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This painting by Salado artist Bascomb Herd is the artwork for the Salado Art Fair, which will be Aug. 2-3 in Pace Park. Organizers of the hottest art show of the year just kicked it up a notch with participation by Texas Commission on the Arts' Texas Originals artisans and the Texas State Artists. This includes some of the greatest painters, sculptors, musicians, and poet laureates from around the state. Art fans that have been traveling to the banks of Salado Creek for the past 42 years are in for a real treat this year. The Salado Chamber of Commerce will host over 100 Texas artists and artisans at the 42nd Annual Art Fair August 2-3 at Pace Park and the new 'Best of the Best' Texas Fine Art Sale & Reception at Celebration Center on Aug. 2. Texas Original artisans working in a wide variety of media including clay, glass, fiber, wood, metal, stone, and more will be exhibiting along with Art Fair favorites at Pace Park on Saturday, August 2nd from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and again 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 3 Texas State Artists will be honored at the inaugural "Best of the Best" Texas Fine Art Sale & Reception 6-9 p.m. Aug. 2. This one-evening event offers art enthusiasts a unique opportunity to meet and mingle with some of their favorite Texas artists and poet laureates. Participating artists include: Dalhart Windberg, Roy Lee Ward, George Boutwell, Lee Herring, Ed Hayes, Kathy Vargas, Ralph White, David Keens, Jack Terry, B. Herd, Raul Gutierrez, Alan Birkelbach, and the 2008 Texas State Musician of the Year, Shelley King. For information, contact the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 254-947-5040 or visit them online at www.salado.com.

Aldermen continue work on budget

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Worried about the downward trend in sales tax revenues, Salado aldermen adjusted their projection of revenues from retail sales tax by about 10 percent, or \$30,000 during a budget workshop session July 22 at the Municipal Building.

Aldermen also in-

creased expenditures by \$30,000 in the draft budget, adding the money to Engineering Professional Fees to fund a study of two possible sewer systems that are proposed near Salado.

One possible sewer system has been proposed to serve a planned development called the Highlands of Salado on Royal Street in the extra territorial jurisdiction of Salado. The

developers have planned enough capacity in their project to serve the estimated downtown needs of the Village of Salado. That application process has begun with the Texas Council for Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

Another possible connection would be with the City of Belton, which will build a system south of the Lampasas River.

Aldermen spoke during the workshop about the problems of attracting business investments to the Village without adequate infrastructure such as sewer.

"We have to do something for the problems of our village," Aldermen Curt Strong said, adding that studies have been done showing the need for

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Trustees to announce lone sup't finalist SIS Principal position open

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Independent School District trustees are set to announce the lone finalist for Superintendent of the Salado schools at 8 a.m. July 25 at the Salado Civic Center. The board discussed and interviewed hopefuls in executive sessions this month. Trustees met in executive session on the matter for three hours July 21 before adjourning with no action.

Trustees did vote unanimously on July 21 to extend two-year contracts to five campus level administrators, following the recommendation of Interim Superintendent Bob Denton. Dr. Denton told trustees that of all the school districts he had worked with over a 30-year career in education, Salado ISD was the only one which did not offer campus administrators two year contracts.

The day after the vote, Salado Intermediate School Principal Joe Palmer tendered his resignation. Palmer will be recommended to the Temple Independent School District Board of Trustees as the district's Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, according to Temple I.S.D. Superintendent (and former Salado I.S.D. Superintendent) Robin Battershell.

Battershell said that Palmer was one of 54 applicants for the job. A committee of seven members narrowed the choices to about 13 for interviews. Of those, Palmer was one of two finalists for the position. The Temple board will act on Supt. Battershell's recommendation at its Aug. 11 meeting.

Palmer told the *Salado Village Voice* that he in-

formed the school district of his intent to resign his position now so that the school district would have a chance to seek out applicants. Palmer will leave Salado after 13 years with the district.

The position was announced on July 22 in a district-wide email. "We can start to solicit for applicants even though we do not have his (Palmer's) formal resignation," Dr. Denton said. "We need to plan for the eventuality that he will be hired in August. I don't want to wait another 10 or 15 days to begin searching for applicants."

Dr. Denton said that the district will need to begin thinking about how it will operate the third to sixth grade campus if and when Palmer leaves. He said the district may consider an interim, or a person from within. "We may not need anyone because we have such a good staff in place," Dr. Denton said.

He added that he thinks the incoming superintendent should be involved in the discussion and hiring of the new principal.

The night before Palmer announced his intention to resign, he recommended the hiring of Jackie Jones, a teacher with 11 years experience, as the special education teacher for fifth and sixth grade. Three other teachers were hired on campus principals' recommendations: Paul Harvey, a special education teacher with four to five years experience, as the behavioral modification class teacher at Thomas Arnold Elementary; Samantha Jackson, for History and girls coach at Salado High School on a one-year probationary alternative certificate; and Jimmy Cain, History and

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"LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO PRESCRIBE A CHOLESTEROL-LOWERING DRUG... THE GOOD NEWS, THOUGH, IS THAT YOU QUIT SMOKING..."

Dupes for Obama

A signature moment of Barack Obama's primary campaign came last November in Des Moines, Iowa. He gave a speech at the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner that electrified the crowd and gave his campaign a kick that helped win the Iowa caucuses -- a victory without which he wouldn't be the Democratic nominee.

Obama declared that "the same old Washington textbook campaigns just won't do." Deploring "triangulating and poll-driven positions," he said that "telling the American people what we think they want to hear instead of telling the American people what they need to hear just won't do." The Democratic Party had been at its best, he told the crowd, when "we led, not by polls, but by principles; not by calculation, but by conviction."

"I run for the presidency of the United States of America because that's the party America needs us to be right now," he vowed, staking his candidacy on the achingly idealistic premises of a new, more forthright and uncalculating politics.

What makes Obama's "textbook" dash to the center so extraordinary is not just its speed, but how it falsifies the very essence of his candidacy. It's as if Bill Clinton won the Democratic nomination in 1992 and announced suddenly that actually he was not a "new kind of Democrat"; or if George W. Bush, after winning his party's nomination in 2000, forswore "compassionate conservatism"; or if John McCain, after winning the GOP nomination this year, declared in favor of a hard deadline for withdrawal from Iraq.

In the past two months, Obama has broken two pledges (to take public financing in the general election and to filibuster legal immunity for telecoms that cooperated with the government in terrorist surveillance); has belittled his own rhetoric during the primary campaign (saying it could get "overheated and amplified" on the issue of trade); redefined his promise to meet without preconditions with the

Rich Lowry



leaders of hostile states until it's basically meaningless; endorsed a Supreme Court decision striking down a Washington, D.C., gun ban his campaign had previously said he supported; and made muddy, centrist-sounding statements about his positions on Iraq and abortion that he had to go back and try to clarify.

Has there ever in recent political memory been so much calculation and bad faith by a politician who has made so much of eschewing both? We now know that Barack Obama is not naive, but his ardent supporters are. Obama exhorted them to "believe" -- one of his favorite words -- in him and his virtue above all, and as soon as they gave him the nomination he wanted, he showed how foolishly credulous they had been. When it comes to triangulating, he's Hillary Clinton without the baggage.

Obama is calculating shrewdly now -- just as shrewdly as back when he was attacking calculation. His left-wing base won't abandon him, and all the dew-eyed new voters attracted by him will stay that way, so long as he continues to look and sound good. His task is to win over general-election voters in a center-right country who value hardheadedness and practicality in their presidents.

Barack Obama doesn't need to be a messiah figure. He needn't even be particularly admirable. In a poisonous year for Republicans, he just needs to be a minimally acceptable Democrat, and so minimally acceptable he aims to be. But we're a long way from Des Moines.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.(c) 2008 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Gramm resigns over "whiner" comments; May have lost Ambassadorship to Minsk

Three weeks ago this column noted that both candidates for President would be receiving all sorts of advice concerning their campaigns. We specifically cautioned Senator John McCain about his "special cronies" Karl Rove and Phil Gramm - because, given their backgrounds, their counsel might be "suspect at best."

We had no idea that within seven days, our warning would come true, and these guys would create headlines that will trouble McCain throughout the remaining 103 campaign days.

Rove's contribution to McCain's problems began on July 10 when, for the second time, the former Bushman defied a congressional subpoena to testify before congress concerning his ostensible influence in the Justice Department's prosecution of "targeted" Democratic office holders, and his part in the decision to fire a number of JD attorney's for "disloyalty" to the Bush administration.

Rove claims "executive privilege" as a White House "staffer" although he agreed to meet with the House Judiciary subcommittee on an informal basis - i.e. "off the record and not under oath!"

GRAMM'S COMMENTS WILL ALSO HAUNT MCCAIN

Phil Gramm, who served (until July 18) as McCain's presidential campaign co-chairman, once again overloaded his mouth and presented the Obama team with a free gift of campaign fodder that will haunt McCain and Company right up to election day.

Here are the ingredients of this new McCain horror-story: First we have the current economy that's closing in on a recession as background. Add gasoline and food prices - both skyrocketing; stir in Wall Street jitters and a dollop of inflation; simmer with mortgage market distress, worried bankers, mounting layoffs, and you have all the "makings."

Then, we add John McCain, the "trailing" candidate for president, trying desperately to come up with economic recovery plans that will appear workable to a skeptical public.

And lastly, with the above economic and political saga headed for a "shaky" (albeit unknown) ending, Phil "The Mouth" Gramm appeared, and proceeded to tell Washington Post interviewers (of all papers) that our economic problems are simply "psychological!"

Additional comments included: "You've heard of mental depression, this is a mental recession." The drivell ended with: "We have become a nation of whiners."

Those inappropriate "whining" rants brought McCain to his feet, and "voila" - the tale was complete. Especially following McCain's reactive epilogue: "Phil Gramm does not speak for me. I strongly disagree."

GRAMM RESIGNS

Gramm, who went from teaching economics at A.& M. to a 24 year Congressional sinecure, is now a Vice chairman (lobbyist) at a major Swiss Bank (UBS). He was McCain's top economic advisor, a job that became real "iffy" after his interview with the Post. And, as expected Gramm (last Friday) resigned to "avoid further distraction."

Gramm's departure may have been hurried thanks to McCain's "pointed" (albeit humorous) response to reporters about "Old Phil-Boy's" future in a McCain administration: "I think Senator Gramm would be in

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



serious consideration for ambassador to Belarus, although I'm not sure the citizens of Minsk would welcome that."

COMMENT FROM GOP ECO-CREED

Gramm has never presented a loveable image, but as a Swiss banker that might be exactly what's needed. Fact is - what he said about all us "eco-snivelers" is nothing more than snippets from the basic GOP economic creed that's lovingly embraced by iconic conservatives. Namely, continuation of the good old (non regulated) economic "trickle down" scheme, that aids the wealthy and lets the commoners scramble for the crumbs.

Bad timing for the former Aggie, who will return to his Swiss bank where he would do well to keep his trap shut - they've got enough problems right now as it is.

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"PLAYING CATCH-UP" IS HARD GAME TO WIN

It took the combined failures of Bear Stearns and IndyMacBank to finally force the Federal Reserve and Treasury Department to take some long needed remedial action. First, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson created the "fire-sale" of Bear Stearns, and later closed down IndyMacBank.

Then they approved a line of (taxpayer) credit to "Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae" which will allow these mortgage giants to stay in business.

(Writer's Note: Bailout? It sure smells, looks, and walks like one!)

And finally, Chairman Bernanke and Secretary Paulson began corralling these former "untouchables" with regulations that will keep the "F&F boys" and the entire mortgage industry from further unregulated and irresponsible (many would add illegal) maneuvering at the expense of the economy.

The new regs (for starters) require lenders to verify a borrower's ability to repay his mortgage; cross-checking all financial statements; require down payments; and put a halt to subprime lending and the "bundling" of worthless mortgages.

WHY DID FED-TREASURY STALL?

If those rules seem like common sense business practices - you're right. Prudent rules were previously dumped in the hell-bent (deregulated) rush to make a fortune out of the housing boom.

Question: Why did it take a near economic meltdown for the Fed and Treasury to step in and provide the financial rules and regs (and leadership) so desperately needed? Answer that question correctly and we're halfway down the road to resolving future economic problems - before they implode.

ALWAYS BEHIND THE CURVE - WHY?

The real tragedy behind this current economic nightmare, is that our government remains steadfastly "behind-the-curve" in nearly everything it touches. Washington officials seem incapable of planning ahead; No one is alert to economic danger signals; And, nothing from the White House - except tired platitudes.

Repairing the economic damage of today's downturn is not an insurmountable task. It just seems that way, because we've allowed partisan politics, high level selfish interests, greed, arrogance and stupidity, to get in the way.

Small wonder there is uneasiness abroad in the land these days!

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The Badge of Honor

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The Texas Rangers are legendary for their dedication, skill and heroism. Unforgettable names like John Coffee "Jack" Hayes, William "Big Foot" Wallace and Manuel T. "Lone Wolf" Gonzallas are embedded in our history.

The hard-charging William J. "Captain Bill" McDonald said to have inspired the phrase "One Riot, One Ranger," also gained fame for this motto: "No man in the wrong can stand up against a fellow that's in the right and keeps on a-comin'."

Generations of Texas peace officers have embraced those words and have gained well-deserved reputations for determination, professionalism and excellence. They wear the badge of policemen and women, sheriffs, deputies, constables, corrections and detention officers, game wardens and other offices.

Peace officers cover rural and urban Texas. They work our streets and highways, as well as airports,

schools, waterways, parks and jails – wherever they are needed. In addition to fighting crime, they serve on the front line during disasters and emergencies and help safeguard us from terrorists. Many are tireless community volunteers.

The Texas Law Enforcement Code of Ethics emphasizes the high standards of the profession. "As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder, and to respect the constitutional rights of all persons to liberty, equality, and justice."

The work of peace officers presents daily risk and danger, sometimes leading to tragic consequences. With that brings more examples of the dedication and heroism of our peace officers. We can never thank them enough, but we can show our support and

respect.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of National Night Out. On Oct. 7, Texans across the state will gather in citywide and neighborhood events to generate support for anticrime programs, to strengthen citizen partnerships with law enforcement agencies and to put criminals on notice that we are fighting back to keep our communities safe.

I was privileged to be in Corpus Christi last year on National Night Out. There is no more effective tool against crime than a community that is united against it.

No one said it better than President Ronald Reagan, a strong supporter of National Night Out. "Such citizen action reaffirms those values of community, respect for the law, and individual responsibility that are so much a part of our national heritage... Strong, safe communities don't just happen. They are

BADGE OF HONOR
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Spectators and our food E-I-E-I-O!



Jim Hightower

Oh, this is just dandy! Hedge fund schemers and Wall Street manipulators -- the very characters who brought us the Great American Housing Collapse -- have a new target for their fast-buck profiteering: farming. E-I-E-I-O!

Speculators have long messed with farmers by artificially manipulating prices on everything from corn to soybeans. But now they're pooling up billions of dollars from global investors to go after the farms themselves, as well as fertilizer plants, grain elevators, ships and barges, and other basic tools for producing, shipping, and storing our food supply. As one hedge fund operator says; "It's going on big time. There is considerable interest in what we call 'owning structure.'"

By "owning structure," they mean centralizing control of food in the hands of financial manipulators who have only one crop in mind: fat profits. These multibillion-dollar funds are buying thousands of farms in the United States, Brazil, Africa, Britain and elsewhere, turning farmers into corporate laborers and viewing farmland and water as disposable inputs for the huge short-term profits investors demand. Rural communities? Move to the city. Quality of food? Advertising will cover that.

Price? Aha! That's what consolidation of farms and storage facilities is all about. If you can lock down production and stockpile the supply - you can control price. If corn prices are lower than what investors want them to be, simply store the corn and force prices up. Or, if corn prices are down in the United States, ship corn to Japan or wherever else might be more profitable. And if these distortions cause a food crash? Hey, the speculators will already have sucked out billions in profits, and they will just move to the next hot investment.

Hedge funds bring nothing but greed and grief to the farm economy and our food supply, and they should be banned from "owning structure."

PART I

It takes a village and this village needs your help

BY: DEBORAH ALDRIDGE, SALADO
ISD TRUSTEE

As Salado ISD employees are moving into the beautiful new high school and the Board of Directors searches for a new Superintendent, my thoughts are constantly on school issues these days. It all triggers nostalgic memories of my own school years and causes me to pause with gratitude for that good chapter in my life.

I fondly remember my mother and I shopping for little plaid dresses, saddle oxford shoes, and book satchels, as they were called in the 1950's, during the "back to school bustle" that still happens every August across our country. My sister and I filled our new book satchels with the tools of the student- tablets, pencils, and crayons and prepared eagerly for the first day of

school. Every August, I still yearn to "go to town" to buy new school supplies!

My childhood was typical of the 1950's with my parents both working very hard to care for two daughters and two sets of grandparents. Because my home life was stable, I was able to take advantage of opportunities at school by concentrating on the academics. Most of my friends grew up much the same way in networks of extended family, neighbors, community and church organizations that offered extra attention, affection, role modeling, guidance and a sense of positive direction. We were granted the gift of a true childhood with not a care in the world and loads of love.

As school bells ring all across our country next month, America's future --her children-- will be of-

fered new beginnings, challenges, and opportunities. But it is a sad reality that not all our Salado students are growing up in a stable environment; many have such limited resources and are in such stressful situations that the new school year doesn't bring excitement and eager anticipation to them, and their chances for success at school and later in life are diminished before they've even begun.

Too many children live in families that are under tremendous economic, social, and emotional pressure. Many of these troubled families are isolated and plagued by poverty, divorce, teen pregnancy, and drug & alcohol abuse. These emotional and psychological stresses create a climate of daily turmoil and sometimes even physical danger for children.

As a result, the children who are in the greatest need of help from outside of the family are often the least likely to get it. The networks and support systems are woefully lacking for them.

The award winning star of stage, screen, and Broadway, Sarah Jessica Parker has spoken candidly about the dys-

function and poverty of her own childhood. "I learned that your childhood doesn't have to dictate the rest of your life if you're given skills, opportunity, and self-reliance." There is a ray of hope in her words. One CAN survive bad situations!

Planned mentoring programs have been identified as one promising strategy in combating the effects of the persistent problems that can negate a child's educational opportunities. These programs can bridge the chasm between the children from troubled families and the caring adults who can make a difference in their lives. Salado ISD has created such a program called Salado Mentors, which this fall celebrates two successful years. We have thirty plus caring adults who are paired with children who need the skills, opportunity, and self-reliance of which Parker spoke. This year we need at least 20 more mentor volunteers. Our group will be recruiting from now until school starts Aug. 25.

Would you consider becoming a mentor to a young person who may be experiencing a less-than-

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

If you believe that the children of our village are our collective responsibility (It Takes a Village) deserving our care and guidance, please consider being part of Salado Mentors. Contact Salado ISD, P.O. Box 98, 76571, or call the Administration Office at 947-6900 for more information and an application. We are hosting a "Bring a Friend" coffee Aug. 12 at 9 a.m. at the Methodist Church. Come meet other Mentors and find out more details about this program.

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

CORRECTION- FOR JULY 17

THE STORY ON PAGE 3A "EQUIPPING OUR TROOPS FOR THE BATTLEFIELD - AND THE FUTURE" WAS WRITTEN BY U.S. SENATOR KAY BAILEY HUCHISON NOT STATE REPRESENTATIVE DIANNE WHITE DELISI.

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Bonds vs. bond funds which are right for you

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



As an investor, you may find that bonds can be a valuable part of your portfolio. But choosing to invest in bonds is one thing — and choosing how to invest in them is another. Basically, you've got two choices: individual bonds or bond-based mutual funds. Which approach is right for you?

There's no one right answer for everyone. So let's review some of the common reasons for investing in bonds and see how they are addressed by individual bonds and by bond funds:

Diversification — By investing in bonds, you can help diversify a portfolio that may be dominated by stocks. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee a profit or protect you against a loss in a declining market). While individual bonds can help diversify your holdings, you may be able to achieve broader diversification by investing in a bond fund, which may own a mix of corporate and government

bonds.

Fixed rate of return — When you buy an individual bond, you receive a fixed interest rate and predictable interest payments. Until your bond matures, or unless it is "called" (bought back) by the issuer, you will always receive the same rate of return. But a bond fund does not pay you a fixed rate of return; instead, you receive dividends, which will fluctuate, based on the underlying bonds' interest rates and capital appreciation.

Return of principal — If you buy an individual bond, you will get your principal back when the bond matures, provided the issuer doesn't default. (However, before the bond matures, its value will rise and fall, based on current market interest rates.)

Bond funds do not mature and have no obligation to return your principal, so you could lose some or all of your initial investment when you sell your shares which is based on current market values.

Costs — You can invest in most types of bonds for a relatively small fee or commission. But if you buy a bond fund, you will be subject to the same types of charges — such as sales charges, management fees and service fees — that are attached to many types of mutual funds.

Taxes — When you own individual bonds, you'll pay current income taxes on your interest payments, but you won't be subject to capital gains if you hold your bonds until they mature. However, if you purchase bond funds, you could be subject to capital gains taxes in two different ways: if

you sell your fund shares for a profit or if the fund manager sells an underlying bond for more than it's worth. If that happens, the capital gain — and the tax obligation — will be passed on to you. This increased capital gains liability is one reason that many people put bond funds in a tax-deferred vehicle, such as an IRA or a 401(k).

Before investing in a bond or bond fund, consult with your financial advisor to see which vehicle is appropriate for your needs. Also, before purchasing a bond fund, read the prospectus carefully. The prospectus contains more complete information, including the funds investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses as well as other important information that should be carefully considered before you invest or send money.

By getting the help you need, and by doing some homework on your own, you can find the bonds or bond funds that can help you make progress toward your key financial goals.

In your own back yard!

Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

Are you aware that over two million people in the United States have real estate licenses? With that many practitioners, the seed quickly separates from the chaff, with a small percentage rising to the top in quality service to buyers and sellers.

As you consider the mountains of documentation, financing, negotiating, marketing, inspections and the like, where would you begin to lo-

cate the agent best suited to your needs? It makes sense to start at home, with those individuals who participate in neighborhood organizations, local government, charities, etc.

It makes sense to work with someone who is active within and knowledgeable about the local community. More information for your choice of representative can be found through open houses, advertising, and referrals and recommendations from other agents, neighbors, and local business leaders.

Once you've interviewed and selected a real estate agent, make sure your relationship is clearly defined and documented. Some agents represent sellers, while others exclusively represent buyers. Make sure your representative explains how he or she works with all parties to the transaction, and provides a complete "agency disclosure" to document your relationship.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I always look forward to an article in the paper by Representative John Carter. I know it's always going to be good for some chuckles and maybe even a knee-slapping guffaw or two. The latest article (July 17, 2008) is no exception.

He always portrays the Democrats as the evil, grim irrational gnomes and dwarves working vigorously and continuously down in some dark cave somewhere against the good of the American people whereas the Republicans are the knights in shining armor, the cowboys in white hats who have to come thundering down the trail to the rescue. What absurd nonsense!

The old FISA law was perfectly adequate if it had not been abused and ignored by the president and his ilk in ignoring one little provision, namely, it was necessary to eventually get a court order to allow spying to take place. The intelligence officers had the tools they needed "to monitor terrorists plotting to kill Americans and our allies." It's just that the administration chose to break the law and ignore the provisions in that 1970's era bill.

The most pernicious wrong in the bill just signed into law is letting the telecommunication companies off the hook, companies who kowtowed to the administration and allowed spying on American citizens with no court sanction. Those companies were clearly breaking the

law - no matter at whose behest. We can only hope that one day they will have their day in court and can then explain why they broke the law. And I'll be willing to bet that the new FISA law will eventually be declared unconstitutional since it flies right in the face of the Fourth Amendment.

It is so good to see that when the House Democrats do something that the Republicans like, they seem to be acting responsibly and doing the right thing. And when they compromise, they are reasonable, but when they stand against the Republicans, they are being irrational and not taking the good of the country into account. Pardon me while I go have a very good laugh.

Ben Liles

To the Editor:

Where do I go to get my Fourth Amendment right to privacy back? The right to privacy was respected for 200 years. Then the Nixon administration started spying on Americans. So the congress passed the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) of 1978. That preserved my right to privacy another 23 years.

President Bush, in a press conference, told America that it was necessary to obtain a warrant to spy on Americans. This was at the same time his administration told the telephone companies to collect information on Americans without a warrant.

The new FISA of 2008

is praised as a bipartisan achievement to modernize out-dated laws and create a tool that will protect Americans. This sounds like, "Orwellian double-speak" for, "Dude! We just legislated your right to privacy away and that's good for you."

We have many old laws. Maybe there are out of date too. Like a prohibition against torture, or incarcerating people without charging them with a crime and allowing them to defend themselves in a court of law. A recent Supreme court case barely held up the right to Habeas Corpus by a decision 5 to 4.

This right is spelled out in the body of the constitution and has been a part of English law since 1215 AD. So, do you think America will ever have a right to privacy again?

Sincerely,
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Matinees continue at planetarium

This week's matinee at the Mayborn Planetarium and Space Theater features the popular large format film "Dinosaurs: Giants of Patagonia" and the kids' favorite "Cowboy Astronomer." Show times are 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. respectively on July 28 and July 30. Tickets are \$3 per person, per show.

"Dinosaurs" is a documentary-style film focusing on the history, the evolution and extinction of dinosaurs while providing a unique opportunity to get a true experience of the incredible size and strength of these creatures that roamed the Earth 65 million years ago. The giant screen film concentrates on the remarkable discoveries made in Patagonia, South America by world-renowned paleontologist Rodolfo Coria. He was responsible for discovering some of the largest dinosaurs ever found: Argentinosaurus, a giant herbivore that could reach 100 tons in weight and 120-feet high in length, making it the biggest animal to ever walk the earth; and Gigantotosaurus, a 15-meter long

meat-eating predator that was even bigger than the famous T-Rex.

The audience gets a first-hand look at the lives of these two superb creatures with never-before-seen computer-generated footage. The action is intense and the landscapes of Patagonia, which are very similar to the ones inhabited by the dinosaurs, are amazing.

The second show is an all-time favorite with kids - the planetarium star show "Cowboy Astronomer." Poet, humorist and first-rate storyteller Baxter Black narrates a variety of mythological stories, Native American starlore and other tales. Known for his commentary on National Public Radio's "Morning Edition," Black weaves a tale that will make audiences laugh and tug at their heart strings - all the while teaching about the universe and humanity's relationship with the stars.

For a complete schedule of matinee and week-end public shows, call 254-526-1800 or log onto www.starsatnight.org.

Anita Perry chairs organization to restore Governor's Mansion

First Lady Anita Perry announced the formation of the "Texas Governor's Mansion Restoration Fund," which will raise money to restore Texas historic home after severe damage by arson last month. Mrs. Perry will chair the non-profit and named Pam Willeford as vice-chair.

"For more than 150 years, the Texas Governor's Mansion has stood as a vibrant example of the ambition and achievements that established our great state as a place of opportunity and prosperity for all," said the First Lady. "Though it was built as a house for governors, the mansion indeed belongs to all Texans. With Texans' help and support, this beautiful home will be restored and renewed to again reflect the pride and

distinction of the Lone Star State."

Texans are fortunate that despite the June 8 arson, the Governor's Mansion remains well in-tact. Still, a significant amount of work is needed to return the pre-civil war home to its original grandeur. While it is still too early to determine the cost of restoring the Mansion, those who wish to contribute to its restoration may do so securely at www.texasonline.com, or send a check made out to: "Texas Governor's Mansion Restoration Fund" P.O. Box 12878, Austin, TX 78711-2878

An application with the IRS is pending for approval of the Fund as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; once approved by the IRS, all donations will be tax deductible.

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built by people who care and volunteer their time and energy to make the community a good place to live."

Congress, too, has an obligation to do all it can to provide support and protection to our peace officers. I am pushing the Daniel Faulkner Court and Law Enforcement Protection Act, which is aimed at strengthening penalties for criminals who target law enforcement officials and federal judges. It also

would curb frivolous lawsuits filed against police officers and streamline the appellate process for those murderers who receive the death penalty for murdering a judge or police officer.

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Local newspaper listed on TASB Media Honor

Tim and Marilyn Fleischer of the *Salado Village Voice* were named to the Media Honor Roll, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), by the Salado I.S.D.

The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives statewide who deserve recognition for reporting of news about public schools.

Media representatives from approximately 450 Texas newspapers and radio and television stations were honored by their local school districts.

Criteria for the district selection included the media representative's efforts to get to know the superintendent, board president,

and the district's mission and goals; report school news in a fair, accurate, and balanced manner; give a high profile to positive news about schools; visit the schools; and maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school officials.

"Districts across Texas appreciate these reporters for their balanced and accurate approach to sharing both the challenges facing our schools and the successes achieved by local teachers, students, and school boards. Their work aids local communities in focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for every child," said Renard Thomas, TASB president.

Chisholm Trail ABWA to install officers Aug. 7

The Chisholm Trail Chapter of American Business Women's Association will have their next meeting 6:15 p.m. Aug. 7 in the home of Teresa Tolbert, 901 Hillcrest Dr. The program will be two-fold: installation of the new officers and a talk provided by Phyllis Renfrow on Public Speaking. The installation of officers will be conducted by Nelwyn Persky. The new officers include Barclay McCort, President; Donna Robertson, Vice President;

Joyce Barker, Secretary and Marie Jackson, Treasurer.

Renfrow will provide tips on how one can be more confident and effective when speaking at meetings or in public. Renfrow is a Distinguished Toastmaster and has held several offices in Toastmasters, locally and regionally.

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Salado White Sox take first

The SYBA Sophomore Team (13-14) "Salado White Sox" recently wrapped up their regular season with a victory over Jarrell in a League Championship Series to earn First Place in the Balcones Fault League. This victory secured the Sox a spot in the District Tournament hosted by Salado Youth Baseball Association starting July 14 -18.

After suffering a loss

in the first game of the District Tournament to the Killeen Diamondbacks, the Sox fought their way through the Loser's Bracket with victories over the Rogers Astros, Killeen Rangers, and the Temple Astros. This brought about a rematch with the Jarrell Cougars, who the Sox had defeated twice during the course of the season, in a semi-final game.

During an exciting semi-final game, the Sox played well and secured a Championship Game with the previously unbeaten Cougars. With a clutch hit and aggressive base-running, the Salado Sox fought back from a one run deficit to tie the game in their last at bat.

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Salado Knights: (Bottom l-r) Wyatt Odom, Jacob Little, Tyler Tischler, Zachary Shelton, Dylon Bradley (Middle l-r) Kyle Heiner, Casey Frazier, Drew Van Winkle, Davis Little, David Berumen, Tyler Leguin (Coaches l-r) Max Heiner, Brooks Frazier, Ron Van Winkle, Trey Little. Not Pictured: Ivan Torres

Susan Marie's Drawing to help Salado Knights

The SYBA Freshman team the Salado Knights defeated the Temple Cubs 15-10 during their divisions district tournament in Bartlett on July 17, cinching the district title for the boys. This qualifies them for the state tournament and they are trying to raise the funds to get there.

To support the team, Susan Marie's has donated a \$1,000 gift certificate. Raffle tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100.

The drawing will be Sat., July 26 at 9 p.m.. The winner's name will appear in next weeks edition of the *Salado Village Voice*.

The winner may choose any merchandise over any length of time.

All proceeds go to the Freshman team of Salado Youth Baseball Association in the state finals in New Boston, Texas July 28 - Aug. 1.

Tickets are available for purchase at Susan Marie's 201 N. Main or call 947-5239, 947-3600, or 228-6820, or email us at info@susanmaries.com. Cash, check or credit card is accepted.

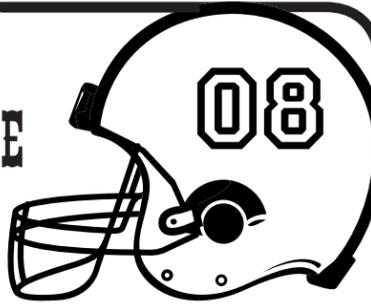
No purchase necessary to participate. Drawing to be conducted by Trey Little, President of Salado Youth Baseball Association.

White Sox — FROM 8A the 7th, the Sox came back strong with a great team effort in the top of the first extra inning to score two runs, giving them a 4-2 lead. During the bottom of the 8th, the Cougars were unable to mount any offense and the game ended with the Sox on top 4-2.

This victory in the Championship Game gave them a berth to the State Tournament which will be held near Texarkana beginning July 28th.

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Trustees also approved an additional teaching slot for a High School Spanish teacher on Dr. Denton's recommendation. "I am always very conservative in recommending additional slots because personnel costs are the highest costs for a district," he said.

Trustees mulled offering two-year contracts to administrators not knowing that Palmer would announce his retirement the following day. Dr. Denton told trustees that his support for two-year contracts was based on what he termed the "Three Rs of Human Resources: Recruitment, Reward and Retention."

"If you have long-term contracts, you will naturally have better applicants for any open positions," he said.

A two-year contract for a principal is a "Statement by the district that it is

pleased with the individual and the work that individual is accomplishing."

Finally, a longer contract helps a district to retain qualified administrators. "The school administrator market is subject to the same supply and demand as any other market. If you have a good staff, then you should extend your commitment to retain them."

Dr. Denton recommended that the two-year contract be given to administrators that have been with the district for at least two years.

Those receiving two year contracts were Salado High School Principal Kay Matthews, Salado Junior High Principal Joelle Wall (who served two years as assistant principal of the high school), Salado Intermediate School Principal Joe Palmer, Thomas Arnold Elementary School Principal Lisa Nix and Athletic Director Jeff Cheatham.

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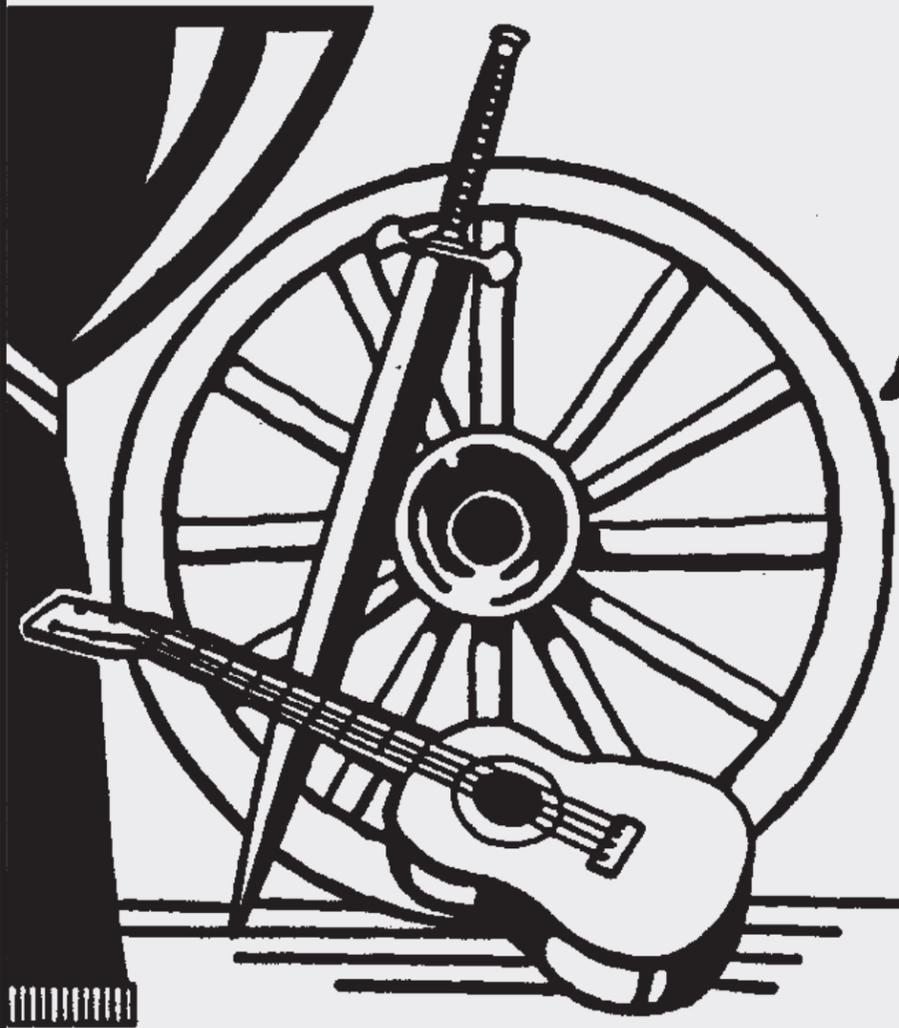
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a central sewer system for the downtown area at the very least.

"We have an obligation to health safety welfare of this community," Strong added. "We can't just say that the roads are going to go away, the sewer system is going to go away. Maybe we have waited too long. Now, I am saying it's time to do something."

"We have sat here for several meetings," Alderman Stephen Peters said, adding that he thought the board had reached consensus on the engineering fees earlier.

To overcome the \$60,000 net effect to the budget, the proposed property tax would have to be raised by at least 3 cents, from the recommended rate of about 7 cents per \$100 evaluation to at least 10 cents per \$100 evaluation.

Aldermen agreed to the proposed recommendations of the Citizens Advisory Committee concerning exemptions and freezes. The Committee formally recommended the following

Exemptions: a 20 percent homestead exemption; a \$50,000 exemption for disabled person as qualified by Social Security and a \$50,000 exemption for person over 65 years of age or surviving spouses of such persons and that these exemptions be frozen.

Aldermen adopted those exemptions at their Aug. 17 meeting.

The Citizens Committee further recommended a tax rate of .0708 per \$100 evaluation. This tax rate would produce a revenue stream of \$140,526.

However, with the \$32,000 decrease in income, bringing total income to \$567,400 (with no property tax) and the \$30,000 additional engineering fees in expenses, bringing total expenses to \$795,570, the Village would completely wipe out its fund balance.

In order to maintain a fund balance of two to three months' operating expenses, an additional \$200,000 in revenue would have to be found: property tax.

All of the chief areas of the budget expenditures have been increased in the proposed budget draft E: Administrative, Code Enforcement, Police, Street Maintenance, Maintenance, Pace Park, and Emergency Operations.

With the additional engineering fees, Administrative budget has increase from \$172,299 to \$186,160. Code Enforcement has been increase from \$21,215 to \$24,000, more than 10 percent. Police Department has been increased more than 10 percent as well, from \$205,641 to \$235,110, not including \$18,000 per year in off-budget capitol outlay for police cars. Street Maintenance has increased from the current budget of \$55,258 to \$191,200. Thus far this budget year, the Village has spent only \$15,708 on street maintenance. The Maintenance Budget has been more than doubled, from \$19,717 to \$45,400. Emergency Operations has been increased from \$13,728 to \$33,000.

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Central Texas College (CTC) will begin online registration for the central campus Fall 2008 semester July 28. Returning students and those students who have completed the admissions process, including academic advisement and all required testing may then register using the CTC online WebAdvisor system. Fall semester classes begin August 25.

To register online, students may log onto www.ctcd.edu and click the Students link. Then click the link to WebAdvisor to begin the registration process. Information on how to register, tuition fees and other related items may be found on the CTC student Web page.

Walk-in registration will be held in Student Services (Bldg. 119) August 11-22. Students may register from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8 to 11 a.m. on Fridays. Students may also seek counseling and other enrollment services during these hours. Late registration will be conducted Aug. 25-28. A \$10 late fee will apply.

New student orientation will be held Friday, Aug. 22 at 9 a.m. in the Nursing and Science Building (Bldg. 150), room 1075 and repeated August 29. All new students are encouraged to attend one of the sessions and learn about the campus, the policies and procedures and the many available student services. To sign up, students should call 254-526-1258.

Beginning this semester, CTC will offer a new associate degree program aimed at aspiring teachers - Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT). The new program provides the option of three curricula containing courses designed to transfer towards bachelor degree programs and initial teacher certification. Each curriculum includes 60 - 66 credit hours of coursework.

The first two curricula is the AAT EC-4 program which prepares students for teaching early childhood to fourth grade. Then the EC 8-12 is designed for those wishing to teach any grade level. The third

option, EC-4 with early childhood degree specialization, is specifically for those wanting to teach children younger than elementary school age.

The two-year AAT degree, as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, is fully transferable to all four-year Texas public universities. However, students who only complete the AAT meet the "No Child Left Behind" requirements for professionals and therefore may qualify for work requiring at least an associate's degree. Also, substitute teachers who are completing their undergraduate degrees are eligible to take the AAT courses as needed and/or appropriate.

The new degree program is the second new degree plan offered by CTC this year. This summer the college initiated an online homeland security degree program. CTC now offers 21 degree programs and 19 certificate programs

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Paige Herrick marries Donald Tracy

Katherine Paige Herrick and Donald Owen Tracy were united in marriage July 12 in the historic sanctuary of the Salado United Methodist Church in Salado, with Reverend Brady Johnston, associate pastor of Salado United Methodist Church, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Elaine Herrick of Salado, and the granddaughter of Frances Suter and the late Ward Suter of Gadsden, Alabama, and Jack and Bea Herrick of Destin, Florida. The groom is the son of Mike and Marilyn Tracy of Arlington Heights, Illinois, and the grandson of Norma Tracy and the late Dan Tracy of Arlington Heights, and the late Donald and Barbara Mortimer of Greenwich, Connecticut.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, wore a floor-length gown of white satin with an overlay of white organza embroidered with crystal beads, seed pearls, and daisies. She carried a bridal bouquet of white roses and orchids.

Maid of honor was Brooke Herrick of Dallas, Texas, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Alicia Raley of Salado and Mindy Whisenant of San Antonio, Texas. Bridal attendants were Brinn Serbanic of Waco, Texas, and Jennifer O'Neil of Chicago, Illinois, friends of the bride.

Best man was Alex Tracy, of Arlington Heights, Illinois, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Kevin Mullins and Charles Jones, both of Chicago, Illinois. The groom's attendants were Alex Knight



Mrs. Donald Owen Tracy nee Paige Herrick

of Denver, Colorado, Kirk Marshall of Washington, D.C., friends of the groom, and Bryan Tracy of Arlington Heights, cousin of the groom.

The sister of the bride, Brooke Herrick, opened the ceremony by singing, "Be Thou My Vision." During the ceremony, the parents and the wedding couple lit an elegant unity candle arrangement, a gift from the Whisenants of San Antonio, close friends of the Herricks. Mary Lee Bailey of Salado was the piano accompanist.

A reception was held following the late evening ceremony at the Mill Creek Inn and Golf Club in Salado. The tables were decorated with floating candle arrangements, rose petals, and ivy. After hot

and cold appetizers were served, the wedding couple and guests danced to the couple's favorite love songs until midnight.

On July 11, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Inn at Salado for the wedding party and the out-of-town guests and family. Arrangements combining Texas blue bonnets and yellow roses with Illinois daisies, violets, and prairie grass decorated the tables. The Whisenants presented the wedding couple with a "Playbill," highlighting the couple's courtship and relationships with the wedding participants.

Following a wedding trip to Tahiti in the Polynesian Islands, the couple will reside in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

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in Abilene, will speak on "As We Forgive Our Debtors."

Services begin at 6:30 each Wednesday evening. The church is located at the corner of Blacksmith and Stagecoach Roads. Call 947-5241 for further information.



Milano Evening Lions Club Director Carol Newman (center) presents a certificate of appreciation to Joe Pirtle (right) and Robert Dominguez, of Pirtle Pines Ranch, for a program given to the Milano club on Thursday, July 17th at the Milano Senior Citizens Center. Pirtle and Dominguez showed photos of the ranch, which is available for weddings, reunions, and conferences. The ranch is located about a mile south of Milano on Highway 36. Pirtle is a Belton Lion and Salado native.

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Junior League holds prospective member meeting at Temple Starbucks Coffee

A prospective member meeting of the Junior League of Bell County will be held August 5, from 6-7 pm. at Starbucks Coffeehouse in South Temple at 1313 SW H.K. Dodgen.

Holly Steele and Christina Marshall, co-chairs of the provisional committee, are currently accepting names of women interested in learning more about JLBC and joining the fall membership class.

Several times during the year, the Junior League of Bell County hosts a prospective member meeting for women interested in joining in the organization. This is an opportunity for potential members to become acquainted with current members of the league; to learn about the league's projects, services, and fundraisers; and to meet and socialize with others who are considering league membership.

Current board members, active members and recent provisional members also attend these meetings as representatives of the organization.

The Junior League of Bell County does not require sponsorship to become a member. All women of the community are

welcome to submit names of potential members to membership-info@jlbcellco.org or to the Junior League of Bell County, Second Hand Rose, 17 East Central Avenue, Temple, TX, 76501.

The Junior League is comprised of active, sustainer and provisional members. Active members serve JLBC through a committee or council, contributing volunteer hours in the community and supporting the fundraising efforts of the signature project. Sustainers are members who have previously served in active placements and continue to support the league through guidance and financial commitments. Provisionals are new members participating in a training program to learn about the Junior League and its community involvement.

JLBC President Audrey

Arnold stated "The Junior League of Bell County has given me the opportunity to improve my community, while working beside and learning from, the most dynamic women volunteer leaders in Bell County."

About the Junior League of Bell County

The Junior League of Bell County is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The League supports the development and well-being of children in our community.

About the Association of Junior Leagues International

Founded in 1901 by New Yorker Mary Harri-

man, the Association of Junior Leagues International is made up of 292 Junior Leagues in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the United Kingdom. Together, they are one of the largest international volunteer organizations for women interested in making a positive impact in their communities. For more information, visit the website www.ajli.org.

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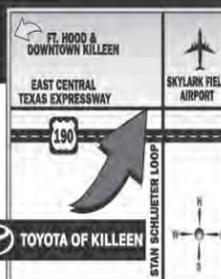
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Two sisters will open Adelea's on Main St. Art Fair weekend

When sisters Lea Anne Erwin and Jennifer Lohse decided to open a restaurant together, their first goal was to survive culinary school. While in culinary school the Killen natives formed their own catering company, Adelea's Catering, that became an instant success. "We really learned a lot and were able to take what we were learning each day and apply it to our catering company," says Erwin. "We not only learned the food aspect but also how to deal with the financial issues and the proper way to manage employees."

After completing the Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts program at the Texas Culinary Academy in Austin, Lohse and Erwin decided it was time to make their dreams of owning their own restau-



Adelea's on Main Street

Adelea's on Main Street will open on Aug. 2 during Salado's annual Art Fair. Lea Anne Erwin (seated) and Jennifer Lohse (standing), who both completed Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts program at the Texas Culinary Academy in Austin, are the proprietors of the Adelea's on Main Street. Adelea's will be open 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Adelea's will showcase the recipes of the sisters' grandmother, Adele "Lea" Goode.



rant a reality.

They began to search for the perfect place to open Adelea's On Main, a restaurant that showcased the recipes of their maternal grandmother Adele "Lea" Goode. They needed a place that would provide the relaxed yet elegant atmosphere they needed for their lunchtime clientele.

After searching Austin and Georgetown, the pair stumbled onto a building for sale on Main Street in Salado. "It was not really what we had in mind but, with the help of Lea Anne's husband Bill [a licensed architect], we were able to see the possibilities the location and building provided," says Lohse. "Bill drew us up some plans and we were amazed at the change we could make. He really made it perfect for us."

The building was built in 1925 and had previously been used for a restaurant and contained all the basics needed for a kitchen. That combined with the extra land and patio, made the location perfect.

"It has been so nice to meet and work with all the people in Salado," claims Erwin. "The entire town has jumped at the chance to do anything they can to help us. From permitting to the way the mail runs

around here, everyone has been so helpful. We just couldn't be happier to be a part of the Salado community."

Chef Lohse and Chef Erwin strive to keep their evolving menu seasonal and made from the best local produce available. "It is our goal to provide our diners with the gorgeous harvest our local farmers produce each season. It's our way to not only give our customers the highest quality food but to also reduce our carbon footprint," claims Lohse. Several daily specials are also available so whether you dine with them once a week or once a day there will always be something new to try.

Adelea's On Main offers appetizers like Pita Pizza and house-made Guacamole with baked corn tortilla chips, Adelea's own recipe for Chicken and Dumplings, hearty, healthy salads, and a wide array of both small and large sandwiches. They also feature an amazing wine list composed by Erwin along with several signature cocktails that will change with each season. "We want to offer people great, affordable beer and wine while exposing them to something new," states Erwin.

A separate room with its own entrance, affectionately named Hemingway's Bar after Lohse's pet Maltese, provides a place to cool off with a beer or a large glass of iced tea while catching up on the latest sports news on ESPN. The full menu will also be available at Hemingway's until 8 p.m.

Adelea's also offers a Bake-At-Home program that allows customers to drop by before 7 p.m. to pick up their pre-ordered Bake-At-Home offering for that evening. All one has to do is pop scrumptious main courses like Goat Cheese Lasagna or Chicken Spaghetti into the oven for the required amount of time and a fresh, hot dinner with a minimum amount of work is produced. All dinners include a main course, a salad and fresh bread and will feed a family of four for \$36.

Adelea's On Main is set to hold its grand opening during the Salado Art Fair on Aug. 2. The event will be marked with a live band on the patio and \$5 glasses of the store's famous Red, White, and Blue Sparkling Sangria.

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16th Annual production of **Salado Legends - Tablerock Festival of Salado, Inc.** Dinner at 7:15 p.m. - \$8 Adult or Child (catered meal is optional, reservations required) Theater at 8:15 p.m. \$17 Adult \$5 Child. Texas' favorite outdoor musical drama with cast & crew of over 150! Where history, legend and memories meet to weave the legends of the Tonkawa Indians, the dreams of Spanish explorers and the hopes of the Scottish settlers into a panoramic tale. Information: 254-947-9205 or www.tablerock.org. E-mail: tablerock1@aol.com.

JULY 26
First State Bank Home Loan, all you want to know about reverse mortgage 10 a.m.-noon RSVP 888-231-8840

JULY 26
Central Texas Area Museum Membership Tea, 3-5 p.m. in the CTAM Scots' Halls of the Clans, 423 S. Main St. An introduction of the current executive board.

JULY 28
Free Reiki Demonstration, 7-8 p.m., Salado Healing Center, 401 N. Main St. Call Bonnie Lowery, 254-535-9649.

JULY 28-31
Volleyball Camp 1, 9 a.m.-noon. \$50. Incoming sixth through eighth graders. Call 947-6900, ext. 1304 or email bree.holz-gonzales@saladoisdi.org.

JULY 28-31
Volleyball Camp 2, 1:30-4:30 p.m. \$50. Incoming ninth graders. Call 947-6900, ext. 1304 or email bree.holz-gonzales@saladoisdi.org.

JULY 29
Salado Rotary Club luncheon meeting, 11 a.m., Stagecoach Inn Restaurant.

JULY 31
Teen Computer Class at Salado Public Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Internet security.

AUGUST 2-3
45th Annual Salado Art Fair, Pace Park.

AUGUST 4-6
Oil/pastel workshop by **Jerry Hunsinger**, sponsored by Salado Village Artists. Cost is \$160 for members, \$180 for non-members. E-mail vhsprint@aol.com for information/reservation.

AUGUST 8-10
Reiki I & II workshop at Salado Healing Center. 401 N. Main St. Contact Bonnie Lowery, 254-535-9649.

AUGUST 10
Institute for Humanities at Salado, 4-6 p.m. at the Celebration Center, Dr. Michael Collins will discuss The Gault Site and the Search for the First Americans. Information at 254-947-5729 or write ifh@vvm.com.

AUGUST 11
Salado Stephen Women's Society, Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m. Molly White, executive director of Redeemed Life Ministries will speak.

AUGUST 14
Teen Computer Class at Salado Public Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Internet etiquette: Myspace Myths and Realities.

AUGUST 17
Shy Tree will perform in concert at 7 p.m. at the **Salado Silver Spur Theater** on Royal St. Josh Brown and his wife Alison are members of the band. For more information, visit www.shytrees.com. Ticket availability to be announced.

AUGUST 20
Noon Book Review at Salado Public Library.

AUGUST 21
Summer Book Talks and Poetry Readings at Salado Public Library, various readers. 7-7:50 p.m.

AUGUST 23
Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony for **Salado High School**, 10 a.m. 1880 Williams Dr.

AUGUST 23
Salado Athletic Booster Club Annual Reverse Raffle. Salado High School. Max Heiner is Chairperson, 254-947-1192.

SEPTEMBER 4-6
Fall Frolic Shop Hop at A Sewing Basket, 560 N. Main St., Call 947-5423.

SEPTEMBER 16
Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas, luncheon meeting, 1:30 p.m. Ambrosia Tea Room on Main Street.

SEPTEMBER 18-20
The First Annual Fall Presentation of Tablerock's Repertory Theater of Salado. The Horton Foote Society, under the direction of Dr. Marion Castleberry, will present works of Horton Foote and other Southwest writers. Showtimes at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call 254-947-9205 for information.

OCTOBER 2-4
The First Annual Fall Presentation of Tablerock's Repertory Theater of Salado. Showtimes at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call 254-947-9205 for information.

OCTOBER 7
Saladobration, the annual fund raiser for the **Public Arts League of Salado (PALS)**; 6:30 p.m., Creekside at Inn on the Creek.

OCTOBER 7
National Night Out, fall social for Mill Creek Community Association, Details to be announced.

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Be sure to think things through

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Whenever you enter the bidding, there is always a hidden risk. If your side fails to buy the contract, the information provided by the bids you have made may be used against you by the declarer. This, of course, should not be construed as advice against bidding; it merely states a fact of life that every bridge player must learn to accept.

Take this case where East's opening bid guided declarer to a successful line of play that he surely would not have found had East remained silent. After East had taken the K-A of spades and shifted to a club, South could see two

more potential losers, one in diamonds and one in hearts.

Ordinarily, he would have tried to avoid the heart loser by attempting a finesse against West. But since East had to have the heart king for his opening bid -- only 14 points were missing from the North-South hands -- the finesse was sure to lose.

Declarer therefore chose a method of play that was not guaranteed to work, but offered at least some chance of success. He won the king of clubs at trick three, then cashed the ace of trumps and A-Q of clubs. Next came the A-K of diamonds, after which he exited with a trump.

The situation South was hoping for now materialized. East won the heart but had to return a

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠ Q 6			
♥ A 9 7 3			
♦ A 9 8 5 2			
♣ K 7			
WEST		EAST	
♠ 9 7 5 4		♠ AK 10 8 3	
♥ 5 2		♥ K 6	
♦ J 6 3		♦ Q 10	
♣ 9 6 5 3		♣ J 10 8 2	
SOUTH			
♠ J 2			
♥ Q J 10 8 4			
♦ K 7 4			
♣ A Q 4			

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 ♠	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥

Opening lead — four of spades.

spade or a club, allowing declarer to discard his diamond loser as he ruffed in dummy. As a result, South made his game, losing only two spades and a heart.

It is true that in order for this play to succeed, East had to have started with just two hearts and no more than two diamonds. But the welcome assist from Lady Luck would not have been possible had declarer failed

to take advantage of what he had learned from the bidding.

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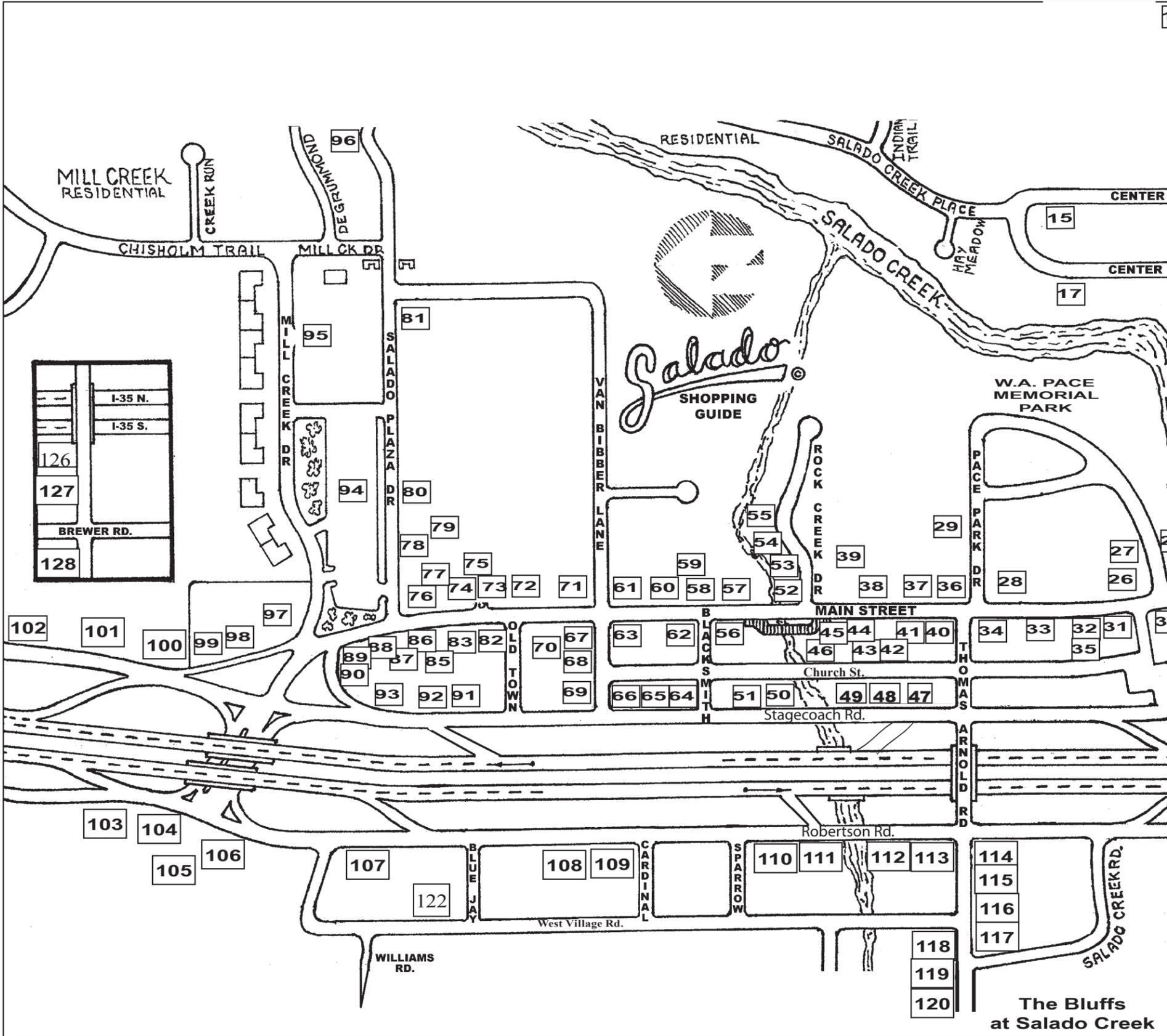
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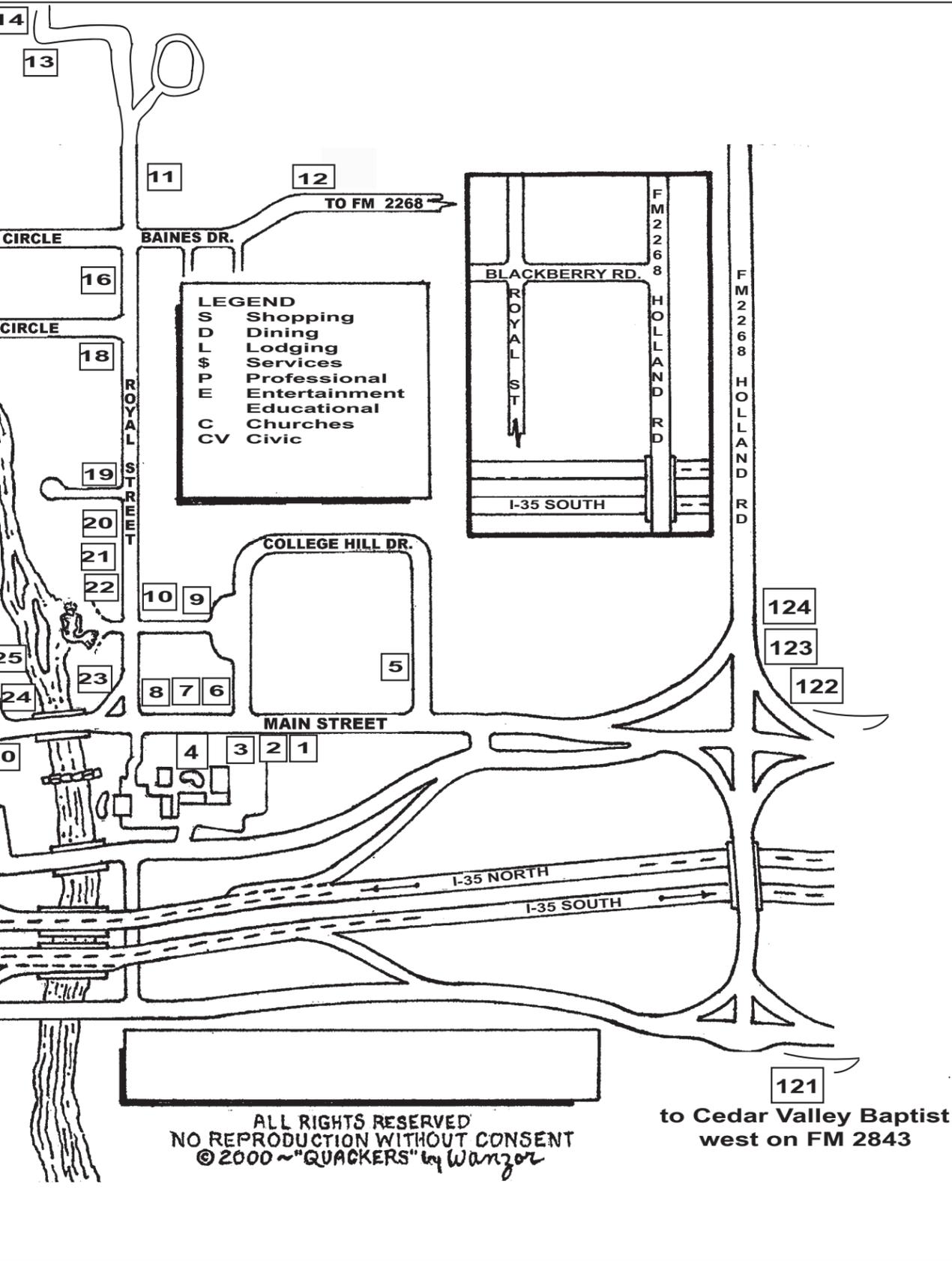
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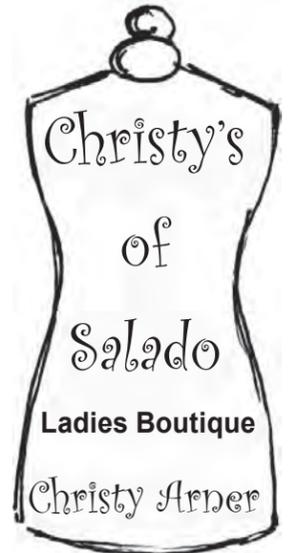
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by Linda Thistle

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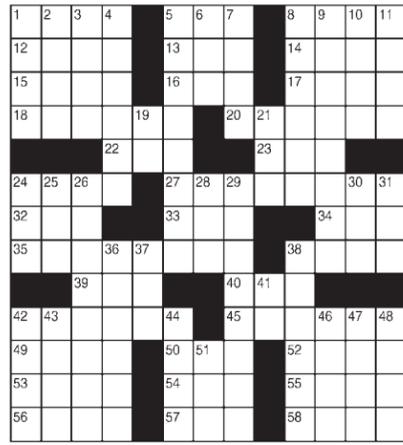
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Eating out at restaurants

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By Kevin McCauley



Well, you have to give it to the state trend-setters' of New York and California. Today, we will focus on just "under the radar" regulations that are now being enforced in New York City. One of the regulations, which you may have seen being discussed in the past, is the citywide ban on artificial trans-fats in restaurants. The second regulation, one that has also been created by an anti-obesity campaign, is that specific restaurants must post calories right on the menu. If the rules are not followed, there can be a \$2,000 penalty.

So, what do I think? My thought on trans-fats is simple. Trans-fats are not a real food and like most, if not all, non-foods, they are dangerous. Yes, there are small amounts of natural trans-fats that you may find in some foods, but these are not the non-foods that are challenging people's health. All restaurants need to do is get back to the basics and cook with real fats and oils to escape this "supposed" challenge. (Reminds me of all of the negative hoopla when restaurants went non-smoking in NYC, San Diego and Austin. I am surprised with all of the negative press that these great cities continue to exist!). No, your vices of doughnuts and French Fries (among others) do NOT have to be cooked in partially hydrogenated oil!

Now, concerning the calorie posting rule, personally, I am torn. If you follow this column, you know that I am not a huge fan of counting calories, and this seems to just create more ammunition for those who believe that obesity is THE primary outcome of consuming excess calories. Name me a culture that is healthy and fit that has a primary focus on counting calories? Correct, there isn't one. In a matter of fact, you could make a case for just the opposite, as we have an obnoxious rate of obesity in this country because our focus on food is in the wrong place. If you look at the statistics you will find that programs that stress these calorie counting diets DO NOT work long-term. Why? Try to count calories when you are in a depraved and unhealthy state.

What should we know when we walk into a restaurant if caloric intake isn't the most important

thing? Geesh, I don't know, how about the quality of the food? When I was growing up, I would eat fast-food maybe once a week. When my parents were growing up, they would eat fast-food maybe once every other week, if that. When my grandparents were growing up, they would be lucky to even eat any type of restaurant food ONCE A MONTH. With our country moving from an agrarian, to an industrial, and now a technology based culture we have put ourselves in quite a dilemma. We can now purchase the highest quantities, and lowest quality, of foods for the lowest amounts of money ever in our history. And not only that, we can do it more quickly than anybody could have ever imagined. Why not have menus that give their foods a quality rating? For example: Hamburger: D (beef from feed-lot cattle (no exercise), raised on GMO grain/corn fed (not real grass), these animals are full of antibiotics and hormones (yes, they were sick); French Fries: F (loaded with trans-fats/synthetic salt/GMO potatoes), Artificially Sweetened Soda: F (no calories/just chlorine derivatives), and then, and only then 1200 calories (this is just a little less than you should be consuming ALL DAY!). Or, for example: Hamburger: B (pasture raised beef or buffalo (healthy animals, exercise and sun), grass-fed from three types of grass (high level of nutrients in grass, no GMO); Side Salad w/extra virgin olive oil dressing and vinegar: A (all of our salad ingredients come from local organic farms); and 16 oz. spring water: A (no chemicals/no calories). Now, THAT menu would be giving the consumer something to really grapple with, that is, if they have any concerns about their health at all!

Kevin is a Lifestyle and Wellness Coach/Certified Clinical Nutritionist 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 please e-mail Kevin at youbewell@earthlink.net or call him at 947-8304.



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By KAREN KINNISON

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Big G's chuckwagon enterprise

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I met Big G the other day. His real name is Garland Hays and he operates out of some horse stables within earshot of Interstate 30 in Sulphur Springs. When I drove up to his place, I saw about a dozen big pots and pans, an old covered wagon and a teepee.

"The teepee is for my bed and breakfast customers," says Big G. "It's not much of a bed, but we fix a heck of a breakfast. I make the best coffee in the world."

He banged on some pots and pans, rang his dinner bell and played a tune on his harmonica.

"I can serenade, too," says Garland.

He has a longhorn bull named Blueberry.

"He's a blue roan, which is pretty unusual, especially for a longhorn. He's part corriente, too,

and that's where the blue roan comes from. He's just kinda special."

Blueberry earns his keep.

"He rides just like a horse," says Garland, "but that's not his main objective on this earth. We use him for pictures. Little kids get on him, so do grownups, grandmas, grandpas, and they get their picture made sitting on Blueberry for eight dollars. They get that picture right there immediately. Blueberry is a big ham. He'll turn his head right to that camera every time. He loves it. He'll stay there all day long. I take Blueberry to Canton's

First Monday every month. I've taken him all over Sulphur Springs. I'll take him wherever people say they want him for a party or other event."

Garland makes his living primarily as a horse trader. He had been trading horses at Canton for years. When he acquired Blueberry it seemed like the picture-taking enterprise was a natural thing to do. He says it was a good move financially.

"Little kids watch professional bull riding on TV. They've already got their chaps and a shirt that says Wrangler down the sleeve, they have their boots and they just have to get their

picture made on this bull, which looks like one of those bucking bulls. They think that's the greatest thing in the world. They climb up there and hey think they're ready for the national rodeo finals."

Garland does chuck wagon cooking and he'll do it at his place or go to wherever somebody might need some chuck wagon and dutch oven cooking.

"I was invited to a Michael Martin Murphy deal last fall in Linden. There were four or five thousand people there for several days and six chuck wagons fed these people three meals a day. It was awesome. I'd do it over again for nothing just to get to go."

He has horses on his place and people ride them when they go to his place for some event. They're good, gentle family horses, the type he buys and sells.

CTC announces classes for Aug.

The Central Texas College (CTC) Continuing Education Department is now registering for classes coming up in August. The month kicks off with computer, crafts and exercise classes.

Outlook: Learn how to use more than your Out-

look address book as this class focuses on maximizing e-mail communications, scheduling appointments, tracking tasks and coordinating projects. This class also provides the foundation for using other e-mail programs. The class will meet each Friday, Aug. 1 - 22, from 1 - 3 p.m. The cost is \$43.

Access 2003: This introductory course teaches basic Access terminology and features. Students will explore how to create a database, manipulate data to create reports and forms and techniques for sorting, filtering and building queries. The class will meet each Friday, Aug. 1 - 20, from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. The cost is \$84.

Jazzercise: This blend of jazz dance and exercise

is perfect for any fitness level. The class includes a one-hour high-intensity aerobic workout, muscle toning, and strengthening with weights. One class will meet Mondays/Wednesdays, Aug. 4 - 27, from 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Another class will meet at the same time on Tuesdays/Thursdays from August 5 - 28. The cost for either class is \$26.

Women's Bellydance: This popular class teaches the ancient, feminine dance of the Middle East and North Africa. The class for beginners will meet Monday/Wednesday, Aug. 4 - 27, from 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. The intermediate-advanced class will meet the same dates from 7 - 8 p.m. The cost for either class is \$36.

Sign Language (advanced): Enhance your skills in American Sign Language to better communicate with those with hearing disabilities. The class will meet Tuesday/Thursday, Aug. 5 - 28, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$41.

Conversational Spanish (advanced): This class is for students who have mastered present tense of the Spanish language and will cover additional vocabulary and tenses. The class will meet Tuesday/Thursday, Aug. 5 - 28, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$41.

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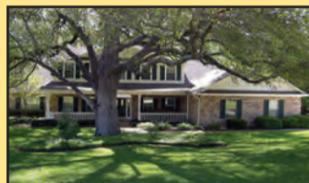
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\$349,700: 209 Carriage House, Salado. Peaceful setting near the heart of Salado, on quiet cul-de-sac. Upstairs gameroom could be 4th BR.



\$309,700: 1015 Southridge, Salado. Custom built 3 BR, 2.5 BA home sits on Fairway 5, Creek 1. Beautiful view of backyard from living, breakfast & Master BR.



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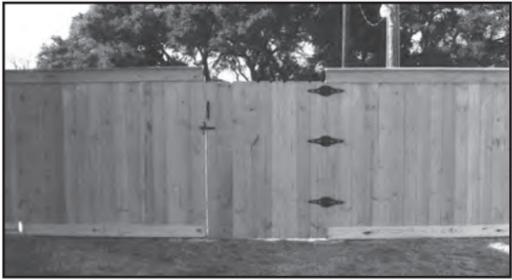
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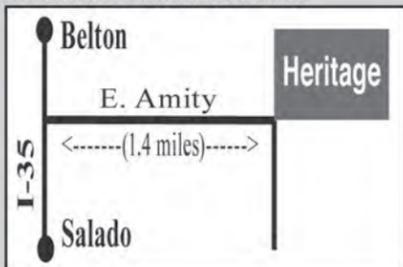


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The advantage of gasoline-electric hybrids

Dear EarthTalk: Should we expect to see "plug-in" hybrid cars anytime soon? I've been hearing they are on the horizon but I wonder if that means in one year or 10.
-- Bill A., Stratford, CT



Gasoline-electric hybrids now, like Toyota's popular Prius, don't need to plug in—you just fill their tanks with gasoline and the battery keeps charged by the internal combustion engine and by energy generated from the wheels when braking (a feature known as "regenerative braking"). The battery then powers the electric motor when it is called into service during idling, backing-up, crawling in grid-lock, maintaining speed while cruising, and for extra uphill power when needed. As such, the electric motor is essentially a back-up engine while the hybrid relies mainly on the gasoline engine.

Plug-in hybrids take the concept further by plugging into a regular electric outlet to enable the vehicle to operate solely on its electric motor for ranges of 40-50 miles or more on a single charge. This has profound implications for commuters who need only drive short distances to and from work every day and who may be able to do so solely on electric power.

The gasoline engine then becomes the supplemental one for when the car needs to travel farther than the electric engine can take it.

According to researchers at the University of California Davis, the electricity cost for powering a plug-in hybrid is only about one-quarter of the cost of powering a like-sized gasoline vehicle. Other benefits include far fewer fill-ups at gas stations and the convenience of recharging at home.

Toyota hybrid Prius converts to a 100 miles-per-gallon (avg.) plug-in by the California Cars Initiative, a nonprofit group dedicated to accelerating the availability of the technology.

Toyota, currently the world's largest producer of hybrid vehicles by far thanks to the success of its Prius, announced that it expects to have a commercially viable plug-in hybrid available to consumers as early as 2010 and is now testing prototype versions of plug-in

hybrids at two California universities.

Felix Kramer of the California Cars Initiative (CCI), a non-profit dedicated to promoting plug-ins, called Toyota's announcement "stunning and very welcome," and says that these vehicles will be the cleanest practical cars on the road in a world where gas stations dot just about every intersection. The promise of such cars, says CCI on its website, is that drivers will have a "cleaner, cheaper, quieter car for local travel, and the gas tank is always there should you need to drive longer distances."

U.S. automakers are also jumping onto the plug-in bandwagon. General Motors says that it will have mass-market plug-in hybrids—modifications of its Saturn Vue and Chevrolet Volt—on the road by 2010. Ford

has also developed a small fleet of plug-ins, but is not yet ready to offer them to the public. Fisker, a U.S. start-up focusing on the creation of high performance, energy efficient vehicles, plans to sell an \$80,000 plug-in hybrid sports car by late 2009. Chrysler's Sprinter van was the first plug-in from a major U.S. manufacturer, but it is only presently available to a limited number of institutions as a fleet vehicle.

Plug-ins have also caught on elsewhere. Chinese carmaker BYD plans to sell a plug-in hybrid sedan in the U.S. within five years. And Volkswagen hopes to have a plug-in hybrid Golf ready to roll by 2010.

CONTACTS: California Cars Initiative; BYD; General Motors; Fisker

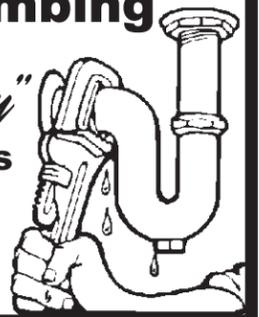
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