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Institute marks its 25th anniversary with free Wilmer Lecture on June 4

A big day in the life of the Institute for the Humanities at Salado will come June 4. On that day, the organization will celebrate its 25th year of programs and will honor the two Harry Wilmer's who were instrumental in the life of that organization with the creation of a new lectureship in their honor.



Marilyn Tam

The first, annual Wilmer Memorial Lecture will be held 3-5 p.m. June 4 at the Salado Civic Center. This new lectureship will combine The Harry Wilmer II lectureship, formerly held in January, with the Harry Wilmer III (Hank) Wilmer Memorial Lecture, held in June, to create the Wilmer Memorial Lectureship in memory of both the late Harry and Hank Wilmer. As with the previous Wilmer lectures, it will be free and open to the public.

Author, businesswoman, and philanthropist, Marilyn Tam, is scheduled to give that lecture. She is the founder of the Us Foundation, whose purpose is to create action to support the highest common good, and the interconnectedness of all.

Marilyn Tam has had an extraordinarily diverse life, from her beginnings in a traditional Chinese family in Hong Kong to her meteoric rise through the executive ranks of the international business world to become an influential corporate leader, speaker, author and respected philanthropist.

Her distinguished background includes prominent executive roles at numerous world-class companies, including CEO of Aveda, President of Reebok Apparel and Retail Group, and Vice President of Nike, May Department Stores, Britannia Sportswear

and Miller's Outpost. She is also a successful entrepreneur, having developed and built three companies in fields as diverse as corporate training, internet business and computer software.

Tam consults globally with Fortune 500 companies, governments and non-profit organizations on leadership, change management, diversity and how to profitably integrate social and environmental concerns into businesses.

Currently she heads the Us Foundation, a non-profit organization that she founded 10 years ago to fulfill her lifelong mission to promote the highest common good. The Us Foundation uses her own extensive experience to spring-board socially, environmentally and spiritually responsible programs.

In keeping with that mission, she has written the book, **How To Use What You've Got To Get What You Want**, in which she shares her personal philosophy of giving back that links philanthropy with business success.

In addition to her corporate leadership, Tam became a founding member of the World Peace Network in 1996 and served for five years on the International board of The Reebok Human Rights Awards. Ultimately she was awarded the Reebok Human Rights Award herself. She is also a board member of Global

Future (Future 500), Peace at Home and is a director on the national board of SCORE Foundation, a partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration that promotes the growth and success of small businesses nationwide.

The purpose of the Wilmer Memorial Lecture is to honor Harry and Hank Wilmer and to remember the children and family members of those who have died and to bring to consciousness the stories and spirit of humanity in the grief and celebration of life and death in the community.

25th Anniversary Celebration to Follow Wilmer Lecture

Twenty-five years ago, Dr. Harry Wilmer's dream of an Institute for the Humanities in Salado became a reality when Liz Carpenter gave the first speech to that group, exploring the topic, "What is an Educated Person?" Since that time, the Institute has grown in size and influence, bringing world class speakers to central Texas.

On June 4, The Institute will commemorate its 25 years of programming with an anniversary celebration beginning at 5 p.m. immediately following the Wilmer Memorial Lecture at the Salado Civic Center. The public is invited to attend this celebration.

The Salado Institute for the Humanities began in 1980 when Dr. Wilmer, his wife, Jane, and a small number of like-minded citizens, founded the Institute to create a public forum to foster discussion on important issues. The idea behind the Institute grew out of their desire to explore the concepts of the humanities in a non-academic environment.

The first lectures didn't

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A birdbath and bird feeder attracts blue jays to the Salado Public Library.

Library blooming with color

By KAREN KINNISON
LIBRARY ASSISTANT

Just when we thought the Salado Public Library had cornered the market on world class volunteers--here comes Ruth Dodd and her crew.

Ruth Dodd is a recent transplant to Salado from Magnolia, Texas. In Magnolia, Dodd was the "Head of the Landscape Committee" at the Magnolia Public Library.

One day this spring she visited our library and made a few suggestions to Marsha McGuire, the library director, about doing some more colorful landscaping in the front.

Ruth and her crew have planned, purchased, and planted every new bulb, flower, vine, shrub, and tree in the ground at the library.

Earlier this spring "her crew" and David and Emmy Alvarez, Marilyn

and Luther Brewer, Bill Wright, Shelley Smith, Patty Campbell and Marsha McGuire worked to begin the fantastic transformation of our front grounds.

She has two young girls who regularly help out as "her crew"-- Amy and Crystal Smedley, who are sisters and students at UMHB. And also helping on occasion is Pat Gron, a friend of the girls.

Under Ruth's able supervision, they helped with the initial planting, mulching, and trimming.

More work was done in April and May so that the front grounds now shout with color and variety.

The colors include giant begonias, petunias, snapdragons, verbena, hydrangeas, coleus, day lilies, climbing garden roses, salvia, dahlias, several vines and a weeping cherry tree, as well as beautiful yellow

and pink calla lilies.

Nestled among the plants here and there are two "reading" frogs, a snail rain gage, and a cute "welcome" toad.

As of this week the entrance to the Library also has a wonderful little birdbath sitting in the middle of bright purple flowers and a large bird feeder nearby.

Now the library staff and its patrons and visitors are really enjoying their short walk up to our doors. The canna lilies alone have sparked much comment due to their spectacularly perfect look.

"We here at the library are very grateful to Ruth, Amy, Crystal and Pat for all their hard work and generosity," McGuire said. "We didn't think our beautiful library could be improved upon much---but oh were we delightfully wrong."

Greene Literary Festival nears

The Judy & A. C. Greene Literary Festival, June 9-10 is presented by the Living Room Theatre of Salado.

Steve Harrigan is this year's guest presenter whose recent blockbuster, *Challenger Park*, gleaned raves in the New York Times Book Review, "...probably the best science-factual novel about the space-faring worlds of Houston and Cape Canaveral in the nearly half-century since the first astronauts were chosen..."

Stephen Harrigan speaks following performance by members of the Living

Room Theatre of scenes from the book at the Salado Civic Center at 7 p.m. on June 9 with a reception and book signing.

On June 10, another 7 p.m. performance features the work of Pat Merrill, Patsy Sanford, Chester Critchfield and others whose subject is Salado Creek: *Pat's Legacy: The Sa-lah-oh*. The play is scheduled for one performance only at the new Thomas Arnold Center. Reservations are available beginning June 1 by calling 254-947-8300. Admission to all of the events is \$20.



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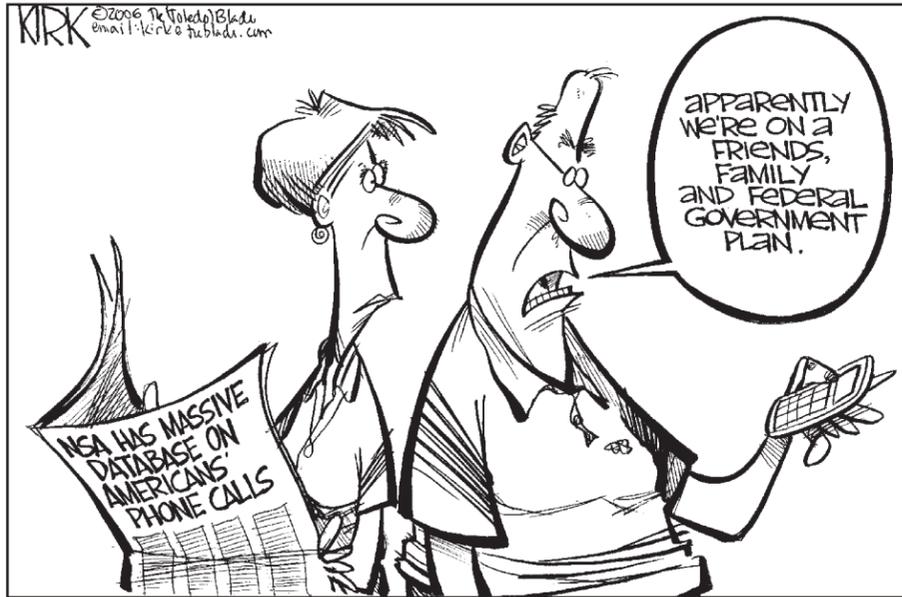
Wednesdays in the Park, sponsored by Salado ISD and the Chamber of Commerce, will begin June 7, 10-11 a.m. in Pace Park. The theme for the first week is "It's a Bug's Life." Free and open to children ages three-to-12. No reservations required.

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How the Boom Began

If you find a turtle on top of a fence post, Bill Clinton used to say, it means someone put it there. It was his folksy way to explain why anything good that happened was no accident, and he should get credit.

George Bush has a fat turtle on top of a fence post in the form of our extraordinarily robust investment-driven economic boom. Not only has he been unable to convince people he put it there, he hasn't even been able to convince them that the turtle is on the post at all. Attitudes about the economy remain downbeat, even as all the statistical indices point in the right direction.

Perhaps the biggest reason they started pointing that way so determinedly was Bush's tax cuts of 2003, which cut taxes on capital gains and dividends and expanded expensing for business investment. It is the most obviously effective economic initiative in years. That Bush hasn't managed to take credit for it is an extraordinary communications failing. It would be a little like FDR not selling the New Deal, or Bill Clinton not persuasively touting his (much overhyped) 1993 tax hike and deficit-reduction package.

The downturn Bush inherited early in his term was driven by an investment bust. Consumer spending wasn't the problem. Unlike in prior recessions, consumer spending didn't decline at all, according to a report of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress. In contrast, investment collapsed. The way to revive it was suggested by a simple principle -- the more you tax something, the less you get of it, and vice versa. Reducing taxes on capital and investment therefore should increase both, and so it has.

Consider the big picture: The tax cuts were passed in May 2003, and that's

Rich Lowry



roughly when investment -- and everything else -- began to take off. According to the Joint Economic Committee, all inflation-adjusted fixed business investment dropped at a nearly 6 percent annual rate from the third quarter of 2000 to the first quarter of 2003, then jumped by 9.2 percent from the second quarter of 2003 to the first quarter of 2006. Investment in equipment and software followed the same trend during the same time period. Meanwhile, the stock market began growing at a faster pace, because taxes were less of a drag on its value.

Economics writer Donald Luskin notes that GDP growth, employment, corporate earnings, new manufacturers' orders and tax receipts all began booming after the spring of 2003. As he puts it, "Tell people they will get to keep more of the fruits of their labors and the fruits of their investments, and they will labor more and invest more."

One reason Bush hasn't been able to sell his 2003 tax cuts properly is that, until recently, the Republican Congress had failed to extend them. Now, the GOP is finally pushing their expiration date into the future, from 2008 to 2010. This is the occasion for celebration, and lots of explaining as to how the turtle got on that fence post.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Education-reform law will gobble up entire \$8.2 billion surplus; Voters will judge results on November 7

One of the remaining loose ends trailing the recently completed special session, is just how many dollars were purloined from the \$8.2 billion State surplus to fund the school property tax reduction and teacher pay raise approved by the Legislature?

This column tried (for days) to discover the exact dollar-amount lawmakers had grabbed to pay for their court mandated education finance "reform" legislation. The Governor and Lt. Governor's offices; our own Senator Troy Fraser's group; and the leadership within the House-Senate acted mystified.

Even the Legislative Budget Board admitted they "just didn't know."

Our thinking at that point: "maybe" the numbers needed more time for objective crunching-computation.

Unless the powers-that-be were worried and trying to fashion a fast-shuffle "spin" on how many actual dollars will be needed for the largest tax cut in State history.

More digging and finally some facts uncovered - from an insider speaking on condition of anonymity. **The Governor and legislature will use every penny of the surplus to fund the two year tax reduction program - and will still come up short in 2008!**

We dropped those numbers on the Comptroller's Office and late last Friday got a call from a top-hand in Strayhorn's shop, who confirmed our informant's report.

This column predicted, long before the special session, that lawmakers - led by Perry, (who is running for reelection on the massive tax cut platform), would spend everything they could get their hands on - and more!

Look for "offsetting" cuts in social-welfare-aging assistance during the next regular session in January. The election will be over and if Republicans are returned to power, they'll be artlessly slashing needed services - to balance the upcoming biennial budget.

GOPers traditionally (and lovingly) embrace their cockamamie "no new tax" method of governing - except to win reelection (modest new taxes coupled to huge cuts).

Like the "travesty" that slipped by a "sleeping" electorate last month.

IMMIGRATION BILL IN CONFERENCE

The explosive House and Senate immigration bills are now in the hands of a nervous conference committee, and the question arises - which way will these worthies lean as they put together a cut-and-slashed compromise, cobbled from the hard-lined House version versus the Bush-backed (and Democratic led) less stringent Senate adaptation?

The lower house immigration bill, in addition to sending illegals back home (primarily Mexico), has no guest worker plan (which the President demands); marks each illegal alien a felon (which could preclude them from ever returning); will build hundreds of miles of two-layer fences along one-third of the 2,000 mile US-Mexican border; and penalize employers who hire illegals \$4,000 per violation plus prison sentences of up to 30 years for repeat offenders.

SENATE VERSION

The Senate's Immigration Bill allows illegal immigrants, who have been in this country five years or more, a way to continue working plus even-

Off the Record
by Ken Clapp



tual citizenship after paying a fine and back taxes.

Two-to five-year residents would go back to their native lands; make application for immediate re-entry and citizenship. Short termers (less than two years) would be deported.

It also requires that immigrant applicants learn English - which incidentally has been part of the current requirements for American citizenship since 1905.

Senators added a fence along the Mexican border, as a "sop" to appease immovable Republican House members.

GREAT QUOTE

As to Berlin-Wall type fences, we would refer readers to the marvelous quip by the Governor of Arizona - Janet Napolitano: "Show me a 50-foot wall, and I'll show you a 51-foot ladder."

That quote nails the problem in 14 words rather than the thousands found in the House-Senate versions.

SIDE-BAR.....

Interesting: Senate bill (supported by Bush) was passed by 38 Democrats and 23 Repubs. Took a majority of Democrats to make things happen. **Majority of upper-house Republican "Bushies" (32) voted not only No, but "Hell No!"**

AND SO.....

Republicans are puzzled (and angry) that a sizzler like immigration would be pushed so hard by Bush - in the run-up to a dangerous mid-term election. "Dangerous" because of Bush's faltering approval numbers and the apparent disenchantment of GOPers (in general) by voters. And so.....what will emerge from the Conference Committee?

This column's thought: If anything from the conference committee is produced (which is doubtful), it will be so mealy-mouthed that lawmakers will decide to "study" it later (translated: means it's dead).

FROM THE

"WHO CARES" DEPARTMENT

Recently the FBI (once again) picked up the 31-year-old scent they have been sniffing, concerning the whereabouts of the late (but hardly lamented) Teamster thug Jimmy Hoffa. Hoffa disappeared in 1975 and the search for his body has preoccupied the Bureau ever since. **"They never give up" reported one former agent and that appears to be true.** They've followed leads from New Jersey - where Hoffa is thought to be buried in concrete as part of a pro football stadium foundation. To the Florida everglades - presumably scattered piecemeal among the hungry alligators. And, over in Japan - shipped there bit by bit, in small containers.

And now back near Detroit where he was last seen three decades ago. This time the FBI's are poking around a rural horse farm in Milford Township.

Just what the Feds will do with the pieces and parts of old Jimmy (if they find anything) is another subject - hardly worth digging into (pardon the pun). One thing for certain - anyone having anything to do with the murder-assassination-early departure of the violent Hoffa, is probably now among the "dearly departed" - either through the passage of time; a bullet in the head; or "sleeping with the fishes" in a deep lake wearing concrete shoes.

Commentary: Who really cares?

That's -30-

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Buy high, sell low: formula for failure

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It's unfortunate, but true: Many people are not particularly successful investors. Why? Part of the reason can be explained in these few words: Fear and greed.

How do these two emotions keep investors from making progress toward their goals? Let's start with greed. Too many people are mesmerized by "hot" stocks - those stocks whose prices have risen substantially, often in a relatively short period of time. Instead of being satisfied with their gains, however, investors hang on to their shares, hoping they can wring more and more profits from ever-rising prices. But sometimes, rising stock prices are not indicative of high-quality stocks. For proof, just look back a few years, to the late 1990s, when investors poured huge amounts of money into high-tech and "dot.com" companies, many of which had little to

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



offer, apart from futuristic names and fanciful business plans. For a while, the stock prices of these companies just kept rising. But in early 2000, the technology "bubble" burst, helping usher in a lengthy bear market.

Now, let's switch to the other emotion that can harm investors: fear. Above all else, investors fear losing money - no surprise there. This fear often causes them to sell their stocks when the price has fallen, so that they can "cut their losses."

In short, too many investors hear this advice: "buy low and sell high" - and then do just the opposite.

When to Buy...and When to Sell

To avoid "buying high

and selling low," it would be helpful to know when a stock is going to reach its peak or valley. But no one can really predict these things - and it's usually a bad idea to try to "time" your sales based on when you think a "high" or "low" is near.

Your investment professional can help you ask the right questions about why a stock is moving up or down. For example, is a stock rising due to "hype," as was largely the case with the technology stocks of the late 1990s? Is its price/earnings ratio (stock price divided by earnings per share) unsustainably high? Or has its price gone up so long that some type of "correction" is perhaps inevitable? If any of these things are true, you might want to start thinking about the "sell high" part of the equation.

On the other end of the

spectrum, you'll want to know why a stock's price is falling before you "bail out." Are its products or services losing their luster? Does the company belong to an industry in decline? Is it experiencing disappointing earnings? Or is it merely the victim of a "bear" market, which tends to drag down most stocks, even the high-quality ones?

If this is the case - in other words, if you're considering a high-quality stock whose price has fallen due to a down market or a recession - you might actually want to buy more shares, not sell the ones you have. Warren Buffet, perhaps the most famous investor in the world, has made a fortune buying out-of-favor stocks at favorable prices. And even if you don't achieve Buffet-like status, you can improve your chances of investment success by purchasing good stocks at good prices.

Fear and greed. Buy low and sell high. These are succinct phrases, but they say a lot about investing. Give them some thought.

What's you estimate?

Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

No one expects you to be able to appraise a home. It's a professional's responsibility to provide an independent estimate of either your home's value, or the value of a home you are interested in purchasing.

While the bank uses the appraisal to guarantee your home's tangible value against the mort-

gage, such documentation also ensures that you're not overpaying for your dream home.

There are a few things to keep in mind, however, to make the best use of the cost of a professional appraisal. While your lender usually selects the appraiser, be aware that federal law guarantees you a copy of the report, and you should insist on it. Show some savvy and request that your lender choose a professional with an MAI or SRA designation from the Appraisal Institute. This proves at least 200 hours of training and two years of practical experience.

When selling your home, you'll make a big impression if you can whip out receipts for septic or roof repairs, or work on your heat and air conditioning. This proves your responsibility and pride-of-ownership, adding real and perceived value to your home.

If you're suspicious of an appraisal, ask a realty professional to provide a Comparative Market Analysis based on the most recent closings in your area. Sometimes another opinion is all you need to put your mind at ease.



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To the editor:

I am completely disgusted and embarrassed that our Village has left a dead armadillo on the walking trail along Main Street for several days so that our visitors have to see it and walk around it or walk on the other side of the street. The carcass has been lying on the walking trail in front of the First State Bank and businesses adjacent thereto and across the street since the morning of May 27.

I wonder what visitors to Salado this holiday weekend will have to say about our village that not one of our Village Officials or officers, our Chamber of Commerce, our Tourist Bureau, or our businesses and merchants have had the motivation to get the carcass removed.

I just could not let this awful sight go without expressing my thoughts.

Yours truly,
Jack Hardin

P.S. The carcass is still on the trail the morning of May 30.

To the editor:

I just returned from a dog and pony show of the new Judicial Center on Loop 121. A few observations follow:

Full-time inhabitants of the building will, no doubt, be happy in their new environs. Although built in the sticks, outside of our central commercial and civic district, the building admittedly is massive, with lots of empty space (apologetically referred to by tour guides as "room to grow").

I lost count of the number of semi-private or private bathrooms/break areas that will be inaccessible to the general public taxpayers;

The building is awkwardly impressive for a so-called public building. Indeed, it borders on overt opulence (my initial thoughts were that it resembled one of Saddam Hussein's now vacated palaces). I silently wondered how the energy and maintenance costs will compare with our current facility.

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Baseball All-District announced

Eagles place 5 on first team

After closing out the season at 24-9, the area champion Salado Eagle baseball was well represented on the recently released 25AA All-District teams.

The Eagles finished second in district behind Rogers, with a 10-4 record.

Senior Jesse Rodriguez was named to the first team as an outfielder for the fourth consecutive year. Rodriguez hit .320 in district and .365 on the year, scoring 14 runs in 14 district games.

Wes Ruth, another senior, was named to the first team as a designated hitter. Ruth had a sensational senior season, clubbing .523 in district play and .436 for the season. He had 31 RBI's on the year, and led the team with four triples.

Brian Bates was selected to the first team as a pitcher, posting an outstanding 9-1 record on the year. The senior hurler fanned 50 batters in 62 innings, and

compiled an earned run average of 2.13.

Junior Tanner Myers earned a spot on the first team as the second baseman. Myers hit .372 in district and played impeccable defense. He had 27 RBI's from his lead-off spot, and led the Eagles with 15 stolen bases.

Rounding out the first team selections was sophomore pitcher Kevin Jackson, who went 6-0 in district and 8-1 on the season. In district play he struck out 45 batters in only 37 innings, posting a 2.08 ERA.

On the second team the Eagles had infielders Josh Shaw and Johnny Nix, while outfielder Seth Collins also made the second team.

Shaw, a senior, was chosen for his play at third base. He hit .422 on the year and .395 in district. Shaw tied for the team lead in homeruns, with four, and runs scored, with 36. Shaw also swiped 13 bases.

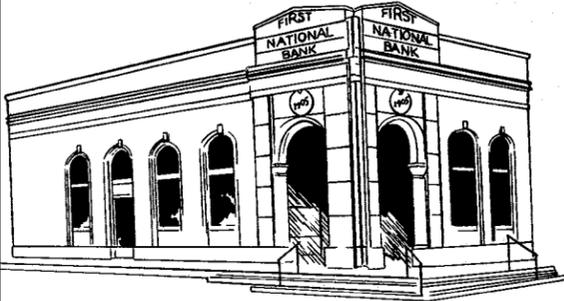
Sophomore Johnny Nix was listed as the second team short stop. Nix hit .354 in district with 15 runs and 15 RBI's in 14 district games.

Seth Collins, another Eagle sophomore, was named to the second team outfield. In his first year on the Varsity squad, Collins hit for a .371 average. He also scored 31 runs and tied for the team lead with four long balls.

Salado's only honorable mention selection was sophomore Matt Fritsch, who was chosen as designated hitter. Fritsch played only nine district games before surgery on his arm shortened his season. During that time he hit .535.

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The annual Memorial Day Service held at the Salado Cemetery began with the lone piper Nick Classen. Master of Ceremony Bell County Commissioner Tim Brown greeted an outstanding crowd in attendance. The opening invocation was offered by Minister of the Salado Church of Christ Joe Keyes. Colors were posted by the Horse Platoon, U.S. Army First Cavalry Division while flags were lowered to half-staff by retired officers. Reverend Dale Gore led the National Anthem and pledge to the U.S. flag. Greetings were extended from the Salado Cemetery Association Pres. Dr. Steven Ervin, Mayor Richard Ashe, and Pres. of the Salado Historical Society Robert Denman. The commemorative Air Force made its annual missing man formation fly-by. A tribute to veterans past and present was presented by calling of the roll of honor.



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Access issues remain uncertain. For example, court-appointed lawyers who either work or have lived all their lives in Bell County still await word as to whether the Bell County Judge will afford them the same unfettered access that "employees" will enjoy. You must remember, the political sales pitch on this new structure included so-called "security" concerns- so don't be surprised if it is harder to

get into the Burrows' Judicial Complex than it is to get into Fort Hood or any federal courthouses across the country. I reminded fellow visitors that the most immediate threat to Bell County residents came from the County Judge and Commissioners themselves since they had single-handedly silenced our Constitutional voice and vote.

There is, however, limited good news to report.

The dedication plaque in the judicial palace markedly differs from that found in all pre-Burrows' era public buildings. The earlier buildings prominently attest that they were erected by the citizens of Bell County. By comparison, this new edifice almost selfishly bears only the names of local politicians who directed its construction project over and/or without explicit voter approval. Oh, I almost forgot, the plaque also names the company awarded the lucrative construction contract- a vote for which County Judge Burrows was obliged to recuse himself.

In short, the new building is Bell County's Ground Zero- a historical marker where local democratic spirit was silenced and our voice curtailed. However viewed, it is not an auspicious beginning for any courthouse.

John P. Galligan

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank two Salado High School graduates.

They are an excellent example for our

children/grandchildren! As a grandparent, I observed the Salado ISD Field Day on May 19, watching the many young children participate in a day of contests and fun. There were several high school students helping the teachers with the children participate in a day of contests and fun, but I closely observed two, Matt Caskey and Barrett Brashier.

Whether it was keeping up with all the children (including several classes all in yellow tee shirts), trying to keep the children in the shade between events in the extreme heat, or being on the receiving end of the spray water bottles, the many times their caps were stolen, or the many shoulder rides with tired first graders, neither of them ever lost their patience.

I just wanted the people of Salado to know that we should be proud of these two young men and say "thank you" Matt and Barrett for a job well done.

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Temple singles gather for dance on June 4

The Temple Chapter of the Texas Association of Single Adults will hold a dance 6-10 p.m. June 4 at the Peppermint Lounge, located at 8730 Airport Road in Temple.

Performing live will be the country and western band Branded Heart. Door donations are \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. All single adults over 21 years of age

are welcome to attend all TASA chapter dances and activities. Memberships and newsletters are available at all functions.

In addition, the group will hold its next monthly meeting 7 p.m. June 7 at Tommy's Restaurant, located at I-35 ext 305-Berger Road in Temple. Non-members are welcome as guests. Come early if you wish to eat.

Moon over Buffalo debuts at The Palace

The Palace Theatre in Georgetown will open the hilarious comedy, Ken Ludwig's *Moon Over Buffalo*, on June 9, to run for four weekends.

Directed by Ron Watson, this backstage farce involves an acting couple, George and Charlotte Hay (not exactly the Lunts), on tour in Buffalo in 1953 with a repertory consisting of *Cyrano de Bergerac* (revised one-nostril version) and Noel Coward's *Private Lives*. Fate has given these thespians one more shot at starring roles in *The Scarlet Pimpernel* and director Frank Capra himself is enroute to Buffalo to catch their matinee performance. Will Capra see *Cyrano*, *Private Lives*, or a disturbing mixture of the

two? Show dates for *Moon Over Buffalo* at the Palace are June 9-11, 16-18, 23-25, & June 30 - July 2. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$18 General Admission; \$16 Seniors (55+); and \$7 Students (18 & younger). The Palace seats 298, with open seating. A limited number of reserved seats are being sold for each performance at ticket price plus \$5 each. The Palace Theatre is located at 810 South Austin Avenue in Historic Georgetown, just a half-block off the Square. Purchase tickets on-line at www.thegeorgetownpalace.org or by calling (512) 869-7469. The Palace office is open weekdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



The fifth grade class successfully completed the required course of instruction of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) curriculum course as set forth by the State of Texas and the D.A.R.E. Graduation Ceremony was held on May 17, 2006. The fifth grade students were required to write an essay on what they had learned as part of the program taught by Officers Pettigrew and Navarro. The winners of the D.A.R.E. essay contest are pictured above (from left), Brandon Womac, Meredith Ward, Andrew Warren, Taylor Shearer, Mattie Price, Cheyenne Pyle, Michael Butts and Kourtney Walker.

Young Masters art camps set at CAC

Five teachers will help local Young Masters create their own interpretations of the Old Masters (and their work) at the Cultural Arts Center's Young Masters Summer Camp.

Camp schedules are as follows:

- Junior Young Masters (age 5-6) - June 5 to 9, 8:30am to Noon - \$100.
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Temple College announces its spring honor list

Temple College has announced the President's Honor List and the Vice President's Honor List in recognition of high academic achievement for the 2006 spring semester.

To be named to the President's Honor List a student must be taking at least nine semester hours of work and must have a grade point average of at least 4.0. To be named to the Vice President's Honor List a student must be taking nine semester hours and have a grade point average of at least 3.5.

From Salado, Matthew Caskey, Sandra Robbins and Carolina Urquiza were all named to the President's Honor List, while Amanda Aker and Blake Holt were named to the Vice President's Honor List.

"These students have distinguished themselves by setting and maintaining high academic goals," said Dr. Karen Clos Bleeker, vice president of educational services.

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Gospel show planned for June 3

Cedar Valley Music Ministries will present a Southern Gospel concert, featuring the Mercy's Mark Quartet and The Messenger Quartet, 6:30 p.m. June 3 at Temple Col-

lege. The performance will be held in the Mary Alice Marshall Performing Arts Auditorium.

The event will mark the third time Mercy's Mark Quartet has performed in Central Texas, while The Messenger Quartet has a strong local following.

Mercy's Mark is a relatively new group, but is fronted by Gospel veteran Garry Davis. Davis, who has played professionally since the age of 17, has toured with Grammy Award Winning Ricky Skaggs and worked with various artists in the Christian Music Industry. He is most recognized as the pianist, arranger, co-owner and producer for the talented gospel groups Gold City and Signature Sound Quartet. During his tenure, Gold City was awarded "Group of the Year" six consecutive years and Signature Sound Quartet was awarded

"Horizon Group of the Year" for 2003. Garry was honored to be featured pianist for the "Old Friends Quartet" which included Gospel Legends Jake Hess and George Younce and was featured on the "Homecoming Friends Tour" with Bill Gaither.

Davis has also produced award winning albums and songs such as "Midnight Cry", "If God Be For Us", "For God So Loved", "Stand By Me" and the Dove Award winning "There Rose A Lamb". Garry has received an abundance of awards, been nominated for numerous Dove Awards, received rave reviews in Charisma magazine and inducted into the Alabama Hall of Fame. His television appearances have included The 700 Club, Acts Network, Trinity Broadcasting Network, Odyssey Channel, The Grand Ole Opry, John Hagee Ministries, and

Charles Stanley's In Touch Ministries.

Other members of Mercy's Mark include Josh Feemster, Christian Davis (Bass) and Brent Mitchell (tenor). Mercy Mark's debut project includes songs by such notable writers Gerald Crabb, Kyla Rowland, Marty Funderburk and Joel Lindsey.

Advance tickets are priced at \$12, while tickets purchased at the door will be \$14. Children 12 and under will be admitted free of charge.

In addition, a concession stand offering drinks, sandwiches and homemade snacks will be available.

Tickets can be purchased in Salado at the Village Pharmacy and the Thomas Kinkadee Stage-coach Gallery.

For more information about the concert call Donnie or Linda Jackson at 254-947-5100.

Wallace services held May 30

Services for Jessie Merle Wallace, 98, of Seguin and formerly of Belton were held May 30 in the Heartfield Funeral Home Chapel, with Reverend Darren Walker. Burial followed in the Resthaven Cemetery south of Belton.

She was born on November 2, 1907 in Bell County to I.T. Harrell and Jessie Allamon Harrell. Wallace was a lifetime resident of Bell County. She graduated from Holland High School, and later graduated from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

She married William Gran Wallace on Sept. 2, 1934 in Lubbock. Wallace taught school in Belton and Salado. She was a member of the First

United Methodist Church in Belton, where she was in the Patterson Open Door class and a member of the United Methodist Women. In addition, she was a member of the Bell County Retired Teachers Association and Delta Kappa Gamma.

Survivors include one son, Don Wallace, of Seguin; one daughter, Peggy Harlan, of Pottsville; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, in 1977, one daughter, Patti Hall, in 1992; and two sisters, Rubby Ann Baker, in 2003, and Tommie Smith.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Belton.

Salado Monday Club sets June 5 meeting

The Monday Club of the Salado United Methodist Church will meet 2 p.m. June 5 at the Salado United Methodist Church.

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Summer Series at Church of Christ

Joe Keyes, Minister of the Salado Church of Christ, announced this week that the annual Summer Guest Speaker Series will begin 6:30 p.m. June 7 in the recently enlarged main Church building on Stagecoach Road.

The theme for this year's series is "A Savior By Any Other Name," and will feature lessons on the various names and titles assigned to Jesus Christ in Scripture.

The lineup for June includes: June 7, Dr. Tony

Ash, Professor of Bible in the College of Biblical Studies at Abilene Christian University. Dr. Ash will speak on Jesus as the "Prince of Peace."

On June 14, Dr. David Worley, a former president of the Austin Graduate School of Theology, will address Jesus as "Servant."

June 21, Brandon Groome, preaching minister for the Town West Church of Christ in Taylor, will explore Jesus as "King of Kings."

Closing out the month

on June 28, Carson Stephens, Director of Development for the Lifeline Chaplaincy Program in Houston and Dallas will be the speaker, addressing the audience with a look at Jesus as "Lord of Lords."

Services begin at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday, according to Keyes, who also stated that the series will continue through July and August.

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July 19	"Author and Finisher of Our Faith"	Randy Harris
July 26	"Chief Cornerstone"	Scott Meyer
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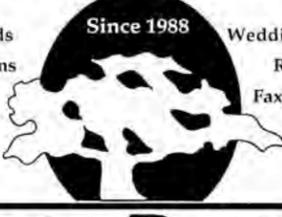
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was an outgrowth of the International Film Festivals at the UT Health Sciences Center in San Antonio, which Harry created and directed while on the faculty there. The Institute was set up as a non-profit, autonomous corporation

for public programs in the humanities, not beholden to any academic or governmental agenda. It is dedicated to fostering curiosity and continuing education on the broad range of humanities topics; that is, anything that concerns the questions that

all human beings confront during their lives. Institute 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. Since Liz Carpenter's inaugural lecture, more than 225 of the country's leading scholars and speakers have come to Salado to share their knowledge, including Nobel Laureates Linus Pauling, Betty Williams and Steven Weinburg, playwrights Edward Albee and Horton Foote, philosopher Huston Smith, psychiatrists M. Scott Peck and Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, actor Lee Marvin, theologian Elaine Pagels, university president Donna Shalala, poet Robert Bly, astronaut Story Musgrave, economist John Kenneth Galbraith, and political leaders Barbara Jordan, Admiral Bobby Inman, and Max Cleland, among many others.

The Wilmer Memorial Lecture and the 25th Anniversary Celebration are free and open to the public, but most other events throughout the year are for members only. However, membership is open to anyone.

For more information on membership and the upcoming program series, visit the Institute website at www.salado-institute.org, call 254-947-5729 or email ifh@vvm.com.

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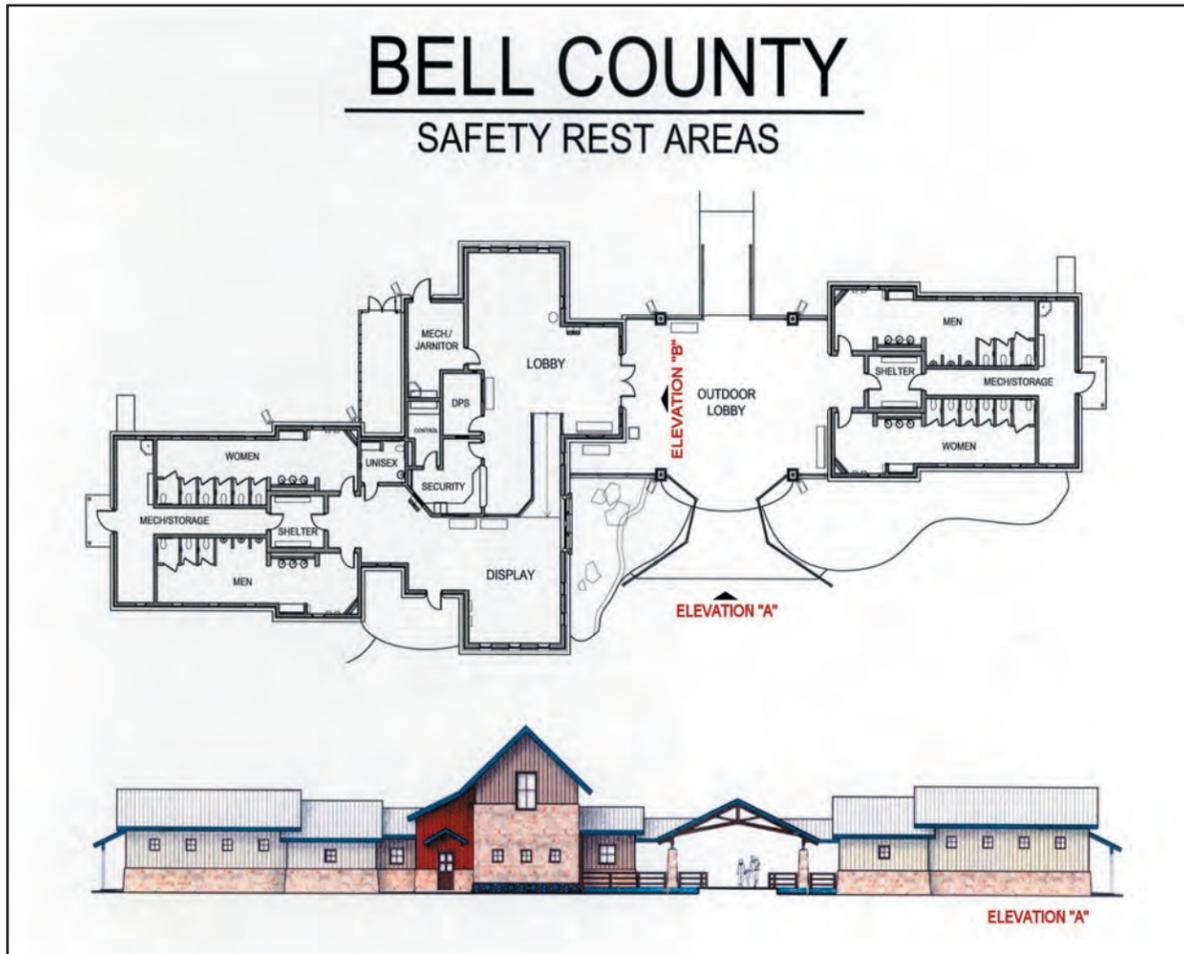
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Shopping, Dining, Overnight, Events



Floorplan and elevation of rest areas south of Salado. Construction began this week on the rest areas. Mithcell Enterprises, LTFD, of Sherman is undertaking the \$16 million project.

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Construction has started on \$16 million rest areas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) began a project to construct two new safety rest areas along Interstate 35, south of Salado, on May 30.

The project, designed to improve highway safety and encourage motorists to take periodic breaks from driving, will also improve customer service and provide motorists with cleaner, better and safer rest areas.

The \$16-million project is being undertaken by Mitchell Enterprises, LTD., of Sherman, Texas and will replace the two existing rest areas along I-35 just south of Salado.

When completed the rest areas will include: air-conditioned and heated restroom facilities, including an assisted-use restroom, separate and larger parking areas for cars, commercial and recreational vehicles, a WI-FI capable information area with weather and road conditions, maps, traffic safety and educational messages and upcoming regional events, office space for law enforcement personnel and enhanced security, including surveillance cameras and security guards.

The project is scheduled for completion in the Spring of 2007.

This construction project is part of a major effort to renovate the state's 90 rest areas which began in April 1999 when the Texas Transportation Commission approved \$32 million in federal Enhancement Funding to renovate, build or relocate safety rest areas statewide.

Additionally, \$6.4 million was provided in state matching funds, and \$13.8 million was carried over from state highway funds to begin the project.

In August 2001, the Commission approved \$48 million in Enhancement Funds and \$12 million in state matching funds to continue the project.



These elevations show how the architecture of the new rest areas will recall the area's early history with mills along Salado Creek.

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JUNE 3

Texas Manx Club Buggy Blast IV dune buggy and Volkswagen Show at the Salado Civic Center. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Drawings for prizes will be held, and proceeds will be donated to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas. Info: www.texasmanxclub.com.

JUNE 4

The Wilmer Memorial Lecture will be held on 3-5 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. The Institute for the Humanities invites you to a free, public lecture honoring the memory of Hank and Harry Wilmer. Businesswoman and philanthropist, Marilyn Tam will speak on "Life, Love and Legacies." The lecture will be followed by a 25th anniversary reception celebrating the Institute's twenty-five years of existence. For more information contact the Institute office at 947-5729 or ifh@vvm.com.

JUNE 5

Monday Club meeting, 2 p.m. at the Salado United Methodist Church. Program: Sharon McGlasson giving a demonstration of her artwork. All ladies invited to attend.

JUNE 5

Salado Historical Society board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

JUNE 5-8

Football Camp for incoming third through

ninth graders, at the high school field. Cost: \$40. Registration and info: Coach Jeff Cheatham, 254-947-6977 or email jlcheatham@saladoisd.org.

JUNE 5-8

Tennis Camp for Salado youth at the Stagecoach Courts. Cost: \$45. Led by Salado tennis coach Melissa Hyer. Registration and info: 947-6900 ext. 2075 or email mhyer@saladoisd.org.

JUNE 7

Wednesdays in the Park, sponsored by Salado ISD and the Chamber of Commerce, 10-11 a.m. in Pace Park. Theme: "It's a Bug's Life." Free and open to children ages three-to-12. No reservations required.

JUNE 8

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Storyteller Joe Pehoski.

JUNE 9-10

2006 Judy and A.C. Greene Literary Festival, featuring Steven Harrigan, author of the bestseller "Challenger Park," 7 p.m. each evening. Also featuring Salado performers in "A Legacy: the Sa-lah." More details TBA.

JUNE 9-11

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Holy Matrimony," with live music and vaudeville-style entertainment. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. June 9-10 and 2 p.m. June 10-11. Info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

JUNE 10

Annual Salado Reunion, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School. Info: 254-947-5783 or 254-939-3187.

JUNE 10

Salado High School Class of 1966 40th Reunion, 6-10 p.m. at the Stagecoach Inn Club, located on the second floor of the Stagecoach Inn Restaurant. For more information: 254-947-5196.

JUNE 12-JULY 30

Strength and Conditioning Camp for incoming ninth-12th graders. Camp will be held Mon.-Thurs. at the high school track and weight room. Cost: \$60. Registration and info: 254-947-6977 or email jlcheatham@saladoisd.org.

JUNE 14

Wednesdays in the Park, sponsored by Salado ISD and the Chamber of Commerce, 10-11 a.m. in Pace Park. Theme: "Flag Day." Free and open to children ages three-to-12. No reservations required.

JUNE 16-18

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Holy Matrimony," with live music and vaudeville-style entertainment. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. June 16-17 and 2 p.m. June 17-18. Info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

JUNE 21

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

JUNE 21

Wednesdays in the Park, sponsored by Salado ISD and the Chamber of Commerce, 10-11 a.m. in Pace Park. Theme: "Taking Care of Your Pet (bring your dog on a leash)" Free and open to children ages three-to-12. No reservations required.

JUNE 24-25

Auditions for Tablerock's production of Macbeth, 3 p.m. both days at Tablerock. Director: David Dunlap, 254-247-0220 or ddunlap@tablerock.org.

JUNE 28

Wednesdays in the Park, sponsored by Salado ISD and the Chamber of Commerce, 10-11 a.m. in Pace Park. Theme: "The Summer Olympics." Free and open to children ages three-to-12. No reservations required.

JUNE 30-JULY 2

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Stars and Spurs Forever," with live

music and vaudeville-style entertainment. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. June 30-July 1 and 2 p.m. July 1-2. Info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

JULY 4

Salado Historical Society Annual Picnic, 6:30 p.m. in Pace Park.

JULY 7-9

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Stars and Spurs Forever," with live music and vaudeville-style entertainment. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. July 7-8 and 2 p.m. July 8-9. Info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

JULY 11-14

Boys Basketball Camp, for incoming third-through-ninth graders, at the SIS gym. Cost: \$45. Registration and info: Grady Newton, 947-6900 ext. 1305 or email gnewton@saladoisd.org.

JULY 13

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Ruth Daw, "Women of Peru."

JULY 14-16

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Stars and Spurs Forever," with live music and vaudeville-style entertainment. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. July 14-15 and 2 p.m. July 15-16. Info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

JULY 19

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

JULY 21-13

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Stars and Spurs Forever," with live music and vaudeville-style entertainment. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. July 21-22 and 2 p.m. July 22-23. Info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

JULY 22, 29 & AUG. 5

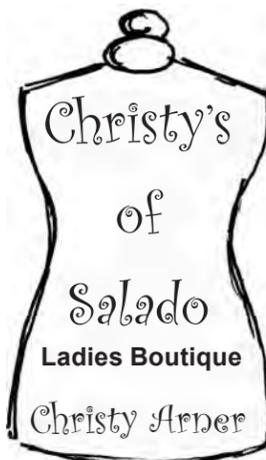
Tablerock's 14th Annual presentation of Salado Legends, 8:15 p.m. Dinner: 7:15 p.m., cost \$8, reservations required. Performance tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Info: 254-947-3205 or www.tablerock.org.

JULY 24-28

Girls Basketball Camp, for incoming third-through-ninth graders, at the SIS gym. Cost: \$50. Registration and info: Coach Scott Copeland, 947-6900 ext. 1305 or email scopeland@saladoisd.org.

JULY 26-28

Salado Village Artists Painting Workshop, with Garnet Bluster, of New Braunfels. Workshop will focus on still life and rural architecture in water color and gouash.



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JUNE 3 - Texas Manx Club Buggy Blast IV dune buggy and Volkswagen Show at the Salado Civic Center. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., and awards will be handed out at 2:30 p.m. The public is invited to view all the classic and restored vehicles, like the dune buggy pictured above.

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JULY 31-AUGUST 2

Volleyball camp for incoming seventh-through-ninth graders, in the SIS gym. Cost: \$30. Registration and info: Coach Bree Holz, 947-6900 ext. 1304 or email bree.holz@saladoisd.org.
AUGUST 5-6

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

AUGUST 10
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Paul Letourneau on his book "My Vietnam Experiences." Spouses invited.

AUGUST 12
Mill Creek Community Association Fall Social, 6 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner. Details TBA.

AUGUST 16
Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

SEPTEMBER 16-17
Tablerock's Fantasy Faire 10 a.m.-6 p.m. both days, featuring characters from history, literature, mythology and imagination. Enjoy music, dance, swordplay and storytelling, and shop goods from over 50 vendors. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, seniors and military. Info: 254-624-1008 or email hhood@tablerock.org.

SEPTEMBER 20
Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

SEPTEMBER 20-22
Salado Village Artists Painting Workshop, with D.K. Nichols, of Rockdale. Workshop will focus on abstract color and design; student will have choice of medium. Price: \$155. Info: email phairal@vvm.com.

OCTOBER 7-8
Auditions for Tablerock's annual A Christmas Carol production, 3 p.m. both days. Info: 254-947-9205 or email harrycsweet@sbcglabal.net.

OCTOBER 7, 14 AND 21
Tablerock's Annual Shakespeare Play, Macbeth, under the stars, 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for child, student or military. Info: 254-247-0220 or email ddunlap@tablerock.org.

OCTOBER 12-14
Annual Christmas in

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

OCTOBER 18
Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

OCTOBER 21
Salado Area Republican Women Fine China Luncheon, noon at Stagecoach Inn Longhorn Room. Info: 254-947-3617.

OCTOBER 21
Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, 8 a.m. start at Mill Creek. Info: Salado Chamber, 254-947-5040.

OCTOBER 21
Salado Education Foundation Cattlemen's Ball at Tenroc Ranch. For tickets or more information call 254-947-1958.

OCTOBER 28-29
Tablerock's Fright Trail 7:30-10:30 p.m.

both nights. Two trails to choose from. Concessions available. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Info: 254-947-9205 or email tablerock1@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 15
Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.
NOVEMBER 21
Salado Historical

Society annual General Meeting and Chili Supper, 6:15 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.
DECEMBER 1, 2, 8 AND 9
Tablerock Amphitheater's Annual presentation of Charles Dickens' Yuletide classic, A Christmas Carol, 7 p.m. each night. Tickets available at the gate beginning 6:30 p.m. Concessions open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Info: 254-947-9205 or www.tablerock.org.
DECEMBER 1-3
Salado Historical Society's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes. More details TBA.
DECEMBER 1-3 & 8-10
Annual Salado

Christmas Stroll event. More details TBA.
DECEMBER 7-9
2006 Coach Smith Memorial Basketball Tournament, featuring some of the finest high school basketball teams in the state. More info TBA.
DECEMBER 12
Mill Creek Community Association meeting and Christmas Dinner at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner.
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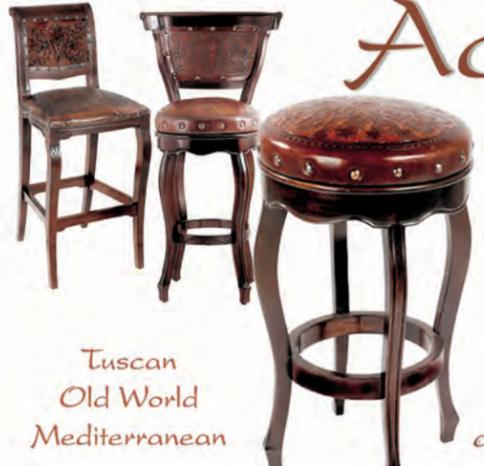



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Part I in a series

Men, women who contributed to early founding of state, county honored as Salado's Heroes

By MARYBELLE BROWN

A visit to the Old Salado Grave Yard, located in the center of Salado Cemetery, shows the grave sites of a number of men and women who came to Texas during the days of the Republic of Texas or shortly thereafter and who contributed greatly to the founding and growth of Salado, Bell County, and the State of Texas. These individuals have been designated as "Salado's Heroes." Each individual or couple has made a unique contribution to our history.

Students from area schools have studied about them, visited their graves, and written papers on their impressions of the lives of these men and their wives.

Salado's Heroes

A project of Friends of Salado Cemetery and the Salado Historical Society.

To assist in learning more about these early pioneers, Volumes I and II of The Story of Bell County and a copy of Tyler's History of Bell County have been placed in the Salado Intermediate School Library for students to access. Stories about all of these early settlers can be found in these valuable reference books.

The Salado's Heroes' Project is a joint endeavor of Friends of Salado Cemetery Association and the Salado Historical Society. It is an ongoing project of historical research and preservation and is concerned with securing Texas State Historical Commission Subject Markers to be placed at the grave sites honoring these pioneer residents. This project will play an important role in preserving and promoting the rich heritage enjoyed by the Village of Salado and the part which these heroes and their descendents have played in the growth and development of the Village of Salado, of Bell County and of the great State of Texas.

Colonel Hermon Aiken and Mrs. Margaret Aiken

Hermon Aiken came to the Republic in the 1830's and was a patriot during the Texas Revolutionary War. He was Captain of a ship which brought arms, ammunition, immigrants and supplies from New Orleans to the Texas Army. After the war he settled in Harris County and began a prosperous trade business. Later he served in the United States Army during the Mexican War. Additionally, Aiken served as a volunteer

Ranger fighting Indians on the Texas frontier.

The Aikens later migrated to Bell County first settling on Cedar Creek where the Village of Aiken was established and later moved to the Elm Creek area west of what is today the location of Troy. They raised a large family of 12 children. Later they moved to the Village of Salado and played an active role in the development of Salado and Bell County. Col. Aiken was a surveyor for the Milam Land District and did survey work in what later became Falls, Coryell, and McLennan Counties. He surveyed the land donated for the building of Salado College and creation of the Village of Salado. He was one of the founders of Salado College and served on the first Board of Trustees. Hermon died in 1860 and Margaret died in 1877. Both are buried in the family plot in the Old Salado Grave Yard. A citizen of the Republic of Texas Marker has been placed at the grave site by members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

A Texas Historical Commission Marker will be placed in the family burial plot in the near future.

James Anderson and Caroline Elizabeth Barnard Anderson

The Andersons came to Texas as members of the Mercer Colony during the days of the Republic of Texas. They were natives of North Carolina and had migrated to Missouri prior to their move to Texas. They first homesteaded in North Texas but because of disputed title to the land grant issued

to them, migrated to the Milam Land District and purchased a farm near Three Forks, where the Leon and Lampasas Rivers and Salado Creek join to form Little River. Anderson was active in the area, signing a petition to the State Legislature asking that land which became Bell and Falls Counties be cut off from Milam County and established as new counties in 1849. No action was taken at that time and a second petition was presented. The Legislature acted on this and Bell County was established in that year, 1850.

James Anderson, after a tour as Post Master at nearby Bryant's Station, was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace in the first election held in Bell County. He served in that office until his death in 1865. He was active in the founding and promotion of Salado College, also serving as a trustee for that institution. He was a member of Salado Joint Stock Company which sold land to raise money for the College. Additionally he served as one of the founders and charter elders of the Church of Christ established in 1859, the first organized church congregation in the Village of Salado.

The Andersons built the historic Anderson House on North Main Street. A Texas Historical Commission Marker has been placed at this home. The Andersons were parents of 14 children. James Anderson was buried in Old Salado Grave Yard and his is one of the lost graves at this cemetery. Elizabeth's date of death and place of burial are unknown. Descendents have placed a memorial marker at the site believed to be the old family burial plot.



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Good health takes commitment

Have you ever wondered why you are "stuck" in a place that you don't want to be regarding your health and fitness levels? You have really given it the "old college try" but to no avail? It could be because of the Pleasure-Pain Dichotomy. "The What?" Well, let me explain.

If you have read this column long, you know that I have given dozens of simple to follow concepts to improve your health. But unfortunately, if you have tried to follow these concepts and create beneficial habits you may have also found yourself failing and feeling defeated. Why can't we integrate these simple steps into our life? I have an idea.

Here are just a few of those simple daily habits that will add quality and quantity to your life.

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By KEVIN McCauley



Eat Breakfast - Eat breakfast and break the fast! Fasting sends a message to your body to store fat and burn muscle. The message of starvation creates an increase in cortisol and adrenaline levels for survival; this ages the body and destroys the metabolism.

Never Skip Meals - In addition to creating issues with your hormonal levels which will age you, you are also setting yourself up for over-eating. Your body wants to store fat, don't give it another excuse to do so because you skip meals.

Lack of Quality Sleep - By not getting to bed and falling asleep a couple hours before midnight

you are creating issues with your body to recover mentally and physically. Each of us should look to receive at least seven hours of quality sleep a night or expect a number of the human systems to be affected, including the immune system.

Drink at Least 64 Ounces of Quality Water - The majority of people in the United States are walking around dehydrated and all of their "interconnected" systems are paying the price because of it. Many people even confuse thirst for hunger and eat rather than drink, creating a larger challenge for losing weight.

Replace Displacement Foods with Real Whole Foods - We know that the displacement foods of refined sugar and flour, vegetable oils, and processed canned goods create degenerative disease, but they are also the easiest and most convenient foods available. It wasn't long

ago that we lived disease free because we consumed real whole foods everyday and at every meal.

You see, these are very simple principles to better health, but for some reason, they are difficult to follow. I want to give you the answer to this dilemma: The Pleasure-Pain Dichotomy. If you are honest with yourself you will say that the reason you don't change your lifestyle to improve your health is that the "Future Pain" is not as strong as the "Instant Pleasure" of the habit your refuse to change. Here are some examples:

Eat Breakfast
"Why worry about the future pain of a damaged metabolism and degenerative disease when I can experience the pleasure of an extra 30 minutes of sleep now. I have been getting away with not eating breakfast for years?"

Never Skip Meals
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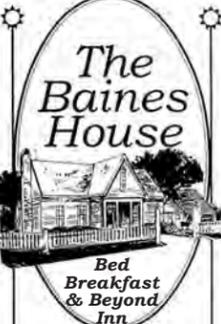
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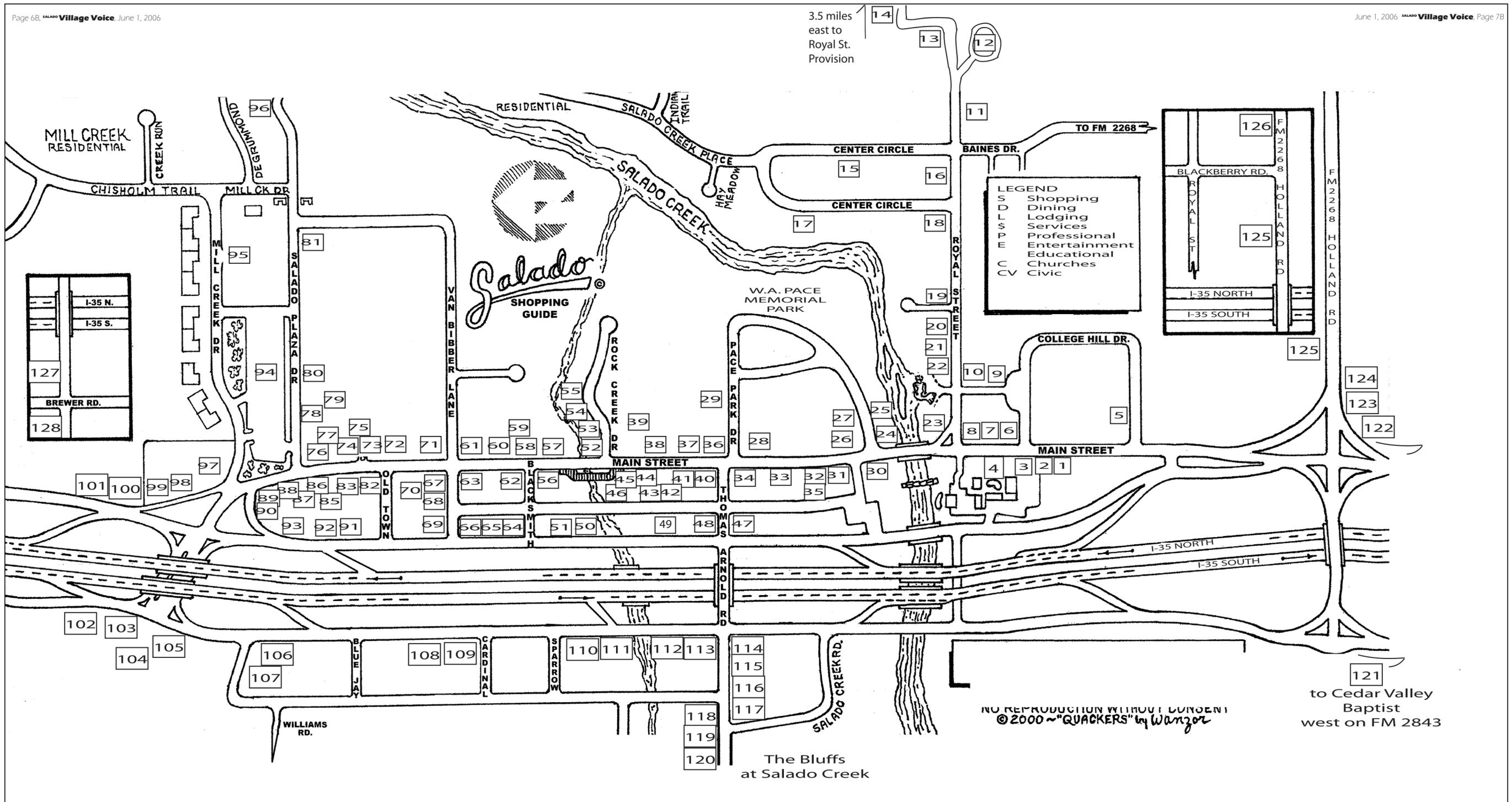
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Local student attends DRT state convention

Thomas Arnold Elementary student Kindell Hill read her 2006 Fourth Grade first place essay to 500 members and guests of the 115th Annual Daughters of the Republic of Texas Convention, held May 19 in Arlington.

Hill, a student of SISD teachers Carey Quick and Lisa Wagnon, who were in

attendance as well, along with Kindell's parents, Dan and Nikole Hill, won the State competition with an essay focusing on Comanche Indians.

Among the least friendly tribes of Native Americans toward Texas settlers, some Comanche descendants continue to reside in Texas to this day, "but now we are all friends," her essay concluded.

Vice President General Claire Lillie, leader in



From left, State DRT President General Nelma Wilkerson, Kindell Hill and Doris Kemp, of the Village of Salado DRT.

charge of essays by fourth and seventh grade Texas History students, pre-

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Salado Reunion marks 80th year

The annual Salado Reunion will be held June 10 at the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the reunion continuing until 3:30 p.m. The reunion provides an opportunity for former students, teachers, families and friends to enjoy a day together. Any residents or former residents of Salado are encouraged to attend.

Lunch will be catered by Johnny's Steakhouse of Salado and will offer grilled chicken, sirloin tips, vegetables and dessert. The lunch will be served at noon, immediately following a short business meeting. There will be ample visiting time both before the meeting, and during and following the luncheon.

Special recognition will be given to classes celebrating special anniversaries of their graduations (such as 25th, 50th, etc.). Special recognition will also be given to the individual who is the oldest in attendance, the oldest graduate in attendance, the youngest person in attendance and the person who traveled the farthest to attend.

This year's reunion marks the 80th anniversary of a 1926 gathering held at the Big Spring area of Salado Creek as a welcome home party for John Shanklin and his wife, Felda Davis Shanklin, as they returned from a stay of several years in Mexico.

Their return was celebrated with a picnic along the creek. It proved to be such an enjoyable gathering that they made plans to meet again the following year. This event is the most probable origin of the present Salado Reunion tradition.

Reunion Committee members are Sydney Boren, Jim and Golda Brock, Billie Killingsworth and Linda Cawthon. For more information about the reunion or to make reservations for the lunch, call 254-939-3187 or 254-947-5783.

Long-time CAC Art teacher, Betsi Chamlee, will be offering several art classes for artists of all ages this summer. Pre-K Art will be from June 26-30. There are two sessions from which to choose; 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. or 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. The class is designed for three to six year olds. Classical music is used to enhance creativity with pencils, pastels and paints.

Youth Art for kids under age 15 will also be offered from June 26-30, from 1-3 p.m. This youth class is designed for intermediate and advanced students and will focus on drawing techniques as well as pastel and acrylic. Adult Art will be offered from Aug. 7-11 and/or Aug. 14-18, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Students will have the option of choosing a one or two week class. The Adult Art class is designed to enhance artistic vision and skill as students study drawing and painting techniques. All classes are \$75 per weekly session. For more information call the CAC at 254-773-9926.

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Get ready to 'bug' out

The grounds of the Salado Civic Center will serve as the destination for the Texas Manx Club's 2006 Buggy Blast IV - a car show celebrating Dune Buggies and VWs - June 3-4.

The two-day event begins June 3 with a participant judged Show and Shine. There will be classes for Rail buggies as well as Volkswagen Type 1 (Beetles) and Type 2 (Buses). Buggy Blast IV will also have several drawings, including a dune buggy chassis and a dune buggy body (both from Hawkeye Buggies), a transmission from Grafefo Gearboxes and more.

Dune buggies that will be attending the show are nostalgic reminders of the 1960s, an era when Bruce Meyers released the first Meyers Manx. Since that time enthusiasts have restored and even created new versions of that dune buggy.

Also at Buggy Blast IV, several dune buggies called a "rail" will be shown. The rail buggy is simply a chassis, generally using a Volkswagen Beetle engine and transmission. This year the show includes classes for the loveable Beetle and Bus from Volkswagen. The vehicles have been restored with great love and care by their owners. Some are returned to their original showroom condition while others have become highly modified custom vehicles.

Buggy Blast IV, in

addition to being a place for enthusiasts to gather, is also a fundraiser for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children is one of the nation's leading pediatric centers for the treatment of orthopedic conditions, certain related neurological disorders and learning disorders, such as dyslexia. Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children provides ongoing care for more than 16,000 children each year.

Registration on June 3 begins at 9 a.m., and the

awards will be handed out at 2:30 p.m. The public is invited to come out and view the classic dune buggies and Volkswagens on display.

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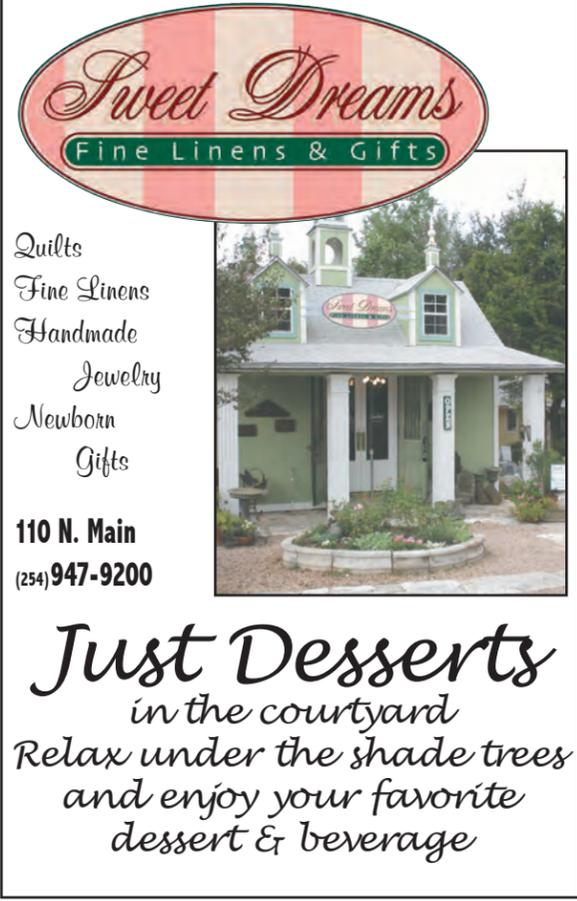
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East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K 7 3 2
♥ Q 10 9 4 2
♦ 7
♣ A 10 5
WEST
♠ J 10 8 5
♥ 8 6
♦ 8 6 3 2
♣ 8 4 2
EAST
♠ A 9
♥ A K 5 3
♦ Q J 10 9 4
♣ 9 6
SOUTH
♠ Q 6 4
♥ J 7
♦ A K 5
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The bidding:
East 1♦ South 1NT West Pass North 3♥
Pass 3NT
Opening lead — two of diamonds.

The importance of good timing Contract Bridge

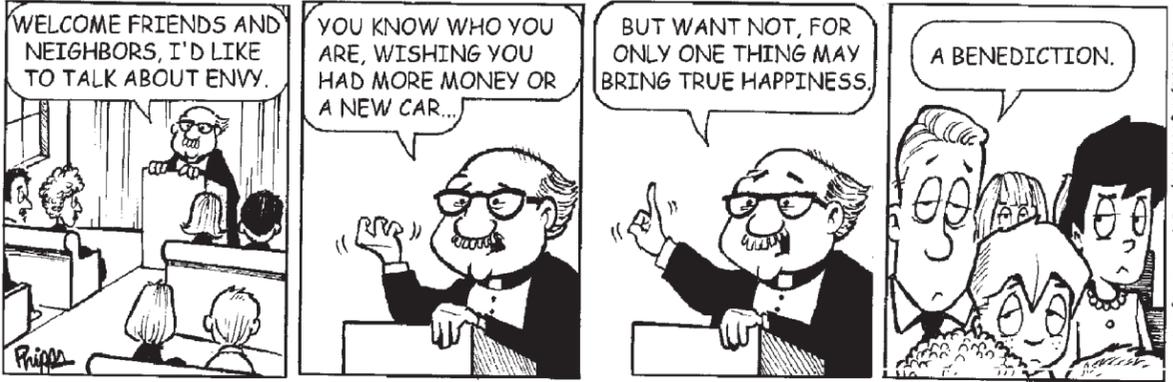
By Steve Becker

In many hands, declarer appears to have only a remote chance to make the contract. Nevertheless, he is duty-bound to exploit whatever chance he has. A simple illustration of this principle is provided by today's deal. West led a diamond, taken by declarer with the ace. South could count seven sure tricks and, in an effort to gain two more, set about establishing the heart suit. East took the jack with the king and returned a diamond. South won and led another heart. This play brought declarer to 10 winners, but, unfortunately, East cashed three diamonds and the ace of spades to defeat the contract.

The outcome indicates the importance of timing. Declarer's line of play was bound to fail, since there was no way he could come to nine tricks before the opponents scored at least six of their own if he tried to develop dummy's hearts. South has but one chance to make the contract: He must try to score two spade tricks before the opponents' diamonds become established. The bidding indicates that East has the ace of spades. Declarer's only real hope is that East was dealt the singleton or doubleton ace, and he should proceed accordingly. At trick two, South should cross to dummy with a club and lead a low spade. East has no choice but to play low, and South wins with the queen. Declarer then returns a spade, and after West follows low, so does dummy. When East produces the ace, South has nine tricks. It may be argued that South has to be lucky to make the contract on this line of play, but when no other realistic option exists, luck is about all one can hope for.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



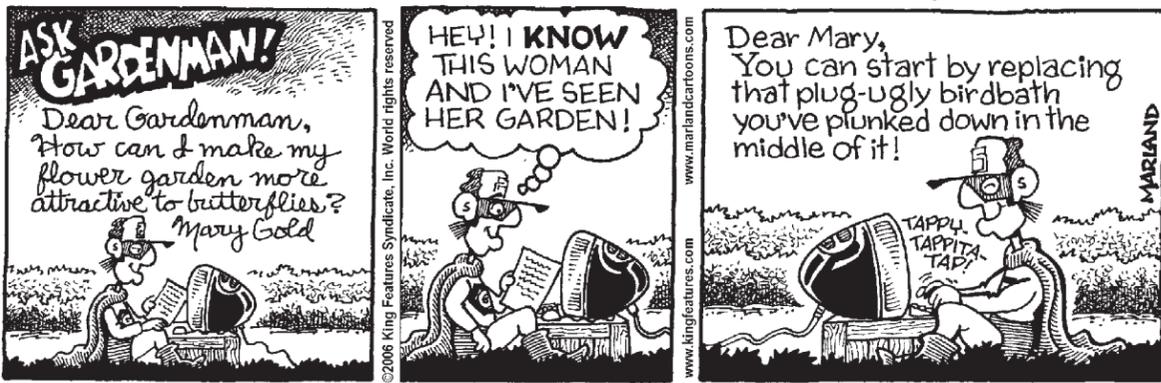
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The exploding car is back in the rodeo arena

I happened to be with legendary rodeo clowns Quail Dobbs and Leon Coffee the day Quail sold Leon his famous exploding car. For decades, Quail entertained rodeo audiences all over the world with his slapstick comedy. His old car reared up, spun around and spewed fire, smoke, car parts and fireworks all over the arena. When he wasn't clowning with his car, Quail fought bulls and was honored many times for his work as a barrel man.

Quail bought the car, a 1910 Model T with a 1927 engine, in 1966. He bought it sight unseen over the telephone and

by
Tumbleweed
Smith



when he saw it for the first time, it looked like a pile of junk. He worked with it and created an act that rodeo fans can still quote almost word for word.

Quail fought his first bull in 1962 and clowning for 36 years at some of the most prestigious rodeos in the world. He performed at Cheyenne 28 years. He booked two years in advance and was in the arena 130 nights a year.

Quail gave up clowning seven years ago and put his car in storage. Since 1999, his arena is the courtroom. A sign on his Justice of the Peace office in Coahoma reads "The Law East of Stink Creek."

When I interviewed Quail and Leon, it was mutual admiration. Each man couldn't say enough good things about the other.

Leon, who has been in several movies and won a barrel full of rodeo honors himself, is absolutely thrilled with the purchase of the car.

"I know how good that car act used to make me feel," he says. "If I can make the people in the stands feel as good as that car act used to make me feel, then Quail's still

out there. With him not clowning anymore, I figured my bringing the car act back would be a tribute to Quail. I've always told him he was my hero. I won't try to be Quail, but there will always be part of Quail in the act."

Quail says the car needed Leon a lot more than Leon needed the car. "It sat for seven years going to waste. I'm glad Leon has it."

Leon says he's been rodeoing a long time but right now he's like a kid in a candy store. "I'm just so excited to get in it and drive it. You can't imagine how troubled I was to call Quail and ask him if he would sell me that act. It's a part of Quail's life. It's a part of history that needs to be seen by generations of young people, to let them know that car's still going. It's such a great honor to be able to have it. In my eyes, Quail will be enshrined in this car."

Leon left Coahoma with the car and spent three solid weeks working with it to get his act together. He tried it out at a couple of college rodeos, and now he's doing it at pro rodeos all over the country.

UMHB releases Honor Rolls

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor has announced that 303 students have been listed on the spring 2006 Provost Honor Roll.

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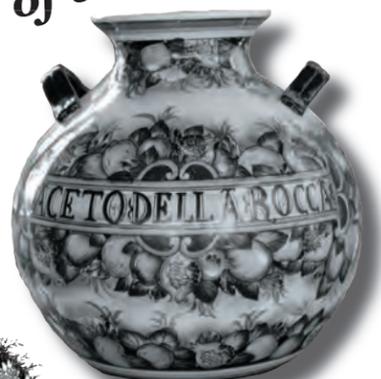
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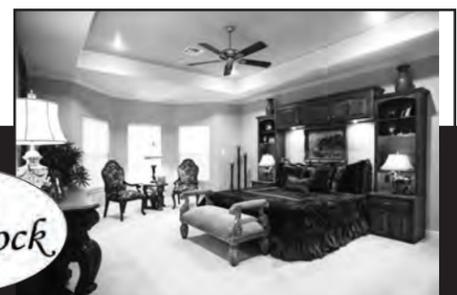
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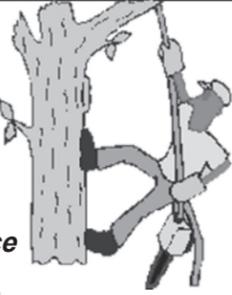


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Bell Co. Historical Commission introduces recognition program

Bell County Commissioners Court received a detailed report on the Preservation Award for Historic Bell County Public Structures, the newest county-wide project of the Bell County Historical Commission at the May 30 court meeting. Ronald Gates, Historical Commission chairman, in outlining the new preservation recognition plan, termed historically significant structures "true artifacts that can't be moved or filed away, and need and are entitled to award recognition."

The awards program recognizes any 60-year-or-older structure in Bell County that is open to the public or business, government, school or church building are

eligible for recognition. The Preservation Awards Committee may open the award program to other structures in the future, Gates told the court.

Awards will be given in two categories: The property has been restored to its original or early documented appearance, or, the property has been restored and re-directed toward new use other than the original.

The speaker said "Restoration is defined by the National Park Service as "The act or process of accurately depicting the form, features and character of a property as it appeared at a particular period of time by means of the removal of features from other periods in its history and reconstruction of the missing features from the restoration period. The limited and sensitive upgrading of mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems and other code-required work to make properties functional is appropriate with a restoration project."

Adaptive use is defined by the National Park Service "as the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through the repair, alterations and additions, while preserving those portions or features which convey its historical, cultural or architectural value."

Awards recipients will be determined by a well qualified committee which will carefully consider the qualification of each nominated

property, consistent with state historic preservation programs and policies. Also, awards will be made at the sole discretion of the Bell County Historical Commission.

Nomination forms are available at the Bell County Historical Commission office on the third floor of the Bell County Courthouse, Room 305, in downtown Belton. Office hours are 9 a.m.-noon Monday through Friday. Completed applications for nomination may be mailed to the BCHC, Attention: Preservation Awards, P.O. Box 712, Belton TX 76513. For additional information call 254-933-5917 or email: hist.comm.@co.bell.tx.us. Application forms are available on the commission's website: www.bellcountytexas.com/historical.

Applications must be received by noon Friday, June 30. The winner(s) will be announced at a reception in the Bell County Museum Auditorium in early August. The Historic Public Building Award project will be another major project for the Historical Commission, as will its continued Texas Historical Markers Program, book publications, obituary cataloging and general historical research assistance.

The Bell County Historical Commission was created in 1964 when then County Judge W.C. Black appointed a committee to create the then Bell County Historical

Survey Committee. All historical commissions are official branches of the commissioners court of the county in which they are created. The Bell County Historical Commission is, an official arm of the Bell County Commissioners Court. The court provides the Commission an office in the county courthouse and an annual budget.

The Historical Commission secured the 1904-5 Carnegie Library Building in 1974 from the City of Belton and organized the Bell County Museum. Under the chairmanship of Dr. A. Lloyd Jones, the original red Italian tile roof was replaced, the new roof bought from the same firm in St. Louis, Mo that furnished the original roof. The style of the roof is the same as the original.

After many years of struggle, the commission appointed a Library Restoration Committee and conducted a \$400,000 fund drive. When the restoration of the building to its 1904-5 state was complete, the Historical Commission named a board of trustees and the museum was placed under its own management,

For several years the commission sponsored the Belton Historical Homes Tours under the leadership of Berneta Peebles and the late Mrs. James H. Russell, which raised funds for museum maintenance and operation. Many dedicated and active leaders worked in twice reprinting exact replicas of the F.M. Cross history "Early Days in Central Texas", printed Bertha Atkinson's "History of Bell County" and reproduced the Belton Journal's 1900 "Belton Illustrated." The crown jewel of the commission's publications is "The Story of Bell County Texas," now in its second printing. E.A. Limmer, Jr. was commission chairman, book chairman and whatever else needed doing. Hundreds of people turned in family histories for the book.

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Homeowners often plant shrubs close to the house, for privacy as well as appearance. If your home doesn't have a gutter system, or if those gutters are clogged, you'll get a trench effect around the perimeter of the house where rain rushes off the roof. This deluge of water every time it rains can be tough on all plants, including flowers. It can also damage your home's foundation.

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For example, using native plants that are adapted to the local climate means they'll need less attention to keep them looking good. Your local nursery can help you choose the best plants. Be sure to mulch around plants and trees to help retain moisture and cut down on watering.

Keeping a lawn green all summer takes lots of work (mowing, fertilizing, weeding) and lots of water. Consider transitioning your yard from grass to a prairie featuring hardy native plants. Or think about converting part of your yard into a vegetable garden.

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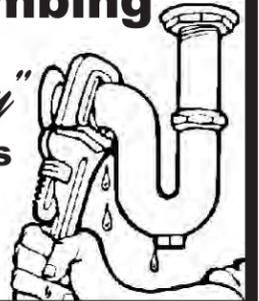
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Dear EarthTalk:
 What's the controversy over bison hunting in the U.S. and Canada?
 -- Prakash Thomas, Akron, Ohio

Whether or not to allow the hunting of bison (also known as buffalo) is a hot debate indeed. For starters, Native Americans sustainably hunted bison for thousands of years, but the onslaught of gun-toting European commercial hunters reduced the species to just 30 remaining animals by the 1880s. Bison populations have rebounded in recent years, but to numbers in just the low thousands, far from the 30 to 60 million that roamed the plains before the white man arrived in the New World. Animal advocates and environmentalists think hunters should not be allowed another shot at bison right now.



Meanwhile, agricultural agencies in both the U.S. and Canada beg to differ, as they have been dutifully working for decades to stamp out a disease, Brucellosis, which once ran rampant through domestic cattle herds. The disease, which can spread easily between cattle as well as bison, causes infertility, miscarriages and lowered milk production in the animals. It is also transmissible to humans, where it is known as "undulant fever" because of the severe intermittent fevers it causes.

Livestock ranchers

have cooperated with government efforts to rid their cattle populations of Brucellosis, but the disease spread into rebounding bison herds in Yellowstone National Park and in Canada's Wood Buffalo National Park in Alberta in the middle of the 20th century when cattle were allowed to graze in the same areas. Domestic livestock grazing is no longer allowed inside either park, but wild bison tend to wander outside park boundaries where they can intermingle with domestic cattle herds and possibly reintroduce Brucellosis. As such, ranchers think that hunting any such bison that stray too far from protected areas is justified in order to protect against a new outbreak among domestic cattle.

For this reason, the state of Montana began to allow bison hunting during the 1980s. Animal advocates decried hunting the innocently grazing animals as hardly sporting, and nationally televised protests and tourist boycotts forced the Montana legislature to shut the hunt down in 1991. But in 2005, Montana lifted the ban, but with some strings attached: The hunt was limited to a 450,000-acre area; and only 50 permit holders actually got to take down a bison. (More than six thousand applicants vied for the coveted permits, which were awarded via lottery.) And hunters must get certified in their knowledge of the rules of the hunt.

Nevertheless, animal advocates were not placated. Video cameras in hand, members of the Buffalo Field Campaign, a bison advocacy group, were on hand last fall to film the killing of the first bison, which reportedly took five bullets and about 45 minutes to die after a 17-year-old marksman shot it.

Meanwhile, the Canadian government is considering letting hunters into Alberta's Wood Buffalo National Park to cull the burgeoning herd there, where Brucellosis has become a big problem. Last fall, 32 scientists met to figure out whether it was possible to eliminate the disease from the park by culling the herd and then reintroducing the species. The jury is still out. Meanwhile, the fate of the bison hangs in the balance.

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Whatever happened to additional public transit systems in America?

Dear EarthTalk: Where I live in Connecticut, our highways are "parking lots" many times a day. Isn't this an ideal situation for public transit? Why isn't it happening? -- John Moulton, Stamford, CT

An increasing number of public transit options are coming online throughout North America, but those of you idling alone bumper-to-bumper in your cars might not know it. Indeed, lack of knowledge about public transportation options may be the largest impediment to widespread acceptance of more efficient ways of getting around. Driving your own car back and forth to work every day is not as convenient as it once was, and public transit options are now faster and undoubtedly generate less stress and pollution.

In Connecticut, the state-owned CTTRANSIT moves 27 million people a year on well-appointed local and express buses serving all metro areas. And two full-service commuter rail lines, Metro-North and Shore Line East, routinely take riders longer distances. Similar services are available in many urban and suburban areas across the U.S. Municipal websites are the best place to find transit options, routes and schedules.

The best thing to happen to encourage public transit usage has been high gas prices. Over the last year the average price of regular unleaded rose in the U.S. by 76 cents, with prices now \$3.00 or more almost everywhere. And transit agencies report a correlation between high gas prices and increased ridership. The Utah Transit Authority says ridership is up 50 percent from last year on a 19-mile light-rail system in Salt Lake City. And Washington, DC's Metrorail has seen some of its busiest days ever during the last few months. In Canada, ridership has risen as much as 10 percent in cities like Vancouver and Winnipeg in step with rising gas prices, though cars remain the travel option of choice in the country's eastern cities.

According to the American Public Transportation Association, 14 million Americans use one or another form of public transportation every weekday, while about 17 million people drive their cars instead. The organization estimates that public transit ridership has grown by as much as 22 percent--faster than highway or air travel--since 1995. And a recently conducted Harris Poll concluded that the American public would like to see rail-based public transit "have an increasing share of passenger transportation."

Meanwhile, Canadians have embraced public transit even more than their neighbors to the south.

An estimated 12 million Canadians -- including more than a fifth of all commuters in Toronto -- use some form of public transit. Transportation analyst Paul Schimek found that public transit use is almost twice as high per capita in Canada as in the U.S. Also, car use in Canada is almost 20 percent lower per capita.

Schimek attributes the differences to traditionally higher gas prices as well as more compact urban development than in the U.S.

Analysts point to the strength of the American "highway lobby" as the reason why Americans have been slow to embrace public transit. It has worked

directly with lawmakers over the years to encourage road building and private automobile use to achieve, in the words of a General Motors ad of days gone by, the "American dream of freedom on wheels." Back in Connecticut, some urban planners have been pushing the idea of turning crowded Interstate 95 into a double-

decker highway in places to ease congestion.

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