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Wildflower Art Show part of busy weekend here

The Salado Chamber of Commerce will once again host artists and craftspeople from across the state, on April 1-2, at the Annual Wildflower Art Show.

The Art Show includes many different art mediums such as jewelry, clothing, pottery, painting and sculpture and currently has over 50 participating artists and crafts people.

Many favorites such as Thompson Fine Art, artist Dan Brown – Art of Texas, Bill Henderson’s Texas Art, Best of Nature, Pegasus Pottery and Owl Creek Ceramics will be returning to this year’s show.

The Chamber is also delighted to welcome several new artists to the show, such as, Kistner Photography, Cornwell & Company and Roy Hartman’s Glass From the Past. Salado’s own Jill Shipman, Lynette Pate, Debbie Harrison and Marty Cassidy will be selling jewelry in the tent.

The Salado Village Artists will be having their own show in the building behind the Civic Center.

The Salado Garden Club will be selling plant baskets in the Gazebo.

Local artist Joan Hoffman has designed this year’s poster. It is currently available at the Chamber Office for purchase.

The Wildflower Art Show is located on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center at 601 N. Main Street.

The Show will be open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on April 1 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on April 2. Admission is free.

For more information please contact the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 254-947-5040, or, visit our website at salado.com.

In addition to the Wildflower Art Show, Salado will be bustling with activities as the Living Room Theater of Salado will have one performance of *Murder on the Menu* April 2, the Salado Volunteer Fire Department annual Smokin Spokes will be April 1, the Salado Masonic Lodge will sponsor its annual Fish Fry March 31 and the Texas Packards will be gathering in Salado during the weekend, as well.

Find stories on those events and many others throughout this edition of *Salado Village Voice*.



Steeple place

A work crew placed the steeple back on the chapel of the Salado United Methodist Church last week. The chapel has been moved from its original place at the corner of Thomas Arnold and Church Street to its new home on Royal. With the addition of the steeple, the pieces of the chapel are now back together. The stained glass windows will be put back into their places and other restoration work done on the chapel in the coming weeks. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Use of school facilities to be discussed April 3

Salado I.S.D. administrators will discuss usage of the school facilities during a 5:30 p.m. April 3 meeting at the Salado Intermediate School Library.

“If you use SISD facilities, you need to be at this meeting,” said Dr. Robin Battershell.

The meeting will address the following issues:

- Gym closures for the summer/construction time schedule.
- Rental fees and what it pays for.
- Scheduling around SISD events, practices, camps.
- Required form and being specific in the completion of this form.
- Use of athletic fields.

Masons to fry fish March 31

Salado Masonic Lodge Annual Fish Fry, will be 5-7 p.m. March 31 in the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria.

Tickets are \$7 per person at the door with children under 10 admitted free.

This event funds local scholarships awarded by the lodge.

School board approves renovations of elementary gym

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado I.S.D. school trustees, at their March 27 meeting, continued planning for the first day of the 2006-07 school year by approving a calendar, hiring teachers, selecting a firm for renovations and purchasing a used portable building for additional classroom space.

Work on renovating the Thomas Arnold Elementary school gymnasium should be complete before the beginning of school on Aug. 16.

The board approved

Greenway Enterprises, Inc. as the contractor for renovation of the elementary gymnasium.

Greenway estimated the renovation of the elementary gymnasium at just over \$150,000. In presenting the bond to the public in February, the school district estimated the renovation of the elementary gymnasium at \$250,000 and the renovation and expansion of the high school football stadium at \$250,000.

“This is a good problem to have,” said trustee Frank Carlson of the lower cost estimate for the renovation of the elementary

gymnasium.

The renovations at the elementary gymnasium will include electrical work, air conditioning units, sidewalks, lighting, insulation and work on the overhead doors to prevent loss of cooling and/or heating.

The board authorized Greenway to begin work on the gymnasium, approving the \$151,355 expenditure.

No cost estimates for the renovation and expansion of the high school football field have been presented to trustees for

their approval.

Trustees also approved a \$10,000 for the purchase, transportation and placement of a portable building, which will add two classroom spaces to the elementary campus.

“I do not like bringing this to you,” Dr. Battershell said of her recommendation to purchase and move the portable building, adding that this solution to the overcrowded campus was a temporary solution until the new high school is completed for the first day of classes in August 2008.

Dr. Battershell re-

viewed a timetable for construction of the new high school campus on 50 acres at the corner of FM 2484 and Williams Dr.

Schematics of the school with numbers and types of classrooms should be completed in May or early June.

Architectural drawings will be complete and bids approved by the end of the year. Ground will be broken and work begun in March 2007 with completion in time for classes in Aug. 2008.

The time line calls for work to be complete in June 2008, giving

the district two months’ breathing room for moving in and overcoming unforeseen delays before class begins Aug. 2008.

In the meantime, the district will continue to address the crowding problems on the current campuses. In addition to adding a portable building, the district will consider sharing space between the three campuses. One way the district does that is in the use of the middle school for the dual credit courses taken by high school students.

The district is expected to see board, page 3A



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Garden tour

The Salado Yard and Garden Tour will be May 6-7, featuring the Green Bridge on Main St. See story and photos by Margaret Williamson, page 8C



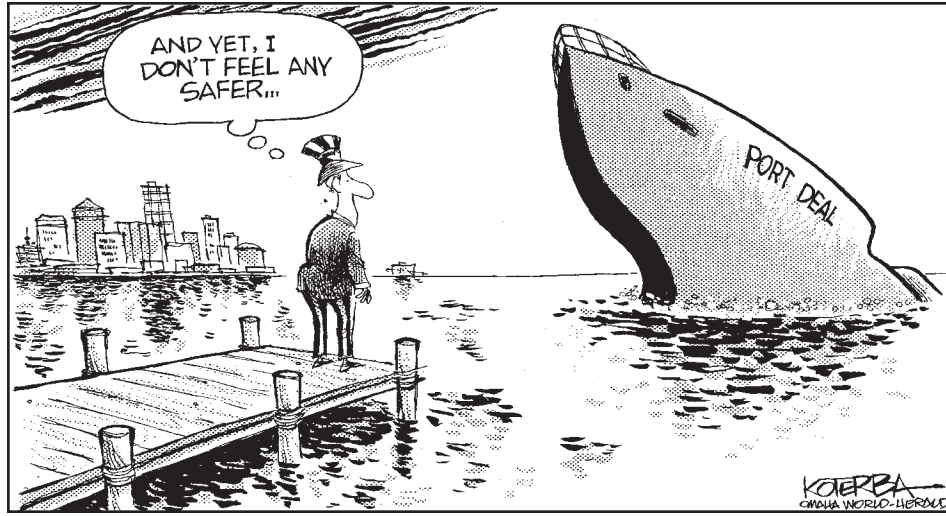
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An Open Exchange of Ideas



The United Nations' shame, cont.

Wherever she is right now, the late Eleanor Roosevelt is probably having a kind thought about U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton. The ambassador is the liberal bugaboo who was filibustered by Senate Democrats before heading to Turtle Bay, where last month he fought a valiant, losing fight to reform the U.N. Human Rights Commission.

Roosevelt was the commission's first chairman back in 1947, and thought it would play an important international role by shaming human-rights abusers. Over time, the commission's mandate evolved into passing over human-rights abuses in silence and, instead, shaming itself. Bolton had hoped to change the commission and infuse it with some of its old idealism. Nothing doing. He's finding that at the U.N. Augean Stables, the cattle always prevail.

The human-rights commission's abiding flaw is that it has no standards for membership. So, bloodthirsty tyrannies sit on it together with liberal democracies.

Given the let's-all-get-along bonhomie of the United Nations, they all operate based on a vaporous consensus that strips the commission of any purpose. China, Cuba, Eritrea, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Zimbabwe are all current members, ensuring ample representation of governments interested only in preserving their ability to jail their dissidents, repress their women and despoil their countrysides.

Human-rights abusers are particularly drawn to the commission so they can eliminate any diplomatic or moral threat it might pose to their misrule. They can vote as a bloc to oppose any strenuous language directed at themselves or fellow abusers. On the inside, they subtly influence the process in their favor.

John Bolton and the U.S. proposed reducing the commission's membership

Rich Lowry



from 53 countries to 30, thus making it harder to get on, and requiring a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly to approve members in an attempt to keep the worst abusers off. These reforms were effectively trashed.

The counterproposal passed last month by a 170-4 vote pegs the membership at 47, approved by a mere majority of the General Assembly. The biggest change is literally nominal: No longer will it be the United Nations Human Rights Commission, but the Human Rights Council. The moral stink will remain, whatever they call it.

Debates over the U.N. feature an odd dynamic. It is skeptics like Bolton who favor making it a more effective and worthy institution. It is the U.N. worshippers who have standards for the world body so low that it will always remain mired in disrepute. So it was that Jimmy Carter favored the evisceration of the reforms.

For such U.N. supporters, it appears that genuinely high-minded multilateralism is not as important as maintaining the United Nations and other international bodies as an irritant to American power. Carter made a personal promise to the ambassadors of Egypt, Pakistan and Cuba -- not a democracy among them -- that he would side with them on commission reform. Eleanor Roosevelt would no doubt be surprised at how low her treasured world body has sunk, and who is working to make it better.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Battle lines form as special session nears; White House info control; Will Katrina refugees be moved to Salado?

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



Battle lines pitting school property taxpayers against business franchise-tax-evaders are forming, now that the **Texas Tax Reform Commission** has press-released a preliminary look at what they intend to recommend to Governor Rick Perry and the Legislature.

Commission Chairman John Sharp will formally present his group's plan directly to lawmakers this week, in preparation for the April 17 special session.

Primary aim of the Governor's "Tax Reform" group is to cut the state's maximum school property tax, which in turn will hopefully meet most of the Supreme Court's order to constitutionally fund the public schools of Texas.

Failure to achieve these mammoth high-dollar goals will cause most Republican office holders much grief in November when they go to the public for reelection purposes - particularly "Crazy Hair" Perry who wants an historic ten year term as Governor.

BUSINESS TAX TO EXPAND

Sharp's group will also recommend: A broad based tax on gross receipts of all Texas businesses (including professional partnerships); Increase the cigarette tax a dollar; And borrow a billion (or so) from the current State surplus - all of which should raise the needed \$6 billion to offset cutting the maximum school property tax from \$1.50 to \$1.00.

The powerful Texas Association of Business will no doubt take the position that replacing the current unfair franchise tax might be palatable - provided it doesn't "damage" their membership's profit levels.

Lawyers across the State will fight the plan since they would be roped into paying a business tax for the first time.

Another problem - nothing in the Tax Reform Commission's report pumps new money into the schools for instruction, transportation or the emotionally charged demand to increase teacher salaries.

Also, keep in mind that the Supreme Court may not approve what legislators eventually come up with, and decide to close the schools until lawmakers do what they've been told to do - i.e. fund public education constitutionally!

WHITE HOUSE CONTROLS INFORMATION

A recent TV documentary noted an alarming practice taking place at the highest level of our government, and one that should be challenged and stopped - through a loud (and angry) public outcry.

The popular "60 Minutes" program explained in verifiable detail how **governmental reports on "global warming" are routinely sent to the White House for review and "editing," before being released to the public.**

Complaints from "apolitical" Federal scientists, (many of whom are among the nation's finest), indicate their scientific documents have been completely rewritten, whenever the "irreversible" dangers of global warming are mentioned.

These "rewrites" are done by Bush's West Wing staffers, **in order to belittle the disastrous "cause and effect" of uncontrolled greenhouse gas production.**

Government scientists are given a choice: (1) They are only to recommend "further study" of this industrially created problem; or (2) Stop publishing their findings altogether. Outright dismissal or early retirement being the only other options.

The free flow of information to and from our government - other than that which might imperil national defense - must be maintained and protected. Even if it embarrasses the President

and/or the party in power. Censoring government information to fit a "party line" is but a short step to "selectively" controlling the media (which many conservatives believe would be a great idea).

And an even shorter step towards a "one-party-autocracy."

KATRINA VICTIMS MAY BE RELOCATED TO SALADO

The Governor's Office is expected to make an important announcement this Saturday, April 1, concerning the permanent relocation of Katrina refugees who have been sheltered in Texas the past seven months.

A top staff member, speaking on condition of absolute anonymity, indicated that the Village of Salado, along with other rural communities, could be involved in the relocation plan. There are 200,000 former New Orleans residents living in Texas and with no immediate prospects of being able to return to the Crescent City, the federal government has decided to fund the permanent move of these refugees to smaller communities - like Salado.

Village officials would not comment, on any overtures being made by state or federal officials, to accept what is rumored to be some 200 families, which would add an estimated one thousand new Salado residents.

A federal grant of up to \$50,000 per family, plus direct grants to involved communities would be made "up front." Until housing projects are constructed (mostly at the expense of the Feds through HUD) **newcomers would be temporarily assigned use of FEMA trailers, currently deteriorating in Arkansas.**

Two hundred of these units could be moved to Salado in less than a week, according to officials.

IMPACT ON SMALL COMMUNITIES

The impact will be heavy on communities like Salado, as hundreds of refugees arrive without normal necessities like furniture, clothing, transportation or jobs.

Finding suitable land for low income housing and large apartment "projects" will be difficult, but the federal government has promised the host communities all the help they will need.

That "offer" stirred up at least one disgruntled Saladoan who noted (anonymously) **"The darn government is great on promising the moon and delivering next to nothing!"**

PROPERTY TAX LOOMS

If the new housing projects are placed in the Salado ETJ the cost of services would be minimal, but with the large numbers involved - Federal and State officials will eventually demand all services be provided and **without doubt Salado would be forced to enact a property tax to meet the needs of so many new arrivals.**

ANOTHER SCHOOL BOND ISSUE?

School officials might have to order a second bond vote to enlarge the recently approved high school, as well as expanding the elementary and middle school campuses - **in order to handle the expected 365 new students.**

Most of the newcomer's housing would be government owned high-rise apartment projects that would create little or no property tax income to help support the school's increase in student population.

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend readers "re-read" the opening sentence in this last section of "Off The Record" noting not only the subject, but the date.

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ing another step of growth on the first day of school Aug. 21.

The district set the first day of school prior to the week of Aug. 21 after conducting a public hearing on the matter at an earlier meeting this year. At that meeting, there was no input from the public on moving the start date prior to the week of Aug. 21.

Teachers will return to school for professional development Aug. 14-15.

The first six weeks will end Sept. 29. The second six weeks will run Oct. 2-Nov. 10. The third six weeks will run Nov. 13-Dec. 21.

Holidays during the first semester of classes will include Sept. 4 and Nov. 22-24.

The semester break will begin after a noon release on Dec. 21 with students returning to class on Jan. 8, 2007. Teachers will return for professional development Jan. 4-5.

The fourth six weeks period will run Jan. 8-Feb. 23. The five six weeks will be Feb. 26-April 13. The final six weeks will be April 16-May 25, which will be a noon release day.

Student holidays during the second semester will include Feb. 9, which will be a professional development day for teachers, March 12-16 and April 6.

Early release days for students in the second semester will include Jan. 25, Feb. 8, March 23, April 13 and May 25.

Bad weather make-up days, if necessary, will be Feb. 9 and April 6.

Teachers rehired

Trustees followed the recommendations of campus principals when they unanimously offered one year contracts to the following teachers:

Elementary school: Janyce Stockstill, Cheryl Kyle, Rana Jarrett, Becky Price, Deborah Smith, Eileen Whitacre, Ashely Isbell, Susie Copeland, Jill Brashier, Julie Manley, Nina Bolin, Meredith Landon, Sandi Tucker, Cathy Oborski, Denise Van Winkle, Diane Morgan, Anissa Dobbins,

Stephanie Halpert, Dee Winsman, Carey Quick, Lisa Wagon, Sherry Jackson, Regina War, Ruth Watkins, Holly Adams, Carlinda Rex, Leslie Allen, Nancy Bergman, Stacy Velasquez, Sandra Lastovica, Anna Kate Mackie, Betty Gregurek, Donna Driggers (counselor) and Susan Shobe, librarian.

Salado Intermediate: Terry Arant, Beth Briscoe, Jeanette Holt, Charla Kelley, Lydia Kelm, Karen Ewton, Colleen Gilchrest, Ken House, Colleen Palmer, Jack Ruzicka, Donna Burgess, Janet Kemp, Stacy LaRue, Elaine Lindley, Beth Lisenbe, Stacy Lisenbe, Joe Mullins, Pansy Reeder, Joe Rex, Tom Robbins, Terri Seaton, Christy Sharum, Beth Svadlenak, Judy Bruton, Connie Fiebig, Betty Gregurek, Melissa Hyer, Anna Kate Mackie, Amanda Silker and Melissa Kemp (counselor).

Salado High School: Melvin Bates, Jill Baumgart, Larry Belicek, Bobbette Bell, Tom Bremer, Christian Briehn, Claudia Cabaniss, Dennis Cabaniss, Scott Copeland, Tim Cook, Kory Cradick, Barbara Harper, Doug Harrigan, Kendra Hearne, Scott Herald, Bree Holz, Geoffrey Huff, Jennifer Jonas, Cassie Lee, Darlene Lummus, Brad McMurtry, Wendy Mahan, Alice Martindale, Cindy Mewhinney, Emilio Olivares, Elaine Renaud, Scott Ringo, Susan Shobe, Glenn Talbott, and Katy Whitis (counselor). The board also approved the new hires of Patricia Roberson and Terri Robinson as English teachers. Gary Askins and Grady Newton will be retiring at the end of the year; Jennifer Jonas will take over Askins' classes next year.

In other business, trustees approved an emergency operations plan, purchase and donation of a trailer by the Band Boosters, a policy change on resignations, election judges and clerk for the upcoming May 13 trustee election, budget amendments totaling \$15,369 for donations and grants and consent items.

Register your Pre-K, K students April 24-28

Thomas Arnold Elementary has set Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten for April 24-28 for new students.

Parents can register their children 8-11 a.m. at the elementary office.

Parents will need to bring a current short record, the child's birth certificate and Social Security number to regis-

ter the new student.

Pre-Kindergarten students must be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2006 to register for the 2006-07 school year. A Kindergarten student must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2006 to register.

If you have questions, please call the elementary office at 947-9191.

Baylor honors Creasey as 1 of its best ever

Long-time Salado resident, Earl L. "Pete" Creasey was honored by the Baylor "B" Association as a Baylor Legend for Men's Basketball during the men's game against Texas A&M University last month.

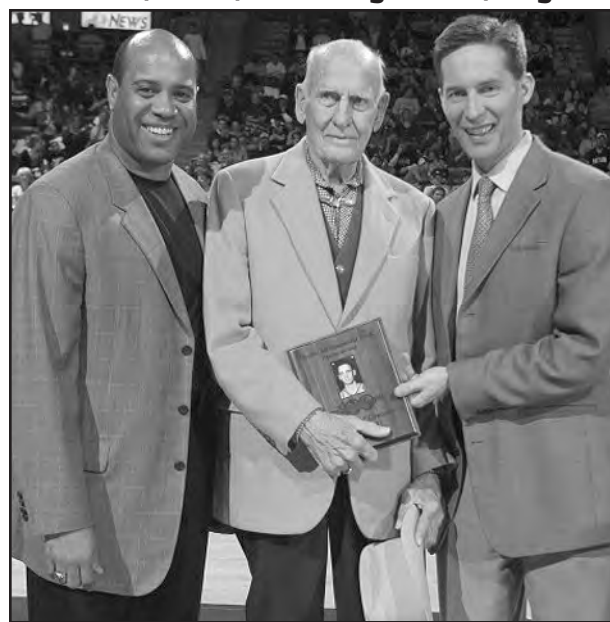
Creasey was named to the 17-man Baylor All-Centennial Basketball Team. The squad, selected by a combination of fan voting and an expert panel, represents the greatest Bears basketball players of all time. Baylor celebrated its 100th season of men's basketball in 2005-06.

The team, which includes the late Bill Henderson as its honorary coach, also consists of Vinnie "The Microwave" Johnson, Terry Teagle, Terry Black, Aaron Bruce, William Chatmon, Pete Creasey, Carroll Dawson,

Larry Gatewood, Darrell Hardy, the late Don Heathington, the late Hubert Kirkpatrick, Jerry Mallet, Darryl Middleton, Jack Robinson, Brian Skinner, David Wesley and Micheal Williams.

Baylor basketball officially began in 1906-07 with a seven-man squad that won its first two games and finished 5-6. The Bears' storied history includes Final Four appearances in 1948 and 1950, a national runner-up finish in 1948, five conference championships as well as the heroic tragedy of the 1927 Immortal Ten team.

During his time at Baylor, Pete Creasey was a 3-year letterwinner in track and field, as well as in basketball. In 1939 his athletic performances earned him All-Southwest Conference honors




Baylor "B" Association Executive Director Walter Abercrombie; Saladoan Pete Creasey; and Baylor Athletic Director Ian McCaw are shown above.


in basketball. He was also chosen as a Baylor All-American. He served as the captain of the basketball team in 1939, and earned All-Southwest Conference honors in track in 1940. Creasey played for Baylor from 1938-1940 and was inducted to the Baylor

Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992.

Creasey has been an active member of the "B" Association Letterwinners organization at Baylor University, having served on the Board of Directors in 1985, vice president in 1988, and president in 1989.




A GREAT BIG THANK YOU SALADO



The 2006 Civic Center Auction was a success beyond belief an it just didn't happen by accident!!

A large number of our wonderful Saladoans gathered on March 18 to honor two of our dear friends,



Wilbur and Jessie Foster.

And the results were heart warming. Wilbur's wonderful handcrafted stagecoaches and other fantastic buggies and wagons were auctioned to raise funds to help the Civic Center maintain its goal of providing the Village with a comfortable central meeting place that meets the needs of our growing community.

Our thanks to this beloved couple and also to each of you fantastic Saladoans who took time to be a part of a great evening of fellowship and fun.



To our great merchants and others who contributed so many wonderful items for the auction, our grateful Thanks for your loyal support.

Also, a special thanks to our own Bill Hall who deserves the title of "the Finest Auctioneer in All of Texas."

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What do you expect from your investments?

If your investment portfolio is even moderately diversified, you probably own both stocks and bonds. And that's a good idea, because diversification is essential to your success as an investor. But you also should know what to expect from different types of investments - because the more you know, the more likely you are to make the right moves.

Unfortunately, some people's expectations get distorted, due to what may be happening with their investments. For example, a couple of years back, many investors saw the value of their bonds rise sharply, causing some to look at these investments as "growth" vehicles. But is that an accurate assessment?

Probably not - although some recent statistics are quite interesting. From December 1999 through February 2003, long-term government bonds rose about 13 percent, while the S & P 500 - one of the most well-known stock market

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



indices - fell by about the same amount. This is the second greatest period ever of superior bond returns relative to stocks - and one of the few in the past 80 years, a time in which stocks have consistently outperformed all other investments.

And so, while you can't base all your investment decisions on what has gone before, it's generally a good idea not to plan on selling your bonds before they mature and make a profit. Instead, plan for what bonds do provide: current income in the form of monthly or quarterly interest checks. As long as you own your bond, you will always receive the same amount in interest (assuming the issuer doesn't default), no matter how much the bond's

current value fluctuates.

Many stocks also provide current income, in the form of dividends. But if you're like a lot of people, you buy stocks for their growth potential. In other words, when you buy stocks, you anticipate the price going up, so that when it's time to sell, you can make a profit.

And, although past performance is not an indication of future results, over the long term, stock prices historically have risen. In fact, from 1926 through 2005, large-company stocks provided an average annual return of more than 10 percent, while small-company stocks returned, on average, more than 12 percent, according to Ibbotson Associates, an investment research firm. Small company stocks do fluctuate more than that of larger companies.

Of course, you can't

assume that, for a given year, your stocks will return 10 percent, 12 percent - or anything at all. In the short term, stocks go down as well as up, so you shouldn't be shocked at losing principal over a single year, or perhaps a couple of years in a row.

But if you buy an array of high-quality stocks and you hold them for the long term - at least five to 10 years - you increase your chances to achieve some growth.

Ultimately, by knowing what to expect from your stocks, bonds and any other securities you may own, you can draw up a long-term investment strategy appropriate for your individual needs, goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. You may want to work with a financial professional to determine why you own what you do, what you might anticipate from your holdings and what changes you may need to make.

Nobody can predict the future. But you can plan for it - by having a clear set of expectations, based on a thorough knowledge of your investments.

Technical difficulties

Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

There's a whole generation now that has grown up using computers and surfing the Internet. For them, communicating, browsing and shopping online are really second nature, so it seems natural that more and more are searching for homes on the web, and even listing their homes for sale on the Internet.

Of course the World Wide Web is a powerful tool for both buyers and sellers, and that's why so many real estate agents market their services and listings online. Take special care not to eliminate the "middle man" from your next real estate transaction.

Buying a home is not as simple as browsing eBay and clicking "Buy It Now!" Selling a home can be even more complicated. Even the most technically savvy computer user can list their home online at a number of "For Sale By Owner" websites, but will run into real "technical difficulty" when it comes time to set a fair asking price, target and screen qualified buyers, and handle the legalities of negotiations and contracts.

A good percentage of listings that start "By Owner" are eventually sold by licensed real estate professionals. That's because a professional can sell the home for more money in less time, with profit outdistancing commission. Yes, the Internet is a powerful tool for buyers and sellers, especially when placed in the knowledgeable hands of a realty pro.

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Gov. Perry dodges Coalition - with good reason

BY TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Rick Perry is dodging the Blackland Coalition.

He was the only candidate for Texas Governor invited by the Coalition who skipped the March 24 political rally at Seaton Hall.

Not that the Governor would have been welcomed with open arms by the several hundred people gathered there to hear from candidates in the November election.

Nor would he have found much solace from the three candidates all lobbying for his seat: independent hopefuls Carol Keeton Strayhorn and Kinky Friedman, both of whose campaigns were collecting signatures to get on the November ballot, and Democrat Chris Bell.

While the Blackland Coalition was formed to oppose Gov. Perry's TransTexas Corridor, little time was spent by the candidates on the issue, or alternatives to the wide-reaching proposal.

However, Strayhorn labeled the TTC as Perry's "TransTexas Catastrophe," before rallying against Perry and his "band of land-grabbing highway henchmen."

"In a Strayhorn administration," the State Comptroller told the crowd, the TTC "will be blasted off the bureaucratic books."

Strayhorn said she would say "no to the largest landgrab in history... no to destroying croplands... no to double taxation... and no to a \$184 billion boondoggle that would replace Texas' freeways with tollways."

She added that the governor should "protect private property rights, not sell them to a foreign corporation."

The TTC, she added, is a "toll scheme that would cost drivers \$120 each day, each way" to cross Texas.

"That's not democracy," she said. "That's highway robbery."

Strayhorn added that she has called repeatedly on Gov. Perry to support a constitutional amendment that would "protect the private property rights of Texans."

"You will have a strong voice in Austin," Strayhorn told the crowd. "TxDOT will not do whatever the hell it wants."

While writer Kinky Friedman had plenty of quips about why he should be governor, he had little to

say about what he would do if elected.

"I'm the only candidate running that has no political experience," Friedman said during his time at the podium.

Pointing to political experience, Friedman noted more than 50 decades of politics shared by his opponents. "Look where that's gotten us," he said.

He also pointed to Ronald Reagan's first race for governor of California. A friend of Reagan mentioned that he had no experience in the race, compared to a wealth of experience of his opponent. "That's exactly what I am running against," Reagan said at the time, echoed by Friedman who paints himself as an outsider much like Jessie Ventura who shocked political pundits by being elected as an independent governor of Minnesota.

"What Jessie didn't realize is that wrestling is real and politics is fake," Friedman said.

He added that in the last governor's race, "Perry and

Sanchez spent \$100 million to drive 71 percent of you away from the polls."

Friedman hopes to change that by reaching disheartened and disillusioned voters and show them that "it's not always the guy with the most money who wins... it's the guy with the biggest dreams."

"MLK is not just a road," he said. "JFK is not just an airport. They were people who dared to dream."

Democrat Chris Bell, was much more hyperbolic a speaker than either Strayhorn or Friedman, but did take the opportunity to note his differences with the governor and the Republican party.

Bell filed the initial ethics complaint against Tom DeLay when he held a seat in the U.S. Congress. He was repaid by having his district redrawn to be heavily Republican, losing it in the 2004 election.

Bell said it would be poetic justice if the ethically embattled DeLay were to be "unseated by the voters in November and have to

come back to live in the state where his old friend Chris Bell was Governor."

He told the group that it wouldn't take money to stop the proposed TTC. "It will take a new governor to do that," he said.

Bell said that one reason he is asking Texas voters to fire Rick Perry is that "Perry is taking ethics lessons from Tom DeLay."

Those ethics are playing out across the state in ways that hurt most Texans. "Budgets are not only fiscal documents," Bell said, "They are moral documents. There are human costs associated with the lines of a budget."

Those costs are something Bell said Perry has forgotten as he toadies to big money. When faced with budget worries, Bell says that Perry slashes programs like children's health insurance and increases taxes on "exotic dancers, bottled water and snacks."

"We are proud of Texas, Mr. Perry," Bell said. "We just are not very proud of what you're doing to it."




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Salado boys golf team, from left: Travis Kemp, Ryan O'Rear, Wes Dowell, Clint Permenter, Lucas Martin and Coach Bobby Peschel.



The Salado girls golf team, from left: Julie Hajda, Katie Harris, Coach Bobby Peschel, Lacey Bartlett, Sarah Dowell, Nicole Weatherly and Veronica Patockova.

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Girls take 1st in Comfort

The Salado Lady Eagle golf team continued its fine season by taking first place at the Comort Invitational March 22.

The girls put together a socred of 332, which was a full 62 strokes better than second place Lago Vista.

Lacey Bartlett earned

first place honors individually, posting a round of 79. Sarah Dowell shot an 83, earning the bronze medal, followed by Veronica Patockova (85) and Katie Harris (86).

The Salado boys didn't fare so bad, either, taking second place in the Comfort Invitational. The

boys put together a score of 323, which put them 13 shots behind first place La Vernia. District rival Lago Vista nipped Salado's heels with a 326 score and third place finish.

The Salado Tournament will be held March 30 at Mill Creek.

Salado tennis squads compete in Academy Invitational

In recent tennis action, Salado boys and

girls teams competed in the Academy Invitational, held at UMHB. The field was comprised of Salado, Academy, Rogers, Florence, Troy and Moody.

Results are as follows:
 Varsity Boys Singles - Johnny Kendall, first place consolation

Varsity Boys Doubles - Josh Shaw and Justin Whitfield, second place

JV Girls Doubles - Jenny Wiggin and Kaleigh Rank, second place

JV Girls Singles - Inhey Robison, third place

JV Boys Doubles - Matt Arant and Slayt Ebeling, second place; Heath Bracken and Beau Benoit, third place

JV Boys Singles - Andrew Murray, first place.

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The Bell County Blaze, a 10 and Under Major Baseball Team placed first March 12 at the Super Series Spring Fling in Round Rock. The team went 5-0 for the tournament and outscored its opponents 68-18 for the weekend. Team members are (bottom, from left): Jared Janczak (Belton), Mason Marinik (Temple), Andrew Paysse (Belton), Braden Pearson (Temple); (middle, from left): Zach Behr (Temple), Dane Hankamer (Salado), Casey Frazier (Salado), Drew Van Winkle (Salado), Chase Cryer (Belton); (Top, from left): Coaches, Johnny Marinik, Brian Pearson, Ty Hankamer, Ron Van Winkle, Michael Janczak Not Pictured: Mark Herrington (Belton).

Tracksters run in B'Ville-Eddy

The Varsity boys tracksters garnered an eighth place team finish in the March 25 Bruceville-Eddy relays, totaling 35.5 points for the meet. The JV boys finished in fourth place, with 97 points.

Individual results are as follows:

Pole vault - Josh Shaw, first, 12';

1600m relay - Salado (Stephen Quick, Justin Konzen, Wright, Clay Whitmire), fourth, 3:50.1;

High jump - Marquez, third, 6';

Long jump - Shaw, fifth, 19';

Triple jump - Whitmire, sixth (tie), 36'3";

100m dash - Konzen, sixth, 12.06;

1600m run - Johnny Kendall, second, 4:50.

JV Boys

Pole vault - Colin Smith, first, 11'; Arguellez, second, 9'6";

Shot put - Leo Galvan, first, 41'7.5"; Payton Smetana, fourth, 38'10";

Discus - Smetana, first, 103'7"; Galvan, fourth (tie), 95'8";

3200m run - Reed, third, 11:39;

400m relay - Salado (Lutz, Prince, Arguellez, Galvan), sixth, 48:47.

110 m hurdles - P. Williams, first, 17.77;

1600m relay - Salado (Rose, Prince, Cockrell, Galvan), fourth, 3:53.1

High jump - Williams, first, 5'10"

Long jump - Constanicio, fifth, 17'7"; Lutz, sixth, 17'4";

Triple jump - Nathan Sitz, sixth, 35'8";

800m run - Kasey Cockrell, fourth, 2:17;

800m relay - Salado (Lutz, Prince, Reagan, Galvan), fourth, 1:41

100m - Lutz, fifth,

12.21;

1600m run - Reed, fifth, 5:24.

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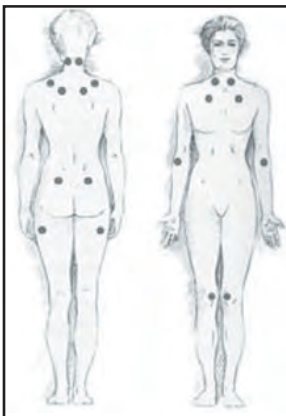
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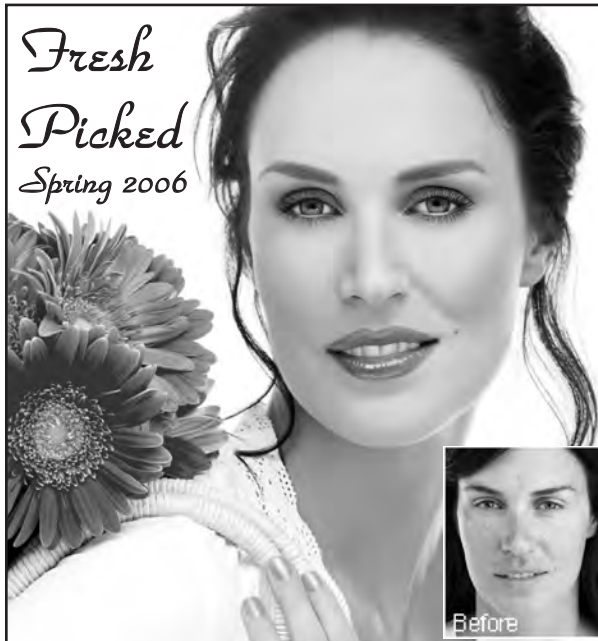
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Eagles down Jarrell to stay in hunt

The Salado Eagle hardballers dropped their second district contest of the season March 21 when they fell to third-ranked Rogers by a final of 12-0, the most lopsided loss of the year for the 12-4 club.

Salado played pretty well through the first five innings, but still trailed by a count of 5-0. The Eagles then fell apart in the sixth inning, allowing seven runs in the frame, five of those unearned.

Tanner Myers and Justin Schiller were the only Eagles to collect base hits on the night.

Salado did keep itself in the thick of the playoff race, by rebounding from the Rogers loss to post a 6-5 win over Jarrell March 24.

The win didn't come easy, though, as the Eagles had to claw back from a 3-0 first inning deficit. All the Jarrell runs in the inning were unearned.

The Eagles began chipping away in the second inning. Kevin Jackson led off with a single, while courtesy runner Kevin Goodman moved to second on a Josh Shaw single. Good then stole third and scored on a passed ball.

In the top of the third the Eagles came up with three runs to take the lead. Matt Fritsch started the rally with a triple. He then scored on a balk issued by the Jarrell pitcher. Just Schiller was hit by a pitch and Johnny Nix followed with a two-out double to score Schiller. Shaw gave

Salado a 4-3 lead by singling Nix in.

Wesley Ruth put the Eagles up 5-3 in the fourth, by leading off with a triple down the left field line and scoring on a picture-perfect suicide squeeze laid down by Matt Fritsch.

Jarrell responded with a run in the bottom of the fourth to close the score to 5-4.

The Eagles added a much-needed insurance run in the top of the seventh. Courtesy runner Goodman (in for Jackson who had singled) scored on a single by Tanner Myers.

Jarrell then scratched out a run in the bottom half of the inning, but could come no closer than

that, ending the game at a 6-5 final.

Salado banged out 13 hits on the game. Fritsch, Jackson, Nix, Shaw and Ruth all collected two hits each.

Jackson was also the winning pitcher, tossing an outstanding game. He allowed only three hits while striking out 12 and walking just two in seven innings of work.


Salado is now 3-2 in District 25AA, in a tie for second place.

The JV Eagle baseball team took home first place in their tournament this past weekend, defeating Clifton 11-2 and Rosebud-Lott 6-3.

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Softballers drop 2 heartbreakers

As a club on the receiving end of back-to-back heartbreaking losses, the Lady Eagle softballers find themselves trailing the pack in district competition, with a record of 2-4. Salado fell from .500 with a 2-1 loss to Rogers followed by a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Jarrell.

Taking the field against Rogers March 21, Salado had a difficult time producing any kind of offense, collecting just three hits for the entire game. Rogers didn't exactly light it up, either, as a homerun in the third brought in Rogers' lone runs on the night.

Salado's first scoring opportunity came

in the home half of the first, when Rachel Coffey singled and moved to second on a Heather Winters sacrifice. An infield groundout would the Salado threat, however, and the Lady Eagles would not threaten again until the fourth.

Rogers also had some early chances, but the visiting Eagles could not push across a run until an error by the Salado defense set the table for the Rogers clean up hitter in the top of the third, who proceeded to bash a two-run shot, putting Rogers up 2-0.

In the bottom of the fourth, Coffey reached on an error, and moved

to second on Heather Winters' second sacrifice of the game. Shae Janda then followed with a sacrifice of her own, and Coffey would come around to score on a wild pitch for Salado's one-and-only run.

Trailing by one in the bottom of the seventh, the Lady Eagles attempted a late-game rally, ignited by a one-out double off the bat of Justine Ferrell-Raborn. Raborn would find herself at third following a sacrifice, but would move no further as the game ended with the third out recorded on a swinging strikeout.

Coffey led the Salado offense with two hits,

while Raborn had a double and a base-on-balls. Janda went the distance on the mound, and pitched well, giving up six hits while striking out six.

Following that tough loss, the Lady Eagles endured an equally bitter defeat in a 1-0 bout against Jarrell.

After both clubs went three-up, three-down in the first, Salado put itself in a great position to push across a run as Janda led off the top of the second with a triple to left-center, but a strike out, an unsuccessful bunt attempt and consecutive strike outs brought an end to the inning.

In the bottom of the third, a leadoff single and stolen base, put a Jarrell runner in scoring position. The next Lady Cougar batter would then line a single to right center, bringing home the game's only run.

Salado would threaten in the fourth, when Janda was plunked by a pitch with one out. Janda was steal second and third, but the inning would end with back-to-back strikeouts.

The Lady Eagles would have yet another opportunity in the sixth, but with two-on and two-out a Salado strikeout would end the final Lady Eagle scoring threat.

Though she allowed just three hits and one run Janda was tagged with her sixth loss of the season, against four wins. She sat down six on strikes.

Jarrell's Perez was dominant, registering 14 strikeouts.

Raborn and McPherson had Salado's only hits.

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SHS team dominates UIL District Academics

Salado High School academic squad tallied 594 points to dominate the District 25-AA Championship in UIL Academics.

Lago Vista, the second place squad in the district, had 305 points, followed by Jarrell in third with 169 points. Other schools in the district were these: Rogers, 163 points; Lexington, 71 points; Florence, 58 points; Somerville, 10 points; and Academy, six points.

The team points totals included Cross Examination Debate, which was in February, and Once-Act Play. See related story in this issue on SHS One Act Play results.

Following are the individual results from the district meet, which was held in Salado:

Calculator Applications: Colby Cox, first; Kirsten Singleton, second; Clint Permenter, third; Kate Marshall, sixth and Calculator Team, first.

Computer Science: Michael Spinks, first; Alex House, second; Taylor Jones, third; Reena Suresh, fourth and Computer Science Team, first.

Current Issues and Events: Jared Brank, first; Greg Faber, second; Jon Spinks, third; Matt Arant, fourth and Current Issues Team, first.

Journalism Team, first place.

Editorial Writing: Grant Boston, first; Ariel Simpson, fourth.

Feature Writing: Ariel Simpson, first.

Headline Writing: Grant Boston, first.

News Writing: Alex House, second.

Speech Team, first.

Informative Speaking: Travis Cook, first; Magan Bradshaw, second.

Persuasive Speaking: Tyler Cook, first.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Travis Cook, first; Tyler Cook, second; Magan Bradshaw, third.

Poetry Interpretation: Dixie Darling, first; Chelsea Jacobsen, second; Emily Dunn, third.

Prose Interpretation: Crystal Schoellmann, first; Kyle Floyd, second; Danielle Danford, third.

Literary Criticism: Kirsten Singleton, first; Grant Boston, second; Ariel Simpson, third; Erin Bracken, fifth and Literary Criticism Team, first.

Mathematics: Ken Hora, third; Molly Rooney, fourth; Blake Hancock, fifth and Mathematics Team, second.

Number Sense: Ken Hora, first; Wes Dowell, second; Brandon Peters, third; Kathryan Holdampf, fourth and Number Sense Team, first.

Ready Writing: Grant Boston, first and Tamra Stanish, third.

Science: Alex House, third and Michael Spinks, sixth. Top Physics: Molly Rooney. Science Team, second.

Spelling: Jonny Kendall, first; Tamra Stanish, second; Reena Suresh, fourth.

Salado will compete at the Region IV UIL Academic Meet April 21 at Texas State University in San Marcos.



Killer B's

The Killer Bs -- Bruce Bolick, Bob Roemer and Bru Butscher, along with the Killer R Ricky Preston (not shown) -- were the first place team in the Annual Denver Mills Tournament, benefiting Tablerock Festival of Salado. The team won \$300 cash, with \$75 being donated back to Tablerock. The second place team was Larry Sands, Terry Weaver, Dave Apichino and John Hall, who all donated the \$200 cash back to Tablerock. Third place team was John Price, Dick Beamer, Glen Dworagvyk, Paul Ohavio, who won two tickets each for dinner and performance of Salado Legends. Julie Hall won the Longest Drive, winning a set of irons donated by Dick's Clubs. John Price won the Straightest Drive and Closest to the Pin contests, which were both good for two tickets to Salado Legends. No golfer hit the Hole-in-One, which would have been good for a golf cart donated by Fairway Golf Carts of Salado. The tournament raised almost \$4,000 to benefit Tablerock Festival.

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Sr High Huddles	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting	6:15 p.m.
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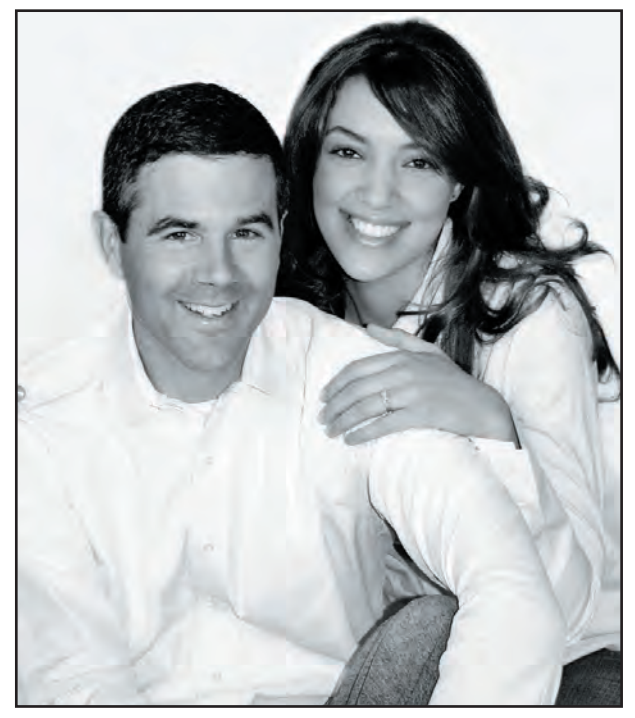
Salado United Methodist Church invites the community to participate in Holy Week Services and other events during the week of April 9-16.

Palm Sunday Services will be at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. April 9. The Chancel Choir will present portions of "Written in Red," a Christian musical. The church will again sponsor the community Easter Egg Hunt at the Salado Civic Center beginning at 3 p.m. April 9.

The Chancel Choir will perform "Written in Red" during the communion service April 13.

Good Friday Services will follow the Seven Last Words of Christ and offer spiritual reflections on "Seven Persons at the Foot of the Cross." Hymns and special music will also be a part of the services. Each of the seven worship services will be 20 minutes long and will begin on the hour 1-7 p.m. April 14. People may come to one or

more of the services. The Community Sunrise Service will be at Pace Park 7 a.m. April 16. The Methodist Church will then have its first Easter Services in its new location at 650 Royal Street. The Chancel Choir will present special music at those worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.



Erin Riddle, of Killeen, and Eric Shephard, of Hutto, have announced their engagement and upcoming marriage. The prospective bride is the daughter of Tom and Sandy Riddle, of Tucumcari, New Mexico and Killeen. The prospective groom is the son of Donald and Eileen Shephard, of Hutto. Erin Riddle is a graphic designer at Metroplex Hospital. Eric Shephard is the artistic director at Vive Les Arts Theatre in Killeen. The couple plan an Oct. 17 wedding at Lake Tekapo, New Zealand.

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Peaceable Kingdom discussed at upcoming St. Stephen Women's meeting

St. Stephen Women's Society will welcome Scott Simmones for their April meeting. Scott will explain the mission and goals of Peaceable Kingdom in his discussion which includes a video of activities that are part of his program.

Anyone interested in learning more about Peaceable Kingdom is invited. The meeting will be held in the St. Stephen's Parish Hall, at 6:30 p.m. April 10. Hostesses will be Sylvia Michalewicz, Erika Cloud, Janet Tomasek and Karen Green.

meeting, plans for the hors d'oeuvres, decorations etc, for helping the Knights of Columbus with the Casino Night to be held April 22 at TENROC, to benefit the Church Building Fund.

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Czech Republic topic at Methodist Monday Club April 3

Monday Club will meet 2 p.m. April 3 at Salado United Methodist Church.

Veronika Patockova will tell the group about her home in The Czech Republic.

All ladies in the community are invited to attend this meeting and fellowship.

For more information, call 947-8744.

Christian support group available for divorced and separated persons

People in the Salado area who are facing a separation or divorce have a place of Christian support. The Divorce Recovery and Support Group meets at the Salado United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

"People are at different stages of dealing with separation and divorce," said Rev. Grady Brittain, "and the support of others 'who have been there' will help in survival. One person's journey can be a part of someone else's healing as stories and information are shared in a safe place -- a place of grace."

There is no cost and no registration for the group. The group keeps all discussions and matters private and confidential. "It is a safe place for sharing," Rev. Brittain said.

Rev. Brittain leads the group with other professionals.

The group meets in the church library in the Administrative Building.

"People may when they can without any stigma," he said. "The group's purpose is to help heal each other's pain, find comfort in grief, discover ways of coping and find empowerment for dealing with life and legal issues."

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The Salado High School One Act Play "Gint," written by Romulus Linney advanced out of District 25AA and will compete in the UIL Area meet at Converse Judson High School on April 6.

The cast and crew were singled out for their ensemble performance of this difficult piece. The critic judge said that it was one of the strongest cast and crews she has ever judged at the district level. She singled out Brandi Warren as the district's best actress and also Garrett Askins and Dixie Darling were recognized as members of the All-Star cast.

The play "Gint" follows the life of one man, Pete Gint, from the Appalachian Mountains as he goes through his life making several bad decisions and a few good



The cast and crew of "Gint" will have a special public performance of their One Act Play on April 29 at the Salado Silver Spur Theater.



Garrett Askins and Dixie Darling in "Gint."

ones but ends with the question, "Find out what you're made of, something or nothing, Pete Gint." The faculty director Gary Askins stated, "My advanced drama students picked this play and I was really surprised. It is so different from anything we have ever done. It is very abstract and its theatricality would be a challenge for even an experienced adult drama

group. I'm very proud of them for the efforts that they have expended in their interpretation and I sincerely believe that they have created a unique and powerful story that is worth telling. If they continue to improve there is no limit to their eventual competition level, indeed the only thing I can see that would stop them as they progress through the UIL 'March Madness' is

if we run into a judge who just doesn't get it."

Student director Cheli Urquiza said, "The crew, cast and alternates have all made incredible contributions to the success of this show. The lights, sound, costumes, choreography and set are our own creations. Mr. Askins is always telling us to take ownership and I believe this year we have and we are all dedicated to taking it to the next level. I want this production to do better than any in Salado's history and I know we can do it."

The crew and alternate teams are comprised of Kirsten Singleton, Kristin Smith, Tyler Correa, Wesley Dowell, Danielle Danford and Evan Barbosa.

The cast is led by last year's returning Best Actor Garrett Askins in the lead role of Gint. Brandi Warren, a returning All Star cast member, plays Gint's true love Sallie Vicks. Dixie Darling, another returning All Star, plays the pivotal role of Gint's "Oldie Mama." The rest of the cast all play numerous characters and among them are several returning award-winning performers. They include Ariel Simpson, Jacob Merritt, Lauren Culver, Gerry Flynn, Chelsea Ervi and Wesley Buchele.

There will be a public performance of this award winning play 7:30 p.m. April 29 at the Salado Silver Spur Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for students call the theatre box office at 947-3456 for your reservation.

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March 30, 2006

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No foolin': Smokin' Spokes bike ride pedals around April 1

With weather predictions calling for temperatures around 80 degrees for the weekend, the Fourth Annual Smokin' Spokes Bike Ride should provide riders good conditions to pedal through some of the finest scenery in Central Texas, all the while benefitting the Salado Volunteer Fire Department. The ride will be held April 1, beginning 8 a.m. at the Salado school grounds.

As in previous years, a variety of routes will be available for riders to choose Unfrom, with each route differing in distance and overall difficulty.

Riders can pick from 15, 27, 57, 70, 85 and 102 mile rides. All routes will begin and end at the Salado school grounds at 550 Thomas Arnold Road. Most routes will take cyclists east to the Summer's Mill area, and also west to Stillhouse Hollow Lake.

There are rest stops designated with each route. "we placed most of our rest stops at very scenic locations," said Kevin Reichert, Smokin' Spokes organizer. "One is on the shore of Stillhouse Hollow Lake; one is at the Overlook Park on top of the dam to Stillhouse Hollow; and one is at Summer's Mill."

For the most competitive cyclist, the 102-mile route will provide quite a challenge. This route encompasses all the best riding that Salado has to offer. Riders will head west out of Salado into the foothills on this route, then wind their way through the hills west of town until arriving at Eagle's Nest Road. Climb to the top of Eagle's Nest Road (walking is permitted, to enjoy a panoramic view of Bell County. Continue on to Crow's Ranch Road, back out to more incredible views of Stillhouse Hollow Lake. Head toward Long Bridge across the west end of the lake. There is a rest stop on the shore of the lake, just past the bridge. Take a break at the rest stop before riding on towards Nolanville Hill, which is steep and more than a mile long. A few miles past Nolanville Hill, cyclists will come to a rest stop on the dam overlooking Stillhouse Hollow Lake at Overlook Park. Bring the camera and get

some action photos from atop the dam. From there, cyclists head out east of Salado towards Summer's Mill. Keep the camera handy for the rest stop at the waterfalls at Summer's Mill. Continue on south towards the rest stop at "Too Late Gate" at mile 76. The "Too Late Gate" gets its name because it will be closed at 3 p.m. Cyclists on the 102-mile route will need to average 11 miles an hour to get through the gate before it closes. The long cyclists will then finish up the ride with a tailwind and some "rollers" coming back into town, along with the final stretch down Main Street in Salado. There are eight rest stops on this route.

The shorter routes encompass sections of the 102-mile route. Maps of all of the routes can be found at www.saladospokes.com.

Entry fee is \$30 for on-site registration. Camping areas will be available after 5 p.m. March 31 and



The first male and female to reach the top of Eagles Nest Hill will be crowned the King and Queen of the Hill during the annual Smokin' Spokes April 1 in Salado. For information visit saladospokes.com. (PHOTO BY KEVIN SMITH)

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MARCH 31-APRIL 2
Salado Silver Spur Theater 2006 season opener, "Off and Running!," featuring classic films starring Buster Keaton, Harold

Loyd and Monte Banks, set to live musical accompaniment. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. March 31 and April 1 and 2 p.m. April 1 and 2. Info and tickets: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

MARCH 31-APRIL 2
29th Annual Texas Packard Meet at the Stagecoach Inn. Cars will be on display April 1 and the public is invited.

APRIL 1
Fourth Annual

Smokin' Spokes Bike Ride, benefitting the Salado Volunteer Fire Department. Info: www.saladospokes.com.

APRIL 1-2
Annual Wildflower Art Show. Salado Public Library Book Sale to coincide, both at the Salado Civic Center. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.

APRIL 2
Living Room Theatre presents "Murder on the Menu," a luncheon theatre production. Two performances, one at 12:30 p.m. and the other at 2 p.m., both at the amphitheater at Tenroc Ranch. Reservations available for non-subscribers beginning March 28. Wildflower Art Show public may attend.

APRIL 3
Salado Historical Society board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

APRIL 7
Thomas Arnold Elementary/PTO Moms and Muffins morning, 7-7:45 a.m. at the school. Info: 947-5191.

APRIL 7-9
Salado Silver Spur Theater 2006 season opener, "Off and Running!," featuring classic films starring Buster Keaton, Harold Loyd and Monte Banks, set to live musical accompaniment. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. April 7 and 8 and 2 p.m. April 8 and 9. Info and tickets: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

APRIL 8
Mill Creek MGA host a scramble at 8:30 a.m. at Mill Creek. Funds generated will go towards the 2006 scholarships.

APRIL 8
2006 Project Graduation fundraising dinner and silent auction, 5-7 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School. Tickets: \$10 for adults and children 11 and up, \$5 for 10 and under; available at Village Pharmacy, Subway, Bill Bartlett - Century 21 and the high school.

APRIL 8
Chisholm Trail ABWA Style Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mill Creek Restaurant. Info: 254-947-3617.

APRIL 9
Community Easter Egg Hunt 2-4:30 p.m. at the Civic Center details forthcoming.

APRIL 13
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Ronnie Wells, "The Wells Story."

APRIL 14-16
Easter Pageant at Tablerock Amphitheater, presented by First Baptist Church of Salado.

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APRIL 14-16

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APRIL 16

Easter Sunrise Service, 7 a.m. in Pace Park. Public is invited to attend. Bring lawn chair.

APRIL 18

Teacup Tuesday meeting, Program: "History Mysteries" by author, historian and Salado-resident Charlie Turnbo, 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church.

APRIL 18

Village of Salado Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas meeting, 1 p.m. in the Salado Civic Center. Members will meet 11:45 a.m. at Stagecoach Inn for lunch. Program: "The Life and Times of Edmund T. Estes," presented by Margaret Neves. Estes was a veteran of the Battle of San Jacinto.

APRIL 21-23

Salado Silver Spur Theater 2006 season opener, "Off and Running!," featuring classic films starring Buster Keaton, Harold Loyd and Monte Banks, set to live musical accompaniment. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. April 21 and 22 and 2 p.m. April 22 and 23. Info and tickets: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

APRIL 22

St. Stephen's Knights of Columbus Casino Night, 7-11 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. Evening will feature dinner, casino activities and a silent auction. \$30 ticket buys \$30,000 in casino chips. Proceeds to benefit St. Stephen's Building Fund.

APRIL 22-23

Eleventh Annual Gospel Festival at Tablerock Amphitheater, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. April 22 and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. April 23. Food, drink, and gift vendors on-site. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets available at gate. Info: Donnie Jackson, 254-947-5100 or email cvmusicministry@aol.com.

APRIL 27

School Board Candidate forum tentatively set for 7 p.m. at Civic Center.

APRIL 29

Mill Creek Community Association Spring Cleanup. 8:30 a.m. coffee and rolls, 11:30 a.m. free hot dog lunch. More details TBA.

MAY 1

Salado Historical Society board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

MAY 1

Early voting begins at Salado Civic Center.

MAY 6

Institute for the Humanities at Salado Spring Lecture Series, featuring Patricia Limerick, Ph.D. on "Pride Without Vanity: Patriotism in the 21st Century." Lecture: 5-7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center; lunch with the speaker, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Range. Tickets and info: 254-947-5729 or www.salado-institute.org.

MAY 6-7

Third Annual Salado Yard and Garden Tour, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 6 and 1-4 p.m. May 7. More details TBA.

MAY 11

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary Spring Luncheon at the Salado Civic Center. Program: Gwen Morrison on "Mothers and Daughters."

MAY 11

Salado Community Chorus Spring Concert 7 pm at the Salado Civic Center

MAY 13

Second Annual Salado Fine Art Trail. Salado's seven galleries invite visitors to join them for an after-hours special event. There will be door prizes, drawings, refreshments and an opportunity to meet the artists in a relaxed atmosphere. Galleries will be open until 9 p.m.

MAY 13

Eleventh Annual Thomas Arnold Elementary Fourth Grade Play at Tablerock Amphithe-

ater, 7:30 p.m. Students, under the direction of Jackie Mills, write, produce, crew and act in their own melodrama. Admission: Adults, \$5; children, \$3.

MAY 16

Teacup Tuesday meeting, "Tea, Talk and Togetherness" luncheon at Stagecoach Inn. Details TBA.

MAY 17

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

MAY 25

Salado High School Class of 2005-06 graduation ceremony at Bell County Expo Center. Info: Salado High School, 254-947-5429.

JUNE 5

Salado Historical Society board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

JUNE 8

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Storyteller Joe Pehoski.

JUNE 10

Annual Salado Reunion, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School. Info: 254-947-5783 or 254-939-3187.

JUNE 21

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

JUNE 24-25

Auditions for Tablerock's production of Macbeth, 3 p.m. both days at Tablerock. Director: David Dunlap, 254-247-0220 or ddunlap@tablerock.org.

JULY 4

Salado Historical Society Annual Picnic, 6:30 p.m. in Pace Park.

JULY 13

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Ruth Daw, "Women of Peru."

JULY 19

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

JULY 22, 29 & AUG. 5

Tablerock's 14th Annual presentation of Salado Legends, 8:15 p.m. Dinner: 7:15 p.m., cost \$8, reservations required. Performance tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Info: 254-947-3205 or www.tablerock.org.

AUGUST 5-6

40th Annual Salado Art Fair in Pace Park.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.

AUGUST 10

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Paul Letourneau on his book "My Vietnam Experiences." Spouses invited.

AUGUST 12

Mill Creek Community Association Fall Social, 6 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner. Details TBA.

AUGUST 16

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

SEPTEMBER 16-17

Tablerock's Fantasy Faire 10 a.m.-6 p.m. both days, featuring characters from history, literature, mythology and imagination. Enjoy music, dance, swordplay and storytelling, and shop goods from over 50 vendors. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, seniors and military. Info: 254-624-1008 or email

hood@tablerock.org.

SEPTEMBER 20

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

OCTOBER 7-8

Auditions for Tablerock's annual A Christmas Carol production, 3 p.m. both days. Info: 254-947-9205 or email harrycsweet@sbcglobal.net.

OCTOBER 7, 14 AND 21

Tablerock's Annual Shakespeare Play, Macbeth, under the stars, 7:30 p.m. each

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The Texas Packard Meet will hit Salado March 31-April 2, marking the club's 29th annual conversion. The public is invited to view the cars April 1 at Stagecoach Inn.

night. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for child, student or military. Info: 254-247-0220 or email ddunlap@tablerock.org.

OCTOBER 12-14

Annual Christmas in October event, sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. Details TBA.

OCTOBER 18

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

OCTOBER 21

Salado Area Republican Women Fine China Luncheon, noon at

Stagecoach Inn Longhorn Room. Info: 254-947-3617.

OCTOBER 21

Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, 8 a.m. start at Mill Creek. Info: Salado Chamber, 254-947-5040.

OCTOBER 21

Salado Education Foundation Cattleman's Ball at Tenroc Ranch. For tickets call 947-1958

OCTOBER 28-29

Tablerock's Fright Trail 7:30-10:30 p.m. both nights. Two trails to choose from. Concessions available. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Info: 254-947-9205 or email tablerock1@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 15

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

NOVEMBER 21

Salado Historical Society annual General Meeting and Chili Supper, 6:15 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

DECEMBER 1, 2, 8 AND 9

Tablerock Amphitheater's Annual presentation of Charles Dickens' Yuletide classic, A Christmas Carol, 7 p.m. each night. Tickets available at the gate beginning 6:30 p.m. Concessions open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Info: 254-947-9205 or www.tablerock.org.



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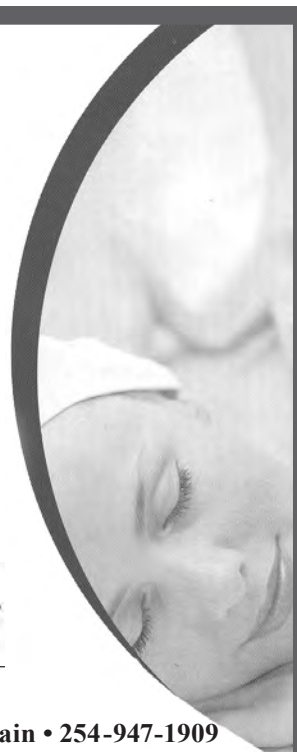
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White-colored foods can cause big problems

There have been a number of sayings that may have caught your attention in the past concerning white bread, such as: "The whiter the bread, the sooner you're dead" or even "quick death."

But interestingly, and more importantly, white bread isn't the only problem. There are a number of white foods that wreak havoc with your health. Foods like refined flour, pasteurized and homogenized milk, processed salt, vegetable oils, and of course, sugar are equally as detrimental. Let's take a look at each and see where the problems lie, and discuss what might be better choices.

Problem: Refined flour can be found in the majority of convenience foods in America; including breads, pastries, and cereals. Once the bran is removed from the grain the food has lost all of its nutritional value, making it an empty calorie, if not a "naked" calorie. Manufacturers commonly refer to refined flours as "bleached and enriched" and you will find this terminology listed in the ingredients of cheaper breads and baked goods.

Answer: If you want to consume bread, look for breads that are made from organic and "sprouted" grains. These breads will be much safer and actually have some nutritional value.

Problem: Pasteurized and Homogenized milk is far from the wholesome and natural state that comes from the cow or goat. Commercialized milk should be considered a "convenience" food as it is so altered as to be without nutritional value. Pasteurization kills beneficial enzymes, bacteria, vitamins and

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By KEVIN MCCAULEY



minerals in the milk. Homogenization so drastically changes the make-up of the milk that it can cause digestive issues. Additionally, unless the milk says "organic" on the container, you are consuming hormones and antibiotics that are passed on by the cow or goat.

Answer: If you drink milk because you want to increase the calcium in your diet, increase the amount of green leafy vegetables instead. These vegetables will increase your nutrient intake for the day with very few added calories and with no added sugar. If you love dairy products, find a farmer who produces milk from free range grass fed cows or goats. Make sure that there are no hormones, antibiotics or any type of pesticides being used as well.

Problem: Processed salt has very little nutritional value. Sodium Chloride (NaCl) in processed salt is so altered that our bodies have a difficult time ridding itself of it. This may lead to joint issues and kidney problems. Table salt may also contain aluminum-based anti-caking agents, dextrose, silico-aluminate and sodium acetate that may cause a plethora of health issues.

Answer: Buy an unprocessed sea salt. It contains numerous trace minerals that are beneficial to your body.

Problem: Vegetable Oil is an oil that we consume way too much of in America. Polyunsaturated fats, including vegetable

oils, are very unstable and cannot be heated, so you should not cook with them. Research today links heated vegetable oils with rancidity which increases the free radical make-up in the body. Margarine is a vegetable oil based product that is loaded with trans-fatty acids, making it closer to a plastic than a fat, and should be avoided completely.

Answer: A great way to increase your quality fat intake is to consume organic green vegetables and non-roasted walnuts and almonds. Eggs and meat from free-range chickens and animals produce an excellent source

of Omega-3 essential fatty acids. If cooking, use coconut oil, ghee or lard. The top mono-unsaturated oil is extra virgin olive oil, which is much better choice than canola.

Proper nutrition is the primary factor when making lifestyle changes to improve your health. Reduce, if not remove, the preceding "white" foods from your diet and replace them with the "colorful" options and you will see and feel the improvement.

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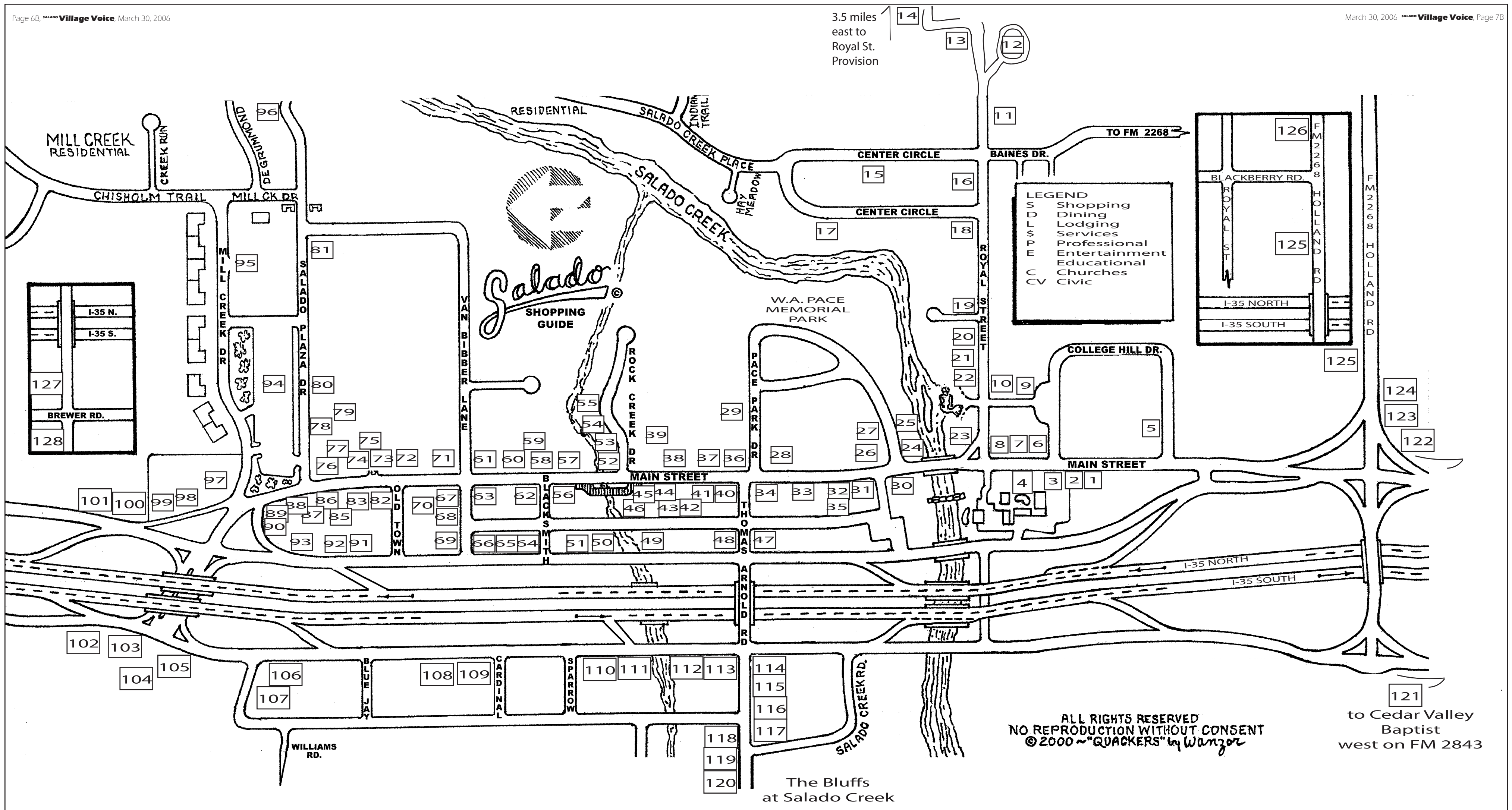
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Pictured above is the cast of the Salado Silver Spur Theater, which will begin its 2006 season March 31 with the show "Off and Running!"

good old-fashioned family fun.

"Off and Running!" which runs through April 23, will feature the fast-paced footwork and

musical mayhem of hosts, Penny and Grainger on stage, along with a special "guest appearance" by movie immortal "Charlie Chaplin."

And no Silver Spur show would be complete without one of its famous sing-a-longs. On screen, the Spur presents three of the greatest comedy chases of the silent movie era: Buster Keaton in "Cops," Harold Lloyd in "Get Out and Get Under," and the action-packed daredevilry of Monte Banks in "Play Safe." These cinematic gems are presented the way they were meant to be seen, with live musical accompaniment arranged and performed by the Silver Spur's accomplished accompanist, Nelda Milligan, and with live sound effects executed by Penny and Grainger, on authentic, vaudeville-age instruments.

Showtimes at the Silver Spur are 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. matinees on Saturdays and Sundays. Admission for evening shows is \$12 for adults; \$10 for senior citizens, military personnel, and students with ID; and \$5 for children aged 12 and under. For matinees, admission is \$8 for all adults and \$5 for children. For reservations, call, 254-947-3456. For more information, visit, www.saladosilverspur.com.




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When Ranch Foreman Bubba Billy Joe Don White and Texas Republican State Senator "Bull" Hockey attend a party for Salado Social Register queen Leona MacBeth, they plan to murder Leona for her land and money – and secretly, they plot to eliminate each other. Such is the backdrop for the Living Room Theatre's production of "Murder on the Menu," a "Luncheon Theatre."

Only one performance for the show is planned, 12:30 p.m. April 2 at the new Tenroc Blue Heron events center. Reservations for the one performance are available by calling 254-947-8300. The murder mystery melodrama - a fund raiser for Salado's Institute for the Humanities - is open to the public with a special invitation to folks visiting



Curt Strong (left) and Tom McGlasson portray two of the suspects in the Living Room Theatre of Salado's upcoming production of "Murder on the Menu."

Fine Art Trail welcomes art lovers May 13

Art lovers are invited to Salado's Fine Art Trail 5-9 p.m. May 13 showcasing the work of artists in the seven galleries found throughout the village.

The galleries will be open late for the special viewings. Free carriage rides will take art lovers to each of the galleries. Each gallery will have special guest artists showing their works during the Art Trail. Wine and cheese will be served by the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS), who will greet visitors to each of the galleries participating in this event.

Each gallery will have drawings for artwork offered by their artists. A weekend getaway in Salado will also be given away. The seven galleries lining Main Street Salado will participate in the Art Trail.

Wells Gallery, featuring limited edition prints, original paintings and bronze sculptures by famed wildlife artist Ron-

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Southern Image is the newest gallery to open in Salado, carrying the paintings of Texas artist Jack Terry.

Sharp detail, vividness of color and unique unmistakable style describe clearly the oil paintings of B. Herd whose Gallery is located on N. Main Street.

plotting and planning in Salado. Village Alderman Curt Strong plays Ranch Foreman Bubba Billy Joe Don Bob White, who has prepared a vial of rattlesnake venom which he assures Leona will prevent her from dying if she drinks it. He says he hopes to inoculate her in the event she encounters snakes somehow tucked in her saddle bags during her rides around the ranch.

Republican State Senator "Bull" Hockey, played by Living Room Theatre regular Tom McGlasson, having killed enough bills in the state senate floor, plans to use his most effective weapon on Leona: He'll attempt to

talk her to death. He's not called "Bull" for nothing.

But as it turns out, there are many more colorful suspects who would like Leona dead, and what better way to do it than at her 39th birthday bash?

A luncheon of salad, soup, and apple pie will be provided by a coalition of the Living Room Theatre board of directors, and there will be a tour of Tenroc's amphitheater following the show, a new facility located on a creek within sight of the Blue Heron event center. Mike Cornett and his daughter, Cindy, will host the event. The show is directed by Ramon Carver.

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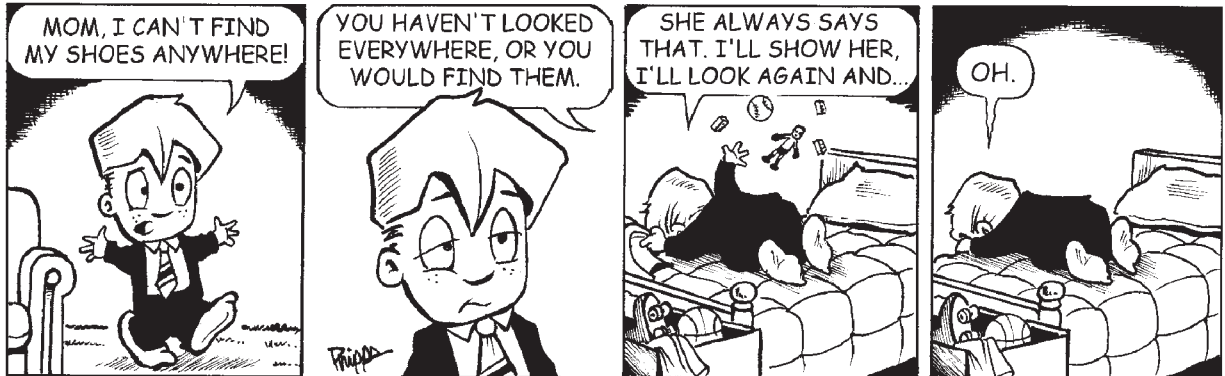
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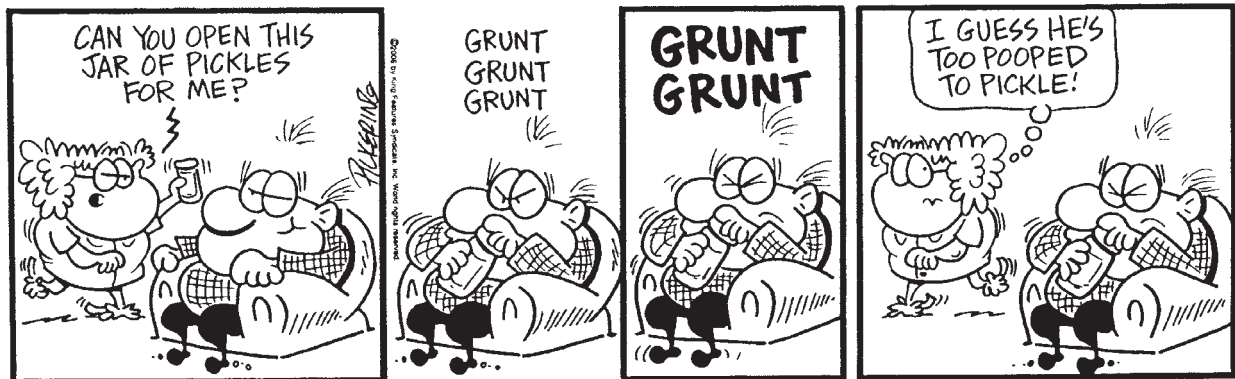
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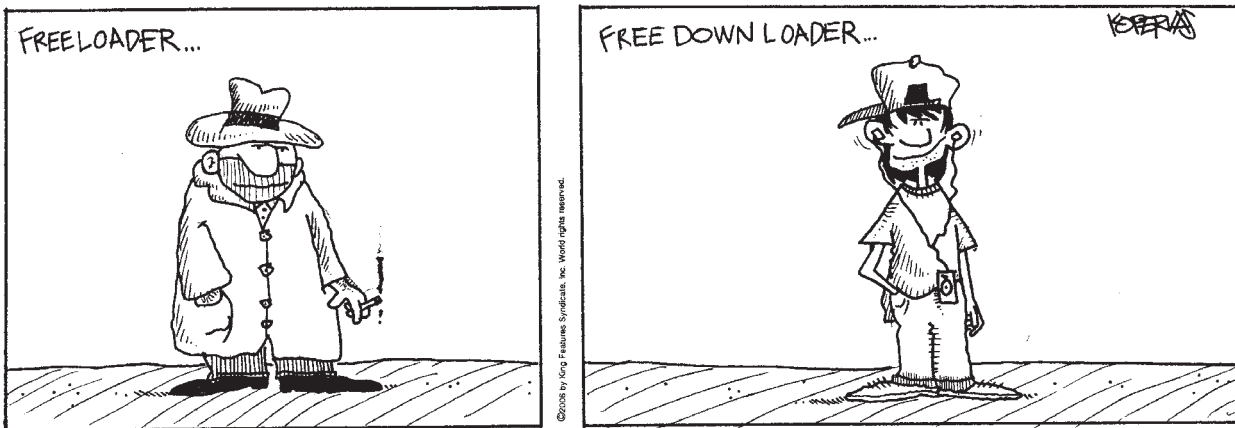
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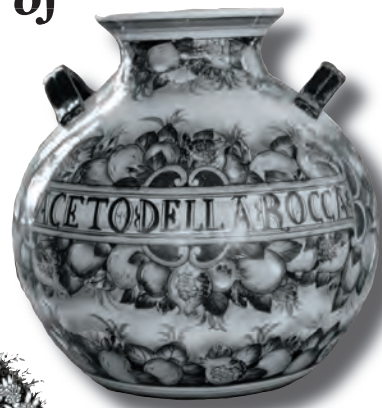
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Big Lake man gives deer a ride on his bike

Wayne Jones of Big Lake has made a living as a mechanic most of his life. He has some old vehicles that demonstrate his talent and ability. He has a 64 Fairlane Ford his parents bought brand new.

It has 62,000 actual miles on it. He is now restoring a 1972 Volkswagen Beetle. His pride and joy is his 1936 Torch Red Ford pickup that he completely rebuilt and restored from the ground up. He put a 302 V-8 Ford engine in it, along with an automatic overdrive transmission, power steering and heating and a modern sound system. Wayne says it's highway ready.

Wayne bought his first motorcycle when he was thirteen years old and he has had one ever since.

"My brother and I and our wives have been to 48 of the United States on motorcycles," says Wayne. "We've ridden them through three provinces in Canada. We started out with small trips and they kept getting longer and longer. We used to take all our vacations on motorcycles. I guess I've ridden a motorcycle half a million miles."

He has about 30 thou-

by
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sand dollars tied up in his present motorcycle, a fancy Harley with all the bells and whistles. One time Wayne had an incident with a deer.

"Yeah, I had one that wanted to ride with me."

One Saturday morning in July he and his grandson were riding their motorcycles around Utopia and Vanderpool in the hill country.

"I was going down the highway and a dadgum deer jumped off a cliff and landed right on top of me."

It happened as he was going through an area where a hill had been cut through to make the highway. There were cliffs about ten feet high on either side of the road. Wayne was traveling at 65 or 70 miles an hour.

"That deer was going in the same direction I was going and he decided he wanted off that cliff, so he just bailed off and hitched a ride with me. It was a very short ride. You can imagine how much



pavement rash I wound up with. I got a broken nose, broken shoulder, broken rib and had to have fourteen stitches in my mouth. I remember seeing the deer airborne when it was coming at me, and feeling helpless. That's all I remember until I came to sitting in the middle of the highway."

Wayne's grandson was riding behind his grandfather and saw it all happen.

"It scared him plumb to death," says Wayne. "It tore my billfold up and scattered money and credit cards all over the highway. After he gathering all that up, I got on the back of his bike to ride into town. We met a guy working for Bandera Electric Co-op and flagged him down. Course he had two-way radio and called an ambulance. It took me into Kerrville and I spent two weeks in the hospital getting healed up."

Wayne couldn't wait to get back on his motorcycle and go riding again.

April menus set for Mealttime Mastered

The Range at the Barton House has set its April schedule of Mealttime Mastered: Bringing Families Together with four opportunities to prepare 12 gourmet meals to take home.

Call The Range at 947-3828 to reserve your space in one of the sessions. Dates and times are April 1, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.; April 13, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; April 22, 9-11 a.m. and April 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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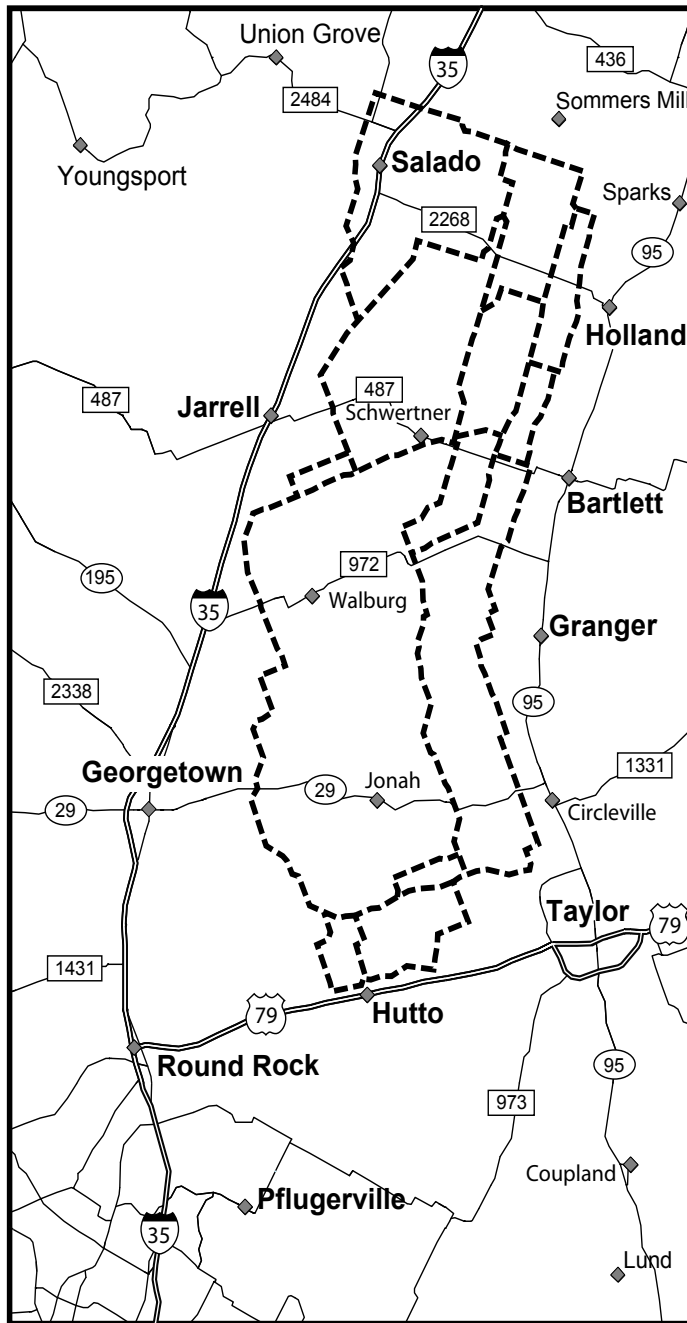
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Women in Leadership conference set

The College of Business at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will host the annual Women in Business Leadership Forum 9 a.m. March 31 in the Lord Conference Center of the Parker Academic Center. This event is free and open to the public.

Featured speaker for this forum is Bette Price, President of the Price Group. She is the co-author of True Leaders: How Exceptional CEOs and Presidents Make a Difference by Building People and Profits and has written many articles. In addition, she is a Certified Management Consultant.

In 1982, Bette combined her award-winning television and newspaper journalism experience with her quest to help executives in companies large and small by providing consulting

and training services through her management consulting company, The Price Group. In 1994, she was recognized for her success by being selected as one of only 100 CEOs and business leaders nationwide who were featured in Pathways to Success: Today's Business Leaders Tell How To Excel in Work, Career, and Leadership Roles (Barrett Koehler). Two years later she wrote her first book, Rejecting Rejection, sharing her own childhood adversities in an effort to encourage others move beyond their adversities to fulfill their dreams.

In 1987, Price joined the National Speakers Association, adding professional speaking to her consulting and training. Today she is a nationally recognized expert who delivers business keynotes on leadership and business.



Mill Creek Community Association committee members L to R, Mary Ann Pechal, Donna Robertson, Bobbie Reihsen, Judy Fulfer, Lillian Larson and Pat Freeman work among piles of MCCA phone directories, bylaws and prefaces to prepare them for delivery by Mill Creek Block Captains.



The Chisholm Trail Chapter of American Business Women's Style Show and Benefit Luncheon slated for April 8, will feature some of the raffle items shown above. The event which benefits local scholarships will be held at Mill Creek Inn and Country Club. Tickets are still available at Christy's, Alice's or at the Civic Center. For more information call 947-8610.

Rare painting comes to Salado April 1

A rare original painting is coming to Salado on April 1. The painting, entitled "The Farmhouse," has the surrealistic mood of the 1920's and will be available for purchase. If the painting does not sell, the curator will return it to place of origin.

The Farmhouse expresses the quietness of the rural home with a

chimney and porch expressing the welcome of a family poor yet wealthy of spirit.

The painting will be shown at B. Herd Gallery in Old Town Shopping Center, across from the Salado Civic Center.

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Salado country home on 1.3 acres. Lots of sq. footage. 600 SF hobby/office building behind home. Two living areas. 3 BR/2 BA, \$164,900.



New Listing! Salado 2003 brick home on .94 acres, large open great room with roomy kitchen, breakfast bar and dining area. Vaulted ceilings and lots of windows make this home bright. 3 BR/2 BA, attached car garage, nicely landscaped with covered patio. \$146,000.



Executive home in Timber Ridge Subdivision, Temple. Two story home that has three living rooms, four bedrooms, and three-and-a-half baths. Master suite is downstairs. Informal and formal dining. Raised ceilings, Romeo balcony, wide open spacious kitchen with lots of storage. \$398,900.



Just like a model! Morgan's Point home with flexible floor plan. Fireplace with custom mantle. Wood-like blinds, high ceiling, fenced backyard. 3 BR/2 BA. \$117,900.

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Great country views! Wonderful home is on 3/4-acre lot, fenced and on a cul-de-sac. Separate formal dining and breakfast nook. Academy schools. 3 BR/2-1/2BA, \$179,900.



Ranch-style home with lots of room and trees! Metal roof, spa, playground, fenced backyard with pet pen, two storage buildings. Updates include limestone flooring, carpet, kitchen appliances, countertops, painting and many extras. 4 BR/2 BA for \$145,000. Price reduced to \$139,900.



Magnificent country dream home on 2.14 acres in Salado. Many amenities with tile throughout home. Approx. 3,588 SF with attached garage. Custom built-in shelving in kitchen and study. 3 BR/2 BA. \$435,000.



Temple brick home on pecan tree-covered lot! 3 BR/2 BA, covered patio and storage shed in shaded backyard. Neighborhood near Midway Drive, so close to everything! \$97,000.



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Spring is time to clean, seal outdoor decks

(StatePoint) Cruise through any neighborhood in the U.S. and you're likely to find more than just a few outdoor decks. In fact, decks have become more popular than ever before and can provide decades of use, provided they are well maintained.

To combat the damaging effects of weather and the discoloration caused by grease, dirt, moss, algae and other plants, your deck should be properly cleaned and sealed.

Throughout the year, keep an eye on your deck. Brush off fallen leaves and other debris so organic materials don't rot and leave mildew. If your deck surface is near the ground and air circulation is limited, you might want to consider covering the soil with a polyethylene barrier topped with decorative rock to prevent moisture damage underneath.

If it is time to apply a stain, it's important to remove existing deck coatings and start with a fresh surface. There are a number of commercial cleaners available, however, oxygen bleach is one of the safest, as it is non-toxic, safe for plants and doesn't harm wood nor remove its color. Note that chlorine bleaches (or sodium hypochlorite) if used improperly can kill vegetation that surrounds your deck, remove natural color from your wood and accelerate corrosion of nails.

And be careful if using a high-pressure washing device, as it can easily erode the soft, light-colored wood fibers if not used properly.

Whichever cleaning process you decide on, make sure the deck is completely dry before applying stain. If you want your deck's natural wood color to shine through, you will want to use a clear stain. Note that you typically have to reapply a clear stain every 12 to 18 months. If you use a semi-transparent or tinted stain, you should only have to restain every three or four years.

Consult a trusted professional about which stain is right for you.

Keep in mind that with stains, you often get what you pay for. So be careful if you're looking to save money, as it could result in having to reapply stain sooner than with a higher quality product.

Extend the life of your deck and continue to enjoy it for years to come by taking proper care of it today. After all, there are worse ways to spend a nice day than working outside on your deck.



\$339,800: A private 6.38 acres for horses and room to roam with finely crafted Austin stone home. Enter the "Texas" iron gate into your own Ranchette complete with 32x60 barn as well as a 20x30 stable. Home includes real hardwood floors, interior stone accents & premium fixtures throughout.



\$468,000: Well maintained country estate on 4.345 acres. Spacious master suite with sitting area, fireplace, desk, jetted tub & separate shower, huge closet with built-ins. Country kitchen has brick hearth around stove, island, pantry. Office off of kitchen, game room upstairs with lots of storage. Surround sound, open living & formal dining with fireplace.



\$386,900: This builder never builds the same home twice, so take advantage of this one of a kind, truly gorgeous home. Walk in and look through the abundant plate glass windows overlooking Mill Creek Golf Course. The front office could be 4th BR. Pay Special attention to all the detail work.



\$365,000: Secluded 10 acres with beautiful stone ranch style hacienda. Extensive stone work & multiple courtyards provide privacy. Private study or mother-in-law suite with separate porch entrance. 4 BR, 4 BA, formal dining. Acreage is fenced for horses. Windows overlook oaks in front.



\$269,900: Drive by & imagine yourself living in this Texas Limestone ranch home. This 4 BR, 3 BA is loaded with extras. All counter tops are granite. The wood floored entry opens to the large living area & formal dining room.



\$195,000: Great location on Indian Trail in Salado. Beautiful trees and a private back yard. Larry Lilly built home in the heart of Mill Creek.



\$189,800: Bring your horses & enjoy your own 10 acres of outdoor living. Cool off on the large covered back patio or picnic under the cluster of live oaks. The land is fenced & cross fenced, & includes a barn complete with tack room.



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- Denman's Loop: Lot 8, B 19, Sec, 2, \$18,000.
- Terra Bella: 12 estate lots in park-like setting off Armstrong Rd. \$45,000-\$110,000.
- Jeremiah's Well: 11.9 acres with pond and well.

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Garden at green bridge part of tour May 6-7

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The Garden at the Green Bridge on Main Street will be one of six stops along the Salado Yard and Garden Tour May 6-7.

The Garden at the Green Bridge spans Campbell Branch and emphasizes Texas natives. The Texas red bud is leafing and the showy flowers of the tree are beginning to fade. The Mutabilis roses are beginning their lovely bloom and you may see a red bird dodging in and out of its nest in

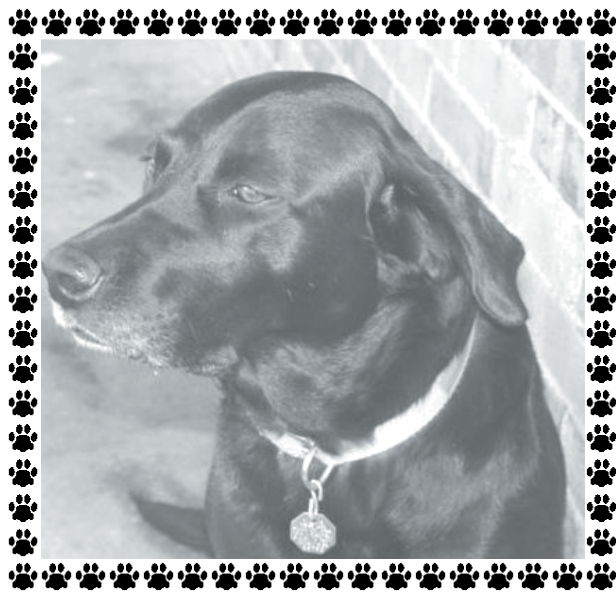


(PHOTOS BY MARGARET WILLIAMSON)
 The Garden at the Green Bridge, on Salado's Main Street, will be one of six stops on the Salado Yard and Garden Tour, May 6-7. Above, is Troll and Billy Goat Gruff, sculpted by Salado artist Troy Kelley. At left, is the Mexican Buckeye, one of the tough yet beautiful Texas native plants that have been planted at the bridge. Tickets for the tour are now on sale at the Salado Civic Center.

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the rose bush, chirping all the while. This is a wonderful old rose that is very drought tolerant with the single flowers opening buff-yellow, changing to pink and then crimson. Most often all three colors appear together. It is sometimes called the "Butterfly Rose." Another rose that was beginning its bloom cycle was the Knock Out rose, a beautiful repeat bloomer. Near the roses on the north side of the garden, the Mexican buckeye was showing off its delicate blooms in contrast to the bold dark seed pods.

As you amble along the path from north to south, you may enjoy seeing red poppies and purple spiderwort sprouting from the cracks along the side. Also, crossvine, Texas wisteria and passionflower vines were in bloom. The crossvine blooming is timed to coincide with the annual migration of the hummingbird. Be on the lookout for these charming additions to our natural gardens.

Of course, as one wanders down the path, you should look up occasionally so you can see the goblin in the elm tree placed by Salado sculptor, Troy Kelley. Troy has another public art piece at the south side of the bridge, the Troll and Billy Goat Gruff, a bronze sculpture given to the Village of Salado and made possible mainly by the fundraising efforts of the Public Arts League of Salado and the generous

support of all Saladoans who give and donate their talents.

On the south side of the garden another Mutabilis rose was in bloom as well as the fragrant Texas mountain laurel, the colorful salvias and the bush germander with its lavender flowers and attractive silvery gray-green foliage. One anticipates what will be in bloom next week or the next as the weather warms and new growth sprouts each day. This garden is a public garden that we can enjoy each and every day. There are comfortable benches along the path where one can sit and encounter the activity transpiring in the garden.

During the garden tour, there will be docents present at the Green Bridge garden who have a printed garden guide listing all of the many native plants located in the garden and of course, there will be new and different blooms, smells and activity.

Other stops

Other stops on the Salado tour this year is the historic Baines House, owned by Rod and Sheryl Russell, where the garden abounds with native plants, blooming shrubs, towering trees and whimsical garden art; the private informal country cottage garden of Les McCollum and Richard Teeler that enhances the garden spirit as one strolls through the abundant flowering perennials, herbs, roses,

agaves and native plants; Barton and Jeanie Jones' private estate located at a former historic grist mill site on Salado creek with stunning natural views from the limestone cliff and with interspersed native plantings; the park-like private yard and garden of John and Barbara Robertson with a wet weather creek, a charming potting shed, vegetable garden and delightful perennial and annual plantings; and the private yard and garden of Joe and Dottie Oliver, a woodland setting with lovely pool area decorated with pots of annuals and tropical plants.

The tour, sponsored by the Garden Club and Public Arts League of Salado, will be held on 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 6 and 1-4 p.m. May 7. Gardens will be self guided with volunteers helping to answer questions when needed. Tickets are priced at \$10 and are good for both days. Maps will be available leading to each location with a description of each garden. Tours will be conducted rain or shine. Strollers and pets are not permitted. Wheelchair accessibility is limited and carpooling is encouraged. Additional information can be found at the Salado Civic Center, 947-8300, or on the Salado Chamber website, www.Salado.com. Proceeds will go to the beautification and promotion of the arts in the Village of Salado.



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Alternatives to Teflon cookware?

Dear EarthTalk: With the recent hubbub over the chemicals used to make Teflon linked to health problems, what is the safest cookware to use in preparing meals for my family? -- Wyatt Walley, Needham, MA

When the health risks associated with making Teflon first came to light last year, many cooks trashed their non-stick cookware and went back to using their old stainless steel pots and pans. But what many people didn't realize was that even stainless steel is not immune to controversy regarding health impacts.

In fact, stainless steel is really a mixture of several different metals, including nickel, chromium and molybdenum, all of which can trickle into foods. However, unless your stainless steel cookware is dinged and pitted, the amount of metals likely to get into your food is negligible.

These days, many health conscious cooks are turning to anodized aluminum cookware

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as a safer alternative. The electro-chemical anodizing process locks in the cookware's base metal, aluminum, so that it can't get into food, and makes for what many cooks consider an ideal non-stick and scratch-resistant cooking surface. Calphalon is the leading manufacturer of anodized aluminum cookware, but newer offerings from All Clad (endorsed by celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse) and others are coming on strong.

Another good choice is that old standby, cast iron, which is known for its durability and even heat distribution. Cast iron cookware can also help ensure that eaters in your house get enough iron--which the body needs to produce red blood cells--as it seeps off the cookware into food in small amounts. Unlike the metals that can come off of some other types of pots and pans, iron is considered a healthy food additive by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Consumers should beware, though, that most cast iron cookware needs to be seasoned after each use and as such is not as worry-free as other alternatives. Lodge Manufacturing is the leading American producer of cast iron cookware.

For those who like the feel and heat distribution properties of cast iron but dread the seasoning process, ceramic enameled cookware from Le Creuset, World Cuisine and others is a good choice. The smooth and colorful enamel is dishwasher-friendly and somewhat non-stick, and covers the entire surface of such cookware to minimize clean-up headaches. One other surface favored by chefs for sauces and sautés is copper, which excels at quick warm-ups and even heat distribution. Since copper can leak into food in large amounts when heated, the cooking surfaces are usually lined with tin or stainless steel.

But if you're concerned about the build-up of solid

waste in our landfills, don't trash your non-stick cookware just yet. According to DuPont, the finished product of Teflon does not contain any of the production-process chemicals linked to health problems in factory workers. And the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says that ingesting small particles of Teflon flaked off into food is not known to cause any health maladies. With proper use and care, such pots and pans--which constitute more than half of all cookware sales in the U.S.--should be safe to use for years to come.

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Dear EarthTalk: I've heard that gas-powered lawn mowers, despite their small engine size, actually pollute as much as cars. If this is true, is there a greener way to cut my grass? -- Jon Haufe, Seattle, WA

Reports about those noxious fumes emitted from gasoline lawn mowers are indeed true. A Swedish study conducted in 2001 concluded, "Air pollution from cutting grass for an hour with a gasoline powered lawn mower is about the same as that from a 100 mile automobile ride." Meanwhile, the 54 million Americans mowing their lawns each weekend with gas-powered mowers may be contributing as much as five percent of the nation's air pollution, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The problem is that small engines emit disproportionately large amounts of carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides that contribute to smog. The human health effects of smog-laden air are well known, and include inflammation and damage to lungs, increased risk of asthma attacks, and lowered levels of oxygen in the bloodstream, which can aggravate heart conditions.

Fortunately, the EPA is now phasing in new emissions standards for gas mower engines that will result in a 32 percent smog reduction for all models made starting

in 2007. And with even more stringent standards slated to go into effect soon in California, environmental leaders are hoping that the old adage for automobile trends ("as goes California, so goes the nation") will soon apply to lawn mowers too.

But even with such progress, gas power is not the only option. Eco-conscious consumers looking for a new mower should consider, among other options, any of the electric models now available. The easy part is the price, as many models cost less than \$200. The trade-off is that they only work for small lawns and must be tethered to a power outlet during use. Also, going electric is not necessarily a way to reduce pollution overall. According to Consumer Reports, "Achieving a net environmental savings from switching to electric mowers depends on the efficiency of the power plant" from where the electricity originates.

If money is not an issue, the \$2,500 solar-powered "auto mower" from Husqvarna can't be beat for both eco-friendliness and convenience. It wanders unattended around any level lawn, its collision sensors carefully avoiding contact with anything but the grass itself. While it is currently not available directly in the U.S., some Husqvarna dealers are willing to special order it from Sweden where it is manufactured.

Another green option, and a much more affordable one, is the Solar Powered Mulching Mower from Gaiam, which is in essence a cordless electric Black & Decker mower modified with a small solar array to turn sunlight into power. The battery on the \$795 mower can also be charged by simply plugging it in.

Of course, the greenest choice of all is the mower than runs on three square meals a day and a good exercise regimen: the venerable human-powered reel mower. The most popular choices are from American Lawn Mower, which makes nine models including a child-size. They can be found at retailers like Ace Hardware and Target (and at local hardware stores) and in catalogs like Real Goods and Smith & Hawken.

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Bell Co. GOP women offer scholarship

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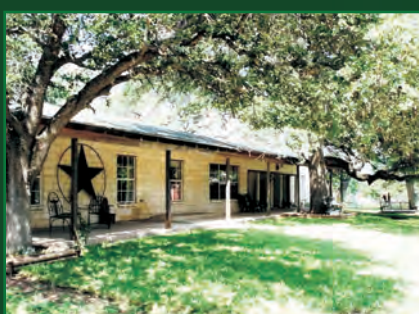
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