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Back to drawing board for county's jail/courts problem

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

County commissioners went back to the drawing board -- literally -- following the May 15 defeat of a proposed \$46 million jails and courts bond. The bond was defeated 6,815 against and 5,244 in favor. "What's most disconcerting is the 130,000 who didn't bother to vote," Bell County Judge Jon Burrows

With deadlines looming for both compliance issues and financing opportunities, county commissioners discussed in workshop session May 17 limited tax notes, certificates of obligation, tax increases, leasing jail space, renovating -site and adding a fourth floor to the Bell County Jail and District Courts building, among other topics.

Commissioners went through the litany of possibilities -- an exercise they have already done with the help of architects and financial advisers -- in an effort to address the most pressing issues in an economical manner.

Judge Burrows broke down the discussion into three parts: courts, jails, sheriff's department. Under each of those parts, commissioners reviewed and discussed several actions that can be taken or postponed.

The court determined that the most pressing issue is the Sept. 1, 2005 deadline to bring the District Courts building into compliance for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility compliance, as well as safety issues for the courts themselves.

When Sept. 1, 2005 comes, the possibility of \$5,000 per day fines looms for ADA violations for the stairs, elevators and rest rooms.

With voters turning down two consecutive bond issues that would address the ADA compliance issues, the county's chances of "getting a waiver is slim to none,"

according to commissioner Richard Cortese.

If the county is fined \$5,000 per day beginning Sept. 1, 2005, levies would total \$1.8 million per year, which would require a tax increase of at least one cent (which was the amount of the tax increase proposed in the failed bond issue).

More pressing than the Sept. 1, 2005 deadline is the deadline to fund whatever projects commissioners decide to pursue. If the court waits beyond June, commissioners will lose the opportunity to roll over approximately three cents of the debt service tax rate into funding the new construction project. Advocates for the project tried to explain this during the failed bond elections. By utilizing the opportunity to roll over the debt payment, the county would have been able to fund the \$46 million proposed project with a one-cent increase on the tax rate.

Yet, it seems clear that Bell County voters don't even want this much of a tax increase, which puts the commissioners in the position of funding a major construction without a tax rate increase. What impact this will have on the size of the construction program is not vet known.

What is known is that the commissioners will likely postpone immediately building or expanding the jails. Instead, commissioners are likely to address the district courts issue with a building program.

And housing inmates? Commissioners almost certain to choose what was the least palatable of the options: leasing space in other jails when the County jail becomes overcrowded. At least in the short term.

"We can't house them in tents," Judge Burrows

At the predicted rate of growth, Bell County Jail is likely to become full within two to three years, SEE COUNTY, PAGE 5A



An 18-wheeler tractor-trailer jackknifed and ran off the road just north of Salado May 13, running into the utility pole before coming to rest off of the access road to the northbound I-35. Salado volunteer firefighters and emergency personnel responded to the call early May 13. No other vehicles were involved and no serious invjuries were reported. (PHOTO SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL)

Incumbents returned to office, newcomers for school, library

With most voters stayreturned three incumbents to the Village Board of Aldermen and the Salado Public Library District May 15.

Aldermen Suzi Epps and Michael Cooper were returned to office. With only 347 ballots cast, Epps led the race for two seats on the board with 242 votes. Cooper followed with 229 and Dr. Robert Cortes, Jr. had 159 votes.

Election day, 226 ballots were cast with Epps leading the way with 150 of those, Cooper with 141 and Cortes, Jr., 113.

Only 121 ballots were period for the Village of Salado: Epps, 92, Cooper, 88 and Cortes, Jr., 46.

Just 558 votes were cast in the Salado ISD and Salado Public Library District elections. Chris Seaton and Lynn Renfro were elected to fill two three-year terms on the board of trustees. Seaton had 334 votes, Renfro had 234, Heller had 218 and Dr. Cheryl L. Huckerby had 196 in the election.

On election day, 387 ballots were cast: Seaton, 215; Renfro, 175; Heller, 147 and Huckerby, 138.

Early voting had 171 Letourneau, 181. Heller, 71; Renfro, 59 and

Hulda Horton was reelected to the Salado Public Library Board of Trustees. Voters elected three of four candidates to two year terms on the board, with 558 total bal-

Ben Willingham led the race with 369 votes, followed by Horton, 333, Connie Cryar, 294 and Paul Letourneau, 279.

Willingham led the ballot election day, as well, with 238 votes; Horton, 220, Cryar, 182 and

ham had 131 votes; Horton, 113; Cryar, 113 and Letour-

neau, 98.

The aldermen will be sworn-in by County Judge Jon Burrows 5 p.m. May 24 at the Salado Civic Center. The board will address a few issues on their agenda. before the swearing-in ceremony. The May 20 meeting has been cancelled.

Salado's Precinct 203 was one of the few in Bell County to vote in favor of the bond, 233 to 228. County voters rejected the \$46 million bond 6,815

Tracksters take home medals from state meet in Austin

Nick Everett saved his best stuff for last, taking home a gold and a silver and setting two Salado records at the Class AA State Track Meet, held May 13-14 at the University of Texas in Austin.

In a congested field in the 3200m Run; Everett, who is also the reigning 2A state champ in cross country, ran a 9:49.04 to win the gold, a full second ahead of Clyde Eula's Bryan Pickens and two seconds ahead of Krum's Logan Bowman. Everett's time was not only a personal best, but also established a new school record.

Still riding the momentum from his 3200m win, Everett then proceeded to clock a 4:27.61 in the 1600m Run, setting his second school record in as many tries, but finishing 1.6 seconds behind Wallis Brazos'. Reese Morton, who took the gold. Clyde Eula's Pickens, who fell to Everett in the 3200m, came up just behind him

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Senior Brinn Newman and Junior Nick Everett returned to the UIL 2A State Track Meet last week. Freshman Chelsea Ervi made her first appearance at the State Meet. All three returned with medals.

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Few, proud, remarkable

PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. -- A morning here is punctuated by shouts and yells. At 7 a.m. -- practically afternoon by Parris Island standards -- I can hear platoons in the distance well before I can see them. There are the distinct, barking voices of drill instructors, inevitably followed by the staccato collective answers of their platoons of recruits.

When the platoons come into view, the recruits are jogging in loose formation, constantly prodded and harried by drill. instructors. The instructors appear eternally ticked-off, bending at the waist to lean in close to the recruits' faces to give them the full blast of their yells.

U.S. national security depends on what happens on this sand-flea-infested island in the middle of a swamp. It is here that kids are forged into the Marines so feared by the enemy that they have variously been dubbed "the devil's dogs" (by the Germans in World War II) and "the angels of death" (by the Iraqis in the first Gulf War).

In one exercise, a recruit is beaten silly in a bout with another recruit with "pugil" sticks. As he wobbles away, the drill instructor spits invective at him: "You're disgusting, Duncan. You hear me? You're disgusting." Not "Nice try." Not "Better luck next time."

The instructors are convinced that the harder they are on the recruits, the better they will eventually be as Marines. The recruits are learning an unquestioning submission to authority and unit discipline. They always refer to themselves in the third person because "I" is no longer part of their vocabulary. The Marines realize in a way that the rest of our culture doesn't that the path to true self-esteem -to self-confidence and competence -- runs through the obliteration of selfishness. One officer tells recruits convinced that Rich Lowry



their instructor hates them, "If that's so, how come you see him more than his children see him?" Perhaps the only closer bond recruits will make other than with their instructor is with their rifle --'every Marine is a rifleman' is Marine Corps writ.

Those rifles are often wielded in close urban combat, as in Iraq. The recruits who will eventually go there are heartbreakingly young. It gives a terrible reality to the lists of dead in the newspapers, many of them 21 years old or younger. Every day here, the flag is lowered just before sunset to the doleful sound of "Taps," an occasion to remember the sacrifice of so many throughout the years and the sacrifice that will be made by some of the recruits here now.

Without this training, few would be willing to risk making that sacrifice, or know how to avoid making it by killing the enemy first. One recruit gets pulled aside to talk to a reporter. His face is smeared with camouflage paint, and he stands straight with his heels together, never cracking a smile. He is from New Jersey and explains, "Sept. 11 made this recruit angry." Twelve weeks ago, he was an ordinary kid, hanging around friends leading aimless lives. Not anymore: "This recruit will be proud to serve his country. This recruit will die for his country."

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BUSH AND KERRY LOCKED IN VIRTUAL TIE AS EARLY CAMPAIGN STEPS UP PACE; WAR AND INDEPENDENTS WILL DECIDE WINNER

The American Revolutionary War's acclaimed political writer Thomas Paine, wrote in 1776 that "These are the times that try men's souls." If we fast forward to 2004 and change one of those eight words (from "men" to "presidential combatants") we could easily pinpoint the appropriate title for the present situation in today's very early and very bitter campaign being waged between an embattled incumbent president and a whiffling opponent, while the nation is otherwise transfixed with images from a frustrating military conflict in Iraq.

It is hard to believe that President Bush, who was riding a wave of popularity (some polls hit 80+ percent) for so many months, today finds himself freefalling in the same polls, as a result of weeks of singularly bad news from the war fronts.

Even more amazing is that despite Bush's low 46 percent approval rating, his presumptive opponent - Democrat John Kerry, has managed to eke out only a 44 percent number, even with politically damaging reports arriving daily from the Iraqi insurgency battles and even more debilitating - the horrifying pictures of prisoner-detainee maltreatment.

Checking historical models of similar national campaigns - Bush should be badly trailing the Massachusetts Senator. However, there are valid reasons why Kerry is stalled. First, Bush retains the traditional leader-of-a-nation-at-war loyalty, and secondly - Kerry has allowed opponents to tell his story to America. To be defined by one's political adversaries is akin to letting Satan act as your lawyer before the heavenly bar of judgement.

JOHN EDWARDS - HELP!

So - what must Kerry do to make up lost ground other than spending \$25 million to televise his bio? Best suggestion (thus far) is to have the lantern jawed and mournful looking Democrat - find the nearest phone, borrow a quarter and call John Edwards as fast as our modern telecommunication system permits. Offer him the vice presidency and send him out preaching the Democratic gospel - quick as the North Carolinian can pack a bag and tune up the old campaign bus.

Edwards has plenty going for him. He is an indefatigable campaigner; bright; articulate; few political scars; good looking, perfect age, and personable (traits that distaff voters appreciate).

He would also bring a southern balance to the ticket and perhaps most important of all - he's not afraid to take the fight to the front door of the White House.

PRESIDENT'S FUTURE?

The President and his team could have a a resounding "no!" problem holding the high ground. Reason is that much of what will determine Bush's future is out of his hands, particularly in Iraq and what transpires after that country is handed over to a governing council that will try representing a melange of religious crazies who hate America. Groups that will then go after each other (and us) with increased Muslim type ferocity.

If things do get further out of control in Iraq - Bush will be held accountable. This is his war, regardless of the spin put on it by Carl Rove and Company. The economy is heading upwards but so is inflation, gasoline prices and interest rates, so there isn't that much to brag about especially with budget deficits and the national debt bumping against record highs.

On the other hand - Americans are loath to jump ship when we are at war. The nation is divided almost evenly between Republicans and Democrats, so if the undecided independent voter goes for

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



JAIL-COURT BONDS DEFEATED LIGHT TURNOUT (8.6%) KILLS EXPANSION PLAN. SALADOANS **OKAY MEASURE BY FIVE VOTES.**

Bush, he will win. Again just barely, but close "counts big" in politics and "Landslide George" is a veteran of that sort of victory (we clearly remember Florida chads and the Supreme Court vote).

WHAT WOULD IT TAKE?

Reaction, to the nearly 1800 additional photos of Iraqi prisoner abuse and other depravities by a few military personnel, brought almost total revulsion to congressional lawmakers who viewed the pictures in a private session at the Capitol building last week.

We say "almost total" because along came Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-Sugarland) who pointedly announced his take on the photos: "Some people are overreacting," while slyly adding "People who are against the war are using this to their political ends."

We have to wonder what it would take to really "shock" the former "bug man" from our Gulf Coast? Perhaps the same political jolt his great friend Newt Gingrich received when he got the boot. However, most agree that those ingrained with the twin deviltries of "arrogance and obtuseness" rarely eve come to grips with civil reality.

SESSION'S MIDNIGHT FAILURE

At midnight tonight (May 19) the fourth special session of the current (78th) Legislative's biennial term, will conclude with results that will be - as predicted weeks ago - a complete and flat-out failure that wasted lawmaker's time and taxpayer's money!

Last minute question was: "Did the Senate actually think they could - in a few days time - create (and pass) a bill that would cut school property tax rates and pump \$1.1 billion new dollars into the public schools; legalize gambling; create an all-inclusive business franchise tax (including partnerships); expand and hike the sales tax - all supported by three constitutional amendments to legalize their plans?"

And the answer -

SENATE GIVES UP GHOST

Fact is last Friday Senators gave up the "reform" ghost and began working with the House to try and find some future way to overcome the constraints that a myriad of business related lobbyists and their "bought and paid for" Governor placed on lawmakers from the

Only remaining mystery - will there be a fifth session? Not if the Guv determines he can stall things until the next regular session in January, while blaming the bad old Legislature for once again "failing" the kids of Texas. Otherwise they'll be back - for inning five!

Shame we have another 19 months of putting up with a "do-nothing" Governor, whose idea of leadership is to "never get caught leading!"

That's -30-

Early development best way to prepare children

BY JAMES D. CALAWAY

Are Texans making the best decisions to ensure our children are prepared for life? Children who are exposed to activities that enhance their development during their early years are more likely to enter school ready for success. Yet, many Texas children are missing out on quality early education and care programs, leaving them at risk for failure once they enter school.

We, as parents, advocates, and community leaders, must work to ensure that children receive a proper start in life during their critical first five years. According to Dr. Pat Levitt, Director of the Vanderbilt University Kennedy Center for Research on Human Development, experiences in early childhood influence both brain chemistry and brain architecture. Research has repeatedly shown that early childhood represents a unique period of development in which the brain's architecture is assembled. A child's brain is molded and shaped during this very sensitive building phase, determining the way that child will relate to the world around him or her. What happens during these formative years will have an impact upon a child's future success.

Quality early care and education programs play a positive role in a child's development and in ensuring that children are prepared to enter school. So, what does a quality early education and care program look like?

First, if possible, it incorporates parents as first educators and partners in their child's education. Parents are, and always will be, a child's first and most important teacher.

Second, quality programs have well-educated and well-trained teachers. Third, low child-teacher ratios and small group sizes in the classroom are essential, creating an environment that allows for more one-on-one attention with the child to ensure their educational needs are being met.

Finally, a quality early education and care program must focus on the development of the whole child, paying special attention to the child's cognitive, social, emotional and physical development.

Access to quality early childhood programs is particularly important for low-income children. Research shows this population makes the greatest developmental and educational gains by participating in quality preschool

programs, whether they are delivered by Head Start, Pre-K or child care. Lowincome children who participated in high quality early childhood programs have higher math and reading scores, higher rates of high school graduation, and higher rates of college attendance. Children enrolled in quality early care and education are also less likely to be held back in school or be referred to special education programs. If we are serious about tackling the high school dropout issues facing our schools, we must start with quality preschool programs.

Despite this evidence, the public Pre-K program, federal Head Start, and all sectors of child care remain severely underfunded. We are only able to serve a portion of eligible children, leaving low-income children without access to quality early education and care programs and without the tools necessary to succeed.

Our communities must work to secure the social and economic future of this state through the expansion of quality early education and care programs.

Texas is a national leader in education reform and known for its promise to improve the quality of education for the state's children. But if we have any hope of improving education, we must acknowledge all aspects of a child's education. An adequate education must include the early years in a child's life. Texas must invest in early childhood education and

development. All Texas children deserve to have the foundation they need to succeed in school and in life. It's time to give our children the tools they need for success.

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FORUM



Bad ideas, bad taxes, bad schools

With the hours ticking away, one is left wondering if anything good can actually come from this special session of the Texas Legislature. If you are a taxpayer, the future is especially bleak.

The legislating class in Austin is committed to significantly increasing the amount of money spent on public education. One has to ask why.

Texas spends more on public education today than was spent on all state government in just 1990. We have tripled per-pupil spending since 1970, on top of inflation and population growth. We currently have one teacher for every one non-teacher in our schools, versus only a few decades ago when the ratio was three teachers to every non-teacher.

What do we have to show for it? Public schools are often the nicest buildings in town. We have multi-million-dollar athletic complexes. The highest-paid Texas superintendent has a five-year contract worth more than \$2 million; he's not even in a "wealthy" district.

And more is going to be spent; all to "help" the kids.

Of course, no one is talking tax increases. Just the opposite; politicians are falling over themselves to reassure us of impending cuts to our property taxes.

Pleasant rhetoric, just don't believe it. Government can only get revenue from the people. So if politicians are going to increase spending, new money must come from somewhere. Unless we are willing to cut spending in other areas of state government, that "where" is your pocketbook.

Right now we get mad

when we see the property tax bill. We are frustrated when we read the tax line on a receipt at the store.

But under proposals floating around the Senate this week, you'd pay more in taxes without knowing it. Two schemes, in particular, are especially insidious, representing a drain on both your personal finances and the state economy.

One is the business activity tax. It has some theoretical appeal - being broad-based and hard to escape. Under a BAT, a business will pay taxes based on wages, whether the company is making money or not; if they dare to show a profit, they get taxed on that, too.

There is abundant evidence the BAT will produce a net increase in tax burden, and a negative impact on economic growth. Only one state has had a BAT for a sustained period - Michigan - and that state is phasing it out because of the disastrous effects.

The only place where this form of taxation continues en masse is Europe - which has suffered under decades of economic stagnation as a result.

Legislators are also flirting with payroll taxes. Like a BAT, a great deal of money stands to be raised - in the short term - if such a tax is levied. Under this scheme, employers would be required to remit to the state either a percentage of the total compensation paid to employees, or a flat per-person fee depending on circumstances.

Either way, payroll taxes become a cost of production, and become (at least partially) reflected in product prices. They have all the negative effects of an income tax, worsened by the fact they are hidden from consumers

and employees.

The governor has stood correctly and firmly, if sometimes alone, against any new tax - including the BAT and payroll taxes - that could hurt Texas, current competitive advantage in attracting businesses to Texas.

Although many in Austin are attracted to new business taxes as shortterm cash-cows, common sense analysis reveals they are economy-killers.

Why? The reason is so simple many overlook it: when an activity is taxed, people generally do less of it. BATs and payroll taxes are taxes on productive activity, a tax on work. If it is too costly to employ someone, why employ them?

The result: less employment and a wrecked economy.

In the short-term, the costs will be hidden. We,ll see prices go up, and have less money at the end of the month. We'll scratch our heads and wonder why.

When the negative consequences hit the economy, legislators will have spent the money to fulfill questionable promises. Billions will have been drained from our pockets.

We will then be sending our kids to schools still
under-performing, where
non-teachers outnumber
teachers two-to-one, and
the buildings are even
larger monuments to largesse. Test scores will have
remained stagnant, and we
will feel something should
be done to improve public
education.

And a new legislator will propose to cut our taxes and increase spending. Welcome to the future. Bleak, indeed.

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Larceny in pinstripes



Jim Hightower

If a thief broke into your . home and stole a couple of thousand dollars that you'd carefully saved from your paychecks and stashed away over the last three years, you could call the cops and try to get your money back. But whom do you call when that thief is the CEO of your company? CEOs have been routinely stealing hundreds and even thousands of dollars from the deserved paychecks of each and every worker in America, pocketing much of this loot themselves and converting the rest to corporate prof-

The grand larceny of the CEOs is that they've been filching every worker's share of the enormous productivity gains that America has racked up since the recession officially ended in November of 2001. Productivity is the increase in products or services that each worker churns out - and Americans have been phenomenal at this, fueling an explosion of new economic growth.

The theory and promise of free enterprise is that if our workforce of millions of people becomes more productive, the workers will enjoy the bulk of economic gains generated by their improved output. Yet, in this current three-year burst of productivity, America has lost jobs, and wages have either stagnated or fallen.

In other words, America's working families are being fleeced by the pinstripe thieves sitting high atop corporate headquarters.

Workers' share of the new income they've generated in this recovery is the lowest ever recorded, hauled off the most on record. An in-depth analysis by the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University finds that while the workforce usually is rewarded with 65 percent of the increase in national income, this time they've received only 38 percent. Profits, which go overwhelmingly to a few investor elites, usually get under 18 percent of the productivity increase, but now they're getting more than double that.

This is a massive, historic level of theft, and the pinstriped dandies pulling it off ought to be wearing prison stripes.

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COMING SOON Lord of the Rings: Return of the King





Rising cost of Rx drugs

heartburn, \$161; Celebrex for your muscle pain, \$104; Zocor to combat high cholesterol, \$120 ... the next time you're at your local pharmacy calculating these costs for just a one month supply of your prescription drugs, know that lower prices may be on the way.

Last year the President signed into law the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, bringing sweeping reform to an antiquated system desperately in need of an overhaul. The marquis provision of the legislation was a prescription drug program, which will go into effect Jan. 1, 2006. But Texas seniors don't have to wait until then for relief.

Starting this June, seniors can receive a discount card that will provide them with access to negotiated prices on prescription drugs. Enrollment is now open for the cards that will expire in 2006 when the more comprehensive Medicare benefit takes effect. More than 2.3 million Texans are currently Medicare participants, but a quarter of those beneficiaries do not have any prescription drug coverage.

This program primarily benefits them by helping pay for the lifesaving drugs they need. Medicare estimates seven million beneficiaries, including 497,000 in Texas, will participate in the program. If participation reaches those levels, it will mean a potential savings of \$8.6 billion nationally and \$596 million for Texans.

Who is Eligible?
The cards will provide

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison U.S. Senator

a \$600 annual credit to eligible low-income Medicare beneficiaries. Individuals which income less than \$12,569 each year or married couples with income less than \$16,862 may qualify for this additional help.

Those with outpatient prescription drug coverage through TRICARE, FEHBP or other employer sponsored drug plans will not be eligible for the \$600 credit. Medicare will cover the cost of the enrollment fee for these lowincome cardholders and the Department of Health and Human Services will work aggressively to reach eligible low-income beneficiaries and enroll as many as possible in the new program.

Texas has 46 individual drug cards, including 39 national drug cards, four regional cards, and three Medicare Advantage exclusive cards. Using only their zip code, seniors can obtain information on plans available in their area, compare prices for drugs and identify phar-

macies associated with the available card programs.

How to Choose a Discount Drug Card

This program offers a wide range of choices, which can a mixed blessing. Numerous options enable Texans to find the card that best fits their needs, but it can also make for a confusing decision process. I encourage Texas seniors to do their research and take advantage of the right plan for them, because the choice they make now will last through the end of the year. Following these simple instructions will help:

 Eligible beneficiaries will be limited to one Medicare-approved card.
 Toll-free operators and Medicare's web site will assist seniors in selecting which card best fits their needs.

 Before calling or applying online, seniors should make a list of the medicines that they take regularly as well as financial information to determine if they are eligible for the \$600 credit.

 Medicare then will help seniors compare prices among cards, taking into account factors like frequency of medicines taken, possibility of generic substitutes, as well as preference for a local pharmacy or mail order depending on convenience concerns.

• Once seniors have selected a card, they should request an enrollment form from the card sponsor. Card providers may charge an annual enrollment fee up to \$30. However, many sponsors have opted to waive the fee or have reduced its price. In addition, there is no enrollment fee for those beneficiaries for the \$600 credit.

 Most importantly, seniors should always look for the "Medicareapproved" seal when receiving their card in the mail.

For help in comparing options or finding out how to enroll in the discount card program, Texans should call 1-800-MEDI-CARE and ask about "drug savings" or visit the information superhighway at www.medicare.gov and select "Prescription Drug and Other Assistance Programs."

Reader sounds off on media terrorists

To the Editor:

I'm tired of being terrorized, both by foreigners and most especially, by flag waving Americans. I understand how a terrorist can plant a bomb on a person, or in baggage being loaded on an airplane, and certainly agree to both the search and delay.

I also understand how we all must exercise more diligence in our everyday lives, for we are indeed at war and have been since 9/11.

What I don't understand is terrorism by our own TV media that seems more interested in ratings than accurately informing.

ABC, CBS and NBC have worked this prison abuse matter to an outrageous extreme. With precious little mention about Americans that were killed and dragged through the streets or about an American that was brutally beheaded, our TV newscasters quickly

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Letters to the Editor

rushed back to this prison abuse scandal. Yes, it is scandalous and

is being investigated and the guilty will be punished. Enough!!

By and large, Americans don't have the stomach for the dirty details of war, especially served up each evening in living color on the 5:30 national news when our families sit down to dinner. War is Hell. We need to understand that we must deal with our enemies in terms they understand; otherwise we're wasting precious lives over there.

The fact that barbaric acts of murder would be applauded and sensationalized by them should tell us who we're dealing with. We're going to have to get tough with these guys to get their attention and when we do, they'll be at our feet instead of at our

throats

That's the way it always is with cowards who hide their faces and sneak about in the shadows.

We are honored to have very capable men and women in uniform over there. We must put petty politics and commercial interests aside and stand behind these Americans. Let them do their jobs and come back home safe and sound.

Let's not agonize over details that we as civilians cannot possibly begin to understand and let's also exercise our rights to access unbiased news coverage from sources other than ABC, CBS and NBC as the terrorism of these three networks continue to fuel the fires of hostility...everywhere.

Jack Schrock

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Shop Equipment: Craftsman planer 2hp, Craftsman 20" scroll saw, bench top shaper, Craftsman 4" belt sander w/ 6" disk sander, B.D. miter saw, Wagner Airless paint spray (new), 2 Craftsman 12" band saws(2sp), Craftsman oscillating sander 1/2 hp, drafting table

Special Item: 1986 VIP ski boat, inboard outboard, walk through windshield (2 owner, barn kept) cond: very clean.

Antiques: Wooden Buggy (horse driven) excellent cond. Wooden Buggy w/ model T axles, straw cart, doll carriage, cash register, 7 antique porch braces...and more.

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requiring the direct cost of leasing jail space. This cost -- which will come directly from maintenance and operations -- is estimated at growing from \$1.9 million to almost \$4 million in less than a decade.

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This will leave Bell County taxpayers in the same predicament Williamson County taxpayers found themselves: playing catch-up.

In hoping to avoid playing catch-up, commissioners revisited one of the earlier proposals of adding a fourth story to the current Jail and Courts building. At most, the county will gain 125 jail beds this way, at a cost of more than \$6 million (not including the unforeseen costs of infrastructure improvements for waste water treatment, other utilities, and expansion of the kitchen and laundry areas).

Coupling the feasibility of staging a major construction project on the roof of the current jail while still housing the prisoners there with staging major expansion and renovation of the courts side of the current complex, commissioners are recalcitrant to this approach for two reasons: its cost versus the benefit gained, and the logistics of closing portions of the building during the construction project.

The elevator issue, for instance, is a logistical problem since both elevators servicing the entire building are in one location, the entrance to the building. Their close proximity makes it impossible to close one for an extended time while it is brought into code compliance. These issues were part of the reason commissioners initially considered constructing a new courts building at a different site.

But it's more than just the logistics or the nuisance of renovating the

Wednesday in the Park slated for summer

Salado ISD and the Salado Chamber of Commerce will once again be sponsoring Wednesdays in the Park prgoram is free to any child or grandchild. Wednesday in the Park will be held each Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 at Pace Park. No reservations are required.

Following are some of the upcoming Wednesday in the Park programs:

- · June 2 Geology Fossils
 - · June 9 Nature Prints
 - · June 16 Puppets
- · June 23 Building Flying Machines

• June 30 - Pettine Zoo

downtown courts and jails building. It's the added

Commissioners opted for the Loop 121 project after architects told them that it would cost the county an additional \$8 million at the least to build a comparable complex in the downtown area.

Evidently, taxpayers didn't believe the commissioners, the county judge, the Citizens Task Force, or the professional architects involved, rejecting the \$61 million bond in September and the \$46 million bond last week.

That decision has left county officials scrambling for an adequate solution, a solution that will keep the tax rate down while addressing the crucial issues of compliance in the district courts and additional beds for the county jail.

Commissioners will continue to look for solutions to the district courts problem before the Sept. 1, 2005 deadline with restrictions that passage of the jail bond would not have placed on them: time, logistics and money.

Money is apparently one of the chief restrictions Bell County voters have placed on the commissioners, but they may have mistakenly cost themselves more in the long-term, by saving themselves \$10 per year on a \$100,000 home in the immediate future.

Commissioners consider issuing limited tax notes as one funding mechanism to retire debt incurred by any building

project. Limited tax notes can be issued by commissioners without approval by voters and without facing a petition of voters, which the proposed certificates of obligation drew last year. Issued for seven year intervals with the opportunity to renew, limited tax notes are good

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short-term financing mechanisms. By missing the chance for low longterm bonds, Bell County taxpayers may find themselves paying a much higher interest rate in seven years than they would have if they approved the bonds May

"The least costly solution is gone," Commissioner John Fisher said, expressing some of his frustration with the May 15 rejection. "Now the solution is going to be more costly." "I think we have a

responsibility to take care of the most pressing need,"

Commissioner Tim Brown said, which is the district courts. "If we can address that issue without a tax increase, then we will have to defer taking any action on the jail issue until a later date."

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Update on Rural Development Consider Amendment to By-laws In accordance with Rural Development

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The Salado Community Chorus will celebrate spring with music, 7 p.m. May 27 at the Salado Civic Center.

The concert will include a variety of music from Broadway to Bach. It is free and open to the public.

Rest Haven business meeting May 22

Rest Haven Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting, 10 a.m. May 22 at the tabernacle at the cemetery. Rest Haven is located off south I-35, take the Shanklin Road exit.

The featured speaker will be Rocky Sprott, Bell County Confederate Historian. He has researched all the Confederate soldier's history and has been instrumental in placing markers on most of the graves.

A short business meeting for the 2004-2005 officers will be held, followed by a picnic lunch under the historic Tennessee Valley tabernacle.

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Floyd & Margaret Jackson

Jacksons celebrate 60th anniversary

Floyd and Margaret (Marley) Jackson will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary, 2-5 p.m. May 30 at the Halley House in Salado.

The couple was married May 29, 1944 in Florence Floyd is a life-long resident of Salado and Margaret is from Florence.

The couple's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren request everyone's presence at the reception May 30. No gifts please.

Presbyterian Church hosts Youth Group June 5-6

The Presbyterian Church of Salado will be hosting 20 youth and adults June 5-6 as they return from a mission trip to Kingsville, Texas. The youth group, ages 13-18, is from St. James Presbyterian Church of Jenks, Oklahoma.

The youth will be returning from the Presbyterian Pan American School, a multilingual college, where the visiting youth will get the opportunity to meet youth from different cultures while doing minor repairs and renovations to the campus. The school is a college preparatory school for children from South and Central America and helps prepare students academically, spiritually, emotionally and physically for productive lives. The weekend stop in Salado is the last leg of the 10 day trip.

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Sunday School • 9:45a.m.

Worship • 11 a.m.

Bible Study • 6 p.m.

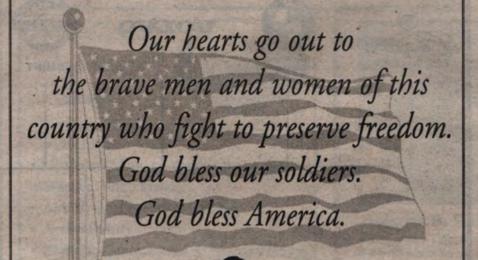
Wednesday Praise & Prayer • 7:00 p.m.

NHS students honored with luncheon

he Salado High School chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) was honored with a luncheon May 11 at Wildflower Country Club in Temple. This spring luncheon was started 17 years ago by the late S. R. Greenwood to recognize the student's academic excellence and acceptance into NHS.

The hosts for the luncheon were Robert Cottle, David Matthews, William Neinast and Lloyd Parks, and the special guest was Sindy Greenwood. Others attending were Dr. Robin Battershell, Superintendent; Kay Matthews, Principal, SHS; Susan Shobe and Dennis Cabaniss, NHS advisors.

The members of NHS are Brinn Newman, Jenny Goode, Tiffany Dixon, Matt Brown, Kristi Billington, Cale Cox, Laramie Jackson, Stephanie Kinsey, Micah Malone, Rachel Blodgett, Brittany Boydstun, Ben Carder, Matt Caskey, Valerie Clark Jenny Ewton, David Farrow, James Gregurek, Lauren Hogwood, Matt Jennings, Jake Mewhinney, Alyssa Powell, Rebekah Quick, Elise Sharum, Joseph Shumate, Savannah Slagel, Blake Spence, Jaclyn Welsh, Sofia Willingham, Kristen Womac, Lauralee Young, Grant Boston, Jacob Brown, Kris Califano, Colby Cox, Brittany Dixon, Wes Dowell, Slayton Ebeling, Kathryn Holdampf, LeeAnn Ingalsbe, Taylor Jones, Ines Min, Brandon Peters, and Kirsten Singleton.



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SPORTS

Golfers struggle at State

finish in the Class AA Region IV golf tournament, the Salado boys team of Wes Dowell, Clint Permenter, Lucas Martin, Michael Harvell and Matt Jennings, met with their troubles at the state meet, held at Austin's par 72 Jimmy Clay Golf Course May 10-11.

The boys finished with a two round total of 700 strokes, which placed them seventh out of eight teams

who defeated the Eagles at Regionals, won the State crown with a score of 613.

Salado was outshot basically the entire tournament. They finished round one with a 342, which was next to last behind Troup's 357, Sophomore Dowell led the Eagles on the first day, shooting a plus-six

With an opportunity to move into the middle of the pack on day two, Salado

Fresh off a second place' competing. Three Rivers, struggled yet again, this time totaling a 358. Only Harvell, who shot a round one 94, improved on his score, shooting a 93 in the final round.

Although the team finished seventh, they were still 46 strokes ahead of last place Troup. They were, however, 42 strokes in back of sixth place

Dowell was Salado's top golfer, finishing with a 160. Final totals for Salado

golfers were Permenter (87, 89), Martin (83, 94), Harvell (94, 93), and Jennings (97, DNS).

Next year has the potential to be an even bigger season for the boys, as they will return every single member of the squad.

The Salado girls team, two-time defending state champions, failed to qualify for the tournament this

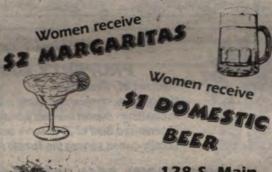
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earn Bates MVP

The Salado Eagle baseball team finished the year with a 15-9 record and a third place finish in District 25AA, at 8-5. As he had an 8-4 record, reward for their success, the Eagles placed six players on the all-district teams.

Pitcher/catcher Scott Bates led the way for Salado. The two-time allstate senior was named MVP of the district. Bates hit .593 in district and a gaudy .610 on the season.

He slugged 15 doubles and had four homeruns. He also scored 38 runs and drove in 39. On the mound, with a sparkling 1.76 ERA. Bates also struck out 100 batters.

Senior first baseman Ben Marsh was named first team all-district for the second year in a row. Marsh hit .428 in district, and led the team in RBI's during district with 18.

Rodriguez

received first team recognition as an outfielder. The sophomore scored 27 runs for the Eagles, and on the season hit for a .407 average.

Elected to the second team all-district was sophomore Brian Bates. Brian had a 3-3 record, with 38 K's in 39 innings pitched. He also had a 1.96 ERA during district play.

Fellow sophomore Wesley Ruth was also named to the second team.

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Ruth made the team as a utility player. He spent equal time at second base and catcher. Ruth hit .384 during district.

Rounding out the selections, freshman Tanner Myers was given honorable mention recognition for his play at shortstop. Myers had a .343 season average and batted .300 in

The Salado Eagles are coached by Melvin Bates.

Track

again in the 1600m, finishing at 4:29.14.

Scoring 18 points in his two events, Everett singlehandedly propelled Salado to a 10th place team finish, out of 66 schools competing. Only a junior, Everett was competing in his first state track meet.

On the girls side, senior Brinn Newman attempted to improve on her previous two performances at state, where she won the bronze in both her sophomore and junior years. Newman, who going into the meet owned the top 2A girls vault in the state, at 11'6", was unable to clear any attempt over 11' this time around.

Clifton's Hali Henderson, Newman's chief rival at state the past few years, took the pole vault gold with 11'3".

Newman finished with the silver, marking her third medal at state com-

Freshman Chelsea Ervi girl's side

also came up strong in her event, the 1600m Run. Trailing the pack in last place after lap one, Ervi moved up in the field, eventually finishing with a 5:24.02 and earning a silver medal in her first run at state. Kayla Kenoyer, of Maypearl, won the 1600m

with a time of 5:16.82. Newman and Ervi's scores led Salado to a 12th place team finish, with 16 points. Fifty-six schools were represented on the

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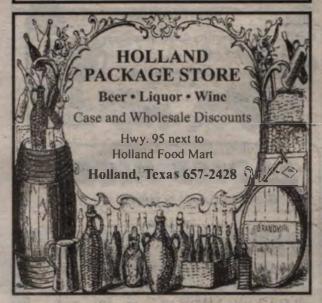


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Danford auditions April 24 for Rockettes dance troupe

Danielle Danford traveled to the University of Texas in Austin for a three hourclosed audition, April 24, for the New York Radio City Rockettes Summer Intensive Camp. Seventeen girls from across the state auditioned.

She was among three chosen to attend the summer camp. She was also awarded \$150 schol-

She is a freshman at Salado High School, a member of the JV Cheerleading squad and a Strut-



ter. Next year, she will be a Varsity Cheerleader. Danford is the daughter of Mark and Melinda Danford, of Salado.

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Meinhoefer, 95, passes away May 15

Private services are pending for Ruth E. Meinhoefer, 95, of Salado. She died May 15 in a Temple hospital.

She was born April 28, 1909, to J. Giles and Cora Howle Smith in Union, South Carolina. attended R.J. Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

She came to Bell County in Oct. 2003, following the death of her first husband, George A. Dentry, in 1968.

She is survived by a son, George Dentry and wife Dorothy, of Salado; a brother, Fred Smith and

wife Mildred, of Mt. Pleasant, SC; sister, Margie Holcomb, of Jacksonville, FL; grandchildren, Jeffrey Allen Dentry and wife Cathy, of Clearwater, FL; Sherri Lynne Mabry and husband David, of San Antonio; Timothy Brian Dentry and wife Kathryn, of Celina; eight greatgrandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family Suggests memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Temple is in charge of arrangements.

Hardin recipient of professorship, scholarship award

Paul Hardin, professor of biology and chemistry at the University of Houston, was recently named a John and Rebecca Moores Professor and was prein Scholarship Award, for

Using fruit flies as the basis of his studies, Hardin researched how an organism's biological clock might affect its physiology and behavior. The article sented with an Excellence he wrote on the subject was published in the prohis research at the univer- fessional journal, Current Biology.

> In addition to his research, Hardin assisted in developing the university's Biology Department and Biochemistry graduate programs by instituting policies regarding recruitment, admissions, advancement to candidacy and ongoing monitoring.

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Democrats hold general meeting

The Democratic Party of Bell County will hold a general meeting 6:30 p.m. May 20 at the Democratic Headquarters, 121-A N. East St. in Belton.

Jimmy Rocha, Chairman for the Williamson County Democratic Party will be the speaker. He will speak on basic County Grassroots Training, which is now being applied in Williamson

All Bell County Democrats and guests are invited to attend.

For more information call (254) 939-1881 or (254) 634-6461.

Author Annette Fuson to Speak to local ABWA

Annette Fuson, author of Straight Talk for Teenage Girls, will be speaking at the June 3 meeting of the Chisholm Trail Chapter of ABWA. She taught teenage girls for over 20 years in areas that affected them as they went through the troubling teens. Her book gives basic information and sensible suggestions on subjects all girls must face as they mature.

Fuson draws on over 20 years teaching experience as she gets straight to the heart of issues, giving practical ideas for facing these challenges. She will be giving ideas she has found successful for marketing her book, as well as ideas in other areas.

The meeting will be held at the Stagecoach Inn starting at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome but need to make a reservation with Wylene Williams at (254) 947-8610 or wfw@vvm.com. Cost of the dinner is \$12.

Fuson's book about advice for teenage girls is on display and available for purchase at Magnolia's. Fuson has taught for Central Texas College on Fort Hood and lives in Morgan's Point with her husband.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEET MAY 27

Davidson to cover state election lav

Donna Davidson, a former deputy general counsel for Governor Rick Perry in 2001 who also served as an assistant general council and ethics advisor to former Governor George W. Bush, will be speaking 11:30 a.m. May 27 to the Salado Area Republican Women at Mill Creek Inn. Her topic will be state election laws.

Davidson earned her undergraduate as well as her law degree from the University of Texas. She has advised state office-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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holders on ethics and campaign laws since 1992. In private practice, Davidson has advised local and statewide campaigns on these issues as well. She is currently associated with Potts and Reilly Law Firm in

All members of Salado Area Republican Women are invited but need to have a reservation in by noon May 25. Reservations may be made to Barclay McCort at 947-3617 or

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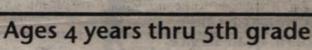
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Life behind bars: Warden gives first hand view of Gatesville facility

BY CHRIS McGREGOR STAFF WRITER

Over the years, Rebecca Adams has served as a warden in both men's and women's prisons, and she's witnessed first hand the stark differences between the two.

Now head warden at Gatesville Women's Prison, Adams gave a summary to the Salado Lions May 12, of what life is like at the facility, both for administrators and offenders.

Of the 10,000 women currently incarcerated in Texas, "eighty five percent of (them) that come to prison leave behind kids," said Adams.

In response to that, she continued, "We try to teach them, in our classes, how to become better parents."

Which can sometimes

be a tall order, considering that roughly five percent of the women in Gatesville have IQ's measuring less than 61, according to Adams. "Many of them have not been taught the basic things that other people in the world have been taught; even so far as basic hygiene" she Additionally, explained. a majority of the women behind bars have no high school diploma or equivalency, and many cannot

On its surface, it sounds like an almost impossible task to rehabilitate women who have so much work to do to be on an equal footing with the rest of society. But Adams says they do have one thing in their favor.

"Most of our offenders are not doing time for assaultive crimes," she

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said. That means a bulk of the women are serving sentences for drug-related offenses, or crimes that are, in a relative sense, less serious than others, such as theft.

As opposed to the all-male facilities, where Adams says violence and brutality are omnipresent worries, the atmosphere at a women's prison is certainly strained, but a degree more ordered. She credits the nature of women with this difference. "There are, in the system, maybe 200 offenders that don't socialize well," she said.

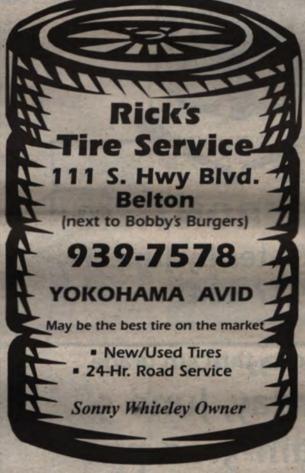
An environment of that sort leaves room for a higher participation in self-improvement programs. Some are compulsory, like the education program that requires illiterate offenders to take basic reading courses, but most are voluntary.

Adams pointed to the case of one particular inmate, in the 21st year of a lengthy sentence. Having earned a bachelor's degree prior to being sentenced,

the offender decided to do something positive while incarcerated: she helps teach fellow offenders who are trying to improve their educations. Adams says the offenders get no benefit for volunteering, and no time is chipped off a sentence for good behavior. Some inmates simply want to make amends for past wrongs any way they can, she contended.

The programs seem to be paying off. In 1998, data indicated that the statewide recidivism rate in Texas, for men and women, hovered around 48 percent. "We're at 31 percent right now. That's a good thing. It shows we've made progress," she said.

Explaining the factors behind the prison's rehabilitative successes, Adams called attention to one simple policy. "While they're doing time, the way we treat them is the way they treat us," she said. "So we show them respect as people, and that makes a difference."









SPORTS

Golfers struggle at State

finish in the Class AA Region IV golf tournament, the Salado boys team of Wes Dowell, Clint Permenter, Lucas Martin, Michael Harvell and Matt Jennings, met with their troubles at the state meet, held at Austin's par 72 Jimmy Clay Golf Course May 10-11.

The boys finished with a two round total of 700 strokes, which placed them seventh out of eight teams who defeated the Eagles at Regionals, won the State crown with a score of 613.

Salado was outshot basically the entire tournament. They finished round one with a 342, which was next to last behind Troup's 357, Sophomore Dowell led the Eagles on the first day, shooting a plus-six

With an opportunity to move into the middle of the pack on day two, Salado

Fresh off a second place' competing. Three Rivers, struggled yet again, this time totaling a 358. Only Harvell, who shot a round one 94, improved on his score, shooting a 93 in the final round.

> Although the team finished seventh, they were still 46 strokes ahead of last place Troup. They were, however, 42 strokes in back of sixth place

Dowell was Salado's top golfer, finishing with a 160. Final totals for Salado

golfers were Permenter (87, 89), Martin (83, 94), Harvell (94, 93), and Jennings (97, DNS).

Next year has the potential to be an even bigger season for the boys, as they will return every single member of the squad.

The Salado girls team, two-time defending state champions, failed to qualify for the tournament this

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earn Bates MVP

The Salado Eagle baseball team finished the year with a 15-9 record and a third place finish in District 25AA, at 8-5. As reward for their success, the Eagles placed six players on the all-district

Pitcher/catcher Scott Bates led the way for Salado. The two-time allstate senior was named MVP of the district. Bates hit .593 in district and a gaudy .610 on the season.

He'slugged 15 doubles and had four homeruns. He also scored 38 runs and drove in 39. On the mound, he had an 8-4 record, with a sparkling 1.76 ERA. Bates also struck out 100

Senior first baseman Ben Marsh was named first team all-district for the second year in a row. Marsh hit .428 in district, and led the team in RBI's during district with 18.

Jesse Rodriguez received first team recognition as an outfielder. The sophomore scored 27 runs for the Eagles, and on the season hit for a .407

Elected to the second team all-district was sophomore Brian Bates. Brian had a 3-3 record, with 38 K's in 39 innings pitched. He also had a 1.96 ERA during district play.

Fellow sophomore Wesley Ruth was also named to the second team.

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Ruth made the team as a utility player. He spent equal time at second base and catcher. Ruth hit .384 during district.

Rounding out the selections, freshman Tanner Myers was given honorable mention recognition for his play at shortstop. Myers had a .343 season average and batted .300 in district.

The Salado Eagles are coached by Melvin Bates.

Track

again in the 1600m, finishing at 4:29.14.

Scoring 18 points in his two events, Everett singlehandedly propelled Salado to a 10th place team finish, out of 66 schools competing. Only a junior, Everett was competing in his first state track meet.

On the girls side, senior Brinn Newman attempted to improve on her previous two performances at state, where she won the bronze in both her soph-

omore and junior years. Newman, who going into the meet owned the top 2A girls vault in the state, at 11'6", was unable to clear any attempt over 11' this time around.

Clifton's Hali Henderson, Newman's chief rival at state the past few years, took the pole vault gold with 11'3".

Newman finished with the silver, marking her third medal at state com-

also came up strong in her event, the 1600m Run. Trailing the pack in last place after lap one, Ervi moved up in the field, eventually finishing with a 5:24.02 and earning a silver medal in her first run at state. Kayla Kenoyer, of Maypearl, won the 1600m with a time of 5:16.82.

Newman and Ervi's scores led Salado to a 12th place team finish, with 16 points. Fifty-six schools were represented on the

Freshman Chelsea Ervi girl's side

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Danford auditions April 24 for Rockettes dance troupe

Danielle Danford traveled to the University of Texas in Austin for a three hour closed audition, April 24, for the New York Radio City Rockettes Summer Intensive Camp. Seventeen girls from across the state auditioned.

She was among three chosen to attend the summer camp. She was also awarded \$150 schol-

She is a freshman at Salado High School, a member of the JV Cheerleading squad and a Strut-



ter. Next year, she will be a Varsity Cheerleader. Danford is the daughter of Mark and Melinda Danford, of Salado.

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Meinhoefer, 95, passes away May 15

Private services are pending for Ruth E. Meinhoefer, 95, of Salado. She died May 15 in a Temple hospital.

She was born April 28, 1909, to J. Giles and Cora Howle Smith in Union, South Carolina. attended R.J. Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

She came to Bell County in Oct. 2003, following the death of her first husband, George A. Dentry, in 1968.

She is survived by a son, George Dentry and wife Dorothy, of Salado; a brother, Fred Smith and

wife Mildred, of Mt. Pleasant, SC; sister, Margie Holcomb, of Jacksonville, FL; grandchildren, Jeffrey Allen Dentry and wife Cathy, of Clearwater, FL; Sherri Lynne Mabry and husband David, of San Antonio; Timothy Brian Dentry and wife Kathryn, of Celina; eight greatgrandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Temple is in charge of arrangements.

Hardin recipient of professorship, scholarship award

Paul Hardin, professor of biology and chemistry at the University of Houston, was recently named a John and Rebecca Moores Professor and was presented with an Excellence in Scholarship Award, for

Using fruit flies as the basis of his studies, Hardin researched how an organism's biological clock might affect its physiology and behavior. The article he wrote on the subject was published in the prohis research at the univer- fessional journal, Current Biology.

In addition to his research, Hardin assisted in developing the university's Biology Department and Biochemistry grad-no uate programs by instituting policies regarding recruitment, admissions, advancement to candidacy and ongoing monitoring.

Paul is the son of Jack and Juanita Hardin, of



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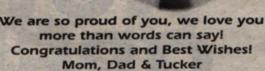




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Field treatments to minimize crop mildew, mold, and leaf rust

BY DIRK AARON, COUNTY EXT. AGT. - AG

The agricultural community of Bell County continues to be blessed by beneficial rains that have filled the soil profile beyond capacity. In layman's terms this simple means: We have had enough for awhile.

The extra moisture, humidity, and mild temperatures enhance the environmental conditions for fungal diseases to plague our lawns, ornamentals, and vegetable gardens. Over the past 14 days I continue to get calls and questions about these problems in our area.

Foliar diseases need three things to survive and thrive. They need a host plant, ideal environmental conditions, and the disease needs to be present. Unfortunately, we have all three conditions, thus a perfect situation to thrive. The answer can be simple for lawns, ornamentals and gardens. Find a fungicide that meets your needs and is labeled for that plant. Follow the directions and be prepared to make more than one application.

Many people call and ask if cornmeal is an effective option? answer is yes, but not the only option. Cornmeal is a natural fungal disease fighter and has been somewhat effective in fighting brown patch in St. Augustine grass, and leaf spot on roses, photinias and other susceptible diseases.

I want to clarify and make sure people understand I am refering to Horticulture Cornmeal. Research does show that cornmeal used at proper rates has been effective in reducing pathogens by

stimulating organisms. The rate most often refered to is 10-20 pounds per 1000 sq. feet of lawn (this year stay at the higher rate). In vegetable gardens two pounds per 100 sq. feet of row is used. I firmly believe, if homeowners are looking for low impact options around the home, lawn and

Horticulture Cornmeal is an option. Is it the best option? Well it certainly may not have the immediate impact of some other commercially available fungicides. It can also be more expensive than other options due to the need for higher rates this year. In the eyes of many, it is simply an organic option to disease control. I do know that multiple applications are okay, and necessary in a year such as we are experiencing. It also needs moisture and works well under humid wet conditions.

Remember to always ask your local nurseryman and lawn and garden center for help in locating products that will help you. Most importantly read the label, follow directions and don't exceed label recommendations.

The tri-county Wheat Field Day on May 14 at the McGregor Experiment Station turned out to be successful even though the fields were still too muddy to walk through. The wheat crop across Central Texas does have the potential for very high yields, if the damage from both powdery mildew and leaf rust don't reduce the yield, seed quality and, bushel weight.

Dr. Gaylon Morgan,

wheat specialist with Cooperative Extension, indicated that problems in the Bell County crops are prevalent across the region. Growers need to remember that yield data will be available on the test plots in June. Our hopes are that this data, coupled with previous years, will help them make informed decisions for fall planting. I also want growers to remember that management decisions and practices will help offset some of these disease problems in the future.

Dr. Morgan indicated the following strategies will help minimize powdery mildew and leaf rust.

· Reduce fall nitrogen application to minimize excess nitrogen in the soil. Thus top dress the remainder in January or early Feb-

• Reduce planting rates from 100 pounds plus per acre to below 90 pounds per acre. This will help open the plant canopy for air and sunlight.

· If you're not grazing wheat, plant in late Octo-

I can personally verify that some of the November planted wheat in the county looks the very best today, and has the least amount of mildew to be

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· Reduce and remove volunteer wheat in the field as well as turnrows. This will prevent host plants in the early fall.

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May 24: Breakfast on a Stick, Cereal, Toast, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

May 25: French Toast, Cereal, Toast, Fresh Fruit. Juice, Milk

May 26: Glazed Doughnut, Cereal, Toast, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

May 19: Pizza, Corn, Breadstick, Peaches, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk

May 20: Nachos, Carrots, Applesauce, Sugar Cookies, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk

heeseburger, Burger Salad, Oven Fries, Pine apple Tidbits, Fruity Freeze, Milk

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ess negatively affects arteries

The mind-body connection has been on the outer fringes of medicine for years. That line of thinking is changing with noted physicians bringing attention to this fascinating subject.

"You can't separate the mind and body," said J. James Rohack, MD, at the Texas Medical Association's 137th Annual Conference in Austin. More than 2,000 physicians are * attending TexMed 2004 May 13-16. "Mental and physical health are intricately related and heart disease is a perfect example of the role environmental-factors play in our ability to stay healthy," said Dr. Rohack, senior staff cardiologist at Scott & White Clinic in Temple, professor of medicine at Texas A&M University Health Science Center. He also is a trustee of the American Medical Association and a former TMA president.

Dr. Rohack shared some ancient Asian philosophy

with the audience to make his points. "In 400 BC, Asian philosopher Sun Tzu stated it clearly, 'Know the enemy and know yourself, you will never be in peril.' In 1900, the western medical community concluded there was no enemy, a.k.a., no potential threat between the mind and body. It has taken a century but medicine has finally come around, realizing that the enemy is stress and it can wreak havoc on the body, especially cardiac health," Dr. Rohack said. It is no surprise that Dr. Rohack holds an undergraduate degree in psy-

According to Dr. Rohack, so much of our current challenges fighting heart disease are rooted in the survival strategies of our ancestors who actually benefited from occasional raging stress attacks.

"It was that 'fight or flight' chemical reaction the body utilized to fight off the predator, protect the family and save the village," he said. "Unfortunately our modern-day stresses aren't exerted and released like they used to be, causing a build-up of bad hormones that leave the body with constricted arteries. This residue of stress is compounded by the fact that we no longer need to exercise to survive for travel or finding food and exercise is one of the best ways to combat stress." Hardening of the arteries, also known as atherosclerosis, can be thought of in terms of a Twinkie, according to Dr. Rohack. The inner cream filling is the LDL cholesterol with the spongy outside being the HDL

Stress constricts of narrows the arteries and can cause them to either close or break, which results in a heart attack or stroke. "Stress management is key to preventing an acute cardiac event," he said.

cholesterol.

Dr. Rohack advises that one of the most successful strategies of stress man-

agement is quality movement, rather than exercise. "As a standard, people in the U.S. hate to exercise. Rather than focus on the need to exercise, think in terms of simply being more active to produce more successful results." The reason physical activity is so important is because it neutralizes the bad effects of stress in the body.

Dr. Rohack advocates the lifestyle habits of traditional Mediterranean culture as a good technique to fight heart disease. "Their diet includes mono-saturated fats, such as olive oil and nuts. They eat fish frequently and they don't eat fried foods or a large amount of red meat." In addition, Mediterranean cultures are known to be active, they walk a lot and they enjoy time to relax with friends and family, which are some of the best stress busters there are.

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Bike ride raises donation awareness over week-long tour

The seventh annual Lone Star Circle of Life bike tour, scheduled for Sept. 27-Oct. 4, is seeking cyclists. The eight-day tour will be limited to no more than 12 cyclists.

The tour aims to raise the awareness of the need for lifesaving donations of blood, marrow, organ and tissues among Texans. The event is a cooperative effort of the National Marrow Donor Program Texas centers, blood centers, organ banks, tissue services and transplant

The tour will start in Crockett and follow a route through Tyler, Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco, Temple, Austin, San Antonio and La Grange to end in Houston. Along the route, local events will be scheduled, including blood drives, marrow registrations and awareness events for organ and tissue donation.

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each cyclist will ride for a Texan who needs or who has donated blood, platelets, organs, tissues or marrow. The cyclists will display the names of honorees on the backs of their jerseys as they ride and each will tell the story of his or her honoree at the local events.

Riders need not be experts but should be experienced cyclists in good physical condition. Cyclists whose lives have been touched by the need for blood, marrow, organ or tissue donation are especially enouraged to apply. Expenses of the riders for the event will be covered by corporate and private sponsorships.

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Office Hours by Appointment Now a Met Life provider. Led by Austin artist, Walter Meyer, the Cultural Activities Center (CAC) in Temple is showcasing a wide variety of artworks and artists in May and June.

Although Meyer has a worldwide following, this will be his premier exhibit in the United States. Berry Klingman, faculty artist at Baylor, will be presenting his mixed media works based on objects found in nature, and a diverse group of local art teachers and their protégés will also be exhibiting May 21-June 30. Two Baylor student artists, studying under Karl Umlauf, round out the eclectic exhibits in the CAC Upstairs galleries. Many pieces in these exhibits may be purchased.

Of Meyer's exhibit, Marilyn Ritchie, CAC Visual Arts Director/ Curator said, "We are honored that Walter Meyer chose us to present his first U.S. exhibit. It is a bold, colorful and wonderful collection and we are excited to be able to bring it to the public." His exhibit entitled, "Walter Meyer, Man of Color," is a retrospective and features works from a lifetime of painting, world travel and adventures. Meyer's larger-than-life personality is reflected in his colorful, Gauguin-like works.

The intensity of the colors he uses, accompanied by multi-glazing, is a trademark of his paintings. Much that he has seen during his extensive travels around the world has made its way onto the 52 canvases on display at the CAC. The German-born artist, who is a German concentration camp survivor, arrived in South America as a stowaway aboard a ship.

Many occupations later - including nightclub singer, bronco rider, owner and operator of a tobacco plantation and swimming academy, he made his way to the United States. Here, he made some movies in

Hollywood, led an expedition for President Eisenhower to South America in the "People to People" program and finally landed at the University of Texas, where he received a PhD in history and education.

All during this time he never stopped painting about what he had seen: the polo players and the race horses, the market scenes in Lima, the jungles in Peru, Texas springtime landscapes, and always, flowers, flowers and flowers. He also painted portraits. Important politicians, famous personalities and beautiful women have all posed for him. Among his subjects have been Bo Derek, Cher, and Ronald and Nancy Regan, to name a few, and he has even painted a picture of Christ that hangs in the Vatican, at the request of Pope John

Meyer is also an author, and has written two books about his experiences in Germany during the holocaust. The CAC will host a book signing and lecture by Meyer, 7 p.m. June 25 in Wendland Hall, at the CAC. It is free and open to the public.

While the Walter Meyer collection is hanging in the Saulsbury Gallery, the 2004 Protégé Exhibition will be on display in the Howard and Carabasi Galleries. This annual exhibit will feature works of art by local art faculty members and their protégé's.

Protégé

exhibitors

include pairings from a number of schools and galleries in the area, including Baylor University, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Central Texas College, McLennan Community College, Temple College, Belton High School, School, Temple High Lamar Middle School and several private central Texas art teachers. "We hope that because the Protégé Exhibit offers our aspiring local artists an opportunity to be chosen for exhibition, it inspires



Pope John Paul II with artist Walter Meyer

them to excel. We also think it is an inspiration for our local art faculty, as well," Visual Art Director Ritche said of the paired exhibit.

One of the exhibitors in the Protégé exhibit - along with four of his protégés - will also have his own exhibit running at the same in another part of the CAC. Baylor University art faculty member Klingman's exhibit will be on display in the McCreary Gallery. His "Trailmaker" exhibits feature two series of drawings and prints based on objects found in nature.

These mixed media artworks form a thematic continuation of his interest in the artistic interpretation of mundane, everyday objects, transformed in commentaries on life's activities and journeys. The objects used in his artworks have been colleted on travels, hikes and backpack trips during the last four years. According to Klingman, "A trailmaker"

is a directional device discovered in the landscape that gives information about how to proceed on one's journey. My works are created to pass this work along to the viewer."

Group tours for any of the gallery exhibits may be arranged through the Cultural Activities Center. For more information about the four exhibits, contact Ritchie, Visual Arts Director/Curator at the CAC (773-9926). Selected pieces of artwork from the exhibits can be viewed at www.cacARTS.org.









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If you find a high-quality stock - one that represents a company with good products, management and consistently favorable earnings - and you've determined that this stock fits in well with your diversified portfolio, there's no reason to delay your purchase until a supposedly more "favorable" season. Eventually, the stock will succeed, or

fail, on its own merits - not on the time of year.

In short, don't base your financial strategies on trends that may or may not have occurred in the past - if you're going to follow the road to investment success, you can't always be looking in your rear-view

How about "seasonal investments?"

If it isn't a good idea to take a time out from investing during a given season, how about the other aspects of seasonal investing? Specifically, should you look for stocks that may do better at one time of the year than another? For example, during the holiday season, you may expect the stocks of big retailers to do well. Should you jump to invest in these stocks and "ride the wave" until the season ends? Again, the principle of "seasonality" is a poor one on which to base

investment decisions.

Let's look at our example of the retailing stocks. It's probably safe to say that most big retailers post bigger sales during the holidays than during other times of the year. And sometimes, bigger sales do translate into higher stock prices - but not always. You'll be making a mistake if you assume that big retailers' stock prices invariably move up during the holiday season. But even more importantly, a short-term bump

in a stock's price does not guarantee long-term success for that stock. Retailer XYZ may see its stock price rise dramatically during the October-December time period. But what about January? And the rest of the year? Ultimately, the long-term prospects for XYZ will depend on a variety of variables: how well the company is run, the appeal of its products, the strenght of its competition, the level of disposable income among consumers, etc.

As an investor, these are the types of factors on which you need to base your investment choices. Remember, you are not just investing to do well two or three months of the year you're investing to improve your prospects of achieving your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement. And that's why you need to look beyond the calendar to seek out highquality investments that will show their value over many years to come.

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This 96-hour course has been approved through the Texas Department of Health (TDH) for EMT-P remedial, refresher and/or recertification training. Course participants needing only 48 hours will not be required to attend the entire course to receive a Course Completion Certificate.

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Bell County Jamboree offers music for entire family at CAC May 22

The Bell County Jamboree will hold its next performance 7 p.m. May 22 at the Cultural Activities Center, in Temple.

The show will feature the following performers: Melissa McGee, of Temple; Brian Davenport, of Rockdale; and Rance Norton, of Morgan.

Also performing will be the Fairfield Fuller Girls: Morgan, Madison and Mallory, a talented group of sisters who hold state and international titles in fiddle competition and ventriloquism. They live with their parents, Mike and Jina Fuller, in Fairfield.

The vocal performers will be backed by the Bell-Jam Band, with Terry-Lynn Schrimsher on guitar and vocals, LaRon Tubb on keyboards and vocals, Done George on fiddle, Richard Schrimsher on

drums and vocals, Don Sowersby on steel guitar, Shorty Grisham on bass and Freddie Fuller on guitar and vocals.

All Bell County Jamboree events are held in smoke and alcohol-free environment.

Local sponsors for the event include the Village Steakhouse, Village Realty of Salado, Charlotte's of Salado and Garlyn Shelton

The show will begin at 7 p.m., with doors opening one hour beforehand. Tickets are priced at \$8 for adults, while children under 12 are admitted free. Senior, student and group discounts are available. Refreshments and dessert concessions will be offered during pre-show and inter-

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Doctor, author Verghese speaks on "meaning" at Harry A. Wilmer Memorial Lecture, set for 3 p.m. June 6 at Salado Civic Center

Humanities at Salado will of fine arts degree. host the Harry A. Wilmer II Memorial Lectureship 3 p.m. June 6 at the Salado Civic Center on Main Street. Abraham Verghese will speak on "The Search for Meaning in a Medical Life" during the free lec-

Verghese is director of the Center for Medical Humanities and Ethics in the School of Medicine at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio and a Professor of Medicine.

He received his MD at Madras University, India, trained as a resident and chief resident in internal medicine at East Tennessee State University, and served as a fellow in infectious diseases at Boston University.

From 1991-2002, he was professor of medicine at the Texas Tech University Health Science Center branch at El Paso. He is board certified in internal medicine, geriatrics, pulmonary and infectious dis-

In 1990-91, Dr. Verghese held the James Michener Fellowship at the Iowa Writer's Workshop,

His first book, My Own Country, about a doctor's struggle with the new AIDS epidemic was a finalist for the National Book Critic's Circle Award for 1994 and was made into a movie. His second book, The Tennis Player, was a New York Times notable book and a national best

He has been the commencement speaker at many medical schools, and has an honorary degree Doctor of Science from

The Institute for where he obtained a master Swarthmore College. He has published extensively in medical literature and his writing has appeared in The New Yorker, The Atlantic Monthly, Esquire, Granta, The New York Times Magazine and the Wall Street

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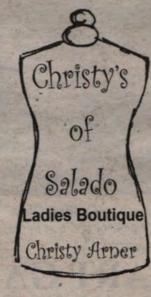
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May 20

Salado Elementary and Intermediate schools Field Day. Events begin at 9 a.m. May 22

Annual Spring Fling Luncheon, noon at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Sponsored by St. Stephen's Women's Society.

May 22-23

World Team Roping Association at Wildfire Ranch. Info: 947-0291 or 947-8080.

May 23

Salado High School baccalaureate service, at FBC of Salado.

May 24

Salado Chamber of Commerce reception honoring current and former Village of Salado officials, 7 p.m. at Civic Center gazebo. Info: 947-5040.

MAY 25
Salado High School
commencement ceremony at Bell County
Expo Center. Info:
947-5429.

May 27

Salado Community Chorus spring concert, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Salado Area Republican Women regular meeting 11:30 a.m. at Mill Creek. RSVP to Barclay McCort at 947-3617, or e-mail DeniSARW@vvm.com.

Mud Pies Pottery make a bowl for the Salado Family Relief Fund. Dinner is provded. Bring your own drink. Free, but limited to 10 people. Reservations accepted, call 947-0281.

May 31

Salado Cemetery Association Memorial Day Service, 9:30 a.m. Info: 947-5402.

May 31-June 4

Boys basketball camp for incoming third through ninth graders, at SHS gym. Cost: \$60. Registration info: Coach Tom Long at 947-5429 ext. 1304. JUNE 3-5

Judy & A.C. Green Literary Festival for more information call 947-3104

JUNE 4-6

Writers League of Texas Retreat in conjunction with AC Greene Festival for more information call 947-3104, or 512-499-8914.

JUNE 7-JULY 15

Strength and Conditioning camp for incoming freshmen through senior boys and girls:
Mondays-Thursdays at SHS gym. Cost: \$60. Info: 947-6977 or 947-5429 ext. 1410.
JUNE 12

Annual Salado
Reunion, 9:30 a.m.-3:30
p.m. at Salado Intermediate School cafetorium. All former Salado students, teachers and friends welcome. Catered lunch. Info: 947-5783 or 939-3187.

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As they have been doing for many years, the Scottish clans will gather again at the Robertson Plantation and on College Hill for the annual gathering, Nov. 12-14.

www.salado.com.

6 p.m. Salado Historical Society Annual
Fourth of July Picnic at
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JULY 19-22

Football camp for incoming third through ninth graders, 8:30-11:30 a.m. daily at the High School field. Cost: \$40. Registration info: 947-6977. July 22

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July 26-29

Girls basketball

camp, for incoming fourth through eighth graders, 8:30 a.m.-noon daily at SHS gym. Cost: \$40. Info: Coach Larry Salisbury 947-5429 ext. 1303.

JULY 26-31

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August 7-8

8th Annual Salado Art Fair in Pace Park For more information call the Salado Chamber of Commerce 947-5040 August 27

Annual Salado Lions Club Lasagna Supper, 5 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School.

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World Team Roping Association Finals at Wildfire Ranch. Info: 947-0291 or 947-8080.

SEPTEMBER 11

Mill Creek Community Association Fall Social at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6-7 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner. Info: 947-3901.

SEPTEMBER 18-19

10 a.m.- 6 p.m.
Tablerock's Fantasy Faire & Shakespeare Play 8: 15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Tickets adults \$5, children \$3 Shakespeare tickets \$10 adult, \$5 child. Call 254-947-8933

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OCTOBER 23

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According to Gregurek the money will be used to purchase art equipment and supplies.

The donation is a result of the Salado Education Foundation First Annual Student Art Show and Exhibition, which was held on April 16 and 17. (PHOTO BY SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL)



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Arts and crafts, nature hikes, games, water activities, and special guests will help provide a fun, safe, educational experience for youth who have completed grades kindergarten through fifth. Youth who have completed sixth grade and up may qualify as

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Session themes are: Wonders of Science, June 1-11; Outdoor Adventure Survivors, June 14-18; Holiday Happenings, June 21-July 2; Fishes, Eels, Whales...What Fun!, July 5-16.

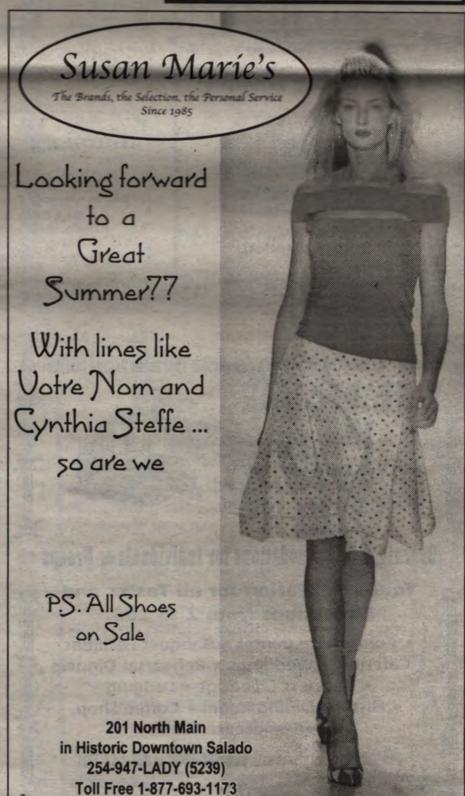
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Boy Scouts: Each Monday, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Methodist Church.

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

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

Salado FFA Meeting: First Monday of the month, 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteris.

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

Salado Library District Board: 4th Mon. at 5:30 p.m., at Salado Public Library Building.

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

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

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

Salado 4-H Club: 1st Mon. through May, 7 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elemen-

Exercise Class: Aug. 18-end of school year, except first Monday of the month, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. Class includes stretching, stengthening and Pilates. Held at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public.

Salado Democrats: 6:45 p.m., first Monday of each month at the Civic

Salado Youth Fair Boosters: Third Monday of each month, 7 p.m. at the elementary school library.

Tuesdays

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

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

Yoga Classes: 6:45 p.m., at the Halley House.

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

Salado Family Relief Fund: 2nd Tues. 1 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

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

Salado Area Republican Women: 3rd Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-8422 or 947-3617 for information.

Wednesdays

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

Salado Youth Baseball Association: meetings 7 p.m. at Civic Center.

Salado Presbyterian Church: Friends meet second and fourth Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon. All women welcome. Info: 947-5982.

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

Mill Creek Community Association Board: 3rd Wed., 5 p.m., at Civic

Scottish Country Dance Lessons 8-9:30 p.m. at the Scots Hall of the Clans. 947-0325 for info.

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Republican Women: 4th Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-3617 or e - m a i l denisarw@vvm.com, for information.

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

Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA: 1st Thurs. 6 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn. 947-0173.

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

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

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

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

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

Salado Business Association: General meetings, 3rd Thursday 8:45 a.m. upstairs at the Civic

Salado Neighborhood Group of the American Sewing Guild: 3rd Thurs. of each month 5:30 p.m. at The Sewing Basket.

Salado Moms, playgroup, contact Amanda at 947-5507.

Saturdays

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

Salado Church of Christ Ladies Devotional Prayer Breakfast: 3rd Sat. of month, 9 a.m., Location varies. Info: 947-5241 or 947-3533.

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Monterrey Days

versity. Spring quarter. I am in my second year of French. My roommate, Dick Kendall, was taking Spanish. One day his Spanish teacher, Mrs. Creasey, told her class about summer school at Monterrey Tec in Monterrey, Mexico. We decided to go.

The first six weeks of summer I spent in a Spanish class at TCU in my hometown of Fort Worth. The French background helped me immensely in learning Spanish. We traveled in my Studebaker Starlight coupe, arriving in Monterrey on a Sunday night. We checked into the Ancira hotel, just across from the Plaza Saragosa. We took part in the Sunday night ritual and joined young people on the plaza. Boys walked around the plaza in one direction, facing the girls who walked in the opposite direction.

I saw a familiar face. It was a girl in my Spanish class at TCU. She lived in Monterrey. We visited for awhile and then she invited us to her house to meet her family. We followed her there and the rest of the evening we spoke nothing but Spanish. By the time we got back to the hotel, we were exhausted but proud. we had a glorious night and had used our Spanish.

Tumbleweed Smith

The next morning, we asked around and found out where students could rent a room with meals. Although there were groups of students from the same colleges or universities staying in dorms, we didn't want to be identified with a group. We wanted to stay off campus with a family and learn Spanish.

We found a room in a house at 514 Hidalgo Street, just a block away from La Purisima, a Catholic Church with modern architecture. When we went to the college to enroll, we gave the address on Hidalgo street as our home address and saved a hefty percent of the

The Rodriguez family had rented rooms to students for years. Along with Dick and me, there were other boarders: Carlos, Jesus and an ex-sailor named Bill. Also in the house were Bertha, Rosa, Alba Nellie and Cheli, daughters and nieces of the mamacita, whose husband



had passed on.

We had a party ever night on the patio. The first few nights were spent learning words. Carlos and Jesus would point to the wall, the floor, the ceiling, the light bulb, the fan, the bushes and tell us the names in Span-

We became conversational quickly. Living in a house with a family is the best way to learn a language and a culture. Although we

traveled throughout Mexico every weekend, we learned the most about the country on the patio, sitting and talking. And dancing. Rosa taught ballet, but she loved Cha Cha Cha and the male students in the house were willing partners. We hardly spoke English. Almost every utterance was in Spanish. If we wanted a shirt washed, we had to use Spanish. If we wanted something different for breakfast, our request had to be in Spanish.

When Dick and I arrived at Nuevo Laredo on the way back home, we went into a store and the guy behind the counter spoke to us in English. We exchanged looks of disappointment. Our summer of fun was over.









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Calvary Singers perform at Grace Baptist

Grace Baptist Church will host The Calvary Singers May 23 for the morning worship service. The Calvary Singers - Jerry Oliver, his wife Janice, and Lynette Johnson - have been described as more than Gospel singers. "We are dedicated to a Gospel message that shares Jesus Christ," says Oliver.

In 1970, Oliver believed he faced a choice of being obedient to God or being taken out of this life. While driving on I-30 in Dallas, he was involved in a near-fatal collision. An automobile careened across the median and hit his van head on. Oliver was trapped for nearly three hours with both legs crushed and pinned under the motor of the van. During a four-month stay at the Burn Center at Parkland Hospital, Oliver and his wife, Janice, began to



minister to other patients through gospel music.

Jerry and his family began singing music on weekends in the Dallas area following his release. In 1975, the Olivers sold

their home and prepared to go on the road full time. They log about 50,000 miles a year and are booked in revivals, concerts and bible conferences 50 weeks out of the year. Lynette joined the team in 1996. She had been in part-time ministry for more than six years when she had an experience much like Oliver's; she was ill for nearly a year before yielding to the call to minister full time.

The Calvary Singers latest CD, "Old Time Religion," was released a few months ago. It is loaded with old favorites including Farther Along and Sweet Beulah Land.

"Old Time Religion" is also available on cassette. Lulabell - Lynette's "alter-ego" - also has a new comedy project out called "Puttin" on the Dog" which is also available on CD and cassette. More information about the Calvary Singers can be found at www.calvarysingers.com.

Grace Baptist Church is located two miles west of 1-35 on FM 2484. For more

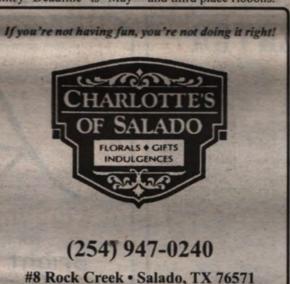
Patriotic art contest held by Republican women

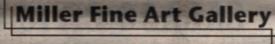
May 17-21 is the last week to enter the Salado Area Repubulican Women sponsored Patriotic Art Contest, the winner of which will be displayed on the Fourth of July week at the Salado Public Library. Entry Deadline is May

21, for more information, please Bobbie Reihsen at 947-3901.

The Salado Republican Women are sponsoring this opportunity for youth to enter and display their art and receive first, second and third place ribbons. Art works must be two dimensional, such as water color, acrylics, mixed media and collage not to exceed two inches. One art work per artist; name, address, phone and age of artist must be on the back. Art works are to be standard sizes: 8"x10," 9"x12," 12"x16" or 16"x20" and matted.

Art work is to be brought to the Salado Village Artists Center on May 18, or by arrangement with Reihsen.





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Mad Cow Disease discussed with Rotarians

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Dr. George McKirahan addressed the Rotary Club of Salado, May 11 on BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) or more commonly known as Mad Cow Disease.

Dr. McKirahan works for the Texas Department of Health in the Meat Safety Assurance division and covers 19 counties. "I hope that after talking with you all that you feel safer about eating beef," he said.

Mad Cow Disease pri-

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marily affects cattle. Deer and elk have also been known to contract the disease. It is always a fatal disease. Even after death Mad Cow Disease is viable and effective.

"This disease has been around for many years," said Dr. McKirahan. "It just has not be able to be detected." It was first found in the United Kingdom in 1986.

There has been no confirmed case in the United States. In 2003, a dairy cow in Washington state was found to have BSE, but the disease was later

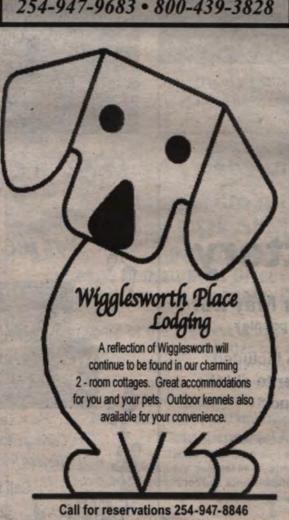


traced to a cow in Canada. Because of such cases. countries such as Japan, are not allowing US products to enter into their

He concluded his program by showing the Rotarians a video of cattle with such disease.



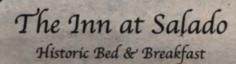














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Green swimming pools & slow food

Dear EarthTalk: What are some ways to maintain a "green" swimming pool? Jim Humphey, North Andover, MA

The primary health and environmental drawbacks to swimming pools are water waste, energy waste and overuse of chlorine. Chlorine is very irritating to the eyes and skin, and can trigger breathing difficulties by also "stinging" the sensitive tissue of the

Zodiac Pool offers a system called Nature2 that doesn't do away with chlorine entirely but does greatly decrease the amount needed. It makes use of silver and copper to destroy bacteria and algae. Silver is a bactericide whose properties have long been known. Copper kills algae. When used together, they reduce chlorine needs by 90 percent. Another product, from ChlorFree, combines silver and copper with zinc, activated carbon and other non-invasive materials to sanitize and control algae and bacteria, and also reduces the need for chlorine.

According to the National Foundation, another substitute for chlorine is ozone, which is made from oxygen and does not degrade into harmful chlorinated byproducts in a swimming pool. The Chlorine-Free Products Association recently endorsed an ozone-only public pool built for the city of Fairhope, Alabama. The pool has been operating successfully since

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construction without the need for harmful additives. Ozone systems for residential pools are becoming available.

Pool owners can save energy while still maintaining a pristine pool by using a timer to shut off the pump for at least 12 hours of the day. To hold in heat during the night, always use a pool cover, as almost all of a pool's heat loss occurs at the surface. By employing a bubble cover (sometimes called a solar cover), outdoor pools can also gain heat, by absorbing 75 to 85 percent of the solar energy striking the pool surface. A pool cover can also reduce water loss by 30 to 50 percent--and reducing water loss also reduces the amount of chemical treatment required.

Besides that, the easiest way to save energy is to lower the thermostat on your pool's heater (if it has one) so that it heats the pool no higher than a minimally comfortable temperature. Every one-degree reduction in temperature can cut your energy use by between five and 10 percent.

CONTACTS: Zodiac Pool, (800) 937-7873. www.nature2.com; ChlorFree, 665-0896, www.chlorfree.net; Sunshine Pool Products, (801) 728-4520,

www.sunshine pool.com; Sanitation National (800) NSF-Foundation, MARK, www.nsf.org; Chlorine-Free Products Association, (847) 658-6104. www.chlorinefreeproducts.org.

Dear EarthTalk: What on Earth is this "Slow Food" movement I keep hearing about? Robert Davey, Bridgeport, CT

Carlo Petrini, an Italian, founded the international "Slow Food" movement in 1989 in response to the opening of a McDonald's at the Spanish Steps in Rome. Its head offices are in Piedmont, in the north of Italy. More than half of the organization's membership is in Italy, but the organization boasts more than 77,000 members in 48 countries, including the United States, which claims 74 local chapters. There are currently chapters in Washington, D.C., New York City, Los Angeles and New Orleans, and also in smaller places like Fargo, North Dakota and Small Green Island, Washington.

The main thrust of Slow Food is to preserve and encourage traditional foods, beverages and recipes that are "endangered by McNuggets and Monsanto," Petrini says, referring to both our obsession with unhealthy fast food and the increasing and uncertain role of biotechnology. "It's a union of education, politics, environment and sensual pleasure," says

Petrini. The goal: The propagation of leisurely, more epicurean eating habits, and a more enlightened and patient approach to life in general.

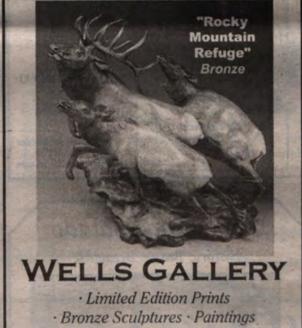
"Slow Food is an international movement dedicated to saving the regional cuisines and products of the world," says Patrick Martins, president of Slow Food USA. "It could be style: barbecue, cajun, creole, organic...anything that's fallen by the wayside due to our industrial food culture." Slow Food's primary focus is on saving endangered ways of life that revolve around the stomach. For Slow Food, animals and plants are threatened, but so are recipes, harvesting methods and production techniques.

Slow Food calls its local chapters "convivia." Members organize food and wine events and other initiatives to create "conviviality" and promote the cause.

Slow Food advocates are settling in for a long struggle, but they say victory will eventually be theirs.

CONTACT: Slow Food USA, (212) 965-5640, www.slowfoodusa.org; Slow (main www.slowfood.com.

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BY TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Troy is Homer for Dummies.

Adapting Homer's story of the siege of Troy, The Iliad, to the big screen, Wolfgang Peterson's new movie is popcorn entertaining and not much else. Troy, starring Brad Pitt as the ancient world's greatest brat warrior Achilles, is just fine for sitting in the dark and munching popcorn. But it's not high art.

The epic poem is dummed down for the MTV generation in ways that are too numerous to mention. First, the casting. I like Peter O'Toole, the great British actor. I like Brian Cox, another British character actor best remembered for roles in Rob Roy and Spy Games. Brendan Gleeson was terrific in Braveheart. But these actors all have one thing in common.....

They aren't Mediterranean in any way! Not in voice nor hair nor skin.

So, the viewer must first get around the British accents and fair-skinned Gaelic actors portraying what can only be assumed as dark-haired, oliveskinned Greeks, before he can accept the movie at all.

Brad Pitt is somewhat believable as the fairhaired Achilles, the blessed son of a half-Goddess who is the most feared warrior in the ancient world, despite his fivefoot-something stature. In the opening scene, Achilles makes quick business of the greatest warrior of Agamemnon's (Cox) enemy king. His agility and quickness and ferociousness are legendary and fearsome.

Perhaps the b in the entire film is Eric Bana as Hector, the reluctant, loyal son and soldier to Priam, king of Troy. Hector (Bana) must defend his country against the invasion of Greeks when his petulant little brother Paris (Orlando Bloom) steals Menalaus' wife Helen (Diane Kruger) and takes her back to Troy.

Led by Achilles, Agamemnon's Greek army invades Troy and lays siege to the walled city.

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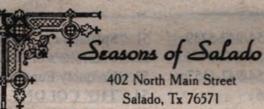
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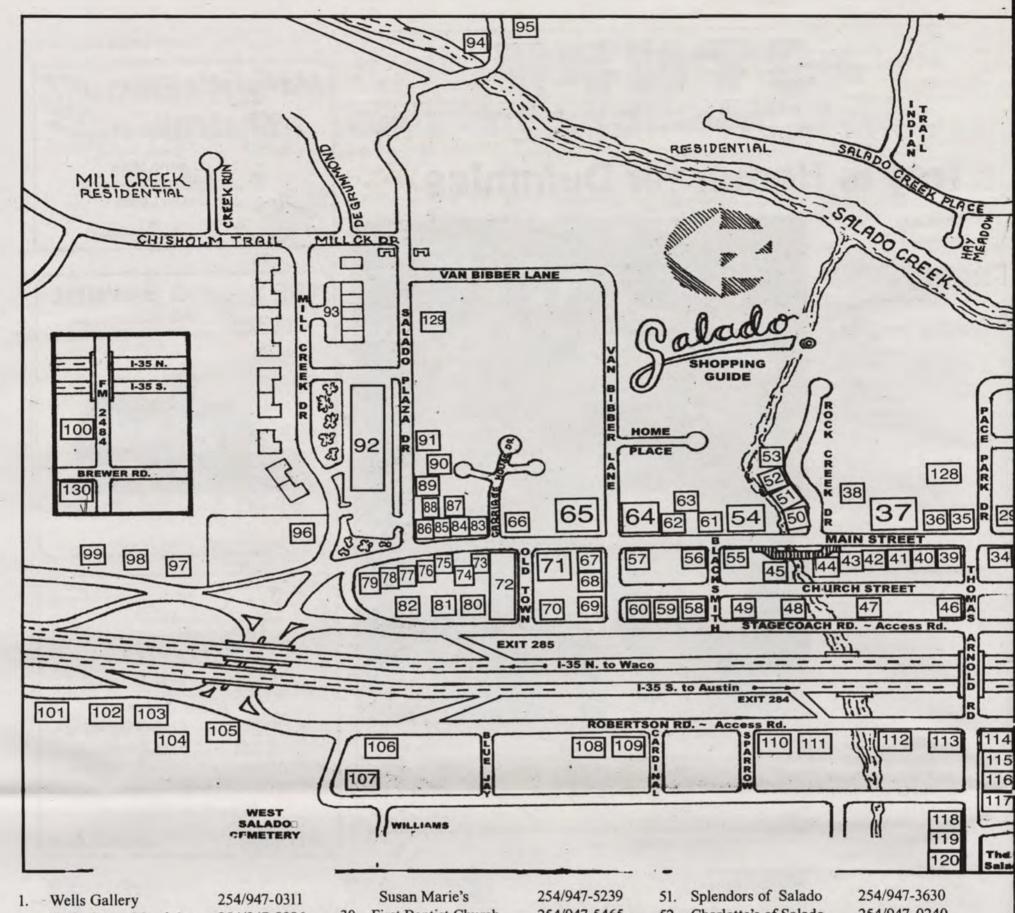
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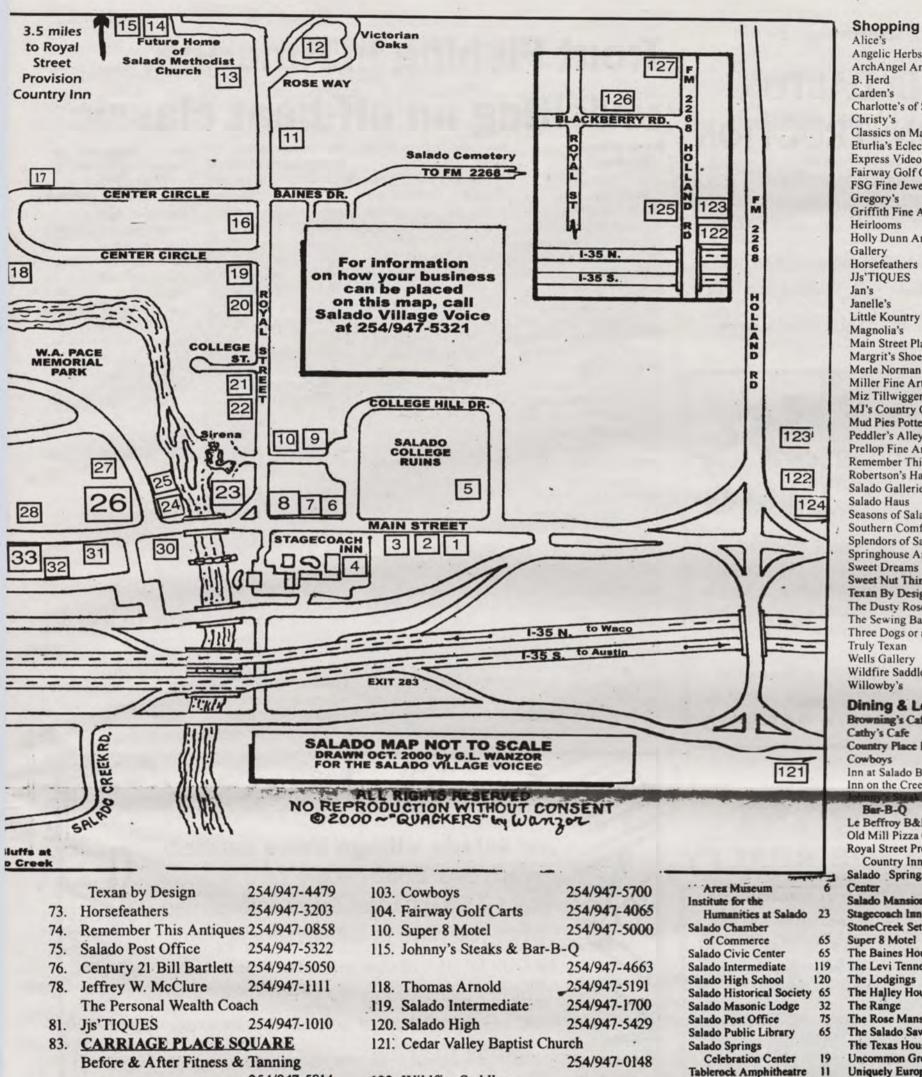
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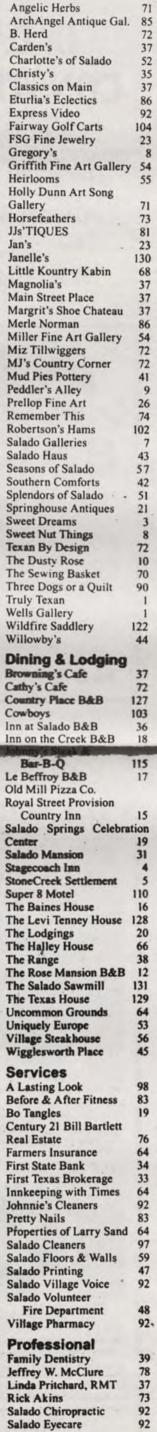
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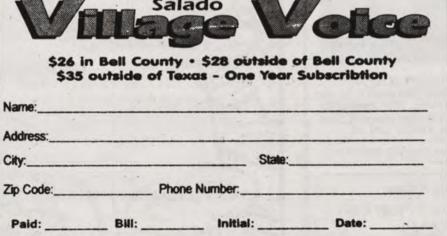


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Trout Fishing in America, revisiting an off-beat classic

BY CHRIS MCGREGOR STAFF WRITER

Every so often the conventions of book writing need to be upended; inverted and twisted about like braids. It takes, occasionally, an injection of radical idiosyncrasy to keep the craft pumping.

Consider the case of Richard Brautigan. Now, no one would claim that Brautigan penned works of high literary artifice, but the shy, bespectacled sage of the counterculture did have one thing going for him: he was a complete American original.

Emerging from San Francisco's post-Beat-pre-Hippie days, Brautigan first splashed onto the scene in a major way with the 1967 publication of Trout Fishing in America. Actually, its initial impact was more akin to a pebble dropped into a rain puddle; nothing major. But it didn't take long to catch on, and now there are more than three million copies of the book in circulation. It is a underground classic that became

successful without really trying.

First, to the title. Trout Fishing in America, ultimately, has very little to do with trout fishing anyplace. It is alternately the name of a character, a hotel, a diary, and a terroristic slogan, along with a few other things.

At this point, a word of caution is in order: it's wise not to dig under the book's surface too much, or fidget to grasp a complexity. Rather, take Brautigan's disjointed tendencies for what they are: benign devices that make reading fun and worthwhile. Sit back, smile, and enjoy the trip.

Composed of dissimilar vignettes set mainly in San Francisco and the Pacific Northwest (Brautigan's childhood home), the book, in truth, will leave most readers fumbling for an underlying theme or meaning. In fact, some of the chapters are merely paragraph-long observations. That's not to say the book is garbage; merely unusual in its composition.

Add to those eccentric-

tossing of symbols to make a metaphor salad, and you've got a lighthearted study in absurdist sensibilities.

To that end, here are some questions you shouldn't ask yourself when reading Trout Fishing in America:

• Will the reading of this book lead me to a clearer understanding of the universe and all the cosmic forces that drive it?

• Will it bring me closer to God?

• Will I be impressed by Brautigan's adherence to traditional storytelling methods?

• Will Trout Fishing in America make me a millionaire?

• If I read this book, will I become a better fisherman?

Invariably, the answer to all of the above is a resounding no. But don't let that scare you away.

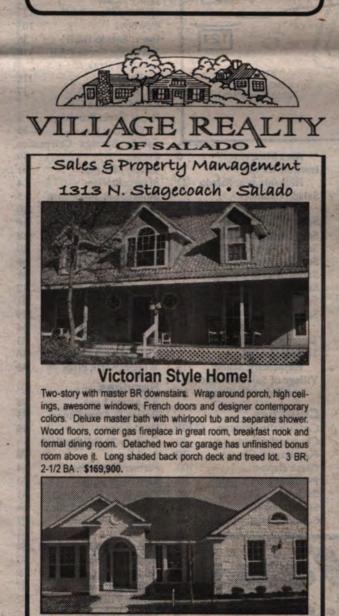
Because, as you will find, in its soul Trout Fishing in America is a witty and consummately amusing book, peppered with descriptive elements

that jar things from the English language that no writer had done before, or since. Read the book for that reason alone.

For example, when Brautigan relates the airmailing of a legless alcoholic to the writer Nelson Algren, or describes the used trout river for sale in the Cleveland Wrecking Yard - at a reasonable \$6.50 a foot, lengthwise - he is at his irreverent, sparkling best.

But in 1984, facing declining book sales and a host of personal demons, Brautigan ended his own life by putting a shotgun to his head. He was not yet 50. Many years before his passing, however, a writer out in San Francisco put to paper this wistful, innocent hope. "Perhaps, when we are very old," he wrote, "people will write 'Brautigans,' just as we now write novels."

You know, maybe he was right. Perhaps they will. And maybe we'll have a greater appreciation the next time around.

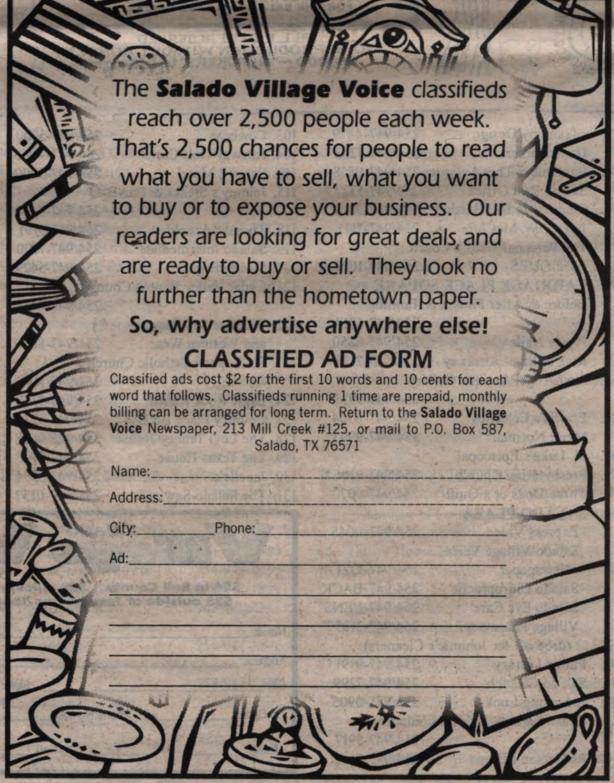


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Agamemnon are played out. The best parts of the story are when the actors have their mouths closed..... the battle

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The staging and scenery are terrific, as are the costumes. Troy has all the hallmarks of an historic epic, but none of the substance of one.

The lack of attention and offhandedness of the rest of the film ruin the craft and effort put into the battle scenes. This gives Troy the feeling of a video game leaving the viewer thinking, "fast forward, fast forward....."

The viewer particularly wants to fast forward through any scene with the wimpy Orlando Bloom on the screen as Paris. His role is the weakest, as evidenced by the lack of chemistry between Paris and Helen (Diane Kruger). For an epic love that would lead nations to war, the couple has nothing. This is irritating and a major knock against the film as a whole.

Bloom's character borders on despicability, compounded by his weakness as an actor.

Probably the greatest criticism of Troy as a film is that it is like Chinese food it fills you up when you are enjoying it, but an hour later, you are left wanting.

Too bad, because the epic story could have been made into a truly epic

Troy RATED R **OUR RATING: C** DIRECTED BY WOLFGANG PETERSEN

CAST **Brad Pitt** Eric Bana Hector Orlando Bloom Paris Diane Kruger Helen Brian Cox

Agamemnon Brendan Gleeson Menelaus Peter O'Toole Priam Sean Bean Odysseus



Paris (Orlando Bloom) and Helen (Diane Kruger) arrive

Book signing at museun An informal publica-

tion party and book-signing 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 22 will mark the publication of Harder than Hardscrabble: Oral Recollections of Farming Life from the Edge of the Texas Hill County, a close look at life in the small communities that once dotted the Fort Hood installation. The publication party will be held at the Temple Railroad Museum, and is free and open to the public.

Harder than Hardscrabble, printed by the University of Texas Press, is a collection of firsthand accounts from the

former residents of Ante- Resource lope, Pidcoke, Stampede, Office will have a limited Okay, Spring Hill, and number of free copies of other small communities the book available, and that disappeared with the Sitton will be on hand to establishment of Camp answer questions and sign Hood in 1942.

scrabble developed out of per person, on a firstan oral history project ini- come, first-served basis. tially conducted by the Fort Hood Cultural Resource Museum is located on the Management Office that second floor of the Santa resulted in two large vol- Fe Depot at 315 West umes of detailed inter- Ave. B. The Museum views with residents from is also running a special the former communities exhibit of historic artifacts that are now encompassed and photographs from Fort

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Noted Texas Monthly Author Don **Graham Appears at Greene Festival**

Don Graham will appear at the Judy & A. C. Greene Literary Festival along with a cast of seven Saladoans performing works by Texas authors collected in his new book, Lone Star Literature -A Texas Anthology. The performance is scheduled for 7 p.m. June 4 in the Salado Civic Center.

Festival Passes to this and other Greene Festival events will be available to the public on May 24. For further information, call 254-947-3104.

Graham grew up in farming country in north central Texas. He graduated from North Texas State University with a B.A. and M.A., and took his doctorate at the University of Texas in Austin. After a stint at the University of Pennsylvania, Graham returned to UT-Austin where he currently is J. Frank Dobie Regents Professor of American and English Literature.

Graham's extensive publications include scores of articles and essays dealing with Texas culture, and among his early works on Texas are Cowboys and Cadillacs: How Hol-



lywood Looks at Texas (1983); Texas: A Literary Portrait (1985); and South by Southwest: 24 Stories from Modern Texas (1986), which he edited. In 1989 Graham published a highly regarded biography, No Name on the Bullet: A Biography of Audie Murphy. In 1998 Giant Country: Essays on Texas won a Violet Crown Award from the Austin Writers, League. In 2003 another book appeared alongside the work which will be staged in Salado: Kings of Texas: The 150-Year Saga

of an American Ranching Empire.

Kings of Texas won the Carr P. Collins Prize for Best nonfiction Book of the Year, awarded by the Texas Institute of Letters, in 2004. It was also a finalist for a Spur Award from the Western Writers of America. Lone Star Literature has been chosen for the One Book/One Arlington Program in Arlington, Texas, for Fall, 2004. Graham is past-president of the Texas Institute of Letters and a Writer-at-Large for Texas Monthly.



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The Salado Chamber of Commerce held a pair of ribbon cutting ceremonies last week. Above, Holly Dunn's Art Song Gallery was welcomed May 14. The gallery is located in the new Stage Stop retail center on Main St. The following day, May 15, the chamber inducted Miller Fine Art Gallery into the fold (below). Miller Fine Art is located in The Colony shopping center, on Main St. (PHOTOS BY CHRIS MCGREGOR AND MARILYN FLEISCHER)



Miller Fine Art Gallery welcomes artists, public in May 15 reception

The recently opened Miller Fine Art Gallery, located in The Colony, 227 N. Main St., hosted an artist's reception May 15, featuring a meet and greet with artists Bill Worrell and Jim Eppler, both of whom are represented in the gallery.

Worrell, a Hill Country resident who has been an artist for over three decades, has made his name through both his work in sculpture and painting, both possessing a distinctively primitive and mystical Southwestern feel. Many of his works are personal interpretations of ancient Native American pictographs found along parts of the Pecos and Rio Grande rivers.

He traces these influences back to 1979, the year of his first visit to the Lower Pecos River at the Pandale Crossing, a place full of pictographs, some of them nearly 5,000 years old.

A university art professor at the time, Worrell was deeply impacted by the ancient designs, transforming them into his own notions of what they represent.

Worrell maintains studios both in Santa Fe and in Texas. He has been a featured artist in more than 100 one-man shows, and a 17'3" bronze of his, titled "The Maker of Peace," was purchased by the State of Texas, and now overlooks the Fate Bell rock shelter at Seminole Canyon State Historical Park between Langtry and Comstock, in West Texas. He is exhibited all across the U.S., and his pieces are featured in collections throughout the

Jim Eppler has been described as having the ability to bring the "power, beauty, harshness and magnetic attraction of nature to...paintings and bronzes."

His lifelong love of wildlife and the outdoors combine with his vivid use of color and form to achieve one-of-a-kind pieces that reflect his personality and philosophy.

A resident of Lubbock, Eppler is also a graduate of Texas Tech University, earning a bachelor's degree in art.

He limits himself to no single genre, working with paints, sculpture and pho-



One of Bill Worrell's larger than life pieces, displayed outside Miller Fine Art Gallery. (Photo By MARILYN FLEISCHER)

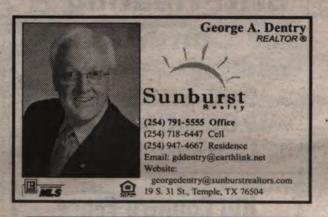
tography. His primary subjects are animals, captured in their natural forms.

In addition to being represented in Miller Fine Art Gallery, Eppler's work also appears in galleries in Arizona, Washington, California, New Mexico and New York City, as well as many others. Eppler is included in the Portfolio Press publications, Wildlife Art, 60

Contemporary Masters and Their Work.

More information about either of these artists can be found at www.billworrell.com, www.epplerart.com, or www.cmillergallery.com.

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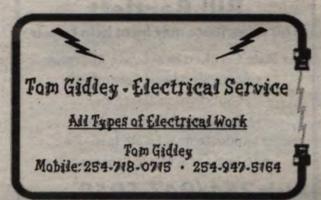




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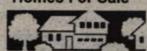
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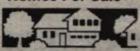
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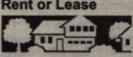
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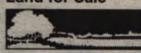


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\$149,000 - Within walking distance to the Mill Creek Pro Shop. This home is extremely well maintained. Private back yard with several covered porches. A must see.



\$129,800 - Texas decor make this home like living in a B&B. Updated 2002-2003. Romantic two-person Jacuzzi in MBR, pedestal sinks. Stone patios and fountain. Awesome trees. 16X20 workshop, 8X10 shed.



\$259,500 - This beautiful home sits on Salado Creek & Mill Creek Golf Course #13 green. Features include wood floor entry, built-in cabinets, bright kitchen with see-through white cabinets, oversized garage, speaker system wired, including deck area.



\$119,900 - Located on a secluded acre in Live Oak Estates. this home has an open floor plan and French doors throughout.

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\$185,000 - Spacious 4 BR home in Mill Creek backs up to bluff with beautiful trees. Great deck on back with privacy, perfect for relaxing or entertaining.



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\$179,000 - Located on quiet cul-de-sac in Mill Creek within walking distance of pro shop. Great patio for entertaining. Large family room. Recently updated carpet, paint & tile.



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- \$199,900 Comfortable home on 7.7 acres UC • \$209,800 - 2 story country style home & shop. 3.5 acres - UC
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- \$224,500 4 BR home on 60 acres in Rogers.

- \$224,500 4 BR home with deck on 2 Mill Creek lots. UC
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- \$259,500 3 BR overlooking Salado Creek & #13 Green. • \$259,900 - 4 BR home w/ pool & waterfall, landscaped.
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- \$279,000 4 BR home on 5 acres with covered porch.
- \$324,900 4 BR, 3-1/2 BA home overlooking golf course.
- \$325,000 4 BR Home overlooking Mill Creek #4 hole.
- \$328,000 73.98 acres with cabin, pool & RV hookups.
- \$330,000 15 acres, 3 BR, 2 BA, gameroom, RV garage UC \$338,500 - 4,000 SF home on 2 acres in Woods of Salado.
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- \$1,249,000 Executive 4 BR home on Salado Creek.

Acreage Available

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Lots

Mill Creek Lots

- 700 Indian Trail. \$30,000
- Fletcher Ct. \$68,000
- O.W. Lowrey \$70,000
- 1401 Mill Creek Dr. \$100,000

Woods of Salado Lots

- Mountain Dr. Lot 5A- \$39,500, Lot 5B \$39,500, Lot 6A - \$42,500.
- · Hodge Canyon Dr. \$39,500

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Wildflower - Beautiful 2 story home. 4BR/2-1/2 BA. Huge kitchen w/ island, opens up to den. \$369,000.