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Residents voice opposition to property tax in Village

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"I am having an increasingly difficult time – with all of the other places available for him to invest his money – to continue to ask my boss to keep putting his money into Salado."

This John Anderson told the Village of Salado board of aldermen during an Oct. 26 public forum on property taxes and Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) issues. Anderson is chief executive officer of Stagecoach Properties, which owns Stagecoach Inn and Mill Creek golf course.

Anderson questioned whether the need for a possible \$600,000 in annual income from a 25 cent per \$100 evaluation (the maximum allowed for Type B municipalities) were not instead an example of the Village "leaping forward

faster than it needs to do."

He compared how Salado operated before incorporation "on what you could raise as the Chamber of Commerce" through the Art Fair and other fund raisers to how Salado operates today, on sales tax and utility franchise fees.

Anderson asked the aldermen to postpone talk of a property tax and instead concentrate on encouraging business in Salado. He said that Salado is in danger of gaining a "reputation that we are business unfriendly." There is a growing number, he said, of "other businessmen who feel that their investment dollars are not welcome in Salado."

Of the 50 residents in attendance at the public forum, over a dozen residents spoke before the board of aldermen, all but one stating opposition to a property tax for the Village

of Salado.

Speaking in favor of a property tax was Police Chief Alan Rogers, who said that even if he wasn't a police officer, he would be in favor of a property tax because it would give the Village additional income to provide 24-hour-per-day police coverage. Currently, the Village police department has four officers on staff, which provides 160 hours of coverage in every week without consideration of time off, sick days or vacations.

"Because of our police coverage," Rogers added, "we have seen a drop in burglaries from several hundred per year to only 16 in a year."

Rogers said that the insurance cost of a Citizens on Patrol (COPS) volunteer is \$500 per volunteer per year, not the \$60 per year SEE TAXES, PAGE 4A



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Thomas Arnold Elementary fourth grade student Tori Laughland is shown above as a Kissing Booth, her costume for the Elementary's Fall Festival on Oct. 28. Local children had many opportunities to try out their costumes in recent days with Halloween and Fall Festivals at local churches, businesses and schools.

Chili supper set Nov. 6 for Salado Historical Society

Salado Historical Society Chili Supper will have its fall chili supper on Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Salado Civic Center. Attendees are asked to make a \$5 donation to cover the cost of the supper.

The chili supper will be the start of the Society's 2007 membership drive. The Historical Society will accept both renewed memberships and new memberships. Membership levels are these: \$20 Regular Membership, \$50 Friend, \$100 Partner, \$250 Patron, \$500 Benefactor and \$1,000 Lifetime Member. Dues for 2007 may be paid at the chili supper or mailed to the Salado Historical Society, PO Box 251, Salado, TX 76571.

The program at the chili supper will include live musical vignettes of different periods of Salado history.

Members should bring crackers, corn chips, cornbread or dessert to complement the meal.

The society has three general meetings each year: a pot luck meal in March, the annual Fourth of July picnic and the chili supper.

General election Nov. 7, early voting ends Nov. 3

The last day to cast an early ballot in the general election will be 7 a.m.- 7 p.m. Nov. 3. There will be no early voting in the 203 Salado precinct.

Election day, Precinct

#203 Salado polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Salado Church of Christ Activities Center, 225 North Church Street.

Early voting will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Nov.

2-3 at the following locations: Bell County Courthouse Annex, 550 East 2nd Ave., Belton; Parks & Recreation Center, 307 Millers Crossing, Harker Heights; Bell County Annex, 301

Priest Drive, Killeen; Killeen Community Center, 2201 E. Vet. Memorial Blvd, Killeen and Bell County Annex, 205 East Central Ave., Temple.

In addition to the bal-

lot full of candidates for national, state and county offices, Salado voters will decide in a local option election whether to allow restaurants to sell liquor-by-the-drink.

LRTS to debut play based on Tarbutton brothers

The Living Room Theatre of Salado (LRTS) announces a new 2006-2007 Season of performances. Total subscription fee is \$5 per address for printing and mailing costs to insure subscribers receive notification and reminders of events in advance of release to the public.

This year's program will begin on Nov. 8, 9, and 10, with a show that chronicles events in the life of longtime Salado residents, Jean and Jack Tarbutton, adapted by Ramon Carver as "The Best Thing that Happened That Year!"

The play celebrates the

lives of two young men who became flying aces in WWII and then were captured and incarcerated in German prisoner of war camps. This fall show will feature Ryan Hodge, and John Tyson as the two brothers, with Vic Means as the Narrator.

A second show will be a comedy by Living Room Theatre Board Member Buzz Rahm, untitled to date, premiering in January, featuring Buzz and another LRTS Board Member, Tom McGlasson. This dynamic duo will be remembered for their amusing performances in a prize-winning

Greene Festival play.

In early spring, there will be a dramatization of "The Life and Times of Mo Cutler," author of the Stagecoach Inn Recipe Book and chronicler of the Van Bibber enterprise, which began as a whim but which has become "the restaurant that made Salado famous."

Cutler noted in her book that the Dining Room could not serve liquor because of a law stipulating that no alcohol could be served on the premises "in amounts less than one quart." (Evidently it was too much to expect cus-



The Tarbutton brothers are shown above shortly before Jack passed away: Jean is on the right.

tomers to consume entire quarts of booze.)

The year will conclude with performances of the

Judy and A. C. Greene Festival, June 15-16 at the Salado Civic Center.

Scenes from a book by



Jean and Jack Tarbutton, pictured shortly after Jack got his wings. Jack is on the right.

a Texas author will be presented, and a program will be dedicated to the memory of A. C. Greene.



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CHAMBER AFTER-HOURS MIXER NOV. 6

Salado Chamber of Commerce After-Hours Mixer will be 4-6:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Salado branch of First Community Title in First Centre, corner of Main Street and Thomas Arnold Rd. All Chamber members and prospective members are invited to attend for refreshments and conversation. First Community Title, which is also celebrating its first year of being open in Salado, is hosting the Chamber After-Hours Mixer.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Theo-Panic

In the 1650s, Oliver Cromwell governed England with a cadre of major generals, establishing a kind of low-church Protestant theocracy. Catholic priests were chased from the country, and Anglican clergy were suppressed. Censorship and blue laws were tightened.

What does Cromwell's rule have to do with contemporary American political life? If your answer is anything other than "nothing," you are probably in the grip of the "theo-panic" that is sweeping precincts of the American commentariat. They warn that America is beset by raging theocrats seeking to overturn our liberal democracy.

Otherwise respectable historians Kevin Phillips and Garry Wills have made this charge. It is a staple of The New York Times op-ed page. It has launched a slew of books with dire warnings: by James Rubin ("an effort to change America into a Christian theocracy") and by Damon Linker ("the end of secular politics"). The theocracy charge relies mainly on blowing Christian conservative positions out of proportion. Do Christian conservatives oppose public funding of embryo-destructive stem-cell research? Well, then, Calvin's Geneva can't be far behind. Never mind that in opposing such funding, they are usually supporting the status quo.

National Review senior editor Ramesh Ponnuru has pointed out that you can take all Christian conservative positions -- including far-fetched ones like banning sodomy and contraception -- and if they happened overnight they "would merely turn the clock back to the late 1950s. That may be a very bad idea, but the America of the 1950s was not a theocracy."

Writing in First Things, Ross Douhat explains a problem with the theo-panic, which is that the influence of institutional religion is at a low ebb: "No prelate wields the kind of authority that Catholic bishops once enjoyed over urban voters,

Rich Lowry



no denomination can claim the kind of influence that once belonged to the old WASP mainline, and the evangelical Protestantism that figures so prominently in anti-theocracy tracts is distinguished precisely by its lack of any centralized ecclesiastical government."

The truth about Christian conservatives is that they support public-policy goals infused with a certain view of morality. This isn't unusual. The greatest reform movement of the 20th century -- the civil-rights movement -- was explicitly Christian. Today, the opposition to torture is based on a moral view that trumps all practical considerations (the inviolable dignity of the human person). A moral sense is often behind the liberal opposition to the Iraq War and to the death penalty.

Some of the anti-theocracy writers claim that what sets Christian conservatives apart is that their advocacy is explicitly religious. But most of the time it isn't. Take abortion. It doesn't take any particular religious faith to think that embryos in the womb are humans deserving protection -- the key claim of abortion opponents. But their critics don't want to hear it.

For such self-professed advocates of reasoned discourse, they show an appalling tendency to want to shut down the other side with their swear word of "theocracy." They are emotional, self-righteous and close-minded. They are, in short, everything they accuse Christian conservatives of being.

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

Writer creates imaginary post-Demo victory scenario entitled "Ill Wind May Blow GOP Welcome Relief"

(Writer's Note: With the mid-term election just five days away, and readers drowning in a sea of political chatter, we decided that rather than add to the misery, we'd offer a political change of pace. Therefore, what follows is a "fanciful concoction" created from partisan-presumptions (both sides), seasoned with imagination, and sprinkled with a dash of legitimate data - all designed to calm pre-election jitters, or at least offer a different (and slightly mischievous) slant on winning versus losing.

We also have a feeling that next Tuesday's winners will be strangely apprehensive (if not scared silly) as they peer down a congressional road filled with two years of **checkmating and do-nothingism!**

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We'll start this political "flight of fantasy" with a 16th century adage that promised "Ill winds can blow some good." Now, to make this hypothetical journey fly, readers must first subscribe to the notion that the "ill wind" presumption is currently rocketing around the minds of President Bush's "insider" assemblage - led by the redoubtable Karl Rove.

Then let's suppose - just for the sake of supposing - that the Rove, Cheney, Rumsfeld triumvirate - led more or less by the President, have admitted (privately of course) that the Iraqi War, once so enthusiastically promoted, has in fact turned into a sectarian civil conflagration that cannot be controlled - much less won!

Let's further presume that these Machiavellian practitioners, have also conceded that the United States is about to go nuts and turn Congress over to their political adversaries, "the liberals!" **Double trouble - Democrats in charge, plus a war that's on the ropes. What to do?**

Then, in comic strip fashion, a light bulb flashes above their conspiratorial heads and voila - up pops a plan that brightens the dark GOP tunnel of potential failures on both political and war fronts.

REMEMBER CLAYTIE WILLIAMS?

Quickly these Bush realists (and these guys are certified realists - if nothing else) conjure up a novel game plan. Why not, they slyly scheme, go back in time to the misadventures of old Claytie Williams and his comments about handling hurricanes?

Bingo! Reinstate Williams "Theory of Inevitability" as the way to approach an impending Democratic Congressional victory on November 7.

To refresh memories: Clayton Williams - long remembered as **Poster Boy for the Jabberwocky Legion** (with emphasis on jabber), was running for Governor as a Republican back in 1990. Hobnobbing with reporters, Claytie (with thinking and speaking in reversed order), introduced his infamous "joke" that likened bad weather to rape (verbatim quote): **"As long as it's inevitable, you might as well lie back and enjoy it."**

Wow! Imagine the reaction of millions of female Republicans! That one stupid remark (many believe) finished nailing the lid on Claytie's gubernatorial coffin. **It blew his 20 point lead and gave Ann Richards the governorship.**

NEW APPROACH TO DEFEAT

Okay - back to the Bush "gang of three" who begin plotting: "Let's graft Claytie's 'Inevitable' branch, to the GOP 'Tree of Infallibility' (a pre-

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



cept generously used by the White House cabal), and accept as 'un-preventable' predictions that Democrats will win control of both houses of congress." And do it with a brand new wrinkle (for them) that includes grace and dignity.

Then add the further presumption that Demos will decide quickly to end the Iraqi horror and bring home our troops within months - thus ending the ongoing maelstrom of public unhappiness against the Grand Old Party.

GOPS EMBRACE "CLATIE-RULE"

The dethroned Repubs (following the "Claytie-rule") could then "lie back and enjoy" their new minority status since nothing but good would emerge from this unique scenario.

The Bushies would escape total censure for "cutting and running" which (if truth were known) is what King George and his courtiers would do today if they could avoid massive public retribution, and Democrats would be "white feathered" for a "cowardly bugging out." That attack led by crackpot-zealot Rush Limbaugh.

Applying the "Rovean" theory of practical politics - Republicans could diffuse the stigma for losing a war (that's already lost), by blaming "weak-kneed" Democrats for the troop withdrawal.

And naturally, they'll add daily prayers for the presidential veto. Thereby allowing Democrats to be pilloried for presiding over two more years of congressional "do-nothingism."

Perfect example of turning a political lemon into a profitable lemonade stand!

BACK FROM FANTASYLAND AND PREP TIME FOR 2008

So much for Fantasyland. Now, it's "back-to-the-future" time, and regardless of next Tuesday's verdict, the next two Congressional years will be given over (primarily) to plotting and scheming on both sides of the aisle (aided and abetted by lawmaker's lobby pals) in preparation for the **"2008 Presidential imbroglio", as both parties line up prospects while giving the rest of us "day time willies" and "restless nights."**

Republican roster might include Newt Gingrich, Jeb Bush, John McCain, Karl Rove (just kidding), Mitt Romney, "Candy" Rice, Rudy Guiliani, Bill Frist and probably - an unnamed apostle (or two) from the religious right's "Values Voter" squad.

From "Left Field" would spring Democratic worthies, fully capable of teasing and haunting the faithful, including Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Al Gore, John Kerry, John Edwards, Joe Lieberman, and Joe Biden.

AND FINALLY.....

Our tornadic political ride on the fantasy-liner "Dreamer" and sister ship "Panic-City" was fun, but rest assured that even if some of this whimsical plot comes true - all would not be lost, regardless of our "Chicken Little" tendency to panic.

The inherent strength of this nation is our people - all of them - including the crazies at both ends of the political spectrum - but more importantly those with diverse ethnic backgrounds, religions, race, and ideas. In other words the vast majority of our citizenry.

Americans (without hyphenates) will keep the Ship of State afloat, and even if we zig or zag at times - we'll never downsize or destroy our democratic idealism or belief in the intrinsic value of each individual.

That's -30-

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“Don’t rely on letters,” writes mayor in letter to editor

To the Editor:

Over the past few weeks there have been several areas of debate within the Village over building and taxes. There has also been a lot of misinformation being spread around the Village as well as several editorials and letters to the editor in the paper that were also incorrect. I understand that there are people who feel very strongly about different areas of regulation in the Village. The Board of Aldermen has heard these complaints and taken steps to look at the complaints to ascertain what if any changes need to be made in our building processes and ordinances. There are many sides to each issue and different opinions in the Village on any number of these topics.

What I can tell you is that your Board is made up of hardworking and honorable men and women who are doing what they feel is in the best interest of ALL of Salado. There can and should be differences of opinion on any number of topics of interest in the Village and we as a group need to debate and come to a consensus on the future of the Village. Not everyone in the Village will agree with the decisions made by the Board but that is why they were elected to make those decisions.

I could write pages on the misinformation and out and out lies being spread through the Village, but that is not the point. I would encourage each and every one of the citizens of our great Village to become active participants in our Village government. Come to the meetings, talk to your Aldermen or Mayor, about your concerns. Call or come by the Village offices and see what we are doing for you. Don’t rely on editorials or letters to the editor to give you your information, remember they are advocating a point of view and may not be giving you all the facts.

I have spent the last six years working with some of the most capable and dedicated people I have ever met in my life and I have become convinced that together we can do great things for the citizens of this great Village that we call home. Please remember that democracies only work when every citizen is a part of the process.

Rick Ashe
Mayor
Village of Salado

Editor’s note: The above letter was also e-mailed to the Salado Chamber of Commerce membership on Oct. 27.

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

It is encouraging to me that FINALLY the citizens have become active and vocal in our community. The Aldermen have spent almost five years working in a partial vacuum with no interest, consideration or support. Citizens served on the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee that met weekly for over two years to forge the Comprehensive Plan. Some would say that the Comprehensive Plan lacks the “vision” for our community to continue and prosper. Some would say the plan provides the “poison fruit” for all of our troubles. This group was made of citizens that represented all walks of life. Curt Strong, Mike Cooper and I worked on this committee. Curt and I were involved before we were Aldermen. Alderman Jackie Mills also attended some of the meetings. Realtors, developers, retailers, lodging owners and retired folks were represented on the committee. All meetings held were posted and open to the public. Concerns and questions were addressed. Public forums were held.

Our Comprehensive Plan was adopted in April 2004. We spent months reviewing and understanding the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. They were adopted in September 2003 and November 2002 respectively. None of these Ordinances are cast in stone. They are considered living documents that can be adapted and changed.

Having been located in Salado for 20 years, I have committed myself to making Salado a better place to live. Being a registered design professional of over 30 years, my influence has been shown in my dedication to our community by volunteering my time to the Salado Historical Society, the renovations and alterations of the Salado Civic Center, the renovations and alterations of the Salado United Methodist Church and various “jobs” establishing the Village of Salado government (bureaucracy, as some call it). All registered architects are required to be knowledgeable of public safety issues and building codes. It is not an option. Municipalities are required to adhere to and enforce public safety issues, building codes and ordinances. It is not an option. In many instances, the

State of Texas mandates many of these issues. The Village of Salado adopted building codes in January, 2001. We then adopted the 2003 International Code Conference Codes in May of 2004.

I personally worked with the realtors and the owners/developers that planned to place the funeral home on the west side of the interstate. The owners/developers never applied for a building permit. They did pick up the package but did not complete it. It is my understanding that they were waiting on the permit from the Bell County Health Department for the on site sewage system. I reviewed the construction documents for compliance to codes and ordinances. The drawings that I was given were partially complete and could not have been permitted. I offered to meet with the owners/developers to help them understand the discrepancies in their plans as well as the information that would be required to permit the project. They decided to not build in Salado. As the Building Official for the Village of Salado, I made myself available to them on numerous occasions.

I encourage all of the citizens to become involved. It is only through your involvement that you will truly know what is going on. Over the last few months I have been overwhelmed with the amount of misinformation that has circulated through our community. I encourage you to become aware of the facts prior to making comments. Not knowing the whole story can keep you from making knowledgeable and appropriate decisions.

Respectfully,
Alderman Suzi Epps

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my anger and frustration over the scheduling conflict occurring the night of Oct. 12. The Ladies Auxiliary, the merchants and the food establishments spent lots of time, energy and money preparing for the Preview Party connected with Christmas in October. The results were disappointing, to say the least, since only half of the proceeds (compared with two previous years) were generated, and attendance at the Preview Party was very low. This was a communi-

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Support restaurants by voting ‘for’ Nov. 7

Our Voice

Editorial Opinion

The choice on Nov. 7 concerning the sale of liquor by the drink in Salado restaurants is an economic one. Regardless of the vote Nov. 7, restaurants that have a license as a private club will continue to serve alcohol by the drink to their customers.

Restaurants will continue to have to check the age of individuals before serving them alcohol, or face stiff fines from the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission. That won’t change after the election on Nov. 7.

Restaurants will continue to have to train their staff in the laws regarding alcohol. That won’t change after Nov. 7.

Folks will still order a margarita to go with their fajitas at Salado Mansion. That won’t change after Nov. 7.

Here’s what will change, if local voters vote for the local option on Nov. 7:

When a couple in their 30s or 40s orders wine to go with their anniversary dinner at The Range, the exchange won’t involve an interrogation. “Will you please fill out this form which includes your name and driver’s license number before I can serve you a drink that you can legally drink?”

Oftentimes, when a diner is asked that question, they opt not to order a drink. Who can blame them? At a time when identity theft is plaguing our society, giving out such important information to anyone causes some people to pause, especially when it is recorded on a database as uncard information is collected.

When a diner chooses against ordering a drink because of the burdensome uncard system, Salado loses out on mixed drink sales taxes. Last year, Salado collected about \$7,000 of mixed drink sales taxes. This figure could increase dramatically by loosening the punitive nature of the private club and uncard restrictions on mixed drink sales.

Furthermore, adults who choose to drink are more likely to return to Salado for future visits if our Village is more progressive about alcohol consumption. The private club system is one way that restaurants and other establishments have gotten around the historic and repressive dry laws in communities like Salado. The restaurants in Salado, which collect sales tax on every food item and on every drink sold, should not have to get around restrictive dry laws.

It is time for Saladoans to support these local restaurants by voting in favor of the sale of alcohol by-the-drink in these food establishments.

Whistleblowers not popular in Washington



Jim Hightower

It’s not easy being a whistleblower -- especially when the head honcho of the federal agency charged with protecting whistleblowers is a blockhead.

His name is -- aptly enough -- Scott Bloch. He’s another of George W’s political appointees with no particular competence for the job. His previous post was at the Justice Department’s “task force for faith-based initiatives.” Bloch has been a bumbler -- he’s under investigation for sexual bias in the workplace and retaliation against employees who disagree with his policies. He even has a whistleblower complaint against him by his own staff! And in his first month on the job, he blithely tossed out more than 1,000 legitimate whistleblower cases, apparently so he could claim progress in reducing his agency’s backlog.

But Bloch’s most blockheaded move was his treatment of Leroy Smith, who had been named 2006 “Public Servant of the Year.” Smith was being honored for blowing the whistle on federal prison factories that expose inmates and staff to deadly toxics. In September, Smith was flown to Washington for the big ceremony, media were invited, lawmakers were coming, a roomful of catered food was laid out, and the doors to the event were swinging open when -- Slam! -- Bloch abruptly canceled the event.

He claimed that he had to cancel because another agency official had suffered a “sudden” death in her family. But the death was not sudden. “It’s kind of fishy,” said a disappointed Smith. What really caused this petulant reaction by Bloch, the guy who’s supposed to prevent retaliation against whistleblowers? It seems he learned that Smith was going to a press conference after the ceremony to decry the difficulties of being a federal whistleblower -- and that would not be good for Bloch’s image. He later mailed the award to Smith.

To help whistleblowers fight such blockheads, contact the watchdog group, PEER, at 202-265-7337.

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The Salado Chamber of Commerce and Salado Ambassadors welcomed CentraLand and Title Company to the village with a ribbon cutting on Oct. 20. CentraLand is located at 227 N. Main St. in The Colony. Ambassadors above are identified by their vests. Shown in the center of the photo are representatives of CentraLand: (front row) Carrol Cross, Patti Oldham, Linda Chaison, Mary James, and (second row) Suzannah Baird, Thomas Baird, Jamey Secrest, Connie Simank and Cindi Plasek.

Taxes

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cost stated by a citizen earlier in the evening. He added that the generators for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

were purchased at cost by the city, not received as a donation from Ft. Hood as earlier stated. "We are exempt from grants," he

added, "because we do not have a property tax."

The Village is also exempt from issuing bonds or other financing measures for major infrastructure needs or wants, such as a central sewer system, because the Village collects no property tax.

Dave Apichino asked aldermen to form a citizens group to help the Village develop a strategic plan, adding that the tourism plan developed by Destination Development Inc. for the Village Tourism Council should be incorporating into any strategic plan for the Village. If the Village is to adopt a property tax, he added, "it should only be for something tangible."

Danney McCort said that the village should "quit trying to run businesses out and try to bring them in."

Larry Linder said that he opposes any new property

taxes at this time. "Many people moved here because there weren't taxes," he said. He added that the village could find answers to some of the problems facing it by thinking in different ways. He pointed to the success Mill Creek has had in instituting an active Neighborhood Watch program that has signed on over 40 neighborhoods.

Mack McKeown asked aldermen whether he was indeed a resident of Salado, since the annexation request by residents of Mill Creek Springs II and III had been overturned by a district court. Alderman Michael Cooper said that the village had an adverse judge at the district level, but has appealed to the next level. In the meantime, he reassured McKeown that he and his neighbors were "still residents of Salado."

"Now that I know I am still a member of the Village, I am opposed to a property tax," McKeown said.

Carol Walls asked aldermen to consider reinstating the COPS program with volunteers patrolling the village and reporting suspicious activities. "This could supplement hiring new officers," she said.

Alderman Cooper told the audience that "with incorporation comes responsibility. We have looked at many budgets to fulfill our responsibility. We would be remiss in our duty if we did not look at a property tax."

"That's all we've done," he said. "There has not been one motion on a property tax. There has not been one vote on a property tax. There is no plan on the table to do it."



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Aldermen to hear presentation on plan review, inspections Nov. 2

Salado aldermen will hear a presentation from Metracode on third party plan review and inspection at their 6:30 p.m. Nov. 2 meeting at the municipal building.

The board appointed a building fee and ordinance fact finding committee at its Oct. 19 meeting, charging it to recommend whether adjustments in fees or building recommendations are necessary.

Committee members are Dean Winkler, Larry Lilly, John Anderson, Jeff Kelley, Tom Gidley, Melanie Kirchmeier, Larry Neil, Suzi Epps and Dr. Wallace Davis. Vic Means, Linda Blevins and Mary Jo Craig were recommended to the committee as well.

In other business Nov. 2, alderman Curt Strong will report on the recent Texas Municipal League convention that he attended.

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Letters

FROM PAGE 3A

year ago, with the purpose of raising money to give back to the community.

In a village of our size, it takes the whole community to financially support such endeavors. When other events are scheduled to conflict (Kinky Friedman's talk, in this case), a lot of dissent is created in the community. If the conflicting event can "only" be scheduled on that night, the offer should be declined for the better good of the community as a whole.

So, to the Rotary and Lions Clubs especially the organizers, and any other organization for that matter, I ask you to please consider the community calendar events already scheduled and have some consideration for others.

Carol Walls

To the Editor:

A scout is helpful. The Cub Scouts in Salado are taking the hands-on approach to that basic scout oath with their participation in the Central Texas Food for Families drive.

By donating non-perishable food items to the drive you not only help stock the shelves of Central Texas food pantries but you help these boys see how a com-

munity can come together and make a difference to those in need.

Last year three Salado Cub Scouts loaded up 50 pounds of food their pack collected and drove to the Food for Families drop off location in Temple. They worked well into the night to sort Bell County donations in to boxes by food categories.

They came back from the experience understanding how a few cans of food from each person turns into a semi-truck load of food, food that goes on the tables of hungry people right here in Central Texas.

This year the Cubs; Scouts in first through fifth grades, have taken it a step further. They want to get their community more involved. They are asking everyone in Salado to help them fill a pickup with food. Their goal is to gather 17 pounds of food per Cub Scout: one pound per day for each of the days of the food drive.

Food may be dropped off at any Cub Scout meeting in November, Monday nights at 7 p.m. at the Salado United Methodist Church. (Cubs meet in the portables behind the building.)

A day time drop box is located at the *Salado Village Voice* Office on Mill Creek Drive. A special thank you goes to our local partners for helping the boys reach their goal.

Stephanie Hood
Cubmaster
Salado Pack 115

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Eagles sitting at 4-1 following 29-21 Troy win

Salado Eagles got past a major obstacle in their quest for the first District Championship under head coach Jeff Cheatham's tenure when they defeated the Troy Trojans 29-21 Oct. 27. With the win, Salado is tied with Rogers and

Jarrell for first place in district with 4-1 records.

The Eagles will need help from Jarrell on Nov. 3 in order to win the district championship outright. If the Cougars can beat Rogers in Jarrell this week and Salado wins Nov. 3 against the Florence Buffaloes (1-7, 1-4) and Nov. 10 against the Rosebud-Lott Cougars (4-4, 3-2), then Salado will be outright district champions, having beaten Jarrell in head-to-head play.

Troy and Rosebud-Lott, both with 2-2 district records, face each other this week as well, with a potential playoff spot on the line.

The district seems to play to the theme that a loss or two



(PHOTO BY KATY MOORE)

Blake Newman runs around end during the Salado Eagles' 29-21 win over Troy.

is good enough for one of the three play-off spots, but three losses means basketball season starts early.

But Coach Cheatham and his Eagles are looking for-

ward to the game in Florence Nov. 3, when the game kicks off at 7:30 p.m. And relishing the quality game they played Oct. 27.

"It was a total team effort. The boys played extremely well," Cheatham said of the Troy victory.

The Eagles did not get a lead in the game until midway through the third quarter when they pulled ahead 14-9, and did not seal the victory until two minutes were left in the game with a 29-21 lead on a 20-yard touchdown run by Justin Konzen.

Troy scored first when Blake Springer intercepted a David Rosenau pass and returned it 95 yards for a first quarter touchdown and 7-0 lead.

Matt Fritsch returned a punt 66 yards for a Salado touchdown early in the second quarter for Salado to tie the game at 7-7 with Leo Galvan's PAT kick.

Troy went ahead when the defense caught Leo Galvan in the backfield for a loss and a safety, 9-7, the score at the half.

After Salado took the lead 14-9 in the third, Troy quickly answered by moving the ball 70 yards in seven plays, including a 22 yard touchdown pass from Trojan quarterback

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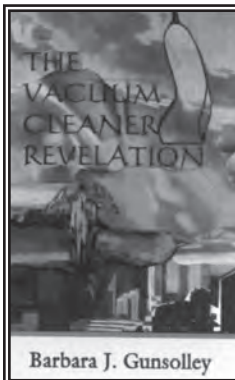


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The Central Texas Youth Football League Salado Eagles have managed a 6-2 record on the season, and are 2-1 in district play with one game remaining in the season. The boys will face Rosebud-Lott at noon Nov. 4 to decide which team will advance to the Southern Division playoffs. Team members are, front row l-r: Sean Moore, Jarrett Hodges, Zach Mills, William Grace, Jody Hodges, Billy Golding, Bryce Martin, Magnum Burcham, Drew Manley and Trey Mohler. Back row: Coach Mike Moore, Head Coach Bobby Golding, Coby Giniewicz, Stephen Sibbitt, Colby Priest, Michael Butts, Sam Barrett, John Pegues, Cooper Cox, Barton Cheatham, Brandon Womac, Coach Wayne Womac and Coach Matt Hodges. For more information about the upcoming game contact Wayne Womac at 947-0458. The team is sponsored by Mustang Creek Ranch and Womac Financial Services, LP.

Eagles FROM PAGE 8A

Jake McMurtry to Brandon Johns. A failed two-point try brought the score to 14-15.

Salado replied with a 69 yard drive, scoring on a Rosenau to Stephen Quick, who pitched the ball to Seth Collins coming around the end for the 10 yard touchdown. Quick also caught a 24 yard pass to keep the drive go-

ing for Salado. Rosenau threw to Fritsch for the two-point conversion and a 22-15 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Adam Patton snuffed a fourth-quarter fourth down fake punt at the Troy 38 yard line to stop the driving Trojans and give the ball to the Eagles. Konzen would score on the 20 yard run around the

end with 2:01 left in the game and a 29-15 lead with 2:01 left in the game.

Troy added a final touchdown when McMurtry hit Jacob Weir coming across the middle of the field with 1:23 left in the game. Salado snuffed the point-after try and fell on the onside-kick to secure the 29-21 win.

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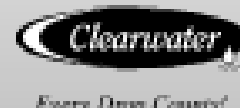


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JV Red near end of perfect season

The Salado JV "Red" team is now two games away from completing a perfect season, with a 24-6 home win over Troy Oct. 26 improving the squad to 8-0 on the year. Following a scoreless first quarter, Salado fell behind the visiting Trojans by a

touchdown. Trailing 6-0, the Eagles took the ball in what would be the final possession before halftime and punched it in on a 25-yard pass from Garrett Ward to Clayton Whitmire. A Logan Foster run on the two-point try put Salado up 8-6 at the half.

In the fourth, Justin Berumen picked off a Troy pass attempt and scampered 30 yards for the game's final score, icing the Eagle victory. Foster followed by successfully converting his third two-point run.

the strong defensive play of George Wideman, Tyler Coker and Josh Rodriguez in earning the win.

The Red team will take the field against Florence at home Nov. 2.

Salado JV "White" - 18
Troy - 6

In the third, the Eagle defense helped Salado go on top to stay. A fumble recovery by Jacob Peschel in Trojan territory set up a 35 yard scoring strike from Jared Lutz to Matt Ming, coming off a reverse run. Foster again ran in the two point try, moving the score to 16-6.

Coach Scott Ringo said the team effectively responded to a slow start. "We began the game rather sluggish, and turned the ball over four times, but the second half the guys played very well," he noted.

Coaches also credited the blocking of Caleb Little and running of Foster, along with

As a team which has shown marked improvement over the course of the season, the JV "White" team stayed perfect in district play with a hard-fought win over the visiting Trojans.

Salado drew first blood in the second quarter, when Holden Smith hauled-in a five yard touchdown pass from quarterback Trae Liller. The conversion failed, leaving the Eagles with a 6-0 lead.

The advantage would be short-lived, as Troy responded with a touchdown just before the half to tie the score.

Receiving the ball the begin the third, Salado marched the ball down the field and eventually scored on a 15 yard pass-and-catch from Liller to Clayton Weatherly. The conversion was unsuccessful.

In the fourth, Salado iced the victory on an eight yard touchdown run by Danny Michaels, pushing the score to its 18-6 final.

"This was a great team effort. The team has learned what it takes to win, and have beaten the only three teams in the district. And today, they beat a good team," said Coach Rocky Boaz, who also pointed out the stingy play of the defense in the second half. Standout players included Scotty Villareal, Jose Castillo and Juan Magadan, who are part of a unit which recorded two crucial second half sacks to stymie Troy drives.

The White team's record is now 4-4 on the season, with two of those losses coming to Class 3A schools and one coming at the hands of a Class 5A school. The boys will face McGregor - the only Class 2A school to defeat the Eagles - in consecutive games the next two weeks to close out the season.

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Fredenberg calls Div. III purest form of college ball

By **TIM FLEISCHER**
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Coach Pete Fredenberg shared his excitement about Division III football, telling the Salado Lions Club Oct. 25 that it was the "purest form" of college athletics.

Fredenberg spoke to the Lions just days before his University of Mary Hardin Baylor Crusader football team, ranked sixth in the nation, faced the Wisconsin Whitewater Warhawks in a game that was a clash of titans. UWW would hang on for a narrow 7-3 win, the Warhawks only score coming on the opening play of the game when Neil Mrvicka ran the opening kick off back 94 yards for a touchdown to give the Warhawks a 7-0 lead just 19 seconds into the game.

Despite the loss after his talk before the local Lions, the 6-2 Crusaders remain in the hunt for the Division III playoffs.

Fredenberg told the Lions that he sees Division III as the purest form of college athletics because "all other divisions offer scholarships to athletes, while we do not. Student athletics get no more aid than other students."

He spoke of one of his favorite players, Jeff Oliver, a 2004 All-American offensive lineman who weighed 312 lbs. and ran a 4.7 40 yard dash. As the Crusaders were getting ready for a playoff run, the coaches were spending a lot of hours after regular practice studying opponents. One night, when Coach Fredenberg thought he was the only one left in the fieldhouse, he came across Oliver.

Coach Fredenberg asked the player if something was wrong since he was there so late. "Oh, I'm just doing the laundry," Oliver told his coach.

"His job to help pay for his schooling was to do the laundry after practices," Fredenberg said, admiring "the sacrifices they make to play the game they love so much."

"They may be an inch too short or a step too slow" for Division I college football, "but you can't match their love of the game," Fredenberg said.

Fredenberg, who coached football at Baylor University, Louisiana State University and Louisiana Tech University, has built a football tradition in a short period of time, accepting the head coaching position of a brand new football program at UMHB nine

years ago.

In his first eight seasons as head coach, Fredenberg has compiled a 65-22 record. The Crusaders football team were ASC Champions in 2005 and 2002 and ASC Tri-Champions in 2003. When the Crusaders finished in 2004, they were ranked second in the nation. The Crusaders have earned four trips to the NCAA Division III Football Championships under Coach Fredenberg in 2001, 2002, 2004 and 2005.

Fredenberg has quickly built one of the premier programs in the nation by working closely with high school coaches to recruit talent. While Division I and Division II programs offer scholarships

during their recruiting drives, Division III programs can only offer the quality of their school, their team and their community to possible players.

Fredenberg works with high school coaches to let them know about the positive aspects of UMHB and the Crusader football team so that they will have the information to give to their players after the bigger schools have made their choices.

"After the scholarships have all gone out," Fredenberg said, "the kid who still wants to play football at the college level will often go to his coaches for advice about what to do next."

Coach Fredenberg has familiarity with Texas high

school coaches, because he began his career in Texas as a coach at several high schools including Canyon High School, New Braunfels High School, and Giddings High

School.

In only the seventh season of UMHB football, Fredenberg had the Crusaders in the NCAA Division III National Championship game.

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The contest was open to children and grandchildren of area residents, and was judged in four age categories: six to eight year olds, nine-11 year olds 12-14 year olds, and 15-18 year olds. Two dimensional art works were judged with media such as water color, acrylic, mixed media, col-

lage, paper cutting, and pens.

Judging was completed by a group of Salado Village Artists, who offered their time to encourage the youth. Awards were given for first, second, and third place in each age group.

The following students were winners for 2006. Their artwork is on display at the Salado Public Library and Salado Civic Center.

Fifteen-18 year olds: Justin Pruitt, first; Megan Chick, second and Jacob Davis, third.

Twelve-14 years old: Myriam Brasseur, first; Kelsey Ortiz, second and Brendan Laird, third.

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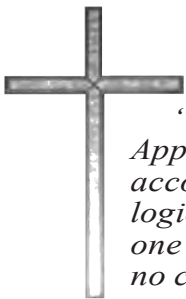
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night is in appreciation and support of our students and teachers." And, indeed it was with inspiring remarks from Dennis Cabaniss, one of the teachers to receive the 2006 Innovative Teachers Grant; and Stacy Blodgett, one of the students to receive a 2006 Scholarship award. The Ball's attendees listened intently as each told how

their awards opened doors that will last for generations to come.

Lanell Campbell, Chair of this year's Cattlemen's Ball, was ecstatic as the events of the evening unfolded. "It was a great spirit as our community came together to support our youth and teachers. I am not sure what the final amount raised will be but it will rank among the top productive Balls. It will go a long way toward the Spring Youth Art Fair, Innovative Teacher Grants, and Scholarship Awards. I cannot thank the community enough for their support."

In her remarks, Dr. Robin Battershell, Superintendent, Salado Independent School District, thanked the 49 Sponsors who generously supported this year's event. These sponsors were: Century 21, Bill Bartlett; Lone Star Grading; ACME Brick; Air Control; Baird Williams; Billy Pipes; Bradshaw Construction; Candy Corner; Capital Bus Sales and Service; CentraLand Title Company; Documaxx; Ed-

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Bill Kinnison gave high praise to Fred Fuller and his band who kept the event upbeat; Bill Hall who contributed his time and expertise in conducting the auction; The Village Voice for their publicity; and the Knights of Columbus who operated the Casino. Mr. Kinnison went on to thank Salado and all the communities around Salado that supported the Ball. "The Salado Education Foundation's success is directly contributed to the great people of our communities. We could not achieve our goals without their support, efforts, and enthusiasm. Thanks to them, 2007 will be a great year for our students and teachers. They are what make Central Texas a great place to live."

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A charity auction of signed bowls to be auctioned from SHS football players, cheerleaders and Salado faculty will be 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Donated desserts will be accepted. Tickets: \$12 at the door or five for \$50.

Volunteers will serve soup prepared and donated by Salado's restaurants, bed and breakfast inns and cafes. The soups range from hardy to gourmet, a taste of Salado's flavorful array.

Empty Bowl Project raises funds for the Salado Family Relief Fund at a time when it is most needed. The largest project for the Relief Fund is its annual Christmas drive. The Relief Fund, working with Salado churches, civic groups, businesses and individuals, helps provide Christmas to more than 100 children in Salado each year.

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History & heritage

Terry home to be featured during Salado Christmas Tour Dec. 1-3

Texas history and family heritage are central themes in the home built three years ago by Gene and Susan Terry at 2517 Winners Circle, with design assistance by Susan's father, a retired architect.

One of six private dwellings slated to be open on the annual Tour of Homes sponsored by Salado Historical Society, Dec. 1-3, during the village's traditional Christmas Stroll, the Texas-style house sits back from the street amid numerous trees in a park-like setting of manicured lawns and plentiful plantings.

The deep front porch, the width of the house, summoning guests to the generous custom-designed door of wood and leaded glass with a brilliant engraved center star, opens to a foyer that immediately defines the informal spirit of the home. Framed old maps of 19th century East Texas includes artifacts from early Bastrop, which was settled by Gene's ancestors, who were among settlers led by Stephen F. Austin to Texas. Beneath the documents a long library table which usually holds a "critter collection" will, during the holidays, make way for a set of nativity figures made by Susan's sister.

To the right of the foyer is a large dining room with Williamsburg Blue walls. An antique oval oak table is surrounded by pressed back chairs, some family heirlooms and others collected. A china cabinet of the same golden oak displays the Terry's wedding china and vintage Dalton bowls bordered in cobalt and gold. In white painted cabinets are stored crystal, Willow Oak cut glass and old platters and bowls, survivors of china that belonged to Susan's grandfather, Uriah Tadlock, who founded the town of Crawford. A favorite piece is a large blue transfer ware soup tureen. Taking its cue from the wall color and china, Christmas decor will feature a blue centerpiece.

Red oak cabinetry with a glowing satin finish and counter tops of Texas Pearl granite surround the kitchen area. Glass doors

reveal a collection of old and new Fiesta Ware in wildflower colors and more vintage china from Susan's and Gene's grandparents. A triangular vent extends from the wall over the cook top and large oven. It and the dishwasher are black, but the refrigerator is encased in the same red oak of the cabinets. A breakfast room features a round table, its old pedestal inherited and its top added, a wrought iron baker's rack and an antique school clock which augment the Texas theme carried throughout the house. The breakfast table, during Christmas, will be set with Spode "Christmas Tree" china.

Tall west windows, soaring walls, and massive fire place of native stone, hardwood floors (these are everywhere) centered with a Karastan carpet of Persian design, and paintings by Arturo and Palmer Christmon complement comfortable seating and antique tables in the great room. The fireplace is flanked on both sides by custom built shelves and cabinets. The shelves are filled with numerous Snow Village pieces, collected since 1977, arranged with pinecones picked up on travels. A nine-foot tree is laden with an eclectic assortment of ornaments, many of them gifts. A German nativity and assorted Santas are displayed.

Immediately off the great room is a study with memorabilia that emphasizes family pride. Items include the Purple Heart awarded Gene's father, who was killed in Italy in 1944; an old periodical with the history of Bastrop featuring Gene's grandmother; family photos and a framed proclamation recognizing Moriah O'Neal Turner, Gene's grandmother who was among the first Texas settlers under Stephen F. Austin. The Terry's daughter is named for Moriah. A plaque recognizes Gene and Susan's tenure as co-chairs of the University of Texas Parents' Association. Appropriate to Gene's love of his alma mater, are the burnt orange walls and a tree trimmed with Texas ornaments. A

rolltop desk which once was in a Bastrop pharmacy still has the bus schedule in the drawer.

Both Gene and Susan, avid art collectors, especially appreciate a Chinese urn spirited out of Malaysia by Susan's uncle, and a Porfirio Salinas painting of Texas bluebonnets, bought by Susan's grandmother in the 1940s on the San Antonio riverwalk for \$5.

The master bedroom, on the first floor, features an iron bed with a Texas star quilt and a large antique wardrobe and period bedside tables. The room looks out to a screened porch which opens to the wide expanse of trees and plants. A master bath has white and cream tile and mirrors framed in tile with a Southwestern motif.

A second floor is reached by a carpeted stairway, its handrail resplendent in garland, from the foyer to a curved balcony landing which overlooks the great room. A pair of chairs and a reading lamp and more built-ins for books create a resting place. At the other end of the hall is "Grandmother's Corner," a children's play area which until recently had toys for a boy (the one Terry granddaughter) but, with a granddaughter to arrive soon, now includes a doll house which once was enjoyed by the Terry's daughter who is the mother-to-be. The children's tree holds antique baubles and World War II foil ornaments made by Gene's mother. A Santa Snow Village demands attention.

Two guest bedrooms, each with a bath, have vintage furniture and country quilts and linens. An exercise room, later to be another guest bedroom, opens to a balcony where wicker chairs and settee invite guests to pause and survey the landscape.

Other homes to be featured include Jerry and Linda Hill, 101 Salado Creek Place; Jim and Ann Bienski, 803 Rose Way; Terry and Jan Whitley, 1317 Jack Nicklaus Circle; Jack Husung, 609 Willow Creek Drive; and Jackie and Dottie Shirley, 3000 W. Amity Road. Also



The Mill Creek home of Gene and Susan Terry will be part of the Christmas Tour of Homes Dec. 1-3.

open to the public will be two 19th century log cabins owned by the Historical Society and the recently restored historic Chapel of First United Methodist

Church, now on a new site on Royal Street.

Tickets for the Tour are on sale at the Civic Center. Bought in advance, they are \$12. After Nov. 29,

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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 5
 Institute for the Humanities at Salado fall lecture series, with Dr. Thomas Moore. Moore will speak 4 p.m. at the Celebration Center. Lecture title: "The Way of the Holy Fool." Optional dinner to follow. Reservations

and info: 947-5729 or visit www.salado-institute.org.

NOVEMBER 6
 Salado Monday Club meeting, 2 p.m. at the Salado United Methodist Church, on Royal Street. The club will elect officers for the upcoming year. Program will be on Salado history, and will be presented by Charlie Turnbo.

NOVEMBER 6
 Salado Chamber of Commerce After-Hours Mixer, 4-6:30 p.m. at the Salado branch of First Community Title in First Centre, corner of Main Street and Thomas Arnold Rd. All Chamber members and prospective members are invited to attend for refreshments and conversation. First community Title, which is also celebrating its first year of being open in Salado, is hosting the Chamber After-Hours Mixer.

NOVEMBER 6
 Salado Historical Society annual General Meeting and Chili Supper, 6:15



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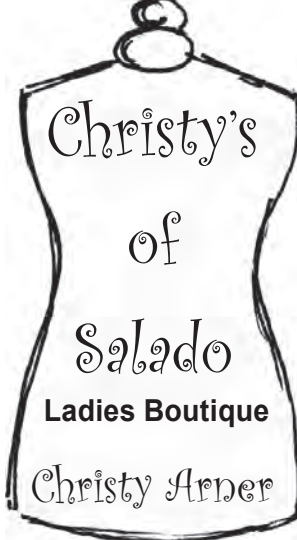
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NOVEMBER 6-9

Scholastic Book Fair at the Salado Intermediate School, 7:45 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, and 5:30-7 p.m. Nov. 8 for a Family Night.

NOVEMBER 7

Election Day, polls open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

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 10-12

45th Annual Gathering of the Scottish Clans, on the grounds of the Robertson Ranch and the Salado College ruins. Festival will feature athletic competitions, dancing, music, vendors and food, among many others. For a schedule and more details, visit www.ctam-salado.org or call 254-947-5232.

NOVEMBER 10-12

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Circus Spur-cus" featuring classic cinema along with live musical accompaniment and Vaudeville-style entertainment, with special guests from the circus world. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10 and 11 and 2 p.m. Nov. 11 and 12. Info: 947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

NOVEMBER 11

Salado Family Relief Fund Empty Bowl Project at the Salado Civic Center. Soup provided

by local restaurants to be served 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Auction 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Signed bowls to be auctioned from SHS football players, cheerleaders and Salado faculty. Donated desserts will be accepted. Tickets: \$12 at the door or five for \$50.

NOVEMBER 12

Institute for the Humanities at Salado fall lecture series, with Turk Pipkin, actor, writer, filmmaker, comedian, who will screen his film, "Nobility," and discuss its production. 4 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur Theatre. Lecture title: "One Peace at a Time." Open to the public. Info: 947-5729 or visit www.salado-institute.org.

NOVEMBER 15

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

NOVEMBER 16

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Hospitality at 9:30 a.m. Speaker: Charlotte Douglas.

NOVEMBER 17-19

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Circus Spur-cus" featuring classic cinema along with live musical accompaniment and Vaudeville-style entertainment, with special guests from the circus world. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17 and 18 and 2 p.m. Nov. 18 and 19. Info: 947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

NOVEMBER 18

Salado United Methodist Church Autumn Fest on the church grounds, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fall Festival 2006 will include a variety of family-style activities.

Proceeds will be used to fund College and Community Mission Projects. Activities include: Rummage Sale, Cake Walk, Bake Sale, food, children's games and activities and a silent auction. Anyone interested in donating items should call 947-5482.

NOVEMBER 21

Teacup Tuesday meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: "The Glory of Christmas in the Crystal Cathedral," a video by Paul David Dunn, presented by Lena Haddock. Public is welcome.

DECEMBER 1, 2, 8 AND 9

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

DECEMBER 1-3

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DECEMBER 1-3

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

DECEMBER 1-3 & 8-10

Annual Salado Christmas Stroll event. More details TBA.

DECEMBER 7-9

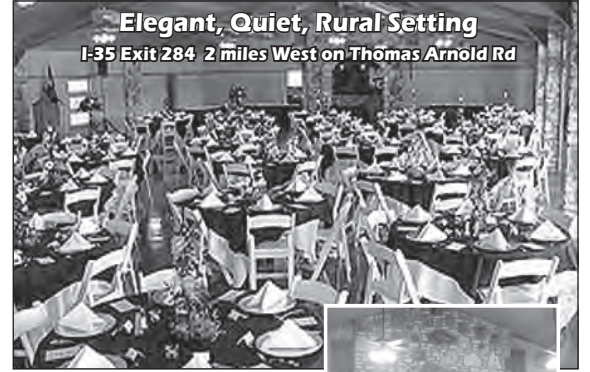
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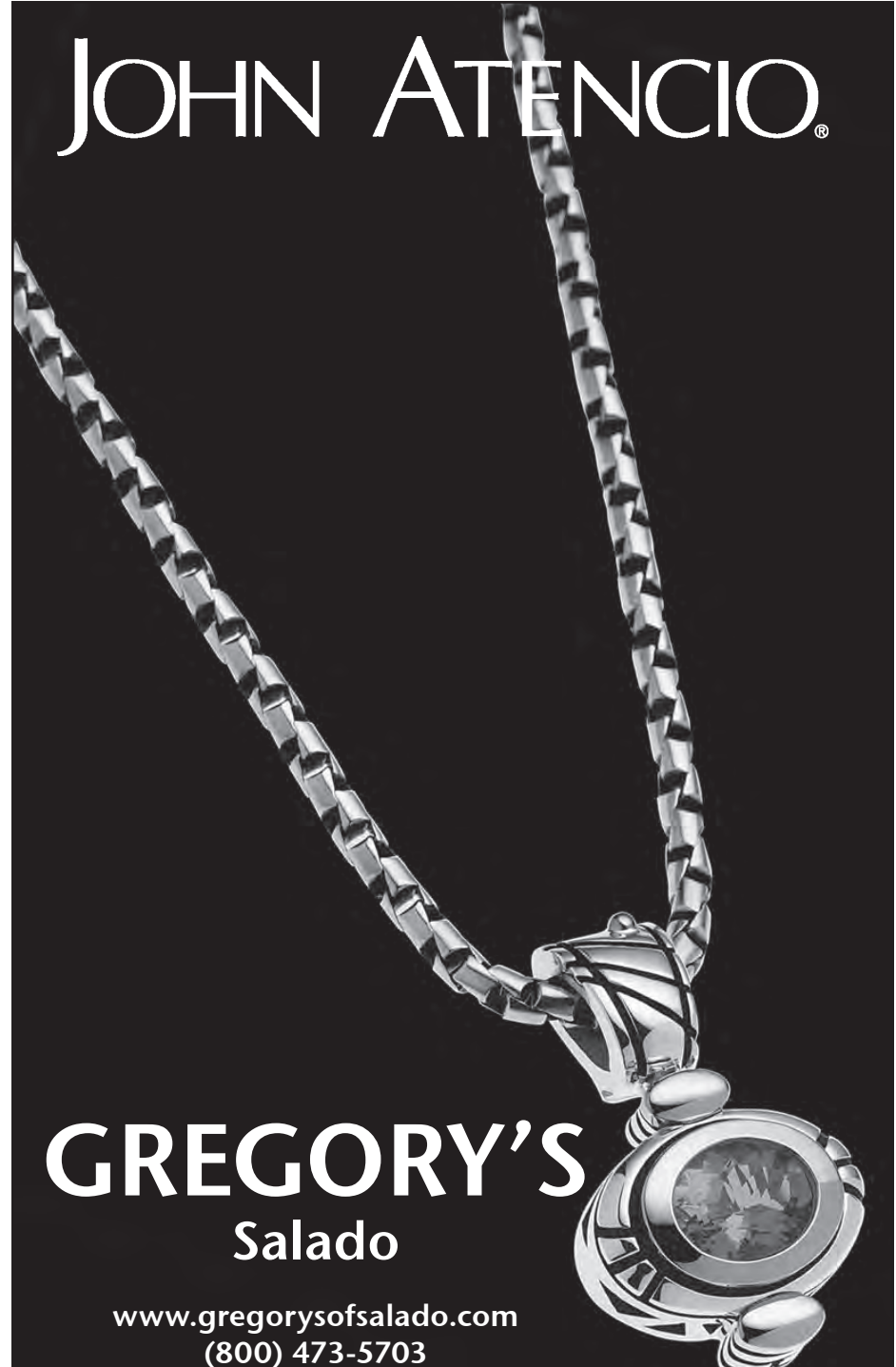
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DECEMBER 12
Mill Creek Community Association meeting and Christmas Dinner at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner.

DECEMBER 13
Salado Lions Club Christmas Lunch, with members and spouses. Belton High School

Madrigals will provide a holiday musical program.

DECEMBER 14
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary President's Coffee, 9:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

DECEMBER 15-17
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hoots. Show times: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 and 16 and 2 p.m. Dec. 16 and 17.

Info: 947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

DECEMBER 18
Music in Salado annual Members' Christmas Concert, at the home of John and Barbara Robertson, in Salado. More info TBA.

DECEMBER 22-24
Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Christmas is on the Air," a special holiday show in the spirit of old-time radio. Enjoy this "live broadcast" on WSPR, brought to you by Doohickey's Department Store. With Penny and Grainger at the mic and sound effects table, anything can happen. Plenty of live music and holiday

hooter. Info: 947-5592 or www.musicinsalado.com.
FEBRUARY 20

Teacup Tuesday meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: "Let's Learn About Antiques," presented by Jimmy Murchison. Public is welcome.

MARCH 20
Teacup Tuesday meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: A dramatic presentation of "Esther," written and performed by Judy Greene. Public is welcome.

APRIL 17
Teacup Tuesday meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: Decorating with Jill Shipman, interior designer and owner of Stonecreek Settlement bed and breakfast. Public is welcome.

APRIL 27
ABWA Benefit and Style Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Longhorn Room of Stagecoach Inn. Info: 254-947-3617.

To have your Salado event listed in the Calendar of Events, email information to cmcgregor@salado.villagevoice.com or call the newspaper office at 254-947-5321. The deadline to get your event listed in Thursday's newspaper is 5 p.m. on Friday (except for weeks that are affected by the holidays).



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Striving for fitness may hurt health

Two concepts that I find to be of utmost importance when creating a proper nutrition and exercise regimen for my clients are balance and patience.

You see, you are only going to be able to achieve your goals in a safe and healthy manner if approach them with a balanced approach. This balanced approach will take patience and an understanding that a damaged metabolism takes time to heal. If you do not have a damaged metabolism now you can easily create one with a program that focuses on quick and fast results.

If you are not taking an approach to your health that is one of balance and patience you will be creating more damage than good. A desirable goal is to be "healthy, and fit," or even just "healthy." Unfortunately, people focus on being "fit" and sacrifice their health because they are impatient and create a program that is out of balance. You can be healthy and not fit and you can be fit and not healthy, I am advocating that you focus on your health first and fitness level second, if at all.

If your idea of being fit is that of looking like a bodybuilder and that is your primary

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By KEVIN McCAULEY



goal, you can actually destroy your metabolism trying to attain that lean physique/figure.

If your idea of being fit is running a marathon and that is your primary goal, you can actually create all sorts of havoc on your musculo-skeletal and endocrine systems trying to attain that extreme level of physical conditioning.

If your idea of being fit is that of looking like a runway model and that is your primary goal, you can actually ruin your health trying to attain that specific look.

You see, any endeavor worth achieving must be approached in a safe and effective manner, one of balance and patience. If not, you may find yourself further from your optimal state of health than ever before.

So, let's take a look at some concepts that make up a proper lifestyle regimen of balance and patience. I am assuming that you want to be healthy first and then fit.

Balance

- Consume small frequent meals vs. skipping meals
- Drink water vs. sports drinks
- Eat real whole food vs. drinking your meals

• Focus on resistance training vs. aerobic training

• Create a "burning furnace" mentality vs. "burning calories" mentality

• Prioritize a proper sleep program, as it creates an environment of repair and recovery vs. thinking chronic high stress levels have nothing to do with your health (because they do)

Patience

• It didn't take a day to destroy your metabolism so you should know it will take a good amount of time for it to heal.

• Attaining good health is a "marathon" not a "100 meter dash".

• Focus on the process of getting your health back, not the results.

• Understand that after the age of 30, on average, our bodies do not recover as well as they had when we were younger.

• There is no such thing as "health" or "fitness" in a bottle.

• You should be cautious of programs that promise not only "fast" and "easy" results, but "unbelievable" results as well.

As Americans we find ourselves being the country of "instant gratification." Instant gratification has no place in our health and fitness regimen as it leads to detrimental nutrition and exercise programs.

Be patient and take the balanced approach to attaining your optimal health!

Kevin is a Lifestyle and Wellness Coach in Salado. He is the owner/operator of Progressive Wellness Services, a Total Wellness Company. Kevin helps families instill positive lifestyle habits into their lives, including: proper nutrition, smart exercise and understanding hormonal responses. If you have any questions e-mail Kevin at youbewell@earthlink.net.



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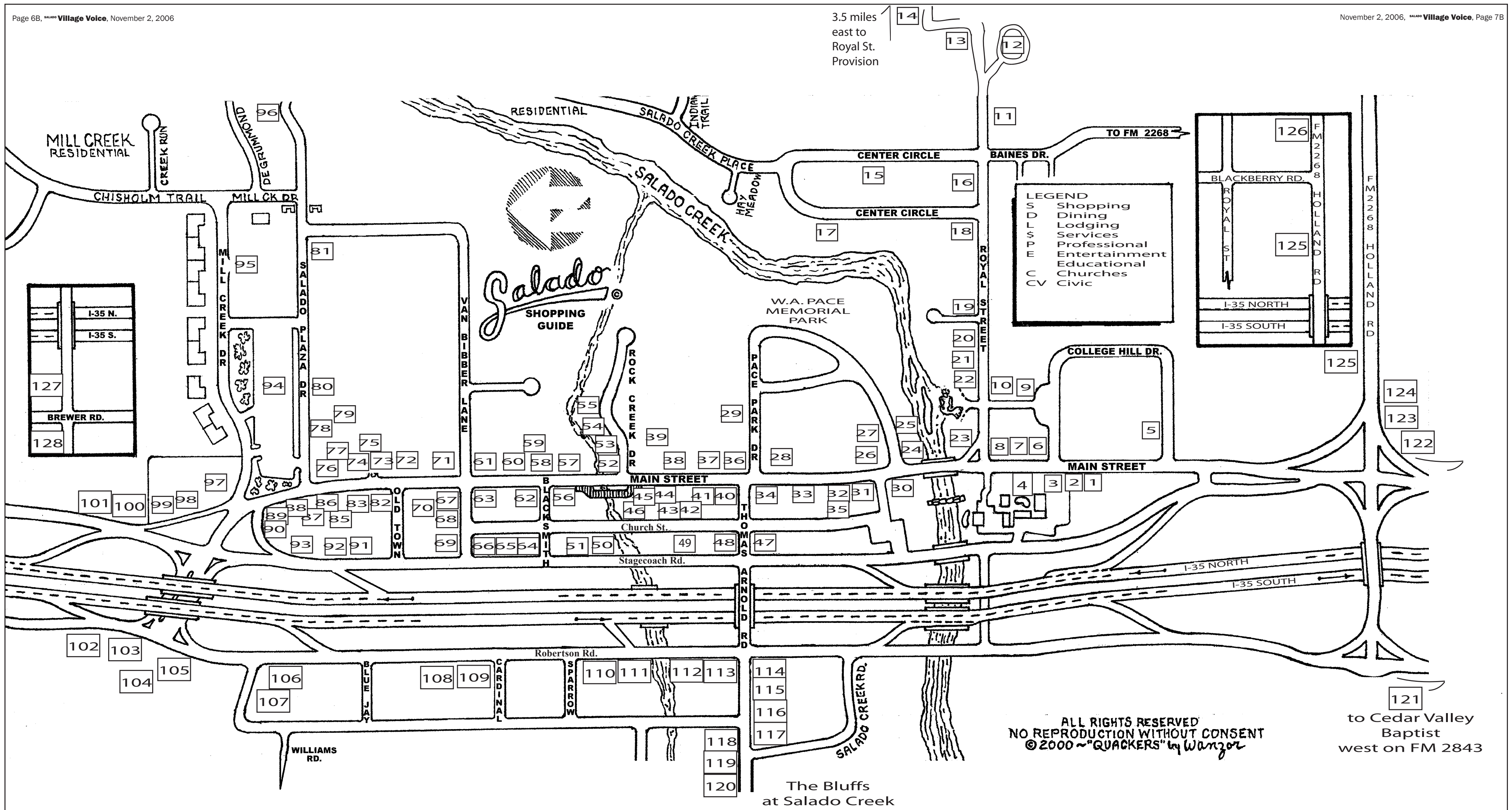
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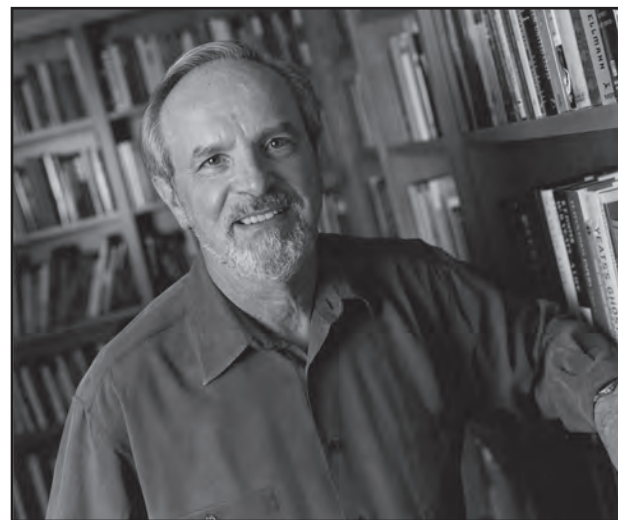
Internationally known author and inspirational speaker, Thomas Moore, will be in Salado Nov. 5 to speak to the Institute for the Humanities about his quest to find his true path in life. His lecture, "The Way of the Holy Fool," will be 4 p.m. Nov. 5 at the Salado Celebration Center.

Thomas Moore is best known for his best-seller, *Care of the Soul*, which was a No. 1 New York Times bestseller, and spent almost a year on that list. But he is also a psychotherapist, musician and religious philosopher and a leading lecturer and writer in the areas of archetypal psychology, mythology, spiritual ecology and the arts. His eclectic career has

included stints as professor of religion at SMU, sixteen years in private psychotherapy practice, and twenty years as a writer, lecturer and seminar leader.

At 13 he entered a preparatory seminary for the Servite religious order, but left shortly before being ordained as a priest twelve years later. He then spent several years studying music, religion and philosophy, eventually earning a BA in music and philosophy from DePaul University, an MA in musicology from the University of Michigan, master's degree in theology from the University of Windsor and PhD in religion from Syracuse University.

Moore is a prolific writer. Other titles among his many books are *Original Self: Living With Paradox and Originality*, *The Planets Within*, *Rituals of the Imagination*, *Dark Eros*, *Soul Mates and Meditations*, and his most recent best-seller, *Dark Nights of the Soul*. He has also produced numerous self-help tapes of lectures and seminars, writes a monthly column in the magazine, *Spirituality and Health*, and holds numerous workshops around the world.



Thomas Moore will address the Institute for Humanities at Salado on Nov. 5. His lecture is titled "The Way of the Holy Fool."

Moore is married to artist Joan Hanley, and divides his time between New Hampshire and Ireland.

This fall, the Salado Institute is focusing its lecture series on the search for meaning in our lives and work. The series features lectures from or about those who are committed to making a difference in the world. Four prominent men who have used their particular life's work to make a difference in our world are part of the series. Waco businessman Bernard Rapoport launched the series Sept. 30, followed by bioethicist Dr. Gregory Pence. Moore will be the third speaker and

entertainer and filmmaker,

Turk Pipkin will conclude the series. He will screen his film, "Nobelity," and discuss its production, at 4 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur Theatre, Sunday, Nov. 12. This presentation is open to the public.

Many of the events in this lecture series are only available to members of the Institute for the Humanities and their guests. However, membership in the Institute is open, and everyone is invited to join. Please contact the Institute office at 947-5729 or ifh@vvm.com for more information on how to become a member and sign up for the events.

The Institute for the Humanities at Salado is a non-profit corporation offering educational programs and conferences in the disciplines of the humanities for the public and the professions. The purpose of the Institute is to increase knowledge, to stretch minds, and to foster compassion in light of our rapidly changing world.

The core program of the Institute is a series of seminars and lecture/discussions each spring and fall organized around a single topic. In addition, there are special events throughout the year such as trips, tours and public lectures. These programs are designed to allow Institute members the opportunity to ask questions, hear stories and discuss the ideas, history, literature and values that make up the human story.

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Clans descend on Salado Nov. 10-12

Bagpipes will echo, kilts will sway, dancers will leap at the pageant of Scottish culture, heritage and tradition known at the Gathering of the Clans, Nov. 10-12 in Salado.

Authentic Celtic cuisine, caber tossing, world-class competitive dancing and bagpiping will highlight the 45th Annual Gathering to be held on the Robertson Ranch (visible from Interstate 35, off the southbound access road across from Stagecoach Inn).

Guests at the family-oriented gathering, which supports the Central Texas Area Museum, can delve into Scottish ancestry and heritage while visiting with representatives of clan societies, take pleasure in folk performances, cheer the children's games or wind amongst the many vendors and artisans selling a wide variety of Scottish goods.

The athletic competition will expand this year from one day to two days, with athletes ages 18-39 beginning competition 10 a.m. Nov. 11 and athletes over 40 contending at 11 a.m. Nov. 12. Officiating will be David Boyens, a former Navy Seal who has been involved with Scottish heavy athletics for more than 20 years. Boyens, who formerly coached throwing events for the Baylor University track and field program, will oversee the tossing of the stone, hammer, weight for distance, weight for height and caber.

The highland dance competition will be coordinated by Donna Cusack, assisted by renowned Canadian judge Joy Tolev. This highly athletic dance contest will feature continuous performances of the Highland Fling, Scottish Hornpipe, Sword Dance, Sean Triubhas and the Lilt. Dancers from Houston's St. Thomas Episcopal School

took high honors in these dances at World Championships.

Ranch visitors will also see demonstrations by the Scottish Country Dance Alliance of Austin, led by Anne Marshall and Elizabeth Chenault. Scottish Country Dancing differs from Highland Dancing by being more similar to American square dancing.

The bagpipe and drum competition, for individual pipers and drummers, as well as for bands, will send reverberations across the grounds.

Participants include the host band, St. Thomas Episcopal School, which this year won its fifth Juvenile World Pipe Band Championships in Scotland, and also finished first at the renowned Cowal Gathering. Other bands expected to participate include the Silver Thistle Pipes and Drums of Austin, and the Tulsa Pipes and Drums among many others.

Renowned piper Rose Adams will chair the piping competition. Don McKee, of Colorado, will serve as drum major during the opening and closing festival parades, featuring the massed pipe bands. McKee was a marine pilot, and is currently an engineer and sculptor. Others judging using rules of the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association, will include Reay S. MacKay, Robert Richardson and Ian K. MacDonald.

Drumming judges will include four-time world champion drummer Blair Brown. Brown won the World Pipe Band Championships in 1995, 1996, 1999 and 2001. He was World Drum Corps Champion in 1999, Australia Pipe Band Champion in 2001 and North American



Highland dancers are a crowd favorite at the Gathering of the Clans.

Pipe Band Champion in 2002.

Even more competitions include the shortbread contest and the bonniest knees contest.

Featured folk singers at the festival include Carl Peterson, Hugh Morrison, David Sparks, Arthur Gordon Mason and the Drambeauties. New to the festival will be artist Jed Marum, whose songs will be featured in the upcoming film, "Bloody Dawn."

Other Nov. 10 activities include the Genealogy Workshop, moderated by Bill Buckner of the Waco-McClennan County Library, from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Cost is \$30. In addition, those arriving Nov. 10 can attend the Fingertip Supper for \$12.50. Both will be held in the Hall of the Clans in the Central Texas Area Museum on

Main Street.

Day passes to access all events on the ranch are \$10 for adults on Nov. 11 and \$8 Nov. 12. Children's admission is \$3 either day. Pre-registration is suggested.

In addition, guests can purchase tickets for special performances by some of the top festival talent, including contest winners, appearing at the Ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) at 3 p.m. Nov. 11. While a Ceilidh is a traditional Scottish dance, the event will feature folk singing and dance performances, as well as Karla Morton reciting a portion of her contemporary epic poem, "Wee Cowrin' Timorous Beastie," which

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Aline Wilson, pictured above, is one of the featured performers during the Annual Salado Christmas Stroll. She has been ringing handbells for 26 years, performing professionally for 19. Wilson will be performing with David Kaufus at the courtyard at Salado Square at 1 p.m. Dec. 10, during the second weekend of The Stroll. The Christmas Stroll will be Dec. 1-3 and Dec. 8-10. For more information, click on www.saladovillagevoice.com.

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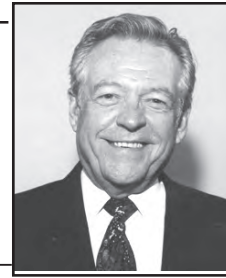
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Johnny Gidley's day job is in the computer room at the Stagecoach Inn in Salado. But he is passionate about music.

"My dad had bought a guitar from somebody for five dollars," says Johnny. "He wanted us boys to learn how to play it so we could accompany him while he played his fiddle. None of us had the interest or energy to do it until I saw The Beatles on the Ed Sullivan show in 1964. I went into the closet, got that guitar and started playing it. I haven't put it down since."

Johnny played with a rock and roll band in the 60s called The Buccaneers, one of the most popular bands in central Texas at the time. He later did

solo acts in clubs, playing both the six and 12 string guitars. He has produced two albums. One of them is titled *A Life of Endurance*, about his growing up on the family farm near Salado. One song on the CD is called "There's Dust on the Old Violin."

"We'd come in from a hard day's work, eat supper, then my dad would grab the fiddle, go out on the front porch and fiddle a few old waltzes."

The opening lyrics of the song go like this:

When nighttime would fall, he'd take it from the wall

Where it hung in its ragged old case.

He'd play a few strains from over the waves

With a quivering hand on the bow.

Now there's dust on the old violin and he'll never play it again.

"I would second to him while he played the fiddle," says Johnny. "With his shaky hand he wasn't a great fiddle player, but you could make out the tunes."

The song was written as a poem, but Johnny decided to make a song from it.

"I had a little hand-held recorder that I had taken out to his house one night when he wanted me to second him playing fiddle."

My three-year-old son was listening to us play. I was recording all this. When I got the song ready for commercial release in 1991, I remembered the tape recording of us playing that night and I put it at the very end. If you listen closely, you can hear my little three-year-old son jabbering in the background."

Johnny records on tape, saying it produces a warmer sound than digital recordings. His CD, *A Life of Endurance*, contains contemporary Christian music. Johnny says the title comes from the Bible.

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- 6:00 PM *Christmas Tree Lighting @ Civic Center
- *Pictures with Santa Claus at Gazebo (SVFD)
- *Picnic @ Civic Center -bring casserole & lawn chairs

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 3:00 PM *Joy Ensemble - FBC Belton @ Horsefeathers
- 5:00 PM *Mark Huber -Folk @ Courtyard at Salado Square
- *Pride Rock - Central Texas Christian School @ Gazebo
- 5:30 PM *Performers from the "Christmas Carol" - Strolling
- 7:00 PM *Tapestry - FBC Belton @ Gregory's
- *Jubilation Ringers @ Miller's Fine Art Gallery
- *Bert Harbison - Guitarist @ Seasons of Salado
- *Jubilee - Immanuel Baptist @ Alice's
- *Texas A&M Choirs @ Salado First Baptist Church
- *Chisholm Trail Chorus - Strolling
- *Freddie Fuller - The Singing Cowboy @ Rock Creek
- *One Heart - Immanuel Baptist Temple - Strolling
- Evening *Live Nativity Scene @ Salado First Baptist Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 11:30 AM *Jubilation Ringers @ Stanford Court
- 3:30 PM *Joe Pehoski - Storyteller @ Inn at Salado
- 5:00 PM *Mark Huber - Folk Music @ Southern Image
- *Dennis Family - Strolling
- *Jubilee - Immanuel Baptist @ Courtyard at Salado Square
- *Salado Community Chorus - Strolling
- 5:30 PM *Performers from the "Christmas Carol" - Strolling
- 6:00 PM *One Voice - UMHB - Strolling
- 7:00 PM *Bert Harbison - Guitarist @ Benton's
- *Freddie Fuller - The Singing Cowboy @ Rock Creek
- *Holiday Brass Quartet - Immanuel Baptist @ Gazebo
- Evening *Live Nativity Scene @ Salado First Baptist Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 1:00 PM *Shield & Armour - Georgetown @ Gregory's
- *Alayna Fuller Ramsden - Story Time @ Gazebo
- *Double Darlins @ Alice's

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Portrait-style

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While many people envision a roaring fire within a great room or den, smaller yet unique portrait-style fireplaces are now tucked into kitchen cabinetry, embedded within bedrooms walls or installed above baths. These portrait-style fireplaces are smaller than standard-sized gas versions and ideally sized for bedrooms and bathroom walls, kitchen cabinetry, or virtually any room within the home. And unlike many home improvement projects, portrait-style fireplaces can be installed quickly and easily, thus avoiding weeks of mess and disruption.

For anyone looking to add comfort and value to their home, the timeless appeal and warmth of these unique fireplaces will pay dividends for years to come. If you're considering this "hot" home upgrade, following are a few key things to consider:

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With the new 5.75 percent and 6.10 percent 30-year fixed rate mortgages, Central Texas HFC has a \$10 million single family bond program that helps borrowers purchase their first home. Homebuyers have access to mortgage loans (FHA, VA, RHS and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac eligible conventional) that may also provide a grant for down payment and closing cost assistance equal to four percent of the original loan amount throughout the following counties: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba.

"This program provides mortgage loans at attractive interest rates with a down payment assistance grant to families who might otherwise be unable to afford a home," said Jon Burrows, County Judge for Bell County. "For example, a first-time buyer who received a \$100,000 loan would receive an additional

\$4,000 grant which could be used for down payment and closing costs."

"The largest barrier to home ownership many families face is lack of a down payment," said Judge Burrows. "We want to continue our long-standing support and encouragement of home ownership by providing a way for families to achieve and afford the

American Dream of owning their own home."

Income limitations for the program include annual family income not to exceed \$54,300 for families of two or fewer persons and \$62,445 for families of three or more. The maximum home cost under the program is \$237,031. Eligible prospective homebuyers cannot have owned

a home in the last three years, except in certain targeted areas. Higher income and purchase price limits are also available in those targeted areas.

The Central Texas HFC is a non-profit governmental corporation formed by the seven counties and has provided single family bond programs since 1982. The HFC last issued such a

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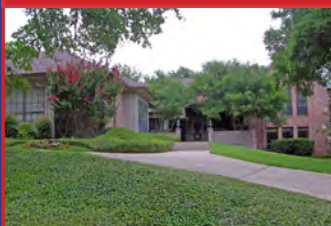
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What home improvements would make my house healthier, cleaner?

Dear EarthTalk: What kinds of home improvements could I do that would make my house healthier and more environmentally friendly?

Elizabeth Bram, via e-mail

Most homes are not lacking in ways they can be healthier for family and kinder to the environment. For one, indoor air quality is a serious problem affecting millions of homes. Studies show that air within homes can be more seriously polluted than the air outdoors—even in the largest and most industrialized cities.

According to Glenn Haege, a master handyman who hosts a national radio show on home repair, as our homes and apartments have become more energy efficient and airtight, “humidity levels from cooking and breathing tend to increase, causing mold and mildew.” Harmful chemicals, he says, from construction materials, insulation, furniture, carpeting, padding, paints, solvents and household cleaners, drawn by this moist atmosphere, combine to contaminate the indoor air which then stays trapped inside.

The first step in remedying this problem is to test your indoor air. Pure Air and Envirologix, among others, sell inexpensive and easy-to-use indoor-air quality testing kits. Once you get an idea of the contaminants floating around your home, you can get to work replacing the offending sources accordingly. Green superstores such as the Environmental Home Center, Green Building Supply and Oikos offer a wealth of greener and healthier building supplies and materials. Also, BuildingGreen.com offers a free online “GreenSpec” database with detailed listings for over 2,000 environmentally preferable building products.

Materials outside the home can also contribute to health problems. One example is pressure-treated lumber, which contains a form of cyanide to keep pests away. Kids who play on backyard jungle gyms and decks made of such material can develop rashes and skin infections. Cedar wood is a naturally pest-resistant alternative that, while more expensive, is a kinder-gentler option that will stand the test of time.

Other ways to green-up the home include replacing traditional incandescent light bulbs with more energy-efficient compact fluorescents, as well as switching out conventional hot water heaters in favor of solar or on-demand



tankless versions. And for saving on water, replacing traditional showerheads and toilets with pressurized low-flow alternatives can save gallons per day while generating cost savings on utility bills. Likewise, capturing rainwater and shower “gray-water” to irrigate the garden is another smart move.

Do-it-yourselfers can find hundreds of websites offering tips on green building and repair. Glenn Haege’s MasterHandyman.com and NaturalHandyMan.com both offer a plethora of articles and links and are good resources if you’re looking to improve your own handy skills while staying true to your green ideals. Two helpful books are: Green Remodeling by David Johnston and Kim Master; and Green Building Materials: A Guide to Product Selection and Specification by Ross Spiegel and Dru Meadows. For less handy homeowners, finding a handyman well versed in green building issues might be a better way to go. The Natural Handyman Network offers a free online search tool that should offer some promising leads.

CONTACTS: MasterHandyman.com, www.masterhandyman.com; BuildingGreen.com, www.buildinggreen.com; Envirologix, www.envirologix.com; Environmental Home Center, www.environmentalhomecenter.com; Green Building Supply, www.greenbuildingsupply.com; Oikos, www.oikos.com; The Natural Handyman Network, www.naturalhandyman.com.

Dear EarthTalk: What do you think of those “waste to energy” plants to generate power? — **Christine Ramadhin, Queens, NY**

Waste-to-energy (WtE) facilities, which generate power by burning trash, have been in widespread operation in the U.S. and Europe since the 1970s and are considered by environmental advocates to be a mixed blessing. On the one hand they get rid of garbage without adding to already-stressed landfills and with the added benefit of contributing electricity to the power grid. On the other hand, they do gener-

ate toxic pollution, usually as a result of burning vinyl and plastics.

WtE facilities evolved out of basic incinerator technology that simply burns trash and reduces it to ash and smoke. Waste-to-energy plants instead use the garbage to fire a huge boiler. When the garbage “fuel” is burned, it releases heat that turns water into steam. The high-pressure steam turns the blades of a turbine generator to produce electricity.

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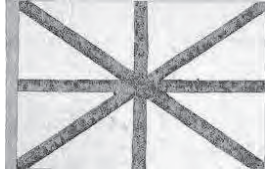
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late WtE plants, typically requiring them to use various anti-pollution devices to keep both harmful gases and particulate pollution (fine bits of dust, soot and other solid materials) out of the air. However, the particles captured are then mixed with the ash that is removed from the bottom of the waste-to-energy plant's furnace when it is cleaned. Environmentalists contend that this toxic ash, which can include dangerous heavy metals, may actually present more of an environmental problem than the airborne emissions themselves, as it usually ends up in landfills where it can leak into

and contaminate soil and groundwater.

According to Greenpeace International, WtE facilities are also among the largest sources of dioxin emissions in industrialized countries. Dioxin is a by-product of burning polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and other plastics, and has been linked to cancer and other health problems. Greenpeace advocates for phasing out WtE facilities in favor of improving recycling rates that reduce the waste stream in the first place.

Currently about 600 WtE facilities are in operation around the world. According to the National Solid Wastes Management Association, an industry trade group, the United States is home to 98 such plants operating in 29 states. These facilities manage about 13 percent of America's total trash output. In Canada, where landfill space is more abundant, WtE has failed to catch on, with only a few such facilities across the country. WtE has caught on more so in smaller technologically advanced countries such as Japan, Sweden, Denmark, France and Switzerland, where landfill space is at a premium.

Recent improvements in the energy efficiency and environmental impact of WtE facilities means that the technology promises to play a larger role globally in years to come, especially as crowded developing countries start to jump on the bandwagon.

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Ordinance No. 2006.17

Village of Salado

County of Bell

State of Texas

October 19, 2006

Rules of Procedure for Board of Aldermen Meetings

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 2002.05 ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS, INCLUDING PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; PURPOSE; DEFINITIONS; GENERAL RULES OF PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS; DISRUPTIVE OR DISORDERLY CONDUCT; INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; RECORDING OF MEETINGS; ENFORCEMENT; RELATION TO OTHER ORDINANCES; SEVERABILITY; PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen seeks to maintain order and decorum at Board of Aldermen Meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds that the promulgation of procedural rules for Board meetings furthers the effective and efficient administration of Village business and encourage orderly public participation in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds it to be in the best interest of the public safety, health and general welfare to adopt reasonable rules and regulations to maintain order and to regulate conduct at its meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen is authorized to adopt such rules and regulations by virtue of section 22.038 of the Texas Local Government Code and by section 551.023 of the Texas Government Code; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, COUNTY OF BELL, STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

This Ordinance is adopted so that the Board of Aldermen may promote the public health, safety, morals and general welfare within the Village through the enactment of reasonable procedures and rules designed to facilitate the orderly and efficient conduct of Board of Aldermen meetings in a manner that promotes a positive Village image reflecting order, harmony and pride, thereby strengthening the economic stability of the Village. By and through this Ordinance, the Board of Aldermen additionally seeks to establish fair, reasonable, and efficient guidelines for maintaining order and promoting effective public participation at Board of Aldermen meetings.

SECTION 8. ENFORCEMENT

A. Civil and Criminal Penalties

The Village shall have the power to administer and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance as may be required by governing law. Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance is subject to suit for injunctive relief as well as prosecution for criminal violations.

B. Criminal Prosecution

Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Each instance that a provision of this Ordinance is violated shall constitute a separate offense. An offense under this Ordinance is a misdemeanor.

C. Civil Remedies

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as a waiver of the Village's right to bring a civil action to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance and to seek remedies as allowed by law, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) Injunctive relief to prevent specific conduct that violates the Ordinance or to require specific conduct that is necessary for compliance with the Ordinance; and

(2) A civil penalty up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) when it is shown that the defendant was actually notified of the provisions of the Ordinance and after receiving notice committed acts in violation of the Ordinance or failed to take action necessary for compliance with the Ordinance; and

(3) Other available relief.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of October, 2006, by a vote of 5 AYE(s); 0 NO(s); and 0 ABSTENTION(s) of the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Salado, Texas.

A complete copy of this ordinance may be obtained at the Village office at .10 cents a page.



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Absolutely beautiful traditional home in Mill Creek. Extra large bedrooms, 2 fireplaces, sun room, game room, large covered porches and patios, etc. Priced at **\$297,500.** Call for more info.



Fresh Paint and New Flooring makes this traditional home in Mill Creek ready for you. 3 BR/2.5 BA/ 2 GA. **\$219,000.**



New Austin Stone Home located just west of Salado in Salado school district. This 3 BR/2BA/2GA is convenient to Harker Heights and Stillhouse Hollow Lake. Energy Star rating! Priced at **\$199,900.**



Open and Spacious 3/2+ in Mill Creek. Large kitchen, open floorplan, fenced yard and covered porch all for just **\$189,900.**



New Elegant Estate 4/3/3+ on 3 tree-covered acres. Inviting entrance, beautiful kitchen with stainless steel appliances and granite countertops, large fireplace, 3+ car garage and much more. **\$389,900.**



Granite Countertops and open floor plan make this new Texas ranch style a must see. This 3 BR/2BA/2GA is minutes away Harker Heights and Stillhouse Lake, but still in Salado ISD. Energy Star rating. **\$209,900.**



3/2.5/2 - Beautiful Traditional Home in Salado. Hardwood Floors, High Ceilings, Granite Countertops, Large Kitchen, and much more! Priced at **\$344,900.**



Minutes away from Salado, Harker Heights and Stillhouse Hollow Lake. New Traditional 3BR/2BA/2GA home with granite counters and open floor plan in Salado School District. Energy Star rating. **\$199,900**



3/2 - Rare Find located just northwest of Salado. Log Home on over 10 acres with barns all for just **\$199,900.**



Great Price with Excellent Location! Open Floorplan, sprinkler system, alarm system, storage shed and much more to this 3BR/2BA/2GA. Priced at **\$149,900.**



Unbelievable Kitchen! Stainless steel propane cooktop, custom cabinets and granite countertops. All on over 2 tree-covered acres. **\$269,900.**



Park-like setting surrounds this spectacular home. Large kitchen, spacious great room, swimming pool, game room and much more! 4 BR/3.5 BA/3+ GA. **\$485,000.**



Great location! 3/2 manufactured home with excellent location in Salado overlooking Salado Creek. Priced at **\$99,900.**

Acreage/Lots

36 acres, west of Salado. \$6,000 per acre.
33.20 acres southeast of Salado. Great for Horses! \$182,600.
Lot in Mill Creek. Perfect for a Patio Home!
Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. Approx 13 Acres **SOLD** excellent homesite with live oaks. **\$125,000.**
10 acres with live oak trees, septic and well northwest of Salado. **\$130,000.**
10 acres oak trees, electricity & well, **\$130,000.**
5 acres in Hidden Springs, lot #271, **\$46,900.**
2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900.**
3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large pecans & live water. **\$35,000.**
44 acres off of Firefly Road between Salado and Florence. Great Trees Will divide. Lot overlooking Salado Creek, ~~\$50,000~~ **reduced to \$29,900!**
Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188.
Indian Trail - 90x188.
Lot 231 & 232 Hidden Springs: Over 8 gorgeous tree-covered acres with Willingham Creek frontage. **\$200,000.**

Commercial

1.32 acre fronting I-35 with home, **\$350,000**
30 acres fronting I-35, 1 mile south of Stagecoach Inn.
.87 **UNDER CONTRACT** Rd. **\$147,408.**
Approx 3.5 acres off College Hill with small home for **\$300,000.**

Bell County

5+ acres fronting **SOLD** and Boxer Road. Great commercial location. Belton city water available. **\$299,000.**
Exit 305 North of Temple. .54 acres with existing station. Excellent business opportunity.

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