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Paddlers and swimmers will want to avoid contact with Salado Creek water until the causes of high E. coli counts can be determined and alleviated. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

## Without a paddle High E. coli counts in Creek result in BRA filing complaint

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Bell County Health District will investigate possible causes for severely elevated Escherichia coli (E. coli) counts in Salado Creek, following a complaint filed recently by the Brazos River Authority (BRA).

The BRA monitors water quality of streams within its basin through the Clean Rivers Program and works with the Salado Creek Preservation Committee to regularly collect water samples at several locations on Salado Creek. You can find the June water sample results on page 10C.

When the water samples for June 6 were delivered to BRA, the E. coli counts at three locations exceeded the state standard for recreational contact of 394/100 ml. See graphic for details.

A week later, BRA tested the waters at five of the seven locations along Salado Creek and found two places where the counts were far beyond the state standard. On July

### Salado Creek E. coli test results

Test location	June 6	June 13	July 5
Pattersons Crossing	613	n/s	108
I-35 Frontage	122	102	162
Stagecoach Dam	866	816	2,420
Baptist Church		727	921
Sirena Spring**	649	345	2
Chisholm Trail	72	29	397
Pehoski place	54	n/s	248

\*\* Sirena Spring sampling location has been corrected. Samples were taken on June 6 in Salado Creek upstream of where Sirena Spring inflows into the Creek. The data results for June 6 are most likely representative of the Stagecoach Dam and Baptist Church area of the Creek. The sample taken June 13 for Sirena Spring was taken in Salado Creek where the spring enters the creek. The lower value most likely represents dilution by the concentration in the creek.

5, the counts were above the state standard at three locations: First Baptist Church, Stagecoach Dam, and Chisholm Trail.

The E. coli count at the Stagecoach Dam was a staggering 2,420 on July 5, which spurred Gayle Haecker, environmental services manager with BRA to file a complaint with TCEQ and make contact with Bell County Health District. TCEQ will investigate the discharge permit for Stagecoach Properties. The Health District will investigate septic systems in the area as potential

sources for the E. coli.

"We don't discharge effluent into the creek," said John Anderson, CEO of Stagecoach Properties.

Jerry Aslakson, the plant manager for Stagecoach Properties' wastewater treatment plant, echoes Anderson's statement by explaining how the system, which is permitted for 50,000 gallons of water per day but only treats 22,000 gallons per day.

"All of our treated effluent is pumped to a property three-and-a-half

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## Stadium renovations approved for Greenway to being work

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado I.S.D. Trustees July 17 approved a bid of \$232,358.41 plus a performance bond for renovations and expansion of Eagle Stadium. The district will enter into an interlocal agreement with Greenway for the project, which is part of the bond proposal approved by voters this spring.

The renovation project will bring the stadium into compliance for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. It will also add 200 seats to the home side and 150 to the visitors side.

The renovation work will be completed in the early part of the football season, but should not effect use of the stadium by fans.

Trustees also approved \$4,539.80 to paint the kitchen and ancillary rooms/halls in the elementary school and \$2,477.79

to retile one classroom in the high school.

The board also approved the student code of conduct, the vendor list and the appraisal calendar for 2006-07.

Trustees determined that the following are acute shortage areas for teaching: high school mathematics, high school science, Spanish and special education.

Superintendent Robin Battershell told the board that this designation would not have any benefits for the district at this time, but may have some benefit in the future. Rural school districts that face acute teaching shortages are given a great deal more flexibility in hiring new personnel. Salado is considered an urban school district.

"This has been the hardest hiring year, by far, since I have been here," Dr. Battershell said. This year, the district has made 32 new hires, including

29 new teachers. This is about a third of the overall workforce in the district.

Dr. Battershell said that the district has lost teachers this year to retirement, pregnancy and other school districts that pay more.

In addition, she said that the current trend across the state is that more teachers are retiring than entering the workforce from colleges and universities.

Trustees then approved the hire of the following teachers: Jessica Chaney, fourth grade; Megan Myrick, first grade; Karmen Broussard, eighth grade English, junior high coach; Julie O'Rear, nurse; Shane Dunn, intermediate school science teacher/coach; Christian Doyle, math; Colby Elizondo, Spanish/baseball coach; Jonathon Freeman, ag science; Ashley McKeever, social studies; Kelley Richmond, English.

## Sales tax jumps 13.4% for Village of Salado

Reflecting a trend seen in Bell County as well as the State of Texas, the Village of Salado saw a double-digit percentage increase in its monthly sales tax rebate issued by Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn. Village of Salado received a rebate of \$27,391.93 in the month of July, a 13.4 percent increase over the July 2005 rebate of \$24,153.34. June state sales tax collections and July sales tax allocations to local governments mostly represent sales that occurred in May. The Village of Salado levies a one-cent sales tax.

Year-to-date, the city has received rebates totaling \$200,520.84, again showing an increase when

compared to 2005, when Salado had collected \$184,623.48 through the month of July, 8.61 percent less than in 2006.

Other jurisdictions in Bell County fared similarly well. Killeen, for example, received a rebate of \$1.4 million, a 9.43 percent increase over its July 2005 rebate. Bell County cities as a whole received \$3 million in July, an impressive 13.54 percent spike over the \$2.6 million collected in June 2005. The year-to-date trend continues county-wide, as well, with to-date rebates totaling \$21.7 million, 8.9 percent more than 2005's \$19.9 million.

The Salado Public Library District, which

metes out a half-cent sales tax, saw a dramatic increase in July 2006 when compared to the same month in 2005. The SPLD received a rebate check of \$18,351, which amounts to a 14.02 percent hike over last July's \$16,093.78. To-date, the library has received rebates of \$133,033.62. When compared to to-date totals from 2005, which were \$116,551.02, the library is outpacing last year's collections by 14.14 percent.

"The strong Texas economy continues to generate double-digit gains in sales tax for the state and many local governments," Strayhorn said.

The next sales tax allocation will be Aug. 11.



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### Jewelry artist at Salado Art Fair

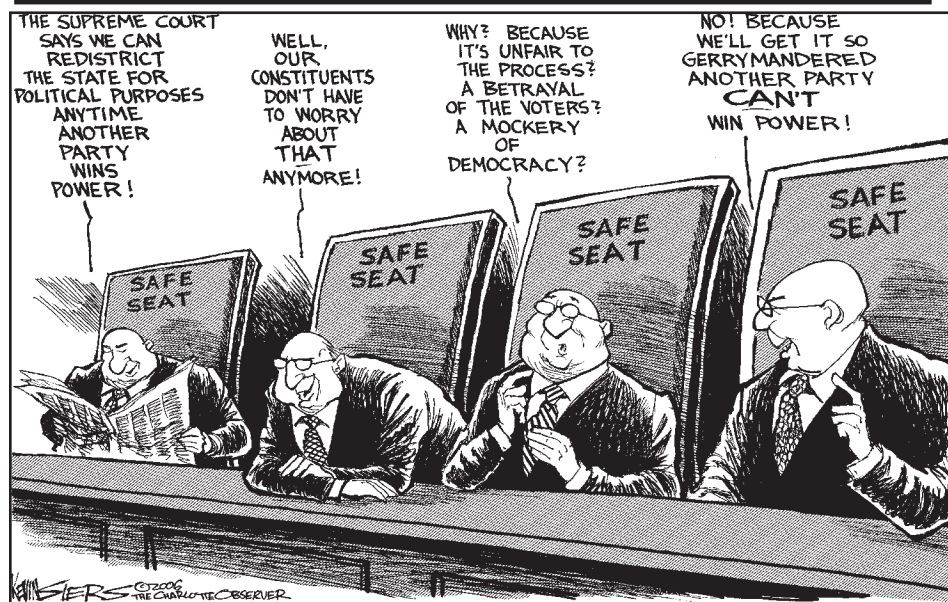
Launched prior to her 2004 wedding as a way for designer Marquette Maresh Reddam to accessorize the gowns of her bridesmaids to match their individual personalities, Jest Jewelry has since grown into a successful boutique business for Reddam, an attorney by trade. See story and photos, page 1B

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# FORUM

## An Open Exchange of Ideas



### Archaic and senseless at the border

A lot happens in 20 years -- just don't tell the U.S. government. A court injunction issued in the 1980s enjoined the Immigration and Naturalization Service from swiftly ushering illegal aliens from El Salvador back to their home country because El Salvador was wracked by a civil war. Today, the civil war is long-ended and the INS no longer exists, but the injunction lives on as one of the nation's most absurd anachronisms.

To its credit, the Bush administration has finally begun to move at the border to end the travesty of "catch and release." That's the policy of allowing illegal aliens caught at the border to be released into the U.S. on the basis of an almost-always-ignored promise to show up for a hearing at some later date. The policy never applied to Mexicans -- who simply can be sent back over the border -- but to illegals from other Latin American countries where it isn't so easy to repatriate them.

The administration has moved to a more sensible approach of "catch and remove," but the injunction is keeping it from applying to Salvadorans, which is a problem. In the mid-1980s, Salvadorans were roughly one percent of illegals in the U.S. Since then, the number of Salvadoran illegals has increased, and everyone else wants to try to get in on the action. Illegals apprehended at the border now know to try to claim that they are Salvadoran to exploit this senseless lacuna in our border policy.

Advocates of a guest-worker program and amnesty argue that the migrant inflow here from points south is literally inexorable. Actually, illegal migrants are people, and so they respond to incentives and disincentives. Enforcement matters to them, as is being demonstrated by the two different approaches to catch-and-release on the border.

Brazilians, Guatemalans and Hondurans are experiencing the new catch-and-remove policy. Department of Homeland

## Rich Lowry



Security Chief Michael Chertoff said, "Even in the last six months, as the word has gotten out, the number of people that we are seeing coming in from those countries has begun to dramatically decrease."

But not for El Salvador. In 2005, Salvadorans were 24 percent of border-patrol apprehensions from countries other than Mexico. So far in 2006, they have been 40 percent.

The source of the catch-and-release policy in the first place was a lack of enough detention space to hold illegals while various obstacles to sending them home were negotiated. The key to changing it is more detention space and getting illegals back out of the country more rapidly. The 1980s-era court injunction is a roadblock because it created Byzantine procedural hurdles to keep the INS from rushing Salvadorians back into a war zone. Now, El Salvador is peaceful and democratic, but the hurdles remain.

The administration is seeking to get out from under the injunction, and some members of Congress are trying to help. Here's wishing them luck. The main source of public discontent with Washington recently is the sense that it is incompetent and driven by arbitrary forces that make no sense. A maddening example of both is having immigration enforcement hobbled by an archaic court order.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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## Suggestion: Halt immigration from "terroristic" nations; Then embargo money and goods

If terrorism is really a threat to the United States - and only a certified idiot would think otherwise - then why don't we consider making some serious moves internationally, that would create an image of the United States as an innovative opponent in the anti-terrorism war we're waging worldwide. One that, unhappily we're not exactly winning - particularly in the mid-east area.

The following two-step suggestion is nothing more than a point of departure. Admittedly these would be tough moves for a Democracy to take, but keep in mind we're battling angry men, women and children, brain-washed by insanely religious leaders. Disparate people who believe strapping suicide bombs to their cars and bodies are sure-fire tickets to eternal "happiness" in heaven.

### TWO-STEP PLAN

Step One: The President (with Congressional approval) would announce, **that we have stopped all immigration from nations that engage in, or support terrorism (in any form) against our country.**

Step Two: **embargo all grants to these nations immediately** including goods, food, medical supplies, services and (more importantly) dollars.

**Sidebar:** Did you know we are currently sending millions of dollars annually to North Korea - of all places? No one seems to know why - but what we do know, is they can use these dollars to create "verifiable" Weapons of Mass Destruction. Or did you miss the firing of their long range (nuclear type) missiles recently?

### START WITH SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Arabia, Iran, Syria, Libya, or Pakistan (one or all) would be good starting places to freeze immigration. If citizens of these Islamic-Muslim nations then decide to illegally enter our country and are apprehended - they could be declared felons and deported immediately.

Also, if Muslim clerics and other leaders are found to be using their American mosques and schools to preach, teach or practice terrorism, they would be arrested (under appropriate sedition laws), speedily tried, and if found guilty - deported.

**A complete halt to immigration while putting embargoes in place, can be accomplished quickly. Alternatively, we could experiment with just Iran and Syria and see if selected immigration-embargo targets produce viable results.**

### Or we can do nothing at all. INFORMATION ACT UNDER FIRE

Forty years ago this month, Congress passed the Freedom of Information Act that requires government agencies to release their records to the public - provided the information doesn't involve national security; employee privacy rights; or internal matters under investigation or adjudication.

The avowed purpose of this act was to halt government's tendency towards hiding information from the public it serves, involving mismanagement; misuse of tax dollars; illegal contracting; theft; the list is interminable.

### WHY WEAKEN FIA?

FIA is an important tool the public can use to keep tabs on government, so why is the Bush administration tinkering with it, and more importantly - **why is the Department of Defense paying St. Mary's University in San Antonio, one million dollars to rewrite the Freedom of Information Act?**

## Off the Record by Ken Clapp



Does SecDef Donald Rumsfeld suddenly want to make this important statute more inclusive and stronger? Not likely! If history is a guide, then we would suggest the current "closed-secretive" style of government that the Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld troika believe is necessary, is about to "gut" the Freedom of Information Act.

**And, they're using our tax dollars to stop us from checking into what is really our business - i.e. how the government is run and at what cost.**

### DANGER FLAGS WAVING

We have learned in recent weeks that President Bush is permitted to decide which section, of any new law, he and his administration will (or will not) obey.

**The Supreme Court then aided and abetted the "info-sentinels" in the White House,** with its ruling that "whistleblowers" would no longer enjoy First Amendment (free speech) protection, when reporting wrongdoings by government agencies or individuals.

### SECRECY BEAT GOES ON

With the Bush administration's "Cloak and Dagger" guys in charge, why are we surprised to learn that the Freedom of Information Act is under attack?

What we should be feeling is **outrage - towards any administration that seeks to keep what they do under-wraps.** We're talking here about "suppressing" activities the top guys: (a) think the public (that put them in office) is too dumb to understand; or (b) they're covering up deliberate wrongs that if exposed - would create a firestorm of indignation that could cause their political demise and disgrace - as it should!

There is no third acceptable reason. What remains is a festering question that demands a response:

**When will our elected (or appointed) officials ever learn to really trust the people, who entrusted them - with important public offices?**

### "GRANDMA'S" SOAP OPERA CONTINUES

Act I, of the ongoing saga of Comptroller Carole "Grandma" Strayhorn's battle with Secretary of State Roger Williams, over adding the sobriquet "Grandma" to her name on the Independent gubernatorial ticket, ended last week when the term "Grandma" was declared a slogan and would not be allowed on the ballot.

Act II began immediately thereafter with "Grandma" hollering foul and discrimination (on what basis we could not fathom) and declaring her intention to have the courts overrule the SecState.

The drama continued as other players (with speaking parts), went on stage starting with "Kinky" Friedman, who'll be balloted "Richard 'Kinky' Friedman." This "stand-up" comic reportedly told everyone that his **"sense of nobility falls somewhere between Richard the Lionhearted and Richard Nixon"** (whatever that means).

The gov's mouthpiece Robert Black appeared next with the cutesy remark: "If Carole Strayhorn is going to continuously throw childish temper tantrums, she should pick up her ball and go home!" **That mercifully ended Act II.**

The last act will feature a courtroom scene, if "Grandma" Strayhorn decides to challenge the Williams' ballot decision.

Actually all this folderol makes more sense than what the candidates have contributed thus far, **in a campaign marked by callow ideas - uneasily buttressed by a lack of solid ideas and thoughtful plans!**

That's -30-

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## Of dogs and aldermen

### Your Voice

#### Letters to the Editor

##### To the Editor:

I note in your reporting of the action of the Salado Village Board of Aldermen, they are contemplating changing from a Type B municipality to a Type A municipality, which will not change the ability to incorporate territory outside the Village. However, after two sessions, I have not seen a reporting of what the advantage of changing the Type is.

The major change from a Type B to a Type A municipality appears to be the maximum tax rate, which will increase from 15 cents to \$1.50 per \$100 property valuation. Why are our honorably elected Aldermen not telling the electorate why the change is being proposed?

In my opinion, our Aldermen ought to be up front and tell the people what is proposed before making a major change in the form of the Village government from what the residents first voted when we incorporated.

Yours truly,  
Jack Hardin

##### To the Editor:

I'm a dog lover. As such, I'm concerned that there seems to be an increasing number of residents in the Village of Salado who allow their dogs to run loose. Let's assume that these residents are also dog lovers. Then, it would follow that they wish to protect their pets from harm.

Here are some perils your dog faces when he is allowed to roam. First, cars. If you've ever seen a dog run over, it's not an easy image to erase from your mind. Most likely, the animal isn't instantly killed. Imagine the horror, pain and confusion the animal feels as the car strikes it. Next, imagine the animal's emotions as he struggles to remove himself from the danger and the pain. Often, an animal dies a rather slow, excruciating death following the trauma. What human who loves his dog is going to put him at such risk?

Second, disease. Dogs who are allowed to roam are far more likely to be exposed to diseases such as rabies, Parvo, and Corona. Worms. Bacterial infections. The list goes on and on. Ask your veterinarian.

Third, other animals. What about wild animals? There are coyotes here. (I wonder what the statistical probability of a pet dog

surviving an encounter with a coyote is.) Then there are raccoons, opossums, snakes, etc. By the way, cruel humans fall into this category. And, yes, there are some of those running loose in the area as well.

Now that we've talked about some of the threats that your dog faces while running the streets, let's talk about the threat your pet may pose to others. Even a sweet-natured gentle dog can harm others. How? Example One: An elderly man is out for a morning walk. A puppy enthusiastically rushes out to greet this delightful stranger. The man loses his balance, falls, and breaks his hip. Example Two: You are driving down the street. Without warning you come upon a dog in the street, and you react by swerving to miss the animal. Okay. You have just been put at risk for an accident. The animal has been put at risk. Any children, pedestrians or bicyclists in your path have also been put at risk. True story: a woman working for a cemetery in Dallas was driving down one of the cemetery lanes when a squirrel darted in front of her. In an effort to miss the squirrel, the woman jerked the wheel, flipped the car, and ended up with enough injuries to require hospitalization. Strange things happen.

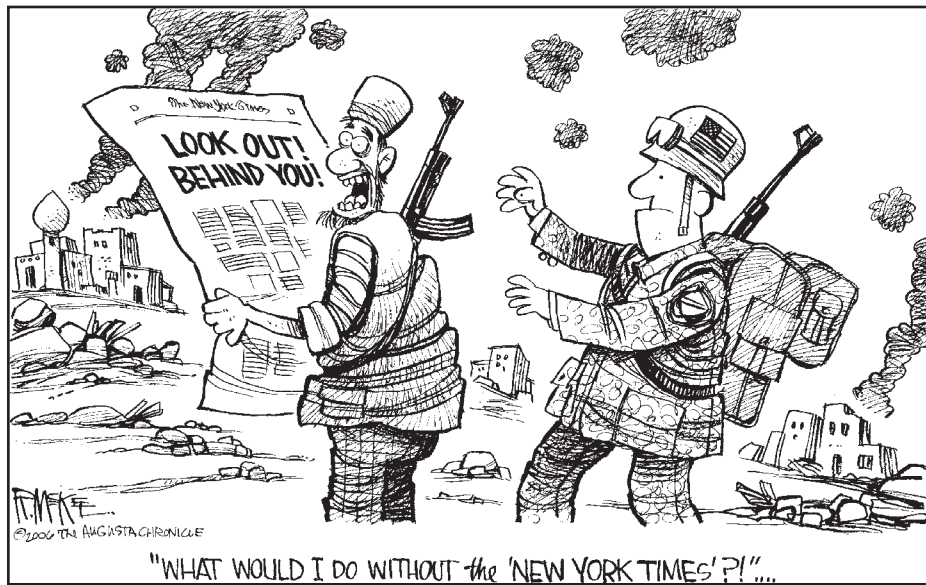
Another consideration: Pack mentality. Even normally good-tempered dogs can become a threat when they are running with a group of dogs. We've all heard the stories. I, myself, lost a pet kitten to a pack of dogs out having their fun.

For law-abiding citizens. Bell County does have a leash law. It is unlawful to allow your pets to roam free. Our police officers can enforce this law. Or, we citizens can act in a responsible manner, preserving the resources of our public servants for tasks that better utilize their professional skills.

We owe it to our pets and to our neighbors to keep our dogs within our fenced yards or on a leash at all times. We can protect our pets from harm. We can keep our streets safe - for mothers to push their toddlers in strollers; for citizens to walk their pets on leashes; and for residents and tourists alike to stroll the streets of Salado.

Sharon Michael,

# FORUM



## Redistricting ruling reveals lack of political experience

By MARTIN FROST

The opening pages of David Halberstam's classic book about the Kennedy administration, "The Best and the Brightest," describe the scene when then Speaker of the U.S. House Sam Rayburn had just returned from meeting the members of President John F. Kennedy's Cabinet.

He is reported to have said to a confidant that these new cabinet members were very smart but he would feel a lot better if any of them had ever run for sheriff.

Experience in elective politics is valuable for many people serving in an appointive position in government.

A current example of this is unfolding in the makeup of the U.S. Supreme Court. All the current Justices served as appeals court judges before being elevated to the high court. None of them have ever held elective office. President Bush is expected to have at least one more vacancy to fill during his term due to the age of some members of the court. It will be interesting to see if he gives the court a little real world political experience.

A number of previous Supreme Court Justices did hold elective office at some point in their careers. Chief Justice Earl Warren had been governor of California, Hugo Black had been a U.S. senator from Alabama, Chief Justice William Howard Taft had been president of the United States. And more recently, Sandra Day O'Connor had been a state senator in her native Arizona.

Each of them contributed a sense of the real world to the Court's deliberations.

A classic case of the

need for some real world political experience on the court occurred in the recently decided Texas Congressional redistricting case.

Plaintiffs in the case challenged the redistricting plan passed by the Texas Legislature in 2003 as being in violation of the Voting Rights Act in the way it treated Hispanic voters in south Texas and black voters in north Texas.

The court found a violation of Hispanic voting rights and has sent the case back down to the lower court to redraw the 23rd Congressional district because Hispanic voting strength had been diluted below a level where Hispanics could determine the outcome of the election.

However, the Court balked at making a similar ruling involving black voting rights in the 24th Congressional District in north Texas, the district I had previously represented in Congress for 26 years.

The 24th District, as originally drawn, was overwhelmingly Democratic, so whoever won the Democratic primary would be elected in the fall. The Court ignored evidence in the record that black voters in the 24th District determined the outcome of the Democratic primary and thus deserved to be protected. In effect, the Court allowed the Legislature to entirely dismantle a district that African Americans controlled.

A lack of real world political experience may explain the Court's refusal to accept clear testimony that the black community determined who represented this district. The result was particularly galling to the black community because the Court let stand new

lines that plucked 100,000 black voters in Ft. Worth out of the old 24th District and combined them with white, suburban voters in the new 26th Congressional district which extended 100 miles north to the Texas-Oklahoma line.

The black community was now an insignificant factor in the 26th District and had nothing in common with the rest of the district.

Here's where a lack of real world political involvement may have influenced the Court. Clear testimony in the record demonstrated that 65 percent of the Democratic primary vote in the old 24th district came from the black community even though the black population of the district was only 22 percent.

The combined white and Hispanic population (78 percent of the district's population) accounted for only 35 percent of the Democratic primary vote.

What the Court couldn't comprehend was that the reason blacks constituted such a high percentage of the Democratic primary vote was that Southern whites don't vote in Democratic primaries anymore. They either vote in the Republican primary or they just wait for the general election to vote.

Additionally, Hispanics, particularly those in urban areas far removed from the Mexican border, barely participate in Texas elections (constituting between 5 and 10 percent of the vote even when their population exceeds 30 percent).

The Court, due to lack of political experience, assumed that a viable white candidate in the primary in the old 24th District would beat a viable

## Profiteering at the borders



**Jim Hightower**

What a surprise. George W wants to turn the illegal immigration issue into another multibillion-dollar boondoggle for giant corporations.

Such military contractors as Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, Boeing, and Northrop Grumman line up at the federal trough yet again, drooling at what Mr. Bush calls the Secure Border Initiative. This scheme will give government contracts to corporations to build a high-tech "virtual fence" along our nation's borders. "We are launching the most technologically advanced border security initiative in American history," bragged Bush.

Actually, that's not a very high hurdle, for our history of border security is littered with high-priced technological failures. Take the nearly-half-billion dollar program of video cameras, electronic sensors, and other cutting-edge technologies that corporate contractors provided for the Mexican border just a few years ago.

Half of the cameras didn't work or were never installed. The ground sensors did set off alarms - but in 92 percent of the cases they were triggered not by illegals, but by a wild animal or a passing train.

Now, here they come again. Lockheed Martin, for example, is touting its Tethered Aerostat Radar as a border solution. This massive blimp, twice the size of Goodyear's, would be tethered to the ground by a long cable, monitoring all movement below.

One little problem, though: it can't be used in high winds. Another piece of razzle-dazzle technology was a \$6.8 million unmanned plane to patrol the border. It crashed in April after less than a year's use.

These military contractors have sorry records of cost overruns, fraud, and products that are defective or useless - we're to turn border security over to them? Bush's scheme is all about political posturing and fattening his corporate backers.

The problem of illegal immigration requires an honest economic solution - not merely buying more hardware from high-tech hucksters.

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# Don't bank on house profits to fund retirement

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To enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle, you will need to build your net worth before you retire. So you may be interested in knowing that, between 2001 and 2004, the typical household's net worth, adjusted for inflation, grew 1.5 percent, according to a recent Federal Reserve study. The good news is that the 1.5 percent figure, while not appearing large, actually represents a sizable gain in family wealth. The not-so-good news, from a retirement savings standpoint, is that much of this increase in wealth came from rising home prices.

Why shouldn't you count on appreciated home prices to form a key pillar of your retirement savings? Won't the value of your home just keep rising?

Not necessarily. While it's true that housing prices have gone up significantly over the last several years, there is no guarantee that this trend will continue.

## Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



Housing prices have certainly fallen in the past - and they are likely to do so again.

But just as importantly, even an extended period of rising home prices may not help you as much as you'd think. After all, to profit from your home, you have to sell it - but then you have to live somewhere else. And even if you decide to "trade down," you're likely to find that smaller homes have also appreciated quite a bit, so your sale might not net you nearly as much as you'd hope.

To sum up: Your home may provide you with some of the money you will need during retirement - but not all of it. And that's why you need to look beyond your house and into the world

of investments. To help pay for a retirement that may last two or three decades, you must invest regularly - at every stage of your life.

### Two Investment "Platforms"

Essentially, you have two main investment "platforms": your employer-sponsored retirement plan and your private investment accounts. And you'll want to pay close attention to both of these platforms.

For example, if you have a 401(k) plan at work, learn as much as you can about the various investment options available - and choose the mix of investments that can potentially provide you with the growth you need, given your individual risk tolerance. Because it offers both tax-deferred earnings and a chance to contribute pre-tax earnings, a 401(k), by its very nature, offers some key advantages in

saving for retirement. But you are ultimately responsible for your 401(k) plan's success - so study up on your choices, contribute as much as you can afford, monitor review your progress and make adjustments as needed.

And while you are contributing to your 401(k) at work, you should also invest steadily in your traditional or Roth IRA. A traditional IRA offers tax-deferred earnings, while a Roth IRA has the potential to grow tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.

Finally, you will want to build a portfolio containing a diversified mix of stocks, bonds and other securities. Your financial professional can help you make sure that these investments work in conjunction with your 401(k) and IRA to help you take advantage of maximize your progress toward your retirement goals.

So, if you aren't already investing consistently, start now. The years fly by, and before you know it, retirement will be looming. When that day arrives, you'll want to be prepared.

## Thinking seconds?

### Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

Many homeowners are diving into second-home ownership, for a variety of reasons. If you've given any thought to the possibility, you may have already formulated a list of questions and answers for yourself and your family. If not, here are some important considerations...

First, if you are going to travel between two

residences, just how far are you willing to travel? You can consider a close-by destination if you're planning to just get away on the weekends, but a once-a-year vacation destination could be anywhere your imagination takes you. Your reasons for getting away will impact the features you'll look for: mountains, beaches, "big city" entertainment, etc.

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# Redistricting

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black candidate because whites and Hispanics would combine to outvote the black community. The real world was just the opposite. The candidate who received the lion's share of the black vote would win, whether the candidate was black or white.

The Court assumed that whites and Hispanics would come out of the woodwork to overwhelm the choice of the black community in the primary because the two groups constituted a majority on paper.

Nothing is going to change the political reality that southern whites don't vote in Democratic primaries no matter who is running. And it will be a long time before urban Hispanics vote in any significant numbers because so many are not citizens, and because such a large percentage of Hispanics are young and below the voting age even if they are citizens.

If just someone on the Court had ever run for sheriff, black voters in Ft. Worth might not have been sent to the political version of Siberia.

## More Redistricting Intrigue

Speaking of the federal courts and Texas redistricting, there is a fascinating case regarding Tom DeLay's name on the general election ballot currently working its way through the lower federal courts.

A Texas federal district judge (appointed by a Republican president) has ruled that DeLay, who is under indictment for criminal campaign violations in Texas, may not withdraw from the general election ballot after having won the March Texas Republican primary even though

he now says he lives in Virginia. This case is on appeal to the U.S. Fifth Circuit.

Should the Fifth Circuit uphold the lower court and require that DeLay's name appear on the November ballot (rather than letting local Republicans replace him with a clean, more viable candidate), we may have a replay of the 2000 U.S. Senate race in Missouri. In that race, the Democratic candidate (Mel Carnahan) was killed in a plane crash too late for him to be replaced on the ballot.

Missouri Democrats then conducted a campaign urging their party members to vote for the dead man so that the Democratic governor could appoint his widow to the seat after the election. That's exactly what happened. A dead Mel Carnahan defeated the live candidate, Republican Sen. John Ashcroft.

Should DeLay's name remain on the ballot, Texas Republicans may be forced to urge their party members to vote for the (politically) dead man as a way of defeating former Congressman Nick Lampson, the Democratic nominee. If DeLay were elected, he could then resign and have the Republican governor immediately call a special election (there is no provision in the Constitution for appointments to the U.S. House) where the Republicans could field a clean candidate who could win a normally Republican district.

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## JP report for June

Judge Don Engleking, Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 Bell County reports the following activity for June 2006. Monthly revenue for the month is reported to be \$66,112.. Revenue collected is comprised of funds from criminal cases and civil cases filed in the precinct.

A total of 504 cases were filed for the month. This includes moving and non moving traffic citations, criminal cases, and civil cases filed during the month. Over 414 cases were disposed of by the court. In addition 16 arraignments were conducted at the county jail and the judge conducted one inquest.

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The Salado Slam, a youth basketball team consisting of local fourth graders, recently competed in the Georgetown Firecracker Open, finishing in third place. Team members are, front row, l-r: Dane Hankamer, Kase Spears and Koal Houchin. Second row, l-r: Casey Frazier, Cole Hearne and Davis Little. Coaches are Keith Spears and Ty Hankamer.

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The Salado Dragons capped a perfect regular season by going undefeated in the senior midget boys district tournament in Bartlett. With this victory, the Dragons have earned a berth to compete at the state tournament in Ennis. (top row) Coaches: Brooks Frazier, Ron Van Winkle, Scott Behr, Ty Hankamer. (middle row) Vincent Yalch, Casey Frazier, Ellis Van Sickle, Drew Van Winkle, Zach Behr, Davis Little. (bottom row) Kyle King, Tyler Leguin, Jacob Little, Tyler Tischler, Mason Taylor, Dalton Hankamer. Not pictured: Dylon Bradley and Keaton Phillips.



The Salado Red Hawks boys t-ball team is going to the state tournament in West the week of July 24. The team had a 12-0 record in regular season and qualified for the state tournament by winning the district tournament in Holland with a 5-0 record. Pictured (top, l-r): Coaches Zach Shelley, Shaun Miller, and Keith Fischer (Robert Kyburz not pictured). Middle: John Chavez-Gomez, Ryan Kyburz, Brice Vaughn, Max Miller, Tannor Fischer, Tris Sebesta, and Christian James. Front: Jared Langford, Ryan Eary, Timothy Flanagan, Parker Shelley, Connor Kelley, Tommie Barker, Garrett Chick and Lane Renfro.

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## Hardballers land four on All-State team

The area champion Salado Eagle baseball team, which finished the year with a 24-9 record, recently had four of its members receive All-State designation for Class AA.

Three seniors (Brian Bates, Wesley Ruth and Josh Shaw) along with sophomore Kevin Jackson were given Honorable Mention on the Texas Sportswriters All-State Team.

Bates was named to the squad as a pitcher. He compiled a 9-1 record on the season, striking out 50 batters in 62 innings of work, while posting an earned run average of 2.13. Bates did not suffer his first loss of the year until the third round of the playoffs against East Bernard, and played his senior season after recovering from elbow surgery in his junior year. Bates was also a first team all district selection for the Eagles.

Wes Ruth received

recognition at catcher. Ruth hit for a .436 average on the year with 31 runs batted in. He also led the team with four triples. Ruth was named first team all district as a designated hitter, hitting for a .523 average in that span.

Josh Shaw was selected as a third baseman. Shaw hit .422 and clubbed four homeruns. He scored 36 runs and also showed some speed, swiping 13 bases over the course of the season. In addition, Shaw was another first team all district selection for Salado.

Kevin Jackson was the second Salado hurler to make the All-State Team as a pitcher. The lefthander posted an impressive 8-1 record as a sophomore, and had a stellar strikeout to innings pitched ratio, sitting down 69 batters in only 60 innings pitched. His ERA for the season was 2.68. Jackson also received first team all district honors.

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# Family Relief Fund provides back-to-school help in Salado

By TIM FLEISCHER  
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Meeting the teacher, making new friends, finding the locker, waking up in time to catch the bus.

Those are just a handful of the first-day-of-school jitters children experience as summer wanes and fall looms.

For children who live in poverty, the first day of school can also be a painful reminder of that poverty.

Salado Family Relief Fund is trying to change that for children in the Salado school district. The Relief Fund will provide vouchers to qualified families to buy new school clothes at a participating Wal-Mart. Pre-arrangements have been made with store managers to assure that the vouchers are properly used.

The vouchers will be available to qualified families at Salado Intermediate School 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Aug. 7 and 1-3 p.m. Aug. 8.

Last year, the Family Relief Fund provided back-to-school vouchers to 175 children in the Salado school district.

Because of that financial demand, the Family Relief Fund has been forced to reduce the amount of the vouchers.

If you would like to donate to the Salado Family Relief Fund, you may do so by mailing a check to Salado Family Relief Fund, PO Box 461, Salado, Texas 76571. You can also make donations to the Family Relief Fund at the Salado branches of First State Bank and Compass Bank.

**About Salado Family Relief Fund**

Salado Family Relief Fund, Inc. is a 501(c)3 corporation whose goal is to assist and provide relief to families and individuals in need in the community. The Relief Fund works by creating a centralized effort to assist those in need.

It is best known for the annual Christmas drive, in which the Relief Fund provides Christmas gifts and Christmas dinner to more than 30 families and over 100 children in Salado schools. That is not where the work ends, though. The Relief Fund also assists families in need year round by helping with food, shoes, clothes, school lunches and other necessities. The Relief Fund does not give cash to recipients.

Among the churches that contribute regularly to the Relief Fund are the First Baptist Church of Salado, First United Methodist Church of Salado, Presbyterian Church of Salado, Salado Church of Christ, St. Joseph's Episcopal and St. Stephen's Catholic Church.

Civic groups that have given money and other donations to the Family Relief Fund include the Salado Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary,

Salado Rotary Club, Salado Masonic Lodge and the Salado Volunteer Fire Department. School groups have also raised and donated money to the Fund, including the Spanish Club, FFA, Student Council, National Honor Society, and the Art class at SHS, Salado Intermediate School and Thomas Arnold Elementary.

For longer than a decade, the Fund has helped families in the area in a variety of ways, including temporary assistance for medicines, rent, clothing, food and other necessities.

The board works closely with school personnel, such as the secretaries, administrators, counselors and teachers.

The Fund has established a school supply bank at the school, administered by the Communities in Schools workers. The Fund also ensures that children get a hot meal by working with cafeteria staff.

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miles west of Salado," Aslakson said.

After being treated, wastewater from Stagecoach Properties is then pumped underground to a 233-acre property, where it is used for irrigation. Even at that, a collection pond with a berm is located on the 233-acre property to hold the water until it is used for irrigation.

Aslakson said that he tests the water daily for chlorine levels and that it is further tested once a week for biochemical oxygen demand and total suspended solids.

He added that the treated wastewater is below the state minimum standards of 20 milligrams of solids per liter.

While Stagecoach Properties does not discharge its treated effluent into Salado Creek, it does have a permit to do so. Stagecoach maintains its permit to discharge treated effluent into Salado Creek as an emergency backup system to its wastewater treatment plant.

Aslakson said that the last time any effluent was discharged into Salado Creek was "early this spring," when a power outage caused the pumps that deliver treated effluent to the 233-acre property west

of Salado to be inoperable. "The water that was discharged was treated," Aslakson said, adding that before the effluent went from the treatment plant to the discharge pipe east of the dam, it was further filtered in a rock pit and filter.

"We're good neighbors," Anderson said. "We want to know just as much as anyone else what is causing this problem."

In the meantime, the Health District may post warning signs along both sides of Salado Creek alerting swimmers that contact with the water should be avoided.

This would be the second time that signs to this effect have been posted along Salado Creek. Warning signs about potential health safety issues with Salado Creek water were posted a decade ago because of high counts of fecal coliform (an indicator of E.coli) at the time.

The BRA conducted a study of water quality in Salado Creek to try to identify the sources of contamination. That study showed that possible sources were runoff from the rest stop restrooms south of Salado, fecal matter from pigeons roosting underneath the overpasses of I-35, pos-

sible faulty septic systems near the creek and cattle operations upstream.

Whether any of these possible sources will be investigated now is unclear, as officials with the Public Health District were not available for comment for this edition.

Pollution comes in two forms, according to the Environmental Protection Agency: point source and non-point source.

Simply put, point source pollution can be identified, while non-point source pollution can be the result of any of several unidentifiable sources.

Among the litany of NPS pollutants are faulty septic systems, agricultural enterprises, fertilizers, household detergents and animals in or near the stream.

According to the EPA website, individuals and communities can take the following actions to help prevent NPS pollution:

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The organism can be found on a small number of cattle farms and can live in the intestines of healthy cattle. Meat can become contaminated during slaughter, and organisms can be thoroughly mixed into beef when it is ground. Bacteria present on the cow's udders or on equipment may get into raw milk.

Eating meat, especially ground beef, that has not been cooked sufficiently to kill *E. coli* O157:H7 can cause infection. Contaminated meat looks and smells normal. Although the number of organisms required to cause disease is not known, it is suspected to be very small.

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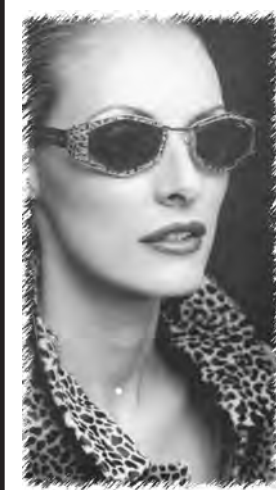
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Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Jr. High Huddles	6:00 p.m.	Team Kid (Age 3 - 6th grade)	6:15 p.m.
Sr High Huddles	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting	6:15 p.m.
		Youth Half-Time	7:30 p.m.



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# Church

## Kingdom of the Son VBS slated July 24-28 at Salado Church of Christ Activity Center

Salado Church of Christ's Vacation Bible School, "Kingdom of the Son: A Prayer Safari," begins 9 a.m. July 24 in the church's activity center.

Each day of the event, which runs through July 28, will feature a Bible story, music, crafts and games to help children ages four through fifth grade (completed) learn to apply the Lord's Prayer in their lives. The details of

each day's lesson theme are as follows:

On July 24 the theme is "God Listens" (Our Father in Heaven: Jesus Teaches about Prayer). A lion will be the featured safari animal mascot used in focusing on God as the living father who listens to prayers.

The following day, a giraffe will be the mascot, teaching the theme "God Provides" (Our Daily Bread: Jesus Feeds

the 5,000). The focus is on God meeting people's needs and enabling them to meet those of others.

The July 26 message will be "God Forgives" (Forgive Us Our Debts: Jesus Tells of the Unforgiving Servant). The zebra will help children study God's forgiveness to people and people's forgiveness of others.

On July 27 the hippo will be the mascot for "God Protects" (Lead

Us Not Into Temptation: Jesus is Tempted), seeing how God helps people to say "no" to temptation.

The VBS closes out July 28 with "God Rules!" The elephant will be used to teach children to praise God for raising Jesus from the dead.

Snacks will be served daily, and each morning's activities will end at 11:30 a.m. Call the church office for more details at 947-5241.

## VBS slated July 29-Aug. 2

### Get away to SonTreasure Island at Grace Baptist

You're invited to SonTreasure Island!

Grace Baptist Church, of Salado, invites all children who have completed kindergarten through sixth grade to come to SonTreasure Island.

Grace Baptist Church will have a preview

and registration for the Vacation Bible School 5-8:30 p.m. July 29. The Vacation Bible School will then begin at 6:15 nightly July 30-Aug. 2.

Grace Baptist Church is just west of Salado proper on FM 2484.

SonTreasure Island creates a tropical adventure

where children will have a great time singing, watching skits, making crafts, playing games and enjoying snacks. But most important, children will discover the amazing treasure of God's love.

"We are looking

forward to sharing this exciting event with the children of Salado," said Joy Hill, director of Vacation Bible School for Grace Baptist Church.

For more information or to register your child, contact Hill at 512-914-9807.

## Concert benefits St. Stephen Catholic Church building fund

Kate Harrod (Pianist/Vocalist) and Denise Thomssen (Flutist) will be performing at St. Stephen Catholic Church parish hall, which is located at 601 F.M. 2268, 7 p.m. Aug. 12.

A donation of \$25 per person will be taken at the door.

All proceeds will go towards the Building Fund of the St. Stephen Catholic Church.

A wine and cheese reception will follow the performance.

For more information, contact Denise Thomssen at (254) 760-1590.



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### Hudson will play piano for Mon. Club

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# TTC-35 hearings near

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](http://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 miles respectively.

## Aldermen to meet July 20

Salado aldermen will discuss outsourcing building inspection, the square footage permitting requirement for storage/accessory buildings and a grandfathering ordinance during their regular meeting 6:30 p.m. July 20 at

the Municipal Building on Stagecoach Road.

Under new business, the board will discuss the following: a request for the village to take over Center Street, the telephone franchise fee ordinance, year-to-date

financials and quarterly report, executive order for golf cart usage at Art Fair.

The board will then adjourn into executive session for consultation with the Village Attorney regarding 2006-07 budget including revenue and tax.

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| <b>July 26</b>   | "Chief Cornerstone"  | Scott Meyer    |
| <b>August 2</b>  | "Advocate"           | Joe Baisden    |
| <b>August 9</b>  | "Lion of Judah"      | Scott Sager    |
| <b>August 16</b> | "Lamb of God"        | Allan Stanglin |
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**Wednesday, August 2nd**  
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For more information, call Joy Hill, VBS director at 512-914-9807



## Vacation Bible School

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## Janda named all-state by coaches, writers

Shae Janda, recently graduated from Salado High School, was named to the Class AA All-State Softball First Team by both the Texas Girls Coaches Association and the Texas Sportswriters Association. This is the second year Janda has made the sportswriters' list.

As a senior Janda led the Lady Eagles both at the plate and on the mound. She paced the team with a .492 batting average, and was also tops in RBI's (23), walks (10), steals (26) and OBP

(.646), and was second on the team in hits (32) and runs scored (18).

On the mound, she appeared in 17 games, compiling an 8-8 record with one save and a 2.25 ERA. She struck out 106 batters in 112 innings pitched. In addition, for the second consecutive year she was named to the Super Centex Second Team by the *Waco Tribune-Herald* and for the third year was named to the All Central Texas Second Team by the *Austin American-Statesman*, both of which recognize top high school talent, regardless of school



Shae Janda

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# Salado Village Guide

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## Jest Jewelry makes return trip to Village

### Art Fair just around the corner

Launched prior to her 2004 wedding as a way for designer Marquette Maresh Reddam to accessorize the gowns of her bridesmaids to match their individual personalities, Jest Jewelry has since grown into a successful boutique business for Reddam, an attorney by trade.

Based out of Austin, Reddam says that Jest Jewelry is the expression of many moods through the artwork of jewelry design. From fanciful and individualistic to chic and glamorous, Reddam believes her designs allow women to discover their own styles and express their true spirits.

And following a successful showing at April's Wildflower Art Show, Reddam will bring her designs to Salado again for the Aug. 5 and 6 Salado Art Fair, which will be held on the banks of the Salado Creek, in Pace Memorial Park.

When not involved in practicing law, Reddam crafts her decadent pieces using gemstones and precious metals that she personally selects.

Drawing on her love of color and interest in all things creative, she strives to compose distinctive accessories that reflect the spirit or mood of the wearer.

Since seriously entering the field of jewelry design in early 2005, the designs of Jest Jewelry have been featured at the Tribeza Designer Showcase and the Tribeza Christmas Wrap in Austin, as well as the Aspasiens Arts and Crafts Fair in Rockwall.

Currently, Jest Jewelry features four different lines. The Elegant Collection combines timeless sophistication with a modern edge, while the Spirited Collection focuses on a woman's "inner rebel." The Glamorous Collection is designed for elegant occasions, and the Vibrant Collection lends flair to any moment.

In addition to her four collections listed above, Reddam will also collaborate with individual customers to create one-of-a-kind pieces to suit personal taste.

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.



Above and bottom page: a necklace and earrings from Jest Jewelry

Admission is set at \$5 for adults, with children 12 and under admitted free of charge. Parking will be free throughout the village, and concessions will be available within the fairgrounds.

For more information about the Salado Art Fair call the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 254-947-5040 or visit [www.salado.com](http://www.salado.com).

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**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**  
**Salado Church of Christ Vacation Bible School**, 9-11:30 a.m. each morning. Free and open to children ages four through fifth grade. The theme of the camp will be "Kingdom of the Son: A Prayer Safari." To register or

for more info call 254-947-5241 or visit the church office.

**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 Cornerstone." Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-5241.

**JULY 26-28**  
**Salado Village Artists Painting Workshop**, with Garnet Bluster, of New Braunsfels. Workshop will focus on still life and rural architecture in

water color and gouash. Price: \$170. Info: email phairal@vvm.com

**JULY 29-AUG. 2**  
**Grace Baptist Church Vacation Bible School**. Preview and registration, 5-8:30 p.m. July 29, VBS to be held 6:15 p.m. July 30-Aug. 2. Theme: "SonTreasure Island." Open to children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Info and registration: Joy Hill, 512-914-9807.

**JULY 30**  
**Texas Historical Marker dedication**, recognizing the congregation of the Salado United Methodist Church, 10:30 a.m. in front of the Historic Sanctuary on Royal Street. Dedication will be followed by a reconsecration of the Historic Sanctuary.

**JULY 31-AUGUST 2**  
**Volleyball camp** for incoming seventh-through-ninth graders, in the SIS gym. Cost: \$30. Registration and info: Coach Bree Holz, 947-6900 ext. 1304 or email bree.holz@saladoisd.org.

**AUGUST 9**  
**Salado Church of Christ Summer Guest Speaker Series**, 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Scott Sager on "Lion of Judah." Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-5241.

**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 16**  
**Salado Church of Christ Summer Guest Speaker Series**, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Speaker: Allan Stanglin on "Lamb of God." Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-5241.

**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.

**AUGUST 23**  
**Salado Church of Christ Summer Guest Speaker Series**, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Speaker: Stan Reid on "Head of the Church." Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-5241.

**SEPTEMBER 1-3**  
**Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Don't Touch that Dial"**, with live music and Vaudeville-style entertainment. Show times: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 1 and 2 and 2 p.m. Sept. 2 and 3. Tickets and info: 254-947-3456 or

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**AUGUST 2**  
**Salado Church of Christ Summer Guest Speaker Series**, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Speaker: Joe Baisden on "Advocate." Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-5241.

**AUGUST 4-6**  
**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 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-

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**SEPTEMBER 9**

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

**SEPTEMBER 15-17**

**Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Don't Touch that Dial,"** with live music and Vaudeville-style entertainment. Show times: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 15 and 16 and 2 p.m. Sept. 16 and 17. Tickets and info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

**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 hhood@tablerock.org.

**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.

**SEPTEMBER 22-24**

**Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Don't Touch that Dial,"** with live music and Vaudeville-style entertainment. Show times: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 22 and 23 and 2 p.m. Sept. 23 and 24. Tickets and info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

**OCTOBER 7-8**

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

**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. Evening will include music from the Freddie

Fuller band, barbecue, live and silent auctions and a casino. Tickets now on sale for \$75 per person, available at the Salado ISD Central Office or at Century 21-Bill Bartlett. For 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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**DECEMBER 12**

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# Huffhines to perform at 'Legends' pre-show

Tablerock Festival of Salado, Inc. will feature Bridgett Huffhines for the Salado Legends pre-show on Aug. 5.

The Salado Legends pre show begins at 7:30 p.m. each evening of performance, July 22, July 29 and Aug. 5. Attendees may purchase tickets for the meal, beginning at 7:15 p.m. After guests eat

in Tablerock's park area they may walk to the amphitheater to attend the 45-minute pre show. Or, attendees who are not eating in the park may come early to watch the pre-show.

Huffhines has been singing around the Central Texas area for the last five years. She signed with Lamon Records located

in Charlotte, NC, in Dec. of 2004 and has had five songs released in 2005 and 2006. She teaches voice and writing in her spare time and has been performing with Johnny Mandell (Elvis) and the Muddcatts (The Beatles) since October 2005 as Patsy Cline.

She says, "I had been singing some of Patsy



A scene from the 2005 season of Salado Legends

Cline's songs for years, but I had to reach deep inside when I started impersonating her to feel each song and really try to capture what Patsy did on stage. There've been many who've told me, 'it's eerie, not only do you sound like her but you look like her on stage,' and that makes me smile. I want to capture the feeling that Patsy put into every song. I believe if you are going to impersonate someone

you should at least do your best to sound and perform the way they did. It took me many months to perfect some of the things she did and so far that hard work has paid off."

Her c.d.'s will be on sale at the Tablerock gift stand.

Dinner reservations for the catered meal are required: \$8 for adult or child. Adult show tickets are \$15, while child (four-12) show tickets are \$5.

Tickets may be purchased in Salado at Fletcher's Antiques, The Salado Mansion, First State Bank, Compass Bank and at ITR on Fort Hood. To charge tickets to Pay Pal use [www.tablerock.org](http://www.tablerock.org). Tickets may be purchased the night of the performance for show only. For groups of 20 or more call 254-947-9205 or write to Tablerock, P.O. Box 312, Salado, TX 76571.

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## VLA director addresses Rotary

Eric Shephard, Artistic Director for Vive Les Arts Theatre, addressed the Rotary Club of Salado July 13 concerning the upcoming season of the Killeen theatre. Shephard, a native of Austin and graduate of Baylor University, taught school after college, and later left the U.S. to live in Europe for a period of time. He returned to professional theater in the U.S., including roles in New York. From there he moved to his current position, directing the Vive Les Arts program.

Shephard contends

that though the budget is limited for his programs at VLA, Killeen is very rich in talent. He gave the example of a military spouse in a current production that has an operatic level voice and a degree in Musical Theater. The military, he says, brings with it talent that is not to be found in other areas, and is well beyond the level of typical cities with populations of 100,000. The actress he cited is currently appearing in "Honky Tonk Laundry," which concludes its fun July 21-23, and features classic country music.

The coming season, which has been titled "The All-American Season," begins Sept. 29 with "Annie Get Your Gun." The other shows on the

schedule are "Moon Over Buffalo" in December, "Crowns" in February, "Our Town" in March, "Swing" in July.

Shephard also expressed his pride in the Children's Theater, which will have six features including a visit from the Missoula Children's Tour. He says he is especially proud of the young Killeen performers that are now featured nationally in commercials for companies such as Oscar Mayer, Blue Bell Ice Cream, and Wing Stop restaurants. Their appearances are sufficiently lucrative to guarantee their college education, Shephard noted.

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# Health and fitness misconceptions

As time goes by, there seems to be more and more misconceptions about people's levels of health and well-being. This week, I would like to list a number of concepts that are considered as completely factual, but in truth, are just marginally accurate. This type of misinformation is what is keeping America unhealthy and diseased.

**"If I look fit, I am healthy."** The way we look and our well-being are not directly related. Sure, most of us are over-fat and under muscled. But, being obsessive and compulsive to attain that rail thin look is how many people create accelerated aging and degenerative disease. You should only work on becoming fit, only after you have developed a high level of health and well-being.

**"The best way to lose weight is to consume fewer calories than I expend."** If you have been reading this column in the past you realize that the supposed "Law of Thermodynamics" is a real pet peeve of mine. It seems every fitness professional with a two day personal training certification is going to tell you the only way to lose weight is to cut the calories and increase your exercise level. I beg to differ, and it is a real mistake to make something so complex so simple. So I believe that this approach will only lead to long term health

## LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By KEVIN McCAULEY



problems.

**"If I eat fat, I will get fat"** We actually need fat intake to burn fat. Also, there are no essential no-fat carbohydrates, but there are plenty of essential fatty acids. Fats keep you satiated and have been severely and incorrectly demonized by western media and medical factions. These fats will kill you though: trans-fat, rancid and excessive omega-6 fatty acid intake (vegetable oils).

**"Jogging is the best exercise for losing weight."** This thought goes hand in hand with the misconception that to become healthy and fit all we have to do is burn more calories than we consume. Jogging is very hard on the body's joints and can create all sorts of over-training and repetitive stress syndrome issues. Fast-walking and short-duration running are far better approaches to improving your health and fitness levels.

**"Sports are a great form of exercise."** Sports were created for fun and entertainment, not improving your health. If you take a good look at the majority of the sports, you will see "high-risk" involved. Proper, or smart exercise, should have little to no risk involved

and you should receive long term benefits, which normally are not attained with sporting/athletic activities.

**"The best way to work the heart is doing something aerobic."** As someone who has been involved in the health and fitness industry for nearly 25 years, I couldn't disagree more. The best way to improve the strength of your heart is through a well thought out resistance training program that has a balanced approach, including functional movements, body-weight and strength training exercises. The cardio-respiratory system gets all sorts of beneficial work

when we squat, lunge, lift, pull and press, plus proper resistance training movements transfer over into everyday life.

**"I don't lift weights because I don't want to get bulky."** This may be the most humorous of all of the misconceptions, because most people don't understand how difficult it is to put on muscle. The problem occurs when people add muscle and fat while they begin working out. If the nutrition is not dialed in properly, people have a tendency to gain weight which is made up of some muscle and even more fat. This leads to that "bulky" look that nobody seems to like. The truth is less than two percent of all women have any chance of ever looking overly muscular because of their estrogen to testosterone

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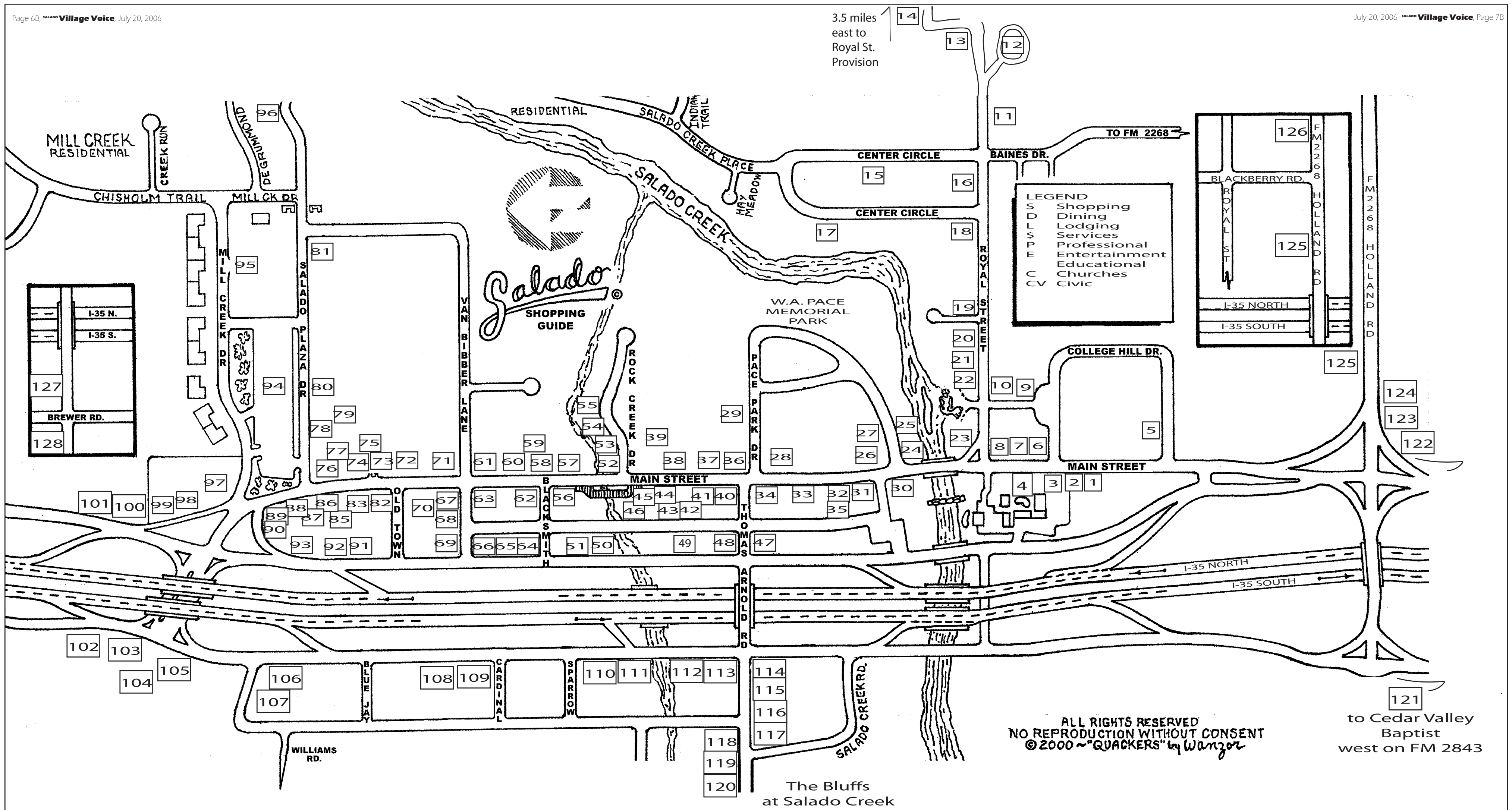
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# Prof. Smith & Emily Stockton honored

By MARYBELLE BROWN

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

**Professor James Lowery Smith and Mrs. Julia Catherine Smith**

James Lowery Smith

## Salado's Heroes

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

was born in Raleigh, North Carolina in 1827.

His family migrated to Alabama and then to Texas. James was the oldest of seven children born to William Berry "Camel Back" Smith and wife. His parents settled near the present town of Cameron in Old Milam District.

James was educated at Baylor at Old Independence under Dr. Rufus C. Bureson and assisted him in teaching. While there he married Julia Catherine McDowell, a native of Charleston, South Carolina and whose parents migrated to Texas when Julia was eight years old. Seven children were born to this union.

When he completed his education James moved with his family to Cameron where he taught in Milam County Liberal Institute.

When the Civil War began James was called into the service but contracted a serious illness and was discharged at an early date.

He then moved with his family to Salado where he served as principal of Salado College from 1863 to 1874 and later from 1879 to 1880.

The College reached its highest enrollment of 307 during this time period.

Historians tell us that Professor Smith and his excellent faculty carried the College to its highest

standard.

The Professor is best remembered for organizing and promoting the "Euphradian Society." This was an opportunity for the older male students to learn parliamentary procedure, debating, and public speaking along with the other subjects which prepared them for success in their professions and avocations in future years.

Many former students of the college became outstanding in the various professions, including business, education, medicine, forensics, and the political arena.

Professor Smith died on January 10, 1883 and is buried in Old Salado Grave Yard. His wife, Julia, is said to be buried beside him but there is no marker indicating that this was true.

### Emily Bumpass Stockton

The role which women have played in the history of our State has often been ignored. We honor the men who have played vital roles in the history and development of the great State of Texas while overlooking the tremendous effort put forth by their wives, widows, and daughters in supporting the efforts of their menfolks and meeting the needs of large families of children and many times elderly parents.

Providing food clothing, shelter, medical care, teaching, a safe environment and bearing children are tasks that were borne by our grandmothers without praise or honors being given. All these were things taken for granted.

We salute Emily Bumpass Stockton because she is a shining example of a pioneer woman who migrated to Texas in 1841, a widow with nine children who made her way from Tennessee to the Republic of Texas in order to be near family members who had migrated earlier.

Emily was born in Laurens District, South Carolina in 1802. She married Douglas Hayden Stockton II in 1818 in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. He was a prosperous merchant owning large plantations in Tennessee and Mississippi. Nine children were born to this union. Mr. Stockton died in Lawrenceburg in 1836.

Emily stayed in Tennessee for five years after her husband's death and then decided to join her sisters who had migrated to Texas and were living in the Brenham and Chappell Hill areas.

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# Temple Storytellers coming to Salado

The Temple Storytellers will meet at 10:15 a.m. July 21, at the Ruth and Everett (Ike) Isakson home on Bishop Drive, in Salado. The group has been meeting weekly at the Temple Library, the three original members having met about four years ago at one of the San Gabriel Writers' League meetings in Georgetown.

Of the three original organizers, Marilyn Johnson of Temple, is perhaps one with the most experience, having worked for a number of years for the *Dallas Morning News*,

first as a PBX operator and finally as a feature writer. She has numerous articles published in magazines and local papers, and is currently having a series published in the Georgetown paper. She has garnered Barclay writing awards.

Marilyn Gaus of Temple has written a number of books, the most compelling is her family's two-year struggle, against all odds and major medical discouragement by sacrifice, patience, persistence, and pluck bring her two-year son from an

almost vegetative state of an autism type disorder to normalcy, as an outgoing teenager. Her book is an organized and medically recognized step-by-step to rescue her child to normalcy. It should be an inspiration and avenue of hope for families facing similar problems. She is currently putting her considerable writing skill into romance-mysteries.

After 30 years as a lawyer for Scott & White, Donna Bowling, of Temple, received a degree in Theology in Austin, and

currently fills in pulpits around the area. She has recently traveled to Cuba and has recorded impressions of that country.

Linda Mullins, of Temple, a former railroad administrator, is the newest member of the group. Childrens' stories are her forte. She adds a light-hearted atmosphere to the group with her tales of the underwater animal world, and has already captured a Barclay writing award.

After the meeting, the group will lunch at Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe.

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They then traveled overland through the mud in an ox-drawn wagon to Brenham, a trip which took ten days.

Emily bought land near Brenham and stayed there a few years. She then moved to Evergreen, a village located where the present town of Giddings is located.

Here she kept a tavern. This was on the main

travel route between Austin to Houston and many famous travelers stopped there.

Some of her family had migrated to Salado and Emily chose to join them.

For a while she and a sister managed Old Salado Hotel, then known as the Lone Star Hotel.

Emily died on

December 13, 1882 and is buried in Old Salado Grave Yard. A Citizen of the Republic of Texas Marker has been placed at her grave site by members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

The story of Emily's life can be found in **Worthy Mothers of Texas.**

FROM PAGE 8B

## HEALTH MISCONCEPTIONS

ratios. Plus, after the age of 30, the majority of men and women have to work very hard just to hold on to any muscle they have, let alone, continue putting it on.

**"Increased dietary cholesterol intake leads to an increase in serum cholesterol levels."** You can look this one up yourselves, but you will find that there is no relationship between increased dietary cholesterol intake and increased serum cholesterol levels. I think you will find that the majority of cholesterol

issues in America are caused by damaged metabolisms created by the increased intake of damaged fats (saturated and unsaturated) and refined carbohydrates/sugars that increase insulin responses. This misconception is quite unfortunate, as it causes a large portion of our society not to eat eggs. In my opinion the egg produced by the free-range organically fed chicken is one of the best foods available today.

**"Type II diabetes is hereditary."** The truth is we are just damaging our metabolisms at a faster

rate than ever before, thus children now have Adult Onset Diabetes. This disease is a lifestyle disease and the only reason it "runs in the family" is because of the poor habits that are passed on from one generation to another.

**"Taking a one-a-day synthetic vitamin and mineral supplement will take care of any inadequacies in my everyday diet."** A proper nutritional program is the most important thing you can do in improving the state of your health. Taking a synthetic supplement once a day is not. This

misconception may be the most maddening of the 10, as how could a cheap synthetic supplement full of all sorts of fillers and indigestible micro-nutrients make up for poor nutrition habits that take place 24/7/365? It can't! And, it doesn't!

Unfortunately the health and fitness industry is full of misinformation that has become known to many as fact. If you have questions about your health and fitness program, please e-mail me so that I can answer your question in this column.

FROM PAGE 5B

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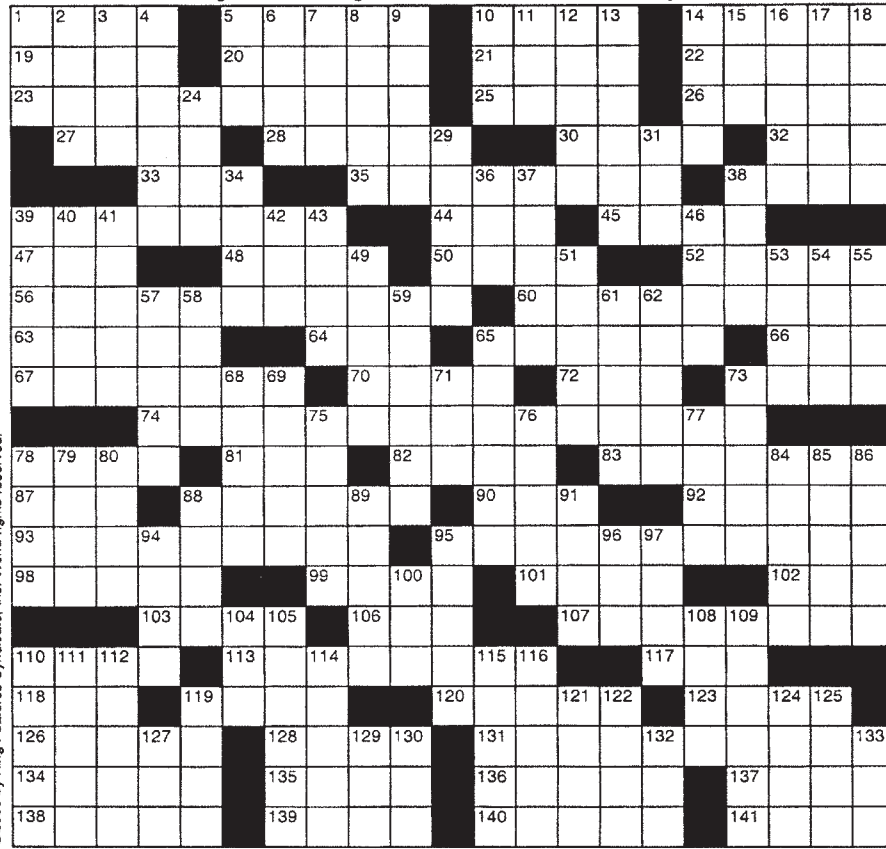
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- ACROSS**  
1 Exercise target  
5 Actuate  
10 Boston —  
14 Denzel Washington film  
19 Kansas city  
20 — incognita  
21 Comfort  
22 "Middle-march" author  
23 Butcher-shop buy  
25 Modern Mesopotamia  
26 Numerical word form  
27 Theater collection  
28 Director Michael  
30 Satyric trait  
32 Vim  
33 Bond rating  
35 Neapolitan song  
38 Work over?  
39 Tarnish  
44 PBS benefactor  
45 Mrs. Nick Charles  
47 ABA member  
48 Shipshape  
50 Standard  
52 Court cry  
56 Start of a Nash verse  
60 Maestro Arturo
- 63 Opening remark?  
64 To and —  
65 Rang  
66 Rapper Tone —  
67 Rained and snowed  
70 Kruger of "High Noon"  
72 "— vous plait"  
73 To boot  
74 Bach favorite  
78 Hostage  
81 New Deal agcy.  
82 — May Oliver  
83 Most enthusiastic  
87 Diminutive suffix  
88 Make  
90 Say please  
92 Actress Zellweger  
93 Connecticut county  
95 It's a guy thing  
98 Perplexed  
99 WWII site  
101 Kenwood competitor  
102 Glowing  
103 No, to Nureyev  
106 Cougar Asian soldier  
107 Haphazard  
110 Disney dog
- 113 George Peppard series  
117 Korf or Sara  
118 What a feller needs  
119 Keeping  
120 Give in to gravity  
123 Walked  
126 Diacritical mark  
128 Author Ambler  
131 Famed disc jockey  
134 Irving's "The — New Hampshire"  
135 Amneris' rival  
136 Messy Madison  
137 European country  
138 High-tech misses  
139 Expensive  
140 Uses a trepan  
141 TV's "Ding — School"
- DOWN**  
1 Trim  
2 Sampras strokes  
3 Soap additive  
4 Chicken little?  
5 "— been ages!"
- 6 "Simple Simon — . . ."  
7 Type of sch.  
8 Thalia's sister  
9 Albert and Victoria  
10 Mile High Center architect  
11 Boathouse item  
12 Sacred song  
13 Costume sparkler  
14 Kid  
15 Castilian cry  
16 Hefty herbivore  
17 Short messages  
18 Stick 'em in your ear  
24 Actor Morales  
29 Singer Summer  
31 — Canals  
34 Composer Thomas  
36 August one?  
37 Big revolver?  
38 Holstein's home  
39 Rome's — of Caracalla  
40 Lucy's landlady  
41 Marker  
42 "Aladdin" frame
- 43 Grapefruit serving  
46 Way  
49 Deck of destiny  
51 Dewy  
53 Pickling herb  
54 Baseball's Slaughter architect  
55 Puerto —  
57 City on the Allegheny  
58 Reply to the Little Red Hen  
59 One who no's best?  
61 Smug smile  
62 "The Color Purple" character  
65 Kirsch kin  
68 Sgt. Bilko  
69 Campus digs  
71 Designer Lapidus  
73 Bronte's "— Grey"  
75 Tom, Dick, and Harry  
76 Skater Cohen  
77 Franco of "Camelot"  
78 Cougar  
79 Landed  
80 Gets hitched  
84 "— Gay"  
85 Big rigs  
86 Choppers  
88 Deal with a dragon
- 89 Newsboy's shout  
91 Kamm or Kristofferson  
94 Contradict  
95 Harnessed the oxen  
96 Bird of prey  
97 Abbreviated address  
100 Sodom escapee  
104 JFK abbr.  
105 Fine fiber  
108 Compassion  
109 Moved like  
116 Down  
110 Woodworking tool  
111 Postulate  
112 Nile feature  
114 Mysterious  
115 Iron clothes?  
116 Animal that roared?  
119 Convent cubicle  
121 Namu or Willy  
122 Bloomsbury buggy  
124 Roy Rogers' birthplace  
125 Bruce or Laura  
127 "Agnus —"  
129 Journalist Tarbell  
130 Roller-coaster unit  
132 "— longa, vita brevis"  
133 Brew barrel



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West dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♦ 10 7 6 5 2  
♥ 5 4  
♦ 10 8 7 4  
♣ A Q  
**WEST**  
♠ 9 4  
♥ A Q  
♦ J 9 5 2  
♣ J 10 9 6 4  
**EAST**  
♠ A J 8 3  
♥ 8 3  
♦ K 6 3  
♣ 8 7 3 2  
**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q  
♥ K J 10 9 7 6 2  
♦ A Q  
♣ K 5

The bidding:  
West Pass North Pass East Pass South Pass  
Opening lead — Jack of clubs.

### You just can't trust anyone

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Dear Mr. Becker: Here is an interesting hand that came up in our regular Thursday-night game. South opened fourth-hand with four hearts, and West led the jack of clubs.

Declarer won with dummy's queen and led a trump, finessing the nine. He had decided it was better to take a trump finesse rather than a diamond finesse at trick two because, if the heart nine lost to the queen, he would still have the diamond finesse to fall back on. He would not have the same advantage if he tried the diamond finesse first and it lost.

However, things didn't work out quite the way South planned. West, a shrewd cookie, won the jack of trumps with the ace (!) and returned a club to dummy's ace. Convinced that East had the queen of trumps, declarer led another trump and finessed the ten. This lost to West's queen, and South later lost a spade and a diamond to go down one.

Declarer surely would have made the contract had West won the first trump lead with the queen. In that case, South would have tried a diamond finesse and gotten home safe and sound.

You might marvel at West's sagacity in winning the first trump lead with the ace instead of the queen. But, upon reflection, I think he made the right play. From West's viewpoint, it was far more beneficial to the defense to induce declarer to lead another trump from dummy at trick four than a diamond or a spade through East.

I also think it's hard to blame declarer for having swallowed the bait by electing to repeat the heart finesse. They say that South's face, when West produced the queen of hearts at trick four, was like that of a tormented gorilla. I wouldn't know. I was South. Sincerely, Devoted Reader.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

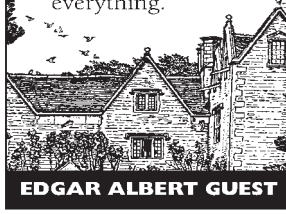
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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9	6	2	3	8	1	4		
5	4	8	6	2	7	1		
3	7	1	4	5	9	6		
1	8	6	5	4	3	7		

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FLAB	IMPEL	POPS	JOHNO
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TRONES	EAK	IRAO	SEPTI
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AAA	GSOLE	MO	BOSIS
BESMIRCH	NEA	NORA	
ATT	NEAT	NORM	ORDIER
THEONE	LAMA	TOSCANINI	
HELLO	FRO	CHIMED	LOG
SLEETED	OTTO	SIL	ALISIO
AIRO	THEG	STRING	
PAWN	NRA	EDNA	KEENESE
ULE	SIMMER	ASK	RENEE
MIDDLE	SEX	YCHROMOSOME	
ATSEA	STILO	AWA	LIT
NYET	ROK	SLAPDAISH	
LADY	THEATEAM	MIA	
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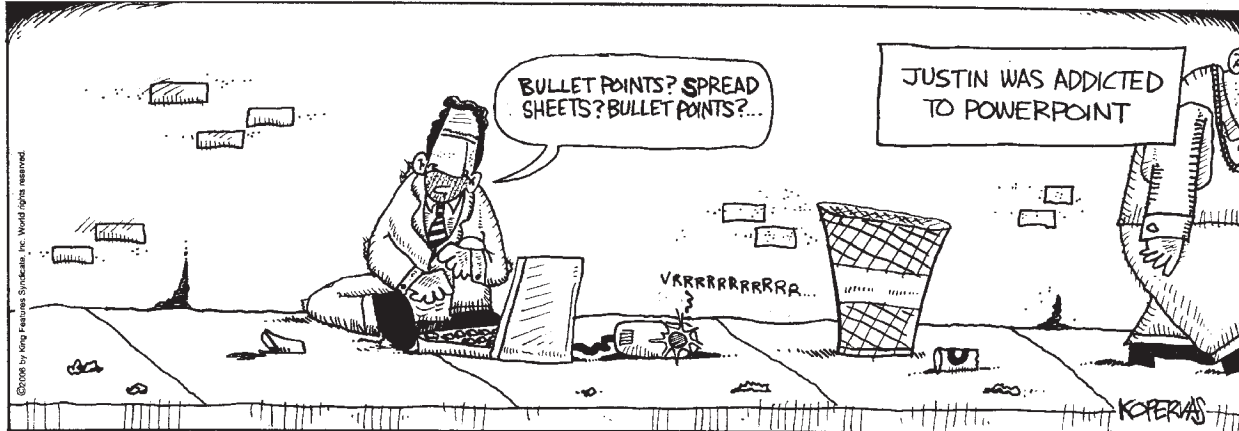
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by Dave T. Phipps



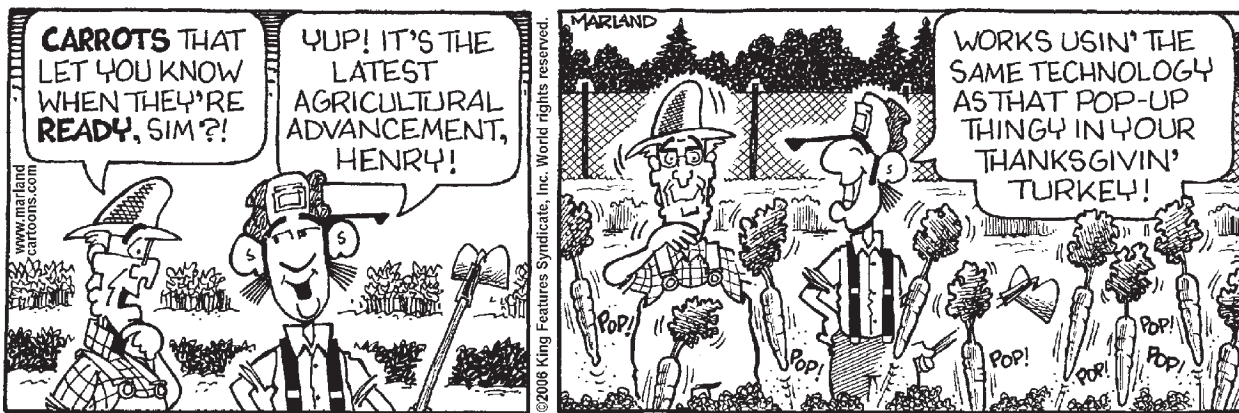
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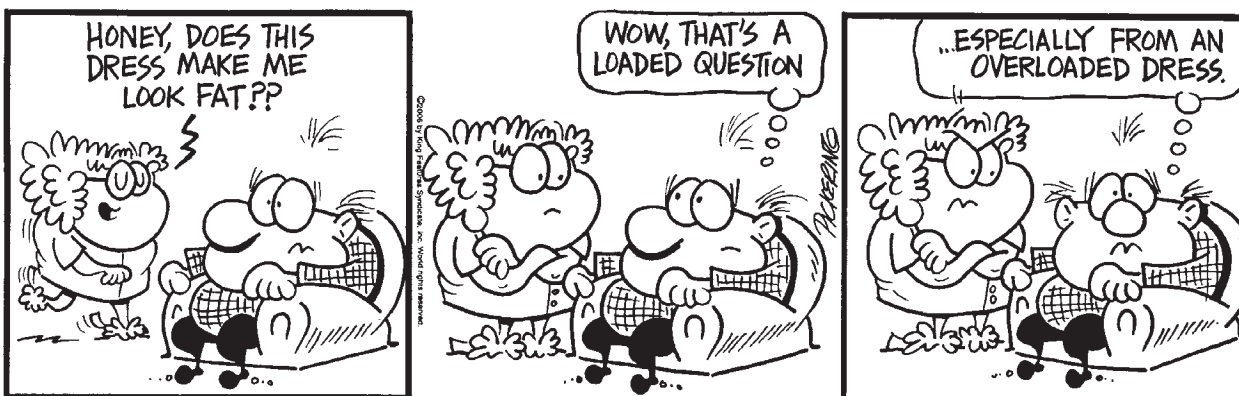
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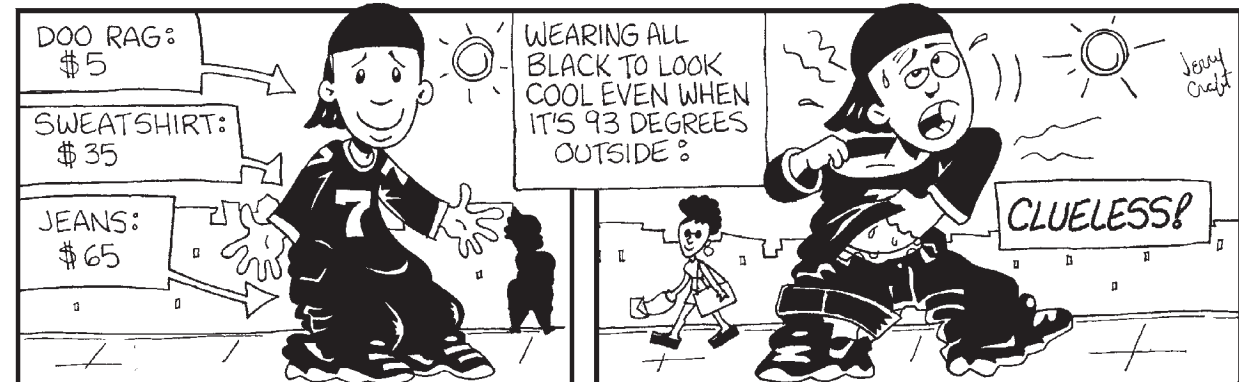
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# The Garden Bug

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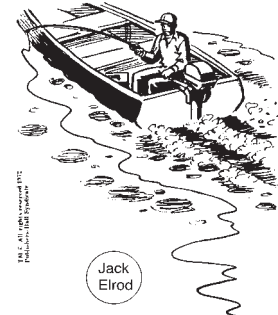
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Pascoe uses traditional construction techniques, using only solid woods. "There is no press board or fiber board in my work," Pascoe says. "I use mortise and tenon glue joints and a minimum of mechanical fasteners." The General Store design is very flexible, allowing for the creation of cabinet bases, tables, bookcases and the breakfront pictured here. The entire collection can be seen at [saladosawmill.com/generalstore.html](http://saladosawmill.com/generalstore.html).

Pascoe says he can design to your specification. "Just bring in a picture or sketch of something you're interested in and your specific requirements, like dimensions and wood type. I'll provide you with a bid and we can go from there. Pascoe has several other lines, including Arts and Crafts and Country Pine.

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# The cat ballet at Lea's house

by  
 Tumbleweed  
 Smith



Lea Whitehead spent 35 years in Houston working in public relations. She had collected antiques all those years, and when she retired to her hometown of Big Spring, she bought a one hundred year old house to display them. She is the fifth owner of the house, which has always been occupied.

"The downstairs has never been changed," says Lea. "The upstairs used to be one big room but now it has three rooms. The cupola has been removed."

Lea has a huge collection of Jewel Tea items: bowls, glasses, plates. Years ago these were given away as gifts to people who bought Jewel Tea merchandise.

Lea also collects cats. "They all just came up. I feed them and neuter them and if they want to

stay, they can. Some do and some don't."

They all have names. "Tasmanian, Shoes, Cry Baby, Freddie, Gabby, Fuzzy, Lady Bug, Groucho, Sweetie and Whisper."

She named Groucho because he has a little mustache. The other day he did an amazing thing.

"He is a fantastic mouser. He found some mice in the kitchen. I didn't know they were there. But he was acting very funny. Under my built-in oven there is a

cabinet and he was walking back and forth in front of it and sniffing and trying to open it and then he got on point.


"Cats lie down when they're on point. They don't stand up like a dog. Groucho would not move from that cabinet. He stayed there two and a half days stalking those mice. And every time one came out, he nabbed him. He did not rest or sleep or move until he got those mice."

Groucho finally caught five of them. And that is

when the fun started.

"The last mouse he had, while the poor little thing was still alive, he did his mystical toe dance that Siamese cats do, but you seldom see them do it. He brought the mouse in the room I was in and threw the mouse up about six feet, then jumped up about a foot off the floor and twirled. Then he caught the mouse when it came down. It was just incredible.

"I'd give anything if I had been able to get it on film. He looked wild. His eyes were flashing. It was really kind of sad. The little mice were so cute. They were just a couple of inches long. And that last little mouse was just squeaking while Groucho was doing his ballerina dance. It was just amazing."




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Central Texas College has announced its summer registration schedule for central and Fort Hood campuses, with new student orientation being held Aug. 25

CTC will begin registration for the Fall 2006 semester at its central and Fort Hood campuses this month. For the central campus, registration will be held July 31-Aug. 25, with classes starting Aug. 28. Online and telephone registration for returning students and academic advisement will be held July 31-Aug. 11. During this time, students may register on their assigned day which is based on the last four digits of their social security number.

Students may register by either calling 254-526-1717 or online at [www.ctcd.edu](http://www.ctcd.edu) during the scheduled registration days. The hours of operation for the admissions, counseling and enrollment services are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 to 11 a.m. on Fridays. Class schedules are also available online at the same web address. Walk-in registration for both new and returning students will be Aug. 14- Aug. 25. Late registration will be conducted Aug. 28-31.

New student orientation will be 9 a.m. Aug. 25 in the Nursing and Science Building (Bldg. 150), room 1075. To sign up, call 254-526-1258.

For CTC's Fort Hood campus, registration will be July 24 through August 11. Civilians, dependents and retired military students may register online or via telephone by calling 254-526-1717. Active duty military personnel may use these options or register now using the GoArmy Ed portal, provided they use Army tuition assistance.

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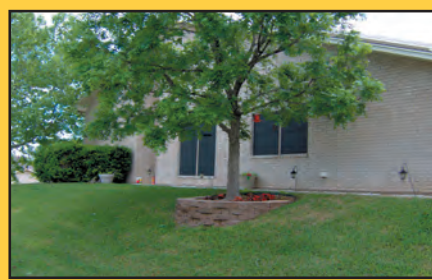
Valerie, Ann, Melanie, Paul, Bill, Debbie, and Sue Ellen.



**\$152,700:** Nice open kitchen, living, dining floorplan. Split bedrooms, covered back porch, fenced yard on cul-de-sac in Salado. Built in 2004. 3 BR/2 BA on almost 1 acre lot.



**\$157,900:** Rustic home on a beautiful lot in Mill Creek. Rough beams, wood floors & beaded board inside adds lots of charm.



**\$169,900:** Located in Chisholm Ridge Townhomes, this townhome is convenient to Mill Creek Golf Course. Large master BR is downstairs and two large BRs upstairs. Lots of storage. Nice deck and balcony. Solar screens. Very clean and nice to show. \$130 per month in homeowner's fees.



**\$211,900:** All brick beauty on corner lot! This 4 BR, 2 BA, has a comfortable split floor plan. Tiled kitchen, baths, utility, living & dining; carpet in bedrooms. Custom cabinets in kitchen with granite countertops. Large covered back patio. Side entry garage, gutters, sprinkler system. Complete in late summer 2006.



**\$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. Spectacular condition and tastefully decorated.



**\$259,000:** Come stay & play! Located across the street from Mill Creek Golf course pro shop, this is the place to be. Recently refurbished, this is a true showplace. Property goes to the middle of Salado Creek. Use as a second home because all furnishings will convey.



**\$324,700:** Overlook the 3rd fairway on Mill Creek Golf Course through a large plate glass window as you enter the front door of this home. Relax on the covered back porch & watch the golfers. Features include: 2 car garage with golf cart entrance, study or 4th BR, stainless steel appliances, & raised ceilings.



**\$375,000:** Early Texas architecture design, carved keystones for front windows, 8' porches than span from the front & rear living areas. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, den, LR, DR, pantry, utility room, 2 bonus rooms. This home is on two lots with an adjacent lot available.

**Residential Listings**

1307 Natasha, Salado	\$	53,900	UC
1015 Old Mill Rd. #6, Salado	\$	69,500	
2802 FM 3117, Temple	\$	80,000	
5308 W. Ridge, Temple	\$	98,500	
240 Thomas Arnold, Salado	\$	99,700	UC
8721 Oakbend Cove, Temple	\$	149,900	
11222 Salado Hts., Salado	\$	154,900	
124 Prairie Lane, Salado	\$	152,700	
918 N. Ridge, Salado	\$	157,900	
600 Amanda Circle	\$	162,500	UC
519 Creek Run Dr. Salado	\$	164,500	UC
3901 Chisholm Tr. #12, Salado	\$	169,900	
605 Spring Ct, Belton	\$	211,900	
335 College Hill, Salado	\$	215,700	
600 Whispering Oaks, Salado	\$	218,000	
1425 Bishop Dr. Salado	\$	219,000	
616 Spring Ct., Belton	\$	224,900	
493 Elmer King Rd., Salado	\$	228,700	
2408 Smith Bluff Rd., Salado	\$	219,000	
499 Cottontail Tr., Temple, 29 acres	\$	229,000	
380 Salado Creek Rd., Salado	\$	229,000	
1104 S. Ridge, Salado	\$	229,000	
1221 Yellow Rose, Salado	\$	232,500	
1635 Hidden Springs, Salado	\$	249,000	
4443 Solana Ranch Rd, Salado	\$	236,900	
1635 Hidden Springs	\$	249,000	
4401 Solana Ranch Rd, Salado	\$	249,700	
2010 Old Mill Road	\$	259,000	
513 Royal View, Salado	\$	299,000	
408 OW Lowrey, Salado	\$	307,000	

2716 Winners Circle, Salado	\$	324,700
111 Tallwood, Salado	\$	329,700
200 Carriage House, Salado	\$	349,700
6800 Hackberry, Salado	\$	350,000 UC
818 Hillcrest Dr., Salado	\$	375,000
2743 Hester Way, Salado	\$	386,900 UC

**Lots & Homesites**

5.24 acres Salado Creek	\$	299,900
5 acres, Hidden Springs, Indian Pass	\$	65,500
4 ac, Burgess Rd, Little River	\$	50,000
<b>Mill Creek Lots: Only a FEW Golf Course lots left!!</b>		
Mill Creek Springs III: Only two lots left	\$	45,000 \$48,000
Mill Creek Springs IV	\$	29,000 and up
Mill Creek Springs V: Just released		
Views, trees, park & more	\$	38,000 and up
1014 Arrowhead, Mill Creek, Salado	\$	55,000
Lot 15, Eagle Rock Ranch	\$	59,500
Lot 8, b 19 Denmans Loop, Belton	\$	15,000 UC
Lot 54, Hidden Springs, 2.01 ac	\$	24,900
Heritage Subdivision: 1-3 acre wooded lots, near Salado, Restricted.		

**Unimproved Properties**

151 Acres, 5 miles S. of Salado
64.19 acres, NE Loop 363, Temple
64 ac, Hwy 95, Little River Academy
27.64 acres, Hwy 317
9.1 ac, I-35, Salado

**Services**

**Avon - to buy or sell** call Margaret 254-947-3238 7/13-8/4b

**Dog walking, house-sitting, Pet Care, Senior Care.** Call 254-8565 Mill Creek Resident, references available. 7/13-7/20p

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**Ordinance No. 2006.13  
Village of Salado  
County of Bell  
State of Texas  
July 6, 2006**

**VILLAGE ACCOUNT 2005 – 2006 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS AMENDING THE 2005 – 2006 VILLAGE ACCOUNT BUDGET, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Code allows local governments to amend the budget as needed; and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen did not use all of the funds budgeted to renovate the municipal building and therefore wish to use the excess plus an additional \$11,409.00 to build/renovate public restrooms at Pace Park.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.**

In order to build/renovate restrooms in Pace Park, the 2005 – 2006 Village Account Budget is hereby amended as follows:

- Reduce account 7402 – Building, from \$125,000.00 to \$92,409.00
  - Increase account 7406 – Pace Park Renovation, from \$0.00 to \$43,527.00
- PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** on the 6th day of July, 2006.

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**2100 Bluff Circle**  
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**1209 Old Mill Road**  
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**1 Jones Circle**  
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**1011 Brookhollow Circle**  
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**3901 Chisholm Tr. #4**  
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**Rustic home on a beautiful creek lot in Mill Creek.** Rough beams, wood floors and bead board inside add lots of charm. \$160,499 Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050 6/01/tfnf

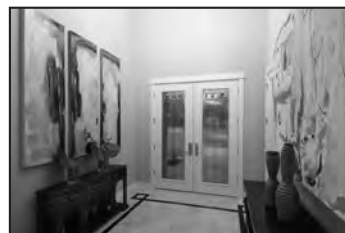
**New home in Mill Creek Springs.** Custom craftsmanship seen throughout this 3 BR/2 BA/2 car garage home. Spacious kitchen with Granite counters. Take the virtual tour at www.salado.net. **Priced at \$259,900.** Call First Texas Brokerage, (254) 947-5577  
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**Land for Sale**

**For sale by owner 4.82 acre** lot with many trees and beautiful building site. Quality restrictions, Salado schools, water well

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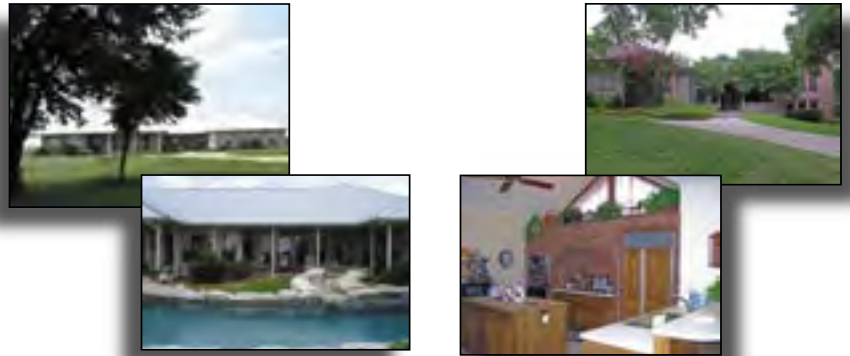
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## Drawings set for TPWD Fall hunts

With the fall hunting season looming on the horizon, now's the time to apply for drawn public hunts. For more than 50 years, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has been offering quality, affordable hunting experiences through the special drawings for hunts offered through the department's Public Hunting Program.

During the upcoming hunting seasons, more than 5,000 hunters will be selected through random computer drawings allowing access to some of the state's high-quality managed wildlife habitat.

Wildlife management areas, state parks and leased private property will be offering quality supervised hunts for white-tailed deer, mule deer, pronghorn, javelina, alligator, exotics, feral hog and spring turkey.

Through an application process, hunters can select from among 28 different hunt categories and choose a preferred hunt date and location from 67 hunt areas stretching across the state. There's even a provision for hunting buddies to apply as a group -- in some cases four hunters can apply together on one application.

Eight free youth-only hunt categories are available to hunters who are between the ages of 8-16 at the time of application. All hunt positions are randomly selected in a computer drawing from all correctly completed entries received by the specified deadline.

A guided bighorn sheep hunt at a West Texas Wildlife Management Area will be offered this year depending on the availability of a bighorn sheep permit.

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# Why aren't more states requiring bottles to be returned?

Dear EarthTalk: The soda bottle I'm holding only lists a few U.S. states and deposit amounts on it. Aren't more than just a few states requiring that bottles be returned for recycling? -- Calvin Terry, Castine, ME

Currently 11 American states have "bottle bill" laws on the books that require a deposit of usually five or 10 cents on beer and soda cans and bottles that can be redeemed when empties are returned to the store. The state of Oregon pioneered such legislation, passing the first U.S. bottle bill back in 1971. Hawaii has the newest one, enacted in 2002. Meanwhile, all but two of Canada's 13 provinces (the remote Northwest Territories and Nunavut) have bottle bills. As with the American laws, Canada's provinces require deposits on all beverage containers other than those containing milk.

The Container Recycling Institute (CRI), an advocacy group based in Washington, DC, works for the passage of new bottle bills and the strengthening of existing ones. According to CRI, bottle bills make sense because they encourage recycling and, in conjunction with curbside recycling programs, extend the life of landfills by keeping cans and bottles out. Indeed, recycling rates in states with bottle bills can be as much as three times higher than in states



without them.

Such programs also help reduce litter. Studies have shown that beverage container legislation has reduced total roadside litter by as much as 64 percent in regions with bottle bills. Another documented benefit has been a reduction in incidences of glass laceration, simply because fewer glass bottles end up broken on sidewalks, streets and in kids' play areas. One Massachusetts study attributed a 60 percent decline in reported childhood glass lacerations once the state's bottle bill went into effect.

Despite these benefits, however, many beverage manufacturers oppose bottle bills, arguing that the five to 10 cents added to the price of their products deters customers even though the deposits are redeemable. These companies have

effectively squelched bottle bills in many U.S. states through the sheer power of their lobbying efforts. Anheuser-Busch, Coca-Cola and Pepsi and others have spent millions fighting bottle bills, complaining that such legislation duplicates community recycling programs already in place.

But CRI says the argument has been "wrongly cast in either/or terms," that refundable deposits and curbside recycling programs are not mutually exclusive and should be part of a comprehensive approach to recycling: "If the goal is to maximize recovery of recyclables [and] reduce reliance on raw materials for manufacturing new containers...then a combination of recovery options should be employed to ensure the highest...recovery rates possible."

Beverage sales are growing, especially bottled water and other non-carbonated drinks. And the waste has been growing as well. According to CRI, some 118 billion aluminum,

glass and plastic beverage containers were discarded and not recycled in 2002 alone, more than double the number 20 years earlier. The main issue is really who should pay the costs of recycling. Refundable deposits are fair, says CRI, because they put the costs on the producers and consumers of the beverages instead of on the local communities and taxpayers.

CONTACT: Container Recycling Institute, www.container-recycling.org.

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Dear EarthTalk: What are the implications of the massive thaw that is taking place right now in Western Siberia? -- Brad Arnold, St. Louis Park, MN

Russian researchers returned from an exploratory mission in Western Siberia last year to report that the world's largest frozen peat bog there, land as large as France and Germany combined, was quickly melting away "into shallow lakes." Sergei Kirpotin, a botanist at Russia's Tomsk State University and the leader of the research effort, told the journal New Scientist that the situation was an "ecological landslide that is probably irreversible and is undoubtedly connected to climatic warming."

The main worry is that as much as a billion tons of methane--a "greenhouse gas" 20 times more potent than carbon dioxide--could be rapidly released from the bog, where it has been sitting harmlessly for thousands of years. This flush of methane into the atmosphere could, in turn, further warm the atmosphere.

Western Siberia has warmed faster than almost any other area of the planet, with an average temperature increase of about three degrees Celsius over the last four decades alone. Kirpotin believes that man-made climate change, combined with cyclical changes in atmospheric circulation caused by melting ice, is to blame. Similar patterns are developing in

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# Hunts

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Hunters who have been drawn in the special permit hunts are not required to use a tag off their hunting license on white-tailed or mule deer that are taken. The hunters will be issued the free TPWD Legal Deer Tag at the area when they bring their harvested animal to the check station. This will allow the public hunters

additional opportunity to use their license tags.

The application fee for adult applicants in most of the public hunt drawings is \$3 per adult person on the application. Successfully drawn hunters pay an additional Special Permit fee (\$75-125 in most cases) for a one-to-four-day hunt.

Special Permit fees do not apply to drawn hunts for pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, guided hunts at Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area, and drawn hunts on private land. Guided hunts and private land hunts cost \$10 per adult

person on the application.

The application deadline for alligator hunts is Aug. 2. For pronghorn antelope hunts on the Rita Blanca National Grasslands north of Dalhart, the deadline is Aug. 17. Bowhunters also have until Aug. 17 to apply for special drawn public archery hunts. Deadline for the Guided Bighorn Sheep Hunt is August 31. Entries for the general season deer hunts must be received by Sept. 7.

Last year TPWD received 33,999 applications for the 5,737 positions offered in special drawn hunt categories.

Information and applications for Special Permit hunts are available on the Public Hunting Web site. Application booklets are currently being mailed to hunters who applied for special permit drawn hunts last year. The booklets will also be available at TPWD law enforcement offices in late July. Information about Special Permit drawn hunts can be found on-line or by calling toll free (800) 792-1112.

In addition to the drawn hunts, hunters can enter for the opportunity to win one or more of TPWD's Big Time Texas Hunts exciting hunt packages.

The BTTH program offers some of the finest guided hunts in the state. Proceeds from BTTH pay for wildlife conservation work and additional public hunting opportunities in Texas.

This year's BTTH line-up offers the following hunt packages:

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Entries for the BTTH hunt packages are still only \$10 and hunters can purchase them at any license vendor location or with a major credit card online or by phone at (800) 895-4248. Participants must be age 18 or older to enter and may apply as many times as they like. The deadline to apply in the BTTH drawings is midnight Nov. 1.

**Ordinance No. 2006.09**

**HOTEL/MOTEL 2005 – 2006 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS AMENDING THE 2005 – 2006 HOTEL/MOTEL BUDGET, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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	\$ 1,425.00
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

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In 2001, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, an international group of climate researchers, estimated that global temperatures could rise as much as 5.8 degrees Celsius by 2100, thanks to known sources of greenhouse gas emissions. According to Viner, scientists did not even anticipate the possibility of events like this when making their predictions, and how much they could add to the warming.

Environmentalists are using the Western Siberia findings to step up pressure on world leaders to take concerted action on climate change. Says Tony Juniper, director of Friends of the Earth in the United Kingdom: "If we don't take action very soon, we could unleash runaway global warming that will be beyond our control and it will lead to social, economic and environmental devastation worldwide. There's still time to take action, but not much."

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