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Hometown newspaper read by

ay, we remember; we should look forward

Today, we remember.

tower. We remember the second airplane curving into the are imbued with inalienable rights. The fanatics of terrorthe empty skies that followed.

seemed like a bad dream from which we might awaken at attacked. The fanatics cannot comprehend a nation that stands with us at a football game, as a fellow American.

cars and buildings without regard.

ident's face when he was first told of the crash as he destroy. sat with school children. We remember his resolve as he standing side by side, addressing the world. We remem- ensure. ber those who are our friends. We also remember those Center towers only awakened a slumbering giant.

dodged bullets before, including an explosion that failed sense of security. to take down the World Trade Center towers. The explosions at the American embassies seemed far and distant, us to look at each other with suspicion and doubt. And rights that protect the individual from the state, the terthe World Trade Center and the Pentagon, as well as the them, and it is how they want us to view our world. If terrorists win. If we stifle our voices out of fear of being attempt that died in a vacant field in Pennsylvania, struck we begin to live in fear, if we begin to view the freedoms seditious or traitorous, the terrorists win. at the heart of our nation.

caused by those attacks. To deny that we were wounded win. as a nation would be a lie. We remember the blood that allowed to be spilt in vain.

are hated by the evil hijackers of a religion. Just as those words of our Constitution. While we want the protection

they have hijacked a religion to use as a weapon. We price. We think the price of our freedom of speech, free-Today, we remember the smoke and fire of the first not dictate to anyone their religious beliefs, because we privacy is too much to pay. nurtures the minority opinion, that protects it from the so-

Today, we remember the event that brought America not be sacrificed at the altar built by the terrorist thugs. As should be nourished, not ignored. into the group of nations that face international terrorism. the government searches out terrorists, rooting them out the horrors of international terrorism. Certainly, we had steel our resolve not to sacrifice our freedoms for a false tried to take down when they took

The fanatics want us to live in fear. The fanatics want and rights outlined in the Constitution as expendable, as

In the year since we were attacked by terrorist thugs, allow it to become a monologue. stained the soil of New York City, the greatest city, and we have begun a war against countries that support and Today, we remember why we were attacked, why we The battles on our homeland will be waged among the accomplish what no other foe has done. thugs hijacked the airplanes and used them as weapons, of our government, we must remember that it comes at a their own vision.

were attacked because we love freedom, because we do dom of religion, freedom to assemble, and our right to

Compliments

The incrementalism of a police state will not keep us second of the World Trade Center towers. We remember ism see freedom as license, our freedom of religion as a from harm; rather, it will lead to more harm. A commitlack of belief and our rights as weaknesses. The fanatics ted terrorist will thwart whatever stumbling blocks our Today, we remember the collapse of the indestructible. of terrorism -- we should never call them religious fanat- government places in front of him. When those stumbling Those symbols of capitalism, of freedom, of man's will ics, because their beliefs and actions are not based in blocks ensuare us as a people, as a nation, then we lose to improve his circumstances. We remember the feeling a religious system -- want our freedoms to be our undo- the war. The war is lost when we can no longer look at the of shock and horror as the first tower fell. As the second ing. The fanatics of terrorism see our diversity of belief, person sitting next to us on a plane, or a bus, or a train, tower fell, we remember how that Tuesday in September of color, of creed, of nationality as a weakness to be or a subway, or across from us in a restaurant, or in the

Currently, our government is holding individuals with-Today, we remember the ash. It covered everything. called tyranny of the majority. The fanatics cannot under- out charging them with a crime. They are being held as Everyone. The ash of concrete, steel, glass and human stand a system that revolutionizes every election. They terrorists, a label that can be painted rather broadly. We flesh floated in the air indistinguishable, coating people, cannot comprehend a system that turns power over freely, must be sure that the label is carefully defined, that it with ceremony rather than junta. What they cannot undernot be used by the majority, by those in control, to label Today, we remember the look of shock on our Pres- stand, what they cannot comprehend, they have tried to those who disagree as seditious or traitorous. Even repugnant ideas -- those that run contrary to the surge of patrio-Today, as we remember, we must also look forward, tism and national pride -- have a right to be expressed. addressed the nation. We remember his words of reckon- together. We must look forward so that the terrorists We believe, they should be defeated in the marketplace ing for those countries and people who support thugs. We do not win, so that they do not destroy with their blood- of thought and expression. We should not suffer the idiot, remember President Bush and Prime Minister Tony Blair shed what so many men and women fought and died to nor should we silence him. Oftentimes, we need only allow the idiot to make our case for us. Snuffing out the First, we must remember that freedom is not without voice of radicals and idiots is only a step away from who are not. The thugs who destroyed the World Trade sacrifice, not without dangers. The right of privacy, the smuffing out the voice of conscience. It is the still, small right to be left alone, is a precious one. We think it should voice amid the rancor and noise and bellicose words that

When we look back on this date as we will every year For many years, Americans were fortunate not to face of neighborhoods, universities and communities, we must henceforth, we should remember what it is the terrorists

If we live in fear, the terrorists win. If we forego the as did the attack on the USS Cole. But the attacks on hatred. That is how the fanatics see the world around rorists win. If we look at each other with suspicion, the

This nation -- this great experiment of democracy and Today, we remember the wound to our nation's soul something that can be forfeited, then the terrorist thugs individual freedom -- is an on-going debate. America must remain a dialogue and we must be vigilant not to

If we become a monologue, if we become only the Washington, D.C., the capitol of the greatest nation. It enabled terrorists to train, recruit and thrive within their voice of the state, then the terrorists who crashed into was the blood of our countrymen and it must not be borders. Unlike any other war America has fought, this the World Trade Center, into the Pentagon and into that one is fought on foreign lands and in our own country. lonely field, will truly be martyrs; because they will

They will change the nature of our nation to resemble

First Annual Salado Book Fair to feature 26 Texas authors on Sept. 28

Salado Book Fair will be held 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sept. Revolutionaries, written Robinson Room. Twentysix Texas authors will be on hand to sell and autograph their books.

Eight of the 26 authors and their books are featured below. For additional information, call (254) 947-0800.

· Angel Eyes, written by Miriam Hees, pushes the positive for youngsters, ages eight to 14. It deals with real issues and tough decisions facing kids today. It also takes a break for laughter and pranks.

· Bridezilla, written by Noe Spaemme and Jeanne Hamilton, is a truly one-ofa-kind book about disaster weddings that focuses on behaviors rather than on

· Texas Sinners and 28 at the Stagecoach Inn's by Dr. Jack Ramsey, an award-winning author of Texas history, provides the readers the opportunity to view Texas pioneers in new and fresh perspectives.

> · After the Alamo, written by the team of romance writers Billie and Herb Houston, whose pseudonym is Barri Bryan, follows A Love Like Mine and Return to Paradise. All three books portray heroines who must deal with family feuds, shootings and assorted villains.

> · A Spur for Christmas, written by Flo Baurys, a registered nurse and versatile freelance writer, is a delightful children's holiday tale about a family of creative armadil-



los. Another of her several works is the gripping true story about her mother, A Time for Alzheimer's, which delineates the losses incurred by all members of the family.

Shadow Dances, written by award-winning author Laurie Ellis, is a who-done-it thriller set in



swanky environs of New Orleans. Drawing on her personal knowledge of the mysteries and romance that make the Crescent City a unique place, Shadow Dances is at once a mystery and a study of the power of love and friendship.

· The Guilty, Jerry



onal Journey On rectomy Highwa

Carson's first book, is a fictionalization of interviews he conducted during the war in Korea. It is a story of amnesty granted by President Jimmy Carter to Korean War POW's sentenced to prison for crimes committeed.

· Bearing the Big H, written by Patti Pfeiffer,



whose journalistic career spans three decades, is a heavy subject written from the perspective of lighthearted humor reminiscent of Erma Bombeck. Pfeiffer fulfilled her dream of writing a book with pen and legal pad while lying flat on her back during recovery from a hysterectomy

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Burn, Baby, Burn

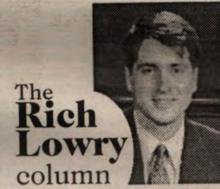
How do you tell if someone is a true friend of the forest? He's probably the one with the chain saw. The forest fires sweeping the West should be a devastating blow to the environmentalists' romanticized view of "nature" and rigid ideological opposition to any human tampering with it.

Greens love trees so much that they would prefer that the trees go down in flames of glory rather than be subjected to any logging, their tree-hugging turns out to be a fatal embrace.

Routine fires aren't a problem for "old growth" trees, they tend to be low-intensity and near the ground, so the trees' thick bark and height protect them. They clear away undergrowth, which competes for nutrients and keeps brush from accumulating as fuel for truly devastating fires. It is these superfueled fires that kill older trees, but they are exactly the ones that federal policy and the enviros have conspired to stoke.

A 1910 inferno that burned three million acres in 48 hours in Montana and Idaho convinced the feds to try to suppress all fires in an effort embodied by Smokey Bear, who turns out to have been shortsighted and wrong. The suppression policy kept underbrush from being cleared, so enormous fuel loads built up. As R.J. Smith of the Center for Private Conservation points out forests went from having roughly 50 stems per acre to as many as 1,000. Environmentalists deem the result of this deliberate policy choice "natural."

The brewing disaster was obvious. In 1998 a General Accounting Office official told Congress that in the interior West, "vegetation has accumulated, creating high levels of fuels for catastrophic wildfires and transforming much of the region into a tinderbox." It exploded in 2000. In response to



the catastrophic fires that summer, Greens became more open to "prescribed burns", deliberate fires to clear underbrush. But in tinderbox conditions, prescribed burns themselves are dangerous. In 2000, one set off the Los Alamos, Calif., fire that burned 43,000 acres.

There is no way around the need for mechanical clearing of forests, and even some Greens admitted as much after the 2000 experience. But serious mechanical clearing requires a timber industry. Gee, sure wish we had one of those!

Over the past 10 to 15 years, timber mills have been wiped out in the West, so even if we were to allow industry to do the relatively uneconomical work of clearing out smaller trees (which usually have to be pulped to make particle board and the like), there is no one to do it. Small moves in this direction since 2000 have often been frustrated by environmentalists. They use the vast network of federal regulations, foremost among them the Endangered Species Act, to tie up any attempts at harvesting in lawsuits.

The enviros' preference is clear, forced to choose between forests with chain saws or with massive infernos, they'll take the infernos every time. Burn, baby, burn.

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Today's national "Day of Remembrance" finds Americans prayerful and cautiously optimistic

Dateline - September 11, 2002.

Our beloved country, together with friends from across the civilized world, will spend this "Day of Remembrance" in many ways - the most poignant and meaningful of which, will be in silent prayer, as we observe and commemorate this first anniversary of the brutal attack on New York City and Washington, by religious fanatics who committed their suicide missions as acts of Islamic "heroism" that they believed gave them immediate entry into an ethereal paradise filled with earthly type pleasures and joy.

A national moment of silence will be observed at 8:46 a.m. eastern time this morning - to mark the moment the first hijacked airplane smashed into one of New York City's twin towers.

The mass murder of nearly 3,000 innocent men, women and children brought America to a shocking standstill as cameras recorded huge aircraft slamming into both skyscrapers in upper Manhattan and minutes later watching the towers collapse in imploding horror.

Then came word that a third plane had plowed into the Pentagon and still later, news that a fourth aircraft - United Flight 93, headed presumably for the White House - had been diverted by heroic passengers who somehow managed to send the doomed craft crashing into a Pennsylvania field just east of Pittsburgh.

The media professionally chronicled the courage of firefighters who responded to those hellish scenes, together with police officers, emergency medical personnel and others who began the immediate clean up of debris that staved off a possible epidemic, plus volunteers who risked their lives, first trying to save those trapped in the demolished towers and later helped in the massive clean-up.

relived during the past few days leading up to today's remembrance, as we Americans continue the slow process of calming our fears and restoring our confidence.

NEW YORKER NOTES CHANGE

PBS interviewed Pete Hamill, a New Yorker whose apartment is a few blocks from ground zero. That segment, from a ten day "News Hour" series, was one of the more memorable "9-11" television presentations.

Hamill, a columnist for the New York Daily News, gave a cogent, candid overview of what has changed in the "Big Apple" during the past year. In a down-to-earth manner he told of finding new attitudes present in a city that has here-tofore prided itself as being too busy, too aloof and sadly - too uncaring.

"New Yorkers are, perhaps for the first time, showing patience with one another," Pete noted, "some even saying 'excuse me' when bumping into one another on subways, as millions mass and mingle each day."

Hamill continued: "Folks here are also beginning to exhibit, sometimes with a smile, a degree of kindness and understanding towards those around them - a major shift in behavior."

Asked if folks were still nervous a year later - the Daily News writer produced a great quote: "If you're not nervous - then you're not paying attention!"

PROBLEMS FACING 78TH LEGISLATURE

The 78th legislative session will be long and difficult thanks to a shortage of the key ingredient in government - money! There will definitely be less tax dollars available for the next biennial budget. Comptroller Rylander says five billion fewer bucks; legislative leaders, who are considered expert budgeteers, claim a shortfall of as much as \$12 bil-

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



"If you're not nervous, then you're not paying attention."

Pete Hamill NY Daily News

lion; while the rest of us scurry around (with worried looks) trying to keep what little is left from our paychecks - out of these folk's hands.

Education, which takes up 56 percent of the current \$114.1 billion budget, will be seeking additional funding at the public school and university levels. All of which will produce the traditional battle between schools with more kids, teachers, building needs versus hard pressed local property owners whose tax burden on homes and businesses will be hiked during the next two years and beyond, unless new offsetting taxes are implemented.

Demands for increased funding for health and human services as well as public safety and criminal justice, will also face lawmakers when they convene in January.

We wasted much of our \$5 billion surplus in 1999 through tax refunds that never reached the taxpaying public. That debacle was compounded by the current economic downturn that has slowed sales and business taxes to the point that law-makers will be forced to come to grips with decisions that are treacherous for those who hope to remain in office namely cutting spending or raising taxes!

Will it be a dollar-a-pack hike in the cigarette tax? Perhaps an expansion of the franchise and sales taxes? Or - will the legislature get hopelessly entangled with the income tax "tar baby", that is certain to fail when referred to voters - who will not only give it the boot, but also those who promote this hated tax.

We have to wonder why so many candidates; spend so much; for jobs that provide so little joy. These folks need to get a clearance from their shrinks before we elect them - unless they really are a couple of sandwiches short of a picnic?

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Funny stories about lawyers have become legion since the days of William Shakespeare, who gave the admonishment in King Henry the Sixth, to "First......kill all the lawyers."

This column (always trying to be helpful) offers its "two cents worth" from time to time, to the growing library of lore - ribald or true (or both), that better defines our pettifogging brethren.

The latest leg-puller was contributed by a friend: "Couple of guys discussing the weather that had turned frigid. One turned to the other and said 'you think this is cold - you should have been in Cleveland the winter of 1944 - now that was really cold!"

"Howwwwwwwwcold was it?" innocently asked his companion.

"So cold, that lawyers went around town with their hands in their own pockets!"

Some say barrister stories are like Aggie or Polish jokes - mostly started by members of the offended group itself.

That's -30-

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison U.S. Senator

As our nation pauses to commemorate the first anniversary of the attacks of September 11th, every American will remember where they were that fateful morning one year ago. That day nearly 3,000 Americans woke kissed their families goodbye, went to work and never returned. In the blink of an eye, their lives were brutally and violently taken by terrorists.

Our nation was stunned. We had been cowardly attacked on our own soil by terrorists. Together we grieved and mourned for those who were lost. We marveled at the heroism and bravery of the first responders - the firefighters, emergency medical technicians and police officers - who rushed into the devastation to help others, many sacrificing their own lives in the process. But soon our collective anguish became our national resolve. Our energies became focused on destroying the instigators of this tragedy. We are committed to rooting out terrorism wherever it may

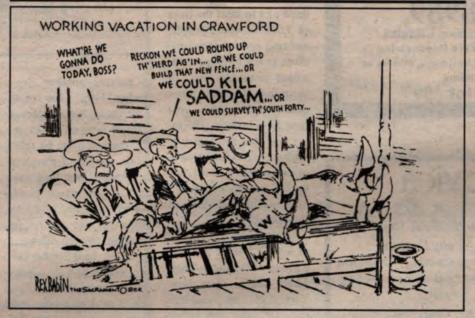
Many Texans are contributing to our homeland security efforts and the war on terrorism abroad. A team of Texas firefighters and emergency workers, organized as part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) efforts, made their way to Ground Zero in New York City just days after the attacks. They were on hand to help relieve New York's first responders.

And military personnel from Texas were called to the frontlines of this new war. When disaster struck that clear blue September morning, military forces based in Texas responded quickly. Texas National Guard fighter aircraft immediately safeguarded America's skies

over key cities in Texas and across America, and US Army air defenders from Fort Bliss supported those vital combat air patrols. For a time, Texas Army National Guard soldiers kept our airports safe. Our military reservists have worked alongside US Immigration and Naturalization Service officials at crucial entry points along our border with Mexico. Medical teams from Fort Sam Houston went to Afghanistan and Air National Guard transport aircraft helped get them, and others, safely there. Analysts at Lackland Air Force Base's Air Intelligence Activity processed raw information into valuable intelligence. Soldiers left Fort Hood for Kuwait to guard against a potential threat from Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. A year ago, we entered a war of uncertain duration. We have come far, but the ultimate victory over terrorism is still to come. We owe it to each and every victim of the terror attacks to fight this battle to the

Congress and the President have designated September 11th as Patriot Day. This name evokes our American spirit and silently recalls the countless heroes who emerged after the terror attacks. When President Bush marks this solemn occasion by visiting where the mighty World Trade Center Towers once stood, to the stillness of the Pennsylvania countryside, and to the rebuilt and hallowed section of the Pentagon where I will join him, the hearts of the American people travel as well. We offer our prayers for the families who lost loved ones on September 11th, and we remember the men and women who have sacrificed their lives in this Aug. 15 to get more input. war on terrorism.

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Subdivision ordinance deals with issues of growth

Principle 1 of the Comprehensive Plan states to provide opportunities for coordinated, well-planned growth and development within the Village of Salado and the extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) while maintaining and enhancing the Village's heritage and character." The real trick is keeping Salado consistent with what we all love about our home, while looking ahead to our future needs as well as attending to safety concerns.

The Village of Salado Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee has been working on a draft of a Subdivision Ordinance since April of this year. Meetings have been long and laborious. All meetings have been open to the public, posted and publicized. The Temple Area Builders Association participated in some meetings and have set up a committee to study the proposed draft. Oncor is also studying the proposal. The Steering Committee has forwarded a proposed ordinance to the Board of Aldermen for consideration. The Board held a Public Hearing on

From Mayor

by Charlotte Doglass



The Board is waiting on further input before preparing a final ordinance.

We thank the Steering Committee for their continued work and those who came to express their ppinions at the Public Hearing. We, as a Board, are especially interested in citizen input on decision as to whether to require sidewalks or walking paths, curbs (either elevated or ribbon), underground utilities, or construction in the flood fringe. The Board wants to make decisions based Salado citizens'

I received a question recently that needs clarification. The Sub-Division Ordinance will in some sections refer to the Technical Construction and Specifications manual, commonly called a Design Manual. The very word design might lead some to think of what development or home would look like. How-

ever, a Design Manual is only of a technical nature, it lists requirements and details for pavement thickness, driveway reinforcement, pipe size, drainage requirements, etc. We used one from a neighboring town as a starting point and are in the process of making changes to "fit" Salado. The beauty of doing it that way is the area builders are knowledgeable and in compliance and agreement with the contents.

The Subdivision Ordinance will not be retroactive and will not affect property already platted. It will concern property platted or re-platted in the

The Village Board of Aldermen, along with its dedicated citizen committees, work hard and appreciate everyone's input and opinion. Please contact us at the Municipal Building at 947-5060 with your questions and comments.

Cheney made big bucks in Iraq



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Jim **Hightower**

Gollies, By Dick Cheney is nothing if not tough on terrorists. In his speeches and regular appearances the on Sunday morning yakity-yak shows, the vice president, formerly of Halliburton, Inc., practically growls when he squints his eyes, curls his upper lip and spits out his contempt for terrorism's "axis of evil," reserving his fiercest scowl for that scalawag Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

But, wait a minute, is it possible that Dick is a Hussein hypocrite, that while he postures politically, he has previously profited from playing corporate footsie with the country that he now brands a terrorist state?

Yes. In fact, 'did Cheney, the former oil equipment executive, help rebuild Saddam's economic machine that now stands accused of sponsoring terrorism?

Yes.

no," retorted "No, Cheney during the 2000 election when ABC's Sam Donaldson asked him directly if his Halliburton firm, through subsidiaries, was actually doing business with Hussein's government. "I had a firm policy that I wouldn't do anything in Iraq - even arrangements that were supposedly legal," protested the v.p.-to-be.

He lied. Indeed, just before Election Day 2000, the estimable "Financial Times" of London discovered that two Halliburtonowned subsidiaries sold more oil field technologies and equipment to Ol' Mr. Evil Saddam than any other U.S. corporation, pocketing some \$24 million in sales. These deals helped Hussein restore his oil-production capabilities, which are used to finance the militaristic adventures that Cheney now labels "evil."

Technically, Cheney's sales to Saddam were legal, even though they were against official U.S. policy. The trick was that he ran the deals through Halliburton's foreign subsidiaries, thus appearing to be politically clean while raking in dirty money.

To learn more, check the little Web site that surfaced the "Financial Times" story: GWBush.com.

Reader comments on senatorial candidate

Ron Kirk wants to be our next U.S. Senator. So, what does he stand for? Does he represent our values? As mayor of Dallas he advocated registration of firearms, an absolute necessary prelude to confiscation. He tried to ban legitimate gun shows. He opposes our right to own firearms and refuses to answer questions on this issue.

As mayor, he passed a

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resolution calling on Congress to use our tax dollars to pay reparations to blacks because of slavery 200 years ago. Is pitting one race against another how Kirk wants to bring us

The Nineth Circuit court

ruling declaring our pledge of allegiance unconstitutional is a product of precisely the same kind of liberal activist judges Kirk promised his supporters he would support, when he stated he would oppose any effort to confirm conservative judges. Should liberal ideology be the most important judicial qualification?

A measure of his integrity is that as a candidate he is desperately attempting to conceal his true stand on these issues. However as Senator, taking your guns away, using our tax dollars to pay tribute to blacks and confirming only extreme liberal judges is what he would stand for in the future. We need a Senator who will represent our Texas values and support our president. We don't need one who opposes our constitutional rights, promotes racial strife, supports only extreme liberal judges and would oppose our president at every opportunity. We must defeat Ron Kirk. Donald N. Baker Lampasas

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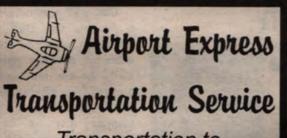
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Searching for the meaning of Sept. 11

It was a day that will be marked forever by its absolute extremes in human behavior: the ruthless execution of a coldly calculated plot to steal the lives of 3,000 innocent people, and split-second decisions, often at the ultimate cost, which saved the lives of thousands of other innocent people. One year later, as Americans remember and are reminded of the horror and the heroism of September 11, 2001, it is natural to search for larger meaning in the events of that awful day.

The attacks were an act of war on liberty itself by a group of fanatics. Their direct targets were New York City and Washington, DC, but the larger objectives were the institutions of economic freedom and democracy they symbolize. Murder was not the goal of the terrorists. It was a tool; to try to intimidate, to strike fear, to undermine American democracy itself. They failed.

We are now beginning the second year of our war against terrorism, launched immediately after September 11th to hunt down and punish the perpetrators of the attacks, and beyond that, to root out terrorism wherever it has been allowed to fester, and

Keeping in Touch

to prevent another Sep-

tember 11th. For most

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in airport lines than sol-

diers at the front lines.

We haven't been asked to

ration our use of tires or

gasoline. We haven't been

urged to buy bonds like

our parents and grandpar-

ents in World War II. Yet,

this is no less a war, and

there is no less at stake for

ca's democracy is in good

hands. It is protected by

our brave men and women

in uniform in Afghanistan.

And, it is practiced here

at home, one person, one

family, one community at

a time. As parents, teach-

ers and neighbors, your

time and efforts make great

communities even better.

As employers and employ-

ees, you strengthen our

private enterprise system,

which is democracy's

engine of freedom and

involved members of your

As active,

opportunity.

Rest assured, Ameri-

our country.

by U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards



community, when you vote, when you make your voice heard by your local,

state and federal government, you contribute to and honor the spirit of our democracy.

If the legacy of those 3,000 victims is to unite us as Americans, to strengthen us as communities and to remind us all of the blessings of faith, family and friends, then they will not have died in

Solving Texas' medical malpractice insurance crisis requires cooperation

BY BILL HAMMOND

Serious consequences await consumers, physicians and the Texas economy unless dramatic changes are made to our state's medical malpractice insurance system. The signs of strain already are evident and will only worsen with inaction.

Members of the Texas Association of Business and the public have identified holding the line on rising health care costs as this state's top priority. When physicians are in the street protesting skyrocketing insurance rates, doctors are forced to either close their practices or leave Texas, and patients many in this state's most medically underserved areas are denied health care, then it's time for our leaders to step forward That time is now.

Outrageous jury awards and frivolous lawsuits are strangling the delivery of health care in this state.

The American Medical Association has identified Texas as one of 12 states that are in serious danger of doctor shortages because of the sharp increase medical malpractice insurance premiums. The U.S. 4 Department of Health and Human Services estimates that a medical malpractice insurance

system containing reasonable rates on non-economic damages will save taxpayers at least \$30 billion each year by reducing federal health-care spending.

TAB has proposed an eight-point plan to reform Texas' medical malpractice insurance system. The reforms are designed to return financial stability to the marketplace and allow physicians to concentrate on patient care instead of defensive medicine.

The highlights of TAB's medical malpractice reform package include:

* Limit non-economic damages, such as pain and suffering, to \$200,000 for each claimant and establish in statute that "economic damages" does not include punitive or noneconomic damages.

- * Ensure the bulk of any award goes to the claimant by establishing a sliding scale for attorney contingency fees of 33 percent for the initial \$100,000 in damages, with fees decreasing as the recovery increases.
- * Strengthen expert witness requirements that are now being abused, and allow the defense to immediately appeal a decision on expert witness qualifications or a trial judge's failure to dismiss a lawsuit when expert witness reporting requirements are not met.
- * Encourage the use of arbitration to settle disputes.

Lawmakers are taking notice. A special Senate committee and the House Insurance Committee have been directed to look into the medical liability insurance issue and to recommend legislation to the 2003 Texas Legislature.

Indicative of their public policy importance, the reforms also have been sent to Gov. Rick Perry, gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez and lieutenant governor candidates David Dewhurst and John Sharp, the officials who will lead Texas and who also must commit to tackling this problem head-on.

Our proposals are modeled after legislation California adopted in 1975, and which observers have pointed to as a blueprint for solving the medical malpractice crisis.

reforms The are designed to ensure that Texas' medical malpractice system fully compensates any patient injured through negligent acts. But at the same time, a stop must be put to trial lawyers who use our courts primarily to enrich themselves at the expense of consumers, patients, doctors and our health care system.

The medical malpractice reforms are one component of a comprehensive package of proposals TAB has developed and will unveil next month - to make health care more

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Things must be slow in Austin

BY DONNA GARNER

Things must really be slow in Travis County in Austin. It seems that Travis County Attorney Ken Oden (Democrat) has brought charges against two present Texas State Board of Education (SBOE) members and one past SBOE member because Oden says these men met in a public restaurant in August 2000 with some financial advisors to discuss the Permanent School Fund (PSF), a \$19 billion "pot of gold" that pays for every Texas school child's textbooks.

At the last possible moment before the statute of limitations ran out, the grand jury charged David Bradley (R-Beaumont), Joe Bernal (D-San Antonio), and Bob Offutt (R-San Antonio) of misdemeanor charges under the Open Meetings laws with two Class B misdemeanor charges. I feel sure in a city where zillions of Texas House and Senate members, state employees, state commissioners, and other state agency personnel are constantly milling around, there are never, but never, people who accidentally meet up with each other in a crowded public restaurant.

I understand that David Bradley even had his child with him on that day in August 2000 when this suspicious meeting supposedly occurred. I am no genius; but if I were going to have a clandestine meeting to defy open meetings laws and perform illegal transactions, I certainly would not have chosen Katz's Deli and Bar in which to meet. I imagine there are many out-of-the-way places in Austin where politically motivated meetings regularly take place, don't you?

Based on my many years of working closely with education issues in this state, could I offer my opinion on what this whole fiasco is all about? The Texas Legislature is in a terrible bind. They are going to have to figure out what to do in this upcoming legislative session because there is a terrible shortfall of funds -- between \$5 billion and \$7 billion. Some of the legislators, best friends with Ken Oden I am willing to bet, have looked "across the street" where the Permanent School Fund (PSF) lies. The PSF has outperformed the Permanent University Fund, the Teacher Retirement System, and the employees retirement system largely because the SBOE members (Bradley, Bernal, and Offutt to name a few) have protected the fund from being raided by the Legislature. The "powers

that be" don't take kindly to principled SBOE members who have stood up and said, "No matter what you do. You politicians are not going to take this PSF money out of our children's hands. We will not let you raid this fund which pays for our public school children's textbooks."

Amazingly enough, this same August 2000 luncheon issue came up right before the SBOE election in which Bob Offutt was defeated. Now David Bradley is running for re-election to the SBOE in November; and coincidentally the issue has come up again, one day before the statute of limitations was to have run out.

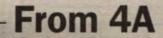
Actually this whole mess runs much deeper. Sen. Bill Ratliff has always wanted to get rid of the elected SBOE and replace it with an appointed board. He has tried for years to sway the public, and he has failed in his attempts. He was the author of SB 1, which took much of the control of education issues out of the elected SBOE's hands and gave it to the unelected officials at the Texas Education Agency. Since Sen. Ratliff has not been able to get rid of the elected SBOE entirely. the next best thing is to get rid of the individual members who have

stood against the Legislators' getting control of the PSF.

Because I believe in the inherent good of our system of government, I believe Bradley, Bernal, and Offutt will eventually be cleared of all wrongdoing; and I trust that the voters in November will show their confidence in David Bradley and in the other SBOE members who have stood against all odds for common-sense education

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Satterwhite passes away at home

Martin W. Satterwhite, Jr., 62, of Temple, died at his residence Sept. 5,

Memorial services were held Sept. 9 at Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton with Rev. Bobby Ellis officiating. The body was cremated and the ashes will be scattered at a later date.

Satterwhite was born in Longview to Martin W. and Clara Cell Capps Satterwhite on Oct. 31, 1939. He had been a resident of Bell County most of his life. He served in the U.S. Army in the late fif-

ties and prior to his retirement, was employed as a electronic technician with Austin Radio. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include four daughters, Carol Kelley of Salado, Valen Satterwhite of Houston, Ladena Satterwhite of Houston and Kathy Satterwhite of Gonzales; one brother, Donnie Satterwhite of Houston; three sisters, Mary Kadlec of Wisconsin, Billie Chapman of Corsicana and Clara Fern Edmonds of Henderson; and six grandchildren. He was preceded

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in death by his parents; one daughter, Deborah Satterwhite; and two brothers, Earl Satterwhite and Joey Satterwhite.

Andrews passes away at age 79

Minnie Ray Andrews. 79, of Belton, died Sept. 3, 2002 in a Belton nursing

Services were held Sept. 7 at the Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton with Dr. Leroy Kemp officiating. Burial was held in Resthaven Cemetery south of Belton.

Andrews was born in Sparta community to John and Ethel Hinds Weaks on July 23, 1923. She was a lifelong resident of Bell County. She was a Bap-

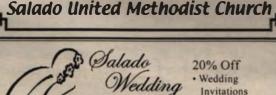
Survivors include three sons, Jerry Roberts of Salado, Eddie Roberts of Belton and Clifford of Temple; three brothers, Leon "Sonny" Weaks of Shingletown, CA., J.L. Weaks of Temple and William Windham of Belton; one sister, Linnie Mae Liverman of Richmond, CA., seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Dick Roberts on March 27, 1963 and her second husband, Ollie Andrews on July 25, 1984.

First Baptist holds community 911 remembrance service

In remembrance of the

one year anniversary of the terrorist attack on our country and the devastating loss of life, the First Baptist Church of Salado is sponsoring a community wide 911 Remembrance Service. This service will focus on God's provision during times of terror. The entire Salado community and those surrounding Salado are invited to join together for this special service. Choir members of area churches are urged to join the First Baptist Worship Choir in the presentation of the song, "bow the Knee" for this service. Those with the ability to play a musical instrument are also urged to join with the First Baptist Celebration Orchestra for this event. Persons interested in singing in the community choir or playing in the orchestra for service will start at 6:15 p.m. Brian Dunks, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Salado will present a message of

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Previously, the Chamber set Aug. 31 as the deadline for the nominations. That deadline has been extended to Sept. 20. The additional time will allow more opportunity for individuals to critically consider submitting individuals for these awards. The nomination forms published in the Salado Village Voice should be used for nominations.

Chamber President, Chine Ray and the Chamber Board of Directors have established a selection committee for these awards that represents the broad interests of the entire community. The individual and business selected for these awards will be recognized at the Chamber Annual Banquet in Jan. 2003.

Outstanding Citizen Award 2002

The Salado Chamber of Commerce will honor the Outstanding Citizen of the Year during its annual banquet in January 2003. The following are the basic qualifications for the nomination. Complete the form and submit it to the Salado Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 849, Salado, TX, by fax to 254/947-3126 or e-mail attachment

1. Person is not required to be a member of the Salado Chamber of Commerce

2. The person must have been a very strong participant in community activities in the past year. However, we will evaluate other recent years of participation by the

3. Person must reside within the boundaries of the

Salado ISD for a minimum of three years.

4. The citizen will have had high community involvement and some of the considerations will be:

- Volunteerism
- Leadership
- Philanthropy
 Ommitment to Salado growth and development.
 This will be the first award year, therefore, it is anticipated that an individual will be eligible to receive

this award only once in a five-year period.

Citizen for consideration:

Their address, etc.: Community Involvement:

Deserves award because:

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Outstanding Business Award 2002

The Salado Chamber of Commerce will honor the Outstanding Salado Business during its annual banquet in January 2003. The following are the basic qualifications for the nomination. Complete the form and submit it to the Salado Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 849, Salado, TX, by fax to 254/947-3126 or e-mail attachment to

1. Recipient will have been a Salado Chamber of Commerce member for at least one year..

2. Must have been a very strong participant in community activities during the past year. However, we will evaluate other recent years of participation by the candi-

3. Business must operate within the boundaries of the

4. The business will have had general community involvement, an image of drawing customers and visitors to Salado, community educational support, customer satisfaction, employees presenting a pleasant image and also participating in the community and be a dynamic and growing business atmosphere.

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Breakfast Menu

Sept. 11: Sausage Rolls, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice,

Sept. 12: Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Sept. 13: Waffles, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Sept. 16: Biscuit, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Sept. 17: Pancakes, Sausage Link, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

Sept. 11: Pizza, Corn, Breadstick, Peaches, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk Sept. 12: Chicken Fajitas, Green Beans, Pears, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk Sept. 13: Cheeseburger, French Fries, Burger Salad. Fruity Freeze, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk Sept. 16: Soft Tacos, Mixed Vegetables, Pears, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk Sept. 17: Chicken Fried Steak, Mixed Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Peache, Hoagie,

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Salado Volunteer Fire Department Incident Report for August, 2002

| Date | Time | Type of Incident |
|-------|----------|---|
| 08/01 | 10:15:00 | Medical assist, assist EMS crew |
| 08/01 | 14:32:00 | Electrical wiring/equipment problem/oth |
| 08/02 | 20:24:00 | Passenger vehicle fire |
| 08/03 | 19:46:00 | Vehicle accident with injuries |
| 08/04 | 20:09:00 | Vehicle accident with injuries |
| 08/06 | 21:44:00 | Dispatched and canceled en route |
| 08/07 | 21:02:00 | Authorized controlled burning |
| 08/08 | 05:58:00 | Medical assist, assist EMS crew |
| 08/08 | 09:35:00 | Medical assist, assist EMS crew |
| 08/10 | 01:11:00 | Vehicle accident with injuries |
| 08/10 | 11:52:00 | Vehicle accident with injuries |
| 08/11 | 05:30:00 | Building fire |
| 08/11 | 09:12:00 | Medical assist, assist EMS crew |
| 08/11 | 20:08:00 | Medical assist, assist EMS crew |
| 08/14 | 08:46:00 | Medical assist, assist EMS crew |
| 08/14 | 09:46:00 | Medical assist, assist EMS crew |
| 08/14 | 09:59:00 | Building fire |
| 08/14 | 15:24:00 | Medical assist, assist EMS crew |
| 08/17 | 20:21:00 | Vehicle accident with injuries |
| 08/18 | 02:04:00 | Medical assist, assist EMS crew |
| 08/18 | 02:39:00 | Vehicle accident with injuries |
| 08/18 | 19:20:00 | Medical assist, assist EMS crew |
| 08/21 | 15:04:00 | Vehicle accident with injuries |
| 08/22 | 12:39:00 | Dispatched and canceled en route |
| 08/24 | 02:31:00 | Medical assist, assist EMS crew |
| 08/24 | 14:52:00 | Medical assist, assist EMS crew |
| 08/26 | 21:35:00 | Vehicle accident with injuries |
| 08/27 | 08:41:00 | Medical assist, assist EMS crew |
| 08/27 | 09:52:00 | Medical assist, assist EMS crew |
| 08/27 | 23:10:00 | Medical assist, assist EMS crew |
| 08/28 | 18:36:00 | Medical assist, assist EMS crew |
| 08/28 | 19:02:00 | Medical assist, assist EMS crew |
| 08/30 | 22:18:00 | Vehicle accident with injuries |
| 08/31 | 03:51:00 | Vehicle accident with injuries |
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Xmas in October to be held Oct. 11 - 12



Salado's Christmas in October 2002 will be happening 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Oct. 11 and 12. The theme of this year's event is "Memories of Christmas." It will be held at the Salado Civic Center.

Christmas in October is an annual fundraiser for the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. Refreshments will be served and tickets are \$4 for adults.

Items featured at the event include Christmas vignettes, decorated Christmas trees, table settings, music, entertainment and informal modeling. Unique Christmas ornaments and homemade baked goods will be for sale.

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Salado Chorus to entertain at ABWA Style Show

Salado Chorus has eral upcoming events.

The women in the Chorus will sing at the ABWA Style Show on Sept. 28. The Chorus will October, and will be singing carols at the Christmas Stroll. The Christmas concert will be on Dec. 5. &

The group is a mixed begun rehearsals for sev- chorus of more than 30 voices under the direction of Dr. Betty Thorn. The members invite anyone who enjoys singing to come join them. Rehearsperform at Christmas in als are from 5-6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. Please call 947-5394 or 947-9935 for more information.

St. Stephen's hosts Annual FallFest

Saint Stephen's Catholic Church Annual FallFest will feature a live auction, lunch and entertainment 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Oct. 20.

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Woods of Salado reports robbery

At approximately 8:15 a.m. on Sept. 6, Bell County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a call from the home of Merrill and Barbara Shelley, who reside in The Woods of Salado.

Mrs. Shelley called 911 reporting a robbery in progress at the Shelley home. Investigation discovered that two black males had entered the residence and had bound the Shelley's with duct tape and beaten them while the robbery was taking place.

Taken in the robbery was cash, guns and jewelry. One of the suspects parked an unknown type of vehicle on the street behind the residence while two committed the crime. The third suspect then drove around to the driveway and picked up the other two and left the area. The Shelley's are long-time Salado residents and own Shelley's Used Cars in Belton.

As of press time, the Salado Village Voice was unable to contact the Bell County Sheriff's Office, and no further information was availabe as to the condition of the Shelley's nor the whereabouts of the assailants.

Anyone having information about this offense should call the Bell County Sheriff's Office at 1-800-460-4357 or 933-5400

Village of Salado Resolution No. 009

A Resolution of The Village of Salado, Proclaiming September 11, 2002, As a Day of Remembrance, Commemorating the Lives of Persons Who Perished in the Terrorist Attacks on This Date, September 11, 2001.

Whereas, There were Americans and members of international communities whose lives were lost in the New York City Twin Towers, The Washington Pentagon, and in the plane crash in Pennsylvania, persons who lived day-to-day lives like those of us here in Salado,

Whereas, There were also fire-fighters and police officers who died in that catastrophe, pubic safety personnel like those who protect us from harm here in

Whereas, There were also volunteers and professional workers who responded to the need for recovery efforts-not unlike the volunteers and professionals who contribute to the life of this village,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper that all persons involved in the September 11 tragedy should be remembered and honored by Saladoans and all Americans.

Therfore Be it Resolved That September 11, 2002, is Proclaimed as a Day of Remembrance in Salado, Commemorating Persons Lost and Those Whose Lives Have Been Changed Forever as a Result of the Terrorist Attacks on That Date, 2001,

And Be It Further Resolved That Flags Should Fly at Half Mast and All Villagers Should Observe a Moment of Silence and Reflection at 7:46 a.m., Coinciding With the Moment the First Hijacked Airliner Struck the North

And Be It Further Resolved That Houses of Worship Shall Be Encouraged to Toll Bells at 9:29 a.m., When the Second Tower Collapsed,

Be It Further Resolved That Townspeople Shall Be Invited To Gather For a Brief Ceremony of Silence, Concluding With Singing of God Bless America, At the Intersection of Royal and Main Street at Noon on September 11, 2002.

Passed and Approved This Fifth Day of September, 2002.

Mayor Charlotte Douglass

Dianna Zalouf, Village Secretary



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Bell County Sheriff's Office & Salado Police Department Reports for Salado & Surrounding Area August 2002

| | Date Reported | Offense | Location |
|---|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| ı | 8/1 | Theft of Motorcycle | Wells Lane |
| ı | 8/2 | Abandoned Motor Vehicle | I-35 N. Rest Area |
| ı | 8/5 | Forgery | Main Street |
| ı | 8/5 | Assault w/ Bodily Injury | I-35 S. of MM 282 |
| ı | 8/7 | Theft from a Person | FM 2843 |
| ı | 8/9 | Unauthorized use of a Vehicle | Salado Springs |
| ı | 8/11 | Information Only | Hodge Canyon |
| ı | 8/14 | Minor in Possession of Alcohol | Royal Street |
| ı | 8/17 | Theft Over \$50 Under \$500 | Southridge Road |
| ı | 8/21 | Burglary of a Motor Vehicle | Chaparral Drive |
| ı | 8/21 | Burglary of a Motor Vehicle | Chisholm Trail |
| ı | 8/22 | Burglary of a Motor Vehicle | N. Robertson Road |
| ı | 8/22 | Theft Under \$50 | N. Robertson Road |
| ı | 8/23 | Criminal Trespass | West Amity Road |
| ı | 8/25 | Theft Over \$50 Under \$500 | North Main |
| ۱ | 8/25 | Criminal Mischief-Value Unknown | College Hill |
| l | 8/26 | Theft from a Building | Eagle Rock Road |
| l | 8/28 | Criminal Trespass | Stinnett Mill Road |
| l | 8/28 | Burglary of a Motor Vehicle | Mill Creek Drive |
| l | 8/28 | Burglary of a Motor Vehicle | Vanessa Street |
| l | 8/28 | Burglary of a Motor Vehicle | Mill Creek Drive |
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| | 8/28 | Burglary of a Motor Vehicle | Mill Creek Drive |
| | 8/28 | Burglary of a Motor Vehicle | Degrummond Way |
| | 8/29 | Burglary of a Motor Vehicle | Chisholm Trail |
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Salado ISD Trustees to meet Sept. 16

Salado I.S.D. Trustees will meet in regular session 6 p.m. Sept. 16 at the Salado Civic Center.

The following business items are on the tentative agenda:

- · Consideration and approval of additional rental space for administrative offices.
 - · Consideration of addi-

tion of flag corp to stipend schedule.

- · Approval of budget amendment to accommodate employee insurance.
- Committee reports
- · Consideration and approval of additional pay grade on paraprofessional pay schedule.
- · Approval of resolution in support of legislative

action to guarantee adequacy and equity in school finance.

The following consent items will be addressed:

- · Approve the minutes of the August board meet-
- · Bookkeepers and Tax Collector's Report.
- Approve bills and order

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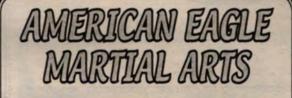
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Four giant, solitary oaks lord over the middle of the property like celestial sentinels. Planted almost divinely in the center of the grounds, they seem to have their roots encircling every aspect of the cemetery, silently drawing in the unrecorded history of a nearly forgotten landmark.

The West Salado Cemetery, taken in and of itself, is a somewhat nondescript parcel of land, neat and well-maintained for the past decade, but hardly a vision to inspire awe. It is tucked caddy-corner between Country Boy's and Harold's Piano, easy to miss, almost as if it's playing hide-and-go-seek with the 21st century. Located scant yards from the interstate, thousands of motorists pass by the cemetery each day, but at 70 miles per hour the full breadth of its unassuming story passes like the white and yellow stripes of the highway, unheard and barely

It is, however, important, because it is one of the few active black cemeteries in the area. A cursory glance around Salado shows that not much remains of the African-American culture that helped clear and settle the village many generations ago. A fact that is either unknown or conveniently forgotten, the



Wilkinson family funeral circa 1914. (courtesy of the the Bell County Museum)

history of the black community in Salado stretches back as far as that of the whites. Largely scattered by the time the Depression hit, at one point the number of blacks residing in Salado totalled between 150 and 200, a population only slightly less than that of the whites, and this stoic little cemetery seems to be one of the few remaining threads of their legacy.

In private hands since 1991, when current owner and caretaker Earnest Wilkinson purchased the property, the one and four-fifths acre plot was originally deeded in 1879 by Colonel S.C. Robertson to the freedmen of Salado. In a diary entry dated Christmas day 1875, Robertson writes, "Went up after dinner to see John Sanders f.m.c. (freed man of color) about hiring a cook and wash woman. Will let me know tomorrow. The freed men want a piece of land for a school house

and church-have promised it to them."

It would be another four years before the freedmen and women got their land. Common tradition tell us that the land was donated to the black community in town by Robertson, however there are other, more quietly whispered rumors that suggest otherwise, that the black community had raised the funds amongst themselves to purchase the land. The fact that four years had taken place between the time the land was promised and the time the land was deeded does cause pause. However, it is also commonly held that Colonel Robertson was a kind and benevolent man who treated all his neighbors, both white and black, with respect, so the particulars might never be resolved.

In any case, the land was deeded on the first day of the year, 1879, for the aforementioned use of school, church and graveyard purposes. Another persistent little rumor that cannot be verified, that the purchased land had been used as a burial site in antebellum times, is almost certainly true. In fact, the oldest legible headstone in the graveyard, that of Jozie Fulbright, is dated 1877, two years before the land was deeded. This suggests that the land had been used for burial for some time prior. The oldest area of the cemetery, the northwest corner, is home to many simple, unmarked stones, whose origins are unknown. But it is not unsafe to assume that these markers are contemporaneous with, or predate the Fulbright grave, given that slaves lacked the means of producing ornate headstones, and often times, as Earnest Wilkinson explained, they used whatever was at hand, which was generally a large stone, to mark a location of burial.

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some unfortunate, anonymous souls never received a marker. According to Wilkinson, this practice continued into the 20th century.

Also said to be buried

on the grounds of the West Salado Cemetery is a man named Mtesa Unction, a former slave who followed his master to Texas after the Confederate surrender at Appomattox, who is a story all his own. According to the book, Tales of Old Salado, by E.M. Hutchens, Unction worked on the grist mills and over the years his hands "became inlaid with minute steel splinters," eventually becoming magnetized, and on several occasions, he was called to the College to demonstrate the principals of magnetics to students in natural philosophy class. Also said to have enormous physical strength, Unction "carried in his arms up the stairway the College chapel's first organ," according to Hutchens. Sadly, it will likely never be known where this character was laid to rest.

Wilkinson, in addition to his duties as caretaker, also has a strong historical connection to the cemetery. His grandfather, the patriarch of his family, Finn Wilkinson, was a native born Texas slave who became free after the Civil War. His master was one Melville Wilkinson, who is said to have donated land after the war to all of his slaves. This again, is a matter of debate, but however he obtained his land, Finn settled in Salado and several generations of his descendants have been reared here as well. Finn was yet another interesting man whose unique life is rarely mentioned when the history of old Salado is discussed.



Obscured by a century of overgrowth, a roughly hewn headstone, worn down from years of neglect, reveals a barely legible name and the date of death, 1888, for the unknown individual at rest below. (photo by Chris McGregor)

Standing six feet tall and possessing considerable intellect, Finn could read and write, unusual for a man of slave derivation. He was also a cowboy who participated in many drives, keeping the spirits of the other cowhands high with his affability and lighthearted sense of humor. Finn, however, never forgot slavery. He would take a turn to the serious when explaining to his children and grandchildren about "the peculiar institution" of slavery. He explained that one particularly diabolical and popular method employed by slave traders was to throw a feast a short distance from the ship. Shortly thereafter, another celebration would be thrown, this time a little bit closer to the ship than the last. Finally, a third would be held, this time however, in the ship itself. Once safely on board, the ship would set sail with its unsuspecting passengers in tow, who were now trapped and resigned to their unenviable fate. Finn was also a stonemason, and it is said that his mark of F.F. can be read on some of the older

Once the land for the cemetery had been legally

acquired, two churches and a school were erected, of which no traces remain. For such a small community, the presence of two churches is indicative of the importance religion played in the community. One church was Baptist, the other Methodist; however, no clear congregational lines were ever drawn, and most folks attended both regularly. The school served children grades one through six only, the high schoolers attending Harris High School in Belton. Because, up until relative recent history, central Texas was an overwhelmingly agricultural area, children did not attend school until early November, their hands being needed more for farming

than scholarly pursuits.

During the 1920's, approximately 18 children attended the school, with teachers using textbooks donated from nearby Salado College. But again, no buildings remain.

Unfortunately, when times got tough in Salado, as happened in other communities, most of the black families moved off to the cities or other towns such as Taylorsville, where they sought better job opportunities and less discrimination. The South has a long memory, and the humiliation of the Civil War had yet to part itself from public consciousness, and Salado was no different.

Efforts to recognize and renovate the cemetery, which is still an ongoing process, did not get off the ground until the mid 80's when a group of Saladoans developed an interest in its history. The Salado Historical Society, through the efforts of Fred and Dale Springer and the late Thelma Fletcher, exhaustively researched the existing records, including deeds, diary entries and oral histories, and then submitted their findings to the Texas Historical Society. Work done by the Bell County Historical Commission also helped to bring attention to the cemetery.

Finally, on May 5, 1991, the West Salado Cemetery was designated with an historical marker, which stands outside the cemetery to this day.

It is a testament to many things, among them a family's link with its past, and of the hard work done by a small group of Saladoans to bring an overlooked cemetery its rightful distinction.

But what it doesn't speak aloud is something that is heard only in the soul, how as generations pass and memories are buried like caskets, we, like magnets, are drawn to our history for the sake of our future.

The writer would like to extend thanks to Earnest Wilkinson, Sue Whistler, Cricket Jones and the Salado Historical Society, The Bell County Museum, the Bell County Historical Commission, and the diligent efforts of Fred and Dale Springer, whose records were invaluable.

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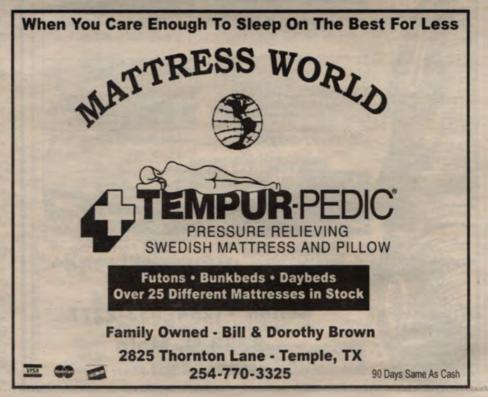
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Eagles

had five tackles, including one for a loss and a knocked down pass.

Salado had 328 yards total offense, balancing it with 161 yards rushing and 167 yards passing.

Buckley led the receiving corp for Salado with three grabs for 60 yards and a touchdown. Whitfield followed with three grabs for 55 yards and Dunn had two grabs for 26 yards.

Bates completed 11 of 22 passes for 167 yards and a touchdown. He had two interceptions, coming on long pass attempts at the end of the half and the end of the third quarter.

Torres carried the ball 17 times for 82 yards and two touchdowns. Berumen followed with 48 yards and a touchdown on 10 car-

Salado will face Thorndale at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 13 on the road.

Eagles Lady struggle with early games

The Lady Eagles volleyball team, despite showing improvement in each game, has struggled a bit to begin the season. Their record as of Aug. 30 was 1-4. In spite of these early difficulties, says Coach Karen Hale, "I am impressed with the way the team is coming along. Every game is that much better."

Kicking off the season, the Lady Eagles were defeated by Hill Country Christian School in three sets: 15-7, 6-15, 7-15. The JV played well, needing just two sets to claim the victory, 15-10 and 15-0.

The Varsity then travelled to Cameron Aug. 22 and 24 to participate in the Cameron Tournament, leaving winless. Though they didn't manage a win, all the matches were close, and Coach Hale attests that the girls had better court coverage and played more aggressively, factors that will lead to victories.

Aug. 28 Salado made the quick trip to Holland to take on the Hornets. The freshman and Varsity came out on top, 15-7 and 15-1, and 15-13, 15-6, respectively. The JV didn't fare as well, however, losing in two sets, 10-15 and 11-15. Standouts for the Lady Eagles were Laramie Jackson, who had 5 kills, 4 blocks and 2 aces, and Staci York, who racked up 11 assists, 4 kills and 7 service points.

Playing well but falling in the end, Waco Connally defeated the Lady Eagles

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Sophomore Devon Dunn smothered Moody's receiver to break up a pass play. Dunn had five tackles, including one for a loss and a knocked down pass. The Eagles defense held Moody to less than 100 yards total offense for the night, shutting out the Bearcats 30-0. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Junior high cross country teams run in Academy

Salado's junior high *cross-country teams competed at a meet held in Academy on Aug. 31.

The Salado girls placed second overall behind San Saba, with a total of 125 points. Individually, Chelsea Ervie placed third, with a time of 11:19 on the 1.5 mile course.

Other individual results

are as follows: Tamra Stanish, 12th place, 12:26; Molly Rooney, 37th, 13:45; Cortney Dunnahoo, 38th, 13:45; Kristen Smith, 41. 14:16; Amanda Hoffman, 42, 14:18; Sarah Dowell, 51, 15:06; Denise Jasso, 52, 15:23; Taylor Reed, 64, 15:57; Natalee Cantrell, 65, 16:13.

The junior high boys

also placed second behind San Saba, finishing with 50 points. The top runner for the Eagles was Jonny Kendall, who came in sixth place with a time of 10:31.

Also participating for Salado were: Ryan Clark, 9th, 10:49; Stephen Quick, 10, 10:57; Jonas Goode, 13, 11:06; Jonathan Cornelius, 18, 11:36; and Ryan Smith, 36, 15:03.





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Aug. 30 in Salado, 15-11, 12-15 and 6-15. Jackson had another big game, amassing 8 kills, 5 blocks and 7 service points. York totalled 14 assists and 11 service points. The JV fell 15-10 and 15-11. Improving their record to 3-0, the freshman were victorious, winning 15-2 and 15-13.

Of the Varsity, Coach Hale said, "I thought we should have beat them (Connally). We showed we could in the beginning of the match. The team has played well, and this was the best they have performed to date. I am proud of the way everyone played."

On Sept. 6 Salado fell to the Rockdale Tigers by a score of 15-9, 15-8. Coach Hale said Rockdale is one of the top 3A teams and has five athletes over six feet tall. She also says the girls played hard, and they look forward to facing Rockdale again in the Dripping Springs Tournament.



A JV player digs the ball during the Lady Eagles loss to Rockdale Sept. 6 at Coach Smith Gym. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

The freshman improved to 4-0, winning 15-9, 15-11. The JV was not so fortunate, losing in three sets to run their record to 1-5.

Sept. 5 and 7 saw the varsity Lady Eagles in the Florence Tournament. The tournament was set in a pool play format, with the Eagles going 3-7 against the likes of Bruceville--Eddy, Jarrell, Florence,

Thorndale and Holland. Standouts for the team were Jackson and York. Jackson totalled 18 kills, 6 digs and 10 service points over the tournament, while York had an impressive 31 assists and 15 aces.

The JV travelled down 190 to Killeen to participate in a tournament on Sept. 7. Playing all vastly larger schools, the girls played

well, but couldn't manage a win, losing to Killeen Ellison in three sets, Copperas Cove in two, and Killeen Shoemaker in three. Freshman LeAnne Ingalsbe had a solid tournament, amassing 13 digs and 2 aces. Also performing well for the Eagles were freshman Shae Janda and sophomores Micah Malone and Lauralee Young.

Cross country tea

The Salado Eagles cross country teams participated in the Belton meet Sept. 7 in Killeen's Longbranch Park. Overall, the girls placed first.

Individual results:

Lauren Mewhinney, 12:35; 3rd, Rachel Hargrove, 13:27; 7th, Britanni Goodnight, 14:13; 10th, Jenny Goode, 14:25: 14th, Laramie 14:56; Wilson. 16th,

Johnna Konzen, 15:00; Correa, 21st, Annie Rebekah 15:21; 27th, Quick, 15:17; 37th, Tiffany Dixon, 16:35.

Nick Everett, 5th place 72nd.

16:27 (4A and 5A division); Travis Clark, 19:21 20th place; Jack Lucas, 19:46, 24th place. JV division:

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Salado also had members participating in the fair, and there were many who placed, making it a worthwhile showing for the

The individual results are as follows:

Shelia Arnold, first and third place: heifers;

Derik Mitchell, seventh place: heifers;

Kayla Griffin, Grand Champion, two-first, third and sixth places: heifers; Jared Rogers, fifth place:

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place: heifers:

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Eagles shut-out Moody 'cats, 30-0

BY TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Eagles held the Moody Bearcats to less than 100 yards total offense as they registered their first shut-out of the young season Sept. 6, thrashing Moody 30-0. The win gave coach Jeff Cheatham as many wins two weeks into his third season as he totaled in his first two years at the helm of the football program.

The Eagles offense helped out by scoring on all but five possessions. The first and nextsto-last possessions of the Eagles resulted in punts. Three others, ending the first half, third and fourth quarters resulted in turnovers.



Senior end Jarrod Whitfield bobbles nad brings in a pass from Scott Bates during the first quarter of Salado's 30-0 win over the Moody Bearcats. Whitfield's grab led to a first down during Salado's drive for a field goal. Whitfield had three catches for 55 yards on the night.

Salado balanced its offensive attack with 161 yards on the ground and 167 yards passing. Quarterback Scott Bates connected on half of his 22 touchdown to Roland Buckley

Buckley juggled a 22-yard pass midway through the second quarter before finding the handle and bringing the ball in. His catch capped an 84-yard drive by the Eagles, which ate up half of the second period. The drive was highlighted by a leaping 17 yard catch by Jarrod Whitfield over a defender and a 12 yard pass to Omar Torres coming out of the backfield.

The touchdown gave Salado a 10-0 lead at 6:09 in the second quarter. The first score of the game was a 22 yard field goal by Chase Simpson to cap a

57-yard drive. Bates found Whitfield for 14 yards and Fran Ruiz for eight yards during the 15-play drive.

Salado took a 17-0 lead at halftime with a two yard run by Omar Torres with 52 seconds left. Two 13 yard passes to sophomore Devon Dunn marked the 10 play drive of 49 yards.

The Eagles added two more touchdowns in the third period. The first was a two yard dive by Isaac Berumen to complete a 68-yard scoring drive. Bates found Buckley for 26 yards on a third and long situation to bring the ball to the Moody 17 yard line. Berumen ran for 15 yards on the next play before diving in from the two with 4:47 left in the third quarter.

After forcing the Bearcats to three and out. Salado scored again at 2:59 in the third quarter. Torres scored on a nine yard run. A 24-yard pass from Bates to Whitfield gave the Eagles the ball at the Moody 25 yard line. Torres carried for four yards and a late hit call moved the ball to the Bearcat nine yard line. The PAT by Simpson gave Salado its final lead of

Moody never penetrated Salado's red-zone, getting only as far as the Eagles' 23 yard line with time running out in the

The Eagles defense, led by Brad Ray, Scott Bates, Ryon Clifton and Devon Dunn, held the Moody Bearcats to 39 yards rushing and 55 yards passing.

Ray and Bates each had 10 tackles. Clifton had six tackles at his defensive tackle position and Dunn

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Junior high teams split opening games with Moody Bearcats

The Salado junior high football squads opened their seasons last week versus Moody.

The seventh grade scored two touchdowns, and the defense pitched a shutout, with the final score being 16-0. Salado scored on its first possession, marching 65 yards in eight plays. Leo Galvan crossed the goal line from the six for the touchdown, with Josh Bush scoring the two point conversion. Galvan then struck again, this time on a 56 yard scamper in the third quar-

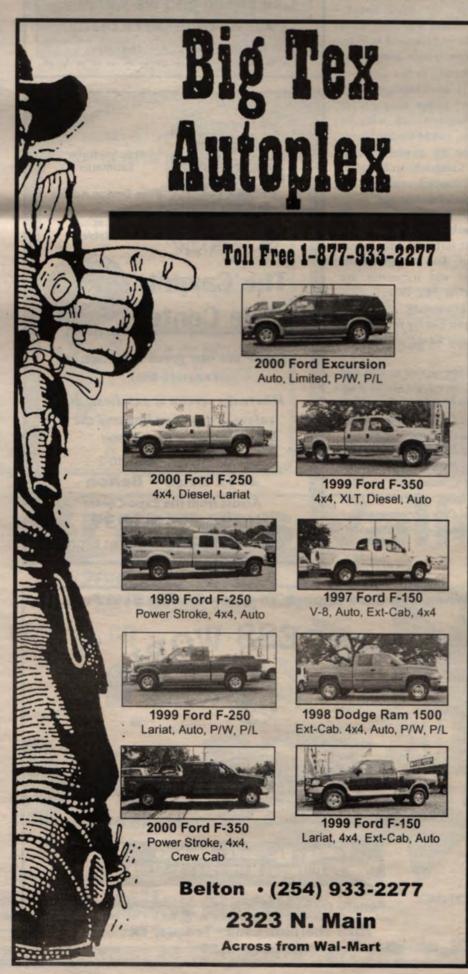
ter. Kevin Jackson was credited with the two-point conversion.

Players having good games for the Eagles were Galvan, Dallas Butts, Nick Mohammed, Josh Bush and Jimmy Ferrell-Raborn.

The eighth graders played tough, but succumbed to a second half charge by Moody, falling 20-14. Like the seventh graders, the eighth graders drove down on the first possession, going 62 yards to punch it in for an early lead. Alonzo Galvan scored on a three yard run. Kevin

Goodman added the conversion, then went on to score a touchdown himself on a one yard plunge. Moody then responded with 20 unanswered points in the second half to take the victory. Playing well for the Eagles were Justin Konzen, Aaron Winters, Blake Hancock, Alonzo Galvan and Kevin Good-

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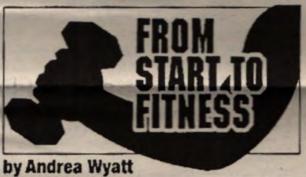
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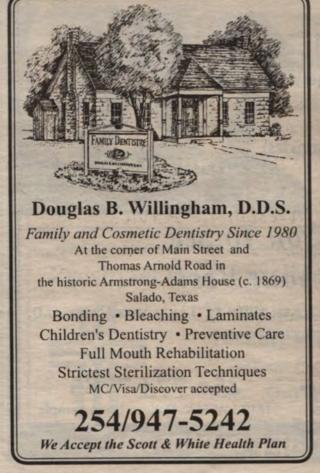
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McKinney displays at Scott & White Art Gallery

As she travels the world, visiting exciting and historic places like France and Russia, Waco's Martha McKinney captures some of the beautiful images on canvas, bringing them home in her colorful paintings.

McKinney will again display her richly textured oils at Scott & White's Smith Art Gallery during September after heading to Russia to gather inspiration from the rich cultural heritage of St. Petersburg and Moscow. McKinney said

she has always loved working with oils.

"It is possible to create luminous transitions, colors with great depth, rich textures and veiled glazes that can mold impressions and expressions," she said.

Having grown up on a working Texas ranch, she describes herself as "a real Texas person," yet she was also exposed to music and art by her grandmothers, aunts and parents. As part of a close-knit family during the 30s and 40s, she was introduced to the symphony

at Baylor University and began her formal education at Texas Christian University, transferring after one year to Baylor to study with Reynould Arnold, a visiting professor from France.

McKinney's work is represented in the Smithsonian Institute, the Nation's Museum of Women in the Arts and the International Women Artists Archives. She has also been recognized by the Littlehouse School of Arts, Witte Museum, Fort Worth and

Dallas Museum of Fine Art; the University of Texas; the University of Houston; the University of Arkansas; Baylor University; Laguna Gloria Art Museum in Austin; Bosque County Conservatory; the Art Center of Waco and Contemporary Art of the USA exhibit in Paris, France.

The Smith Art Gallery, located on the first floor of Scott & White Hospital, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bone health, what every woman should know

A recent study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association suggests that millions of women age 50 and older who have not been assessed for osteoporosis may be at increased risk of fracturing a bone. Despite the availability of simple, painless bone density tests to assess fracture risk and confirm osteoporosis, the disease remains often undiagnosed until a fracture occurs. According to the National Osteoporosis Foundation (NOF), osteoporosis and low-bone mass currently affect almost 44 million men and women in the U.S., representing 55 percent of those age 50 and

Your Bones Are Actually Alive - Throughout your life, your bones go through continuous bone-building cycles in which old bone is worn down and new bone is rebuilt. Between the ages of 25 and 35, bone mass usually peaks; but after age 35, women can lose vital bone, a loss that tends to accelerate after menopause. The good news is that it's possible to reverse bone loss and make your bones stron-

Facts about Bone sion; and Loss and Osteoporosis - Policy on ly have to lose 20 per-

cent of your bone mass to have osteoporosis? What's more, this amount of bone loss usually occurs without symptoms, so many women learn they have osteoporosis only after a bone breaks. Nearly 40 percent of women in their 60s have osteoporosis and more than 75 percent of women over the age of 80 have it. Fortunately, bone loss can be detected and reversed.

How Strong Are Your Bones? - The best way to determine the strength of your bones is with a simple, painless bone

of your bones is with a simple, painless bone density test. The NOF recommends postmenopausal women who meet the following criteria have a bone density test:

• Postmenopausal women 65 or older;

- Postmenopausal women under age 65 with one or more risk factors (such as a family history of Osteoporosis, a thin build, Caucasian or Asian ancestry, and excessive smoking);
- Postmenopausal women who have fractures;
- Postmenopausal women considering therapy for Osteoporosis to help facilitate the decision; and
- Postmenopausal women who have been

on hormone replacement therapy for prolonged periods.

Take a Bone Density Test and Understand

Your T-score - A safe, noninvasive bone density test can assess your bone health. Compared to many tests women must take, it's easy and you won't even have to undress. It simply is the most accurate way to measure the density of your bones. If you are age 65 or older and qualify, Medicare may cover the cost of your bone density test. The test result, called a T-score, can tell you whether your bone mass is normal or below normal.

T-score, the greater your risk of breaking a bone. For example, if you have a T-score of -2.0 at your spine, you may be five times more likely to break a bone in your spine compared to someone with a T-score of zero. If you have a T-score of 2.0 at your hip, you may be seven times more likely to break a bone in your hip compared to someone with a score of zero. Forty percent of 50-year-old Caucasian women will suffer a fracture in their remaining lifetime. The most common fractures are of the hip, spine, and wrist, but if bone loss is detected early, its effects may be prevented.

According to the NOF, all postmenopausal women with T-scores below -2.0, and all postmenopausal women with T-scores below 1.5 with other risk factors, are candidates for prescription therapy.

Diet and Exercise Are Important But May Not Be Enough - To help minimize bone loss and protect your bones, be sure to exercise and get adequate amounts of calcium and vitamin D. If you're going to start an exercise program, be sure to talk with your doctor first. And, if you aren't getting enough calcium from your diet, supplements fortified with vitamin D can provide you with the recommended allowance.

If a bone density test and a complete medical work up indicate that you have osteoporosis or osteopenia (some bone loss but not quite oseoporosis), diet and exercise alone may not halt further bone loss. Fortunately, if your bone density test reveals thinning bones, there are therapies available that are clinically proven to help reverse bone loss and make bones stronger.

Over the counter remedies

With the aniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, many people have reported anxiety related symptoms such as heartburn, upset stomach, insomnia and headaches.

It's important to recognize that you can treat temporary symptoms with over the counter remedies.

You don't need to suffer from headaches, heartburn and insomnia when you can take pain relievers, antacids and sleep aids. However, if problems persist, make an appointment to see a doctor. Chronic headaches, for example, could signal more serious problems.

Some suggestions for reducing anxiety include talking with friends and family (they're likely experiencing some ill effects, too), and turning off the TV and taking a long walk. It's also important to remember that laughter sometimes is the best medicine available.

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Author Cross uses the metaphor of automobiles and car repair for discussing ways of reaching any success. All vehicles need maintenance and a good tune-up, and it's always a good idea to start the work now, before bigger problems develop.

Each chapter diagnoses and offers fixes for areas in need of improvement, such

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as "Headlights" (business plan), "Steering" (leadership), "Battery" (customer service) and "Brakes" (primary financial plan.)

"The Small Business Tune-Up" also contains 34 marketing strategies, early warning systems, information on picking your professional advisers, and ways to effectively reduce the cost of record keeping. Even if your business is not experiencing trouble right

now, "The Small Business Tune-Up" provides a lot of healthy preventative maintenance tips to help you steer clear of troubles down the road. As the author quotes John F. Kennedy, "The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining."

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The following are five tips for successfully opening a home equity account.

1. Be sure you are working with a reputable financial services company If you already have a good relationship with your bank or mortgage company, you can probably expect the same from the organization's home equity unit.

2. Carefully review the account agreement to make sure you understand the terms and rate. This includes the costs you will incur to open the account, how long you'll have it, and the agreed-upon time for payoff. It's also important to understand the difference between a fixed interest rate home equity loan and a variable rate line of credit. Interest rates are based on the amount you borrow and the term of the loan. Shop around to find rates and terms that most closely suit your needs without putting too much strain on your personal financial situation.

3. Ask about points and fees. Read the fine print and ask questions to avoid any last-minute surprises. Are there up front or closing costs for the account?

Many fees can be waived depending on your credit situation and the lender's discretion. Ask about buying points. To get lower rates, you may have to pay higher up front

4. Understand your payment schedule. Are you paying interest only or are you paying on the principal? Are you looking for cash flow or are you aiming to pay off the account as soon as possible? Ask your lender to help you calculate different payment scenarios to give you an idea of various monthly payment options.

Pick the home equity account that maps to your financial goals.

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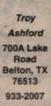


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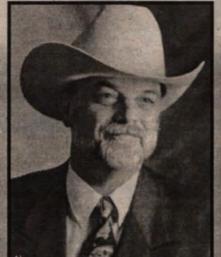


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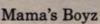
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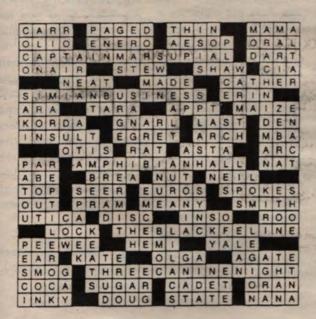
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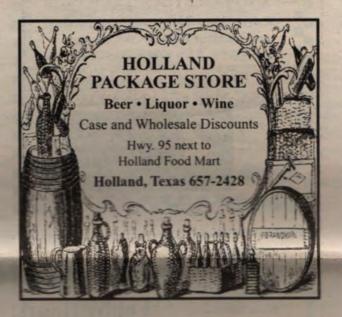
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Public Library gives annual report

Dear Friends,

Our annual Friends of the Library report is early this year because the Board of Trustees and librarians have much to report. After a long search for land or a building, the Board closed on the purchase of the Denman building at 1151 North Main on Aug. 30, 2002. This building is considered by the board, librarians and staff as a great site for our expanding library and will need few renovations to fit our needs. We will take over the building in March 2003. This did not happen without some controversy and we would like to address this.

We recognized our need for additional space nearly two years ago as the library shelves became more and more crowded and as our patron visits increased. Those visits have tripled in the last three years so that we now average more than 70 visits per day. The collection size has increased by 50 percent and circulation per capita has nearly doubled. We issue more than 30 new library cards a month. We need space

for our new children's and adult's books, videos books-on-cassetteand-CD, which we are acquiring. We need a larger children's area and a quiet place where adults can read newspapers and do genealogy or other research work. With the numbers and collection expanding, we consulted national library standards and worksheets provided by the Texas Library Association and came up with the need for 4,000 square feet compared to our existing 2,000 square feet in the Civic Center.

We began our search

for land on which to build a library or for a building already in place. We announced that search in our annual letter to the Friends and in a newspaper story last year. We asked for input from the We looked at public. numerous pieces of land and numerous buildings. The Denman Building was nearing completion last summer when our realtor said it might be available for the right price. We looked at the building and found it very attractive, but the price of \$750,000 was too much and we did not pursue it at that time. We looked at additional land and buildings and discussed the properties in open sessions of our regular Board meetings, meetings that are open to the public, and meetings that are listed in the Salado Village Voice. This was on the agenda from the summer of 2001 until the current time. About six months ago Larry Sands, our realtor, came to us with an offer from the Denmans to sell the building for \$690,000. We looked at the building again with our professional librarians and decided that it could make a great library, as it was visible and convenient an on 1.3 acres of land that would permit future expansion what that was to obtaining financing. needed.

At this point we hired our own well-qualified well-respected appraiser, who valued the land at \$215,000 and told us it would cost us \$300,000 or so to duplicate the building, the landscaping, the parking, the sprinkler system, the security system and the other improvements. Part of the controversy of this purchase was the Bell County Tax Appraisal District's number of \$247,000 for 1.3 acres of land on Main Street plus a new 4,000 square foot building plus many improvements.

believe this value to be very low and spoke with a member of the staff at the Appraisal District office about that discrepancy and other large differences between Appraisal District valuations vs. actual sales prices that have been brought to our attention. He described Salado commercial property as a very unusual and difficult market for his office to assess. He indicated that he has very good information on what homes sell for in Salado, but very limited information on business property, so that only occassionally will he learn what commercial properties actually sell for or what the market is doing at a point in time. So, generally, his office takes a nonspecific approach, using square footage as the main indicator of value. His office is not privy to all the comparative information that our appraiser had at his disposal.

After obtaining our appraisal, we offered \$500,000 for the property and the Denmans made a counter offer of \$575,000. We made no other offer and indicated that we would resume our search. We got a call a few hours later saying that they would sell us the building for \$525,000 but wanted an answer within two days. That price was within one percent of the appraisal, and we decided to take it. We consulted Vada Sutton, the County Clerk about whether the two day deadline would represent a "reasonably unforeseeable situation" that under the Open Meetings Law justifies an emergency meeting, and she said her opinion was that it would. So, the meeting was held (it is only emergency meeting ever held by the Board) and the Board voted in open session to purchase the building and land for \$525,000 subject

Texas state law gives the Trustees the power to purchase the property and to borrow money. The law does not allow for a referendum on such a purchase. Temple and Belton are asking their citizens to vote on multimilliondollar bond issues, but those are projects that will be financed by property tax increases that require voter approval. The Board and the Library staff have managed the Library's revenues and expenses will and have put aside monies for the time when expansion was needed. We have obtained number of grants,

including \$125,000 from the Telecommunications structure Fund to pay for our technology equip-We can afford this building now and there will be no sales tax increase.

We are leasing the building to the Denmans for six months to give them time to close out their business and give the Civic Center time to find new occupants for our space there. We are charging the Denmans more per square foot than we are paying now and they are taking care of the utilities, security monitoring, lawn care, trash collection and housekeeping. We want to say that we have been very happy at the Civic Center and would perhaps have stayed there forever if there were room enough to handle our growth. We invite anyone to attend our Board meetings on the last Monday of each month at 5 p.m. The meetings are posted 72 hours prior at the library, outside of the Civic Center and at the County Courthouse and are open sessions. We have a need and believe this building will fill that need in size, location and room for future expan-

Other wonderful things are happening in the library. We are blessed with terrific staff and volunteers who are willing to work hard to make things happen at the library. We have awarded our third scholarship, this year to Mandy Tsosie, who is attending Texas A&M. This scholarship is funded by the book sales at the Wildflower Art Show in the spring and at the Art Fair in August. summer program had 73 students sign up to attend every Monday in June for stories, crafts and special guest visits. We also continue to offer special classes to the public in computers and geneal-

We are happy that there are so many of you who use and enjoy the library. We thank all of you for your encouragement and support during what has sometimes been a difficult time. The Board of Trustees and the library staff are here to serve you and hope this letter answers some of your questions and clears up some of the misinformation circulating. Please give us your thoughts and suggestions.

Sincerely, Susan Shobe, President and Patty Campbell, Library Director.





Salado Village Guide

Shopping, Dining, Golfing, Events, Real Estate

Christy's to show fashions at Style Show

BY CHRIS MCGREGOR STAFF WRITER

Christy Arner loves fashion. So much so that she decided to open her own shop almost 10 years ago, appropriately named Christy's, located on Main Street next to the Inn at Salado.

She came to the Village after a brief stint in Waco, her hometown. She says she saw something in Salado that she liked, or more accurately, many things. The people, the atmosphere and the quaint beauty were all different verses to the siren song that lured her here.

She explains that other than the Stagecoach, she initially didn't know much about the town, but now she feels at home and is glad she can raise her twoyear old son Luke in Salado schools. "I wanted to be a part of the community, and now I feel like I am," she said.

Christy is also just as much fashion consultant as she is businesswoman. Yes, those shoes look great on you, but maybe you instead, because these jeans will grow into you," she can be overheard saying.

"I try to specialize in customer relations and service," she says in her direct, but soft-spoken and pleasant voice. "My shop is small and intimate, so we try to keep things on a personal level."

"I have customers that have been with me since the very beginning, and over that time we've developed more than the traditional



Christy Arner and Barclay McCort are looking at fashions that will be shown at the Chisholm Trail Chapter of ABWA Style Show Saturday, September 28th at Mill Creek Inn & Country Club. This year's event will be a tribute to Marge Kirkman who was the piano accompanist for the event for the past seven years. Part of the scholarship money will go toward the Music Scholarship that was established in memory of Ms. Kirkman. Tickets are \$20 and available at The Store at Old Town Salado and the Chamber of Commerce.

customer/dealer relationship, and that's nice," said

On Sept. 28, her fashions, along with those of The Store at Old Town, enth annual ABWA Benefit Style Show and Luncheon at the Mill Creek Inn and Country Club. The proceeds from the event will go directly to the local ABWA chapter and be used for at least three scholarships is around 160, so spots awarded annually.

"Things like the Style Show," says Christy, "are fund-raisers for students. We give them to deserving people who want to further their education, or even to people wanting to get back

in school."

Christy thinks of her shop as a casual, contemporary ladies boutique, offering the designs of Texas manufacturers like Carol Turner out of San Angelo and Kathleen Sommers of San Antonio, among others. These fashions will be on parade at the Style Show, and Arner says they're expecting a full house.

"The seating capacity are definitely limited," said Arner. "Tickets have been selling faster than in years past, and we're excited about that." Christy went on to say that, in addition to the fashion show, there will also be a raffle and perhaps

a silent auction.

The Ladies Chorale will be on hand, as well as a piano player to provide musical accompaniment.

Christy says that this more special in light of the passing of Marge Kirkman. who was a friend and the long-time pianist for the

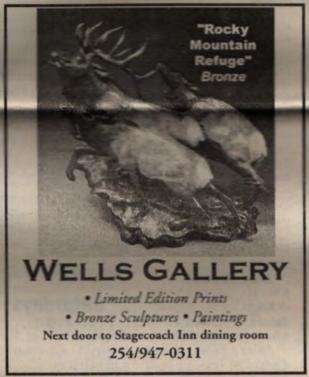
The benefit will run 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and tickets will be \$20. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce, The Store at Old Town, Christy's, The Stagecoach Inn, or from any Chisholm Trail ABWA member. For more information, call 947-9000.



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Storytime: 11-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Salado Public Library

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

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. Class is FREE to public.

Tuesdays

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

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. Corpora-

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

(SIS Parent PTC: 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

Saturdays

Food Pantry: 2nd and 4th Sat. at First Baptist Church. 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 11

Salado I.S.D. moment of silence all campuses 8:47 a.m. - 8:48 a.m.

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

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

Thomas Arnold Elementary School Open House 6 p.m. - 8 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 p.m. at Mill Creek Golf Club. 947-9275 or 947-0712

Texas Scholars Training 8:30 a.. - 12:30 p.m. at Salado Civic Center.

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

SEPTEMBER 17

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

Grandparents Day Luncheon at Thomas Elementary Arnold School.

SEPTEMBER 19

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

Salado Homecoming against Franklin 7:30

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.

Classes: Handmade Mohair Teddy Bear by Designer Linda J. Call Mj's Country Corner at 947-8885 for more information.

SEPTEMBER 21

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

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, 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 Inn. Speaker is Ricky Preston, Underground Water Supply.

SEPTEMBER 26

Class/Individual School Pictures Thomas Elementary Arnold 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.

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attendance

OCTOBER 1 Salado Rotary Club 11:30 a.m. Stagecoach Inn. Speaker is Bob Leffel, Amtrak Travel.

OCTOBER 1

Salado Humane Society Fundraiser Dinner Auction. 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Mansion.

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 at 3:45 p.m. in the band

TX Department of Transportation public information session to propose widening of 135. 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria.

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

Christmas in October. 254/947-5040.

OCTOBER 11-12

OCTOBER 12

Salado FFA second annual Bull Bash. 1 p.m. at Wildfire Ranch.

FFA Bull Riding Event at Wildfire Ranch Arena For more info, call 947-0291.

OCTOBER 15

Salado Rotary Club 11:30 a.m. Stagecoach Inn. Speaker is Dr. John Ditzler, Medical Practice.

OCTOBER 17

Salado Area Republican Women 6:30 p.m Dinner at McClure Financial Bldg. Speaker: Bell County Chairperson, Nancy Boston.

OCTOBER 18-20

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

OCTOBER 19

Chisolm Trail Cattlemen's Ball benefiting the Salado Education Foun-

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OCTOBER 20 '

St. Stephen's Catholic Church Annaul FallFest. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. For details call947-8037.

OCTOBER 22

Salado Rotary Club 11:30 a.m. Stagecoach Inn. Speaker is Diane Delisi, Political Programs.

OCTOBER 25

Salado Rotary Club Social Stagecoach Inn.

OCTOBER 26-27

Tablerock's Fright Trail Nights 7-11 p.m. \$5 adults. \$3 child.

OCTOBER 29

Salado Rotary Club No Meeting.

OCTOBER 30-31

Tablerock's Fright Trail Nights 7-11 p.m. \$5 adults. \$3 child.

NOVEMBER 8-10

Scottish Annual Games and Gathering of the Clans at the Robertson Ranch. For information, call Central Texas Area Museum, 254/947-5232.

NOVEMBER 12

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

NOVEMBER 14

Salado Historical Society annual meeting 6:30 p.m. at Salado Civic Center.

NOVEMBER 15-17

Team Ropers Association at Wildfire Ranch 947-9988.

NOVEMBER 21

Salado Area Republican Women 6:30 p.m. Dinner at Civic Cente. Gen. Bell, Commander of Ft. Hood speaking on Military Trends Post Sept. 11th. 947-3617.

NOVEMBER 23

No Bowl Empty 2-6 p.m. at the Intermediate School. \$10 each benefits Salado Family Relief Fund Soup served in handmade pottery bowl and you keep the bowl. Tickets available at the Salado Village Voice or at the door.

NOVEMBER 29-30

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

DECEMBER 1

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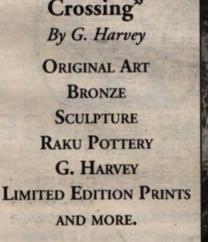
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Jim Patterson Memorial Golf Tournament to be held Sept. 13

The Jim Patterson player, includes green fee, Memorial Golf Tour- cart, range balls, refreshnament benefiting the ments on the course and Central Texas Baylor prizes. Scholarship Fund will be held 1 p.m. Sept. 13 at closest to the hole and Salado's Mill Creek Golf most accurate long drive. at two for \$5. The Mulli-Club. The awards pre- A hole-in-one will win a gans tickets will be used sentation and dinner will Club Car golf cart. follow at 6:30 p.m. on the

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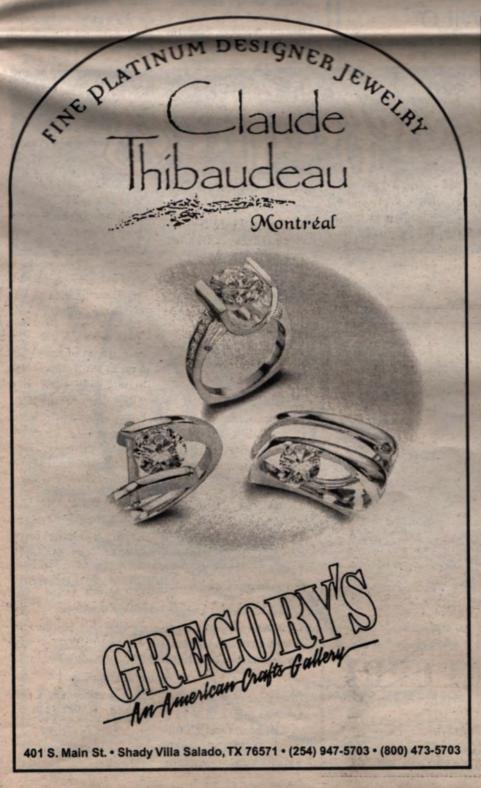
Awards include three For more information, grounds of the Patterson top teams winning cash; call Tom Brunson at home in Mill Creek Golf drawing for interest on 947-9275, Grover Jones at \$1,000,000 for a day. 947-0712 or Tom McMa-

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Roper sales rep. awarded salesperson of the year

Jack Allen, of Salado, a sales representative with Roper Apparel and Footwear, was awarded a Western Image Award as Salesperson of the Year at the Dallas Market Center. Aug. 18, announced Gary Mandelbaum, president.

The awards, presented once a year during the International Western Apparel and Tack Market, are based on votes from retailers in the western industry. This is Allen's second award in this cate-

"We are extremely proud of Jack," said Mandelbaum. "He works veryhard and deserves the recognition. Jack is wellliked in the industry and sets the standards high for customer service and performance."

Allen, who has worked with Roper in apparel sales for more than 17 years, covers North and East

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Texas, including the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, Waco-Temple-Salado and Houston areas. He also covers Duncan and Lawton, Okla., and Bossier City, La. He has more than 31 years of sales experience and served in the U.S. Army. Allen and his wife,

Sylvia, reside in Salado, where they have lived for 22 years.

"I am very honored my customers would even consider me in the top three sales people," Allen said. "I was excited to receive the award."

Ceramic Sculptures on exhibit at CTC

Wall-mounted ceramic sculptures by Belton artist Phil Dunham are on display at Central Texas College library gallery now through Oct. 9. On Oct. 9, 1:30 p.m., Dunham will present an "Art Talk" in room 106 of the Lady Bird Johnson Fine Arts Bldg.

Dunham, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor art professor, holds the Master of Art and Master of Fine Arts degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches and bachelor of fine arts degree from University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. He also attended Temple College and Southwest Texas University in San Marcos.

Dunham has exhibited widely; his works can be found in collections throughout the U.S. and several foreign countries. He has extensive experi-

ics and restoration. Prior to joining the UMHB faculty. in 1987, Dunham operated his own business, "Design by Dunham" and taught at other colleges.

Dunham says of his work that it is an "emergence", coalescence of form made of the chaos of ideas, stimulations, and personal narratives. He compares the process of creating his art to that of ancient cultures where the object always holds universal mystery and serves to satisfy a basic human

Exhibit viewing hours are :Mon. - Thurs.: 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Fri.: 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat.: 12 p.m. - 9 p.m. Sun.: 1 p.m. - 8

The exhibition and the "Art Talk" lecture are free and open to the public.

For more information on the exhibit, call CTC (254) 526-1572.









Leffel remembers life-changing Sept. 11

BY ASHLEY SMITH STAFF WRITER

September 11, 2001: The day our hearts were broken, our courage was revealed. As a nation, a brutal terrorist attack changed our priorities, perspective and patriotism. We were forced to reevaluate what it means to be an American. Flags flew higher, red, white and blue shone brighter and pride ran deeper. For all Americans, the experience changed our lives forever. For one Saladoan, a twist of fate propelled her into a world unknown. On the day that shook America and threatened our freedom, civilian Dr. Ruth Leffel found herself aboard the USS Dubuque.

Leffel is a psychology and lifespan development professor at the Fort Hood campus of Central Texas College. CTC has a contract with the Navy in which they provide professors to teach for the Program for Afloat College Education (PACE). There are several college campuses worldwide that have agreements with the military and provide over 200 professors to teach aboard naval vessels.

In early September, Leffel was unexpectedly approached by her boss and asked to fill the position of philosophy professor on one of the naval ships off the coast of Australia. The professor originally slated to teach the course failed his physical and, at the last minute, was unable to fulfill his duty. Central Texas College was then in danger of dishonor-



Ruth Leffel stands aboard the USS Dubuque, the ship she spent some time on last September. Leffel taught a philosophy course to navy troops while at sea.

ing their agreement with the Navy and was forced to quickly find someone to fill his shoes. Needless to say, Leffel was honored to have the opportunity and accepted on the spot. "I only had one week before the ship was to arrive in Darwin," she explained, "and it was a real challenge getting all of the paperwork in order, getting my orders from the Navy and my physical taken care

Through the process of packing and preparing for her trip, Leffel "never really took the time to think it through very well." She was simply thrilled to be teaching the class and to be a part of the opportunity this presented for military students to get an education. "I was off for what I believed to be an exercise in the Pacific which included

some ships from Australia and Canada," Leffel said.

On the evening of Sept. 8, Leffel flew out of Killeen headed to Darwin, Australia. Thirty hours after departing the Killeen airport, with some transitions along the way, she landed in Australia. Leffel then met up with the USS Dubuque, the ship she was to be aboard for two months. The USS Dubuque is a member of the Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group, which in turn is a part of the Vinson Battle Group. explained that "an amphibmarines, and the Dubuque has about 450 on board."

Leffel spent three days in Darwin, the largest town in the Northern Territory of Australia, before going out to sea. She, along with the other college instructor on board, shopped, touted and visited restaurants while in Darwin, truly soaking up the experience. Little did she know, but within 24 hours, America would experience the greatest threat of all time.

"The night before we were to leave was when the terrorist attacks took place," said Leffel. While those of us in America watched our television screens with utter fear, in

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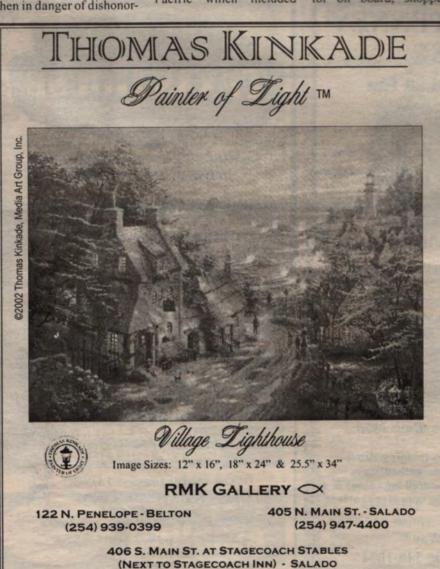
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BY ASHLEY SMITH STAFF WRITER

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Brambley Hedge has been open as a bed and breakfast for only six years, and it was built with serving guests in mind. The building itself holds no historical value, but is definitely unique in its appearance, setting it a part from other bed and breakfasts. Brambley Hedge has four rooms, each with their own appeal and design. All of the rooms have a private bath and deck.

Breakfast is served in the morning to guests in more than one room of the house. There is not one specific dining room where visitors must eat. An open sitting area is the center of the bed and break-SEE BRAMBLEY HEDGE PAGE 8B



The Western Star Room

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Gene says we need to eat more fruits and vegetables and fewer carbohydrates.

"If you eat one orange or apple or cantaloupe, the nutrients that are in there are beneficial to your wellness as far as stroke, heart disease, obesity and diabetes are concerned. Eighty to ninety percent of the diseases and problems we have health wise are related to our diet."

Mr. Lester was hired originally as part of the space program.

"They wanted me to figure out a way to preserve fruits and vegetables for up to six weeks so they could be shuttled up to the manned space station. This was in the early eighties and in the nineties we were supposed to have men and women living permanently in outer space and we wanted to be able to provide them with fresh fruits and vegetables on a regular basis. This means you have a ship that would go to the manned space station in outer space every month to six weeks and deliver fresh pro-

He says the project was interesting from a sociological point of view.

"It wasn't so much that we needed to provide them with fruits and vegetables for their nutrition. But for them to consume a fresh orange, banana, an

apple or cantaloupe, that sort of thing, it was for psychological reasons. It would make them think that by the familiar aromas and tastes, they were at home, in their garden, in their kitchen, out in their yard, and basically on earth. So fruits and vegetables are important not only for our well being physically, but also mentally."

When he's not figuring out how to make fruits and vegetables last longer, he spends a good amount of time in his yard. He does landscaping with native plants, shrubs, trees and grasses.

"It's very beautiful. People drive by and look at it on a regular basis. My maintenance cost is extremely low. A lot of people here in the valley have a water bill of nearly

two hundred dollars a month to irrigate their grass and everything else. Mine is twenty-six dollars and seven cents a month. And that is keeping an eight thousand gallon goldfish pond full of water."

He has huisache, mountain laurel and Mexican olive trees, cenizo, prickly pear cactus, buffalo grass and colorful native vines that grow on trellises.

"As a result of all the color and the blooming things, I have all kinds of birds nesting in my yard. Ninety nine percent of my yard is done with native stuff. It can be very attractive if you put a little time and thought into it. functional and still quite beautiful.

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.

Chicken Italiano

Patsy Sanford

1/2 c. grated Parmesan cheese

2 T. minced parsley

1 tsp. dried oregano

1/2 tsp. minced garlic

Milk, for dipping

4 skinned, deboned chicken breast

2 to 3 T margarine, melted

In a small, shallow bowl, combine first 5 ingredients. Dip chicken in milk, then in cheese mixture. Place in shallow baking dish, which has been sprayed with Pam. Drizzle margarine over top of chicken. Bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes, or until tender.

Yield: 4 servings

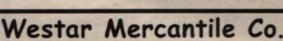
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Community Chorus sings in Salado

BY ASHLEY SMITH STAFF WRITER

"What would our world be like if we had no music," asked Dr. Betty Thorn to the Salado Rotary Club at its Sept. 3 meeting. Salado sure would be missing quite a bit without the Salado Community Chorus, that's for sure.

In 1994 Katherine Wende and Marge Kirkman founded the Women's Chorale in Salado. For many years the group was available to perform at special events of all kinds. "Whatever Salado needed in the form of music," said Thorn, "they provided it."

One year later, in 1995, Thorn retired from her position instructing music at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and joined the Women's Chorale. The group raised enough funds to purchase a grand piano that is shared with the Salado Civic Center, risers, a stage and their music.

"We brought Salado the needed ingredients for cultural civic growth," explained Thorn, "The village had arts, crafts, antiques, Tablerock and golf. We had all of that. We were missing the music aspects."

Thorn took over as the director of the Chorale in 1999, and at that time the

group was open to male membership.

With the addition of men to the choir, a name change was in order. The Salado Community Chorus is what they are known as now. Forty members strong, give or take a few, the Chorus has a purpose they live by, as well as a tight schedule of performances.

"Human nature is uplifted, sweetened and refined through music," said Thorn. With that in the souls of the Community Chorus members, their mission is to "bring music to the hearts and minds of Salado."

The Community Chorus is doing just that with events planned from now through December.

Sept. 28, the women of the Chorus will be singing at the ABWA Style Show. The entire choir will be providing entertainment for Christmas in October, and their Christmas Concert is Dec. 5. The Community Chorus is also looking forward to singing both weekends at the Salado Christmas Stroll.

Thorn led the Rotarians in God Bless America to wrap up the meeting. She feels the need for bringing patriotic music to the Salado community.

Although the Commu-



Dr. Betty Thorn

PHOTO BY: ASHLEY SMITH

nity Chorus is well-known in Salado, there are still those who have not gotten to experience the music they bring to the village. "I would encourage you to come and sing with us," explained Thorn, "you don't even have to read music, as such!"

Thorn, as the director of the Chorus, has high

hopes for the group. "I would like to see this thing grow and grow and grow." The Community Chorus is always open to new singers. Practices are held 5-6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Civic Center Meadow Auditorium. For more information, call Dr. Betty Thorn at 947-5394.

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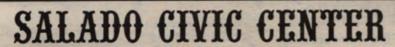
The king size log bed in the room was hand-crafted in Fredericksburg for Brambley Hedge. Once constructed, it was a perfect fit for the Western Star room. Another piece of furniture correctly suited for the room is the bedside lamp, which was made of an old cactus many years ago.

Pictures of deer on the walls and checkered fabrics that adorn the bed and windows appropriately complete the western theme in the room. The iron pieces of furniture, one chair covered in cow hair, a lamp and table, were purchased to add the finishing touches. The bathroom mirror is a Darwin Britt design. It is made

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of old pieces of wood and finished off with a star cut out at the top.

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Australia, the captain of the ship's voice resounded over the intercom at 11 a.m. calling for a man overboard drill. This drill is done on naval ships in order to make sure all soldiers who are to be there are accounted for. "I jumped out of bed, put on my sneakers and headed for the flight deck," said Leffel.

Once she reached the deck, the Dubuque was already pulling away from dock. "We were told that the World Trade Center and the Pentagon had been attacked and we were leaving immediately because we were 'sitting ducks' tied up at the dock," Leffel explained. With the other college instructor by her side, Leffel went to the officer's lounge and intently watched the World Trade Center towers collapse on CNN.

"You should have heard all of those officers gasp when we saw the plane being flown into the World Trade Center," said Leffel. At that point, in the midst of the terror and fear, she realized that she "wasn't getting off of that ship any time soon." Any enjoyment of experiencing the

many places they were to visit, such as Singapore and Thailand, was lost, for the Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group's mission had changed.

The Captain of the ship spoke to the crew daily over the intercom, bringing them the latest news and calming their spirits. "I was very impressed with how the Captain talked with them," said Leffel, "They were all very young and vulnerable."

Although the attacks had taken place in America, the ship continued to head for East Timor, its original destination. The crew of the ship was informed that they were on a humanitarian mission, but that no one from the ship was a part of the project. After leaving East Timor, the Dubuque headed for Singapore and crossed the equator on the way. "Just as we were nearly there, we were put on the highest level of alert and told we were to proceed directly to the North Arabian Sea," Leffel said.

Because Leffel realized the danger of her existence on a naval vessel at that time, she decided to increase the intensity of her philosophy classes and began teaching for three hours a day, seven days a week. Her goal was to quickly finish the course and evacuate the ship safely. "Most of the time I felt very safe on the ship," Leffel said, "but I was afraid that when my classes were finished I would have to fly out of the middle east, and I didn't want to be traveling alone in that part of the world, especially with the possibility that we would be retaliating by the time I got off the ship." Consequently, the Captain and Chief Executive Officer agreed to get her off the ship as quickly as possible. At the end of the course, Leffel was to ride a replenishment ship back to Singapore.

Off the southern coast of India, 80 miles from Sri Lanka is where Leffel said goodbye to the USS Dubuque. She first rode a Navy helicopter to an aircraft carrier where she stayed with a female Chief Petty Officer for a couple of days. She then took a helicopter ride to the replenishment ship, which had a very small Navy presence on board. "I was on the replenishment ship

for five days," explained Leffel. During that time, threats of pirates overtaking the ship occurred while traveling through the Strait of Malacca. "We were in Indonesian waters, flying an American flag, unarmed, unescorted and possibly seen as fair game," Leffel said.

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A sense of relief fell over the members of the replenishment ship when they finally reached Singapore. Leffel stayed in Singapore for three days, "just enough time for some good sightseeing and shopping." While there, she watched CNN nightly and witnessed, first hand, Singapore's support for our nation. From Singapore, she flew to Tokyo, Japan, and from there Leffel returned to Los Angeles.

"When you get on a ship," Leffel said, "you really relinquish control. Once at sea, you are completely out of control of your life – even the Captain." Although Leffel viewed the trip as an adventure, needless to say, she is happy to be back in America, the place she calls home.

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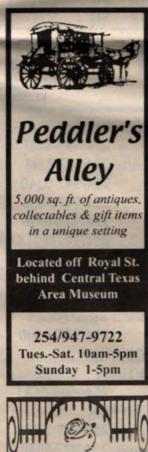
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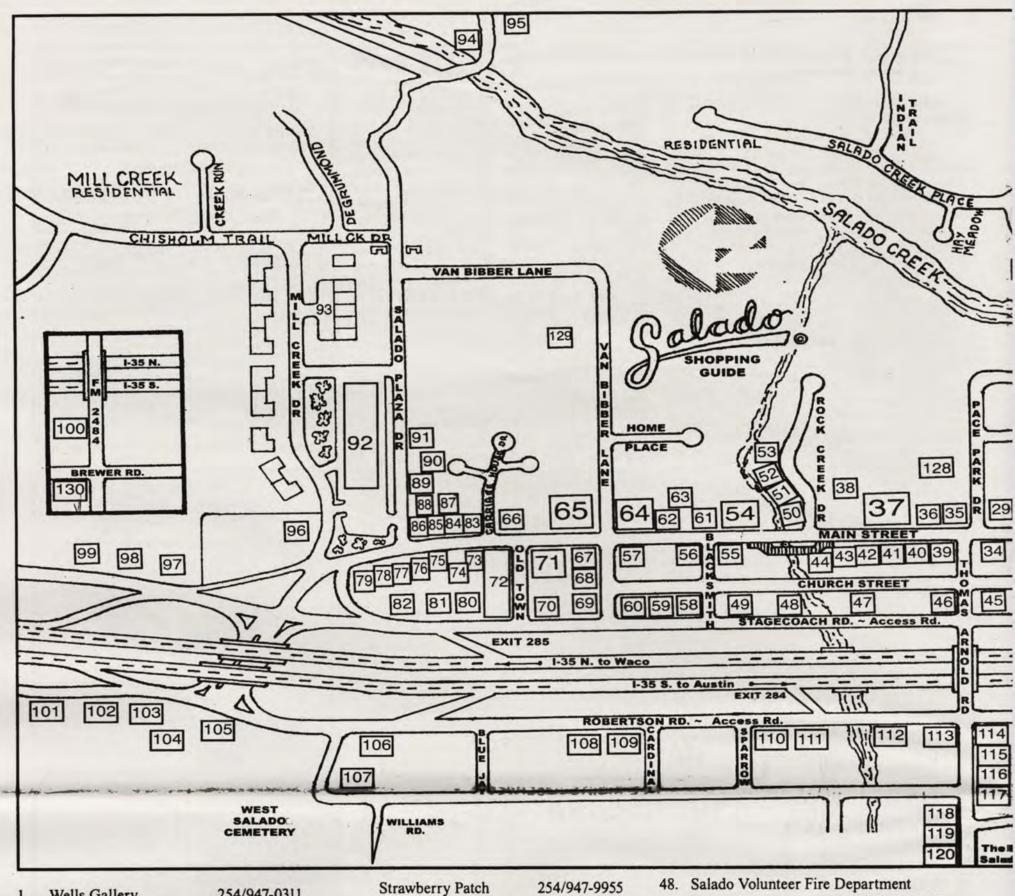












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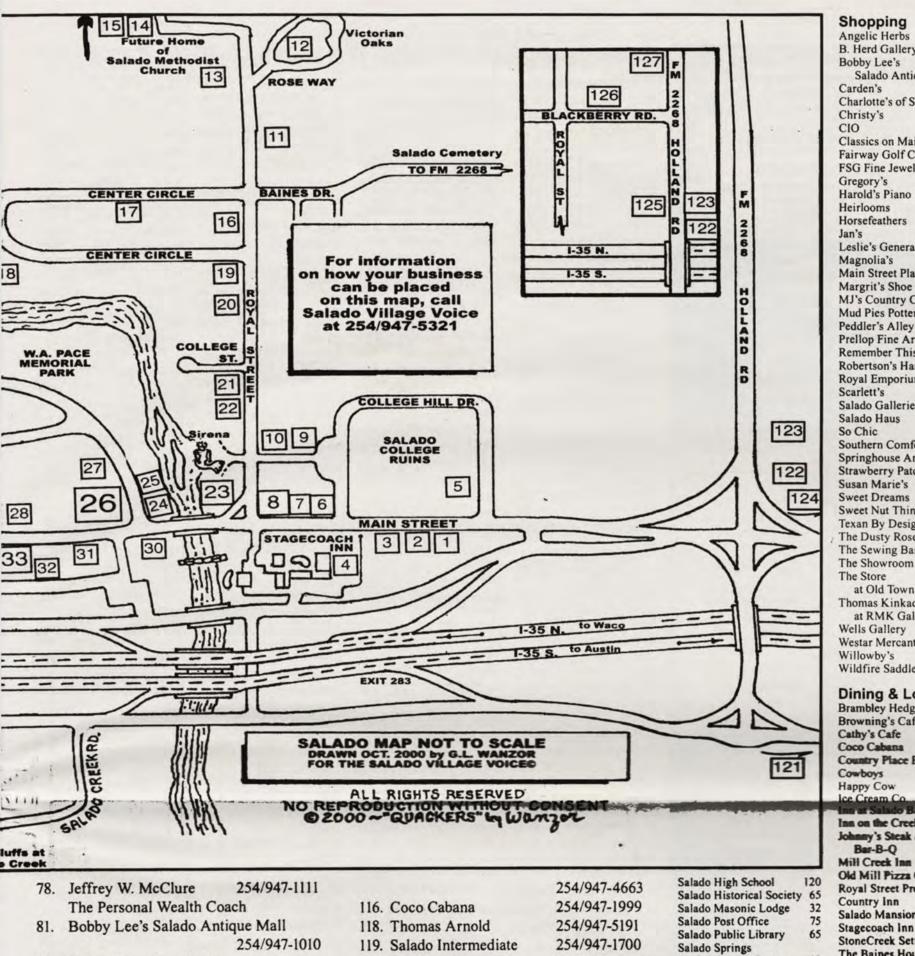
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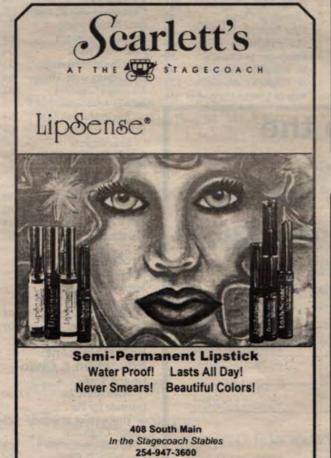
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Agreement to expand markets in rural America

Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development Thomas C. Dorr announced this week the signing of an agreement between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) in support of President Bush's efforts of increasing economic opportunity in rural America by improving access to capital for businesses and homeownership.

"This agreement is important because it will provide USDA a unique economic development opportunity to increase the availability of financing for business, housing and community development while promoting the creation of new jobs in rural America," said Dorr, "The

opening of new markets will bring credit unions greater flexibility in developing lending strategies and stimulating further local economic development in historically underserved areas."

Under this agreement, USDA and NCUA will promote the availability

resources through USDA to assist the low-income population in communities served by credit unions. In addition, the partnership will focus on and heighten credit union awareness of USDA-Rural Development programs and the potential use of these resources as funding sources for credit unions involved in the asset-building strategies for low-income members.

Partnership efforts between USDA and NCUA are another way in which the Bush Administration is working to foster the creation and expansion of businesses, employment opportunities and community development in rural communities through unique public-private partnerships.

The National Credit Union Administration is an independent federal agency that supervises and insures approximately 6,000 federal credit unions and insures approximately 3,300 state-chartered credit unions. Headquartered in Virginia, NCUA has six regional offices in New York, Virginia, Georgia, Illinois, Texas and California.

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ment serves as the lead federal entity for rural development needs and administers financial and technical assistance through three agencies: Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service and Rural Utilities Service. Further information on USDA Rural Development can be obtained by contacting any USDA Service Center or by visiting USDA's web at http:// www.rurdev.usda.gov.

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USDA announces over \$3.8 million for economic development

Agriculture Secretary
Ann M. Veneman
announced today the selection of 29 economic development projects in 24
states to receive over \$3.1
million, as part of the Bush
Administration's ongoing
commitment to invest and
bolster programs for rural
America.

"Expanding America's rural economy depends on the development of new businesses and the creation of new jobs," said Veneman. "These grants will provide rural residents with the financial tools needed to create business ventures and expand their local economy."

"In rural America, the entrepreneurial spirit is alive. Through these funds, many additional rural businesses and communities will be able to improve their local economic conditions and

create more jobs in rural areas," said Under Secretary for Rural Development Tom Dorr. "President Bush and our team at Rural Development believe in our rural entrepreneurs and are working to foster these efforts."

Veneman's announcement today underscores the commitment outlined in President Bush's Economic Forum in Waco, recently, economy and create new jobs to help rural working families. The projects selected will provide rural communities and businesses with funds needed to provide planning, training, technical assistance, and necessary facilities and equipment needed to pursue local economic development.

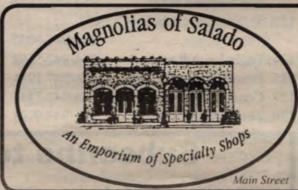
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Development's business opportunity grants and economic development loan and grant programs will assist over 455 businesses and create or save nearly 3,000 jobs. The loans and grants are distributed as follows: Alabama - \$450,000 California - \$50,000 Colorado - \$9,500 Georgia - \$50,000 Indiana - \$50,000 Kansas - \$200,000 Louisiana - \$49,790 Maine - \$13,000 Maryland - \$50,000 Minnesota - \$250,000 Mississippi - \$431,687 Missouri - \$222,000 Nebraska - \$300,000 North Carolina-\$50,000 North Dakota - \$50,000 Ohio - \$50,000 Pennsylvania - \$15,000 South Dakota - \$200,000 Tennessee - \$50,000 Texas - \$413,936

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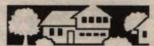


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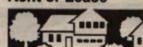


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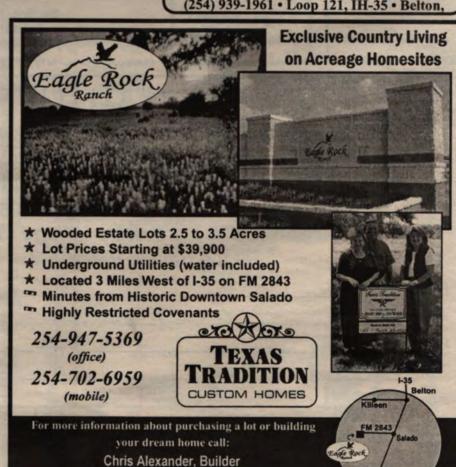


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I have Answer: received a number of letters like yours lately, which is further evidence that sales in many parts of the nation have slowed dramatically. Properties aren't selling as quickly as they were earlier this year because some buyers are nervous about the future of the economy and others simply don't want to move now that the new school year has begun.

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Also ask your sales agent about holding a "brokers-only" open house. Unlike a typical open house that's open to the general public, a broker's open house is held exclusively for agents in the neighborhood. Hopefully, these agents will be impressed with the home and asking price, and then tell all the buyers that they're working with about Also, consider adver-

tising that you'll give a bonus to any broker or sales agent who brings forth a buyer. Offering some extra money, a prepaid vacation or other gift can help you sell the home faster without making another deep cut in your asking price. And remember, the cost of a gift or cash bonus paid to a sales agent can usually

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Answer: Probably not. Generally, the Internal Revenue Service only allows casualty-loss deductions for "sudden, unexpected or unusual" events like fires, floods, hurricanes or earthquakes. The IRS figures that termites and other pests work very slowly, so the damage they cause cannot be considered unexpected or

Nonetheless, it's important to run this question past your accountant or a similar tax expert. I know a few tax pros who have found some "creative" ways for owners to deduct the cost of termite repairs. I'm certainly not suggesting that you take a deduction that you aren't entitled to, but a tax expert might be able to find some legitimate reason that allows you to write off the repair bill.

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That said, you shouldn't focus too much on the home's appreciation potential if you're really sure that you will be spending the rest of your life there. As long as you don't mind walking or driving a few blocks to the golf course or recreation center, you can probably save thousands of dollars by buying a unit in a more remote part of the development. Besides, you might like

living in a far corner of the community: Such locations are often the most

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From 15B

Super handyman tips from the pros

Dear Carrells: When our home was being built our builder installed a "loop vent" in the drain system for my kitchen sink. The sink is on an island, so there is no wall for a normal vent to be run through. This loop vent is built into the slab. Can you please explain what this is and how it works?

Answer: You still have a vent. It is just run through the slab to another wall and then up and out the roof. If done properly, it should work just fine.

Dear Carrells: I have the standard loose-fill insulation in my attic. I check it every six months or so to make sure it is still in place, and I always have to move it away from the soffit vents. I don't know what makes it shift around, but it does. I came up with

Super Handyman

by Al & Kelly Carrell

an idea. I cut the bottom out of some shoeboxes and placed these cubes over the vent openings. I stapled them down. The sides of the boxes are tall enough to make a sort of fence around the vent, and the insulation stays out.

Dear Carrells: Some of the vinyl tiles in my kitchen are worn and stained, and I want to replace them with spares. However, my first try at removing one of the tiles, using a hammer and chisel, failed miserably. Is there an easier way to remove adhesive tiles?

Answer: Trying to pry

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Vinyl tiles are easier to remove when heated

face of the replacement

Try laying a cloth over the top of the tile to be removed, and then iron over it slowly (try a medium to medium-high setting). This warms the vinyl tile, making it more pliable, and softens the adhesive. After one or two tile up. It should be much easier.

Question: How do I replace a chipped ceramic

Answer: You'll need a matching replacement tile, a grout saw, a glass cutter, a cold chisel and mallet (or hammer), a wire brush, toothpicks, masking tape, tile adhesive and grout.

Use the grout saw to remove grout from around the tile. Then, draw a deep X through the center of the tile using the glass cutter.

Tap the center of the scored tile with the cold chisel and mallet, starting gently and adding force until the tile breaks into four pieces. Remove the pieces and clean out old grout with the wire brush.

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Answer: As long as the air outside is comfortable and dry, painting interior areas of the house is fine almost any time of the year. Winter tends to be too cold to open windows for proper ventilation, but fall, spring and summer are warm enough. In addition, don't paint while it's raining, and avoid painting the day before and the day after a storm because the increased humidity will keep the paint from bonding to the surface properly. Painting cabinets can be quite a chore under any circumstances, so accomplishing this task can be easier if combined with fall cleaning activities. Note that if the



By Samantha Mazzotta

inated plastic, they can't be painted, but wood and metal surfaces can.

Empty the cabinets to be painted, remove the shelves if possible and clean the interior with a mild detergent. Remove the cabinet doors, handles and hinges and set them aside for cleaning and painting.

Scrape away loose paint in the cabinets with a putty knife, then fill dents and scratches with wood putty and sand all the surfaces with 150-grit sandpaper. Clean the area again and spot-prime the puttied areas and any bare

What if the cabinets were varnished and you want to paint them? Just sand the surfaces and apply a coat of liquid deglosser. This will make it possible for paint to bond to the previously

impermeable surface. Put a coat of primer on the cabinets first, then paint. The best way to paint cabinet interiors is in this specific order: the back wall, top, sides and then the bottom. Then, paint the exteriors, using a roller and painting from the top downward.

The cabinet doors should be cleaned and prepared in the same manner as the cabinets, and painted on both sides to prevent warping. And while they're off, clean the hinges and handles, remove old paint or discoloration, and put a light coat of oil on the hinges to protect them.

Again, make sure the kitchen is well-ventilated, and allow the paint to dry thoroughly (at least two days) before replacing the cabinet shelves and doors.

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BY: MATILDA CHARLES

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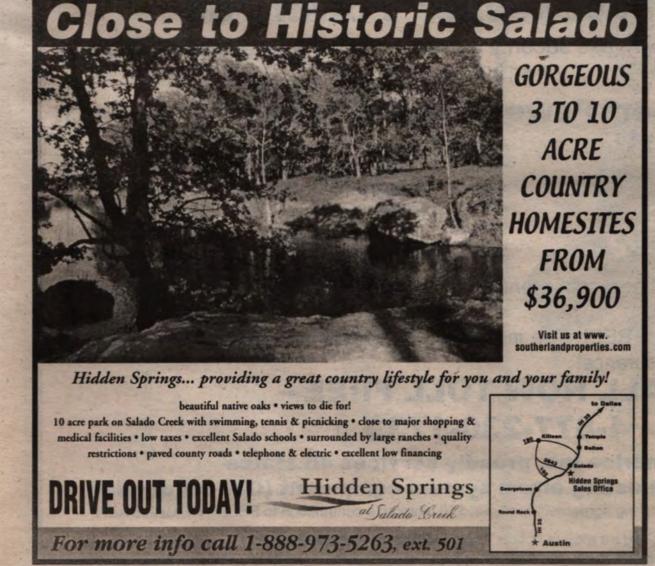
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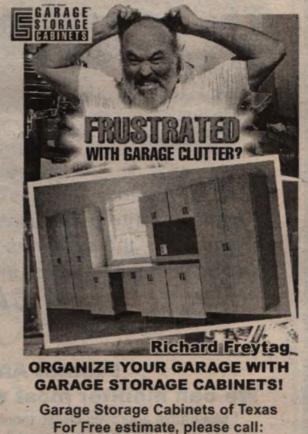
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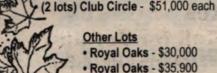
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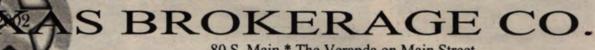
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