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Aldermen cut wish list items

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen and the Citizens Advisory Committee met in joint session this week and last week, trimming almost \$200,000 from a ‘Wish list’ of more than \$770,000 in new expenditures.

The first to be eliminated for the next year was \$80,000 for hiring a full-time City Manager.

The majority of aldermen, as well as the mayor, expressed their opinion that a city manager is not needed at this point, but may be in the future.

The board also scratched \$75,000 for professional guidance on two possible opportunities for sewage services. The Village may examine the feasibility of tying into the sewage system of a future development in the eastern portion of the extra territorial jurisdiction called the Highlands of Salado that will be a mixed use master development. Developers informed the board that the sewage treatment plant for that development will have excess capacity available that could meet the needs of the downtown business district. Another possibility may be tying into the sewage treatment plant planned by the City of Belton for south of the Lampasas River.

However, aldermen stated that they felt these two possibilities are distant enough in the future that an engineering study for the Village would not be necessary in the next year.

Aldermen discussed adding a full-time maintenance position (\$25,000), but decided to cut that position to part-time. Temporary summer help was requested at \$10,000.

A new maintenance truck, at \$20,000, was also requested.

The board cut \$10,000 from deer control.

The board also cut the request for emergency operations to \$25,000 from the \$50,000 requested.

Aldermen took no action on a \$75,000 request for Village sirens to be placed in strategic places for emergencies.

Other items on the wish list include these:

- Professional fees, engineering, \$30,000 to develop, test and follow road contracts.
- Resurfacing: make budget \$150,000 for resurfacing.
- Pot holes; make budget \$150,000 for overall maintenance.
- Other: \$75,000 for rebuilding of Smith Branch Bridge. Through a matching grant, the Village portion to rebuild the Smith Branch Bridge so that it is not as likely to flood neighbors along Smith Branch Rd. is about \$75,000. Rather than budgeting this as one chunk, alderman Stephen Peters suggested the Village sell private bonds at five percent interest over 20 years. “Your cost will be less than \$8,000 per year to pay it back,” he explained, “rather than \$75,000 in one year.”

The Village 2007-08 expenditures (before amendments on July 3) are about \$640,000, not including capital outlay items, such as police vehicles.

According to the Bell County Tax Appraisal District, the total property value for the Village of Salado with current exemptions is \$234,121,019. This value would generate \$585,303 if taxed at the maximum 25 cent per \$100 valuation. At a 15 cent per \$100 valuation, it would generate \$351,182.

The board of aldermen can implement a property tax by a simple vote after adopting the budget for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

Turn to page 10A to view the B Draft of the proposed budget.



Fireworks are banned within the limits of the Village of Salado, but have not been banned by Bell County Commissioners for the unincorporated areas of the county. However, with recent dry conditions, area residents are asked to use precautions when celebrating Independence Day on July 4.

Old-fashioned picnic in Pace Park set by historians for Fourth of July

The Salado Historical Society is hosting its annual “Old Fashioned Fourth of July Picnic” again this year. It is on July 4 at Salado Pace Park, starting at 6 p.m.

Salado Historical Society will provide free fried chicken, drinks, and plates; while attendees will bring a covered dish (salad, beans, dessert, etc.).

As the turnout has been getting larger each year, it might be advisable to bring some lawn chairs for additional seating.

“The Historical Society is honored to have the Salado Community Chorus perform,” said Historical Society member Pete Stebbins. “We are looking forward to the Chorus singing a selection of patri-

otic songs. Their past performances received rave reviews and comments like ‘there can’t be a better small town American celebration than this,’ and ‘it just makes you proud to be an American.’”

“We look forward to all Saladoans, guests, and visitors to help celebrate our country’s birthday,” he added.

Rogers says he will retire

Village of Salado Police Chief Alan Rogers informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of his intention to retire effective Sept. 30.

“I have been employed as a police officer since 1981 and have decided that it is now time to retire,” Chief Rogers stated in a June 27 letter to the Mayor and Aldermen.

Rogers is the first Police Chief for the Village of Salado. He began his service when he was elected as Marshal of Salado. That volunteer position was dissolved and Rogers was hired as the Chief of Police by the board of aldermen in 2001, after the Village established revenue streams from utility franchise taxes and a one-percent sales tax.

The Police Department began with a used police car donated by Big Tex Autoplex in Belton.

Today, the Salado Police Department has four full-time officers on duty and is seeking to expand to offer 24-hour protection.

Aldermen will amend current budget

Salado aldermen will amend the 2007-08 budget, consider the purchase of a maintenance work truck and adopt the recommended changes to the Comprehensive Plan during a 6:30 p.m. July 3 meeting at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

The board will also discuss an emergency alarm system, a lease agreement for the Tourism Department, the 2008-09 goals and a grant writing presentation from the Langford Agency.

The meeting is open to the public.



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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Mark Steyn: Enemy of the State?

At its best, Western civilization has fostered freedom of speech and of thought. But Canada has a better idea. Last month, a Human Rights Tribunal in British Columbia considered a complaint brought against journalist Mark Steyn for a piece in the Canadian newsweekly Maclean's. The excerpt from Steyn's best-selling book "America Alone" argued that high Muslim birthrates mean Europeans will feel pressure to reach "an accommodation with their radicalized Islamic compatriots."

The Canadian Islamic Congress took offense. In the normal course of things, that would mean speaking or writing to counter Steyn. Not in 21st-century Canada, where the old liberal rallying cry "I hate what you say, but will fight for your right to say it" no longer applies. The country is dotted with human-rights commissions. At first, they typically heard discrimination suits against businesses, then branched out into policing "hate" speech. Initially, they targeted neo-Nazis; then religious figures for their condemnations of homosexuality; and now Maclean's and Steyn.

The new rallying cry is, "If I hate what you say, I'll accuse you of hate." The Canadian Islamic Council got the Human Rights Tribunal in British Columbia and the national Canadian Human Rights Commission (where proceedings are still pending) to agree to hear its complaint. It had to like its odds.

The national commission has never found anyone innocent in 31 years. It is set up for classic Alice-in-Wonderland "verdict first, trial later" justice. Canada's Human Rights Act defines hate speech as speech "likely to expose a person or persons to hatred or contempt." The language is so capacious and vague that to be accused is tantamount to being found guilty.

Unlike in defamation law, truth is no defense, and there's no obligation to prove

Rich Lowry



harm. One of the principal investigators of the Canadian Human Rights Commission was asked in a hearing what value he puts on freedom of speech in his work, and replied, "Freedom of speech is an American concept, so I don't give it any value." Clearly.

In British Columbia, the Steyn hearing proceeded with all the marsupial ungainliness of a kangaroo court. No one knew what the rules of evidence were. Hilariously, one of the chief complaints against Steyn was that he quoted a Muslim imam in Norway bragging that in Europe "the number of Muslims is expanding like mosquitoes."

The hearing has appropriately exposed the commissions to ridicule -- and maybe some hatred and contempt (if that's allowed). There are calls to strip them of their power to regulate the media.

Free speech is a very clean, neutral concept -- "Congress shall make no law ..." Once a government begins policing offensiveness, things get much murkier. It has to decide which groups are protected and which aren't. So, even though there are plenty of fire-breathing imams in Canada, no one ever pesters them about their hatefulness.

It is the genius of Muslim grievance groups to leverage Western anti-discrimination laws to their advantage. In his Maclean's essay, Steyn noted how in much of the West, "the early 21st century's principal political dynamic" is whether something offends Muslims. Indeed -- but in Canada, truth is no defense.

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Chet Edwards on Veep list; Insiders say he'll be next SecDef or Army Secretary

Not every electronic or print news report deals with who John McCain and Barack Obama might pick as a running mate these days - but "veepster vibes" are bubbling among political enthusiasts with fervor approaching the JFK-LBJ days. And there's a reason for this plethora of speculation - **because the person selected as VP will determine who wins the presidency on November 4 - at least this column believes that to be the case.**

McCain will have plenty of advice (both free and otherwise) in this matter, but if the Arizona Senator leans too heavily on two of his closest cronies - Karl Rove and Phil Gramm, the odds are high that his pick will be suspect at best.

Obama has the herculean task of finding someone with experience in foreign policy; a rudimentary knowledge of our military needs and strengths; a strong background in what makes our economy tick; and the ability to "think carefully before speaking."

Reminds us of good old Diogenes (320 B.C.) who spent his time meandering around Athens searching for an honest man!

CHET EDWARDS' NAME EMERGES

Early last week (June 24 to be exact) during a video conference with Newsweek, Speaker Nancy Pelosi reported she had urged Barack Obama to consider Waco Congressman Chet Edwards as his vice president. **"Obama needs to have someone on his "short" list from the House and Chet Edwards would be my number one choice," Speaker Pelosi noted.**

Saladoans were surprised (and pleased) with the Speaker's nomination of Edwards, who faithfully served our Village and Bell County from 1991-2003. In '03 he was redistricted out of Bell by the nefarious Tom DeLay who thought putting Edwards in a district that included Waco-College Station (a conservative stronghold) would retire the popular Democrat, while easily adding another GOPer to the House majority.

Not surprisingly, DeLay misfigured. Edwards won and has held District 17's congressional reins ever since, thanks to his genuine non-partisan belief, **that serving "all" constituents is a solemn duty.**

OBAMA NEEDS MODERATE ON TICKET

It's a little doubtful that Edwards will become Obama's running mate - but the Senator from Illinois desperately needs a moderate like Chet, who could reassure the uneasy non-liberal wing of the Democratic Party, a group Obama desperately needs.

Readers will recall that Congressman Edwards was one of the first House members to endorse Obama - back when that sort of move was "dangerous" to say the least. After all - everyone knew Hillary was going to win in a breeze - and backing the wrong contender (by a congressman) could be disastrous in the high stakes presidential game.

However, Obama's "express" was just starting to gain momentum, and he convinced Edwards to sign on early, thus giving the eventual nominee a popular representative from a needed State, with strong ties to the military.

To avoid the charge (by the McBush camp) of a political "quid pro quo" the move to publicize Edwards

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



was activated by Speaker Pelosi rather than through Obama's "advisory team" that is creating the "short" list of VP candidates.

SOURCES: SECDEF OR ARMY SECRETARY

Observing the attention swirling around the Pelosi announcement, it seemed there was more to the story than just another name on a list (short or long) of possible VPs.

We checked our usually reliable sources inside the D.C. beltway, as well as in Austin and the word is: **"If Obama wins, Edwards will be the new president's choice as Secretary of Defense or Secretary of the Army."**

That appointment makes more sense than VP when you consider Chet's strong relationship to the military, developed over a decade of legislatively supporting Fort Hood when he represented Bell County.

Congressman Edwards currently serves as chairman of the congressional sub-committee that has upgraded VA hospitals nationwide.

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Side Bar for number-nuts: The current administration has 201 days remaining in its final term. 201 and counting - down!

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ANOTHER "HEADLINER" NOTED

Periodically, this column takes note of someone who for reason of commission (or omission) creates headlines and whose deeds require a closer inspection.

Such is the case with Austin's relatively new city manager Marc Ott, and the time lag between the tragic fire that nearly destroyed the historic and beloved Governor's Mansion, and when Ott learned of the disaster.

The arsonist started the blaze at midnight on June 8 and it was some 14 hours later (two o'clock that afternoon) when Ott was informed (by the Mayor) of the conflagration. News that had made the front page of the Austin American at 5 a.m., with updated reports that same morning on all state and local radio, TV stations, plus most national media outlets.

Made Ott looked like he was not only out of the loop, but out of the country. Later, he shamefacedly apologized for the foul-up. That's after firing his communication director for not alerting him early-on. Still, you gotta wonder why a quarter of a million dollar manager of a major city wouldn't at least glance at the front page of his newspaper each morning or even listen to the radio on his way to work.

KELSO AND "THE LOOP"

Our fellow traveller on the commentary road, John Kelso (American-Statesman), noted that the mansion fire was "hot" news and that the people in China probably learned of the blaze before Manager Ott did! **Kelso also opined that the panhandlers on Manchaca Road knew about the fire before Ott!**

Kelso then offered to call the city manager every morning (first thing) and read him the headlines! Our happy-go-lucky scribbler-pal concluded his mirth-filled column by noting the three types of folks who wander around Austin these days: **Those in the loop, those out of the loop and those who ask "Loop? What Loop?"**

That's -30-

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The 22nd Fourth of July

Two hundred and thirty two years removed from 1776, the coming Fourth of July holiday finds an American political landscape that still embodies the core principles and tensions of our 18th century beginnings. Despite our 21st century challenges and our 20th century accomplishments, the tensions between security and liberty which promise to influence the coming November elections would in many ways seem thoroughly familiar to American voters at the end of the 18th century.

Like America in 2008, America on her 22nd birthday was a nation at war. America's relationship with France had soured over the course of George Washington's presidency as recently signed treaties with England led France to suspect a secret alliance. When a dispute over war-debt threatened to strain the relationship even further, the newly formed government of revolution-era France sought to change the direction of American policy by supporting the presidential bid of the avowedly pro-France Thomas Jefferson over his

Capitol Update

by State Representative
Dianne White Delisi



anglophile opponent, John Adams. After Jefferson's defeat by Adams in 1796 election, however, the frustrated government of France turned to violence and, two days before the inauguration of Adams, opened American shipping to attacks by French commerce-raiders.

As with the ongoing war in Iraq, perceptions of the then emerging conflict with France fit within a pre-existing framework of dueling American political parties. On one side, the Federalists, following Alexander Hamilton and fearing the excesses of unconstrained democracy, sought stability in an expansive Federal government and a close relationship with England. In opposition to the Federalists, the Republicans, following Thomas Jefferson, saw danger in a powerful

federal government (in fact, many Republicans, including Jefferson, had opposed the initial ratification of the Constitution on those grounds) and sought to bolster the power of state governments. Lacking the heavy emphasis on social order embraced by the Federalists, the Republicans were apt to view the French revolution, despite its chaos, as an extension of the principles they felt embodied American democracy.

Thus, in the actions and positions of the Federalists, the Republicans saw a move towards tyranny and an attempt to trample states' rights and the protections of the Constitution. Conversely, in the criticisms of the Republicans, the Federalists saw a slide towards chaos and a drift towards the unstable and increasingly violent

nature of the French revolution.

These same tensions, then, informed the perceptions and responses of the two parties to developments in the conflict with France. When the initial diplomatic overtures made by Adams to France were met with a demand for a bribe (an exchange which came to be known as the XYZ affair), Adams and his fellow Federalists saw all the justification they needed for war. At the same time, always fearing the possibility of oppression by a standing army, the Republicans portrayed Adams' request for a military buildup as an attempt to seize power and a needless rush to war against a natural ally.

As the war progressed further, the Federalist controlled Congress passed in 1798 a cluster of bills which came to be known as the Alien and Sedition acts. These bills, which, among other things, gave the President the authority to expel, without giving cause, any foreigner and which criminalized false and malicious statements about the government, ignited a firestorm of controversy between Federalists

and Republicans. In the new laws, Republicans saw not only a dangerous and unconstitutional expansion of government power, but also an attempt to slowly acclimate the public to tyranny. In Republican protests against the laws, Federalists saw an attempt to undermine the government and to bring the anarchy of the French revolution home to America.

And while the immediate pressure of these tensions eventually subsided - the government in France was overthrown by Napoleon, a new treaty was signed, and Adams was replaced by Jefferson in the 1800 elections - the underlying conflict, between the need to promote social order and the need to check the power of government, persisted, and veins of that conflict can be seen flowing through the Civil War, through both World Wars, and throughout our current efforts in the War on Terror. We should take, then, on our 232nd Fourth of July, the opportunity to celebrate a Constitution and a country which, for over two centuries, have performed our national balancing act so well.

The toxic corruption of our political system



Jim Hightower

EnergySolutions Inc. That name has a nice ring to it, doesn't it? But whose energy problems is this company trying to solve?

It's, for one. That country has 20,000 tons of nuclear waste that it wants to dump somewhere, so this Salt Lake City corporation says that, for several million dollars, it will gladly import its waste and bury it in Western Utah. Great. Our country can't figure out what to do with our own nuclear nasties, yet this corporate huckster would throw open our borders to everyone's trash. Send us your tired, your poor, your nuclear waste!

Not wanting America to be turned into a global dumpster, some lawmakers are trying to ban the importation of radioactive foreign waste. EnergySolutions has responded by applying the handy, dandy solution used for wiping away all corporate problems in Washington: money. In the last four years, company executives and investors have upped their political giving tenfold, dumping nearly \$400,000 into congressional campaign coffers. They've also ramped up the corporation's spending on Washington lobbyists, topping a million bucks last year.

When confronted with the obvious charge that they are trying to buy votes, Energy Solutions asserted that it is merely buying "access" to lawmakers. As a corporate spokesman explained, campaign cash "gives us the opportunity to participate with elected officials."

In other words, the opportunity to participate with elected official "requires a major cash transaction" - a corruption that shuts out ordinary citizens, perverts the public interest, and mocks our democracy. This is a bigger, more toxic problem than nuclear waste, and one solution is to take the corrupt money out of the system with public financing of congressional elections. Learn more at www.publiccampaign.org.

Citizen talks about TAXES

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I just read the June 26th edition of our local newspaper. The headline on page one was, "Aldermen Contract with Appraisal District to Assess, Collect Taxes." I read the article and it didn't discuss this topic. What it did do was talk about the internal business of the Board, i.e., when can the mayor vote - and not vote; who is on the Budget Advisory Committee and how they got on the Committee; and what the Board is going to do about delinquent taxes from hotels that this Board recently increased and approved. What I wanted and expected to read about was the property tax that recently came to me on my Bell County Tax Appraisal Notice!

Are we, or are we not going to inculcate a property tax to finance the city of Salado? We the citizenry have never had a formal open dialog concerning this topic. If it is accepted that this is necessary and

required and so good for everyone, why was it not placed on the ballot when we voted for the new mayor and aldermen. I talked to several aldermen candidates and never got a clear statement of intent. I also know that if the City Board keeps the tax assessment at 25 cents per hundred dollar evaluation, they are not required to get a city-wide vote - but if it is such a clear and noble course of action, why not get a vote? Perhaps for the same reason that two current "replacement" aldermen were not write-in candidates but were appointed by the remaining three elected officials. While this is legal as I understand, it seems to have the appearance of impropriety. Well time for such desirable actions has past. Perhaps this newspaper ought to conduct a straw poll of residents to see just how clear and fa-

A Core Right, Reaffirmed

By U.S. SEN. JOHN CORNYN

As we celebrate Independence Day this year, we can also celebrate the U.S. Supreme Court's recognition that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to keep and bear arms. Our country's founders understood the importance of this right, and secured it in the Bill of Rights immediately after the right to free speech and religion.

The founders had suffered under tyrannical government. They drafted the Second Amendment to ensure that citizens were never disarmed. I am proud that Texas has so many tireless advocates of the Second Amendment, a bulwark of our personal liberty.

On June 26, in a historic decision, the Supreme Court found that the District of Columbia's complete ban on handgun possession and the requirement that all guns in the home be disassembled or locked made it impossible for citizens to defend their homes and families. In a 5-4 decision, the majority found the D.C. law unconstitutional.

Richard Heller, who challenged D.C.'s laws, was a security guard at a federal judicial building. He was allowed to carry a gun to protect federal court employees, but was prohibited from tak-

ing his gun home to protect his own family and property. Now Mr. Heller can keep a firearm at his residence for self defense, and no longer has to fear being unarmed in his home.

This decision is a landmark. Texans have always known the Second Amendment's guarantee that "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed" protects the right of American citizens to own guns. But this is the first time the high court has strongly affirmed this fundamental right.

I joined a "friend of the Court brief," along with Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Vice President Dick Cheney, 53 other members of the U.S. Senate, and 250 members of the U.S. House of Representatives—all supporting Heller. We argued that Congress has long interpreted the Second Amendment as protecting an individual right to own a gun. As elected officials, many of us felt that it was important to stand up for the constitutional rights of our constituents.

Like most Texans, I deeply cherish my Second Amendment rights. I am a proud gun owner, avid hunter and sport-shooter. I currently serve as Vice Chairman of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus,

a bipartisan group of Congressmen who enjoy the outdoors, and hunt and fish on a regular basis. There are more than 14.5 million hunters in America and over 10,000 target shooting tournaments are staged annually.

While some politicians believe that guns are the enemy, our founding fathers recognized that gun ownership is essential to personal liberty. To remain truly free, Americans must be able to defend themselves and not rely on the government for protection.

The Second Amendment additionally ensures that the government does not overstep its bounds by disarming Americans. Patrick Henry, one of our founding fathers, proclaimed that "the great object is that every man be armed" and that "everyone who is able may have a gun."

With our frontier heritage, guns have always been a central part of Texas history and tradition. As we gather with friends and family this July 4th weekend, let's remember the freedoms and blessings secured by America's founders. The right to responsible gun ownership should never be taken for granted, lest we cede a core part of who we are as Americans and what keeps us safe and free.

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Declare your financial independence day

As we get close to the 4th of July, you may be thinking of where you'll be going to attend a picnic, watch fireworks or engage in any of the other activities that accompany the holiday. And while it's always meaningful to commemorate our nation's many freedoms, you may want to take this opportunity to think about another celebration of liberty-your own "Financial Independence Day."

However, unlike the 4th of July, Financial Independence Day won't just show up on the calendar - you have to work to make it happen. Here are a few suggestions for doing just that:

Liberate yourself from debt. You don't have to be a free spender to rack up a lot of debt - the cost of living is high, and sometimes you need to use loans and credit. But the more money you owe, the harder it is to achieve financial independence, so try to reduce, consoli-

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



date or eliminate as many debts as possible. You may have to drive that old car one year longer or postpone that vacation until you can pay for it up front, but these and similar moves may pay off down the road.

Emancipate your investments. To achieve your long-term financial goals, you need your investments to provide you with the combination of growth potential and income that's appropriate for your individual needs. To accomplish this, though, these investments need to be "free" from being raided constantly to pay for the costs of everyday life. That's why you should establish an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses. By keep-

ing this fund in a liquid account, you won't have to tap into your investments the next time you have a major car repair, need a new appliance or face an unexpected medical bill.

Unchain the potential of your retirement accounts. Every time you get a raise, boost your contributions to your retirement plan at work - i.e., your 401(k), 403(b) or 457(b). Your money has the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis, and you typically contribute pre-tax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your annual adjusted gross income will be. But if you're not contributing the maximum allowed, or at least as much as you can afford, you're putting "shackles" on the ability of these plans to help you attain the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

Free your family from threats to your income. Without your income, would your family be able to pay off the mortgage? Or send your children to college? Or meet any of the financial goals you've set? Financial independence will always be elusive unless you protect your family from the potential loss of your income - and that's why you need adequate life insurance, especially in the years when your children are young and you're still paying on your house. At the same time, you may need disability insurance to replace your income if you can't work due to illness or injury. Your employer may offer a disability policy, but it might be insufficient to meet your needs, so you may need to add extra coverage.

By taking these and other steps, you can go a long way toward turning Financial Independence Day from a goal to a reality - so take action soon.



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A lot to consider

Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

Buy or build? If you're considering new construction, the first item on your To Do list is to find a suitable lot. The experience of builders and architects points to a few key features you should investigate in your search for the perfect spot.

First, and perhaps most obvious, is the size of the

lot. The larger the lot, the greater the cost, depending on location. Consider the property taxes and how much maintenance it will require. Remember that the smallest lots tend to appreciate more quickly than their larger neighbors.

Next, imagine how the terrain will affect aspects like drainage and the positioning of the home. Ask your builder to explain the impact the terrain will have on your plan.

Related to the terrain is the view the property offers. Take great care in discovering how adjoining land will be developed, and how that could affect your view. A gas station may one day be built on that beautiful meadow out back.

And finally, the mantra of real estate is "location, location, location." Want a faster commute? Buy a lot near the entrance of your subdivision. Want to keep your kids safe from traffic? Then plan a purchase further toward the back.

It's all common sense, really, but it helps to take an organized and educated approach to this critical element of home construction.

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vored such an increased tax action really is.

Before any dialog about the feasibility of instituting a city property tax, perhaps we all should consider the current economic landscape that is taking place:

- The majority of the people who live in Salado are either on a fixed income (retired) or are young people with kids that choose to live here and commute to work so their families can enjoy an environment of good schools, low crime, and a more relaxed pace of living.

- The current cost of gasoline has almost doubled and with no peak in sight, this will cause that commute to become much more costly.

- Inflation is increasing 4-5 percent a year and wages are fairly flat; some higher unemployment is almost certain.

- For those on fixed incomes, the stock market is at historic lows and if oil prices increase may fall further; the cash investment market (certificates of deposit and money market accounts) are providing a pitiful return on investment, only slightly higher than burying your money in your back yard.

- Though not as bleak as the national picture, lo-

cal real estate prices are decreasing and inventory of homes for sale are at an all time high.

When economic indicators above all point to cutting spending and tightening household budgets, what does government at all levels always do: increase spending and taxes - government knows no restraint!

This past year the village of Salado will have spent approximately \$650,000 and has an uncommitted reserve of approximately \$200,000. If the property tax is implemented at 25 cents per hundred dollars of valuation, some predict an increase in revenue of \$600,000 more dollars, thereby doubling the village budget. This is all being discussed with the Bell County Tax Assessor's Office to the point of calculation of taxes due without, to my knowledge, the Board of Aldermen determining if there will be a property tax; if so, how much; when would it become effective; what exemptions will be applied (homestead, disability, age, etc.); and, most importantly how the doubling revenue will be spent. How can the Aldermen determine the appropriate tax rate without knowing the aforementioned?

Let me take another approach to my reservations. It is my understanding that this property tax as being crafted will only apply to residents who lived in Salado City Limits at the time of incorporation.

For those of us living here before incorporation, we remember that the maps submitted for incorporation did not include all the area residents whom we considered living in Salado. We were told that older maps were used because there was not time to draw new ones or Belton would move to incorporate us! Now we are stuck with legally defined city limits that we know excludes many areas and Salado residents.

If we implement a property and city service plan that includes some and excludes others, we will create a two-tiered system of citizenship that will be confusing, unfair and intolerable.

I have been told if we want decent restaurants, new businesses and a future economic growth like Round Rock and Georgetown, a property tax is essential. I am not sure the majority of residents want to emulate those two cities.

I have also been told that the main impetus behind a

Major Olsen presents history of 3rd Armored Cavalry

The Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary will have their July monthly meeting July 8 at the Salado Civic Center. Visiting and fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the program and meeting following at 10 a.m.

Grimm recieves Tarleton degree

Jeremy Ray Grimm of Salado graduated with a BBA in Finance and was awarded his degree at spring commencement held at Tarleton State University in May.

Major David R. Olsen of Fort Hood will present the program "History: 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment". Major Olsen will present the history of Salado's adopted 3rd Armored Caval-

ry Regiment at Fort Hood from creation to today. He will share many interesting and fascinating tales. All husbands are cordially invited to attend this meeting.




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Deadline is today for superintendent applications

After the deadline for receiving applications for Salado Independent School District Superintendent, search firm Horn, Smith, Wood and Preston will review those applications with the Salado ISD Board of Trustees on July 11 before arranging interviews of potential candidates on July 18-19.

The board and search firm will interview candidate(s) again on July 21 before declaring the single finalist that day, according to the timeline set by the search firm.

After a 21 day period, the board will formally announce its selection at a meeting on Aug. 11.

If the district abides by the planning calendar, the new superintendent may begin service on Oct. 1.

As well as announcing the vacancy and developing the calendar in early June, Horn, Smith, Wood and Preston has met with staff and community members to develop a profile of the ideal candidate for the Salado superintendency.

The profile was developed by a survey of participating staff and community members in which they were asked two questions:

- How they perceived the unique, positives, assets, accomplishments and successes of the district.
- The challenges that participants perceive that will need to be addressed if the district is to progress.

Forty individuals, including administrators, teachers and support staff and community members, met with the search firm to outline their wants in a superintendent.

From the meetings and input, the search firm arrived at a lengthy description of Salado ISD and the qualities of a successful applicant.

The quality of staff is perceived to be outstanding, according to the profile report.

The sense of community is pervasive and seems to be correlated to a small town atmosphere in which all students are known by name, the community as a whole is supportive, not just parents and there is unity in the community behind preparing students for responsible lives.

Parent involvement is evident and highly valued and comes in several forms, including involvement in school and non-school activities support for families and volunteering at the school and in the community.

"All groups seem to be committed to excellence," the profile report states. "A belief prevails that exemplary performance of students in all areas is possible and that academic success and success in extra-curricular/co-curricular areas are mutually complementary."

"Although quality staff, parental support and community support were mentioned often," the report adds, "outstanding students was also deemed an important aspect of the district's success."

The diversity of the district and growing English as a Second Language (ESL) population is seen as one of the most significant challenges of the district, the report states. "Although diversity is listed as a challenge, it should be noted that it was among the most often mentioned unique/positive aspects of the district," according to the report.

Funding was a major concern of many of the participants, particularly in regard to these challenges: providing more electives, keeping class size small, competitive teacher and staff salaries and aging facilities.

Anticipated population growth in the district is also perceived as a significant challenge "not only in terms of accommodating the increased numbers with building and staff," the report stated, "but in terms of maintaining the current common values as well. Many want to retain the 'small town' flavor but also want to provide the curriculum options of larger districts."

Challenges related to growth, the report explains, include the following: maintaining academic standards, meeting needs of a more diverse student population that will come with growth, increasing transportation needs and maintaining staff teamwork.

The search firm consultants will use the data of this report as they recruit and evaluate candidates.

"It will be reviewed and used by the board in making their selections for interview as well as determining the person who is ultimately employed," the firm states in the report.

"Salado ISD is an excellent place to live and work and the superintendent position provides an outstanding job opportunity for the 'right' school leader," the firm states in its report. "The challenges identified in this report will not be a deterrent to good candidates. These are all manageable and are not out of the ordinary. The nature of these challenges may, in fact, be attractive to some candidates because of the future potential and the commitment of the board to quality."

The following characteristics are identified in the profile as ideal for the superintendent candidate:

1. Leadership
2. Communication
3. Ethical/Moral
4. Finances/Business
5. Curriculum & Instruction
6. Human Relations
7. Employees/Colleagues
8. Continues Improvement
9. Teamwork
10. Goal Oriented
11. School Board Relations
12. Involved/Visible
13. History/Tradition
14. Growth/Bonds/Facilities



Dr. Kim Van Cura accompanies Carol Meyer Willingham performance



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Temple Symphony Orchestra fundraiser held at the home of Dr. Doug Willingham and New York veteran opera singer Carol Meyer Willingham boasted excellent attendance according to Executive Director Rick Thomssen.



Denise Thomssen and pianist Pam Bland at piano

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Nancy Littlefield is seen examining mammal bone pieces in her area of the dig at Site #15. She is a regular volunteer who commutes from the Glen Rose area. (PHOTOS BY JAMES CARROLL)

The Gault Site

Archeological site near Salado

By CHARLIE TURNBO
REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR

Located in a Bell County valley west of Salado is an archeological site that is providing a dramatic picture of the earliest peoples of this area. Because of the size and abundance of primitive artifacts, this is one of the most important prehistoric sites ever discovered.

The former Gault farm straddles two contrasting land formations. On the east side is the Edwards Plateau and on the west, the Balcones Escarpment. The plateau is covered with live oaks, junipers, and prickly pear, with generous deposits of limestone rock containing deep veins of chert, a flint-like form of quartz. In comparison, the other area has flowing springs and creeks with fertile soil and enormous pecan, bur oak, elm and willow trees.

Now referred to as the Gault site, this archeological exploration field covers an estimated area of a half mile by a little over a tenth of a mile. It is classified by archeologists as both a living site and manufacturing site because of the points, tools and engraved stones found here.

During the 1920's formal excavations were begun at the Gault farm by Professor J.E. Pearce of the Anthropology Department, University of Texas. Afterwards, the site was heavily explored by looters and collectors. For a time it was a "pay to dig operation" and hundreds of people searched the area and hauled away truck loads of relics.

In the 1990's Dr. Michael B. Collins, Associate Researcher, University of Texas Archeological Research Laboratory, began controlled excavations at

the Gault site. Realizing the tremendous importance of the materials being found there, Dr. Collins cashed out his personal savings, bought 54 acres encompassing the area and donated it to the Texas Archaeological Conservancy. This non-profit organization's sole purpose is to own and protect significant archeological sites. Collins' one condition to the gift was that he would continue to have access to the site. Grazing rights were also returned to the original owners who live near the site, to further protect the area from trespassers.

Surface layers of native artifacts are largely absent at Gault because of floods and decades of relic hunting on this site. Collins acknowledges this partially obscures 8,000 years of archeological history. However, they have discovered some rock drawings that offer a glimpse into the native peoples who lived here.

Collins, who has been nicknamed "Dr. Clovis" has written extensively about the Clovis people once thought to be the oldest North Americans. He believes most Clovis sites date back to around 13,000 years ago.

An important finding from Gault is that the Clovis people—unlike the Folsom-era natives who lived here a thousand years later—appear to have been both hunters and gatherers. Previous depictions of Clovis people portrayed them as hunters living nomadic lives as they tracked mammoths, bison and other large beasts for food.

Gault findings suggest the Clovis people were not nomadic hunters who went where their food supplies led them. Their flint tools and weapons were made

from flint prevalent in the Gault area. This region appears to have been used by generations of Clovis people who lived, hunted, and gathered food such as pecans, grasses, and fruit from this area. The Clovis diet also consisted of mammoth, bison, small game, and fish, turtles and birds native to this area from evidence collected on site.

Another important discovery at Gault is evidence of a culture older than Clovis found here. The archeologists have excavated below the Clovis levels and discovered chip and flakes produced by a culture unlike Clovis. Thus from this site, there is research underway on a possible pre-Clovis culture—an older group not previously known to exist and challenging earlier findings that the Clovis people were the first civilization in North America.

To date, Gault has produced more than a million artifacts which are being organized, cataloged and readied for further study. This amounts to about sixty percent of all the excavated Clovis materials from all of the Clovis sites in North America. However, Dr. Collins estimates that less than 10 percent of the Clovis components of this site have thus far been investigated.

Recent digs have involved students and volunteers excavating two areas on the flat valley floor of the site. Recent workers include students from a Pennsylvania college and the University of Texas, in addition to regular volunteers.

The top soil exposed in one of the current excavation sites - dig area #15 - is very dark and exposes an assortment of rocks, bones, flint chips and other mate-



This rock drawing may depict an early Spanish mission, complete with a cross on top. Collins believes it dates back into the 1700's and was done by one of the more modern groups of natives who lived here.

rewriting thoughts on pre-history

rials. Collins explains that Gault contains a huge area of burned rock middens on the site. Middens are the fire pits of more recent inhabitants. They are located across the land surface area and have been thoroughly scavenged over past decades. It is below that area that the Clovis and other important discoveries are being made.

Three other women are working nearby in Site #15 under the analytical gaze of Dr. Collins. He suggests to the workers that they go deeper and broaden their search area. He also re-

minds them they need to be prepared for the upcoming BBC television crew who will soon be filming here on site.

Currently Dr. Collins divides his time between the University of Texas and the Gault site. He is planning a future visitor's center at Gault and has created a nonprofit organization to develop an educational center to be open to students as well as the public.

Startling new discoveries about the earliest peoples of North America continue at Gault and Col-

lins findings are rewriting history.

The Salado Institute of the Humanities will feature Dr. Collins as the program speaker on Sunday, August 10th from 4 – 6 pm at the Salado Celebration Center. The public is invited to participate and further information is available at the Institute's web site at www.salado-institute.org.

For further information on the work of Dr. Collins and the Gault site, see www.gaultschool.org and www.texasbeyondhistory.net.



Dr. Michael Collins sometimes works from the back of his truck at the Gault site.

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4200 Franchise Fees		
4210 Electric	\$111,565	\$112,000
4230 Telephone	\$51,556	\$52,000
4240 Waste Disposal	\$11,309	\$11,000
4250 Cable	\$2,895	\$3,000
4290 Water	\$4,000	\$4,000
4300 Development Fee		
4320 Subdivision	\$872	\$1,000
4340 Building permits	\$10,536	\$11,000
4350 Sign permit fee	\$135	\$200
4360 Inspections	\$577	\$500
4370 Contractor Registration	\$2,892	\$3,000
4375 Zoning Request	\$325	\$400
4500 Municipal Court		
4550 Court Feeds	\$17,068	\$17,000
4580 Technology Fee	\$589	\$600
4585 Security Fee	\$447	\$400
4600 Fire Department Burn Fees	\$240	\$300
4671 Rental Fees, Pace Park	\$4,243	\$5,000
4700 Misc Income	\$284	\$200
4750 Tourism Council Administrative	\$1,800	\$1,800
4760 Solicitation/Itinerant Vendor	\$1,500	\$1,000
4800 Interest Income	\$9,111	\$9,000
4900 Other Income	\$750	\$0
Total Income	\$596,127	\$599,400
Total Available		\$787,307
EXPENDITURES		
5000 Administrative Expense Totals	\$174,508	\$152,415
5100 Salary - Admin	\$38,114	\$38,115
5102 Overtime Admin.	\$1,490	\$2,000
5103 Hourly Admin	\$3,894	\$7,500
5104 City Manager		\$0
5110 Benefits	\$2,713	\$2,700
5120 Payroll Taxes	\$1,396	\$2,000
5140 Dues & Fees	\$6,544	\$6,600
5150 Election Expense	\$1,500	\$1,500
5160 Insurance	\$11,131	\$14,000
5170 Training & Travel	\$2,419	\$3,000
5180 Office Supplies	\$4,802	\$5,000
5190 Printing Exp.	\$695	\$600
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5200 Postage	\$1603	\$1,600
5210 Telephone	\$3,064	\$3,200
5221 Professional Fee: Planning/Misc	\$0	\$0
5222 Professional Fee: Engineering	\$8,792	\$10,000
5224 Professional Fee: Auditor	\$6,225	\$7,000
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5275 Equipment- Maintenance	\$1,419	\$3,000
5280 Equipment- Purchased	\$9,175	\$0
5285 Cell Phone	\$535	\$600
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6110 Mortgage: Principal	\$72,145	\$0
6120 Mortgage: Interest	\$2,474	\$0
6130 Maint./ Repair	\$4,777	\$5,000
6135 Building Supplies	\$949	\$1,000
6140 Utilities	\$11,497	\$12,000
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6440 Judge Training	\$420	\$600
6470 Code Enforcement	\$21,503	\$24,000
6500 Police Department	\$212,269	\$232,450
6510 Salary- Chief of Police	\$45,149	\$45,150
6515 Salary- Officers	\$88,790	\$86,000
6520 Salary- Overtime	\$11,368	\$12,000
6530 Payroll Taxes	\$2,575	\$3,000
6535 Benefits	\$25,395	\$25,000
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7300 Emergency Operations	\$18,374	\$2,000
Total Expenses Before Capital Outlay	\$644,124	\$578,350
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Estimated Balance 9-30-2009		\$208,957

Cast, crew named for Salado Legends

Tablerock's outdoor musical drama, Salado Legends, has announced the cast and crew for this year's 16th presentation on July 19, July 26 and Aug. 2. Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater is located on Royal St., three blocks east from downtown Salado.

The cast, crew, sponsors and helpers, comprised of over 150 people from all over Central Texas include these:

Robert Pierce of Belton will play the lead role of Andrew McIver. Krista Ash of Belton will play the lead role of Lucy McDougal. Jim Woodul of Killeen will appear in the role of Angus McDougal; Geneva Bamsch of Jarrell will portray Dora McDougal; Brian Sanderford from Belton will appear in the role of Cam McDougal; Jarad Yost a 6 year-old from Salado, will appear in the role of Douglas McDougal.

Taryn Kornegay of Salado was cast as Emaline McDougal again for 2008 and will appear in the first two performances, Morgan Bird of Salado will star in the August 2nd performance as Emaline. Dr. Howard Horton, a retired college professor from Bartlett, will appear for the 10th season as Sam Houston. Tony Blisard from Temple will appear as Malcolm Ross. Sara Sanderford will play "Texas" this season and her sister, Erin Sanderford, will play the role of Bonnie Bell Posey, both girls are from Belton.

Jon McHaney from Dallas will portray Tonweya for his 5th season. Andy Anderson, Chief Meteorologist for Channel 6, will portray a role of a Spanish explorer and a Civil War soldier.

Dennis Yost from Salado will play Mr. Chalk; Stephanie Bielss of Temple will play Sadie Lou Chalk; Ciara Bamsch and Carl Bamsch from Jarrell and Madison & Heidi Kelley and Caleb & Cory Hayslip from Salado will all portray Chalk children. Alvalin Woodul will portray The Very Cultured Mrs. Orgain; Mr. Orgain will be played by Buddy Hayslip from Salado; the Orgain children are Cody Stevenson & Megan Seaton from Salado, Jessi Barr from Killeen and Zach Blisard from Temple. Arnie Bielss from Temple and Rene Sadler of Cameron and will play Major and Mrs. Halley, the Halley's daughter will be played by Rebecca Redman from Salado.

Terry Crawford from Harker Heights will portray his ancestor, Rev. R. S. Crawford, born in 1815. Robert Crawford from

San Antonio will play Rev. Crawford's son; Levi Tenney will be played by Watt Taggart from Temple; Helen Swenson from Briggs will portray Mrs. Tenney; Ashley Cantrell from Salado and Sam Taggart from Temple will play the Tenney children; Cassidy Carpenter from Georgetown will portray Tessie Tenney. Carolyn Taylor of Salado will play The Very Cultured Mrs. Sterling Robertson; Robert Trupiano from Belton will portray Mr. Sterling Robertson and a balladeer; Laura and Carly Taggart from Temple and Harrison Hill and Cabe Temple from Salado will play the Robertson children; Patti Pitts of Salado will portray The Very Cultured Mrs. Pace; Nick Linville of Salado will portray Mr. Pace; Jack Lucas and Tanner Pitts from Salado plus CJ, Chandler, Cory & Colby Carpenter from Georgetown will play the Pace children; Mr. and Mrs. Griffith will be played by The Griffith Giggles will be played by Desi Swenson from Briggs, Melody Coleman from Jarrell, Marcene Grimsley, Jessie and Jennifer Stanley all from Salado. Cody and Audra Stanley;

Other cast members include: Richard Combs from Florence will play a Union soldier; Alan Rogers, Chief of Police in Salado will play a Confederate soldier; Noelle Yaqoub of Temple will portray Miss Willingham; Steve Robinson from Belton will portray Byron Bunker. Chris Carpenter from Georgetown will play Dr. Barton and Mr. Aiken will be played by Walt Tollefson from Salado; Surveyor William Armstrong will be played by Steve Robinson and Surveyor Chain Carrier Levi T. Lawler will be played

by Buddy Hayslip both men are from Salado.

The Tonkawa Indians in Salado Legends are as follows: Eddie Notgrass of Belton will portray the Chief of the Tonkawas; Liz Gotay Perez will act as Sirena; Jon McHaney from Dallas as Tonweya, Talie Yaqoub from Belton will play Konina; Matthew Bielss from Temple will portray Deer; Tall Bear Montez will portray a Tonkawa Indian called Tall Bear.

The crew members are: Jackie Mills from Salado, Playwright; Donnie Williams, Director; J.R. Schwake from Salado-Lights; Mike Clouse from Killeen is the Sound Manager; Craig Pitrucha from Belton is the Voice Director, Denver Mills from Salado-Sets & Trouble Shooter; Tonya Kornegay from Salado-Costumes, Tickets and Trouble Shooter; Brenda Grimsley from Salado spot lights; Becky Blisard of Temple – spot lights; Arnie Bielss from Temple and Tim Wilson from Belton are in charge of weapons and munitions; Terri Yaqoub from Morgan's Point - Back Stage Manager; Ida Brown from Belton is Assistant Back Stage Manager. Lynn Carpenter from Georgetown is in charge of Children's Activities; Laura Taggart from Temple is Children's Director; Rebecca Redmon is Asst. Children's Activities; Sarah Sanderford is Choreographer and cast Social Director; Jessi Barr, from Killeen is the Asst. Social Director; Sharon Van Winkle from Salado is in charge of Gift & Drink Concessions; Lindsey Blisard from Belton is in charge of Visitor Handouts; Terri & Chris Seaton, from Salado will take Food Tickets; Anne Sandeford

from Belton, Cathy Lucas, Donette Cantrell, Darlene and David Stevens all from Salado will take Gate Tickets; Dick & Carol Curtis and their son Richard Curtis from Troy will drive the Wagon and Carriage; June and Ben Willingham from Salado created the Tablerock Web Page; Ann Sanderford is in charge of Tee Shirt orders. Caterers are Amy & Danny Mikes owners of Fat Boys BBQ in Temple. The Bell County Sheriff's Possee will be in charge of parking.

Salado Legends' catered dinner before the show is optional. You do need reservations for dinner. Adult show tickets are \$17. Children show tickets are \$5. The dinner is \$8 for adults or children.

Tickets may be purchased in Salado at Fletcher's Books & Antiques, The First State Bank with cash or check. Compass Bank in Belton, Salado and Temple will sell tickets by cash or check. Tickets are sold by cash or credit card (in person) at ITR (Fort Hood) or you may charge tickets on line www.tablerock.org For group tickets for 20 or more people call 1-254-947-9205 or write to Tablerock, PO Box 312, Salado, TX 76571 for rates.

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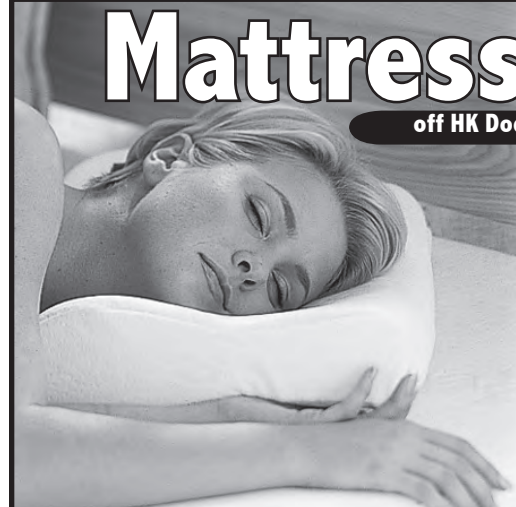
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Salado Lions kick off new year

Salado Lions honored their own June 24 during the annual banquet held at the Salado Civic Center. Lions revisited the past years accomplishments and installed new officers.



Photo Right: Incoming president Steve Ervin presents Outgoing President Allen Mantonana with a plaque commemorating his second term as Salado Lions Club President. Mantonana was also named Lion of the Year for his outstanding leadership and service during the 2007/2008 Lion year. The slate of officers for the 2008/2009 Lions year are: President- Steve Ervin, Vice Presidents - Joe Keyes, Mike McDougal and Rita Zbranek, Directors - One year term: Lloyd Parks and Don Clayton; Two year term: David Milner and Nolan Kinsey, Tail Twister - Ryan Hodge, Lion Tamer - Robert Stringer, Treasurer - Bill Ruth, Secretary - Gerry Reihsen, Publicity - Bobbie Reihsen and Membership - Pat Freeman.



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STEPHANIE HOOD

Lion David Milner was recognized as Rookie of the Year for his accomplishments during his first year as a member. David is pictured right with his wife



Jack Jones was the recipient of a Melvin Jones Fellowship. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is the highest honor awarded by Lions Club International and represents humanitarian qualities such as generosity, compassion, and concern for the less fortunate.




Photo Left: Colonel David Thompson, 4th Infantry Division Rear Detachment Commander expresses his appreciation to the Salado Lions for their ongoing support of soldiers.

Photo Below: Lion Don Clapp shakes hands with Colonel Thompson as he presents a check to Sergeant Major Roger Heinze (far left) of Fort Hood's 4th Infantry Division. The \$4,000 check represents the proceeds of a record breaking pancake breakfast fundraiser held in May. Also pictured (far right) is Andy Clapp of Converse, Texas who helped his brother Don out as a pancake breakfast volunteer.



Aldermen will consider adopting goals for 2008-09 on July 3

Village of Salado Aldermen will review and discuss goals for 2008-09 during their regular meeting 6:30 p.m. July 3 at the Salado Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

The Aldermen have discussed the goals during two workshop sessions in June and are slated to adopt the goals at the July 3 meeting.

The goals, which are much the same as the previous year's goals, are the following:

A. ON-GOING GOALS

1. Review all Street Signs and Traffic Signs
2. Keep high profile interface with Texas Department of Transportation
 - a. Call TxDOT periodically to get updates on TxDOT design for I-35
 - b. Schedule review of plans when available
 - c. Work with TxDOT for better signage for Salado from I-35
 - d. Work with TxDOT on Main Street maintenance and regulations.
3. Address Salado Creek issues
 - a. work state & county officials and Corps of Engineers
 - b. study cleanup costs
 - c. Investigate walking trail
4. Continue to establish written procedures
5. Continue work with Salado Volunteer Fire Department
6. Annexation
 - a. recruit/solicit businesses to be annexed
 - b. get citizens interested & involved in process
7. Do annual update on Emergency Management Plan
8. Hold quarterly public forum
9. Study drainage issues
 - a. work with CTCOG on flooding/drainage issues
 - b. continue updates on flood plan
10. Update police policies and procedures
11. Analyze financial situation
12. Continue training for police officers
13. Create policy and procedure manual for municipal court
14. Look at sewer system possibilities
15. Investigate economic development plan
16. Continue with selective quality advertising
17. Study code enforcement program
18. Establish two-year budget
19. Swinging barricades at low water bridges
20. Drainage easement clearing
21. TxDOT Main Street road repair

ONE YEAR GOALS (within fiscal year 2007-08)

1. Continue Emergency Management Training for officers, citizens and aldermen
2. Water supply issues
 - a. Fire chief and water department meeting
3. Visitor Center improvements
 - a. better signage
 - b. Investigate Public-Private partnerships
4. Review Comprehensive Plan (COMPLETE)
5. Examine property tax possibilities (COMPLETE)
6. Asphalt streets (as opposed to oil and gravel)
7. Develop and expanded Village Committee to form a Vi-

sion Plan

8. Investigate Property Tax implementation (COMPLETE)
9. Investment Zone Study
10. Long-range road repair plan
11. Develop vision statement
12. Disaster warning system (Complete, but on-going)
13. City limit signs

TWO TO FIVE YEAR GOALS

1. Pace Park improvements
2. Investigate hiring of Village Manager
3. Walking trail down Royal Street and into Pace Park
4. Study code enforcement program
5. Investigate Institute of Higher Learning facility in Salado.
6. Investigate public safety department
7. Deer control
8. Main Street development/control
9. Enlarge police department/control
 - a. Expand and improve investigative capabilities & technology
 - b. Create special operations section
 - c. Get all officers EMT or higher trained.



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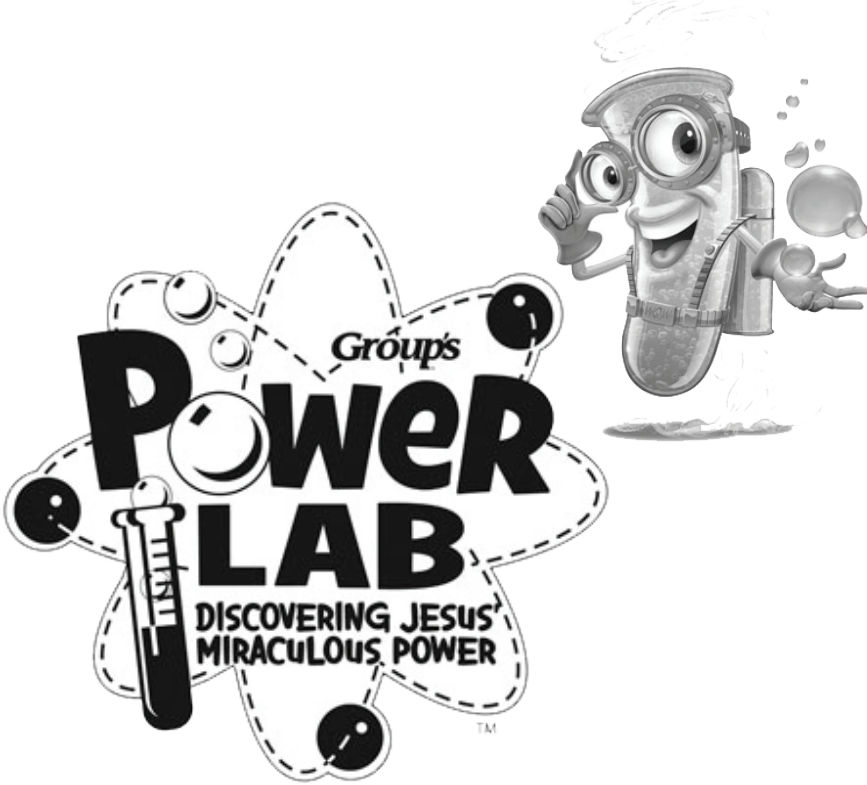
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Reihsen 50th anniversary and family reunion celebration

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald (Gerry) J. Reihsen Jr., residents of Salado will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a family reunion at Lakeway Resort and Spa in Austin on the weekend of June 28-29 2008. Included is a dinner on Saturday evening and on Sunday, June 29, a ceremony to renew their wedding vows at St. Stephen Catholic Church with Pastor, Father Charles Davis officiating.

Gerry's cousins from as far as North Dakota and Arizona and his brothers from Colorado, New Mexico and Minnesota will be special guests.

The event is being hosted by their children and spouses, Gerald J. Reihsen III of Dallas, Cheryl Reihsen Shirzadi of Katy, Julie Reihsen of Dallas, and Holly Reihsen Jones of Austin.

Gerry Reihsen married the former Bobbie (Roberta) Mary Alice Flynn on June 21, 1998 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Farmington, Minnesota. After the ceremony they left for Boise, Idaho and 22 more locations from west to east coast and Wisconsin to Georgia before arriving in the great state of Texas to be near children and grandchildren.



Bobbie and Gerry Reihsen Then



Bobbie and Gerry Reihsen.....Now

Gerry worked as a Professional Engineer building roads throughout the country, with the last 20 years of his career in Jefferson City, Missouri. Bobbie spent her first 10 years raising children and then teaching for about 25 years in elementary schools in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Missouri.


The Reihsens have

lived in Salado for almost 9 years and enjoyed the Salado ambiance and appreciated working with delightful and amazing Salado residents.

They have 6 grandsons, two of whom will be in college in September and four more between the ages of 9 and 13. All of whom are the lights of their lives!


Monday Club to enjoy Celebration of Music

The Monday Club will meet July 7 at the Salado United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. The program will be "Celebration in Music" presented by Lisa Clements. All ladies are invited.



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Women's Ministry raises \$9,500

The third annual fundraiser for the Women's Ministry Group at Salado United Methodist Church was held on Sunday, June 22 at Tenroc Ranch in Salado and attended by about 120 people from the church and community. A steak dinner was provided by Elite Catering of Salado while guests listened to Broadway Show Tunes played by pianist Dave Edwards from Dallas.

Guests participated in both live and silent auctions and a raffle of two tickets on Southwest Air-



Ann and Dave Gardner welcome Glenn Barton (center) to Celebration 2008: New York, New York.

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Power Lab VBS held July 7-11

This summer Salado United Methodist Church will be oozing with Bible adventures at Power Lab. This Vacation Bible School program will provide fun, memorable Bible-learning activities for kids of all ages. Each day kids will sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, nibble Test Tube Treats, take

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Power Lab is an exciting way for everyone to learn more about God's

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Finale—a celebration that gets all participants involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join us daily for this special time at 11:35 a.m.

Power Lab begins on Monday, July 7, and continues through Friday, July 11. Meet at Salado United Methodist Church, 650 Royal Street, each day from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Children who are 4 years old through

completion of 5th grade are invited to join us—register today. For more information call SUMC at 947-5482.

Obituaries

Rosemary Adams services held July 3 at Heartfield

Services for Rosemary M. Adams, 96, of Salado were held July 3 at Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton. Rev. Barton Carter and Rev. Billy Borho officiated. Burial followed in Resthaven Cemetery. She passed away June 30 in a Taylor Hospital.

She was born December 17, 1911 in Oglesby, Texas to Edward S. and Mary Alice Russell Fellers. She married Marshall Adams December 18, 1936 in Moffatt, Texas. She was a homemaker and member of the Victory Baptist Church in Cedar Valley. She was preceded in death by her husband and one son Michael Adams.

She is survived by three daughters, Barbara Joann Walker of Temple, Pansy Lange of Bartlett and Gale Sellers of Salado; one brother, Walter J. Fellers of Salado; eight grandchildren, sixteen great-grand-

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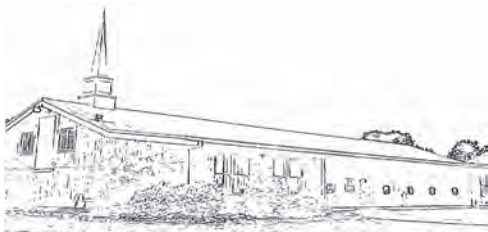
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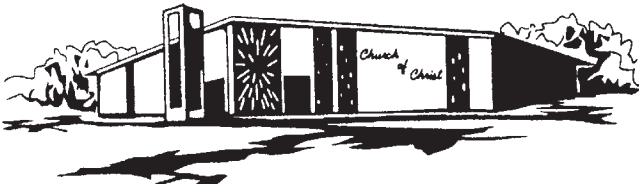


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August 6	"And Lead Us Not Into Temptation"	Randy Daughery (Belton)
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Summer is great time for Texas barbecue

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As the temperature hovers around 100 degrees and we get ready for the fireworks of the Fourth of July, we gather around the altar of American celebration.

The barbecue pit. The smell of wood permeates most American celebrations of the Fourth of July as hot dogs, sirloin and brisket are offered up in sacrifice.

The Fourth and the grill are rites of summer.

Few know those rites as well as Johnny and Josh Bratton, owners of Johnny's Steaks and Barbecue in Salado, a restaurant the father and son have owned since 2001.

Every day, they go through the ritual of preparing the pit and the grill with mesquite wood.

Then, they serve some of the best barbecue, steaks and burgers you might find in this area.

And with the onset of



Johnny and Josh Bratton

summer, Johnny's Steaks and Barbecue has unveiled the opening of their pit barbecue on weekends.

Now you can go up and pick your meat to carry off, whether it is brisket, sirloin, ribs sausage or chicken.

And the great thing about Johnny's is that you can pretend their mesquite smoked meat is yours.

Johnny's has been catering and delivering

their unique barbecue and steaks to groups and gatherings for over a decade.

Father-son partners Johnny and Josh Bratton established Johnny's Steaks & Bar-Be-Que on March 25, 2001. Johnny has been involved in the restaurant industry since 1980. He established Johnny's Texas Style Bar-Be-Que in 1992 in Killeen, Texas.

After buying what was

then known as Lucy's Place barbecue and running both Killeen and Salado establishments for a year, Bratton sold the Killeen establishment to focus all his efforts towards Salado.

Josh grew up in the restaurant industry and is the first to tell you it is definitely in his blood.

Both Johnny and Josh graduated from Texas A&M University, class of '70 and '01 respectively.

"We take pride in being a family run business. From moms to wives, and siblings to in-laws, everybody helps in making Johnny's what it is today," Johnny said.

From the time you step in the establishment, you gather an understanding for what Texas and, more importantly, Texas barbecue is truly about.

With Aggie flags and antlers decorating the ceiling to the signatures on the wall to the bumper stickers on the door, the restaurant surrounds you with bits and pieces of Texas.

"We pride ourselves on fresh, cooked to order food and southern hospitality," Bratton said "Johnny's girls certainly know how to make you feel at home."

They specialize in Mesquite Grilled Steaks and Texas Pit BBQ.

"Our steaks are hand cut and cooked to order," Bratton said, adding that "I cut them and Josh grills 'em. Our barbecue is cooked fresh daily and served with all the trimmings. From homemade hamburgers to Friday night catfish, we aim to fill every appetite we meet."

Johnny's recently filled the appetite for Texas barbecue of the First Family and their newest addition, the family of Henry Hager. When the Hagers chose Salado for the pre-wedding festivities, Johnny's catered a Texas-style barbecue lunch on the grounds of Old Salado Springs Celebration Center in May.

"We provide full service catering with a wide array of menu items from barbecue to mesquite grilled steaks," Bratton said. "On site catering is always available or you can check out Johnny's Texas Banquet Hall for your next event."

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2008 Calendar of Events for Salado

JULY 3
Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m., 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting is open to the public. Agenda posted 72 hours prior to meeting.

JULY 3
Salado American Business Woman's Association meeting, 6:15 p.m. third floor of Holiday Inn Express. Call 947-8610.

JULY 4
Fourth of July Picnic with entertainment, 6 p.m. at Pace Park. Hosted by Salado Historical Society. Community Chorus will perform. Community is invited. Bring a side dish or salad to share with others.

JULY 4-AUG. 23
Salado Silver Spur Melodrama IV: "Perry's Hatter is Up the Creek." Performances are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings and 2 p.m. Saturday matinees. Come boo the villain and cheer the hero as the Spurald Players once again bring an original play and silent movie to the stage and screen of the Salado Silver Spur Theater. Special showing on July 4 starts at 5 p.m. Click on www.saladosilverspur.com for more information.

JULY 7
Salado Historical Society board of directors meeting, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center.

JULY 8
Salado Rotary Club luncheon meeting, 11 a.m., Stagecoach Inn Restaurant.

JULY 8
Salado Community Emergency Responders Team (CERT), 7 p.m., Municipal Building. Volunteers are sought.

JULY 9
Salado Lions Club, 11 a.m. Salado Civic Center.

JULY 10
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. social, 10:30 a.m. business meeting, Salado Civic Center.

JULY 10
Teen Computer Class at Salado Public Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Publisher Basics.

JULY 11
Salado Lil' Eagles Football parents meeting at 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Practices will begin in August for players ages 7-12. For more information call Nikole Hill 512-633-4536, Dena Wales, 947-5621 or Linda Thoreson 947-9454.

JULY 14
Salado Democrats, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center. Any interested Democrats are invited to attend and become involved.

JULY 14
Salado Masonic Lodge stated meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge located on Church St. behind First State Bank. Officer installation will be open to visitors.

JULY 14-17
Football Camp 1, 8:30-10:30 a.m., \$50, Incoming seventh through ninth graders. Call 947-6977 or email jeff.cheatham@saladoisd.org.

JULY 14-17
Football Camp 2, 1-3 p.m. \$50, Incoming third through sixth graders. Call 947-6977 or email jeff.cheatham@saladoisd.org.

JULY 14-17
Junior cheerleader camp, 9 a.m.-noon. Incoming kindergarten through sixth graders. \$50. Call 947-6900, ext. 2211 or email kimberly.boaz@saladoisd.org.

JULY 15
Salado Rotary Club luncheon meeting, 11 a.m., Stagecoach Inn Restaurant.

JULY 16
Noon Book Review at the Library.

JULY 17
Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m., 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting is open to the public. Agenda posted 72 hours prior to meeting.

JULY 17
Summer Book Talks

and Poetry Readings at the Library, various readers. 7-7:50 p.m. Everyone is invited to take part.

JULY 19, 26, AUG. 2
16th Annual production of Salado Legends – Tablerock Festival of Salado, Inc. Dinner at 7:15 p.m. - \$8 Adult or Child (catered meal is optional, reservations required) Theater at 8:15 p.m. \$17 Adult \$5 Child. Texas' favorite outdoor musical drama with cast & crew of over 150! Where history, legend and memories meet to weave the legends of the Tonkawa Indians, the dreams of Spanish explorers and the hopes of the Scottish settlers into a panoramic tale. Written by Salado playwright/lyricist Jackie Mills and directed by Donnie Williams. Information: 254-947-9205 or www.tablerock.org. E-mail: tablerock1@aol.com.

JULY 21
Salado Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center. Meeting is open to the public.

JULY 22
Salado Rotary Club luncheon meeting, 11 a.m., Stagecoach Inn Restaurant.

JULY 23
Salado Lions Club, 11 a.m. Salado Civic Center.

JULY 26
First State Bank Home Loan, all you want to know about reverse mortgage 10 a.m.-noon RSVP 888-231-8840

Central Texas Area Museum Membership Tea, 3-5 p.m. in the CTAM Scots'

Halls of the Clans, 423 S. Main St. An introduction of the current executive board, board members.

JULY 28-31
Volleyball Camp 1, 9 a.m.-noon. \$50. Incoming sixth through eighth graders. Call 947-6900, ext. 1304 or email bree.holz-gonzales@saladoisd.org.

JULY 28-31
Volleyball Camp 2, 1:30-4:30 p.m. \$50. Incoming ninth graders. Call 947-6900, ext. 1304 or email bree.holz-gonzales@saladoisd.org.

JULY 29
Salado Rotary Club luncheon meeting, 11 a.m., Stagecoach Inn Restaurant.

JULY 31
Teen Computer Class at Salado Public Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Internet security.

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 14
Teen Computer Class at Salado Public Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Internet etiquette: Myspace Myths and Realities.

AUGUST 20
Noon Book Review at Salado Public Library.

AUGUST 21
Summer Book Talks and Poetry Readings at Salado Public Library, various readers. 7-7:50 p.m.

AUGUST 23
Salado Athletic Booster Club Annual Reverse Raffle. Salado High School. Max Heiner is Chairperson, 254-947-1192.

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

SEPTEMBER 16
Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas, luncheon meeting, 1:30 p.m. Ambrosia Tea Room on Main Street.

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

OCTOBER 7
Saladobration, the annual fund raiser for the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS); 6:30 p.m., Creekside at Inn on the Creek.

OCTOBER 10-11
Christmas in October at Salado Civic Center.

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

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

OCTOBER 15
Community prayer breakfast, 7-8:30 a.m., Salado United Methodist Church, Royal Street, Sponsored by Salado Area Republican Women.

OCTOBER 21
Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas, luncheon meeting, 1:30 p.m. Ambrosia Tea Room on Main Street.

OCTOBER 22-24
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Diabolical duplicity

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Declarer can employ deception whenever he feels the need to do so, since his plays cannot fool his partner, the dummy. The defenders, however, do not have this luxury. If they indulge in deception, they run the risk of mis-leading each other.

Nevertheless, situations do arise where a defender can attempt to dupe declarer because he knows that his plays cannot affect his partner. Today's deal provides a case in point.

The queen of diamonds held the first trick, and the jack was continued. East overtook the jack with the king and played the ace. West had to choose a discard, but instead of routinely pitching a heart or a club, he ruffed his partner's ace and returned a heart!

Declarer won in dummy and, having already lost three tricks, needed to take the rest. With no losers in either side suit, his only concern was a possible trump loser.

Because of West's play, South thought he knew the trump position. Since West had voluntarily ruffed his partner's trick, and presumably would not have done so if he held the queen of spades, the missing lady "had to be" with East. So at trick five, declarer cashed the ace of spades, but received a rude jolt when East showed out on the next round. Down one.

It cannot be stated unequivocally that West's clever play defeated the contract -- left to his own devices, declarer might have misguessed how to handle the spades anyway. However, since the play to the first three tricks would reveal that West started with only two diamonds, there is a good chance South would have finessed West for the queen and so made the contract. West must therefore be given full credit for presenting declarer with the maximum opportunity to go wrong.

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Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	A 10 8 3		
♥	A Q		
♦	10 8 4		
♣	A K Q 9		
WEST		EAST	
♠	Q 7 4 2	♠	6
♥	J 8 5 4	♥	10 9 7 6
♦	Q J	♦	A K 9 5 2
♣	7 6 3	♣	8 4 2
SOUTH			
♠	K J 9 5		
♥	K 3 2		
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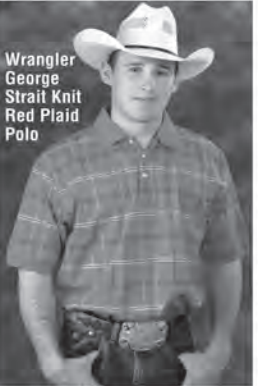
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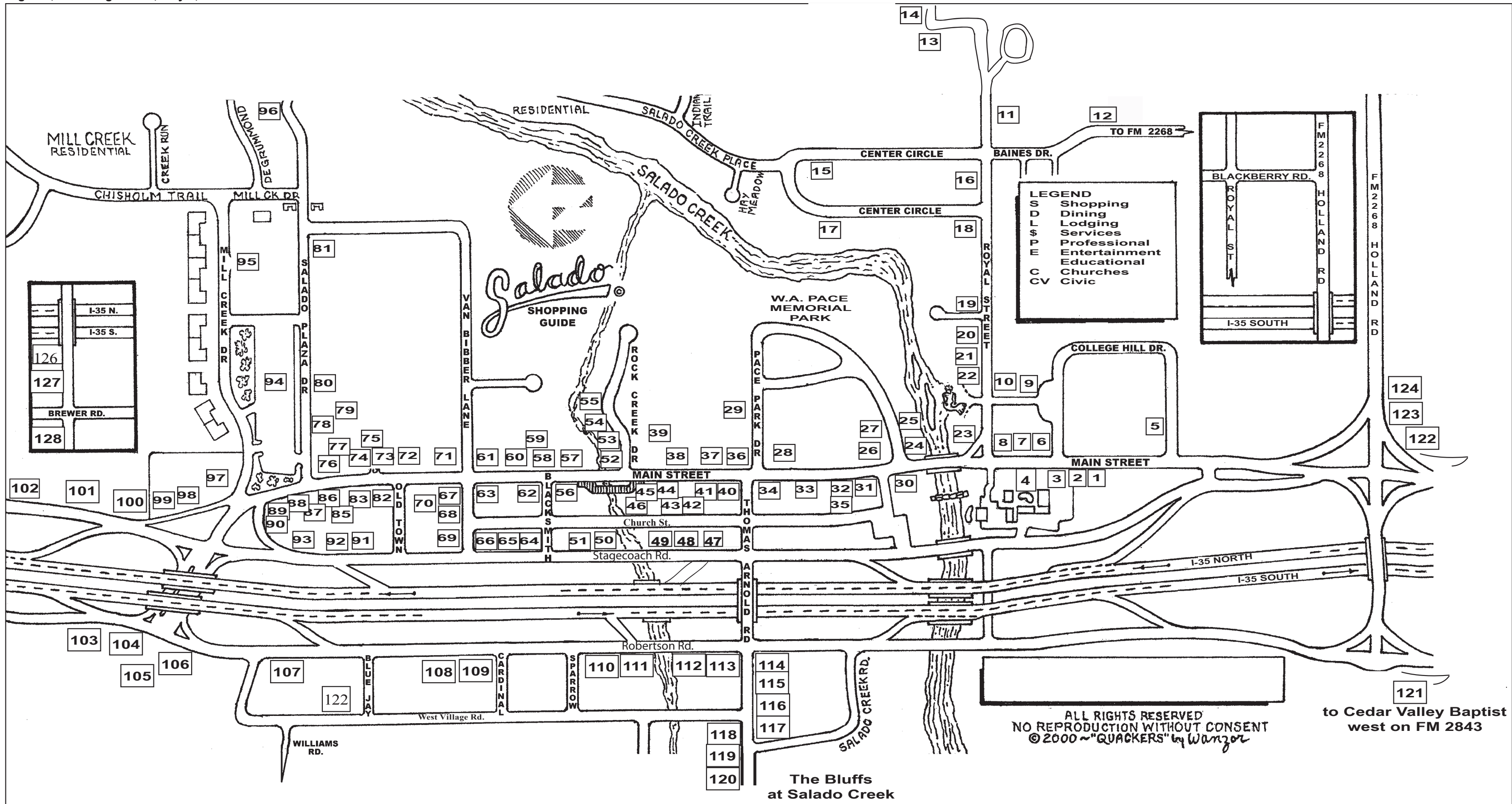
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Chicken Dog visits library

By Karen Kinnison

Summer has arrived with a slam. Can you imagine what is going to be like in August? Luckily, all is cool and comfortable inside your library and we have lots of good stuff to keep you inside and entertained.

In spite of the heat, our fabulous volunteer Ruth Dodd has managed to make a lovely summer garden in front that makes us so happy when we walk up the sidewalk. Thank you Ruth and helpers.

Well, the Texas Summer Reading program is over and went out with a hoot and a holler with the infamous Chicken Dog. Miss Emmy is as limp as a dishrag but she did a wonderful job and the kiddos (and staff) had a great time. But keep on bringing those kids in here as we still have Monday story time at 11 a.m. with Miss Emmy (when she recovers.)

Miss Lainie has set up a section of graphic novels for the kids. Be sure to look for them on the bookshelf outside of the youth room. There are also computer classes for teens on Thursday nights at 6:30 a.m. And, as adult coordinator, Miss Lainie is organizing a "Classics Book Club" for adults for the fall. On Thursday night July 17, there will be another poetry reading from both Patsy Sanford and her guest Austinite Thom Woodruff, the "world poet."

And---please don't forget the Noon Book Review with the inimitable Betsy Tyson, Uber-Bebe of our granddaughter Audrey; star of the Silver Spur; Goddess of Roy T's bakery--and so much more! She will be reviewing the terrific new book "Girls Like Us: Carole King, Joni Mitchell, Carly Simon—and the Journey of a Generation" by Sheila Weller. Read my lips----don't miss this!

Here are a few more new books to look for:

Fiction:
"Fearless Fourteen" by Janet Evanovich

"Do you Plum?" The 14th Stephanie Plum bounty hunter adventure is filled, as usual, with strange characters; lots of potatoes; plenty of Lula, Grandma, and "the guys" (ahem), of course, who keep Stephanie "plumming". Lots of laughs.

"Sail" by James Patterson: A widow makes a last ditch effort to save her family. It turns into the worst vacation ever. Written with blistering pace and shocking twists, Sail takes "Lost" and "Sur-

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"The Immortal Prince" by Jennifer Fallon: Reviewers give high marks to Fallon's compelling characters in this first of a sci-fi series called "Tide Lords." Fallon begins this complex epic asking the question of how an Immortal, tired of immortality, might find his way to death?

"But Not For Love" by Edwin "Bud" Shrake: An oldie from the great Bud Shrake, author of Borderlands. This Texas Traditions Series reprint takes us back to the Lone Star State during the Cold War at the beginnings of the 1960's. The novel paints an accurate picture of Texas as it moves in the urban era.

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Time spent waiting on a train

I sat for an hour just outside the train station in Texarkana listening to train sounds. It was a quiet, still night and the sounds were clear and solid and carried well in the dark. I heard squeaks, groans, crashes, explosions as well as high frequency beeps, whistles and sustained whines as the train cars rumbled slowly over the tracks, getting ready to make their journeys across the country.

I was there waiting for my wife Susan, who had boarded Amtrak's Texas Eagle in Dallas that afternoon. The train was late, so rather than go back to the motel and wait, I decided to wait by the tracks. It was a pleasant hour. I had been interviewing all that hot day in Longview and Marshall and was ready to relax.

Texarkana's Union Station is on Stateline Avenue, meaning the Arkansas-Texas border bisects the center of the railroad complex. When the Texas Eagle stops in Texarkana, the west end of the train is in Texas and the east end is in Arkansas.

The last time I was in Texarkana, I went there by train. I was in a group of travel writers who went round trip Dallas to Texarkana on a familiarization

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tour. We spent a couple of days learning about things the city has to offer, which is quite a lot. It is an extremely cultural city. Ross Perot is from there and has made some meaningful contributions to his hometown.

Train travel, to me, is the most civilized way to get from one place to another. I'm glad Amtrak is providing rail travel as an option to cars, buses or airlines. Train ridership is up substantially since the price of gasoline has gone sky-high.

My wife was traveling with our five-year-old grandson Caleb, who is, at an early age, already a train nut. He has four or five sets of trains and all the things that go with them. When he comes to see us, we always take him to the train yard so he can see (or at least hear) trains. We've been real lucky. Most of the times we go there, we see a train either pull in to a stop or pass by within five minutes after our arrival. Only once have we not seen a moving train.

Susan and Caleb had a compartment on the train and lived it up. They had dinner in the dining car. Caleb thought this was the very best thing that had ever happened to him. He kept telling Susan, "Amtrak is the best."

While on board, they played with the closet, the curtains, the table and all the rest of the amenities in the compartment. They also put a Sponge

Bob Square Pants puzzle together about a dozen times.

They met some interesting dinner guests and exchanged contact information with intentions of getting together with them again. When Caleb got sleepy after dinner, he climbed into his bed, which the porter had made ready. I was afraid he might not be awake when the train pulled into the station, but he was fully alert and the first one off the train. He ran into my arms, giddy with his experience on the train. He did have fun. We'll have another Amtrak trip. Next time, I'll get to go, too.

Tourism Tidbit

By DEBBIE CHARBONNEAU
TOURISM DIRECTOR

The Tourism Department would like to let the community know what is happening, so we are going to be doing a weekly information update. We hope that you enjoy reading this and as always if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Debbie Charbonneau, Tourism Director, at 947-8634 or saladotourism@vvm.com or any of the Tourism Council members listed below.

The mission of the Village of Salado Tourism Council is to improve the economic base of the community by marketing Salado as a premier tourism destination to individuals and groups and the following Tourism Council members work very hard at achieving this goal. The Tourism Council members are John Anderson, Chair; Charlotte Douglass, Co-Chair; Will Lowery, Margaret Murray, Suzanne Petro, Char-

lie Turnbo, Ronnie Tynes, June Willingham and Larry Wolfe.

The members, appointed by the Board of Aldermen, are to serve two three-year staggered terms, serving no more than six years in total.

The Tourism Department has monthly meetings and would like to inform the public and if you would like to attend, let Debbie know as some of them are lunch meetings. With that being said mark your July calendar for the following dates:

Tuesday, July 15, 2008
Tourism Council 8:30 a.m.
Municipal Building
Thursday, July 24, 2008
Lodging Lunch noon
Civic Center Monday,
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\$364,700. 980 Thomas Arnold Rd., Salado. 4 BR home on 2.15 acres close to Salado schools. Open kitchen with updated granite countertops.



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\$275,021: 1607 Old Mill Rd., Salado. In the heart of Mill Creek. 3 BR, 2.5 BA home with 3 living areas. Hardwood floors. Sunroom overlooks landscaped back yard.



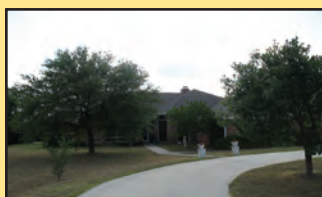
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\$228,021: 8221 Mountain Dr., Salado. 3 BR, 2 BA home in Woods of Salado with windows along back wall to view wildlife on 2.3 wooded acres. 20 x 30 workshop.



\$218,721: 494 Quail Ridge, Salado. Private setting on 5 acres in Black Coach Ranch. 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 dining room home in a lovely neighborhood. Workshop in back yard.



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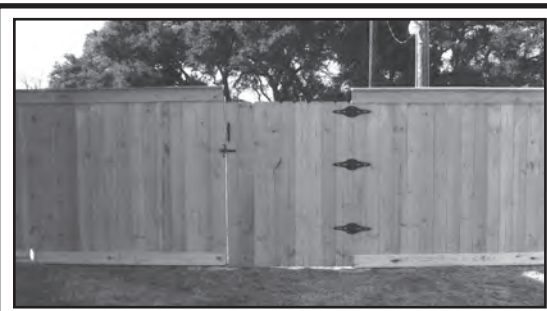
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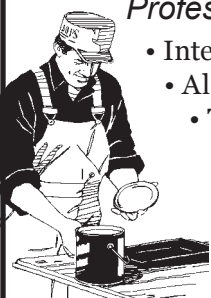
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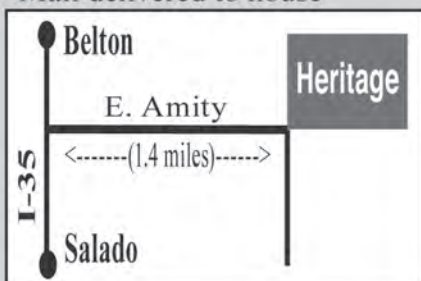


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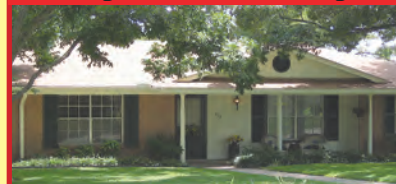
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Biodegradable corn-based plastic and hydrogen fueled vehicles discussed as alternatives

Dear EarthTalk: What are the environmental pros and cons of corn-based plastic as an alternative to conventional petroleum-based plastic?

-- Laura McInnes, Glasgow, Scotland

Polylactic acid (PLA), a plastic substitute made from fermented plant starch (usually corn) is quickly becoming a popular alternative to traditional petroleum-based plastics. As more and more countries and states follow the lead of China, Ireland, South Africa, Uganda and San Francisco in banning plastic grocery bags responsible for so much so-called “white pollution” around the world, PLA is poised to play a big role as a viable, biodegradable replacement.

Proponents also tout the use of PLA—which

is technically “carbon neutral” in that it comes from renewable, carbon-absorbing plants—as yet another way to reduce our emissions of greenhouse gases in a quickly warming world. PLA also will not emit toxic fumes when incinerated.

But critics say that PLA is far from a panacea for dealing with the world’s plastic waste problem. For one, although it does biodegrade, it does so very slowly. According to Elizabeth Royte, writing in Smithsonian, PLA may well break down into its constituent parts (carbon dioxide and water) within three months in a “controlled composting environment,” that is, an industrial composting facility heated to 140 degrees Fahrenheit and fed a steady diet of digestive microbes. But it will take



far longer in a compost bin or in a landfill packed so tightly that no light and little oxygen are available to assist in the process. Indeed, analysts estimate that a PLA bottle could take anywhere from 100



A cup made from PLA, plastic made from corn-starch.
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to 1,000 years to decompose in a landfill.

Another issue with PLA is that, because it is of different origin than regular plastic, it must be kept separate when recycled, lest it contaminate the recycling stream. Being plant-based, PLA needs to head to a composting facility, not a recycling facility, per se, when it has out served its usefulness. And that points to another problem: There are presently only 113 industrial-grade composting facilities across the U.S.

Another downside of PLA is that it is typically made from genetically modified corn, at least in the U.S. The largest producer of PLA in the world is NatureWorks, a subsidiary of Cargill, which is the world’s largest provider of genetically modified corn seed. With increasing demand for corn to make ethanol fuel let alone PLA, it’s no wonder that Cargill and others have been tampering with genes to produce higher yields. But the future costs to the environment and human health of genetic modification are still largely unknown and could be very high.

While PLA has promise as an alternative to conventional plastic once the means of disposal are worked out, grocery shoppers could do well to by simply switch to reusable containers, from cloth bags, baskets and backpacks for grocery shopping (most chains now sell canvas bags for less than a dollar apiece) to safe, reusable (non-plastic) bottles for beverages. As for other types of PLA items—such as those plastic “clamshells” that hold cut fruit (and there is a whole host of industrial and medical products now made from PLA)—there is no reason to pass them by. But until


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the kinks are worked out on the disposal and reprocessing end, PLA may not be much better than the plain old plastic it's designed to make obsolete.

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Dear EarthTalk: How is it that hydrogen can replace oil to run our cars? There seems to be a lot of controversy over whether hydrogen can really be generated and stored in such a way to be practical?

-- **Stephane Kuziora, Thunder Bay, ON**

The jury is still out on whether hydrogen will ultimately be our environmental savior, replacing the fossil fuels responsible for global warming and various nagging forms of pollution. Two main hurdles stand in the way of mass production and widespread consumer adoption of hydrogen "fuel cell" vehicles: the still high cost of producing fuel cells, and the lack of a hydrogen refueling network.

Reining in manufacturing costs of fuel cell vehicles is the first major issue the automakers are addressing. While several have fuel cell prototype vehicles on the road—Toyota and Honda are even leasing them to the public in Japan and California—they are spending upwards of \$1 million to produce each one due to the advanced technology involved and low production runs. Toyota hopes to reduce its costs per fuel cell vehicle to around \$50,000 by 2015, which would make such cars economically viable in the marketplace. On this side of the Pacific, General Motors plans to sell hydrogen-powered vehicles in the U.S. by 2010.

Another problem is the lack of hydrogen refueling stations. Major oil companies have been loathe to set up hydrogen tanks at existing gas stations for many reasons ranging from safety to cost to lack



Nissan's hydrogen-fueled X-TRAIL FCV fuel cell vehicle.
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of demand. But obviously the oil companies are also trying to keep customers interested in their highly profitable bread-and-butter, gasoline. A more likely scenario is what is emerging in California, where some 38 independent hydrogen fuel stations are located around the state as part of a network created by the non-profit California Fuel Cell Partnership, a consortium of automakers, state and federal agencies and other parties interested in furthering hydrogen fuel cell technologies.

The benefits of ditching fossil fuels for hydrogen are many, or course. Burning fossil fuels like coal, natural gas and oil to heat and cool our buildings and run our vehicles takes a heavy toll on the environment, contributing significantly to both local problems like elevated particulate levels and global ones like a warming climate. The only by-product of running a hydrogen-powered fuel cell is oxygen and a trickle of water, neither of which will cause any harm to human health or the environment.

But right now 95 percent of the hydrogen available in the U.S. is either extracted from fossil fuels or made using electrolytic processes powered by fossil fuels, thus negating any real emissions savings or reduction in fossil fuel usage. Only if renewable energy sources—solar, wind and others—can be harnessed to provide the energy to process hydrogen fuel can the dream of a truly clean hydrogen fuel be realized.

Stanford University researchers in 2005

assessed the environmental effects of three different hydrogen sources:

coal, natural gas, and water electrolysis powered by wind. They concluded that we'd lower greenhouse gas emissions more by driving gasoline/electric hybrid cars than by driving fuel cell cars run on hydrogen from coal. Hydrogen made using natural gas would fare a little bit better in terms of pollution output, while making it from wind power would be a slam-dunk for the environment.

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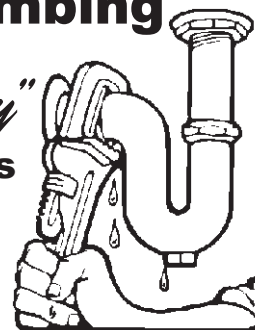
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Commercial site on west side of I-35 in Belton. 0.8 acre with building, **\$125,000.**

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