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40th Art Fair here Aug. 5-6

The Salado Art Fair will celebrate its 40th anniversary show Aug. 5-6 in Salado's Pace Park.

The Art Fair will feature the works of 100 artists and craftsmen working in a variety of media, including watercolors, oils, pastels, acrylics, wood, sculpture, prints, wood craft, jewelry and clothing.

George Boutwell, the Texas State Artist for 2006-07, returns for his 38th year at the Salado Art Fair. His work is the featured poster artwork for this year's show. Posters and T-shirts featuring the artwork will be on sale during the Art Fair.

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 be available inside the grounds. Admission is \$5 for adults with children under 12 admitted free.

There is free parking

throughout the Village with shuttles to and from the Park provided by the Salado Rotary Club.

Food and drink vendors will be on the grounds of the Fair, as well.

PREVIEW PARTY

KICKS OFF 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 partygoers 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.

Legends finale set for Aug. 5

The finale of the 14th season of Salado Legends is Aug. 5, with a pre-show at 7:30 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheatre on Royal Street in Salado.

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 show tickets beginning at 7:15 p.m.

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. Tickets at the gate may be purchased for the show only. For groups of 20 more call 1-800-947-9205.



Member of the Salado United Methodist Church in front of their 1890s sanctuary on Royal Street. (PHOTO COURTESY OF DOUG SPILLER PHOTOGRAPHY)

Marker honors congregation

A new Texas Historical Marker recognizing the congregation of the Salado United Methodist Church was dedicated at a July 30 ceremony in front of the Methodist Church's historic sanctuary on Royal Street.

The 1890 sanctuary, which has completed its move from Thomas Arnold Road, was used for services for the first time that day.

The new marker honoring the congregation that formed in 1854 at a revival meeting on the Salado Creek, was placed at the northeast corner of the church facade for all to read and enjoy.

Robert Denman, president of the Salado Historical Society, told the crowd gathered for the marker dedication that it honored "a valiant congregation



(PHOTO BY DOUG SPILLER PHOTOGRAPHY)

Prudie Hodge Capps, Rev. Grady Brittain and the children of the SUMC congregation unveil a historical marker.

who has left a great heritage for this community, from the early years when all denominations met in a Union Sunday School until today when each has beautiful facilities for education and worship."

"The Salado Historical Society thanks you for saving this building for our children," Denman

said, "and those who will touch the future and remember the past."

Denman was among a group of speakers, which also included Pastor Grady Brittain, David Evans, of Salado, County Marker Chairman for the Bell County Historical Commission, Village of SEE DEDICATION, PAGE 5A

Library District begins Long Range Planning

Salado Public Library District trustees will discuss the formation of a Long Range Planning Committee for expanding the library on N. Main St. during a planning meeting 10 a.m. Aug. 10 at 2112 Indian Trail.

The board will discuss guidelines to be presented to the Long Range Planning Committee, as well as survey questions and implementation.

The board will also identify candidates for the Long Range Planning Committee.

Aldermen mull 2006-07 budget

Salado aldermen will continue work on the 2006-2007 budget at their regular meeting 6:30 p.m. Aug. 3 at the municipal building on Stagecoach Rd. The aldermen will consider the second draft of the budget before conducting public hearings on the proposed budget.

In other business, aldermen will review a contract with Bureau Veritas to conduct building inspections for the Village.

Aldermen will also consider a revised fee schedule for the building ordinance, adopting a water franchise fee ordinance and a report on the sewer study.

Vouchers given to area families

Salado Family 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.



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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Ditch the penny

Giving money away for free is not behavior one expects from ordinary, rational Americans. But it's something they do every day in massive numbers -- that is if you consider the penny to be money.

At store counters around the country, people will leave pennies for the next customer, something they'd never do with a dime or quarter or any piece of currency they actually value. The poor, pathetic penny has become clutter in the nation's pockets, the irritating detritus of cash transactions that inconveniently don't end in a 5 or 0.

Yes, we love Abraham Lincoln. We love our memories of buying candy with pennies when we were children. We love our traditional adages ("a penny for your thoughts," etc.). But none of that should be enough anymore to inflict the penny on adults attempting to conduct cash transactions in an efficient way. Who will rid us of this nettlesome coin? Perhaps Congressman Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., who will soon introduce legislation to move to a system that rounds cash transactions to the nearest 5 or 0. This would be a further step toward the penny's obsolescence, or -- as it should be thought of more accurately -- toward stopping the madness.

The penny is no longer made from copper (too expensive), but merely has a copper coating over zinc, which is also now too expensive. It isn't easy finding a substance worthless enough to make into pennies. It now costs 1.23 cents to make 1 cent. That means it will take 10.7 billion pennies to make 8.7 billion pennies this fiscal year.

Penny defenders argue that the coin is the only thing standing between the U.S. and a devastating inflationary spiral, since rounding would always mean rounding up. Wake Forest economist Robert Whaples did a study of 200,000

Rich Lowry



transactions at a multistate convenience-store chain and found that prices would be rounded down about as often as they would be rounded up.

There is no rule that the country has to keep its coins forever. The half-penny was eliminated in 1857, and the nation weathered the trauma. Finland ended production of its 1-cent and 2-cent euro coins with no dire consequences. U.S. military bases overseas stopped using pennies in the 1980s, adopting a rounding system for cash transactions that has been operating perfectly smoothly. The main force behind keeping the penny is pure numismatic nostalgia. There is no doubt that the penny is an endearing and very American coin. Generally, I sympathize with the sort of cussed traditionalism that has resisted the introduction of the metric system and the one-dollar coin. But these innovations also represented a significant nuisance factor, in the effort it would take to learn a new measuring system and to distinguish dollar coins from quarters. In the case of the penny, it is the traditional rather than the innovation that is the nuisance.

People should be free to be nostalgic about the penny, but not to make everyone else endure it. As the penny slowly fades away, they can keep bucketfuls of them in their houses to remind them of whatever it is they want to be reminded of. The rest of us, meanwhile, can get on with life with pockets and purses full of coins worth the bother.

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

Corridor hearings not faring well as unhappy citizens blast project, Governor, and foreign involvement

Off the Record
by Ken Clapp



Public hearings currently being conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation concerning the proposed Trans-Texas Corridor 35, (aka TTC 35) are drawing large crowds with the majority expressing one overriding sentiment - **they think the plan stinks!** Or using newly created **Bushspeak - not worth a half dozen "meadow muffins."**

The project has created a storm of mostly rural wrath ever since Governor "Crazy Hair" Perry (R) unloaded it on an unsuspecting public back in 2002. The first question raised then (and remains to this day): **"Why can't the public take a look at the contracts between Texas and the Spanish-American road building conglomerate?"** Followed by the next most popular inquiry: **"Who (or what) is really behind this gargantuan land grabbing monstrosity?"**

After all (some have opined), this horror couldn't have been thought up by our Governor alone. He's creatively-impaired when it comes to thinking up progressive Texas governmental ideas that meet the majority needs of its citizens.

The road contracts, **that are being kept under wraps**, reportedly contain cost figures ranging from \$7.2 to \$184 billion, which should trigger some enterprising newspaper (using the Freedom of Information Act) to secure (and divulge) the agreements. After all, it's our dough (and land) they're playing with here!

RURAL VS. URBAN BATTLE?

The Corridor-tollway confrontation has every appearance of degenerating into an urban-rural fight, and if that's the case then the massive-roadway will be built! It's simply a matter of counting votes and money - and cities usually win! Unfortunately there are also bitter feelings developing between the two groups.

That fact emerged time and again during the hearings, with beleaguered farmers and ranchers pointing out that **the people who, for the most part, need (and clog) the roads, live in the cities. Consequently, tollways should be built in the cities!**

Urbanites, on the other hand, don't want high density "corridors" next door to their homes. They love driving around the State's clean rural areas, and figure there's plenty of wide-open countryside in Texas - so, that's the place to put toll roads, particularly super-wide, multi-use, roadway systems as conjured up by TTC 35 planners.

This is an age old battle between urban expansion versus protection of rural land. And, as noted, ruralists rarely win that tussle. Sadly, there is no workable alternative to bridge the two groups - both of whom have cogent reasons for opposing this massive turnpike project.

MEDIA MUST MONITOR THIS PROJECT

Key questions still remain unanswered: (a) What do the preliminary agreements between Texas and the Spaniards actually contain? And, (b) Who is really promoting "Crazy Hair's" road scheme and what's in it for them?

Remember the old "Watergate" admonition to: **"Follow the money."** Do that and profiteers will be exposed and we'll discover what all's behind this web Perry has weaved.

This is one governmental project the media must "watchdog" every step of the way. Reporting every con-

tractual agreement; every dollar spent (to whom and how much); and every production-construction slowdown and failure.

REP DELISI AND LOCAL CONTROL

Salado's State Representative Dianne Delisi (R-Temple) mailed out a constituency Newsletter late last month, reviewing the third special session dedicated to unsnarling the way we finance our public schools.

Missing from the "report" was her explanation of why she supported legislation that continues the trend towards centralizing control of school districts at the State level, rather than adhering to what conservatives have long declared to be of paramount importance - i.e. local control of education.

Here's a few of the new statutes lawmakers passed to pilfer additional local control from our schools: (a) Set a uniform starting date for all schools (with no waivers permitted); (b) Require HS students to add a fourth year of math and science in order to graduate; (c) Set the dates for school board elections; and (d) Allow the State to determine local school property tax rates.

Added to the above, is the authority Texas Education Agency officials were given to close low performing schools; dismiss teachers and principals; and if necessary turn an entire school (within a district) over to a privately managed team of educators.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED?

If the long-range legislative purpose is to "end-run" locally elected school boards, and eventually move the administration and operation of schools to the state level - then our Republican controlled legislature can mark **"mission accomplished"** to their third "special" counterproductive centralization fiasco.

We should remember that no one connected with the public schools (parents, boards, administrators, taxpayers) ever asked lawmakers to destroy local control of the public schools.

If citizens really want to control their schools - they better start raising some serious questions with those seeking election to both Houses of the State Legislature - and do it before November 7 (general election day)

And perhaps someday - elect a Governor with something on his mind besides just cutting taxes and privatizing state government.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

Today's world is filled with folks living daily with pain, sadness, and loneliness, plus exposure to global death-destruction news. And so, at times, we long for a little something that brings a touch of relief. A light moment. A tender smile. Even a laugh. **Saladoans are no exception.**

This column has decided to offer (now and then) a few moments of humor. We'll dedicate this verbal frolic to each Villager who needs a lift from his-her special burden "de-jour."

Let's begin with two Mark Twain "laughers" (vintage 1901): **"Imagine the supreme confidence which a Christian feels when he is holding four aces!"** And earlier in 1894: **"Put all your eggs in one basket and then - watch that basket!"**

Finally - if you run across James Haney, retired preacher who recently settled in our Village, ask him to tell you the story about the **"Atheist and the Grizzly Bear."** It's rib-tickling, and if you don't break out with a loud guffaw - **you may need to give your favorite health provider a 9-11 call.**

That's -30

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The Swift Family Robinson, Part I Supt's Corner

by Dr. Robin Battershell

With vacation money tied up in tuitions this year, I spent my vacation time observing the comings and goings of the Swift family on our front porch. For the past five years, we have been watching the comings and goings of this bird family and each year the Mother and Dad Swift industriously add a mud and twig layer to what we affectionately call the bird condo. Like the layers in a tree, we can count the number of years that they have been gracing our home by the number of layers on the condo. Topping off the condo, a feather provides élan to the complex.

Each year I threaten to level the condo, but as I mount the ladder armed with a garden hose and a shovel, I just can't do it. This nest and the arrival of its homeowners has heralded the arrival of spring for the past five years and to mar it in any way seems sacrilegious: For as the birds have come and gone so have my own chicks.

Perched precariously on a 1/4" ledge overhanging our porch, the nest sticks to the ledge and the adjoining wall like a stalagmite. With the spate of building each year, the nest now towers nearly to the porch ceiling, a monument to commitment and hard work.

Once the new layer is added, Mother Bird lays her eggs and settles in for a month long wait. The

Dad Swift becomes the surrogate sitter, feeder, and nest plumper upper. He dotes on the Mother, even filling in as a nest sitter at times. In the evening, both parents attend the nest with the Mother warming her babies to be and the Dad sitting proudly on the 1/4" ledge guarding his family.

After a month of interminable waiting, we see nothing but we hear a faint peeping sound coming from the precipice. Within a couple of days, fuzzy, brown heads begin popping up like popcorn. As the Mother attends the hatchlings, the Dad swoops and sails hundreds of times each day bringing tidbits to his family.

The birds quickly grow and soon the nest becomes crowded. Three of four little heads can be seen, but every time there is a fifth or a sixth baby tucked underneath his brothers and sisters. Eventually the Mother has to sit on the edge of the nest to make room for the growing brood and the Dad continues to hunt tirelessly for more bugs and goodies. But at night, all becomes quiet. The chicks sleep, the Mother rests and the Dad sits and keeps guard.

Morals:

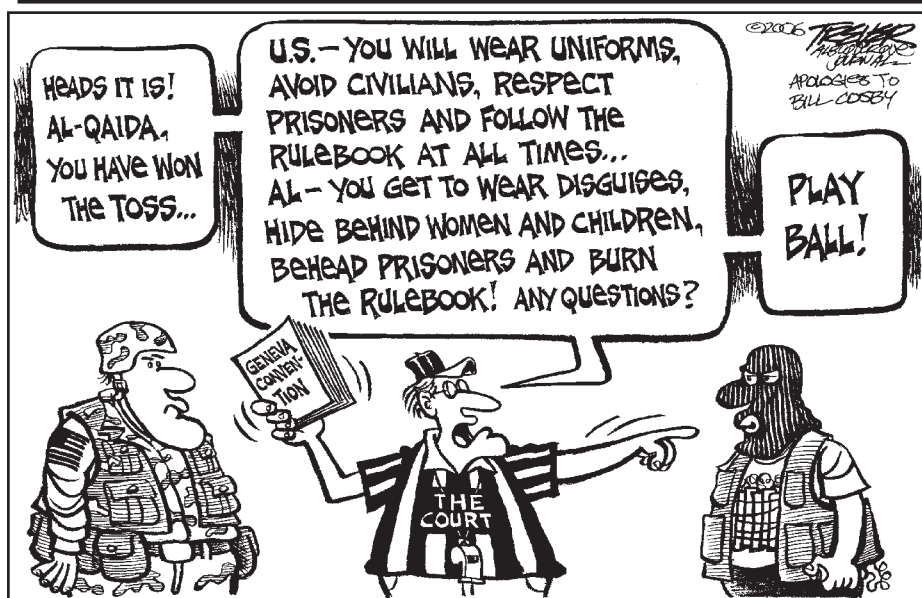
All little things need food, a home, and loving parents to grow.

Children grow quickly so enjoy every moment.

Parenting is hard work.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Critics ignore reform benefits Change is desperately needed

By MARY KATHERINE STOUT

Six months ago the state launched an ambitious plan to overhaul the way applications for government assistance are handled. But the plan has taken a pummeling at the hands of the state employees union and advocates for bigger government; they have relished the bad news and missteps dominating news reports of the new system.

Like the blacksmiths of a previous age facing the advent of the automobile, critics are calling for it to end before it can begin.

By making use of modern tools - such as the Internet and phone that have become standard conveniences today - the new system is designed to control costs, increase efficiency and greatly improve client accessibility. Rather than relying on in-person interviews in a field office with limited hours of operation, the new system allows applicants extended hours by phone, and 24-hour access online.

On July 10th, 30 House members sent Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner Albert Hawkins a letter, expressing support for the new system and its promise to "bring administration of human services programs in Texas into the 21st century."

Two days later, 60 other members of the Texas House sent an entirely different letter to Commissioner Hawkins urging him to cancel the state's contract for this new, privatized health and human services eligibility system. They asked him to "commit the remaining resources to rebuild the human services eligibility system that, as little as two years ago, was among the best in the country."

The contrast in positions could not be more stark. One side claims the old way is best and should be rebuilt, while the other believes privatization will modernize the system.

Of course, the old system - this "best in the country" system - is still largely intact and serves most recipients of the state's health and human services programs, since the new system isn't available statewide. And as critics pan the new system, they seem to hold a romanticized notion of the old ways. Perhaps they should consider what the "old" system looks like.

I drove to a field office outside the "pilot" area to see this old system in action. I sat for two hours in a room with dozens of people, many of whom arrived long before I did, and would remain long after I left. One man had been in the same office the day before, only to be told that his application couldn't be finished before the end of the work day, and he would need to return the next day. On day two he arrived 50 minutes early for an 11 o'clock appointment, but was not seen until after 4 p.m.

As one woman waited for more than three hours for her appointment, she said the rule of thumb for these appointments was to "pack a lunch." Not long after, she learned her name had been called while stepping outside, missing her "appointment." She was instructed to return the next day, despite protests she had other state-required appointments to keep and difficulty in finding transportation.

Considering her instructions to return the next day, perhaps she will also begin taking a sleeping bag.

Waiting clients were called for their appointments by name, without regard to privacy.

We sat in a waiting room with white walls and no reading material; no information on finding a job, getting a degree, locating community resources, getting parenting guidance or child care. Some of those waiting attended to their

children. Many talked on their cellular phones.

Most people spent hours just waiting - unproductively.

Perhaps I went to the one office in the state, on the one day of the year, for the two hour period, where things were just terribly wrong, but I doubt it. While many would argue this is the result of short-staffed offices, the reality is that there is no excuse for a horse-and-buggy system when considering the technology now available. A system that treats people with such lack of dignity, and with no respect for their time, is simply indefensible.

At one time many of the new system's critics would have agreed. For years they were quoted in newspapers pointing to the inconvenience of going to a field office for an in-person interview, highlighting the virtues of one-stop shopping, and demanding change based on reports of dissatisfaction. Dissatisfaction with the system they now claim is superior to all others.

Reports of real problems in the new system cannot be taken lightly, and taxpayers should demand efficiency for every tax dollar. But calls to end the rollout and return to the old way are simply insufficient. To ignore the opportunity to deliver services more efficiently for taxpayers and more conveniently for the recipients, despite having the resources to do so, is unacceptable.

The state must move forward using well-established technologies that deliver better efficiency for taxpayers, along with greater convenience for the recipients of state benefits.

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

Keeping us scared with phony terrorists



Jim Hightower

Mirror, mirror, on the wall - who is the goofiest of them all?

Maybe it's Robert Mueller, the dull-witted FBI boss who went on "Larry King Live" to announce the bust-up of a terrible terrorist cell in Florida. Maybe it's Alberto Gonzalez, the clueless attorney general who orchestrated two press conferences to pump up the story about how the administration had taken out these seven fearsome terrorists "to prevent America from another attack here." Or maybe it's Dick "Buckshot" Cheney, the snarling presidential puppet master who called the plot a "very real threat," from people "trying to do everything they can to kill Americans."

Who are these ferocious terrorists from whom we've been so heroically saved?

They are a gaggle of seven, hapless, down-and-out doofuses from Liberty City, Florida, who got to talking big about being part of an Islamic army in the United States, which got them sucked into an FBI sting. Their leader is a young, troubled fellow who called himself "Brother Naz," or "Prince Manna," and who walked around town Moses-like wearing a bathrobe and toting a crooked wooden staff.

The feds allege that these sad sacks were planning to blow up the Sears Tower in Chicago as a part of a "full ground war" against the United States. But it seems that most of their ridiculous scheme came not from Brother Naz, but from an FBI infiltrator who posed as an al Qaida operative. Indeed, the seven schmoes had no weapons, no money, no connections, no skills, and no wherewithal even to find the Sears Tower, much less blow it up. The FBI was forced to admit that these guys posed no real threat and that their grandiose talk "was more aspirational than operational."

Yet the White House have brought the full power and majesty of the government down on the Liberty City Seven, puffing up this arrest as one of their top achievements in homeland security. And they wonder why they've lost all credibility with the public.

On war, grandkids

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Ken Clapp has found a reason why more people do not support his position that we should cut and run out of Iraq.

"If we had a draftee Army, the people would force the administration to do just that!," he says.

We fought a war in ousting Saddam, soldier vs. soldier, although it was not "The Mother of All Battles." Now we are fighting enemies that are not soldiers, but terrorists, set on staging a civil war in Iraq that establishes a Radical Muslim Nation, from which they eventually hope to conquer the world.

I fully support helping establish an Iraqi democracy and an effective Army, as most Veterans do.

Silent Majority, speak up!

Howard Bell,
Salado

To the Editor:

I would like to say 'hurrah' to the finest kids in the world, and the wonderful parents that keep them going in the right direction.

The Salado teams have had a great summer in sports. They have made Salado proud! Thanks to everyone that has stood behind them, cheered them on, helped financially and furnished uniforms and plenty of Gatorade.

You parents can be proud of such good kids. Please keep supporting these dedicated students. They are the future. A special thanks to Coach Clark for all the good work he did for the boys of the Salado Hoops.

Vera Clinard,

A proud Granny

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Can you hear me now?

TTC-35 hearing turns into protect rally

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Although the temperature topped 100 degrees outside the hall of the Frank Mayborn Convention Center, the temperature inside was not much cooler as more than 1,500 people gathered for one of 54 public hearings on Trans-Texas Corridor 35 (TTC-35) filled the halls July 26 of the Mayborn Center with their bodies, with questions and with anger at the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

And many politicians, most notably independent hopeful for Texas Governor Carole Keeton Strayhorn, are using the issue to rally rural farmers and residents who see the TTC-35 as not just cutting across their land, but cutting the throats of their small communities.

Strayhorn -- playing

upon the anger of farmers and ranchers who may see a 1,200-foot-wide swath of highways, railways and utilities cut its way through their properties -- told the crowd that if she were elected in November "the TransTexas Catastrophe will be blasted off the bureaucratic books."

She told the crowd, which broke into cheers each time she paused to catch her breath, that she stands "shoulder to shoulder with those who say 'No!' to the largest land grab in Texas history, who say 'No!' to a \$184 billion boondoggle, who say 'No!' to replacing freeways with tollways and who say 'No!' to Perry and his band of highway henchmen."

Strayhorn said that as Comptroller she supported \$4 billion for Texas Mobility Bonds in 2005 "with the clear understanding that we would

not have toll roads."

She criticized the "secret contract with a foreign corporation," adding that as governor, Texas "government will once again be conducted in the sunshine."

She called for bringing the TTC before the public for consideration in the form of initiatives and referendum.

Opposition to the TTC-35 was easy to measure, as Fred Head, a Democrat running for State Comptroller, asked the audience to raise their hands if they opposed the Corridor. "I can't count 'em all," he said as almost every hand shot into the air, along with cheers. He then asked those who favored the Corridor to raise their hands. Turning to TxDOT officials, he said, "Okay, you can subtract those 11 from the other 1,500 who are opposed to it!"

State Representative Dianne White Delisi told TxDOT officials that they should more deeply involve Regional Mobility Authorities in the planning process in order to serve the local areas that will be drastically affected by TTC-35.

She said that for 15 years, she has been working for the expansion of I-35 to greater capacity. "Interstate 35 is a major artery of transportation for the whole nation," Rep. Delisi said. "We have a blood clot in Bell County. I-35 should be the first concern. It should be expanded to at least three lanes on either side."

County officials expressed their concerns about the impact of TTC-35 on lost taxable properties, access to communities and impacts on local

businesses.

County Judge Jon Burrows, who was booed as he came up to the microphone, told TxDOT, "Don't forget about the promised I-35 projects. These must be completed."

Judge Burrows also asked that TxDOT consider access to TTC-35 from state and county road as well as reconsidering whether the project could be completed taking an 800-foot-wide right-of-way rather than the 1,200-foot right-of-way.

"This will cut precinct 3 in half," said Commissioner Eddie Lange, adding that the plans call for no crossovers for county roads, limited crossovers for FM roads and access points on for interstates and state highways.

"There should be crossover for all FM roads," he said.

"I resent the fact that TxDOT does not see people," Commissioner Richard Cortese stated, adding that the state's "urban centers have created the needs for roads," but TTC-35 does not connect small communities. "Local and regional problems are ignored," he added.

Not every speaker was opposed to TTC or even concerned about it. Temple Mayor Bill Jones said that he favors the Corridor plan because it addresses the long-term transportation needs of the growing state. "Texas could be 45 to 50 million people in 2040," he said to hoots from the crowd. "Seventy-five percent of the population lives within 30 miles of I-35. We need greater roadway and highway capacity."

He added that toll roads are the only way to get that additional capacity because they are an effective way to pay. "Relying on the fuel tax is foolish," he said.

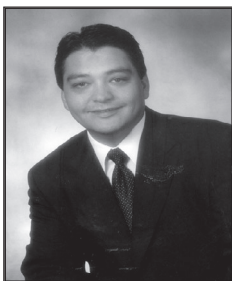
Ronnie White, mayor of Academy, responded that "If you want to build a bigger highway, built it down I-35, where you already have a mess."

But TxDOT officials point to a study from the 1990s that would require up to 12 traffic lanes for rural areas and up to 16 traffic lanes in urban areas. The footprint for that size of a highway is not available along I-35. Because property along the interstate has been allowed to develop, the cost of purchasing additional right-of-way for that many lanes of traffic is unfeasible.

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Mary Beth Harrell, a Democrat challenger to U.S. Rep. John Carter (District 31-Bell and Williamson Counties), called for a Congressional investigation into the "secret contract" between Cintra and the state of Texas.

Harrell said that if she were elected in November, that she would "do my job as Congressman" and subpoena the contract and parties involved and "tell us what's in it."

Hank Gilbert, running for Ag Commissioner as a Democrat, said that TTC-35 "would take 100,000 acres of some of the richest farmland in the state of Texas out of production and cover it with pavement." He added that the TTC-35 could result in 10,000 jobs being lost,

Dedication

FROM PAGE 1A

Mayor Rick Ashe and United Methodist Church Temple District Superintendent Reverend Rankin Koch.

Prudie Hodge Capps with the assistance of the children of the congregation, unveiled the marker. Rev. George Matthews, of Salado, pastor of the Salado United Methodist Church from 1964-66, gave the benediction.

The marker dedication ceremony was followed by the reconsecration of the Historic Sanctuary by Rev. Koch and the third service of the day with former pastor, Rev. Joseph L. Bentley preaching.

not added, to the Texas economy.

Mae Smith, mayor of Holland and secretary of the Central Texas Water Supply Corporation, said that TTC "splits my town and splits my school district."

She added that water lines for CTWCS, a regional water wholesaler, would cross under the TTC-35 four times. At each crossing, CTWCS would be required to bury its waterlines 15 feet deeper than they are currently buried.

This is just one of the many hidden costs to local and regional governments caused by the TTC proposal.

Chris Hamel, who heads the Blackland Co-

alition, a group organized to oppose the Trans-Texas Corridor, asked TxDOT officials to enter into the record maps developed by the Coalition that show "more than a 100 different archeological, environmental or historical sites that are not on TxDOT maps."

Hamel said that his group would continue to oppose TTC-35 and would work to elect candidates who publicly oppose TTC as well.

"You wrongfully thought that we would role over and play dead," Hamel said.

"As Americans, we should be embarrassed by this (TTC)," Hamel said. "As Texans, we should be angry."

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Red Hawks sweep at State

The Salado Red Hawks tee-ball team recently brought home a state championship by going undefeated in the State Tee-Ball Tournament, held in West the week of July 24.

In a field of 10 teams, Salado opened play with a 35-14 win over Palmer. The boys followed that victory by defeating Troup 15-4, then West in a wild 35-34 game. Next up was China Spring, which Salado dispatched 22-11. In the title game, Salado defeated Troup again, this time by a score of 20-9.

Above: Red Hawks short stop Tanner Fischer tags an opponent.

At left, the state champion Salado Red Hawks are, top row l-r: Coaches Zach Shelley, Shaun Miller and Keith Fischer. Middle: Ryan Kyburz, Lane Renfro, Christian James, Bryce Vaughn, Max Miller, Tannor Fischer, John Chavez-Gomez and Tris Sebesta. Front row: Tommie Barker, Garrett Chick, Connor Kelley, Parker Shelley, Timothy Flanagan, Ryan Eary and Jared Langford. The Red Hawks did not lose a game all season. They are sponsored by Shelley's Auto Sales and Chick Landscaping. (PHOTOS COURTESY TIM FLANAGAN - SOLAS GALLERY)

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Salado Dragons are (top row, from left) Coaches: Brooks Frazier, Scott Behr, Ron Van Winkle, Ty Hankamer; (middle row) Casey Frazier, Zach Behr, Vincent Yalch, Davis Little, Drew Van Winkle, Ellis Van Sickle; (bottom row) Tyler Leguin, Tyler Tischler, Mason Taylor, Kyle King, Jacob Little, Dylon Bradley, Dalton Hankamer.

Dragons win state

Salado senior midgets go undefeated in Ennis tourney

The Salado Dragons, a Salado Senior Midget baseball team led by Head Coach Ron VanWinkle, went undefeated to capture the Texas Teenage Association of Baseball State championship in a tournament held in Ennis, July 24-28.

The Dragons dominated the State Tournament with wins over Ennis, Killeen, Whitehouse and Redwater, with an average of 10 runs scored for every one run allowed. All Dragon players contributed to the team's success and two outstanding players were named as the tournament's MVPs: Zach Behr won "Offensive MVP" honors due to his consistent power hitting throughout the tournament, including three home runs while Casey Frazier was recognized as the tournament's "Defensive MVP," pitching a no-hitter against the Killeen Nationals and throwing against the previously undefeated Redwater Giants in the winner's bracket championship



Tyler Leguin scores the game ending run on Dalton Hakamer's single to right. (PHOTO BY VICKIE FRAZIER)

play to help secure an 18-3 Dragon victory.

Other Dragon players selected by tournament officials to the "All Tournament Team" were Drew VanWinkle, Tyler Leguin and Dalton Hankamer for their consistent tournament performances both offensively and defensively.

The Dragons earned a berth to the State Tournament by going undefeated in both the regular season as well as the District Tournament, with similar dominating average margins of victory.

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Mill Creek plays host to Fort Hood soldiers

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The soldiers were teamed with members of Mill Creek. Troops from 1st Cavalry Division, III Corps and the 4th ID were represented at the tournament. Members playing in the tournament were Kurt Barrett, Paul Letourneau, Michael McDougal, John Garcia, Mike Permenter, Dennis Lumpkin and Bobby Peschel. Representing McClane Company, sponsor of a five-day golf vacation to Acapulco hole-in-one prize for all six tournaments, Jason McCourt and Bill Upshaw.

SFC Marcus Dudley, E Company 4-227 ARB, won the closest to the pin contest. SFC Dudley was six inches from winning a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize. Longest Drive went to CPT Greg McLean, FOX Troop 2nd Squadron 3rd Armored Calvary Regiment. The

winning team paired with member Michael McDougal included SSG Ryan Roscoe, B Company 57th SIG BN – SFC Jay High, 54th CSSC – and PV2 Andrew Vickers, E Btry 4-5 ADA. The team paired with member John Garcia placed second. That team included SS6 Joseph Brown, 8-10 Cav, 4ID – ISG Duncan Massingham, HHT, 21st Cavalry Brigade – SFC Neal Bauman, CRDAMC (MEDDAC).

In an effort to allow as many soldiers from Fort Hood to play in a free tournament, five additional tournament dates are scheduled for the troops. Aug. 4, Aug. 11, Aug. 18, Aug. 26 and Sept. 2. Sponsorships for the remaining five tournaments are available. Anyone interested can sponsor a soldier by paying their tournament fees for one day of play, or for the next five tournament dates. One day of sponsorship is \$50 while sponsoring a soldier for five days is only \$225. Individual hole sponsorships as well as hole-in-one sponsorships are available.

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Athletic Boosters plan membership meeting

The Salado High School Athletic Booster Club will hold a Membership Drive and meeting 7 p.m. Aug. 7 in the High School Library. Anyone interested in learning more about the Booster Club's activities, or wanting to know how to participate, is invited to attend.

The Booster Club supports all athletics in Salado High School, including volleyball, cheerleading, tennis, track and field, golf, basketball, softball, baseball, power lifting, cross-country and football. In the 2005-06 school year the club purchased a new mobile concession trailer, which is used primarily by the softball teams, awarded over 20 scholarships to graduating seniors, paid expenses for the Coach Smith Memorial Basketball Tournament, paid expenses for the annual golf tournament, paid for and hosted two sports banquets, provided meals for team members at away events, and directed financial support to all Salado High School athletic programs.

In addition, the annual "Meet the Eagles" night will be held the evening of Aug. 10 at Eagle Stadium.

Meet the Eagles is the preseason community meeting of the cross country, volleyball, cheerleader and football teams and coaches. Unique to Salado this year, this event will be held in the evening at the high school stadium. Burgers, hotdogs and drinks will be served for free followed by "Midnight Madness," an intrasquad Varsity football scrimmage, at one minute after midnight. The public is invited.

"The Booster Club applauds the efforts of the all of the coaches, teachers, administrators, parents and athletes," says club president Andy Wright. "It's a better world when our children are involved in healthy, productive activities such as sports, FFA, UIL academic teams, music/drama, school clubs and our own individual chosen religious denomination(s). It's our responsibility as adults to represent and be involved the lives and activities of the children of the Salado community. The Booster club is just one of many opportunities in which we can help invest in a better tomorrow for all."

4th Annual Salado Athletic Booster Club Reverse Raffle To Be Held Saturday, August 26th

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The Reverse Raffle will be held on Saturday August 26th at the Salado Intermediate School with the event kicking off at 5:00 pm. The cost of a Reverse Raffle ticket is \$150.00 and includes: four meal tickets for fajita dinners catered by The Mansion, served from 5:00 until 6:00 pm., Admission to the Silent Auction, Entry to the Grand Prize Drawing, Admission to the Live Auction, and the Opportunity to Purchase a \$50 Second Chance Mulligan (Limit One Per Ticket Sold).

Proceeds from this event will go to the Salado Athletic Booster Club

and will be used for both boys and girls athletic programs. In addition these funds are used to provide scholarships for our Salado athletes. For the 2005 - 2006 school year 21 scholarships in the amount of \$350 each were presented to our graduates.

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Pat Bailon, spokesperson for First Baptist Church in announcing the reception.

Light refreshments will be served during the event.

Cedar Valley Baptists host Aug. 7-13 Revival

Cedar Valley Baptist Church will host evangelist Dennis Erwin and his family for revival services Aug. 7-13. Pastor Floyd Franks and the members of Cedar Valley Baptist Church extend a warm welcome to the community to attend the services.

Erwin is well known throughout the United States. He is in revivals from the East Coast to the West Coast, North and South. He has also preached at the Southern Baptist of Texas Convention this past spring. He is based out of First Baptist

Church Dallas. There will be Bible preaching and singing by Bro. Erwin and his family each service, as well as other singers.

Homecoming will be Aug. 13. After morning service there will be lunch then, special singing services afterwards, for most of the afternoon. No evening service that day. The evening services Aug. 7-12 will begin at 7 p.m.

Cedar Valley Baptist Church is located on FM 2843, eight miles west of I-H 35.



Evangelist Dennis Erwin and Family is shown above, from left: wife Tiffany, Cody, Keith, Christopher, Dennis and (center) Katie.

Services for Townsend set for August 3

Funeral services for Connie Townsend, 77, of Salado will be held 10 a.m. Aug. 3 at the First Baptist Church of Salado, with Rev. Billy Johnson and Rev. Brian Dunks officiating. Burial will follow at the

Salado Cemetery.

She died July 31 at a Temple nursing home.

She was born in Terrell, the daughter of Floyd and Leslie Blain. She married Wayne Townsend on Oct. 10, 1948 in Salado. She was an elementary school teacher for 36 years, teaching five years in Killeen and 31 years in Salado. She retired from teaching in 1989. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Salado for 58 years.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne Townsend, of Salado; daughter Lori Maughan, of Salado; one sister Sue Ann Pfeil, of Plano, and one granddaughter, Jessica.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Salado.

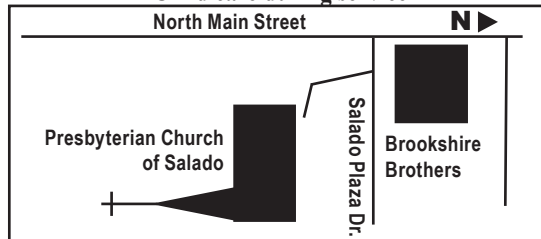
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Columbus Logo and colors were used to decorate the hall, and a catered bbq dinner buffet from Johnny's Steakhouse was served.

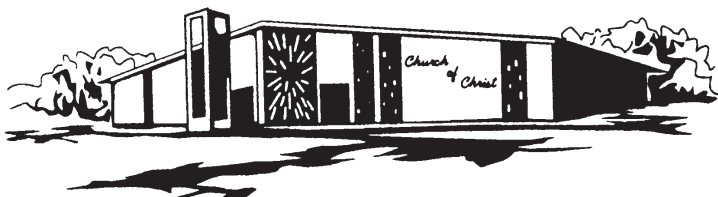
The officers for the new year include: Grand Knight: Bobby West, Deputy Grand Knight: David Smetana, Chancellor: Chris Reeves, Recorder: Gerry Reihsen, Treasurer: Mike Mazoch, Advocate: Joseph Lyles, Warden: Duane Marburger, Inside Guard: Eugene Hoelscher, Outside Guard: John

Ricter, First year Trustee: Chris Seaton, Second year Trustee: Nicholas Garcia, Third year Trustee: David Broecker and Financial Secretary: Bryan Johnson.

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Grainger Esch and Garrett Askins are wrapped up in their roles in this year's Silver Spur Melodrama, which debuts Aug. 4-6.

Melodrama debuts this weekend

Salado Silver Spur Theater, 108 Royal Street, will host the world premier of Gary Askins' original melodrama, "The Complete History of Bell County (Abridged)". The play will run weekends Aug. 4-20.

This almost traditional form of theatre promises villains, heroes, damsels in distress, thrills, chills and comic pratfalls. The play is a satiric look at life in Salado, Texas, USA that blends contemporary

issues and personalities into an historic epic of good versus evil. Customers are encouraged to boo the villains and cheer for the good guys as once again the forces of darkness threaten the good citizens of this village, nestled on the banks of Salado Creek and adjacent to the access ramp of I35.

This year's melodrama features the talents of local residents and one illegal immigrant from New Jersey. This newest

addition to the cast is Kevin C. Carr, who plays Snidely H. Whiplash, the villain of the play. Carr is performing in Salado with a special Yankee Green Card obtained by Penny and Grainger Esch, local impresarios of the Silver Spur Theatre. Penny and Grainger once again will reprise their roles as Tex

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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. For info and show-

times call 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

AUGUST 5-6
40th Annual Salado Art Fair in Pace Park. Show Times: Saturday, 9 a.m.-5p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission: \$5 for adults, children 12 and under are free. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.

AUGUST 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 7
Salado High School Athletic Booster Club Membership Drive and meeting, 7 p.m. at the high school library.

Anyone interested in participating in booster club activities is invited to attend.

AUGUST 7-13
Grace Baptist Church Revival, featuring Evangelist Dennis Erwin and family, 7 p.m. each night Aug. 7-12. Homecoming will be Sunday, the 13th, with no evening service that night.

Community is invited.
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 10
Meet the Eagles night, at Salado High School's Eagle Stadium. Meet the Eagles is a preseason community meeting with Salado's football, cross country, volleyball and cheerleading squads. Event will include food and concessions, as well as an intra-squad football scrimmage. More info TBA.

AUGUST 11-13
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AUGUST 12
Benefit concert at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, featuring Kate Harrod (pianist/vocals) and Denise Thomsen (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. For showtimes and info call 254-947-3456 or visit www.saladosilverspur.com.

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.

AUGUST 26
Mealtime Mastered at The Range at the Barton house, 9-11 a.m. Info and reservations: 254-947-3828 or www.mealtimeastered.com.

AUGUST 26
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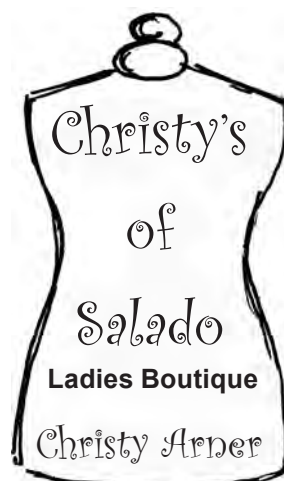
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SEPTEMBER 1-3

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SEPTEMBER 8-10

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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

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SEPTEMBER 16

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

SEPTEMBER 16-17

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SEPTEMBER 20

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

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

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OCTOBER 10

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OCTOBER 12-14

Annual Christmas in October event, sponsored by the Salado Chamber of

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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 Cattlemen'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 4

Eleventh Annual Salado United Methodist

Church Garden Guild Luncheon and Fashion Show, 12:30 p.m. at 650 Royal Street. Fashions by Alice's of Salado. Tickets: \$12 each. Info: SUMC church office, 254-947-5482.

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.

NOVEMBER 21

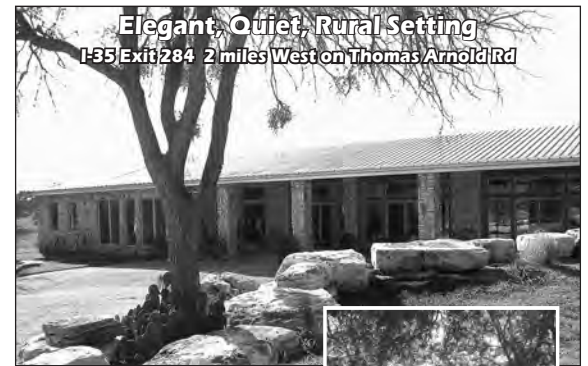
Tablerock Amphitheater's Annual presentation of Charles Dickens' Yuletide classic, A Christmas Carol, 7 p.m.

each night. Tickets available at the gate beginning 6:30 p.m. Concessions open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Info: 254-947-9205 or www.tablerock.org.

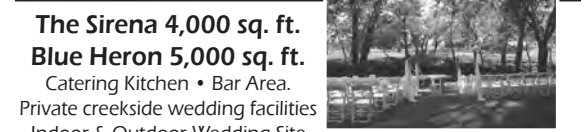
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As Baby Boomers retire, they may drastically effect healthcare industry

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As the Baby Boomers begin their retirement in the coming years, they may find that half of them may spend some time in a nursing home. Additionally, 75 percent of those over age 65 will need

some home care.

For those over 85 years of age, 83 percent have a chronic condition that limits their daily functions with half requiring some form of assistance.

"This has created an unprecedented demand for long-term care," Sandy Carlson told the Salado Lions Club July 26. Carlson is the Regional Marketing Director for Trisun Healthcare Temple Region. Trisun operates four living centers in Temple.

Carlson spoke to the Lions about the changing demographics in America, especially with the aging of the Baby Boomer generation. The current life expectancy has risen for men to the age of 81 and to 84 years for women. "With increased longevity," Carlson said, "the chances increase that a chronic condition or physical or mental disability will develop which will require special care."

Half of the 78 million Baby Boomers born between 1946 and 1964 will live past the age of 90. About seven out of every 10 Boomers plan to work past age 65; half plan to work into their 70s, at least part-time. The youngest of the Baby Boomers will reach retirement age of 65 in 2030.

Many of the Boomers, Carlson said, are also sandwiched between caring for children and their own parents.

Sandwiched families are typically dual-income and face the challenges of caring for aging par-

ents while also caring for children. "There are many retirees who are caring for their parents," Carlson said, adding that this growing trend is complicated by the sandwiched parents having a "lack of planning or experience in dealing with health-care issues."

"Often the caregivers, who are usually the oldest female, have medical challenges of their own and little or no caregiver experience," Carlson said. "Sometimes the caregiver looks worse than the patient does by the time they come to us."

While California and Florida will continue to rank as the states with the highest populations over 65, Texas will surpass New York and Pennsylvania to be third in that ranking within two decades.

As Texas ages, the need for care will continue to grow, Carlson said, adding that there is a spectrum of care available to individuals today: in-home assistance, adult daily care, assisted living facilities and retirement communities, skilled nursing and rehabilitation facilities and long-term facilities.

In less than a decade (1987-1995), Medicare spending for home health services increased nearly tenfold. "Most of the growth in spending is due to an increase in the number of visits of the low-tech, personal services usually regarded as long-term care," Carlson explained. "The length of home health services has increased for some users to two years or more."

In the Temple area, there are more than 20 providers of in-home assistance, which can range from health, personal care, nutrition, homemaking and social and safety needs.

The average cost of home care is \$15-21 for non-skilled services and up to \$100 per hour for nursing care. The average cost for in-home care in Bell County is \$20-30 per visit

in the area.

Adult daily care is provided out of the home on a daily or as-needed basis without overnight stays. Temple and Belton has no facilities of this sort available, which the except of an adult day care center for those suffering from dementia.

Assisted living facilities and retirement communities offer a range of services from independent to assisted living for those who don't require 24-hour nursing supervision. "These facilities are supporting an 'aging in place' philosophy," Carlson said, adding that there are seven facilities in Temple/Belton.

A skilled nursing facility stay often follows hospitalization, Carlson said, to "allow the patient time to strengthen using extensive nursing care for receiving rehabilitative therapy services." Area hospitals have in-house skilled nursing facilities and there are 11 long-term care facilities in Temple/Belton that provide skilled nursing and rehabilitation services.

Long term care facilities provide around the clock care with licensed nurses. The care is all-encompassing. Only five percent of the over-65 population are nursing facility resident, while 21 percent of those over 85 are nursing facility residents.

As there are a variety of facilities, there is also a variety of ways to pay for long-term care, Carlson said. Medicare is available to the disabled and those over age 65. It pays up to 100 days for skilled nursing and rehabilitation following a qualifying hospital stay. Medicare pays 100 percent for the first 20 days with a \$119 daily co-payment for the next 80 days of care.

Medicaid is a federal and state program to help those who meet established financial and medical criteria. Single

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The Solution-Focused Approach

When I was earning my Masters in Counseling there was one specific type of therapy that really caught my eye...Solution Focused Therapy.

The reason for this was simple; it just made common sense. The basic concept of Solution Focused Therapy is this: When a client has a challenge that is causing them issues, help them create "solutions" to deal with that problem, versus continuing to discuss the "problem" and hope somehow miraculously the problem deteriorates and disappears. All too often we are like the fly that tries to get outside by continually ramming itself into the window.

"I eat two meals a day to cut calories."

"I never eat breakfast to keep my calories down."

"I eat two meals from a fast-food restaurant a day, but they are small."

"I never drink water because I don't want to hold water."

"I am addicted to sugar and caffeine, but it keeps me amped so I can do more."

"I don't have time to workout 20 minutes a day, so I just eat less."

"I jog daily and eat less."

"I consume no fat in my diet."

Unfortunately the fly is not successful, and may even die while trying to get through the window. We are no different; if what you are trying is

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By KEVIN McCAULEY



not working, it is time for a real solution, a real change.

If you look at people who are successful in anything, they focus on solutions, not the problems. Let me illustrate: If you wanted to be the most successful race car driver in the world and you were struggling with your skills and speed on the corners, would you focus on the wall or focus on the road? Well, obviously, you would focus on the road. But, if you were to focus on the wall, not only would your performance suffer but the majority of the time you would end up "in the wall." Focusing on the solution, not the problem, will create better results every time.

So what is the solution concerning our health and well-being?

In America we now realize we have quite a challenge. We are sicker than ever before and we are bigger than ever before. But just discussing the fact that we are heavy and sickly is focusing on the *problem*, not the *solution*. If we continue to talk about all of the things that made us heavy and sick, we will most certainly continue to remain heavy and sick.

People are beginning to realize that the trillion dollar industry of

pharmaceutical drugs is not the solution. People don't become healthy by taking prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Drugs treat disease but they do not prevent disease or make you well. The average senior citizen today takes on average, seven drugs a day, four prescription and three OTC. All of these drugs are toxins that have side-effects, yes, all of them.

If you combine this with the fact these drugs are only 30-50 percent effective, I believe you can see this is no long-term solution. The race car driver knows he is going to hit the wall, so he is just going to hit it gently, or so he thinks.

Now, in the Health and Fitness Industry, the major voice heard can be saying, "exercise more, and eat less." Unfortunately, this is no solution at all and actually breeds a larger problem, accelerated aging and disease. As human beings we are complex beings and to have this industry pitch such a simple plan is a farce. If we don't improve the quality of our exercise and nutrition we are not embarking on a solution. The race car driver who works hard on driving fast, but not well, ultimately hits the wall.

Your well-being is of vast importance, and it certainly isn't a time to implement the saying "if you don't first succeed, try, try, again!"

Stay focused on the quality of the basic elements of health. By

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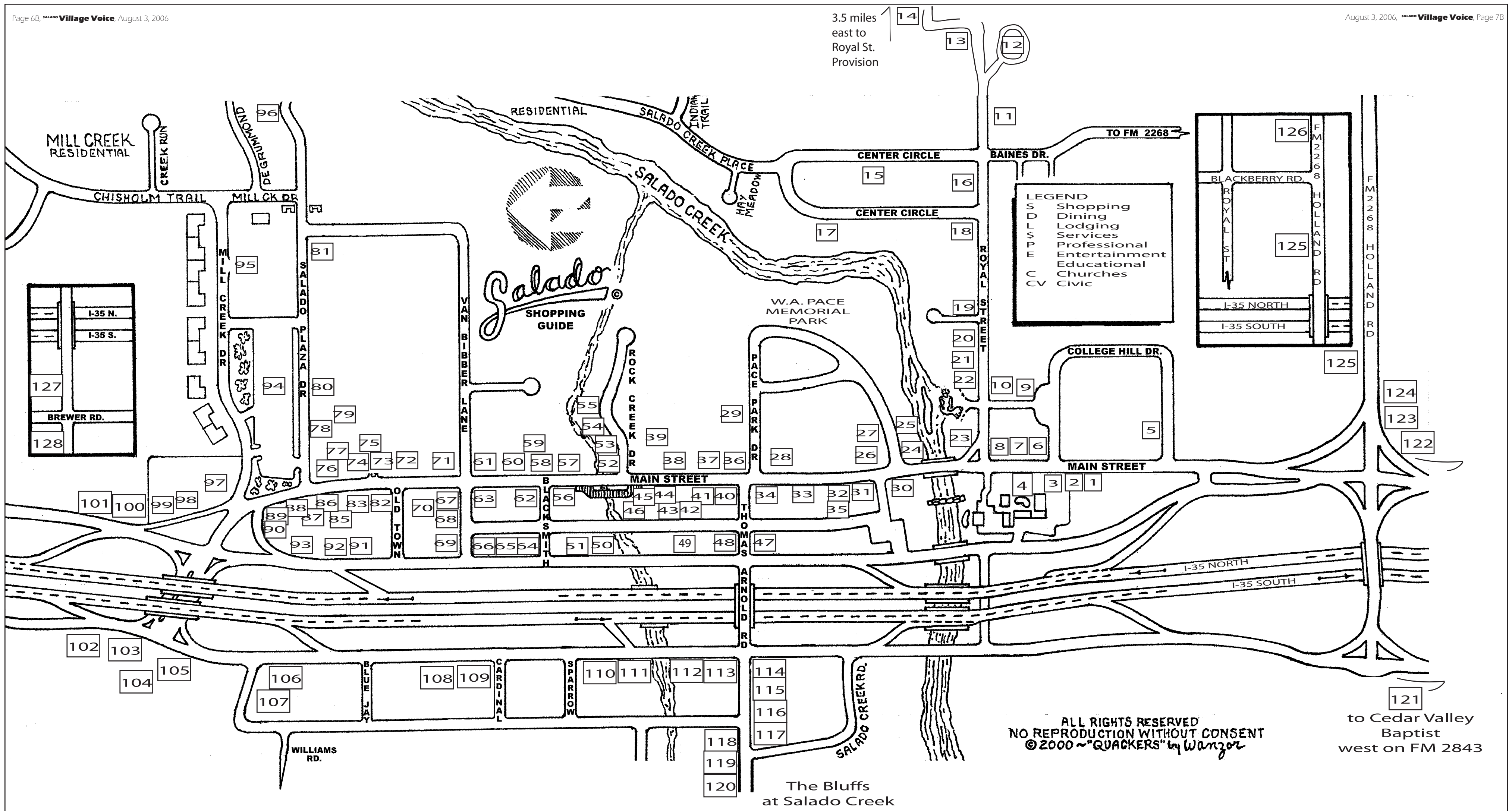
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Rotarians hear from State Rep

Delisi discusses education, transportation

State Representative Dianne White Delisi spoke to the Rotary Club of Salado at the group's July 25 meeting at the Stagecoach Inn. Delisi has represented District 55, of which Salado is a part, for 16 years and has served on the important Appropriations Committee for 10 years, four of those as Vice Chairman. She is currently Chairman of



Rep. Dianne White Delisi

serve in the way her father intended. Delisi says she is currently involved in several issues starting with solving the school finance issue while holding down taxes. She gave a brief history of the current finance issue, starting in 1991 under Governor Richards, when the State was issued a court order to fix the finance problems. It took five special sessions to come up with a program. Again in 1996 Governor Bush took some measures to solve the finance problems.

the House Committee on Public Health.

Representative Delisi opened her presentation by reading a letter that her father had written to her mother years ago, when he was serving in the U.S. military. She said

it covered the same issues Americans face today, and pointed out the need for public spirited politicians to "fulfill the public trust," especially for the sake of those that served the country in the military. She said she strives to

As of now there have been several special sessions. She says there are four needs that must be addressed: First property taxes must be lowered, but her figures suggest it requires \$1 billion of State funds to compensate for every 10 cent reduction in property tax rates. Second, the disparity in individual school tax resources must be addressed. For example, she said Salado is a "gap school district," meaning it falls between the affluent districts that now have revenue transferred and the donee districts. Third, Delisi said teacher pay must be increased to that comparable to individuals in other professions of the same skill level. And fourth, according to Delisi the franchise tax must be reformed as it currently nearly amounts to a voluntary tax.

Another issue of local importance is the I-35 relief corridor. Delisi is in favor of the proposed project, citing the number of deaths on I-35, especially in the Salado area. She cited the accident record in the Salado area where 12 people had been killed in the recent past by median crossover head-on collisions.

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Melodrama

Smith and Penelope Trueheart, the love interest in the story. Garrett Askins, local award winning actor, will play Justin Time, our hero's sidekick. This year Douglas Mackie will portray Outa Time, Justin's twin brother. Tony Blackman will reprise his accolade-winning performance as the assistant villain Duck Chaney. Tim Hodgkin will bring life to the role of Ronald Rump, a local real estate tycoon, and is joined in the cast by Karen Ewton who plays Bertha Bovine the matronly aunt of our heroine. Jody Askins will play Ms. Katrina Love, a local merchant who has employed two interns Fame and Glory portrayed by Rebekah Quick and Lauren Culver.

The play is, of course, about a deed to land on the banks of Salado Creek that our hero and heroine

want to use to build a school for the children of Bell County, but which the villain attempts to acquire for the construction of a toll road and bridge. The conflict encompasses campaigns, elections, violent struggles, duels at sundown and voting fraud. The audience is encouraged to become part of the solution as they participate in this unique creative endeavor.

A popular feature of the Salado Silver Spur Melodrama is an original silent movie chase sequence shown in the middle of the play. The locally filmed and edited portion of the show has the heroes and villains chasing through the streets and business establishments of the village. This "new" old time movie is artistically enhanced by the creative live piano underscoring of

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following these basic elements your chance of becoming diseased (over 75 percent of degenerative diseases are created by lifestyle) will be minimal. (Even if you are on the road to disease or are already diseased, your best chance of success is still implementing a Solution-Focused-Approach.)

The Solution-Focused-Approach:

- Quality Nutrition and Water Intake
- Quality Sleep
- Quality Exercise

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and sugar/sweetener/caffeinated drinks decreasing your chances of obesity and various cardiovascular diseases.

If you are focused on improving your quality and quantity of sleep, you may find that numerous physical and mental issues will subside. If you focus on improving the quality versus the quantity of your exercise, you will find that problems, such as low-energy levels, insulin sensitivity, slow metabolism and bone density will vastly improve.

I believe that in American the majority of us can live to be 100 years old or older while taking no prescription medication, all while living a life of great quality. But how?

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individuals pay an amount to the facility each month and a spouse in the community is allowed to protect some income and resources, Carlson said.

Private pay is the third alternative for long-term care. The individual pays the daily room and board rate, plus prescription medications, therapies and ancillary charges.

The potential need for long-term care in the future has led many people to buy long-term care insurance, which pays a set amount per day for long-term care.

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The average cost of a nursing facility in the area is \$120 per day for a semi-private room plus ancillary charges, medications and therapies. This can easily add up to \$42,000 a year.

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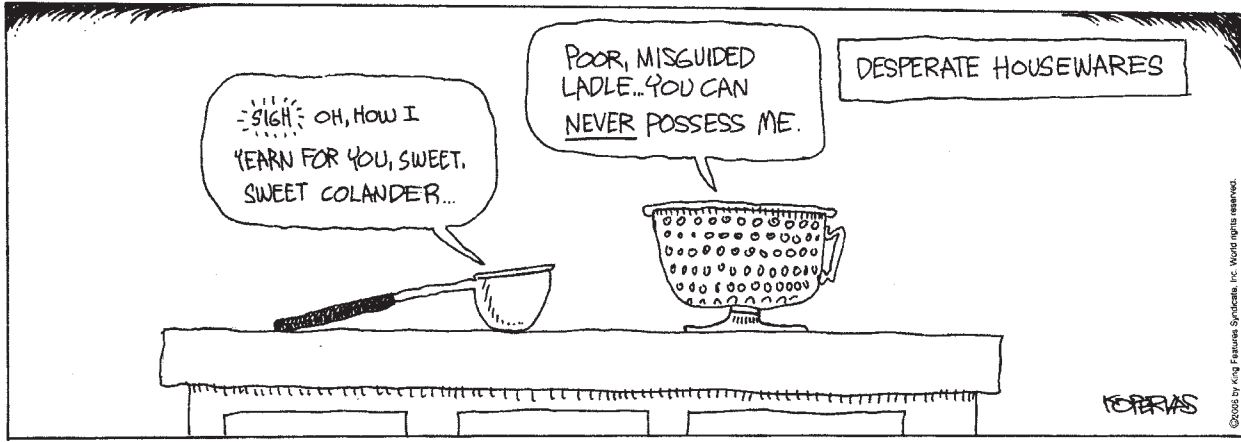
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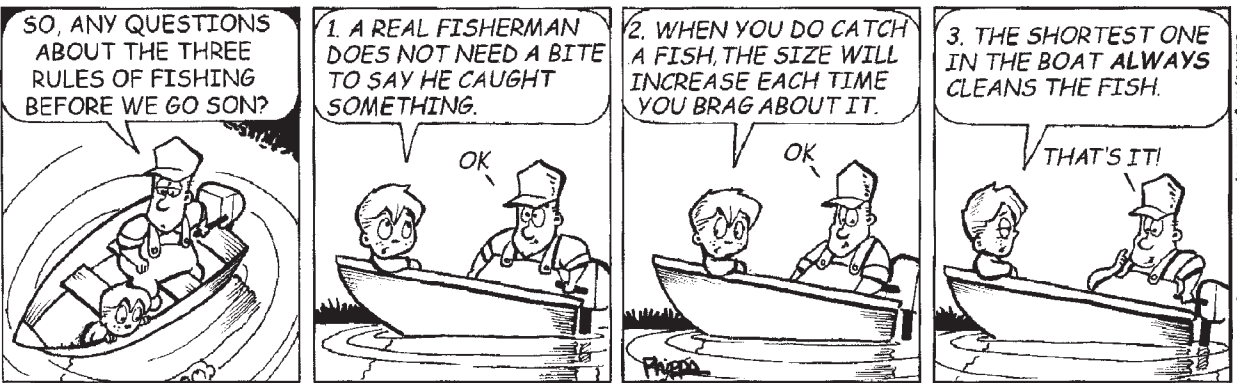
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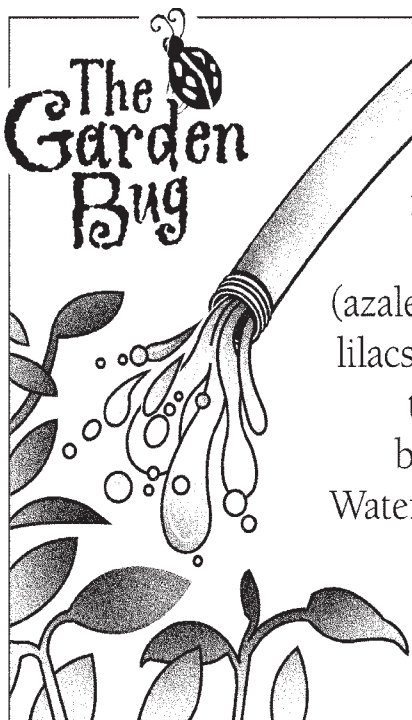
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The lady bullfighter emerges from obscurity

by
Tumbleweed
Smith



Pat McCormick saw her first bullfight in Mexico City when she was seven years old. That experience had a profound impact on her life. Back in the hotel room with her parents, she practiced the moves she had seen in the bullring.

After growing up in Big Spring, she went to the University of Texas in Austin with hopes of becoming an opera singer. Her music instructors suggested she switch to art. When she brought home some of her artwork and showed it to her father, he said, "Pat, if you're going to draw a tree, it needs to look like a tree." He told his daughter she should enroll in a school that taught realistic art. Pat enrolled in Texas Western in El Paso.

Pat wandered across

the border and started hanging out in the Juarez bullring. She met a couple of bullfighters who taught her some rudimentary moves. With an old World War One blanket and a chair, she practiced them in front of a mirror in her dorm room. She practiced a lot. Bullfighting was becoming more important to her than her studies.

She became a familiar figure at bullfights across the border, learning a little more at each one she attended. Her presence and

her fervor did not go unnoticed by a bullfight promoter, who had watched her fight cows in a nearby pen. He lined up a nine-fight schedule for her. She joined the bullfighters union, which enabled her to fight the big bulls, the same ones men fought. She became the first woman in North America to join that union.

She had a suit made for her in Mexico City and acquired three swords. At her first fight, the bull tossed her into the air. Pat

got up, brushed herself off and killed the bull. The crowd gave her a standing ovation. It was a good kill and Pat got an ear. Her career as a bullfighter was fully launched.

"I practiced in secret so my parents wouldn't find out what I was doing," said Pat. "When I finally told them I was going to fight bulls, they were shocked. At that first fight, my father stood on the sunny side at the top. My mother was unable to watch, even though I dedicated the kill to her."

Pat had no sisters or brothers. Her parents pleaded with her to give up this crazy notion of bullfighting. Pat told them, "It's like becoming a fighter pilot. It's just something I have to do." She fought bulls for ten years, from 1952 until 1962. She fought 600 bulls, getting top billing in bullrings in the US, Mexico and South America. She quit fighting when the bulls got smaller. "I didn't want to be remembered as a person who fought small bulls."

After her bullfighting career, she seldom mentioned it while working as a secretary for an art school in California. Recently she was a guest of honor in Villa Acuna where she had fought bulls. People stood in line to get her autograph. She now lives in Del Rio.

Letourneau to address Ladies Auxiliary Aug. 10

The August 10 meeting of the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary will be held at the Salado Civic Center. The program, "My Vietnam Experiences," will be presented by Salado-resident Paul Letourneau.

Letourneau was born in Springfield, ME, and married his wife Kathleen in 1967.

Their family includes two children, Thomas and Kelly, along with four grandchildren.

Letourneau enlisted in the army in 1966 and in that same year he was made sergeant. A tour to Germany in 1968 eventually took him to Vietnam during the "Tet Offensive." He recently published a book about his experiences in that conflict.

After his service, Letourneau was hired by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, at age 22. Three years ago, Paul retired as a director at Reynolds, and is now active in the Salado community and spends his leisure time playing golf.

Social begins at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting and program to begin at 10 a.m. Spouses and other guests are welcome and invited to attend.

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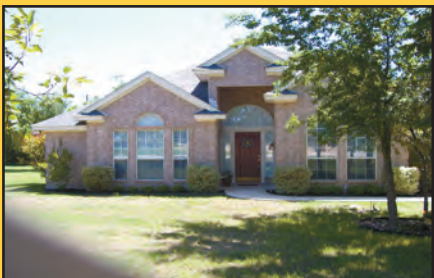
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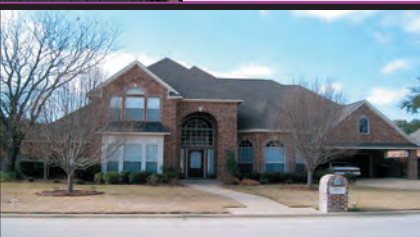
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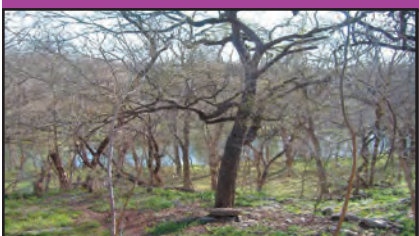
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Central Texas College (CTC) began registration for the Fall 2006 semester at its central campus on July 31.

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.

These students are encouraged to check their scheduled registration times online at www.ctcd.edu. Simply click the Students link, then class schedule, then Fall 2006.

New students who have completed the admissions process and all required testing may also register during this time.

Students may register by either calling 254-526-1717 or online at 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. 14-25. Late registration will be conducted Aug. 28-31.

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

Registration at CTC's Fort Hood campus is currently underway and will run through Aug. 11. Civilians, dependents and retired military students may register online at www.ctcd.edu 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.

Walk-in registration is also being conducted in Building 3201 at Battalion Avenue and 72nd Street, during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. (0730 to 1615).

Late registration for Fort Hood campus classes will be Aug. 14-17.

Weekday classes begin Aug. 14 and Saturday classes begin Aug. 19. A complete list of available courses through the Fort Hood campus can be found at the CTC web site by clicking on the class schedules link.

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July 20, 2006

GRANDFATHERED DEVELOPMENT STATUS

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 20th 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.

Check It Out

News & Notes from
Salado Public Library

Library sets book sale, computer classes

Salado Public Library will have its annual Book Sale during the Salado Art Fair Aug. 5-6 in Pace Park. The book sale hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

"We have lots of children's books, best sellers, non-fiction, audio books and videos," said Marsha McGuire, head librarian of the Salado Public Library. "Thanks to everyone who donated books for the sale."

Proceeds from the Book Sale will benefit the Friends of the Salado Public Library.

Computer Classes
Do you want to learn

about computers from the most basic facts? Salado Public Library will offer Beginner Computer Classes and Intermediate Computer Classes. Each class offers six hours of instruction in two three-hour sessions. The cost is \$30 per class. The Beginner Class is offered 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The Intermediate Class is offered 2-5 p.m. Call the Library at 947-9191 for more information or to register for a class.

The Library is open at 1151 N. Main St., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.

What does 'sustainable' really mean?

Dear EarthTalk: The term "sustainable" seems to be the new green buzzword. What exactly does it mean, particularly when applied to such things, say, as transportation or agriculture? -- Steve Nezhad, Portland, ME

"Sustainable," quite simply, is the positive result of conducting economic, social or environmental activities in such a way that current needs are met without compromising the well-being of future generations. A sustainable activity also does not despoil the here and now, in part because of how it may affect the future.

For example, cars that run on oil and gasoline are unsustainable on both counts: They make use of a non-renewable resource (that is, one that will be completely depleted at some point in the future); and they pollute the environment right now. Thus they negatively impact the present-day as well as tomorrow.

What, then, is sustainable transportation? Any option that moves people or goods while impacting the environment minimally. Walking and bicycling are the most sustainable, using no energy except for leg power and consuming very little or no resources. And public transportation moves large numbers of people at once while also saving space, as one negative impact of cars is that activities tend to

spread out through the process of sprawl, creating the need to travel greater distances to obtain goods or get to work.

As such, to a large extent transportation can be made more sustainable through urban design. The closer together we locate shopping and entertainment centers, the easier it is for public transport to get us there, and the less reliant we are on cars. And cars themselves can be more sustainable by running on clean fuels or on technologies, like hybrids, that use less fuel. Better yet, cars of the not-too-distant future will be powered by fuel cells, which run on hydrogen and spew no pollution. Ideally, that hydrogen will be made from water, using power from solar energy,

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thus creating no pollution at that point in the process, either.

In the realm of farming, sustainable agriculture in its ideal form provides a living for those who farm and supports the local community's needs while maintaining the natural ecology of the farm and its surrounding environment. According to the National Safety Center (NSC), a "sustainable" farm produces crops without damage to the farm's ecosystem, including the soil, water supplies and other adjoining resources.

Sustainable agriculture is also "intergenerational," says NSC, in that it seeks to pass on to future generations a conserved natural resource instead of one that has been depleted or polluted.

Some examples of sustainable agriculture include avoiding chemicals, rotating crops, and choosing crops that suit the climate, so as to reduce the need for chemicals and preserve the long-term fertility of the soil. In light of modern developments, some might add that avoiding genetically modified crops would also fit with the sustainable model, given the uncertainty of their impact on ecosystems and personal health.

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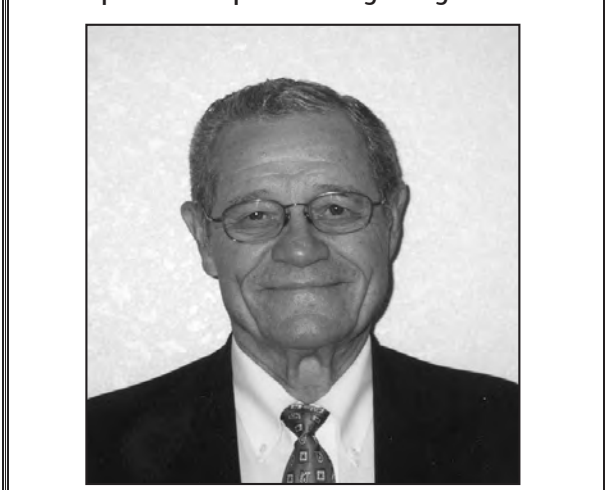
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THC announces rewards for historic preservation

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) encourages you to nominate your local historic and preservation devotee for one of the major awards presented at the agency's annual historic preservation conference held each spring.

The THC honors both individuals and organizations dedicated and active in salvaging the treasures of Texas' rich history.

Categories include: excellence in media that promotes an awareness of the state's historic and prehistoric resources, outstanding leadership of a county historical commission, significant contributions towards museum education and efforts made in the protection and maintenance of Texas' architectural heritage to mention just a few.

Two awards worthy of note include the Ruth Lester Lifetime Achievement Award and the George Christian Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award. The Ruth Lester Lifetime Achievement Award is given to one recipient to recognize an individual who has made a significant, long-term contribution to historic preservation in Texas.

The George Christian Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award, also given to one recipient, honors an individual for outstanding volunteer service to historic preservation.

Start thinking now about people, projects and organizations you might nominate for THC award recognition. For a complete listing of awards offered, specific information and guidelines for submissions, visit the THC web site at www.thc.state.tx.us or call the THC's History Programs division at 512/463-5853.

STAGE 3 - SEVERE WATER SHORTAGE CONDITIONS

Trigger Conditions -
Requirements for Initiation - When the General Manager determines that Stage 2 conditions and commensurate water reduction goals are not sufficient or when one of the following conditions exists:

- 1) A well pump runtime of more than 80% for more than 14 consecutive days, or
- 2) A loss in well pumping capacity of 30% for more than 14 consecutive days.

Requirements for Termination - When the General Manager determines that the goals set for in Stage 3 have been met or when the General Manager determines that the system interruption described in 1) or 2) above has been repaired or alleviated.

Goal - 15% reduction in average daily water demands or 25% reduction in maximum daily water demands.

Requirements -
All requirements of previous Stages shall remain in effect during Stage 3. Under threat of penalty for violation, the General Manager shall implement one or more of the following water restriction:

- 1) Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers, automatic sprinklers, soaker hoses, or drip irrigation may occur only between the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10 am and 6 pm to 12 midnight. The designated outdoor water use days are as follows:
 - 1) Odd numbered addresses: Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday
 - 2) Even numbered addresses: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

There shall be no outside landscape irrigation with hose-end sprinklers, automatic sprinklers, soaker hoses, or drip irrigation on Mondays. Irrigation by hand-held buckets and hand-held hoses is permitted anytime.

- 2) The use of water for washing sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, streets, tennis courts, patios, and other paved areas, except to alleviate immediate health or fire hazards is prohibited.
- 3) The watering of the ground around foundations to prevent foundation cracking is permitted only during times designated for landscaping irrigation, except when watering to protect foundations is accomplished by a drip irrigation system or a hand-held hose. A drip irrigation system or hand-held hose may be used to water the ground around foundations to prevent foundation cracking at any time.

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Sustainable FROM PAGE 9C

the Context Institute defines sustainability as "extending the Golden Rule through time...Do unto future generations as you would have them do unto you." Meanwhile, Paul Hawken of the Natural Capital Institute offers an equally concise summary: "Leave the world better than you found it, take no more than you need, try not to harm life or the environment, make amends if you do."

CONTACTS: Context Institute, www.context.org; Natural Capital Institute, www.naturalcapital.org.

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Dear EarthTalk: In a public restroom, which is the more environmentally sound and healthy option for drying your hands: a paper towel or an electric hand dryer? - Dee Janis, Binghamton, NY

Most experts would agree that wall-mounted electric hand dryers are preferable to paper towels from an environmental standpoint. Though they do use energy, they shut off automatically and therefore don't waste energy--and they eliminate the need for paper while also keeping paper out of the waste stream.

But the answer may depend upon whom you ask. World Dryer Corporation, which supplies wall mounted dryers, prepared a study for the Topeka, Kansas public school system, which concluded that switching from paper towels to 102 of its wall-mounted dryers system-wide would save annually 587 trees, 690,000 gallons

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of water, 34.5 tons of solid waste, 103.5 cubic yards of landfill space, and almost \$90,000 per year (including electricity costs), with less than a six-month initial payback period for the cost of installation.

Others are not so quick to give the nod to dryers, and cite sanitation as the reason. The Handwashing For Life Institute (HFL), an association of food service suppliers that includes paper makers, argues that hand dryers have "no place" in restaurant or cafeteria washrooms or in other situations where food is being handled. "Most users walk away with wet hands and wet hands transfer bacteria 500 times more readily than dry hands," says the group's website. HFL advocates paper towels over dryers because they "remove bacteria from hands and reduce general bacterial counts by an average of 58 percent."

Many hand washers would agree that wall dryers do not work as effectively as paper. After all, who hasn't given their hands a final swipe across a pant leg after using a hand dryer for a few minutes? California State University facilities manager Gary Homesley was one of those, but in assessing whether or not to replace paper towels with electric dryers at a campus student union, he was shocked to learn of the significant amount of resources used to make paper as well as the large amount of pollutants that paper-making was responsible

for discharging into the atmosphere.

Ultimately Homesley chose the Xlerator hand dryer. The manufacturer, Excel Dryers, claims that it will dry hands in 10-15 seconds, and that it addresses the effectiveness issue with a high-velocity air stream that actually blows most of the water off the hands, leaving the thin remaining film of water to evaporate more quickly. The product is the first electric hand dryer to be awarded the Environmental Building News GreenSpec designation for conserving energy and reducing waste, and is also the first to qualify for the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program.

Despite the prevalence of recycled papers and the increased efficiency of electric hand dryers, it may still be disheartening to know that no matter what you are offered at the conclusion of your public restroom visit you are having some environmental impact. For those losing sleep over that, there is always the truly green fallback of carrying your own reusable washcloth.

CONTACTS: World Dryer Corporation, www.worlddryer.com/environment.html; Handwashing For Life Institute, www.handwashingforlife.com/US/english/Integrated_solutions/paper_towel.asp; Excel Dryer, www.exceldryer.com; GreenSpec Directory, www.buildinggreen.com/e-commerce/gscfm.

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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.**



Austin Stone Home northwest of Salado on approximately 2 acres. Large Back Porch! **\$154,900.**



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