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Trustees approve pay hike for all local school teachers

By TIM FLEISCHER
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A starting Salado I.S.D. teacher with no experience will earn \$30,000 in 2006-07, a hefty increase of \$3,180 over the \$26,820 for a new teacher in 2005-06. Salado ISD trustees approved a new pay scale June 19 that increases local teacher pay beyond the \$2,500 per year guaranteed by the state during the recent special legislative session. The pay scale comparison can be found on page 5A.

Trustees also examined state revenue projections for 2006-07, reviewed TAKS test scores (see graphic on 5A), hired new personnel, discussed an innovative math program, assigned board members to committees, approved the purchase of air conditioning units for the elementary cafeteria and set dates for budget workshops and a community meeting to examine plans for the new high school.

SISD Business Manager Lyndal Cabaniss informed the board that the

district can anticipate an increase in state funding of almost \$1 million next year, according to the latest funding template.

With a five percent anticipated increase in average daily attendance (ADA), total state funding to the district is expected to jump from \$1.2 million in 2005-06 to \$2.2 million in 2006-07.

However, new state law will cause the district to lower its maintenance and operating (M&O) tax rate. The district may adopt a maximum M&O tax rate of \$1.30. The debt service tax rate (I&S) has not been estimated. The district will begin its revenue estimates when final taxable property values are received by the county later this summer.

TAKS Results and Math Curriculum

SISD Superintendent Robin Battershell reviewed the district's TAKS test scores in comparison to state averages and told trustees that although the district greatly surpassed the state

in most areas, she was concerned about the third grade performance on the test and the ninth and 10th grade performance in mathematics.

Dr. Battershell told the board that because of the concern about ninth and 10th grade students' scores in mathematics, the high school is considering adopting a mathematics curriculum that parallels the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) requirements.

The state has yet to approve TEKS-based mathematics textbooks, so schools such as A&M Consolidated in College Station have been writing their own TEKS-based curriculum. A&M Consolidated offers their vibrant and updated curriculum to other districts throughout the state for small licensing fees.

The district may purchase the licenses at \$600 each for several mathematics classes with the material being delivered to the school electronically. "That would buy you only 12 textbooks,"

Salado Intermediate School Joe Palmer said of the \$600 licensing fee.

The curriculum includes lesson plans, notes, worksheets and many other documents. If the district purchases the curriculum programs, documents may be placed on the district's website for parents and students to download at home, as well as hard copies being given out in spiral-bound notebooks from the classroom.

Personnel Items

The district hired the following personnel: Lori Barrett, first grade, one year experience, out of state certification in content area; Audrey Walter, 14 years experience, certified in content area; Christy Hutchison, fourth grade, no experience, certified in content area; Vickie Gerhart, sixth grade science, 18 years of experience, certified in content area; Andrea Gonzales, counselor and staff services, 12 years experience, certified in

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Jessica Young is busy making a sun catcher during Salado Public Library's Summer Reading Program. The final summer program will be on 11 a.m. June 26 at the library. The featured storyteller will be Laura Freeman with her magic guitar. Miss Freeman has been writing and performing songs for many years. Her latest CD is "Color Wheel Cartwheel." The Friends of Salado Library will hold a Book Sale at the Salado Art Show, August 5th and 6th. Donations of hardback and paperbacks are needed. The library will also accept audio books and movies on VHS or DVD. The library does not accept encyclopedias, magazines, Reader's Digests, or text books. Library hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. weekday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. The library is located at 1151 N. Main Street.



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Skip Blancett talks about Iraq and the U.S. during the June 14 Wednesday in the Park. The final program will be in Pace Park 10-11 a.m. June 28 on "The Summer Olympics." This summer series is free for children ages three to 12. No reservations are required. Wednesdays in the Park is an annual program sponsored in June by the Salado Chamber of Commerce and Salado Independent School District.

Aldermen mull speeding problems

By TIM FLEISCHER
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Salado aldermen will consider several steps to alleviate the dangers due to speeding vehicles on Royal Street after a local property owner addressed the board June 15.

Rod Russell told aldermen of heavy trucks speeding down Royal Street as they enter the downtown business district.

"There are very few street lights and no designated walkways," Russell said, adding that Salado has been very lucky that no one has been seriously hurt

or killed by the speeding vehicles.

With seven bed and breakfast inns within a two block area near the intersection of Royal and Baines, Russell told the board that Royal Street is also heavily traveled by "tourists who are driving real slow trying to find where they're going." The combination of snail-like and rabbit-like traffic is rife for accidents, according to Russell, who, along with his wife Sheryl, owns the Baines House B&B.

Russell suggested that aldermen consider having more of a police presence

in the area during high traffic times, installing speed humps to slow traffic, installing stop signs on Royal at Baines and Center Circle, and eliminating through truck traffic.

Aldermen discussed but took no immediate action on the suggestions, as they would all take planning and to implement.

In other business June 15, alderman Curt Strong reported that the local Sonic had been shut down by the Bell County Health Department until a permanent waste water treatment system is installed and permitted by the County.

Strong told aldermen that the county took action after the temporary system malfunctioned.

Aldermen took no action on the item or on the following items that were discussed: ordinance for grandfathering projects, Pace Park renovations, road repairs contracts, Salado Creek report from the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality.

Aldermen did approve a telephone franchise fee for next year.

The board will meet again at 6:30 p.m. July 6. Meetings are open to the public.



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Reunion

Rosa Laverne (Mims) O'Hara (left) was the oldest in attendance at the Salado Reunion. She is pictured with Golda Brock. For more photos, turn to page 6A.



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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



The Senate travesty

The Senate is being praised for its bipartisan stewardship of a "comprehensive" immigration bill to passage. What comprehensive means in this context, however, is dishonest, unworkable and radical.

The Senate bill pretends to do what it doesn't truly intend to do -- tighten up enforcement -- while really doing what its supporters hope no one will notice: conducting a vast social experiment that involves extending the benefits of the welfare state of the world's richest country to tens of millions of poor, uneducated inhabitants of Latin America, through the expedient of importing them into America.

The Senate bill -- which the House, thankfully, is resisting -- requires that a system for employers to verify the legal status of employees be created in 18 months. That sounds admirably rapid. Only it's a fantasy. The people who will be charged with meeting the deadline at the Department of Homeland Security told the Senate prior to passage that it couldn't possibly happen.

The Senate's attitude is, to paraphrase St. Augustine's famous prayer, "Oh, Lord, give us immigration enforcement -- just not yet."

The bill's supporters hate the word "amnesty," but it is apt when illegals get a green card and a path to citizenship. To avoid simply waving everyone into the U.S., the bill creates three tiers of illegals, with those here more than five years first in line for legalization. But the immigration bureaucracy can't process the work it has now, let alone sort through who got here when based on unsecure documents like utility bills.

Once illegals become citizens, they become expensive. Robert Rector of the Heritage Foundation says that the Senate bill will be the largest expansion of the welfare state in 35 years. College-edu-

Rich Lowry



cated immigrants are a net fiscal benefit to the U.S., but high-school graduates are problematic, and high-school dropouts are an outright fiscal disaster. About half of illegal aliens are dropouts, and the out-of-wedlock birth rate for illegals is roughly 45 percent.

This is a population primed for welfare. Supporters of amnesty argue that illegal aliens aren't a drag because they hold jobs. But our welfare and tax systems are geared to providing support to exactly such low-income workers. Rector points out that a family making less than \$40,000 a year essentially pays nothing in income taxes, thanks to various tax benefits. The median income for high-school dropouts in the U.S. is \$22,000 a year for men and \$12,000 a year for women.

So, the new citizens created by the Senate bill will disproportionately be on the receiving end of means-tested welfare programs, at a cost of \$580 billion a year. The Senate bill will legalize 10 million immigrants, allow them to bring their parents, and import millions more low-skilled workers through a guest-worker program. Rector estimates that the annual cost of the Senate bill -- which he says will bring an astonishing 60 million people into the U.S. over 20 years -- will eventually reach \$50 billion a year.

That's the final indignity. Not only will your lawmakers engage in an unconvincing pretense of enforcement as they pass their amnesty -- you have to pay for the privilege.

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

"Doldrums" begin with Platforms; Strayhorn's nickname; Immigration joke; "Crazy Hair" for Veep?

Yesterday was officially the first day of summer, but here in the Lone Star State we hit the "summer doldrums" earlier in June when three of our political parties gathered for their statewide conventional "pep rallies."

Republicans met in San Antonio; Democrats, Fort Worth and Libertarians, Houston - all for the same (hopeful) purpose of reinvigorating the faithful for the November 7 general election.

The GOPers and Demos spent most of their time dealing with opposite ends of the immigration tangle. Right wingers totally embraced the House of Representative's hardline version of the Immigration bill (deport all illegals, build a 2200 mile wall, make full citizenship nearly impossible, and give workers permission to cross the border with "short-fused" work visas).

Democrats adopted the Senate version of the immigration debate. It would allow long time illegal residents to remain in the country and earn citizenship, as well as creating a guest worker plan that would also lead to citizenship.

Repubs called the Demo plan "amnesty" and reacted with a loud: "No how. No way." (Question: Shouldn't learning to speak proper English be required for our political class, as well as immigrants?)

LIBERTARIAN PLATFORM ERRATIC

Texas' eccentric Libertarians listed items that could easily have been lifted (in part) from both the majors including: "Lower taxes, less regulation of business, smaller government, privatize social security" - all time-honored Republican platform planks.

The free-spirited "Lifers" then purloined from Democrats: "Tolerance of all lifestyles, pro-choice, personal freedoms." And finally, added their own touch by favoring legal possession and use of drugs by adults.

You can see why the conventions were termed "early doldrums." If you wish to substitute your own synonym for these doldrum-style gatherings, we suggest: "Skittish, off-the-wall, regressive (or progressive), strangely orthodox; slightly pessimistic."

INTERESTING SIDEBAR

Little of objective note was produced by party loyalists at any of the conclaves, except for the Republican's unusual lack of foofaraw, excitement and praise for the President and presumed leader of the Grand Old Party.

One might even assign the acronym "ABBD&I" to the GOP Platform, which would stand for "Anything But Bush, Deficits and Iraq," and we offer that advisedly. The President was mentioned just twice in the nearly 20,000 word GOP Platform - once in the Preamble and once in a four line section on Iraq.

The Iraqi war was not otherwise noted (or even whispered about) in any of the remaining 396 endorsed platform proposals. And nowhere was there an intimation of unhappiness about massive budget deficits or the staggering national debt, other than a brief cross-reference, that suggested Republicans are customarily opposed to these horrors (at least in principal).

Interesting to watch Republicans (especially those facing reelection problems) distance themselves from their Chief and his low approval numbers.

HELLO - GRANDMA

Political observers (and other ne'er-do-wells) across the State are having a field day with the news that Comptrol-

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



ler Carole Strayhorn wants her name on the Independent ballot for Governor, to include the nickname "Grandma."

John Kelso - wag extraordinaire of the Austin American Statesman, opined that it may be necessary for a person with so many last names (as Carole has had), to have a "special moniker" to identify her. She was born a Keaton, married a McClellan, a Rylander, and finally linked up (in 2002) with Ed Strayhorn.

The other Independent hopeful - Richard "Kinky" Friedman objected, claiming her nickname was patently "last minute" while his is 40 years old.

"MA" AND "PA"

Please "pardon" us (no pun intended) for almost forgetting other nicknames in Texas political lore. There was Miriam "Ma" Ferguson (Governor 1925-7 and 1933-5). She and her (1917) impeached Guv-hubby James (balloted as "Pa"), were in constant trouble for presumably selling pardons to jailbirds.

Humor aside - this move by Strayhorn leads some political observers to believe the lady's campaign is nearing the dreaded plateau stage. Her hope now is that voters will decide that "Crazy Hair" Perry costs way-too-much to keep in office - as we note the \$18.7 billion price-tag hanging on the "Reform" horse he thinks he'll ride to victory in November.

VP PERRY?

Rich Oppel, Austin American Statesman's Editor, wrote in his op-ed piece on Sunday, June 11 that Governor Perry surprised everyone when he pushed through a business tax during an election year. It cost Oppel a lunch after predicting (publicly) that the reformed franchise tax would fail.

Oppel also reported that Perry has his eye on the Vice Presidency in 2008! We presume the former Aggie yell-leader's "VP" hope evolved from his self-proclaimed "reform triumph" (after five failures) in funding public education. As previously noted, cost of the Guv's current "fantasy" included squandering the entire state surplus (\$8.2 billion) plus another \$10.5 billion that'll be required to balance the next biennial budget. Makes you wonder what kind of funny smelling cigarettes he's smoking these days.

On the other hand, Democrats seized the "VP" news with gusto. They feel that with Perry on the GOP presidential ticket, Demos would get a huge boost in their planned White House takeover bid.

Actually we can think of something even better: Confirmation that Karl Rove and Jerry Falwell were going to head the '08 Republican slate for President and Veep.

LAST WORD ON IMMIGRATION (WE HOPE)

Late night show hosts are having a free-for-all at the expense of Bush-the-Belaugered these days. Presidents generally get a good natured chuckle out of the ribaldry, but with approval ratings hovering around 30-35 percent, it's doubtful George has much to giggle about.

Our least favorite "funny-man" is Jay Leno. However, last week Jay unloaded a rib-tickler on the immigration front. He mentioned that the House Immigration Bill (if passed) would force millions of illegals to be deported. He went on to note that President Bush has declared it would be impossible to round-up the (estimated) 10-12 million illegal immigrants and run them back across the Rio Grande.

Leno's quip: "Why not - Mexico did!"

That's -30-

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Why I mentor (why you should, too!)

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SALADO MENTORS

The Salado School Board has approved a student mentoring program. As a member of the volunteer board working with this program, I'm writing to urge people to get involved!

I'm a big fan of mentoring because I personally know it works. Many years ago, I experienced a much needed boost from a mentor. My mentor happened to be one of my teachers. Thomas Shaw was a talented high school choir director but even more important, he was someone who took a personal interest and encouraged me to try harder and dig deeper. The teacher in the movie classic, Mr. Holland's Opus, reminds me a lot of him. Now several academic degrees and decades later, I can look back and appreciate that Dr. Shaw made a big difference in my life.

Since then I've enjoyed participating in several workplace and church-based mentoring programs. Time and time again, it's been amazing to observe mentors and mentees work together and achieve mutual gains.

What is a mentor? A mentor is a friend, a trusted guide, someone who encourages and supports another on his or her life journey.

Research has shown that mentoring can make a difference in the lives of young people. Mentors can help young people stay in school, achieve their goals and avoid unsafe activities. Mentors can help children develop their strengths and talents by supporting the efforts of other significant people such as parents and teachers.

The Salado ISD-sponsored program is

called "Salado Mentors." It is recruiting adult volunteers to be matched with nominated fifth grade students. Mentors will be asked to spend a couple hours a month with their matched students on the campus at Salado Intermediate School.

Mentors will undergo a background check and matching interview. Training for mentors will be held in August and the program formally kicked-off this fall. Mentors will receive on-going support in their important roles from the Salado Mentors organization.

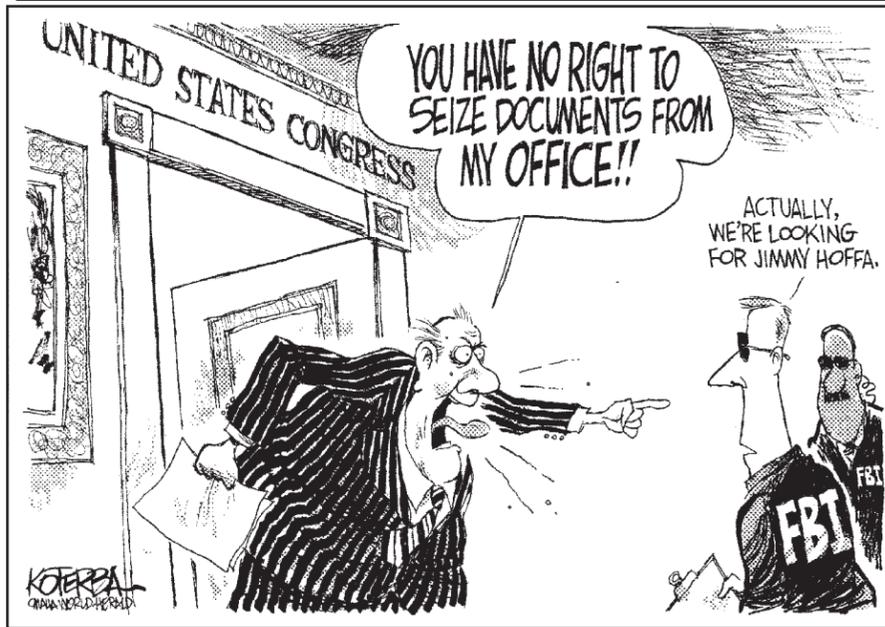
Who is qualified to serve as a mentor? A mentor is anyone who is willing to make a difference in the life of a child.

As a former Federal prison warden, I often wondered what would have happened if each inmate had been afforded the opportunity to have a mentor as a child. Would their paths have turned out differently? I believe they would.

Many who have benefited from a mentor in their lives are now making a difference in the lives of others. They do so to give back in return for something they received from their mentor. Won't you consider personally participating giving back through the Salado Mentors program?

For additional information on Salado Mentors call 254-947-5479, Extension 7005, email mentors@saladoisd.org, or contact one of the board members of Salado Mentors. Board members include Debby Aldridge, Christy Arner, Robin Battershell, Jessica Byer, Tim Fleischer, Karen Hale, Melissa Kemp, Grace Lavadia, Susan Lincoln, Bob Romer and Charlie Turnbo.

FORUM



Outsourcing public service not working

By CELIA HAGERT

The state's attempt to change the way Texans in need get health care, food, and temporary cash assistance has been a disaster.

Last June, the state outsourced the enrollment process. As a result, over the last six months, more than 100,000 kids have lost their health insurance. And as of May 9, nearly 7,000 Food Stamp applications were backlogged, leaving thousands of families without food.

Lured by the private sector's promise of saving money, the state signed a five-year, \$899 million contract with a private company, prepared to lay off 2,000 state employees, and launched the new system in Travis and Hays counties.

It all sounded so good. Clients would benefit from state-of-the-art technology and no wait times at overcrowded offices, and taxpayers would save hundreds of millions of dollars.

Unfortunately, this was not the case.

The problems began

almost as soon as the contractor took over. Technical difficulties and staff problems arose, and the promised savings never materialized.

Last month, the state postponed extending the new system to more counties and asked 1,000 state workers to stay on the job.

The outsourcing model was flawed from the start. It promised savings not from more effective or efficient ways to help clients, but by replacing trained state employees with fewer, lower-paid, and less-skilled staff.

Admittedly, the old way of doing things had its own problems. For years, state offices have been understaffed and run with outdated technology. But things have gotten worse with the new system.

The rush to outsource misses the point. No matter who runs the enrollment process or how it is structured, the only way to ensure that vulnerable Texans aren't slipping through the cracks is to hire sufficient staff to run the program.

For years Texas has skimmed on an adequate

workforce to enroll people in services. Despite growing numbers of Texans in need, the state actually cut eligibility staff by 40 percent between 1997 and 2004. This almost doubled staff workload and compromised client services. Disruptions in benefits were common, often resulting in lawsuits.

Instead of making enrolling for benefits easier for people, the outsourcing experiment has made it more difficult. As a result, Texas' poorest families won't get health care, food, or temporary cash assistance they rely on.

Gambling with the well-being of the 4 million Texans who are depending on public services is financially and morally reckless. It's time for Texas to hire enough staff to do the job right and focus on helping low-income families for a change.

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Exxon takes care of its retiring CEO



Jim Hightower

Did you make \$144,000 last year?

Only two percent of Americans are paid that amount of money for a year's work, but Lee Raymond is one of the lucky ones. Until he retired last December, Lee was CEO of ExxonMobil for 13 years. Oh, mind you, he wasn't paid \$144,000 a year... or even a month... or for a week's worth of work. Lee took \$144,000 in pay each and every day of his 13 years at the helm. He drew this daily pay even on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. His total haul during his 13-year tenure was \$686 million.

And now we learn that Lee has been given another sweet dollop of largesse by ExxonMobil. Instead of a gold watch and a pat on the back, Lee was given a pension package worth \$400 million. Factor in this wad, and Raymond walked away with the equivalent of \$229,000 a day for his years as CEO. Assuming he worked eight hours every day, that's \$28,000 an hour!

An official Exxon statement said simply that this kingly sum was a fair reward for Lee's "outstanding leadership of the business." Well, yes, ExxonMobil flourished during the Raymond years, especially at the end of his term - and the executive suite at corporate headquarters even was dubbed "The God Pod." But corporate governance experts note that the company's success was not due to any god-like genius by Raymond, but to easy profits generated by the windfall rise in oil and gasoline prices. Exxon's oil wells pump out more crude every day than Kuwait's, and it is the world's largest refiner of gasoline - so it's wallowing in profits from both its wells and its gas pumps.

So remember, every gallon of ExxonMobil gasoline you buy will be pumping a little more of your cash right into Lee Raymond's pockets.

Renovations, plans progressing for schools

Renovations on the current campuses are moving ahead nicely. Please go by and visit any time that you want. I think you will be as excited as we are.

The Thomas Arnold Elementary Gymnasium has been painted, wall panels have been cut for the air conditioning and the installation of insulation should begin next week sometime.

Painting in Thomas Arnold makes the building look new. Classrooms, hallways, and the cafeteria are all looking "spiffy"! The main hall and accompanying classrooms

Supt's Corner

by Dr. Robin Battershell

are nearing completion and the paint crews have begun on the primary hall. Ceiling tiles have been replaced and repaired in the hallway and the ceiling tile company will begin work at the high school next week.

The gym floors are scheduled for a cleaning and waxing this next week and then will need to cure for ten days.

The portable building that we purchased from

Copperas Cove for \$100, yes that is the right amount, has been painted, sidewalks built, and underpinning finished. We will be installing a new roof and carpeting within the next few weeks. Although renovations to this building will total about \$20,000, this is much less expensive than purchasing a new portable building.

I want to thank David Peckham and the

maintenance crew for making the grounds look lovely. We have some student helpers who you may see pulling weeds in the flower beds.

The custodial crew under the direction of Monica Stineman is going right in behind the paint crew and stripping and waxing floors, cleaning windows, curtains, venetian blinds and desks. They are tremendous and keeping our campuses sparkling.

I have tentatively set a meeting with the architects to visit with the School Board 6 p.m. July 11 at the Civic Center. This meeting has been

rescheduled several times to accommodate different vacation schedules and to afford additional time for the architects to meet with the Salado Public Water system, Texas Department of Transportation, County Commissioner Tim Brown, and the Clearwater Underground Water Company. We are trying to do as much preliminary work as possible before taking options and schematic plans to the Board. The public is encouraged and welcome to attend this meeting.

I think you will be very pleased at how your campuses are looking!

Steps to avoid investment scams

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It's unfortunate, but true: Unscrupulous people and companies do try to take advantage of unsuspecting investors. And the Internet has made it a lot easier for these predators to reach a mass audience. To avoid potential ripoffs, you need to be vigilant, and you need to ask questions - lots of them.

While there are many types of fraudulent activities floating around the Internet, one of the most common scams resembles a "pyramid scheme," by which shady operators initially appear legitimate by using money coming in from new recruits to pay off early stage investors. If you participate in such a plan, you might make a little money right away, only to be encouraged - or required - to buy a "membership" so you can boost your earnings. However, when the pyramid gets too big, it will eventually implode,

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



because, at its heart, it is a dishonest arrangement that can never truly be funded enough to reward all investors.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has issued guidance for you to defend yourself against "get rich quick" schemes. Here are a few of the SEC's suggestions:

- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. This piece of advice has been around a long time, and it's just as valid today as when it was first uttered. If someone promises you a high rate of return, be suspicious. Compare what's being offered with current returns of well-known stock market indexes.
- Investigate a company before you invest. The company that

"pitches" you an offer may well have an impressive-sounding name, but that doesn't mean much. Before you spend a dollar, contact the secretary of state where the company is incorporated to see if the company is, in fact, a corporation, and whether it is in good standing. You can also call your own state securities regulator to see whether the company, or whoever is promoting the offer, has a history of complaints or frauds. If the company has only a post office box or is unwilling to provide you with information about its location or management, you are looking at a "red flag" already.

- Ignore "testimonials." If a company is fraudulent, it won't have much trouble generating fake testimonials from "satisfied customers."
- Say "no thanks" to "guarantees." When a

promoter guarantees you a high rate of return, you can be assured there's something amiss. In the investment world, high returns are typically only achieved by higher-risk vehicles - and they don't offer guarantees. In fact, no reputable financial professional will promise you a specific return on a stock or other variable security.

• Forget about "Shortcuts" Most of the schemes you will encounter promise big returns in short periods of time. But in reality, that hardly ever happens. Substantial growth in investments typically occurs over a long period of time - which means that, as an investor, you need patience and discipline above all else.

Ultimately, there is no shortcut to investment success. You need to evaluate each investment opportunity based on your individual goals risk tolerance, portfolio balance and time horizon. This approach may not provide you with "hot" opportunities - but it won't burn you, either.

The hybrid home

Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

Do you find fuel prices are harder to afford? Are you concerned about the environment our children will inherit? Would you like to see a drop in our country's dependence on foreign oil? Finally, how do all these big questions relate to real estate?

We all can have a positive impact by reducing our homes' utility bills and operating

costs. "Green" homes leave more green in both the environment and your wallet! It won't be a fad. That's what people thought about hybrid automobiles a few years ago, but look how in demand they are now.

A green home offers better energy efficiency, better indoor air quality, and environmentally friendly building materials. Because of all those features, it will also offer a higher resale value in the future, saving money now and making money later!

Lenders are doing their part to encourage the greening of both existing homes and new construction. Fannie Mae offers an energy-efficient mortgage that allows borrowers to qualify for a bigger loan, and financing for improvements. When you factor in savings on utilities, you may well pay less per month for this kind of loan than a traditional mortgage!

Granted, most "green" homes on the market now are new, and it may be awhile before resales appear. But you can be sure it's not just a fad - it's the future!



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	SISD	Tex	SISD	Tex	SISD	Tex	SISD	Tex	SISD	Tex	SISD	Tex
3a	89	89	46	43	79	82	20	28				
3b	90	94			81							
4	89	82	19	20	88	83	30	31	97	92	14	20
5a	91	80	32	22	91	81	37	38				
5b	94	88			94							
6	98	91	52	39	95	79	40	31				
7	92	79	37	21	91	70	22	13	98	90	57	37
8	95	83	47	36	84	67	12	15				
9	91	87	25	20	69	56	16	14				
10	93	85	18	13	68	60	16	12				
11a	94	88	22	21	92	77	15	18				
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5a	88	75	45	24								
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10	69	60	12	11	89	83	25	29				
11	80	74	15	9	98	94	30	29				

Happy 95th, Mary Hill!

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content area; Michell Oyler, behavior modification, four years experience, certified in content area; Kyra Mann, English, 11 years experience, certified in content area; Edward Domanque, math, sixth years of experience, certified in content area.

Currently, the district has four remaining vacancies, including those created by the resignations of Alicia Martindale and Scott Copeland.

Other items

• Trustees increased the mileage reimbursement from 35¢ per mile to 42¢ per mile for 2006-07. This will cost an additional

\$5,000.

• Trustees extended the contract for the Diversified Careers Pathways teacher to 11 months, rather than the standard 10 month teaching contract.

• The board set a expenditure budget workshop for 5:30 p.m. July 11 at the Salado Civic Center. Following the budget workshop, the board will examine the schematics and plans for new high school construction on the 50 acres at Williams Dr. and FM 2484. The meeting will be open to the public at 7 p.m. July 11 to view the plans with the architect.

• Trustees will meet

briefly at 5:30 p.m. July 17, followed by a three-hour board retreat and leadership training workshop to begin at 6:30 p.m.

• The board approved an \$8,000 bid for the installation of new air conditioner units at the elementary cafeteria by Rabroker A/C.

• Superintendent Battershell distributed the draft departmental expenditure budgets (excluding payroll costs), which will be discussed in July.

• Dr. Battershell also distributed a template for long range planning for the district to discuss in coming months.

• Board president Jeff

Kelley appointed the following committees: Policy, Miriam Ervi, Frank Carlson and Deborah Aldridge; New construction, Lynn Renfro, Chris Seaton and Frank Carlson; Renovations, Jackie Burson, Lynn Renfro and Chris Seaton.

• Trustees elected Kelley as president of the board during a special meeting June 13. Kelley was nominated by Renfro, while Seaton was nominated by Aldridge.

Salado ISD Salary Schedule

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0	24,820	26,820	27,320	30,000	2,680
1	25,410	27,410	27,910	30,750	2,840
2	25,990	27,990	28,490	31,500	3,010
3	26,580	28,580	29,080	32,250	3,170
4	27,820	29,820	30,320	33,250	2,930
5	29,060	31,060	31,560	34,250	2,690
6	30,300	32,300	32,800	35,350	2,550
7	31,450	33,450	33,950	36,450	2,500
8	32,540	34,540	35,040	37,550	2,510
9	33,570	35,570	36,070	38,650	2,580
10	34,540	36,540	37,040	39,650	2,610
11	35,460	37,460	37,960	40,650	2,690
12	36,340	38,340	38,840	41,650	2,810
13	37,150	39,150	39,650	42,400	2,750
14	37,930	39,930	40,430	43,150	2,720
15	38,660	40,660	41,160	43,900	2,740
16	39,360	41,360	41,860	44,650	2,790
17	40,010	42,010	42,510	45,400	2,890
18	40,630	42,630	43,130	46,150	3,020
19	41,220	43,220	43,720	46,900	3,180
20	41,770	43,770	44,270	47,650	3,380
21	41,770	43,870	44,270	47,900	3,630
22	41,770	43,970	44,270	48,150	3,880
23	41,770	44,070	44,270	48,400	4,130
24	41,770	44,170	44,270	48,650	4,380
25	41,770	44,270	44,270	48,900	4,630
26	41,770	44,370	44,270	49,150	4,880
27	41,770	44,470	44,270	49,400	5,130
28	41,770	44,570	44,270	49,650	5,380
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30	41,770	44,770	44,270	50,150	5,880

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Rosa Laverne (Mims) O'Hara (left) was the oldest in attendance at the Salado Reunion. She is pictured with Golda Brock.



Jimmie (Melvin) Ming (right) was the oldest Salado graduate in attendance. She is pictured with presenter Golda Brock.

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The annual Salado Reunion was June 10 at the Salado Intermediate School. About 180 to 200 people were attendance at the reunion, which began at 9:30 a.m. and continued until 3:30 p.m. During a short business meeting, several individuals were recognized and gifts were awarded. The oldest person in attendance was Jimmie (Melvin) Ming of Belton. The oldest graduate in attendance was Rosa Laverne (Mims) O'Hara of Belton. The person who traveled the farthest was Jimmy

Madison of New York. Following the business meeting, a catered lunch was served by Johnny's Steakhouse of Salado. Many stayed to enjoy the meal and to continue visiting into the early afternoon. For years, the reunion has provided 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. This year's reunion marked the 80th anniversary. **CONTINUED ON 7A**

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Their return was celebrated with a picnic

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Also, Village aldermen have not enacted a fireworks ban within the Village limits for the Fourth of July holiday.



Holly Naizer (left) is pictured accepting new books for the Holland Public Library from Wylene Williams, Literary Chair of Salado Area Republican Women. Book donation is an annual project of Salado Women's group.

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Hoernis named to Texas A&M Dean's List for Spring 2006

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the Spring 2006 Semester, recognizing students for academic performance. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period.

Melissa Lorraine Hoernis, a junior from Salado majoring in Biomedical Science, made the Dean's Honor Roll.

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This year the parish created a VBS program called Fiesta, tailored for the children of the community. The Fiesta program will provide fun, scripture-based activities for kids ages four years through sixth grade. Each day children will sing songs, play teamwork-building games, share a lite dinner together, take on a Daily Challenge, ex-

perience interactive Bible adventures, collect People of Faith cards, and create fun crafts to take home and use all summer long.

Fiesta is an exciting way for kids to learn more about their faith. In addition, kids will participate in a hands-on project that will help show Jesus' love to others. Each day concludes with a Fiesta Finale.

For more information or to register for the Fiesta VBS contact the parish office at 947-8037 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.



Bryan Johnson, (center), financial secretary of the St. Stephen Knights of Columbus and Joyce Dobias, president of the St. Stephen Women's Society present St. Stephen pastor, Rev. Charles Davis, (left) with a check from the proceeds of Casino Night that will benefit the Parish Building Fund.

Services held for Floyd Gibbs

Graveside services for Floyd Gibbs, 82, of Jarrell, were held June 21 in the Live Oak Cemetery in Youngsport with Pastor Dean Coultas officiating.

Gibbs died June 17 in a Belton nursing center.

He was born on May 27, 1924 in Florence, to Ray Gibbs and Bernice Newman Gibbs. He mar-

ried Catherine McGuffin on Jan. 17, 1953 in Jarrell. Gibbs was a foreman for Brown and Root in the construction of Fort Hood and Whitney Dam. He was a rancher, and was the foreman at Solana Ranch for over 50 years. He was a member of the Central Texas Cattlemen's Association and the Central Texas Cowboys Hall of Fame and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Jarrell.

Survivors include one daughter, Juana K. Preston and husband John Ricky Preston, of Salado; three sisters, Nelda Ray,

of Youngsport, Weltha Atkins, of Florence, Juanice (Poochie) Nord, of Killeen; and one granddaughter, Amber Lea Preston and husband Kevin, of Salado. He was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine Ray Gibbs, in 2005, one brother, Gayle Gibbs, and one sister, Freda Ray.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 406, Jarrell, TX 76537.

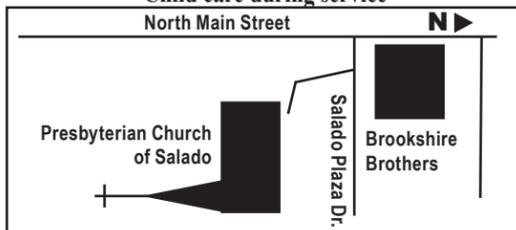
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Cedar Valley Music Ministries of Cedar Valley Baptist Church will host a free concert with Denny and Marie Riddell and The Tag-alongs Band, 7-10 p.m. June 23 at the church. Cedar Valley Baptist is located at 12237 FM2843.

The Riddells, along with their children who make up the Tag-along

Band, have become well known for their soulful Southern/Country Gospel sound. Based out of Indiana, the family travels across the country performing concerts, from Michigan all the way to Texas and Florida.

Along with Denny and Marie, son Buddy plays the bass and sings both lead and harmony, while another son, Jacob, plays

drums and sings. The Riddells were nominated for several CCMA awards in 2004, and have had several songs hit on the Southern Gospel charts.

Admission to the concert is free, and a covered dish supper will follow. Cedar Valley Baptist hosts Gospel singing every fourth Friday. The public is welcome.



Denny Riddell

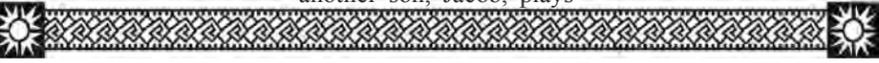
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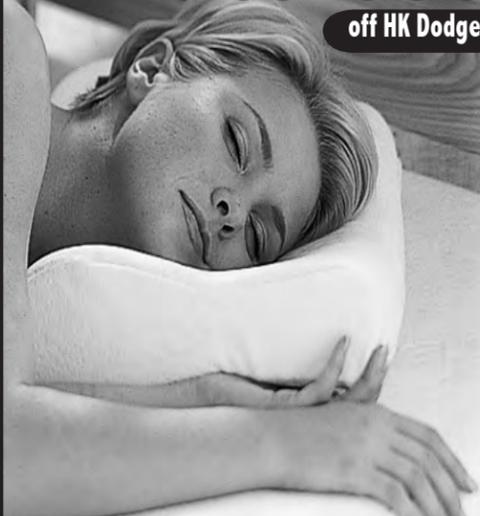


June 28	"Lord of Lords"	Carson Stephens
July 5	"Master"	John Featherston
July 12	"Man of Sorrows"	Phil Ware
July 19	"Author and Finisher of Our Faith"	Randy Harris
July 26	"Chief Cornerstone"	Scott Meyer
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August 9	"Lion of Judah"	Scott Sager
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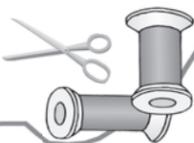
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Texas A&M University-Commerce has announced its Deans' List for the 2006 Spring Semester.

Deans' List students must post a minimum of a 3.25 grade point average on a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Jason D. Hicks, of Salado, was among those designated on the honor rolls.

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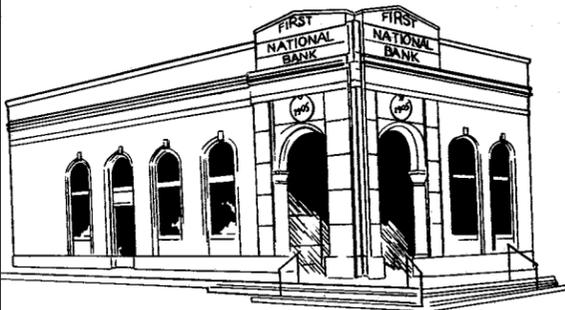
The Salado Rotary Club has announced the 2006 Salado High School Scholarship winners. The scholarship awards - and their amounts - were presented to Nicole Weatherly (\$1,500), Jesse Rodriguez (\$750) and Taylor Jones (\$750). Originally, the scholarship awards were \$1,000 and \$500, respectively, but due to the success of the Rotary Flag Program,

award amounts were increased.

The Flag Program provides placement of flags at the homes of all donors on patriotic holidays, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Veteran's Day and Flag Day. If you wish to add you name to those already receiving flags, call Harlan Van Winkle 947-3210.

James Miller of 1118 Indian Trail was a winner

in the Rotary Club of Salado Flag Program Drawing. The prize was a gift certificate in the amount of \$150 donated by William H. "Duck" Menzies of "Duck's Boots" in Temple. Over 200 subscribers to the Flag Program were eligible for the drawing. The program has raised in excess of \$5,000 for scholarships for deserving Salado High School Seniors.



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IS IT A PAINTING OR A PHOTOGRAPH?

Realism defines Morrow's work

Painting with a vividness and vibrancy that has led more than one observer to comment on the life like realism of his works, Corpus Christi-based artist Guy Morrow has enjoyed a long career as a professional artist, thanks to his ability to breathe life into his subjects.

Morrow will be among the 100-plus artists and artisans showing and selling their work at Salado's 40th Annual Art Fair, scheduled for Aug. 5-6. As always, the Art Fair will be held in Pace Memorial Park, on the banks of the Salado Creek.

Morrow, who is also a teacher, minister and entrepreneur, in addition to be a successful self-taught artist, says he has always enjoyed creating and working with his hands. By the time he reached high school, Morrow knew he wanted to pursue art, but lacking the money to attend art school, he instead went about educating himself. He attended art shows, studied art books and visited with professional artists as often as he could. Many years later, it is clear his strategy paid off.

Morrow's first works were in oils, and his early inspirations were the old



"Summer's Play" by Guy Morrow

these methods were employed properly, objects began to appear real.

Shortly thereafter, Morrow's subject matter became different and his art brighter. He attributes this to his personal spiritual growth.

After being introduced to the works of Andrew Wyeth, Morrow began working with egg tempera and mixing his own paints. The egg tempura technique, which few artists employ, is probably what Morrow is best known for, and it is a key to the realism found in his paintings. He considers

United States, Mexico and Austria. He has been featured in art magazines such as Decor and Art Business News. In 1991, U.S. Ambassador Robert Strauss came across one of Morrow's pieces in a National Museum Tour, and requested a collection of the artists' works to display in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

He is currently involved in private showings in Houston, commissioned works and outdoor painting classes, in addition to operating his studio and other art classes and the ministry he runs along

Admission is 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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masters such as Rembrandt and Vermeer. At age 15, Morrow went to study with the late Dick Turner, who was known for his revisions on the old masters' style. Morrow then honed the techniques for capturing light and form and discovered, if

it a natural medium for creating what seems to be a light source from within. His subjects most often are people surrounded by nature, the ocean or the outdoors.

Morrow's works have been collected by art enthusiasts throughout the

with his father-in-law.

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.

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Salado Chamber of Commerce and the Institute for the Humanities invite the community to the 95th birthday party for Mary Hill, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Civic Center. Lunch will be pot luck with dessert provided. Info: Salado Chamber, 947-5040.
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 25-29
St. Stephen Catholic Church Vacation Bible School, 6-8:30 p.m. nightly at the church's Parish Hall. VBS is open to children ages four through sixth grade. Theme: Fiesta; a lite dinner will be served

each night. For info or to register, call the parish office at 947-8037 between 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
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 28

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 12

Salado Church of Christ Summer Guest Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Speaker: Phil Ware on "Man of Sorrows." Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-5241.
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 15

Central Texas Area Museum hosts a genealogy workshop, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the museum, located on Main St. across from the Stagecoach dining room. A free workshop for beginners will be held 8:30-9:30 a.m. Fee for the annual session is \$30, which includes refreshments and lunch. Info and registration details: 254-947-5232.
JULY 19

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.
JULY 19

Salado Church of Christ Summer Guest Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Speaker: Randy Harris on "Author and Finisher of Our Faith." Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-5241.
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 7-8 and 2 p.m. July 8-9. Info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

Salado Church of Christ Summer Guest Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Speaker: Carson Stephens, Director 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 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 5

Salado Church of Christ Summer Guest Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Speaker: John Featherston on "Master." Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-5241.
JULY 7-9

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July 22, 29 & Aug. 5

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July 24-28

Girls Basketball Camp, for incoming third-through-ninth graders, at the SIS gym. Cost: \$50. Registration and info: Coach Beth Lisenbe, 254-982-4428.

July 26

Salado Church of Christ Summer Guest Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Speaker: Scott Meyer on "Chief Cornerston." Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-5241.

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.-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 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 9

Salado Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School. 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.com.

October 7, 14 AND 21

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

October 10

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

October 12-14

Annual Christmas 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

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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

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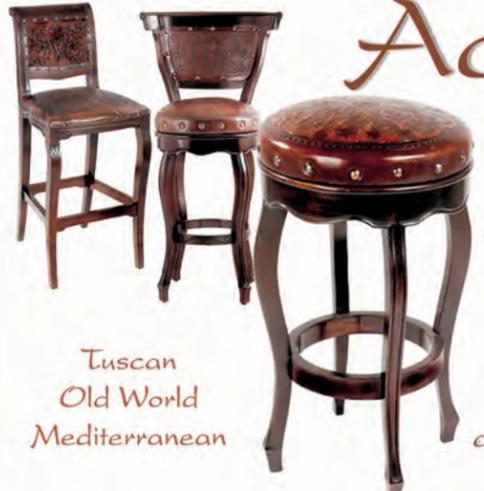
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Museum hosts genealogy workshop

Step into history on the Chisholm Trail July 15 when the Central Texas Area Museum hosts the July genealogy workshop.

A beginner's class is free to those who wish to attend, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the auditorium next door to the Museum, or across from the Stagecoach Inn dining room on Main Street. These early birds can also register for the genealogy session which is scheduled from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. A fee for the annual session is \$30 per person including refreshments and lunch.

Shelby Smith, a member of the San Antonio Scottish Society and President of Sword and Thistle, will open the workshop with the introduction of the guest

speakers; he has often moderated heritage sessions at the Museum.

Tom Flinn, a new panel member from Lakeway, and Beth Chism Rangel, from Garland, will open the 10 a.m. session with a "trip" from Maryland to Texas with the American Chisholms. Flinn is a son of the Republic of Texas, the Sons of the American Revolution as well as a member of Clan Chisholm. Rangel is a Museum Trustee and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She appeared on the Museum's panel last year, featuring her research regarding her relative, J.C. Turner, Texas Ranger.

By popular request the

second morning session will feature Bill Covington, uniformed as a Continental soldier. A history instructor from Cedar Hill, Covington will discuss how he researched his own Revolutionary War heritage.

Opening the afternoon workshop at 1:30 p.m., Jackie Passey, of Edmond, OK, will relate how she stepped into her Scottish history at the Museum many years ago. Passey has researched her Gordons, Hendersons and Grays, who with other kin had settled in Bell County and throughout Central Texas. Since her family discoveries, she has planned and participated in many genealogical meetings sponsored by the Museum.

Kilt-clad Shelby Smith will dust off the Scottish saga as he re-visits those families who roamed the Midlothian or Ayr Districts and were Called Douglas, Armstrong, Moffat, Rutherford and Burns, and who found their way to the Chisholm Trail in Texas. Handouts will be given to the audience telling the history of the Scottish Reivers.

The audience will be encouraged to participate in a question and answer discussion following Smith's presentation.

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Avoid deadly lifestyle choices

Our lives are full of choices; these choices will either be beneficial for our health or detrimental. There is no such thing as a "neutral" choice, or a choice that does not reap what you have sowed. On some level, our lifestyle choices will either be beneficial or detrimental.

The more we can string together positive choices the faster we can improve our health and fitness levels, but to the contrary, the more we string together negative choices the faster the accumulation of these choices destroys our metabolisms and creates disease. Here is a list of some of the most basic choices in our lives today that are add up fast in creating accelerated aging issues. Each choice is followed by an option to help create a healthy daily regimen versus the daily unhealthy rut:

Skipping breakfast - Make an effort to consume a meal, no matter how small, which is balanced with a good source of protein.

Consuming only one type of Macro-nutrient per meal - Eat a meal that has some quality protein, healthy fat, real carbohydrate and a non-starchy vegetable.

Skipping meals - Always have leftovers around so that you won't go over four hours without

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By KEVIN McCauley



eating.

Consuming "Displacement" Foods* - Eating real whole foods that you can pick, gather, fish or hunt, will help you improve your health.

Consuming "Altered" Foods** - Consuming foods in there natural state is what the body desires and your body will thank you for it.

Being Dehydrated - Drink purified water throughout the day, and do not drink water from the tap unless properly filtered.

Under-eating - Know that your body will burn muscle and store fat if you don't give it the proper calories it needs. By consuming extra snacks and meals throughout the day you will begin to heal your metabolism.

Over-eating - The human body can only create so much heat per hour, so the only option if you want to eat more is to eat six small to moderate size meals.

Not getting the proper Quantity of sleep - Nothing is more important than healing physically and mentally with a good nights sleep.

Not getting the proper quality of sleep - Not sleeping through the night? Cut out the stimulants, synthetic light and water intake earlier.

The use of toxins - Develop a program to taper off so you can avoid them completely.

Over-exercising - Balance your program out with some resistance training and flexibility training if you find yourself addicted to the cardiovascular endorphin rush.

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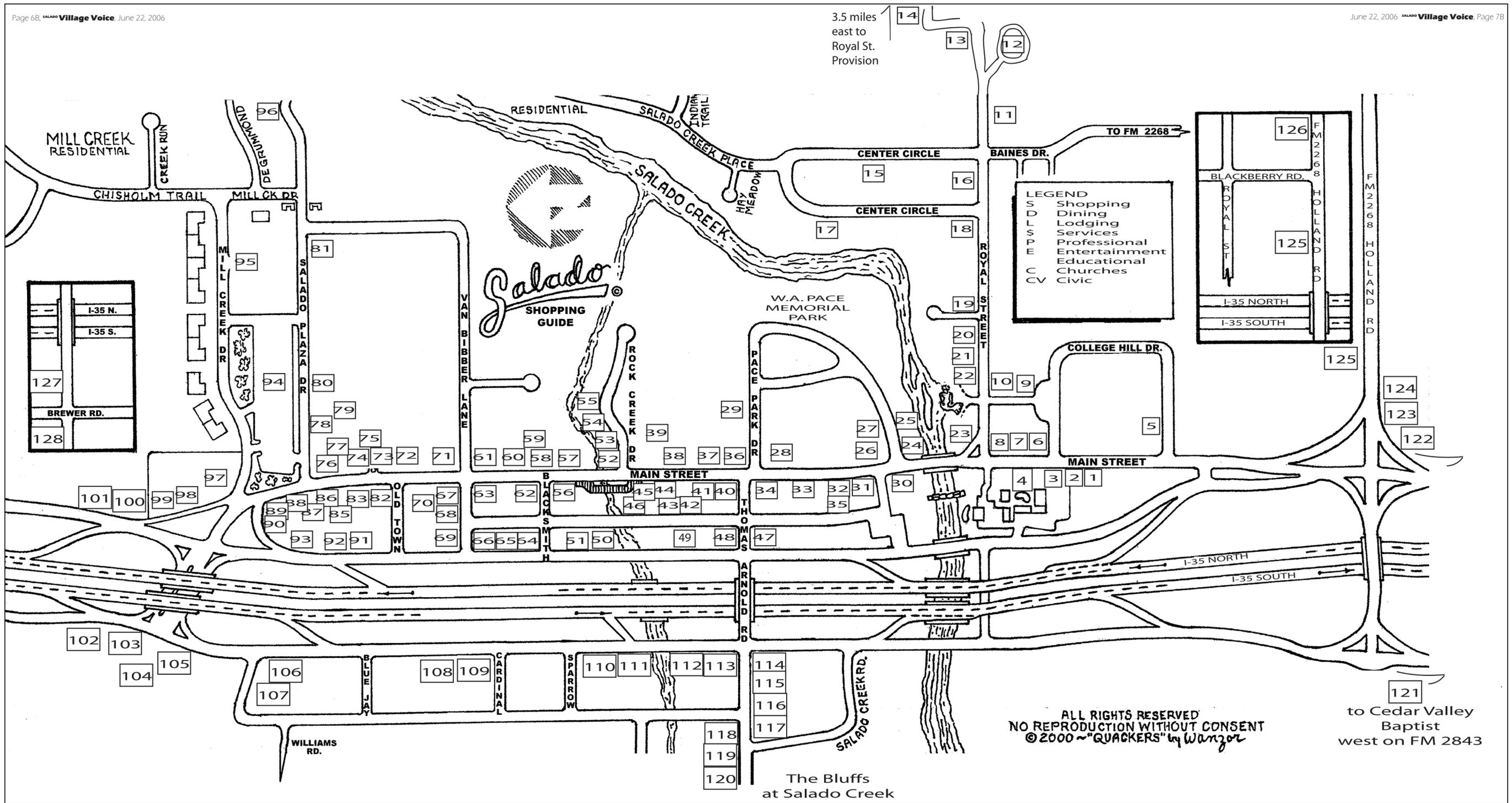
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Remembering the Griffith and Halley families

By MARYBELLE BROWN

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

Leroy Alonzo Griffith and Mrs. Nancy Rebecca Hogan Griffith

Leroy A. Griffith was born in Steuben County,

Salado's Heroes

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New York on December 17, 1821, son of Noah and Ester Wightman Griffith. When Leroy was about seven or eight years old, the Griffith family migrated to Texas joining the Stephen F. Austin Colony. A brother of Ester had been a member of the Old Three Hundred led by Austin. He had been in Texas about six years when he went back to New York to visit his family. He could not say enough about Texas and Mexico and so persuaded his family to go back with him.

About 35 members of the family joined together and began the long trip, most of which was by water. The settlers

traveled by riverboat, barge, schooner, and rafts down several major waterways finally reaching the Mississippi River and then the Gulf of Mexico and on to Matagorda Island, a three months' journey. Just as the men were trying to sail into Cavallo Pass a hurricane-like wind blew them further down the coast to Aransas Pass. After a few days during which a large group of Indians attempted to kill or capture them, the group was able to reach their final destination of Matagorda Island.

The families were issued titles to land and the Noah Griffith's traveled overland for 25

miles to reach the land assigned to them. Leroy served in the Summerville Campaign during the Texas Revolution.

Leroy married Nancy Rebecca Hogan on October 14, 1847 and 12 children were born to this union. The Griffiths settled in Montgomery County where Leroy worked as a wheelwright. He later served as County Commissioner, School Commissioner and Justice of the Peace.

When the Civil War began Leroy volunteered for service with Carter's Brigade, Wilk's Regiment, and Pool's Company of the Calvary. While away on a special assignment the post where Leroy served was captured. He went to Louisiana and joined the 17th Consolidated Texas Regiment. After the War he sold his farm and moved his family to the Salado area.

He worked to support Salado College and Thomas Arnold High School. He helped organize the Central Texas Agricultural and Mechanical Fair Association in Bell County and helped organize the Grange in Salado. He and his wife became Methodists and helped organize the Salado Methodist Church. Leroy died on February 20, 1883 and Nancy died on August 27, 1894. Both are buried in the family plot in the Old Salado Grave Yard. A Soldier of the Republic of Texas Marker has been placed on Leroy's grave by members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Captain Robert Bonner Halley and Mrs. Lydia Ederington Halley

Robert Bonner Halley was born in Macon, Georgia on May 13, 1924. His wife, Lydia Ederington, was born in Memphis, Tennessee on January 12, 1831. The couple married in Bradley County, Arkansas on August 1, 1850 and eight children would be born into this family.

The Halleys came to Texas in 1852, first settling south of San Antonio and then relocating to the Salado area in 1853. Halley planned to establish a trading business with Mexico since the Mexican economy was stable and it was easier to haul merchandise from Mexico than it was from the northern states of the U.S.

However, shortly after moving to Southwest Texas, while Robert was away on a trip to Mexico, the family's adobe dwelling was attacked by Indians who tried to burn the house down and kill or

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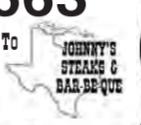



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Col. Shine discusses current affairs

Local radio personality on KTEM, former Helicopter pilot and instructor, Colonel Hugh Shine spoke to the Salado Rotary Club June 13. He has been a Bell County candidate for U.S. Congress and is currently an Investment Broker.

His theme was current affairs and how the history of our country has shaped America's current position and its future. He contends four great events shaped where the U.S. is today. First was the Civil War, before which the country was essentially an isolationist nation, but was redefined as an international player. Second was World War II,

at which time America took on the role as international leader and liberator. Third was the end of the Cold War in the '80's, which created the "Peace Dividend" by allowing America to divert major investment into its economy rather than in to a national defense. He says the U.S. bankrupted the Soviet Union because their economy was unable to sustain the spending necessary to compete with the American military.

Desert Storm took on similar significance because it defined America's role as "International Policeman." Also, as America became more a part of an

International economy it also became less immune to international recession. The U.S. therefore has an international interest in other nations as well as a dependence on oil.

The fourth major event to shape the nation was 9-11. At this time it was clear that the oceans that separated America from the other continents were no longer "our shield." Colonel Shine says this also points up our need to support a strong military. He gave another example as the tension between Taiwan and China as a potential future problem requiring U.S. military involvement.

The threats he sees to the nation at this time are world terrorism, oil dependency, and immigration. He used the example of Brazil, which has pioneered deep off-shore drilling to free themselves from dependence on others for oil; Brazil actually produces more oil than it needs. In the case of immigration he says the current situation has the potential to split the country comparable to the Civil War. He summarized by stating the U.S. is now at another possible turning point where success in dealing with these key problems is necessary to the country's future.

--REPORTED BY GERRY REIHSEN

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capture the family. Lydia's widowed mother, younger brother and sister, and an older sister with some small children were all living with the Halleys. The women managed to drive the Indians away with no one getting hurt. When Halley returned he made a quick and decisive move bringing his family to the Salado area. He became a community leader in the founding and growth of Salado College, the Village of Salado and Bell County.

Halley served as an early day Ranger, a member of a small mobile Indian fighting group. There was real need for this kind of service on the Texas frontier for many years.

In the late 1850s, Halley was elected to serve as a Bell County Commissioner. He was active in the political arena. In 1860 he presided over a meeting of the largest assembly of Democrats ever held in the county. He was elected to be a delegate to the State Democratic Convention held in Galveston that same year.

When the Village of Salado was laid out, the Halley's purchased acreage from the Robertson Estate and built the historic Halley House on North Main Street.

In 1861, Halley became a partner of Thomas Jefferson Eubanks, the builder and owner of the historic Old Salado Hotel. Eubanks was also owner of a popular still located by his home back in a hollow near the Lampasas River. He and Halley purchased the Shanklin flour and grist mills, located on the Lampasas and began a milling and distilling operation. The presence and location of the still led to the name "Stillhouse Hollow" and later Stillhouse Hollow Lake.

Because of rumors and resulting excitement over the possibility of Texas seceding from the Union,

Halley organized a quasi-military group which he named "Salado Mounted Troops" and offered their services to the Secession Convention on February 4, 1861. This was the first ranging company in Bell County and one of the first in the State. The group was accepted for three months service. Afterwards most of the men joined and fought for the Confederate Army. Halley was elected as Captain in a Calvary outfit which later came to be known as Co. G Baylor's Regiment Texas Cavalry where he served until the end of the war.

Halley then returned to his home and family and continued as a leader in his community. In 1866 he helped in getting a charter for a Masonic Lodge in Salado. In December 1866, Halley was elected Sheriff of Bell County. He began a work of ridding the area of gangs of outlaws, horse thieves, cattle thieves, and murderers who hung out in Western Bell County. This problem was gradually eliminated by the diligent work of those well trained men who followed in Halley's footsteps.

Halley died unexpectedly on October 4, 1875. He is buried in the Old Salado Grave Yard and his grave has been marked with a Texas Historical Commission Marker. His wife, Lydia, a widow for 52 years, died in 1927 and is buried in a Halley Family Cemetery in Dallas. Lydia continued to live in the old home on North Main Street after her husband's death until 1908 when she sold the house and moved to Dallas to live with two of her unmarried children. Following his death, Lydia provided for her children by taking in boarders, renting rooms, raising cattle, farming and dealing in real estate. The children were educated at Salado College.

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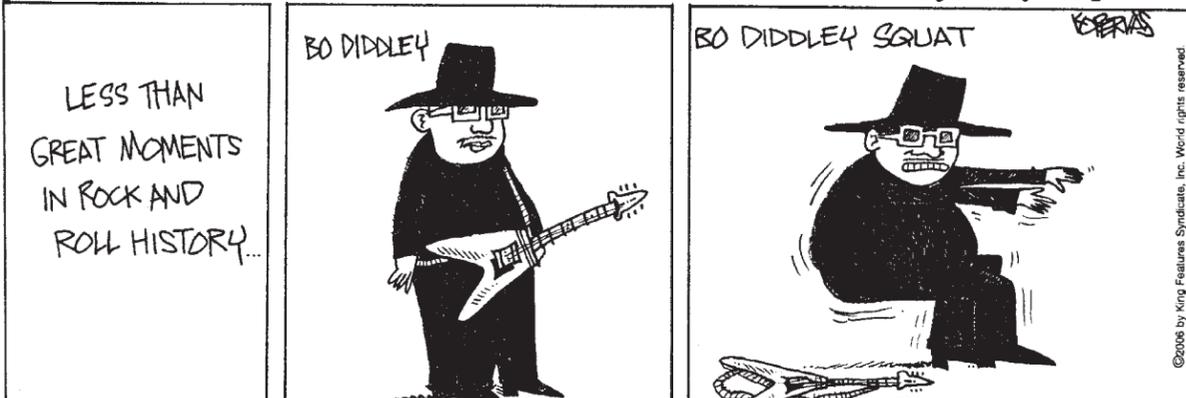




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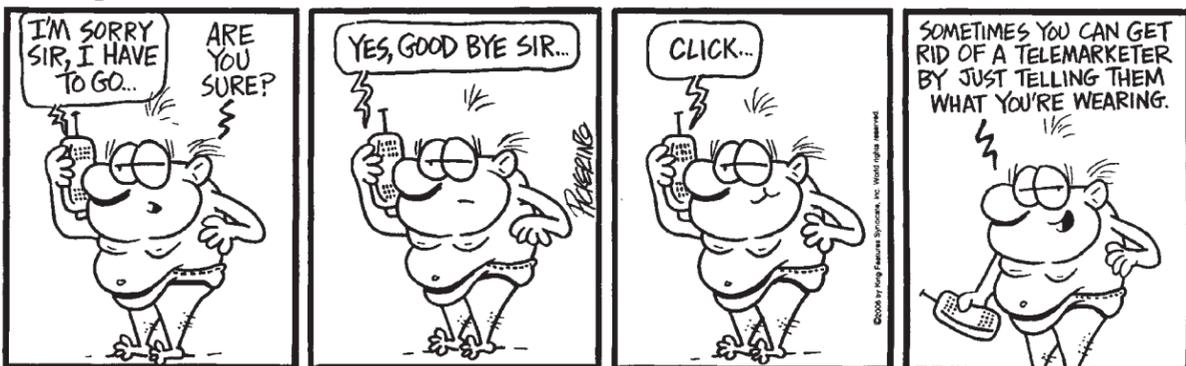
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On Memorial Day of this year I attended the dedication of a F-4 fighter plane at a Vietnam Memorial in Big Spring. A group of dedicated and determined Vietnam Veterans have worked tirelessly to create a significant tribute to those who served in that far away land.

They first located a piece of land at the foot of Scenic Mountain, got permission to use it for the monument, then they erected a black marble monument and surrounded it with flags, walkways and landscaping. That would have been enough for most people, but these guys are different. They want more. They

somehow got a Huey helicopter, then got the F-4 and mounted both of them on stands that make the aircraft appear to be in motion.

The ceremony was one of the most touching and meaningful patriotic events I've ever attended. Later that day, about 8:30 p.m., my wife and I went back to the memorial. Some Vietnam Vets were there, admiring the

new addition and talking about what they were going to do next: get a tank and build a small chapel. We stayed there about an hour visiting with those vets and others who came by to see the F-4. At one point a man in a white pickup drove up, got out of his vehicle, saluted, got back in the pickup and drove away.

I like patriotic moments. At the dedication ceremony, a children's choir sang songs from each branch of the service. Men and women who served in the military stood up and saluted when their branch song was presented. I stood and saluted as the kids sang "When those caissons go rolling along."

My Army years were worthwhile. It was

peacetime, 1957-60. After basic training at Ft. Carson, Colorado I went to Ft. Devens, Massachusetts for six months to attend an Army school. New England was a place I had never been before and I got to see people actually enjoy cold weather. I went skiing for the first time and had some really good food. Then I went to Europe for two years.

When you are away from your country, you have a chance to get a better look at it. You compare. For me, those two years away gave me a whole new appreciation for America and what it represents. I fell in love with my country I guess for the very first time. The years abroad made me realize just what we have here. I became extremely proud to be an American.

I remember one night around midnight I was by myself driving along the coast of Spain listening to Armed Forces Radio. The station signed off with the Star Spangled Banner. I was so moved I stopped the car, got out, looked up at the stars and stood at attention, my hand over my heart. I'll never forget that moment.

I returned to the U.S. by troop ship. As we approached New York City, guys were listening to their radios. The first thing we heard was a commercial for a meat market. Everybody cheered. The commercial represented America. We had not heard a commercial in two years. The commercial came in the middle of a newscast. I decided right then and there I wanted to spend my life working in the fields that best symbolized our great country: news and advertising. Nearly 40 years later, I can truthfully say I have been very happy.

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Pascoe uses traditional construction techniques, using only solid woods. "There is no press board or fiber board in my work," Pascoe says. "I use mortise and tenon glue joints and a minimum of mechanical fasteners." The General Store design is very flexible, allowing for the creation of cabinet bases, tables, bookcases and the breakfront pictured here. The entire collection can be seen at saladosawmill.com/generalstore.html.

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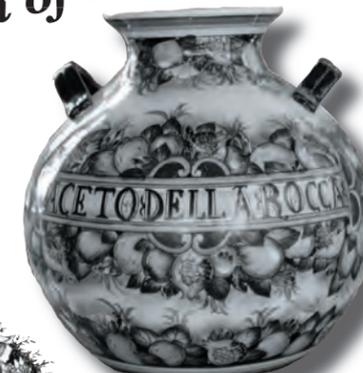
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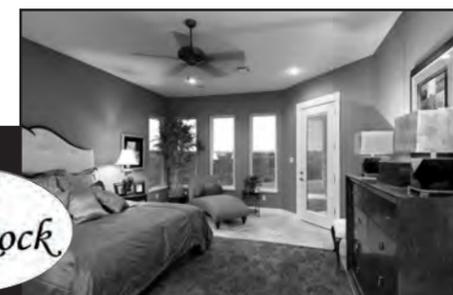
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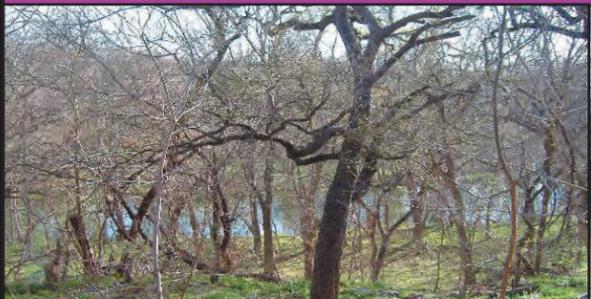
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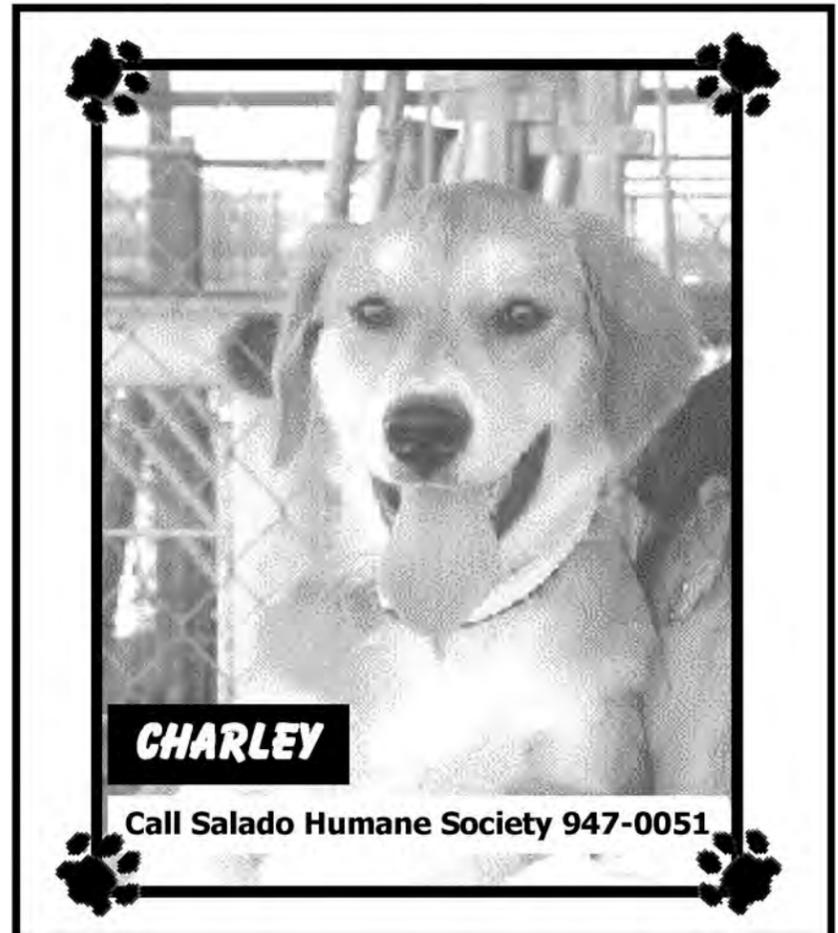
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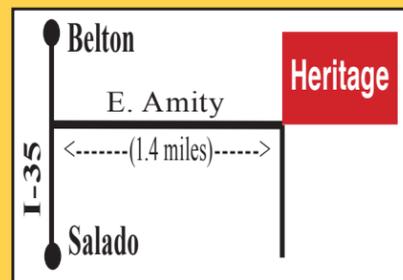
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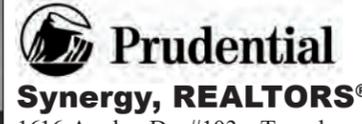

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Screened Enclosures: Inspect the cross braces, fasteners and clips that hold the enclosure's framing and screening in place. If a storm is coming your way, remove a six-foot-wide panel on each side of the enclosure to allow wind to pass. This will help reduce pressure on the entire structure.

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Porches: Porches often have weaker roofs than the main structure of a house, which makes them more susceptible to storm damage. A porch's roof and floor may be reinforced by bolting them to the exterior wall of the house.

Insurance: Photograph or videotape your home and personal property. Doing so provides a visual identity preceding any possible damage that may result in an insurance claim.

Electric and Gas: It's wise to turn off the home's main electric breaker, water valve and gas valve to prepare for many storm situations. Doing so could help minimize a home's damage if problems with the utilities were to occur. Breakers and valves should also be shut off even if the home is being evacuated.

Flooding: All valuables located in the home's basement or ground floor should be elevated or moved to a higher location to help protect them from possible storm flooding.

After The Storm:

Assess Roof Damage: The roof is a critical, yet extremely vulnerable component to any home.

After the storm passes, remain on ground level and use binoculars to examine the roof for areas where shingles may have blown off. Do not go up on the roof to check for damage, as bad storms may weaken the roof's ability to bear weight.

Water Damage: Roofs that aren't protected by a water-repellent membrane, or underlayment, can increase a home's susceptibility to major water damage. Check the attic, ceiling and all walls for visible water stains, which are indicators of larger problems that may be looming.

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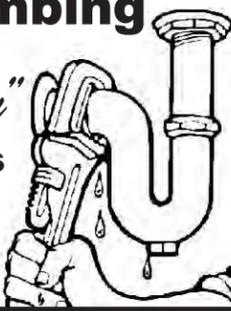
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And a recently-discovered strain of staph bacteria does not respond to antibiotic treatments at all, leading medical analysts to worry that certain "super bugs" could emerge that are resistant to even the most potent drugs, rendering some infections incurable. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) calls antibiotic resistance one of its "top concerns" and "one of the world's most pressing health problems."

One large part of the problem, according to the CDC, is the tendency for people to take antibiotics to fight viruses, which they cannot do. Antibiotics fight bacteria, not viruses, and will not fight colds, flu, bronchitis, runny noses, or sore throats not due to strep. Nonetheless, says CDC, "more than 10 million courses of antibiotics are prescribed each year for viral conditions that do not benefit from antibiotics." To address this, a growing number of doctors, including Dr. Randel Cardott, an internist with Iowa's Genesis Convenient Care, are advocating a "wait-and-see" approach to prescribing antibiotics, especially in cases like middle ear infections that sometimes prove to be viral and not bacterial in origin. Cardott says that European physicians have taken this approach for years with no adverse effects.

Scaling back on antibiotics for human maladies won't address the whole problem. Farmers and ranchers use antibiotics heavily, too. In North America, industrial beef, pig and poultry farming is a big unsanitary business, and antibiotics are used extensively to ward off diseases and also for non-medical reasons, such as to promote growth. In fact, the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), a non-profit research and advocacy group, estimates that some 70 percent of all antibiotics are used as additives in the feed given to healthy pigs, poultry and cattle. These drugs leave the animals' bodies as waste and work their way into local water supplies, as well as right into the food chain. "Nonetheless," says UCS, "agribusiness and the pharmaceutical industry are fighting hard to thwart restrictions on the use of antibiotics in agriculture."

Keep Antibiotics Working, a non-profit dedicated to reducing antibiotics overuse in agriculture, advocates phasing out unnecessary antibiotics in healthy

livestock and poultry. In lieu of Congressional action along these lines, the group is encouraging meat wholesalers and retailers to voluntarily stop buying or selling meat that has been produced using antibiotics for purposes other than treating sick animals. Consumers looking to avoid antibiotics in meat should seek out organic offerings at natural foods markets.

CONTACTS: UCS, www.ucsus.org/food_and_environment/antibiotics_and_food/



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Virtual Tour!

New home in Mill Creek Springs. Custom craftsmanship seen throughout this 3 BR/2 BA/2 car garage home. Spacious kitchen with Granite counters. Take the virtual tour at www.salado.net. **Priced at \$259,900.**



Austin Stone Home northwest of Salado on approximately 2 acres. Large Back Porch! **\$165,000.**



UNDER CONTRACT

Beautiful home on 16+ acres. A restored historic train depot, this home features a large master suite, unbelievable kitchen with granite countertops, great for entertaining, large suite for guests/children and much more. Garage with lots of storage. Horse stables. **\$525,000.**



Golf Course Living in Mill Creek! 4/2.5/2 home has granite countertops, hardwood floors and high ceilings. This is a must-see home. **\$269,900.**



Virtual Tour!

Beautiful Austin stone home in Salado. High ceiling with wood finish, large kitchen and awesome master suite with fireplace. Take a virtual tour of this 3 BR/3 BA at www.salado.net. **\$355,000.**



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



Virtual Tour!

Exquisite ranch-style home located on 3 tree-covered acres. Travertine flooring, hardwood floors, granite counters, high ceiling, open floor plan. Priced at ~~\$349,900~~. **Reduced to \$299,000.**



Open and Spacious 3/2/2+ in Mill Creek. Large kitchen, open floorplan, fenced yard and covered porch all for just **\$194,900.**



Virtual Tour!

New Elegant Estate 4/3/3+ on 3 tree-covered acres. Inviting entrance, high ceilings, crown molding, beautiful kitchen with stainless steel appliances and granite countertops, large fireplace, 3+ car garage and much more. **\$399,000.**



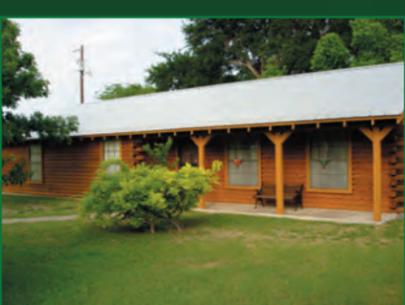
Virtual Tour!

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



UNDER CONTRACT

Beautifully Landscape Home in the Prestigious Carriage House Estates. Two living areas, both with stone fireplace, spacious master suite, great room, and sports court all for just **\$369,900.**



3/2 - Rare Find located just northwest of Salado. Log Home on over 10 acres with barns all for just **\$225,000.**

Acreage/Lots

340 acres southeast of Salado.
550 acres Hill Country with house west of Jarrell. Excellent commercial rock property.
Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane.
145 acres northwest of Salado. Backs up to Corps of Engineers property. \$3,500 per acre.
33.17 acres Trees Covered located just Northwest of Salado. 30x40 barn. **\$249,900.**
7 acres oak trees, electricity & well, **\$85,000.**
5 acres in Hidden Springs, lot #271, **\$46,900.**
2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900.**
3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large pecans & live water. **\$35,000.**
44 acres off of Firefly Road between Salado and Florence. Great Trees Will divide.
10 Acre Home Sites starting from \$99,900. Live Oak Trees and Views!
Lot 290 Hidden Springs, \$49,000.
Lot 71 Hiddens Springs creek front, \$69,950.
Lot overlooking Salado Creek, - ~~\$50,000~~ - **reduced to \$29,900!**
Beautiful treed lot, 178' deep, 1219 Indian Trail, Mill Creek, **\$36,000.**
Lot in The Bluffs at Salado Creek, ~~\$45,000~~ **UNDER CONTRACT**
Royal View lot priced at \$49,900.
Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - **\$40,000.**
Indian Trail - 90x188 - **\$38,000.**

Commercial

1.32 acre fronting I-35 with home, **\$350,000**
30 acres fronting I-35, 1 mile south of Stagecoach Inn.
.87 acres off N. Stagecoach Rd. **\$147,408.**
3 acres fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$120,000.**
Approx 3.5 acres off College Hill with small home for **\$300,000.**
B&B: Great chance to live in Salado.

Bell County

5+ acres fronting SH 190 and Boxer Road. Great commercial location. Belton city water available. **\$299,000.**
2+ acres at corner of FM 1670 and HWY 190. **SOLD**
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