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Mentors needed

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It's almost easier to define what a mentor is *not* than to explain what a mentor *is*.

"A mentor is not a replacement for a parent," according to Bob Roemer who is one of the directors of the new Salado Mentors program. "They're not a replacement for a teacher."

"A mentor," he adds, "is an additional role model for a student who may need that extra guidance."

Earlier this spring, Salado I.S.D. Trustees approve the formation of the Salado Mentors program in the school district, authorizing the group to begin recruiting mentors to work with fifth grade students at Salado Intermediate School.

Mentoring board members have spoken to local civic and church groups and made personal contacts throughout the village in hopes of attracting 20 volunteers who agree to be matched with a student for one school year.

A mentor will meet with his student at the school on a regular basis, ideally once a week. Later in the school year, a group trip will be planned as a celebration for the year.

The positive impact of mentoring is well-known across the nation and

board members hope to bring that influence to students here beginning next school year.

The local program emulates successful programs in the area, especially a well-established program in Round Rock I.S.D.

School trustee Deborah Aldridge was the catalyst to forming the group, calling the first informal meeting last fall.

Since then, though, the group has grown from a small handful to a board of 11 people with specific assignments and responsibilities. Salado I.S.D. personnel, such as Superintendent Robin Battershell, Communities in Schools coordinator Jessica Beyers and new Salado Intermediate School counselor Andrea Gonzalez, sit on the board along with trustee Aldridge and other community members.

School counselors, teachers and administrators -- as well as parents and the students themselves -- may request a mentor for a particular child.

Participation is voluntary for the child and family. "We're not going to force it on a student or a parent," Dr. Battershell told trustees.

For more information about the mentoring program, call Dr. Battershell at 947-5479.



Salado children brought their furry friends for the third week of Wednesdays in the Park, held each week in June by the Salado Chamber of Commerce and the Salado Independent School District. A pet parade served as a finale to the program, which included pet tips and advice. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Picnic in Park set for July 4

Saladoans will gather for a traditional community picnic at Pace Park Pavilion at 6:30 p.m. July 4.

The Annual Fourth of July picnic is sponsored by the Salado Historical Society, which will provide the fried chicken, ice tea and bread.

Community members are invited to bring their family and friends and favorite summertime dishes, either salads, side dishes or dessert.

Dr. Wallace Davis will present a program on "When We're Gone, Who Will Remember?"

TTC-35 hearings set for this July

Texas Department of Transportation will hold 54 public hearings beginning in mid-July throughout the TransTexas Corridor 35 (TTC-35) study area to answer questions and listen to public comments.

Local residents can participate at any of the hearings, but two are slated for Temple and Georgetown: July 24, Georgetown, Georgetown High School Klett Center for the Performing Arts, 2211 N. Austin Ave.; July 26, Temple, Frank W. Mayborn Civic & Convention Center, Main Hall, 3303 N. 3rd St.

The presentation at the hearings will

focus on the preferred corridor alternative from Gainesville to Laredo and why it best meets the state's long-term goal of relieving congestion and improving safety on I-35.

Copies of the 4,000-page study that narrows the possible path for TTC-35 to a 10-mile strip that roughly parallels Interstate 35 have been distributed to libraries within the study boundaries. Salado Public Library has a copy of the 4,000 draft report. The western boundary of the 10-mile study area is just over a mile east of Salado.

Other corridor alternatives that were evaluated will also be presented for public

comment. A complete list of hearings is posted on www.keeptexasmoving.org.

After the public hearings, staff will analyze the comments and submit a final environmental impact statement to the Federal Highway Administration. A decision from FHWA is expected next summer.

FHWA approval would allow the environmental process to continue with additional environmental studies focusing on the narrowed 10-mile wide study area. It is within this study area that a final project route would be determined for roads, rail

and utilities. Construction could only begin after the additional studies are completed.

The report's findings show a narrowed study area from Gainesville to Laredo to be generally 10 miles wide and within close proximity to I-35 and metropolitan centers, except where it is centered on I-35 south of San Antonio to Laredo.

The narrowed study area was identified as the preferred corridor alternative because it best supports the purpose and need for TTC-35 and incorporates the most miles of existing highways and rail -- 195 and 214

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Education Foundation gives \$16,000 this year

Salado Education Foundation (SEF) has awarded eight College Scholarships totaling \$16,000 to eight Salado High School Graduating Students. Receiving scholarships for 2006 are: Kirsten Singleton, Shae Janda, Jessica Whitmire, Erin Bracken, Slayt Ebeling, Mattie Billington, Wes Dowell, and LeeAnne Inglasbe.

Salado Education

Foundation Scholarship Committee, chaired by Chris Alexander, awarded the scholarships based on academics, need, school activities, and community work. All four areas are weighed equally in reaching the final decision. According to the SEF Scholarship Committee, this year's applicants were outstanding making the selection difficult. In the selection process,

the Committee does not know the student's name, only what the student has written on their application. It takes days of reading, discussion, and completing a metric to ensure that nothing is overlooked and that every applicant has an equal chance.

In addition to the SEF Scholarships, the Scholarship Committee also chose the following

students to be awarded Scholarships given by other organizations and individuals:

- Mackie/Lowrey Scholarship -- Wes Dowell
- Shirley Cornett Scholarship -- Chance Coe
- Chamber of Commerce -- Kathryn Holdampf
- Masonic Lodge (two scholarships) -- Mark Gentry and Josh Shaw
- S.R. Greenwood Scholarship -- Justin Colby Cox

The Salado Education Fund scholarships are funded from the Chisholm Trail Cattleman's Ball. This year's Cattleman's Ball will be 6:30 p.m. Oct. 21 at Tenroc Ranch. The cost per ticket is \$75 and can be acquired by calling 947-5479, extension 7005. The Cattleman's Ball features live music, fun auctions featuring great items, the Casino, and delicious food. In the

words of Bill Kinnison, Chair, Salado Education Foundation, "the Chisholm Trail Cattleman's Ball is more than a social event; it is scholarships for high school students; a Spring Art Fair for Salado Youth; and Innovative Teaching Grants. None of these events would be possible without the Cattleman's Ball. It is a worthy cause in which all of us should be involved."



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Fireworks banned

The sale, use or discharge of fireworks within the Village of Salado is banned under Ordinance 2006.04. The Village of Salado board of aldermen adopted the ordinance earlier this year.

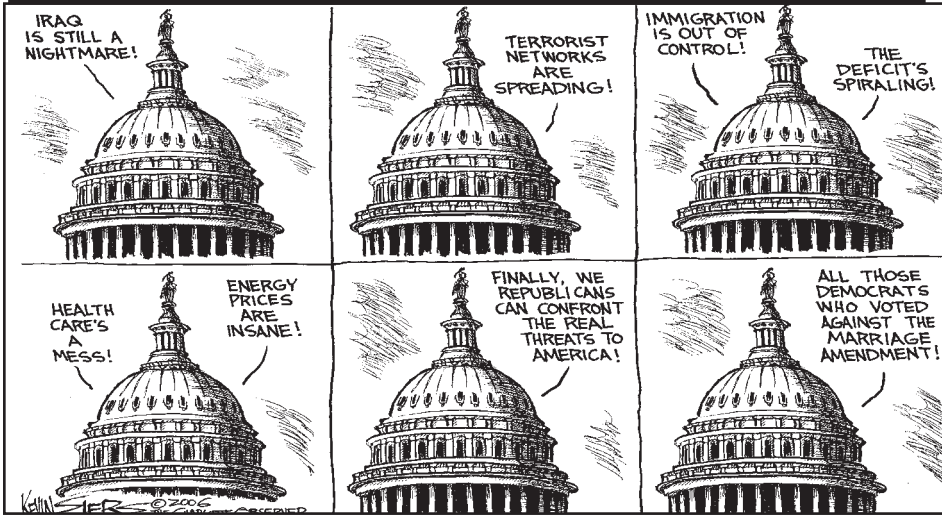
There is no ban on the use of fireworks within the county, however, as long as no burn ban is in effect. There is no burn ban within the county.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Pulling out of Iraq

The Texas outlaw John Wesley Hardin once famously said that he never killed anyone who didn't need killing. Hardin's definition of who needed killing was considerably too liberal. But if there ever were anyone who unquestionably exhibited such a need, it was the late Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, Iraq's maestro of villainy and death.

Zarqawi took the death cult that surrounds suicide bombing and pushed it to its hellish logical conclusion.

He made 1983's horrific suicide bombing against the Marine barracks in Lebanon seem quaint. That attack was directed at U.S. personnel and had a goal that was at least understandable: chasing the U.S. from Lebanon. Zarqawi, in contrast, targeted women, children and people attending wedding celebrations. For Zarqawi, most everyone in Iraq -- but especially anyone from the Shiite majority -- was a potential pool of blood and a few scattered shoes, with loved ones wailing in the background.

His tactical goal was more death. He wanted to provoke the Shiite into acts as cruel as his own, and unfortunately had achieved some success. The vengeful Shiite militia members plying the streets of Baghdad to torture Sunni men before dumping their bodies in the street are Zarqawi's progeny. He gleefully pointed to their murderous work as justification for even more killing by Sunnis, toward a full-scale civil war making Iraq an Arab Rwanda choking on its own blood.

The word for this vision is "evil." It has become fashionable to regret President Bush's black-and-white, good-and-evil view of the world. But sometimes the ledger is indeed quite simple -- with Zarqawi's demise, the sum total of evil in the world is now a little less.

Everyone professes to know this. But some know it more than others. Otherwise a major Democrat like John Kerry

Rich Lowry



wouldn't be advocating a full U.S. pullout from Iraq. Until Iraqi forces can carry the load, a pullout means abandoning the field to the likes of Zarqawi. If Kerry had been given a magic wand to wave and make all U.S. troops disappear from Iraq instantly, Zarqawi would almost certainly be alive right now. There would have been no one to send F-16s to drop two 500-pound bombs on his head.

Within hours of the news breaking of Zarqawi's death, Rep. John Murtha was on CNN saying we should leave Iraq and let the Iraqis work out their civil war just the way we worked out ours. Of course, 600,000 died in our Civil War. And the Iraqis "working it out" would be accomplished with truck bombs and ethnic cleansing.

Humanitarian considerations aside, the stakes in Iraq are incalculably large. If many politicians in the U.S. have never realized this, Zarqawi always did. He knew the advent of decent government in the Arab world would be a blow to the ideology of terror, hence his ultimate strategic goal of forestalling it with mayhem and slaughter. We don't know if we will prevail in Iraq, but there is no doubt about how to lose: pull out prematurely. That's why Kerry, Murtha, et al., are effectively advocates of defeat.

From beyond the grave, Zarqawi can only wish that the Democrats for a pullout had been able to effect their preferred policy. Then this loathsome man who so needed killing would instead still be working his evil will.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*. (c) 2006 by King Features Synd., Inc.

"Kinky" and "Grandma" certified for crowded Guv ballot; Perry, Bell, Werner round out quintet

Secretary of State Roger Williams certified State Comptroller Carole Strayhorn and Richard Friedman as Independent Candidates for Governor on the November 7, general election ballot. It took the SecState exactly six weeks (as promised) to count the petitions presented on May 11 by gubernatorial aspirants Strayhorn (aka "Grandma") and Friedman (aka "Kinky").

The two hopefuls were confident that from the total of 392,772 names filed, they would have the required 45,540 to get on the ballot as Independents.

Williams noted in his letter to the candidates, that from the 222,514 names submitted by Strayhorn - 108,512 (49 percent) were valid.

"Kinky" did better with 81 percent of his 170,258 sigs making the cut for a total of 137,154 "approved" signatories.

REACTIONS

If interested bystanders were forced to draw any conclusions from the totals, they might hazard a guess that Kinky's folks were not "primary voter" types (it was snidely reported that his petitions were signed mostly in bars and taverns), whereas Grandma's groupies were collected (mostly by hired professionals, who may have been more interested in the "payer-name" results, than about who might have voted in the preceding primary or runoff (a disqualifying "no-no").

At any rate - "Crazy Hair's" campaign gang hopped on the numbers and allowed as how Carole was headed down the old porcelain facility by coming in second to (comic strip) "Kinky" Friedman.

BALLOT COMPLETE

The November 7 general election ballot is now complete with five candidates on board: Incumbent Republican Governor Rick Perry; Democrat Chris Bell; Libertarian James Werner; Independents Carole Keeton Strayhorn (doubtful the SecState will okay "Grandma's" nickname) and Richard "Kinky" Friedman whose moniker is presumably okay, since he rarely uses his given name.

According to records - the overcrowded gaggle of wannabes ties for the second longest gubernatorial ballot (there were six in 1932, when "Ma" Ferguson downed five others to win a hotly contested second term).

The only other five person slate was in 1974 when Democrat Dolph Briscoe won reelection (and the first four year term in history) by swamping losers Jim Granberry, Republican; Ramsey Muniz, Raza Unida; Sherry Smith, Social Workers; and Sam McDonald, American Party. Briscoe won 63 percent of the total vote.

THE WINNER WILL BE ????

If the outcome of the current guv-struggle is based on money alone, then we're looking at a two person shootout, with Perry the "top gun" and Strayhorn his strongest contender with millions in her purse.

Despite today's 30-plus percent standing by Perry (distressingly low for an incumbent Governor), it looks as if the former Aggie Yell-Leader will carry the day. That political contradiction (a predicted winner with super-low approval ratings) would usually be categorized as "impossible" except in an unusual happenstance (today for example) that pits a guy like Perry, tagged with a disconnected political background and few accomplishments, against an even stranger litter of characters campaigning against him.

Take another look at Perry's hit list

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



of windmill-tilters: the shadowy Libertarian Jim Werner; Good old "Kinky," a high profile funnyman (and that's about it); The always newsworthy (but strangely distrusted) "Grandma" Strayhorn, who loves to chomp away at "Crazy Hair's" derriere (otherwise known as his record); and Chris Bell with little to offer, other than being a Democrat lost in the GOP wilderness.

DAN RATHER CHOPPED

Most hard-core conservatives prefer their brand of "real" news (translated - "rightly slanted") and believe today's "loose cannon" media is stricken with fatal doses of liberalism. Therefore they're pleased as punch that Dan Rather was booted by CBS.

Rather had a 44 year run and by generally accepted journalistic criteria, was a hard driving objective reporter during most of his career. Losing his focus on the unsubstantiated Bush military record didn't cost him his job. He was a goner before that - but it did give his new bosses a reason to toss him overboard.

He'll be missed by some, but not by those calling the shots at CBS or any of the other networks - who are headed in a softer-news direction.

"WHY KATIE COURIC?"

Why major news outlets would settle for anything less than an objective collection and presentation of hard (and accurate) news, is a key question that needs answering. It will continue to puzzle thoughtful and sensible people in the days to come - as hard driving reporters are "leashed."

Timely inquiry: "Why would a once proud national television organization like CBS, decide it best to trade veteran Bob Schieffer for a cutesy approach to the evening news expected from someone like Katie Couric?"

There appears no logic behind the multi-million buck shift to Couric - unless we subscribe to the notion that only "sex-sells," even in the "world and national news" delivery business.

NEWS THEATER?

We assume the movers and shakers at CBS (and the other majors) have decided to go ahead and create a "theater approach" to news and forget their halcyon years that produced such professionally trained journalists as Edward R. Murrow and Walter Cronkite.

COMMENTARY

This journalist thinks the advertiser-driven "soft-news" approach is outrageous! This disaster began years ago when the once impenetrable wall, that protected electronic and print media news departments from the wiles of advertisers, was violated. From that point on, network officials discarded professional journalistic standards and left the rest of us seeking information from either the subsidized "conservative far-right" or "liberalized left."

Or, even more sickening, from the intolerable, highly controlled "news-mush" that some networks are generating, and that barely reach the level of a nonsensical soap opera.

An "aside" reminder to our GOP friends, that the network chiefs and their advertisers, now calling the "news presentation" shots, are for the most part "profit-driven" conservatives - not liberals!

It's outrageous to allow information to be so tightly controlled within our democracy. And what's worse - it's happening today without a whimper from the bewildered public, who will remain not only ignored, but ignorant, of factual events taking place around their personal worlds.

That's -30-

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Save a child

Mentoring makes a difference

Supt's Corner

by Dr. Robin Battershell

I am asking you to consider being a mentor with the Salado Mentors program. The Salado Mentors Board, consisting of Charlie Turnbo, Debbie Aldridge, Bob Roemer, Christy Arner, Grace Lavadia, Tim Fleischer, Susan Lincoln and myself, is seeking a minimum of 20 quality, caring adults for the 2006-07 school year.

I have been a mentor for the past 15 years. I was assigned two sisters, a sophomore and a junior, in 1991. Since I was working, had a husband and three small children, I couldn't afford to put any additional time, because there wasn't any, into the program. So I incorporated these young ladies into our regular life. When the oldest one graduated from high school, she said, "I'm going to marry a prince some day like you did." Little did I realize, but our entire family had unknowingly become a mentor. Thirteen years later, she is married to the same man, has retained

the same job for the past seven years, and recently enrolled her son in a parochial school because of the values.

We are targeting fifth graders this year. Students can be referred by parent(s), staff or self. Students can be referred just because another significant caring adult will make a difference in their lives.

All mentors are required to complete a background check and training. We ask mentors to commit for one school year and visit with their mentees twice each month at school. We currently have seven mentors ready to begin this fall. Our goal is 20! This is the place to be. This is the place to give back. This is the place to make a difference.

If you doubt the difference you can make remember that the Grand Canyon was created one drop at a time.

To make a difference, please call me at 947-5479, Ext. 7005.

Flamboyant giving

Use of tax dollars shows strength of private charity

By MARY KATHERINE STOUT

Pre-eminent economist and social commentator Thomas Sowell once described the welfare state as "the oldest con game in the world. First you take people's money away quietly and then you give some of it back to them flamboyantly."

Sowell's words were brought to life in recent weeks by the United States Government Accountability Office's audit of the FEMA hurricane disaster relief boondoggle. Indeed, it seems that government's flamboyant generosity was matched only by the flamboyance with which it was exploited by recipients.

According to the June 2006 audit, debit cards provided to those displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita were used to purchase all manner of adult entertainment, jewelry, vacations, spirits, and the services of a divorce lawyer in Houston, among other things. The auditors add their seemingly deadpan conclusion that such expenses were "not necessary to satisfy legitimate disaster needs."

In addition, the audit details millions of dollars

of likely fraud, waste and abuse stemming from the government's disaster relief efforts, citing everything from \$1.5 million in lost debit cards, to paying \$20,000 to a Louisiana prisoner reporting his post office box as damaged property. The audit also revealed that FEMA did not validate the identities of those registering for assistance, nor did they validate claims of damaged property. Reports from CNN and the Associated Press noted that there was so much information missing GAO auditors could not be certain how many people "double-dipped," and at what cost to the taxpayer.

It is an interesting lesson for all who believe compassion is measured by government spending. Lawmakers arrogantly compel each of us to generously support their philanthropic efforts, often spending the money with a glaring lack of accountability. Who should have been surprised that in its haste to show its big heart, the government lost millions of dollars in debit cards and fraudulent payments?

Interestingly, only days after the FEMA

To the Editor:

Last week, Congressman John Carter from Round Rock, the representative for our district, was instrumental in derailing the renewal of the Voting Rights Act. I was dismayed and outright disgusted by the statement the good congressman made about what he thought should be the eligibility needed to vote. He said he believes that a person "should be able to read, write, and speak English to be a voter in the United States." At the present the only requirement to vote in this country is that a person be a citizen, not have the ability to read, write and speak English.

Whether Congressman Carter realizes it or not, this language requirement is just another in the long line of ugly attempts to disenfranchise citizens from voting. I grew up in East Texas during the Jim Crow era and even though I was too young to vote, I felt very uneasy when I realized what was being

audit made headlines, the Giving USA Foundation reported that Americans donated more than \$260 billion in 2005, missing the inflation-adjusted all-time high set in 2000 by less than \$300 million. And for those who would assume that charitable giving was the result of natural disasters, the report noted that relief for natural disasters like the hurricanes, the tsunami in Asia and the earthquake in Pakistan generated significant giving, but accounted for only \$7.37 billion – less than three percent of total giving.

So what can these stories teach us? First, that Americans are charitable when they perceive a real need. Class warfare rhetoric to the contrary, the reality is that most people do not begrudge helping others, but chafe at the idea of government directing philanthropic efforts to determine who and what will receive our tax dollars.

Second, private charities compete with one another, and those that squander donors' generosity will eventually find themselves unable to attract new donors. The government does not

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On voting & Reunion

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Letters to the Editor

done to keep the blacks in Palestine and Anderson County from voting. When some years later I finally learned how completely wrong those poll taxes and literacy tests were, I was genuinely ashamed to admit being from that area and vowed to confront anything similar any time I met it.

Congressman Carter - and, unfortunately, a number of other Texas lawmakers - objected to the Voting Rights Act requirement that ballots be printed in the language of any population which has more than five percent of the voting-age people with limited ability to use English. It's so transparent that this objection was aimed squarely at the growing Hispanic population in Texas, many of whom are adults who are citizens and hence can vote but still have trouble with English. By removing the Spanish language from the ballots means that this segment of the population would have difficulty in voting. Imagine yourself as an adult who has moved to this country, has learned enough of the language - with great difficulty - to become a citizen and yet be faced with a ballot in a language you don't know at all well. How well would you understand the complex wording of the propositions which appear on our ballots? Eventually you would be able to control enough of the language to understand the ballot but after how many years?

Many may consider Congressman Carter's objection a valid objection and cheer him on for blocking the renewal of the Voting Rights Act. I see it as an example of

a growing xenophobia in this country which denigrates anything foreign, an attitude which always seems to rear its head during times of conservative ascendancy. Personally I am glad that I spent many hours learning German and French and studying their cultures and am very proud of the fact that I can chat with tourists from those countries when I encounter them in our national parks, give them directions, offer suggestions of things to be sure to see, and warn them about the kinds of precautions to take during the summer in those parks with soaring temperatures. If Congressman Carter's attitude were to prevail, no one would be interested in learning anything but English and, personally, I think we would be the poorer for it.

Ben Liles
Salado

To the Editor:

The Salado Reunion Committee wants to thank The Village Voice for their articles both before and after the Salado Reunion. We appreciate the newspaper articles encouraging people to attend the reunion, and the photos and article that appeared in the paper after the reunion.

The reunion committee would also like to thank the Salado schools for allowing this event to be held at their facilities on Thomas Arnold Road. The cafetorium was a wonderful place for the former Salado students, their spouses, teachers, and friends to meet and enjoy old friendships!

We would also like to thank Johnny's

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Let's stop undermining our nurses



Jim Hightower

While senators loudly brag that they're building a big wall on the Mexican border to keep out immigrants - they've very quietly bored a gaping loophole in the law to let hundreds of thousands of low-income foreign workers enter our country and take some of our most essential professional positions.

A little-known provision pushed by the giant hospital chains will throw open our borders to foreign nurses, allowing the hospital industry to recruit low-paid trained nurses from the Philippines, India, China, and Africa. These foreign-nurses make under \$2,000 a year back home and can easily be lured here to take less than the going rate of American professionals.

Already, some 14,000 nurses from abroad are given work visas to enter the United States each year, but the senate bill, carried by Kansas Republican Sam Brownback, simply removes the cap on these visas, shouting: "Y'all come!" Not only does this corporate-sponsored approach drain medical pros from countries that desperately need them, but it also guts the middle-class pay structure and opportunities for homegrown nursing professionals.

The hospital lobby wails that there's a nursing shortage here, so there's no choice but to go outside our borders. Hogwash. There's a shortage because hospitals won't pay what this highly professional job warrants -- and because Congress refuses to provide the funding needed to educate more American nurses. Last year alone, some 150,000 qualified applicants were rejected by nursing schools because of inadequate facilities and a lack of faculty to teach them.

What we have here is raw corporate greed in action, writing bad immigration policy in order to gain cheap foreign labor. Instead, let's invest in domestic nursing programs that'll build America's middle class, while also improving the quality of our health care. For more information, call the American Nurses Association: 1-800-274-4262.



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If you remember 1973, you know it was a difficult period for the United States. A series of events - including the Watergate scandal, the OPEC oil embargo, the Vietnam War and the resignation of Vice President Spiro Agnew - had shaken the public's morale. By November, President Richard Nixon's approval rating stood at 37 percent - and presidential approval ratings tend to track the mood of the nation. Given all this, you might think that 1973 was not a good year in which to invest in the stock market.

But you'd be wrong. From Nov. 30, 1973, to Nov. 30, 1983, the S&P 500 recorded an average annual return of 10.9 percent. So, if you had invested \$10,000 in the market at the beginning of that period, it would have grown to \$28,139 by the end. And over the next 20 years, from Nov. 30, 1983, to Nov. 30, 2003, the S&P 500 returned, on average, 12.8 percent a year; consequently, \$10,000 invested

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



in 1983 would have grown to \$111,219 in 20 years. (Keep in mind, however, that the S & P 500 is an unmanaged index, and you cannot invest directly into it. Also, past performance is not an indication of future results.)

In short, if you had started investing in the troubled year of 1973, and you had kept investing, you would have probably done pretty well over the next three decades.

Now, let's look at what's happening in the country in 2006. We are facing global unrest, high gas prices and concerns about economic security. Although there are some similarities between 1973 and 2006 - a controversial war, high gas prices, political concerns - there are also some key differ-

ences.

Perhaps most important, our economy today is much stronger than it was back then. And as an investor, you might be particularly interested in the following:

Interest rates are near a 40-year low. When interest rates are low, it is less expensive for businesses to borrow money to expand their operations. And as businesses grow, so does their attractiveness to investors.

Corporate profits are growing rapidly. Corporate profits have expanded at double-digit rates for 10 consecutive quarters; profitability is one of the key fundamentals that drive a company's stock price. So, despite the worried national mood, the investment climate of 2006 may actually be quite promising.

Don't Stop Investing

It's true that 2006 may be an unusually tense year for the country. But

as we've seen, 1973 was also a difficult year - in fact, by some measures, considerably more unsettling than 2006 - and yet, many investors who had faith in the financial markets in 1973 were amply rewarded.

Of course, you might not achieve similar returns going forward over the next few decades - no one can predict the future course of the markets. But the experience of 1973 shows the historical importance of continuous investing. A systematic investment plan does not assure a profit and does not protect against loss in declining markets. Such a plan involves continuous investment in securities regardless of fluctuating price levels of such securities, the investor should consider the financial ability to continue the purchases through periods of low price levels.

So, don't let today's headlines keep you on the investment "sidelines." If you buy quality investments, diversify your portfolio and invest for the long term, you may be able to design a strategy designed to work toward your financial goals - in good times and bad.

Time to see the light

Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

You've listed your home and accepted a full price offer. Is it time to celebrate? Not quite yet. At least not until some important details are addressed to help speed your transaction toward a successful closing.

Even seemingly uncomplicated contracts can run into last-minute delays that could cause the whole deal to backfire. One of the most common

issues has to do with "conveyances." This basically refers to what the sellers will or won't "convey," or pass on, to the buyers.

Contentious situations can be avoided altogether if you and your agent clearly define the "real" and "personal" property to be tendered. Real property is the home itself and any permanent, attached fixtures (think ceiling fans and major appliances), while personal property could be easily removed (think drapery and the microwave oven).

Don't want to "convey" that expensive chandelier in your dining room? Then either replace it before your first showing, or clearly state in the listing that it will not be included in the sale. Pay close attention to the "personal property" item in the Offer To Purchase and Contract, as that is where buyers may request the chandelier be included.

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These findings are part of the TTC-35 draft environmental impact statement prepared by the Texas Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

The draft report also examined population and traffic demand within the I-35 corridor and concluded that increased freight traffic and growing congestion compound the need for additional transportation alternatives within the I-35 corridor.

"After more than two years of analysis, the question regarding the need for TTC-35 is now well documented," said Michael Behrens, TxDOT executive director, referring to a section of the draft report on why the project should be built.

"Our strategic plan contains long-term, mid-term, and short-term tactics. "Building TTC-35 is one of our long-term tactical decisions to reduce congestion, enhance safety, expand economic opportunity, improve air quality, and preserve the value of IH-35," said Ric Williamson, chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission.

Approximately 45 percent of the 21 million Texans live within 50 miles of I-35. With this significant portion of the population centered around I-35, proponents of TTC-35 say that the corridor is no longer an efficient option for intercity and freight travel but rather has become a commuter route, particularly in the urban areas.

Even with planned improvements to I-35, traffic demand will reach or exceed capacity by 2025. TxDOT is in the midst of an expansion of I-35 from Hillsboro to Jarrell, adding one lane in each direction. The multi-phase project includes

Salado, which will be one of the final phases of the project. Construction of the I-35 expansion through Salado is tentatively slated for 2008-2009.

"Take a good look at I-35," said Ralph Snyder, of Holland, "because that is the way it will look for two to three generations. It will be little more than a city street."

Snyder, who owns a salvage business on State Highway 95 in Holland, was one of the early opponents of the TTC. He was the founder of the Blackland Coalition, an organization of farmers, property owners and residents formed to fight the TTC.

Snyder said that "The only way to stop it (TTC) is for the people to stand up and make their voices heard."

If Gov. Rick Perry wins re-election in November, Snyder said, then plans for TTC would continue to become a reality. "The election is his to lose," Snyder said. "There is a whole lot of money involved in this and tremendous forces behind it."

Most of the force behind it comes from the urban areas along I-35, including Dallas, Ft. Worth, Waco, Austin and San Antonio, where the interstate at times is a parking lot. Add to that the influence of trade and traffic on the interstate for a powerful cocktail of urban transportation needs and trade needs.

Transportation models also indicate commercial truck traffic in Texas will grow dramatically. By 2025, freight traffic will grow 132 percent, which translates into an average of 260,465 commercial trucks each day on Texas roads. Already, 20-38 percent of current traffic on I-35 is from commercial trucks and a significant portion is due to international trade.

In addition to determining the need for TTC-35, other factors were also analyzed to identify the narrowed study area. These included land use, engineering and design, traffic flow and potential impacts on environmental factors, such as wetlands, farmland soils, cultural resources and socio-economic issues. Public input from 117 public meetings was also considered.

Final approval by the Federal Highway Administration on a narrowed study area could happen by next summer, however it would not authorize construction.

If federally approved, the environmental process would continue with Tier Two focusing on the narrowed 10-mile wide study area. It is within this study area that a final project route would be determined for roads, rail and utilities. If approved, the Tier Two studies would authorize construction.

The Tier Two study will focus on narrowing the route by taking into consideration impacts on local communities, historical cemeteries, historical sites, natural resources, endangered species, archeological areas, water issues and topography, as well as the cost of acquiring real estate.

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Salado Chamber of Commerce and the Salado Independent School District continued its month-long Wednesdays in the Park program June 21, with "Taking Care of Your Pet."

Held in Salado's Pace Memorial Park, Wednesdays in the Park provides an opportunity for Salado children and their parents to gather for a morning outdoors with educational activities and fun. Previous programs held earlier in June included "A Bug's Life" and "Flag Day."

At left on this page, Anna Kate Mackie oversees children making four-legged friends.

Opposite page, at top: children assemble "doggie bags" filled with treats and toys for their pets. Pictured in middle is SISD Superintendent Dr. Robin Battershell helping with activities, while at bottom a "pet parade" is pictured.

The final Wednesday in the Park, "The Summer Olympics," was held June 28.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Salado, Texas:

SECTION 1.

The 2005 – 2006 Hotel/Motel Budget is hereby amended as follows:

ACCOUNT	Current Budget	Increase	Decrease	Revised Budget
4100 – Occupancy Tax	\$146,000.00		\$17,000.00	\$129,000.00
5115 – Overtime/Part time	\$8,710.00		\$5,705.00	\$3,005.00
5140 – Dues	\$2,925.00		\$2,798.00	\$127.00
5160 – Training & Trvl	\$5,515.00		\$2,586.00	\$2,929.00
6110 – Advertising	\$58,182.00		\$32,890.00	\$25,292.00
6170 – Research	\$25,000.00		\$1,847.00	\$23,153.00
6400 – Grants	\$22,000.00		\$9,855.00	\$12,145.00

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED on the 1st day of June, 2006.

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Therein lies the third lesson: people give from the heart while government gives to get political credit. Flamboyant redistribution of wealth underlies every appropriations debate whether earmarking funds for social welfare programs or pork barrel spending for Alaska's

famed "bridge to nowhere."

Had a charity's name, instead of FEMA, been splashed across the news for such appallingly bad oversight and sheer waste there is little doubt their donations would dry up and lawsuits filed against the managers. Government, however, lives to tax and spend another day.

Mary Katherine Stout is the director of the Center for Health Care Policy Studies at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a non-profit, non-partisan research institute based in Austin.



Mary Hill celebrated her 95th birthday with a salad luncheon reception held, June 22 at the Salado Civic Center. Village, Chamber officials, and friends gathered to honor Mary, and her years of service and dedication to the many organizations in Salado. Village Alderman Suzi Epps read a proclamation decreed by the Village of Salado Mayor, Rick Ashe. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

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about the "old times" and asking "Do you remember when...?"

Linda Cawthon told of the history of the reunion, the places of meeting since 1926 - from the Grove, on the creek, to the present air conditioned Salado Middle School.

FROM PAGE 3A

We would encourage people to attend in 2007 - always the second Saturday in June. Go and feel a part of Salado's history. Everyone is invited - not just past students. Watch for the plans next year!

Robert and Doris Denman, Salado

To the Editor:

It was great to attend the annual Salado Reunion, June 10 at the Middle School. There was a large crowd to hear the yearly report and the history of how it began and has continued for 80 years, except for the WWII years.

Those who made the plans for this year had to handle a lot of lists to find those from all the classes. Even though many have been lost through the years, it was heartwarming to see classmates reading nametags and saying "Oh, yes, I remember you."

Some were using ways to make their steps secure. We were hearing their stories, seeing pictures of children and grandchildren and watching as many were taking pictures of friends to take back home to show families.



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Burial for Reed held June 23 in Salado Cemetery

Gladyne McLean Reed passed away June 15 in Palo Alto, CA, and was buried in Salado Cemetery June 23.

She was descended from five generations of Central Texas pioneers. Her parents were Dallas Duncan McLean and Gladys Robertson. She was born on July 25, 1915, near Joe Lee on the Duncan Calhoun McLean farm. She married Robert Dawson Eis, and they had one child, a daughter. Later, she married James Cornelius Reed and lived for many years in California.

She is survived by two brothers, Dr. Malcolm Dallas McLean, of Georgetown, and Dr. Sterling Robertson McLean, of Palo Alto, CA; and a daughter, Roberta Eis Ling, of Palo Alto, CA.



Locals at the Children of the Republic of Texas state convention are (from left) Shelley Cheatham, Bethany Cheatham, Joyce Kemp and Barton Cheatham.

Saladoans attend CRT convention

Barton Cheatham and Bethany Cheatham represented the Log Cabin Chapter of the Children of the Republic of Texas at their recent annual statewide convention, held June 23-24 at the Alamo.

The cry "Remember the Alamo," which was the rallying cry leading to Texas independence in 1836, is now current for 100 CRT

members accompanied by sponsors from parent organizations, Daughters and Sons of the Republic of Texas.

Village of Salado DRT officers making the trip to San Antonio were Shelby Roberts Cheatham and Doris and Joyce Kemp.

Requirements for membership are the same for the three Republic

of Texas organizations: documentation of a direct ancestor ancestor in Texas before the official statehood day, Feb. 19, 1846. Children are eligible for membership from birth to adulthood on a one-time fee. Salado contacts are Larnee Barker, Sons, and MaryBelle Brown, Daughters of Republic of Texas.

Saladoans graduate from A&M University

Diplomas were awarded to 5,398 Texas A&M University graduates during spring commencement ceremonies.

Saladoans were among those recognized: Kelli

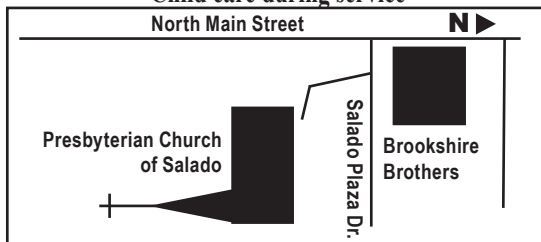
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Monday Club meets July 10

The Monday Club of the Salado United Methodist Church will next meet 2 p.m. July 10 at the church, located on Royal Street.

The program will be given by long-time Salado Independent School District teacher Dennis Cabaniss, who will share his experience of coaching Salado's UIL academic teams, which have won several state championships in recent years. Cabaniss was recently recognized by the school board of trustees for his many years of service.

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Museum to host genealogy workshop

Step into history on the Chisholm Trail July 15 when the Central Texas Area Museum hosts the July genealogy workshop.

A beginner's class is free to those who wish to attend, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the auditorium next door to the Museum, or across from the Stagecoach Inn dining room on Main Street. These early birds can also register for the genealogy session which is scheduled from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. A fee for the annual session is \$30 per person including refreshments and lunch.

Shelby Smith, a member of the San Antonio Scottish Society and President of Sword and Thistle, will open the workshop with the introduction of the guest speakers; he has often moderated heritage sessions at the Museum.

Tom Flinn, a new panel member from Lakeway, and Beth Chism Rangel,

from Garland, will open the 10 a.m. session with a "trip" from Maryland to Texas with the American Chisholms. Flinn is a son of the Republic of Texas, the Sons of the American Revolution as well as a member of Clan Chisholm. Rangel is a Museum Trustee and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She appeared on the Museum's panel last year, featuring her research regarding her relative, J.C. Turner, Texas Ranger.

By popular request the second morning session will feature Bill Covington, uniformed as a Continental soldier. A history instructor from Cedar Hill, Covington will discuss how he researched his own Revolutionary War heritage.

Opening the afternoon workshop at 1:30 p.m.,

Jackie Passey, of Edmond, OK, will relate how she stepped into her Scottish history at the Museum many years ago. Passey has researched her Gordons, Hendersons and Grays, who with other kin had settled in Bell County and throughout Central Texas. Since her family discoveries, she has planned and participated in many genealogical meetings sponsored by the Museum.

Kilt-clad Shelby Smith will dust off the Scottish saga as he re-visits those families who roamed the Midlothian or Ayr Districts and were Called Douglas, Armstrong, Moffat, Rutherford and Burns, and who found their way to the Chisholm Trail in Texas. Handouts will be given to the audience telling the history of the Scottish Reivers.

The audience will be encouraged to participate

in a question and answer discussion following Smith's presentation.

Reservations may be made by mailing a check for \$30 per person to the Central Texas Area Museum, P.O. Box 36, Salado, TX 76571, or by calling 254-947-5232.

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Lastovica competes in Nat. Angus show

Stephanie Lastovica, of Salado, will exhibit Angus cattle at the 2006 National Junior Angus Show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, Indiana, July 9-15, reports John Crouch, executive vice president of the American Angus AssociationSM.

Lastovica, a junior member of the American Angus Association with headquarters in Saint Joseph, MO, is one of 753 young Angus breeders from 37 states who have entered a total of 1,557 head in the show. She is daughter of Stephen and Sandra Lastovica, of Salado.

Jeff Dameron, of Lexington, IL, will judge the bred-and-owned breeding cattle and cow-calf pairs. Doug Parrett, of Urbana, IL, will evaluate the owned breeding heifers. Scott Bush, of Britton, SD, will judge the steers.

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Salado Chamber of Commerce welcomed Thomas Arnold Activity Center as a new member with a ribbon cutting ceremony June 23. Owner Lee Cornett is pictured holding scissors, while Director Andrea Corkran is at his left. Thomas Arnold Activity Center is located just across the street from Thomas Arnold Elementary School. They are now currently enrolling for the fall semester. Call 947-5484 or visit www.thomasarnoldactivitycenter.com for more information.

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August 5-6 in Pace Park

Art Fair welcomes renowned photographer

For 40 years, the Salado Art Fair has welcomed artists from Texas and throughout the Southwest, practicing in a variety of mediums. This includes everything from traditional artists working in oil, watercolor, acrylics and pastels, as well as fine art craftsmen and artists like landscape photographer Louis Cantillo. The Salado Art Fair will be held Aug. 5 and 6 in Pace Memorial Park.

Based out of Scottsdale, AZ, Cantillo is best known for his colorful landscape photography and his collection of doors and windows of the Southwest and Europe. Cantillo says that he finds himself inspired to see beyond the familiar, and capture a moment of clarity through careful composition and use of color, texture and contrast. He goes to great lengths to obtain the most unique shot possible,

perching himself on cliffs to capture the dawn light over a desert canyon or chasing mosoons to achieve his spectacular lightning images.

Cantillo's fine art photography is a giclee process on canvas, with editions limited to 250. Printing is done on an Epson 9800 with an eight-color archival ink system. The work is sealed with a proprietary UV oil varnish to protect against fading, while giving the piece a glowing sheen. The photography, then, takes on an oil painted look with a larger-than-life perspective.

Born in Caracas, Venezuela, Cantillo became interested in photography at an early age. An Arizona resident since 1991, he was drawn to the Southwest by its rugged diversity and many challenges for the professional photographer. Cantillo believes there is a universal bond among people through appreciation of color, beauty and diversity.

Zoltan Cantillo has assisted Louis in every facet of business development for over 15 years, and has traveled worldwide with Louis in order to explore and capture the most beautiful images possible. Zoltan is involved

in creative development as photo-shoots are planned and executed, as well as the hands-on production of fine art photography in-house, including printing and finishing. All artwork is completed in-house with additional assistance from Daniel Cantillo, and a small staff that is responsible for information technology development, customer service and shipping.

Hours for this year's fair will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 5 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 6. Admission is set at \$5 for adults, with children 12 and under admitted free of charge. Parking will be free throughout the village.

For more information about the Salado Art Fair call the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 254-947-5040 or visit www.salado.com.



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JULY 4

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

JULY 5

Salado Church of Christ Summer Guest Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Speaker: John Featherston on "Master." Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-5241.

JULY 7-9

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Stars and Spurs Forever," with live music and vaudeville-style entertainment. Show-

times: 7:30 p.m. July 7-8 and 2 p.m. July 8-9. Info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

JULY 10

Salado Monday Club meeting, 2 p.m. at the Salado United Methodist Church. Program: Salado ISD teacher Dennis Cabanis on Salado's UIL program. All ladies of the community invited.

JULY 11-14

Boys Basketball Camp, for incoming third-through-ninth graders, at the SIS gym. Cost: \$45. Registration and info: Grady Newton, 947-6900 ext. 1305 or email gnewton@saladoisd.org.

JULY 12

Salado Church of Christ Summer Guest Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Speaker: Phil Ware on "Man of Sorrows." Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-5241.

JULY 13

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

JULY 14-16

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Stars and Spurs Forever," with live music and vaudeville-style entertainment. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. July 14-15 and 2 p.m. July 15-16. Info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

JULY 15

Central Texas Area Museum hosts a genealogy workshop, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the museum, located on Main St. across from the Stagecoach dining room. A free workshop for beginners will be held 8:30-9:30 a.m. Fee for the annual session is \$30, which includes refreshments and

lunch. Info and registration details: 254-947-5232.

JULY 19

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

JULY 19

Salado Church of Christ Summer Guest Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Speaker: Randy Harris on "Author and Finisher of Our Faith." Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-5241.

JULY 21-13

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Stars and Spurs Forever," with live music and vaudeville-style entertainment. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. July 21-22 and 2 p.m. July 22-23. Info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

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.

JULY 24-28
Girls Basketball Camp, for incoming third-through-ninth graders, at the SIS gym. Cost: \$50. Registration and info: Coach Beth Lisenbe, 254-982-4428.

JULY 26

Salado Church of Christ Summer Guest Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Speaker: Scott Meyer on "Chief Cornerston." Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-5241.

JULY 26-28

Salado Village Artists Painting Workshop, with Garnet Bluster, of New Braunfels. Workshop will focus on still life and rural architecture in water color and gouash. Price: \$170. Info: email phairal@vvm.com

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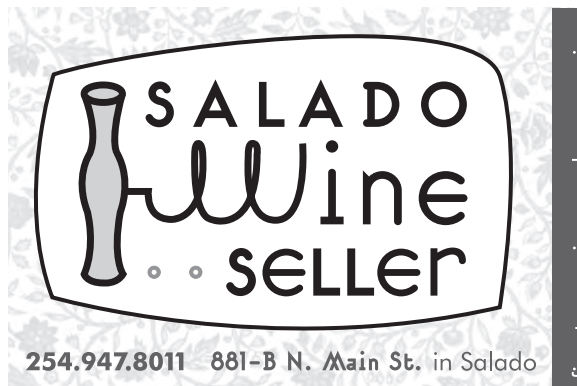
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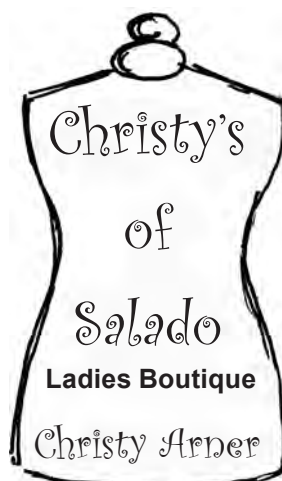
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AUGUST 5-6

40th Annual Salado Art Fair in Pace Park. Show Times: Saturday, 9 a.m.-5p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission: \$5 for adults, children 12 and under are free. 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 11-13

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents the Second Annual Silver Spur Salado Springs Melodrama, an original melodrama written by local playwright Gary Askins. More details TBA.

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.

AUGUST 18-20

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents the Second Annual Silver Spur Salado Springs Melodrama, an original melodrama written by local playwright Gary Askins. More details TBA.

SEPTEMBER 9

Salado Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School. More details TBA.

SEPTEMBER 16

Mill Creek Community Association Fall Picnic, 6:30 p.m. at Sherrill Park.

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

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SEPTEMBER 20

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

SEPTEMBER 20-22

Salado Village Artists Painting Workshop, with D.K. Nichols, of Rockdale. Workshop will focus on abstract color and design; student will have choice of medium. Price: \$155. Info: email phairal@vvm.com.

OCTOBER 7-8

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OCTOBER 7, 14 AND 21

Tablerock's Annual Shakespeare Play, Macbeth, under the stars, 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for child, student or military. Info: 254-247-0220 or email ddunlap@tablerock.org.

OCTOBER 10

Salado Garden Club meeting, 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Guest speaker: John Drumgoole, TV Garden Show host. Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-3617.

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 or more information call 254-947-1958.

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 Chi Supper, 6:15 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

DECEMBER 1, 2, 8 AND

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.

DECEMBER 1-3

Salado Historical Society's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes. More details TBA.

DECEMBER 1-3 & 8-10

Annual Salado Christmas Stroll event. More details TBA.

DECEMBER 7-9

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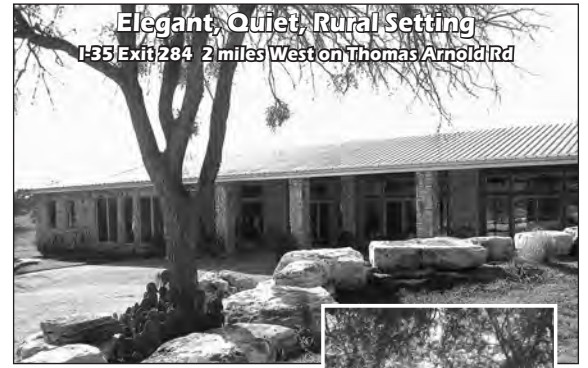
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Great time for picnics & grilling when you follow these safety tips

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Picnics and outdoor grilling can be lots of fun as long as you plan for the situation.

You can't be too careful when handling and packaging food for cooking and eating outdoors.

Summer heat increases the chance of bacterial growth in foods, and bacteria are more likely to grow in foods that are high in protein and moisture — meats, poultry, seafood, dairy products and egg dishes.

Here are some helpful reminders on how to keep your food safe and tasty.

The three most important things to remember about serving foods outdoors are:



Keep HOT foods HOT!

Hold hot cooked foods between 140°F and 165°F until serving time. Harmful bacteria can grow rapidly below 140°F. When food is cooked to temperatures of 165°F to 212°F, most food-poisoning bacteria is killed. The higher the heat, the less time it takes to kill bacteria.

Keep COLD foods COLD!

Cold food should be held at 40°F or colder. Harmful bacteria can multiply quickly above 40°F. Cold temperatures keep most harmful bacteria from growing and multiplying. Freezing at 0°F prevents additional bacteria growth.

Follow the 2-Hour Rule

The absolute maximum time for leaving prepared foods at room temperature is two hours—including time for preparation, serving and eating. Discard any perishable foods left at room temperature longer than two hours. If you are eating outdoors at a picnic or cookout where temperatures are over 90°F, discard foods after one hour.

Here are a few more tips to help keep your food safe:

- A well insulated cooler packed with ice or reusable cold packs is a fine alternative to a refrigerator.
- Make sure the foods you pack in the cooler, whether purchased or made at home, have been kept below 40°F.
- Open the cooler as

infrequently as possible to retain cold air.

- Although it may look nice to set all of the food out on the picnic table, it is safer to leave cold foods in the cooler until right before eating.

- Wash your hand thoroughly before and after handling food. Clean your cutting surfaces and utensils with hot, soapy water after each use.

- Thaw and marinate meats, poultry and seafood in the refrigerator - not at room temperature.

- Cook meat, poultry, and seafood thoroughly. Don't start to cook, then stop, intending to finish later, as bacteria grow faster in partially cooked food.

- Eat hot, grilled foods immediately and serve on clean plates.

- Any food that has been left out on a picnic table or in a cooler with melting ice for more than two hours must be discarded.

Safe Grilling Tips

- Don't cross-contaminate. When cutting raw meats, be sure to keep their juices away from other food.

- After cutting raw meats always wash hands, cutting boards, knives, and counter tops with hot, soapy water.

- Sanitize cutting boards regularly and consider designating a special cutting board.

- Thaw and marinate meats, poultry and seafood in the refrigerator — not at room temperature.

- Cook meat, poultry, and seafood thoroughly. Don't start to cook and then stop, intending to finish later, as bacteria

grow faster in partially cooked food.

- When taking food off the grill, always use a clean plate. Never put cooked food on a plate that previously held raw meat.

- Eat hot grilled foods immediately and serve on clean plates.

- Bacteria grows rapidly at room temperature, so never leave food out for over 2 hours. If outdoor temperature is above 90°F, do not leave food out longer than 1 hour.

Cooking Temperatures for Natural Meat

You should cook all meat thoroughly to kill any harmful bacteria. This does not mean that you have to cook the meat until it is dry and tough.

The best way to ensure juicy, flavorful, perfectly cooked meat is to use an instant read thermometer and follow these simple temperature guidelines:

- Ground beef, lamb and pork: 160°F
- Ground poultry: 165°F
- Beef roasts and steaks: (at least) 145°F; (for medium) 160°F
- Pork chops, roasts and tenderloin: 160°F
- Poultry: 180°F

How to use an instant read thermometer

Insert the thermometer into the middle of the thickest part of the meat being careful not to touch bone. Wait a couple of minutes before reading. For whole poultry, insert the thermometer into the thickest part of the thigh.

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Downfalls of diet addiction

The majority of America is making an effort to lose some weight or drop some body fat. Unfortunately, for many, the motivational drive is there for all of the wrong reasons.

It is one thing to lose weight if you are obese, don't feel well, or are lacking proper energy levels and want to achieve optimal health. It is another thing to spend excessive amounts of energy trying to get "thin" or trying to develop a physique/figure that is considered "in." If you have read this column before you will know that I believe and teach that "thin" and "healthy" are not necessarily the same thing. You can be "thin" and unhealthy just as easily as you can be "heavy" and unhealthy. We should all aspire to be healthy first, and then achieve the body we desire.

Because of this ill-conceived notion that "thin is in" and achieving this goal should be reached no matter the cost, even if it means the loss of your health, there have been numerous "diets" created, even re-created, to help you achieve "thinness."

Today, let's discuss five popular concepts for dieting that you now see being endorsed

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By KEVIN McCauley



on infomercials, your favorite rag magazine, and maybe, by your favorite actor/actress or television personality.

Low-Calorie Diets

Fiction - By consuming fewer calories, by eating less and even skipping meals you will lose weight.

Fact - Yes, you will lose weight initially, but it won't be predominately fat. Once your metabolism slows and you begin to struggle with deprivation you will then put on more weight than you initially started with.

Combined Low-Calorie Diets

Fiction - Not only will you lose weight by eating less, but you now consume no so-called "fattening" foods, creating either a low-carbohydrate, low-protein or low-fat diet.

Fact - Yes, you will lose weight initially, but these results will not be long-term. The body will become malnourished without the benefits of either proper glucose, essential amino acids or fatty acids and the benefits of the function of each.

Low-Fat Diets

Fiction - Fat has a higher caloric density than carbohydrates and protein which will make you fat, plus fat is the leading cause of heart disease.

Fact - Proper high quality fat intake is essential in losing unwanted body-fat, plus it helps you to stay satiated between meals. Poor quality (rancid, altered, high omega 6 intake) fat intake is the reason behind numerous health challenges today, not just heart disease.

Low-Carbohydrate Diets

Fiction - Insulin is an anabolic hormone which causes us to be fat, so

consuming carbohydrates will make us fat.

Fact - You can and will lose a great amount of water weight when you cut carbohydrates out of your diet. But, this weight is not fat and you are destroying your metabolism by not balancing your hormones. This will cause you to gain more fat in the long-term.

Liquid Diets

Fiction - By consuming meals from drinks and shakes you can control your calorie intake. This is a low-calorie diet where your nutrient intake comes from a genetically engineered powder or cheap low quality protein and low cost sugar product.

Fact - High quality food will never be replaced with shakes, drinks or powders. Drinking your meals creates all sorts of

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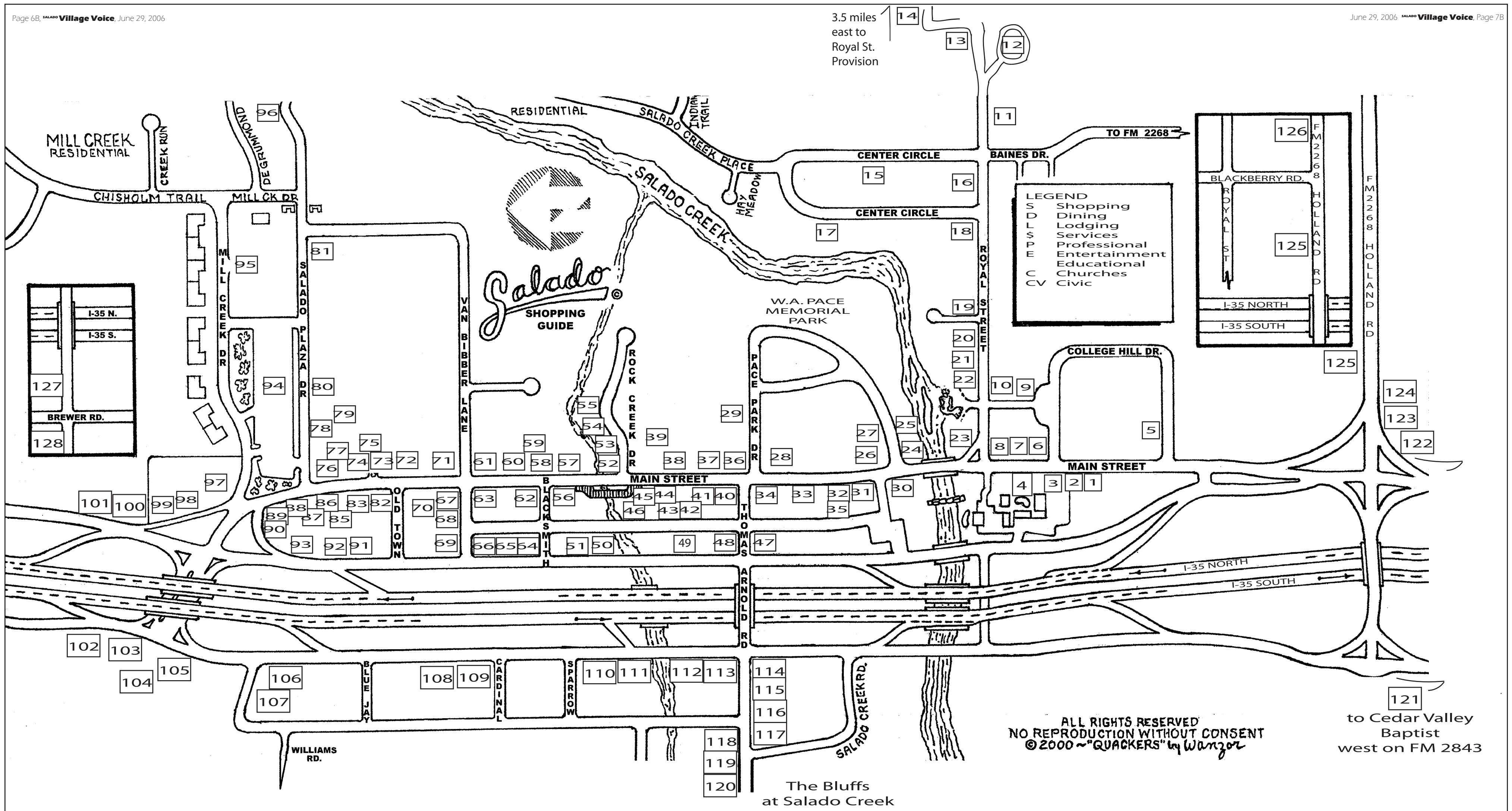
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Remembering the Joneses, McKies Salado's Heroes

A project of Friends of Salado Cemetery and the Salado Historical Society.

Continuing the series on Salado's Heroes, this week we recognize the McKie and Jones families. These pioneers were early residents of Salado and were buried in the Old Salado Grave Yard.

Dr. Samuel Jackson Jones and Mrs. Charlotte Hallaran Jones

Dr. Samuel Jackson Jones, A.M., Ph.D. and his wife, Charlotte

Hallaran Jones, both gifted educators, were the organizers of the historic Thomas Arnold High School begun in the Village of Salado in 1890 in the former Salado College building.

taught at the University of Texas for a short time.

The couple then moved to Salado and both taught at Salado College for one year. When the College closed they went to Huntsville where Dr. Jones served on the faculty of Sam Houston College. During this time, Mrs. Jones worked among families of Mexican prisoners at Huntsville State Prison.

Dr. and Mrs. Jones were both born in New Orleans. He was born on September 29, 1858. The dates of Mrs. Jones' birth and the date and place of their marriage are unknown. Five children were born to this couple.

Former trustees of Salado College asked Dr. Jones to return to Salado to organize and head a new school here. He responded to this call and leased the old College buildings where he located the new school in 1890.

They came to the Salado area prior to 1884. Dr. Jones graduated from Vanderbilt University. Prior to the marriage Mrs. Jones served as a missionary in Mexico from 1880-1884. Dr. Jones

The name "Thomas Arnold High School" was chosen. The school was designed after the Rugby School founded in 1367 in Rugby, Warwickshire, England, the oldest private and most prestigious school in England. In the 19th century, under the headmastership of Thomas Arnold the school achieved a reputation as an ideal English school for boys with emphasis on reliance and character as well as academic achievement. It was said of Thomas Arnold that he "made the men who made England."

One difference in Dr. Jones' school was that it was co-educational, one of the earliest such schools in Texas. He stressed ethics and character building as primary aims along with a strong scholastic background. The school proved to be very popular and young people came from all over Texas and some from other states. Many students grew to be outstanding citizens in the growth and development of Salado, Bell County and the State of Texas.

Mrs. Jones died suddenly on July 17, 1904. Dr. Jones, who was in very poor health, was devastated. He continued his teaching but had to retire because of failing health in 1913.

Dr. Jones was appointed afterwards to serve on the Board of Regents of the University of Texas. A bitter feud developed between Governor James E. Ferguson and the Regents. Because of unrealistic demands of the Governor, some Regents left, and others, including Dr. Jones, were removed from the Board. Members of the Student Association and Legislators led a movement which ended with the impeachment of Governor Ferguson.

While visiting family members in Virginia, Dr. Jones died on April 8, 1918. His body was returned to Salado where he was buried beside his beloved wife in Old Salado Grave Yard. A Texas Historical Commission Subject Marker has been placed at the burial site. An interesting final note of this biography is that Governor Ferguson had been a student of Dr. Jones when he attended Salado College.

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Dr. Benjamin D. McKie and Mrs. Eva Eliot McKie

Dr. McKie was born in Columbia, Tennessee on August 12, 1825. His wife, Eva, was born in Louisville, Kentucky. The couple married in 1850.

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Heroes

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Three children were born to the couple, a daughter named Eva and two sons, Ben and June.

Dr. McKie received his medical education in Louisville, Kentucky and New Orleans. He then joined the U.S. Volunteer Army as a surgeon and served under General Zachary Taylor. He served in the Mexican War where he received two injuries which he suffered from for the rest of his life.

He came to Texas in 1849 and served on the

frontier where he received a third injury. It was necessary for him to go to Arkansas for treatment. Greatly improved he returned to Texas in 1850 and settled in Limestone County. He married and later established a practice in Corsicana.

When the Civil War began Dr. McKie re-entered the Army. He organized a company known as "Independent Rangers" which was later accepted in the regular Confederate Army. He

served in Missouri where he received still another injury. After his condition improved he re-joined his outfit and later served in the Gaine's Mill, Millican's Bend, and Red River Campaigns.

After the close of the War, Dr. McKie returned to his home in Texas and later moved to Salado in order for his children to attend Salado College and where he practiced medicine until his death on August 7, 1883.

He is buried in the

family plot in the Old Salado Grave Yard. There is no record of Eva's death or where she was buried.

One McKie son and his wife, daughter and other descendents are buried in the family plot.

The historic family home located on Center Circle has been entered on the National Register of Historic Places and has been marked by Texas Historical Commission Medallion.

Cowboy's & Cowgirl's Ring of Honor banquet set July 1 in Temple

The Bell County Cowboy's and Cowgirl's Ring of Honor banquet will be held 11 a.m. July 1 at the Texas Rose, located off Highway 93 in Temple.

The Bell County Cowboy's and Cowgirl's Ring of Honor is an organization intended to honor and support the western lifestyle in Bell County.

The mission is to honor people who through activities and lives have made contribution to further this purpose and lifestyle.

The organization is not limited to rodeo cowboys and cowgirls. It may also include cattlemen and women, ranchers, horse-men, craft persons, etc. Funds and donations will go toward a scholarship for FFA ,4-H and agricultural related high school seniors in Bell County.

At 11 a.m. there will be an Auction with art, antiques, collectibles and memorabilia. All proceeds will go to our scholarship fund.

At noon there will be a BBQ plate lunch at \$10 a plate for adults and \$6 a plate for children under 12.

At 11 p.m. there will

be the Ring of Honor Introduction. Tom Ray, the past president of the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame, will be master of Ceremonies.

The 2006 inductees are: Will Dockery, Bill Dunlap, Val Eason, Walter Johnson, Dana Eddleman, Nancy Sue Elms, Eva Hood, Tuff Hood, Jay Killingsworth, Doc Lucus, Sue Miller, Leroy Parker, Elmo Pate, Bill Proctor, Oscar Sikes, Rudy Siebert, Bill Tatum, John Wilson, Sr., T.A. Wilhite, Mack Birtchet, Logan Wendler, Doc Spence, Pat Cole, Jim Rhoads, Jack Killingsworth, Bert Bounds and Justin McBride.

Also, the organization will give out six scholarships. The recipients are: Jana Baker and Kaitlin McCoy, from Temple High School, Kasey Pruet, from Salado High School, Ashley Roberts and Stephen Neil Jeter II, from Troy High School, and Katie-Beth L. Ruminec from Killeen/Harker Heights High School.

For more information contact Jay Killingsworth at 254-947-8248.

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DIET ADDICTION

metabolic issues including improper digestion and insulin responses.

In time, each of the popular approaches to weight-loss above will create an environment where the body will have to eat itself up to survive. Eating a proper nutritional regimen of quality foods will build you up not ear you down like the diet concepts listed above. The long-term side effects of the fad diet concepts above are:

- Early Death
- Degenerative Disease
- Autoimmune Diseases, including Lupus and Asthma
- Digestive Issues, including Fungal Overgrowth and Leaky Gut Syndrome
- Immunity Issues, including Colds and

Fevers

- Depression and Fatigue
- Hormonal Imbalance Issues, including Arthritis Pain and Sleep Disturbances
- Damaged Metabolic System, leading to Decreased Lean Body Tissue and Increased Fat Storage

So, how is the quality of food you are consuming? How frequently are you eating? Are you combining your meals with a balance of healthy fat, quality proteins, real carbohydrates and non-starch vegetables?

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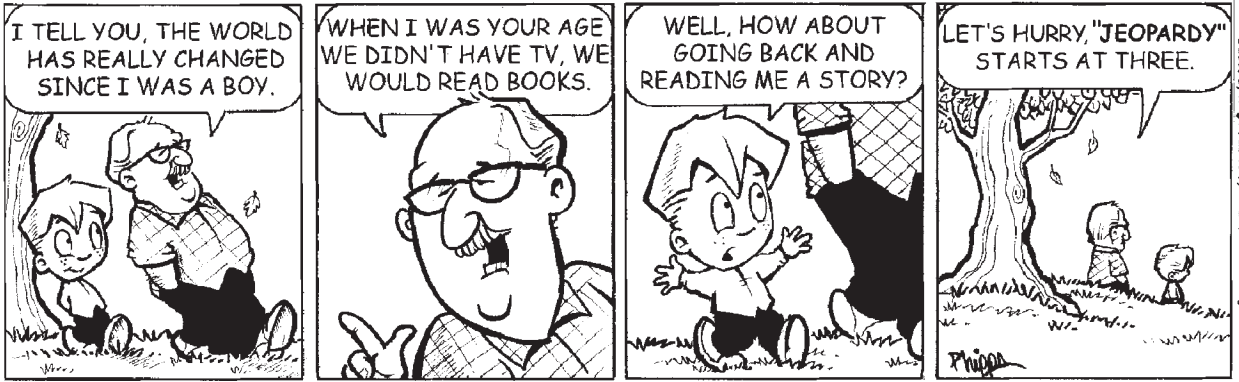
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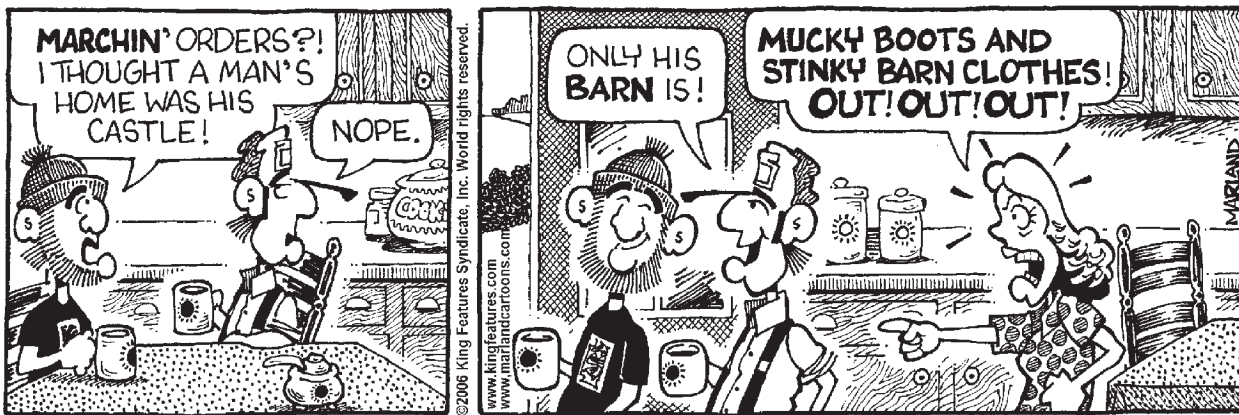
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Gorgonzola and Dried Cherry Summer Salad

This simple combination of leafy green lettuce, sweet red onion, sliced apple, roasted pecans and dried cherries tossed in a raspberry vinaigrette can serve as a main lunch entrée or on the side in a more extravagant meal.

Serves 6

- 1 head of leafy green lettuce, washed, dried, and torn to bite-size pieces
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 Granny Smith apple, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup roasted pecans
- 1/4 cup dried cherries
- raspberry vinaigrette*
- 1/2 cup crumbled gorgonzola cheese

Toss the lettuce, onion, apple, pecans and cherries in a large salad bowl. Pour on enough dressing to coat and toss the salad. Garnish with gorgonzola cheese before serving.

*You may use a bottled all-natural raspberry vinaigrette or make a quick and easy homemade version by whisking together:

- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 to 3 TB raspberry vinegar
- 1 clove minced garlic
- sea salt, to taste
- ground pepper, to taste

Nutrition Info

Per serving (129g-wt.): 230 calories (170 from fat), 19g total fat, 4g saturated fat, 4g protein, 12g total carbohydrate (3g dietary fiber, 7g sugar), 10mg cholesterol, 190mg sodium

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The most photographed hotel in the world

I lived in the northeast for about six months when I was just out of college. I didn't have a lot of money, but gas was cheap and I had a car, so I did a lot of driving on weekends. One time I ventured up to Quebec City. It felt like I was in France. The old part of Quebec has narrow cobblestone streets, little sidewalk cafes you just can't pass by, interesting

stores, historic buildings with classical architecture and acres of parks. The Saint Lawrence River flows by the city.

On a hill overlooking the river is the Hotel Frontenac. It looks like a fairytale castle when you first see it. The sight is intriguing and makes you want to see it up close, to walk in it and absorb the ambience.

When I was there for

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the first time I didn't even ask about the cost of a room. I knew I couldn't afford it. When I left the grounds of the hotel on my first visit, I knew I would return. I carried the images of Quebec with me for nearly 50 years. I saw clearly the green grass, the colorful shops, the inviting restaurants, the couples holding hands, the beautiful flowers and of course the Chateau Frontenac.

We have been busy this year, thank goodness, with lots of speeches, video projects and various other activities. The other day my wife Susan said it was time for us to go to Quebec. So I made reservations

at the Frontenac for a long weekend.

Quebec isn't the easiest city to get to. We had to fly to Montreal, rent a car and drive for three hours to get to Quebec. But it was certainly worth any extra effort we made. The hotel dominates Old Quebec. Its location on a hill makes it visible for miles. Ships passing by on the river have a fabulous view of the Chateau Frontenac.

We had a corner room that gave us a view of the river and part of Old Quebec. Our room was ideal and the hotel was everything a luxurious hotel should be. The concierge, Ann McKenna, is the very best and

has an uncanny knowledge about Quebec. She did send us to some great restaurants where we dined on stag, buffalo, caribou, shells from the St. Lawrence (we dug the meat out with needles), sole with vanilla sauce, salads with lavender and orchids, seasoned with rosemary and tarragon. At the Frontenac I had the best meal: halibut with mango salsa.

We listened to jazz, swam, rode the funicular up and down the steep hillside, walked, shopped along the inviting streets and had coffee and chocolate at a sidewalk café while listening to a street musician play romantic tunes on his accordion. Since the hotel is within walking distance to everything we needed, we didn't move our car until it was time to leave.

Chateau Frontenac, with 618 rooms, is part of the Fairmont group

of hotels, which also has the resort hotel Chateau Lake Louise at Banff. The Frontenac was built in 1893 by the Canada Pacific Railway, named for a flamboyant French Governor.

I will go back to Quebec. But I won't wait 50 years to do so.

ABWA conference set for July 15

"Connect: Your Passport to Effective Communication" is the theme for this year's Central Texas Area American Business Women's Leadership Conference. The annual event will be held 8 a.m.-2 p.m. July 15 at Central Texas College in Killeen, Fine Arts Building, Main Auditorium.

The program will feature three speakers, covering the following topics:

- Networking the Business Community by Marcus Carr, Texas Workforce Commission
- 21st Century Etiquette in the Workplace by Tina Ady, Coordinator for Marketing at Central Texas College
- ABWA - Your Passport to the Future by Judy Brady, Member of Dynamis Chapter.

Registration cost is \$25 until July 1, and \$30 from July 1-15, and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and entertainment. Tickets may be purchased from any ABWA member. For additional information call 254-681-3167.

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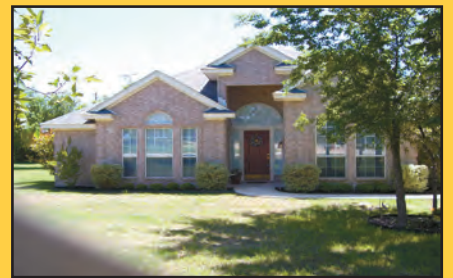
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\$219,000: Two master bedrooms makes this home extremely appealing AND it has an amazing view of the golf course. Second story was added in 2003 and encompasses the second master suite. Step out on the second story private deck and view Mill Creek Golf Course.



\$160,499: Rustic home on a beautiful lot in Mill Creek. Rough beams, wood floors & beaded board inside adds lots of charm.



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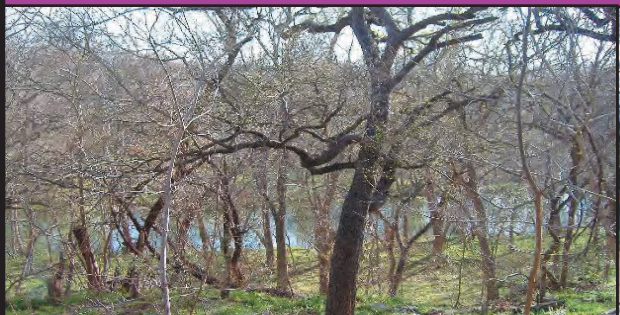
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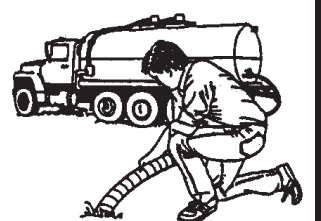
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Dear EarthTalk:
 What have been the most significant environmental impacts of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans? - Samantha Gray, Tacoma, WA

Perhaps the longest-lasting impact of Hurricane Katrina was its environmental damage that, in real terms, has mainly to do with public health. Significant amounts of industrial waste and raw sewage spilled directly into New Orleans neighborhoods. And oil spills from offshore rigs, coastal refineries, and even corner gas stations have also made their way into residential areas and business districts throughout the region.

Analysts estimate that seven million gallons of oil spilled throughout the region. The U.S. Coast Guard says that much of the spilled oil has been cleaned up or "naturally dispersed," but environmentalists fear that the initial contamination could devastate the region's biodiversity and ecological health for many years to come, further devastating the region's already ailing fisheries, once the economic lifeblood of the area.

Meanwhile, flooding at five "Superfund" sites (heavily polluted industrial sites slated for federal cleanup), and the wholesale destruction along the already infamous "Cancer Alley" industrial corridor between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, have only served to complicate matters for clean-up officials. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) considers Katrina the biggest disaster it has ever had to handle.

Household hazardous wastes, pesticides, heavy metals and other toxic chemicals also created a witch's brew of floodwater that quickly seeped down into and contaminated groundwater across hundreds of miles. "The range of toxic chemicals that may have been released is extensive," says Johns Hopkins University environmental health sciences professor Lynn Goldman. "We're talking about metals, persistent chemicals, solvents, materials that have numerous potential health impacts over the long term."

According to Hugh Kaufman, an EPA senior policy analyst, environmental regulations in place to prevent the types of discharges that occurred during Katrina were not enforced, making what would have been a bad situation much worse. Unchecked development throughout ecologically sensitive parts of the region put further stress on the environment's ability to absorb and disperse noxious chemicals. "Folks down there were living on borrowed time and, unfortunately, time ran out with Katrina," Kaufman concludes.

To date, recovery efforts have focused on plugging leaks in levees, clearing debris and repairing water and sewer systems. Officials cannot say when they will be able to concentrate on longer-term issues such as treating contaminated soil and groundwater, though the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has begun a Herculean effort to physically remove tons of contaminated sediment left behind by receding floodwaters. Meanwhile, financially strapped state and local agencies are

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CONTACTS: EPA's Response to 2005 Hurricanes Website, www.epa.gov/katrina; "The Toxic Legacy of Hurricane Katrina," www.emagazine.com/?issue=125&toc.

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Dear EarthTalk: Do fireworks celebrations cause any significant pollution? -- David Hiebert, Scottdale, PA

Perhaps it should come as no surprise that the fireworks displays that go on around the U.S. every Fourth of July are still typically propelled by the ignition of gunpowder--a technological innovation that pre-dates the American Revolution itself. And the fall-out from these exhibitions includes a variety of toxic pollutants that rain down on neighborhoods from coast to coast, often in

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green colors in fireworks displays, despite being poisonous and radioactive. Copper compounds are used to produce blue colors, even though they contain dioxin, which has been linked to cancer. Cadmium, lithium, antimony, rubidium, strontium, lead and potassium nitrate are also commonly used to produce different effects, even though they can cause a host of respiratory and other health problems.

The chemicals and heavy metals used in fireworks also take their toll on the environment, sometimes contributing to water supply contamination and even acid rain. Their use also deposits physical litter on the ground and into water bodies for miles around. As such, some U.S. states and local governments restrict the use of fireworks in accordance with guidelines set by the Clean Air Act. The American Pyrotechnics Association provides a free online directory of state laws across the U.S. regulating the use of fireworks.

Of course, fireworks displays are not limited to U.S. Independence Day celebrations. Fireworks use is increasing in popularity around the world, including in countries without strict air pollution standards. According to The Ecologist, millennium celebrations in 2000 caused environmental pollution worldwide, filling skies over populated areas with "carcinogenic sulphur compounds and airborne arsenic."

Not usually known for championing environmental causes, the Walt Disney Company has pioneered new technology using environmentally benign compressed air instead of gunpowder to launch fireworks. Disney puts on hundreds of dazzling fireworks displays every year at its various resort properties in the U.S. and Europe, but hopes its new technology will have beneficial impact on the pyrotechnics industry worldwide. The company has made the details of new patents it has filed for the technology available to the pyrotechnics industry at large with the hope that other companies will also green up their offerings.

While Disney's technological breakthrough is no doubt a step in the right direction, many environmental and public safety advocates would rather see the Fourth of July and other

holidays and events celebrated without the use of pyrotechnics. Parades and block parties are some obvious alternatives. Meanwhile, laser light shows can wow a crowd without the negative environmental side effects associated with fireworks.

CONTACTS: American Pyrotechnics Association, www.americanpyro.com;

Walt Disney Company, http://corporate.disney.go.com.
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