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Thelma Griffin, a teacher from Athens, signs up for the prize drawings during Labor Day weekend. The prizes are being given away through the Salado Business Association's Salute to Texas Educators, which continues through this weekend.

Salado's Salute to Texas Educators continues with drawings this week

Salado businesses continue their second annual Salute to Texas Educators this weekend. The event is organized to honor and recognize Texas public and private school educators for their service and dedication to Texas children and young adults.

The Salado Business Association and First State Bank Central Texas sponsor the event that gives away thousands of dollars in gifts to teachers, administrators, university professors and support personnel in Texas schools.

More than 40 free \$100, to \$500, to \$700 door prizes have been announced by Salado business owners. Teacher registration for door prizes continues through Sep. 12. Registration is free to all Texas educators and absolutely no purchase is necessary to register.

Educators are invited to register for bed and breakfast stays, rounds of golf, a \$150 spa treatment, limited edition prints by nationally famous artists, \$200 pottery classes, a \$700 Pfaff baby lock serger, a \$500 weekend in Salado, dining and lodging at Stagecoach Inn and numerous \$100 shopping and dining certificates from Salado restaurants, clothiers, antique, home decor and specialty shops.

Businesses onboard to honor Texas teachers include Stagecoach Inn, Heirlooms, Gregory's, The Range at the Barton House, Stanford Court, Miz Tillywiggers, Chameleon Clothiers, Southern Comforts, Janelle's Strawberry Tenroc Event Center, Royal Street Provision Country Inn, Red Barn Hideaway, Stonecreek Settlement, Riverview Suite, Alice's, MJ's Country Corner, Prellop Fine Art Gallery, Holly Dunn's Art Song Gallery, Wells Gallery, Rosanky's, The Sewing Basket, Three Dogs or a Quilt, Ings, Charlotte's of Salado, Sweet Dreams, Salado Galleries, Stagecoach Galleries, Essengee's, Splendors, Mud Pies Pottery, Angelic Herbs and Inspirations, Salado Wedding Wishes, Serenity Spa, Patty Thomas Studio, Mill Creek Golf Club, Uniquely Europe, Salado Mansion Restaurant, Good Time Carriage Rides, Susan Marie's, Salado Haus, Main Street Weaterhstone Place, Bed and Breakfast Inn, Horsefeathers, Accents of Salado Halley House and Rose Mansion.

To see the gifts, visit www.salado.com or call (254) 947-5040.

Fantasy Faire comes to life

Salado's Tablerock Amphitheater and the adjoining one half mile walking trail will be transformed into a land of legend and myth on Sept. 18 and 19. Gates open at 10 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

Tablerock's tree-lined walking paths will host artisans and performers from across the state. Historical demonstrations and lively characters from ancient imaginations

promise to provide fun for all ages. The gathering's entertainment of skits, plays, songs, stories, fire eaters, jugglers and demonstrations such as weaving and blacksmithing will inspire and awe. Merchants will provide food and drink, medieval clothing, weapons and tools, fanciful trinkets and homemade items of the highest quality.

All day tickets of \$5 for

adults and \$3 of children may be purchased at the gate. Parking is limited. For more information, call 947-9205.

Tablerock Festival will also bring William Shakespeare's *A Comedy of Errors* to the outdoor stage Sept. 11, 18, 19, 25 and 26. The play will be directed by David Dunlap. Admission is \$10 per person, children \$5.

Village brings 113 into ETJ

By TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Aldermen approved 113 requests Sep. 2 from area residents to be brought into the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the Village of Salado.

In separate ordinances for each property, the aldermen expanded the ETJ of Salado by more than five square miles, over twice the size of the Salado city limits (two square miles).

During the same meeting, the board also conducted the second of three public hearings on the annexation request of citizens living in Mill Creek Springs II and III, which abut the city limits of Salado.

A vast majority of the approximately 50 residents in those neighborhoods voted in favor of being annexed into the city limits of Salado.

State law allows a neighborhood or subdivision as a whole to request annexation into the city limits of a neighboring municipality when a majority of residents vote in favor of becoming part of the city.

Pete Stebbins, one of those residents who organized the informal vote, said that he and his neighbors favored annexation into Salado for several reasons, including police protection and regulatory ordinances.

Having two different but similar efforts coinciding -- Mill Creek's annexation request and the ETJ inclusion requests of area residents -- has caused some confusion about procedures and regulations of annexation into the city limits as opposed to inclusion in the ETJ of Salado.

Salado cannot annex at-will, but must rely on property owners within the ETJ of the village and contiguous to the city limits to request annexation into the city. Those requests can come one property at a time, such as Fairway Golf Carts, which was annexed last year, or by the request of a neighborhood or subdivision which votes for annexation into Salado.

Before it can vote on the request of those residents, the Village board of alder-

men must conduct three public hearings. The Village will conduct the final hearing on the request by Mill Creek Springs II and III residents 6:30 p.m. Sep. 16 at the Salado Civic Center.

Requests for inclusion into the ETJ of the village must be considered individually. A neighborhood, or subdivision, cannot hold a "vote" to decide among themselves to be brought into the ETJ of Salado. Each property owner must file the petition with the Village of Salado. Those petitions can be considered in groups, as long as they are contiguous to the Village of Salado ETJ.

Aldermen can consider ETJ Expansion requests at the meeting in which they are first presented, rather than conducting three public hearings as they are doing for the Mill Creek Springs II and III annexation. This allows for much quicker expansion of the ETJ of Salado.

A map showing the ETJ expansion can be seen at the Village of Salado office, 313 Stagecoach Rd.

Wine Tasting benefits PALS

The Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) will produce "A Wine Tasting Under the Stars" 6-8 p.m. Sep. 27 at Salado's Inn on the Creek, located on Center Circle. Admission is \$25 for this second annual fund raising event for the arts and artists in Salado.

This year's tasting is co-chaired by Patsy and Ronnie Tynes, with the assistance of last year's chair; Fran Harris, as well as wine supplier; Clinton Harwell of Pignetti's Italian Restaurant.

Wines featured from the "Old World" are Italian (LaVilla; Dievoel; Il Bastardo; Renzo Masi) and Spanish (Zumaya; Abrazo; Esperanza; Albada). "New World" wines are Australian (Cockatoo Ridge) and Californian (Toad Hollow; Esser; Rutz Cellars). Wine broker is Rick Sides.

Hors d'oeuvres, prepared by Inn on the Creek, are Savory Cheesecake



Last year's chair Fran Harris is shown with this year's co-chair Patsy and Ronnie Tynes. This year's Wine Tasting will be Sep. 27 at Inn on the Creek.

with Fresh Fruit and Crackers; Artichoke Dip with Spinach; Roasted Pork Loin with rolls; Smoked Salmon Dip with Dill; Red Onions; and Cucumbers; Roasted Eggplant Dip with Pita Triangles; and Meatballs with Mushroom Wine Sauce.

Beginning Sep. 13, reservations may be made by calling 947-8300.

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The War on Obstetrics

It wasn't long ago that the obstetrician was celebrated in American culture as the reassuring professional who did the work necessary to produce that joyous first wail of a newborn. Now obstetricians are filling a different role -- the target of medical liability suits.

Amazingly enough, we have created a legal system that disadvantages people who deliver babies. These aren't tax evaders, corrupt polluters or any other bogeymen you can conjure up. Obstetricians make the unlikeliest of anti-heroes, but they are nonetheless portrayed that way every day in America's courtrooms and, as a consequence, collectively punished for, essentially, their interest in women's health and babies.

The lawsuit-driven crisis in obstetrics has prompted the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists to make tort reform its highest legislative priority. The issue deserves all the more scrutiny given that the Democratic ticket features a candidate, John Edwards, who made the fortune that funded his political career partly by suing obstetricians. The Democratic Party has, more firmly than ever, aligned itself with the vultures feasting on obstetrics.

Entering the field is now basically signing up to be sued. On average, OB-GYNs have 2.6 claims filed against them during their careers. No wonder one in seven members of the ACOG has stopped practicing obstetrics. With insurance premiums in some states hitting more than \$100,000 a year, it's a profession that doesn't pay.

Many of the lawsuits are over children with neurological damage such as cerebral palsy. The theory often is that a doctor's negligence during childbirth kept the baby from getting enough oxygen. Edwards successfully sold this theory to juries. It is problematic at best.

Rich Lowry



A recent ACOG study concluded that less than 10 percent of cases of neurological impairment were caused by events during labor, and even in most of those cases the problems were not preventable. Deliveries by Caesarian section have increased from 6 percent in 1970 to 26 percent today -- to make it harder for a trial lawyer to argue that a C-section would have prevented a baby's disability. But a study last year found that cases of cerebral palsy had remained steady despite the increase in C-sections.

Of course, there are instances of real medical malpractice, which should be compensated. But it cannot be the case, as the pattern of lawsuits now suggests, that nearly every obstetrician in America is incompetent and negligent.

The lawyers who game this system are simply scoundrels. Not just in how they coax millions out of the American health care system, but in how they play on the understandable emotions of heartbroken and scared parents, telling them an alluring lie: that no tragedy in this life is unpreventable, that nothing goes wrong without it being someone's fault, a fault that can be precisely calibrated and paid out in a settlement or jury award.

America should make itself safe again for doctors who deliver babies.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Bush energizes GOP convention; "War vs. Economy" gives voters clear cut choice on November 2

The Republican National Convention ended last Thursday evening with a comfortable speech by President George W. Bush, who accepted his party's nomination for reelection, while extending what he hoped was an open invitation to the undecided moderate voters of America to join him for four more years of uninterrupted conservative leadership, at a time when American troops are fighting a dangerous postwar religious insurgency in Iraq and Afghanistan.

There is little doubt that Bush will highlight his leadership of a nation-at-war as the cornerstone of the final two month's of campaigning. He will conjure up other presidents who successfully sought reelection during an all-out armed conflict, including Abraham Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt, and urge voters not to change leaders during today's war on terror here at home, as well as overseas in the oil rich Middle East.

John Kerry, the Democratic challenger for the Oval Office, will keep aloft the tattered banner of an economy in need of immediate assistance, while campaigning with ways and means of creating employment; stopping the worldwide outsourcing of jobs; mending medicare; halting the outrageous prescription drug price-spiral; and providing health coverage for 45 million uninsured citizens. To be paid for - in the main - by taking back tax cuts given to the wealthiest members of our society.

For the next 54 days Bush will demonize Kerry's economic and social plans, while keeping the war on the front burner. Kerry will do just the opposite, and as a result voters will have a clear choice as to what is most important to them at this point in time.

With the nation divided almost equally - not counting the post convention's temporary "bump" gained by GOPers - it looks as if the undecided-independent-moderate voters will be (as expected) the ones who will choose between "The War" or "The Economy" as their first concern - and on that basis either return Bush to the White House or challenge Kerry to provide new leadership for a nation facing both foreign and domestic problems.

PREDICTION ANYONE?

If anyone can predict with certainty how this election will come out, they need to come forward and tell the rest of us what sort of entrails they are using to create their witches brew of haruspiction - an ancient word meaning nothing more than pure guesswork. Similar to doping out the winner of a horse race.

And folks - we're talking here about a super-close political contest from now to November - that we hope (and even pray) won't be decided once again by a single supreme court jurist's vote.

"WHY THE HATE?"

Cal Thomas, one of the less kindly spirits who sullenly promotes the GOP's right wing, was ruminating in his column last week about liberals and their feelings towards President Bush.

Good old Cal asked: "Why do they hate him?" He referred to a hatred he claims is "more intense than Republican animosity towards Bill Clinton." Thomas admitted that the "Fringe Right scurrilously labeled Clinton a drug dealer and murderer (among other things) for which there was no proof."

Having said all that - writer Thomas then proceeded to complain that Liberals hate Bush because of his convictions - about Iraq, tax cuts, and faith. And finally this champion of the righteous right unloaded the denouement to his

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



RIGHT WING WRITER SAYS LIBERALS "KNOW NO TRUTH" AND THEN WONDERS WHY THERE IS HATE BETWEEN THE INTENSELY DIVIDED POLITICAL PARTIES.

thesis: "Liberals are unsure of what they know to be true, because they know no Truth!"

Now - there's a vilified charge that should raise the hackles of anyone with a grain of civil-decency, regardless of party affiliation and explains clearly why liberals turn ugly - be they Democratic or Republican (oh yes, there are Liberal Republicans, mostly kept in the attic - but they're around) and certainly escalates the current mean-spirited "tit-for-tat political exchange" between the two parties. Both of whom are equally to blame for the verbal "dog's dinner" being served during this year's presidential embroilment.

MEANWHILE - OVER IN BELTON

If you were under the impression that political fussing takes place only at the national level - we would hasten to disabuse you of that false notion.

Right over in our own county seat, the battle - over moving the Courthouse out by the Expo Center - continues. You may have thought that after two failed elections and the Commissioner's proper decision to build (without a bond issue) a smaller courthouse on Loop 121.

Not so! Almost immediately after a fire broke out August 27, in one of the 40 year old Belton courthouse elevators - the forces that ganged up on the County Judge and Commissioners throughout the failed bond votes, regrouped and the old howl for a total Commissioner's Court resignation (plus Judge Burrows) reappeared.

The fire not only proved the need to replace the old elevators, as outlined time and again by county officials, but it also removed any lingering doubt that these same elevators are also on the verge of being condemned by the Federal disability access laws (fines estimated at \$5000 a day)

Unfortunately the fire was just what the most vocal naysayers needed to re-ignite their displeasure with county officials. E-mail accusations dealt with failure to repair and maintain the elevators; endangering lives of young and old; plus a wide variety of other wrongdoings.

Thankfully - the anti-group didn't suggest that the judge and his commissioners actually set the building on fire themselves!

Fact is - all elevators in Texas (including the ones in the current courthouse) are State-inspected each year and these inspectors are professionally exacting and accept no excuses. So the charge that maintenance and inspections were overlooked is spurious and slanderous.

Thank goodness we have men in top county elected positions who can weather the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" (Shakespeare's *Hamlet*) and continue giving us good government while holding costs to a prudent level.

That's -30-

Take childhood obesity seriously

overweight, followed by

on the list of was African-

Paso and Brownsville) fol-

lowed closely behind. The

Houston area (Region 5) is

another region showcasing

notably undesirable stu-

cern to researchers is the

growing numbers of Texas

children whose BMI was

already over 40, which is

considered to be indicative

grade, for example, 6.1

percent of African-Ameri-

can girls already had a

BMI greater than 40. Add

together the African-

American boys and girls

from the same grade and

the 40+ BMI score was 5.8

these are the reason why

Texas' statewide elected

officials and the Legisla-

ture have developed such

a keen interest in what

our kids eat in school and

whether they are allowed

to burn off some extra

calories during a recess.

Helping to slim down our

young people to healthier

weights may be the most

challenging public health

issue facing our state

hate to lose at anything,

but when it comes to the

excess weight on our

school kids -- I would

like to see us become the

nation's biggest losers!

I know we Texans

today.

Alarming statistics like

Looking at the 11th

One item of clear con-

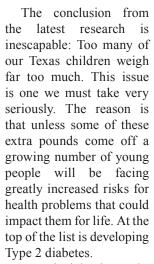
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American females.

Capitol **Update**

by State Representative Dianne White Delisi



How bad is the problem? Let me share with you some statistics from a study performed by the University of Texas School of Public Health that was presented to legislators earlier this summer. The School Physical Activity and Nutrition (SPAN) survey was conducted between 2000 through 2002 and used a sampling of 15,213 students from the fourth, eighth, and 11th grades. The study compiled body mass index (BMI) measurements based upon the student's height and weight and also gathered demographic data.

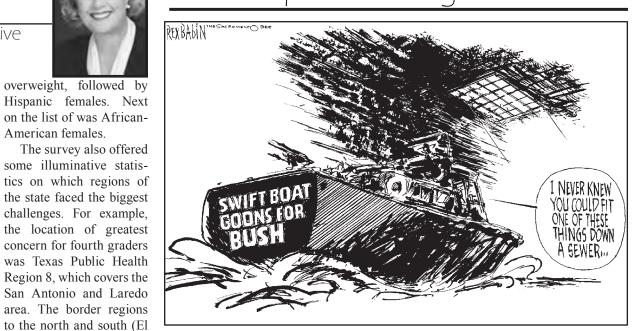
The survey's conclusion was that number of overweight school children in the Lone Star State was far greater than the average for the rest of the United States. The number of heavy Texas fourth graders was a stunning 68 percent higher than for our nation as a whole (25.7 percent vs. 15.3 percent). In the 2001-2002 schoolyear more than 35 percent of Hispanic boys in the fourth grade were determined to be too heavy.

Jump to the eighth grade and Texas kids are still above average, but not in a way any of us wants them to be. Our eighth graders are overweight at a rate 22 percent above the rest of the nation (18.8 percent vs. 15.3).

The number of overchildren weight appears to be steadily growing with each passing year. For example, in the 2000-2001 school-year survey, the number of heavy kids in the fourth grade was pegged at 22.4 percent. Jump to 2001-2002 and the percentage rises to 29 percent -- which amounts to more than a 25 percent increase.

Looking at demographics, Hispanic males had the highest rates of being

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Three years later

This month marks the third anniversary of the tragic September 11 terror attacks.

That fateful day was the first time since Pearl Harbor that we were assaulted on our own soil and the first strike on the continental United States in over a century. Everyone, even young children, remembers where they were when they heard the terrible news and saw the grisly images. Those terrorist acts have forever changed the American mindset.

But despite the losses of that day, Americans have proven they are up to the challenge. Citizens, soldiers and law enforcement have answered the call in the war on terror-

That we did not see the attacks coming is a collective burden that transcends political parties and falls on all branches of government, past and present. Since that horrible day, we have made tremendous, bipartisan progress to make America

We have designated a new department with the sole mission of protecting our country and nearly





Kay Bailey Hutchison U.S. Senator



tripled homeland security funding. I'm especially proud to have co-authored a law to better safeguard our airplanes - enhancing baggage and passenger screening and expanding the air marshals program.

Law enforcement officials estimate more than 100 planned terrorist attacks on our soil have been thwarted since 9/11, from an airplane passenger's simple plot to carry explosives in his shoes, to more complex designs that remain classified for our safety.

Abroad and At Home

Al Oaeda has been chased from Afghanistan and is on the run. In Iraq the brutal Saddam Hussein regime that supported terrorists is no more, though our enemies are making a desperate last stand. We must continue to help establish democratic governments in Afghanistan and Iraq to eliminate safe harbors for terrorists across the globe. We will see this mission through and send a message to terrorists and the world that freedom will triumph.

Clearly, we have more work to do to better protect our homeland, especially to improve rail and port security. Earlier this year, I introduced legislation that would strengthen and coordinate security measures for cargo shipping and use smart box technology. We must ensure our borders with Canada and Mexico are a priority and have the resources needed to stop would-be terrorists while

keeping commerce flow-

What Next

We must also ensure our law enforcement has the tools they need. The PATRIOT Act has helped us thwart terrorist attacks by granting new authority to law enforcement. But this law will expire at the end of 2005 unless Congress acts. We must not let these tools slip away.

The September 11th Commission recently proposed a number of changes including a single national intelligence director. Our commander-in-chief must comprehensive receive and accurate national security data, so I will give this recommendation serious consideration. Congress has already held many hearings and I believe more action should follow within the coming months.

Moving Forward

In the three short years since the terrorists struck, we have achieved significant progress. The surprise attack on our country in 1941 created the climate that produced the Greatest Generation. These men and women overcame evil regimes and other hardships with determination and humil-

Today we are in the midst of a similar battle. It is a calling we did not ask for but that we have no choice but to accept. Working together, we are on the path to defeat the terrorists, expand freedom and ensure our children and grandchildren enjoy a more secure future.

Fired CEO gets bundle



Jim **Hightower**

Getting fired is one of the sourest experiences you can have - unless, of course, you're the head honcho of a major corporation. Far from being sour, getting booted from the top suite can be a mighty sweet experience.

Take the recent case of Sir Philip B. Watts, the former chairman of Shell Oil, which is based in London. He became known to many as Sir Philip the Finagler after it was discovered in an internal investigation that, on his watch, Shell had been cooking its books Enron-style, claiming to own way more oil reserves than it actually has. Thanks to this illegal accounting, the company now faces several investigations, major fines, and class-action lawsuits.

I say, old boy, a bit of a sticky wicket, that! So sticky that last March, Shell's board asked Sir Philip to depart, leave, go away, skittle-skattle. But now it has been revealed that the board generously eased the egress of Chairman Watts by handing him a sweet severance package of \$1.9 million.

Imagine what would've gotten had he simply been Phil Watts and was a worker bee down in Shell's accounting hierarchy. But why have a title if it doesn't bring you special treatment? So instead of being cuffed and hauled out of the building by the bobbies, Sir Philip got a golden parachute to soften his landing. His severance package was the least of it. In addition, he'll also have a million-dollar annual pension to comfort him, a stock award worth another million bucks, and a \$1.5 million salary payment. Talk about enjoying your golden years!

If you own some Shell stock, you might share the outrage of other stockholders at this cavalier giveaway of your corporate funds. Pensions Investment Research Consultants is a London firm that represents institutional shareholders, and it's demanding new rules to give stockholders the power to approve or reject such golden parachutes. To connect with them, go to www.pirc.uk.co.



Education more than just classes

By John Cole, President Texas Federation of Teachers

A few years ago, the Texas Federation of Teachers arranged a visit to an Austin elementary school for a group of teacher union leaders from another nation. As we walked down a hallway we passed a cafeteria where students were eating lunch, a spectacle which stopped the foreign guests in their tracks.

Pointing at the activity in the cafeteria one of them asked, "What is that?" Upon learning that the school serves lunch to students, a guest asked incredulously, "You feed them lunch every day?"

"Yes," replied the school principal, "and we feed them breakfast too."

Schools in other nations don't feed schoolchildren. In fact, our schools serve children in many ways that Americans take for granted, though these extra services to children are rare outside our borders.

The first of these extra services comes very early in the day, when a school bus picks up students and carries them to school. While other nations leave that task to somebody else, our school bus drivers frequently provide door-to-door delivery of their precious cargo.

Since the U.S. is the only industrialized nation without a national health care system, our schools also have shouldered part of this responsibility. Whether it's aspirin or insulin, school nurses are ready to help. School nurses are rarely found in other nations' schools, and the cost for any nurse visiting a school would come out of the nation's health care budget, not from school funds.

School money doesn't pay for organized sports in most other nations. Our coaches teach all day and then tackle this task after school and on weekends. Other nations' schools let municipal programs, privately-formed clubs and associations, or religious institutions bear this load.

The list of services provided by our schools, but hardly ever found in other countries, is long. We counsel kids, feed them and tend to some of their basic medical needs. We provide educational opportunities for teenage mothers (and often watch over baby so mother can continue her education). We give troubled children a variety of special classes where they can continue to learn despite their behavioral problems.

Because our schools are "full service" institutions, we often get a bum rap from politicians who want an excuse to vote against school funding. Critics point out that 90 cents of every education dollar spent in the other countries winds up in the classroom, while only about half of educational spending in Texas goes directly for instructional costs. The allegation is that our schools waste money, while foreign schools are more effi-

Probably our schools could be more efficient, but the main reason we don't drive every dime of education dollars directly into the classroom is that we pay for services to children that other nations' schools ignore. Transportation, school meals, sports programs and counseling services cost money. But these things are also important if we want to give every kid a fair shot at an education.

teachers Classroom make up about 50 percent of the work force in our schools, but that does not mean that the other folks on the payroll are drones who contribute nothing to the cause. Take away our buses and some children would never make it to school. Cutting out breakfast and lunch programs would leave many children trying to learn with empty bellies. Eliminate extra-curricular programs and some students will drop out and lose a shot at a college scholarship.

We can never repay the debt we owe the dedicated teachers who have made Texas schools a shining star in recent years. Nor do adequate words exist to thank the bus drivers, food service workers, school nurses, guidance counselors, secretaries, aides and paraprofessionals who give our schools the ability to take care of so many of children's needs.

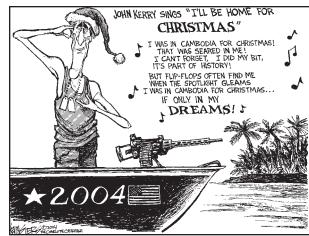
Texas' public schools will provide a great education to over four million students this year, but that is only half the story. No other nation does so much good for so many kids as do our full-service public schools.

John Cole is President of the Texas Federation of Teachers, which represents more than 51,000 teachers, paraprofessionals, support personnel, and higher-education employees across the state.

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Good news on Texas' SAT scores may not be so great

By Chris Patterson

The 2004 SAT scores are out and, according to Texas, major newspapers and the Texas Education Agency, the news is generally good. A closer look at the details, though, raises serious questions about the performance of Texas' most able students and the honesty of reports on public education.

As reported, the good news is SAT scores are up for Hispanic and African-American students while the achievement gap between student groups narrowed. A larger number of students took the test (2.5 percent increase) while scores held steady from previous years.

The bad news, generally obscured or ignored, is that scores for whites, Asians and other racial groups fell. The achievement gap was largely narrowed by bringing top scores down. Texas' average scores actually fell one point, continuing the downward creep of student performance that began in 1996. Down four points, from 996 to 992, Texas' average combined math and verbal score lies far below the national average of 1026.

The achievement gap between Texas students and their peers throughout the nation continues to grow. If students were ranked according to their peers in other states, a comparison discouraged by the SAT's governing College Board, Texas would rank among the lowest 10 states in the nation.

The percentage of students taking the test in Texas continues to diminish as a proportion of total student population. Only 52 percent of Texas students took the

SAT in 2004, a number that is above the national average of 48 percent, but below 20 other states, plus the District of Columbia. The percentage of public school students taking either the SAT or ACT in Texas, has been inching downward since 1993. In 1993, 64.2 percent of public school students took college readiness tests but only 61.9 percent of the class of 2002 was tested, according to the most recent statistics published by the TEA.

These numbers should hoist a red flag for Texans wanting public schools to prepare youth for gainful employment or post-secondary education, whether vocational training or at a university.

It's time for some tough questions: Why is the outcome of Texas public schools so dismal in comparison to other states? Why is the achievement of our most proficient students declining? Why are fewer students taking college readiness tests?

Some brush these questions aside with reassurances. The TEA proposes achievement will improve as more students take the Recommended High School Program, a curriculum described as college preparatory. More money will improve student outcomes, according to experts testifying for districts now suing taxpayers to increase school funding.

These reassurances are simply wishful thinking and can't be backed up by a single shred of objective, factual evidence. In fact, there's a ton of evidence arguing the contrary. More students are taking the Recommended High School Program today than ever before - 58.2 percent of the class of

2002 took the "college preparatory" coursework, up from 51.1 percent the previous year, without any demonstrable improvement in college readiness test scores.

There's evidence state standards are too low. A recent evaluation of state curriculum standards published by ACT warns the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills "doesn't necessarily prepare students for the kind of academic work that they will be expected to produce at college."

Scientific research offers no hope that increased funding will result in higher academic achievement. Decades of research, looking at schools in Texas, other states, and internationally, indicates the opposite is more likely. Places with the highest per pupil spending, such as in Kansas City and Washington, D.C., often demonstrate the lowest student achievement. The U.S., spending more than any other industrialized county participating in the Third International Mathematics and Science Study, ranks at the bottom for most measures of student achievement.

There's plentiful evidence about what can be done to improve student achievement: smarter spending of education dollars, strengthening the state curricula, administration of more rigorous, independent tests, and parental choice.

When Texans look beyond the silver lining of reports about public schools and press for proven solutions, we can create a system of public education that will serve all children.

Chris Patterson is director of research at Texas Public Policy Foundation.

Mr. Berrier deserves a medal

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Someone should pin a medal on Mr. Berrier! For many years, while living in Salado, I tried to get the Chamber of Commerce to clean out Salado Creek and restore it.

Finally, thank goodness, it looks as it did when my husband and I were children, and even as it did when we moved back home in 1980. But instead of removing all the washed-in gravel from upstream, the creek was left to deteriorate and become a very unsightly mess.

For many years, my father-in-law, Byron Bunker, voluntarily maintained both the park and the creek. When he could no longer manage, and could not recruit anyone to help him, rank neglect took over. The Chamber finally assumed care of the park, but the creek was ignored. Dad would be very proud of Mr. Berrier.

Isn't it a shame that we have allowed ourselves to become so ruled and regulated that we cannot even clean out a local beauty spot without all this fuss and upset? We should be rejoicing that there is someone public spirited enough to do such a fine job. The grass is beginning to cover the restored banks, and the watercress will not be far behind.

Hooray!

Maybe, one day, the catfish will also return.

Betty Bunker, Belton

PTO golf at Mill Creek Sep. 13

Thomas Arnold Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has announced plans for its 12th Annual Golf Tournament at Mill Creek Country Club. The Sep. 13 tournament will tee-off at 1 p.m. with a shot gun start.

Proceeds from the tournament are used to support events, projects and education tools for the children of Thomas Arnold Elementary. "This Fund raiser has always been a tremendous success for us and to-date is the most lucrative because of the generosity and support of its sponsors and players," said Kathy Daniell, one of the organizers.

Individuals can enter for \$60 per player. In addition to individual entries into the tournament, PTO raises funds through sponsorships by area businesses and individuals: green sponsorships are \$200; tee-box sponsorships are \$150 and fairway sponsorships are \$100.

Sponsorship individual entries can be mailed to Salado PTO, c/o Kathy Daniell, 600 Prairie Dell Church Rd., Salado, TX 76571. Make checks payable to Salado PTO. For more information, call 947-5993.



Brad McMurtry congratulates Tyree Kossie of Houston. Kossie won the Jr. Bull riding competition with a score of 87 points and takes home the prize.

Bash rated success by local FFA

Salado FFA Bull Bash, one of the organization's primary fundraisers, was a great success with held Aug. 21 at Wildfire many contestants and Roping Arena.

A total of four age groups competed at the Bull Bash. Winning the Mutton Bustin' division was Foster McCraw, of Cleveland, TX, with a time of 9.16. Sterling Furr, of Boerne, won the Steer Riding with a score of 39.

Coming out with first in the Jr. Bull Riding was Tyree Kossie, of Houston, with a score of 87. In the

The Fourth Annual Open Bull Riding no one covered the bulls.

> "The Bull Bash was fans coming out to watch the action," said Wendy Balch, one of the event's organizers. "The Salado FFA would like to thank all of the sponsors, stock contractors and volunteers for helping them pull of a successful Bull Bash."

> Upcoming Salado FFA events include the Annual Pig Sale, 2 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Bell County Expo Center.

Orchestra sets the mood for swinging the night away

secutive month, ballroom dancers from across the region will gather before a live orchestra in Temple and swing the night away.

The Central Texas Stardust Ballroom Dance Club, organized in 1984, has used club dues and guest fees to rent a hall and hire a band on the second Saturday of each month. It was registered this year as a non-profit corporation to help spur growth and con-

Downbeat for this year's September songs will be 8 p.m. Sep. 11 in the Strasburger Hall at the Cultural Activities Center in Temple. The Dick Thomas Orchestra will keep the rhythm running until 11:30 p.m.

The dance is open to the public at \$10 per person, abiding by the mandatory dress codes of coats and ties and afterfive attire. The smoke-

free venue offers soft drinks, setups and other refreshments. Singles are welcomed and may sit in a reserved section if they

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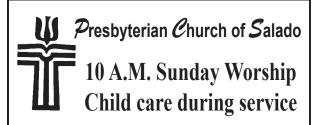
 Prayer Service
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The children of the Presbyterian Church of Salado are pictured checking over children's blankets made by the Salado Presbyterian Women for Casa de Esperanza (House of Hope), a children's shelter in Houston for abandoned and abused children.

Bible study classes begin Sep. 13

The Temple/Belton Community Bible Study (CBS) co-ed night class will hold its first class meeting 7:30 p.m. Sep. 13 in the old sanctuary of the First Baptist Church in Belton.

This year's study, "The Servants of God," will encompass the Old Testament books of Joshua, Judges, Ruth and Samuel I and II and will examine the lives of people like Joshua, Gideon, Samson, Ruth, Samuel and David. Anyone interested in joining the class is welcome to attend the introduction Sep. 13.

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nominational study for men, women and teens of all backgrounds who are interested in an indepth weekly study of God's Word. There are more than 484 CBS adult classes in the country, as well as 44 teen classes.

The Temple/Belton CBS class will meet every Monday night at the First Baptist Church in Belton, 7:30-9 p.m. Each week participants receive a reading commentary on the previous week's topic and a set of questions to work on each day covering the next week's reading.

These questions are discussed in small groups

of about 15. Couples can choose to participate together in a couple's small group or individually in a men's or women's small group. Following the small groups, there is a short lecture over the same section of scripture.

The class will break for several weeks at Christmas and Spring vacation and finish at the end of April 2005.

To register or receive additional information, call Kathie Kimes at 773-1842, Rick Erickson at 772-0237 or Curtis Gibson at 526-9128.

Monthly ministers' forum announced

The College of Christian Studies is introducing a new opportunity for ministers in the Central Texas area. A free monthly forum will be held on campus, which is open to all ministers of any denomination. The forums are set for 11:45 a.m. Thursdays, beginning on Sep. 23.

According to Dr. William Carrell, Dean of the College of Christian studies, the university is providing this opportunity to ministers as a time of fellowship and to hear a guest speaker, all over lunch. Lunch may be purchased at the dining hall or ministers may bring a brown bag lunch.

The first forum will feature Dr. Tony Martin, professor of religion at UMHB, who will speak on "Wisdom Literature of Israel."

For more information about this or other College of Christian Studies programs, call (254) 295-5075.

9/11 survivor to recount ordeal to UMHB

Stanley Praimnath, New York World Trade Center Tower II survivor, will be guest speaker at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor 11 a.m. Sep. 10 in the W.W. Walton Chapel.

The university will hold this chapel service to commemorate the events of September 11, 2001. The service is free and open to the public.

September 11, 2001 began like any other day for Bethel Assembly of God deacon and Sunday school superintendent Stanley Praimnath of Elmont, Long Island.

He got up early, took a shower, prayed, got ready and headed for work. The drive was uneventful. The train ride was the same. Yet, this day he would see the hand of God spare his life. "For some particular reason, I gave the Lord a little extra of myself that morning [during prayer]," Stanley said. "I said, 'Lord, cover me and all my loved ones under your precious blood.' And even though I said that and believed it, I said it over and over and over."

When Praimnath arrived at World Trade Center Tower Two, he took the elevator up to his office on the 81st floor. "I work for the Fuji Bank Limited," he said. "I'm an assistant vice president in the Loans Operations Department. The company is located on the 79th through 82nd floors."

Praimnath greeted Delise, a young lady who had arrived before him. After talking briefly, he headed over to his desk and picked up his phone to retrieve his messages. "As I'm standing there retrieving my messages, I'm looking out at the next building, One World Trade, and I saw fire falling through from the roof," Praimnath said.

As Praimnath saw "fire balls" coming down," his first reaction was to think of his boss who works in that building. He decided to try to call him to see if he was okay. "I'm dialing his number, and getting no response. So, I say to Delise, the temp, 'Go, go, go--let's get out."

Hear the remainder of his entire story of his escape from the World Trade Center Tower II in the upcoming UMHB service.

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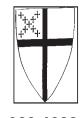
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Things to keep in mind for your autumn garden

By Debbie Lauer Bell County Master Gardener

This is it, our last month of hot weather. Those of us who have been hibernating in the air conditioning and doing only the minimum outside are now getting restless and want to get started with some cool season gardening.

Don't succumb to the urge too soon, however. It is too late to add hot weather things to the garden and too early to add cool weather flowers. Here are some ideas for what you can do to keep what is still alive going and to prepare for the cooler season to come.

Take a look around your garden and see what did well this year in the heat. Take some notes so you don't have to rely on your memory next year. Start a gardening journal to keep track of it all. Be sure to record failures and successes.

Lightly prune and deadhead zinnias, marigolds, salvias and other things still producing color to encourage them to continue blooming.

Don't let plants with berries get dried out. The

berries will suffer and might fall off from lack of moisture. Your birds will thank you later.

Prune dead or diseased wood from scrubs and trees. Wait to do major pruning until midwinter as major pruning may stimulate tender new growth just prior to frost when it could be killed.

Remove dead canes and weak growth from roses to stimulate new growth for the fall.

Prepare beds now for spring flowering bulbs. Be sure to cultivate the soil and add a good amount of organic material to ensure that there is adequate drainage so the bulbs will spring not rot. Divide blooming perennials such as gaillardia, canna lilies. day lilies, violets, irises. Shasta daisies and lirope if you did not do so earlier. Trim off spent flowers dried and dead stalks and leaves from your summer blooming perennials. Scatter any seeds from spent flowers; you just might have a bumper crop next spring of your favorites. Perennials that have finished blooming should not be fertilized any further as they will not actively grow during

the winter season.

As it begins to cool down, think about fertilizing your lawn one last time. If hot weather persists until late in the month it can also be done in October. Do not add more than one pound of Nitrogen per 1,000 square The last fertilizer

of the year is for building healthy roots to help survive the winter, not greening up your grass.

Continue to cut your grass at a higher height. When the cold weather hits the roots will be better protected. If you have had Brown Patch problems in previous years mid to late September is the time to apply a preventative fungicide against future outbreaks of this disease. Be sure to get a fungicide for labeled Brown Patch, wear protective clothing and follow label directions.

If you have moved some of your houseplants

outside for the summer it is time to get them readjusted to lower light conditions.

Finally, if you have an area that gets at least eight hours of sunlight a day consider planting wildflowers late September and early October.

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After quick nap, Eagles send

By TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For just a few seconds, it looked as if it were going to be another long Friday night for Eagles fans, when Salado allowed Clifton's Mitch Nichols to return the opening kick more than 95 yards for a quick touchdown before many fans took their seats Sep. 3.

Those 21 seconds were the only ones in which the host team Clifton Cubs had the upperhand. The



No slowing down

Josh Jacobsen evades the grasp of a Clifton Cub on his way toward the goal line. Jacobsen had his best game ever with over 200 yards rushing, leading Salado to a lop-sided 28-7 victory. The Cubs' only score was in the opening seconds, when Mitch Nichols returned the opening kick off 97 yards for a touchdown.



PUBLIC NOTICE ANNEXATION OF MILL CREEK SPRINGS PHASE II & III

In order to provide for orderly growth and preserve the fiscal health of the community, the Village of Salado will institute proceedings to include Mill Creek Springs Phase II and III into the Village of Salado city limits. Maps are on display for your convenience at the Village's Municipal Building. The Board of Aldermen will conduct two public hearings:

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> And the second will be Thursday, September 16, 2004 at 6:30PM **Civic Center**

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rest of the night belonged to the Eagles as Salado piled on four touchdowns on their way to a 28-7 win the second week of the football season. The Eagles also piled on 371 yards offense, 303 coming on the ground.

While fans were taking their seats and hoping the Eagles could overcome the surprising touchdown by Clifton, Salado running backs Josh Jacobsen and Jesse Rodriguez relentlessly pushed the ball forward. Seven straight running plays moved the ball 60 yards in less than three minutes. Jacobsen ran through a gaping hole in the defensive line and then shucked two defensive backs for a 19-yard touchdown at 8:45 in the first quarter. Nick Everett's kick tied the score.

Jacobsen would go on to rush for 212 yards on 24 carries for the night to lead the Eagles offense. Wesley Ruth, sharing time at the quarterback spot with Josh Shaw, ran 12 times for 62 yards and Rodriguez had 29 yards on 10 carries.

While the score of 28-7 was lopsided, it was not indicative of how dominant the Eagles were over the Cubs. As the Eagles offense ate up the clock and the field, the Salado defense permitted the Cubs only 125 yards, most of that in the air. The Eagles also caused and recovered two fumbles and intercepted Tim Miller once. Clifton got past the midfield mark thrice and never penetrated the Eagles' red zone.

Salado sophomore linebacker Justin Konzen intercepted Miller's pass and returned it 50 yards the only time that Clifton pushed the line of scrimmage past midfield in the first half. Konzen's pick

Clifton Cubs into hibernation

off gave Salado the ball at Clifton's 26 yard line, but the Cubs took over when Jacobsen was stripped of the ball at the 10 yard line. Salado coaches protested the call to no avail; the so-called fumble was not the only questionable call of the night to go Clifton's way.

However, the Eagles needed no help from the men in stripes as Slayt Ebeling recovered Nichols' fumble at Clifton's nine-yard line with 10:38 left in the first half. On third down at the Cubs' seven, Ruth rolled out and connected with Brandon Peters for the touchdown at 9:03 in the second. Everett converted the PAT for Salado's 14-7 lead.

The Eagle defense forced Clifton to punt from their own 33-yard line. After an illegal blocking call on the return, Salado took over at their 26-yard line and drove 74 yards in less than two minutes. Most of it was on Jacobsen's legs, who had carries of 12, 38, and 23 yards, dashing into the defensive secondary through holes cavernous enough for a fat, slow, middleaged white guy (such as this writer) to stumble through. Offensive linemen Jacob Williams, Cody Gobin, Jared Quirk, Tommy Lyssy and Russell Montgomery provided the paths to the secondary for Jacobsen and Jacobsen provided the quickness to get past the linebackers. Chris Asikis was the lone defender to keep Jacobsen from the end zone on his 38-yard jaunt to move the ball to the Clifton 29 yard line. Jacobsen pushed the ball in from the Clifton six yard line two plays later at 5:31 in the half. Everett's kick gave Salado its halftime lead of 21-7.



Nowhere to go . . .

Salado senior Devon Dunn cuts off a Clifton Cub running back during the Sep. 3 thrashing by the Eagles. Salado defense held the Cubs to less than 40 yards total offense in the first half and continued their domination of the hosting team in the second half. Altogether, the Eagles gave up only 125 yards total offense, most of it in the air. Salado gets a week off before facing Troy Sep. 17. for Homecoming. (Photo BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Though the Eagles scored only once in the second half, they continued to dominate the Cubs. The Eagles took the opening kick off and marched to the Cubs 32 yard line, where they faced fourth and six to go. Ruth kept the ball and got to the 26 yard line, but the mark left him two inches short of the first down midway through the third quarter.

Devon Dunn blocked a Cub punt after Salado allowed just six yards in three plays, but Clifton recovered the ball and got a fresh set of downs. Konzen picked up a Cub fumble, but coughed the ball up, again allowing Clifton to retain possession and a first down at their own 37 yard.

With 4:21 left in the third quarter, the Salado defense permitted Clifton to advance the ball only 12 yards in a series of 12 plays before Clifton punted away early in the fourth quarter.

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fourth quarter.

Crunch!

Cody Gobin crushes the Clifton quarterback after shucking two blockers during the Eagles' 28-7 win over the hometown Cubs. (Photo BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

The Eagles took over at their own 20 yard line and took three minutes and one second to chew up 80 yards of turf to get into the end zone with 8: 41 left in the game. Salado combined running and passing to cover the yardage, including passes from Ruth to Stephen Fry and Blake Newman for first downs in the drive. Stepping in at quarterback, Shaw lofted a pass into

the soft hands of Dunn for a 25-yard touchdown, Dunn's second of the season, with 8:41 left in the game. Everett's toe made the score 28-7.

But it could have been even more lopsided as Salado relentlessly pushed the ball 54 yards in the closing minutes of the game before mercifully taking a knee at the Cubs seven yard line with seven seconds left in the game.



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Girls start district at 10-8

Coming into her first year as Salado's head volleyball coach, Stacy Lisenbe considered one her biggest challenges to be instilling a winning attitude in the girls.

So far, her efforts are paying off, as the Lady Eagles have compiled a 10-8 record entering district play this week. That win total far eclipses that of a season ago.

Salado began last week with a non-district match against Bartlett, which they lost in five close games, including 15-17 in the fifth. Lisenbe stated that her girls were well

ahead in several of the sets, but allowed the lead to slip away at the end. "We just didn't play well," she concluded.

The Lady Eagles followed that tough loss by traveling to compete in the Florence Invitational tournament. The girls defeated Granger in two quick games to open the tourney, advancing into the winners bracket.

They then took on district-favorite Jarrell in round two. Although Salado was dismissed in consecutive games, the scores were very close, 23-25 and 23-25.

Due to Buckholts and Bruceville Eddy pulling out of the tournament, Salado was relegated to the loser's bracket for scheduling reasons - not an entirely fair move, but one the Lady Eagles had to deal with.

They made the most of the situation, defeating Killeen Ellison's JV in two, then Johnson City in three, and closing out the tournament with another two-game victory over Granger to earn the Lady Eagles the consolation medal. Kate Marshall was named to the all-tournament team.

The Lady Eagles began district competition against Lago Vista Sep. 7. Results to follow next

Junior High Results

The Eighth Grade A Team defeated Jarrell in two games Sep. 1: 25-21 and 25-14.

Against Academy Aug. 26 the Seventh Grade B Team won in three: 19-25, 25-9, 15-2. The A Team also won in three: 25-19, 15-25, 25-23.

With only the A Team competing against Jarrell Aug. 30, Salado was defeated in three: 25-21, 12-25, 21-25.

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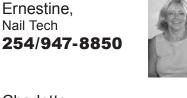
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JV, freshmen allow 6 combined first downs recovered a fumble.

air only twice the entire game says something about how effectively a team is running the ball.

With only two pass attempts, the Salado JV Eagles ran to a dominating 26-0 win over their counterparts from Clifton Sep. 3, running Salado's record to 2-0.

Joseph Clinerd got the scoring started for the Eagles, punching it in from five yards out in the game's opening quarter. The two-point run attempt failed.

It was Clinerd again in the second, this time hitting the end zone from nine yards out. The successful point after from the boot of Justin Powell gave the Eagles a 13-0 lead.

The second quarter bonanza was just beginning, however. Tanner Meyers followed Clinerd's TD

Putting the ball in the by taking a reverse from Clifton was never really within the 10-yard line and scampering in for a nine-yard touchdown run. The PAT attempt failed, taking the score to 19-0.

> Leo Galvan brought the game's scoring to a close towards the end of the first half with his seven yard TD run. Powell successfully converted the point after.

> Just as much as the offense, the Eagle defense deserves credit for the win. Clifton advanced the ball past midfield only once in the entire game, and tallied just four first downs. Coach Jerod Womack credits the play of Kevin Goodman, Colby Cox and Josh Bush for stymying the Cub offense. Other standouts included Clinerd, Galvan and Mey-

Freshmen Football

The outcome of the freshmen game versus in question, as the Eagles cruised to a 28-0 victory Sep. 3.

With the defense sparked by solid efforts from the linebacker position - allowing a total of two first downs the whole game, Nick Mohammed ran for two touchdowns. David Rosenau returned an interception for another score, and Johnny Nix tallied the other touchdown in the shutout victory.

From his quarterback position, Matt Fritsch led the offense, calling several audibles correctly from the line of scrimmage. Coach Tom Long stated that he was impressed with the play of Salado's special teams, as well.

The win improved the freshmen to 1-1, having lost their opening game to Liberty Hill. The team next plays Class 3A China Spring 5 p.m. Sept. 9, in

China Spring. **Junior High Football**

The eighth grade Eagles used special teams and defense to shut out Clifton 14-0 in the season opener Sep. 2.

After a scoreless first half, Jerod Lutz took the opening kickoff in the second half 72 yards to set up an 18-yard touchdown run from Garrett Ward, breaking the tie. The conversion was unsuccessful.

Nursing a 6-0 lead, Salado put the game away in the fourth when Ward scored for the second time, this occasion from four-yards out.

In addition to the strong runs of Ward, Josh Rodriguez, Jacob Peschel and Logan Foster each took turns moving the chains. According to Coach Bobby Peschel, strong blocking from the offensive line of Bryce Dunks, Barton Grigsby, Tyler Collins, Juan Magadan and tight end C.J. Litttle paved the way for the ground assault. The receiving corps of Matt Ming, Jerod Lutz and Rob Little also contributed.

Defensively, it was Rodriguez, Foster, Collins, Little, Ward and Jake Bradshaw standing out. Clayton Whitmire also

The seventh graders scrimmaged Clifton, with the A Team scoring on a 26-yard strik from Trent Wagnon. The B Team did not score. Standouts were Cole Raley, Brandon Heller, Boomer Wells,

Jose Rodriguez, Caleb

Little, Ethan Mitchell and

Jace Maldanado.

Varsity hoopsters to play on Spurs' home court Nov. 24

Prior to the Nov. 24 between tip-off San Antonio Spurs and Dallas Mavericks at San Antonio's SBC Center, the Varsity Eagles boys basketball team will face Class 3A Aransas Pass - a top ten ranked squad - in a special invitational game.

Salado fans have been given an allotment of 150 tickets, of which 139 had been spoken for as of press time. According to Coach

Tom Long, however, more tickets can be obtained if needed.

Tickets are priced at \$20.35 each, and also allow entry into the NBA game that will follow later in the evening. The Salado/Aransas Pass game will begin at 3:45 p.m.

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Sep. 15: Pizza, chicken fried steak sandwich, chef salad, roasted red potatoes, baked potato, burger salad, corn, fresh fruit, breadstick, peaches, condiments, milk.

Sep. 16: Spaghetti and meat sauce, nachos, pizza, chef salad, peas and carrots, Texas toast, corn, fresh fruit, mixed fruit, oven fries, condiments,

Sep. 17: Cheesburger, chopped BBQ on bun, pizza, chef salad, pinto beans, fresh fruit, apple slices, burger salad, oven fries, condiments, milk.

Lunch Thomas Arnold Elementary

Sep. 13: Chili Mac, beef, chef salad, hoagie, green beans, mixed fruit, cornbread, milk.

Sep. 14: Chopped BBQ on bun, chef salad, hoagie, ranch style beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Sep. 15: Grandparents' Day: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, peaches, rolls, cherry cobbler, milk.

Sep. 16: Grandparents' Day: Spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans, hot rolls, fresh fruit, peach cobbler, milk.

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by Ryan Hodge

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Title insurance can be costly, so save your money! As you may have figured out by now, there are enough other costs involved in refinancing your homeowner's loan. If you're really concerned about the standing of your policy, consult a real estate attorney. Any real estate agent can make a recommendation.

Salado Boy Scout Troop 115 held its first Court of Honor of the new program year Aug. 30 at the Salado United Methodist Church, where the troop meets weekly.

Newly elected leaders were sworn into their positions and over 80 merit badges were awarded. In addition to merit badges, 11 scouts were promoted in rank: four to Life Scout (just below Eagle), five to Second Class and two to Scout. Four scouts were recognized for their conservations work being awarded the World Conservation Badge.

The following scouts were recognized for their work:

Jake Bradshaw, seven badges and promotion to Life Scout.

Bryan Corbitt, two badges and World Conservation Badge.

Joshua Cox, three badges.

Forrest Culp, four badges and promotion to First Class Scout.

Christian Edwards, three badges and promotion to Second Class Scout.

Reed Farr: four badg-

Stetson Gilchrest, four merit badges.

Garrett Keys, three badges and promotion to Second Class Scout.

Alex Lincoln, five badges.

Cole Monahan, three badges and promotion to Second Class Scout.

Boy Scouts swear in elected officers

Boy Scout Troop 115, sponsored by Salado United Methodist Church, kicked off the new school year with Troop elections last month.

Scouts elected to leadership positions are responsible for initiating, coordinating and executing the Troop's activities. The positions are generally held for four to six months, giving the Scouts an opportunity to lead their peers while interfacing with adults in the community in accomplishing the year-long program.

The following were elected by the Troop: Jake Bradshaw, Senior Patrol Leader; Matthew Seale, Pedro Patrol Leader; Reed Farr, Comanche Patrol Leader; Aaron Woodruff, Panther Patrol Leader; Gene Radebaugh, Scribe; Jonathan Spinks, Librarian; Alex Lincoln,

Gavin Radebaugh, four badges, BSA Snorkeling and World Conservation Badge.

Gene Radebaugh, six badges, promotion to Life Scout and World Conservation Badge.

Matthew Seale, three badges and promotion to Second Class Scout.

Jon Spinks, six badges and promotion to Life Scout.

Greg Tischler, four badges.

Matthew Walker, three badges.
Robert Walker, three

badges.
Aaron Woodruff, eight

badges, promotion to Life Scout and World Conservation Badge.

Joshua Woodruff, three badges and promotion to Second Class Scout.

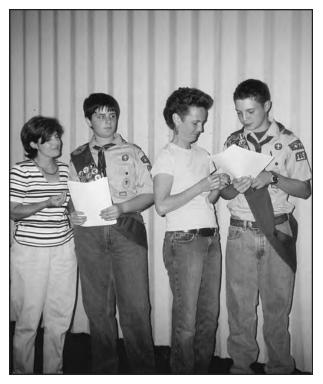
Troop 115 is a busy group and has several activities planned for the near future. Two camp outs are planned for September, as well as October. An orienteering course is also scheduled.

The Troop will work this fall on two Eagle required merit badges, attending a merit badge college at Baylor University, doing community service projects, and planning a trip to Corpus Christi to stay aboard the U.S.S. Lexington.

Anyone wanting to join Troop 115 or to work with Boys Scouts can call Scoutmaster Lyle Radebaugh at 254-947-1897 for more information.



Gene Radebaugh and Jon Spinks are promoted to Life Scout (next rank is Eagle Scout)



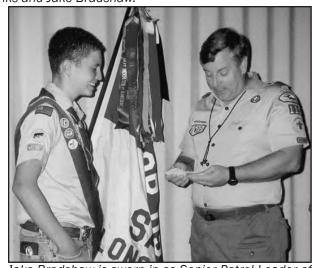
Aaron Woodruff and Jake Bradshaw promoted to Life Scout (next rank is Eagle Scout)



New troop staff is sworn in . L-R Stetson Gilchrest, Greg Tischler, Alex Lincoln, Gene Radebaugh, Jon Spinks and Jake Bradshaw.

Chaplain Aid; Gavin Radebaugh, Troop Guide; Gregory Tischler, Historian; and Stetson Gilchrest, Den Chief.

Troop 115 meets 6: 30-8 p.m. Mondays at the Salado United Methodist Church. Anyone interested in joining Boy Scouts or working with Scouts is invited to visit a meeting or call Scoutmaster Lyle Radebaugh at 947-1897.



Jake Bradshaw is sworn in as Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 115 by Scoutmaster Lyle Radebaugh.



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Evidence of armyworms appears in Bell County

By Dirk Aaron
County Extension Agent -Ag

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clean, but the old broom knows all the corners," according to an old Irish proverb. That's what I have learned this week as I visited with former County Agent, James Davis. His

knowing instinct and/or sixth sense proved to be right. He believes and has seen evidence of fall armyworms in corn and coastal fields. James in his travels, spotted the adult moths both in harvested corn fields and coastal

Bermuda grass.

The fall armyworm caterpillars strip foliage from one plant and then move on to the next, thus potentially causing tremendous damage to host plants.

We have the potential for serious problems in fresh cut coastal fields, lush green fields and early planted oats. Economic thresholds are very hard to determine, but we had a full moon last week and moths are flying and thus laying eggs by the dark of the moon.

Conditions are optimum with cool nights and mornings, high humidity, and recent rains.

Damage

When feeding, larvae strip foliage and then move to the next available food. High populations appear to march side by side to the new food. Thus, the name armyworms has been applied.

Armyworms attack many different kinds of plants. When food is scarce, they will move to plants that are not normally attacked. Thus, armyworms can be found on nearly any plant as they migrate in search of edible foliage. Plants attacked by armyworms include: Bermuda grass, grain and forage sorghum, corn, and

small grains.

Damage consists of foliage consumption. The small larvae will chew the green layer from the leaves and leave a clearing or "window pane" effect. The first three instars do very little feeding while the last two instars consume 85 percent of the total foliage consumed.

Control

Armyworms should be controlled when they occur in large numbers or plant damage is becoming excessive. The fall armyworm attacks grain in the fall in the seedling stage; therefore, a relatively small number of larvae per square foot can do heavy damage. Preventive treatments normally are not justified because attacks sporadic and egg mortality is usually high.

During favorable seasons, a number of parasitic enemies keep fall armyworm larvae down to moderate numbers. Early detection works best and is achieved by frequent, thorough inspection of plants. Outbreaks seem to occur shortly after a rain or supplemental irrigation.

Fall armyworms feed any time of the day or night, but are most active early in the morning or late in the evening. Susceptible fields or lawns should be scouted by counting the number of armyworms in a square foot area in 8 different sites. Divide the total worm count by eight to find the average number of armyworms per square foot. Be sure to take

samples in the interior of the field because this pest is often heaviest near the field margins. Sometimes, only the field margins require treatment.

The threshold level ranges from two to three larvae per square foot for seedling wheat. For older plants, three to four larvae and obvious foliage loss justify control measures. Thresholds in improved pastures and lawns vary with conditions but treatment should be considered when counts average three or more small worms per square

Insecticide choices vary with the crop but possible choices in pastures (with grazing restrictions in parentheses) include carbaryl (Sevin®) (14 days), malathion (0 days), methomyl (Lannate®) (7 days), methyl parathion (Penncap®-M) (15 days) and various biologicals such as Dipel® (0 days) and Dimilin.

I visited with Harry Bauerschlag, and we have confirmed the infestation in Oscar, Academy, Taylors Valley and a field on Elmer King Road northeast of Salado.

Please call the County Extension Office if you need further information at: 254-933-5305.

I also want to remind producers that the USDA Farm Services Agency in Belton has announced the sign-up for Conservation Reserve Program Number 29 began, Aug. 30 and runs until Sept. 24.

Landowners and operators may submit offers to enroll acreage into the program. Successful offers will become effective Oct.1, 2005, or Oct. 1, 2006, at the producer's discretion.

Land is eligible for sign-up if: Land is currently enrolled in CRP and with contracts expiring Sept. 30, 2004 or Sept. 30, 2005.

Acreage currently enrolled in CRP that is scheduled to expire after Sept. 30, 2005 is not eligible for sign-up 29.

A limited number of acres will be accepted for enrollment, and they will use the Environmental benefits Index to rank the acreage offered. Landowners are encouraged to work with their county Farm Service Agency offices to maximize the environmental benefits of their Conservation Reserve Program offers.

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Fall Jewel magazine hits stands with additional color capacity

Salado Village Voice will notice the Fall 2004 Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas magazine inserted into this edition of the newspaper.

The magazine was distributed for Labor Day weekend and will remain on the stands until the Winter edition is published at Thanksgiving.

Salado Village Voice publishes the Jewel magazine four times a year. Each edition has 20,000 copies circulated, just enough to carry over until the next edition.

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"I think our advertisers will notice the quality of our color reproduction, which is much better than we have had in the past,"

A free publication, the Jewel is supported by its "They are advertisers. the lifeblood of any publication and especially free publications," Fleischer continued.

Apparently, some of those advertisers have been solicited by an individual who claims to be "re-doing" the Jewel, which has caused some confusion among those advertisers.

"There is no replacement for the Jewel," editor Tim Fleischer said. "Nor are we working with anyone else in the commu-

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of helping the person who says who claims to be 'redoing' the Jewel."

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Local financial planner speaks on

Impact of future global change on world's economy

By Chris McGregor STAFF WRITER

What impact could global population shifts and climate changes have on the world's economic condition in the years to come?

A very large one, according to Jeffrey Mc-Clure, a Certified Financial Planner who operates his firm, The Personal Wealth Coach, on Main St. in Salado.

Speaking to the local Rotary Club, McClure, who holds a degree in anthropology, cultural explained that the previous century was "one of the most stable periods in all of history," in terms of economic growth and American prosperity.

As for the remainder of the 21st century, Mc-Clure pointed to global warming, unconventional warfare and European depopulation as major catalysts for economic change, worldwide.

"First off, the climate is warming...no question about it," he said. This change, in McClure's opinion, could contribute to a world climate where catastrophic weather patterns are the norm, rather than an aberration. He said that, if history is a guide, the climate changes the world will experience will be abrupt, not gradu-



Jeff McClure

The continual melting of the polar ice caps will raise ocean levels by nine-to-14 feet by century's end, he continued, leading to an increase in hurricanes, violent thun-

derstorms, flooding and, in some parts of the world, devastating drought. "It's not something to be horrified at. It's a natural cycle that's been going on for millions of years," he

"Exactly what's stated. going on now has happened before."

Over 2,000 years ago, a favorable change in weather aided the European continent's rise in prominence. McClure continued, but it will be an inability to maintain population that will be Europe's ultimate undoing. Crediting policies that discourage immigration, combined with a lack of positive population growth from within, McClure posited that "Europe will be a museum in 40 years. The decline is very real. It's going to happen."

As far as terrorism is concerned, McClure said the threat will remain in place for some time. "The terrorist threat around the world will remain with us because they (terrorists) are desperate, and they are desperate because of change."

McClure went on to say that though the days of all-out world wars may have come and gone, they could be replaced by a different type of conflict. "The era of large-scale wars between large-scale empires, for the rest of the 21st century, is probably over. If we continue to head-off potential enemies and avoid World War III, we will have one continuous war, but not a wipeout of tens of millions of people."

So what does all this mean for us? According to McClure, the United States, because of sophisticated infrastructure and adaptability, is likely to be spared any major upheavals, but the same can't be said for everyone else. "It will be a great time to be a Texan," he said. "But you won't want to be in Europe."





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Salado Village Voice

September 9, 2004

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Chamber holds **Ribbon Cutting**

The Salado Chamber of Commerce traveled up the interstate to welcome new business member Belton Glass and Mirror. Owned by Bob Smith, of Salado, the business is located at 617 Waco Rd. in Belton. Belton Glass and Mirror offers a full service shop for windshield replacements, as well as residential and commercial glass and mirror work. Shown above are Bob and Joanne Smith (holding scissors), and Chamber representatives Jack Schrock, Dawn Orange, and Shannon Ashe. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)



Christmas comes early to Salado

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Once again, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Salado Chamber of Commerce will sponsor their annual Christmas in October at the Salado Civic Center Oct. 8-9.

This year, Christmas in October has expanded. The Salado merchants' tent will be larger, with wider aisles to accommodate shoppers. Entertainment, style shows, decorations and the always-popular bake sale will also be a part of the Christmas in October experience.

A new attraction will be an antique car show. The tea room in the big tent will be serving refreshments prepared by local bed and breakfast inns.

parking Admission, and refreshments are free. The two-day event will

be introduced by the Preview Party Oct. 7. Anyone attending the Preview Party will be able to shop the Christmas Market and enjoy snacks prepared by local restaurants. The cost for the Preview Party is \$15 at the door or \$10 for early tickets.

Last year, this popular event was very successful and the Ladies Auxiliary raised about \$9,000. As a result, the following received grants: COPS Program, Living Room Theatre, Music in Salado, Public Arts League of Salado (PALS), Salado Cemetery Association, Salado Family Relief Fund, Salado Volunteer Fire Department, Salado Historical Society, Salado Village Artists, Tablerock Festival of Salado, Salado High School scholarships, Salado Civic Center Foundation and Salado Community Chorus.



Pat Wanzor and Cathy Sands are co-chairs of Salado's Christmas in October.



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What's happening around

SEPTEMBER 4-12

Salado Salutes
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SEPTEMBER 9

Ladies Auxiliary monthly meeting, featuring a program, "The Celebration of Women," by Gwen Morrison. Location: Stagecoach Inn. Meeting at 11 a.m., lunch to follow. SEPTEMBER 10-12

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents Buster Keaton's "The General," with live accompaniment. Guest performer: Tex Clyde Eddleman. 7:30 p.m. Fri. and Sat., 3 p.m. Sat. and Sunday. Info: 947-3456 or www.saladosi lverspur.com.

SEPT. 10-12 & 17-19

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

SEPTEMBER 11

Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors," 8:15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 child. Info: 947-8933. SEPTEMBER 13

Salado Youth Fair Boosters raffle drawing for 14-ft. WW stock trailer. Tickets for raffle: \$10 each. Info: Brian or Amy Pyle, 947-3268, or Deanna Christian, 947-1564.

SEPTEMBER 13

12th Annual Thomas Arnold Elementary PTO Golf Tournament at Mill Creek. 1 p.m. shotgun start. Entry fee: \$60 per player. Sponsorships available. Deadline: Sept. 6. Info: 947-5993. SEPTEMBER 13

Monday Club of Salado program on historic background of the Village of Salado. Presented by three long-time Salado residents, 2 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church. All ladies invited. SEPTEMBER 14-16

Holly Dunn's Art Song Gallery hosts master watercolorist Gail Shelton for threeday watercolor workshop. Cost: \$125 per person. Deposit of \$75 due by Sept. 6. Location: Salado Civic Center. Info: 254-947-5247.

SEPTEMBER 16
Village of Salado
meeting on annexation,
6:30 p.m. at Salado Civio

6:30 p.m. at Salado Civic Center.

SEPTEMBER 17
Homecoming football: Salado Eagles vs.
Troy Trojans, 7:30 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 18-19

10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Tablerock's **Fantasy Faire**, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. and **Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors**," 8:15 p.m. Both at Tablerock Amphitheater. Tickets: adults \$5, children \$3. Shakespeare tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 child. Call 254-947-8933.

SEPTEMBER 24

Football, District Opener: Salado Eagles vs. Somerville Yeguas, 7:30 p.m. at home. SEPTEMBER 25

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

SEPTEMBER 25
Bell County Sheriff's Posse Trail Ride,

Barbecue and Auction. Pace Park. 10-mile trail ride leaves at 9 a.m. \$5 per person donation. \$7 barbecue reserved tickets. \$8 at the door. Trailermasters: Sheriff Dan Smith and Andy Anderson, local meteorologist. Info: 718-1612. SEPTEMBER 25-26

Institute for the Humanities seminar and lecture series, "The Wisdom Within Us." Dr. Dean Radin, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 25 seminar at The Range, "The Outer Limits of Inner Space." 4-6 p.m. Sept. 26 lecture at the Civic Center, "Where Mind and Matter Meet." Info: 947-5729.

SEPTEMBER 25-26 Shakespeare's "A

Comedy of Errors" 8:15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for child. For more information call 254-947-8933.

SEPTEMBER 26
Salado FFA

Salado FFA Annual Pig Sale, 2 p.m. Sept. 26 at Bell County Expo Center.

PALS Wine Tasting, "Under the Stars" at Inn on the Creek, 6-8 p.m. Open to the public. Reservations until Sept. 23: \$25. Reservations:

947-8300. **October 1**

Football: Salado Eagles vs. Lago Vista Panthers, 7:30 p.m. away.

OCTOBER 2

Reception for portrait artist Gene Dillard at Mill Creek Country Club. Sponsored by Griffith Fine Art Gallery. Details TBA.

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October 7

Christmas In October Preview Party, 6 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. Tickets: \$10 presale, \$15 at the door. Tickets available at Salado Civic Center. Info: 947-5040.

OCTOBER 8-9

Christmas In October at the Salado Civic Center. Free parking and admission. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. Featuring a bake sale, live music and entertainment, classic car show and a wide-number of Christmas products from Salado merchants, available for purchase. Info: 947-5040.

October 8

Football: Salado Eagles vs. Academy **Bumblebees,** 7:30 p.m. at home.

October 9

Institute for the **Humanities seminar** and lecture series, "The Wisdom Within Us."

Lecture with writer and journalist John Horgan on "Rational Mysticism: Can Science and Spirituality be Reconciled?" 5-7 p.m. at the Civic Center. Info: 947-5729.

October 15

Football: Salado Eagles vs. Lexington Eagles, 7:30 p.m. away. October 16

Living Room Theatre production of a Liz Silverthorne retrospective, featuring famous and infamous men and women; cast of over 30 characters. 7 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. Open to the public. Reception following. Reservations: 947-8300.

October 22

Football: Salado Eagles vs. Florence Buffaloes, 7:30 p.m. at home. October 23

6 p.m.- 11:30 p.m. 3rd Annual Chisholm Trail Cattleman's Ball at Tenroc Ranch. For more information call 254-947-5479.

OCTOBER 23-24

Institute for the Humanities seminar and lecture series, "The Wisdom Within Us." Dr. Harry Wilmer presenting 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 23 seminar on "Nut and Bolts of Jungian Psychology," in Historical Room at Civic Center. 4-6 p.m. Lecture Oct. 24 titled "The Inner World of Art - The Story of My Yarn Painting," at Civic Center. Info: 947-5729.

October 29

Football: Salado Eagles vs. Rogers **Eagles,** 7:30 p.m. away. OCTOBER 30

Salado Youth Fair **Boosters reverse raffle** dinner. Info: Brian or

Amy Pyle, 947-3268, or Deanna Christian, 947-1564.

OCTOBER 30-31

7 p.m.- 11 p.m. **Fright** Nights Family Halloween Fun at Tablerock's Trail. Adults \$5, children \$3.

November 1 Deadline for ad copy to be published in Winter 2004 Jewel in the Crown publication. November 5

Football: Final regular season game, Salado Eagles vs. Jarrell Cougars, 7:30 p.m. at home. November 5-6-7

10 a.m.- 10 p.m. **Chisholm Trail Days** at Tablerock's Walking Trail. Shops, Shoot Outs, campfire food, cowboy poets and songs. Admission: adults \$10, children \$5. For more information call 254-913-0366 or 947-9205.

November 6

Salado United Methodist Church Garden **Guild Annual Style** Show and Luncheon. Cost: \$12 per person, available at SUMC office. Info: 947-5482 or 947-5936.

November 7

Institute for the **Humanities special** public lecture with Dr. Huston Smith, 4-6 p.m. in UMHB's Walton Chapel. Lectured titled "The Sacred Unconscious." Info: 947-5729. **NOVEMBER 12-14**

43rd Annual Gathering of the Clans at Robertson Plantation, College Hill and Central Texas Area Museum. Pipe bands, highland dancing, athletic events, vendors, Ceilidh and much more. Info: 947-5232 or www.ctam-salado.org. November 13-14

Salado United Meth-

odist Church Sesquicentennial Homecoming Weekend Celebration. November 18

7 p.m. Salado Historical Society Annual Chili Supper, Salado Civic Center.

November 19

Salado Haus hosts Tom Fenton, of Fenton Art Glass Company, for a signing event, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Info: 947-1868 or www.saladohaus.com. November 20

Annual Empty Bowl Project, benefiting Salado Family Relief **Fund,** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School.

Premiere of PALS Pots O'Plenty show, in conjunction with the Empty Bowl Project. Pottery demonstrations and sales. Info: 947-0281. November 20

Miller Fine Art Gallery artists reception, featuring Bill Worrell and Jim Eppler, 1-5 p.m. Info: 947-0771 or www.cmillergallery.com. November 23

Noon deadline for Salado Village Voice newspaper Dec. 1 publication.

November 24-26

Salado schools closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

November 25-26

Salado Village Voice office closed for Thanksgiving holiday. DECEMBER 3-4

A Christmas Carol

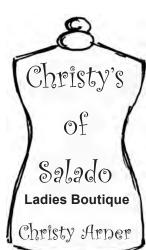
7 p.m at Tablerock Amphitheater. Tickets: Adults \$5 children \$3. 6: 30 p.m.: Sandwiches and drinks available. For more information call 254-947-9205.

DECEMBER 3-4-5 Salado Christmas Stroll

Salado Historical **Society Annual Christ**mas Homes Tour TBA. **DECEMBER 10-11-12**

Salado Christmas Stroll. **DECEMBER 10-11**

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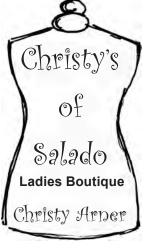
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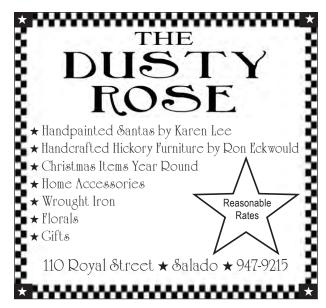
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Mondays

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Monday Club: 1st Mon., 2 p.m., Salado United Methodist Church. Salado Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Mon., 6 p.m., at Civic Center.

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

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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

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

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

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

Exercise Class: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. every Monday. Class includes stretching, stengthening and Pilates. Bring a mat or blanket. Held at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public. No class Memorial Day, May 31.

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

Salado Youth Fair **Boosters:** Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the elementary school

Tuesdays

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

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.

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

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

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

Salado Poets and Storytellers Guild: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. Public is welcome.

Wednesdays

Salado Creekside Cloggers: 6:30-8:30 p.m. First Baptist Church of

Salado: Celebrate Recovery, Christian 12-step program, 6-7:30 p.m. Open to o everyone dealing with persoanl hurts, habits or hangups.Info: 947-5465.

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. 8 a.m.

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

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

Thursdays

<u>Salado</u> Republican Women: 4th Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-3617 or email denisarw@vvm.com, for information.

Village of Salado <u>Board of Aldermen:</u> 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.

<u>Salado Ladies Auxiliary:</u> 2nd Thurs., 10 a.m., Salado Civic Center

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

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: saladomoms @lantanatech.com.

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.

Club and group secretaries: Your meeting can be listed here free of charge. Please keep us updated on any changes to meeting times, dates, or places. Contact us via phone (947-5321), fax (947-9479)





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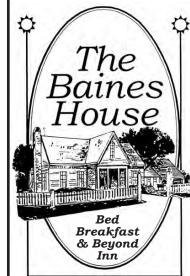
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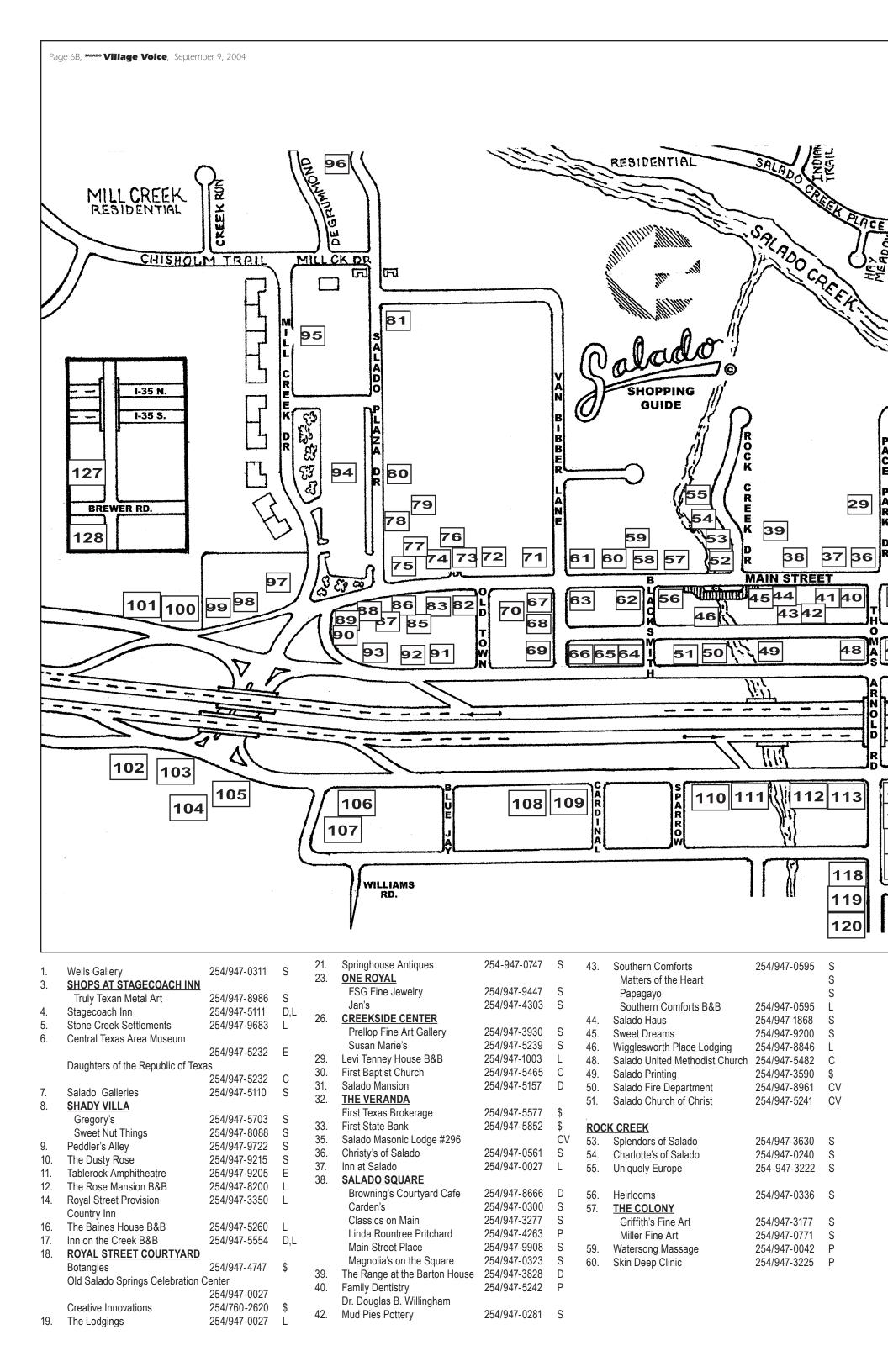
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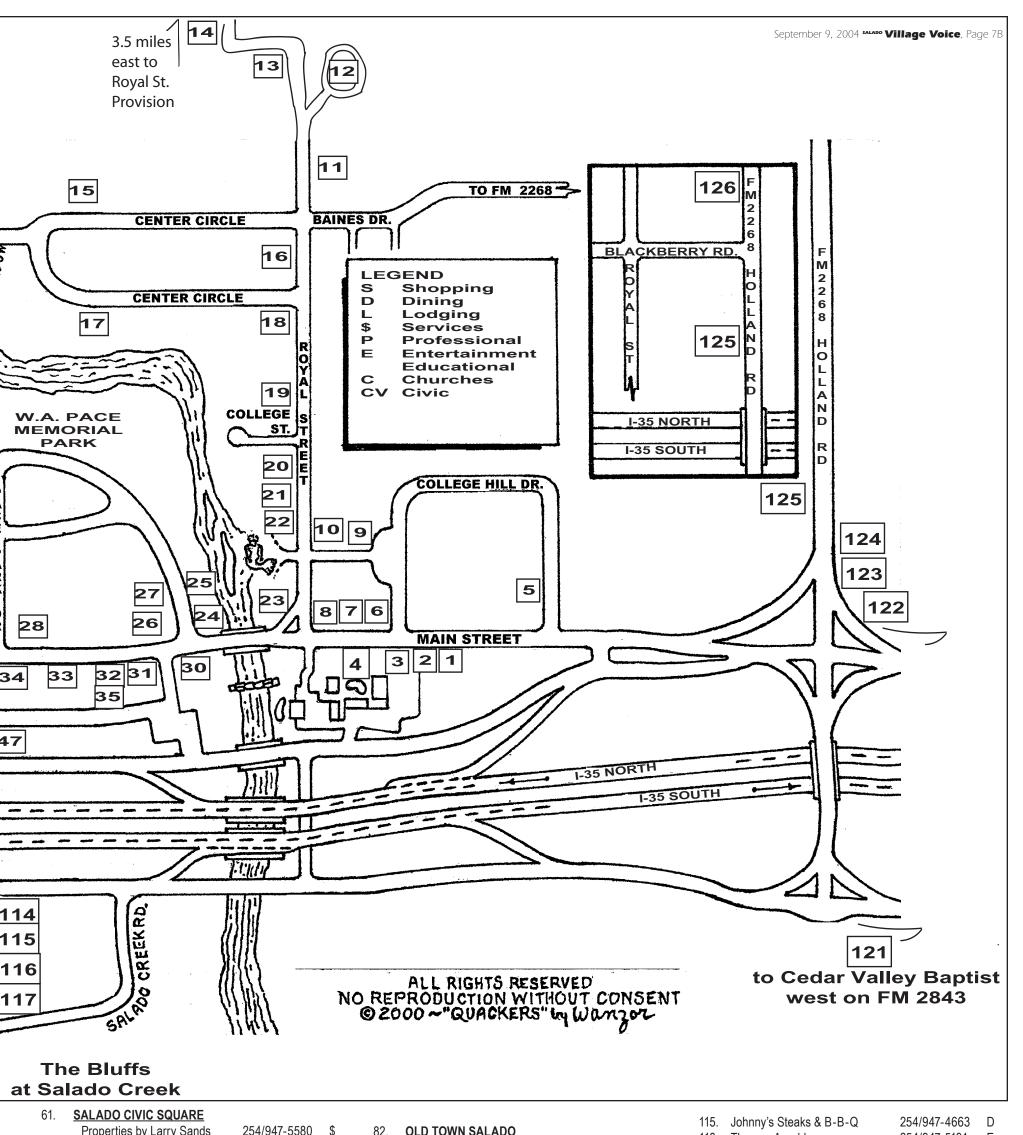
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Books written by the speakers for the upcoming Institute for the Humanities fall lecture series are now available to be checked out from the Salado Public Library.

All four speakers for the series have written books, and the Institute wanted to provide them so that those who plan to attend the lectures could have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the speakers' works in advance of the presentations.

Dr. Dean Radin, senior scientist with the Institute of Noetic Sciences, is the first speaker in the series (Sept. 25-26) entitled "The Wisdom Within Us." His book, The Conscious Universe, discusses the evidence for the reality of psychic phenomena, uniting the teaching of mystics, the theories of quantum physics and the latest in high tech experiments. The topics for his AT METROPLEX HEALTH SYTEM

two presentations will be "The Outer Limits of Inner Space," and "When Mind and Matter Meet."

Science writer John Horgan is the second speaker (Oct. 9) in the fall lecture series. In his book, Rational Mysticism, Dispatches from the **Border Between Science** and Spirituality, Horgan investigates a wide rage fields-chemistry, neuroscience, theology, psychology, anthropology and more, to narrow the gap between reason and mystical phenomena. Two other books by him, The End of Science and The Undiscovered Mind are also available the library.

Institute founder and Salado resident, Dr. Harry Wilmer will be the third speaker in the series (Oct. 23-24). Speaking as a psychiatrist and Jungian analyst, Dr. Wilmer will present the psychological view of consciousness from the Jungian per-

books are available at the library, including, Practical Jung: Nuts and Bolts of Jungian Psychotherapy, Understandable Jung: The Personal Side of Jungian Psychology, How Dreams Help, and others

The final speaker in the series, prominent religious philosopher and scholar Dr. Huston Smith (Nov. 7), will speak on the "Sacred Unconscious." His book, The World's Religions, has been the standard textbook on comparative religion for more than 40 years. It will be available at the library along with more recent works, Why Religion Matters, and The Way Things Are: Conversations with Huston Smith on the Spiritual Life.

Besides availability of the books from the library, most of these titles are also available for purchase from the Institute

for the Humanities, either in advance or at the fall lectures. Contact Erin Burress at the Institute (947-5729) for more information on buying the books or to sign up for the Institute membership and fall programming. There are still places available for the lectures, and Institute membership is open to the public.

The library also has books from previous Institute for the Humanities speakers, including **The Tennis Partner**, and **My Own Country**, by Dr. Abraham Verghese, the guest speaker for the Hank Wilmer Memorial Lecture in June.

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The two-day course is being held 1-5 p.m. Sep. 13-14 at Metroplex Hospital, in Killeen. Cost of the course is \$10. Pre-registration is essential, and can be completed by calling the Metroplex Community Relations Department at (254) 519-8200.

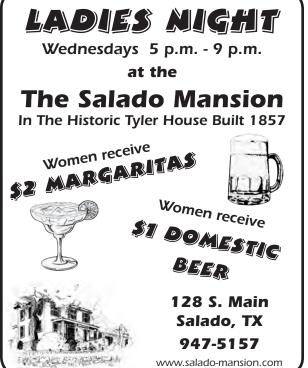
Recognizing the need to help older drivers improve their skills and prevent traffic accidents, AARP offers the 55 Alive/ Mature Driving course to all motorists age 55 and older. This eight-hour classroom course was the first and is the largest nationwide, comprehensive curriculum designed especially for the older motorists. Graduates of the course, to date, exceed four million.

Older drivers do have problems when involved in driving situations requiring quick response, full vision and interaction with other drivers. Typical violations include failure to yield right-ofway, improper turning, incorrect lane changing, passing, and entering and leaving expressways.

The older driver learned to drive during the first 40 years of this century, well before the advent of formal driver education programs in the public school systems. The older driver who has completed a formal driver-training course is the exception rather than the rule.

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Lost and Found in a Corn Maze

BY TUMBLEWEEDSMITH

The Church of God in Sulphur Springs has built a corn maze the last twoyears and it has brought a lot of visitors to the town."A lot of people find it interesting," says pastor Kurt Routon. "It's planted like a regular corn field. As far as watering, we just depend on nature. We let the corn reach a certain height, then a maze is cut into it. We just take a small garden tractor and turn under the corn to make a path."

He says the maze serves a couple of purposes.

"One is we want to spread the word of the church, about being lost in a maze and found in the love of God. The second thing we want to do with the maze is raise money to pay for the church's indebtedness and do it in a fun way."

When the church decided to do the maze, a committee looked into what would be involved. "The seven members on the corn field maze committee did a lot of work, including creating the design and actually cutting the walkways into the corn. They did an outstanding job."

The maze is big. It covers eleven acres right by the church. "It's a little bit larger than most of the mazes I've read about. In fact, we advertise it as one of the largest corn field mazes in Texas."

Some areas of the maze have corn fourteen feet

"Last year's design actually had John 3:16 cut into the corn, then a cross, and a sunburst, a Christian symbol of a fish and it

Month-long

was all tied together with dead ends and different things."

The Sulphur Springs News Telegram ran pictures of the maze.

"You can go on the internet and type in corn field maze or Sulphur Springs Church of God or my name and it will bring up that article from the paper and show a picture of it."

The group rate admission price to the maze is five dollars. People go through at their own pace. It has lots of paths.

"If you went down every trail, including all the dead ends, you'd walkanywhere from a mile and a half to three miles." Kurt got the idea for the maze from a magazine article about a farmer in Indiana who built a corn maze

"In a two or three months' period on his farm, he was able to raise over a hundred thousand dollars with his corn field maze. I thought if hecan do it, we can give it a try." The Sulphur Springs Church is located on Interstate 30. The maze willbe open through October, or early November depending on the weather.

Last year the maze was open during the hottest parts of the summer. The corn was planted a little later this year so it'll be ready for visitors in September when it's cooler.

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New book casts inventive light on Noah & clan

By Chris McGregor STAFF WRITER

The earth was parched then, so that when the first drops hit, the ground sent up tiny flakes of dust to greet the impending calamity.

Soon the sprinkles were joined into torrents, burying not only the dust, but all the ground beneath it. This would go on for 40 days and nights unabated, and all the world's people save Noah, his closest kin plus a small number of every known animal and bug, would be erased because they lacked the righteousness demanded by God.

A familiar story to all having a passing acquaintance with religious tradition or the Old Testament, but also one that's foggily obscured by the one thing that has insured its continuity: the fact that it can be neither proven or disproved - making it an issue of faith.

First time novelist David Maine took a brave step by penning The Preservationist, simply because giving voice to a fictionalized Noah is bound to wind some people up.

Taking into account that the Book of Genesis doesn't allow personalities to block its divine message, Maine takes it upon himself to fill in the vagaries of character.

Pillars of piety Noah and his progeny are not. With the exception of the patriarch's dogged reliance on the supernatural whisper that offers its infrequent counsel, they are a lusty, antagonistic and petty lot. Some of the clan are fatalistic, while others oppose their preordainment with a rigid stoutness that smacks of futility. In other words,

they are rendered as humans ought to be, their flaws not airbrushed away like a blemish.

Over the course of their crucible, the women come to bond while the men nitpick, posture and squabble. Not unlike the real world. They unite in their efforts because the alternate option is to die.

Noe, as he is called in the book, is something like 600 years old when the story begins. wife - who, incidentally is referred to only as Wife - is roughly 540 years his junior.

The generational gap does nothing to prevent vigorous old Noe from performing the duties of a Bronze Age husband, siring three sons (Sem, Cham and Japheth) who will join him, along with their wives (Bera, Ilya and Mirn), in constructing the ark as Yahweh commands.

While the sun beats down and Noe scans the sky for clouds, "something he does a lot these days," a jeering potpourri of naysayers assumes residence on the outskirts of his farm, prodding like cattle-drivers. Noe is troubled little by their perniciousness, and offers no rejoinders. Pretty soon, they'll all be dead.

Given Noe's treatment at the hands of his peers, one has to wonder whether 21st century society would handle him any differently. Would he be seen as a man favored in the eyes of God rather than a foaming-atthe-mouth zealot, as he is in his own time? Hard to tell, but it deserves some consideration.

In a fortuitous bit of timing, soon after the ark is completed, the heavenly deluge begins in earnest. First, the ship lists as surging water shifts the earth below; nervous murmurs fill the hold. The family, in their blithe innocence, doesn't realize that their trial is only picking up momentum.

This is when Noe's righteousness singular surfaces. His blind refusal to help those floundering atop the waves, his unflichingess in the face of infant death cries caught in eddies, the languid moans of those breathing their last, is cold and complete, and is a reflection of

a man so convinced of his cause that all else is like a wave glancing off the hull - a fleeting perturbance.

The Preservationist is not all about Noe, however. Using a rotational technique that allows for all the book's main players to narrate chapters, Maine rather artfully adjusts his own literary voice to accommodate whomever his protagonist might be, chapter-to-chapter. Thus, no one is left out in the rain, in a pun-free manner of speaking.

Coming from a freshman novelist, The Preservationist is refreshingly unmuddled. The story is tight, well-told and funny within its honest subtleties, crafted in such a way as to suggest that, for Maine, his casualness of tone comes naturally. That, above most other criteria, is the stamp of a legitimate writer.

If this work is a harbinger of things to come, then Maine should be a fixture on the literary scene for as long as he desires.

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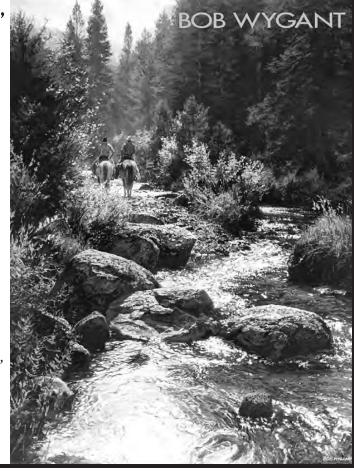
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The speaker for the evening will be Chris Normand, an officer of the

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Austin Airport Security Police Department, who will speak on airport security. Normand is from the area, having lived in Belton until she graduated from Belton High School.

Normand earned a four year degree in Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University. After graduating, she served in the US Army as a Military Police Officer. She was stationed in Colorado Springs and then spent two years in The Netherlands with NATO headquarters. After the Army, she went to work for the Austin Airport Police where she is currently an instructor for defensive tactics, taser,

and firearms. Persons interested attending are asked to make a reservation to Barclay McCort by noon September 17 at bam002@earthlink.net or 947-3617. Visitors are



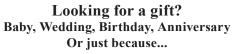
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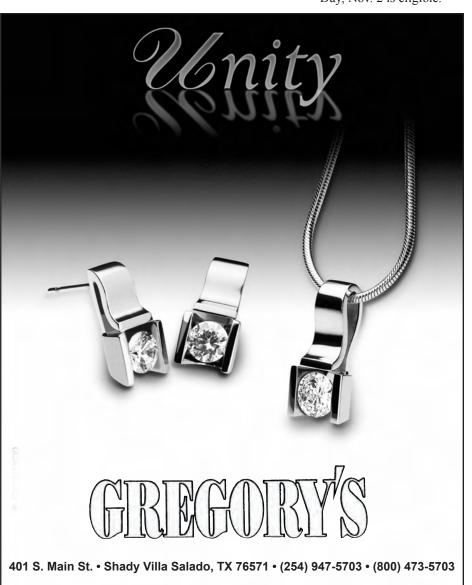
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Salada Area Republican Women will be holding two voter registrations drive at the High School. The first drive will be 8 a.m.-noon Sep. 16 outside the principal's office. The second drive will be held prior to the home football game Sep. 24, near the entrance to the field.

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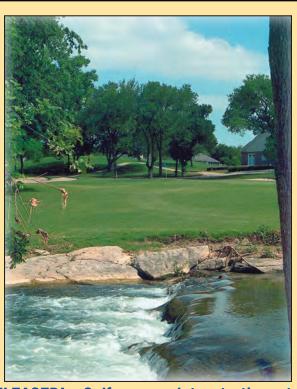
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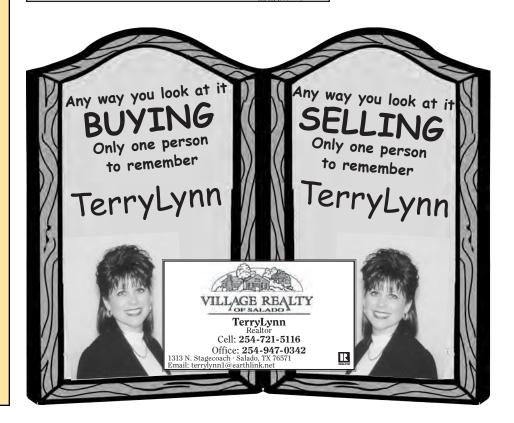
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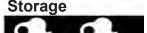


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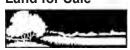
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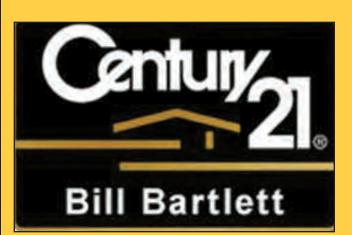
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Lots & Commercial

Mill Creek Lots

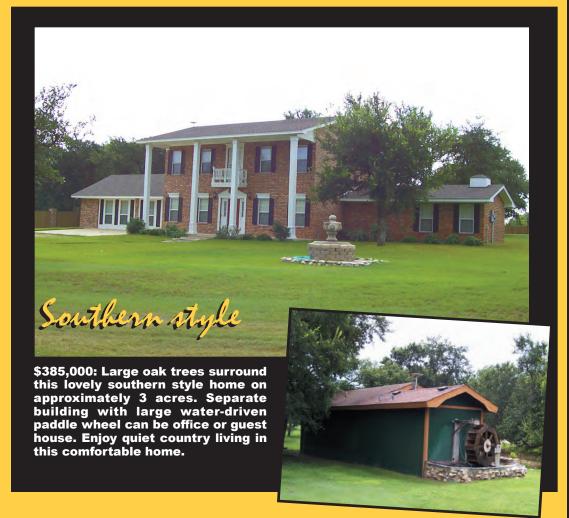
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Sponsored by the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG), the collection days are open to all residents of Bell, Corvell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba counties. Participants must show

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proof of residency in one ing in their hazardous mercury thermometers will receive a free digital thermometer.

> Tires will also be accepted, limited to eight per household with a maximum 17-inch rim dimension. A \$1 surcharge will be placed on each tire over the limit.

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Residents in the area are encouraged to take advantage of this free opportunity to keep these potential hazardous waste out of our waterways and environment

For more information, contact CTCOG at 933-

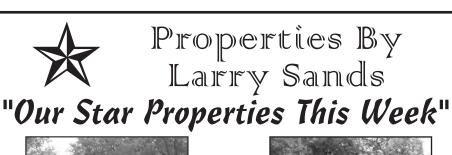
Teddy Bear event for kids at CAC

The CAC in Temple will host a children's Teddy Bear Tea 9:30 a.m. Sept. 18.

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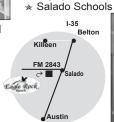


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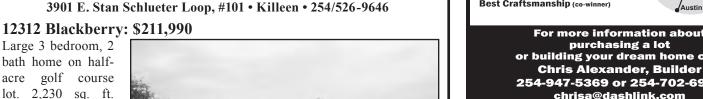
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Food safety for tailgate parties

By LINDA FUCHS Co. Ext. Agent - Family and **C**ONSUMER **S**CIENCES

One of the pleasures of fall weather and sports events is the opportunity to "tailgate it." Tailgating usually means good food, fun and friends enjoying it all together. Food safety precautions naturally come into the picture when food is transported, prepared or served out of doors. Don't let tailgate party food ruin the fun by introducing foodborne illness

This September is designated as National Food Safety Education Month® with a theme and emphasis on "Be Aware When You Prepare." As you plan and prepare for outdoor activities such as tailgating or picnics, following are some safe food handling tips that may prevent an unwelcome guest of foodborne illness.

Always keep everything clean when pre-preparing foods to transport. Whether these are pre-cooked foods or those to be prepared at the site, cleanliness is crucial during preparation and service.

The bacteria that cause foodborne illness grow mostly at temperatures between 40 and 140 degrees F, called the temperature danger zone by USDA. No perishable foods should be in this temperature zone for more than two hours. In hot weather, above 90 degrees F, the acceptable time drops to one hour.

So if you're planning on transporting foods, remember that hot foods such as soups, stews, chili and dips can be transported in a thermos if it has no cracks or leaks. Be sure the thermos is clean and then right before use, rinse it with boiling water. Bring the food to a boil before pouring into the thermos.

Hot casseroles prepared ahead of time can be transported in insulated containers or wrapped in several layers of aluminum foil, newspapers and a towel. It's best to plan to eat these within two hours of coming out of the oven or reheating. All reheated food should reach 165 degrees F for safety.

Cold foods can be transported in ice chests to keep the food below 40 degrees F until serving. Pre-chilling foods before transporting is a good

Watch the clock on ready-to-serve foods too. Plan to pick up and serve purchased prepared foods just before the party, or keep them refrigerated

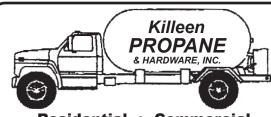
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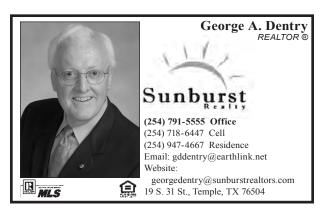


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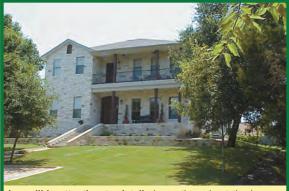


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