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## Preview Party set at Inn on Creek for Art Fair Aug. 4

The Salado Chamber of Commerce will kick off the celebration of its 40th Annual Salado Art Fair with a Preview Party 7-9 p.m. Aug. 4 on the grounds of Inn on the Creek.

Fred Fuller, Salado's well-known singing cowboy, will perform for party-goers who will also enjoy light hors d'oeuvres by Inn on the Creek and wine from Salado Wine Seller.

Many of the 100 artists and craftsmen showing at the Salado Art Fair Aug. 5-6 have donated items to be auctioned during the evening.

Dress is casual. Reservations can be made by calling the Chamber office, 947-5040.

Admission is \$20 per person.

The Art Fair will be Aug. 5-6 in Pace Park.



A giclee of the poster artwork for the Salado Art Fair will be auctioned off during the Preview Party Aug. 4. The artwork is by George Boutwell, who is the Texas State Artist for 2006-07. Read more about Boutwell on Page 1B.

## Village will outsource future building inspections

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Village of Salado may soon begin outsourcing its building inspections after aldermen authorized Mayor Rick Ashe to begin negotiations with Bureau Veritas.

"Based on their credentials and services they provide, I have not seen anyone who provides that level of service," Bruno Matarazzo, code enforcement officer for the Village of Salado, told the board of aldermen.

Matarazzo currently conducts the inspections for the Village, in addition to his duties as an investigative police officer on the police force.

Under the contract, once approved by the Board of Aldermen, Bureau Veritas will handle the inspection process from plan review in the beginning to issuing certificates of occupancy at the conclusion.

"This will be exceptionally more cost efficient for the Village," Matarazzo said.

Matarazzo explained to the board that Bureau Veritas would send a "start up team" to Salado to work with Matarazzo, Village Secretary Dianna Zulauf and other building officials for the Village in establishing a work plan.

After the contract has been reviewed by Village Attorney Alan Bojorquez, aldermen will likely formally adopt it in August.

In other business at their Aug. 20 meeting, aldermen changed the requirement for

a building permit for storage buildings. Storage buildings in excess of 150 sq. ft. will require a building permit and inspection, while storage buildings of 25-150 sq. ft. will only require an inspection.

The board also approved a Grandfathering Ordinance, which regulates developments and construction which have been approved under previous zoning or subdivision regulations. The ordinance provides a timeframe in which a project must be completed before it must come back for approval. The complete ordinance can be found on the Village of Salado website, www.villageofsalado.org.

Village Treasurer Eldon Miller informed aldermen that the Village is running approximately \$31,000 over budget for income nine months through the fiscal year. The Village budgeted \$407,600 in income through June, but has actualized \$438,336.84.

The Village has spent \$205,616.47 in operating expenses, which is almost \$10,000 less than budgeted. For capital outlay, the Village has spent \$155,000, which is almost \$22,000 more than the board budgeted for capital outlay expenses in 2006. The capital outlay expenses were \$125,000 for the municipal building renovations and \$30,000 for a backhoe.

Aldermen took no action on a citizen request for the Village to take over Center Street.

## Oh, Snidely! Melodrama takes stage at Silver Spur

Salado: If you have seen a six foot gorilla cooling off in the creek or a man dressed in all black wool complete with cape and top hat chasing an innocent maiden through the streets of the village this week do not be alarmed. It is not a delusion caused by your over exposure to our triple digit heat wave.

No it's some certifiably creative people putting together the film portion of this year's Silver Spur Melodrama.

This will be the second annual production of this almost traditional form of entertainment.

This year's show, The Complete History of Bell County (Abridged), will once again feature villains, heroes, damsels

in distress, and the citizens of our fair village.

Last year's satirical look at life in Salado, Texas, USA was a resounding success and this year's production cast and crew have been working diligently to exceed that performance.

Gary Askins, the author and recently retired master teacher from Salado High School, promises, "There will be no political issue, politician or public official left unskewed -- if that is a word. I really enjoyed the response to last year's effort so we kept most of the same characters and just updated the one liners and hopefully humorous observations about life beside the access ramp of I-35. During my

research I did discover a legendary creature that we added to the show. We're calling him the Salado Sasquatch because his Native American Indian name is unpronounceable and actually means the creature that shall go nameless. This is a fun audience participation show and I would urge folks to bring their family and friends because we keep a list of who doesn't show up and then we talk about them during the performance."

The melodrama will have presentations starting Aug. 4 and continuing through each weekend until Aug. 20.

The Silver Spur Theatre is a completely modern showplace that was



Snidely Whiplash (Kevin C. Carr) threatens Penelope Trueheart (Penny Esch) in Silver Spur Melodrama.

created by Grainger and Penny Esch from an old abandoned grain storage facility on Royal Street.

It is completely air-

conditioned and its theatrical state of the art lighting and sound system provide the perfect venue for family fun.

Call The Salado Silver Spur Theatre for ticket and showtime information at 947-3456. Or visit www.saladosilverspur.com



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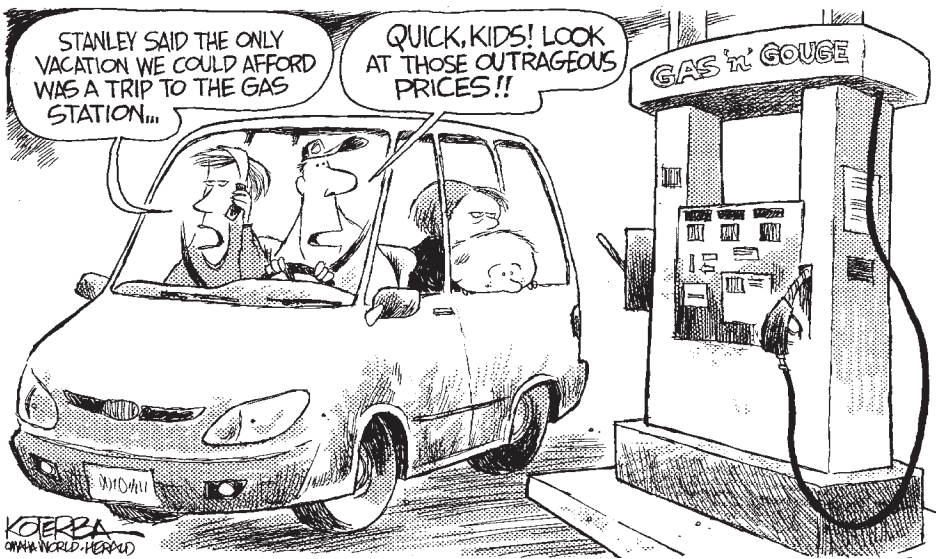


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# FORUM

## An Open Exchange of Ideas



## As Lieberman goes...

The Democrats' position on the Iraq War has been a muddle. Many top Democrats supported it, although it's hard to believe all of them had their hearts in it. Of course, the party's core supporters were passionately opposed from the beginning. This has led to the Democrats' pull-out, no-don't-pull-out, please-don't-ask-us-what-we-think pile of contradictions and evasions on the war.

The muddle is moving toward a resolution, and the vehicle for it is the Aug. 8 Democratic Senate primary race in Connecticut. Sen. Joe Lieberman has been a stalwart supporter of the war, and the left-wing blogosphere -- representing the party's mad-as-hell anti-war base -- has resolved to make him pay. Anti-war challenger Ned Lamont is such a threat to Lieberman that the three-term incumbent and former vice-presidential candidate is preparing to run as an independent in the general election, should he lose the primary.

A Lieberman loss could signal a turning point as significant, in its way, as the rise in the GOP of the Goldwaterites, who vanquished the liberal Rockefeller Republicans, or the ascendancy of the McGovernites, who sent the old hawkish Scoop Jackson Democrats packing. Unfortunately, there aren't many Lieberman-style hawks left in the party, which is Lieberman's problem.

John Edwards has repudiated the war and lurched left since his 2004 vice-presidential run. He leads in presidential polls in Iowa. John Kerry regrets his prior support of the war and wants a deadline, any deadline, for exiting Iraq. Even the cautious Hillary Clinton just turned her back on Lieberman by saying she would support Lamont if he wins the primary.

If Lieberman does lose, it will be a sign that Clinton herself is vulnerable to a challenge from the left in the 2008 presidential primaries. Then, she will be under

## Rich Lowry



enormous pressure to walk away from her support of the war, too.

The biggest winner is Howard Dean, left for dead after his infamous 2004 Iowa "scream." Lamont is a straight Deaniac, not just in his opposition to the war, but in his demographic profile: white, well-off and highly educated. These are the same people who backed the successful peace-nik insurrection of George McGovern in 1972, and now they are bidding to make their control of their party all the more complete.

Their main issue is the war, but they also represent a general repudiation of the one hiccup in the post-1972 McGovernite dominance of the party, the Clinton administration circa 1994-1998. Clinton was pro-growth, pro-free trade, tonally moderate and willing to use force abroad. Al Gore spurned this winning centrist formula in 2000, but he felt compelled to make a bow to it by picking the moderate Lieberman as his running mate. Now, the Democratic party is on the verge of saying a Lieberman-style hawkish-centrism is utterly anathema.

Lieberman could still win the primary. Even if he loses, he could win the general election as an independent, showing that the party's left wing doesn't have wider appeal. But if Lieberman is ousted from his seat, it will be a decisive victory for the party's haters and anti-war bloggers. The Democrats' muddle on Iraq will finally have ended, and the party will be the poorer for it.

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

## State AG presents partisan redistricting scheme that boots Doggett, saves Bonilla

The three judge federal panel created by the Supreme Court (after the Texas Congressional redistricting machination was declared partially unconstitutional) received the State's proposed district realignments last week from Attorney General Greg Abbott. **This new scheme is probably the most blatant partisan regurgitation of the high court's specific invalidation, within the totally jumbled congressional map. That monstrosity you recall was contrived by Tom DeLay in 2003.**

What the Supreme Court focused on when they kicked the Texas plan back for a judicial "fix-up", was District 23, that included part of Laredo and west to El Paso's County line - designed solely to protect Republican Henry Bonilla.

Abbot has created a map that gives Bonilla a relocated (safe) District, carved from Bexar and Travis Counties. It's also designed to destroy Doggett's District 25 (perennial GOP goal) and convert the Capital City into a "sham" Republican town, whose voting patterns will not sustain the change - **especially if looked at objectively, rather than through foggy sectarian GOP-glasses.**

The three appellate judges have set August 3, for oral arguments in Austin. The AG's contentious new boundary manipulation will be the top agenda item. Also expected will be those affected by the restructured maps; plus a roundup if the usual political partisans; several State officials; and no doubt a gaggle of lawyers - always on hand to represent any side of an argument.

What eventually evolves from this new cartographical nightmare is anyone's guess - but rest assured the AG's plan will never be approved (in toto) since it fails to meet even minimal standards of fairness or voter right's protection.

### VIETNAM VERSUS IRAQ

It should come as no surprise that political writers, commentators, and other troublemakers, have finally gotten around to comparing the furor generated by the Vietnam War to the surprisingly modest public uproar directed at our current entanglement in Iraq-Afghanistan.

What most of these gurus-of-quesstimation have uncovered are not the similarities between the two embroilments, but more interestingly they have, we believe, put their collected fingers on the underlying reason why Americans have not forced today's administration to call a halt to the Iraqi hostilities, through disruptive tactics used during the Vietnam era.

The public turmoil in those days included anti-war uprisings on college campuses; the desperate damnation of the war by parents; protest marches in hundreds of cities nationwide.

Convulsions that caused President Lyndon Johnson to give up his reelection plans; and later forced a "Watergated" Richard Nixon to sign a cease-fire agreement (Paris-1973) that allowed our troops to withdraw from South Vietnam.

### EMOTIONAL DISPARITY

The underlying reason for the disparity in emotions between the two prolonged conflicts appears to be the fact that **Vietnam was fought primarily by young men "drafted" into the military, as compared to today's**

## Off the Record by Ken Clapp



**all-volunteer armed forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.**

Having America's youth, drafted from a wide variety of socio-economic groups, in uniform and fighting a war, brings to bear more immediate and intense feelings in the minds of families and elected officials, whereas those who **volunteer - for widely differing reasons, do not create "anti-war" emotions with as much bitter political resonance aimed at those who put our young people in harm's way.**

If combat troops in the middle-east today were, for the most part, draftees as was the case in Vietnam, there is little doubt that the nation would have already erupted in militant demonstrations. And, in all probability the hostilities would have been resolved months ago.

### BRING BACK THE DRAFT?

If the above theorem is reasonably correct - then the thoughts of Boston Globe journalist - Joan Vennoch, would make wise guidelines for future leaders to follow. Specifically - **that reintroducing the draft might insure future wars are fought either with every citizen's efforts or are not worth fighting at all, nor losing a single soldier's life.**

### IRAQ WAR PASSES 40TH MONTH

For the History buffs among us - particularly those who love dates and statistics - we offer the following: Last week (July 19) the war in Iraq passed its 40th month, which is nearing the World War II total of 44 months and 7 days (December 7, 1941 - August 14, 1945). We will equal the time fought in WWII on November 26.

American involvement in the first world war lasted 19 months (April 1917 to November 11, 1918). The Iraq war-insurgency has already lasted longer than the Korean War - 37 months, 2 days. And all of these conflicts pale in comparison to the time we spent in the Vietnam tragedy. Twelve long years (1961-1973).

### THE NEW BUSHSPEAK

Democrats giggled; Republicans rolled their eyes; the public nodded and grinned; and even Bush-bashers eased up their fault finding momentarily - all because George "Potty-Mouth" Bush offered a realistic analysis on how UN-leader Kofi Annan could quickly wind up Hezbollah's current insanity against Israel.

Never known for his way-with-words, Bush suddenly came alive at the G-8 conference in Russia and told his pal PM Tony Blair (over a live-mike): **"What they (United Nations) need to do is get Syria to get Hezbollah to stop doing this "S..t" and it's over!**

### Now what could be plainer than that?

We applaud our once speech-challenged Chief of State for using just "plain" English, because if Syria did order the crazies in Lebanon to pull the plug on their madness, the killing would end faster than a suicidal Shiite can go "ka-boom."

This new (and understandable) Bushspeak proves the Prez has finally clambered past his befuddling style of speechifying, and all it took was six years of stumbling, mumbling, and grumbling.

No more after-dinner jokes about "What did 'The Man' say?" or "Did he really mean that?" Or having VP Cheney screaming to an aide: **"Quick. Tell Candy-gal to get on the horn and tell Kofi Annan that 'himself' was kidding and really doesn't want the U.S. out of the U.N. or the U.N. out of the U.S."**

That's -30-

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## Thanks to Salado Youth Baseball Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

### To the Editor:

I wanted to say a thank you to the SYBA Board, coaches, volunteers, parents, and donors! There are so many people behind the scenes to make this possible for the children in Salado. Thank you all so much for all your time, hard work, and money to make this association a success!

My husband and I have two children that play in the association and they have had great experiences. Our daughter played tee-ball two seasons and plays coach this season. Our son is in his second season of tee-ball.

Playing ball has taught our children about working hard to get better at a sport and what team work is all about. What a great way to get exercise and teach the importance of physical fitness too. Also, it has taught them about accountability to be at practice and games on time.

In conjunction with about two practices per week and one or two games per week we also work with our kids at home some with the basic skills. Every coach

they have had did a great job to teach them the basics of the game plus give them playing time during regular season play. When they played the first year we expected for them to sit the bench some and have easier positions when they played. The seasons we went to district and state tournaments we went to win and sometimes that meant the younger or less experienced players needed to sit out some or all of those tournaments.

If this meant our child then that was okay. I helped coach one year and have helped at many practices with our daughter. I can see how difficult it can be as a coach to make everyone happy all the time, actually, it's impossible. So you coaches just do your best and we parents will do our best to be supportive!

By the way, our boys team is going to the state tournament in West and the girls are going to state in Belton. Lots of practice and persistence is paying off. Go Red Hawks and Go Lynx!

Betty Renfro,  
Salado

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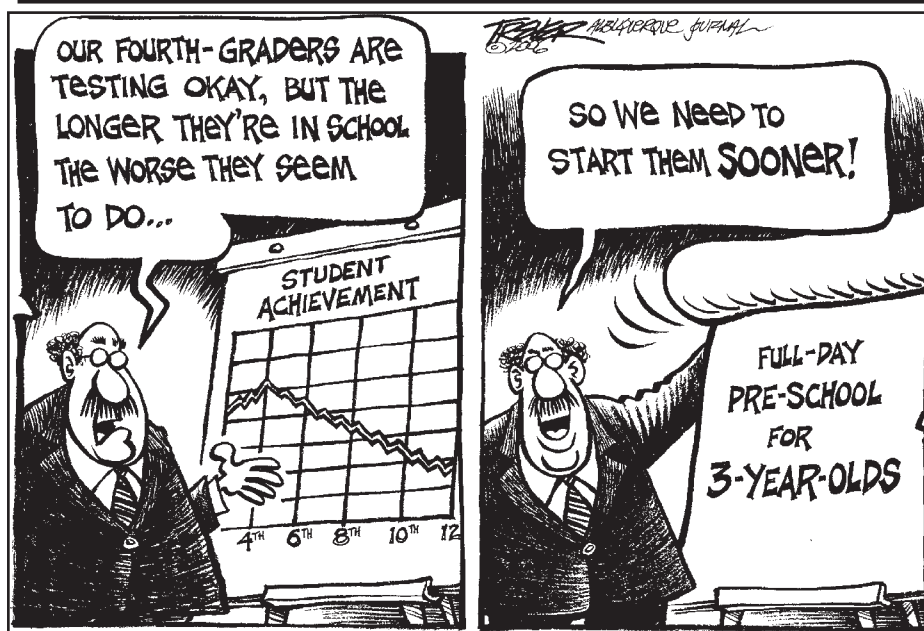
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# FORUM

## An Open Exchange of Ideas



## Universal Pre-K? A Losing Proposition High costs, few benefits make idea bad for Texas kids, taxpayers

By JAMIE STORY

In a 2006 United Way poll, nearly three-fourths of Texans supported fully-funded pre-kindergarten for all students, regardless of income.

But in June, 61% of Californians voted against an initiative to create universal public preschool there.

Since universal pre-K was defeated so handily by voters in California, why would people in the more conservative state of Texas be so seemingly supportive of the idea?

While the concept of giving every child the opportunity to attend preschool appears laudable, in reality it is an expensive notion that results in little but an expanded version of the struggling K-12 education bureaucracy and a massive financial hit to taxpayers.

When faced with the decision, California voters realized that universal pre-K isn't all it's cracked up to be.

First, California voters realized universal pre-K is expensive and inefficient. California enrolls 66% of four-year-olds in public or private preschool. States with universal pre-K typically enroll about 70%, so California would have likely only placed an additional 4% of students in pre-K. Considering the \$2.4 billion allocated to the initiative, taxpayers would have spent \$100,000 per additional student! And this price

tag would likely grow; a universal pre-K program that began eight years ago in Quebec now costs 33 times more than anticipated.

In Texas, the increase in pre-K participation would likely be even smaller. About 50% of four-year-olds already participate in state-funded pre-K or special education. Another 11% participate in the federal Head Start program, and an estimated 35% are enrolled in private preschool, although there may be some overlap in the programs. Still, a staggeringly high number – up to 95% – of Texas four-year-olds participate in some sort of preschool program, and it is unlikely that universal pre-K would increase this number.

California voters also realized pre-K may not be the best option for all children. Studies claiming positive returns on spending in pre-K largely include only low-income, minority, and at-risk children. In fact, one study examining the effects of preschool for non-disadvantaged students found no long-term benefits. Research out of England suggests that the best environment for most young children is at home with a parent.

And a 2005 Stanford-UC Berkeley study concluded that center-based preschool can actually have a negative effect on social skills, especially for low-income

children.

Despite these findings, only 8.4% of the funding in California would have gone to enroll high-risk students in preschool. California voters apparently decided it would be better to target limited taxpayer resources to those students only, rather than wasting more than 90% of the proposed funding on kids who would receive no academic benefit.

Finally, California voters realized that universal public pre-K would likely decimate the private sector, shutting down thousands of private preschools and actually reducing choices for parents. While a system could be structured to include private providers, it is unknown what effect increased government regulation (and increased costs) would have on those providers.

According to one estimate, universal pre-K would cost Texas taxpayers \$2.3 billion – all for a program that has failed to demonstrate long-term positive effects in other states and countries.

Just as in California, universal pre-K is a losing proposition for Texas taxpayers, parents, and children.

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## Our economy - still in bad hands



Jim Hightower

All hail the new treasury secretary! All hail the bold new start that he represents!

The official spin on Henry M. "Hank" Paulson, Jr. is that this CEO from Goldman Sachs brings credibility, financial star power, gravitas, and dynamic new energy to the shaping of George W's economic policies. Much is being made of the fact that Paulson has an environmentalist streak and disagrees with Bush's head-in-the-sand stance on global warming. See, they say, Hank is his own guy - so, look for changes!

Yeah, but be sure to bring a big magnifying glass. You see, Paulson isn't in charge of environmental policy - his turf is the economy, and on this, the Wall Street banker is in lockstep with the same plutocratic policies the president has been pushing for five years.

After all, Hank took home \$38 million in pay last year and is sitting on a \$700 million fortune. He's all for Bush's cuts in taxes on capital gains and dividends - nearly half of which will go to millionaires like him. He's also been the premier Wall Street pusher of moving American capital into ventures in China - ventures that move more U.S. jobs to that low-wage sanctuary. As for the crushing national debt that Bush is putting on the backs of our children, Paulson airily calls it "a necessary and understandable side effect of what needed to be done to stimulate the economy." Of course, it's the millionaires who've had their economies "stimulated" - while America's workaday majority hasn't even kept up with inflation.

Hank has also backed the White House with big bucks, putting more than \$150,000 into George W's '04 race and hundreds of thousands more into GOP congressional campaigns.

Unfortunately, this guy isn't about bringing any policy changes, but about adding some PR pizzazz to the same, tired old approach. As a Paulson friend says admiringly, "Hank is a salesman's salesman."

# Baby boomers need to avoid the "legacy gap"

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If you are a baby boomer - born between 1946 and 1963 - and your parents are still alive, you may want to talk to them about an important subject: their plans for leaving a legacy. Their thoughts on the subject might vary from yours, so, to avoid misunderstandings that could lead to hurt feelings - and financial problems - you will want to make sure now that you are all "reading from the same script."

Of course, you may not be eagerly anticipating such a conversation. If so, you are not alone. Your fellow baby boomers and their parents are not doing a good job discussing inheritances and other issues related to "legacies." In fact, fewer than one in three families have actually had a meaningful discussion on these matters, according to a study by Allianz Life Insurance Co.

## Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



Once you have this conversation, you may be surprised at how different your parents' attitudes are from yours. Consider this: Nearly 40 percent of the elder generation says it is very important to pass financial assets or real estate to their children, but only 10 percent of baby boomers feel the same, according to the Allianz study. So it's entirely possible that your parents own some assets that they want you to have - and you might not even know about them.

And it is not "greedy" for you to inquire about these assets. In the first place, your parents may feel strongly about leaving them to you. But just as importantly, if your parents have not done

proper estate planning, their assets may not be distributed as they had intended. And unexpected inheritances may also result in unexpected tax burdens for the recipients.

Consequently, you may want to encourage your parents to work with an estate-planning professional to develop appropriate legal documents, including the following:

- **Will** - If your parents die intestate - without a will - their assets might be distributed by a court. This could lead to a great deal of problems within your family.

- **Living Trust** - Even if your parents have a will, their assets may have to pass through probate - which can be time-consuming and expensive. But with a properly established living trust, their assets can pass directly to their beneficiaries, without

court interference, legal fees, lengthy delays and public disclosure.

- **Durable General Power of Attorney** - This document allows your parents to appoint another person to conduct their business affairs if they become physically or mentally incapacitated.

In addition, you will want to look over the beneficiary designations on your parents' life insurance contracts and qualified plans, such as 401(k)s and IRAs. It's especially important to update these designations if remarriages and stepchildren are part of your family picture.

Of course, it's not easy to manage the estate-planning process. So, in addition to working with an attorney, you and your parents may well want to consult with a tax advisor to make sure everyone's interests are protected.

Do whatever you can to help your parents leave the legacies they desire. You'll be doing them a great service - and you could be taking a large burden off their minds.

## Thinking seconds?

### Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

We all know that a first impression counts, and at no time does that hold more true than when a potential buyer approaches your home. Regardless of how much you've cleaned and improved the interior, the buyers' decision is often made in just

seconds, before they've even entered the home.

By spending just one to two percent of your home's value on improving its "curb appeal," you could boost your sale price by five percent. Interior upgrades sometimes only recoup eighty to ninety percent of the investment, so carefully consider how you'll budget your home preparation costs.

Some sellers hesitate to beautify a home that they're preparing to leave, but improving the landscaping will allow sellers to add as much as three times the cost to their selling price. Of course, minimal landscaping is better than bad landscaping, so it's important to keep function first when designing a plan. If you don't have an eye for landscaping, consider hiring a professional, and be up front about your budget for the project.

Don't throw caution to the wind, because landscaping costs can escalate into the thousands and take months to implement. Chances are, however, that you can boost your curb appeal and your sale price for



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# Local banker elected TBA Chair

Donald R. Grobowski, longtime Temple banker, was installed as 2006-2007 Chairman of the Texas Bankers Association during its recent 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention.

Grobowski serves as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of First State Bank Central Texas. As of June 30, 2006, First State Bank reported assets of \$790 million, deposits of \$650 million and shareholder's equity of \$65 million. The bank has 26 full service banking offices operating in 20 communities in Central Texas. Grobowski has served with First State Bank since 1987 when a group of local investors purchased control of First State Bank in Chilton and relocated its principal office to Temple. At that time, First State Bank had \$4 million in assets and \$400,000 in shareholder's equity.

A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, Grobowski started his 40 year banking career while in college by working at Austin National Bank. He chose a banking career path started by his father, Hilmer, an officer at Austin National, and continued by his brother, George, a retired banker who formerly was Chairman of

the Board of an East Texas independent bank and is himself a former Chairman of the Texas Bankers Association.

After graduating in 1968, Grobowski was a bank examiner for six years followed by employment at the bank holding company level at First City Bancorporation, Houston. In 1976, Grobowski joined InterFirst Corporation, Dallas as Vice President and loan officer and rose through the executive ranks of the statewide banking group to become Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer in 1982 of Temple National Bank.

In 1987, Grobowski headed the investor group who purchased control of First State Bank, Chilton, and relocated the head office to Temple.

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Since the late 1970's, Grobowski has also been involved in the ownership of The First State Bank, Granger, Texas, and presently serves as its Vice Chairman of the Board. The First State Bank, Granger has a five bank network that is located immediately to the east of the IH-35 corridor in Hutto, Taylor, Granger and Bartlett.

Grobowski has always been active in civic and community affairs. He has served as President and Director of the Temple Chamber of Commerce, President and Director of the Temple Industrial Foundation and Director and campaign fund chairman of the City's United Way Chapter. Grobowski presently serves on the Board of Directors of Scott & White Memorial Hospital, the Scott & White Health Plan, and the Scott, Sherwood and Brindley Foundation.



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6/3	Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	Southridge Dr.	Warrant
5/5	Forgery by Passing	Belton	Arrest
6/8	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	N. Main Street	Arrest
6/8	Possession of Drug	N. Main Street	Arrest
6/15	Accident Motor to Motor	N. Main Street	Report
6/8	Fail to Identify to Police Officer	N. Main Street	Arrest
6/17	Public Intoxication	N. Stagecoach Rd	Arrest
6/17	Public Intoxication	N. Stagecoach Rd	Arrest
6/18	Criminal Mischief	Church Street	Unfounded
6/20	Theft over \$50.00	N. Stagecoach Rd	Exception
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The Central Texas Hurricanes girls 12 and under select softball team placed first in the 2006 National Night Out Tournament in Killeen on July 15. Team members are: (bottom) Mirah Knapke; (middle, from left) Jessica Maldgen, Megan Adkins, Alex Wilson, Brittney Frazier (Salado); (top, from left): Rachel Piatt (Salado), Taryn Sittmer, Kayla Castillo, and Elisa Espinoza. Coaches are Mike Castillo, Ira Wilson, and Mike Epinoza.

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The Salado Lynx won the State Championship Tournament in Belton, going undefeated over the course of the tournament and defeating the West Chicks by a final of 14-6 in the title game. Pictured, top row l-r: Coaches: Dwain Smith, Gib Cantu, Scott Oaks and Pam Oaks; second row l-r: Ashley Beasley, Marissa DeLeon, Abby Quick, Faith Renfro, Brooklynn Owens, Marjorie Blake; bottom row: Kristen Oaks, Landry Smith, Madison Smith, Brittany Ramirez, Sara Wilkerson, Maddie Suhling and Ce Ce Cantu.

## Lynx crowned state champs

By PAM OAKES

The Salado Lynx, the girls Coach Pitch team brought home Salado's first ever girl's state championship in the Texas Teenage Association softball league. The young ladies won first with an impressive 5-0 record in the 20-team double elimination tournament held in Belton July 17-21.

The Lynx opened up play against the West Chicks on July 17. The Lynx's nerves got the best of them in the early innings as West jumped to a 7-4 lead after three and one-half innings of play, due largely to defensive

errors by Salado. With the top of the order up in the bottom of the fourth inning, the Lynx got a rally going and scored the maximum seven runs allowed per inning, to take an 11-7 lead. The Lynx were able to extend their lead to 15-9 going into the top of the sixth and final inning. Defensive lapses and errors by the Lynx allowed West to score six runs to tie the game at 15 all. With the bases loaded and only one out, it looked like West would score another run to take the lead. However, the next batter struck out and another batter hit a

groundout, which allowed Salado to enter the bottom of the sixth with a tie. Salado's Landry Smith was able to get to third base but her teammates were unable to bring her home, so the game would go into extra innings.

West scored three runs in the top half of their inning on a homerun. The

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# Lynx win State

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The 19-18 extra inning win earned Salado a day of rest on July 18. The

Lynx resumed play July 19 against the China Spring Panthers. The visiting Lynx took an early 8-1 lead after two innings on solid hitting by Cantu, Smith, Faith Renfro and Marissa DeLeon, and solid infield defense. The Lynx bats then went silent until the fifth inning, when seven of the first eight batters scored to take a 15-3 lead. The Lynx, not wanting a repeat of the previous game, played solid defense in the bottom of the fifth to take the 15-4 win.

The Lynx faced the Bosqueville Diamond July 20 game. The early start time had the Lynx coaches worried, as the ladies started slow in their previous morning games during the regular season and District tournament. It turned out the coaches' fears were unfounded, as the Lynx team played their best game of the tournament at this point. Using solid hitting, smart base running and outstanding defense, the Lynx took an impressive 18-0 win, shortened to four innings due to the mercy rule.

The morning win earned the lynx a Thursday evening match up against the Chandler Diamonds, the only other undefeated team left in the tourna-

ment. The Lynx jumped out to a 3-0 lead after two innings. Chandler looked like they would make it a game after scoring two runs in the top of the third on a hard-hit ball up the middle that resulted in a two-run homer. The Lynx answered with three runs in the bottom of the third and then played flawless defense for the rest of the game to take a 10-2 win in a game shortened to five innings due to the mercy rule.

This win meant that Salado was the only team left with an unblemished record and had earned the right to play for the championship on Friday evening. Their opponent would be the winner of

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## Jim Bowmer passes away July 20

Jim DeWitt Bowmer, 87, of Bell County, Texas, died July 20, 2006 at his home. Graveside services was held, July 24, 2006 at the Bowmer Ranch with Rev. Bruce Burleson and Pastor Jimmy Towers officiating. Burial was in the Peaceable Kingdom Baptist Church Cemetery.

Jim DeWitt Bowmer was born May 4, 1919 in Bell County to DeWitt and Linnie Morgan Bowmer. He was a graduate of Temple High School in 1936, Temple Junior College in 1938, received his B.A. with honors from Baylor University and his LLB with honors in 1942 from Baylor Law School. Bowmer served in the U. S. Army with JAG during World War II having served in Africa, Italy, Hawaii and the Philippines.

Bowmer was Past President, State Bar of

Texas, Past Chairman of Board of Directors, State Bar of Texas, Distinguished Alumnus of Baylor University and Baylor Law School, former Adjunct Professor at Baylor University Law School, recipient of honorary doctorate from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor on May 11, 1996, and member of Board of Trustees, The Texas Supreme Court Historical Society. He wrote or co-authored articles on Criminal Law and Procedure in the Baylor Law Review and Texas Bar Journal. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Temple and Peaceable Kingdom Baptist Church.

He married Daurice Spoons Yarbrough who died June 8, 1994. He also was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth Burleson and Martha Bowmer and



Jim DeWitt Bowmer

his grandson Charles Bowmer Schreiner V.

Survivors include two daughters, Bonnie Nell Neal and husband Larry, of Temple, and Mary Helen Schreiner and husband Charles IV, of Salado and Kerrville; seven grandchildren, Scott Edmund Simmonds and wife Shawn, Dan DeWitt Simmonds and wife Marla, Brian Allen Neal and wife Jamie, Tiffany Nell DeWitt Schreiner, Julie Daurice Dickson and husband Sam, Tessa Charlene Schreiner, and Tyndal Daurice Elizabeth Schreiner; seven great-grandchildren, Marli Joyce-Daurice Simmonds, Abigail Marie Simmonds,

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Pianist/vocalist Kate Harrod and flutist Denise Thomssen will be performing at St. Stephens parish hall 7 p.m. Aug. 12. The St. Stephen's parish hall is located at 601 F.M. 2268.

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

All proceeds will go towards the Building Fund. A wine and cheese reception will follow the performance.

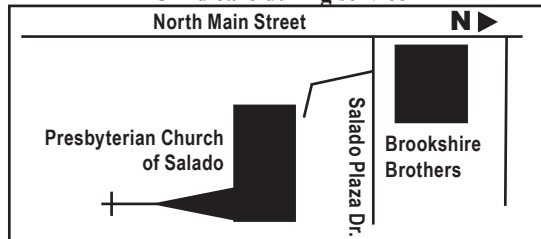
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# Jones entertains pilots

By Debbie McKeown  
Contributor

Curran L. "Jack" Jones of Holland held court at the Stagecoach Inn in Salado on June 27, relating events that he was involved in over 60 years ago to four people from Southern California who had traveled from San Antonio to Salado to meet him.

Scott MacWilliams of Newport Beach, California, vice president/treasurer of Friends of the American Fighter Aces, and Dennis Thomas of Moreno Valley, California, president, were in San Antonio for the 47th annual reunion of the American Fighter Aces Association which was held at the Hyatt Regency from Thursday, June 29 to Sunday, July 2. The two were accompanied by Thomas' wife and brother.

To be eligible for membership in the AFAA, you had to be a fighter pilot who shot down five or more enemy aircraft in air-to-air combat. Retired Air Force Colonel Jones is a five victory ace and a member of the AFAA. The Friends of the AFAA are people who have an interest in the aces and their history, and so they came to meet one

in Central Texas.

In May of last year, Jones was invited by Southern California Friends to be on a panel of aces from the Pacific and China Theatres of World War II. Unfortunately, Jones was not able to make the trip. After meeting two other pilots from Jones 35th Fighter Group who did participate, Thomas and MacWilliamson were eager to meet Jones.

"We've seen pictures and stories about Jack in at least ten different books," said MacWilliams. "And since he couldn't make the trip to California, we decided we would go to him."

MacWilliams considers it an honor to have met Jones. In fact, he called it the highlight of his trip. "He's living history. These guys were there right at the beginning of the war when things were really bad. They were undertrained, out-numbered and ill-equipped. They were flying the obsolete P-35 Airacobra, which was no match for the much faster, higher flying Japanese airplane over New Guinea on June 9, 1942 in his single engine P-400, which was the export version of the P-39, intended for delivery to the British. he did it to protect Lyndon

Johnson, who was an official observer from Washington, D.C., sent there to see how General Douglas MacArthur was doing in New Guinea.

The purpose and goal of the Friends of the American Fighter Aces is to educate the public on the accomplishments and sacrifices of the fighter aces and to perpetuate the history, according to MacWilliams. "These guys are all getting up there in age (Jones will be 87 in October), and somebody has to keep their memory alive after they're gone."

Colonel Jones spent about two hours with his visitors, telling stories, answering questions and autographing some books they had brought along especially for the occasion.

A special part of the meeting came when Jones' wife, Joyce, appeared with a framed picture and letter. The picture was of Jones in front of his P-38 (the plane that replaced the out-dated P-39's, and which Jones referred to as "assisted living"). The letter was one he had written to his mother during the war.

Jones is a member of the Holland Chamber and Holland American Legion.

# SonTreasure Island slated at GBC

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

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# Softballers come home with crown

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the Chandler-West game West Chicks, who used played earlier Friday. To great hitting and defense to no one's surprise, Salado work their way through the would have to face the loser's bracket, again.

The visiting Lynx again had trouble with nerves, managing to send only four batters to the plate in the top half of the first before West recorded three outs. West managed to take a 1-0 lead on two hits in the bottom half of the inning. Salado countered with two runs in the top of the second and West plated three runs in the bottom half of the inning to take a 4-2 lead. Both teams were held scoreless in the third inning. Salado scratched out three runs on aggressive base running in the fourth to take a 5-4 lead in the top half of their inning.

The inning was highlighted by a hard collision between the Lynx's Ashley Beasley and West's catcher that sent both ladies to the ground.

Although the catcher was able to hold onto the ball for the third out of the inning and stay in the game, she appeared to be a bit shaken and played less aggressively for the rest of the game, which allowed the Lynx to score a little more easily.

West plated two runs in the bottom of the fourth to take a 6-5 lead. The Lynx bats finally woke up and they scored the maximum seven runs against only one out to take a 12-6 lead after four and one half innings of play. The offensive outburst resulted in a huge momentum shift. All of a sudden West looked like a team that was very tired after playing in their ninth game in five days. Great infield defense by Madison Smith and Faith Renfro resulted in two

force outs at second base. The Lynx recorded the third out of the inning on a weak dribbler to pitcher, holding West scoreless in the inning.

The Lynx needed two runs in the top of the sixth to take an insurmountable eight-run lead to win the championship. Maddie Suhling started the inning with a single but was called out for leaving the base early when Kristen Oakes was batting. Oakes managed to get a single and scored when Brittany Ramirez hit a hard shot up the middle for a double. Ramirez moved to third on a throwing error and then scored the winning run when Cece Cantu hit a single.

Salado softball and baseball teams participate in the Texas Teenage

Association league based out of Minneola, Texas. The Coach Pitch age division (8 and 9 year old girls) started off with between 200 and 250 teams across the state competing in a 10-12 game regular season. Sixty teams, consisting of the top two teams from the various leagues, earned a berth to the 10 district tournaments held at various locations the week of July 3. Salado earned a berth in the District 9 tournament held in Jarrell by winning first place in their league with an 11-1 record. The top two teams from each District tournament qualify for the State tournament. The Lynx qualified for the State tournament by going 5-2 to become the District runner-up.



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The Hoops took first



Salado Hoops, pictured left to right, are: Matthew Roseneau, Ryan Clark, Stephen Quick, Noah Harbison, Nick Seawood (with trophy), Coach Rick Clark, Justin Konzen, Blake Newman and Chad Tumej.

place, in the Waco NAYS tournament, fifth place in San Marcos MAYB, third place in the Georgetown Classic, second place

in Waco MAYB, and second place in their final tournament in Corpus Christi. The Salado Hoops qualified for two National

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July 27, 2006

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## Boutwell, 2006 Texas State Artist, returns to Salado for his 38th Art Fair

The Salado Art Fair marks its 40th anniversary this year and George Boutwell has shown his work at the last 38 of them. To recognize the Texas artist's loyalty over the years, the Art Fair is honoring Boutwell as this year's Poster Artist, and he responded by producing a scene specifically for the occasion.

For the past 34 years George Boutwell's full time occupation has been touring Texas showing his art and searching for interesting things to paint. Over his long career, Boutwell has risen to a position of prominence in the world of Texas artists. Though born in Connecticut in 1943, Boutwell's family eventually found their way to Texas by the time George had entered the first grade.

Self taught because he could not afford formal art lessons, Boutwell sketched constantly, sometimes completing as many as 100 per day, and absorbed every book on art in the public library.

After finding employment as a professional artist, Boutwell finally had the opportunity and income to enroll in the professional art classes that he had so long desired. Success soon followed, and just recently, Boutwell was selected by the Texas State Legislature and the Texas Commission on the Arts to be the 2006 Texas State Artist in the category of two-dimensional art. A former art director for Texas Highways Magazine, Boutwell has been a full-time working artist since 1973. In addition to being named Texas State Artist, Boutwell also rendered a painting of Hank Aaron's record-setting 715th homerun, which hangs in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY.

One thing that Boutwell has earned a reputation for is his calendar work, featuring scenes of Texas. He self-produced and published his first calendar in 1986, and has produced one every year since, with each year highlighting a different



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aspect of the Texas landscape. For example, the 2006 version features Spanish missions of Texas. Some area landmarks Boutwell has painted over the years include the Westphalia Store, the Westphalia Church, Saint Paul's Church near Marlin, Blue Ridge Baptist Church near Marlin, The Bell County Courthouse, The Coryell County Courthouse, Health Camp Restaurant in Waco, Hill County Courthouse, The Texas Theater in Hillsboro and the Ellis County Courthouse. At this year's Art Fair, Boutwell will have not only a selection of his original watercolors and prints, but also copies

of his previous calendars.

Show hours for the Salado Art Fair, to be held in Pace Memorial Park, will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 5 and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 6. Parking is free throughout the village, and concessions will available inside the grounds. Admission is \$5 for adults with children under 12 admitted free.

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**JULY 29**  
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**JULY 29 & AUGUST 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: 254-947-9205 or www.tablerock.org.

**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 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**  
Salado Art Fair Preview Party, 7 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek, featuring light refreshments and wine tasting by the Salado Wine Seller. Tickets: \$20 per person. Call the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 254-947-5040 to reserve a ticket.

**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.-5 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission: \$5 for adults, children 12 and under are free. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.

**AUGUST 7**  
Salado Monday Club meeting, 11 a.m. at the Salado United Methodist Church. Anne Hudson will provide a program of piano music. All ladies are invited to attend.

**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**  
Benefit concert at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, featuring Kate Harrod (pianist/vocals) and Denise Thomssen (flutist), 7 p.m. All funds will go the St. Stephen's building fund. A wine and cheese reception will follow. A \$25 donation will be taken at the door. Info: 254-760-1590.

**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 17**  
Mealtime Mastered at The Range at the Barton house, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Info and reservations: 254-947-3828 or www.mealtimeastered.com.

**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 22**  
Mealtime Mastered at The Range at the Barton house, 6-8 p.m. Info and reservations: 254-947-3828 or www.mealtimeastered.com.

**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.

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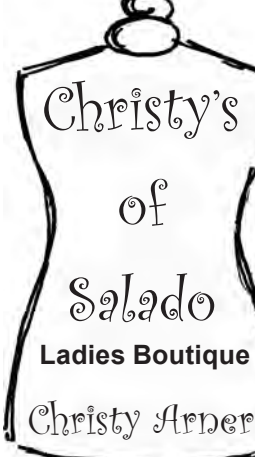
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## AUGUST 31

**Mealtime Mastered at The Range at the Barton house, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** Info and reservations: 254-947-3828 or [www.mealtimemastered.com](http://www.mealtimemastered.com).

## 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 [www.saladosilverspur.com](http://www.saladosilverspur.com).

## SEPTEMBER 8-10

**Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Don't Touch that Dial,"** with live music and Vaudeville-style entertainment. Show times: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8 and 9 and 2 p.m. Sept. 9 and 10. Tickets and info: 254-947-3456 or [www.saladosilverspur.com](http://www.saladosilverspur.com).

## 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](http://www.saladosilverspur.com).

## SEPTEMBER 16

**Mill Creek Community Association Fall Picnic, 6:30 p.m.** at Sherrill Park. Johnny's Steakhouse will cater.

## 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](mailto: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.

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## 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](http://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@sbcgl obal.net](mailto:harrycsweet@sbcgl obal.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](mailto: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](mailto:tablerock1@aol.com).

## NOVEMBER 15

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

## NOVEMBER 21

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

## DECEMBER 1, 2, 8 AND 9

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

**2006 Coach Smith Memorial Basketball Tournament,** featuring some of the finest high school basketball teams the state. More info TB/

## DECEMBER 12

**Mill Creek Community Association meetin and Christmas Dinner** at Mill Creek Restaurant 6 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner.

## 2007 APRIL 27

**ABWA Benefit and Style Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** at the Longhorn Room of Stagecoach Inn. Info: 254-947-3617.

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Bill DeGaetano, President of Wilsonart International, provided the Rotary Club of Salado with an overview of the company which employs over 1,700 Central Texans at its Temple facilities. DeGaetano, a 25-year employee of Wilsonart, gave a short history of the company, explaining that

it began in Los Angeles over 50 years ago, and was originally named American Desk.

A customer was instrumental in having the company move to Temple. It has since grown to be the largest manufacturer of its type, passing Formica several years ago, DeGaetano noted. Wilsonart now employs over 3,500 people worldwide.

In 1967, the company was acquired by Rexall/Dart, and was once part of Kraft Foods. They are now a subsidiary ITW, which also manufactures a variety of items, including auto parts.

Wilsonart itself, DeGaetano continued, is a company valued at \$13 billion. Laminates, adhesives and edge molding are manufactured in Temple.

The company, says DeGaetano, has always had the business model of "common sense" and was one of the first to employ the strategy of "just-in-time" inventory, where



Bill DeGaetano

the company warehouses only 15 days worth of inventory in 24 different locations throughout the country, while at the same time guaranteeing seven-to-10 day delivery from order and manufacture to delivery. As a result of successfully maintaining this policy, DeGaetano says that the company has retained some of its customers for over 50 years.

Wilsonart is a fully international company, with about 10 percent of its business outside the U.S. and sales offices throughout the world. In spite of the pressure to move manufacturing out of the country Wilsonart has maintained 97 percent of its domestic product

manufacture in the U.S. The company's number one product is "high pressure laminate," noted DeGaetano. Some of the more interesting products are digital reproduction laminates carrying logos or photos; DiGaetano used a Coke laminate to demonstrate.

In addition to laminate, a number of other products are now being produced. Wilsonart started the manufacture of flooring in 1995, and now also make decorative metals for customers such as casinos, and produce solid surfacing called Gibraltar.

DeGaetano repeatedly talked with pride of the company's "support of employees"; these activities include matching charitable donations, and sponsoring of youth sports activities. The company is also major contributors to the community in organizations such as United way, Ralph Wilson Youth Club, and Scott and White Hospital, he said.

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## Uptmor to perform Kitty Wells classics at July 29 Legends pre-show

Tablerock Festival of Salado, Inc. will feature Beverly Uptmor for the *Salado Legends* pre show on July 29.

The *Salado Legends* pre show begins at 7:30 p.m. each remaining evening of performance, July 29 and Aug. 5. After guests use their pre-purchased dinner tickets for a catered

Mexican dinner prepared by The Salado Mansion, they can walk from the Tablerock picnic area to the amphitheater to attend the 35-minute pre show. Or, attendees who are not eating in the park may come early to watch the pre show. Attendees may purchase tickets for the show, beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Uptmor will be singing her tribute to the Queen of Country Music – Miss Kitty Wells. Get ready to take a step back in time with Country Classics such as "It Wasn't God Who Made Honky-Tonk Angels," Kitty's first big hit.

Growing up listening to Kitty Wells, Uptmor has a deep respect for the lady who opened doors for future female artists, such as Loretta Lynn and Patsy Cline.

Uptmor has had an exciting career as a recording artist herself, singing on a TV music show in Las Vegas. She performed as lead vocalist for a successful band and still has a large fan base in Texas.

Dinner reservations for the catered meal are required: \$8 for adult or child. Adult show tickets are \$15, while Child (4-12) show tickets are \$5.

Tickets may be purchased in Salado at Fletcher's Antiques, The Salado Mansion, First State Bank, Compass Bank in Salado, Belton or Temple 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 show only. For groups of 20 more call 1-800-947-9205.

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# Specific questions on nutrition

For weeks now you have read my articles harping on the importance of a proper nutritional program. This week I will answer a handful of questions regarding specific areas of nutrition.

**I seem to struggle with my blood sugar levels. What are some simple ideas to balance out my energy with proper nutrition?**

Take a look at these areas of your nutritional program:

**Meal Combinations** - Are you consuming meals heavy in carbohydrates compared to the other macronutrients, protein and fats? If so, cut back on your refined and high glycemic carbohydrate (sugars) intake and replace them with more complex and nutritious carbohydrates. Then, make sure at every meal you have a good source of fiber (salad, steamed vegetables), protein and fat. The fiber, protein and fat combination will slow down the breakdown of the carbohydrates into glucose (blood sugar).

**Meal Frequency** - Are you eating three meals or less a day? If so, add a snack or two so you don't go longer than three hours without consuming a small amount of energy.

**Resistance Training** - Are you taking part in any type of resistance training exercise program? Most people don't realize this, but resistance training is a great way to fight insulin

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By KEVIN McCAULEY



resistance. The point is simple; make your muscles use up the stored glycogen so the glucose in the blood stream has a place to go. If your muscles are unable to absorb the glucose circulating in the bloodstream, your adipose (fat) will. This will put you on the fast track toward creating the disease Type II Diabetes (Adult Onset).

**What is the best way for me to get all of the nutrients I need to have for optimum health?**

Improve the *quality* of all of your foods. Begin moving to organically raised/grown foods and away from conventionally farmed foods. We were created to digest, absorb and assimilate foods in their natural states, so cut back or avoid all altered/manufactured foods. Make sure to improve the variety of foods you are consuming as well.

If, after improving your quality of food intake, and you still would like to increase your nutrient intake at this point. Begin a daily regimen of one of these super-foods: wheat grass, barley grass or a mixture of green vegetable juices.

If you still want to add a vitamin/mineral complex to your daily regimen, make sure it comes from a

whole food source, and is not synthetic.

A special note on supplements:

The supplement industry is a very poorly regulated industry. The majority of the supplements on the market, unless entitled "pharmaceutical grade," have little to no resemblance to what the label says.

**My wife and I have been following a nutritional program for about two months now, she looks and feels great, I have gained weight and feel awful, how can that be?**

Welcome to bio-chemical individuality; a term that explains the

differences between one human's metabolism and another's. Because of this bio-chemical individuality one meal can help one person to lose fat and feel great, another to have no response at all, and still another to gain weight and feel horrible.

Why? We are all different. I personally am a Protein Type and I need to consume fatty proteins throughout the day or I will not function well. If I were to go on a low-fat or non-fat high carbohydrate regimen I would not only feel lousy but I would be on my way to creating Adult Onset Diabetes (I would have a very difficult time controlling my weight). I don't do well with a large amount of carbohydrates at all. Some people are Carbohydrate Types and others Mixed

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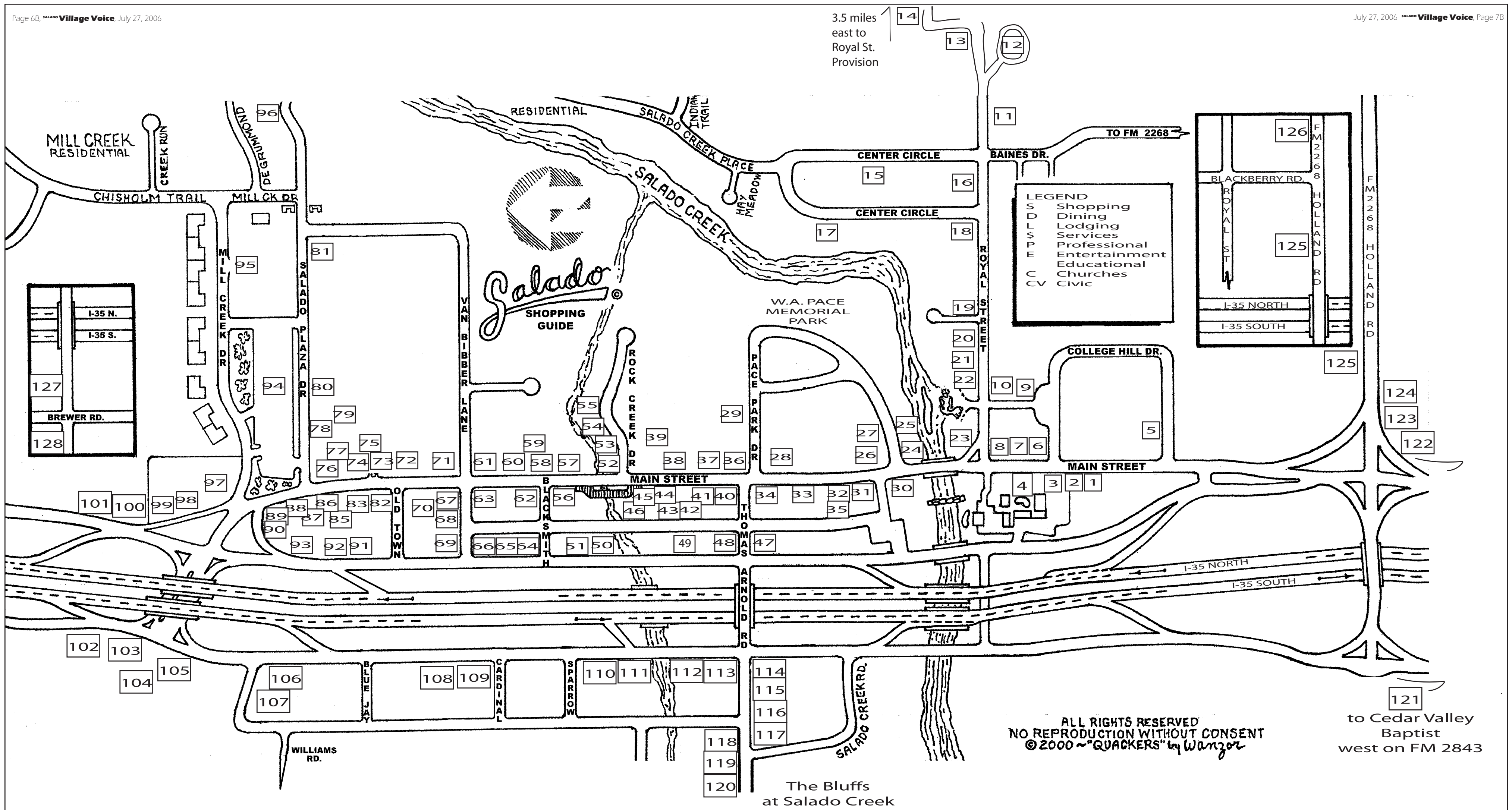
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Two fleets of specially-badged BMWs, decorated with pink ribbons and the phrase "Ten Years, Ten



One of the specially-badged BMWs (750Li) prepares for the 10th Annual Ultimate Drive for the Susan G. Komen Cancer Foundation. The Ultimate Drive will travel to Garlyn Shelton Imports in Temple on Aug. 10. PHOTO BY JIM SULLEY/NEWSCAST

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"I am proud to announce that after 10 years of the Ultimate Drive, BMW will have donated over \$10 Million to the Susan G. Komen Foundation," said Tom Purves, Chairman and CEO, BMW (US) Holding Corp. "Thanks to new developments in research and screening techniques, breast cancer patients have over a 95 percent survival rate if the disease is caught early. The road ahead looks promising."

The Ultimate Drive is a grass roots program that gives community members the opportunity to get involved in the fight against breast cancer. Developed by BMW in partnership with the Komen Foundation, two fleets of specially designed BMWs crisscross the country visiting participating BMW Retail Centers. For every mile driven during the Ultimate Drive Event, \$1 is donated to the Komen Foundation. The drive will continue through October 2006, inviting consumers to get behind the wheel and help contribute to the fight against breast cancer.

Upon completion of every drive, each participant adds his or her own name to the Signature Vehicle-this year, a BMW 3-Series- which becomes a living memorial to those who have lost their battle against breast cancer and a sign of hope and inspiration to others fighting the disease.

"This year is especially meaningful, as the Komen Foundation celebrates 10 years of partnership with BMW," said Cindy Schneible, Vice President of Cause-Marketing and Sponsors for the Komen Foundation. "The Ultimate Drive has helped fund essential research and crucial services for patients, survivors, and their families over the past nine years."

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## Grilled Fish Tacos with Thai Slaw

This Asian twist on typical Baja fish tacos is a celebration of colors and textures with chewy purple cabbage, crisp red onion, creamy green avocado and crunchy orange carrots. The Thai flavors of lime, peanut, chili and a hint of coconut bring new life to a Southern California classic. Grilling the fish makes these tacos lighter and healthier than the common battered and fried version.

Serves 4-6

### Fish Marinade

- 1/2 cup tamari
- 1/4 cup lime juice (about 2 juicy limes)
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 TB red chili paste
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1 TB honey
- 1/4 cup coconut milk

- 2 lbs mahi mahi, skin removed

### Thai Slaw Dressing

- 1 TB fish sauce
- 1/4 cup lime juice (about 2 juicy limes)
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- 1 tsp red chili paste
- 1/2 cup coconut milk
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- maple syrup (optional)
- red pepper flakes (optional)

### Thai Slaw

- 2 cups red cabbage, thinly sliced
- 2 carrots, shaved or peeled
- 1/2 cup daikon, cut into matchsticks
- 1/2 medium red onion, thinly sliced
- 3 TB cilantro, chopped

- Flour tortillas
- avocados, sliced

To marinate fish, whisk together tamari, lime juice, water, red chili paste, garlic, honey and coconut milk. Pour over fish and marinate one hour in refrigerator.

To make slaw dressing, combine fish sauce, lime juice, sesame oil, red chili paste, coconut milk and peanut butter in small pot over medium-low heat. Cook, stirring often, for 5 minutes. Taste and add a bit of maple syrup if more sweetness is desired and red pepper flakes if more spice is needed.

Combine red cabbage, carrots, daikon, red onion and cilantro. Mix in one-half of the slaw dressing.

Preheat grill to medium heat. When ready, cook fish on oiled grill surface, around 5 to 7 minutes on each side or until fish is opaque and flakes easily with a fork. To warm tortillas while grilling fish, wrap tortilla stack in aluminum foil and place on grill grate over low heat, turning once while fish cooks. Remove fish and roughly chop. Serve fish in warm tortillas, topped with Thai slaw, sliced avocados and extra Thai slaw dressing.

**Nutrition Info:** Per Serving (9.75 oz-wt.): 310 calories (50 from fat), 5g total fat, 1g saturated fat, 41g protein, 30g total carbohydrate (3g dietary fiber, 5g sugar), 140mg cholesterol, 1290mg sodium.



## Grilled Pineapple & Mango with Balsamic Glaze

Gluten-Free, Vegetarian

Add a scoop of vanilla ice cream for a perfect summer dessert.

Serves 6-8

- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- 3/4 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 2 TB honey
- 2 TB fresh mint or basil leaves, chopped
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 ripe pineapple, peeled, cored, and cut into rings
- 1 ripe mango, sliced lengthwise
- Skewers (metal skewers or wooden skewers soaked in water 1 hour)

Prepare grill for cooking.

In a small saucepan over high heat, boil the balsamic vinegar for 5 minutes to reduce by half. In a small bowl, combine the reduced vinegar with the butter, honey, basil and salt. Whisk the butter until smooth and all ingredients are blended.

Thread a pineapple ring onto each skewer and lightly brush with balsamic glaze. When fire is medium-hot (you can hold your hand 5 inches above rack 3 to 4 seconds), grill fruit in batches on lightly oiled grill rack, turning once, until browned and slightly softened, about 5 minutes total. Serve pineapple rings drizzled with balsamic glaze.

**Nutrition Info:** Per serving (143g-wt.): 200 calories (120 from fat), 13g total fat, 8g saturated fat, 1g protein, 22g total carbohydrate (2g dietary fiber, 18g sugar), 35mg cholesterol, 170mg sodium

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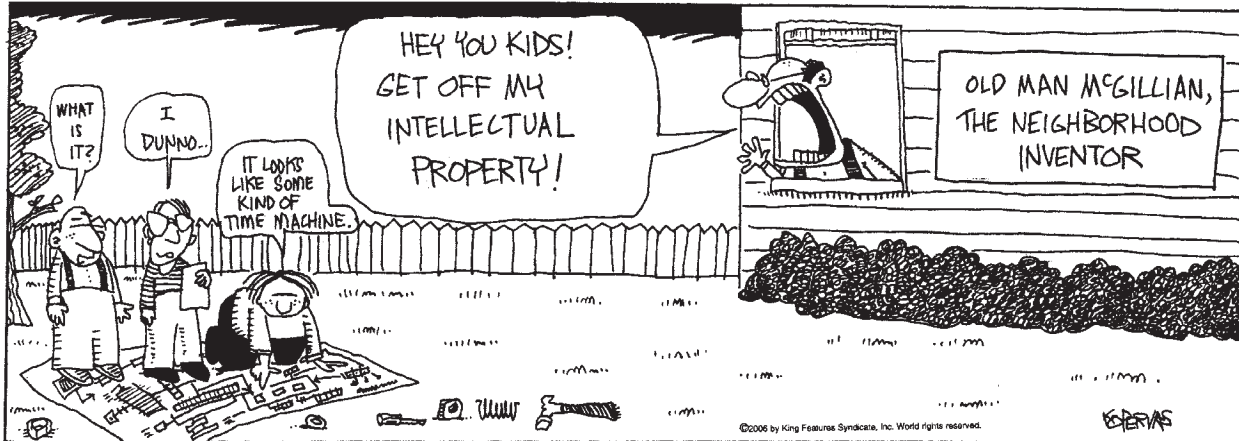
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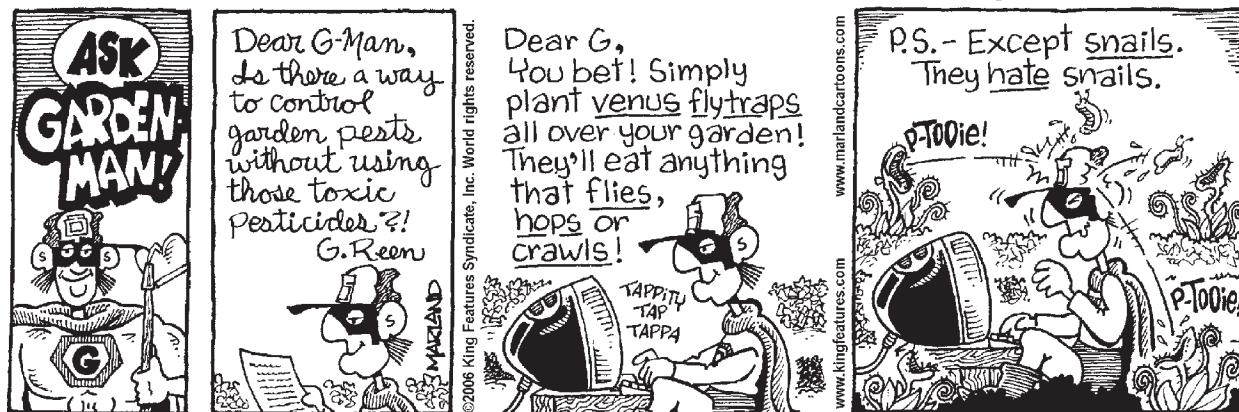
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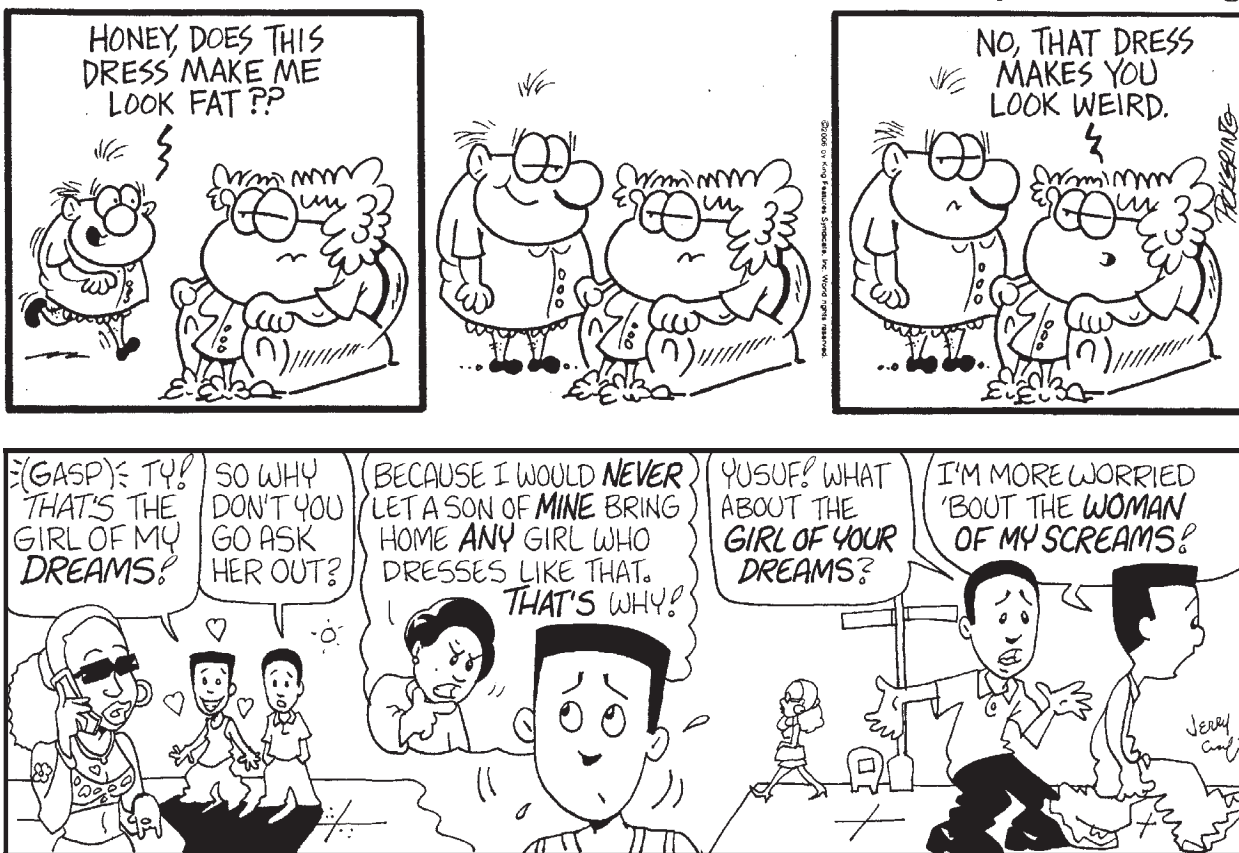
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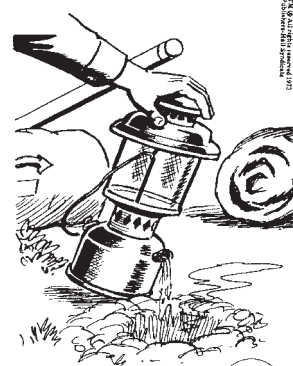
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# This motel is a real winner

by  
 Tumbleweed  
 Smith



I traveled to Kingsville to do some filming and interviewing on King Ranch. Tom Arcand was with me doing the video work.

We arrived in Kingsville around 8 p.m. and checked into the first decent motel we found. It was a recognized upscale national chain; in fact it had been voted the best motel of the year within the chain. We asked for two rooms. The clerk said she had two rooms, but they were not next door to each other. She told me I was in room 238 and Tom was in room 223. She handed me a sheet of paper with details about the rate, etc. and asked me to initial it and sign it, which I did without taking much notice of it. She then handed me the little envelope with a plastic key card

and a voucher for breakfast.

When Tom finished with his check in, we got our luggage and equipment and went to our rooms. At least Tom did. I was loaded up with all my luggage and recording equipment, which I hauled up two flights of stairs. When I got to room 238, I sat down my heavy luggage and equipment and was looking forward to stretching out and getting comfortable. It had been a busy day and I was tired.

The key wouldn't work. I must have shoved that card in that lock 25 times. I noticed a light was on inside the room. I loaded up all my stuff; trudged down two flights of stairs with it, put it in the car, then hiked the 200 yards to the office. She gave me another key.

I dragged myself back across the parking lot, up the stairs (this time without my stuff. I left it in the car) and tried to open the door to 238 with that card. It wouldn't work. Back to the

office. I told the girl behind the counter I thought maybe someone was in that room, since the light was on. She called it and sure enough, it was occupied. I asked for another room. She said she could put me in room 117. Just about that time a woman came through the door and said she couldn't get her key to work in room 117. Wow. Now it was getting interesting. The girl behind the counter called the maintenance person, who was gone somewhere. She called someone else and that person was gone also.

I remembered the piece of paper she had given me earlier. I got it out. It indicated I had been assigned to room 222, next to Tom. She gave me the key to 222 and it worked. I got my stuff and was all set for a relaxing evening. I called my wife by cell phone because the phone hadn't been activated yet. I tried calling the front desk, but got no answer. I turned off the light and went to sleep.

I got up at my usual early hour a little after 5 a.m. and turned on the TV. It wouldn't work. All I got was video static. I went to the lobby to check my email. The computer wouldn't work. Tom came over and we went to the restaurant for breakfast. Tom ordered the Eye Opener, the top item on the menu. The waiter told us that was the only item on the menu that was not covered by the breakfast voucher. Tom said he would pay extra to get the Eye Opener.

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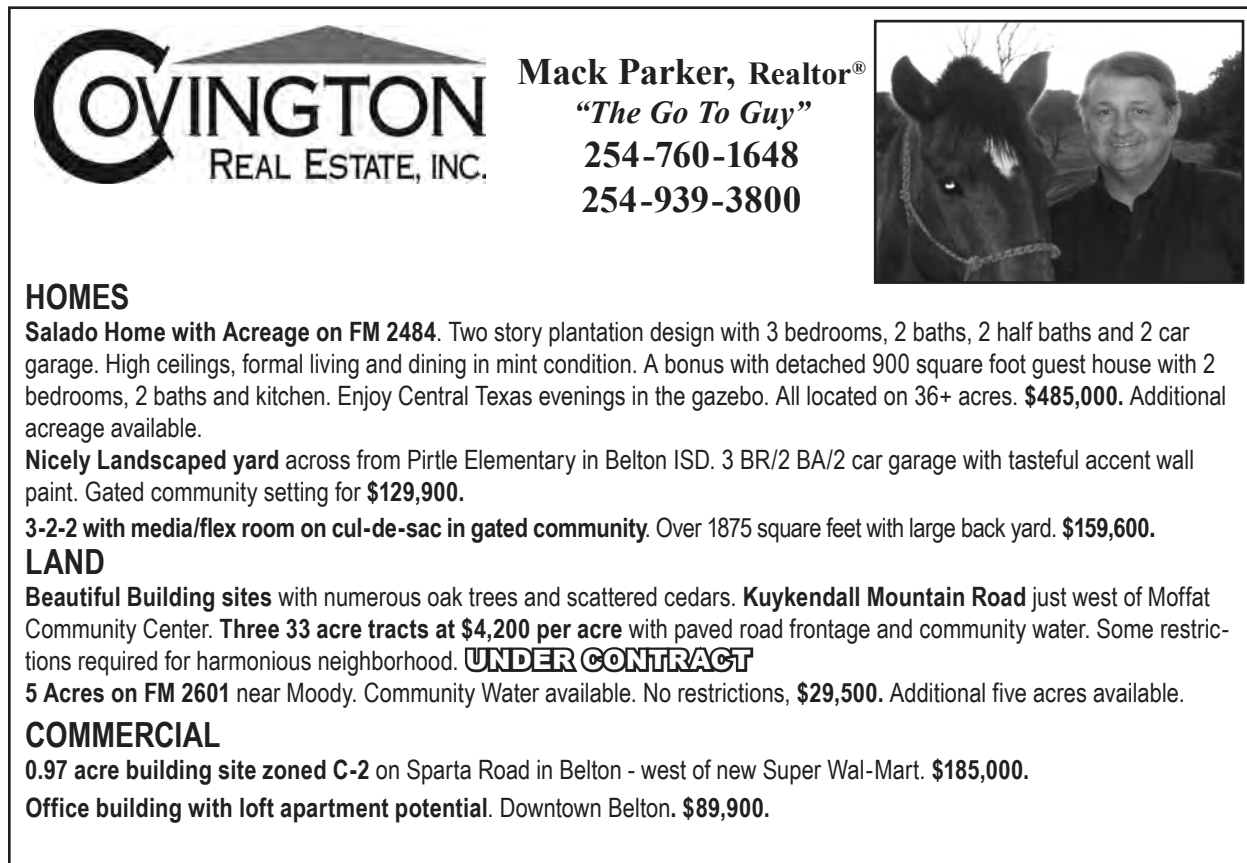
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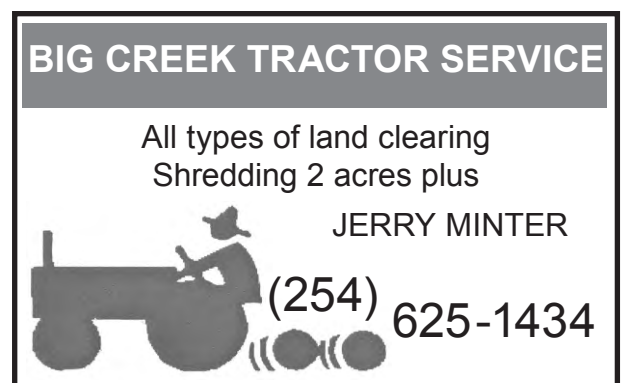
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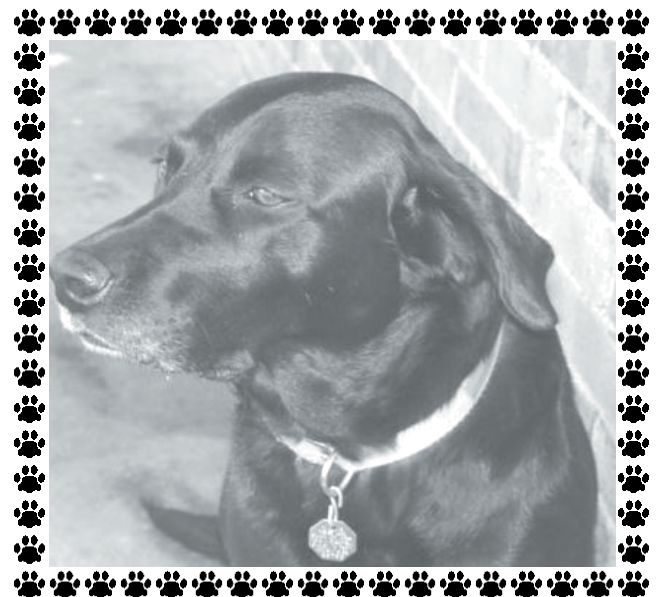
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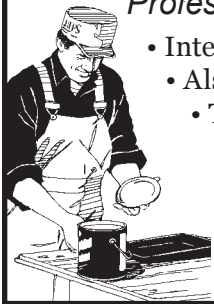
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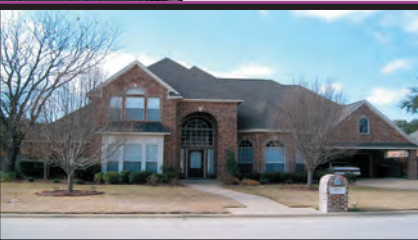
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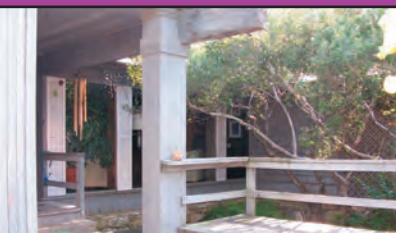
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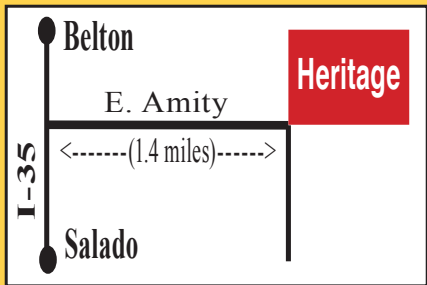
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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR ASSERTION, ESTABLISHMENT, DETERMINATION, AND RECOGNITION OF POTENTIAL GRANDFATHERED DEVELOPMENT STATUS CLAIMS UNDER TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 245; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; ENACTMENT; REEALER; AND SEVERABILITY

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Aldermen supports the rights of private property owners and advocates clarity, predictability, and efficiency in the Village's regulatory program; and

**WHEREAS,** the Texas Legislature altered the general rule, through adoption of Chapter 245, Texas Local Government Code ("LGC 245" or "Chapter 245"), by requiring that each permit in a series of permits required for a development project be subject to only the regulations in effect at the time of the application for the project's first permit, and not any intervening regulations; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Aldermen finds that dormant, out-dated, and stagnant projects pose a substantial harm to preservation of the Edwards Aquifer and native environment as well as to traffic safety and human health; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Aldermen intends the provisions of this Ordinance to supplement LGC 245 and provide guidelines for the application and interpretation of Chapter 245; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 211.006(a), the Board of Aldermen has the authority to establish procedures for enforcing its zoning regulations and boundaries; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 212.002, the Board of Aldermen has the authority to establish rules governing plats and subdivisions of land; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Aldermen finds that it is necessary and proper for the good government, peace or order of the Village of Salado to adopt an ordinance establishing a framework within which property owners and the Village can determine what projects have obtained Grandfathered Development Status under certain regulations.

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

**ENACTMENT**

The Village of Salado hereby adopts the Grandfathered Development Status Ordinance, which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Ordinance for all intents and purposes.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2006, by a vote of 3 (ayes) to 0 (nays) to 0 (abstentions) of the Board of Aldermen of Salado, Texas.**

A complete copy of this ordinance may be obtained at the Village office at .10 cents a page or may be found on the Village website at [www.villageofsalado.org](http://www.villageofsalado.org).

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# Whatever happened to all the electric cars from the 90s?

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**Dear EarthTalk:** I'm familiar with the hybrid cars now widely available, but what ever happened to the purely electric cars that were around 10 years ago? --Peter Zilly, Bellingham, WA

The main problem with the electric cars that reared their heads briefly a decade ago was their ability to only go so far on battery power. Charges lasted just 50 miles or so, so you were in trouble if you needed to go farther or ran out of juice somewhere in-between electric outlets. Hybrids, on the other hand, which have side-by-side electric and gas motors, never need to be plugged in and instead use the motions of their gas-powered engines (as well as those of the car's wheels and brakes)



to keep their batteries charged at all times. And with a huge infrastructure of gas stations, refueling is always as easy as pulling over to fill up.

Electric car advocates have long touted their alternative vehicles as primarily short-distance commuter cars. At a 50-mile range, most electric cars could make such short trips without the need for recharging. One need only plug their vehicle into an electric outlet in the garage overnight to charge up the battery for the morning commute,



The electric cars of a decade ago could only go 50 miles on a charge and were therefore only useful for short trips and work commutes. That may soon change. (GETTY IMAGES)

and if needed then plug it in at the office for the return trip later.

But most people want more from their cars than just the daily commute--and gassing up takes minutes whereas recharging takes hours--so

sufficient demand never materialized. Hybrids, though they do use gasoline, are as versatile as conventional cars--and the coming "plug-in hybrids" (covered previously in this column) promise to substantially increase

efficiency, to perhaps 100 miles per gallon or more, by using the electric motor exclusively for short runs and commutes and the gas engine only for long trips. Even though all-electric vehicles are not currently in vogue, innovative SEE EARTHTALK, PAGE 11C

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engineers are busy working to improve them. Technological advances in battery life and engine efficiency mean that electric vehicles may be able to roam farther than ever before. According to EVWorld.com, drivers looking to go electric will soon have a few options:

California-based Tesla Motors will soon be accepting deposits on orders for its Tesla Roadster, and plans its first deliveries for 2007. Tesla claims its car can go 250 miles on a charge, which can even be extended further through its "regenerative braking" technology, similar to that which is employed in the hybrids.

And Spokane, Washington's Commuter Car Corporation is taking orders for its Tango 600 (a kit you have to assemble) and its Tango 100 and 200 models (fully assembled), with plans to deliver by 2007. Actor George Clooney was Commuter Car's first customer. The Tango can only go 60-80 miles on a charge, but boasts of its ability to go zero to 60 in four seconds and attain a top speed of 150 miles per hour.

Elsewhere, California-based AC Propulsion is working with Toyota on a Scion electric conversion, and Cleanova, based in France, is developing an electric Renault Kangoo, a popular European car.

One consideration to keep in mind about electric vehicles is that, if your utility is a dirty coal-fired plant, tapping that power could mean creating more pollution than driving a gasoline powered car. But progress in renewable energies may well solve that problem and help usher in a new era for electric vehicles.

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