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Animal lovers reorganize local humane society

By TIM FLEISCHER
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Her three Golden Labs are well-known fixtures in downtown Salado, as they greet visitors and old-timers alike. The three labs have hit the jackpot in finding a home with Peggy Stanford, who keeps a running tab with the local vet and can always be found with a new rescue.

After just a few short minutes with her, it is easy to understand why Stanford was so dismayed when the local Salado Humane Society announced that it was disbanding at the start of the new year.

She was dismayed enough that she volunteered to take on a reorganization of efforts to care for homeless animals in the Salado area.

The newly reformed Salado Area Humane Society elected officers recently with Stanford as President, Stacy Fisher as Vice President, Debbie Griffiths as Secretary and Elaine Wolfe as Treasurer.

"We are a group of citizens, donating our time and money to care for the homeless animals in Salado and our surrounding area," Stanford stated, adding that the group needs "volunteers to help us foster the abandoned animals."

She says that volun-



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Peggy Stanford, Debbie Griffiths, Stacy Fischer and Elaine Wolfe are shown above with a handful of the reasons they have reorganized the Salado Area Humane Society.

teers can be guaranteed that "the animals they would foster would be in good health and have all the necessary shots. Most of the time we find loving permanent homes in a short time for these animals."

In the long-term, the group hopes to have its own animal shelter. "We know this will take a lot of time and money," Stanford said. As the group works toward that goal, it also plans to provide monthly spaying and neutering of animals at reduced prices to help reduce pet overpopulation.

"Educating the public is essential, along with a program to train our youth and adult volunteers," Stanford said.

Also essential is support from the community. "Everything is needed,

your ideas, your time, your homes to foster animals, your donations," Stanford said.

Charlie Abbitt understands this and was the first to make a donation to the newly formed group.

The new group of volunteer is quick to acknowledge the work of its predecessors. Leah Buzzard, Claudia Cabaniss, Sue Stockton, Nancy Duerr, Pat Gagnon, Betty Slack and others worked many years to protect and provide homes for animals in the Salado area.

The group's first fund raiser is a drawing for a Lil Driver child's electric golf cart, given by Fairway Golf Carts, of Salado. Tickets are \$1 each and can be bought from Stanford Court. The drawing will be Dec. 15.



WWE star Sean Michaels signs a bowl for the Empty Bowl Project. He is shown with Titia Arledge, who is organizing the Nov. 20 event.

Warm your belly & heart at Empty Bowl Project

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Looking out the window at a drab, wet November day, the kind of day that just cold enough to settle into the old bones, I realize that what I really want is a big bowl of soup, with the steam a visible reminder of its warmth and goodness.

Good thing the Empty Bowl Project is just around the corner. Serving steaming bowls of soup offer by 15 local restaurants and bed and breakfast inns, the Empty Bowl Project will assure those attending will not go away with an empty belly. Or empty handed for that matter as

the pottery bowls in which the soup is poured goes home with you.

Imagine that.

For just \$12, you get a great soup dinner and get to keep the handmade pottery bowl.

It's not just the best deal in town, but it helps to raise much-needed funds for the Salado Family Relief Fund. Tickets are on sale at Mud Pies Pottery, Village Pharmacy and *Salado Village Voice*. Tickets will also be available at the door during the event 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 20 at Salado Intermediate School cafeteria.

While the Empty Bowl Project benefits Salado Family Relief Fund, it

involves several local organizations and businesses. Salado Rotary Club members will pour the soup. Salado Ladies Auxiliary members will provide the bread, muffins and crackers for the meal. Salado 4-H will be baking desserts for after the meal (or before, if you are like me).

Area restaurants providing soup for the meal include these: Stagecoach Inn, Salado Mansion, Browning's Courtyard Cafe, The Range at the Barton House, Ambrosia Tea Room, Uncommon Grounds Cafe, Salty Creek Cafe, Johnny's Steak and Bar-b-que, Cathy's

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Svadlenak to leave Bell County J.P. position at year's end

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It's official now. Bell County Justice of the Peace Don Svadlenak informed Bell County Judge Jon Burrows this week that he will retire after 14 years in the position at the end of this year. Judge

Svadlenak also informed the Village of Salado that he is resigning from his position as municipal judge at the end of the month.

Svadlenak told *Salado Village Voice* that he mailed a letter to Judge Burrows Nov. 16 announcing his retirement from the J.P. position.

Svadlenak is leaving the office to pursue private business in Marble Falls. He is managing a recycling firm that is branching out into different areas and expanding its business.

"It's an opportunity that came up two years ago, and I turned it down then," he said. "It was offered to me again earlier

this year and it seemed to be a good time to make a change and make a new start."

"My heart has always been in business," Svadlenak said. "I've never considered myself a true politician."

Yet he found himself embroiled in an old-fashioned political scandal when he was arrested for

driving while intoxicated earlier this year in Harker Heights.

Charges against Svadlenak were dismissed after investigation by the Bell County Attorney's office. "They handled the case exactly as they should," Svadlenak said of the county attorney's office. "They investigated it

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Don Svadlenak



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Giving Thanks

Salado's Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be 7 p.m. Nov. 22 at the First Baptist Church of Salado, on Main St.

Brother Joe Keyes, pastor of the Salado Church of Christ, will deliver the message. Special music will be included in the service.

The community is invited to attend.

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Where Are the Heros?

You have never heard of Brian Chontosh. That's a shame. Not for Brian Chontosh, who I suspect couldn't care less. But for you.

In March of last year, Chontosh was a 29-year-old Marine lieutenant. He was leading his platoon on Highway 1, just outside Baghdad, when his troops came under heavy fire. He ordered his vehicle to head directly for the enemy trench, jumped out and began firing with his rifle and pistol, before running out of ammunition. The citation for Chontosh's Navy Cross picks up the narrative: "With complete disregard for his safety, he twice picked up discarded enemy rifles and continued his ferocious attack. When his audacious attack ended, he had cleared over 200 meters of the enemy trench, killing more than 20 enemy soldiers and wounding several others."

This is a battlefield exploit worthy of someone you have heard of, Sgt. Alvin York. He almost single-handedly killed 25 Germans and captured 132 "enemy combatants" -- yes, they existed before the Bush administration -- in 1918. You might know of York because he was played by Gary Cooper in the eponymous movie about him. Or maybe because of the half-dozen books that are still in print about him. Or maybe just because he used to be a household name.

We have collectively lost our ability to make popular battlefield heroes like York. With a few exceptions -- say, the extraordinary Pat Tillman, who left the NFL to join the Army Rangers -- people become famous in our wars by being victims or villains. Jessica Lynch was captured by Iraqis and rescued, an ordeal to be sure, but not the kind of fearsome courage that has been celebrated by warring nations at least since Homer sang of Hector. Charles Graner has been pictured multiple times in most major papers in the country,

Rich Lowry



appearing next to his inspiration -- the stack of naked Iraqi prisoners. Lynch and Graner are each, in their very different ways, anti-heroes, but they are more well-known than troops who have done much more notable things.

They are better known than Lance Cpl. Joseph Perez, who led his men to victory in a firefight in Iraq despite serious gunshot wounds. They are more famous than Marco Martinez, then a corporal, who launched a captured rocket-propelled grenade into a building full of Iraqis ambushing his platoon and then single-handedly captured the building. We know more about them than the more than 125 Americans who have been decorated with Silver Stars or other high honors for bravery in Afghanistan and Iraq.

In a brilliant piece in the United States Naval Institute's journal Proceedings, Roger Lee Crossland identifies Vietnam as marking the break with traditional notions of battlefield heroism. Besides the prisoners of war, there were no heroes from that war.

Today our culture tends to look for "heroes" who can be portrayed, not as warriors, but as ordinary people who overcame a struggle -- like the daytime TV guest who managed to beat anorexia as a teenager -- while remaining ignorant of those extraordinary people who risk so much to defend our freedom. Men like Brian Chontosh.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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GOP leaders declare war on judicial filibustering; Demos claim privacy rights in danger

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn) recently added alarming emphasis to a fear that is troubling many Americans these days concerning the Republican Party's desire to eliminate all hindrances to their legislative and judicial plans during the next four years.

The last bastion Democrats have, to slow down the power demanding GOP lawmakers and administration's policy wonks, is the Senate filibuster - which revolves around the 60 vote rule needed to move legislation to the Senate floor for debate. The minority party claims this tactic is all they have left to keep "bad legislation and terrible judicial appointments," from ever seeing the light of day.

When Republicans were in the minority - they used this legal fortification to rein in Democrats, who were never above enjoying the perks-of-power. Today, however "the filibuster must go" according to the new dictums from Senate leader Frist - at least (for starters) when it comes to processing judicial nominations to the federal court system. Particularly those who the President and his pals want as approved "litmus tested" replacements, for what could be as many as four openings on the high court.

This first cannonade assault under the "new order" was sounded by Frist (whose eyes are squarely focused on 2008) in an address to the **Federalist Society**, composed of super-conservative Washington lawyers, this past week.

The associated press noted that the Top-Gop in the Senate ordained: **"One way or another, the filibuster of judicial nominees must end."**

Besides the desire to control Congress' conservative agenda, this move is designed first and foremost to nullify the Roe v. Wade decision. The right-wing "value driven religious" block that helped Bush on November 2 are expecting a full payback when the new supremes are nominated.

Many believe there is even more to this somewhat draconian ploy than Roe v. Wade, since the under-pinnings of this landmark judgement is the matter of privacy. **And privacy rights could be the real targets.**

A careful reading of the Roe v. Wade conclusions, and the Supreme Court decision that supports it (Griswold v. Connecticut), declare certain rights including privacy are embodied in the Fourteenth Amendment (due process) and the Bill of Rights that has, over the years, declared privacy as being protected from government intrusion.

The fear (noted at the outset) that is abroad in the land is that some of our rights, including privacy, are headed for reduction or dismantlement. **Privacy, of course, is an implicit Constitutional right, and one that has been historically and judicially inferred from the Bill of Rights.**

PRIVACY UNDER ATTACK?

Strict constructionists of the Constitution would argue that "inference" just isn't good enough. If it ain't written down then it shouldn't even be discussed, these hardliners (including President Bush) have declared. Nor, they would continue, should the justices add anything to the Constitution that even smacks of legislating new laws.

This fundamentalist type thinking could easily permit broad sweeping legislative and regulatory changes (without judicial review), and possibly dilute or delete what Americans believe are inherent rights - especially that of privacy. The Patriot Act is an example of just such a

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



legislative action, according to many legal scholars.

Again - if Roe v Wade is based on privacy rights and is later taken off the books by jurists confirmed by an uncontrolled Senate, it would then be an easy step to intrude on other citizen rights.

Hopefully (and prayerfully) none of our precious rights will ever come close to being excised under the Bush administration's second term. Still and all - with Frist making speeches to deny minority party's legislative prerogatives. And Roe V. Wade (and privacy) in the cross-hairs of the Republican's (and religious coalition) gun sights - we all need to be on guard.

And that includes Conservatives, Liberals, Moderates, Independents, Libertarians, Greens and non participants - because there are, many feel, certain "inalienable" rights being greedily eyed for extinction or diminution by those who hate dissent almost as much as they hate dissenters.

And lest we forget what history has taught us in other countries - **dissent can be squashed quickly through the abridgement of privacy.**

ASHCROFT CALLS IT QUILTS

Our nation's highly controversial, and more often than not contentious, Attorney General John Ashcroft is the first of what is expected to be - a large number of top cabinet aides planning to leave before President Bush begins his second term.

Ashcroft will be remembered as the father of the Patriot Act which many feel removes some of our revered civil rights and freedoms, all in the name of protecting the country from future terror attacks. History will determine the truth or falsity of such allegations.

Regardless of partisan feelings about Ashcroft - we know his health is not great so we wish him a long and healthy retirement. And while we're at it - we hope he will take the curtain-like mantle with him - the one he draped over the Spirit of Justice statute that stands in the rotunda of the Department of Justice.

The bare breasted sculpture apparently offended the ultra-conservative AG when he saw rehashes of his press conferences - with America's symbol of fairness prominently displayed behind him in such an "uncovered" way, and **which Ashcroft felt was sinfully distracting viewer's attention from his important opinions!**

Ashcroft was tapped by Bush as AG thanks in large part to his religiously conservative approach to law enforcement and the Constitution. He went through a highly charged confirmation process after being defeated for a Senate seat in Missouri in 2000, by a man who had died several weeks before the election.

BUSH TAPS GONZALES

Bush quickly nominated his close friend Alberto Gonzales as Ashcroft's replacement. Harvard trained attorney Gonzales was enticed by then Governor Bush to leave the prestigious Houston law firm - Vinson & Elkins, to become the Guv's legal counsel. Later appointed Texas' Secretary of State and finally placed on the State Supreme Court, before moving in 2001 to Washington as the President's general counsel.

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School District moves forward on future facilities

Superintendent's Corner

By ROBIN WUEBKER-BATTERSHELL

Community and school groups have been meeting for the past two years on future construction for Salado ISD. Through the course of these meetings, the Board and Administration was charged with a) conducting a needs assessment of current facilities, b) purchasing land for future growth and development, and c) bringing forth a bond proposition. The needs assessment was conducted a couple of years ago and 50 acres were purchased this past summer at the corner of FM 2484 and Williams Drive. Now it is time for the last charge.

Salado ISD has selected Fields and Moman Architects out of Round Rock to work on future building plans. Fields and Moman were selected after a

Request for Qualifications and interview process. Twelve firms applied and three were interviewed. Representatives from Fields and Moman will be visiting with the school campuses and community groups over the next month to begin plans for a new high school and renovations to the existing elementary and high schools.

The school district also continues to work with the county and with the Texas Department of Transportation

on roads surrounding the new property.

Initial plans will be reviewed at a community meeting planned on Monday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

Salado ISD has also put out a request for competitive sealed bids for a construction management at-risk firm. The Salado ISD board and administration has visited eight school sites over the past month and interviewed numerous school boards and superintendents. All of those visited recommended the construction management at-risk delivery method.

Approved in the 1994 legislative session and becoming popular within the past five years, construction management at-risk firms encumber the liability for a project.

At the regular board meeting on Dec. 13, the Board will call for a bond election to be held on Feb. 19. During December and January the Board will determine what building and renovation projects will be on the bond ballot. No cost estimates are available at this time. As the architects and construction management at-risk firm work toward sound estimates, the community will be informed. These estimates will determine the scope of the building and renovation projects.

Letters to the Editor are encouraged.

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An Agenda for the Future

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



There are elections in which everyone knows that "the people have spoken" but they don't always know exactly what the people have said. This November's election was different. Not only did the people speak, they spoke clearly. They supported President George W. Bush and want Congress to do the people's work without political obstruction.

We have important tasks ahead of us. First, we have the War on Terror. President Bush believes this war is not a localized matter confined to a single country. It is a worldwide struggle. We are battling fanatics who kidnap and behead civilians and shoot fleeing children in the back. There can be no dialogue with such people, and the American people understand this. The War on Terror not only involves providing our troops with everything they need, it also involves making needed reforms to our security agencies to help us defend our homeland. The voters in this election also delivered a verdict on domestic policies. They decisively rejected obstructionism because they desire Republicans and Democrats to work together.

For instance, the Senate should take action on

the President's judicial nominees. For years, qualified candidates have been denied a vote for confirmation despite having the support of a bipartisan majority in the Senate. I will work with my colleagues to ensure these nominees get a vote.

The American people want Congress to make family tax relief permanent. Texans also want us to make the state sales tax deduction permanent. Eliminated 18 years ago, I and my colleagues were able to restore it for 2004 and 2005 and save the average Texas family of four more than \$928 in federal taxes each year.

Tax simplification is also on the agenda. One proposal is the Flat Tax to replace our present multi-tiered system with a single rate. Another option is to adopt a National Sales Tax in place of income and payroll taxes.

Our country also hungers for leadership to ensure the long-term survival of our Social Security system. With 70 million baby boomers in this country on the verge of retirement, we need to take action to shore up the system. President Bush's proposal guarantees those who have already retired, or are close to retirement, will receive the benefits they have been promised. His plan will also let Americans voluntarily choose to deposit part of their Social Security payments in private accounts which have historically yielded higher returns than payments into the Social Security program.

In this uncertain world, Americans want to see our nation move to reduce our

dependence on foreign energy by encouraging domestic exploration and production. This will spur the growth of our economy and create jobs. Efforts to move in this direction were blocked in the past, but now we have a chance to move forward.

Another issue of special interest to me is achieving greater fairness in the federal funding of our highway systems. Highway construction is largely funded by the federal fuel taxes we all pay when we fill up our cars and trucks.

Unfortunately, federal highway funding has traditionally provided far greater funds to states in the Northeast than in the Southwest, making states like Texas "donor" states because we get back less in highway funds than we send to Washington. Over the past 47 years, Texas drivers have contributed \$5 billion to other states so they can build their highway networks. This is not fair, and makes less sense than ever, because our state has more highway miles than any other state.

When I first came to Washington, Texans only received 76 cents out of every dollar paid on fuel taxes. By increasing that level to 90.5 cents, we gained an additional \$1.23 billion for Texas. If we are successful in pushing the share up to 95 cents, Texas will gain over \$160 million per year additional highway funding.

While Congress and the President still have a great deal of work to do, I am confident we will

The F-22 is very modern but a total waste



Jim Hightower

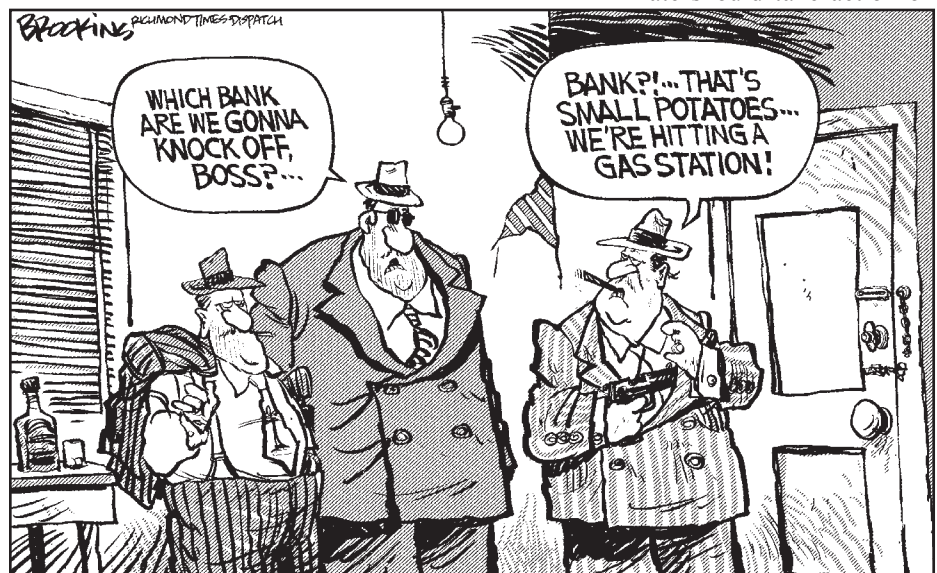
The U.S. Air Force is in rapture over its new baby, which it has named Raptor. We taxpayers, however, can be forgiven if we're less than enraptured by the recent birth of this F/A-22 fighter jet, for it's the most expensive war plane in history, it's not needed, and there are serious doubts about whether it'll even work.

The Raptor was conceived 23 years ago in the heat of the Cold War. It was intended to replace the trusty F-15 and was designed to battle a new jet the Soviets were developing. But the Soviet jet never got off the ground, the Soviet Union itself collapsed, the Cold War is long gone, and the enemies we battle today are far different, requiring entirely different weaponry. Indeed, no one threatening the U.S. today has an air force that can even battle the old reliable F-15.

Despite the changed world, however, Lockheed Martin, the maker of the Raptor, just kept pushing ahead, using its campaign contributions and lobbying clout to keep Congress feeding our tax dollars into this voracious boondoggle. Lockheed brags that the F/A-22 is the most technologically advanced plane ever built, but what it does best is eat money. Each Raptor costs us \$258 million--and the air force is buying 277 of them! That's nearly \$72 billion, almost four times the price tag originally submitted by Lockheed. Is the company accountable for such a gross cost overrun? No, no, Nanette--Lockheed got a sweetheart deal called a "cost plus" contract, which bills all overruns to you and me, not to the corporation.

What do we get for our billions? A flawed product. In March, Congress's budget office reported that the Raptor "was not meeting its requirements for a reliable aircraft." Nonetheless, the Air Force is now deploying them.

By the way, the day before Lockheed delivered its first Raptor, it announced a 41 percent jump in its profits--courtesy of you and me.





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Architect on board, trustees to hire manager soon for proposed HS

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After hiring an architect, school trustees will next hire a construction manager for the construction of a new high school campus, if approved by voters in February 2005.

Trustees will formally call the election during a December meeting, at least 60 days before the Feb. 19 bond election. When the trustees call the election, it will have a firm dollar amount, as well as the proposed construction project.

In the coming weeks, architectural firm Fields and Moman Architects will visit Salado school

every Tuesday and Thursday to meet with community members, administrators, teachers and board members. The firm will bring preliminary plans for renovation of the current elementary and high school campuses and a new high school campus to a public meeting 7 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Salado Civic Center. Plans for athletic facility expansion and/or renovation may also be presented at the Dec. 6 meeting.

The high school will likely be built to house 550 students in grades 9-12. The current campuses will adjust so that the current high school will hold students in seventh and

eighth grades, the current middle school will have students in fourth through sixth grades and Thomas Arnold Elementary school will house primary students in Pre-K through third grade.

The extent of renovations on the current campuses is not yet clear, but may cost \$95 per sq. ft.

Construction of the high school itself may top \$13.5 million, not including an auditorium to seat 350 people (\$2 million), or moving the athletic facilities to the new 50-acre site (\$1.5 million).

The board has not decided whether it will move the athletic facilities or renovate the current sta-

dium for ADA compliance and expansion. The current football stadium has a capacity of about 1,000, which was surpassed by the 1,100 people attending Homecoming this year.

If the athletic facilities are moved to the Williams Rd. location, it would free up considerable land for parking and expansion at the current campuses. Yet, the need for parking diminishes without the athletic facilities.

A \$10 million bond may increase Salado ISD's tax rate by as much as 15 cents. A \$15 million bond could increase the tax rate by 22 cents or more, based on current property values.

Svadlenak

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from top to bottom. If they had had enough to make a case, they would have, but they dismissed it."

During the time he was under investigation, Svadlenak removed himself from sitting on any cases that came before his court involving alcohol.

"I'm sure glad it's over," he said of the case and the coverage it received. "Nobody likes to

see their name in the paper like that, but I understand the nature of the beast."

"I'm just a regular person, not a career politician," Svadlenak said. He was first elected Justice of the Peace as a Democrat in 1990. He was re-elected as a Democrat in 1994 and 1998, when he defeated Republican opposition before switching to that party in 2000.

For most of his years as J.P., Svadlenak continued to sell Farmers Insurance out of his Holland office until he sold the business three years ago.

Svadlenak owns the building in which the J.P. office is housed and said that the decision whether the office will continue to be housed there "will be up to the County, as it always has been," he said.

County commissioners will decide who will fill Svadlenak's position, as well as whether the office will stay in Holland or move elsewhere.

As for his move to Marble Falls, Svadlenak says it was the right time and the right decision. Whether he will consider politics in the future, he says with little hesitation.

"No, I don't plan on it."

Empty bowl FROM PAGE 1A

Boardwalk Cafe and Inn on the Creek. Local bed and breakfast inns will also be cooking up their favorite soups: The Halley House, Country Place, StoneCreek Settlements, Red Barn Hideaway, and the Baines House.

While you enjoy your soup, Denise Thomssen and Esta Hansen will perform on the flute and keyboard 11 a.m.-1 p.m., followed by the Salado school band at 1:10 p.m., directed by Tom Brenner.

You can also place your bid on bowls made by locals and those signed by celebrities. Among those signing bowls were WWF wrestler Stone Cold Steve Austin, singer Jessica Simpson, actor Gary Sinise (CSI New York), and Dallas Cowboys Bob Lilly, Billy Joe Dupree, Mel Renfro and Don Maynard.

Coinciding with the Empty Bowl Project is the first-ever Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) Pots' O' Plenty Potters show 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The potter's show will include works and demonstrations by the following:

- Stephen and Bonnie Todee, of Brenham: functional stoneware of Bluebonnet Pottery.

- Barb Sorge, of Temple: Glass goblets with stoneware stems.

- Glenda Ramsower: Raki sculpture and vessels.

- Cindy Fuqua, of Albany: Raku horsehair and stoneware pottery.

- Larry Matthews, of Temple: functional stoneware and apple bakers.

- Don Brimberry, of Austin: Copper reds on porcelain, functional and decorative pieces.

- Titia Arledge, of Salado: functional French Butter dishes and egg bakers and fudge from Mud Pies Pottery.

- Jordan Drake, of Salado: Functional and decorative stoneware pieces and Christmas ornaments.

Last year, the Family Relief Fund provided Christmas to over 100 children in the Salado area. "Every year, we typically help between 100 and 150 kids," said Leigh Drake, president of the group. "The need seems to be growing, or perhaps more of the families that are in need of help are becoming aware of us."

For more information, call Mud Pies Pottery (947-0281), Village Pharmacy (947-3185) or Salado Village Voice (947-5321).

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Defensive driving needs to be a daily habit

By ALAN ROGERS
CHIEF OF POLICE

It is evident that not everyone practices defensive driving. This is clear in the number of accidents that occur in and around Salado.

Here are some things to consider the next time you get behind the wheel of a car:

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When football players collide with each other the speed is about seven miles per hour - and they are wearing pads and helmets. What protective equipment are you wearing?
CTC Exhibit opens to public

Central Texas College's Fine Arts Department welcomes Baylor University Professor Terry Roller as the second artist featured in the CTC Library Gallery. The exhibit of mixed media includes sandblasted glass, metalwork and woodwork and will be on display Dec. 16.

Roller received his Bachelor and Master degrees in Fine Arts from the University of Tennessee. A graphic designer by training and profession, Roller's art involves language. He said, "It was for me a natural, if not obvious segue. These pieces are part of a series I call Dangerous Art after the flagship piece of the same title."

According to Roller, the title of the series comes from two sources: "The first is the fact that art often serves as the avant garde observer, critic and sometimes nemesis or catalyst of social, political, and religious issues as well as artistic ones. The second source is the old adage that art reflects society, not only in the visual arts, but also in literature, theatre, music, movies, etc."

The CTC Library Gallery is open to the public during regular library hours.

To view the 2004-2005 Fine Arts Calendar, visit www.ctcd.edu.

ing in your car?

- "I would rather be thrown clear in a collision."

The simple law of physics proves this is a dangerous act. You and your car will be traveling in the same direction, and if you are thrown out of your car it is likely that you will end up under your car. This is definitely hazardous to one's health and well-being.

- I've heard this said on more than one occasion: "I don't want to be trapped in my car by wearing seat belts."

If you don't wear your seat belt you are likely to be in such a condition to render yourself incapable of helping yourself escape from your car.

Why am I telling you this?

Because your safety belt is the best insurance you have to minimize or prevent serious injury. Of course, even wearing the seat belt cannot guarantee your safety 100 percent of the time, but it does increase your chances of survival.

- Remember to drive safe and put enough distance between you and the other driver. The distance

should be at least two seconds. This allows you time to react and avoid an accident.

You may not realize it, but at 60 mph you are traveling 88 feet per second, and at 70 mph you are traveling at 116.66 feet per second. A person with good reflexes and paying attention to his or her driving will require at least two-to-two and a

half seconds to see danger and react to it.

In that period of time at 70 mph it is likely you will have traveled 234 feet. To put that in perspective, a football field is 300 feet from goal line to goal line.

Let's make this holiday season a safe and happy one.

Drive like your life depends on it, because it does.

Salado Police Department Offense Reports, Oct. 2004

Date	Offense	Location
10/2	Theft Over \$50 Under \$500	S. Stagecoach Rd.
10/3	Minor DUI	Baines and Royal
10/6	Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	Chisholm Trail
10/8	Theft Under \$50	Royal View
10/9	Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	S. Stagecoach Rd.
10/9	Public Intoxication	N. Robertson Rd.
10/11	Found Property	Blaylock Dr.
10/14	Civil Disturbance	N. Main St.
10/15	Theft Over \$1,500	Baines St.
10/17	Accident	Royal St.
10/23	Accident	N. Robertson Rd.
10/23	Public Intoxication	S. Stagecoach Rd.
10/23	Public Intoxication	S. Stagecoach Rd.
10/31	Theft Over \$50 Under \$500	W. Village Rd.
10/31	Accident	Mill Creek Dr.

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Traditional Worship/Bible Study	10:30 a.m.	Jr. High Halftime	5:15 p.m.
Orchestra Rehearsal	4:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	5:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Service	6:15 p.m.
		Team Kid (Age 3 - 6th grade)	6:00 p.m.
		Bible Drill (4th - 6th)	7:00 p.m.
		High School Halftime	7:00 p.m.



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Sunday Morning Service • Nov. 21, 2004



Joe Keyes
Minister

My favorite time of the year is the season of Thanksgiving. Yet, there are many families in our nation (and probably our community) who have no apparent reason to give thanks due to suffering various losses in their lives. Today, we'll look at the goodness of God and how that in any circumstance, we can still express "Thanksgiving Anyhow."

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Wednesday

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Services held for D.L. Sutton

D.L. Sutton, 69, of Salado, passed away Nov. 12, 2004 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Nov. 16 at Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton, with Rev. Joe Bentley officiating. Burial followed in Salado Cemetery.

He was born to Claude and Lesta Cockrell Sutton in Salado on Jan. 4, 1935, and graduated from Salado High School in 1953. He served in Europe in the U.S. Army. Sutton married Theresa Palkovits in Mannheim, Germany on May 27, 1959. He was employed as a truck driver with Wilsonart for 34 years.

Survivors include his wife, Theresa Sutton, of Salado; one son,



D.L. Sutton

Henry Sutton, of Salado; three daughters, Regina McGregor and husband Larry, of Salado, Mary Ann Neal and husband Billy Fred, of Rogers, and Cathy Anderson and husband Phillip, of Belton; mother, Lesta Sutton, of Temple; brother, Elwood Sutton and wife Beverly, of Salado; two sisters, Betty Sue Pinkham and husband Bill of Lyman, SC, and Linda Moore and husband Munroe, of

Salado.

He is also survived by nine grandchildren: Brandon McGregor, of Salado, Chris McGregor, of Morgan's Point, Jamie McGregor, of Salado, Lindsey Anderson, of Belton, Ashley Anderson, of Belton, and Chuck Hoffman, Chesney Hoffman, Dustin Hoffman and Megan Hoffman, all of Orlando, FL; and two great-grandchildren, Eric McGregor and Jaci McGregor, both of Salado.

Retired officers meet Nov. 19

Local retired officers will meet for lunch at the Fort Hood Officers Club 11:30 a.m. Nov. 19.

Following lunch, the MOAA will elect officers and directors. Nominees are President Len Gulig, First Vice President Frank Somera, Second Vice President Gene Wentworth, Secretary Billy Stephenson, Treasurer Tony Kosta and directors Art Junot and Woody Shemwell.

Andrea Harris will discuss a series of her portraits entitled "The Veil, a Mosaic Connecting Cultural Boundaries." The series began as a history of sorts, but evolved to describe the fear and emptiness experienced by Middle-Eastern women living outside the U.S. She will share her research and insights that uncovered a trail of oppression, gender persecution and severe educational restrictions imposed on Middle Eastern women even now.

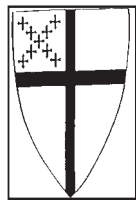
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Airman Butts graduates basic at Lackland Air Force Base

Air Force Airman Alexander U. Butts has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field

Monday Club program a "Music Surprise" Dec. 6

The Monday Club will hold its Christmas Luncheon meeting 11 a.m. Dec. 6 at the home of Katherine Tyson, 601 Baines Road.

A group will meet at 10:45 a.m. at Salado United Methodist Church to car pool to Tyson's home.

Although the meal for the luncheon is being provided, attendees are asked to bring a \$1 gift to exchange with members, as well as \$9 to be donated to the Salado Food Pantry.

The program will be a "Music Surprise."

Mary Belle Brown speaks to DAR

The Betty Martin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday Dec. 1 at the First United Methodist Church 102 North 2nd Street in Temple.

The guest speaker will be Mary Belle Brown who will discuss the History of Salado.

Reservations are required for the 2 p.m. tea.

Membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution is open to women over the age of 18 who are descended from patriots who aided the colonial cause during the American Revolution.

For information contact jcdoben@vvm.com.

Is there a minister in the house? Yes!

Rev. Grady Brittain, minister of Salado United Methodist Church, was joined by former ministers of the local church for a banquet highlighting the 150th anniversary of the congregation in Salado. As the church marks this milestone, it is preparing for the future by building a new church at a new location. As Rev. Brittain said, one must give thanks for the past and answer the future with "Yes!" The celebration was Nov. 13.



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Rev. Joe Bentley told the audience how he came to be elected in typical Salado fashion to be Fire Chief for Salado, a job he held even longer than the 20 years as Methodist minister: he was out of town at a fire school when the election was held. Choo-choo!



Rev. George Matthews drew a laugh from his wife Virginia and many others when he recalled a home-brewed Mustang Grape "juice" that was used for communion one and packed a little punch to it. Evidently, the children really liked it.

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Cross country teams compete at State



Salado High girls cross country team members are Brittany Gilcrest, Jenny Goode, Leigh Martin, Brittani Goodnight, Tamra Stanish, Valerie Clark, Rachel Blodgett, Chelsea Ervi, Rachel Hargrove and Coach Cindy Mewhinney. Team placed 10th at cross country state meet

Salado senior Nick Everett came up just short in his bid to repeat as Class 2A state cross country champion, finishing just over 10 seconds behind Argyle's Brett Shepard at the state meet, held Nov. 13 in Round Rock. A year ago as a junior, Shepard placed third in Class 3A while enrolled at Canyon High School, so this race figured to be close the whole way.

Everett came in with a time of 15:48.0 to lead all Salado runners. The team placed eighth overall. Ozona, Boys Ranch and

three team spots, respectively.

Individually, Travis Clark finished 34th with a time of 17:56.5, and Johnny Kendall came in 43rd at 18:15.3. Ryan Clark was 56th with a time of 18:45.8, D.J. Hampton finished 65th at 19:30.0, Sterling Martin was 71st at 19:45 and Gregg Faber came in 77th with a time of 20:29.

The Salado girls also had an impressive performance at the state meet, finishing in 10th place with 220 points. The only other central Texas school represented,

Little River-Academy, finished in eighth with 197 points.

In the team standings, sophomore Chelsea Ervi came in eighth with a time of 12:10.5. Places five through eight were separated by less than nine seconds.

Also running for the girls team were Tamra Stanish (41st, 13:06.5), Leigh Martin (45th, 13:15.2), Rachel Hargrove (56th, 13:32.9), Valerie Clark, (70th, 14:12.5), Brittani Goodnight (75th, 14:34.9) and Rachel Blodgett (82nd, 15:21).



Nick Everett



Chelsea Ervi

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The Salado Lil' Eagles 7-9 year olds are the 2004 Division 2A Champions and will continue to compete in the Central Texas play-offs this weekend. The squad, which had an impressive 6-0 record, went on to beat Academy 24-0 to win the Division championship. The Lil Eagles will play Moody 2 p.m. Nov. 20 in Belton for the championship. The Lil Eagles are shown above (front row, from left) Morgan Marburger, Tanner Montgomery, Caden Eary, Joshua Houston, Ryan Shilling, Garrett White, Michael McCullough, Dakota Cloud; (second row, from left) Magnum Burcham, James Svadlenak, Ryan Kelley, David Berumen, Billy Golding, Mason Price, Sean Moore, Jason Navejar; (third row) Zackary Mills, Brandon Womac, John Pegues, Colby Priest, Jake Benolken, Michael Butts, Barton Cheatham, Treyton Mohler. Back row are coaches Mike Moore, Bobby Golding and Wayne Womac. Above and right are scenes from the game with Academy.

Thank you, Salado

The Salado Twirlers and Directors would like to acknowledge the many people of this community that helped support and sponsor the Salado Twirlers: Gloria Hodge and Jenny Medlin of the Salado Twirling Company. Hodge and Medlin created the routines and instructed the girls. Lisa Mitchum, Pres. of the C.T.Y.F.L. for allowing the girls to participate. Jennifer Carroll for supporting our fund raiser. Lisa Nix and Joe Palmer for their support. Lanell Campbell of the Barber Barn; also supported our fund raiser for Spirit Buttons. A note of thanks to the sponsors: The Salado Twirling Company, Norman Building Materials, Jenny Carroll, Ruth Qualls of Ruth's Corner in Temple. Ruth helped create the Twirler's school uniforms, Pam Sellers and Stacy Norman also helped in creating the half time performance outfits and accessories. They look forward to the future and appreciate all of Salado's support.



Salado Fifth and Sixth Grade Eagles are above (front row, from left) Jeffrey Care, Cody Goodman, Cameron Smith, Ty Roemer, Austin Silva, Dylan Laurenson, Beau Briggs, Stephen Sniggs, Peyton Best; (middle, from left) Garret Marburger, Michael Sellers, Conner Patton, Brendan Laird, Bobby Golding, Max Care, Lucas Wooley, Christian Edwards; (back row, from left) Asst Coach Frank Norman, Austin Armstrong, Colton Norman, Garrett Keys, Curtis Donaldson, Shannon Ponder, Andrew Self, Sam Barrett, Jared Bryant, Bernie Briggs, Coach Bernard Briggs, Assistant Coach Ed Care.



Salado Twirlers are (front row, from left) Tori Sellers, Taylor Eary, Helena Carroll; (back row, from left) Kori Norman, Cara Lankford, Josie Norman. This is the first year for the twirlers, directed by Pam Sellers and Stacy Norman.

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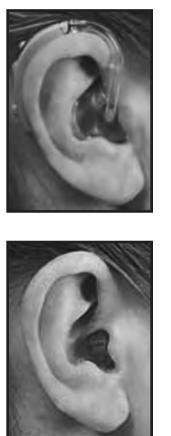
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Lady Eagles Cagers lose opening game to Lorena

Opening night for the Salado Lady Eagles basketball team, and new head coach Scott Copeland, turned out to be a tale of two halves as Salado took the court

against Lorena on the road Nov. 12.

One half, the first, was played relatively well by the youthful Lady Eagles, whose roster includes just one senior - Jenny Goode. The second half, however, was Salado's undoing, as the girls saw a manageable three-point 20-17 halftime deficit balloon into a 65-29 rout at the hands of the Class 3A state ranked Lady Leopards.

At the beginning, it looked as though Salado

would make a game of it, as Goode dropped in five quick points in the first quarter, which by the end had Salado trailing by one, 10-9.

The Lady Eagles stayed close in the second, as well, but lost control of the game in the third.

Lorena broke things open with a 19-6 run in the third period, increasing their lead to 39-23 and all but putting the game out of reach for Salado.

Applying pressure well into the fourth, Lorena dropped 26 more on Sala-

do to bring the game to its 65-29 final.

The lopsided second half, according to Copeland, was a combination of Salado's not being able to handle the Lorena press - which they successfully dealt with in the first half - and the large number of free throw opportunities (29) they gave the home team. Lorena converted 17 of those chances, compared to just six total attempts for Salado.

Junior Kate Marshall led the way offensively

for Salado, reaching double figures with 10 points. She also had a block, two steals and three boards.

Goode finished with seven points on 3-13 shooting, but she did nab four steals, four boards and had six assists.

Kelsey Smith scored five points, Nicole Weatherly, Lauren Haire and Brittani Gilcrest each had two, and Kelsey Gobin scored one point.

The Lady Eagles will play just one game this week, Nov. 20 in Crawford. Tip off is set for 1

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Cool weather doesn't stop avid golfers

Clubhouse Commentary

By Bill Harris



Old News - Was recently in Bossier City playing golf at Old Oaks CC, and my friend Forest saw and spoke with Hal Sutton - the most recent Ryder Cup Captain.

Hal was very personable - he spoke to several of us and told Forest he cannot figure out how to motivate those guys. I'm not sure why it should be necessary, but it is.

Further, I'm a fan of Tom Lehman, who is the 2006 Captain, but I question whether his record justifies the choice. He has only five wins - including one major - but a good record in the Ryder Cup. We will see what he can do. I also understand that the player's selection criteria will be changed to a one-year basis.

New Stuff - VJ continues to show why he is without a doubt number

one in the world. Retief Goosen is quietly becoming one of the very best in the world. Phil continues to struggle. Is it equipment issues? Will Tiger be back soon? I believe marriage will ultimately be good for his golf.

If you want to try a great new golf course, Harbor Lakes in Granbury, south of Fort Worth, is a great facility, has good food, and the head pro Rob McMillan is actually from Scotland. He's a really great guy - call the pro shop and set up to play (the drive is just over two hours from Salado). Rob said they would give you a deal if you say I told you

to call. Ask for Rob. It's really a nice little town to visit.

Watch the Golf Channel for Q School finals on TV. Never see a more pressure packed few days of golf in your life. New players and veterans playing for their professional lives; it is really great theatre.

Winter is coming soon. Temperatures are already lower. In a Ziploc bag in your golf bag, put a thick T-undershirt, some chemical heat packets, a pair of winter gloves, a stocking cap, an extra sweater and anything else you may need. That way,

if we have a blue norther, you'll be prepared.

Greens at Mill Creek are in super shape. Holding well and got some speed. Enjoy.

Silly Season pro golf has begun - Do Hank Kuehne and Jeff Shuman remind you of Mutt and Jeff? There was talk at Franklin-Templeton even about making it into a real tour event - great idea, a little something different.

I'm going to San Antonio Open and Nevada Senior Open in the next few weeks. I just spent the weekend playing in rain and cold, and one bad swing cost me a nice title and check - but I learned something about the game and myself. I'll keep you posted. Get out and play.

Bill Harris is a Salado resident and competitive golfer, when he's not practicing law.

Free throw contest to benefit Coach Smith Tournament

The Third Annual "Free Throw Shooter in Salado" Contest, sponsored by the Salado Athletic Booster Club, will be held Dec. 5 at Thomas Arnold Elementary and

the Salado High School gyms

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Rollins is Artist of Month

Salado Village Artists Inc. current selection of Artist of the Month is Ivy Rollins, whose work is currently on display at the Compass Bank, First State Bank and the Salado Library. Ivy is originally from Hawaii, but has lived in Central Texas for the past 32 years. She began painting only three years ago and has studied under from such prestigious artists as Phillip Wade, Margaret Hoyback, Mary Jane Cox and local artists and instructors, Joan Hoffman and Sharon McGlasson. Ivy paints in both acrylic and watercolor.



Ivy Rollins

Ivy has always been interested in art and spent many years visiting art galleries, exploring the who, what, and why such magnificent works were developed. Her works of art reflect the awe and

respect she has for the artist and artistic expression. Although she loves all art, she prefers contemporary

art. Ivy enjoys the experience of our door painting. Ivy is the mother

of three children. Her daughter, Katherine has recently begun painting in acrylics.

UIL Academic teams place second

The Salado UIL team made the trip to Pflugerville Nov. 2 and came away with a second place Academic Award in a competition packed with larger schools. Salado did take first place in the Journalism and Number Sense competitions, and also earned a third place in Speech.

Individual results are as follows:

Academic

Number sense: Joseph Shumate, first; Matt Caskey, third; Wes Dowell, sixth; Ken Hora, seventh; Tanner Johnson, ninth; Brandon Peters, 11th; Slayt Ebeling, 12th; and Kathryn Holdampf, 16th.

Calculator: Scott Williams, first (tie); Rebekah Quick, fourth; Kate Marshall, fifth; Ben Carder, seventh; and Clint Per-

menter, eighth.

Journalism

Headlines: Jacob Brown, first; Kathryn Holdampf, fourth.

News Writing: Kristi Billington, fourth.

Features: Kristi Billington, first.

Editorials: Douglas Mackie, first; Jacob Brown, fifth.

Current events: Jared Brank, fifth.

Speech

Dramatic Interpretation: Dixie Darling, third.

Humorous Interpretation: Garrett Askins, second.

Prose Interpretation: Dixie Darling, fourth.

Poetry Interpretation: Dixie Darling, third; Garrett Askins, fourth; and Taylor Jones, fifth.

Persuasive Extemporaneous Speaking: Lauralee

TRAINING STARTS NOV. 29

Advocates for children needed in Bell County

CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) of Bell County has set its next training series to begin Nov. 29 on Elms Rd. in Killeen. The training will be 9 a.m.-2 p.m. each day for volunteers in the program.

CASA of Bell County is an organization that advocates on behalf of foster children in the district courts where the fate of their lives is determined.

"CASA is in desperate need of loving, caring individuals willing to stand up and speak on a child's behalf," said Rosa Black, Bell County director of CASA.

Volunteers are required to attain 30 hours of training, where they learn about the dynamics of child abuse and neglect and foster care system. Volunteers will also learn about the district courts and how they can help foster children, parents and any individuals that can provide them with information in order to report to the district judge regarding what is in the best interest of the child.

There are over 350 children in foster care in Bell County. There are more than 51 CASA programs in Texas and 900 nationwide.

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Nov. 23: Chicken nuggets, hamburger on bun, Pizza Hut Pizza, chef salad, Frito lay, corn, peas and carrots, mashed potatoes with gravy burger salad, fresh fruit, pineapple tidbits, milk

Nov. 24: No School

Nov. 25: No School

Nov. 26: No School

Lunch Thomas Arnold Elementary

Nov. 22: Chili mac beef, chef salado, hoagie, green beans, mixed fruit, cornbread, choice of milk

Nov. 23: Corn dogs, pinto beans, chef salad, hoagie, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk

Nov. 24: No School

Nov. 25: No School

Nov. 26: No School

Breakfast Both Campuses:

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Time of the year to review your 401K holdings

This may be the time of year when your company gives you a chance to increase your 401(k) contributions. But how much

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things change - and, if you want to get the maximum benefits from your 401(k), you'll need to make sure it still meets your needs.

When considering adjustments to your 401(k), think about two key factors: the performance of your investments and the number of years you have until retirement. Let's look at both:

* 401(k) performance - The performance of the individual accounts within your 401(k) can affect the overall balance of your plan. When you established your 401(k), you decided on a suitable asset allocation, with different percentages of your total portfolio going to stocks, bonds, money market accounts, government securities, etc. Over time, these percentages can change - a lot. During the long bull market of the 1990s, the equity portion of your 401(k) may have grown to such levels that your portfolio was taking on a higher level of risk

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



than that which you were comfortable.

Now, though, the situation is different. From 2001 through 2003, the stock market has had mixed results, and 2004 has not been a particularly good year. So, within your overall portfolio, the value of stocks may be down, which means that your other 401(k) investments - including government securities and "guaranteed investment contracts" (fixed-income vehicles that your plan may purchase from an insurance company) - may have taken on a greater prominence.

This could be a problem. Ultimately, you need your 401(k) to grow, so that you can build resources for retirement. And to

achieve this growth, you need significant exposure to stocks. As we've seen, stock prices will move up and down in the short term. But over the long term, stocks have historically outperformed every other financial asset. So, if your 401(k) is becoming "overweighted" toward fixed-income investments, your progress toward your retirement goals could be slowed. Please be aware that stocks are subject to market risk including the potential loss of principal invested. Also, past performance does not assure future results.

Consequently, you'll want to review your 401(k), at least once a year, to make sure your holdings still reflect your risk tolerance and your need for growth. If you have high-quality, stock-based accounts, don't give up on them because of a down year - over time, good investments tend to

reward patient investors.

* Years until retirement - The other key reason to review your 401(k) plan is to make sure your investment mix is suitable for your age level. When you're first starting out in your career, you can afford to invest more aggressively in your 401(k), because you have many years to overcome any "down" periods. But, in your last few years before you retire, you may want to shift some (but not all) 401(k) assets from stock accounts into fixed-income accounts. By making this move, you can "lock in" any gains you achieved from stocks and reduce the volatility of your overall account in the last few years in which you'll be contributing to it.

Start your review soon. By reviewing your 401(k), possibly with an investment professional, you can ensure that your holdings are working together to help you achieve the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned. So, the next time you get that 401(k) statement, take a close look at it - it's got an interesting story to tell.

Knowledge is power Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

Before beginning your search for a new home, be sure you've done your "homework!" The key to a successful purchase is to arm yourself with knowledge and try to anticipate potential issues.


Start with a clear idea of what features you want in your home, and what location you prefer. Then learn as much as possible about that neighborhood

and homes that have recently sold there, as well as those currently for sale. A real estate agent can provide information on prices, marketing times, etc. This is one way you'll know if the house you're considering offers good value.

Before making an offer, rest assured that your financing is already approved. Secure "pre-approval" for a loan, giving you peace of mind, and giving sellers the strong impression that you are an able and committed buyer.

Be prepared to make decisions by ensuring everyone involved in the purchase is present when viewing homes. This doesn't necessarily mean involving the kids and Uncle Lenny, but you don't want to waste precious time setting up a second showing appointment for crucial decision makers like your spouse or parents. Don't lose the home of your dreams to hesitation.


Know what you want and where. Know that you're approved for the purchase and that the decision makers are ready. Know that you're prepared to enjoy a successful home buying experience!



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Discount card to ease prescription costs

Beginning Nov. 15, seniors may change to another Medicare-approved drug discount card to realize maximum savings on their yearly prescription drug costs in 2005, and to take advantage of the \$600 credit offered to lower-income seniors for 2004. The open enrollment period lasts until Dec. 31, and applies to any senior who already has a card as well as seniors who want to enroll in a discount card program.

Seniors have had the opportunity to sign up for a Medicare-approved drug discount card offered through numerous private companies since May 2004. In Texas, there are over 30 cards available for seniors to choose from for the best discounts based on the drugs they currently take. In a recent study performed by The Lewin Group, a nationally-respected economic analysis firm, Texas beneficiaries are saving 43.1% on their drug costs by using the discount cards.

To qualify for a Medicare-approved prescription drug discount card, seniors must have Medicare Part A and/or Part B. They can not have outpatient prescription drug benefits through Medicaid. Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in a private Medicare managed care plan or a Medicare Advantage plan should call their plan for guidance as their drug discount card options may be limited.

Single seniors whose income is below \$12,569

and married seniors whose income is below \$16,862, may qualify for a \$1,200 credit (\$600 in 2004 and \$600 in 2005) towards the cost of their medicines. Some discount cards offer even more savings after the \$600 credit has been surpassed.

To sign up for a card or to change a current card, seniors may call 1-800-MEDICARE and talk to a Medicare representative or visit www.medicare.gov <<http://www.medicare.gov>> to research drug card options online. Seniors should be prepared to give a list of their prescribed drugs and the dosage, the current costs of those drugs and the zip code of the pharmacy where they prefer to purchase their drugs.

Medicare can also provide a list of pharmacies in the surrounding area of their home address that accept Medicare-

approved drug discount cards. Once this information has been given to a Medicare representative or entered online through www.medicare.gov, the beneficiary will be provided a list of drug cards offering savings based on his/her particular prescribed medication. Different drug card programs may have an enrollment fee which ranges from \$0 up to \$30 and that fee is shown on the list for seniors to review. If a senior qualifies for the \$600 credit, then that fee is waived.

Once the beneficiary determines which card offers the best savings, they will need to call the sponsor of the new card and tell them that they are ready to enroll in their drug card program. The new sponsor will send you a new card that will be activated for use on January 1st, 2005. If a senior is changing to a new card, they may continue to use their old card for prescription drug purchases through Dec. 31, 2005, so there is no gap in coverage.

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Work by MCCA volunteers include:

- Publishing a comprehensive and colorful Quar-

terly Newsletter, Updating and sending out an annual phone directory.

- Planning three social events with dinner, decorations, music and dancing each year.

Planning and providing the annual Spring Litter Clean-up Day.

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- Provides for landscaping and upkeep of our entry sign.

- Provides stone picnic tables at Sherrill Park with

plans for a walking trail.

• Promotes and supports security with an annual donation the Salado Fire Department and supports a Neighborhood Watch Program with the Police Dept.

• Helps out and supports Salado's downtown activities such as the Christmas Stroll gazebo and tree lighting and parade float.

• Provides and helps distribute pertinent information regarding Community Civic organizations, Churches, Education Endowment Fund, Library and Schools.

If you would like to vol-

unteer to help with these activities, or would like to be nominated for the Mill Creek Board, please call Bobbie Reihsen at 947-3901.

"It is a fun and fulfilling mission and a chance to meet the good folks of Mill Creek," Reihsen said. "We love our volunteers and they accomplish a lot for our little community."

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Presidents dinner

Local Chamber of Commerce Presidents and wives gathered at Salado Mansion Nov. 12 prior to the tee-off the following morning of the Bell County Chambers of Commerce Golf Challenge at Mill Creek. Shown above are Ken and Betty Higdon (Ken presides over the Temple chamber) and Jack and Joan Schrock (Jack is in his last two months at the helm of the Salado Chamber).

No fair weathered golfers

The wet, cold conditions Nov. 13 couldn't keep the golfers away from Mill Creek, where more than 60 people entered the Bell County Chambers of Commerce Golf Challenge and Tournament. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

ABWA council elects officers

Killeen City Manager David Blackburn discussed "The Needs of a Growing Community" with the Central Texas Area American Business Women's Council Nov. 4 at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Killeen.

Blackburn outlined the process used in determining needs, ways of financing, tax dollars apportionment for public safety and other issues.

Officers for 2004-05 were elected as follows: President Wanona Stallings, Globe Chapter; Vice-President Vivian Lewis, Dynamis Chapter; Secretary Karen Dunn, Heart of Texas Chapter; and Treasurer Amanda Krcha, Bell Chapter.

Empty Bowl Project
November 20th, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
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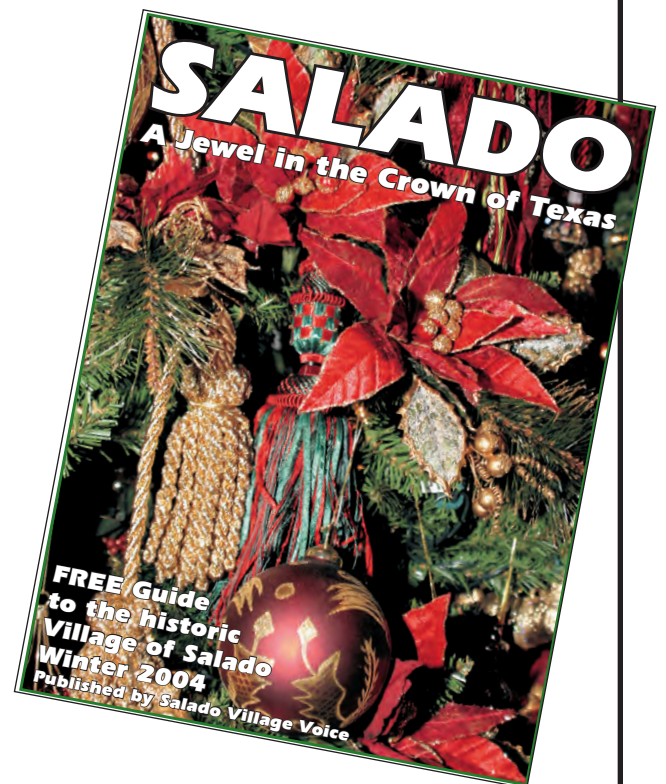
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Animal lovers reorganize local humane society

By the Editors
Emswiler-Care

Her three Golden Labs are well-known fixtures at Salado, as they greet visitors and three who have hit the jackpot in finding a home with Peggy Stansford, who keeps a running list of the local vet and can always be found with a new rescue.

After just a few short months with her, it is no wonder why Stansford was so dismayed when the local Salado Humane Society announced that it was disbanding at the start of the new year.

Stansford was not alone in her dismay. Many of the volunteers who had spent a great deal of time and effort in caring for the hundreds of animals in the lab area.

Stansford and her fellow volunteers have since reformed the group and are now known as the Salado Humane Society. The group's first fund-raiser is a drawing for a \$1,000 prize, given by Fairway Golf Course of Salado. Tickets are \$1 each and can be bought from Stansford Court. The drawing will be Dec. 15.



Warm your belly & heart at Empty Bowl Project

By the Editors
Emswiler-Care

Looking out the window at a drab, wet November day, the kind of day that just could enough to freeze that what I really want is a big bowl of soup, with the steam a visible reminder of its warmth and goodness.

Good thing the Empty Bowl Project is just around the corner. Serving steamy bowls of soup offers by local restaurants and hot and hearty meals at the Empty Bowl Project will assure those attending will not go away with a cold.

While the Empty Bowl Project benefits Salado and Bell County, it is not just the soup that is the focus. The Empty Bowl Project is a fundraising event for the Empty Bowl Project. Tickets are \$12, you get a great soup dinner and get to keep the handmade pottery bowl.

It's not just the best deal in town, but it helps fund the Empty Bowl Project. Tickets are on sale at Mad Press, Village Pharmacy, and Salado Village Food. Tickets will also be available at the door during the event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 20 at Salado Intermediate School outdoor.

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Svadlenak to leave Bell County J.P. position at year's end

By the Editors
Emswiler-Care

It's official: County Judge Peace Don Svadlenak is leaving his position as municipal judge at the end of the month.

Svadlenak told Salado Village Voice that he mailed a letter to Judge Burrows last week announcing his retirement from the J.P. position.

Svadlenak is leaving the office to pursue private business in Marble Falls. He is managing a recycling firm that is branching out into different areas and expanding its business.

It's an opportunity that came up five years ago and I tried it down then," he said. "It was offered to me again earlier when he was arrested for driving while intoxicated earlier this year in Belton."

Charges against Svadlenak were dismissed after investigation by the Bell County Attorney's office. They handled the case exactly as they should," Svadlenak said of the county attorney's office. "They investigated it for Burrows, Part 4A.

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Historic Society sponsors Home Tour Dec. 3-5

As if transported from an Italian estate overlooking the Mediterranean, the house at 3700 Chisholm Trail stands proudly amid lush landscaping welcoming visitors to its Old World ambiance. Robbie and Marilyn Griffin open their recently completed dream villa for the annual Christmas Homes Tour sponsored by Salado Historical Society Dec. 3-5



Robbie and Marilyn Griffin's home at 3700 Chisholm Trail in Mill Creek opens for tour Dec. 3-5

The home is one of six private dwellings scheduled on the tour. Others include the home of Tim and Lynda Brown at 757 McKay Lane; Pete and Trish Stebbins', 1206 Ambrose; Corrine Kerr's, 409 Home Place Lane; Vic and Peggy Means', 305 N. Main; and David and Cheryl Paney's, 2907 Chisholm Trail.

The Griffin's home, sits at an angle at a bend in Chisholm Trail, allowing an almost three-quarter view of its rambling pillared porches, stuccoed walls, and tile roof. A rod-iron door from Monterrey, Mexico, opens to a large foyer with Italian Travertine tile floors and two imposing limestone pillars.

From the foyer is seen the family, music, and dining rooms and the kitchen.

The dramatic music room with its 21 foot coffered ceiling offers comfortable oversized seating by the huge stone fireplace. A 1909 Steinway grand piano is the major focal point, near, which hangs a one-of-a-kind art piece with a musical theme by Pat Boecker of Salado. Leaded glass windows designed by Marilyn and executed by Salzman Glass Arts cast their warm glow over the room. Cherry wood floors and oriental rugs anchor the room.

Two steps down, the adjacent family room with 14-foot ceiling, has picture windows looking out to the 17th green on the golf course. A custom made entertainment center of maple provides surround sound. Doors open out to 1500 square feet of covered porches with ceiling fans and speakers.

A large kitchen (12 foot ceilings here) has granite counters on maple cabinetry, stainless steel professional appliances and a breakfast nook overlooking the 17th fairway. A mahogany table with a 60-inch round top of crackled glass is from the Philippines. A butler's pantry provides ample glass-doored maple cabinetry.

The formal dining room features a handsome table, heavy chairs and hand-carved server.

A hall leading to the master suite provides a display for an art quilt, Marilyn's Christmas 2000 gift to her husband and custom tiles. A heavy antique door with glass inset in the hall opens to a temperature-controlled wine room.

The master suite boasts another view of the golf

course. The centerpiece is a four-poster mahogany bed. The bath has limestone pillars framing the whirlpool tub. Leaded glass windows, Marilyn's design, a hidden TV, a walk-in shower, ceramic and travertine tiles combine for luxury and comfort.

This palatial home and others on the tour will be open 5-8 p.m. Dec. 3; 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Dec. 4 and 1-5 p.m. Dec. 5. Also open, as extra attractions will be the Silver Spur Theater, St. Joseph's Chapel (Episcopal) and the 19th century log cabins owned and operated by the Historical Society.

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NOVEMBER 18

Salado Area Republican Women annual meeting and election of officers. 11:30 a.m. at Mill Creek. U.S. Congressman John Carter scheduled to appear. Cost: \$10. RSVP to Barclay McCort at 947-3617 or bam002@earthlink.net.

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

Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Village of Salado Chapter meeting, 10:30 a.m. at Central Texas Area Museum. Info: 933-0240.



Empty Bowl Project

C.S.I. New York star Gary Sinise signs a bowl for the Empty Bowl Project. It will be auctioned off during the Annual Empty Bowl (10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Salado Intermediate School) along with many other bowls signed by celebrities from wrestlers to actors to singers. The Empty Bowl Project benefits the Salado Family Relief Fund, Inc., which is working to provide Christmas to more than 100 children in Salado this year. You can buy tickets at Mud Pies Pottery, Village Pharmacy, Salado Village Voice or at the door.

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NOVEMBER 20

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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

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DECEMBER 2

Salado Community Chorus Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. at Salado



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DECEMBER 3-4-5

Annual Salado Christmas Stroll, featuring a City of Lights in Pace Park. Carolers, live entertainment, nativity scene and shops all decorated in holiday finery. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 947-5040, or visit www.salado.com.

Salado Historical Society Annual Christmas Homes Tour, annually features tours of the Boles-Aiken and Denman historical cabins - the only time of year they are open to the public - as well as tours of private homes and the Salado Silver Spur Theater.

DECEMBER 6

Monday Club Christmas Luncheon, 11 a.m. at the home of Katherine Tyson, 601 Baines Road. Members will meet 10:45 a.m. at the Methodist Church to car pool. Luncheon is free, but attendees are asked to bring a \$1 gift, as well as \$9 to be donated to the Salado Food Pantry. Program will be a "Music Surprise."

DECEMBER 9-11

Annual Salado Merchants High School Basketball Tournament. Info: Salado High School, 947-5429.

DECEMBER 10-11-12

Second weekend of Annual Salado Christmas Stroll. For more information call the Salado Chamber of Commerce, 947-5040, or visit www.salado.com.



Bah, Humbug!

Charlie Voelter will return for his ninth year to the Tablerock stage for A Christmas Carol, slated for 7 p.m. Dec. 3-4 and 10-11. For information, call 947-9205.

DECEMBER 10-11

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 12

St. Stephen's Women's Society Annual Christmas Dinner.

DECEMBER 14

Mill Creek Community Association Christmas Dinner at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6-7 p.m. happy hour. 7 p.m. dinner. Info: 947-3901.

DECEMBER 20-22

Living Room Theatre performances of a new script, "The Amazing Self-Cesarean! An Unusual Adventure in Birthin' a Baby." Open to the public at Salado homes. Reception following. Reservations: 947-8300.

DECEMBER 20-JAN. 2

Salado schools adjourned for Christmas break.

DECEMBER 24

Salado Village Voice office closes at Noon.

DECEMBER 31

Special New Year's Eve celebration at Salado Silver Spur Theater. Package includes 7-8:30 p.m. dinner at Stagecoach Inn, followed by 9-10:30 p.m. Murder Mystery Dessert Theater at the Silver Spur, featuring the Get a Clue Theater Company. Temple College Jazz Combo will take the stage 11 p.m.-1 a.m. Reservations should be made by Dec. 22. Info: 947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

JANUARY 10

St. Stephen's Women's Society meeting, Melissa Crawford presenting "Biblical Women of the Old and New Testaments," 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish Hall. Info: 947-3901.

FEBRUARY 5

Music in Salado Concert Series: International Piano Duo performance, featuring Krassimira Jordan and Wolfgang Watzinger. 7 p.m. Location TBA.

FEBRUARY 14

St. Stephen's Women's Society meeting, Gwen Morrison speak-

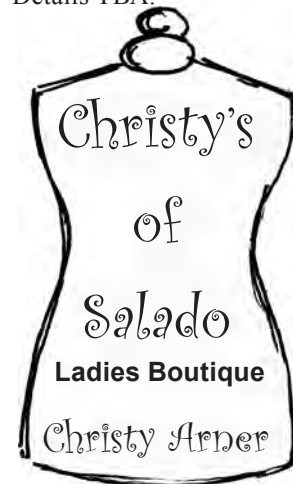
ing on "Celebration of Women, Conversation With God," 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish Hall. Info: 947-3901.

APRIL 2-3

Annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Wildflower Art Show. Info: 947-5040.

APRIL 9

Chisholm Trail Chapter of the American Business Women's Association Style Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mill Creek Inn and Restaurant. Details TBA.



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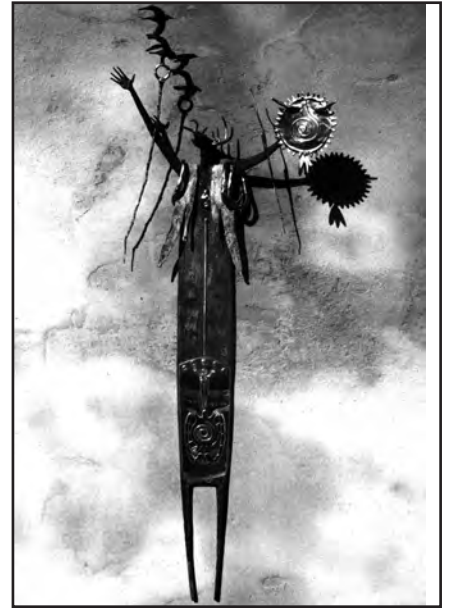
Miller Fine Art Gallery, located in The Colony, 227 N. Main St., will host an artist's reception 1-5 p.m. Nov. 20, featuring a meet and greet with artists Bill Worrell and Jim Eppler, both of whom are represented in the gallery.

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

He traces these influences back to 1979, the year of his first visit to the Lower Pecos River at the



Artists Jim Eppler (work shown above) and Bill Worrell (work shown at right) are represented by Miller Fine Art Gallery, which is hosting an artist's reception for the two 1-5 p.m. Nov. 20



Pandale Crossing, a place full of pictographs, some of them nearly 5,000 years old.

A university art professor at the time, Worrell was deeply impacted by the ancient designs, transforming them into his own

notions of what they represent.

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

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

He limits himself to no single genre, working with paints, sculpture and photography. His primary subjects are animals, captured in their natural forms.

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

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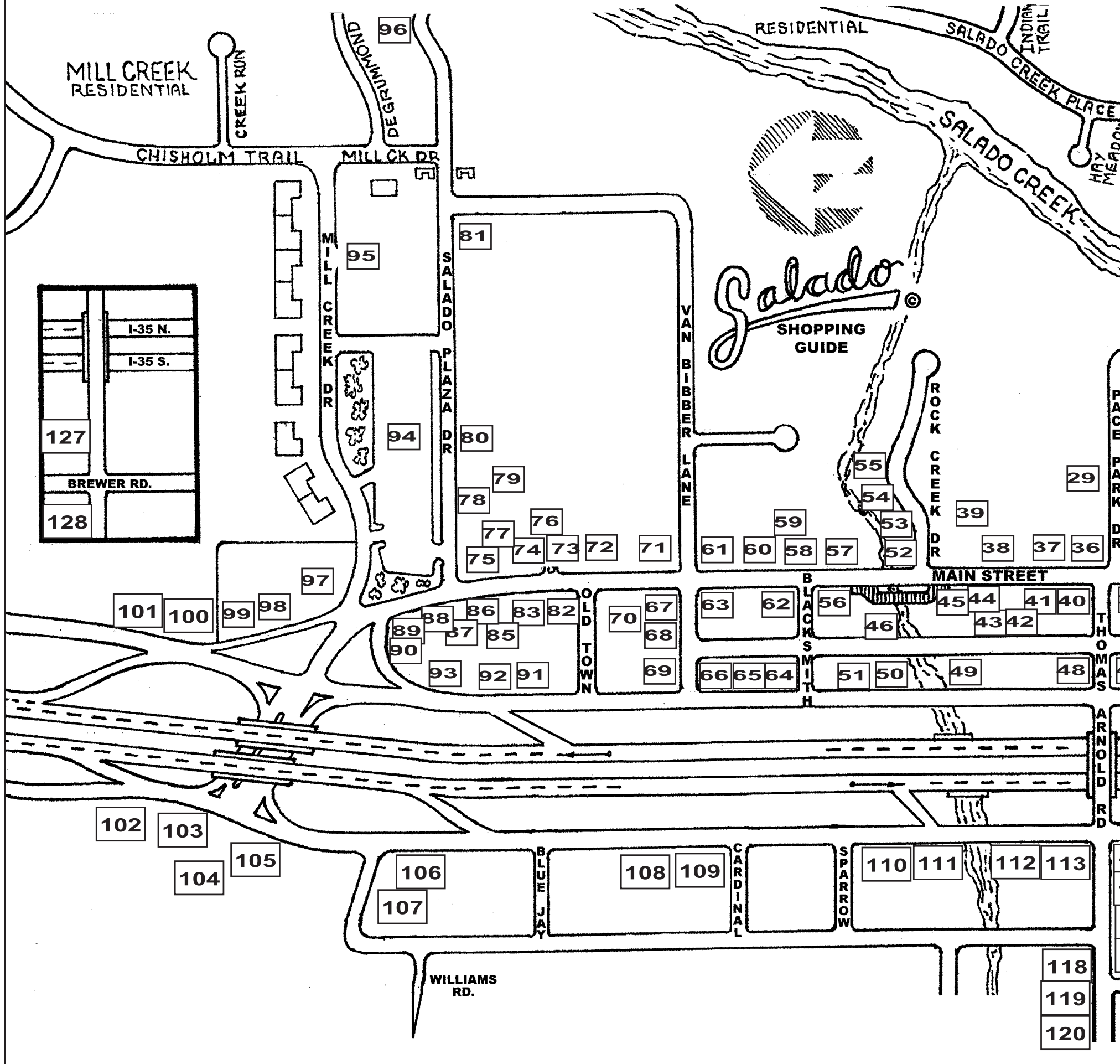
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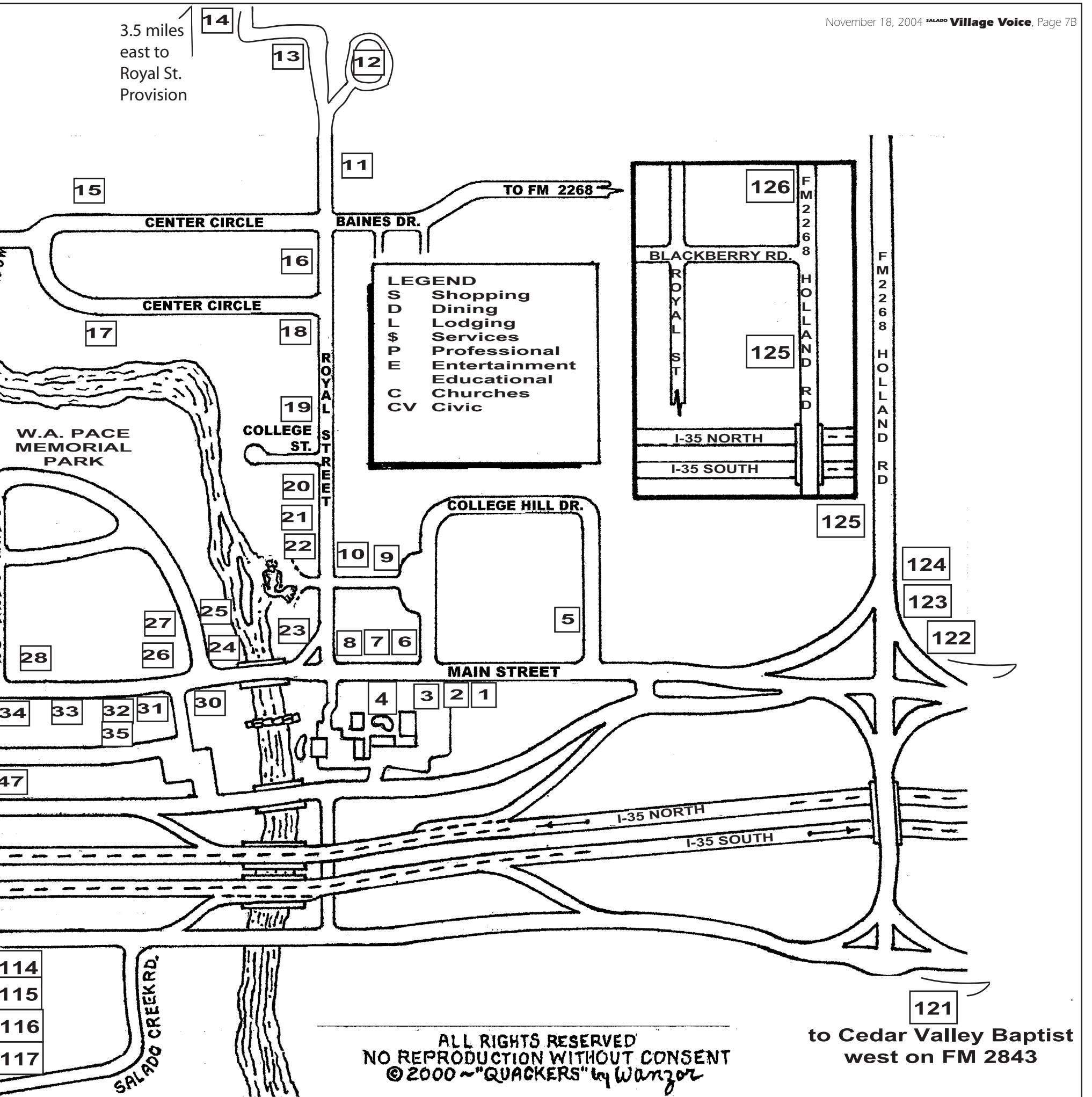
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23 Be a blacksmith
24 Start of a remark by James Dent
27 Appropriates
29 Dutch artist Jan
30 Let up
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32 Speakeasy patron
33 Hoover, for one
35 Part 2 of remark
40 Beginning on
42 '72 Michael Jackson smash
44 Impact sound
47 Downey of "Touched by an Angel"
48 Woodworking tool

- 50 New York university
52 "Butterfield 8" author
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56 Singer Payne
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126 End of remark
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110 Choose, with "for"
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Fenton family member to sign art glass for collectors at Salado Haus Nov. 19

Salado Haus announces a Fenton Art Glass signing event 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Nov. 19.

Tom Fenton, Vice President of Fenton Art Glass, will be present to meet with collectors of Fenton's fine, handmade glassware and answer any questions about the product and factory.

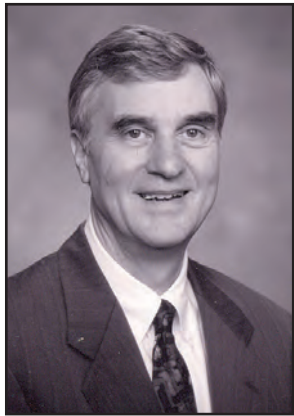
In addition to talking about Fenton Glass, produced in Williamstown, West Virginia, Tom will be autographing purchases during the event.

Visitors are welcome to purchase new Fenton Art Glass from the selection and have it signed. Fenton's exclusive Signing Event item, a Rosalene Tulip Vase, is available for purchase prior to and during the signing event.

Approaching its 100th year anniversary in 2005, Fenton Art Glass Company represents American handcrafted glass artistry. Located in Williamstown, Fenton is known for its wide range of colors, hand painting and handcrafting. Three generations of Fenton family members remain active in the business and are proud to continue an American glass making tradition.

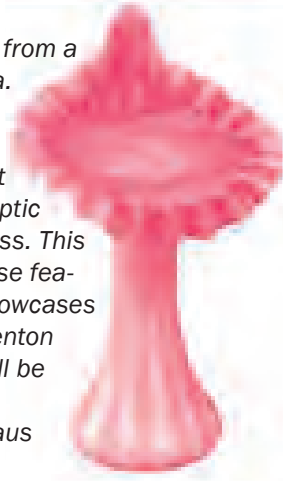
Fenton Art Glass Company is the largest manufacturer of handmade colored glass in the United States.

The Fenton Art Glass Company was founded in 1905 by Frank L. Fenton and his brother John W. Fenton in an old glass factory building in Martins Ferry, Ohio. They began by painting decorations on glass blanks made by other glass manufacturers. Soon, being unable to get the glass they needed, they decided to produce



Tom Fenton, Vice President of Fenton Glass.

The Fenton Family Signing exclusive for 2004 is made from a rich Rosalene glass formula. The addition of gold in the formula allows the pink shade to appear throughout the crimp and straight rib-optic during the re-heating process. This delicate seven inch tulip case features a fluted crimp that showcases the craftsmanship of the Fenton glassworkers. This piece will be available during the Fenton Family Signing at Salado Haus on Nov. 19.




their own glass. The first glass from the new Fenton factory in Williamstown, West Virginia, was made on January 2, 1907.

Frank L. Fenton's desire to develop new and unusual colors helped to keep Fenton in the forefront of the handmade art glass industry. During the years from 1905 to the 1920's, Fenton design was heavily influenced by the artists at Tiffany and Steuben. In late 1907, Fenton introduced "Iridescent" glass. This glass, now known as "Carnival" glass, is a popular collectible today.

During the 1930's and 1940's, Fenton produced practical items, such as mixing bowls and tableware to get through the depression and WWII shortages. They continued working on developing a wide array of new colors. In the late 1940's, the top three members of the Fenton management team died, leaving Frank M. Fenton, age 33, and Wilmer C. (Bill) Fenton, age 25, to step in and take over as President and Vice President. In spite of other glass factories closing at a rapid rate, Frank and Bill led the Fenton fac-

tory through significant American growth for the next 30 years.

In 1986, the leadership of the company passed on to the third generation, with George W. Fenton, Frank M's son, taking over as President. Today ten Fenton family members work together along with over 400 employees to create handmade glass artistry that is loved by collectors around the world. Fenton is known for its beautiful colors and patterns. Each piece of glass is an artistic creation by skilled glassworkers and decorators.



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Salado lights up for annual Stroll

Luminarias will line the way down historic Main Street, where the village is frosted in the white lights of the holiday season as Salado shares its secret with everyone the first two weekends of December.

Strolling carolers, traditional musicians and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be here, as they are every year for the 23rd Annual Christmas Stroll Dec. 3-5 and 10-12.

The shops, galleries and restaurants will throw open their doors to offer an alternative to the bland cookie cutter approach to Christmas found in the malls, big box retail outlets and Walmart.

In the glow of hundreds of luminarias and sparkle of thousands of white lights, the lyrics of a Christmas carol drifting from a nearby courtyard, strollers will feel as if they have been let in on a great secret.

Along with after-hours shopping, there will be two new attractions this year: "Christmas in the Park" display, and the "Holiday Hootenanny" performed at the new Salado Silver Spur Theatre on Royal St.

"Christmas In The Park" tells the famous story of "Twas The Night Before Christmas," with a distinctly Salado flare, in lighted vignettes around the circle drive in Pace Park. The display opened in early November and may be driven or walked through.

"Holiday Hootenanny" is a riotous new production for the whole family. There will be live music, skits and a classic Christmas movie shown nightly at the new Silver Spur Theatre. For exact times and ticket information call 254-947-3456.

With this year's theme "A Winter Wonderland," the village of Salado will be decked out in full holiday regalia. All the traditional favorites will be back this year as well.

Tablerock Amphitheater will present its unique version of "A Christmas Carol" on both weekends of the Stroll.

The annual Historical Society Tour will feature many beautiful homes and historic sites Dec. 3-5.

There will be live seasonal music at various spots around town with strolling carolers, choirs and other musical acts.

The First Baptist Church on Main Street will feature a "live nativity" the first weekend of The Stroll.

For more information about the Salado Christmas Stroll, call the Civic Center, 254-947-5040 or visit www.Salado.com.

Christmas dinner Dec. 14 at Mill Creek

Mill Creek Community Association (MCCA) members will celebrate the holidays with the annual Christmas Dinner 6 p.m. Dec. 14 at Mill Creek dining room.

The Good Times begin with the cash bar happy hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The annual meeting will begin at 7:45 p.m. with introduction of nominees for the MCCA 2005 Board. Laron Tubbs will provide music following the short business meeting and during the dinner.

The dinner will include Roast of Sirloin, Au gratin Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Tossed Green Salad, Fruit Ambrosia, Rolls, Dessert of Chocolate Moose and coffee or tea.

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Girls4Life return to stage at CAC at Nov. 20 Bell County Jamboree

The next Bell County Jamboree will be held 7 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Cultural Activities Center in Temple.

Girls4Life are returning to the Jamboree with new songs and an original patriotic medley they recently performed for the Miss Teen Texas Pageant and the Dallas Freedom Run. Girls4Life have been criss-crossing the state for the past eight months, raising money for cancer awareness.

They performed at the Central Texas Relay for Life in May 2004 and came back to perform with Fred Fuller and the Bell Jams in June. Their performances, music video and CD have helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for breast cancer awareness, treatment and research.

Girls4Life are native Texas girls who were born to sing country music, and were raised in Opry venues such as the famous Johnny High Country Music Review. The girls

met at God's Country Kids. The members are Madison Fox, age 13; Elle Grunwald, age 12; Savannah Low, age 11; and Sydney Capello, age 11. They are each accomplished performers with years of vocal training and professional coaching.

Their performances continue to attract national attention, with appearances on network television, radio and newspaper feature stories.

Also performing this month will be Melissa McGee and Tammy Childress, both of Temple.

The vocal performers will be backed by The BellJam Band, with TerryLynn Schrimsher on guitar and vocals, LaRon Tubb on keyboards and vocals, Richard Schrimsher on drums and vocals, Don Sowersby on steel guitar, Shorty Grisham on bass and vocals, Greg Whitfield on guitar and vocals and Freddie Fuller on guitar and vocals.

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Girls4Life will perform during the Bell County Jamboree on Nov. 20.

event include Village Realty, Garlyn Shelton Autos and Charlotte's of Salado.

Doors for the show will open at 6 p.m. Tickets are

priced at \$8 for adults, with student, senior and group discounts available. Children 12 and under are admitted free.

Servant leadership celebration Dec. 7

Nationally known speaker and best selling author Laurie Beth Jones will be the key-note speaker at the first-ever Servant Leadership Celebration set for 2-6 p.m. Dec. 7, in the W.W. Walton Chapel at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton. The event is free and open to the public. No registration is needed.

According to Donny Sequin, Chief Operating Officer of Scott & White Hospital in Temple, this program is geared primarily for corporate business and community professionals.

"We are particularly pleased to have Laurie Beth Jones, author of Jesus, CEO and Jesus, Life Coach, as the keynote speaker because she is focused on helping leaders of any organization learn how to lead in an

appropriate and ethical manner," said Sequin.

The program will also feature Charles Cooper, national speaker for Promise Keepers and a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, and vocal artist Charles Billingsley, award winning vocalist from the award-winning group, Newsong.

Other program events include music, testimonials and a panel discussion with area business leaders and with Laurie Beth Jones.

A newly formed group of business leaders in the Temple/Belton area, Servant Leadership Institute of Central Texas, is sponsoring the program.

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I went to see my friendly optometrist and he sat me down in the examining chair. He handed me something that resembled a big plastic spoon. "Cover your left eye, Tumbleweed," he said, "and read me the letters you see."

The entire chart was fuzzy. I couldn't even see the big E at the top. He shut down the projector and turned on the light. "You've got cataracts," he said. "And you need to do something about them if you want to improve your vision."

I certainly did. Not even knowing what cata-

facts were, I contacted an ophthalmologist and made an appointment. Before I saw the doctor, some aides came by, put drops in my eyes and took a pressure reading.

The doctor shined a very bright light into my eyes and told me I had cataracts in both eyes. They were more prevalent in my right eye, but I also had some in my left one. He asked me when could I come in for surgery. I told him the following Tuesday would be fine.

At the surgery center, I took off my shoes and shirt, put on one of those nifty hospital smocks open in back, covered my head with something that looks like a painter's beret and put some paper shoes over my feet.

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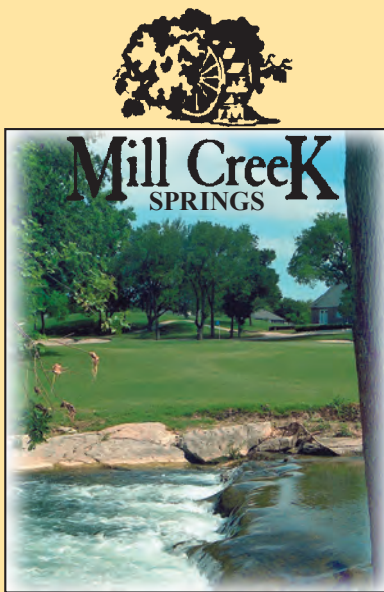
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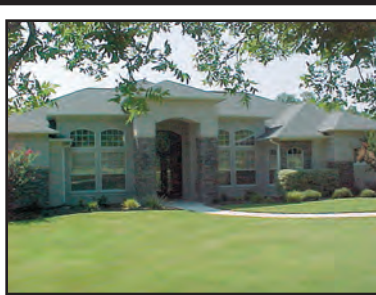
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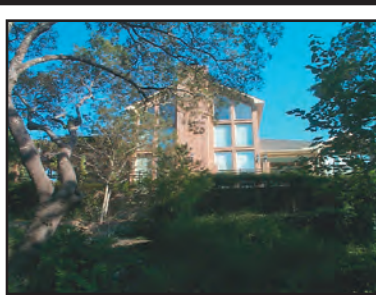
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Shopping time is almost here! The air has finally cooled; it's almost Thanksgiving, and therefore also almost time for the official start of the Christmas shopping season on the day after. I always tell myself that I will start shopping early and not have to fight the crowds but I never seem to get to it until after Turkey Day. If you are like me, you have not even begun to think about your shopping list. To help you make a decision for those gardeners on your list, here are some suggestions to help you.

Gardening books are always a favorite. Most gardeners have a few and are sure to have several more on their wish list. There are gardening books on just about any aspect of gardening you can think of roses, herbs, trees, perennials, annuals, bugs, attracting birds, attracting butterflies, native plants, wildflowers, composting, landscaping, orchids, houseplants, gardening guides, and plant reference books; well, you get the picture. If you know what kind of plants your gardener prefers this will make your book selection easy. A couple hints, be sure to get books that are about gardening in Texas and try to get a peek at your special gardener's library so you don't duplicate a purchase. Neil Sperry's, *Complete Guide to Texas Gardening*, and Sally and Andy Wasowski's, *Native Texas Plants: Landscaping Region by Region* are a library must have as is Jill Nokes' *How to Grow Native Plants of Texas and the Southwest*. For wildflower enthusiasts Geyata Ajilvsgi's *Wildflowers of Texas* is a great idea, and *Southern Herb Growing* by Madalene Hill and Gwen Barclay with Jean Hardy are also very popular books. The rose enthusiast will be sure to appreciate Dr. William Welch's, *Antique Roses for the South*.

Another gift idea similar to a book is a gardening journal. This is a fantastic idea as it allows a gardener to document their garden for the coming year. They can take notes on when

Master Gardener

by Debbie Lauer

certain plants were planted and to make sketches of their garden so locations of plants are recorded. Dale Groom's, *My Texas Garden Gardening Journal*, has pages to record weekly progress and space to diagram the garden. There are also features like a place to record where plants were purchased. A journal will help prevent "repeat" mistakes in subsequent years as successes and failures can be noted.

Gardening magazines are also a great idea. Here are few to help you find that perfect fit for your gardener. *Texas Gardener* is published every two months, has excellent articles, and month to month checklists as well as weather forecasts. Gardening events around the state are also listed. Neil Sperry's *Gardens* is another Texas gardening magazine with great pictures and articles. There are also others like *Birds and Blooms* for the gardener who loves birds or *Garden Design* which shows the latest trends in plants, garden art, and furniture; featuring photos of designs of top garden designers from all over the country.

There are also gardening tools and supplies. The variety of these items can be endless; I am sure that you will receive catalogs during this holiday season that will have some of these items or you can go to a local nursery and find them. A gardener can always use a good pair of pruners. Be sure to buy bypass pruners, NOT anvil pruners. You can find them in different sizes, if your gardener is smaller in stature buy pruners designed to fit a smaller hand. Some tools are ergonomically designed. Gardening involves so much repetitive motion that anything that makes the job easier is greatly appreciated. Things like plant stakes, waterproof plant markers, trash collection bags, compost bins, and rooting hormone,

also called rooting powder, are also very useful.

A garden kneeler is a handy thing to have. It provides a padded place for the knees and can be turned over to become a padded seat. When being used as a kneeler the "legs" of the seat double as handles that provide a helping hand in getting up. Some kneelers also come with optional pouches that hang off the handles for a convenient place to put things like pruners, plant ties, trowel, or seed packets. Kneelers usually fold up to be easily stored when not in use.

A little imagination also helps when buying a gift for a gardener. A friend of mine told me of a great gift she received last year. It was a cloth bag with multiple side pockets. In the bag and side pockets were things like a bottle of rooting hormone, empty film canisters and small plastic bags (for seed collection), pruners (for taking cuttings), larger plastic bags (for plant cuttings) gardening gloves, and a trowel. It is a great starter kit for any gardener! My friend keeps hers in her car so she is equipped whenever she runs into an opportunity to collect plant cuttings or seeds. You might add a small shovel or pitchfork to that gift also, they always come in handy!

Of course plants are always on the list for any gardener. This time of

year is the perfect time to plant trees and shrubs. If your gardener has wanted a special tree or decorative shrub, now is the perfect time of year to treat them to it. Another great gift is a start from a plant in your garden or seeds of a plant that your gardener friend has admired. If that plant has a "history" be sure to pass along its story; plants passed from friend to friend or down from family members are especially cherished. Don't forget a gift certificate to a favorite gardening center or catalogue as possibilities either.

If your gardener has lost a loved one this year it may be possible to have a tree planted as a memorial for that loved one. Inquire at local city parks and gardens to see if this is possible in your town. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin also has a program for tribute gifts.

My last suggestion is garden art items. These could take the form of whimsical stepping stones, wind chimes, statues, personalized garden rocks and a myriad of other decorative planters, pots, sundials, gazing balls, signs, or garden flags. As with any other gift that you select for the holiday season take into account the likes and dislikes of your gardener, their personality, and garden style, and I am sure that you will come up with an idea that will be very special to them. See that list was not so hard to make. Have fun shopping!



Garden kneelers will make a great gift under the Christmas tree for any avid gardener who spends hours on their knees. Other gift ideas include gardening books, magazine subscriptions and gardening hand tools. Garden statuary will delight the gardener in your life and can be found in many shops in Salado.

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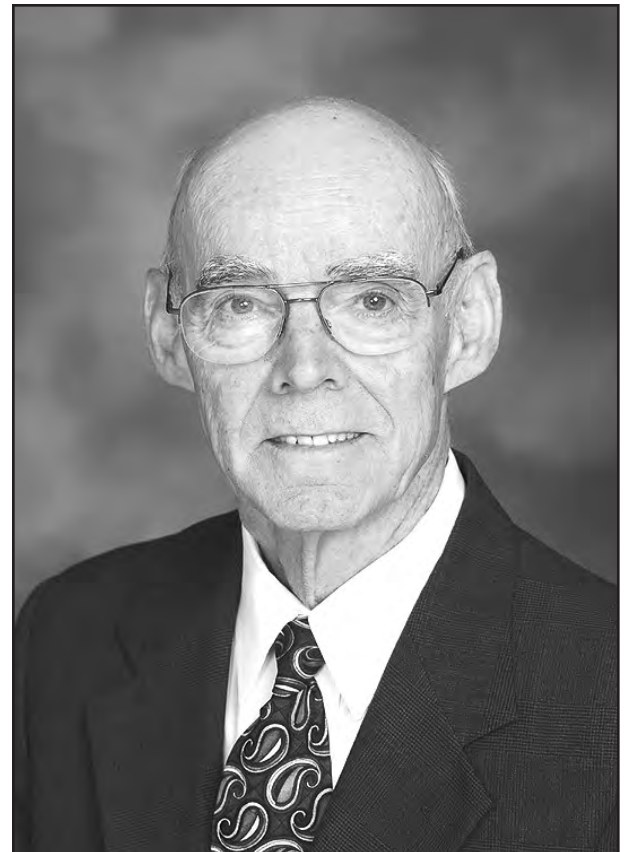
With a background in both engineering and real

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Carson and his wife, Charlene have been residents of Salado for over 4 years, where they are active in local church and civic organizations.

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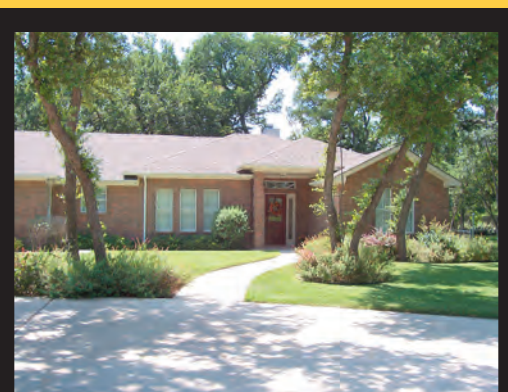
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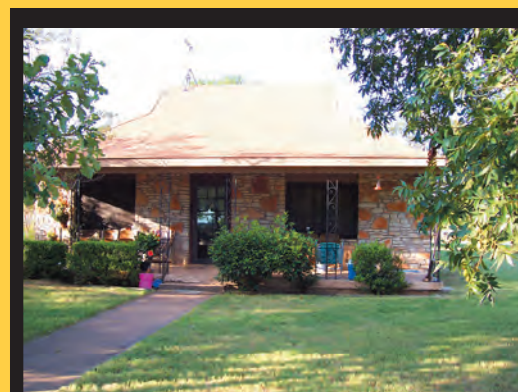
- \$429,000 - 5.66 acres commercial property off Main St.
- \$395,000 - 7.65 acres N of Salado w/ office, bldgs. storage



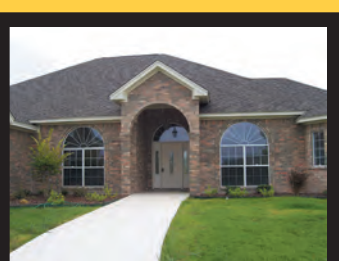
\$160,500: Recently remodeled and updated 4 BR home on 2.995 wooded acres. Tile floors throughout, decorator paint & ceiling fans in all rooms. Property is completely fenced and gated with fruit trees and 2-year-old out building.



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A 35 year veteran in sales, general management and real estate, Dentry is a member of the Temple/Belton Board of Realtors, Texas Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. He is a member

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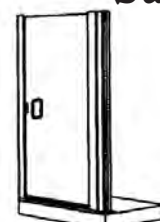
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Impact of oil spills, mercury vapors

Dear EarthTalk: What is the environmental impact of an oil spill into the sea? -- Sarah, Baton Rouge, LA

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the United States uses approximately 250 billion gallons of petroleum products every year. With so much demand, it is not surprising that spills do occur during various stages of production, transportation and distribution. A spill's specific environmental impact depends upon the type and amount of oil, and the local conditions.

According to Alaska Sea Grant, a marine research program at the School of Fisheries and Ocean Science at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, oil spills into water place an enormous variety of animals and plants at severe risk from smothering and poisoning. The group says that the infamous 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster off the coast of Alaska--America's largest oil spill to date -- directly killed between 300,000 and 645,000 birds, including bald eagles and many types of ducks and other sea birds.

The Valdez spill also wreaked untold harm on the health and reproductive success of surviving birds in the surrounding area. Seals, otters, killer whales and fish were also killed and injured in alarming numbers. Sea Grant says the oil critically damaged beach ecosystems and contaminated sediments, and that the accident seriously disrupted local economies dependent upon fishing and sightseeing. Beyond the immediate effects of such a spill, oil particles can linger in the environment for decades.

According to Judith McDowell of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, less than 10 percent of the oil that makes its way into



marine environments is actually due to spills like that of the Exxon Valdez. Most oil ends up in seawater from a combination of natural seeps from the ocean floor and „run-off% from both offshore drilling facilities and land-based automobiles and machinery. Indeed, a significant amount of oil eventually makes its way into both marine and freshwater environments -- including underground aquifers and other sources of drinking water -- from the millions of cars and trucks that routinely leak oil onto driveways, parking lots and roads. Scientists do not have enough data to assess the long-term threats that such a persistent presence of oil has on local ecosystems, but they surmise that it can have significant impact on the health of a wide range of plant and animal populations, as well as on human health.

To help mitigate damage from oil spills following the Exxon Valdez accident in 1989, Congress passed the Oil Pollution Act (OPA) in 1990, establishing provisions to improve the federal government's ability to respond to spills. Congress also created the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, which provides up to \$1 billion per accident to cover removal costs or damages resulting from discharge of oil. The EPA also performs inspections and requires oil storage owners to report their prevention policies.

CONTACTS: U.S. EPA Oil Program, (800) 424-9346, www.epa.gov/

oilspill/index.htm; Alaska Sea Grant, (907) 474-7086, www.uaf.edu/seagrant/; Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, (508) 289-2252, www.whoi.edu.

Dear EarthTalk: I've heard that compact fluorescent light bulbs, known for their long life and low energy consumption, contain toxic mercury. Is this true and, if so, what precautions should I take when disposing of them? -- Greg Newswanger, Freedland, MD

Compact fluorescent light bulbs do contain small amounts of mercury vapor, which, when catalyzed by voltage, give off ultraviolet energy, the key building block for generating light. When these bulbs burn out or break, they need to be discarded responsibly so as to avoid unleashing mercury into the environment and food chain.

Mercury--a toxic metal known to cause brain, spinal cord, kidney and liver damage in humans -- does not break down easily and, once airborne, often finds its way into groundwater, rivers and the sea, where it can cause a host of contamination issues for wildlife and people alike.

The first thing to do when a compact fluorescent bulb breaks is to open all the windows to disperse any mercury vapor that may have escaped. Then put on gloves, sweep up the fragments, and wipe the area with a disposable paper towel. Using a vacuum is a bad idea, as it will only stir up any lingering airborne mercury. Lastly, the fragments should be sealed into a plastic bag and recycled or disposed of.

The best way to dispose of burned-out or broken compact fluorescent bulbs is to take or mail them (in the sealed plastic bag) to a

mercury recycling facility. The website of the Association of Lighting and Mercury Recyclers provides contact information for locating such facilities state by state. If mercury recycling is not an option in your area, the bulb or fragments should be placed in sealed plastic bags and disposed of at your local Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection site.

Ironically, compact fluorescent bulbs are responsible for less mercury contamination than the incandescent bulbs they replaced, even though incandescents don't contain any mercury. The highest source of mercury in America's air and water results from the burning of fossil fuels, such as coal, at utilities that supply electricity. Since a compact fluorescent bulb uses 75 percent less energy than an incandescent bulb, and lasts at least six times longer, it is responsible for far less mercury pollution in the long run. A coal-burning power plant will emit four times more mercury to produce the electricity for an incandescent bulb than for a compact fluorescent.

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Great Country Setting: 4/2.5/2 Austin Stone home on approximately 2 tree-covered acres. Granite countertops and ceramic tile flooring are just a few of the amenities. Within walking distance to the park on Salado Creek in Hidden Springs. **\$255,000.**



Custom Quality & Detail shown throughout home: 3/2/2 on 3.7 tree-covered acres. Gibraltar countertops, raised ceilings, open floor plan, master suite. **\$239,900.**



Quality & Detail Shown throughout Home-3/2/2 on 3.7 Tree Covered Acres. Gibraltar Counter Tops, Raised Ceilings, Open Floor Plan, Master Suite, Etc.....**\$239,900.**



Absolutely beautiful house on over 17 acres with small creek. Lots of Pecan Trees and Live Oak Trees. It is a must-see! ~~\$359,900.~~ Reduced to **\$349,900.** House and 6 acres, just **\$269,900**

Trees, trees, trees

House on large tree-covered lot in Mill Creek. 4/2/2, 14 ft. ceilings, formal living, crown mouldings and formal dining. Huge master suite with private porch. **\$196,000.**



Large scattered oaks cover 20 acre tract 2.5 miles west of Salado. Small barn, well, electricity on property **\$180,000.**



Almost 5 Tree Covered Acres with Manufactured Home and Barn! Fenced and ready to go for 4H or FFA Animals. Priced at **\$110,000.**

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Picture perfect! Austin Stone with front porch and metal roof! Don't miss out on this property! Priced at **\$115,900.**



Come relax on your covered back porch! 4/2/2 with huge great room on a little over 4 acres. Great place for horses or other 4-H animals. Priced at **\$182,900.**



Incredible attention to detail shown throughout the house. Pecan flooring, raised ceilings, and granite countertops are just a few of the upgrades. 4 Bedrooms and 3-1/2 Baths in Mill Creek. **\$322,500.**



House on Approx. 1.8 Tree Covered Acres with Pool. 3/2.5/2 in the Woods of Salado all for just **\$149,900**



Spacious Home on Quiet Street: 6/6/1, the possibilities are endless with over 3,500 sq. ft. on approximately 1.4 acres. Home, business, or both. **\$295,000.**

Acreage

- Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. **\$10,000/lot.**
- Lot in Hidden Springs. Excellent location. **\$33,900**
- Appx. 1 acre re **UNDER CONTRACT** meter, septic. **\$20,000.**
- 145 acres located northwest of Salado. Backs up to Corps of Engineers property. **\$3,500 per acre.**
- 2 acres with great trees in Hidden Springs. **\$33,900.**
- 2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900.**
- 3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large pecans & live water. **\$39,900.**
- 5 acres located west of Salado in Hidden Springs. Enjoy the country and your private park. **\$54,900.**
- 10+ acres Bell Meadows off FM 1123. **\$89,000.**

- 20 acres southwest of Salado on Buttermilk Creek. Heavily wooded. **\$125,000.**
- 44 acres off of Firefly Road between Salado and Florence. Great Trees with typical hill country topography. Will divide.
- 20 acres off of FM **SOLD!** 100 per acre.
- 114 acres off of FM **SOLD!** 2068, \$2,000 per acre
- 20 acres off of I-35.
- Great 2 acre lot in Hidden Springs! Ready to build! \$33,900
- Aerials of our acreage listings can be seen at www.salado.net

Salado Lots

- Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - **\$40,000.**
- Indian Trail - 90x188 - **\$38,000.**

Commercial

- 3 acres commercial property fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$120,000.**
- Excellent Commercial **SOLD!** corner of West Village Rd. & IH-35
- Bed & Breakfast - Great chance to live in Salado and run your own Bed & Breakfast.

Belton

- Large lot with trees in gated Southlake Subdivision. **\$55,000.**
- 5+ acres fronting SH 190 and Boxer Road. Great commercial location. City water available. **\$299,000.**
- Grand 3/2.5 home in Regatta Oaks. Huge master bathroom & bedroom. This home has so many special features you have to see to believe! Call Katherine at 541-3502. **\$339,000**