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Masons to level cornerstone May 3

Salado Masonic Lodge, along with representatives of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas, will level the cornerstone in a ceremony at 10 a.m. May 3 at the new Salado High School at the corner of FM 2484 and Williams Dr. The public is invited to attend the ceremony. Refreshments will follow.

When the Masons level this cornerstone, they will be performing a ceremony that is more than 300 years old. This ceremony is essentially the same ceremony used to dedicate the great cathedrals and buildings in Europe.

American Masons have been leveling cornerstones since 1734, when Grand Master Benjamin Franklin presided over the ceremony for Independence Hall in Philadelphia. Sixty years later, Master Mason George Washington leveled the cornerstone of the United States Capitol

Building on September 18, 1793.

Reverend Lyttleton Fowler, Grand Chaplain of The Grand Lodge of Texas, leveled the first cornerstone leveled in Texas on February 3, 1838, at the first Protestant church built west of the Sabine River in San Augustine. Since then there have been hundreds of public buildings, schools and churches which have had cornerstones leveled by The Grand Lodge of Texas.

Masons have leveled cornerstones at public buildings, such as schools, government buildings and places of worship, in the communities in which they have taken an active role.

Masonry first came to Texas in the 1830s when the Grand Lodge of Louisiana authorized lodges in Houston, Nacogdoches and San Augustine.

Salado Masonic Lodge

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More than 100 turn out in two days of voting

Over 100 have turned out in the first two days of early voting in Salado school board and aldermen and mayor elections.

Through press-time April 29, 113 have cast ballots in the Salado I.S.D. Board of trustees election and 81 have voted in the Village of Salado elections for aldermen and mayor.

Early voting began April 28 and will be conducted in-person at the Salado Civic Center on Main Street 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays April 28-May 6. There will be two extended early voting days in which early voting will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m.: April 29 and May 6.

Election day, the polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

May 10 at the Salado Civic Center.

Voters will choose three candidates to serve three-year terms on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees. Six have filed for the position: Deborah Aldridge (incumbent), Rodney W. Bell, Kim Bird, Robert Daniell, Nelson Lewis and Joe McKethan.

Voters living within the Village of Salado will elect a Mayor to a two-year term, as well as two Aldermen to serve two years.

Candidates for Mayor are Mike Cooper and Merle Stalcup.

Candidates for Aldermen are these: Hulda Horton, Stephen Peters and Carol Walls.



Members of the Salado High School Band with the trophies they have earned this year. For the first time in more than a decade, the band has earned the Sweepstakes trophy.

SHS Band earns Sweepstakes with Division I's

Salado High School Band won Sweepstakes Trophy after earning Straight Ones in both marching and concert contests this year.

This is the first time since 1996-97 that the SHS Band has won the Sweepstakes Trophy. The Band earned Ones in both stage performance and sight reading at the recent UIL Region Band Contest. Only eight of 27 2A schools in the Region.

The Concert program included these: "Invercargill (March)," "Down By The Sally Garden" and "Our Kingsland Spring."

Band Director Tom Bremer and the Band are already looking to the new school year by announcing the theme of next year's marching show "The Best of the Eagles" ("Take It Easy," "Heartbreak Tonight" and "Desperado")

The Salado Eagle Jazz Band participated in the

Spring Jazz Festival at Temple College. The program for the performance included the Bubbert Series of "Bubbert Takes The Train" - Rebecca Petro - Soloist; "Bubbert Goes Undercover" - Kathrynne Wynne - Soloist, "Bubbert In Love" - Jacob Cahoon - Soloist and "Bubbert Goes Retro" - Michael Silcott and Josh Bush - Soloists.

The Seventh and Eighth grade Honor Band, under the direction of Emilio Oli-

vares competed in Belton, receiving a Second Division on stage and a First Division in Sight reading. The program included "March Mania," "Ayrshire Portrait" and "Crusade."

"I am glad to see the Band end the year the same way it started: strong," Bremer said. "This year, the students have set a new standard of excellence. The tradition will continue into the new school and school year."

Aldermen may fill vacant seat

Board interviewing candidates for Holloway's unexpired term

Salado aldermen will meet in a special called meeting at 5 p.m. to interview applicants to fill the vacancy left by Forrest Holloway who resigned last month from the board. They will meet for their regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Salado Municipal Building at 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

Holloway resigned his position from the board ef-

fective April 14. He and his wife Theresa are moving to San Antonio where Holloway has gone to work for a government contractor.

By filling the position before the May 10 election, the board of aldermen avoid the possibility of having to call for a special election. If two positions on the board of aldermen are vacant at the same time, then a special election should be held

to fill the unexpired terms.

In the regular meeting, following reports from the police chief and tourism director, the board will consider the appointment to fill the unexpired term of Holloway.

In unfinished business, the board will discuss the possible adoption of a Health and Sanitation Ordinance Amendment, a Sign Ordinance Amend-

ment and the appointment of a member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

In new business, aldermen will discuss a Burn Ordinance Amendment Annex T & V of the Emergency Operations Plan and a new village logo. The board will also hear a presentation from the Langford Agency on grant writing.

The meeting is open to the public.



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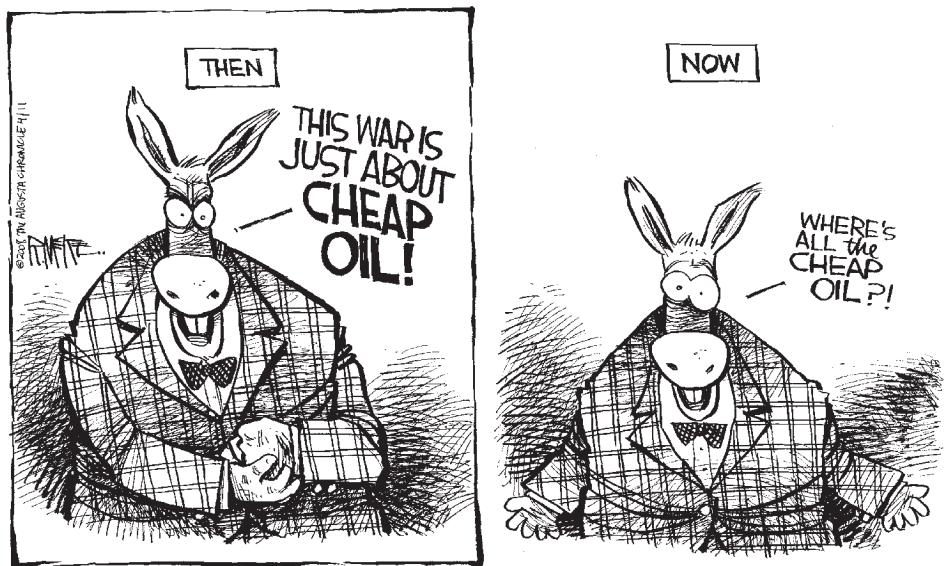
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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



The Underside of Hope

Barack Obama was caught saying something he believes.

At a San Francisco fund raiser, away from the prying eyes of the press, Obama reflected on why small-town voters in Pennsylvania and the Midwest seem resistant to his appeal. He said those areas had lost jobs for 25 years. Therefore, people “get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren’t like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations.”

Obama has apologized for his phrasing while defending the substance of his statement. And why not? He was retailing an article of left-wing orthodoxy going back centuries: that the working class is distracted by religion and other peripheral concerns from focusing on its economic interests and embracing socialism.

At bottom, this is a profoundly insulting point of view. Consider Obama’s formulation. He makes it sound like no one would be a hunter or a Christian absent economic distress, that economic circumstances drive people into such atavistic habits. Has he considered that some people simply enjoy hunting? And view the right to bear arms as a guarantor of American liberty?

The assumption is that only liberal attitudes are normal and well-adjusted: If only these small-town people could earn more income, get an advanced degree and move to a major metropolitan area, they could shed their chrysalis of social conservatism.

Obama prides himself on his civility, but it has to go much deeper than dulcet rhetoric. A fundamental courtesy of political debate is to meet the other side on its own terms. If someone says he cares about gun rights, it’s rude to insist: “No, you don’t. It’s the minimum wage that you really care about, and you’d know it if you were more self-aware.” But Democrats

Rich Lowry



have an uncontrollable reflex to do just that. Since the McGovernite takeover of their party, they have struggled to work up enthusiasm for Middle American mores. (Since 1980, only Bill Clinton managed it, which is why he was the only Democrat elected president in three decades.)

When the liberal reflex is coupled with a Ivy League-educated candidate who seems personally remote and uncomfortable with everyday American activities, it’s electoral poison.

Obama brings a special measure of arrogance to the standard liberal critique of Middle America. His candidacy has always been characterized by two paradoxes. How can he be so hopeful at the same time he and his wife, Michelle, portray America as a sink-pit of despair? And how can he claim to be a uniter when he’s an orthodox liberal who has risked little or nothing for bipartisan outreach?

Now, we know. Obama defines hopefulness as liberalism, specifically liberalism as embodied by himself. Only with Obama’s election will America be redeemed from its harrowing false consciousness. We will be unified, not by Obama reaching out to conservatives to hammer out compromises, but by conservatives shedding their bitterness and becoming Obama liberals.

This is the underside of hope: arrogance fading into a secular messianism based on the fallenness of everyone who disagrees with Barack Obama. And it’s small-town voters who are deluded?

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

Penn’s delegate split questioned; Perry’s third term plan spawns “What-If” fidgets

Pennsylvania’s important primary results should raise several questions about delegate distribution - and require some immediate number “re-crunching.” Reason? Hillary Clinton won the popular vote (55 percent) to Barack Obama’s 45 percent, but when the 158 delegates were divvied up, something went wrong. Clinton was awarded her fair share - 87 votes, which raised her total to 1,592.

Obama however, jumped from a previous delegate total of 1,645 to 1,723, a hike of 78, despite having earned only 71 delegate votes.

Questions quickly surfaced: “Who does the counting and who does the distributing?” Is it the Democratic National Committee, or by State committees rigged up by DNC Chairman Howard Dean? At any rate, someone grabbed an extra “seven” delegate votes (from somewhere) and tossed them to Obama!

We should be used to a certain amount of “bamboozling” by the Party hierarchy - at both State and National levels, but those hoodwinkers ought to give the rest of us a smidgen of credit for knowing how to add and/or multiply numbers.

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SURPRISE - LANDSLIDE TO RUN AGAIN!!

Here’s some news we bet you’ve all been waiting for: **Governor Rick “Landslide” Perry’s announcement that he’s gonna run for a third term in 2010!** If successful it’ll extend his sentence to 14 years - a Texas gubernatorial record!

And you thought he was going to Washington as Vice President! First for Rudy Guiliani, thanks to all that national “barnstorming.” And later (after the New Yorker tanked), the Guv’s quick shuffle over to John McCain - his new best friend.

However, Perry said last week that he wasn’t interested in serving as McCain’s Veep! Which immediately raised questions: “Who asked him?” and “When?” Both produced a wide variety of Capital City giggles, chortles, winks, and grins by insiders, and funereal looks of bemusement - by the more attentive.

GOVERNOR’S NEW NICKNAME

Governor “Crazy Hair’s” foray into the federal wilderness, seeking either a Veepster or some other cushy sabbatical, took place after he won a less than spectacular second full term in 2006 by defeating such stalwart “Independents” as Kinky Friedman and Carole Strayhorn; and Democrat Chris Bell.

Strayhorn and Friedman siphoned off more than a million Demo votes that should have gone to Bell, who came in second to Perry, 1.3 to 1.7 million votes, which produced a “whopping” 39 percent victory for the incumbent Guv. That “triumph” created his newest and most satirically accurate nickname - “Landslide.”

Old “Landslide” concluded his premature reelection foofaraw by explaining that he “had unfinished work remaining as Governor” and therefore needed another term at the trough.

WHAT’S UP “LANDSLIDE’S” SLEEVE?

Wonder what “Landslide” has up his sleeve this time? The Guv (like all good Republicans) is a privatization freak - so we naturally worry that all this “unfinished business” will include new selling-leasing schemes after 2010?

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



Readers will recall that his “Lottery-lease” giveaway fizzled. Trans Texas Corridor is plodding along but will never be viable (investmentwise) as a privatized toll road - or so say the experts. So, could a Capitol Building lease/sale be next in line? DPS? The State Cemetery? Or, how about the Texas Department of Transportation? Never mind- already bought and paid for!

DEWHURST AND HUTCHISON

“Landslide’s” decision to run for a third term spawned several observations that ranged from “sensible” to “Oz Land” as might be expected in the wonderful world of Texas Politics.

Many Governor-watchers claim the “third term” palaver is just a ruse to keep Perry from being an even “lamer duck” (than he already is) during his final legislative session.

Attention then shifted to Lt. Governor David Dewhurst and Senator Kay Hutchison - both hankering to replace Perry in ‘10.

Dewhurst has earned the right to seek the Governor’s Office. He’s toiled in the political vineyards like a faithful Republican and his close advisers say he’s been laying his plans accordingly.

Senator Hutchison wants to “cap” her political career in the Governor’s Office. Her D.C. record over the years has been noticeably “mediocre” but she has plenty of money available for a gubernatorial run - nearly three times “Landslide’s” cache (\$2.7 versus \$7.4 million).

“WHAT IF” SCENARIOS

Two related reelection “What If” conspiracies popped up immediately down along the Colorado River front.

First one would require having “Landslide” pull in every chit owed him in Washington, in order to secure a presidential appointment for Hutchison.

For that plan to work, McCain would have to win, and after the 2009 Texas legislative session, appoint Hutchison to a high (albeit harmless) sinecure in his administration. At that point, Perry would appoint Dewhurst to the Senate and clear the decks for a third term run without a primary fight.

A secondary plot (our favorite) would have “Landslide’s” Hutchison-appointment succeed, and then name himself to the Senate seat. Dewhurst would move up and it’d be “happy daze” for the GOPclan.

GOP STUMBLING BLOCK

Objectively - all planning (real or imaginary) by the Governor, Dewhurst, Hutchison, et al, may be exercises-in-futility if Republicans fail to retain the White House this year.

Moreover, the Texas Democratic Party is fired up and preparing a full court press (Legislatively) for November. Fact is - these reawakened “back-benchers” are salivating to take over the State House, dump Craddick and give the rest of Texas’ GOPdom the “golly-wobbles!”

AND FINALLY.....

Texas politics is more than a “ho hum” spectator sport. It’s full of zest and hyperbole (a.k.a. bull-droppings and tomfoolery) and despite its oft-times dopey practitioners, the results are, in the main - acceptable.

We recommend full participation in politics for everyone, since we’re all in the same boat together. Only problem is we sometimes select an incompetent bungler as Captain, whose main concern is rearranging the deck chairs, instead of watching for icebergs!

That’s -30-

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School board candidates answer questions about superintendency

As a service to our readers and voters in the Salado ISD Board of Trustees election, we submitted the following questions to the six candidates for school board. The questions are listed, followed by the Candidate responses in alphabetical order.

Question One: One of your early jobs as a school board member will be hiring a new superintendent. What are the top qualities that you will want in a superintendent? (100 words)

Question Two: How quickly should the district bring in an interim superintendent? With an interim on board, how long do you think the process to hire a permanent superintendent take? (100 words)

Question Three: What should be the role of the superintendent and the role of the school board? What is the relationship of the superintendent to the school board? What will you bring to that role and relationship? (100 words)

Question Four: Will you vote for a multi-year contract for an applicant? Why or why not? (100 words)

Question Five: Are you willing to pay more than SISD currently pays to hire a superintendent? (100 words)



Deborah Aldridge

Deborah Aldridge

Question One: Small districts require a leader to have expertise in many areas—school finance, curriculum, testing accountability, personnel (hiring, supervision, motivation and retention), buildings (construction and maintenance), school law, etc. We need an extremely organized, efficient, “multi-tasker” with proven leadership experience who is highly intelligent, a superb communicator, and adept at working with the entire community. The best candidate would be a dynamic motivator that our staff respects and can trust. The staff’s input should influence the search because they will work with the individual we choose.

Question Two: The infrastructure of the District (policies, procedures, systems, staff) is strong, so transition to an interim should be smooth. Yet, every ship needs a Captain, therefore an interim should be hired quickly according to legal policy after the official resignation of Dr. Battershell. The hiring of a Su-

perintendent is top priority and should be done expeditiously. The quality of the hire should not be compromised just to meet a timeline. A tentative timeline, set by the current Board, which is feasible, is early to mid August for a new Superintendent to be hired.

Question Three: Texas law dictates the functions of a public school Board: to hire/supervise a Superintendent, set the tax rate, and adopt policy. This is known as governance. Superintendents are accountable to local Boards for the District’s daily operations and Boards should not micro-manage this role. Boards should work with the Superintendent to set specific goals that create schools that provide the community’s children a quality education. I bring six years of experience working within these parameters and clearly understand the division of responsibility, trust the judgment of my fellow Trustees, and am committed to the institution of public education.

Question Four: Fundamentally, I believe that multi-year contracts are earned only when one’s job performance has merited the highest trust in abilities and character. At the beginning of the Superintendent search, I am not inclined to favor a multiyear contract. However, there will be many factors in hiring the new Superintendent, and in a worst case scenario, to hire the very best candidate a multi year contract might have to be considered. I am not in favor of it at this time, but am not averse to considering it. “Never say never.”

Question Five: The District should not be interested in merely maintaining status quo and certainly not going backwards, so we’re looking for the absolute best candidate. I optimistically believe that quality individuals will apply for the job at the current salary; but it is a complicated, demanding job and we’ll compete with higher paying districts also seeking strong leadership. In a worst case scenario, what if the top candidates were unwilling to a move here for the current salary? I am not averse to a discussion of raising the salary if necessary. “Never say never.”



Rodney Bell

Rodney Bell

Question One: Salado ISD will require a superintendent that will lead the

district in the areas of academic achievement, finance, personnel, and construction. In addition, we need a superintendent with the ability to maintain a cohesive relationship with current administrative and educational staff within the district, and with the citizens of our community. I will be interested in hearing the results from the assessment of personnel in the district as to the qualities they are looking for in a new superintendent.

Question Two: Currently, the board is assessing a timeline that I believe is both reasonable and attainable. The district may need to appoint an acting superintendent to fill the time until an interim is named. Should current plans proceed, the district should be to hire a new superintendent by the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year. Bottom line, we need to hire the right person regardless of the amount of time it takes.

Question Three: The role of the superintendent is to execute the policy set by the School Board. The superintendent is the executive officer of the district and reports to the School Board. The superintendent will direct and coordinate the educational programs for the district according to government and district requirements. The School Board sets policy, develops the district budget with the superintendent, and hears grievances brought to the board by parents and citizens. The superintendent and the School Board must work as a team to ensure instruction is geared toward student success.

Question Four: I would consider a multi-year contract should the correct situation be present. Salado ISD will need to hire a very qualified and experienced individual for this position and a significant key in this process will be developing an appropriate hiring package. Failure to put our best foot forward could deny SISD from getting the right person for the position.

Question Five: In order to allow Salado ISD to negotiate the best financial package for the hire, I do not feel it is appropriate to comment on this question at this time. Obviously you get what you pay for and Salado ISD needs to compensate ALL staff based on their qualifications and the value they bring to the students of our district.

Kim Bird

Question One: Integrity, transparency, instructional leadership and financial management are the top qualities that I will consider in a candidate for superintendent. A leader must demonstrate high moral character and integrity. Effective leadership will depend on his/her ability to earn the respect of those he/she will be charged with leading. A



Kim Bird

superintendent must also be transparent and communicate openly with district personnel, parents and community members. We must be able to trust that what is said is true and complete. Finally, our superintendent must be a strong instructional leader and effective financial manager. These skills are paramount to the position.

Question Two: It is essential that an interim superintendent be named as soon as possible. This time of year is critical for a school district because budgets are set and decisions are made for the upcoming school year. It is even more critical for Salado I.S.D. because we are completing a building project, opening a new school and shifting grades among existing campuses. Although the process of hiring a new superintendent should be expedient and efficient, it should not be rushed. The best candidate for S.I.S.D. must be hired. Therefore, the board must take the time to be thorough in this search.

Question Three: The Board has the responsibility of hiring and evaluating the superintendent, setting district policy, adopting a budget and setting a tax rate for a school district. The superintendent oversees day-to-day operations. It is essential that these two entities work with shared goals so that when differences of opinion occur, the best possible solutions are reached.

My experience as a Salado parent, community member and tax payer are enhanced by my education and experience as a teacher and administrator. I will consider decisions from these collective points of view in order to best meet the needs of children.

Question Four: In the current job market, multi-year contracts are often necessary to attract and retain outstanding candidates for superintendent. I believe a board must balance fiscal responsibility and the need to extend the shortest possible contract to an applicant with this market reality. It is possible that saving money on a superintendent’s contract can end up costing a district much more money in the long run. I will vote on the shortest possible contract necessary to employ the best candidate for Salado I.S.D.

Question Five: Salado

I.S.D. should be able to attract many outstanding candidates for the position of superintendent and hire the best possible candidate at a comparable salary. The board, however, must consider a number of variables in setting this salary such as a candidate’s experience, past positions and responsibilities, current salary, areas of demonstrated and measurable success, along with the fiscal realities of our school district. I will carefully consider all of these factors before voting to extend any salary to a candidate, ensuring that the board hires the best possible candidate for Salado I.S.D. and the children of our community



Robert Daniell

Robert Daniell

Question One: I think that one of the most important qualities a superintendent should have is a good sense of financial responsibility. I think they should be able to give each campus the resources they need to educate our children and still increase the fund balance each year. A superintendent should be a person of integrity and high moral standards. They should be a person that every community member would feel comfortable bringing their concerns too. I also feel that the superintendent should have a good leadership skills. They should run the school much like a CEO would run a company.

Question Two: I think they should have an interim superintendent in place before or by the time, the current superintendent is allowed to leave. Once an interim is found, We should hire a new superintendent as soon as possible, hopefully, before the new school year. However, I think that we should take as long as needed, to make sure that we get the best person for Salado ISD.

Question Three: The role of the superintendent should be like the role of a CEO of a company. They should hire principals, and directors, that are capable of running their campuses and/or programs. The role of the school board member is a lot like the role of a board of directors. They should set policy, set budgets, and hire superintendents. I feel that I will represent all community members, and I will look at all matters logically and with common sense. I be-

lieve that I am able to work with all types of people in any situation.

Question Four: No, I would not vote for a multi-year contract. If a superintendent is doing a good job than you can always renew their contract. However, if they are not and you need to fire them, then I don’t want to have to buy out the remainder of a multi-year contract. That would be a waste of taxpayers’ money.

Question Five: No, We should be able to find quality applicants and get a superintendent hired at the current rate that we pay.



Nelson Lewis

Nelson Lewis

Question One: As a new and first time Board member, I would want to review the Superintendent’s position description that the current Superintendent and Board have agreed to. If it is still fully valid I would expect the successful superintendent candidate be able to fulfill all of its specifications.

Question Two: If there is a qualified candidate within the Salado ISD, I would make him/her interim until the Board makes it’s final decision. Otherwise, I would leave the position vacant. It will take as long as necessary to hire a permanent Superintendent.

Question Three: The role of the School Board and the Superintendent should be to operate the entire school system and provide a quality education to the students. The Superintendent should be an appointed member to the Board and be held accountable for the day to day operation of the system. I will bring leadership, common sense and business experience to that relationship as well as the desires of the parents.

Question Four: I would support a multi-year engagement in our offer to attract and retain the best possible candidate. A multi-year relationship will promote the best hope for stability in our school system.


Question Five: I am not willing to pay more than the Salado ISD is paying the current incumbent. If I was, it would be a counter offer to the current Superintendent in order to retain her.

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Mayor hopefuls on ETJ, sewage

Salado Village Voice put the following questions before the two candidates for Mayor of the Village of Salado. Their answers follow in alphabetical order;

Question One: With the construction of a Scott & White clinic and a motel in the extra territorial jurisdiction, as well as the expanded capability of the Salado Water Supply Corporation to serve the northwest portion of Salado (FM 1670/FM 2484), much of the future growth in Salado will be to the northwest. What can the Village do to bring those properties into the village? Is this even palatable for the Village? Why or why not? (100 words)

Question Two: Some large sales-tax producing businesses lay just outside of the ETJ of Salado, particularly to the south on I-35 and to the east on Royal St. What can the Village do to bring those properties into the village? Is this even palatable for the Village? Why or why not? (100 words)

Question Three: A major development is on the drawing table for a mixed-use property east of the village limits. It will include more

than 300 residential units, as well as retail developments, restaurant sites and possibly hotel developments. The development will have a wastewater treatment plant that, if approved by the state, will have excess capacity to it that the Village could partner into for its downtown retail area. Is this a good idea, why or why not? (100 words)

Question Four: Is a wastewater treatment plant a good idea for any, part or all of the Village? Why or why not? (100 words)

Question Five: What can the Village do in general to expand its boundaries if anything? (100 words)

Mike Cooper

Question One: Our municipality can only involuntarily annex an area if it is providing the area with "water or sewer service." The Village provides neither of these services. In the event water is provided to such area, in all likelihood it will be provided by a private corporation.

All the Village can do is encourage voters in contiguous areas to vote and petition the Village for annexa-



Mike Cooper

tion.

Although it is palatable for the Village to do so, it is often difficult to meet the test of the area being contiguous to the Village. If I am elected mayor I will work with voters in contiguous areas to facilitate their entry into the Village.

Question Two: Based on the limitations of the Local Government Code, the Village would first have to determine that these areas meet the "contiguous test." If so, then the Board of Aldermen would have to convince the owners of the properties in question that it was in their interest to petition the Board of Aldermen to be annexed. It could be palatable and beneficial to the Village. Perhaps incentives could be crafted that would be beneficial to such property owners. Hopefully this would motivate such property owners to petition the Village for annexation.

Question Three: The lack of available areas in which to install septic systems unfortunately limits the growth of new businesses and restaurants in the downtown area. Therefore, if the Village could partner with a private wastewater treatment facility, as a means of providing sewage service to the downtown area, such partnership could be beneficial to the Village. It would be beneficial because it could enable

the downtown area to attract new quality businesses and restaurants. This would help to increase the amount of sales tax the Village would receive to its finance its operations.

Question Four: As outlined above, it would be beneficial to the downtown area. It also has merit in new areas of residential or commercial development where the cost of such a plant is built into the overall cost of the development. In such areas of new development, in order to make them more palatable to the public, various kinds of wastewater treatment facilities could be explored.

It could enable the Village to provide sewage service to adjacent areas which it could involuntarily annex.

However, unless means can be found to finance such facilities which are reasonable and acceptable to the village, the cost of such facilities could be prohibitive.

Question Five: The ability of the Village to expand its boundaries is very limited. First, the Village can only encourage voters in contiguous areas to voluntarily annex. Second, the Village can petition and lobby the legislature to amend the annexation laws to be more favorable to the Village. The Village is currently talking to several professional lobbyists who might could help us in this endeavor. Lastly, in the event it becomes feasible to develop some type of wastewater treatment facility, the Village could provide this service to adjacent areas. Then the Village could gain some ability to involuntarily annex areas.



Merle Stalcup

Merle Stalcup

Question One: At this time or in the near future, I do not see any expansion of the Village of Salado city limits. Two things have to happen before an expansion occurs 1. the entity has to volunteer to come into the city limits and 2. the property has to be contiguous to the current city limits. The property on the northwest side of the Village meets part of the requirements. They will have to request annexation and then we must approve the annexation. Please remember that whenever a property is annexed into the city limits,

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Aldermen candidates discuss ETJ, sewage

The Salado Village Voice posed the following questions to the three candidates for Village of Salado Board of Aldermen. Their answers follow in alphabetical order.

Question One: With the construction of a Scott & White clinic and a motel in the extra territorial jurisdiction, as well as the expanded capability of the Salado Water Supply Corporation to serve the northwest portion of Salado (FM 1670/FM 2484), much of the future growth in Salado will be to the northwest. What can the Village do to bring those properties into the village? Is this even palatable for the Village? Why or why not? (100 words)

Question Two: Some large sales-tax producing businesses lay just outside of the ETJ of Salado, particularly to the south on I-35 and to the east on Royal St. What can the Village do to bring those properties into the village? Is this even palatable for the Village? Why or why not? (100 words)

Question Three: A major development is on the drawing table for a mixed-use property east of the village limits. It will include more than 300 residential units, as well as retail developments, restaurant sites and possibly hotel developments. The development will have a wastewater treatment plant that, if approved by the state, will have excess capacity to it that the Village could partner into for its downtown retail area. Is this a good idea, why or why not? (100 words)

Question Four: Is a wastewater treatment plant a good idea for any, part or all of the Village? Why or why not? (100 words)

Question Five: What can the Village do in general to expand its boundaries if anything? (100 words)



Hulda Horton

Hulda Horton

Question One: The more we bring in, the more it stretches our existing services. We do collect Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds from lodging facilities in our ETJ.

Question Two: What is the purpose with no change in the tax? Not every business that annexes into the Village brings Sales Tax Dollars. But those dollars do not come out of the business pocket, but out of the customer pocket.

Question Three: The partnership with the multi-use property and its waste

water treatment facility would alleviate the immediate problems in the business district. There is existing borderline critical properties along Main Street that are businesses we need and use everyday.

Question Four: I think so. The need is not just downtown. Many of our systems are old. It is my understanding that Belton still has an offer on the table to hook into their soon to be southern facility.

Question Five: Same same, plus we often don't hold our neighbors feet to the fire: The job of the Village government is to take care of its citizens, that takes a higher priority than the concerns of those in the ETJ those decisions are tough.



Stephen Peters

Stephen Peters

Question One: The only way to bring the areas of the ETJ into the village limits is by voluntary annexation. However, the sales tax revenue they would provide for the city may be less than the village expenditures to maintain any voluntary annexed areas. Therefore, I think we would not be prudent to bring them into the village limits. Even though they are not within the village, patrons of those business ventures will also spend money in the village and thus contribute to our revenues.

Question Two: My answer to this is the same as the previous question. The

residents and businesses within the ETJ have no incentive to become part of Salado and actually, there may be negatives for Salado to bring them into the village. Without a property tax, these businesses may consume more Salado resources than are available.

Question Three: It may be a good idea for the downtown retail area businesses to research the probability of some type of joint venture arrangement with the development. However, it should be done without the benefit of tax dollars.

Question Four: Obviously, a wastewater treatment plant would not be a bad idea. The only real problem associated with it is the cost and the source of those funds.

Question Five: This is the same as the earlier questions. Voluntary annexation: I can see no incentive for residents or businesses to voluntarily become part of Salado. However, if they are currently in the ETJ, Salado should give some consideration to eliminating part of the ETJ and those involved would either want to become part of Salado or probably become annexed involuntarily by Belton or another entity.

Carol Walls

Question One: The Village can offer tax incentives to businesses in that area and can talk with owners and developers to determine their needs and objections, and perhaps reach a



Carol Walls

compromise which would benefit both. The Holiday Inn Express manager recently petitioned the Board of Aldermen for increased police protection, since the response time from the county varies from 30-45 minutes. This fact could be given as a benefit of annexation. The concept is palatable, since increased tax revenue would benefit the Village, and important entities such as the high school and the clinic actually would be a part of our village.

Question Two: If they are outside the ETJ, they must become convinced of advantages to becoming part of our ETJ, instead of being swallowed up by Belton, Temple, or Killeen and paying their high tax rates. Then, these businesses could be given tax incentives and discussions could be held with them as outlined in #1. The advantage clearly would be increased revenue for the Village. The tax incentives and outcome of any discussions would determine whether or not

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School Board

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Joe McKethan

Question One: Top qualities include:

- Respects Central Texas' and Salado's heritage, traditions, and family values—a good “fit”;
- Learner-centered, innovative decision-maker—does what's best for student achievement;
- A strong moral compass—coaching great and TAMU Regent Gene Stallings spoke recently of the importance of “thinking right”;
- Creates a stable learning environment and provides teachers the tools, training and support, and in-

structional strategies so each student succeeds;

- Exceptional curriculum and instructional leadership as a superintendent, assistant superintendent or executive director desired;
- Understands and supports the board's governance role (Texas Education Code, § 11.051); and
- Budget expertise!

Question Two: An interim should be employed prior to late May with specific experience in school finance and budgeting, preparing the district for a new school year, and opening a new campus. During this same time, current board members propose to contract the services of a superintendent search firm to provide candidates to consider for interview after developing a “Salado” superintendent profile. Many searches take 6+ months. The board targets mid-August 2008 for the new superintendent to begin their duties. Optimistic yet doable, it is imperative to get it right even if the interim serves past August.

Question Three: Voters

elect the board to govern school matters; the board employs the superintendent to oversee and manage day-to-day operations. I bring a proven record of service: 26 years of USAF logistics, resource, program, and personnel leadership; classroom, school administrator, and curriculum and instruction experience; prior DoD school board member; author of \$4 million federal grant to improve student achievement, and an unwavering devotion to family, faith, our nation's defense, and public education. Salado rightly expects the board and the superintendent to be a high-functioning team. Every decision, action, debate and behavior must uphold Salado's steadfast commitment to its children. I will do that.

Question Four: If elected, I pledge to take the necessary time to find the next superintendent who is the right “fit.” As a result I support a two-three year initial contract. Here's why. As strategic planners, the superintendent and the board

set long-term and short-term goals to create a stable work and learning environment and to enhance communication with parents. In addition to improving student achievement, goals must address changing demographics, potential growth, and rising prices. 2008 revenues did not meet expectations, one of every four SISD students is economically disadvantaged, and student mobility increased. Plus, voters want four campuses heralding student successes in ALL programs.

Question Five: For 2008-2009, the salary projection is \$90,000 plus benefits. The average for superintendents in Education Service Center 12 region is \$87,000. I am optimistic that the district will attract many interested, qualified applicants from which to choose. To attract such an expert curriculum and instructional leader to serve as the day-to-day manager of an essential multi-million dollar operation, the \$85,000-90,000 range is appropriate for Salado.

Mayoral Candidates

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the Village becomes responsible for police protection and upkeep of the roads.

Question Two: It would be advantageous to have these businesses volunteer to come into the ETJ and also the Village city limits. Several taxing incentives can be used if the council decides to use them. An incentive to bring businesses into the city limits would be sales tax rebate and abatement of property tax. Both would need to be discussed with the city attorney as well

as approved by the full board of alderman. These businesses are on the frontage road and thus road responsibility would be minor.

Question Three: I am a supporter of the development and the wastewater plant. I have been told by a number of developers that Salado will not see any growth in the retail area until a wastewater situation is resolved. The development has excess usage to include Royal Street, Main Street and across Thomas Arnold.

With the sewage available, it will open up approximately 25 lots and about 8 acres for future retail stores and restaurants. As to how the partnership will develop is still under discussion and will continue throughout the next few years.

Question Four: The wastewater plant is a good idea for the Village retail area to bring in more retail stores and restaurants.

Question Five: Because we are a Class B General

Law city, we can only expand if: 1. annexation is requested and 2. the property is contiguous to current property in the city limits.

At this time, I can see only the property along North and South I-35 coming into our city limits. The State is responsible for the frontage road and the Village would be responsible for the police protection. With this property in mind, we would not have to add any additional police protection.

Aldermen

FROM PAGE 5A

is in the best interest of the Village.

Question Three: A partnership would benefit the Village. It would allow increased availability of restroom facilities in our downtown area, making shopping in Salado more attractive and increasing our sales tax revenue. A big complaint of visitors is the lack of restroom facilities. With limited septic capabilities, it is understandable that businesses do not want to open those facilities to the public. The partnership would also attract restaurants and other commercial entities to locate in and near our downtown area. Some businesses have in the past refused to locate in Salado, mainly due to its reliance on septic systems.

Question Four: Definitely yes. We are fast encroaching on the limit of pollution our watershed will withstand without becoming so polluted it endangers our use even for recreational purposes. Salado Creek is a landmark of Salado and needs to remain safe. We need to be responsible and become pro-active, monitoring our residential septic

systems as well. I favor investigating development of smaller regional wastewater treatment systems in outlying areas which could incorporate commercial and residential properties, thus attracting more businesses and increasing economic development. This would cost money, but a partnership with other entities could be established. (see #3)

Question Five: My understanding is that if the Village were to develop a wastewater treatment system for even a portion of the Village, it could begin annexing at will, with careful planning and consideration before implementation. Greater Salado will grow with or without our assistance because it is in the I-35 growth corridor. Our challenge will be to find ways to benefit from that growth instead of being destroyed by it. We can also increase Salado's attractiveness, by developing more regional wastewater systems, talking with those in the ETJ to reach agreement, and improving the infrastructure and ambiance of the Village.

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

All politics is local, reader writes

To the Editor:

To quote Tip O'Neill:
"All politics is local."

I have just read the article in the April 24, 2008 issue of the *Salado Village Voice* regarding the Hispanic parents' complaining to the Salado Board of Education about their children's education and threatening through LULAC to use the United States Courts to advance their agenda against the Salado School system. You did not state how many of these folks were legal residents of the United States. Perhaps you do not know. Perhaps you do not care to know.

To say that I am seething is a gross understatement!

While walking out of Saint Stephen Church several years ago, a woman from Mexico who was married to an Anglo-American (How do you like that hyphenation?) told me that Americans should learn to speak Spanish. I asked her why. Her reply was, "Most of the world speaks Spanish and so should the Americans." To argue with her would have been useless. Her statement was prophetic.

I believe Hispanics have an agenda!

My husband's heritage is Italian – or should I say Italian-American to be politically correct? My ancestors came from debtors' prisons in the early 1800s. One hundred years later, his parents came through Ellis Island. His father was illiterate and died before he was 40 years old, leaving a 34 year old immigrant widow with seven children. Six months prior to his death, their home burned down. There was no welfare for them; no health care; no food stamps; no free lunches and breakfasts for her children; no ESL classes.....she was on her own.

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Italians in West Virginia at that time were greatly discriminated against. His mother worked and all her children worked from a very early age. Mom worked cleaning houses of others. She ironed for others at night. On weekends she worked in the neighborhood grocery. The two oldest children went to school on the GI Bill after WWII. The others worked and helped each other get their needed education. All seven are degreed. Not one was ever in trouble with the law. When I once asked Mom why her children were not fluent in Italian, she stated, "We were in America and we wanted to be American and that meant speaking English. It was difficult but, we spoke only English in our home." Being an American! – their only agenda. Very simple! Years later when we wanted to take her to visit Italy, she refused. She stated, "I am an American. America is my home. I do not want to leave."

I have a dear friend who is ethnically Chinese, and emigrated from Indonesia about thirty years ago. She knew no English when she arrived. She was fluent in English when I met her. I marveled at her abilities. She stated that she never had a class in English. She said she learned the language by watching television and reading newspapers. Not an easy task by an Asian. Lan Go's agenda was to be an American.

It appears that the primary agenda of Hispanics is to change America into Mexico. Why?

Why try to change America into a third world country through igno-

rance? Do they wish to revisit poverty?

Why do the Hispanics refuse to learn English?

Coincidental with your article I received an e-mail dealing with immigration. I have copied it below. It is profound and is germane to this subject. I challenge you to print these words from Theodore Roosevelt.

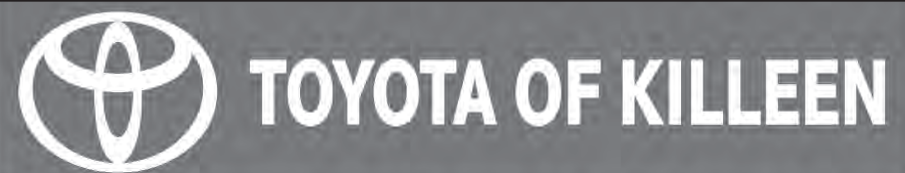
Can those immigrants who complained to the Salado Board of Education measure up to the standards of Theodore Roosevelt? How many Hispanics and their children know who Theodore Roosevelt was? How many young Americans know?

"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American and nothing but an American.... There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

--- Theodore Roosevelt 1907

Remember, all politics is local.....

Helen Simonette



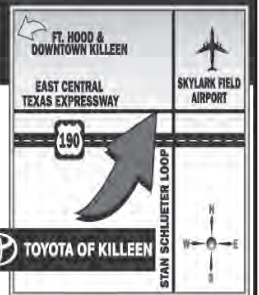
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Jenna Sebek placed fifth in the 100m hurdles with a 16.68. PHOTO BY SUZANNE PAYNE

Regional Varsity Track



Tyler Wright placed sixth in the 100m Dash. PHOTO BY SUZANNE PAYNE



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Regional Results

The Varsity Track Regional IV Meet was held in San Marcos April 25 - 26.

The Salado Girls Varsity Track Team:

Lindsay Martin placed eighth in 3200m Dash with a time of 13:00.00.

Lupe Perez placed seventh in the 800m Run with a time of 2:31.2.

Jenna Sebek placed fifth in the 100m Hurdles with a time of 16.68.

Lindsay Martin placed sixth in the 1600m Dash with a time of 5:44.42.

The 1600m Relay Team of Jenna Sebek, Amanda Mattson, Katie Clark, Lupe Perez, Lindsay Martin, and Caroline Payne placed fifth with a time of 4:10.39.

Tamra Stanish placed third in the Pole Vault event reaching a height of 10'06".

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The Salado Boys Varsity Track Team:

Jace Peralta placed sixth in the 3200m Dash with a time of 10:40.89.

David Rosenau placed fourth in the 110m Hurdles with a time of 15.69.

Tyler Wright placed sixth in the 100m Dash with a time of 11.58.

The 800m Relay Team of John Cruz, Clayton Whitmire, Tyler Wright, Jerod Lutz, David Rosenau, and Logan Foster placed seventh with a time of 1:31.75.

Clayton Whitmire placed seventh in the 200m Dash with a time of 23.87.

Jerod Lutz placed seventh in the Long Jump with a distance of 21'02.75".

Trae Liller placed seventh in the Pole Vault event reaching a height of 12'06".



Kaitlyn Reed (right), a sophomore from Salado High School, won first at the Region IV Tennis Tournament April 22-24 to advance to state. Reed won first at the in District 25 2A Tournament to advance to Regionals in San Marcos. She is pictured above with Mallory Beach a Jr from Academy who won second at the Regional Tournament to also advance to State. She placed second behind Reed at the District 25 2A Tournament. Both girls represented District 25 2A at Regionals and now both will represent Region IV at the state Tournament



Payton Smetana (above) signed a letter of intent to play football for Hardin-Simmons University last week. The Salado senior played center for the 13-1 Salado Eagles. Meanwhile, tackle Dallas Butts was chosen recently to play in the Texas High School Coaches Association All Star Game, featuring the top players from all divisions across the state. The game will be played this summer. Both players are shown with Coaches Jeff Cheatham and Geoffrey Huff.

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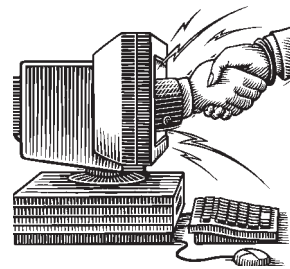
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Eagles ready for playoffs after big win

Salado Eagles baseball team traveled to Fairfield April 26 to take on the number four ranked Elysian Fields. Salado the tenth-ranked team in the state got outstanding pitching and tremendous defense 8-0 victory.

Salado started the scoring in the bottom of the second with the aid of Elysian Fields. The Eagles scored four runs in the inning with only two hits. Elysian Fields committed four errors in the inning along with a double by Garret Ward and a single by Kevin Jackson to score the runs. The runs were scored by Johnny Nix, Ward, Justin Berumen and Matt Fritsch.

The Eagles tacked on another run on the board in the fourth inning. Fritsch drew a two out walk. He stole second and scored on a Seth Collins single.

Salado nailed the game down with three more runs in the sixth inning. Josh Rodriguez reached on an error and Fritsch walked. Collins followed with a single to drive in

Rodriguez for a 6-0 lead. Fritsch and Collins would eventually score on more Elysian Field errors for the 8-0 win.

Seth Collins led the offense with two hits, two rbi's and two stolen bases. Garret Ward also collected two hits in the game.

Justin Schiller was the winning pitcher going the first two innings. He allowed one hit and struck out three. Sam VanHoozer pitched the next three innings allowing two hits and striking out four. Blake Heller and Fritsch pitched an inning each to close out the game.

The Eagles will play Granger in another warm up game on May 2. The game will be at home starting at six p.m.

Salado's playoff opponent has yet to be determined. Their opening round of the playoffs should be May 9-10.

The Eagles finished up district play against the Jarrell Cougars on April 24. After falling behind early Salado come back for a dramatic victory.

Jarrell jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the top of the first. Jarrell had two hits in the inning but a couple of walks and two Eagle errors greatly aided Jarrell's offense.

Salado started their comeback in the bottom of the first. Matt Fritsch reached on an error. He stole second and third. Kevin Jackson walked and stole second. Justin Schiller drove Fritsch in with a sacrifice fly. Jackson cut the score to 5-2 when he scored on a Johnny Nix Double.

Jarrell added a run in the fourth but the Eagles came back in the fifth to tie it up. Fritsch started the rally with a double. Jackson drew another walk before Schiller doubled to drive in both runners. Garret Ward came through with a single to drive in another run and brought the Eagles to within one. After Ward stole second Josh Coleman lined a single to left to tie the game at 6.

Pitcher Kevin Jackson set Jarrell down in order

in the top of the seventh. In the bottom half of the inning Johnny Nix ended things quickly. He hit the first pitch delivered far over the centerfield fence for a walk off game winning homerun.

Nix and Fritsch both collected two hits in the game to lead the offense.

Jackson was the winning pitcher. He pitched the final four innings. He allowed one run and struck out six.

The Eagles finished the regular season 21-5 and 12-2.

The official baseball playoff t-shirt is on sale now at each of the three campuses. Orders must be pre-paid. T-shirts are \$10 for all sizes youth medium thru adult xxx-large. The schools will be taking orders until 3 p.m. May 1.

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REPORTED BY MELVIN BATES

Boys golf headed to State

The Salado Boys Golf team placed first in the Regional Golf Tournament. The boys will now play for the state championship in Austin on May 5-6 at Roy Kaiser Golf Course.

Ryan O'Rear was the first place medalist shooting rounds of 69 and 70. Jared Hahn shot for 72. Tyler Pines shot rounds of 80 and 80.

Girls golf returning to State

The Salado Girls Golf Team recently competed in the Regional Golf Tournament and placed second. The girls will play in the state championship in Austin at Roy Kaiser Golf Course on May 5-6.

Taylor O'Rear was the second place medalist for the tournament shooting round of 81 and 82. Rachel VanHoozer had a great second round score of 85.



Fifth Grade "Salado Slam" took second place at the "Spring Fling" select basketball tournament held April 26-27 in Georgetown. Coaches: E.J. Van-Sickle, Ty Hankamer. Back l to r: Mason Marinik, Kyle Nicholson, Ellis Van-Sickle, Tyler Leguin. Front l to r: Jeff Garr, Dalton Hankamer, Chris Deal.

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The Salado Healing Center at 401 North Main Street, Suite A was welcomed to Salado by the Chamber Ambassadors on April 16. Owner Bonnie Lowery, is a Certified Reflexologist, Reiki Master Teacher and a Theta Healing Teacher. She provides clients with holistic healing sessions that will relieve stress, reduce pain and discomfort in the body, stimulate the immune system, and bring a greater sense of emotional well being.



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Tuesday 6	French Toast	Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Rolls	Chef Salad Hoagie	Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potato w/Gravy, Peas, Fresh Fruit, Roll	Chili Dog
Wednesday 7	Biscuit and Sausage Patty	Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Breadstick, Peaches	Yogurt & Fruit Plate Hoagie	Pepperoni Pizza, Tater Tots, Corn, Breadstick, Peaches	Chicken on Roll Baked Potato
Thursday 8	Breakfast Bagel w/Sausage	Nachos, Carrots, Fresh Fruit	Chef Salad Hoagie	Lasagna, Carrots, Corn, Breadstick, Mixed Fruit	Nachos Baked Potato
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was founded in 1867 and has been in its present location since 1961. It is currently located in the small gray building on Church Street behind the First State Bank. This structure was once the second story of the First Baptist Church of Salado. In fact, the First Baptist Church of Salado and the Salado Masonic Lodge joined together to

build the original sanctuary for the church.

The petitioners for Dispensation and Charter were: E. Sterling C. Robertson, Harvey Smith, W.A. Davis, O.T. Tyler, A. Rowland, Robert B. Halley, Jno. A. Tyler, F. A. Bigelow, N.R. Land, H.J. Chamberlain, W.R. Karnes, G.W. Wade, M.W. Adams, Jno T. Flint, Geo. W. McWhirter, Welborn Barton, Jas. Tinnin, A. Tinnin, and Jesse Raborn.

The Minutes of Salado Lodge were destroyed in a fire about 1883 and we are deprived of that source of information as to the early activities of the Lodge, after Dispensation.

We may safely assume, however, that education was one of the principal objectives of the Lodge and a matter stressed in its discussions and proceedings.

Thirty-three percent of the teachers and seventy-seven percent of the Trustees of the College were Masons. The founders (of the College), most of whom have been found to be Masons, also made provision in the Deeds of purchase of lots to prohibit the sale of intoxicating beverages by the drink in Salado.

“It seems,” writes Mrs. Felda Shanklin, Salado historian, “that most all of those early Salado men were Masons.”

The Charter for Salado Masonic Lodge was granted by the Grand Lodge of Texas on June 13, A.D. 1867, and was signed by Grand Master John R. Freitwell.

The first Grand Lodge Report of Salado Lodge after the granting of a Charter shows the following officers: E.S.C. Robertson, W.M.; Harvey Smith, S.W.; W.A. Davis,

J.W.; O.T. Tyler, Treas.; W. Barton, Sec.; J.W. Tinnin, S.D.; I. Raborn, J.D.; R.B. Halley, Tiler. This report also shows a membership of twenty-two M.M. by affiliation, one Fellowcraft, five Enter Apprentices, and one Past Master.

On the back of a Grand Lodge, Report U. D., there is this notation: “The Lodge Room of Salado Lodge is the second story of a stone building twenty by forty feet.” These figures are the same dimensions as those of one wing of the Salado College building and there seems to be no doubt that the College and the Lodge were using the same building in those early days - an arrangement that is not surprising, since both had similar objectives and both had the same man, E. Sterling Robertson, as their highest official.

Later, Salado Lodge secured an interest in the title to the upper story of the Baptist Church in Salado, and for many years met in a Lodge room on the second floor of the church building. In a church rebuilding and enlargement program, the question came up as to how to dispose of the interest of the Lodge in the old building. This problem was solved by literally sawing off the upper half of the building and moving it to, and setting it up as a Lodge room a short distance away on some land donated to the Lodge by Bro. Charlton E. Johnson, Past Master of Salado Masonic Lodge.

There are four Masons who have been shown to be most influential and effective in the founding and maintaining of Salado College and Thomas

Arnold High School. It is a most remarkable fact that all of these leaders in the educational field were contemporaries, and it is also a remarkable fact that a town so small as Salado and a Lodge so limited in membership that Salado Masonic Lodge could have nurtured four men whose great work in life was the advancement of education. It would be difficult to find a parallel in Texas.

Col. E. Sterling C. Robertson, leader and pioneer, who had a vision of a great school in the midst of a wilderness and who gave unreservedly of his time, his splendor talents and his money to make that vision a reality, and without whom there might never have been any Salado College, Masonic Lodge or town of Salado Springs; Major A. J. Rose, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, champion of education in general, with special emphasis upon the practical phase of education; Geo. W. Tyler, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, advocate of, and tireless worker in, all fields of education, general and Masonic; and Dr. S. J. Jones, Ph.D., M.A., who brought to Thomas Arnold High School a polish, a luster and fame not surpassed in its day by any educational institution in Texas.

Past Grand Master Rose and Past Grand Master Tyler were both members of the Salado Lodge No. 296 at the time they were elevated to the high office, Bro. Rose in 1886 and Bro. Tyler in 1891. Bro. Tyler and Bro. Jones were each raised a Master Mason in Salado Lodge No. 296.

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Registration for children’s summer chemistry camps at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor is underway. Enrollment is for rising 4th, 5th and 6th graders and is based on early registration. The cost for the camp is \$90.00 and the sessions are from 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Session I is set for June 9-13, and Session II is set for June 16-20.

CHEM CAMP is sponsored by the Heart ’O Texas Local Section of the American Chemical Society, the UMHB Chemistry Department and the Sigma Pi Chemistry Club. Call Dr. Watson at (254) 295-4537 or email him at dwatson@umhb.edu.

Killeen Firefighters on street corners seek donations to "Fill the Boots"

The Killeen fire fighters will be out Wednesday - Friday, April 30 - May 2, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. asking citizens to help "Fill the Boot" to help Jerry's Kids. The fire fighters will be manning the street corners at Fort Hood Rd. & Central Texas Expressway, Martin Luther King & Central Texas Expressway, Fort Hood Rd. & Rancier Avenue, and W.S. Young & Business 190. Those not able to give at the street corner can help the Killeen fire fighters Fill the Boot at www.mdaevent.org/waco/2008killeenfb. All funds collected will benefit the Heart of Texas Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

Texas firefighters lead the nation in donations, raising \$2.7 million of the \$20.6 million raised by Fire departments last year. The Killeen fire fighters raised over \$11,000 last year during severe weather and this year hope to do even more. "We're gonna break all records!" said IAFF President and Fill the Boot Coordinator,

Jeffrey Ferrell.

"Helping those in our community is really what it's all about. The Killeen fire fighters do this every day they come to work and this is just one more way these dedicated caring people have chosen to give back to the community," said Hope Geer, Heart of Texas MDA District Director.

MDA is a voluntary health agency working to defeat more than 40 neuromuscular diseases through global research, comprehensive client services and health educa-

tion. Funds accumulated by the Killeen fire fighters assist MDA in providing medical services at the local clinic at St. Catherine's Center in the Providence Healthcare Network, summer camps for youth at Greene Family Camp in Bruceville and Camp John Marc in Meridian, research grants, support groups and assistance with the purchase of wheelchairs, leg braces and communication devices. All MDA services are provided at no cost to local families.

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Church & People

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Salado Lions Club will be flipping the flap-jacks for a good cause on Election Day. The Church of Christ Activity Center will open at 7:30 a.m. on May 10 for \$5 all you can eat pancakes along with sausage and coffee. Kids under 10 eat for \$3.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the 4th Infantry Division Association Memorial Fund. Through the association Gold Star Plaques are presented to families of fallen soldiers. The plaques display the gold service star, name and rank of the fallen soldier and a letter from their commanding officer.

The practice of flying a blue star banner began

during WWI as a way to identify families with a member in the service. The banners, white flags with a red border displayed a blue star for each member in service.

In 1918 President Wilson added, from a suggestion by the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defense, that if the family member was lost while serving that the blue star was to be covered with a gold star. The blue would be symbolic of hope and the gold would symbolize sacrifice for freedom.

Ft. Hood's 4th Infantry Division currently has 8584 Soldiers deployed.



Prostate Cancer support group meets May 8

The Central Texas Prostate Cancer Support Group

will meet 5:30 p.m. May 8 in the first floor conference room at the Scott & White Center for Diagnostic Medicine. Located on the northeast corner of 31st Street and Avenue R in Temple.

Dr. Scott Coffield, a Urologist-Oncologist at Scott & White and Principal Investigator in the study of Protox, a new drug, to treat localized recurrent prostate cancer will report on Phase I of the Protox302 Trial Results and give an update on the Phase 2A trial. This new and unique approach to combat this disease is available to Scott & White patients who meet certain criteria.

This Support Group meets the second Thursday of each month. Anyone who would like information about prostate cancer is welcome.

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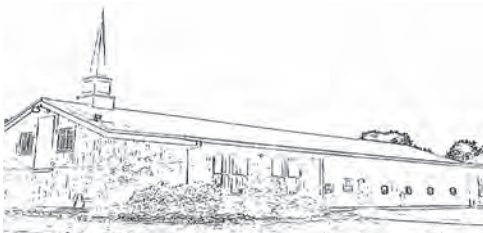
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3/1	13:25:00	Dispatched & canceled en route	3/25	17:01:00
3/1	15:10:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	3/25	10:01:00
3/1	17:04:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	3/25	16:54:00
3/3	11:03:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	3/25	18:23:00
3/3	14:31:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	3/27	21:30:00
3/3	17:02:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
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3/4	14:24:00	Brush and/or grass mixture fire	4/1	07:57:00
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3/9	08:48:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
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3/9	16:10:00	Dispatched & canceled en route		
3/9	16:49:00	Grass fire		
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3/11	10:27:00	Authorized controlled burning		
3/11	15:53:00	Grass fire		
3/12	14:44:00	Unauthorized burning		
3/12	14:30:00	Off-road vehicle or heavy equip fire		
3/12	18:13:00	Brush and/or grass mixture fire		
3/12	13:42:00	Grass Fire		
3/12	21:11:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
3/13	16:06:00	Brush and/or grass mixture fire		
3/13	20:11:00	Brush and/or grass mixture fire		
3/14	12:58:00	False alarm or false call, other		
3/14	13:09:00	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries		
3/14	02:54:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
3/14	15:44:00	Brush and/or grass mixture fire		
3/14	17:03:00	Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire		
3/14	18:11:00	Vehicle accident with injuries		
3/15	06:32:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
3/15	18:31:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
3/15	18:55:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
3/15	18:59:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
3/16	15:52:00	Authorized controlled burning		
3/16	09:26:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
3/16	17:21:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
3/17	01:14:00	False alarm or false call, other		
3/18	07:43:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
3/18	18:35:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
3/19	11:08:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
3/19	12:02:00	False alarm or false call, other		
3/19	20:42:00	Vehicle accident with injuries		
3/20	01:31:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
3/20	12:35:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
3/20	19:05:02	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
3/21	22:33:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
3/21	01:35:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
3/21	11:23:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
3/21	16:35:00	Vehicle accident with injuries		
3/21	18:36:00	Vehicle accident with injuries		
3/22	14:25:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		
3/22	14:51:00	False alarm or false call, other		
3/22	18:36:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew		

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Joan Ray

The Salado Chamber of Commerce mixer held at Gregory's on April 24 was hosted by Inn on the Creek owner Will Lowery and owner of Gregory's Carolyn Dachs.

Chamber Pres. Larry Prellop drew the name Bob Smith from the list of members to call the winner of the ever growing cash prize that will be awarded to some lucky member in the future as you have to be present to win. This cash pot is made possible by Cruise-One, Sue Hahn.

The 10th person to shake hands with Diane Pascoes was Sue Hahn who won the cash reward.

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May 1, 2008

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Shopping, Dining, Overnight, Events

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Art lovers are invited to Salado's Fine Art Trail 5-9 p.m. May 10 showcasing the work of artists in the eight galleries found throughout the village.

The galleries will be open late for the special viewings. Free carriage rides will take art lovers to each of the galleries.

Each gallery will have special guest artists showing their works during the Art Trail. Wine, cheese and other refreshments will be served in each gallery.

The eight galleries lining Main Street Salado will participate in the Art Trail.

Wells Gallery, featuring limited edition prints, original paintings and bronze sculptures by famed wildlife artist Ronnie Wells.

Thomas Kinkadee Stagecoach Gallery at 406 S. Main St., exclusively represents the art of Thomas Kinkadee, the Painter of Light.

Main St. Fine Art Gallery and Collectibles located at the Stagecoach features the art of D. Windberg, Cao Yong, Kyle Polzin, Larry Dyke, Simon Bull and W. Slaughter.

Miller Fine Art Gallery, located at the intersection of Main Street and Royal St., represents the work of many artists.

Prellop Fine Art Gallery is owned and operated by Texas artist Larry Prellop. He has one of the largest selections of G. Harvey prints in Texas and represents more than 20 Texas artists and sculptors. www.prellopfineart-gallery.com

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2008 Calendar of Events for Salado

MAY 1
Salado Friendly class
given by Salado Tourism
department.

MAY 1
**Village of Salado Board
of Aldermen meeting,** 6:30
p.m., at the Municipal Build-
ing, 301 Stagecoach Rd.

MAY 1
**American Business
Woman's Association** meet-
ing, 6:30 p.m. at Stagecoach
Inn. 947-3617.

MAY 2
Music to Lunch By,
Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo,
Salado Civic Center.

MAY 3
**Salado Masonic Lodge
and the Grand Lodge of
Texas** will level the corner-
stone at the new Salado High
School on FM 2484 and Wil-
liams Dr., 10 a.m.

MAY 3
**Legends & Puppies
Tour of 2008** 7:30 p.m.
at the Salado Silver Spur
Theater on Royal St., Kinky
Friedman and Steven From-
holz benefit for the Utopia
Animal Rescue Ranch.
Tickets: 947-3456.

MAY 9
Music to Lunch By,
Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo,
Salado Civic Center.

MAY 10
**Salado Lions Club Pan-
cake Breakfast** 7:30 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Salado Church
of Christ Activity Center.
Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3
for kids.

MAY 10
**Salado Fine Art Gallery
Trail.** More details TBA.

MAY 10
**Paul Cox and his guitar
at Salado Wine Seller,** 5-7
p.m. Enjoy music and a glass
of wine.

MAY 13
**Off-site evacuation drill
for Salado Independent
School District.** 1:30 p.m.

MAY 16
Music to Lunch By,
Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo,
Salado Civic Center.

MAY 17
Neighborhood clean-up.
Mill Creek Community As-
sociation.

MAY 17
**ABWA Scholarship
Benefit & Style Show.**
Longhorn Room Stagecoach.
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. 947-3617.

MAY 17
**Michelle Watts, a
nationally-known quilt
teacher and designer,** is
having a trunk show and
teaching a class at A Sewing
Basket, 560 N. Main St., call
947-5423 for information.

MAY 22
Salado Friendly class
given by Salado Tourism
department. Class sizes
are small, so sign up at the
Salado Civic Center early

MAY 23
Music to Lunch By,
Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo,
Salado Civic Center.

MAY 26
**Memorial Day Service
at the Historic Salado
Cemetery,** 9:30 a.m. call
MaryBelle Brown at 947-
5331 for info.

MAY 30
Music to Lunch By,
Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo,
Salado Civic Center.

JUNE 5-7, 12-14
**First Annual Spring
Presentation of Tablerock's
Repertory Theater of
Salado.** For informa-
tion about performances,
254-947-9205 or email
tablerock1@aol.com.

JUNE 7
**Institute for the Hu-
manities at Salado Annual
Wilmer Memorial lecture;**
4-6 p.m. Dr. Kaye Howe,
"Education: The American
Civil Religion." Free and
open to the public.

JUNE 12
**Watercolor workshop
by Joan Hoffman,** spon-
sored by Salado Village
Artists. \$40 for members,
\$50 for non-members. E-
mail vhsapaint@aol.com for
information, reservations.

JUNE 14
Annual Salado Reunion.
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Inter-
mediate School. Info: (254)
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JUNE 19-21
**Texas Trail Ride Shop
Hop** at A Sewing Basket,
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JUNE 22
**Celebration '08: New
York, New York,** 6-9 p.m.,
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Ministry of Salado United
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JULY 4
**Fourth of July Picnic
with entertainment,** 6:30
p.m. at Pace Park. Hosted by
Salado Historical Society.

JULY 19, 26, AUG. 2
**Salado Legends at
Tablerock Festival of
Salado.**

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

AUGUST 4-6
**Oil/pastel workshop by
Jerry Hunsinger,** sponsored
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AUGUST 5
National Night Out, fall
social for Mill Creek Com-
munity Association, Details
to be announced.

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

SEPTEMBER 18-20
**The First Annual Fall
Presentation of Tablerock's
Repertory Theater of
Salado.** The Horton Foote
Society, under the direction
of Dr. Marion Castleberry,
will present works of Horton
Foote and other Southwest
writers. Selections to be an-
nounced in May. Showtimes
at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.
Call 254-947-9205 for infor-
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OCTOBER 2-4
**The First Annual Fall
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OCTOBER 10-11
Christmas in October at
Salado Civic Center.

OCTOBER 11
**Salado Fine Art Gallery
Night,** 5-9 p.m.

OCTOBER 11-12
**A Christmas Carol and
Fright Trail auditions.** 3
p.m. at Tablerock.

OCTOBER 22-24
**Mixed media work-
shop by VeAnne Stowell,**
sponsored by Salado Village
Artists. Cost is \$160 for
members, \$180 for non-
members. E-mail vhsapaint@
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OCTOBER 25
**Salado Area Republican
Women** community prayer
breakfast. Village Arts
building. Call 947-8556.

OCTOBER 25
**Salado Area Republi-
can Women's Fine China
Luncheon.** Longhorn Room
of Stagecoach Inn. 11 a.m.
- 1 p.m. 939-7085.

OCTOBER 25-26
**Tablerock's Fright
Trail,** 7:30-10 p.m. Relive
the great horror classics and
expect the unexpected along
the enchanted trail. Admis-
sion is \$5 for adults, \$3 for
children (12 and under).

NOVEMBER 3
**Salado Historical Soci-
ety Fall Chili Supper and
Membership Drive,** 6:30
p.m. Noted Texas vocalist,
poet and songwriter Jeff
Gore will provide entertain-
ment.

NOVEMBER 8-9
**Gathering of the Scot-
tish Clans.**

DECEMBER 5-7
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ety Annual Tour of Homes.**
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DECEMBER 5-7 & 12-14
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mas Stroll.**

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tion of A Christmas Carol
at Tablerock Festival of
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Suppose the outcome of a hand depends upon the success of a finesse. If there are no clues from the bidding or play to go on and declarer attempts the finesse, he will ordinarily have a 50 percent chance for the contract.

But in many such hands, declarer can increase his chances by adopting a different method of play that avoids the finesse. For example, he may be able to establish a side suit, or work out an endplay, and in so doing raise his chances of making the contract to better than 50 percent and possibly as high as 100 percent.

The same general idea applies to cases where a favorable suit break is involved. In today's deal, let's say East wins the spade lead with the queen and continues with the ace, which South ruffs. If South then draws two rounds of trumps and plays the ace and another club, hoping for a 2-2 division, he goes down.

But this would be the wrong way to play the hand. What he should do after ruffing the spade is cross to the eight of hearts, ruff a diamond, cross to the king of hearts, cash the ace of diamonds and ruff the last diamond.

With all the spades and diamonds eliminated from dummy, South now leads a low club and plays low after West follows with the queen. West is then forced to return a diamond or a spade. South

ruffs in his hand, discarding a club from dummy, and so makes the contract. East cannot save his partner by overtaking the queen of clubs with the king, since he would then have to return a spade or a club, either of which also hands declarer the contract.

This method of play caters not only to the clubs being 2-2, but also to a 3-1 division with the singleton being an honor -- a 38 percent possibility. If West should happen to follow low to the first club lead, the nine would then be played from dummy, similarly end-playing East if he started with a singleton club honor.

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♥	6 4	♥	—
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♣	Q	♣	K J 5
SOUTH			
♠	J		
♥	A Q J 10 7 3		
♦	—		
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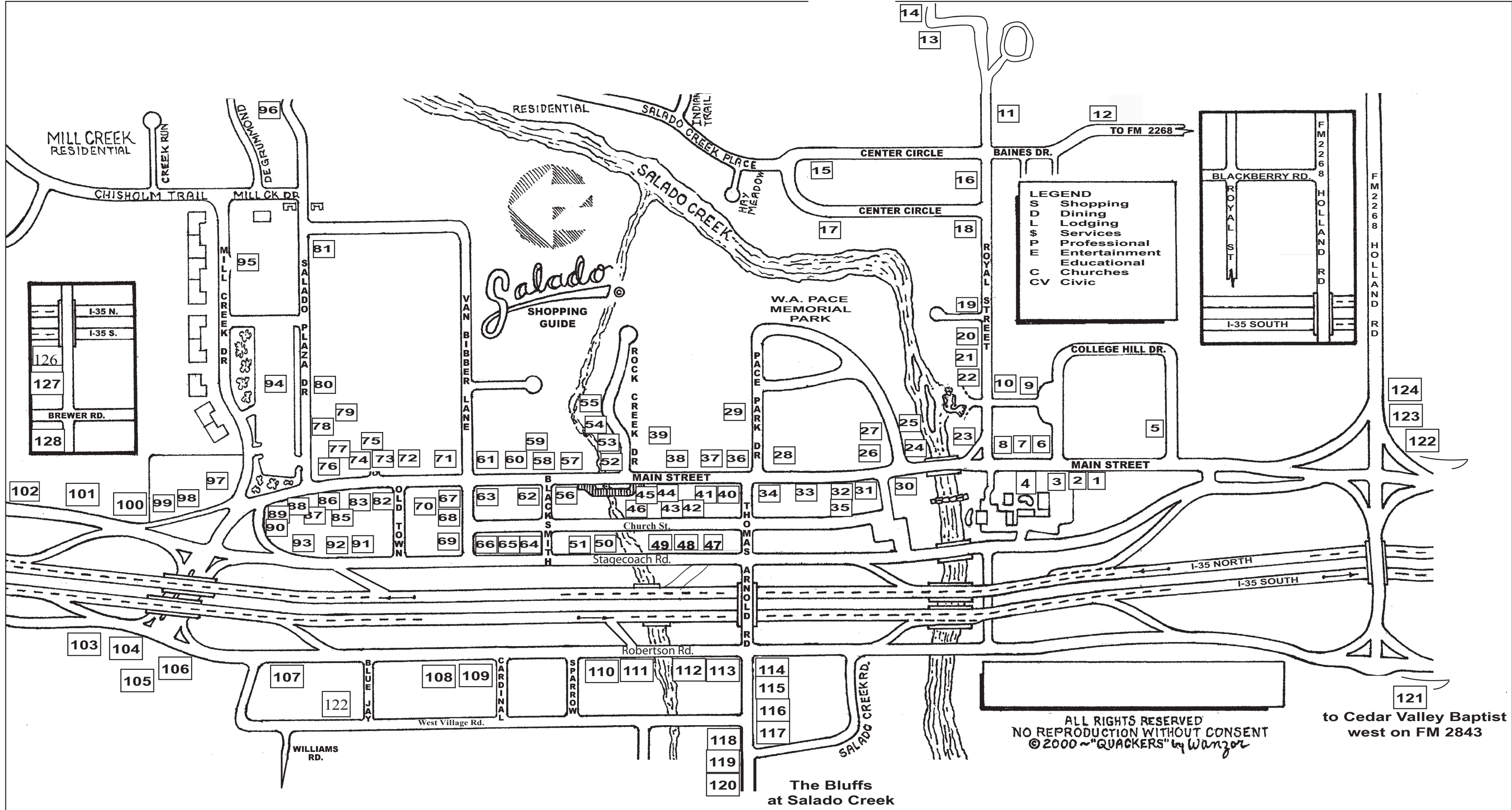
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13 Dead heat

14 Jacob's brother

15 "Death of a Salesman" son

16 Terrier variety

18 Just know

20 Ran up the phone bill

21 Libertine

23 Regret

24 Yarn

28 Radiate

31 Eisenhower

32 Battle verbally

34 Golf ball's position

35 Porridge-making bear

37 Get-rid-of-junk event

39 Sphere

41 Took the bus

42 One-dimensional

45 Monty —

49 Portrayer of Gilligan's skipper

51 Domesticate

52 Zilch, in Xochimilco

53 Caribbean, for one

54 Craving

55 Sight-seers?

56 Brooch

57 BPOE members

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1 Mongolian desert

2 — arms (ready to fight)

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4 Spread out, as a flag

5 Sculptures

6 Square root of IX

7 Titanic

8 Chinch

9 Columbus' sponsor

10 Hay bundle

11 Took to court

17 Listener

19 Tittle

22 "Pomp and Circumstance" composer

24 Allen or Conway

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26 Summertime beverage

27 From the Continent

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33 Vortex

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42 Diane or Nathan

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48 Trawler gear

50 Floral neckwear

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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Gluten intolerance

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By KEVIN McCAULEY



Many experts believe, and I concur, that the health of your gut is just as important to your physical well-being as the health of your mind. If you think about the number of receptors that are used from the beginning of digestion (your mouth) all the way to elimination (your colon) it becomes very easy to understand the importance of all of the organs used during digestion, specifically the intestines and stomach. We have taken a quick look at food allergies and food intolerances over the past couple of weeks, just a few challenges for optimal gut health, and now we will spend some time looking at one of the food intolerances; gluten.

Gluten is a highly complex protein that occurs in three main grains: wheat, rye, and barley. Some people list oats here, but it still seems to be controversial, so it won't make the list today. Gluten, a glycoprotein with the molecular name of Gliadin, can be found in all types of grain like whole grain wheat, wheat bran, spelt, triticale and others. This means gluten is also present in all baked foods that are made from these grains: bread, pies, cake, breakfast cereals, porridge, cookies, pizza and pasta. There are thousands of processed foods which contain gluten.

Obviously, gluten is one of the most complex proteins consumed by man. Because of its very large molecular structure relative to other foods it becomes very difficult for the human digestive system to break down. Problems begin when it reaches the small intestine. In sensitive individuals

gluten actually tears holes in the lining of the gut, creating Leaky Gut Syndrome.

Gluten intolerance is a broad term which includes all kinds of sensitivity to gluten. A small proportion of gluten intolerant people will test positive to Celiac Disease test, and so are called "Celiacs". But most gluten sensitive people return negative or inconclusive results upon Celiac testing. The correct term for these people is Non-Celiac Gluten Sensitive (NCGS) and may be as many as 1 in 7, compared to 1 in 150 for Celiacs. Unfortunately, Celiac testing is still used in many clinics as a first test for gluten sensitivity, and it only picks up the small percentage of gluten-sensitive people who are Celiac

Many people suffer from headaches, mouth ulcers, weight gain or weight loss, poor immunity to disease, and skin problems like dermatitis and eczema. But the common and well-known Gluten intolerance symptoms are gastrointestinal (diarrhea, flatulence, bloating etc.). Because the symptoms overlap with many other ailments, gluten intolerance can be missed or misdiagnosed. Even the medical fraternity concedes gluten intolerance is poorly diagnosed.

Gluten intolerance - both NCGS and Celiac Disease are genetically inherited (indicators are Irish, English, Scottish, Scandinavian, and other Northern/Eastern European heritages). Some gluten intolerance may be identified in children, but for others, it is not until much later in life that gluten intolerance is actually suspected. Frequently it is triggered by some difficult or painful life. The best treatment is to exclude gluten for life. Gluten is found in the major starches of our diet, if you are concerned that you may be intolerant, eliminate Gluten and replace those grains with rice, corn and potatoes. Some people feel better within days and others weeks. If you are intolerant of gluten and you do eliminate it from your diet you may find yourself feeling better than ever before. Your gut will thank you.

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Spanish titles for Cinco de Mayo

Here we are already in to May! Happy Cinco de Mayo, y'all.

Before we go any further, we have to say a big big THANK YOU to two board members who are leaving us after this month—Hulda Horton and Ben Willingham. Now my guess would be that everyone knows both Hulda and Ben as they both give long hours of their time volunteering for everything in Salado and of course, Hulda IS the Civic Center! But they both have also served on our library Board of Trustees-- Hulda from 2000-2008 and Ben from 2004 to 2008. Our library wouldn't be where it is today-physically or figuratively-without their help. April will be their last month and we will miss them both very much. Thank you Hulda and Ben for your invaluable service.

And then we need to welcome two new members of the board who will begin their terms of office after the May 10th election. They are: Bob Denton, who is also chair of the Friends of the Library, and Taylor Willingham (who has been taught well by her father, Ben!). Wel-

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News & Notes from
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come Bob and Taylor and we look forward to all the great things you will help us accomplish in the next years.

Coming up on our calendar is the next Noon Book Review by the inimitable Ramon Carver, author of Best and Worst Travels. Bring your bag lunch on Wednesday, May 21st at noon and listen to what in sure to be a hilarious hour of travel talk by Salado's own Ramon!

Also, our Genealogy Series has begun and is full. The first class April 26. We have a lot of interest in these classes and will try to schedule them again later in the year.

On May 24, the library will present "Texas Native Plants" by Robbin Voight, Texas Nursery Professional. Robbin has 27 years of diverse horticultural experience as a grower, floral designer, landscape

consultant, interiorscaper, author, and guest speaker in the Houston, Dallas, and Austin area. Come join us on 1 p.m. May 24 here at the library for this fascinating talk.

Y, atencion todos los patrones españoles. Tenemos muchos libros nuevos en Espanol ahora. Vengan a la biblioteca de Salado y los buscan. Bueno! (well, at least I tried!) The Spanish language books are purchased with a Lone Star Libraries grant. Here are some of our new titles in Spanish:

"Nada, Una Novela" by Carmen Laforet

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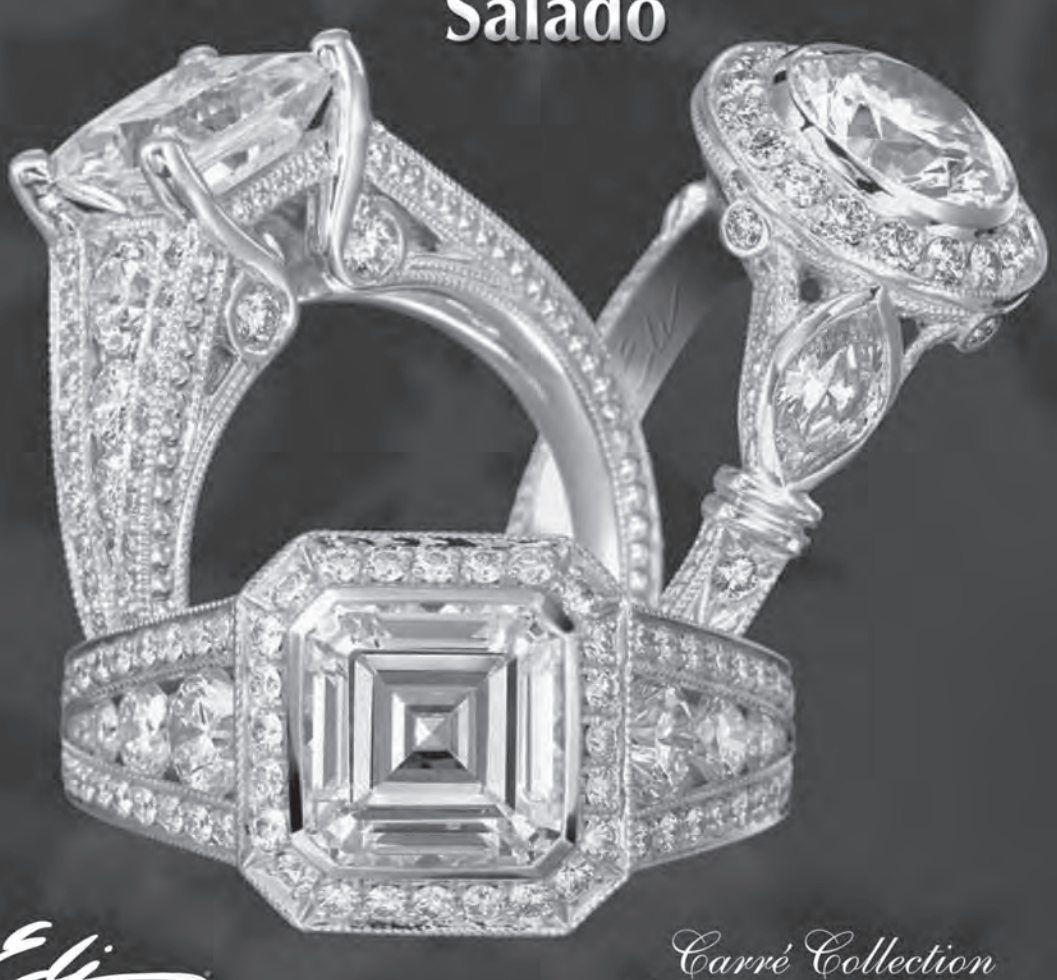
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I saw Wes and Pinky and Dick and Bob and Max and a whole bunch of other folks at my 50th class reunion at Baylor. We all lived on Kokernot Hall's third floor south. We were always into some sort of mischief and had to be marched down to the dorm director's apartment more than once. But we were having fun. We even had fun marching down the stairs to see the dorm director. We sang the Volga Boatman's song: "Yo, heave ho! Yo, heave ho!" over and over again. The dorm director was Lannes Hope, a married psychology graduate student. When we got to his living quarters, he and his wife served us cookies and milk. I really think he was studying us.

Why did we get in trouble? For all sorts of things. Like taking some

Christmas decorations from downtown Waco and decorating 3rd floor south with them and winning second place in the University's decorating contest. Like nailing a fellow student's dorm door shut. Like setting up Wes's bed, desk and record player in the communal bathroom. Like rebuilding a model A in somebody's dorm room. Creative things. Things that today would land us in jail. Back then, it was just mischief.

The week before homecoming, freshmen are posted to guard the campus from the opposing school's pranksters. Around 5 a.m. at the busiest corner on campus there wasn't much activity so we decided to stage a car wreck. We put cars together in all sorts of bizarre positions and the 30 or so of us were lying on the ground, slumped over mail boxes and fireplugs, draped over car doors and we all ap-

peared to be dead. It was a terrible sight. When a car screeched to a halt and the driver came running up, we'd all come to life and sing "Good Morning to you. Good morning to you. We're all in our places with bright shiny faces and that is the way to start a new day." Some people didn't think it was the way to start a new day and called the cops. When they came, they just said, "OK, boys, you've had your fun. Now just run along." And that was it.

The Spring Quarter was my favorite during my freshman year. We lived mostly at Lake Waco. Just slept on cots and drove back and forth to school. During spring break we threw a mattress from the dorm's window and headed for Fort Lauderdale in my parent's station wagon. We slept on the beach there and wouldn't you know it, they decided to have a sunrise service right where we were parked. We woke up to find hundreds of people around our car.

I had so much fun my freshman year I had to stay over for the summer semester. Something about bringing up some poor grades. I moved to Brooks Hall and had the room just over the breezeway. My roommates and I drove golf balls out the window toward downtown Waco. We had water gun fights, sometimes filling the guns with permanent ink. What a mess!

By the end of my sophomore year I got serious about studies and started taking courses that I thought could stay with me the rest of my life. I ended up majoring in English and drama. Baylor was a super experience for me in every way.

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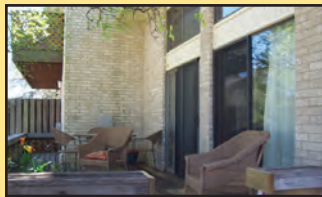
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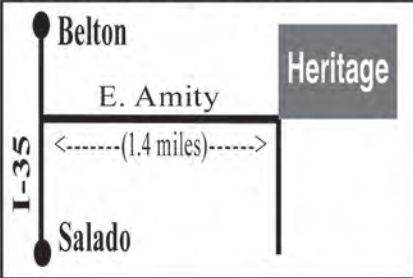
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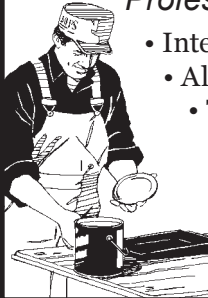
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This application will be set for hearing before the CUWCD Board upon notice posted at the Bell County Courthouse Annex and at the CUWCD Office. If you would like to support, protest, or provide comments on this application, you must appear at the hearing and comply with District Rule 8.10. For additional information about this application or the permitting process, please contact the CUWCD at 2180 N. Main Street, Belton, Texas 76513, 254-933-0120. The applicant may be contacted at P.O. Box 98, Salado, Texas, 76571, 254-947-5479.

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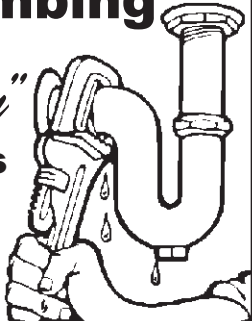
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Wind Power can be more prevalent if Congress extends the PTC program

Dear EarthTalk: How is wind power faring in the U.S. now? Is more of it coming on line and becoming a larger percent of the grid? And what about some of the highly publicized efforts to build wind farms, such as in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Has that been approved?
-- Paul Howe, San Francisco, CA

Clean and green wind energy is the new darling of alternative energy developers, and the U.S. industry has been surging the past three years, especially as developers take advantage of government incentives—in the form of the so-called Production Tax Credit (PTC)—for erecting turbines and connecting them to the grid.

The non-profit American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) reports that, in 2007 alone, total U.S. wind power capacity grew by a new record of 45 percent, injecting some \$9 billion into the economy. These new installations provide enough electricity to power 1.5 million typical American homes while strengthening the nation's energy supply with clean, home-grown electricity.

According to AWEA, utility-grade wind power installations are now in operation across 34 U.S. states, generating more than 16,000 megawatts (MW) of electricity cumulatively—enough to power upwards of 4.5 million homes and to generate 45,000 new domestic jobs. But even with this growth, wind energy still accounts for just one percent of U.S. electricity supply. Continued growth apace with of recent years, though, should make it a major player in the American energy scene within a decade. President Bush himself recently suggested that wind has the potential to supply up to 20 percent of the nation's electricity.

Of course, the volatility of oil prices has helped wind energy gain its foothold. Once a wind farm is built, the fuel cost is essentially zero (as long as the wind blows), whereas fluctuating fossil fuel prices have made traditional power sources more costly and risky. Upping our reliance on wind power has also allowed us to lower our overall carbon footprint. If coal or natural gas were to be substituted to generate the electricity

we now get from wind, it would put 28 million additional tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere every year. Wind power also saves water by not requiring the billions of gallons of water used to cool coal-fired power plants, an increasingly contentious issue in arid areas with limited access to fresh water.

As for the contentious Cape Wind project proposed for Nantucket Sound in Massachusetts, the federal agency in charge, the U.S. Minerals Management Service, is sifting through tens of thousands of public comments and expects to make a final decision on the project by next winter. But even if they give it the green light, extensive permitting demands and legal challenges will likely hold up construction for years.

AWEA thinks that 2008 can be as much of a growth year as 2007 if Congress extends the PTC program. The Senate has already approved extending the PTC for at least



one more year, but the House has yet to bring it up for a vote. Meanwhile, wind energy proponents are pacing the halls of Congress trying to persuade their Representatives that what's good for the wind industry is good for America.
CONTACTS: American Wind Energy Association; Cape Wind; U.S. Minerals Management Service

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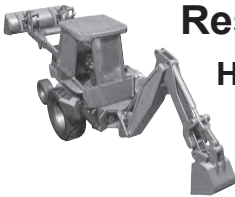
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Beautiful custom home on tree-covered lot. 2 living rooms, large kitchen, 3+ car garage, granite counters and much more. Landscaping and blinds. Priced at **\$449,900.**



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Escape to this tranquil backyard and enjoy the peaceful setting while relaxing by the pool. Home boasts formal and informal living and dining rooms, open kitchen, spacious master bath, covered patio. **\$435,000.**



Like to play golf? Excellent Home in Mill Creek on the golf course. High ceilings, Granite Countertops, & Hardwood Floors make this home a must see! **\$275,000**



Beautiful view of Mill Creek Golf Course with garage space for golf cart. Granite in Kitchen. Master suite down with spa tub and super closet. Tons of storage. Covered patio with fireplace. Trane heat pumps. **\$275,000.**



New Home built by Holland Homes with open floor plan. 3/2/2 with flex room. Salado school district, convenient to Stillhouse Lake, Killeen, Harker Heights, **\$199,900.**



Beautiful Landscaping and Gorgeous Tree-Covered Lot invite you into this Extensively Renovated Home in Mill Creek. ~~\$229,000.~~ **Priced Reduced to \$199,900.**



Great Open and Spacious Floor Plan. Flex room could be used as 4th bedroom. Backs up to Corps of Engineer property. Convenient to Killeen and Harker Heights with Salado schools. **\$199,900.**



Bring your horses! Home includes a nice 2-stall horse barn, dog run/pen and storage barn. Nice 3 bed, 2 bath home, 2 living room home on 1.34 acres in Salado. **\$129,900.**



Live Oak Trees welcome you into this recently updated home. Updates include paint, flooring, fixtures and kitchen appliances. 3/2/1, large bonus room. **\$155,800.**

Lots

Beautiful treed lot in Mill Creek on South Ridge Road. \$44,900. **REDUCED.**

Indian Trail, **Under Contract** corner lot. 90x188 \$40,000

Lot 9 Salado Creek Place, one of a kind Salado Creek lot, 2 plus acres with huge tree cover on the creek, The Best.

Lot 165 in Hidden Springs, nice trees. **\$39,900.**

Under 10 Acres

Lot 296 Mourning Dove, beautiful cleared homesite. Nice trees on the 5 acre lot. **\$59,900.**

Lot 158 Western Trail. Mostly wooded creek front lot. Over 3 acres, **\$75,000.**

Lot 156 Western Trail. Mostly wooded creek front lot. 3.23 acres, **\$75,000.**

Lot 295 in Hidden Springs with live oak trees. **\$54,900.**

10 to 100 Acres

12 acres with beautiful live oak trees. This acreage would make a fantastic home site. **\$250,000.**

Over 30 acres in Bartlett. Good development property, well located with frontage on Bell Street and Harold Clark road. **\$106,170**

21.68 acres off of FM 2115 with outstanding views and nice pond, **\$185,000.**

55.38 acres, productive Blackland adjoining residential area on NW side of Bartlett. **\$193,830.**

Over 24 Gorgeous Tree Covered Acres with Moon Creek. (Clear Rock Bottom Creek) **\$299,900**

Over 100 Acres

126 acre ranch with 1,769 sq. ft. hme. 3 BR/1.5 BA/2 liv/2 car garage. Property located off of FM 2843. **\$595,000.**

147 acres east of Academy on Reeds Lake Road. Property has draw running through middle with 3 small tanks with excellent opportunity to enlarge. Possible gravel reserve as well. **\$3,450 per acre.**

280 acres east of Holland off Rosanky Road. Rolling topography with live water creek, large live oaks and pecans, stock tanks, deer. **\$3,250/acre.**

Commercial

The Mansion Restaurant downtown Salado on over 1 acre Plus **\$745,000.**

Great commercial site IH-35/FM 2484. **\$450,000.**

30 acres IH 35, 1 mile south of Stagecoach Inn.

Great Southwest Restaurant in Belton, excellent location between the on and off ramp of I-35 next to What a Burger **\$349,900.**

12 plus acres fronting I-35 between Salado and Belton with exit at property, just north of the Lampasas River, approx. 3000 ft. I-35 frontage **\$259,900.**

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