism, revital-ize local economies and foster community leader-ship through historic pres-

ervation.

For more information on the meeting or the Texas Heritage Trails Program, contact Janie Headrick, program director at 512/463-5754. To register for the meeting, contact Earline Cloudt, Cameron Economic Development/Chamber Director, at 254/697-4979 or camerontx@tlab.net.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency admin-isters a variety of programs to preserve the archeologi-cal, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

American diversity not melting

BY GEORGE MATTHEWS

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself; love does no wrong to a neigh-bor." (Romans 13:9f)

"And who is my neigh-bor?" is one of the famous questions asked of Jesus. His famous answer was that anyone who shows mercy is a neighbor.

A recent front page I read quoted Army General Tommy Franks as saying the United States faces long-term military com-mitments in many coun-tries. Franks singled out Korea, where tens of thou-sands of American forces have been stationed for half a century. He went on to say that our military is going to be in Afghani-stan for a long, long time. There are about 8,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan as part of an international coalition that is hunting for remnants of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist organization and leaders of the Taliban militia that harbored them. The troops also are training an Afghan

Neighbors, Neighbors

by George Matthews



army and providing civil services. Then what about Iraq, Iran, the other coun-tries of the Middle East, Africa, and many more countries than we have fin-gers on both our hands? Are they neighbors to whom we must show mercy? Then what about the state of our United States as a union of mercy-showing neighbors who love one another and who do no wrong to each other as neighbors?

My wife Virginia and I were listening a few nights ago to Alan Greenspan talking about our newest neighbors. He said that presently more than a third of our work force in the United States are immi-grants. As they have through all our national

history, immigrants pro-vide a very important stim-ulation to the economy. They stimulate the vital housing economic indica-tor as they provide homes for their families.

Yes, Cal Thomas comes on stage wearing the Greek drama mask of tragedy and

declaring that now Amer-ica is failing to assimilate immigrants, that America is not what it used to be; that this is not our par-ent's country. Ethnically, it now resembles not a united nation, but a United Nations, with divisions, outright wars along class, racial, religious, language and ideological lines.

But, shall we neighbor as faithfully as possible, then count on something extraordinary to happen - for a visitation of grace that is never guaranteed, yet we count on it to happen.

Democratic Headquarters post new office hours

The new hours for the Democratic Party Headquarters at 20-2 E. First Street in Belton will be Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m. and Satur-day, 10 a.m.-noon.

The schedule began Sept. 3 and continues

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Families in Crisis, Inc. launch campaign to raise public awareness on domestic violence

Families in Crisis, Inc. announced the launch of its campaign to raise public awareness of domestic violence, to inform victims -- particularly African-American victims -- about resources available to them in Bell, Coryell and Hamilton counties and to encourage victims to utilize services.

The campaign, which will run through July 2003, will include radio and billboard advertisements. The

campaign is made possible through a \$40,000 award from the Philip Morris Doors of Hope Program, a national grant-making initiative of Philip Morris Companies, Inc., in partnership with the National Network to End Domestic Violence Fund.

"Educating the community about domestic abuse and raising awareness of the support services available are the first steps toward decreasing the incidence

of such violence. Knowing that a safety net exists can empower victims to take the crucial step in removing themselves -- and their children -- from abusive relationships," said Suzanne Bundschuh, community relations coordinator for Families in Crisis.

Last year, Families in Crisis, Inc. provided 11,654 shelter nights to 449 adults and 680 children. Outreach services were provided to an additional 634 indi-

viduals. Domestic violence support and advocacy organizations, like Families in Crisis, Inc., play a role in helping women overcome the emotional and physical effects of violence.

For more information about Families in Crisis, Inc., please call 254/634-1184 or 254/773-7765 or visit the organization's website at

Junior League and Stein Mart to host Style Exchange

The Junior League of Bell County and Stein Mart will partner to host The Style Exchange Sept. 12-Sept. 15. The Style Exchange, which began in Milwaukee in 1998, is a

four day event where individuals can drop off their "gently used" clothing items to the Temple Stein Mart and, in exchange for their donation, will receive a 20% off

coupon for each item they bring. In addition, they will receive a tax receipt for their donation.

All donations to The Style Exchange will be used to replenish inven-

tory in the Junior League's Second Hand Rose Resale Shop. Proceeds from this shop support critical community programs funded by the Junior League of Bell County. During 2001-2002, the Junior League of Bell County will provide volunteers and financial support to community programs working in the Bell County area.

Junior League volunteers will be accepting donations at Stein Mart Sept. 12-15.

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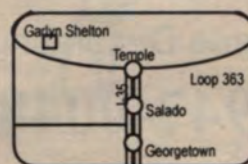


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HEALTH

Make mad dash to lower blood pressure

Dear Dr. Donohue: Could you please rehash the DASH diet for me? I cut your article out of the newspaper, but I can't find it now. I want to put my husband on this diet. He has high blood pressure.

Answer: The Dietary Approach to Stop Hypertension, DASH, is a diet that emphasizes fruits, grains and vegetables and de-emphasizes meat.

It calls for four to five fruit servings each day. A serving is: a medium-sized apple, pear, fruit, etc.; 6 ounces of fruit juice; or 1/2 cup of fresh, frozen or canned fruit.

The DASH diet requires four to five daily vegetable servings, where a serving is 1 cup of leafy, green vegetables; 1/2 cup cooked vegetables; or 6 ounces of

To Your Good Health

by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.



vegetable juice.

Six to eight grain servings a day are on the menu. A serving is one slice of bread, or 1/2 cup cooked rice, pasta or cereal. One ounce of dry cereal is a serving.

Meat, poultry and fish are limited to two daily servings. A serving is three ounces, about the size of a deck of cards.

The DASH diet permits two or three dairy servings a day. They should be low-fat or nonfat. Eight ounces of milk, 1 cup of yogurt or 1/2 ounce of cheese consti-

tutes a serving.

Nuts, beans and seeds are permitted four to five times a week. The serving size is 1 1/2 ounces of nuts, 1/2 ounce of seeds or 1/2 cup of dry beans.

Fats and oils are kept to a minimum. Three servings a day are the limit, with a serving being 1 teaspoon soft margarine, 1 tablespoon of mayonnaise, 1 tablespoon light salad dressing or 1 teaspoon vegetable oil.

Five sweet servings are allowed every week: 1 tablespoon sugar, 1 table-

spoon jelly or jam, and 1/2 ounce of jelly beans are servings.

If a person adheres to the above and limits salt use, blood pressure ought to drop.

You can obtain details by writing: the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, NHLBI Health Information Center, P.O. Box 30105, Bethesda, MD 20824, or by visiting the Web site: www.nhlbi.nih.gov/healthpublic/heart/hbp/dash.

The high blood pressure report can also help. You can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue, No. 4W, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

Fat may come off before pounds do

Question: I started an exercise program about two months ago. I am about 50 pounds overweight. I go to the gym five times a week and do 30 minutes of strength training and about 45 minutes of cardio. I usually do my cardio at a heart rate of 135-140 beats per minute. I drink 8-10 glasses of water a day, and I include lots of fruits and vegetables in my diet.

My problem is I haven't lost a pound. I do feel better and some of my clothes seem to be a bit looser, but I am becoming very discouraged. I expected a bit more success after two months. Am I doing something wrong? Do you have any suggestions?

Answer: Let me begin by commending you for starting a fitness program and staying devoted for the past two months. Based on the information given in your e-mail, it seems you have all of the components in place to reach your goals. Aerobic and strength training partnered with proper nutrition are definitely keys to a successful fitness program and for seeing results.

Your concern is with losing "pounds," but that is a poor way to track your initial progress. A



by Andrea Wyatt

scale only tells how much something weighs; it does not know the difference between a person and a sack of spuds.

When you embark on a fitness program that includes aerobic exercise and strength training, your body will begin to change, but your weight may not. The added muscle mass you develop as a result of strength training will lower your body fat but might not make the scale move, due to the density of muscle. As your clothes get more comfortable, you'll know your body is changing for the better. The loss of pounds will follow.

Remember to stay consistent with your fitness program, and if possible, meet with a fitness or medical professional. They can go over your complete program, conduct a body composition analysis and offer suggestions as to the inten-

sity and progression of your program.

When designing a fit-

ness program, it is important to set more than one goal. Feeling better and sleeping better are wonderful goals to set. Climbing a flight of stairs without getting winded and losing a dress size are other realistic goals. Continue to work hard and don't become discouraged. Give yourself time to see change and know that all of your hard work is paying off.

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Study being done on cause, possible prevention of Alzheimer's

A new study indicates that many people, especially those who are genetically susceptible to being stricken with Alzheimer's disease, might be putting themselves at increased risk of developing the disorder because their diets are high in calories and fat.

As with most of the studies being done on the cause and possible prevention of Alzheimer's, this one is also preliminary and there are still too many unknowns that need to be factored in. But even these preliminary findings on caloric intake seem promising to researchers.

For example, scientists know that cell-damaging oxygen molecules called free radicals are formed during the breakdown of ingested food. These molecules contribute to the

aging process. The lower the food intake, the fewer free radicals are formed, and the aging effect on the cells is similarly lowered. Therefore, since the onset of Alzheimer's appears to coincide with an acceleration of aging, maybe we can retard it by slowing down free radical production.

So far as fats are concerned, they are especially active in free radical production. However, some fats, especially the Omega 3s, also called the essential fatty acids, are absolutely necessary in the diet (which is why they're called essential), especially to keep the brain healthy and functioning. As a matter of fact, there is some research showing that the Omega 3s, which are found in salmon, nuts, olive oil and other foods, may turn out to be among

the best shields the brain has against Alzheimer's.

As I said, these are all preliminary studies. But doctors tend to agree that most folks would nonetheless benefit by cutting down on calories and

fatty foods. However, talk to your doctor before you make any dietary changes. (Note: The study cited above appears in September's "Archives of Neurology.")

Preventing eye emergencies

Be on a sharp lookout to avoid blinding eye injuries. The eye is one of the most delicate and exposed areas of the human body. Eye injury is the second most common cause of visual impairment, second only to glaucoma. Blunt objects, surprisingly, are the major cause of eye injury (37 percent) and over half (55 percent) of eye injury victims are people under the age of 25.

Emergency departments in the United States provide a large amount of eye care because all eye injuries are serious. Even superficial abrasions on the eye's surface, the cornea, can lead to scarring or infection, with impairment of vision.

If an eye injury occurs, seek immediate medical care. To help decrease your risk of eye injury or wounds, ACEP provides the following tips:

- Signs and Symptoms of Eye Injury and Wounds**
- A visible wound.
 - A bloodshot eye appearance, even if a wound is not visible.
 - Partial or total loss of vision.
 - Leakage of blood or fluid from the injured eye.

Precautions to Take

- DO NOT touch the eye or allow the victim to rub it.
- DO NOT try to remove a contact lens or embedded object in the eye.
- DO NOT apply any pressure to an eye with a foreign object embedded.
- IF it will take some time to obtain medical aid, gently bandage an eye with an eye shield.
- IF a chemical enters the eye, irrigate it immediately before rushing to the emergency department. Flush the eye with fresh water for 15 minutes and put nothing else in the injured eye. If possible, take the bottled chemical with you to the hospital.

Action Steps

- Lay the victim on her back, holding her head on your knees to keep it as still as possible.
- Send the victim to the hospital. If you cannot take the victim to the hospital, call 9-1-1.

For more information of emergency first aid, you can order ACEP's First Aid Manual from www.ACEP.org.


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Homeland Security: Defending the Homeland

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



In this, the third and final segment of my annual survey, I would like to gauge Texans' views on our nation's homeland security efforts. Since September 11, our world has changed. Our attitudes and outlooks are different and your government is grappling with the enormous task of securing the United States from future terror attacks.

Your input and ideas on these important topics will help me better represent Texas values and opinions in Washington. Thank you to those who have taken the time to reply thus far. I look forward to your responses, and again, I am grateful for this newspaper's generosity in printing this survey.

Questionnaire Part Three -- Homeland Security

One of the first and most visible security overhauls our nation experienced after September 11 was in our nation's airports. We have implemented more intense screening processes for baggage and passengers and, by year's end, federal screeners will be in place at our nation's largest airports. What are your thoughts on aviation security at this time?

Do you feel the new security measures have made flying safer?

Do you think passenger screening has improved?

Suggestions for making the screening system better.

Another area we are currently addressing is air cargo security. While 22 percent of air cargo travels on passenger flights, only a tiny percentage is inspected before the flight. How do you think we should address this problem?

All cargo on passenger flights should be inspected.

Cargo from established shippers should be exempt from inspection

Ban cargo from passenger flights

Other

Securing our nation's borders is a monumental task. In Texas alone, we share more than 1,200 miles of border with Mexico and thousands of people cross into the U.S. through Texas each day. We are working to develop a better system for tracking those coming and going across the border, and there are a number of areas of concern as we proceed. Please check all of the following statements that represent your views on this issue.

The U.S. should work with other nations to develop machine-readable, tamper-proof visas that would allow us to better collect and disseminate information about foreign visitors.

Texas' universities and colleges should continue to admit foreign students as long as schools are held responsible for notifying the government if students fail to attend school, or drop out of classes.

An increased presence of border patrol agents and enhanced security at international crossings will most effectively address these concerns.

Other

Ninety-five percent of our nation's overseas trade is carried via ship. Yet only two percent of inbound containers are checked by U.S. Customs at our nation's ports. One of the world's largest petrochemical ports is in Texas at the Port of Houston. A terrorist attack in Houston would not only devastate Texas' economy -- it could cripple our nation's energy industry. How do you think we should protect our ports? (Check all that apply).

Ships entering U.S. ports should be subject to as much scrutiny as airplanes coming into U.S. airports.

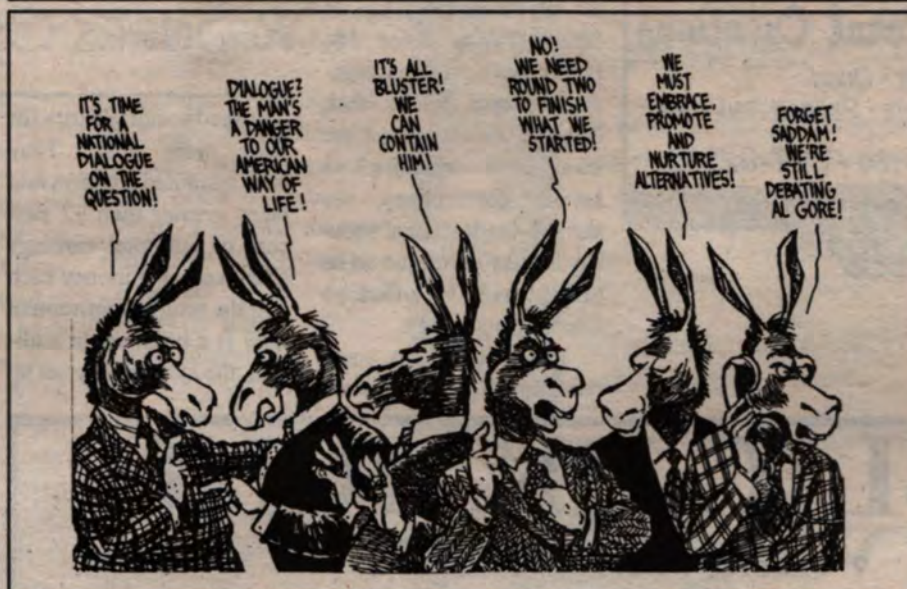
Cargo aboard ships should be inspected at random.

Cargo from established shippers should be exempt from inspection.

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Representing poor is marathon not sprint

By Raymond Gill
and Annette LoVo

The effort to bring quality representation to poor people accused of crimes in Texas is a marathon, not a sprint.

We have already taken some much-needed strides toward ensuring that all Texans get qualified legal representation in the criminal justice system in a fair and timely manner. Last year, Texas passed the Texas Fair Defense Act, which has been hailed as the most important piece of indigent legislation in Texas in the past 25 years.

Getting the law passed was the first step, but we still have a long way to go to ensure its effectiveness.

Until the law was passed, the Texas system for public defense was widely criticized. Mounting evidence demonstrated that the quality of representation for the poor was often woefully inadequate. Many defendants languished in jail for weeks and months before seeing an attorney. Once they did get attorneys, there was no guarantee that the lawyers would be qualified to handle their cases. The quality of justice varied from county to county and in many instances from court to court within a single county because there was no consistent and fair method for selecting attorneys.

The Texas Fair Defense Act, which went into effect this past January, brings much-needed change. The law sets out basic requirements for each county's system, providing immediate improvements of swifter and fairer justice in many counties.

Judges in all Texas counties are responsible for ensuring speedy appointments of qualified attorneys

through a fair procedure. To achieve these goals, all counties were required to submit plans to the state by January 1 of this year. A report released in March by Texas Appleseed and the Equal Justice Center indicates that Texas counties are off to a good start. This report analyzes 95 county plans describing adult indigent defense procedures in 80 counties where almost 90 percent of Texans reside.

Texas Appleseed and the Equal Justice Center found that many county plans met basic fair defense act requirements and that some went beyond the requirements of the law. For example, counties with populations of 250,000 or more have up to four working days to appoint an attorney to an indigent defendant from the time the defendant is arrested, and smaller counties have up to six working days. However, a few county plans included procedures that can result in even faster appointments.

Other plans included procedures by which magistrates request appointment of counsel for defendants whom they suspect might be mentally incompetent to request their own attorneys. Other counties require attorneys to meet special qualification requirements to represent persons with severe mental disabilities.

The fact that so many counties have made a good faith start indicates that we can arrive at a system of which we can be proud. At the same time, during this critical transition, we must stay focused on the goal of bringing quality representation for all indigent defendants.

A statewide Task Force of legislators, judges and practitioners is reviewing

the county plans, issuing additional statewide standards, and distributing approximately \$20 million of supplemental funding to compliant counties over the biennium. In order to keep Texas on the road toward the kind of justice every Texan deserves, the task force must pursue its responsibilities vigorously. It must help counties meet their plan requirements and create standards and policies that promote improved representation for the poor in our criminal justice system.

The Task Force should also develop specific statewide standards for attorneys who want to represent populations that are particularly vulnerable in the criminal justice system, such as persons with mental illness and/or mental retardation and juveniles. In the meantime, attorneys at Texas Appleseed, working with a mental health consultant, have created a handbook for attorneys to help them better represent their clients with mental illness, and they are currently developing a handbook for attorneys who represent juvenile defendants.

Keeping us on this long road to justice, however, is not only the responsibility of the lawmakers, county officials, and advocates. It is the responsibility of every Texan who cares about having a criminal justice system that is fair. Everyone suffers when our system is not fair.

We all need to help our local communities implement this vital reform measure so that none of our counties are left behind and to keep the spirit of this law alive -- all the way to the finish line.

Gill is attorney fellow and LoVo is executive director with Texas Appleseed.

Agriculture gets a clod



Jim Hightower

Some of George W's appointees are so ugly you wouldn't pull them behind a John Deere with 30 feet of rope. But the ugliest yet might be the man Bush just snuck into the Ag Department as our new Undersecretary for Rural Development.

Start with the fact that as head of a large corporate farm in Iowa, Thomas Dorr was slipperier than an Enron executive. He rigged his books so he could get around the legal limits on federal farm payments, which allowed him to grab more crop subsidies from us taxpayers than he was entitled to receive. Twice, including this year, he got caught and was forced to return thousands of dollars to the government. Dorr just shrugs off his unethical conniving, saying he has "no idea if it's legal" and telling senators at his confirmation hearing that even if illegal it's OK, because "I have known many, many farmers who have done that over the years." Maybe, but they probably don't expect to get a top government appointment.

While Dorr loves federal farm money so much he'll cheat to get it, he hates the idea that any of his tax dollars might go to help other rural people. Three years ago, he sent a hot letter to Senator Tom Harkin denouncing a small tax that helps extend Internet service to rural areas, saying that "subsidy games" had turned Iowa into a "state of peasants."

Odd attitude for a guy who wants a government job to administer programs that help the rural poor.

Speaking of attitudes, he once made the unfortunate comment that three Iowa counties were enjoying economic progress because of their homogeneity--meaning white and Christian. Dorr also doesn't like small, as in small farmers. He says that 200,000-acre factory farms fit his vision of what agriculture should be.

This guy should not be in the U.S. Agriculture Department, and he wouldn't be, since the Senate would not have confirmed such an obtuse clod. But, in August, George W. Bush made Dorr a recess appointment, sneaking him into office while the Senate was out of town.



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Reader upset with Hightower

To the editor:

I am in strong disagreement with the Jim Hightower social security snake oil article in the Aug. 28 *Salado Village Voice*. Mr. Hightower's principal argument seems to be that, because we can't trust the investment advisors to handle our money, we should just let social security alone to continue on its present path. He offers no alternative strategy.

The politicians and bureaucrats have set up and

Your Voice

Reader's Opinion

managed social security for these many years. They have instituted a system that takes greater than 12 percent of our total earnings and invests the money such that the return at retirement time is a pittance. In addition, the system they set up

is galloping towards bankruptcy. The politicians then robbed the Social Security bank, replaced the money taken with worthless IOUs and used the money for their own private vote-getting projects. Remind me again, please, who it is we can't trust.

I would also remind Mr. Hightower that fewer than one percent of America's corporations and money advisors have been accused of fraudulent dealings or accounting practices. In my opinion, it is both unfair and un-American to condemn this nation's financial infrastructure en masse because of a very few rotten apples. The corporations and financial establishments are the institutions that have made America strong, not the bureaucrats and politicians.

Consider this scenario: If the same amount of money invested at present by the SSA in low-interest bonds was instead invested in very conservative stocks and bonds, most experts agree that strategy would yield at least three times the retirement income promised at present by Social Security. A median family income would be getting

\$3,000+ per month at retirement rather than the present \$1,000. If properly set up, that strategy would never go bankrupt and the money would be held in private rather than in government hands.

Social Security is an extremely complex issue and should be treated as such. Much work needs to be done towards making laws that protect the eventual annuitants from fraud. In addition, the change to privatization must be gradual so those currently on retirement will be able to receive what has already been promised. Mr. Hightower, by suggesting the president's plan is stupid and then offering nothing in its place, seems to favor just leaving everything alone. I believe that position is irresponsible and unacceptable.

As to Mr. Hightower's personal remarks that the president is fuzzy headed and stupid, they were in low taste and were highly offensive to me. Mr. Bush's plan may not be perfect, but it deserves consideration and honest debate. We owe our president a fair assessment of his proposals. We lose something as a nation when we fail to show respect for our elected leaders.

Respectfully,
 Maurice Carson
 Salado

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PUBLIC HEARING

Village of Salado

A Public Hearing will be held

When: Thursday, Sept. 5, 2002

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Municipal Building

Subject: Second look at 2002-2003 Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

IH 35: FM 487 to FM 2843

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public information session to present the proposed widening of Interstate 35 from FM 487 in Jarrell to FM 2843 south of Salado. Significant changes have been made to the schematic since the last meeting.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2002 at the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria at 550 Thomas Arnold Rd. in Salado. The session will begin at 5:00 p.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Maps showing the proposed location and design will be displayed in an open house setting. No formal presentation will be made.

The section in Salado from FM 2843 to FM 2484 will not be discussed at this meeting. A separate meeting will be conducted at a later date to discuss this section.

Additional right-of-way would be required for the project and relocations may be necessary. Information concerning the State's Relocation Assistance Program and the benefits and services available to affected property owners will be available at the session. This material will be available after the meeting at TxDOT's Interstate 35 Project Office located at 801 Austin Avenue, Suite 1030, Waco, TX 76701.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the open house and express their views. Persons interested in attending the session who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the I-35 Project Office at (254) 754-8087 as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made. Since the public meetings will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least one week prior to the meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Verbal and written comments regarding the proposed project are requested. Comments may be presented either at the meeting or in writing after the meeting. Comments must be received no later than 10 days following the meeting in order to be included in the public involvement record. Written statements may be submitted to Mr. John F. Obr, PE, I-35 Project Director, Texas Department of Transportation, 801 Austin Avenue, Suite 1030, Waco, TX 76701 at any time on or before 5:00 p.m. Monday, October 21, 2002.



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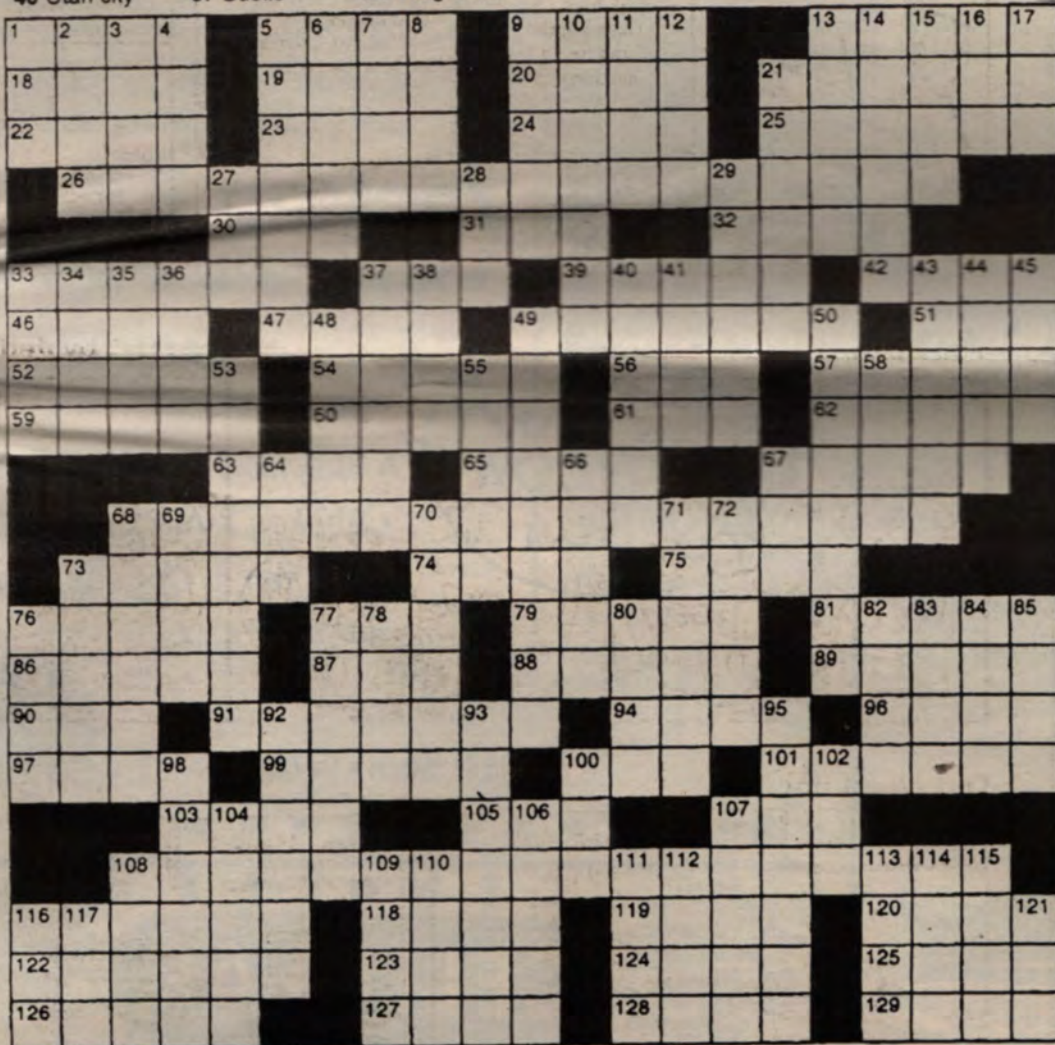
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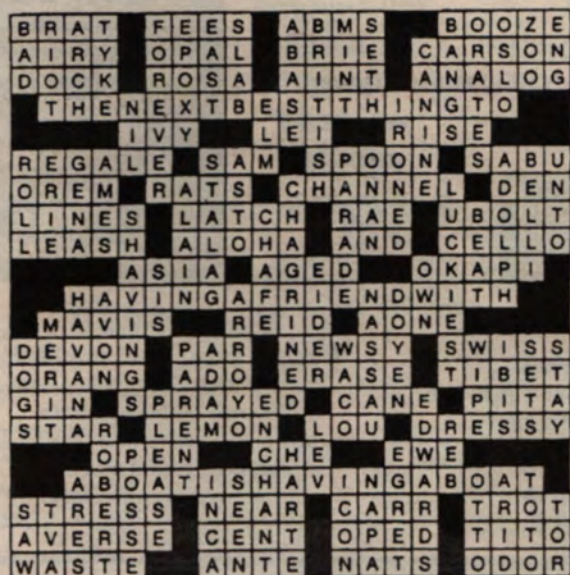


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By: KEITH WARREN

Patience. Good fishermen are patient. I have always heard that. But on this day it was hard to be patient. For more than three months I had planned on taking my friends Scott and Paula Bennett fishing. The trip was scheduled with the moon and tide charts in mind to maximize our chances of success.

Paula loves to fish and her favorite fish to pursue is crappie. She and Scott routinely call me up after a successful day of crappie fishing. Typically they will leave a message like this: "Hey buddy, we are cleaning a bunch of big crappie and just wanted to say hi." I think Scott just likes to rub it in.

My crappie success this year has not been good. Fortunately, Scott and Paula have kept our family supplied with enough fresh crappie fillets to make us happy. But now it is my

turn to put them on saltwater fish.

We made several drifts on shorelines where I had enjoyed success for the previous two days, but the action was slow. We boated a half dozen trout and redfish but it was not what I expected. Paula, on the other hand, seemed to enjoy it. She didn't know that fishing was slow. She just likes going.

I am pretty excited and vocal when I get a strike. But when Paula gets a strike, she makes me seem quiet and reserved. The enthusiasm in her voice and the smile on her face can be understood in any language by any angler. She likes to fish.

By mid afternoon I had persuaded them to do something a bit different and bottom fish for black drum. Black drum are in the same drum family as red drum (redfish). Black drum are not nearly as sought after as red drum. They put up a tremendous fight and the smaller ones are good to eat.

Fishing with cracked crab as bait, we sat on a point where deep water was nearby. Our baits rested on the bottom and the rods were placed in rod holders waiting for a bite. We

waited patiently. I secretly hoped that Paula would catch a big black drum, as the fight would be like none other she had ever had before.

An hour passed before a rod bent over. Paula took action and defeated the 30" black drum in no time. She had a huge grin on her face as we netted the fish. The Texas limit on black drum is five per person per day. They must be 14" to 30" in length.

After releasing the fish we waited another hour. Fishing was slow. Then another bite. Scott set the hook and handed the rod to Paula. She yelled, "ah, wow, this is a big 'ol fish!" Indeed it was. More than five minutes had passed before I netted the catch. "Wow, that is a big fish," said Paula. He measured approximately 45" and I figured the black drum to be more than 30 pounds.

Black drum, often times referred to as the Rodney Dangerfield of saltwater fish, are not respected by many diehard saltwater anglers. But Paula is not a diehard angler. She just likes catching fish. It doesn't matter what species it is.

The best time to catch black drum consistently



Paula Bennet & Keith Warren

along the Texas coast is usually October. February is when they really show up big time. There is nothing more fun than watching and listening to a pretty lady catching a "big 'ol fish."

Keith Warren is the host of *Fishing & Outdoor Adventures* along with *Hunting & Outdoor Adventures*, both of which broadcast nationwide. Catch *Fishing & Outdoor Adventures* from January through June and *Hunting & Outdoor Adventures* July through December on Fox Sports Net at 6 a.m. Fridays in all time zones. Check our website for broadcast and The Outdoor Channel air times. You can write to us at P.O. Box 310601, New Braunfels, Texas 78131-0601, or visit us online at www.fishingandoutdoor.com.

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Fields featured at Salado Book Fair Sept. 28

Dallas writer Patti Fields will be featured at the Salado Book Fair Sept. 28 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The fair will be held in the Robertson Room at the Stagecoach Inn in Salado.

Admired for her strength and how bravely she handled one of life's most devastating blows, Fields' first book, *Curtain Call, A Mother/Daughter Story of Triumph Over Adversity*, is a book for everyone that will open your mind and tug at your heart. When asked why she wrote it, Fields smiled and said, "...because I lived and am still living this story. I wanted to continue the work my daughter was forced to leave undone."

Fields has made a life and career out of doing what some might label the impossible. She has blended family and career into a grand achievement. Articulate and well informed, Fields is an author and AIDS educator/speaker as well as a wife, mother and grandmother.

During the year following the death of her 27-year old daughter from AIDS in 1996, Fields became a deeply commit-

ted AIDS advocate. She co-founded and continues to inspire the Jewish HIV Support Group of Dallas Jewish Family Services. She is a charter member of Mother's Hope, an organization dedicated to raising HIV/AIDS awareness in the Dallas/Plano community and regularly brings her message to youth in the middle and senior high schools.

Fields has provided support to people living with AIDS in Dallas and was voted 1999 Volunteer of the Year by AIDS Arms of Dallas. Determined to keep her daughter's message alive, she has produced "A Face of AIDS" documentary and appeared on the Dallas PBS Cable TV show, "Straight From the Heart."

Not one to shy away from a challenge, Fields is an elementary school teacher by education, and has also had careers in both personnel and sales. She is often invited to speak to youth and adults groups on a variety of subjects pertinent to her knowledge and expertise - HIV/AIDS, HIV/AIDS and Women, Intensive Care for the Caregiver,



Patti Fields

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Her written articles have been published in the *Richardson Daily News*, *Texas Jewish Post* and *Dallas Jewish Week* newspapers as well as an article that appeared in *Personal Journaling Magazine* in

the spring 2002.

Fields enjoys music, theater, exercise and bridge when she is not writing or speaking. She and her husband of 38 years live in Dallas and travel often to their most favorite destination: grandsons in Colorado.

For more information about Book Fair authors, call James Lee at 254-947-0456.

Bremer and Oliveras welcomed to Salado Band Program

The Salado Band Program welcomes a new director, Tom Bremer, and assistant director, Emilio Oliveras, for the 2002-03 year.

Bremer is a graduate of Killeen High and Texas Tech University, and

served as assistant director for the past two years in Marlin. He resides in Temple with his wife Anna and their son Joey.

Oliveras is a graduate of Ellison High and UMHB, and resides in Harker Heights.

The band will be under the field direction of senior drum major Tiffany Young and sophomore assistant drum major Sarah Gentry. This year, the band will bring the music of the Beach Boy's to their half-time show.

Additionally, the Band Boosters are planning several fundraisers throughout the year.

To keep pace with the band's activities, check with the new website at www.saladoisd.org.

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Regular Meetings

Mondays

Democrats: 1st Mon. 6 p.m. at The Salado Mansion (2nd floor).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Exercise Class: Last 8:30 a.m. class is Aug. 12. Starting Aug. 19, class will begin at 9:30 a.m., except first Mon. of the month which will be at 10:30 a.m. at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public.

Tuesdays

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

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

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

Yoga Classes: 6:45 p.m., at Celebration Center in Royal Street Courtyard.

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

Salado Family Relief Fund:

2nd Tues. 1 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

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

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

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

Wednesday

Salado Business Association: 1st Wednesday, 8:45 a.m. Salado Civic Center

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

Salado Youth Baseball Association: meetings 6:30 p.m. at Civic Center.

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

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

Thursdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturdays

Food Pantry: 2nd

SEPTEMBER 6

Wildfire Ranch Roping at Wildfire Ranch Arena For more info, call 947-0291.

SEPTEMBER 9

Democrats 6 p.m. at The Salado Mansion (2nd Floor). Speaker will be Michael Cooper.

Monday Club 2 p.m. at The Salado United Methodist Church. The program will be "Keeping Fit" with Debbie Schroeder.

G.T. Meetings 7 p.m. General informational mtg. 7:30 p.m. for parents of students in G.T. program, grades 5-12. Both meetings are at Salado Intermediate School Library.

SEPTEMBER 10

Salado High School Band Boosters Meeting at 3:45 p.m. in the band hall.

Salado Rotary Club 11:30 a.m. Stagecoach Inn. Speaker is Lucinda Harmon. Programs for the Handicapped.

SEPTEMBER 12

Central Texas poetry and prose reading 7 p.m. at Tablerock. Open mic 9 p.m. for those who wish to share their poetry or prose.

Bar-B-Q Fundraiser Dinner Hosted by Thomas Arnold Elem. PTO. 5:30-7 p.m.

G.T. Meeting For parents of students in grades K-4th. 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary School library.

SEPTEMBER 13

Jim Patterson Memorial Golf Tournament 1 p.m. at Mill Creek Golf Club. 947-9275 or 947-0712.

SEPTEMBER 14-15

Bill Hall at Wildfire Ranch Arena For more info, call 947-0291.

SEPTEMBER 16

Presentation by Dr. Patsy Sulak 6-9 p.m. at the SIS library. Topic: "Alert: Sexual Awareness Among Today's Youth."

SEPTEMBER 17

Salado Rotary Club 11:30 a.m. Stagecoach Inn. Speaker is Fred Fuller, Country Jambo-ree.

Grandparents Day Luncheon at Thomas Arnold Elementary School.

SEPTEMBER 19

Salado Area Republican Women 6:30 p.m., Luncheon at Stagecoach Inn. Speaker Pat Tillman on American Freedom; What It Means Today. 947-3617.

SEPTEMBER 21-22

Tablerock's Fantasy Faire Renaissance entertainment Sat. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. \$5 adults. \$3 child. For more information call 947-9205.

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SEPTEMBER 21

Chase Bell Memorial Roping at Wildfire Ranch Arena For more info, call 947-0291.

SEPTEMBER 21

The Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas welcome call, 10 a.m. at the Civic Center. Call 947-5331 or 933-0240.

SEPTEMBER 22

High School Rodeo at Wildfire Ranch Arena For more info, call 947-0291.

SEPTEMBER 23

10th Annual Golf Tournament Hosted by Thomas Arnold Elem. PTO at Mill Creek Country Club and Inn. 2 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 24

Salado Rotary Club 11:30 a.m. Stagecoach Inn. Speaker is Ricky Preston, Underground Water Supply.

SEPTEMBER 26

Class/Individual School Pictures Thomas Arnold Elementary School.

SEPTEMBER 28

ABWA Style show 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mill Creek Country Club; 1401 South Ridge Road. For more info call 947-3617.

One Act Musical Drama presented by Music in Salado 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater.

Book Fair at Stagecoach Inn in the Robertson Room. 25-30 authors in attendance

OCTOBER 1

Salado Rotary Club 11:30 a.m. Stagecoach Inn. Speaker is Bob Leffel, Amtrak Travel.

OCTOBER 3

7th Annual Storytelling Festival, 10 a.m. Open to 1st - 4th grade students. \$1 per person. Directed by Gary Askins & Tom Taylor.

OCTOBER 5

Church Roping at Wildfire Ranch Arena For more info, call 947-0291.

OCTOBER 6

High School Rodeo at Wildfire Ranch Arena For more info, call 947-0291.

OCTOBER 7

Democrats 6 p.m. at The Salado Mansion (2nd Floor).

OCTOBER 8

Salado High School Bands Booster meeting at 3:45 p.m. in the band hall.

TX Department of Transportation public information session to propose widening of I35. 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School cafeteria.

Salado Rotary Club 11:30 a.m. Stagecoach Inn. Speaker is Jeff McClure.

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Village Artists host workshop with artist Boone

The Salado Village Artists are hosting a three day watercolor workshop Sept. 18-20 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., with artist Marci Boone, who will be focusing around light and texture; paper to board and color, color, color. She will demonstrate different textures from crystal to concrete. She will demo a still life with crystal and a door or patio scene with texture, light and shadow.

She will do a paint-along providing a simple drawing of a project for you to use, but she prefers that you work on something similar that you have drawn yourself. Please come prepared with photos, simple still life objects including glassware or crystal and perhaps some real flowers.

Marci was born in Texas and graduated from A & M Consolidated High School; Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas; Art Education and Advertising; Joske's (now Dillard's) in San Antonio;

Fashion artist for three years; Joske's of Post Oak, Houston, Texas and Head Fashion Artist for three years.

Marci has studied under Mary Barton, Jean Grastorf, Betty Carr, Ken Hosmer, Ed Hoag, Steven Quiller, Jerry Newman, Frances Maucauly and Emma Stark. Her work has been widely recognized and one of her paintings won best watercolor in the 1997 Round Top Art Festival and another piece won best watercolor at the Preview 98 at the Bosque Conservatory. You will also find her artwork in a Messina Hof wine label winner.

The Salado Village Artists, Inc. is located behind the Civic Center in Salado.

There is a limited number of seats for this fantastic workshop. You can make your reservation by sending a deposit of \$50.00 to Helen Alexander, Salado Village Artists, Inc., P. O. Box 363,



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Angelic Herbs holds fundraiser sale Sept. 10

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

For children, the beginning of a new school year is generally a time for anticipation tempered with a healthy dose of trepidation, when summer abruptly concludes with the first 8 a.m. bell, and the halls are filled with the noise of nervous kids decked out in new shiny outfits.

But for children from lower-income families, a new school year means not a welcome return to old stomping grounds, but rather an awkward time when an old pair of shoes might lead to embarrassment at the hands of classmates.

That's where C.J. Harbuz, owner of Angelic Herbs, located in Old Town, and the other United Methodist Women come in. Every year they sponsor a back to school mission to assist local families, traditionally in the form of a bake sale, but this year they decided on something a bit different.

"On Tuesday, September 10, I will be hosting a 10 hour sale, from 10 a.m. til 8 p.m. at Angelic Herbs, with a 10 percent discount on all merchandise," said Harbuz. "To go along with the sale, we will be donating 10 percent of all the sales to the Salado Family Relief Fund to use specifically for the purchase of shoes for Salado children."

Complimentary refreshments will be provided for shoppers, who can also peruse additional sale items. "We're going to have a large sale table, and customers can take an addi-

tional 10 percent off the existing sale price," Harbuz explained.

To punctuate the meaning of the event, Harbuz said that much of the merchandise that will be discounted has never been put on sale before, giving people an opportunity for a good buy benefitting a good cause. "We will also extend the sale to layaway items and special order items, it really goes for everything we offer, from our little gift items to our art," she said.

As far as the abandonment of the bake sale goes, Harbuz says that she and the other ladies "pretty much got tired of baking every year. Most of us work and we don't have

much free time, so this sale works the best for all of us."

She also said that in the past the United Methodist Women have collected school supplies and arranged gift packets for teachers, but this year they are focusing solely on shoes for kids. She believes that there are still too many people in town that aren't aware of the needs of the less fortunate families in Salado.

"We thought it would be a good way to keep the community aware of what the needs are and what they can do to help," said Harbuz.

C.J. says she hopes the sale works out well, and that if it does, she and the

Methodist Women look forward to similar fundraisers in the future. "We've tried to incorporate the town and the needs of families, and this is just one way of doing it. We hope for the best."

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Anne Marie Harwell, outgoing president of ABWA, tries on the latest fashions at Christy's for the ABWA Style Show scheduled for Sept 28 at Mill Creek Inn. Fashions from Christy's and The Store at Old Town Salado will be featured at this benefit for local scholarships. For more information contact Becky McAulay at 947-9000 during business hours.

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The popular workshop instructor will conduct the Plein Air and Portrait/Figure Workshop at an outdoor location near the Art Center of Brushy Creek, Round Rock, which will act as a meeting place for students. Bill will also act as judge for CTPS' second annual membership competition.

The workshop is limited to 18 students and fee is \$225 which includes modeling fees. Students of all experience levels are welcome. For a flyer with full workshop details, contact Denise Mahlke at dlaruem@dlaruemahlke.com, or Nancy Manoogian, P.

O. Box 3448, Temple, TX 76505-3448, or at cntxpastel@aol.com

Hosner is the recipient of many awards including Grand Prize in the 2001 Pastel Journal's Second Annual Pastel 100 in which he also placed first in Portrait and Figure, and a finalist in the Landscape division. His work may be seen at his online gallery at williamhosnerfineart.com. At the peak of a highly successful career as an illustrator, Hosner left the commercial art world intent upon building a new career which would allow him the freedom to grown artistically. It was after studying with master painters Harley Brown and Dan Gerhartz at the Scottsdale Artists School in Arizona that he developed a keen interest in plein air painting and painting figures from life.

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The Ladies Auxiliary offers support services to the Chamber of Commerce in all of their projects as well as having their own agenda. They work to raise funds for the Salado Volunteer Fire Department and other community projects. The

Auxiliary also provides scholarships to graduating seniors.

In addition, the Ladies Auxiliary has programs of an educational nature, on current issues and interests of the group, and some programs which are pure entertainment.

The Auxiliary's main fundraiser is "Christmas in October." The Ladies Auxiliary hosts visitors from all over Texas who come to view the beautiful Christmas trees, table settings and decorations.

The Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary

contributed the following amounts of money to the following organizations in the 2002 year:

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- Civic Center \$2,500
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- Family Relief Fund, Inc. \$500
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- Village Artists \$200
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- Salado Cemetery \$1,300
- Project Graduation \$100

• Historical Society \$200

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• Marge Kirkham Music Scholarship \$500

The Ladies Auxiliary meets at the Civic Center on the second Thursday of each month. A social hour and coffee begins at 9:30 a.m., with the business meeting and program following.

Membership dues are \$7 per year. Visitors are always welcome. No reservations are necessary except for special events.

Daughters of Republic of Texas, Inc. recently charters Salado Chapter

A local chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Inc. was recently chartered in Salado with 31 Charter members being inducted. Virginia Van Cleve, President General of DRT, Inc., presided with a number of other state officers assisting.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas is an organization founded in 1891 to identify, preserve and promote the history of the State of Texas during the days prior to statehood, when Texas was a republic. Members do not have to reside in Salado or the state of Texas. Among the

charter members are four members residing in other states and one member living in Canada, but all are directly descended from an ancestor who was a citizen of the Republic of Texas.

Applicants must research their family history and document proof of their lineage in order to qualify and be accepted as a member. Women who are currently working on family histories are admitted as Associate Members. Assistance from the organization is readily available from the Registrar of the Chapter.

The name of "The Vil-

lage of Salado Chapter of Daughters of the Republic of Texas" was chosen by charter members because of the rich history of Salado, Bell County and the state of Texas. The Chartering ceremony was dedicated to the Salado Sesquicentennial being celebrated throughout the year 2002.

Officers elected were: MaryBelle Brown, president; Doris Kemp, vice president; Linda Cawthon, recording secretary; Lavinia Haltom, corresponding secretary; Margaret Neves, treasurer; Billie Agee, registrar; and Robbie Bennett, chaplain.

Meetings will be held on Saturdays, so working members and those living

away from Salado may attend and become active participants of the Chapter. The first general membership meeting will be 10 a.m. Sept. 21 at Salado Civic Center. The program will be presented by Doris Kemp.

Women who want more information or those who would like to become associate members may contact the president, vice president or registrar. Any woman who completes her application and is approved for membership during the coming year will be admitted as a charter member.

Ladies Auxiliary to meet Sept. 12

The Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary will have its monthly meeting on Sept. 12 at the Salado Civic Center.

Dorothy Dentry will demonstrate interesting flower arrangements with silk flowers, and Melba

Kattner will show how to create exquisite package wrappings.

Fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a 10 a.m. meeting to follow.

For more information, contact Miriam Jordan at 947-5254.

Salado Area Republican Women hold monthly meeting Sept. 19

The Salado Area Republican Women will hold their monthly meeting at the Stagecoach Inn 11:30 a.m. Sept. 19. Pat Tillman, Vice President of the Texas Federation of Republican Women will be the speaker. Her topic will be American Freedom: What it Means Today.

The participants will be able to select one of three salad entrees from the menu. The cost of the luncheon will be \$11 payable at the door but reservations are needed by Sept. 17 to Marie Jackson at 527-3649 or emilson@aol.com. The public is invited.



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STAFF WRITER

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McKie Room

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The McKie Room in the main house is one of the most frequented rooms at The Inn on the Creek. Its special location on the third floor and unique library nook window seat alcove make it popular. The grandiose room is made complete with antique furniture pieces such as a king size brass bed, and is finished

off with touches of rich jewel toned accents.

The McKie Room's bathroom showcases a six and a half feet long old fashioned claw foot tub. It is the only tub of that size in the entire bed and breakfast. A telephone and cable television are provided in the room, also. The Inn on the Creek furnishes signature chocolates with their name embossed on the wrapper as a special treat in each room.

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Two collectors' memories, one family

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

The name Grover Talbert had been in my "possible interview" file for sometime. A friend in Rusk told me he collected mustache cups and lived in Huntsville.

I was in that city recently and got Grover on the phone. He told me to come on over. His two favorite cups are the first one given to him and a left handed mustache cup. All his cups have matching saucers. They are mostly rare china and are beautiful. They are displayed throughout the Talbert's well-kept home.

I asked him how mustache cups came into existence in the first place.

"I guess it was to keep mustaches dry when men were drinking coffee.

They have a little insert or bridge inside the top of the cup that keeps the

coffee from getting on the mustache."

Grover has never grown a mustache. "I just got started collecting the cups because I was fascinated by them. They're mostly conversation pieces."

He has cups from all over Europe, mostly made in the 20's and 30's. "I go to garage sales and buy them for a couple of dollars. I walk away smiling."

Grover's wife is named Charlotte Elaine, but her nickname is Wegi (Weegee). She collects music boxes. "Somewhere My Love, or Laura's Theme from Dr. Zhivago, is my favorite music," says Wegi, "So I just started collecting music boxes."

They all tell a story about her life. "I have one to represent my parents' grocery store. Then I have a school house because I'm a teacher and a church

to represent my husband being a minister. Then I have one shaped like a telephone because I talk on the phone a lot. I have a horse and buggy like my kinfolks used to have."

She has several boxes put away, but some are displayed in the living room and kitchen. "I have several with a Christmas theme and I get them out after Thanksgiving."

She let me hear some of the tinkling music the little boxes play. "My grandchildren usually crank them up every time they go by them and they get them all playing at once. That's really something."

Wegi is probably the most organized person in Huntsville. At Grover's urging, she showed me a closet with at least 100 scrapbooks filled with photos, ticket stubs, greeting cards and newspaper clippings about the family.

They're all placed on shelves according to cities where the family lived and the dates they were there. "When I get old, I'm going to spend lots of time going through these," says Wegi.

When Grover and Wegi celebrated their 45th anniversary last year, their two children, a boy and a girl, asked them what they wanted. "Just to be together" was the reply. The two offspring gave their parents a calendar filled with tickets to various events during the year. The dates for ball games, plays and weekend getaways were all marked on specific dates and had the names of which family members would attend the outings with Grover and Wegi.

That's a pretty impressive present.

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


Artichoke Dip

Dottie Kyle

- 1 c. grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 c. sour cream
- 1/2 c. mayonnaise
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 3 lg. cloves garlic, minced
- 1 jalapeno pepper (seeded and diced)
- 1 (14 oz) can artichoke hearts (quartered & drained)

Place all ingredients in food processor and process until smooth. Place mixture in 10-inch ceramic or terra-cotta quiche dish. Bake at 325 degrees for about 40 minutes, or until brown on top.

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"Parent/teacher organi-
zations and associations,
youth clubs, band boosters
or any youth organization
can request brochures to

distribute with instructions
on designating their group
to receive the rebate," he
continued. "Brochures are
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Lochner shares adventures in pen and ink

By ASHLEY SMITH
STAFF WRITER

An artist at heart, Erika Lochner has found her favorite form of artistic expression. Just short of two years ago, as she was traveling the world, Lochner became interested in pen and ink drawing. A simple way to capture the world she was experiencing, pen and ink quickly became one of Lochner's favorite hobbies. At their August 27 meeting, the Salado Rotary Club learned of Lochner's newfound hobby.

Pen and ink is a relatively new form of pictorial representation. It follows primitive Indian drawings and shorthand in the historical timeline. "A few years ago, between 1900 and 1925, pen and ink came in to its own with the publication of dime novels," explained Lochner. "Engravings were too expensive and extravagant for your typical reading material that was published in the early twentieth century."

Pen and ink drawing never became a mainstream art form. Artists believe this to be true because of its lack of diversity. As she compared pen and ink drawing to the variety of artwork here in Salado, Lochner explained why the artwork has limitations. "Ultimately, it's just pencils and a permanent pen of some sort. There's technically no color involved," said Lochner. "It's really black and white, and that's all that it is."

Lochner went on to explain that "the pen is



Erika Lochner displayed her pen and ink drawings to the Rotary Club, along with explaining the details of how to create an image using only pencil, pen and ink.

(PHOTO BY ASHLEY SMITH)
not like a brush."

"You can only make one straight line," said Lochner, "but the pens are sold by millimeter width." By using different size pens, the artist can create unique effects with each stroke.

There are seven different techniques in pen and ink drawing. They are all pen stroke movements that create a variety of effects. "Once you start drawing with pen and ink, your mistake is pretty much permanent. It's very unforgiving," said Lochner. However, each stroke has the ability to change the look of the drawing drastically.

"Probably one of the reasons I like pen and ink so much is because it's so easy to travel with," said Lochner as she explained the perks of pen and ink. Some additional positives to pen and ink include the fact that it's permanent, waterproof and you put down what you see and

feel. "No other medium allows me to develop my own personality style, and no two pieces are alike," said Lochner.

Lochner's love for pen and ink has given her some insight into not only pen and ink, but also other forms of art. "Every art form develops by its own conventions," explained Lochner, "Sculpture has form, painting has color, but I believe pen and ink has neither dimension nor color, just lines." Lochner went on to say that contrast and textures are the heart of an ink drawing.

After showing many of her drawings to the Rotarians and sharing her own experiences with drawing different landscapes, Lochner gave some advice to those who wish to take up pen and ink drawing. "There's no right or wrong to it. It's what you want to see," said Lochner as she

claimed to be nothing more than a novice. For something that began as a stress relief for Lochner, a registered nurse, this form of art is simple enough for anyone to pick up and begin learning.

Lochner's artwork is not yet for sale, but she does hope that after some more practice and experience, selling her drawings will be a reality.

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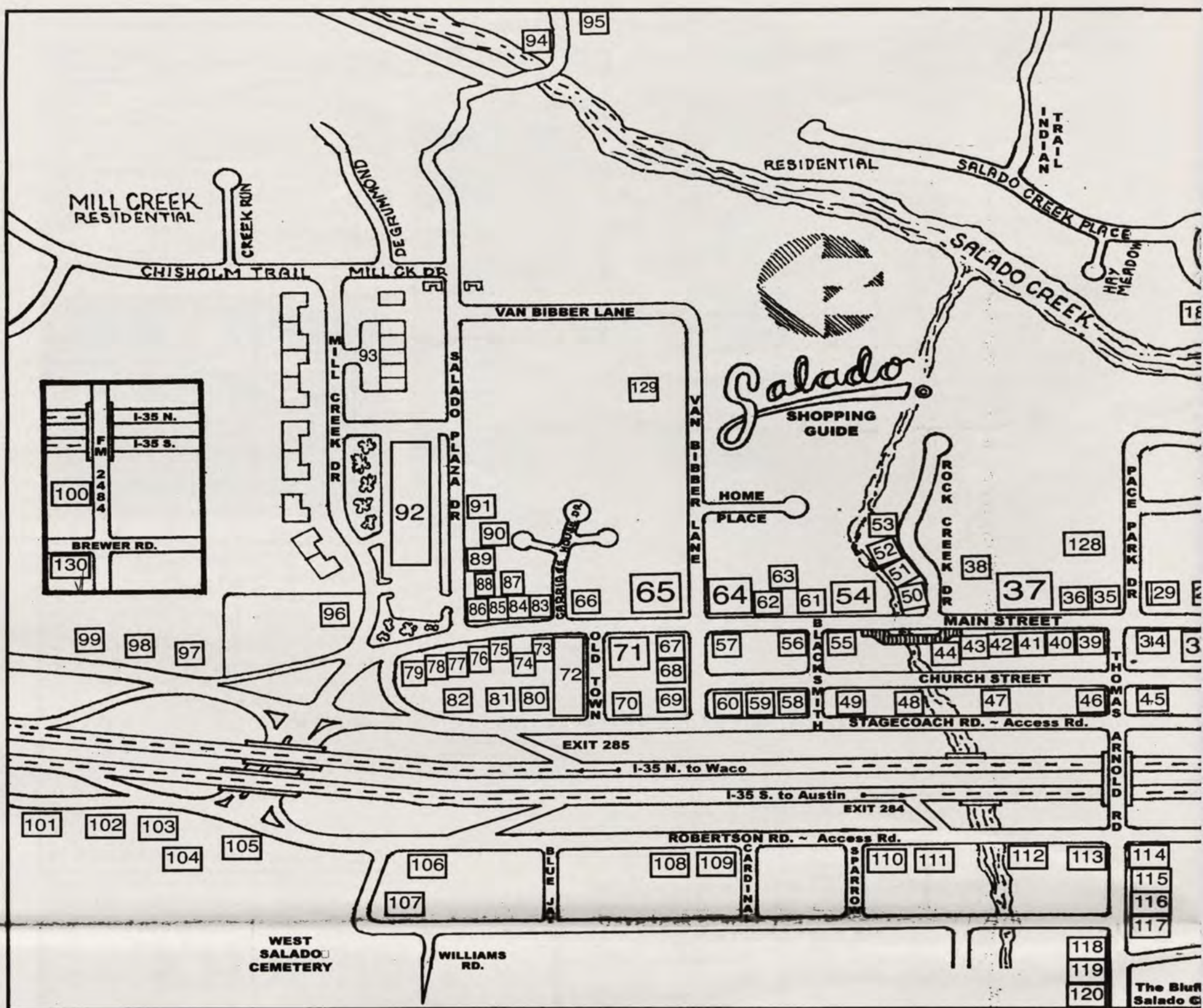
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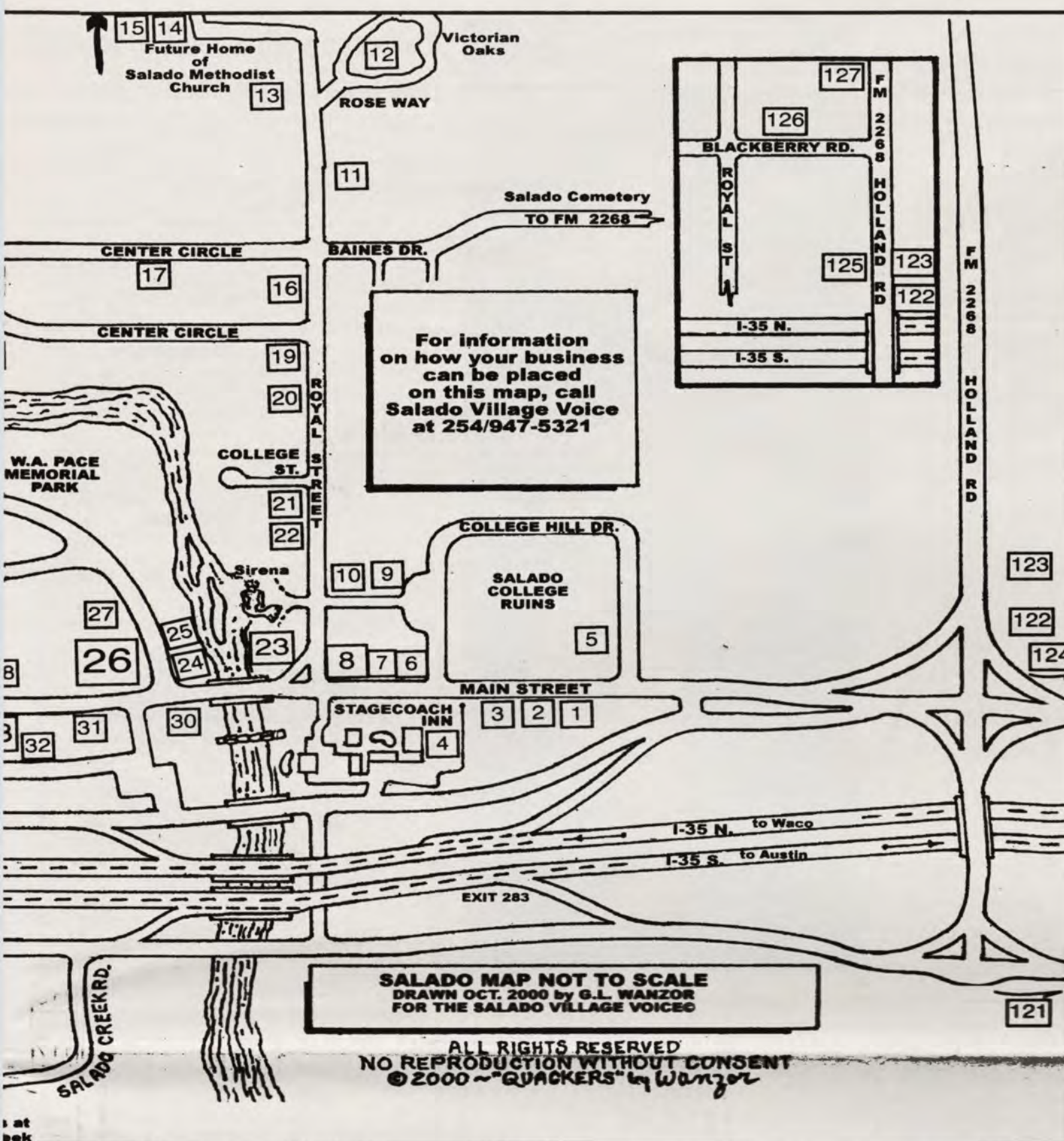
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Saladoan Kaycee Patterson competed this summer in the Starlight National Dance Competition in Arlington, as a member of the "Hotshots" competition team of Lisa's Dance Extreme in Killeen. At Nationals the team won a gold and a first place in both their jazz and tap performances.

Prior to qualifying to compete at the National level, the "Hotshots" attended the Starlight Regional Dance Competition in Leander. There they received a gold and a first place with both routines, and additionally placed first overall of all dances performed by their age group. The first overall award was

won with their jazz routine performed to the music of "Maneater," choreographed to a jungle theme.

Patterson will continue participating in dance competitions this year with Dance Extreme where they have added the new hip hop style of dance to their competition schedule along with jazz and tap. In addition, she is also taking ballet lessons at Newcomb School of Ballet in Killeen where they are trained in the Vaganova style of ballet from Russia.

Kaycee is a student in Cathy Oborski's third grade class at Thomas Arnold Elementary and is the daughter of Ernie and Kaye Patterson of Salado.



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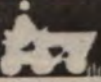
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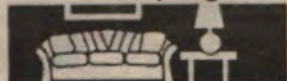
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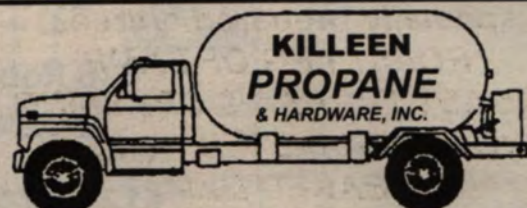
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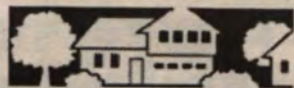
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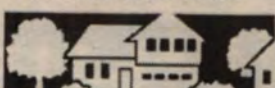


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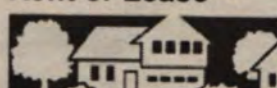
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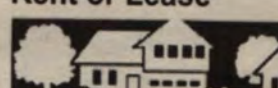
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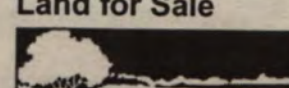
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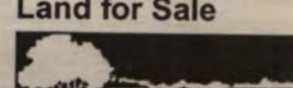
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First, hook up a garden hose to the spigot on the front of the tank, located near the bottom. Run the hose outside the house. Then turn the spigot on. Water should start running out of the end of the hose. You should also see the sediment coming out as well. After a few minutes, the water coming out should clear up indicating that most of the sediment has been cleaned from the tank.

Turn the spigot off and remove the hose. If you find that it drips, install a garden hose end cap with a washer.

Since this tap doesn't get used much, they tend to drip.

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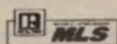


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Super handyman tips from the pros

Super Handymen

by Al & Kelly Carrell



Speaker wires end up being run under furniture and around things, and are generally in the way. You can tack them in place easily by using bobby pins. To make a clip out of a bobby pin, just cut off the front (bumpy) part of the bobby pin all except for the hook part of the top. The back part of the bobby pin, with the rubber tip removed, can now be slipped down behind the average baseboard. The top part is used as a hook to hold the speaker wire in place. A little touch-up paint will make it practically invisible. This is a great way to hold phone wires, too.

Dear Carrells: I cleaned my fireplace, and it was really a mess. Right off, I realized that the ashes were getting all over the room from being stirred up. I got a spray bottle and just misted them with water before scooping them up. I had

to mist them every time I picked up another scoop, but that did keep the ashes from floating all over the room.

A Super Hint: If you've got to put a screw into a wall, and you don't have a magnetic screwdriver, attach the screw to the driver with a bit of glue from a hot glue gun. The glue will let go with a little tug after the screw is set.

Dear Carrells: I ran across an old bass drum at a garage sale. It had obviously lost its booming ability. Since my husband used to beat such a drum in junior high, I thought it would make a good gag gift for him. We

all laughed, but a week later, he had converted the drum into a coffee table for the den. At a home center, he found a glass tabletop slightly larger than the drum head. He refinished the wood parts of the drum. With the drum laid on its side and the glass top in place, we have a one-of-a-kind piece of furniture.

Dear Carrells: I live in a very humid climate and was told that I should have my air conditioning and heating ducts cleaned of mildew every year. It seems expensive. Is there a way to do it myself?

Answer: You can clean the mildew and fungus from the coils and

the inside of the unit yourself. Make sure to turn off all of the power to the unit before opening it up. Laundry bleach mixed with water will do the trick. The duct work is harder to get at, and the pros can do it much faster and easier than you could. You can only reach so far, and you probably won't be able to get it all.

Dear Carrells: My closet light burned out, and while trying to work the bulb loose, I broke it. I couldn't grab the base and turn it out. I turned the whole circuit breaker off and got a bar of soap. I pushed it onto the base of the bulb and was able to turn it on out. The soap really worked because it was so pliable. I think a candle or some clay might work, too.

Hey, have you ever tried a baking potato? It really grabs the shards left on the bulb. (Doesn't do much for the potato, however.)

Replacing a faucet sprayer

This is a Hammer

by Samantha Mazzotta

Question: The sprayer next to our kitchen faucet no longer sprays, the water just trickles out. How do I fix this?

Answer: If the sink sprayer's water pressure seems low while water flow from the faucet is normal, mineral buildup may be

blocking the openings inside the sprayer head. This is easy to fix; simply take the sprayer head apart and clean it with a small brush dipped in vinegar. (The water faucet's aerator can be removed and cleaned at the same time to prevent similar blockage.)

If a quick cleaning doesn't help, two areas may be the cause of pressure problems: the diverter valve and the sprayer hose.

The diverter valve is a small plastic-and-metal attachment inside the body of the water faucet that diverts water flow from the spigot when the sprayer's handle is depressed. Cleaning the valve and replacing worn washers (or O-rings) can solve the pressure problem.

Turn off water at the

nearest shutoff valve. Remove the faucet handle (usually by lifting up and back), then the spout, to expose the faucet body, the round fitting on which the spout and handle sit. On the front of that fitting is a small, round plastic valve, the diverter. Use needle-nose pliers to ease the valve out of its seat. Carefully clean the valve with a brush dipped in vinegar, replace worn washers and then place the valve back in its seat. Reassemble the faucet and test the sprayer pressure.

The second cause of pressure problems could be the sprayer hose. A kink in the hose will reduce the amount of water getting to the sprayer; a blockage causes similar trouble. Fraying or other damage

reduces pressure and causes water leakage. Kinks can be straightened fairly easily, but blocks or damage mean the hose should be replaced.

Turn off the water at the shutoff valve and unscrew the hose from the sprayer "nipple" at the bottom of the faucet. Pull the hose through the sink opening. Unscrew the sprayer head from the handle mount and remove the washer to remove the mount's retaining clip. Use needle nose pliers to pull out the clip, and slide the mount off the end of the hose.

Now is a good time to clean the washer, mount and sprayer body, so scrub them in vinegar and rinse. Then, attach the mount to a new sprayer hose and reassemble the sprayer. Thread the new hose down through the sink opening, attach it to the sprayer nipple, turn on the water and test the sprayer.

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Reservists, Guardsmen eligible for mortgage or rent relief

DAVID MYERS

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Dear Mr. Myers: My husband is in the National Guard, and he was recently called up for active duty. His military pay is only a fraction of what he earns from his job, and I am already having trouble paying our mortgage and other bills while he is away. I have heard about some "relief act" that was passed to help people in our situation. Do you know any details?

Answer: You're probably thinking of the federal Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, which was passed when World War II broke out and which continues to help all sorts of servicemen and women today. It's a financial godsend for many of the National Guard members and reservists who've been called to duty as part of Operation Allied Force, the U.S.-led military campaign that began a few weeks ago.

Under the act, eligible guardsmen and reservists may receive a temporary reduction in their mortgage-interest payments, a reduced rate on their credit-card debt, and can also delay any civil-court proceedings they're involved in, including foreclosure, bankruptcy and even a divorce. The act also allows reservists who

Regarding Real Estate

by David Myers

rent an apartment instead of owning a home to prevent eviction as long as their rent is \$1,200 or less.

Not every National Guard member or reservist who's called to active duty can qualify for such important breaks. To be eligible, the soldier or sailor must be able to show that the call-up is having a "material effect" on his or her ability to meet existing financial obligations. You and your husband probably qualify if his military pay is less than what he made working in the private sector. But in the unlikely event that he's earning more now that he's on active duty, you probably cannot seek relief under the act.

There are some other strings attached. For example, the act allows an eligible reservist to temporarily reduce his or her mortgage rate to a fixed 6 percent. However, the lender must first be notified in writing, and the borrower must provide proof of mobilization and other documentation.

For more information, you or your husband should contact his commanding officer or his unit's legal-assistance office. Your congressional representative should be able to help, too. An outstanding guide to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Act, written by the

American Forces Information Service, is available on the Internet at www.defenselink.mil/specials/Relief_Act_Revision.

Dear Mr. Myers: Several months ago, you wrote that Congress was considering a bill that would reduce the tax rate on the profit from the sale of rental property and other types of long-term investments. Did the measure pass?

Answer: The bill is still wending its way through Congress, but it could come up for a vote within a few weeks. It would permanently reduce the top long-term capital gains tax rate on profits from the sale of rental property and most other types of investments to 18 percent, from the current maximum of 20 percent.

Lobbyists tell me the bill stands a 50-50 chance of passage. About half of Congress believes a capital gains rate cut could help spur the economy, but the other half worries such a reduction would sap too much money out of the Treasury's dwindling coffers.

Dear Mr. Myers: I bought a home in June with a \$10,000 loan my dad provided to help with the down payment. I have been paying him \$50 a month in interest on the loan since then. Will I be

able to deduct the \$350 in interest I pay to him this year on my next tax return, even though my father isn't a real bank?

Answer: It depends. You can deduct the interest you pay to your dad if the loan he provided is secured by a lien on your home. If the loan is not secured by the home, you can hire an attorney to draw up a lien so any interest you pay in the future will be deductible. Creating and recording a lien is a relatively simple task that a lawyer might be able to do for a few hundred dollars.

"Real" banks usually provide their borrowers with a January statement, known as IRS Form 1098, that shows how much interest was paid over the course of the previous year. This information is also automatically provided to the Internal Revenue Service. Your father is not required to provide such a form, but must still declare the \$350 in interest he'll collect from you by the time the year is over -- even if you don't claim a deduction for the same amount on your next tax return.

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- **\$162,900** - Corner lot in Mill Creek. Loft upstairs is perfect play room or T.V. room.
- **\$168,900** - Wrap-around porch with views of dry creek bed, loft.
- **\$169,650** - Wooded, fenced backyard. Split 3 BR, 2 BA 2 dining. Screened-in porch
- **\$169,900** - Within walking distance to Mill Creek Pro Shop. Large master bedroom, loft.
- **\$185,000** - 4 BR/2 BA, Grand entrance with 10' ceilings & columns. Aug. 2002 completion.
- **\$189,000** - On the golf course, overlooking Salado Creek. 2BR/2BA.
- **\$197,000** - Rock house with porch all around. Guest house w/private bath & separate A/C.
- **\$199,000** - Panoramic view of Salado Creek. Gas log fireplace and solarium.
- **\$216,000** - Lake view from veranda. Home on 2.3 acres. Wrap around porch.
- **\$219,900** - Wonderful deck with hot tub & gazebo overlooks wooded lots and the lake.
- **\$219,500** - Austin stone home on 2 acres. 3 BR and study which can be 4th BR.
- **\$225,000** - Austin stone 2-story home with scenic porch. 4 BR/3-1/2 BA. 10 acres w/bldgs.
- **\$245,000** - 11 acres fenced with lit arena & barn. Two-story has wrap around porch.
- **\$259,000** - Masterpiece home. Internet wired HUB. Landscaped lot, 3 BR/2.5 BA.
- **\$259,000** - Overlooking Green #3 on Mill Creek Golf Course #2, 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA, 2 dining.
- **\$272,500** - Breathtaking view of Salado Creek and Mill Creek Golf Courses. 3 BR/2-1/2 BA.
- **\$279,900** - Custom home in River Place Estates, Belton. Beautifully Landscaped.
- **\$297,500** - Mediterranean style home on 4 wooded acres. View of Stillhouse Hollow Lake.
- **\$329,000** - Traditional home in Mill Creek. Pool, deck & bonus room - **SOLD**
- **\$365,000** - Over 2,700 SF home plus 720 SF apt attached. 12 acres. 3 BR plus office.
- **\$375,000** - Ranch-style Austin stone home, metal roof. Shop, 10 stall barn, 4 pastures.
- **\$375,000** - Texas ranchette on 7.7 acres. In ground pool, RV/boat parking, storage shed.
- **\$375,000** - Mediterranean style home on .72 acre. Backs up to golf course and creek.
- **\$399,500** - Executive home on 5 acres. Two fireplaces, hardwood floors. 5 BR, 4-1/2 BA.
- **\$469,500** - 4 BR/4-1/2 BA Volney Home. Game room, 3 car garage.
- **\$995,000** - Home on 146 acres of wooded countryside, barns, sheds, water well.



\$65,500 - Well maintained and updated older home. Large covered patio. Central heat and air conditioning. Large swimming pool in fenced back yard. Hardwood floors under some carpet.



\$216,000 - Beautiful lake view from veranda. Secluded home on 2.3 acres. Wrap-around porch provides shade and privacy.



\$365,000 - Over 2,700 SF home plus 720 SF apartment attached by a breezeway. Heffner built home in 1997. Large spacious rooms. Formal Dining. Screened-in porch. Wonderful oaks cover the 12 acres. 3 BR plus an office.



\$297,500 - Mediterranean style home on 4 wooded acres with an awesome view of Stillhouse Hollow lake. Take advantage of the lake view from the large picture windows in many rooms, as well as the upper and lower decks. Light, bright & cheerful decor in the formal & informal areas. The large master BR includes a luxurious bath & separate workout/hobby/dressing room. Very well planned & meticulously maintained.

Commercial Property

- 3 acres along I-35, at Amity West.
- **\$150,800** - Darling cottage makes a great office, studio or B&B.
- **\$429,000** - 5.66 acres commercial property off Main Street.
- **\$650,000** - Over 9,000 SF of commercial space on Main St.

Acreage Available

- 140 acres on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport.
- 97 acres Academy schools, well located, creek. \$1,495/ac. - **SOLD**
- 90 acres on Lampasas River, with 1 mile of river frontage, many pecan trees and old frame house.
- 64 acres on Loop 121 near Expo Center in Belton. Many possibilities, well priced.
- 22.9 acres rolling hills, waterfall, creek, frontage.
- 24 acres with nice, views of hill country, near Stillhouse Lake.
- 8.77 acres on I-35 at crossover with road on 3 sides, Exit 286 at Salado.
- 8 wooded acres, very scenic with creek. 12 miles west of I-35 off FM 2843.
- 5 wooded acres, perfect for a homesite. \$60,000. - **UNDER CONTRACT**
- 5 acres heavily wooded, wet weather creek, large live oak trees. Close to Salado. \$82,000.
- 3 acres, all woods, good frontage, water available. Near Stillhouse Lake. Owner Financing. \$36,000.

Lots

Mill Creek Lots

- Winner's Circle - \$50-\$58,000
- Mill Creek Springs - \$30 - \$75,000
- (2 lots) Club Circle - \$51,000 each

Other Lots

- Royal Oaks - \$30,000
- Royal Oaks - \$35,900
- Lot 9 Great Oaks - \$49,000

- O.W. Lowrey - \$45,000
- 808 Mill Creek Dr. - \$30,000
- 700 Indian Trail - \$35,000
- 1014 Arrowhead Dr. - \$39,900
- **Eagle Rock Ranch**
- Restricted acreage homesites
- \$39,900 - \$66,900 each

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