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Greene Fest this weekend

The Living Room Theatre of Salado presents the Judy and A. C. Greene Literary Festival 2006 featuring **Challenger Park** by Stephen Harrigan at 7 p.m. June 9 in the Salado Civic Center, and *A Legacy: The Sa-lah-oh* based on a book by Pat Merrill on 7 p.m. June 10 at the new Thomas Arnold Center located across from the Salado Elementary School.

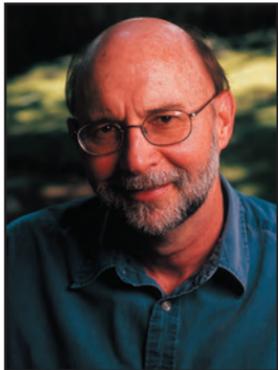
Reservations may be made by calling 254-947-8300 for admission to both nights of the Festival.

Scenes from **Challenger Park** are performed by Charles Barrier, Carolyn Britt, Libba Skarnulis, John Tyson, and Carver Skarnulis.

Harrigan is a novelist, screenwriter, and journalist. Born in Oklahoma City in 1948, he has lived in Texas since the age of five, growing up in Abilene and Corpus Christi.

For many years he was a staff writer and senior editor at Texas Monthly and his articles and essays have appeared in a wide range of other publications as well, including *The Atlantic*, *New York Times Magazine*, *Conde Nast Traveler*, *Audubon*, *Travel Holiday*, *Life*, and *Slate*. Many of his magazine pieces have been collected in the essay collections **A Natural State** (1988) and **Comanche Midnight** (1995), both of which are available from The University of Texas Press.

Harrigan is the author of four novels. His first novel, **Aransas**, published by Alfred A. Knopf, was listed by the *New York Times* as a notable book of 1980. **Jacob's Well** was published by Simon and Schuster in



Stephen Harrigan

1984 and cited as one of the year's best books by the *Washington Post* and the *Dallas Morning News*. In 2000, Knopf published his novel **The Gates of the Alamo**, which became a *New York Times* bestseller and notable book, and which received a number of awards, including the TCU Texas Book Award, the Western Heritage Award from the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, and the Spur Award for the Best Novel of the West. Knopf has published his most recent novel, **Challenger Park**, about a woman astronaut torn between her responsibilities as a mother and her dreams of flying in space.

Patricia Merrill's book, **A Neglected Treasure: Salado Creek**, forms the basis for a show adapted and directed by Ramon Carver with an assist by Liz Silverthorne. The show contains first-person comments by Chester Critchfield performed by Chester Critchfield, and Patsy Sanford, Karen Kinnison, Liz Silverthorne, Vada Sutton, and Truett Williams performed by Mary Jean Boston, Tom McGlasson, Shirley Pinkston, and Betsy Tyson. Narrator for the event is Judy Greene, and other presenters are Lilla Barnes, Jeanne Barrier, Paul Boston, and Ruth Howe.



PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER

The grounds of the Salado Civic Center served as the destination for the Texas Manx Club's 2006 Buggy Blast IV, a car show celebrating Dune Buggies and VWs June 3-4. Dune buggies attending the show were nostalgic reminders of the 1960s, an era when Bruce Meyers released the first Meyers Manx.



Life, Love and Legacies

Well-being is more than wealth, speaker says

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Born the second daughter in a traditional Chinese family followed by the birth of three sons in quick succession, Marilyn Tam admits that she grew up without much expectation for success.

"It was what you might call 'bad positioning,'" Tam told the standing room only audience at the Salado Institute for Humanities' Wilmer Lecture in the Salado Civic Center June 4. She told the group of her childhood in which she assembled plastic flowers. "I would make 100 flowers for \$1," she said.

While her fingers worked, so did her mind. "When I was seven, my grandfather told me I was going to be something," she said. "I believed him."

When she found a class-

mate sharing one room with five family members and three families sharing a single kitchen and bathroom, Tam she that she couldn't comprehend how families with two working parents could live in such circumstances.

"It was then that I dedicated my life to making a positive difference," Tam told the group during her lecture on Life, Love and Legacies.

With that dedication, her life has been a remarkable one, including shattering the glass ceiling of the corporate world by, she said, "breaking down glass walls and learning how to not only do my job but to do others' jobs."

She rose to executive positions in several companies, including CEO of Aveda, President of Reebok, May Department Stores, Britannia Sportswear and Miller's Out-

post. She also built three companies on her own.

After her husband died of a heart attack in his late 30s, Tam began a new phase of her life -- philanthropy -- but brought to it her tenacity and innovative nature.

She founded the Us Foundation, which collaborates the efforts of non-profit organizations in situations around the world. The Foundation is continuing to assist families affected by Hurricane Katrina, as well as the tsunami. In fact, because of her knack for bringing people and ideas together, the Us Foundation was able to leverage \$27,000 in funds into over \$2 million in services. Much of the reason the group was able to do that is because "we're not a government agency, so we are more hands-on."

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Salado's old timers return for Reunion June 10

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.

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.



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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Giving dear old dad his due

Dad is countercultural. If he is responsible, loving and married, he might seem boring and a constant provocation to his eye-rolling teenage children, but he stands at the ramparts of a movement to save the country from the most destructive trend of the past 30 years: father absence.

Roughly 24 million children now live in homes where the biological father is absent -- about one out of every three children. This is a social disaster. Children need their fathers, and they need them in the home, which, as a practical matter, means their fathers have to be married to their mothers.

This is a thoroughly common-sensical notion, but so retrograde that almost no one dared utter it for a couple of decades. Not anymore. Even left-leaning intellectuals like Isabel Sawhill of The Brookings Institution and Bill Galston of the University of Maryland are forthright supporters of intact married families. But much of the left still can't muster enthusiasm for fathers as anything other than the men who should, if circumstances warrant, be forced to make child-support payments.

The evidence for the importance of traditional fatherhood is overwhelming. "Children who grow up in father-absent homes are more likely to suffer from child abuse, poverty, low academic achievement, drug use, emotional and behavioral problems, and suicide," according to a report from the influential National Fatherhood Initiative (from which most of the data in this column is drawn).

A father's love is irreplaceable. Research shows that withdrawal of love by either the father or mother is equally important in predicting a child's well-being. So much for only mothers being the "nurturing ones."

And nothing so endangers a child's reliably receiving the love of a father than family breakup. In one study, only 27 percent of children older than 4 saw their nonresident father at least once a week in

Rich Lowry



the past year, and 31 percent had no contact whatsoever.

Children of cohabiting parents aren't much better off. Three-quarters of cohabiting parents split up before their children reach age 16.

So, promoting involved fatherhood means promoting marriage. That will require a broad-based effort of government and the private sector. Roughly half of unmarried mothers are living together with the father at the time of the child's birth, and another one-third are still romantically involved with him. The trick is to convert these relationships into marriage.

As Robert Rector of The Heritage Foundation argues, two-thirds of black children are born out of wedlock -- but it can't be that two-thirds of black men are, as critics sometimes suggest, "un-marriageable."

Middle-income couples are obviously part of the equation too. The culture should be attempting to reach them with the message that all marriages have problems and usually they are soluble.

An activist named Mike McManus has been promoting pre-marriage counseling through churches for young couples. A philanthropist could do worse than pouring resources into an expanded version of his "Marriage Savers" program.

In the meantime, give dear old traditional dad his due. He might not be cool, but he's important. We need more of him.

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

High Court mugs First Amendment; Bush administration can properly use "Mission Accomplished" banner

President Bush should have unfurled his "Mission Accomplished" banner and hung it (this time correctly) from the White House portico on Tuesday, May 30, after his two most recent appointees to the Supreme Court finally achieved, what the secretive "cloak and dagger" types in the current administration, have yearned for since "day-one" of what will be an **eight year tour of "openness-impaired" executive duty.**

What happened last week at the high court level, was a Bush administration victory (a 5-4 squeaker), that ruled **government "whistleblowers" were no longer protected under the "free speech" amendment to the constitution**, when they report wrongdoings by government agencies or individuals.

The vote was led by abecedarians John Roberts (chief justice) and Sam Alito (who cast the deciding vote).

This "non-protective" decision specifically effects criminally indictable activities, as well as moral and/or ethical malfeasance - that's reported by a government employee to his/her superior.

This is a staggering blow against maintaining high quality and honesty inside all branches of government and is, by extension, the very thing the Bushies have wanted - in order to keep the lid on those termed "leakers" (and "thumbsuckers") within their administration.

And we're not talking here about national security matters or military secrets - but decisions and activities of government regulatory agencies that protect (for example) the health, welfare and public safety of citizens.

Add this insult to wiretapping; attempts to muzzle the press through court removal of reporter's "protective source" shield; and creating a White House press office that is a standing (or leaning) joke among the fourth estate, and a stealth-like trend emerges.

Why secrecy is so paramount to the Bush folks is a mystery to most Americans, including those who have supported the President over the years (and put up with his trio of Svengali type associates - Rove, Cheney, Rumsfeld).

We're talking here about a Machiavellian attitude that borders on paranoia. Just a shade behind, (but rapidly approaching) the Nixon White House gang who taught us how "not" to administer an open and free government. Most of us thought those "secrecy" days were gone, **but apparently for the "One World - New Order" conservatives, the wheel-of-furtiveness is being reinvented.**

A LITIGATION "SPAWNER"

One certain result from this pro-Bush "anti-leak" decision by the Supreme Court, will be massive amounts of litigation from government employees (and their lawyers) who **cannot now get protection (or redress) by blowing an on-the-job-whistle.**

For some bizarre reason the court decision permits "whistleblowers" to go "public" (as citizens - with job protection) and plaster problems through all print and electronic media outlets!

When things go wrong in government and threaten the well being of citizens, then they must be reported. In-house exposure is best (as a starting point) but that's no longer an option, according to the high court. Using the media as an alternative to air grievances may be permitted, but its "unintended consequences" could be disastrous.

LOCAL WAG'S CONTRIBUTION

Noting Bush's penchant for "close

Off the Record



by Ken Clapp

to the vest" government, one local wag (who shall remain anonymous) suggested the White House create an administrative system similar to one described by Prime Minister Winston Churchill as: **"A riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma!"**

Churchill was characterizing Russian government in a 1939 radio address.

FROM OUR BENTSEN FILE

With the passing of Lloyd Bentsen on May 23, Texas and the nation lost one of our few remaining conservative Democrats. A statesman who served faithfully and competently, and whose legacy of integrity was coupled with a political philosophy that merged progressive social values with fiscal conservatism. **An accomplishment which hasn't been approached in decades by Democratic Party leaders.**

Incidentally, that's another "big" reason why we have such a dearth of attractive Democratic candidates running for Governor of Texas or the Presidency.

Bentsen's outward persona gave the appearance of dignity, statesmanship, intelligence and quiet reserve. All correct - but for those who really knew him, he was also quick-witted and it's that attribute that created the following story-quip we feel is worth re-telling.

RE: JERRY BROWN

Happened in Washington in the early 80's. Jerry Brown's name came up in a Democratic leadership gathering. Brown you may recall was the "off-the-wall" Demo Governor of California. His name was being bandied about as a possible appointee (of some sort) to keep him from muddying-up the next national party convention.

"Is this the answer, Senator Bentsen?" asked the Demo leaders.

Bentsen's droll response was masterful (and reprinted often in recent days): **"If Jerry Brown is the answer - then it must have been a very peculiar question!"**

Wow - in 14 short words - Brown was sliced, diced, packaged and put in cold storage politically, as far as the moderate-conservative wing of the old Democratic party was concerned.

TEMPLE TELEGRAM EDITORIAL

Our neighboring newspaper - the daily *Temple Telegram*, does not produce many home grown editorials. Instead, they borrow from a wide variety of editorial comments from around the nation. Not a bad idea if used sparingly. On May 8, the Telegram printed a San Diego Union-Tribune editorial that was professionally written and on target.

The Union-Tribune was praising freshman Senator Tom Coburn (R-Oklahoma) who plans on making a career out of destroying the practice of budget "earmarking" that in 2005 amounted to 10,000 "earmarks" and cost taxpayers \$29 billion.

Last month Coburn forced a roll call vote to remove \$15 million to promote the consumption of seafood. It was attached (earmarked) to an emergency appropriation bill for the Iraq war and Hurricane Katrina - a despicable but normal legislative maneuver.

Coburn and his Senate pal John McCain were in cahoots on this and together junked the seafood "earmark." McCain's remarks concerning how to "promote seafood consumption" are priceless.

Asking for permission to speak he began: **"Let me save the American taxpayers \$15 million right now."** Then with a sly grin he urged his fellow senators: **"Eat seafood! Eat seafood! It's good for you!"**

That's -30-

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The school finance special session was a success

By STATE REPRESENTATIVE DIANNE WHITE DELISI

I came back to Austin on April 17 with a set of firm goals in mind regarding what it would take for me to say this was a productive special session. When this latest session came to an end a month later, I saw historic progress made on all of these goals. The Texas Legislature, working in a bipartisan manner, produced lasting tax relief and education reforms that will move our state forward.

Here is a partial list of the goals I had for this legislative session and how those objectives were satisfied:

Goal: Craft a school financesystemthateliminates an unconstitutional statewide property tax and satisfies the Texas Supreme Court.

Solution: The Texas Supreme Court said that local school districts needed to have "meaningful discretion" to set property tax rates below the current \$1.50 tax cap. The Texas Legislature has supplied new funding to provide this discretion to local school boards to adopt lower tax rates, which will satisfy the constitutional test. These changes to the school finance system ensured that the schools will open on schedule this fall.

Goal: Significantly reduce local school property taxes.

Solution: Local school property taxes will be cut by one-third over the next two years. This is the largest property tax cut in Texas history.

Goal: Increase pay and benefits for school teachers, librarians, counselors, and school nurses.

Solution: The legislation approved included a \$2,000 teacher pay raise, new options for earning incentive bonuses, and improved health care benefits.

Goal: Provide greater protection for the taxpayer from escalating property taxes.

Solution: The Texas Legislature passed tighter tax rollback election requirements, and future tax hikes over 4 cents on the effective tax rate will be subject to rollback. This reduced by one-third the amount of effective tax rate increases needed to trigger a rollback election.

Goal: Increase State of Texas support for public education.

Solution: The state will move from paying 38 percent of the cost of public education to covering half of

it. **Goal:** Reform an obsolete and loop-hole filled business franchise tax system that only applied to one in 16 Texas businesses. The corporations that paid the franchise tax were subjected to a high rate and faced economic pressure to restructure into other types of business entities that avoided the franchise tax entirely.

Solution: The Texas Legislature approved a fair taxation system that applies to all types of business entities that receive liability protection from the State of Texas. The tax rates are low and spread over a much wider base of business taxpayers.

Goal: Encourage small business growth.

Solution: Small businesses pay large school property taxes, which will be cut substantially. Also, the new business tax exempts sole proprietorships and businesses generating less than \$300,000 in revenue. This doubles the amount of the current small business tax exemption.

This legislative session also increased state funding for high school students, created a requirement for four years of secondary math and science as a condition of graduation, and established that the children in military families would have access to state-funded pre-kindergarten.

This was an ambitious session agenda by any measure and many predicted it would prove impossible to accomplish. However, lawmakers from all across Texas worked together to pass legislation that I believe will benefit taxpayers, teachers, and school children. While there is always more to do, I am proud of what was accomplished for Texas. It gives me something solid

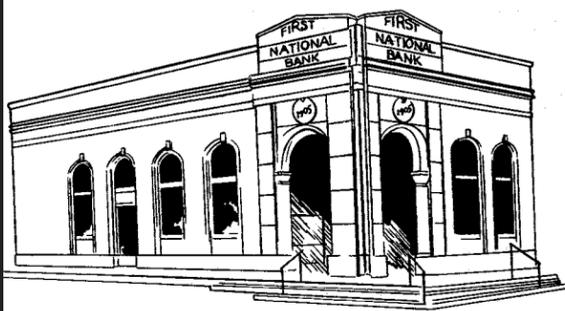
to build upon next January during the next regular session.

A detailed overview of the accomplishments of this latest special session was prepared by the non-partisan House Research Organization. It is available for the public at: <http://www.house.state.tx.us/featured/schools&taxes79-13.pdf>.

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To prepare for a portfolio review, you may need to bring last year's tax return, recent statements from your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, life insurance policies and other documents suggested by your investment professional. When the review begins, here are a few things to look for:

- Suitability of

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



investments - You'll need to make sure your investments are suitable for your individual needs. This may mean holding on to investments that are, for the moment, not "doing well" as defined by traditional measures, such as stock prices. To cite a recent example, from 2000 to 2002, many investments were "down" - and yet, they were still the right ones for some people to own. This isn't to say you don't want to know your investments' recent performance history - just don't let it be the determining factor in making "buy" or "sell" decisions.

- **Portfolio balance**

- Investment portfolios are never "static." You

should be open to making adjustments in response to changes in your life; i.e., a child nears college, you move closer to retirement, etc. Consequently, it's a good idea to review your holdings periodically to see if they are still properly balanced in a way to help you make progress toward your goals. At the same time, you'll need to make sure your portfolio is still aligned with your risk tolerance; in other words, you don't want to inadvertently take on more risk than you'd like.

- **Tax efficiency**

- Many people don't pay sufficient attention to the impact of taxes on their investments. A portfolio review may be a good time to examine your situation and determine if you are fully taking advantage of tax-deferred vehicles (such as your 401(k) or traditional IRA), tax-advantaged

free investments (such as municipal bonds) and tax-efficient strategies (such as holding stocks for the long term to achieve the best capital gains rate). Be sure to consult with your tax advisor prior to making any "tax-smart" investment decisions.

- **Changes in investment-related laws**

- Like most people, you are probably busy with your work and family, and you may not have time to stay current on the always-changing laws that can affect your investment strategies. At your portfolio review, your investment professional can inform you of these changes. In 2006, for instance, the new "Roth 401(k)" was introduced; if you have this option where you work, you may be able to receive tax-free earnings on some of your 401(k) dollars.

To stay on track toward your important financial objectives, you will find few events more helpful than your portfolio reviews - so make the most out of them.

Old-fashioned investment

Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

Real estate agents are fielding lots of questions about the "housing bubble," and with good reason. The media has been trumpeting that phrase, hitting right at the heart of what is the biggest investment for most of us.

Right now, however, the indicators look promising: jobs are plentiful, immigration fuels demand, income among the wealthy

is rising, and the Baby Boomers are hitting their fifties (and looking for second homes).

What could go wrong? A large drop in the job market combined with a large jump in mortgage rates. However, job growth was good last year and rates remain at reasonable levels.

These hot market conditions won't last forever, and some markets aren't enjoying the boom at all. It's best to assume that there will be a soft landing instead of a bursting bubble. Prices will decline in overheated markets, but other areas will see the kind of moderate growth that should be expected.

Low rates and easy financing fueled this boom in the first place, and you can bet that rates will rise and lenders will tighten their requirements. This makes properties less affordable, inhibits demand, reduces inventories, and slows appreciation.

Just remember that your home is more valuable as a place to live than as an investment. Continue building equity "the old fashioned way," by making your mortgage payments. And stop worrying about bubbles!

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Salado aldermen address infrastructure issues

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen dealt with a handful of infrastructure issues at their June 1 meeting, including drainage on Hester Way, a temporary on-site sewage system for the Sonic property on Robertson Rd., and expanding restrooms in Pace Park.

The board authorized the city attorney, Alan Bojorquez to pursue forcing R.J. Investments, which owns the Sonic property, to bring its on-site sewage treatment facility into compliance. The current on-site sewage treatment facility utilizes a temporary above-ground sewage storage tank.

According to alderman Curt Strong, approval to use the temporary storage tank was for a year, which has since passed.

Strong told fellow aldermen that RJ Investments was pursuing an opinion from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) on whether a "temporary storage tank" was limited to one year.

However, he added that he did not think that an above-ground storage tank was "a good, viable

long-term solution."

He encouraged the board to try to cause RJ Investments to address the situation with a more permanent, viable solution.

Aldermen voted to authorize the city attorney to draft a letter giving RJ Investments 60 days to bring its sewage treatment up to code or face being shut

down.

No representative from RJ Investments was present at the meeting.

In other business, aldermen authorized \$8,000 to improve the drainage problem on Hester Way. John A. Simcik, with Casberg, Patrick and Associates LP, which is the firm with which the Village

contracts for engineering services, told aldermen that he estimated the cost to repair the drainage problem on Hester Way at \$8,000, including engineering fees. He told aldermen he would oversee the project, which would take approximately two days. The board voted unanimously to authorize

the firm to go forward with plans for the drainage project.

The board rejected three bids for construction of new restrooms in Pace Park. The low bid for the proposed restrooms, which would be approximately 242 sq. ft. was \$66,897, according to Merle Stalcup. Aldermen rejected the bids

and authorized Stalcup to draw up new documents for the project and send it out for bid once more.

Aldermen also approved placing traffic safety signs and striping the road in Mill Creek to warn drivers of the blind curve on the hill at Old Mill Rd.

Salado Police Department Report for March, April and May 2006

Date	Offense	Location/Status
3/1	Burglary of a habitation	Brookhollow/Working
3/5	Violate Protective Order	N. Robertson Rd./Arrest
3/5	Possession of Controlled Sub	N. Robertson Rd./Arrest
3/16	Driving while license suspended	W. Village Rd./Arrest
3/21	Possession of Controlled Sub.	W. Village Rd./Arrest
3/21	Violate Protective Order	W. Village Rd./Arrest
3/21	Evading Arrest or Detention	W. Village Rd./Arrest
3/24	Possession of Marijuana	N. Robertson Rd./Arrest
3/24	Possession of Marijuana	N. Robertson Rd./Arrest
3/24	Possession of Controlled Sub	N. Stagecoach Rd./Arrest
4/1	Accident	N. Main Street/Report
4/1	Assist Another Agency Warrant	N. Main Street/Arrest
4/3	Credit Card Abuse	N. Main Street/Arrest
4/7	Assist Another Agency Warrant	S. Main Street/Arrest
4/9	Emergency Detention	Arrest
4/11	Unauthorized Use of M.V.	N. Stagecoach Rd./Arrest
4/15	Possession of Marijuana	N. Stagecoach Rd./Arrest
4/23	Possession of Controlled Sub.	Royal Street/Arrest
4/28	Harassment by Communication	Stella Dr./Exception
5/2	Forgery	Mill Creek Dr./Working
5/2	Accident	Robertson Rd./Report
5/13	Assist Another Agency	I-35/Arrest
5/13	Driving while license suspended	N. Robertson Rd./Arrest
5/13	Possession of Marijuana	N. Robertson Rd./Arrest
5/18	Evading Arrest or Detention	Mill Creek Dr./Arrest
5/18	Driving While Intoxicated	Mill Creek Dr./Arrest
5/18	Driving while license suspended	Mill Creek Dr./Arrest
5/18	Possession of Marijuana	Southridge Dr./Arrest
5/20	Driving while license suspended	Robertson Rd./Arrest
5/20	Possession of Controlled Sub.	Robertson Rd./Arrest
5/21	Driving While Intoxicated	N. Main Street/Arrest
5/26	Fleeing from Police	Thomas Arnold/Arrest
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Free car wash June 10

The Salado Hoops Summer League basketball team will hold a fundraising car wash in the Brookshire Brothers parking lot 9 a.m. June 10. The club is looking

to raise money to compete in other summer tournaments. They have already won the NCSA Whitney tournament, which qualified the team to

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Summer athletic camps for youth continue

Salado ISD summer athletic camps have gotten under way, but several still remain for youth who wish to participate.

Remaining camps are as follows:

Strength and Conditioning - June 12-July 30 (Mon.-Thurs.): Camp is open to all incoming ninth through 12th graders, and will meet in two sessions, either 7:30-9:30 a.m. or 6-8 p.m. Camp will be held at the SHS track and in the weight room, and the cost is \$60. Contact Coach Cheatham for more information.

Boys Basketball Camp

1 and 2 - July 11-14: The first camp is open to incoming third through fifth graders, and will meet 8-11:30 a.m. at the SIS Gym. The second camp is open to incoming sixth through ninth graders, and will be held 12:30-4 p.m. at the SIS Gym. Cost for both is \$45. For more information contact Coach Newton at 947-6900 ext. 1305 or email gnewton@saladoisd.org.

Girls Basketball Camp 1 and 2- July 24-28: The first camp is open to incoming third through sixth graders, and will be held 9 a.m.-noon in the SIS

Gym. The second camp is open to incoming seventh through ninth graders, and will be held from 1-4 p.m. in the SIS Gym.

Cost for both is \$50. For more information contact Coach Copeland at 947-6900 ext. 1305 or email scopeland@saladoisd.org.

Softball all-district

The Salado Lady Eagle softballers landed seven team members on the recently released All-District teams for 25AA.

Leading the way on the first team was freshman first baseman Lindsey Coffey.

Senior Shae Janda was listed as second team pitcher, while fellow senior Heather Winters also landed on the second team, as an outfielder. Rounding

out the second team selections for the Lady Eagles was junior shortstop Shawna McPherson.

Honorable mention selections include senior Rachel Stemmer, junior Justine Ferrell-Raborn and sophomore Karleigh Goodnight.

Salado finished its season with an 11-9 overall record, and an 8-6 mark in district play.



Salado High School Class of 2006 graduate Shae Janda has been named the recipient of the \$500 Don Stricker Memorial Girls Softball Scholarship. A four year Varsity starter for the Lady Eagles, Janda was District Newcomer of the Year as a freshman, and was named first team all district as a sophomore and junior and second team all district as a senior. She was twice named to the Austin American-Statesman's Super Centex Team and once to the Waco Tribune-Herald's Super Centex Team.

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St. Luke's sets concert

A benefit for St. Luke's Episcopal Parish Community of Central Bell County will be held 6:30 p.m. June 17 at St. Joseph's Episcopal Chapel, located behind Fletchers Books and Antiques on Main Street.

Denise Thomssen,

flutist, and Katie Harrod, pianist, will give a concert entitled "Rejoice and Lament." A reception of wine and finger foods will follow.

Tickets are \$15 per person and may be purchased at the Parish Office or at Fletchers.



Jean Teal

Local woman to represent Presbyterians

Local Presbyterian elder, Jean Teal of the Presbyterian Church of Salado, has been selected to be a commissioner for the 217th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA to be held in Birmingham, Alabama on June 15 through June 22. The assembly meets every two years.

Voting participants will be composed of 534 commissioners from 173 presbyteries encompassing 11,068 congregations.

All presbyteries send an equal number of ministers and lay persons.

The number of commissioners from each presbytery is determined by the per-capita membership in the presbytery.

Grace Presbytery, which Jean Teal represents, has 185 congregations and is one of three presbyteries that will send 10 commissioners: five clergy and five lay persons.

The assembly will address at least 130 proposals and a number of reports from various General Assembly entities.

DAV #111 sets auction for June 10 in Temple

The Disabled American Veterans, Chapter #111, will hold its annual fund raising auction 9:30 a.m. June 10 at the chapter house, located one-half mile east of the Temple bowling lanes.

All items available have been donated by merchants from Salado, Belton, Cameron, Rogers and Temple. Also accepted are cash donations, which are tax deductible.

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Jr. High Huddles	6:00 p.m.	Team Kid (Age 3 - 6th grade)	6:15 p.m.
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FBC sets Vacation Bible School for June 19-23

The First Baptist Church of Salado will hold its Vacation Bible School 9 a.m.-noon daily, June 19-23. VBS is open to children who have completed Kindergarten up to sixth grade.

Children will trek north to the "Arctic Edge: Where Adventure Meets Courage" to test their limits in the frozen frontier as they learn about Bible people who were pushed to the edge.

Built around a trip to the Arctic, the week will be full of exciting Bible stories, A Crafts Depot, fun music in Echo Bay, snacks from Snowshoe Canteen, and recreation at Kayak Cove for everyone.

In addition, a Family Celebration night will be held June 22 for all parents and VBS children to join for free food, fun and fellowship.

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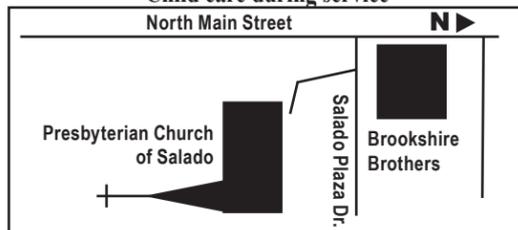


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Mrs. James David Huckabay

Tucker weds Huckabay

Tiffany Dawn Tucker, formerly of Salado and currently of Forth Worth, and James David Huckabay, formerly of San Antonio and now of Forth Worth, were married May 20 at Tenroc Ranch in Salado with Bill Cooke officiating the double ring ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Eugene and Brenda Tucker, of Salado. The groom is the son of Nan Schreiber and Jimmy and Lynne Huckabay, all of San Antonio.

Tiffany carried a bouquet of pink roses.

She was accompanied by Maid of Honor Stacy Blodgett, high school and college friend, formerly of Salado and now of Houston and Matron of Honor Misty Hanselman, a college friend from Del Rio.

Bridesmaid was Alyssa Rosenbloom, of Wichita, KS, a college friend. Junior Bridesmaid was Kayla Hurst and Bridesman was Josh Breitzreutz.

Alan Ganley, a college friend from Houston and Sean Jeans, a college

friend of Dallas, were Best Men to the Groom. Lance Tucker, of Salado and brother of the bride, was Groomsman.

Other members of the wedding party were Ring Bearers Garrett and Jakson Hurst and Flower Girls Courtney and Emily Birchell.

Ushers were Elliott Folkerts, of Fort Worth, Matt Haden, of Houston and Tom Yarrington, of San Antonio.

Both the wedding and reception were held at Tenroc Ranch Event Center in Salado.

The bride is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in finance. She works in sales.

The groom is also a graduate of Texas A&M University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in engineering.

He also holds a masters degree from Texas Christian University. He is an engineer at Lockheed Martin in Fort Worth.

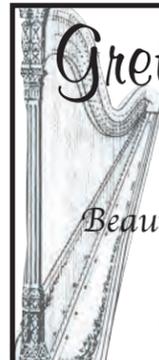
Following a weeklong honeymoon in the Dominican Republic, the couple resides in Forth Worth.

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Willson-Grossman engaged

Thad and Alice Willson, of Salado, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alicia Willson, of Temple, to Phil Grossman, of Austin. The groom-elect is the son of Phil and Kathy Grossman, of San Antonio. The couple is planning a Sept. 23, 2006 wedding in Salado.

Saladoan graduates from Oklahoma

Students from 42 states are among candidates for degrees this spring on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus.

One of those is Saladoan Kristen Nicole Grazier, Bachelor of Fine Art in Art.

Services held for Johnson

Services for Retired LTC Robert M. Johnson, 81, of Salado were held June 2 at the Salado United Methodist Church with Rev. Grady Brittain officiating. Burial with full military honors followed in the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen.

He was born Oct. 16, 1924 in Anson, TX to Albert S. Johnson and Marion Louise Smith Johnson. He married Adelle Turner in 1942 in Stamford, TX. Johnson enlisted in the United States Air Force on Feb. 9, 1943 and received his pilot's training Aug. 4, 1944. His military awards include the commendation ribbon, the bronze

star medal (twice), the air medal (twice) and the legion of merit medal.

Survivors include his wife, Adelle Turner Johnson, of Salado; one son, Ronald Johnson, of Burnet; two daughters, Linda Hutchison, of Grove City, OH and Lana Rowland, of Beaufort, SC; and seven grandchildren.

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Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton was in charge of arrangements.

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August 16	"Lamb of God"	Allan Stanglin
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Ruth and Everett (Ike) Isakson, of Salado, observed their 50th wedding anniversary June 2. The couple was married June 2, 1956 at First Methodist Church in Dallas. Their sons and spouses, Kyle and Teresa, of Grapevine; John and Marcia, of Austin; and daughter, Jill, of McKinney hosted a family dinner at The Range, following a horse-drawn carriage. The couple's grandchildren also attended. Ike, a retired architect, and Ruth, retired from SMU, moved to Salado from University Park and Allen in 2000.

Legacies ————— FROM PAGE 1A

The chief goal of the Us Foundation is, Tam said, "to show people that there is no 'us or them.'" Meeting people in destitute situations, Tam has learned a great deal about happiness and well-being. She juxtaposes the idea of inner peace with the current idea, especially among Western societies, that "your well-being is measured by your wealth."

"This is not a good measure," she said, touching on the thought the happiness is not based so much on one's net worth but on one being of worth to others.

"Live your life with love," she said, "and the legacy will follow."

SISD Recognition lunch held at Church of Christ

The annual Salado Independent School District's "Employee Recognition Luncheon" was held May 30 at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center to honor 22 professional and support staff members who received service awards in the form of especially designed pins.

Three retirees from Salado High School and Thomas Arnold Elementary School were also honored. Nearly 150 school personnel attended the event that marked the final staff activity of the school year.

Receiving five year service awards were: Holly Adams, elementary; Ninfa Arvizu, transportation; Linda Canava, food service; Kory Craddick, high school; Kathey Farr, high school; Doug Harrigan, high school; Brenda Hodges, food service; and Melissa Kemp, intermediate.

Also receiving five year service awards: Larry Moorhead, high school; Candi Murray, elementary; Lisa Patton, transportation; Joe Rex, intermediate; Teresa Spinks, intermediate; Janyce Stockstill, elementary; Gail Valentine, food service and Greg Wolf, transportation.

Ten year awards: Gary Askins and Susan Jackson, high school and Christy Sharum, intermediate. Fifteen year service award was presented to Betty Gregurek, Elementary\SIS.

Melvin Bates, high school, was given a twenty year service award and Dennis Cabaniss, high school, was presented a thirty five year service award pin.

Retiring teachers Gary Askins, high school and Thomas Arnold Elementary teachers Linda Chaffin and Sherry Jackson were presented special awards for their dedicated service to the young people of Salado.

The three retirees received gifts from the staff and their students. Gary Askins is retiring with 24 years service; Linda Chaffin, 30 years; and Sherry Jackson, 25 years.

"We are grateful for the special effort by members of the Church of Christ who went the 'extra mile' to host our annual event. The food was outstanding and the decorated arrangements in their new activity center set the 'just right' tone for our gathering," said Salado I.S.D. Superintendent Robin Battershell.

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Over 100 artists to gather at Pace Park

Salado Art Fair turns 40

For its 40th year, the annual Salado Art will be held August 5 and 6 at Pace Memorial Park, featuring over 100 artists and artisans from Texas and throughout the Southwest. Reputably one of the finest art fairs in the state, works will include oil, watercolors, acrylics, pastels, photography and mixed media. Sculpture, woodworks, glassworks, jewelry, metal work and handmade clothing will be displayed and sold.

Among this year's featured artists is New Braunfels-based pastel artist Rita Kirkman. An artist since her earliest memory, Kirkman was drawing her first portraits of friends and neighbors when she was only 11 years old, and had her first paid portrait commission at 17. She began her professional career in 1986 as a Portrait Sketch Artist for Kaman's Art Shoppes at Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, OH. Twelve years and four theme parks later, she decided to "retire" from theme parks and dedicate her time to her family and her artistic growth.

"My years with Kaman's were invaluable; the speed and accuracy gained from drawing live portraits eight hours a day, five, sometimes seven days a week for so many years cannot be compared with any classroom or private study." Her experience as Manager (1992-1997) for Kaman's operations at Six Flags Fiesta Texas in San Antonio also prepared her for running her own business.

Currently, Kirkman spends her weekdays with her children, her private portrait commissions and an ongoing art education. Many weekends you can find her doing caricatures and portrait sketches at festivals and craft shows throughout the South Central Texas area.

She entered a new phase in 2001, expanding her subject and style



The artwork of Rita Kirkman, of New Braunfels, will be featured at the upcoming Salado Art Fair, Aug. 5 and 6.



with a variety of genre, including landscape, still life and various members of the animal kingdom. This new direction for her was immediately rewarded with an entry into the International Association of Pastel Societies Sixth annual exhibition in 2002. Only 67 paintings by 53 artists around the world were accepted for this exhibit. Her paintings have also shown and won awards in several other local, national and international exhibits and competitions since 2001, and have been published in four major art magazines since 2004.

Among her many awards include a First

Place Portrait at the Austin Pastel Society's 2006 Juried Exhibition, the Frank Federico Award at the Pastel Society of New Mexico's National Show, and the T.M. Liao Award at the International Pastel Open Juried Exhibition in 2005.

Parking during the Salado Art Fair is free throughout the village with shuttle rides to the park.

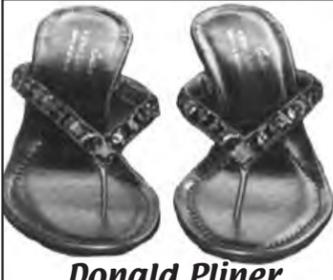
The fair will be open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, August 5 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, August 6. Admission is set at \$5 with children 12 and under admitted free of charge. For more information call 254-947-5040 or visit www.salado.com.

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JUNE 8

Salado Chamber
of Commerce Ladies
Auxiliary meeting, 9:30
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Pehoski.

JUNE 9-10

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tival, featuring Steven
Harrigan, author of
the bestseller "Chal-
lenger Park," 7 p.m. each
evening. Also featuring
Salado performers in "A
Legacy: the Sa-la-oh."
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.
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JUNE 10

Salado Hoops
Summer League bas-
ketball team fundraising
carwash, 9 a.m. in the
Brookshire Brothers park-
ing lot.

JUNE 10

Free dance at Old
Mill Pizza, 8 p.m.,
featuring the North Texas
Dancers. Dance lessons
to take place at 7:30 p.m.
prior to the dance. Info:
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www.northtexasdancers.
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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 Restu-
arant. For more infor-
mation: 254-947-5196.

JUNE 12-JULY 30

Strength and Con-
ditioning 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
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JUNE 14

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

JUNE 14

Salado Church of
Christ Summer Guest
Speaker Series, 6:
30 p.m. at the church.
Speaker: Dr. David

Worley, former presi-
dent of the Austin
Graduate School of
Theology, addressing
Jesus as "Servant."
Free and open to the
public. Info: 254-947-
5241.

JUNE 16-18

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

Benefit concert
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Episcopal Parish of
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6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's
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Katie Harrod (pianist)
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JUNE 19-23

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dergarten up to sixth
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Edge: Where Adven-
ture Meets Courage."
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JUNE 21

Mill Creek Com-
munity 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 Com-
merce, 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
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JUNE 21

Salado Church of
Christ Summer Guest
Speaker Series, 6:
30 p.m. at the church.
Speaker: Brandon
Groome, preaching
minister for the Town
West Church of Christ
in Taylor, explor-
ing Jesus as "King of
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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 reserva-
tions required.

JUNE 28

Salado Church of
Christ Summer Guest
Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m.
at the church. Speaker:
Carson Stephens, Direc-
tor of Development for
the Lifeline Chaplaincy
Program in Houston and
Dallas, with a look at Jesus
as "Lord of Lords." Free
and open to the public. Info:
254-947-5241.

JUNE 30-JULY 2

Salado Silver Spur
Theater presents "Stars
and Spurs Forever," with
live music and vaude-
ville-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 Soci-
ety 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 vaude-
ville-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. Regis-
tration and info: Grady
Newton, 947-6900 ext.
1305 or email gnewton@
saladoisd.org.

JULY 13

Salado Chamber of
Commerce Ladies Auxil-
iary 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 vaude-
ville-style entertainment.
Showtimes: 7:30 p.m.
July 14-15 and 2 p.m. July
15-16. Info: 254-947-3456
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JULY 19

Mill Creek Community
Association meeting, 5:
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JULY 21-13

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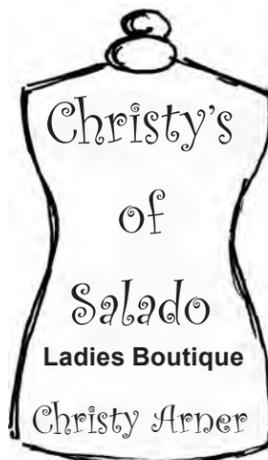
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JULY 22, 29 & AUG. 5

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. Price: \$170. Info: email phairal@vvm.com

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 4-6

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents the Second Annual Silver Spur Salado Springs Melodrama, an original melodrama written by local playwright Gary Askins. More details TBA.

AUGUST 5-6

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

AUGUST 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 11-13

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents the Second Annual Silver Spur Salado Springs Melodrama, an original melodrama written by local playwright Gary Askins. More details TBA.

AUGUST 12

Mill Creek Community Association Fall Social, 6 p.m. happy hour,

7 p.m. dinner. Details TBA.

AUGUST 16

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

AUGUST 18-20

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents the Second Annual Silver Spur Salado Springs Melodrama, an original melodrama written by local playwright Gary Askins. More details TBA.

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@sbcgl.obal.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 Cattleman'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

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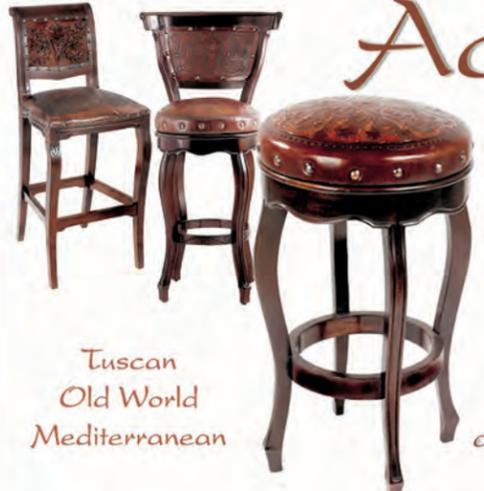
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Drayton McLane, Jr. told the Salado Rotary Club that only three percent of people actually meet their potential in life.

Rotary President Jake McClure introduced McLane to the Rotarians. McClure opened his introduction by recognizing the many contributions McLane has made to the Scott and White Hospital which have benefitted him and many others. He then reviewed McLane's biography as a graduate of Baylor with a Masters degree from Michigan State. He joined his father's business in 1959 and built a local family enterprise employing more than 3,000 people, all while holding his ties and facilities in Temple and Central Texas.

McLane opened his presentation by telling the group that his spouse was a graduate of Salado

High School. He said he worked with his father for more than 20 years and developed his value system based on what he learned from him; one of his basic principals was to always "do what you say."

He said only three percent of the people actually meet their potential in life, and that to become a leader a person must find the future, identify real problems and find solutions. A leader must have goals and ambitions, he continued. Leaders must also recognize their responsibility to "take other people to places they wouldn't have gone alone." He cited examples of people who had influenced him this way including his High School teachers. Another example was a swimming teacher at the age of six that led him to jump from the high diving board the first time by building his confidence saying, "Jump Drayton, I'll take care of you." The

strength she gave him made him realize that with leadership he could overcome fear and take care of himself.

McLane used the example of other countries' issues to show why America possesses the world's leading economy and will continue to do so. The difference are "we are the only country to have free democracy, and free enterprise." He pointed out several other reasons the U.S. is the leader include integrity, human values and American ingenuity.

He said he purchased the Astros after failed negotiations in which he combined with Bob Olmstead of Randalls Supermarkets and Ben Love of Texas Commerce Bank. He said he was determined to make the purchase and not lose the opportunity to get ownership in Texas and, with the approval of his two partners continued negotiating on his own.



Drayton McLane, Jr.

His goals were to build a champion and use the team to help build a better community. He and Astros team members have made over 3,000 contacts with the community in this effort. He said he has learned from baseball that even though it is a team game it requires individual achievement to be successful; that is how every successful ball player achieved their goals. It's the same in life "it's what we do individually that counts."

--REPORTED BY GERRY REIHSEN



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Importance of good posture

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You would probably say that I was "crazy" right? But in all honesty, it is possible. For whom you may ask? Well, people that have let their posture get away from them. A number of people with poor posture are walking around with:

- A protruding stomach
- Rounded shoulders
- A poor understanding of joint stabilization
- A lack of over-all energy and vitality

Poor posture is one of the simplest things to correct but one of the

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By KEVIN McCAULEY



most over-looked aspects of one's well-being. With just a couple of minutes of work a day you can be on the road to receiving any one or all of the benefits listed above. You see posture is much more than "standing at attention" or "shoulders back" or even "not slouching." When the human body is put in a position of perfect posture you enable the body to perform optimally.

Do you want to feel as good as possible? Do you want to perform as well as possible? Are you concerned about the potential affects of osteoporosis, osteoarthritis and even joint disease?

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and keeping your body in its best position possible.

Proper posture takes place when the body is in perfect position with its "plumb line."

The Plumb Line creates a straight line from head to toe which goes:

- Directly behind the ear lobe
- Directly through the middle of the shoulder
- Through the middle of the top of the hip
- Behind the back of the knee
- Through the ankle

Most people today who have spent a majority of time working at a computer will have issues with:

- The head being held forward
- Shoulders sloped forward
- Top of the hip is tilted to the posterior

The major muscles to help correct these problems are:

- The extensor muscles for the cervical spine
- The retractors and external rotator muscles of the shoulder complex

The transverse abdominus of the core

A couple words of wisdom concerning improving your posture and your family's posture:

Children: Your child slouching has more to do with lack of strength in the shoulder complex, combined with low self-esteem, than it does with them not trying to hold their shoulders back.

Women: High heels put the entire body out of alignment and are a nightmare for posture. The over-use of high heels will certainly lead to long-term postural issues.

Sedentary Jobs: Chronic sitting will cause issues with tightening of the hamstrings and lengthening of the erectors. This syndrome will cause you to have "no butt" and a posterior-tilted pelvis creating a spine that is "C" shaped not "S" shaped.

Posture is of utmost importance in improving your health. We are just unable to function effectively without proper posture. Next week I will introduce you to a number of simple exercises to help you with improving your posture.

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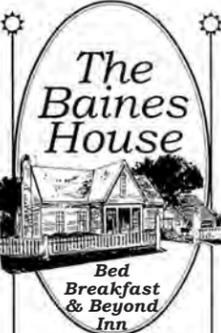
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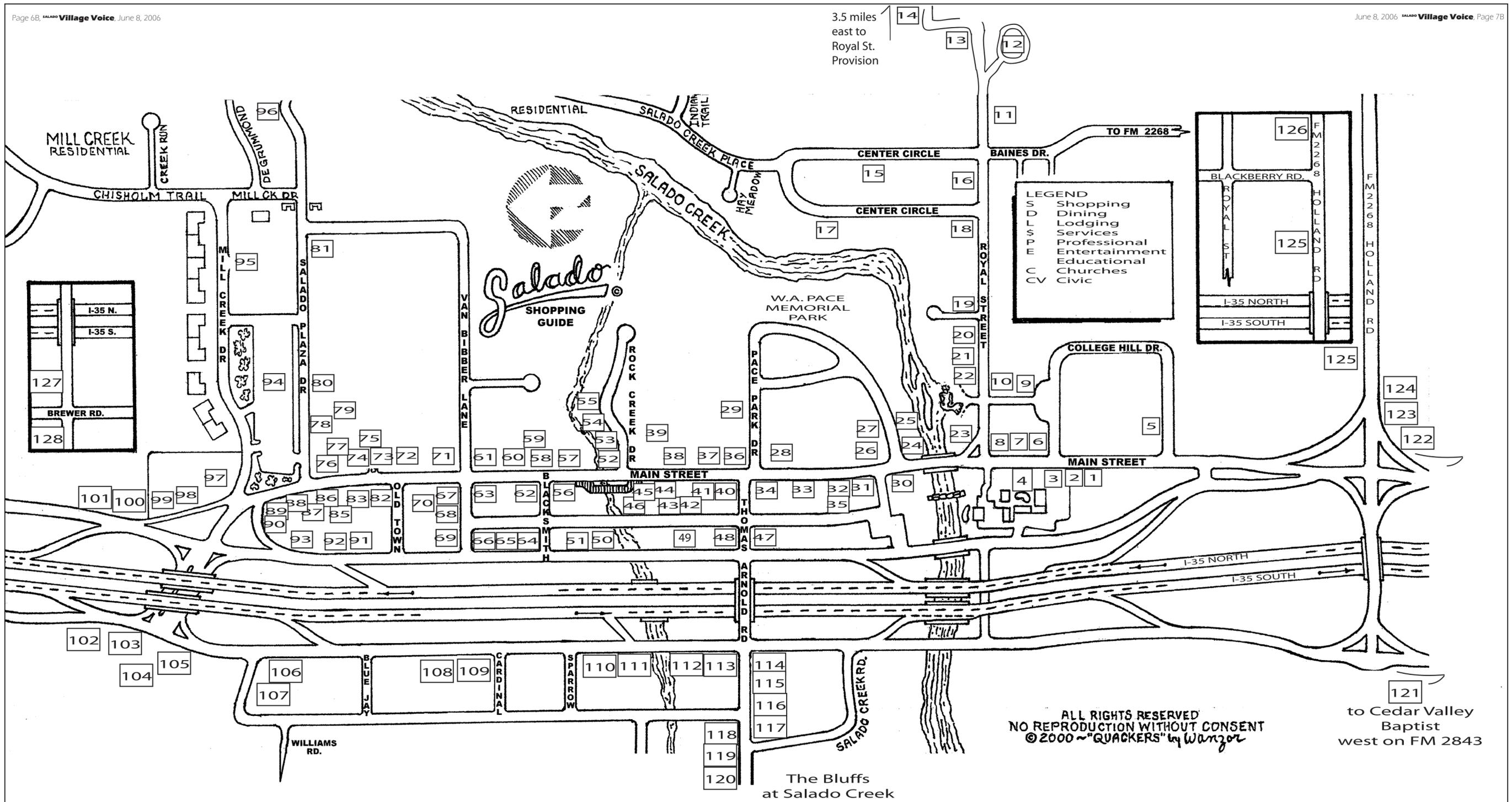
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Remembering Barton and Baines families

By MARYBELLE BROWN

Continuing the series of Salado's Heroes, this week we recognize the Baines and Barton families. These pioneers were early residents of Salado and were buried in the Old Salado Grave Yard.

Rev. George Washington Baines and Mrs. Cynthia Baines
 Rev. Baines was a leader

Salado's Heroes

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

in the Baptist Brotherhood, serving the Convention and as an educator and politician in Arkansas and Louisiana, and was born on December 29, 1809. He came to Texas in 1850, having been sent by the Convention to serve as Missionary to the Indians. Rev. Baines married Melissa Ann Butler and 10 children were born to this union. Melissa died and Rev. Baines later married his second wife, Cynthia Williams, who was born in Chatham County, North Carolina on October 12, 1831. Rev. Baines was active in the mission field and pastored churches, edited the first Baptist paper in Texas, and was said to be instrumental in persuading General Sam

Houston to join the church. He served as President of Baylor Female College at Independence, the oldest women's college west of the Mississippi. This college later moved to Belton, Texas and became known as the present University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. He served as a minister for 50 years.

Rev. Baines died of malaria fever on December 28, 1882 and is buried in Old Salado Grave Yard. His wife, Cynthia, died on February 4, 1878 and is buried by her husband. The Baines's built the historic Baines House on Royal Street, which has been marked with a Texas Historical Commission Marker. A Marker honoring Rev. Baines

has been placed on the campus of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton. Rev. Baines will be remembered as the great grandfather of former President Lyndon Baines Johnson.

Dr. Welborn Barton and Mrs. Louisa Adeline Barton

Welborn Barton, a native of Greenville, South Carolina, received his medical degree in 1847 from Transylvania University, Lexington, Kentucky. Following his graduation he migrated to Texas, settling at Bastrop where he practiced medicine for two years. At that time many young people hearing of the California gold rush decided to seek their fortunes in the West. Dr. Barton decided to join this movement but first desired to return home to visit with his family. There he married his sweetheart, Louise Adeline Cox and stayed on in South Carolina. Ten children would be born to this couple. In 1854, old friends and family members persuaded Welborn to lead a wagon train of about 100 folks to Texas. The group left on October 5, 1854 and two and one-half months later arrived in Washington County just before Christmas. The Bartons initially purchased farm land in Burnet County where he farmed and practiced medicine. At the beginning of the War Between the States, Dr. Barton offered his services as a surgeon for the Confederate Army. After the war, Dr. and Mrs. Barton moved to the Salado area because of the fine college which had opened there, and the couple wished to provide their children with good educations.

Dr. Barton immediately became involved in the community. He served as a trustee for Salado College for several years. He developed a busy medical practice in the area with his wife Louisa accompanying him on his rounds by driving the horse and buggy and also serving as his nurse. Dr. Barton carried his rifle and watched for hostile Indians. After his death, Louisa provided room and board for students of the college in order to supplement her income. The Bartons had built the historic Barton House on Main Street in Salado. This house has been marked with a Texas Centennial Marker. Dr. Barton died on May 13, 1883 and Louisa died on November 14, 1920. The couple is buried side-by-side in the family burial plot in the Old Salado Grave Yard. A Texas Historical Commission Marker has been placed by their grave sites.

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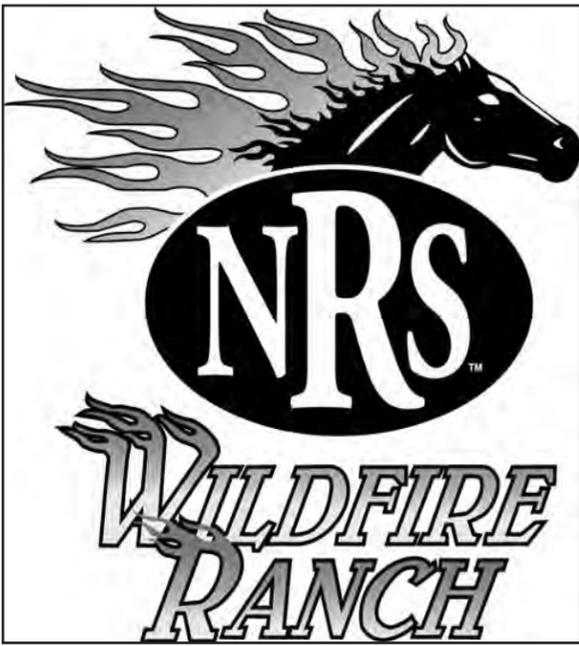
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Belton's 4th of July Celebration & PRCA Rodeo attracts 50,000 visitors to the Bell County area in four days. This has been a project of the Belton Area Chamber of Commerce since 1924.

For more information, contact Rodeo Coordinator, Holly Leiferman at the Belton Area Chamber of Commerce at 254-939-3551 or visit rodeobelton.com.

Dance your socks off at Old Mill June 10

Get ready to dance your socks off. The North Texas Dancers invites the community to a free Sock Hop June 10 at Old Mill Pizza in Salado Plaza Shopping Center.

Bill Bradley and others will be giving free

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For more information, visit www.NorthTexasDancers.com or www.oldmillpizza.com.

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The evening menu includes four courses. Amuse selection is a thin crust crostini with caramelized onions and shaved beef tenderloin.

Salad selection is a wrapped up salad of greens and veggies in asian vinaigrette. Entree selection is a pan roasted quail breast, grilled beef tenderloin and grilled shrimp over grain dauphinoise potatoes, fresh veggies, orange-basil sauce. Dessert selection is individual apricot tarts with cinnamon ice cream.

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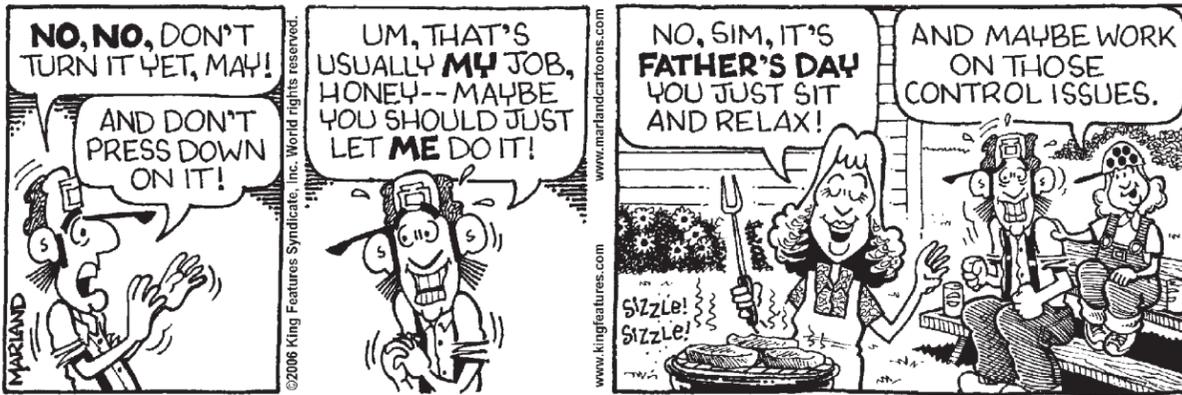
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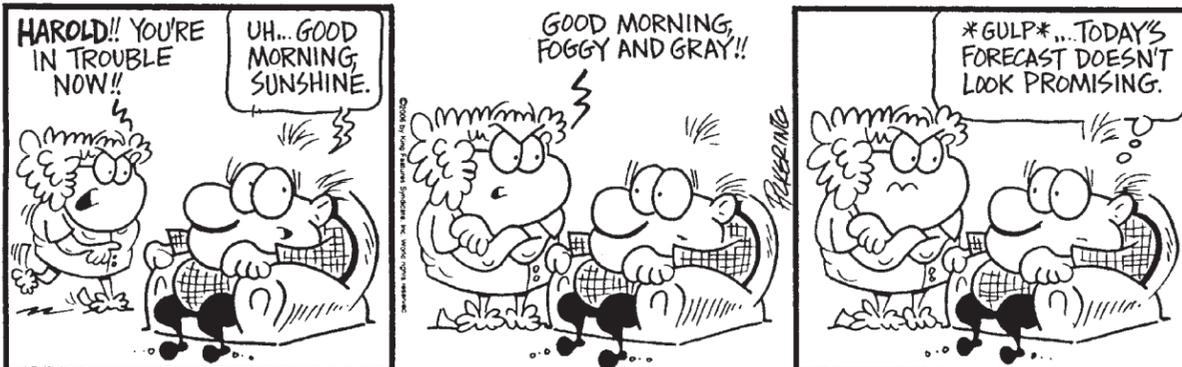
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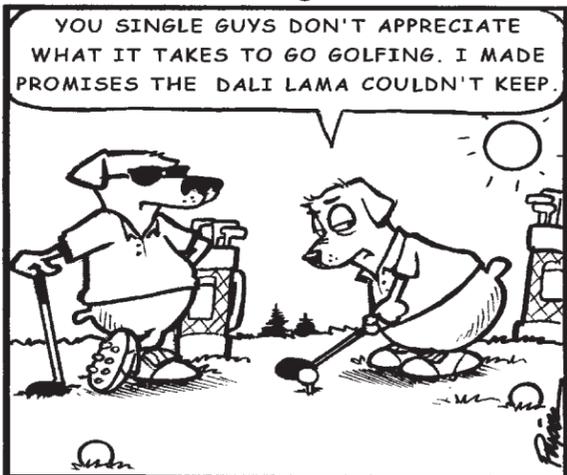
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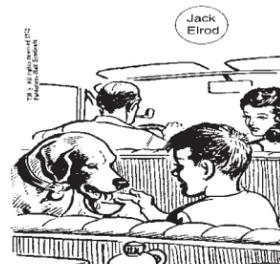
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The Texas Tycoon Collection

The Salado Sawmill, an artisan's workshop and gallery, has created a unique line of custom furniture: The Texas Tycoon Collection. Big, bold and as rugged as a Texas oilman, this line reflects the character and style of these demanding gentlemen. No Victorian frills here: just clean lines, chiseled features and big proportions. While the style of these pieces reflects Texas' roots, it also demonstrates a flair for the dramatic through the use of burl, bird's eye and quarter-sawn lumber. Picture here is the Executive Desk in the Tycoon Collection. This piece is made from bird's eye maple. Note the shop-made crown molding, distinctive base and towering proportions -- a showpiece for today's tycoon, oil or otherwise.



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July 4th dances at the Post

Marathon, the gateway to the Big Bend, was named by a retired sea captain who took up residence there and said the countryside reminded him of the area around Marathon, Greece. When it came time to start a Post Office, Marathon was chosen as the name of the town.

Marilyn Shackelford has lived in Marathon (population 700) all her life. She is amazed at how much real estate prices have shot up in Marathon recently. A few years ago she and her husband sold an old house for \$150,000. Re-

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cently that house sold for \$150,000. An old railroad house built in 1910 sold for more than \$250,000. It had been remodeled.

"People from California, Florida, Colorado and Louisiana are buying the property," says Marilyn. "We've also had some folks from Austin move in. Some people

are buying the property for a second home, to stay here in the winter or summer, depending on where they live."

Marilyn and her husband have a ranch south of town that has giant yucca plants on it. They sell those plants all over the world. Two good customers are in Spain and Holland. When the Olympics were in Barcelona, some of their yucca decorated the grounds.

Marilyn's grandmother was born in 1892 at old Fort Pena Colorado just outside of Marathon. The Army was still there then. The old fort is now referred to as "The Post" and has become a social gathering place for area

residents.

"We have a dance on July 4th at the Post every year," says Marilyn. "Back in the forties, the dances were big dress up affairs. The women wore formals and the men wore suits. You didn't go to a dance on the 4th of July unless you had a formal or a suit. When I was four, Mama made me a little blue taffeta formal for me to wear. That was the first time I danced with my husband. He was five and I was four."

"Ranchers donated beef for a free barbeque and there was always a big crowd. Between three hundred and a thousand people would attend. If the fourth hit on Saturday, they'd have dances on Friday and Saturday, the third and the fourth. So we had dances pretty regular back then. And the dances have continued. We still have them."

"Back when my grandfather was alive, he helped build the dance floor down there beside the creek. The lumber yard gave them lumber to build it, then after the dance they would take it up and the lumber yard would sell it for used lumber. My grandmother told me that so many people fell in the creek because they built it too close; they finally built a cement one where it is now."

"The dances have been a tradition for a long time. I have four sons and eleven grandkids and they all come in for the dances every year. They don't wear formals and suits anymore. They just wear whatever. Some of the dress is kind of risqué."

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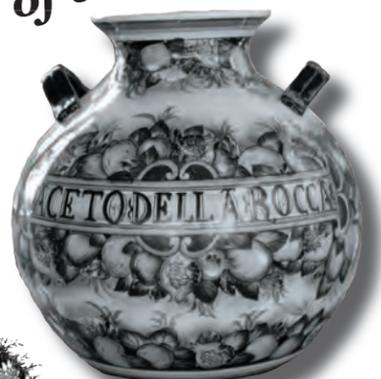
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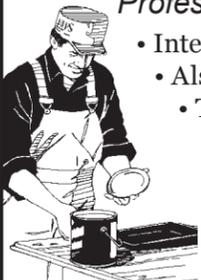
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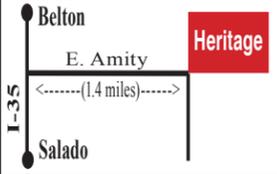
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One scholarship was given by the Director, Mike Doggett and the other scholarship was donated by Jackie Mills.

This past year *Salado Legends* scholarships amounted to \$7,600. "We invest heavily in our youthful cast and crew," said Tablerock Board Member, Donnie Williams. Williams will be the Director of *Salado Legends* this season.

Chris Ray, from Austin, was a Legends scholarship recipient in 2000. He is working toward a Musical Entertainment degree at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. This summer he is back starring in Legends in the lead role of Andrew McIver.

Sarah Sanderford, from Belton, was a Legends scholarship recipient in 2004 and 2005. She is a junior at UMHB majoring in Music Education. Sarah is back in the lead role of Lucy McDougal this season.

Hillary Mighell, from Copperas Cove, received Legends scholarships in 2004 and 2005. She will portray "Texas" in this summer's Legends. Hillary attends Central Texas College majoring in Theater and Education. She will graduate in 2008.

Jessie Holley, from Belton, received scholarships in 2003, 2004 and 2005. She will once again portray Miss Willingham in Legends this season. Jessie will apply to Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee for the fall of 2006. She will be majoring in Business for the Christian Music Industry.

Jon McHaney, from Salado, has been in *Salado Legends* since he was in the fourth grade. He excelled in many roles, but his favorite role is that of Tonweya, the Tonkawa scout. He will once again star in that role this season. He has received

scholarships for the past five years. He is married and is now working on his Masters Degree at North Texas Univ. in Denton.

Richard Combs, from Florence, has received a scholarship for the past three years. He attends Temple College majoring in Business. He will portray a Union soldier again this season.

Bridgett Hamman and her brother, Steve Hamman live in Jarrell. They have been in Legends for three years. Bridgett will again appear on stage plus designing and making many of the Legends costumes. Steve will help with sound and lights this season. They both received scholarships in 2005.

Michael Madison, of Salado, has been in Legends since he was 10 years old. He earned Legends scholarships while attending North Texas Univ. in Denton, and while attending U.T. in Austin. Michael graduated from UT Austin with a degree in Theater. He lives and works in Austin. He is a member of the Tablerock Board of Directors.

Ashley Lummus and her twin sister, Erin, are from Salado. They have starred in *Salado Legends* since they were nine years old. Erin is married and lives in Huntsville. Ashley will graduate with a Masters in Counseling Psychology from Tarleton State University in the fall of 2007. Both girls have received scholarships throughout their college years. Ashley is engaged to Andrew McGinnis. Andrew was a member of the Legends cast when he was 10 years old. He attends Texas A&M.

Brandon Baca, Copperas Cove, was in Legends for five years and played many roles, excelling in each role he undertook. He starred in the lead role of Andrew McIver for three years. He attends UT-Arlington, majoring in Theater. His commitment to ROTC will keep him from participating in Legends this season. Brandon has the distinction of being awarded the most Legend scholarships ever awarded

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Bill Boyd, of Salado, was the very first Andrew McIver. He received the first *Salado Legends* scholarship in 1993. He earned other Legends scholarships while attending college. He graduated from Texas A&M with a Masters Degree in Accounting in 2001. Bill and his wife, Jessamy, live in Louisville, KY. Jessamy will be finished with her Medical Internship in 2008. Bill is a CPA for KPMG, a main accounting firm in the US.

Mary Jo Robbins Kelley, from Salado, was the first Lucy McDougal. She received scholarships to attend UMHB and will graduate in May 2007. She is married to Chris Kelley, who also appeared in Legends. Mary Jo and Chris have two children and live in Salado.

Erin Miller, of Salado and Temple, starred in Legends in the role of Emmaline when she was 11 years old. She graduated to the role of Lucy, and starred in that role for three years. She earned Legends

scholarships while majored in Aeronautical Engineering at UT Austin. Today she lives in Fort Worth, works at Lockheed and is attending TCU, working on her Masters. She married Andrew Warner this past April.

Jeff Ellis, Temple, played Andrew McIver in 1996. He graduated from Temple College and lives in Temple. Jeff has been very active in the Temple Civic Theater.



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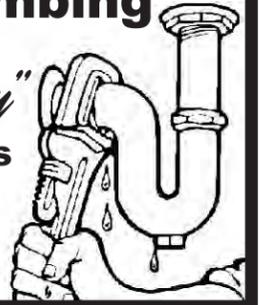
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Babies born with chemicals?

Dear EarthTalk: I read somewhere that babies were being born nowadays with a number of man-made chemicals detected in their bloodstreams. This is pretty scary. How could it be? -- Sandra McGregor, Portland, OR

"Body Burden," a 2005 study by the non-profit Environmental Working Group (EWG), found that American babies are born with hundreds of chemical contaminants in their bloodstreams. The findings are based on tests of samples of umbilical-cord blood taken by the American Red Cross from 10 babies, located in different part of the U.S., that were born in August and September of 2004. The most prevalent chemicals found in the newborns were mercury,



fire retardants, pesticides and the Teflon chemical PFOA.

"Of the 287 chemicals we detected in umbilical-cord blood, we know that 180 cause cancer in humans or animals, 217 are toxic to the brain and nervous system, and 208 cause birth defects or abnormal development in animal tests," the report said.

In the month leading up to a baby's birth, the umbilical cord pulses with the equivalent of at least 300 quarts of blood each

day, pumped back and forth from the nutrient- and oxygen-rich placenta to the rapidly growing baby cradled in a sac of amniotic fluid. This cord is a lifeline between mother and baby, bearing nutrients that sustain life and propel growth.

Not long ago scientists thought that the placenta shielded cord blood--and the developing baby--from most chemicals and pollutants in the environment. But the results of EWG's study show otherwise. "Now we know that at this critical time when organs, vessels, membranes and systems are knit together from single cells to finished form in a span of weeks, the umbilical cord carries not only the building blocks of life, but also a steady stream of industrial chemicals, pollutants and pesticides that cross the placenta as readily as residues from cigarettes and alcohol," the report said.

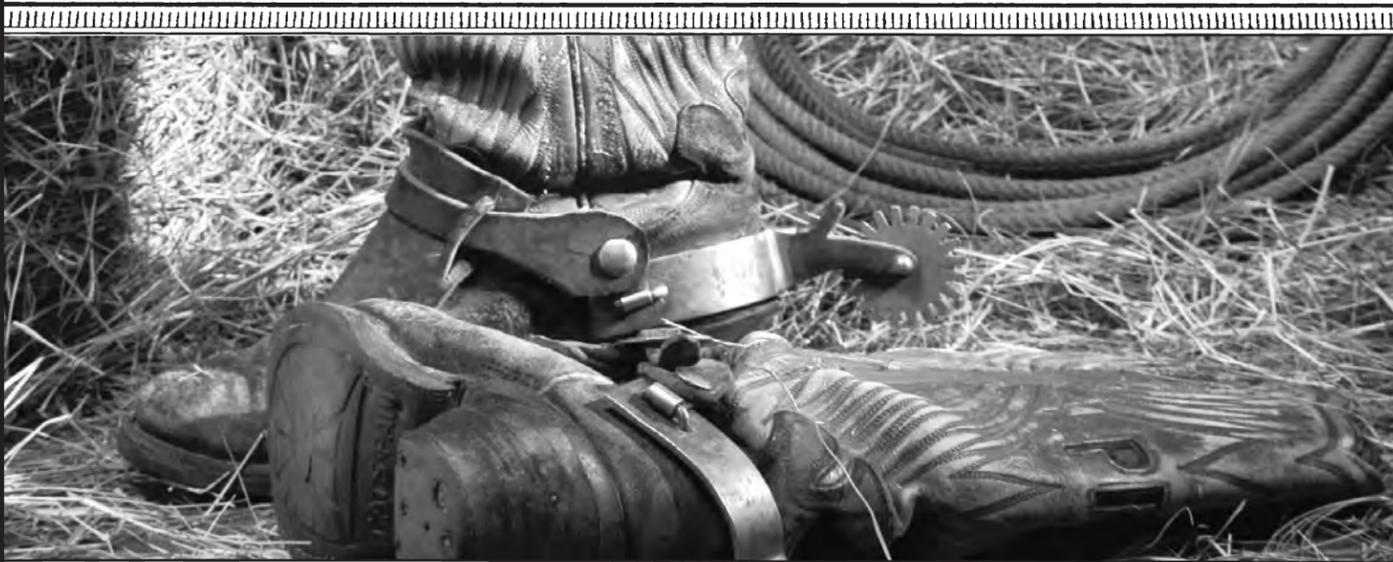
"These 10 newborn babies ... were born polluted," said House Democrat Louise Slaughter of New York, who is leading the charge in Congress to hold chemical producers more accountable to higher standards. "If ever we had proof that our nation's pollution laws aren't working, it's reading the list of industrial chemicals in the bodies of babies who have not yet lived outside the womb," Slaughter added.

Slaughter also had similar tests done on her own blood, which she found to contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) that were banned decades ago as well as chemicals like Teflon that are currently under federal investigation. "I have auto exhaust fumes, flame retardant chemicals, and in all, some 271 harmful substances pulsing through my veins," she said. "That's hardly the picture of health I had hoped for, but I've been living in an industrial society for more than 70 years."

CONTACT: EWG Body Burden Report, www.ewg.org/reports/bodyburden2/.

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Is livestock grazing harmful to environment?

Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that livestock grazing is harmful to the environment? -- Paul Howe, Athol, MA

Most scientists and environmental experts view livestock grazing as an ecological disaster. For starters, cows and sheep are indiscriminate eaters and tend to remove every piece of grass and shrub in sight, thus eliminating shelter and food for birds and other wildlife, leading to their decline. In drier regions, landscape used extensively and repeatedly for grazing eventually turns into barren wasteland not even suitable for the livestock themselves. Further, the significant amounts of waste that livestock animals leave behind play a key role in the pollution of our freshwater supplies.

Today, cattle and sheep ranchers lease roughly 300 million acres of public land in 11 western U.S. states. George Wuerthner and Mollie Matteson, in their book *Welfare Ranching: The Subsidized Destruction of the American West* (Island Press), document the enormous destruction caused by livestock grazing: "The combined area is as large as the entire Eastern Seaboard from Maine to Florida, with Missouri thrown in," they report. Indeed, as much as 90 percent of Bureau of Land Management land and 69 percent of U.S. Forest Service land is leased to livestock producers. Federally leased public land includes numerous national parks, wildlife refuges and other nature preserves.

Welfare Ranching charges that livestock ranchers are heavily subsidized with tax dollars, routinely leasing public lands for grazing at well-below market prices. They cite the fact that the federal grazing fee is "often eight to 10 times lower than fees charged on comparable private grazing land." In addition to dirt-cheap grazing fees, livestock ranchers are also the beneficiaries of low-interest farm loans, and taxpayers support them with emergency bailouts and other state and federally funded programs.

Stephen Leckie of Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC) says the

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problem is not limited to the U.S. He cites a 1997 report by the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) showing that 20 percent of the world's land is used for grazing, while only around 10 percent is devoted to growing crops. In Central America, for example, more than a third of the forests have been cut since the 1960s, while pastureland has increased by 50 percent. Meanwhile, in India, free-roaming cattle and goats pose a serious

threat to tiger reserves and national parks, and are jeopardizing reforestation efforts (by eating young shoots of new plants) that are trying to help mitigate global warming.

Vegetarians have long insisted that raising livestock is one of the least efficient ways to feed people. FAO research, for example, indicates that farm animals are extremely inefficient converters of plants to edible flesh. Studies show that livestock in North America are fed about six times as much corn and other crops as the amount of edible meat they produce. Meanwhile, Overseas Development Council analysts estimate that if North Americans were to reduce their meat

consumption by just 10 percent, it would free up 12 million tons of grain annually for humans to eat. And a study by the non-profit Worldwatch Institute found that one pound of steak from steer raised in feedlots costs five pounds of grain,

2,500 gallons of water, the energy equivalent of a gallon of gasoline, and about 35 pounds of eroded topsoil.

CONTACTS: FAO, www.fao.org; IDRC, www.idrc.ca; Worldwatch Institute, www.worldwatch.org.

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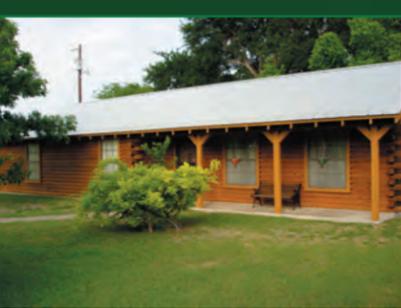
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