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SISD trustees set to approve largest school budget ever

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Salado Independent School District may spend \$7,401 per student next year for operating expenses if trustees approve a \$10.5 million total budget following a public hearing on the matter 6 p.m. Aug. 28 at the Salado Civic Center.

The proposed budget calls for \$9.1 million in maintenance and operating (M&O) expenditures and an additional \$1.4 million in debt service (I&S) expenditures. This compares to the \$8.9 million total expenditures in 2005-06: \$8.2 million in M&O costs and \$677,636 in I&S costs.

While the \$10.5 million is the highest budget in terms of costs, it will add \$303,674 to the district's total fund balance by the end of the 2006-07 school year. School officials say that part of the reason they are recommending the dis-

trict to increase its overall tax rate to \$1.60 per \$100 evaluation is to supplement the fund balance in preparation of opening the new high school in 2008.

This will bring the district's fund balance to about \$2 million. Eight years ago, the district's fund balance dipped to below \$80,000. School districts should maintain two to three months of operating expenses, according to the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

A four-year budget comparison showing student population growth from 1,052 students in 2003-04 to and anticipated 1,270 students in 2006-07 and an increase in total expenditures from \$8.1 million in 2003-04 to \$10.5 million in 2006-07 can be found on page 12A of this issue of Salado Village Voice.

You can also find the recently-approved administrative pay scales on page

12A. The teacher pay scale was published after it was approved earlier this summer.

The chief increases in expenditures for SISD compared to 2005-06 are in Instruction and Plant Maintenance, both of which saw double digit percentage increases. Instruction increased from \$4.6 million to \$5.3 million, while Plant Maintenance increase from \$777,489 to \$886,219.

On the revenue side, local revenues for M&O remain about the same at \$6.5 million despite the drop in the M&O tax rate from \$1.422 per \$100 valuation to \$1.30 valuation. Debt service, however is a different story as local taxpayers will fund \$1.4 million in debt service next year, compared to \$677,636 in 2005-06 due to the bond issue approved this year for construction of a new \$16 million high school on FM 2484 and Williams Dr.



(PHOTO BY LINDA CAWTHON)

Troy Kelley, Fred Henegar and Jim Stuewe install a bronze statue Kelley sculpted of Christ, the Good Shepherd at the Salado United Methodist Church. The statue will be formally dedicated on Aug. 20. See story for details, page 10A.

Aldermen examine budget

Salado aldermen will continue working on the 2006-07 Village of Salado budget at their regular meeting 6:30 p.m. Aug. 17 at the municipal building on Stagecoach Rd. The board will hold public hearings on the proposed budget before approving it in September.

The third draft of the budget maintains revenues at the 2005-06 levels of more than \$560,000, but dramatically increases expenditures by some \$183,000, requiring the Village to dip into its reserve by more than \$60,000.

If approved as-is, the budget will drop the Village fund balance to \$160,388.

While revenues increase by about \$1,000 in the budget, almost every department increases its expenditures in the proposed budget.

The Administrative expenses are \$30,030 higher in the proposed budget at \$158,070. A detailed budget comparison can be found on page 5A of this issue of the Salado Village Voice.

The cost of the municipi-

pal building increases by \$11,500 to \$40,900 due in most part to having a full year of mortgage payments on the new municipal building.

Although the Village has not increased its contract with the Salado Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD), that budget includes a \$4,000 payment for a consultant.

The costs for the police department increase to \$217,050 from the \$184,411 anticipated in 2005-06. Increases in fuel and equipment and forms costs are the principal reasons for the \$30,000+ jump.

Street maintenance will increase almost \$17,000 from expenditures this year compared to budgeted costs in 2006-07. The total budget is \$87,110 for maintenance.

In addition, Pace Park costs will total \$15,450.

The Village is taking over operations of Pace Park from the Salado Chamber of Commerce, with which the Village contracted for the daily operations of the

park.

Other expenditures include animal control, \$1,000; contingency, \$5,000 and emergency operations, \$3,000.

The Village will also spend \$38,000 in capital outlay for a new police vehicle, bringing the total expenses to \$629,970.

In other business Aug. 17, aldermen will hear reports from the Police Chief and Tourism Director as well as discussing unfinished business and new business.

Unfinished business items include the budget, review of the building inspection contract, a revised building ordinance fee schedule and a water franchise fee ordinance.

In new business, aldermen will consider the planning and zoning commission recommendation on First Salado Bank's conditional use permit, following a public hearing on the matter. The board will also discuss a possible sewer study in partnership with Stagecoach Inn.

SVFD acquires new emergency vehicle

Salado Volunteer Fire Department recently purchased a new Emergency Response Unit to help the Department operate more efficiently. The Truck was purchased with local funds and through a grant from the Texas Forestry Service. Cost of the vehicle and outfitting is \$100,000. The Art work by Custom Signs in Belton. "This Truck will be used for Emergency Response, Rescue and small grass fires," Assitant Chief Charles Young said. "This will help extend the life of the large Fire Truck by four or five years.

The truck has a 250 gallon capacity.



(PHOTO BY STEPHANIE HOOD)

Salado Volunteer Fire Department recently purchased and outfitted this emergency response unit.

In 2005, SVFD had 611 Emergency Response Calls (medical, highway etc.). Last month, they had 41 total calls including

fires.

During large fires the Emergency Response Unit will act as a command center.



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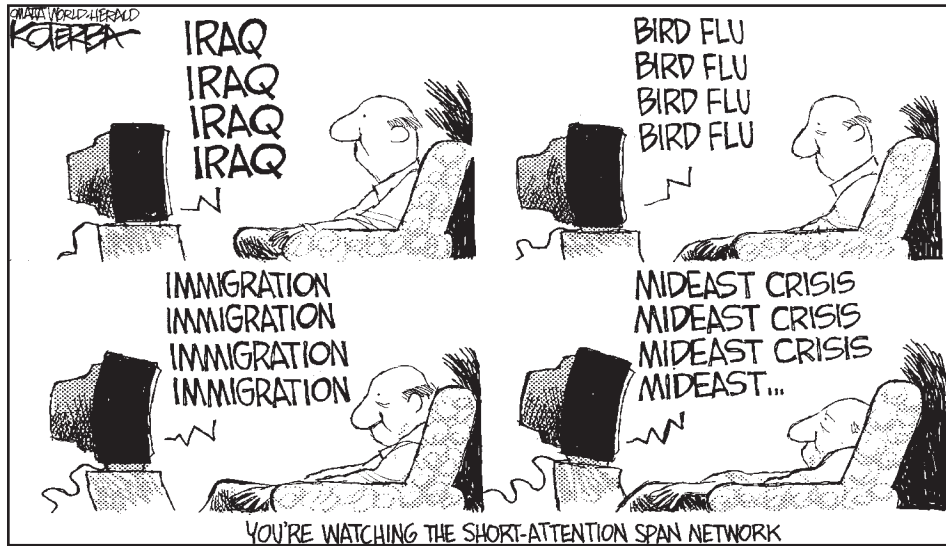


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Judges in check -- for now

In courtrooms across the nation an extraordinary thing has happened: In a spate of decisions, judges have deferred to important policy judgments rendered by democratically elected legislatures or by the people themselves in referenda. It obviously hasn't been easy for judges to give up their self-appointed role as super legislators, fit to rewrite any laws based on the whimsy of the hour. They have done it only reluctantly and by narrow margins.

But, for now, the popular will on the issue at hand in these decisions -- same-sex marriage -- seems safe from arbitrary judicial override. At least until the next decision. In New York, Georgia, Nebraska, Connecticut and -- just a few weeks ago -- Washington state, state and federal courts have upheld bans on gay marriage. They have thus frustrated the strategy of supporters of gay marriage, who, in keeping with the thrust of liberal social policy during the past 40 years, had hoped to impose their policies through the courts.

The judges aren't going along -- at least not enough of them, at least not yet.

The majority opinion in the 5-4 decision by the Washington state Supreme Court gently chides the minority: "Perhaps because of the nature of the issue in this case and the strong feelings it brings to the front, some members of the court have uncharacteristically been led to depart significantly from the court's limited role when deciding constitutional challenges."

The Washington state decision, as well as the other important one in New York, rejects the argument that opposition to gay marriage is based only on rank prejudice. It says the Washington legislature was "entitled to believe" that preserving the current definition of

Rich Lowry



marriage encourages a family structure that is best for children.

Well, thank you very much! It is a symptom of our era of judicial fiat that it plays as some sort of far-reaching concession when a court says lawmakers are entitled to believe something that has been a bedrock belief throughout recorded human history.

Supporters of gay marriage want the courts to declare their opponents irrational not just because it is a shortcut to victory, but because they really believe it. Democratic action is based on persuasion. But if you believe that most of the country is made up of irrational bigots, you have no hope to persuade them by argument and have to resort to the coercion of judicial overlords instead. When the would-be overlords refuse and say your opponents are rational, but perhaps misguided, you sputter with rage.

The push for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution banning gay marriage was born in reaction to the Massachusetts Supreme Court imposing gay marriage on that state a few years ago. The new decisions might reduce the urgency of the amendment's supporters. That would be a mistake.

Surely one of the reasons for the newfound humility of finger-in-the-wind judges around the country is their knowledge that more overreaching will create a strong political reaction, giving the constitutional amendment momentum. Judges are in check at the moment. It's up to politicians and the public to try to keep them there.

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

Can Strayhorn ride "Corridor" to victory over Perry in November? Back to the 55-mph speed limit?

Two week's ago this column romped all over Governor Perry's Trans Texas Corridor plan and apparently hit a nerve among some readers. The worry stems not only about the loss of valuable farm land in the TTC35 case, but from the added fear that future land-grabs by the State will be created for "private" commercial purposes, rather than "public use" which the eminent domain laws were designed to do.

Anti-Perry feelings are growing over these high-handed land matters, and this column is beginning to sense a shift in the political winds against our incumbent Guv, who up to now has been considered a "shoo-in" for reelection!

STRAYHORN'S CHANCE

Reports from "corridor" hearings from the Rio Grande to the Red River, indicate Texans are angry with "Crazy Hair" Perry for creating the TTC project, and if Independent candidate Carole Strayhorn and her staff get cracking on some thoughtful campaign maneuvering - she can ride this issue from now 'til November 7.

If Strayhorn convinces just a small portion of both rural and urban voters, that the corridor will not only remove valuable farm land from production and the tax rolls, but will also hurt sales and tourism in cities all along I35, then she might secure the needed dollars to buy expensive TV time right up to general election day.

There's an old adage in politics that if questions are asked often enough, and responses appear vague, voters will shift their allegiances. Therefore non-stop hammering of Perry with questions would be appropriate including: (a) Demand that the secret contractual agreement with the Spanish construction company (Cintra) be made public; (b) Request all documentation relating to commercial activities planned along the corridor and who will be the major profiteers, **and match them with "Crazy Hair's" contribution lists;** (c) Ask who will "watchdog" the actual corridor construction including work schedules, purchasing, and the critically important "time-cost" overruns.

Strayhorn needs only a plurality win on November 7 and since Perry's poll numbers are so low, and the field so crowded (Perry, Strayhorn plus Kinky, Bell and Werner), she could wind up as our next Governor with only a 40 percent margin of victory.

PERRY'S LONG RANGE PLAN

There's little doubt (among Austin's political insiders) that behind Perry's corridor plan is a long range scheme to aid and abet the state's Republican Party (and himself) by portraying them as honorable tax cutters, and thereby worthy of remaining in power, ad nauseam.

Here's how that might work. Perry is a fervent (ok - call him fanatical) tax slasher as proven recently when he, and the Republican controlled legislature, passed the largest tax reduction in history (school property taxes) **that will unfortunately be partially balanced on the backs of medium and low income Texans.**

Now add this connection. The Spanish road building giant - Cintra (combined with Houston's Zachry Construction Corp) will pay the State of Texas billions of dollars for the right to operate the six hundred mile toll road system, plus an eventual share of the toll-fee-income.

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



Just imagine - billions of long-green headed for our treasury. And "what" will happen to this on-going windfall? **More state taxes will be cut. That's "what" is gonna happen!**

Beneficiaries: the wealthy corporate and individual interests currently in the political saddle. Losers: those who depend on government assistance including the old, young, ill, infirm. And our public schools.

And the results? If these political plotters can convince voters that cutting taxes and services are the most important functions of government, then conservatives will lock up the executive and legislative branches of Texas government for years to come.

MOBY "GRANDMA"

Sounds like the GOP-dreamboat is about to land (provided their sly contrivances succeed).

Unless Strayhorn can play the role of a "Moby Grandma" whale!

ALASKAN OIL BUNGLE

When news flashed across the nation that the British Petroleum Company was closing down parts of the 650 mile long Trans-Alaskan oil pipeline - shudders were felt from N.Y. oil traders (prices shot up over two dollars a barrel), on down to families trying to fit a predicted \$4.00 (or higher) gas-pump gouge into an already dwindling home budget.

PB manages the 30 year old pipeline and apologized profusely for having to shut down the pipeline because of corrosion and resultant leaks. **However, they failed to explain why, during the past 14 years, the line had not been cleaned!** Nor were sections of the pipeline replaced when normal thinning of the inner pipe linings was discovered, as should have happened during routine maintenance checks (**that never took place**).

This outrageous carelessness in an oil pipeline carrying a high percentage of our daily supply of crude, must be thoroughly investigated. Why BP failed to replace aging lines on a regular basis is a question that may cost the giant international oil company its multi-billion dollar contract.

HOW ABOUT A 55 MPH SPEED LIMIT?

President Bush agreed to release oil from the nation's strategic reserves to offset the temporary loss of Alaskan crude, but neither he, nor his energy advisors, ever came close to even "flirting" with the most obvious way of cutting consumption, lowering gasoline prices and reducing traffic accidents. **Namely reinstating the 55 mile per hour speed limit used during (and immediately after), the 1970's mid-east oil embargo.**

In order to totally free ourselves from imported oil, we must consider: (a) Increased offshore exploration. (b) Reduce environmental regulations relating to U.S. oil drilling and refining (even in Alaska), (c) Lower the speed limit; and (d) Enact federal statutes requiring strict maintenance of all pipelines.

Our nation's top (non-partisan) energy experts believe these actions would end our dependence on middle-east oil, currently controlled by terror-religionists who (with insane zeal) want to destroy our lives, our democracy and our economy.

And while we're at it - why not create an oil independent hemisphere?

That's -30-

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Why it takes a village, part I

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SALADO ISD TRUSTEE

It's an exciting time of year as students, parents, and educators make their final preparations for "back to school".

All this bustling about triggers nostalgic memories of my own school years. I fondly remember my mother taking me to town to buy little plaid dresses, saddle oxford shoes, and book satchels, as they were called in the 1950's, which we filled with the tools of the student- tablets, pencils, and crayons. Every August, I still want to "go to town" to buy new school supplies!

My childhood was typical of the 1950's with my parents working hard to care for two sets of grandparents and provide the best they could for my sister and me. We weren't the Cleavers, TV picture perfect, by any means, but home life was

stable, and I was able to take advantage of the opportunities in school. I could concentrate on the academics knowing that the adults in my life were caring for me. Most of my friends grew up much the same way in networks of extended family, neighbors, community and church organizations that offered extra attention, affection, role modeling, guidance and a sense of positive direction.

As school bells ring all across our country this month, America's future -her children- will be offered new beginnings, challenges, and opportunities. But it is also a sad reality that not all our youth, and even in "quaint" Salado, many children are growing up with such limited resources and in such stressful situations that the new school year doesn't bring excitement and eager anticipation to them, and their chances for success at school and

later in life are diminished before they've even begun.

Too many children live in families that are under tremendous economic, social, and emotional pressure. Many of these troubled families are isolated and plagued by poverty, divorce, teen pregnancy, and drug and alcohol abuse. These emotional and psychological stresses create a climate of daily turmoil and sometimes even physical danger for children. As a result, the children who are in the greatest need of help from outside of the family are often the least likely to get it. The networks and support systems are woefully lacking for them.

The award winning star of stage, screen, and Broadway, Sara Jessica Parker has spoken candidly about the dysfunction and poverty of her own childhood. "I learned that your childhood doesn't have to dictate the rest of

your life if you're given skills, opportunity, and self-reliance." There is a ray of hope in her words. One CAN survive bad situations!

Planned mentoring programs have been identified as one promising strategy in combating the effects of the persistent problems that can negate a child's educational opportunities. These programs can bridge the chasm between the children from troubled families and the caring adults who can make a difference in their lives. Salado ISD has created such a program called Salado Mentors which will be implemented this fall. Our primary goal is to link caring adults with children who need the skills, opportunity, and self-reliance of which Parker spoke.

Would you consider becoming a mentor to a young person who may be experiencing a less than perfect childhood? You would act as

a listening friend, sharing information and your life experiences. By doing so you would, in effect, be saying to a child "You are worth my time and effort because you are a valuable human being. I can offer you, by my words or deeds or by the example of my life, ways to expand your horizons and to increase the likelihood that you will achieve success."

If you believe that the children of our village are our collective responsibility (It Takes a Village) deserving our care and guidance, please consider being part of Salado Mentors. Contact Salado ISD, P.O. Box 98, 76571, or call the Administration Office at 947-6900 for more information and an application.

When the yellow school buses roll down the street past your house, look closely at the faces in the windows, someone on the bus needs you!

Hi-test please, but hold the commercials



Jim Hightower

Corporate advertisers are concerned. Not concerned that they've inundated our brains with so many ads that we now automatically tune them out. No, no, they're concerned that there are now certain moments in our lives when we hear no ads at all.

For example, pumping gas. We stand there with our hand on the hose while the tank is filling, and what are we doing? Probably thinking about our plans for the weekend, or thinking about how the greedheads of Big Oil are laughing at us as we pump out more windfall profits for them, or maybe not thinking at all - just letting our frazzled minds float for few precious minutes.

What a waste, say advertisers, who've calculated that the average time spent pumping gas is four minutes. Multiply that by the millions of us who pump gas, then multiply that by two eyes and two ears for each gas pumper, and - well, the ad guys smell opportunity.

Sure enough, an outfit called Gas Station TV is leaping into this four-minute void in our lives. It's installing TV sets in the gas pumps of Murphy Oil, which runs the filling stations at Wal-Mart stores. ABC television will provide special programming for the four-minute pumping segment - and ABC will also sell the ads that'll be spaced into each segment. Already, such outfits as Pepsi, Good-year, and Allstate have signed up.

Great. Now, instead of four minutes of blessed silence, we get to spend the time hearing a sales spiel from an insurance company.

By the way, you won't be able to switch off the TV, so they've got you captured. Not to worry though, the CEO of Gas Station TV says, "We will not over-advertise."

Hey, Knucklehead - the very presence of TV ads in a gas pump is over-advertising! And lest you think that these four minutes will be the only intrusion into your few moments of solitude, another company is installing TVs in super-market checkout aisles.

Readers express thanks... dismay... anger

To the Editor:

A huge thanks to all of the Bell County Volunteer Fire Departments for their response to the fire north-east of if the intersection of Amity Road and IH-35 on July 30.

On July 28, my wife and I picked up our granddaughters for a long-anticipated week-long vacation. You can imagine my anxiety when my son-in-law contacted me on July 31 and told me not to worry, that our property and home were safe from the previous day's fire. As there was nothing we could do about it and everything seemed fine, we continued with our vacation and had a great time.

Upon our return home I was shocked to see how close the fire had actually come to my home and the homes of my neighbors. My parent's home in Bosque County burned to the ground in 1955. Nothing was salvaged. I can assure you, it is not a pleasant experience.

In checking with local law enforcement officials later, I was informed the cause of the fire was the reckless use of fireworks. As July 30 is not a date normally associated with fireworks I can only hope that the person or persons using the fireworks were demonstrating their exuberance of enjoying the freedoms of living in the United States of America.

I can only hope that

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Letters to the Editor

they continued to exercise one of those freedoms by heartily thanking all of the people that responded to this emergency. We are often reminded that America is free and remains free thanks to patriots and men and women in our armed forces. Sometimes we overlook those closer to home in our local law enforcement and fire departments.

I was informed that nearly all of the Bell County Fire Departments responded, as did Bell County law enforcement officials and the Texas Department of Public Safety. I can assure you that I will be personally thanking the Volunteer Fire Departments at Salado, Stillhouse Hollow and Holland, and anyone else I can find that helped. If I miss you please accept this heartfelt "thank you" for all of your efforts.

H.E. "Rip" VanWinkle,
Salado

To the Editor:

The fifth annual Back to School Clothing project, sponsored by Salado Family Relief Fund, has provided a new outfit and new school supplies for 153 children in Salado Independent School District.

The generosity of the

people of Salado has helped the students feel proud and prepared for the first day of school.

Thank you, Salado!
Mary Catherin Ervin
Salado

To the Editor:

As a new resident of Salado, I attended last Tuesday's (Aug. 8) special SISD Board of Trustees meeting. The agenda included a discussion of the 2006-07 school budget, a proposed "increased" tax rate and board action on personnel salary schedules.

This meeting surfaced concerns that deal directly with the district's utilization of the tax dollar and Board of Trustee conduct.

Concern One: Trustee Aldridge's personal reference (not once, but three times) to a fellow trustee as an "elitist" during the salary consideration discussion. Perhaps Trustee Aldridge should enroll in a Trustee "Good Conduct" course.

Concern Two: Board approval of a seven percent salary increase for a newly employed High School Assistant Principal.

Concern Three: The Board of Trustees receiving from the Superinten-

dent, several addendum pages pertaining to "Action Items," after the meeting had been called to order.

Concern Four: Public apathy. Two citizens, other than three school employees, attended this most important trustee meeting.

Michael McDougal,
EdD
Salado

To the Editor:

Lately, some of the editorials in the Dallas Morning News have finally started calling a spade a spade, the vast majority of terrorist threats originate from Islamic fundamentalism. Consider that the military leadership of Hezbollah and in Iraq and Iran are it's clergy. Can Christians even imagine their pastor directing suicide bombings, asking their parishioners to mount rocket launchers in their bedrooms and planning raids against army facilities?

Americans have a hard time understanding the hate and intolerance in the teaching of Islam. Even moderate Muslims are afraid of the fundamentalists. And rightly so, I am also afraid of a religion that promotes mass murder, praises suicide as a virtue with the promise of death for any Muslim that converts to another religion.

Do Americans understand that there is no distinction between the teaching and interpretations of the Koran and that of state government? To Muslims the Koran supersedes our Constitution and Bill of Rights. I hope the DMN keeps up its recent policy of truth in editorializing. The real information is the repression that Islamic fundamentalism inflects upon Eastern Christians and Jews every day, and not the politically correct ethnic version.

There is nothing ethnic about the arrest of the three men with 1000 cell phones as the wife of one of the suspects alleges, it's Islam. These men are Muslim, and Muslims tell Christians and Jews every day that they will kill us. Muslim understand it, America needs to understand it, these people mean it. Islam teaches its' followers they will die happy when they die killing Christians and Jews. It's hard for a society founded on a religion that teaches peace, tolerance and forgiveness to understand the regressive teaching and the literal interpretations of the Koran. As the Koran itself states, its' followers are directed to convert us or kill us. Which ever comes first.

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Consider these "words of wisdom"

Many of us are inspired by great quotations. And you can find plenty of them related to investing. Let's take a look at some of these quotes to determine what they may have to offer us.

"The four most dangerous words in investing are: 'This time it's different.'" - Sir John Templeton, legendary investor and philanthropist

Templeton points out that many investors tend to repeat their mistakes - or the mistakes of others. For example, has the Enron debacle taught us to not put too much money in company stock? After all, Enron employees who participated in their company's 401(k) plan had invested about 58 percent of their assets in Enron stock when it lost almost all its value during 2001. Yet today, many people are still "overloading" their 401(k)s with company stock.

Of course, Enron was an extreme example. Still,

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



any company's stock can fluctuate in value. And if these fluctuations are significant and occur at the wrong time - such as when you're retired and want to start taking distributions from your 401(k) - you could take some "hits."

As Templeton says, simply hoping that bad things won't happen again is not a sound investment strategy. Pay attention to mistakes - and learn from them.

"The individual investor should act consistently as an investor and not as a speculator." - Benjamin Graham, author and economist

An investor looks for good investments that are reasonably priced, while a speculator "bets" on risky vehicles. An investor holds

high-quality stocks for the long term and anticipates gradual price appreciation. But speculators hope for rapid gains, so they can sell quickly and move on to their next gamble. Sometimes they win, and sometimes they lose.

If you want to achieve your long-term financial goals, you might want to heed Graham's advice: Be an investor, not a speculator.

"We simply attempt to be fearful when others are greedy and to be greedy only when others are fearful." - Warren Buffett, well-known investor

How do people act greedy? By chasing after "hot" stocks in hopes of ever-higher gains - even if the stock prices are not supported by earnings and other key fundamentals. How do investors express their fear? By trying to "cut their losses" through selling stocks when the price drops - even if the stocks still offer

good long-term growth potential.

As his quote suggests, Buffett has achieved his tremendous success by doing just the opposite. If he can find no good reasons for a stock to be "hot," he probably won't buy it. And if a good stock's price is temporarily depressed, he'll jump in enthusiastically, because he recognizes a bargain.

In short, Buffett likes to "buy low and sell high." And that's good advice for all of us.

Going beyond the Quotes

As we've seen, some investment-related quotes can impart genuine wisdom. But you can't always make investment decisions just on the basis of pithy sayings. Your financial picture is not exactly like anyone else's, so you will need to create investment strategies that are tailored to your needs, goals and preferences. You may benefit from working with a financial professional who knows your situation and can recommend appropriate solutions.

So, listen to the words of experience - but let your own voice be your true guide.

Don't panic!

Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

Property inspections are common in most real estate transactions, and are recommended even in the hottest markets. The question becomes what do you do when the inspector's report comes back with items listed in need of repair. Whether you're the buyer or the seller, just keep a cool head and approach the

repairs logically.

Focus on the major defects. Minor repairs are not the ultimate goal of the inspection. Major repairs should be handled as soon as possible, in order to avoid any delays in closing.

Once the buyers have secured quotes for repairs, they should present their requests to the sellers either for the repairs or for a reduction in the selling price. The sellers may also choose to solicit quotes, and if there is a significant difference, the two parties may negotiate.

Either party may complete the repairs, but sellers who are busy preparing to move may offer a credit to the buyers so the buyers may have the repairs completed later to their satisfaction. Once agreed to, the final terms of the arrangement should be put into writing, and then signed and dated by both parties.

Whoever accepts responsibility for the repairs should have paid receipts for all of the work done. Proper documentation of each step in this process will protect each party and help ensure a smooth and successful closing.

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Village of Salado Budget Comparison

Account	Estimated 2005-06	Draft C 2006-07 226,788
Beginning Balance		
Revenues		
Tax Receipts	341,236	347,000
Franchise Fees	183,888	176,000
Development Fees	12,657	11,550
Municipal Court	10,953	13,120
Fire Department	180	200
Pace Park	0	3,200
Misc. Income	791	200
Tourism Admin Revenues	1,800	1,800
Vendor Fees	0	500
Interest Income	9,519	11,000
Other Income	571	0
Total Revenues	562,545	563,570
Total Available		790,358
Expenditures		
Administrative Expenses		
Payroll	39,520	53,550
Dues & Fees	5,532	5,800
Election Expense	505	1,500
Insurance	12,500	14,000
Training & Travel	3,528	3,500
Office Supplies	5,045	5,600
Printing Expenses	359	650
Meeting Expenses	298	800
Postage	996	1,500
Telephone	4,491	4,600
Professional Fees	41,293	51,300
Public Notice	2,174	2,000
Equipment	5,328	12,600
Cell Phone	655	670
Total Admin	125,926	158,070
Municipal Building	25,462	40,900
EMS Utilities		5,000
Fire Department	25,165	29,200
Marketing	833	850
Municipal Court	7,013	7,340
Code Enforcement	26,027	22,000
Police Department		
Payroll Costs	154,934	164,650
Officer Equipment	2,090	4,600
Training & Travel	1,551	3,000
Equipment/Forms	3,429	9,000
Cell Phones	3,700	4,500
Fuel/Maintenance	15,803	22,600
Reserve Officers	384	2,500
Jail Expense	0	600
Crime Prevention	500	5,600
Total Police Department	184,411	217,050
Street Maintenance		
Resurfacing	26,000	35,000
Pot holes	10,510	4,000
Other	2,879	3,200
Signage	7,681	9,000
Utilities	9,076	9,000
Parks	14,334	26,910
Total Maintenance	70,480	87,110
Pace Park	0	15,450
Animal Control	392	1,000
Contingency	5,486	5,000
Emergency Operations	1,800	3,000
Capital Outlay for Police Vehicle		38,000
Total Expenses	446,968	629,970
Estimated Balance 9-30-2007		160,388

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The golf tournament was created to allow troops from Fort Hood to play in a tournament at no cost. Seventeen four-person teams scrambled for prize money and an afternoon away from Fort Hood.

Hooters from Killeen partnered with McLane Company to sponsor the tournament, serving a lunch buffet for the teams prior to the 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Hooters girls were also selling drives on the course as the players made their way through Creeks 1 and 2.

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Three additional tour-

namment dates are scheduled for the troops: Aug. 18, Aug. 26 and Sept. 2.

Cathy Permenter of PEFEEO, an event planning company, commented, "It is gratifying to watch the soldiers that are leaving as soon as next week, come out to our community for a free day of golf with nothing else on their mind but having a good time. These

tournaments could not be possible without residents and business sponsorship to cover the tournament fees for the soldiers. I appreciate all of the support we have received thus far."

Sponsorships for the remaining three tournaments are available.

Sponsorships for a soldier are available by paying their tournament fees for one day of play,

or for the next three tournament dates. One day of sponsorship is \$50 while sponsoring a soldier for three days is only \$135.

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With district up for grabs

Eagle footballers poised for playoff run

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

When the UIL conducted its bi-annual reshuffling of school districts last spring, Salado rid itself of one of the dominant presences in Class AA Central Texas football because Lexington was shipped out.

But that doesn't necessarily mean the situation in District 25AA got any easier for the schools that stuck around. Along with traditional district-mates such as Academy, Florence, Rogers and Jarrell, Salado's district will again feature Lago Vista, along with new transplants Rosebud-Lott and Troy.

Taking the place of Somerville and Lexington, Rosebud-Lott, a past state champion and traditional gridiron power, and Troy, which tends to be successful on the 2A level, add a different wrinkle to the district's complexion. As sixth-year Head Coach Jeff Cheatham puts it, "We traded one good team for two. There's probably as much parity now as there's ever been."

The Eagles, coming off a season which began with high expectations and ended with a nail-biting first round playoff defeat to Wallis-Brazos, compiled a 7-4 overall record and a 5-2 district mark in 2005.

Gone from this year's squad, however, are nine offensive starters from a season ago, including quarterback Wes Ruth, running back Tucker Wilhite, and most of the offensive line, which featured Tarleton State signees Cody Gobin and Chris Redman.

The defense will return seven starters from a stingy '05 unit which posted four shutouts, but must replace linebacker Jesse Rodriguez, who started four years for the Eagles and was the leader of the defense.

Stepping into that leadership void will likely be the linebacker tandem of senior Justin Konzen and junior Josh Bush. Konzen (6'2" 205), is entering his third season as a starter for the Eagles, and was a first team all-district selection a year ago. Bush (5'11" 190), who Cheatham describes as a "smart, athletic football player who makes great decisions on the field," is expected to be the linchpin of Salado's 50 defense.

Also among the seven returners on the defensive side of the ball will be

junior free safety Matt Fritsch (5'10" 155), a first team all-district selection as a sophomore, as well defensive line anchor Ethan Williams (6'2" 215), a senior who earned first team all-state honors for his play a season ago.

Offensively, Salado will continue in the Multiple I it has been featuring for several seasons. The job of filling the quarterbacking shoes of the rangy, mobile Wes Ruth will fall to either senior Stephen Quick (6'3" 160), or junior David Rosenau (6'2" 150), who are battling for the starting position. "They're both rangy, with great throwing arms, but more than anything they bring intelligence to the field," says Cheatham of his quarterback prospects.

The revamped offensive line will not be as sizable as last year's version, but what its members lack in bulk they make up for in athleticism, says Cheatham. "We have some quick, athletic personnel we can put out there," he explained.

Projected starters on the offensive line include sophomore Chase Stuckey and senior Robert Cloud at the tackles, junior Jimmy

Ferrell-Raborn and senior Dallas Butts at the guards, and junior Payton Smetana at center. Senior Josh Fulfer is the expected starter at tight end.

At wideout, Salado returns senior Blake Newman, a first team all-district pick on 2005, as well as a trio of seniors in Nathan Sitz, Adam Patton and Tanner Myers.

In the backfield, Konzen, Seth Collins and Leo Galvan all look to share carries.

As far as the rest of the district is concerned, Salado will battle with the usual suspects for one of the three playoff positions, as no team, at this point, stands head-and-shoulders above any other. For the first time in a while, Cheatham says, the district is truly up for grabs.

Which, in Salado's case, means a young club will need to be battle-tested by the time district play rolls around. And with pre-district contests against the likes of Class 3A West, as well as McGregor and Hamilton, seasoning should not be a problem.

With the competition so close between the district's clubs, the difference between a playoff team and

an also-ran might be something as intangible as drive and commitment. And if so, Cheatham feels good about Salado's chances.

"Our kids have gotten to the point where they expect success, and expect to win," he says. All we have to do is get them ready."

Salado will have its first scrimmage 10 a.m. Aug. 19 in Crawford. The regular season kicks off with a 7:30 p.m. Sept. 1 showdown in West.



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The SYBA has cause to celebrate. This year, more Salado youth signed up to participate in softball or baseball seasons than ever before. In addition, Salado teams brought home three state championships: the Salado Dragons (Boys Senior Midget), the Salado Lynx (Girls Coach Pitch), and the Salado Red Hawks (Boys Tee-Ball). Those state titles represent more

in one season than in any year since the inception of the SYBA, 15 years ago.

Also, the SYBA received its highest amount of community support through sponsorship and donations than it has ever received. With that in mind, the SYBA spent \$12,000 improving facilities, including renovating a concession stand, placing a new scoreboard at Hodge Field, built two new batting cages, updated the entire complex with fresh paint and replaced old fences.

The next major focus for the SYBA is a \$30,000

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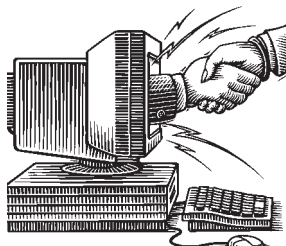
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Sunday Morning Service • August 20, 2006



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Sunday

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Wednesday

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Church

SALADO UNITED METHODIST DEDICATION SERVICE AUG.20

Kelley's "Christ the Good Shepherd" unveiled

A sculpture of "Christ, the Good Shepherd," has been created by local artisan, Troy Kelley, who was commissioned by the Salado United Methodist



Troy Kelley "Christ the Good Shepherd" will be unveiled at dedication service Aug. 20

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Church. The statue and base upon which it sits was funded by several members to memorialize their loved ones and to honor pastors and staff. The six foot tall statue

presents Christ at the heart of the church reaching out in love to everyone while caring for the flock under His care. The statue depicts Psalm 23:1, "The Lord is my Shepherd," and John 10:11, "I am the good shepherd." The statue will be a permanent reminder of the mission of Christ and his church: inviting all to come to Christ, our Savior, and including everyone to be in a fellowship of belonging and caring.

The unveiling and dedication is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. August 20. Prior to the unveiling and dedication a special brunch/reception will be held in the church atrium beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Following the brunch/reception, Dr. William Jennings Bryan will be teaching "The Biblical Image of Shepherd and Jesus" at 10 a.m. Dr. Bryan is a professor at SMU Perkins School of Theology and former pastor of Lovers Lane United Methodist Church in Dallas. The unveiling and dedication of the Good Shepherd Statue will take place at 10:30 a.m. at the designated site on the church grounds south of the church building.

Dr. Bryan will also be preaching during the 10:50 a.m. worship services. All members of the Salado UMC, friends, and the community are invited to join in these special events and services on Aug. 20.

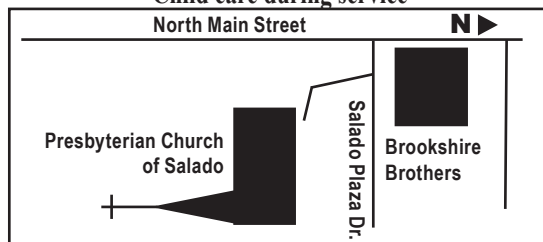


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William Brian Lutz memorial service held

Memorial services for William Brian Lutz, 25, of Copperas Cove, were held Aug. 10 at the Dossman Funeral Home in Belton, with Minister Joe Baisden officiating.

Lutz died Aug. 8 in a Temple hospital.

He was born April 6, 1981 in Lake Charles, LA, the son of William Lutz and Kathleen Langley Lutz. He was a resident of the Windcrest Nursing Center in Copperas Cove since he was seven years old.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Survivors include his

father and step-mother, William (Bill) and Julie Lutz, of Salado; two brothers, James Lutz and Jerod Lutz, of Salado; sister Britannia Lutz, of Salado; grandparents Richard and Agnes Lutz, of Temple, Ron and Josette Collins, of College Station, Sally Riggle, of Killeen, and Jack Langley, of Lake Charles, LA.

Memorials may be made to the Windcrest Nursing Center, 607 West Ave. B, Copperas Cove, TX 76522.

Dossman Funeral Home of Belton handled arrangements.

Attention Church secretaries and club reporters: News items can be emailed directly to the editor at news@saladovillagevoice.com

Fall Fiesta set for Sept. 2-3 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will be hosting their Annual Fall Fiesta on 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Sept. 2, and continue on 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. Sept. 3, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 707 South 6th Street in Temple.

The festivities food vendors will offer a traditional Mexican plate meal, in addition to barbecue chicken, fajitas, gorditas, nachos, turkey legs, hamburgers and

hot dogs, roasted corn, funnel cakes, aguas Frescas, snow cones, and ice cream. There will be children's game booths, a Country Store, Bingo and Mexicana Loteria. Entertainment will be performed by Mexican Folklorico dancers, Danza performance, mariachis, DJ and other live entertainment. Activities include horseback riding, a train ride, Pop-A-Lock Fun Jump, car show, live and silent auction and

raffle.

The highlight for Sunday's festivities will be the coronation of the 2006-2007 Fall Fiesta Queen at 5 p.m. Candidates for the Queen's Contest include Marlene Lopez and Elida Rodriguez.

The live auction begins at 3 p.m. on Sunday, featuring Auctioneer Billy Goonan, and the drawing for the raffle prizes at 6: p.m. The \$5 raffle ticket features the grand prize of a Toshiba Intel Processor

Laptop Computer. Other raffle prizes include a AKAI 20" Flat Screen TV/DVD/CD Combination System, Leather Recliner, \$200 Sam's/

Wal-Mart Gift Card, 20" Chrome and Black West Coast Chopper Bike and a \$100 Gasoline Gift Card.

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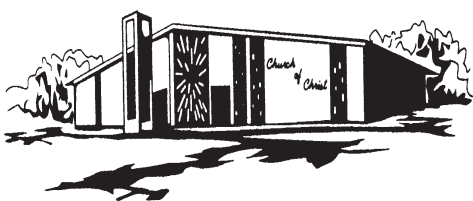
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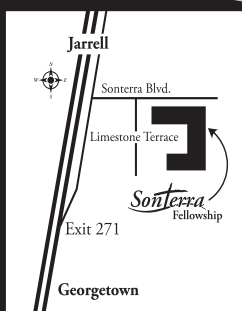
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Enrollment	1,057	1,159	1,210	1,270
Avg. Daily Attendance (ADA)	1,021	1,112	1,164	1,222
Tax Rate	\$1.58 per \$100 M&O \$1.41 I&S \$0.17	\$1.58 per \$100 M&O \$1.412 I&S \$0.168	\$1.58 per \$100 M&O \$1.422 I&S \$0.158	\$1.60 per \$100 M&O \$1.30 I&S \$0.30
Maintenance and Operation Budget by Function				
Revenues				
Local	5,342,713	5,949,200	6,452,056	6,536,062
State	1,912,532	1,555,088	1,440,208	2,639,893
Federal	142,057	146,303	168,396	186,084
Loan Proceeds	105,000	122,000	135,000	67,000
Total M&O Revenues	7,502,591	7,772,591	8,195,660	9,429,039
Expenditures				
Instruction	4,215,650	4,336,609	4,585,169	5,255,260
Instructional Resources	232,760	248,195	257,212	284,763
Curriculum & Staff Development	12,700	12,900	16,863	16,863
School Leadership	438,697	473,467	485,170	540,208
Guidance/Counseling	170,975	172,191	179,447	196,438
Social Services	7,000	10,800	24,247	29,247
Health Services	64,578	69,689	71,927	78,722
Student Transportation	329,674	360,804	449,218	398,769
Food Services	317,579	315,723	350,275	375,424
Cocurricular/Extracurricular	338,985	408,649	442,683	464,713
General Administration	370,791	392,002	412,654	446,682
Plant Maintenance & Operation	784,258	740,440	777,489	886,219
Security & Monitoring Services	3,000	3,000	3,000	6,055
Community Service	0	0	0	0
Debt Service	53,700	56,000	44,000	76,468
Land Acquisition		18,750	0	0
Payments to Fiscal Agents	80,000	86,500	79,000	93,500
Expenditure Total	7,420,347	7,705,719	8,178,354	9,149,331
Change in M&O Fund Balance	81,955	66,872	17,306	279,708
Debt Service Budget				
Revenue:				
Local	606,406	665,506	670,331	1,397,500
State	68,841	35,247	12,211	1,290
Revenue Total	675,247	700,753	682,542	1,398,790
Expenditures				
Debt Service	677,636	680,450	677,636	1,374,824
Expenditure Total	677,636	680,450	677,636	1,374,824
Project Change in Debt				
Service Fund Balance	(2,389)	20,303	4,906	23,966
Total Revenue:				
Maintenance & Operation	7,502,302	7,772,591	8,195,660	9,429,039
Debt Service	675,247	700,753	682,542	1,398,790
Total Revenue	8,177,549	8,473,344	8,878,202	10,827,829
Total Expenditures:				
Maintenance & Operation	7,420,347	7,705,719	8,178,354	9,149,331
Debt Service	667,636	680,450	677,636	1,374,824
Total Expenditures	8,097,983	8,386,169	8,855,990	10,524,155
Total Project Change in M&O and Debt Service Fund Balance	79,566	87,175	22,212	303,674

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Ath. Dir.	\$58,189	\$62,396	7%	\$62,536	\$62,500
Fin. Dir.	\$43,116	\$45,616	6%		
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Salado Winery harvest grapes

The Salado Winery harvested its first grapes last week. The winery, founded in 2004 and operated by June Ritterbusch and husband Sheldon Vickers, will join grapes harvested at the winery's location off Hill Road, just south of Salado, with grapes purchased from other growers for the first batches of wine produced by the winery. Afterward, Ritterbusch hopes to incorporate only grapes grown on-site for future wine productions.

The 30-acre hilltop winery had its first grapes planted on a small three-quarters of an acre swath of land last April, set aside to grow chardonnay, merlot, cabernet and sangiovese plants. At that time, 450 plants were put into the ground.

In addition to Salado Winery, the couple also operate Salado Wine Seller, at 881-B, North Main Street, in Salado, where they offer a wide selection of Texas-grown wines.

For more information call 947-8011 or visit www.saladowinery.com.



Sheldon Vickers and Tyler Fletcher harvest grapes at Salado Winery (above). At left, a bunch of grapes hang from the vine. At bottom, June Ritterbusch adds yeast to merlot grapes.



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AUGUST 17
Mealtimemastered at The Range at the Barton house, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Info and reservations: 254-947-3828 or www.mealtimemastered.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 19
Salado Youth Baseball Association (SYBA) Trophy Day and Sponsor Appreciation Day, 4 p.m. at the Salado Youth Baseball Complex.

AUGUST 21
Salado Youth Fair Boosters meeting, 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center, to discuss ticket sales for the

annual raffle. Anyone interested in the Youth Fair Boosters is invited to attend.

AUGUST 22
Mealtimemastered at The Range at the Barton house, 6-8 p.m. Info and reservations: 254-947-3828 or www.mealtimemastered.com.

AUGUST 23
Salado Lions Club meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Speaker: Salado Alderman Merle Stalcup.

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 24
Salado Area Repub-

lican Women meeting, 6 p.m. at the Jeffrey McClure building on Main Street. "Buck" Brandemuehl, former Assistant Commissioner of the U.S. Border Patrol, will speak. Brandmuehl's will discuss "The Texas Border - Today and Tomorrow." Dinner will be "Potluck." Attendees are asked to bring a favorite dish. Guests are welcome. Info: Marie Martch, 939-8240.

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

AUGUST 26
Fourth Annual Salado Athletic Booster Club Reverse Raffle, at Salado Intermediate School. Catered meal begins at 5 p.m. Grand Prize: \$10,000 Shopping Spree at Home Depot. Tickets and info: Ronnie Heller, 254-947-9090.

AUGUST 27
90th birthday party for Thelma Alice Griffith, 2-5 p.m. at the Halley House, given by her children, David and Cheryl Griffith and Linda and Richard Thomas. No gifts, please. RSVP to 947-8786 or 512-819-0075.

AUGUST 29
Mealtimemastered at The Range at the Barton house, 6-8 p.m. Info and reservations: 254-947-3828 or www.mealtimemastered.com.

AUGUST 31
Mealtimemastered at The Range at the Barton house, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Info and reservations: 254-947-3828 or www.mealtimemastered.com.

SEPTEMBER 1
Salado Eagle football, versus West Trojans, 7:30 p.m. in West. Season opener.

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

SEPTEMBER 8
Salado Eagle football, versus McGregor Bulldogs, 7:30 p.m. in Salado.

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

SEPTEMBER 9
Salado Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School. More details TBA.

SEPTEMBER 13
Salado Lions Club meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Speaker: Sam Lindsey, Lions Club District Director.

SEPTEMBER 15
Salado Eagle football, versus Hamilton Bulldogs, 7:30 p.m. in Salado.

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

SEPTEMBER 16
Mill Creek Community Association Fall Picnic, 6:30 p.m. at Sherrill Park. Johnny's Steakhouse will cater.

SEPTEMBER 16-17
Tablerock's Fantasy Faire 10 a.m.-6 p.m. both days, featuring characters from history, literature, mythology and imagination. Enjoy music, dance, swordplay and storytelling, and shop goods from over 50 vendors. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under,



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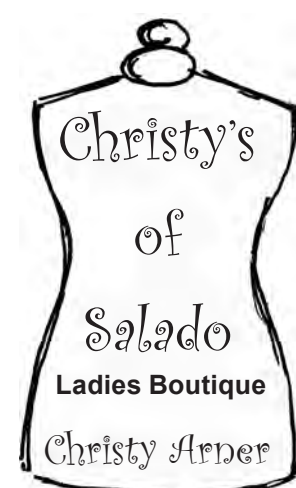
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SEPTEMBER 20

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

SEPTEMBER 20-22

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

SEPTEMBER 22-24

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

SEPTEMBER 27

Salado Lions Club meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Speaker: Ingrid Schunder, Director of the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank.

SEPTEMBER 29

Salado Eagle football, district opener, versus Little River-Academy Bumblebees, 7:30 p.m. in Academy.

OCTOBER 6

Salado Eagle football, versus Jarrell Cougars, 7:30 p.m. in Salado.

OCTOBER 7-8

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

OCTOBER 7, 14 AND 21

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

OCTOBER 10

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

OCTOBER 11

Salado Lions Club meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Speaker: Skip Blancet.

OCTOBER 12-14

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

OCTOBER 13

Salado Eagle football, versus Rogers Eagles, 7:30 p.m. in Rogers.

OCTOBER 14

Salado Youth Fair Boosters Annual Raffle and Dinner at the Bell County Expo Center.

Grand prize: Rhino utility vehicle. Tickets: \$100, with mulligan tickets at \$25. A dinner for two comes with the purchase of each ticket, and many silent auction items will be available. Funds support Salado FFA, FCCLA and 4-H. More details TBA.

OCTOBER 18

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

OCTOBER 20

Salado Eagle football, versus Lago Vista Vikings, 7:30 p.m. in Salado. Homecoming.

OCTOBER 21

Salado Area Republican Women Fine China Luncheon, noon at Stagecoach Inn Longhorn Room. Info: 254-947-3617.

OCTOBER 21

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

OCTOBER 21

Salado Education Foundation Cattleman's Ball at Tenroc Ranch. Evening will include music from the Freddie Fuller band, barbecue, live and silent auctions

and a casino. Tickets now on sale for \$75 per person, available at the Salado ISD Central Office or at Century 21-Bill Bartlett. For more information call 254-947-1958.

OCTOBER 25

Salado Lions Club meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Speaker: Pete Fredenburg, Head Football Coach at UMHB.

OCTOBER 27

Salado Eagle football, versus Troy Trojans, 7:30 p.m. in Troy.

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 3

Salado Eagle football, versus Florence Buffaloes, 7:30 p.m. in Florence.

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 8

Salado Lions Club meeting, 11:30 a.m. at

the Salado Civic Center. Speaker: Wallace Davis, writer and lecturer, past president of Wayland Baptist University.

NOVEMBER 10

Salado Eagle football, regular season finale, versus Rosebud-Lott Cougars, 7:30 p.m. in Salado.

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.

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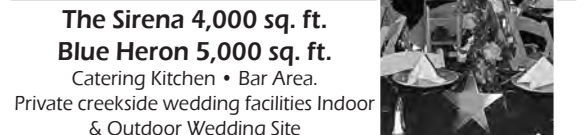
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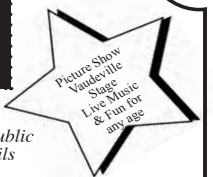
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Strong named Artist of the Month

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Carol Strong has been selected by the Salado Village Artists as the new Artist of the Month, with displays at the Salado Public Library, Compass Bank and First State Bank, all on Main Street in Salado. Strong has selected some of her award-winning oils,

pastels, and watercolors to be shown during August and September.

The Artist of the Month program is an ongoing public display of the works of artists selected from members of the Salado Village Artists Club. The works are shown for two months at a time.

When Strong lived in Big Spring, she was honored with cash awards at shows and received commissions of her work. She has paintings hanging in public buildings, such as the Rail Road Depot and Howard College in Big Spring.

Because her interests lay in decorating and music, Strong never wanted to paint while she was having a family, but after raising her three boys she decided to take lessons from a friend. She started when she was 38 years old with portraits, landscapes and florals.

Although watercolor



Carol Strong, Artist of the Month for August and September.

is her favorite, she has sampled all mediums, starting pastels this year. She enjoys the friends she has in the SVA and likes to take classes with the group. She is serving on the board this year in the position of Treasurer, and finds the job is a busy one, so she paints mostly at home. She won third place in the watercolor division at the 2005 SVA juried art show.

Strong also stays busy

with the Ladies Auxiliary and the First Baptist Church of Salado.

Some of her favorite paintings in the display are "The Coke Can" and "The Fishing Boy." The show also includes an abstract of an Indian design, as well as her first oil portrait of her granddaughter. The public is invited to view her work.



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Bell Co. Museum debuts new historic quilt exhibit

The Bell County Museum will open a new exhibit of historic quilts from the museum collection on Saturday, August 26, 2006.

A *Bell County Quilt Treasury* will showcase the unique artistry and variety of eleven quilts

from the collection of the museum, and one is a signature quilt from the SPJST Museum in Temple. The quilts were made in all parts of Bell County, including Rogers, Buckhorn, and Nolanville. Of special interest to many museum visitors is the Friendship quilt made in Austin by First Lady Miriam Ferguson, wife of Texas Gov. Jim Ferguson, who later was elected governor in her own right. Pieced quilts, applique quilts and crazy quilts will all be on view, and the exhibit will feature interactive components as well.

The SPJST Library, Archives and Museum has generously lent this exhibit a beautiful album, or signature, quilt

with numerous names of church members from the Ocker, Cyclone and Seaton areas.

Commenting on the many quilt patterns represented in the exhibit, Museum Curator Amanda Thompson stated, "Quilt designs and patterns are often passed down from generation to generation, but originally stem from many sources, such as nature, religion, politics, and even special occasion in the life of the quilter."

A *Bell County Quilt Treasury* will be on view through May 5, 2006. Museum hours are noon-5 Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free and guided tours are available.

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The danger of everyday toxins

When developing a lifestyle to improve one's long term health, a major focus should be on toxins. Toxins cover a wide array of compounds that have found a way into our everyday lives.

Wikipedia's definition of a toxin reads like this: "When used non-technically, the term 'toxin' is often applied to any toxic substances. Toxic substances not of biological origin are more properly termed poisons. Practitioners of alternative medicine often apply the term in a non-specific manner to refer to a broad category of harmful substances claimed to cause ill health." Please focus on the word "poisons" and the phrase "cause ill health," because an accumulation of toxins poisons our body until it causes ill health. This ill health can manifest itself in a number of ways and is why our drug companies are involved in a trillion dollar industry.

Here is a list of everyday toxins that you might be consuming in some capacity: (In order from worst to best)

- Illicit drugs and narcotics
- Tobacco/nicotine
- Alcohol
- Artificial Sweeteners
- Refined sugars
- Additives
- Caffeinated beverages
- Over-the-counter medications
- Prescription medications

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By KEVIN McCAULEY



All of these toxins speed the normal aging process by accelerating the turnover of cells and chemicals in the body. My approach is to get people, when ready, to taper-off or avoid toxins completely. This way, they will be able to build the body up at a faster pace than they are tearing the body down. The challenge is that we feel good when we tear our bodies down, that is why it is easy to become addicted to any type of drug: nicotine, alcohol, sugar, caffeine, or even prescription medications. So for someone who has a damaged metabolism it takes some real work to wean off of these toxins without falling apart.

Let's take a closer look at toxins:

Illicit drugs and narcotics: Obviously, if you are involved with taking any type of illegal drug you need to stop. If you cannot do it on your own, get some help. These toxins will destroy your metabolism and accelerate your aging process the fastest.

Tobacco/nicotine: Phillip Morris has paid hundreds of millions of dollars in court costs and losses. They actually pay for advertising awareness for children not to smoke and they *still* are one of

the largest industries in the world. How? Nicotine is a very addictive drug and once you have started smoking it is very difficult to stop. Tobacco will kill you the fastest but the nicotine is what keeps you hooked.

Alcohol: Red wine is the least of the offenders here. It could be said, if you would drink red wine in moderation, this toxin would be a much better choice as it may benefit your heart and stress levels.

Artificial Sweeteners: I know it seems odd that Artificial Sweeteners are considered a harsher toxin than sugar. The reason is simple; sweeteners are

artificial and sugar is not. Period. Here are some side-effects from the ever popular and FDA approved Splenda; shrunken thymus glands, enlarged liver and kidneys, atrophy of lymph follicles in the spleen and thymus, reduced growth rate, decreased red blood cell count and diarrhea. Here are some side-effects from Aspartame; Brain tumors, Multiple Sclerosis, Epilepsy, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, mental retardation, Lymphoma, birth defects, Fibromyalgia, and Diabetes. It is a proven fact that artificial sweeteners cause obesity at a faster rate than sugar does. You do not need to taper off of artificial sweeteners; you can stop cold-turkey.

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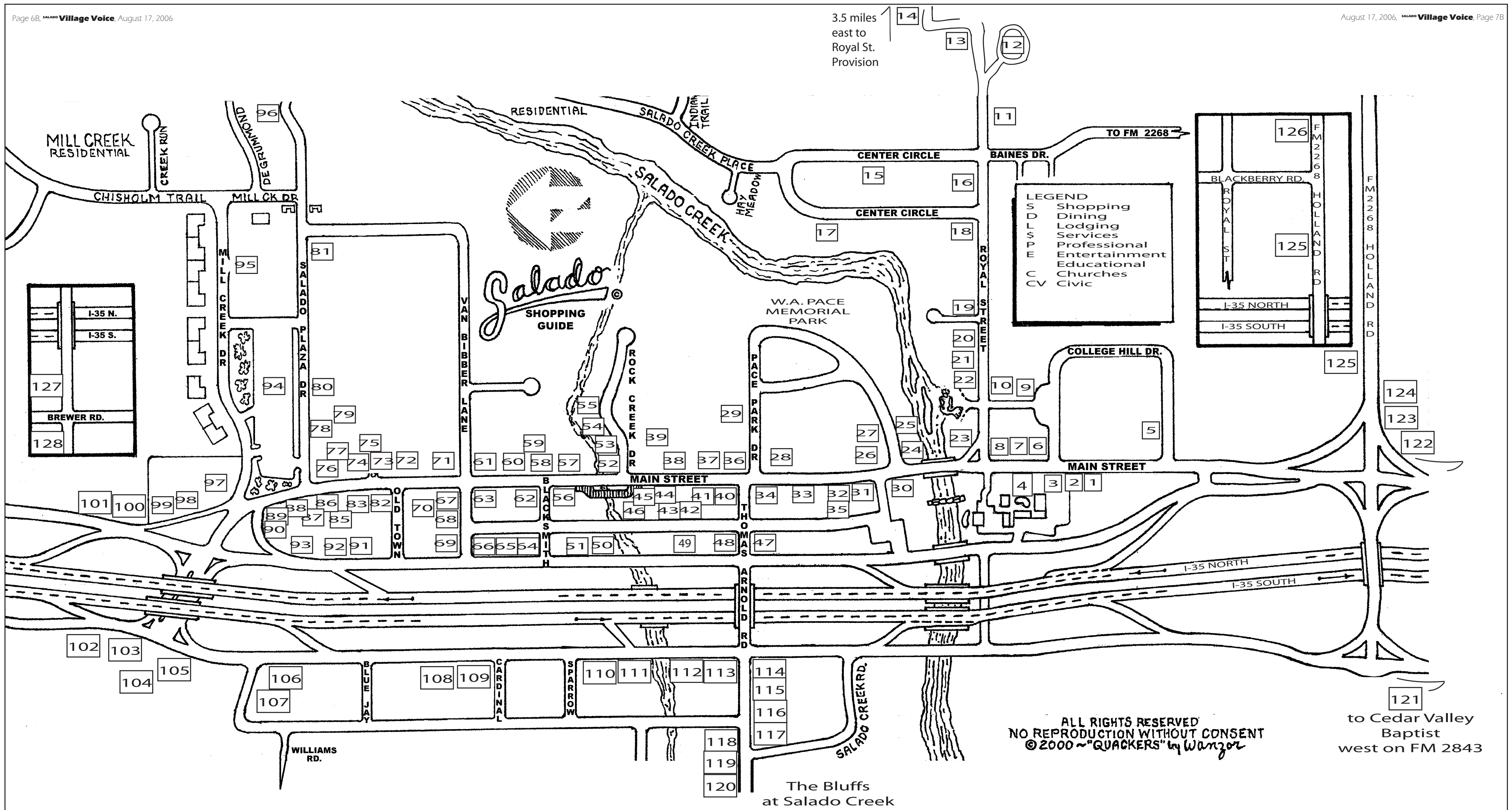
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Temple growing as a business center, TEDC president tells Rotary Club

Lee Peterson, President of the Temple Economic Development Corporation, addressed the Rotary Club of Salado Aug. 8 concerning the role of the TEDC in the local economy.

Peterson, who was educated at the University of Portland and University of Oklahoma, was involved in economic

development for agencies in North Dakota and Nebraska prior to relocating to Temple. His previous work culminated in his serving as Director of the Department of Economic Development for the State of North Dakota from 2000-2005.

Peterson says his agency's challenge is to "grow Temple's economy" by working with the area's entrepreneurs. He contends that Temple is the Central Texas job center, with over 8,000 manufacturing jobs and 3,500 distribution jobs. In addition, he said another of the agency's goals is to bring new companies to town. His department is moving into a new building in downtown Temple, and hiring a new Director of Marketing and new Assistant Director to

help lead the agency.

He cited some of Temple's new industry, including the major helicopter repair facility near the Temple airport. It will be a \$5 million operation with over 250 employees. A new steel fabricator is moving into a 90,000 square foot facility. Acer computer has their national headquarters for repair in Temple with over 200 employees, and Mayflower and Atlas trucking firms are moving major operations in to the city. McLane Industries has just recently contracted with the military for development of logistics software which will bring in 200 more jobs, and another company is coming to Temple to manufacture railroad ties from plastic.

Other major changes



involve the much discussed Texas Bioscience Institute and the new four-year Medical School to be set up by Texas A&M; he says contrary to media reports the Medical School will indeed be financed by the State. New retail establishments will include Target and Home Depot among others, and a significant downtown revitalization is in the works. The agency has acquired 1,000 acres for further economic development.

ED Vice President John Clary gave a summary of road and highway work planned. The State and City have over one \$500,000 in street and highway improvements planned.

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The 12-month curriculum of the Army's senior officer school prepares officers of all the services, as well as civilian officials of the federal government, to serve in top-level command and staff positions with the U.S. armed forces throughout the world.

Dewhurst completed the Army's highest level of formal education with the mission of preparing selected leaders to assume strategic leadership responsibilities in military and national security organizations. Students are selected by a highly competitive selection-board process and graduates qualify to earn a master's degree in strategic studies.

He is the son of Robert O. and Arlene W. Dewhurst of Salado.

Dewhurst graduated in 1978 from Papillion-La Vista High School, Papillion, and received a bachelor's degree in 1983 from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. He earned a master's degree in 1997 from Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant.

Veg dishes offer healthy options

Seven-Grain and Black Bean Pilaf

- 2 cups chicken broth or water
- 1 cup Kashi Seven Whole Grains and Sesame Pilaf
- 1 1/2 cups (cooked) black beans, drained, rinsed
- 1 cup each: peeled diced cucumber, halved cherry tomatoes
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh chives or cilantro
- 1/4 cup organic red wine vinegar
- 5 TB organic flaxseed oil
- 3/4 cup diced feta cheese
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Seven-Grain and Black Bean Pilaf

1/4 teaspoon fresh pepper. Serve slightly warm or at room temperature.
- Rick Bayless, Chef of Frontera Grill/Topolobampo

Monterey Jack and Poblano Quesadillas

Makes 4 servings

- 3 cups grated Monterey Jack cheese
- 4 (8-inch) flour tortillas
- 1/3 cup Border Girls salsa, (optional)

- 2 poblano chiles, roasted, peeled, seeded and thinly sliced
- 2 TB unsalted butter, melted

Lay the tortillas on a counter. Divide the Organic Valley cheese into six equal portions and spread over half of each tortilla. If desired, sprinkle about a tablespoon of salsa over each. Arrange the chile strips evenly over half the cheese. Fold the tortillas over to enclose the

filling and brush the tops with butter.

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

Place a dry griddle, non-stick or cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat. Place the tortillas buttered-side-down in the pan. Cook until very light golden, about one minute. Then brush the uncoated side with butter and flip over. When all the quesadillas are cooked, transfer the baking sheet to the oven and bake 10 minutes, until the cheese begins to ooze. Serve hot, whole or cut into wedges. Serve with an assortment of Border Girls salsas: Chipotle, Tomatillo and Roasted Tomato.

Nutrition Info

Per Serving (115g-wt.): 360 calories (210 from fat), 23g total fat, 13g saturated fat, 1g dietary fiber, 18g protein, 21g carbohydrate, 60mg cholesterol, 530mg sodium

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Heat broth to simmer in a two-quart saucepan. Stir in Kashi Pilaf. Simmer gently, uncovered, until grains are tender and all liquid has been absorbed, about 25 minutes. Remove from heat; cover and let stand five minutes.

Stir in the remaining ingredients along with about one teaspoon salt and

Everyday toxins

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Caffeinated Beverages: This seems to be the least of the toxins because of its ability to actually mimic adrenaline. The majority of the other toxins actually will create an adrenaline response which will cause adrenal stress, fatigue and exhaustion if not properly dealt with. Caffeine is a powerful drug and actually replaced cocaine in Coke. Caffeine, if used daily, and in an addictive pattern, will cause long-term adrenal stress as

well. So, if you are interested in your long-term well-being, take a look at the previous poisons that may be causing ill health. If you use any, or any combination, of the above toxins your body is aging

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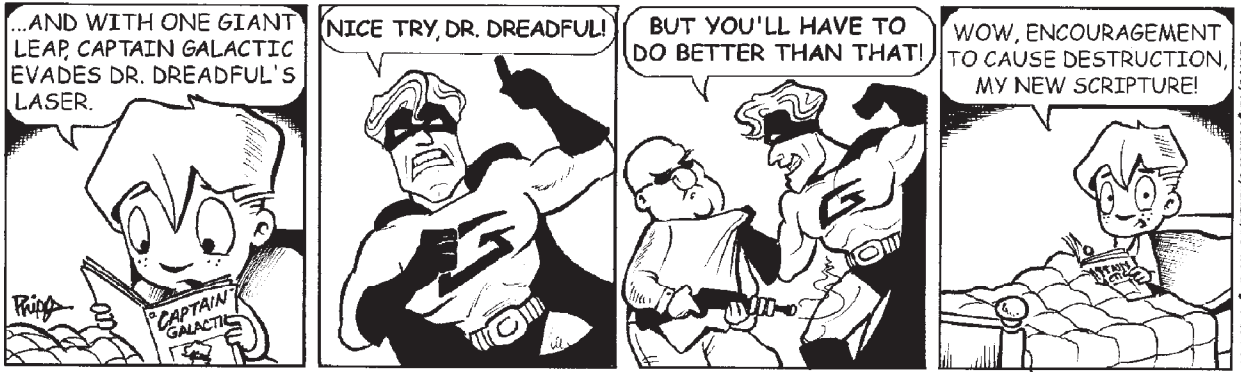
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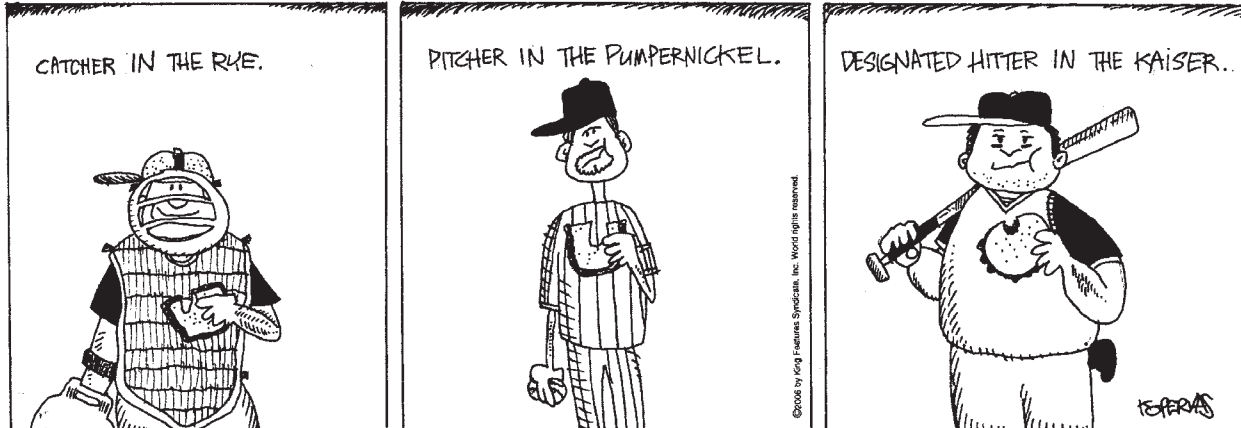
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"Well, this is it!"

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When I visited with Jay Matthews in Winnie, he had just finished a three-mile bicycle ride in the heat of the day. He told me he likes to keep in shape, that he had recently lost a lot of weight and wanted it to stay off. "I lost the weight by watching calories," says Jay. "I haven't had any fried food in three years."

When Jay was in high school he drove an old Army jeep. Before he graduated he bought a 1929 Model A for \$500. He's been hooked on old cars ever since.

"About once every decade I'll add a car to my collection," says Jay. "I bought one in the 60s, one in the 70s, one in the 80s, one in the 90s and now we just bought another one."

He has a 1910 Reo, a 1917 Chevy, a 1952 Oldsmobile and his latest purchase, a 1948 Packard convertible. His real pride and joy is his 1925 Velie (pronounced Vee-Lee).

"Willard Velie was the grandson of John Deere," says Jay. "They made these from 1909 to 1929, made their own engines and everything. The Velie was just another independent make of car. Up until a few years ago one of the John Deere factories in

Moline was the old Velie factory. They were using it to make John Deeres."

Velies are pretty rare. Jay belongs to the Velie club.

"Each make of car has its own little club. The Velie club is not very big. The goal was to find 200 Velies by the year 2000. We reached that goal. I think we're up to 2,010 now that are actually running cars, not just remains that are used for parts."

In the teens and 20s, when Ford was making

about a million Model T's a year, John Deere was making about four or five thousand Velies a year.

"That's why you see so many Model T Fords around and you don't see many Velies. When I was a kid I saw one in Beaumont that was an old touring model from the 20s. It was in pretty sad shape. That was when I was in high school, probably just before I bought that Model A. I remembered the name Velie and was always fascinated by it and when I got older I decided I wanted to buy one, so I did some research and finally found one for sale in Iowa. I drove up there with a trailer, picked it up and brought it home. Unfortunately it's geared too low. It's a regular three-speed and you don't even need a first gear. You could pull a plow with it in first gear."

Jay says he's not much of a body man, but he is a pretty fair mechanic and keeps the old cars in good running condition and drives each one of them about once a week. He creates quite a sensation when he drives the old cars along some of the country roads near his home. He keeps the vehicles in sort of an apartment garage. It's a roomy, rambling space with separate rooms for the cars. He says some of his vehicles use up all their oil in about 50 miles, so he doesn't take many out of town trips in those.

UMHB to offer conversational Chinese course

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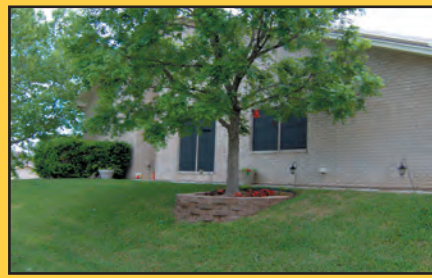
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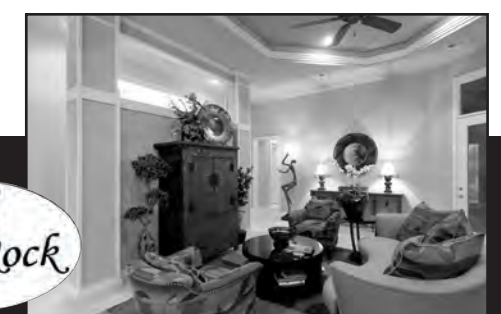
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What is leading cause of child mortality?

Dear EarthTalk: What are the leading causes of child mortality around the world, and what can be done about it? -- Susan Hale, Oquawka, IL

The statistics are staggering. In the world's poorest countries, over 30,000 children under the age of five die each day from preventable causes related to conditions of extreme poverty. Rock Star Bono and others tried to call attention to this fact last year in television ads showing well-known celebrities snapping their fingers every three seconds, each snap representing another tragic child death.

A baby girl born in Sub-Saharan Africa today faces a 22 percent risk of death by age 15, and more than a third of casualties are babies who don't survive their first month. They suffer from low birth weight due to their mothers' poor nutrition, and then lack access to adequate nutrition themselves. The World Health Organization says that poverty-related malnutrition is the key factor in over half of all childhood deaths.

Many children suffer from debilitating infections virtually right out of the womb, and analysts say that often casualties could be prevented if just basic sanitation were available. Drinking-water pollution is a leading culprit. In areas that lack proper sanitation and that may have just one water source, supplies can easily become contaminated from bacteria in human waste and garbage. According to United Nations statistics, as many as four billion people--two-thirds of global population--lack access to safe, clean water.

Concern from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has spurred renewed efforts to increase education and distribute low-cost but needed tools such as antibiotics and sterile medical implements. "Some global health problems, like AIDS, have no easy solution--but this isn't one of them," says computer-geek-turned-philanthropist Bill Gates. "The world has an opportunity to stop millions of newborn deaths each year."

Debt and population issues are also among the underlying causes of this global tragedy. Some poor nations must pay more in service of international loans than on the health and education of their people. Yielding to pressure from



"Make Poverty History" advocates, leaders of the world's top industrialized nations last year agreed to cancel \$40 billion in debt owed by the world's 18 poorest countries. However, experts point out that this only covers about a sixth of the debt owed, for example, by African nations.

And birth rates continue to soar well above the replacement level of two children per couple, and population is growing well beyond the "carrying capacity" of these poor countries. This has a profound effect on the environment as well as on human misery. According to Population Action International (PAI), "More than 200 million women in the developing world today wish to delay or end childbearing but do not have access to modern and effective contraceptives." In spite of this, the Bush Administration has steadily cut family planning aid to developing countries in the name of preventing abortions, though on June 9 of this year the House overwhelmingly adopted a bill to restore aid that had been previously cut. Says PAI, "U.S. leadership and investments in international family planning assistance are critical in order to ensure healthy mothers, healthy pregnancies,

and ultimately, healthy families." www.makepovertyhistory.org; Gates Child

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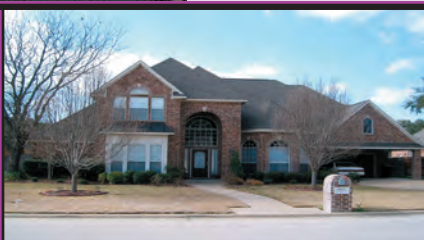
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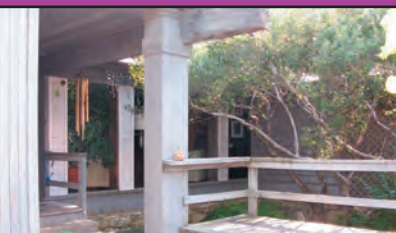
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Pest control challenges your vegetable garden

by Karen Gross

One of the biggest challenges for vegetable gardeners is pest control. Anyone who has tried to keep a determined deer from eating the sweet corn knows how difficult it can be to deter animals, including insects, birds, rabbits and other wildlife from what, for them is a natural smorgasbord. From their perspective, there sit these wonderful veggies, all neat and weeded, almost as if you placed the plants there just for them. And so animals that we might otherwise enjoy can become a nuisance when it comes to the garden.

While avoiding wildlife is nearly impossible, chemical pesticides are often an effective means of deterring unwanted insects. However, many gardeners are uncomfortable using these harsh chemicals that can leak into water supplies and harm the environment. They also have concerns about using chemicals in the foods they feed their families. Here are some ideas for more organic pest control.



A ladybug is an enemy of aphids.

Crop Rotation

Practicing crop rotation every year in your vegetable garden and using companion plants will improve your soil and keep the pests under control. Most insects need time to become established in the soil. They may take two to three seasons to get their life cycle established. By practicing vegetable rotation and varying the type of plants grown in a particular area from year to year, you can avoid establishing plant specific types of garden pests.

Companion Planting

Certain varieties of garden plants are less attractive to pests. To deter rabbits, plant green onions amongst the lettuce plants. Plant several radish seeds in each hill of cucumber seeds to protect against the cucumber beetle. And when planted near each other, cucumbers will prevent raccoons from eating all the sweet corn, while the corn will reciprocate by preventing cucumber wilt.

Tomatoes like to be near chives, parsley, marigolds, garlic bulbs, nasturtiums, gooseberries, asparagus, and carrots. Tomatoes have a natural defense

for pest control against the asparagus beetle and are also effective in keeping insects away from

gooseberries. Carrots on the other hand are nearly every garden pest's friend. To control the carrot

fly pest, plant onions, rosemary, or leeks nearby. Potatoes like to be planted
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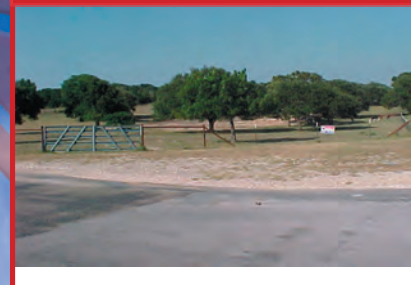
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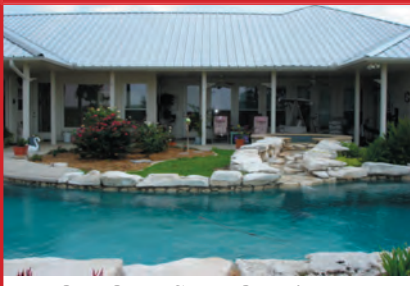
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By MARSHA MCGUIRE
SALADO LIBRARIAN

Here's some happy news for this long, hot summer!! Stay inside and cool with one of the wonderful new

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The SALADO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 28, 2006 in the Salado Civic Center, 601 N Main, Salado Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.3000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.3000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	11.87%	increase
Debt service	102.89%	increase
Total expenditures	18.84%	increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$523,610,051	\$567,879,994
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$20,975,028	\$23,921,550
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$455,499,904	\$497,811,300
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$20,009,553	\$22,729,542

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$23,125,628

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.4220	\$0.1580	* \$1.5800	\$5,834	\$833
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.2609	\$0.3327	* \$1.5936	\$5,851	\$1,307
Proposed Rate	\$1.3000	\$0.3000	* \$1.6000	\$6,094	\$1,307

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$168,674	\$178,299
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$152,920	\$162,815
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.5800	\$1.6000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$2,416.14	\$2,605.04
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$188.90

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.6338. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.6338.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,500,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

Pests

near corn, horseradish, broccoli, cabbage and peas. Avoid planting by tomatoes, melon, and cucumbers.

Some vegetable gardeners plant pumpkins, squash, and cucumbers among the corn. The heavy growth and scratching of the vines and leaves helps keep rabbits, raccoons and other hungry critters at bay.

Tricks of the Trade

In addition to the planting methods described above, there are a number of non-pesticide options for organic pest control. Human or dog hair spread around the garden and hung from tree limbs acts as a good pest repellent, as do bars of soap hung from shepherd's hooks or laid right in the soil. Deer do not like the smell of rotting eggs, so a mixture of 9 eggs with 2.5 gallons of water sprayed on 1/2 acre of crop will deter deer from entering the area, but the solution is diluted enough to avoid annoying humans.

Deer tend to be nervous and wary animals and can be scared off by annoying wind-activated garden fixtures, plastic foil tape, scarecrows and whirligigs. Those

that make noise, such as squeaking, fluttering, or tinkling, work best. You may have to move these items around and rotate selection to keep the deer from getting use to them. Dogs are also a good source to keep watch over the garden and help scare off unwanted wildlife diners.

Tall fences (9 to 10 feet high) planted firmly in the ground are the best way to keep deer out of the vegetable garden. An inexpensive chicken-wire fence at least 24 inches

high is often enough to keep those pesky rabbits out of your garden. Or a solution of cayenne pepper spray on the plants after a rain will sometimes deter rabbits from nibbling. Dried blood meal, which rabbits do not favor, can be sprinkled around when planting. The flavor will absorb through the root system of the vegetables, making them less appetizing. As an ongoing garden pest control, blood meal can be added to the soil every two weeks.

Live traps can be used

for smaller rodents and rabbits. Bait the traps with a small amount of peanut butter, check them regularly, and transport any captured animals to another location immediately. Wear plastic gloves when handling live traps to prevent exposure to diseases carried by rodents and their parasites. Sticky insect traps and lures are another good pest control. Paint a thick piece of cardboard a bright color to attract the pest, and coat with a

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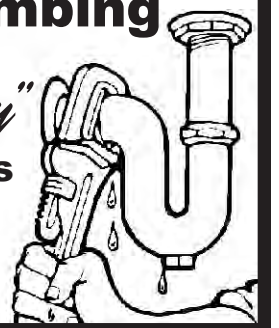


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Electronic Pest Control

There are several electronic pest control devices available on the market as well, including electric fences, motion detecting water sprayers, and ultrasonic noisemakers that humans can't hear, but that garden pests find annoying. There are some units on the market that allow you to adjust the unit to the pest you are trying to drive away, without bothering the other critters you would like to have around.

Electric fencing can be installed around the perimeter of the yard. Some of these products

claim to be strong enough to deter deer from entering the garden, but weak enough that they do not hurt family pets.

Moles feed on earthworms and grubs, not plants, which can make them a benefit to gardens, but as part of their natural activity, moles tunnel through the soil, causing damage to delicate plant roots. Battery or solar operated devices can be placed in the ground to help deter moles from burrowing in your garden. Place a few around the garden to prevent these pests from making paths in a new area.

Beneficial Bugs

Insects that prey upon garden pests are

called beneficial insects. In nature these insects keep the garden pests under control. Encourage beneficial bugs by avoiding the use of commercial pesticides as these are usually non-discriminatory and will kill good and bad bugs alike. A small number of pests in the garden will encourage those beneficial bugs to stick around and multiply, making your work easier.

Ladybugs are natural enemies of aphids. Green lacewing in larvae stage feeds on thrips, mites, aphids, and various other insect eggs. Trichogramma wasps are effective against corn earworm, tomato hornworm, and loopers. The tiny wasps are also a parasite to many kinds of caterpillars.

Sprays and Soaps

There are many organic pest control sprays you can make at home, as well as purchasing less harmful insecticidal soaps. Many of the homemade sprays include ingredients such as garlic, onion, or

cayenne pepper. A word of caution when using sprays intended to go directly on the plants. Never apply sprays in the heat of the afternoon sun. The water can heat up very quickly and cause brown spots to appear on the leaves.

Most gardeners have a connection with the earth and enjoy the wildlife and insects nature has provided...just not in the garden! For those who prefer to practice organic pest control, there are many options. They may not work as well as pesticides in some cases, but they are a lot less harmful and can even add fun and beauty to your garden.

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STORAGE/ACCESSORY BUILDING ZONING AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALADO ZONING ORDINANCE, NO. 2003.12, AND THE BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE, NO. 2004.07, RELATED TO THE REQUIREMENT OF A BUILDING PERMIT BASED UPON SQUARE FOOTAGE OF A STORAGE/ACCESSORY BUILDING.

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Salado finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the Village to require a building permit to install/erect a storage/accessory building 150 square feet or larger; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen is authorized to make amendments to the Zoning Ordinance in conformance with Chapter 211 of the Texas Local Government Code.

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

1. AMENDMENTS

Change the square footage for a storage/accessory building from 250 square feet to 150 square feet.

1. Of the Zoning Ordinance (No. 2003.12) Page 80, G.1. shall read: "**Accessory Buildings:** An accessory building that is less than one hundred and fifty (150) square feet in size shall not be required to have a building permit. An accessory building that is one hundred and fifty (150) square feet or greater in size shall be required to have a building permit.
2. Of the Building Ordinance (No. 2004.07), Page 6, 3.C. shall read: "**Exemptions** A building permit is not required for the following:
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 - (2) constructing one-story detached accessory structures used as storage sheds, playhouses, or similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed one-hundred fifty (150) square feet (such structures are not subject to Building Code standards but must receive a building permit in order to confirm placement regarding setbacks and zoning; or
 - (3) performing ordinary maintenance.

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.

Health Program, www.glf.org/GlobalHealth/Pri_Diseases/ChildHealth/default.htm; Population Action International, www.populationaction.org.

Dear EarthTalk: Why does air quality get so bad during heat waves? - Chad Muller, Wellesley, Mass.

Air quality decreases during times of hot temperatures because the heat and sunlight essentially cook the air along with all the chemical compounds lingering within it. This chemical soup combines with the naturally occurring nitrogen oxide in the air, creating a "smog" of ground-level ozone gas. This makes breathing difficult for those who already have respiratory ailments or heart problems and can also make healthy people more susceptible to respiratory infections.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), urban areas are the most susceptible because of all the pollution being emitted from cars, trucks and buses. The burning of fossil fuels at power plants also emits a considerable amount of smog-making pollution. Geography

is also a factor. Broad industrialized valleys penned in by mountain ranges, such as the Los Angeles basin, tend to trap smog, making life miserable for those people working or playing outside on hot summer days.

The non-profit watchdog group Clean Air Watch reported that July's intense heat wave caused a blanket of smog stretching from coast to coast. Some 38 U.S. states reported more unhealthy air days in July 2006 than during the same month the previous year. And in some particularly at-risk locales, airborne smog levels exceeded the acceptable healthy standard by as much as 1,000-fold.

In light of recent heat waves, the EPA urges urban dwellers and suburbanites to help reduce smog by: using public transit and carpooling to reduce vehicle trips; refueling cars at night to prevent escaping gas vapors from getting cooked into smog by sunlight; avoiding gas-powered lawn equipment; and setting air conditioning thermostats a few degrees higher to help reduce the fossil fuel burning needed to power them.

For its part, the EPA is quick to point out that the regulations on power plants and car fuels that have been instituted over the last 25 years have significantly reduced smog in American cities. EPA spokesman John Millett says that "ozone pollution concentrations have declined about 20 percent since 1980." Millett adds that the agency is in the process of implementing new programs to control emissions from diesel trucks and farming equipment, and is requiring cleaner diesel fuel to help further reduce smog levels. New rules to regulate marine vessels and locomotives should also help minimize future smog alerts.

"Long-term we have made improvements ... but this heat wave and the accompanying smog is a very graphic reminder that we still have a significant problem," says Frank O'Donnell, Clean Air Watch's president. "Unless we start getting serious about global warming, predicted increases in global temperatures could mean continued smog problems in the future. And that will mean more asthma attacks, disease and death."

People should avoid strenuous outdoor activity during heat waves in areas plagued by smog. For more information, check out the government's "Ozone and Your Health" report on the website airnow.gov.

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