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And the winners are... Voters elect new mayor, aldermen, two new trustees and return one

In the first contested race for Mayor of Salado since Charlotte Douglass was elected in 2000, Merle Stalcup was elected Mayor of Salado May 10, receiving 316 votes.

Mike Cooper, one of the original aldermen elected to the Board of Aldermen in November 2000, received 259 votes in the election.

With the departure of Cooper and Ashe from the Board of Aldermen, none of the original slate of electees will remain in an elected position in the Village of Salado. That original slate: Charlotte Douglass, Mayor; Rick Ashe, Dr. Ramon Carver, Mike Cooper, Vic Means and Jackie Mills.

Voters also elected two new aldermen, as no incumbents filed for re-election: Carol Walls had 402 votes while Stephen Peters, in his second run for office, receive 326 votes. Hulda Horton had 271 votes. Suzi Epps and Mike Cooper complete their terms on the board of aldermen.

A total of 880 ballots were cast in the Village of Salado race with 540 cast on Election Day today, May 10. In early voting, 340 ballots were cast.

School board race

Salado Independent School District voters elected three to three-year terms on the school board. Voters returned Deborah Aldridge to a third term on the Board of Trustees. They also elected Kim Bird and Rodney Bell to three-year terms on the board. Bird and Bell will take the seats vacated by Jackie Burson and Frank Carlson. Bird led the six pack of candidates with 658 votes. Aldridge had 491 votes and Bell was elected with 462 votes. Also

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Mayor Merle Stalcup



Trustee Kim Bird



Alderman Carol Walls



Trustee Deborah Aldridge



Alderman Stephen Peters



Trustee Rodney Bell

running for office were Joe McKethan, 312 votes, Robert Daniell, 121 votes and Nelson Lewis, 93 votes.

In the school board election, 1,791 ballots were cast with 543 cast in early voting.

An informal reception for the incoming and outgoing aldermen and Mayor is

planned for 5:30 p.m. May 15, prior to the regular board of aldermen meeting at 6:30 p.m. The reception will be in the Municipal Building at 301 Stagecoach Rd. The election results will be canvassed and the new members inducted into office at the beginning of the May 15 meeting.



First Family in Salado

President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush arrived in Salado by escorted limousine for the rehearsal dinner and party of their daughter Jenna Bush's wedding to Henry Hager. The rehearsal dinner was held at the Old Salado Springs Celebration Center and the party was held at the Salado Silver Spur Theater, both on Royal Street. When word got out that the so-called "Knutson wedding party" was actually connected to the Bush-Hager wedding, Salado lined Main Street to catch a glimpse of the closest thing to royalty in America: the First Family. Turn to pages 8-9A for the story and more photos. (PHOTOS BY BILL KINNISON)

Reception for aldermen set May 15

Two new aldermen will be sworn-in to office by County Judge Jon Burrows at the start of the May 15 Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

The meeting will begin with a reception for outgoing and incoming board members and mayor. Rick Ashe, one of the original members of the board of aldermen and the second mayor of Salado during

its recent incorporation, leaves office after serving Salado since 2000.

Suzi Epps is also stepping down from the Board of Aldermen as is Mayor Pro Tem Mike Cooper, who lost his bid to be the third mayor of Salado.

Before retiring their seats, the board will address unfinished business items such as a sign ordinance amendment, a farm animal ordinance and a resolution forming an advisory committee for bud-

get purposes.

The board will canvass the election, swear-in the new aldermen and mayor and then accept the resignation of alderman Bob Pascoe from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Aldermen will also appoint a replacement.

The board may consider appointing a replacement to fill the unexpired term of Stalcup (one year) during its June 5 meeting. The Village is accepting applications for that position.



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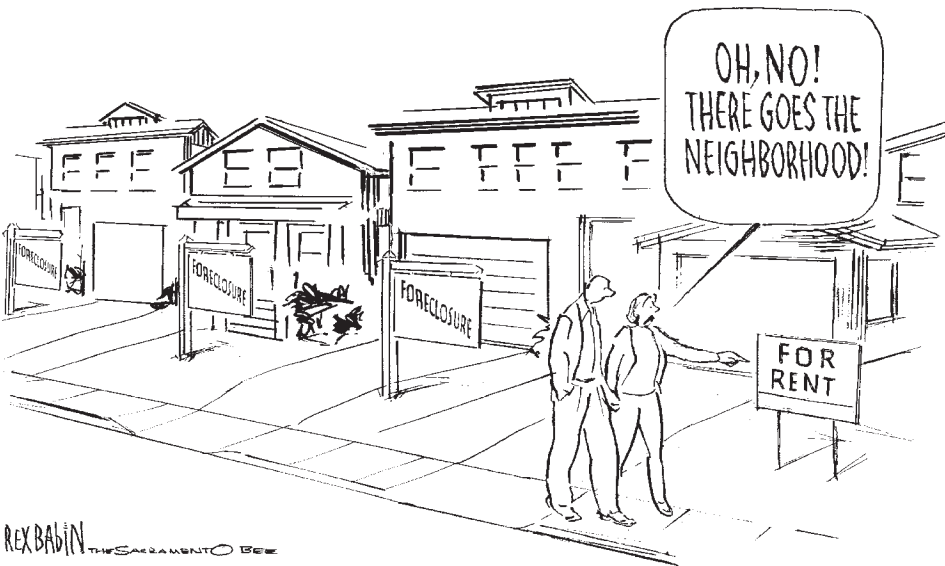
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“The Great Disappointment”

The self-appointed 19th-century prophet William Miller attracted an intense following when he predicted the end of the world and the arrival of the Second Coming sometime between March 1843 and April 1844. When the appointed time embarrassingly came and went, one of his followers pluckily predicted a new date of Oct. 22, 1844. The Millerites gathered that night to await the blessed event, and instead experienced what became known as “The Great Disappointment.”

Barack Obama’s supporters and the media (excuse the redundancy) have expected Obama’s ascension to presumed Democratic nominee -- accompanied, no doubt, by blazing lights of Unity and trumpet calls of Change -- in New Hampshire, Texas and Pennsylvania, and experienced a “Great Disappointment” each time. They have hoped for a secular political Advent, and instead they have gotten Hillary Clinton -- stolid and barely solvent, and yet with a persistent appeal to Democratic voters.

Pennsylvania was the first post-Pastor Jeremiah Wright and post-”bitter” primary, and Clinton’s victory shouldn’t be underestimated. She won by nearly 10 points, after getting outspent by roughly 3-to-1 in a state where Obama campaigned for weeks in an effort to finish her off.

Democrats lost the past two presidential elections by nominating candidates who had trouble connecting with down-scale white voters. They are about to do the same, but with their eyes wide open. When Republicans portrayed John Kerry as an out-of-touch elitist, Democrats were shocked: How could this have happened to a candidate they nominated because he was a manly, bomber-jacket-wearing war hero?

With Obama, no surprises will be necessary. He’s already been losing blue-collar white voters to ... Hillary Clinton,

Rich Lowry



whose sense of entitlement, nonexistent common touch and dubious credibility throwing back whiskey shots with a beer chaser hardly make her a natural populist. But Obama has transformed her into one.

The reaction in some liberal precincts was swift -- to come down on Hillary hard. The New York Times chided Clinton for using Osama bin Laden’s image in an ad to illustrate the dangers facing us in the world. How dare she invoke the most public face of the terrorist threat against America! The very brittleness of Obama makes much of liberaldom want to wrap him all the tighter in swaddling clothes.

Cover-ups never work, in scandals or campaigns. Obama’s candidacy depends on a kind of make-believe that can’t be sustained. How is he going to bring the country together around an orthodox left-wing agenda? How can he heal the nation’s divisions when he can’t even bridge the Democratic Party’s demographic divide?

There nonetheless appears no way out, even if Democrats wanted one. The super-delegates were created to exercise their independent judgment if the party were to flock to a flawed candidate. But few of them have an appetite for rejecting the candidate with the most pledged delegates, especially when he’s an African-American in a party devoted to inclusiveness. So Democrats are left to hope against hope that Obama can again become the miraculously unifying figure he seemed in February: “Lord, I believe; help thou my unbelief.”

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

Faith in medications weakened by cozy FDA and Drug Industry relationship

FAITH.....confident belief in the truth, value or trustworthiness of a person, an idea or a thing. (American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language)

We began this week’s column with a definition of “Faith” because that one word epitomizes what we should have firmly planted in our hearts and minds, when it comes to the food we eat and perhaps even more importantly - the medicines we take to stay alive and healthy.

Reason for this unusual column-intro is the frightening revelation that yet another important medication, sold by one of our leading Pharmaceutical Houses, and licensed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), has turned out to be a deadly killer.

HEPARIN TAINTED - 81 DEATHS REPORTED

Last week’s faith-shaking medical news reported that Heparin, one of the more popular blood thinners used in hospitals during kidney dialysis and heart surgery procedures, had caused the deaths of a reported 81 patients due to a “tainted” ingredient.

Heparin is manufactured and distributed by one of this country’s largest drug companies - Baxter Healthcare Corporation of Deerfield, Illinois.

FDA and Baxter confirmed the main ingredient of Heparin had been outsourced to a Chinese company (Changzhou SPL).

When the Chinese ingredient for Heparin was presumably tested by FDA, and the appropriate (American-based) Baxter Drug facility, no one discovered that the basic Heparin element was either “tainted or changed,” which the FDA later confirmed had caused health problems in 215 patients here in the United States.

Later, Baxter issued a “massive” Heparin recall and FDA dispatched regulators to inspect the Chinese plant that produced the contaminated ingredient.

OUTSOURCING PRETEXT

The reason drug companies go halfway around the world for bits and pieces of American medicines, is undoubtedly the same “in-house” pretext subscribed to by makers of U. S. toys, clothing, electronics, etc.: “Cheaper manufacturing costs and a resultant increase in profitability.”

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MORE SHOCKING NEWS

It may come as a surprise that 80 percent of the active ingredients used in American drugs are produced overseas. Those are FDA numbers, as is the “unbelievable” report that because of its declining manpower, FDA can inspect each foreign drug manufacturing plant - only once every 13 years!

Hardly confidence building numbers - to say the least!

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IS FDA IN DRUG INDUSTRY’S “HIP POCKET?”

There are additional factors impacting FDA’s Drug Division that should warrant more than just a cursory investigation by Congressional lawmakers.

This column would be willing to

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



bet the proverbial “bottom dollar” that few (if any) Americans know that the **Federal Drug and Food Administration (Drug Division) is funded in large part by the very drug companies they are charged (by law) to regulate!**

That’s right - FDA receives high-dollar fees from Pharmaceutical Houses to review and test their drugs; issue permits to produce the drugs; and licenses to sell the drugs.

DRUG INDUSTRY INFLUENCE:

The question then becomes: “Just how much influence does the drug industry (and their lobby) have over the FDA?” To find part of that answer, we followed the “money trail” and discovered, in a convoluted FDA financial report, **that out of FDA’s proposed \$1.77 billion budget authority, drug companies will contribute over half a billion bucks (\$628 million) in user fees. That’s a staggering 35+ percent of the 2009 FDA “budget authority” request.**

That sort of cozy (many would say “unethical”) relationship certainly opens the door to questions about medicinal-safety and “short-cutting” decisions concerning new pharmaceuticals approved by the FDA - at least in the minds of millions of Americans who use prescribed medications, and many druggists who sell them.

CANDIDATE

FOR FDA-HEAD NIXED

Dr. Raymond Woosley, on a recent “Frontline” program, described the financial alliance between FDA and the drug industry. Woosley is VP for Health Science at the University of Arizona and was a recent candidate for Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration.

In the TV interview Woosley noted he’d been passed over because the drug industry feared he (as Commissioner) would focus too much attention on safety issues including the “toxicity and side effects” of all drugs on the market.

Woosley concluded his remarks: “The pharmaceutical industry doesn’t lobby for safety. They lobby for rapid review, and rapid access to the marketplace.”

AND FINALLY.....

We have assembled some suggestions to hopefully “fix” what many consumer and profession groups contend is “broken” - namely **“The FDA’s Drug Division.”**

First, there’s an “absolute” need to put the Drug Division under the direct supervision of a “super-tough” federal oversight group that has no ties to anyone in the drug industry.

Secondly, Congress needs to “fully” fund the Drug Division and stop the disgraceful and incestuous “humbug” of receiving fees from the very drug companies, whose products are being examined, monitored and regulated.

Next, Congress should require that FDA approve only medicines that are manufactured in this country, by American owned, operated (and FDA inspected) Pharmaceutical Houses.

And finally - apply the same “safety” measures (above) to the “Food Division” of the Food and Drug Administration.

In other words force FDA to do what they are “charged” by law to accomplish: **“Protect the public health by insuring that all foods and drugs are safe and pure.”**

Nothing less is acceptable nor should it be.

That’s -30-

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Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Some years back, I was watching a news program following one of those devastating tornado out-breaks we have in this country. A reporter was interviewing a woman who was a member of a church that had been destroyed by the storms. The reporter asked, "How does it make you feel, seeing that your Church has been destroyed?" The woman, glancing over her shoulder at the pile of debris, said, "Oh, that! That's not the Church; that was just a roof to keep the rain off. The Church is all the people in the congregation who you see hear, already picking up the pieces."

This is also the case with Rev. Wright, former pastor of Barach Obama's Church. Rev Wright is not the Church. The Church is a community of souls who happen to gather together in one place to renew their spirits and go about doing good in the community they serve. The pastor of any Church -- including Obama's -- is only a human, with the same human flaws as all of the members of the church. To hold Obama, or any other member of the congregation responsible for what the Rev. Wright says is a poor application of the trickle-down theory. It would be like holding Obama responsible for an engineering mistake made by a trained engineer belonging to his congregation, or holding him responsible for the death of a patient of a doctor who sat in the same pew with him, or holding him responsible for a holdup that was committed by one of the youth of his church.

The Sunday following 9/11, the then pastor of my church gave a fiery sermon which concluded with a statement that all Muslims were no-good and should be eliminated from the human equation. While this statement was offensive to me and others in our congregation, we did not leave the church in mass, we did not apply immediately for a new pastor, nor did we go out seeking local Muslims to tar and feather. The Church was larger than the misguided passions of the preacher.

Rather, following the benediction, I approached the preacher on the receiving line and challenged him on his statements, reminding him of the lessons of love, forgiveness, and charity that we believe in, and that his position as spiritual leader of our Church required him to belay his personal feelings and to help his flock approach the tragedy of 9/11 with grace and hopefulness.

I believe Obama has said similar statements concerning how he feels about his

Church, about the statements of Rev Wright, and why he did not leave his church.

While the First Amendment provides for freedom of the press to explore these issues, it also provides for separation of Church and State. So give Obama a break, and get your focus back on the real issues in this election, the economy, the war, health care ----. Leave Rev. Wright to his own demons, his 15 minutes are over.

Bob Pascoe

Dear Editor:

Seems that everywhere I go these days all the talk is about property taxes. How those "sneaky" Village leaders promised there would "never" be such a tax when we incorporated back in 2000. And, how they've quietly approved this new tax without mentioning it to the citizens of Salado; and how our village needs to "live within its means", instead of just imposing more taxes.

Well, let me set this straight. First, Joan and I worked in favor of incorporation because we did not want to be annexed by Belton, which had and has much higher property taxes than the 25 cents that is being proposed. And, the vote in favor of incorporation was 773 versus 115 against. So, 773 of our citizens called it the same way we did. And, by "living within our means" the Village Alderman have managed to avoid a property tax but that has required compromises all around. For example, there has never been any road repair because we simply couldn't afford it. Instead, we adopted a policy of limited road

maintenance, which has consisted entirely of patching potholes with "free, work release labor". (did you know that Chisholm Trail is in the process of breaking apart and it's probably been patched over 50 times in the last eight years?) And our police force has, from time to time, even employed unpaid officers simply because we couldn't afford to give everybody a pay check but we were "living within our means". Etc., Etc., Etc.

The Village Alderman did NOT approve this tax in the dark of night without the full knowledge of the Village. In fact, they held several public meetings on the subject and invited input from the citizens. However, the mere fact that they voted to approve such a tax does not mean it is automatically imposed as there will be exemptions to consider and a budget to prepare and approve before implementation and this will be done in the light of day. And, to get this tax on your estimated tax statement, they had to act when they did, otherwise it would have been deferred for yet another year. Also, the incoming Aldermen owe the current board a vote of thanks for acting on this, instead of deferring the matter to them.

Before moving to Salado, Joan and I lived near a very attractive, upscale community with a golf course, swimming pool, small hotel and restaurant. But, just like Salado, they chose not to repair their roads. Later, the roads fell into such disrepair, many became almost impassable. Property values fell like rocks from the sky and citizens screamed loudly.

When recently asked....."who wants a

property tax" very few of us held up our hands for none of us "want" such a tax. The appropriate question is....."does Salado need a property tax" and the answer is yes. Those that worked to incorporate Salado had a sign made that read "vote Yes for Salado". Once again, we need to join together to speak on behalf of Salado and cast a vote with those who think likewise.

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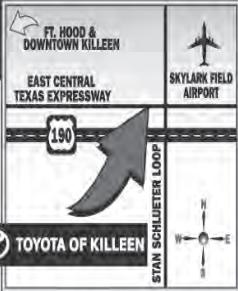
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Fortunately, you're not alone. In fact, a variety of government agencies and industry groups are working to protect you. Let's take a quick look at some of them:

SEC - The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) was created in 1934, in the midst of the Great Depression, to restore investor confidence in U.S. capital markets. The laws that created the SEC were designed to ensure that companies selling securities must tell the public the truth about their businesses, the securities they

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



sell and the risks involved. The SEC may investigate a wide range of violations, including outright theft, price manipulation, insider trading and misrepresentation or omission of key information about securities. To get a more detailed understanding of what the SEC does, go to their web site at www.sec.gov.

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ments. Never invest in something that you don't fully understand. Before you write a check, make sure you know exactly what goes into an investment, along with its potential benefits and risks.

Know your risk tolerance. If you're losing sleep over the fate of your investments, you may be taking on more risk than you should. On the other hand, however, you may sometimes need to move outside your "comfort zone" to achieve your financial objectives. If, for example, you invest too conservatively, your portfolio may not provide enough growth potential to keep up inflation, which, over time, can be a real threat to your financial security.

Work with a financial advisor who knows your situation. An ethical, professional financial advisor - someone who knows your needs, goals and investment preferences - should only recommend investments that are appropriate for you.

Between your awareness of the various regulatory agencies and your own informed actions, you can feel confident about your ability to invest - and that's a good feeling to have.

But despite the work of these agencies, you still need to take steps to defend yourself against "unpleasant surprises" down the road. Here are a few ideas to consider:

Know your investment. Takes money to save money

Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

Okay, you've found the home of your dreams. You've determined how much you can afford because you've already been pre-approved by your lender, and your offer has been accepted. But wait. If you're financing the purchase, like almost everyone does, you'll actu-

ally be paying more than the final sale price of the home.

Many buyers don't stop to think about how much they'll really be paying for their home by the time they've reached the final payment. It's worth considering, and it makes it evident that you should shop around and get the best loan terms possible.

Be sure to discuss your options with a trusted local real estate agent, who can provide mortgage information, illustrate different financing options, and even recommend lenders suited to your needs. With literally hundreds, if not thousands, of options available, it's helpful to begin with the basic facts to help you whittle down your choices.

Determine how much is available for a down payment. If you're putting up less than 20 percent, you'll need a guarantee that often comes in the form of PMI (private mortgage insurance). This will add to the overall cost of your loan, at least until you've paid off a significant percentage.

Again, discuss your loan options with your real estate agent before you make any offers, in order to avoid unpleasant delays and unexpected expenses.

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3/1 Medical Call

3/1 Animal Cruelty/Welfare

3/1 Welfare Concern

3/1 Medical Call

3/1 Burglary Alarm

3/2 Shots Fired

3/2 Dogs at Large

3/2 Animal Disturbance

3/2 Assist DPS/Medical Call

3/2 Medical Call

3/2 911 Hangup

3/3 Medical Call

3/3 Medical Call

3/3 911 Hangup

3/3 Medical Call

3/4 Animal Cruelty/Welfare

3/4 Animal on Roadway (Cows)

3/4 Civil Disturbance

3/4 Suspicious Vehicle

3/4 Forgery

3/5 Assist DPS Motor Assist

3/5 Theft

3/5 Medical Call

3/5 Assist Bell Co. S.O. Burglary Alarm

3/5 Welfare Concern

3/6 Burglary Alarm

3/6 Assist DPS Disabled Vehicle

3/6 Welfare Concern

3/6 911 Hangup

3/6 Assist Bell Co. S.O Animal Disturbance

3/6 Suspicious Vehicle

3/7 911 Hangup

3/7 Found Property

3/7 Animal Welfare

3/7 Medical Call

3/7 Medical Call

3/7 Suspicious Person

3/8 Found Property

3/8 Motor Vehicle Accident

3/8 Theft

3/9 Assist Bell Co S.O. Disabled Vehicle

3/9 Assist DPS Heart Attack Victim (CPR)

3/9 Medical Call

3/9 Assist Bell Co S.O. Suicidal Subject

3/9 Suspicious Vehicle

3/9 Medical Call

3/9 Assist DPS Motor Vehicle Accident

3/9 Impaired Driver

3/9 Suspicious Person

3/9 Criminal Trespass

3/10 Burglary Alarm

3/10 Medical Call

3/10 Animal Disturbance

3/10 Animal Disturbance

3/10 Medical Call

3/10 Suspicious Person

3/10 Medical Call

3/11 Assist DPS Impaired Driver

3/11 Assist Bell Co. S.O. Suspicious Person

3/11 Noise Ordinance Violation

3/11 Public Intoxication

3/11 Motor Vehicle Accident

3/12 Animal Disturbance

3/12 Illegal Dumping

3/12 Assist Bell Co. S.O. Warrant Service

3/12 Assist Bell Co. Animal Disturbance

3/12 Medical Call (CPR)

3/13 Burglary Alarm

3/13 911 Hangup

3/13 Animal Disturbance

3/13 Civil Disturbance

3/13 Medical Call

3/14 Animal Disturbance

3/14 Burglary Alarm

3/14 Major Accident M.C. vs. Auto

3/14 Noise Ordinance Violation

3/15 Assist Bell Co. S.O. Suspicious Vehicle

3/15 Medical Call

3/15 Welfare Concern

3/15 Suspicious Person

3/15 Medical Call

3/15 911 Hangup

3/15 Medical Call

3/15 Medical Call

3/16 Suspicious Vehicle

3/16 Assist Bell Co. S.O. Suspicious Vehicle

3/16 Domestic Disturbance

3/16 Medical Call

3/16 Assist DPS Disabled Vehicle

3/16 Medical Call

3/16 Burglary Alarm

3/17 Domestic Disturbance

3/17 Criminal Trespass

3/18 Criminal Mischief

3/18 Assist DPS Accident

3/18 Medical Call

3/19 Flooded Roadway

3/19 Burglary Alarm

3/19 Medical Call

3/19 Animal Disturbance

3/19 Suspicious Person

3/20 Animal Disturbance

3/20 Animal Disturbance

3/20 Medical Call

3/21 Medical Call

3/21 Medical Call

3/21 Assist Belton Major Accident 7 vehicles

Location

IH-35 at 280 Southbound

N. Main at Pace Park

400 Blk. S. Main

Chisholm Trail

Southridge Trail

Indian Trail

College Hill

Stagecoach Road

Chisholm Trail

IH-35 at 279 Northbound

Creek Run Cir.

600 Block N. Main

600 Block N. Main

Van Bibber

S. Stagecoach

Mill Creek Dr.

Vanessa Street

N. Robertson Rd.

700 Blk N. Main Street

Whispering Oaks

N. Robertson Rd.

IH-35 at 280 NB

N. Stagecoach Rd.

W. Village Rd.

W. Thomas Arnold

F.M. 2268 and IH-35

400 Block N. Main

1600 Block Stagecoach Rd.

700 Block Stagecoach Rd.

Old Mill Rd.

1600 Block Stagecoach Rd.

Indian Trail

F.M. 2268

Main Street

Vanessa Street

Chisholm Trail

Mill Creek Dr.

800 Block N. Main

Indian Trail

N. Stagecoach Rd.

Mill Creek Dr.

IH-35 at 2484

IH-35 at 282

400 S. Stagecoach Rd.

Prairie Dell Rd.

Indian Trail

Southridge Rd.

IH-35 at 287 S.B.

Mill Creek Dr.

100 Block S. Stagecoach Rd.

800 Block N. Main

Chisholm Trail

Mill Creek Dr.

Hester Way

600 Block N. Main

Mill Creek Dr.

Old Mill Rd.

F.M. 2268

IH-35 284 SB

Rose Lane and IH-35

Southridge

Hodge Field

N. Main Street

Old Mill Rd.

Mill Creek Dr.

Rose Lane

Williams Rd. News H.S.

IH-35 at 281 N.B.

Bluff Cir.

100 Block Stagecoach Rd.

Baines Street

900 N. Robertson Rd.

Lazy Oak

600 N. Main Street

500 Block N. Main Street

2484 and Brewer

Salado Plaza Dr.

Holiday Inn

F.M. 2268

700 Block Royal Street

S. Stagecoach

S. Stagecoach

600 N. Main

F.M. 2268

Santa Maria

S. Stagecoach

Williams Rd. New H.S.

Old Mill Rd.

Southridge.

IH-35 at 283 SB

N. Robertson Rd.

Mill Creek Dr.

Pace Park Dr.

Mill Creek Dr.

Mill Creed Dr.

N.B. IH-35 at 283

Salado Oaks Dr.

Southridge

400 Block S. Main Street

300 Block Thomas Arnold

Rock Creek

Northridge Dr.

N. Robertson Rd.

Pace Park Dr.

Santa Clara

Old Mill Rd.

N. Stagecoach Rd.

IH-35 at Shanklin Rd.

3/21 Assist DPS Major Accident

3/21 Assist DPS Accident Hit and Run

3/21 Impaired Driver

3/21 Evading Arrest

3/21 Providing Alcohol to Minor

3/21 Assist Bell Co. S.O. Shots Fired

3/22 Assist Bell Co. S.O. Shots Fired

3/22 Burglary Alarm

3/22 Burglary Alarm

3/22 Burglar of Habitation

3/22 Medical Call

3/22 Animal Disturbance

3/22 Criminal Trespass

3/23 Alarm

3/23 Assist Bell Co. Violent Domestic

3/23 Disabled Vehicle

3/23 Parking Violation

3/24 Assist DPS, Medical Call Down Skydiver

3/24 911 Hangup

3/24 Theft

3/24 Suspicious Vehicle

3/25 911 Hangup

3/25 Civil Disturbance

3/25 Burglary Alarm

3/25 Public Intoxication

3/25 Noise Ordinance Violation

3/25 Burglary Alarm

3/26 Theft

3/26 Animal Disturbance

3/26 Assist Bell Co. Recovered Stolen Veh.

3/26 Medical Call

3/27 Animal Disturbance

3/27 Suspicious Vehicle

3/28 Civil Disturbance

3/29 Assist F.D. Structure Fire

3/29 Animal Disturbance

Next week: April Report

IH-35 at 290 N. B.

IH-35 at 282 N.B.

IH-35 at 282 N.B.

300 Block S. Stagecoach Rd.

1000 Block S. Stagecoach Rd.

Gooseneck Rd.

Hackberry

Salado Plaza Dr.

Jones Cir.

Old Mill Rd.

200 Block N. Main Street

Indian Trail

1000 Block Robertson Rd.

Main Street

Hare Road

N. Main and Stagecoach

Mill Creek Dr.

IH-35 at Temple Skydive

Quail Hollow

Southridge Dr.

Mill Creek Dr.

F.M. 2268

S. Robertson Rd.

Center Cir.

Robertson Rd.

Mill Creek Dr. and Southridge

N. Main Street

Salado Plaza Dr.

Church Street

Hester Way

Rock Creek

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S. Robertson Rd.

Club Circle

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Eagles take two straight from Edna, to face Troy Trojans in Belton

The Salado Eagles and Edna Cowboys area baseball playoff series had a little of everything in it. There was a slugfest and there was a pitcher's duel. There were homeruns and strikeouts. There were great defensive plays and there were errors. The most important thing was there were two Eagle victories.

The Eagles came out on top in both games May 8 and 9 and advance to face Troy Trojans at 7:30 p.m. May 16 at Belton High School baseball fields.

Salado split their district games with Troy. In the first round, the Eagles pelted the third-place Trojans 20-2. In the second round, the Eagles were handed a decision that resulted in their 5-2 loss. The game was shortened by weather and the score as of the fourth inning was recorded. However, at the time the game was called, Salado held a 9-5 lead.

The Eagles started their playoff season in good fashion. Salado scored five runs in the top of the first and never looked back. They sent 11 batters to the plate and pounded out six hits in the inning. The big blow was a bases loaded double by Justin Berumen that drove in all three runners.

Salado upped their lead to 8-0 in the top of the third. A single, an error, a hit batter, set the stage for a grand slam homerun and a 8-4 score.

Fifteen Eagles went to the plate in the fourth inning as Salado scored ten runs to take complete control. Garret Ward had a two run homerun in the



Senior Kevin Jackson prepares to put another one over the plate against the Edna Cowboys during the area playoffs. (PHOTOS BY TIM FLEISCHER)

inning and Jackson had a grand slam.

Edna scored three more runs in the fourth on another homerun but it wasn't near enough. Salado added one more run in the fifth for a 19-7 victory.

Jackson led the offense with three hits in the game and six rbi's. Collins also had three hits on the night. Matt Fritsch, Justin Schiller, Johnny Nix, Garret Ward, Josh Coleman and Tyler Wright all collected two hits in the game as the Eagles had 19 base hits in the game.

Sam VanHoozer picked up his eighth win of the year with the complete game victory. He allowed six hits and three earned runs. He struck out nine batters.

Fridays game was a complete opposite of the

first one. Each team having to scrap for every run. Each time one team would start to rally a fine defensive play or a strike out would snuff it out.

The Eagles jumped to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first. Matt Fritsch had a one out single. He stole second and scored on a single by Kevin Jackson.

Salado made it 2-0 in the second inning. Garret Ward singled and moved to second on a throwing error. Justin Berumen then laid down a perfect bunt he beat out to put runners on first and third. Ward then scored on a fielders choice by Tyler Wright.

Edna scored a run in the top of the third on a solo homerun. This cut Salado's lead to 2-1.

Fritsch led off the bottom of the third with a double. He scored on a single by Justin Schiller.

Salado added two more in the bottom of the fifth. Jackson singled and Justin Schiller followed with a towering homerun over the left field wall. It was

Schillers tenth homer of the year setting a new single season school record.

Edna threatened again in the sixth. After scoring a run on two Salado errors, Edna had runners on first and second with one out. The Edna batter hit a scorching linedrive down the third base line. Salado third baseman Matt Fritsch dove to his right and snagged the ball just off of the ground. He rolled over and fired to second for a double play to end the inning.

Neither team scored again to again to make the final score 5-2 and move the Eagles into the regional quarter finals.

Jackson and Schiller had three hits each in the game. Fritsch contributed two hits in the Eagles 12 hit attack.

Jackson also did a great job pitching. He went the entire seven innings allowing only three hits. He walked three and struck out 12.

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Stephenson, Amanda

BRASHIER
Boykin, Tyler
Bryant, Abigail
Jarvis, Jeremy
Mettenbrink, Eliot
Trapp, Savannah
Welch, Sebastian
Westbrook, Taryn
Willis, Benjamin

FINCH
Davis, Corbin
Huber, Mariana
Keyes, Jonathan
Molyneaux, Abigail
Wilkerson, Aaron

WHITACRE
Barker, Tommie
Borque, Samantha
Elliott, Brett
Flanagan, Timothy
Miller, Henry
Poteet, Bradley
Shelly, Parker
Webster, Ayla

2ND GRADE

BOLIN
Carter, Madeline
Chick, Garrett
Crenshaw, Shawn
franks, Amanda
Heiner, Mikaela
Oakes, Ryan
Peters, Samantha
Schmidt, Sarah
Soto, Robert

MANLEY
Arnold, Madison
Dobbins, David
Harwell, Chase
Lewallen, Emily
Maedgen, Kade
Manning, Kayla
McDaniel, Danielle
McFarland, Catherine
Young, Anthony

DOBBINS
Brown, Quade
DePoy, Cade
Kyburz, Kathryn
Kyburz, Ryan
Malensky, Stevie
McBryde, Erin
Merriman, Owen
Robinson, Katelyn
VandePlas, Hayley

MURDOCK
Fischer, Tannor
Fuller, Brettney
Haltom, Camryn
Howton, Haley
Miller, Christopher
Perez, Jose
Pittman, Jake
Renfro, Lane
Soto, Carolina
Thrasher, Macy

3RD GRADE

MARQUIS
Kelarek, Sara
Kendall, Kaelyn
Kunz Clayton
Seaton, Christopher

OBORSKI
Bazar, Naralie
Beach, Madison
Calder, Jenna
Keyes, Karen
Lightfoot, Bryan
Martin, Lindy
Schlessiger, Amber
Shearer, Samuel

VANWINKLE
Combs, Kylar
Evans, Courtney
Kunz, Chase
Westbrook, Dalton

FOEGELLE
Crouch, Kristin
Markham, Luke
Ringstaff, Jessica
Talbot, Allyson

4TH GRADE

QUICK
Dreitz, Payton
Lightfoot, Garrett
Schattle, Malory

ROGERS
Bolton, Richard
Fillip, Brandi
Flanagan, Ryan
Letourneau, Sara
Quick, Abigail
Smith, Madison
Suhling, Madelyn

WAGNON
Ashe, Adrienne
Bird, Morgan
DePoy, Dacen
Foust, Kayla
Hill, Meagan
Manley, Claire

HERZER
Bragg, Ellie
Dunnahoo, Ryan
Jarvis, Sydney
Kyburz, Peyton
Schoenrock, Taylor
Thoreson, Daniel
Wagnon, Jenna

LOA
Armstrong, Tyler
Cunningham, Maegan
Ward, Malachi
Wilson, Daniela

A/B HONOR ROLL

1ST GRADE

BARRETT
Byler, Shelby
Cathriner, Edward
Deen, Aunnika
Gilley, Casey
Haas, Hunter
King, Carson
Lara, Rolando
Reeder, Savannah
Thrasher, Roxann

BRASHIER
Bryant, Hanna
Deen, Regina
Gidley, James
Hyer, Avery
Kelly, Connor
Ortiz, Christian
Pena, Luis
Steiner, Charles
Wales, Bryce

FINCH
Castillo, Juan
Cathriner, Ashlyn
Daniels, Caden
Desai, Anali
Dockray, Rebecca
Martinez, Madelynne
Sellers, Matthew
Wolf, Macy

WHITACRE
Chavez, Iveth
Heath, David
Elliott, Brett
Mantanona, Madeleine
Moody, Rylee
Rubio, Scarlett
Sanchez, Megan
Sierra, Janelli
Zak, Clayton

2ND GRADE

BOLIN
Crenshaw, Sonja
Lankford, Jared
Nastasi, Jade
Pruitt, Kirk
Valdez, Eli
Walrath, Louis

MANLEY
Barret, Tyler
James, Christian
Nguyen, Regis-Glenn
Perez, Peralia
Rodriguez, Brandon
Sellers, Jacob
Tochez, Manuel

DOBBINS
Adams, Zachary
Agee, Trooper
Cleveland, Natalie
Edmondson, Tyler
Morales, Imelda
Varga, Fatima
Vitolas, Feerman
Volk, Kyle

J. MURDOCK
Castillo, Armando
Croftcheck, Kylie
Cunningham, Bobby
Cyphers, Cyrus
Faehnle, Matthew
Fox, Blayne
Richardson, Annabelle
Stanley, Samantha
Turk, Loriann
Villafranco, Maritza

3RD GRADE

MARQUIS
Austin, Emily
Biddle, Nicholas
Byler, Sidney
Davidson, Kaylie
Gentile, Matthew
Glaze, Harrison
Luna, Christopher
Ortiz, Jazmin
Schiguit, Dylan
Sirois, Allen
Soto, Alexander

OBORSKI
Bates, Judd
Bradley, Stephen
Bruce, Anthony
Cantu, Noah
Eary, Ryan

VANWINKLE
Dreitz, Preston
Ewton, Annalee
Henry, Austin
Tepera, Ryan
Truelove, Jordan
Wright, Zackary

FOEGELLE
Bassa, Jonah
Bunch, Riley
Drake, Joseph
Fischer, Hali
Fisher, David
Hearne, Kerrigan
White, Abigail
Wilkerson, Sara

4TH GRADE

QUICK
Chitwood, Trace
Ewton, Katelyn
Fischer, Tyler
Hall, MaKayla
Parsons, Garrett
Stevens, Kira
Vaca, Cheyenne
Wold, Bonnie

ROGERS
Murray, Madeline
Payne, Preston
Stephenson, Kelly

WAGNON
Alexander, Brady
Basham, Chase
Coleman, Amy
Durfee, Taylor
Moore Madeline
Polston, Tyler

HERZER
Champion, Kathryn
Indridson, Christina
Isbell, Samantha
Taylor, Grant
Weaver, Reagan

LOA
Arnold, Xoe
Danielli, Megan
Perez, Paz
Pinkerton, Michael
Rountree, Mikaela
Weaver, Kristian

SALADO INTERMEDIATE A HONOR ROLL

5TH GRADE

Atwood, Taylor
Clement, Sean
Croftcheck, Katy
Evans, Rachel
Goldman, Scott
Hatcher, Calandrea
Kelly, Chase
Nicholson, Kyle
Noonan, Roderic
Kristen, Oakes
Quick, Jacob
Smith, Landry
Van Sickle, Ellis
Wales, Derek

6TH GRADE

Barker, Dennie
Bracken, Anna
Charanza, Mason
Colvin, Molly
Cortes, Robert
Crenwelge, Chase
Decker, Alicia
Frazier, Casey
Goldsmith, Katherine
Hankamer, Dane
Heiner, Kyle
Hill, Morgan
Hopkins, Isaac
Kornegay, Taryn
Little, Davis
Manning, Chase
Nguyen, Thai-Son
Panell, Garrett
Price, Mason
Ray, Rachel
Sebek, Jaylee
Simmonds, Abigail
Spears, Kase

Van Winkle, Drew
Walter, Sydney
Wallingsford, Dexter

7TH GRADE

Clement, Dale
DePriest, Madison
Franz, Jenna
Grimsley, Marcene
Kunz, Katelyn
Price, Mattie
Robinson, Kylie
Taufner, Jacob
Vale, Korinne
Ward, Meredith
Warren, Andrew
Womac, Brandon

8TH GRADE

Austin, Mikayla
Boaz, Chelsea
Cook, Margaret
Daniels, Morgan
Goldman, Roy
McGillick, Kirsten
Meiman, Colton
Palomino, Kelsey
Urban, Carling
Young, Haylee

AB HONOR ROLL

5TH GRADE

Beck, Kayli
Bridges, Keshlei
Chaplin, Ashley
Chick, Samantha
Colby, Sabia
Daniel, Casey
Fischer, Averi
Hankamer, Dalton
Laughland, Tori
Marburger, Morgan
Messmer, Lucy
Taylor, Mason
Tepera, Shelby

6TH GRADE

Armstrong, Sierra
Berry, Monte
Cole, Clayton
Cyphers, Malachi
Davis, Kayla
Drake, Jordan
Hearne, Curtis
Hildebrand, Rachel
Hodges, Ashley
Kyle, Katie
Marquez, Jeana
Mattson, Morgan
Norman, Josie
Peralta, Anissa

7TH GRADE

Adams, Austin
Block, Carlie
Butts, Michael
Chaplin, Heather
Cheatham, Barton
Cooke, Elizabeth
Daniels, Alexis
Durfee, Martin
Gloria, Bridgett
Golding, William
Hoflund, Reece
Kelarek, Hannah
Kelley, Madison
Kirchmeier, Cameron
Kyle, Thomas
Land, Ashley
Manley, Andrew
Martin, James
Meritt, Paige
Monk, Amber
Moore, Sean
Mullins, Taylor
Oyler, Joshua
Philpott, Emily
Robinson, Joshua
Robinson, Zachary
Sibbitt, Stephen
Suhling, Kyle
Taylor, Candace
Temple, Cabe
Trela, Seth
Wilbur, Tyler
Wilkerson, Richard
Williams, Haley

8TH GRADE

Armstrong, Austin
Bailey, Kirby
Barker, Chynna
Beach, Victoria
Benoit, Cade
Best, Peyton
Bradley, Kyle
Carmona, Jessica
Castillo, Nicholas
Davidson, Kaycie
Flippo, Katherine
Gilcrest, Sharla
Kornegay, Jada
Lastovica, Stephanie
Licea, Valeria
Liller, Kathryn

Luna, Bernard
Mendoza, Marcos
Meiman, Colton
Norman, Kori
Payne, Lorna
Pinkerton, Teresa
Platt, Rachel
Pittts, Tanner
Quinn, Stephanie
Rank Chelsea
Rangel, Abigail
Rex, Joseph
Romfh, George
Seaton, Hannah
Sellers, Michael

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9TH GRADE

Barton, Zachary
Boydston, Brennan
Cahoon, Jacob
Frazier, Brittney
Heiner, Jacob
Hopkins, Rebecca
Lavadia, Courtney
Little, Kandace
Miles, Audley
Norman, Colton
Oyler, Janson
Pivonka, Tara
Reed, Bailie
Schreiner, Tyndal
Suresh, Ryan
Van Winkle, Morgan
Warren, Paul
Wynne, Kathryn

10TH GRADE

Boaz, Kaley
Hayslip, Caleb
Kemp, Haley
Lincoln, Alexander
Lincoln, Ashley
Petro, Rebecca
Svadlenak, Jordan
Wagnon, Trenton

11TH GRADE

Barton, Kimberli
Coffey, Lindsey
Foster, Katie
Frazier, Abby
Cantrell, Ashlee
Grigsby, Barton
Hazzard, Danielle
Hearne, Kaylan
Heuer, Molly
Hofmann, Timothy
Kelly, Morgan
Lamb, Kaitlyn
Matson, Brittani
Melde, Nichole
Ming, Matthew
O'Rear, Ryan
Pines, Tyler
Rank, Kaleigh
Reed, Taylor
Robinson, InHey
Ruiz, Brenda
Schiller, Dara
Seawood, Nicholas
Spinks, Jonathan
Spurlock, Jacob
Ward, Garret
Watkins, Preston
Young, Kylee

12TH GRADE

Arant, Matthew
Bush, Joshua
Butts, Dallas
Coleman, Joshua
Dunn, Emily
Fisher, Katelyn
Fritsch, Matthew
Goodnight, Karleigh
Hoernis, Stephanie
Hoffman, Amanda
Jackson, Kevin
Jenkins, Ashley
Jimenez, Candy
Johnson, Taylor
Kirchmeier, Kayla
Langford, Cory
Leifester, Jarrod
Mohammed, Micholas
Molyneaux, Ty
Palomino, Kamyille
Redman, Rebecca
Reeves, Garrett
Shurtz, Sarah
Simon, Amy
Simpson, Kimberly
Smith, Colin
Smith, Kristen
Stanish, Tamra
Suresh, Reena
Torres, Biridana
Yang, Joo

AB HONOR ROLL

9TH GRADE

Abbott, Corbett
Barbosa, Dylan
Bintz, Camryn
Boniface, Seth
Boshears, Kelsey
Bracken, Ethan
Chavez, Paul
Clark, Kathryn
Cleveland, William
Cospser, Andrew
Dotson, Dustin
Fischer, Jon
Golding, Robert
Green, Johnny
Haire, Logan
Jackson, Logan
Johnson, Johathon
Kendall, Amelia
Luna, Kelsey
Lutsford, Brandon
Messmer, Jason
Moerbe, Chandler
O'Rear, Taylor
Ortiz, Carlos
Penny, Falynn
Pinkerton, Rachel
Pipes, Hailee
Pruyne, Corey
Rudduck, Taylor
Scarborough, Clint
Sebek, Jenna
Smetana, Kasey
Spinks, Rachel
Stanley, Savannah
Ward, Hunter
Wheeler, Cortney
Yeager, Samantha

10TH GRADE

Alpha, Joshua
Arnold, Ashlee
Cailler, Rachel
Care, Max
Cloud, Stephanie
Cockrell, Taylor
Cute, Ryan
Daniel, Jessica
Dunnahoo, Mindi
Fraire, Coral
Garcia, Isabel
Gonzales, Mayra
Grace, Alexandra
Hahn, Zakary
Heller, Brandon
Keller, Ashley
Keller, Amber
Laughland, Tyler
McDaniel, Sindel
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Noonan, Elena
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Rodriquez, Doris
Roe, Audrey
Russell, Robin
Saucedo, Hope
Sierra, Jayni
Simpson, Zoe
Slaughter, Victoria
Stiles, Alexander
Walker, Jessica
Wells, Boomer
Williams, Heather

11TH GRADE

Benoit, Beau
Bracken, Heath
Buckley, Reta
Cantrell, Ashley
Cook, Tyler
Cruz, John
Everett, Kristi
Ferrell-Raborn, Jenna
Flynn, Cody
Hollas, Bradford
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Magadan, Juan
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First Family & friends celebrate

By **TIM FLEISCHER**
AND **PRESTON F. KIRK**

The first time he noticed him was early in the afternoon May 9. “He was eating lunch at Uncommon Grounds,” Salado Mayor Pro Tem Mike Cooper said. “I recognized him right away, but did not want to disturb him.”

Later that afternoon, he saw Karl Rove again in a local shop. Finally, he saw Rove at Salado Cleaners.

“I finally walked up to him and said, ‘Mr. Rove, I don’t want you to think I am following you around. My name is Mike Cooper and I am Mayor Pro Tem of Salado. If no one has done so, I want to be the first to say ‘Welcome to Salado.’”

Rove was one of the many dignitaries in Salado May 9-10 as the village was the location for a bridal luncheon, a family rehearsal dinner and a Texas-sized celebration for Jenna Bush and Henry Hager.

Henry and Jenna were married at the Crawford ranch of President George W. Bush and wife Laura Bush on May 10.

Prior to that, the members of the bridal party joined Jenna Bush at Sal-



The tables of Old Salado Springs Celebration Center were elegantly set with linens from Virginia. The floral decorations were by Ginny Swalley and the meal was catered by The Range.

ado’s Inn on the Creek, owned by Will Lowery and Chris Spradley, May 9.

Jenna and friends were photographed wading in Salado Creek before the arrival of the majority of the bridal party.

The women enjoyed appetizers of red pepper hummus with fresh vegetables and pita chips, vegetable ceviche with tortilla chips, savory cheesecake with flatbreads and baguettes along with champagne or pomegranate juice.

After the appetizers on the porch overlooking Salado Creek, several of the women wandered down to the banks of Salado Creek, beneath Texas oak and ash trees for a session of yoga. Others chose to stay on the porch, where they received chair massages.

The group then enjoyed a lunch of mixed greens with goat cheese, caramelized pecans, strawberries and balsamic vinaigrette, chicken breast on focaccia bread with pesto spread, black bean salad, pasta salad and brownies for dessert.

Members of the wedding party, as well as wedding attendees and friends stayed at Inn on the Creek, The Baines House



Bridal party members enjoyed yoga and a picnic on the banks of Salado Creek at Inn on the Creek.

B&B, The Rose Mansion B&B and others in Salado that booked rooms for the “Knutson wedding.” Rooms and facilities were booked under the name Lindsey Lineweaver throughout the village.

Two of the other facilities booked for May 9 were the Salado Silver Spur Theater and the Old Salado Springs Celebration Center, both on Royal Street.

John Grainger Esch, co-founder of the Silver Spur Theater was “nonplussed” last September when Lindsey Lineweaver booked his venue for her wedding dinner and party on May 9. The Spur had hosted weddings, receptions and parties before.

That all changed about 3:30 p.m. on May 9.

“My first hint this dinner and party were related to the wedding for the daughter of the leader of the free world, was when a local policeman outside my box office inadvertently mentioned the name Jenna,” said Esch.

“When the Secret Service agents showed up minutes later with an explosives-sniffing German shepherd and they began barricading Royal Street, I had no doubt. Jenna Bush and Henry Hager’s highly private wedding was about to spill over from Crawford to our village.”

The Silver Spur Theater would host 120 wedding party guests for a sit-down dinner. The Texas-sized celebration would add an-

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Salado has gotten a great deal of publicity as a result of this weekend’s activities. Inn on the Creek owner Will Lowery is shown being interviewed by April Woodward of Inside Edition.

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pre-wedding festivities in Salado

other 100 invited guests coming from the actual rehearsal and dinner at the Old Salado Springs Celebration Center.

The additional guests included the betrothed couple as well as the President and First Lady. The father and mother of the bride visited the party for about 45 minutes "with little fanfare inside," Esch said.

Meanwhile, outside, Salado police officers, Texas Highway Patrolmen, Bell County Sheriff's deputies and Secret Service agents kept locals at bay and carefully checked residents trying to return to their nearby neighborhoods. Also present throughout the evening was Karl Rove, President Bush's former political consultant.

"Lineweaver" turned out to be a wedding planner for Jenna Bush. And now, eight months after that fateful phone call, "everything started getting very crazy," Esch said.

The Silver Spur was decorated in a definitive Texas theme.

The lobby had a beautifully arranged photo montage of the wedding couple. "Around the theatre they dangled clusters of bundled flower blooms or nosegays, some as large as a grapefruit, and all in various colors," Esch said.

Round tables were wrapped with burlap with a pastel ribbon pulling the cloth in tight underneath the table. Napkins and votive candle holders in Texas wildflower colors complemented the tables. Leather cowboy boots had been painted wildly and turned into vases containing multicolored Gerber daisies. Many tables had large sunflowers as their centerpiece.

Additional tables were even placed on the outside patios, including the covered portion in front of the box office window, giving the locals behind the barricades a bit more about which to buzz.

Austin Catering provided the dinner, which began with hors d'oeuvres, in-



A special photo montage of Henry Hager and Jenna Bush greeted partygoers at the Salado Silver Spur Theater, where 200 gathered for a pre-wedding celebration.

cluded a Southwest Caesar salad, a jalapeño-flavored chicken, salmon, roasted potato wedges with chipotle sauce, ice tea and coffee. An avocado bar featured pitted avocado halves with salsa, cheese and other dressings.

Slightly above it all, in the sound booth, Esch and Tony Blackman, Technical Director of the Silver Spur, observed the dinner and party, with the last guests leaving about midnight.

"Jenna wore a dress that was a sleeveless, v-neck white top," Blackman recalled. "The skirt portion was black with a ruffle around the bottom. As for the crowd, I've never seen so many navy blue blazers and button-down shirts in one place."

"Except for the security, President Bush and Laura Bush, the crowd was mostly twenty-somethings... a lot of young Republicans," Esch added.

After the dinner, the tables in the center of the theater were cleared away to make a sizable dance floor. The Duke Merrick Band from Charlottesville,

VA, played country and country rock and featured popular Texas songwriters during one portion of the party.

"Jenna Bush had even burned special CDs of country and modern rock songs that we played during the band's breaks," said Blackman. "So once the music and dancing began, it was practically non-stop."

The President and First Lady joined the Silver Spur party, along with John H. and Margaret "Maggie" Hager, parents of the groom, following the private rehearsal dinner at the Old Salado Springs Celebration Center.

The Old Salado Springs Celebration Center was elegantly decorated with linens shipped in from Virginia and floral creations by Ginny Swalley.

"The baskets and table linens were shipped in to Salado by the groom's mother," Swalley said. "She wanted to have a Virginia style southern garden party... elegant atmosphere that reflected the groom's



lifestyle and background. We had shepherd's hooks with long ribbons (blue and white, which were the wedding colors) and at each one was a basket of flowers with candles to light the pathway entrance

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Grooms' parents John and Margaret Hager are shown with Holly Maatta outside of the Old Salado Springs Celebration Center.



Johnny's Steaks and Barbecue catered the Texas barbecue lunch prior to guests leaving Salado for George W. and Laura Bush's Crawford ranch. Shown above are Brent Bratton, Josh Bratton and John Brasher.



Henry Hager and Jenna Bush.



Kathryn Campbell and Holly Maatta prepare Old Salado Springs Celebration Center for the rehearsal dinner for the Jenna Bush-Henry Hager wedding.

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4/3	21:08:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
4/5	09:50:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
4/5	17:01:00	Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other
4/5	17:13:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
4/6	16:31:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
4/6	17:09:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
4/6	20:13:00	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries
4/7	17:30:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
4/7	12:04:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
4/8	09:56:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
4/9	15:35:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
4/9	22:19:00	False alarm or false call, other
4/10	01:33:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
4/11	03:30:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
4/12	19:26:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
4/13	07:13:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
4/13	15:50:00	Passenger vehicle fire
4/13	16:10:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
4/13	16:41:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
4/16	07:43:00	Dispatched and Canceled en route
4/16	09:14:00	Smoke detector activation, no fire- unintentional
4/17	00:42:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
4/18	15:18:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
4/18	20:04:00	Lock-out
4/19	13:53:00	Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire
4/19	16:07:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
4/19	16:49:00	Grass fire
4/22	08:51:00	False alarm or false call, other
4/24	12:19:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
4/25	09:33:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
4/26	16:02:00	Passenger vehicle fire
4/27	01:30:00	Hazardous condition, other
4/28	11:07:00	Dispatched and canceled en route
4/28	06:49:00	Authorized controlled burning
4/28	13:17:00	Authorized controlled burning
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Cleanup Salado May 17

The Mill Creek Community Association, in conjunction with the Chamber, local churches, and civic organizations, will be participating in the Great American Clean Up by hosting a trash and clean-up day on May 17.

The event will take place at Sherrill Park, beginning at 8 a.m., with coffee and pastries, and wrap up around Noon with a hot dog lunch. Community support is vital to the success of this effort to clean up Salado and keep our Village clean and attractive for the residents and our visitors. The first 100 volunteers will receive a free t-shirt.

A Salado School Poster Contest invited students to enter posters that were used to advertise the event.

Celebration

at night.”

Pat McCann, of Austin, played for the dinner party. He has performed many time in Salado at The Range at the Barton, which catered the rehearsal dinner.

“He was tuning his guitar and setting up an hour before the event and I went up to him and asked him if he had any idea of what the event was,” Swalley said. He did not!”

Neither did Traceylyn Chunjei, who made the birthday cake for Henry Hager, the groom. “When I told her whose birthday it was and that this was the rehearsal dinner,” Swalley said, “she almost dropped the cake!”

The Range at the Barton House catered the dinner.

“Katie and I are so humbled, privileged and honored to have been selected to cater this amazing high profile event. What an awesome honor,” Dave Hermann of The Range said.

“The event that we catered was strictly for family and wedding party,” he added. “All of the guests were extremely courteous and polite. Everyone had an absolutely incredible time, the mood was relaxed and casual yet the joy and excitement for Henry and Jenna was evident through-

out the evening.”

“We have received multiple messages thanking us,” he said. “Katie and I cannot express enough how honored we are to have been the chosen caterer for the first family.”

The menu that the Hermanns prepared for the evening included appetizers, salad, an entree and dessert.

Appetizers were artichoke and parmesan bites, mini crab cakes with roasted red pepper coulis and bacon-wrapped chicken breast bites stuffed with jalapeno and jack cheese.

Dave served his Steakhouse salad of Boston Bibb Lettuce and chopped veggies in a red wine vinaigrette.

The entree was lemon-crusted rainbow trout and grilled pork tenderloin over roasted corn pudding, fresh veggies and a lemon-butter sauce.

The dessert was a fresh berry tart with chantilly cream filling and a fresh berry sauce. Of course, there was also birthday cake for Henry’s 30th birthday.

The following day, the Hagers hosted a barbecue lunch on the grounds of Old Salado Springs Celebration Center. Johnny’s Steaks and Barbecue catered the dinner, which was served outside to the 200 guests on



Little did Austin guitarist Pat McCann know that he was warming up to perform for the First Family.

tables with red and white gingham tablecloths.

News of the events did not break until the following day, but since then the Village of Salado has been or will be featured on CNN, Inside Edition, People magazine, KVUE-TV in Austin.

Buses loaded wedding guests up that afternoon from the many places throughout the Village in which they were staying to take them to the Prairie Chapel Ranch outside of Crawford.

As the buses left, the guests said goodbye to the small village that had played host to one of the best-kept secrets.

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Love Letters at the Spur in May

Playwright A. R. Gurney's "Love Letters" continues its run at the Silver Spur this weekend with Gary Askins and Rita Oden set to star in the two-character dramedy which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

Gary Askins, a retired master teacher of theatre from Salado High School and playwright for the Silver Spur's annual melodrama. Rita Oden, who played opposite of Gary in the original cast of the long-running "Salado Legends," at the Tablerock Theatre, is the owner of

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The play centers on just two characters, Melissa Gardner, a free-spirited artist, and Andrew Makepiece Ladd III, a successful attorney. Using the epistolary form, the two characters tell the bitter-sweet story of their lifelong relationship through their letters to each other.

"This show is a bit of a departure for the Silver Spur," says Grainger Esch, co-founder of the four-year-old performance venue. "Our audiences are more accustomed to seeing slapstick, satire and

vaudeville under our historic roof. This entertaining piece, while it does have very funny moments, is more thought-provoking and heartwarming. Even the e-mail generation will find this relationship, built on decades of correspondence, both engaging and endearing."

"Another unique aspect of this production is the fact that each weekend of performances will feature a different cast," says Tony Blackman, the play's director and a regular member of the Spur-radical players. He directed last year's production of "Luv" by Murray Schisgal and just completed an exhausting role in the Spur's extended revival of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)."

Doug Mackie and Lauren Culver take the stage for the final weekend's

three shows, May 23-24. Doug, a Salado native and graduate of the high school drama program, was in last year's "Idolatry on the Creek" melodrama. He's currently a student at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. Lauren, a senior at Salado High, is fresh from U.I.L. one-act play competition, and appeared as "Fame" in the melodrama.

Performances are on Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. Admission for evening shows is \$15 for adults; \$12 for senior citizens, military personnel, and students with ID; and \$8 for children aged 12 and under. For matinees, admission is \$12, \$10 and \$8, respectively. Group rates are also available. For reservations, call 254-947-3456. For more info, visit, www.saladosilver-spur.com.

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Fosters celebrate 70 years of marriage May 14

Wilbur and Jessie Foster celebrate 70 years of marriage on May 14. They were honored recently at a reception given by their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren at Twelve Oaks in Salado. The couple was married in Moody, Texas in 1938 and they have been lifelong residents of Bell County and Salado. Both are active members of the Salado Church of Christ.

During World War II, Wilbur served in the Navy in the Pacific. He retired from the garage business and the Stagecoach Inn and Jessie retired from Griggs Equipment Company and School Specialty in Temple. They have both been very active in the community. Wilbur served as fire chief of the Salado Volunteer Fire Department and President of the Salado Chamber of Commerce. Jessie served



Wilbur and Jessie Foster celebrated 70th anniversary with reception at Twelve Oaks on May 10

on the board of the Salado Civic Center.

The Fosters have two children, Morris E. Foster and Lyndal F. Haney. Lyndal retired to Salado from teaching in the Moody

School District three years ago. Morris has just recently retired from ExxonMobil Corporation. The couple also have seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Annual Salado Reunion scheduled for June 14

The annual Salado Reunion will be held June 14 at the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the reunion continuing until 3:30 p.m. The reunion provides an opportunity for former students, teachers, families, and friends to visit. Residents and former residents of Salado are encouraged to attend.

A barbeque lunch will be catered by Schoepf's of Belton. Drink and dessert will also be provided. The lunch will be served at noon, immediately following a short business meeting.

Special recognition will

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

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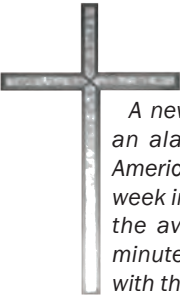
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Katherine Herrick to wed Donald Tracy

Jerry and Elaine Herrick, of Salado, have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Katherine Paige Herrick, also of Salado, to Donald Owen Tracy, of Chicago. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mike and Lyn Tracy, of Chicago. The prospective bride is a graduate student and will receive her Master of Arts degree in Communication from Baylor. She graduated from Baylor University cum laude in 2006 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theatre Performance. She graduated from Salado High School in 2003. The prospective bridegroom just received his Bachelor of Business Administration in Real Estate from Baylor University in December of 2007. The couple will be married at the Salado United Methodist Church on July 12, 2008. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Young Republicans meet May 19 at Holiday Inn

The Bell County Young Republican invites the public to join them along with Ralph Sheffield to their May 19 meeting. The meeting will be held in the conference room in the new Holiday Inn off of the Midway Drive exit in Temple. The social will start at 6 p.m. and a the meeting will start at 7 p.m.. The Holiday Inn will make their full dinner menu available for those who wish to dine. For questions or to reserve your seat, call Cy at 254-493-1225. Seat is limited to 75 so please arrive early.

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Boy Scouts raise funds for summer camp

The Salado Boy Scouts are closing a year of learning, adventure and community service. During the past months, the boys and leaders of Troop 115, sponsored by the Salado United Methodist Church, have participated in activities to earn various merit badges, have gone camping, and had plenty of fun. The organization is well known for volunteering in the community and the boys have served as guides for the Historic Cabins during the Christmas Stroll, hidden eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt, and manned water points for the Smokin’ Spokes bicycle race. They are also planning to place flags on veterans’ graves at the Salado cemetery in preparation for the Memorial Day ceremonies later this month. One of the goals of the Scouting program is to build self-reliance by having the Scout “pay his own way”. Throughout the year, the boys have the opportunity to raise money to help cover the cost of various activities and trips. The Troop will be having a car wash on May 17 at Brookshire Brothers from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with the money going toward summer camp.



Savannah Slagel to wed Garrison Hennig

Sue Ellen Slagel announces the engagement of her daughter Savannah Leigh Slagel of Salado to Garrison Christopher Hennig of Harker Heights. The wedding is planned for March 28, 2009 at Canyon Creek Baptist Church in Temple. Savannah Slagel a 2005 Salado High School graduate is a student at Abilene Christian University. Garrison Hennig is a Killeen Police Officer.

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Obituaries

Robert Hollis Smith passes away May 8

Robert "Bob" Hollis Smith, 67, was a San Angelo native son who passed away May 8, 2008 in Salado. Bob was born March 14, 1941 to Winnie Wright and Robert C. Smith in San Angelo. He graduated from a San Angelo High School in 1959 and from Texas Tech with a BBA in 1963.

Bob served three years active duty in the Navy. After his service to his country, he lived and worked in El Paso helping to start one of the first Junior Achievement programs at Ysleta High School.

In 1994 he married Barbara Jean Alexander of Belton. They eventually settled in Salado where he became a successful agent in the real estate business.

He is survived by his wife Barbara Jean; a sister and brother-in-law Marlyn and Bill Taylor of San Angelo; a niece Rebecca Harrell of Plano and a nephew Robert Cobb of Plano; brothers and sisters-in-law Betty and Donald (Butch) Staid of West Virginia, and Chris and Bill Alexander of Belton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Cedar Knob Cemetery Association P.O. Box 112 Belton, Texas 76513.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Broecker Funeral Home of Salado is in charge of arrangements.

Robert (Bob) Simon died May 7

Robert (Bob) Simon, 47, of Salado, died April 30 at Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Funeral services and visitation were both held at Broecker Funeral Home. Visitation was May 7 and the funeral was on May 11, 2008.

Simon was born June 24, 1960 in Buffalo, N.Y..

He was employed by NFI Industries, Vineland, N.J., one of the largest logistics companies in the U.S..

He was preceded in death by his father, Carl Fredrick Simon and mother, Lois Virginia Parson Simon.

He is survived by his wife Sandra Simon of



Robert (Bob) Simon

Salado, daughter Amy of Salado and son Matt of Portsmouth, Va.; two sisters: Carol Simon of Portland, Or. and Janet Oakes of Lake City, Fl. and his stepmother Ellen Anderson of Leesburg, Fl.

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Salado High School tennis standout Matt Arant will continue his tennis career at the University of the Ozarks.

Arant posted a 25-10 record as the team's No. 1 singles player the past two seasons and qualified for the regional championships this year. A co-captain in his senior campaign, Arant was the team Most Valuable Player in 2006 and 2007.

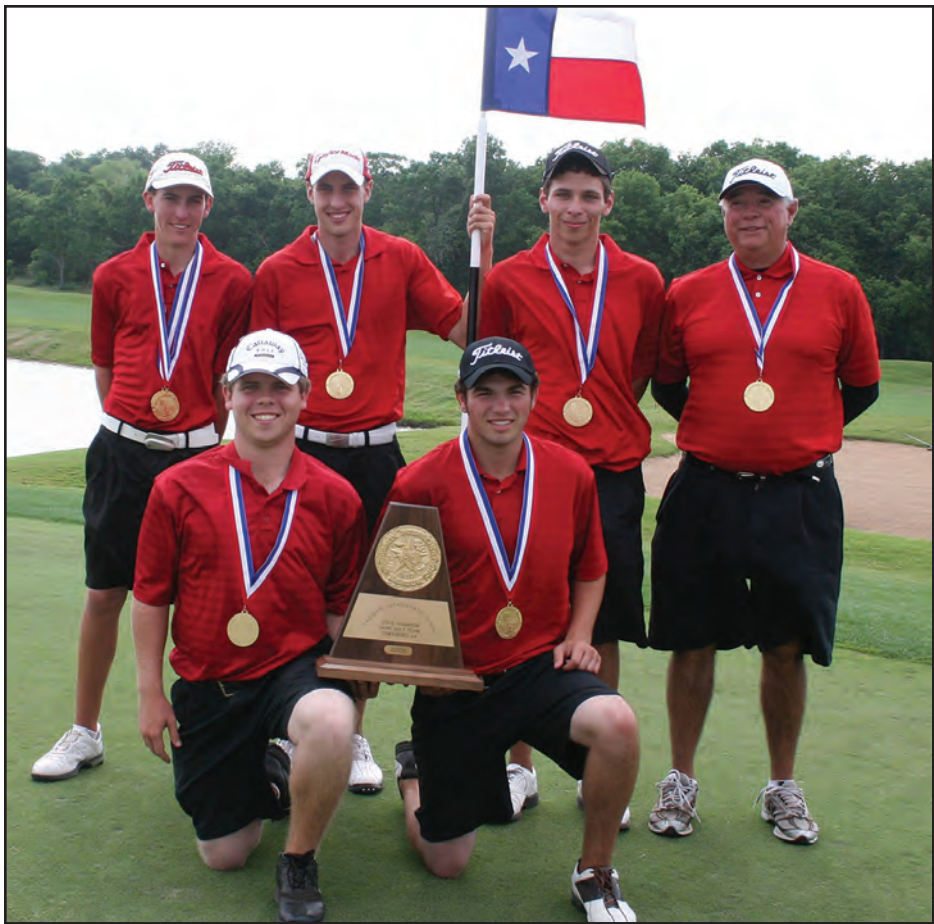
During his career at Salado, he was a member of the National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students and the National Honor Roll.

Arant will receive a Presidential Scholarship to attend Ozarks.

Ozarks competes in the 14-team American Southwest Conference in NCAA Division III.



Matt Arant



Salado Eagles are the 2A UIL State Champions in Golf. Shown above with the trophy are (bottom row, from left) Tyler Pines and Craig Little and (standing, from left) Ryan O'Rear, Tom Baine, Jared Hahn and Coach Bobby Peschel.

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Eagles come from behind, win state golf championship

Salado Eagles varsity golf team brought home the UIL 2A State Championship last week, closing a two-stroke gap in the second day of play. Salado's Ryan O'Rear also closed a three-stroke gap to win his second straight individual championship.

The Eagles beat two-time state champions Edgewood, which held a 316 to 318 edge after the first round of golf on May 5. Salado scored a 301, the best score of the tournament by four strokes to edge Edgewood 619 to 621 for the state championship.

O'Rear shot a 73 in the first round and trailed John Duke Hudson of Sonora by three strokes and Daingerfield's Jade Scott by one stroke.

After the first nine holes of the second round, he trailed by six with five holes to go. O'Rear shot five straight birdies to surpass Hudson and Scott for a two-day total of 140.

Scott came in second with a two-day total of 143. Hudson, who led the field after the first round 70, finished with a 147 for the bronze medal.

Tyler Pines, of Salado, also finished in the top 10. He shot a two-day total of 157 to tie for ninth with Calvin King of Edgewood. His first round was an 82, followed by a 77.

Jared Hahn was the third player for Salado He had rounds of 81 and 82 for a two-day total of 163. He placed 18th in the field of 48 golfers.

The final scoring member for the Salado team was Tom Baine, who had rounds of 88 and 77 for a two-day total of 165. He was tied for 20th place.

Alternate was Craig Little who had rounds of 82 and 93 for a 175.

The team is composed of under-classmen.

The Salado Lady Eagles placed fifth in a field of eight teams at the State Meet. The girls had a two-day total of 759 with rounds of 379 and 380.

Taylor O'Rear led the Salado team with her 17th place finish of 172. She shot rounds of 94 and 78.

Rachel Van Hooser had a 178, shooting 88 and 90. Haley Kemp shot rounds of 89 and 100 for a 189. Brennan Boydston shot a 220 with rounds of 108 and 112.

Wall won the state tournament with a 655, followed by San Saba's 695.

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Salado Village Voice

May 15, 2008

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Shopping, Dining, Overnight, Events

Foote movies at the Silver Spur in May

The Silver Spur Theater and the Salado Cinema Society on behalf of Tablerock Repertory Theatre will be featuring three Thursday evenings of Horton Foote movies. On the last three Thurs-

days of May at 7:30 p.m. each evening you can become acquainted with Horton Foote's works before the Tablerock Repertory Theatre live plays are produced in June on the Tablerock Amphitheater stage.

theater stage.

On May 15 at 7:30 p.m. you are invited to watch the Horton Foote movie "Tender Mercies" with Robert Duvall. On May 22 at 7:30 p.m. you will be privileged to watch a showing of "To Kill a

Mockingbird" starring Gregory Peck. On May 29, the feature will be "The Trip to Bountiful."

Each evening some of the cast and crew in rehearsal for "The Rep's" production of Tomorrow and Blind Date will be

on hand to meet, greet and answer questions. A \$5 per person donation to the newly-formed Tablerock Repertory Theatre, will be collected at the Silver Spur Theater door. Seating is limited to 134.





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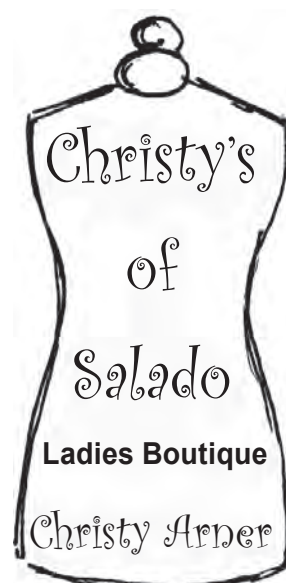
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Buggy Blast VI

Texas Manx Buggy Club coming to Salado Civic Center May 24-25

The Texas Manx Dune Buggy Club presents its Buggy Blast VI "The Streets of Salado" May 24-25 at the Salado Civic Center on Main Street.

The show is open to dune buggies, rails, VW types 1, 2, 3, 4, Thing, Ghia and VW kit cars.

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First, second and third place awards will be given in each of the almost 20 different classes of vehicles.

The show will be May 24 in the parking lot of the Salado Civic Center. It is open to the public.

There will also be Best of Show, Best Engine, Best Interior and Best Finish awards given. Also, a Kids Best of Show will be awarded.

The weekend long event will have a swap area at the Civic Center.

Proceeds from the Buggy Blast VI will benefit the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

The Buggies will gather in Pace Park at 8 a.m., departing for a two-hour cruise of the area at 9 a.m.

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2008 Calendar of Events for Salado

MAY 15

Reception for outgoing and incoming Mayor and Aldermen, 5:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Regular board of aldermen meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m.

MAY 15

“Tender Mercies” written by Horton Foote, Salado Silver Spur Theater on Royal St., 7:30 p.m. \$5 per person donation to Tablerock Repertory Theatre.

MAY 16

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

MAY 16-17

“Love Letters” at the Salado Silver Spur Theater, featuring Gary Askins and Rita Oden. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. May 16-17 and 2 p.m. May 17. Call the theater at 947-3456 or click on www.saladosilverspur.com for more information.

MAY 17

Neighborhood clean-up. Mill Creek Community As-

sociation.

MAY 17

Mealtime Mastered at The Range. 9-11 a.m. Prepare 12 different main entrees for families of four to six. Menus and more information at www.mealtimemastered.com. Call 947-3828 for reservations.

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 17

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

MAY 19

Salado Fututre Farmers of America Chapter

banquet, 6:30 p.m. Salado Intermediate School cafeteria. RSVP to 254-947-6982.

MAY 19

Reception for Salado ISD Superintendent Robin Battershell. Come and go at the Salado Civic Center 4-6 p.m. Her final regular board meeting will be at 6 p.m.

MAY 20

Mealtime Mastered at The Range. 6-8 p.m. Prepare 12 different main entrees for families of four to six. Menus and more information at www.mealtimemastered.com. Call 947-3828 for reservations.

MAY 22

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

MAY 22

Mealtime Mastered at The Range. 10 a.m.-12 noon. Prepare 12 different main entrees for families of four to six. Menus and more information at www.mealtimemastered.com. Call 947-3828 for reservations.

MAY 22

Salado Area Republican Women meet at Stonecreek Settlement B&B at noon for luncheon meeting. Contact Nancy Healy, 947-5003, for information.

MAY 22

“To Kill a Mockingbird” written by Horton Foote, Salado Silver Spur Theater on Royal St., 7:30 p.m. \$5 per person donation to Tablerock Repertory Theatre.

MAY 23

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

MAY 23-24

“Love Letters” at the Salado Silver Spur Theater, featuring Douglas Mackie and Lauren Culver. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. May 23-24 and 2 p.m. May 24. Call the theater at 947-3456 or click on www.saladosilverspur.com for

more information.

MAY 24

Robbin Voight will speak at the Salado Public Library on Texas Native Plants at 1 p.m. She will give advice and ideas on landscaping with these beautiful and hardy plants.

MAY 24

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

MAY 24-25

Texas Manx Dune Buggy Club gathering in Salado. Salado Civic Center and Salado Pace Park. Vehicles on display May 24. Cruising the area on May 25. For more information, click on www.texasmanxclub.com

MAY 26

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

MAY 29

“The Trip to Bountiful” written by Horton Foote, Salado Silver Spur Theater on Royal St., 7:30 p.m. \$5 per person donation to Tablerock Repertory Theatre.

MAY 30

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

MAY 31

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

JUNE 5-7, 12-14

First Annual Spring Presentation of Tablerock’s Repertory Theater of Salado. For information about performances, 254-947-9205 or email tablerock1@aol.com.

JUNE 7

Institute for the Humanities 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, sponsored by Salado Village Artists. \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members. E-mail vhspaint@aol.com for information, reservations.

JUNE 12

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, social time at 9:30 a.m., meeting begins at

10 a.m. Salado Civic Center.

JUNE 14

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

JUNE 19-21

Texas Trail Ride Shop Hop at A Sewing Basket, 560 N. Main St., call 947-5423 for information.

JUNE 22

Celebration ‘08: New York, New York, 6-9 p.m., Tenroc Ranch Event Center. Tickets are \$28 per person. Sponsored by Women’s Ministry of Salado United Methodist Church. Info and reservations, 254-947-5482 or email marilyn.griffin@medtronic.com.

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 by Salado Village Artists. Cost is \$160 for members, \$180 for non-members. E-mail vhspaint@aol.com for information/reservation.

AUGUST 5

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

AUGUST 23

Salado Athletic Booster Club Annual Reverse Raffle. Details to be announced. Max Heiner is Chairperson, 254-289-6510.

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 announced in May. Showtimes at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call 254-947-9205 for information.

OCTOBER 2-4

The First Annual Fall Presentation of Tablerock’s Repertory Theater of

Salado. The Horton Foote Society, under the direction of Dr. Marion Castleberry, will present works of Horton Foote and other Southwest writers. Selections to be announced in May. Showtimes at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call 254-947-9205 for information.

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 workshop by VeAnne Stowell, sponsored by Salado Village Artists. Cost is \$160 for members, \$180 for non-members. E-mail vhspaint@aol.com for reservations.

OCTOBER 25

Salado Area Republican Women community prayer breakfast. Village Arts building. Call 947-8556.

OCTOBER 25

Salado Area Republican 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. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children (12 and under).

NOVEMBER 3

Salado Historical Society Fall Chili Supper and Membership Drive, 6:30 p.m. Noted Texas vocalist, poet and songwriter Jeff Gore will provide entertainment.

NOVEMBER 8-9

Gathering of the Scottish Clans.

DECEMBER 5-7

Salado Historical Society Annual Tour of Homes. Tickets \$14 in advance, \$15 days of tour.

DECEMBER 5-7 & 12-14

Annual Salado Christmas Stroll.

DECEMBER 5-6, 12-13

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When to win a trick

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A frequent objective of defensive play against a suit contract is to try to run declarer out of trumps. If this can be achieved, the defenders may then be able to cash tricks in their own strong suits, or may even establish some trump tricks of their own.

In today's deal, West applied this principle to perfection and, as a result, wound up defeating what looked like a surefire game contract.

The defense started with three rounds of clubs, South ruffing the third. Declarer then led the king of spades, but West wisely refused to take his ace. The nine of spades was led next, and again West played low. When East showed out on the second spade, declarer knew he was a goner.

At this point, West still had the A-5 of spades, while South had the Q-10 in his hand and the jack in dummy. However, West was in full control of the outcome. If declarer continued with a third trump, West would take his ace and force South to ruff a club, thereby establishing his five of trumps as the setting trick and also allowing him to collect his fifth club for down two.

Declarer therefore decided to salvage what he could

from the deteriorating situation. He ran his diamonds until West ruffed with the five. The only other trick West could then get was the ace of trumps, and South finished down one.

Note that if West had taken the ace on either the first or second round of trumps, South would have been in the driver's seat, since a club return could then be ruffed in dummy. By holding up his ace until precisely the right moment, West guaranteed winning the crucial battle for trump control and so ensured

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

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

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♣	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠			

Opening lead — king of clubs.

defeat of the contract.

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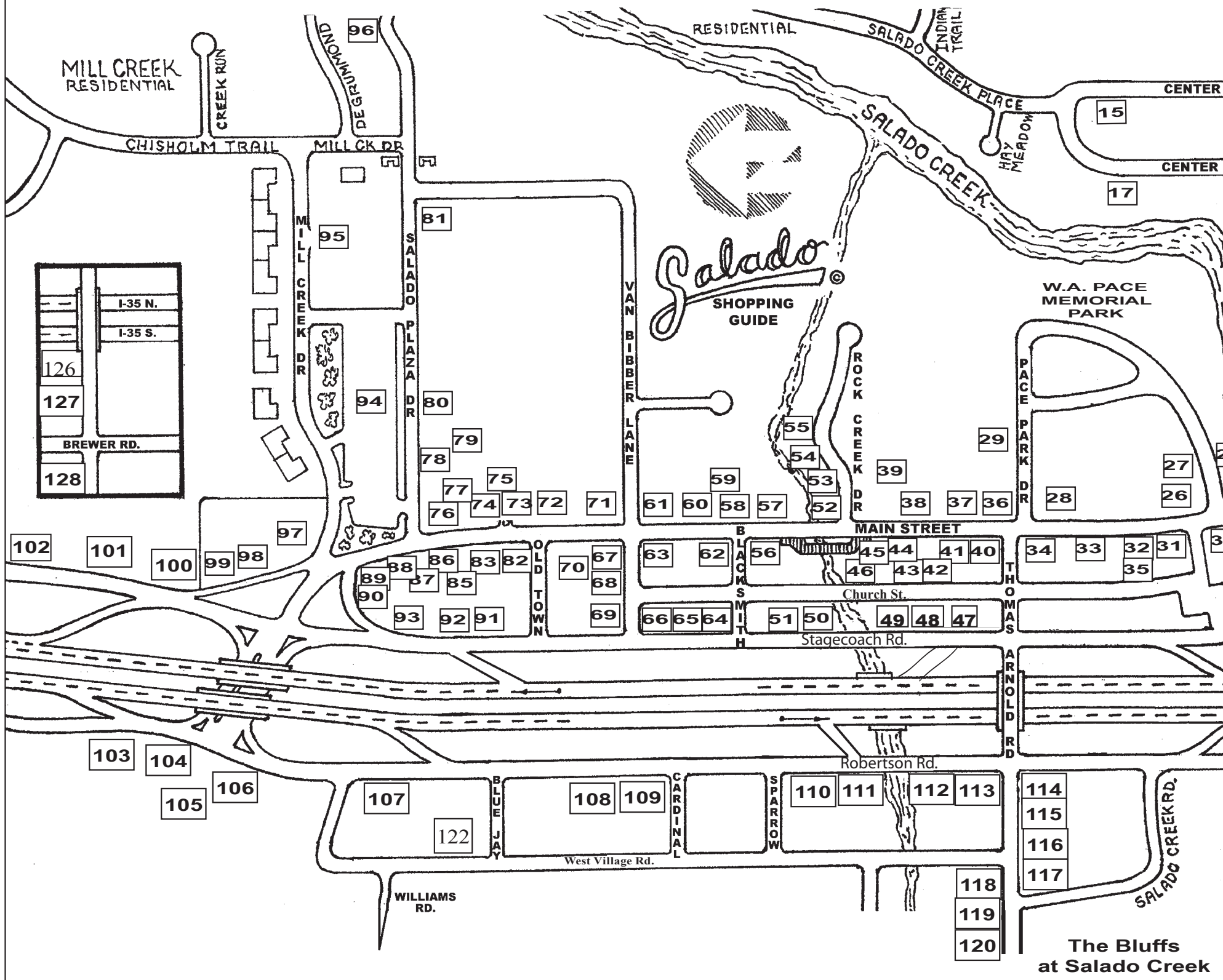
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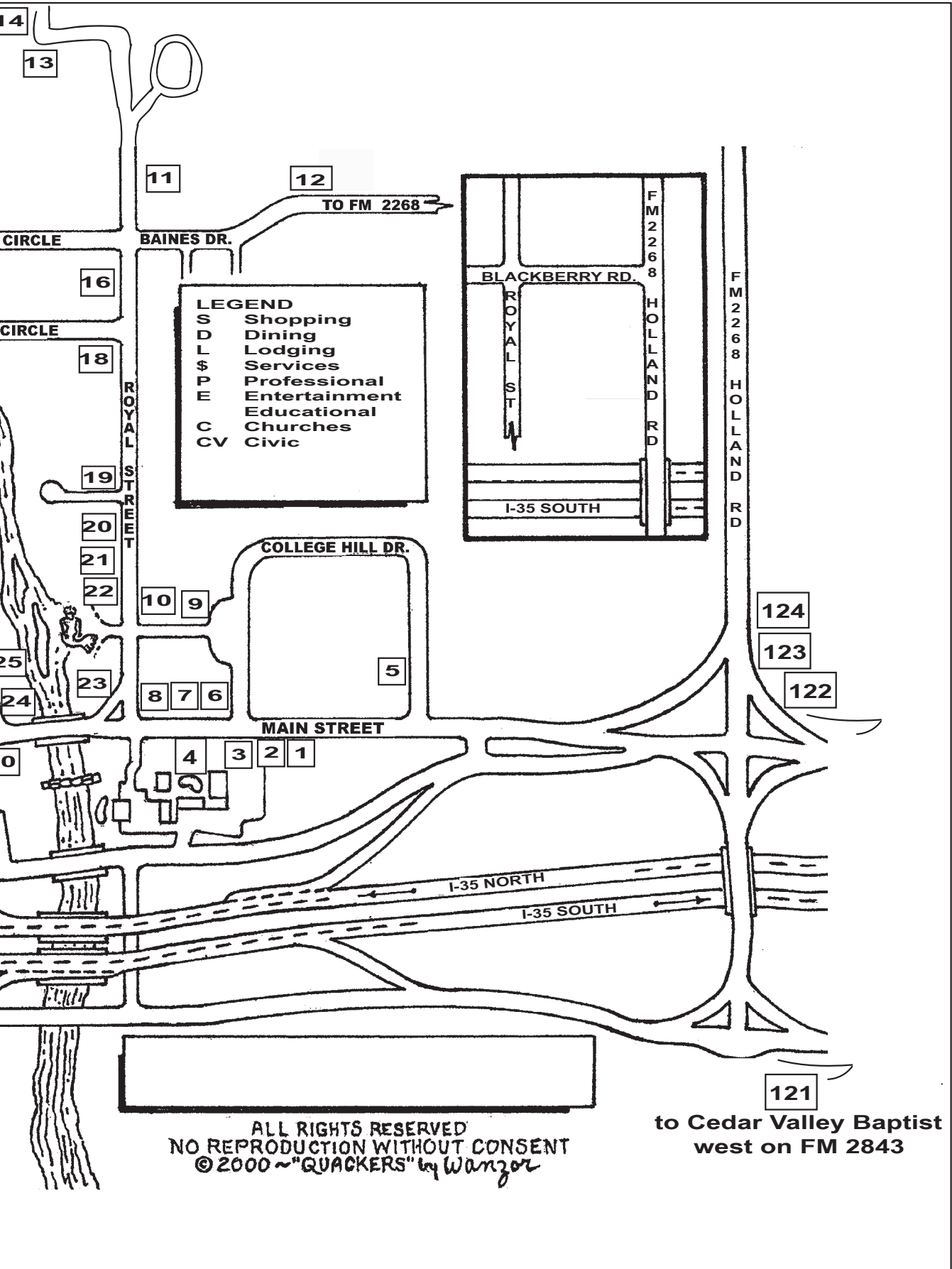
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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 October birthstone

5 "Wind in the Willows" character

9 Treasure hunt aid

12 Sandwich shop

13 Tortoise's rival

14 Pub request

15 Emily Post's teachings

17 Deteriorate

18 Works with

19 Resentment

21 Washing vessel

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25 "Zounds!"

26 Most straightforward

30 Astronaut

31 Grissom

32 Ice bucket accessory

33 As well

33 Big redwoods

35 Short pencil

36 Kazakhstan river

37 Super hot

38 Hot dog side dish

40 Ointment

42 Same old same-old

43 Sky blue gem

48 Joan of -

49 Jacob's

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1 Praise in verse

2 Favorite

3 Foreman fighter

4 Fluid

5 You, once

6 Foal's fodder

7 Illustrations

8 Digs down further

9 Milwaukee university

10 Brotherly baseball name

11 Sampras or Seeger

16 Sailors' org.

20 Squid squirt

21 Pleads

22 Malaria indicator

23 Yeti's cousin

24 Periodicals, for short

26 Thwart

27 Genetic abbr.

28 Acidic

29 Mug variety

31 Drank to

34 Coffee shop vessel

35 Cowell and Wiesenthal

37 Wintertime woe

38 Actor Pitt

39 Continental coin

40 Rotten kid

41 Blue hue

44 NAFTA signatory

45 Debtor's letters

46 Moment, for short

47 Wapiti

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Lifestyle changes

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By KEVIN McCAULEY



Do you spend over \$100 a month on supplements but are still overweight? Do you take herbs to improve your health but still smoke cigarettes? Do you buy bottled water to avoid the chlorine and other contaminants in the tap water, but still drink far beyond a moderate level every night? Or, do you actually believe that coral calcium is what improves the quality and quantity of life for the Japanese? Do you really believe that the health of the French is dependent on their olive oil intake? You don't actually believe Asia is healthier than we are because of their intake of soy do you? The answer to our improved health lies entirely in an improved lifestyle and there is no magic bullet.

Dr. Ted Ganiats, director of the UC San Diego Health Outcomes and Assessment Program says that "people tend to forget that lifestyle has by far a more important effect on maintaining health than anything else". "People shouldn't rely on doctors for their overall well-being, staying healthy in the first place is far more important for a long and optimal quality life", said Dr. Diana Petitti of Kaiser Permanente in Pasadena, Ca.

So, as we are on track in the United States to bankrupt our county with our healthcare system we need to roll up our sleeves and get to work. The truth is that we are so unhealthy in this country that the cost of higher health-insurance premiums, higher co-payments and higher taxes to help pay off Medicare patients' services related to weight, tobacco use, and sedentary lifestyles is becoming cost prohibitive not only on the family level but also as an overall national community. Here are some suggestions: 1) Find a doctor that focuses on preventing disease, not just recognizing and treating it. 2) If you have a lifestyle that is detrimental to your health, take responsibility today and recognize it as such and create a plan to become healthy starting right now. 3) Develop a support group that has similar goals and 4) Realize that it takes time to become unhealthy and diseased, and it will take time to turn it around, there is never a quick fix!

Here are some basic lifestyle choices to start with:

A) Maintain a healthy bodyweight. I am not a big fan of the Body Mass Index (BMI) in determining one's health, but I do like the waist-to-hip ratio in helping to determine one's well-being. There are more specifics to this, but everyone should know

this, if your waist is larger than your hips, your health isn't what it should be. In my opinion, a large waistline has more to do with a damaged metabolism than consuming too many calories. If you have high cortisol levels, a marker for a damaged metabolism, you can expect to have a high waist-to-hip ratio.

B) Exercise. I believe we should at least exercise twenty minutes a day, every day. Now, walking is one of the lowest levels of exercises available. If you have been on a walking program for a couple months, you have to challenge your body with an activity of greater intensity. The benefits that we receive from a walking program diminish as quickly as the body adapts to the low stress of a walk, which is very quick. If you love walking, walk at a brisker pace, walk slightly up hill, or add push-ups and squats to your walking program. Walking may have some benefit for stress relief, but after that the rewards are very minimal, if not, non-existent.

C) Drink Alcohol in Moderation. Alcohol can damage your liver, cause depression and destroy your metabolism, among other things. Did you know that two drinks of Vodka consumed within an hour can actually slow your metabolism by 73 percent? If you are trying to drop body-fat while still drinking alcohol, it isn't happening!

D) Don't Smoke (or breathe in second-hand smoke). I still run across some people that seem to be related to Phillip Morris and are adamant in supporting their cause/addiction. I am not sure how we as a people could have ever thought drawing smoke into our lungs and holding it there wouldn't cause any health challenges. (As someone who has lost one parent to lung disease and will most certainly lose another, I am amazed at the high rate of smokers in this area.)

If you need help with any of the lifestyle choices above, go get it, as it will not only benefit you, but those that you love!

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Summer reading program planned

By Karen Kinnison

We hope all of the mothers in Salado had a wonderful weekend and were treated to some serious R&R. Remember you can choose your friends but you only have one mother.

Right now Miss Emmy is gearing up for the Summer Reading Program in June. This year's program celebrates 50 years of summer reading in Texas. The program will be held Mondays in June starting at 11 a.m. On June 2, we will have a storyteller who also does balloon twisting. There will be 12 live reptiles here the following week on June 9. The third Monday will feature a magician on June 16. The fourth Monday will be two guys from "The Telephone Company" on June 23. And then... the grand finale will be June 30 with Chicken Dog! Trust me folks--- if you have not seen Chicken Dog... your life is in a sad state of affairs and I feel very sorry for you, your kids, your grandkids, friends, neighbors, cousins etc! Chicken Dog is a must for everyone.

Miss Emmy has lots

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Salado Public Library

of crafts planned also. We will be making wind-socks, puppets, mobiles and yoyos. And of course there will be reading-- and prizes for those children who read the most books. So, there you have it folks---reptiles, wind-socks, telephone guys and Chicken Dog. So get on down to the library in June and see what Miss Emmy has been up to. Please don't let her sit here cutting out millions of butterflies and fish for nothing.

You might notice something new when you come in the next time. We have rearranged the front of the library and placed the large print books in the front bookcase. We have also put all the movies together on one big shelf...both videos and DVDs. So if you come in and can't find your favorite genre, just ask us for directions.

And here are some new movies for you to look for this week.

"Christy: A New Beginning," "Christy A Change of Seasons" and "Christy: Return to Cutter Gap"—These are the sequels to the popular series about schoolteacher Christy Huddleston's journey from an outsider in the mountain town of Cutter Gap to a beloved member of the community.

"The Secret Life of Mrs. Beeton." Masterpiece Theater production about the secret life of a legendary Victorian-age icon, a woman known simply as "Mrs. Beeton". The "domestically challenged" Isabella Beeton becomes a best-selling author of a book on household management.

"Juno." Facing an unplanned pregnancy, a teenage girl devises a plan

to locate the proverbial perfect parents to adopt her baby. Winner of the 2008 Oscar for Best Original Screenplay.

"Love's Unfolding Dream." The sixth in author Janette Oke's frontier saga centers around 18 yr old aspiring doctor Belinda Tyler who finds herself torn between love and the medical profession.

"Starting Out in the Evening." Aiming to revive the faded career of an ailing author, an enterprising graduate student makes his novels the topic of her master's thesis.

Don't forget the Noon Brown Bag Book Review on May 21st featuring the inimitable Ramon Carver and his book entitled Best and Worst Travels. Ramon is a fixture in Salado. Come and see for yourself. Bring your PBJ sandwich, your iced tea or iced coffee, burger or whatever. Just come!!

That's all for this week. And don't forget Chicken Dog!

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You have to be very, very careful when you try to milk a porcupine

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When Dan Klepper of Marathon was a part-time Park Ranger at Kickapoo Caverns State Park, he helped visiting biologists. One of them was Dr. Linda Elzey, a specialist in feral hogs and javelinas. She was doing her doctoral thesis on porcupines and was conducting a three-year study on the creatures. The stand of Pinon Pines at the state park was diminishing and she wanted to find out if the porcupines were the cause. Dan's job was to catch the porcupines used in the study.

"We would go out and locate a porcupine," says

Dan. "It was fairly easy because they don't move too fast. They like to sit in trees. Tall trees. She would arm me with a poker stick, a long aluminum rod about four feet long that had a syringe at the end of it. She would load up the syringe with a cocktail of some kind that would paralyze the porcupine temporarily, but wouldn't put him to sleep. In my other hand I had a six-foot noose. I had to climb up the tree, inject the porcupine with the stick, then put a noose around him and slowly lower him before the narcotic would take effect. If it did kick in, the animal might get paralyzed and fall out of the tree."

Dan says Dr. Elzey was below with a net just in case something went wrong up in the tree.

"But I was about 99 percent effective in getting them down in time." Once the animal was controllable, they took a blood sample, looked for parasites, put a radio collar on it, then checked to see if it was male or female. Dan says he won't go into how they did that.

"If it was a female, we'd determine if it was lactating or not. It's like milking a cow except the cow was on its back and the utter was really, really tiny. But

you could, through various massage techniques, get some lactation going and that would determine whether the porcupine was pregnant. If she was, then we watched when the porcupat (that's what they call baby porcupines) was born, then we got it and ran the same tests on it."

They were grateful that the belly portion of a porcupine is smooth and has no quills. Dan says they had to work fast because the narcotic wouldn't last very long.

"As soon as it wore off, that tail would go up. Porcupines can't throw their quills, but they can slap their tail and administer a lot of painful quills. So as soon as the narcotic wore off, they were hacked off, ready to express some anger and do some tail-flapping. We worked very quickly and very cautiously."

Dr. Elzey insisted on putting a bandana over the eyes of the porcupine while conducting their tests.

"I asked her why she did that and she told me if I had been roused from a rest, noosed and narcotized, turned upside down and had strange creatures looking at me and squeezing my nipples, I'd want something over my eyes, too."

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