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Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno greets Bob Dewhurst as Dewhurst's wife Arline looks on.



Jackie Mills and Troy Kelley are shown above with the addition of the catfish bronze at Sirena. Mills' daughters Nancy Mills Mackey and Susan Humiston commissioned the bronze that was created by Kelley as an accompaniment to Sirena. It was a gift to Mills on her 75th birthday. Mills wrote "Sirena of Salado," a children's book about the legend of Sirena in 1992 and incorporated the tale into Salado Legends. Sirena was given to the Village and placed in the creek by Kelley in 1986.

## Not out of woods

### Troop surge has had great effect, Odierno says, but more is left to do

By TIM FLEISCHER  
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Al Qaeda in Iraq (AQI) and the Shia extremist militias do not want the government in Iraq to succeed.

"They want to have an influence on the government," said Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno to over 100 Saladoans gathered at the Salado Church of Christ Activities Center July 10 for a joint meeting of the Salado Lions and Salado Rotary clubs.

"They want to establish a Caliphate in Iraq," Gen. Odierno told the group two hours before the Senate voted to confirm him for promotion to a four-star General and to take command of the Multi-National Corps in Iraq.

He returned from Iraq with the III Corps earlier this year and will return to command the MNC in Iraq this fall.

He spoke to the group of Saladoans about the

conditions in Iraq in late 2006 before the build-up of additional troops, the conditions in Iraq after the build-up began to have dramatic effect and the future of Iraq.

Using a graphic presentation, the general showed the audience how the use of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), the number of civilian deaths and casualties and the number of military deaths and casualties had grown following the toppling of Saddam Hussein's government to a peak before the addition of troops in late 2006 and continuing through 2007 when those figures began to decline to the levels of 2003 and 2004.

In some areas, the general noted, the numbers are as low as they have ever been, including during the celebratory months following the toppling of Hussein from power, before the sectarian violence began to erupt in Baghdad and other hot spots in Iraq.

"We have made signifi-

cant progress in the last 18 months," Gen. Odierno said. "However, we are not out of the woods yet in spite of the significant progress.

He said that the average Iraqi citizen does not want the sectarian violence that is tearing at his home and nation.

"He wants security," Gen. Odierno said. "We have to secure the general population," in order for the general public to trust American troops and support them in their goal of establishing a safe, secure stable and self-governing Iraqi state.

"They need services," he said, such as adequate electricity, safe water, transportation, treatment of waste and health.

"They need jobs," he said.

"They want a nation that is based upon the rule-of-law," he said.

Following the devastation of the invasion of Iraq and the destruction of much of the infrastructure

in Iraq and in Baghdad in particular, there was a gap between what existed and what the average Iraqi citizen wanted.

"The government at that time could not fill the gap," Gen. Odierno said. Al Qaeda Sunni and the Shia extremists tried to take advantage of the disaffected citizens to increase the gap and to try to cause the government in Iraq to fail.

With support from outside the nation, Al Qaeda Sunni were able to secure strongholds throughout Baghdad.

"They were getting reinforcements from outside," Gen. Odierno said, adding that the surge in troop numbers allowed the MNC to cut off those reinforcement and choke the strongholds.

"We have captured many of their leaders," he said, adding that the MNC, working with Iraqi troops, has helped to stop the flow of support to them (AQI) in the city.

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## Moving on up

Trae Liller and Clayton Whitmire are two of Salado High School athletes to help unload desks at the new Salado High School campus. At left, Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Jeff Cheatham lugs a desk into the school.



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# FORUM

## An Open Exchange of Ideas



### The Global Warming Bubble

Rarely has so much hectoring produced so little.

After all the magazine covers, celebrity sermonizing and U.N.-certified-expert hand-wringing, the fight against global warming got a real-world test in the U.S. Senate in the debate over a proposal to limit carbon emissions through a cap-and-trade system. After a small dose of the argument, supporters of the proposal couldn't wait to drop it. It was leading opponent Mitch McConnell, the Republican Senate minority leader, who declared he'd be happy to talk about cap-and-trade for a month.

As an indirect tax on carbon, cap-and-trade would increase energy prices when people are already straining under \$4-a-gallon gas. Even a political naif -- which McConnell assuredly is not -- would realize the benefit of hanging the proposal around its supporters' necks. Lately, we've seen the tech and housing bubbles burst, and now -- at least as an urgent political issue -- the global warming bubble is getting pricked.

Let's count the ways: First, those gas prices. They are just one way that the soaring price of oil has put a crimp in the standard of living of Americans. They have little taste for seeing it crimped more, and why should they? The cost-benefit analysis of battling global warming is never going to make sense for Americans.

The places that would be hurt by global warming tend to be warm, wet and low-lying. Think Bangladesh. For the U.S., warming isn't much of a threat. So, stringent measures against global warming are really a massive foreign-aid program, but an intangible and speculative one. If the predicted warming materializes, people living in faraway countries a century from now may be adversely affected -- in short, a theoretical benefit to people as yet unborn.

Until then, our consciences should rest easy, given the \$20 billion annu-

### Rich Lowry



ally we spend on development assistance, including billions of dollars fighting AIDS, malaria and other diseases affecting people whose suffering isn't theoretical.

Second, there's China. It has passed the U.S. as the world's leading emitter of carbon dioxide, and it accounted for two-thirds of the increase in the world's emissions in 2007. Global action against global warming makes little sense without China taking part, and it won't.

Finally, there's the global cooling spell. The world hasn't been warming since 1998, and an article in the journal *Nature* says warming won't pick up again until 2015. The stall in temperatures shows how little we know about global warming. It means that the .3 degrees Celsius increase in global temperatures predicted during the next decade by the U.N.'s much-vaunted Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change may not happen.

No matter what the price of gas is, the most sensible U.S. policy is to avoid costly schemes to fight global warming. If our economy keeps growing, we will be better positioned -- richer, and more technologically proficient -- to help others mitigate its effects decades from now.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid huffs that global warming is "the most critical issue of our time." Really? More critical than energy prices? Than health care? Than wages? Than terrorism? Than nuclear proliferation? Keep huffing, Mr. Reid -- that deflating bubble needs all the air it can get.

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

### News from the political front indicates economy burning while pols fiddle around

For those brave souls in our midst who worry about the state of our politics and economy, and yet continue fearlessly to read their daily newspapers and watch TV newscasts, we salute you! We also bet each of you subscribes to the notion that "If it weren't for bad news - there wouldn't be much news at all!"

Not wanting this column to be tagged with a completely "bewildered" label, we've decided to once again "try" to unscramble the administration's ongoing "fiddling" while our economy burns.

We've pulled out a few of the more flagrant examples of political "excesses" from the ongoing misadventures on the Presidential frontline; items that seemingly indicate our "bushwhackers" have been out playing "blind man's buff" again.

First came the blazing headlines, from the G8 summit in Japan, that Bush had signed, with the other globalists, an agreement to "cut greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2050."

The good news is that by signing the agreement, Bush has (finally) admitted there is such a thing as "greenhouse gas emissions." The bad news is that he and the other Pooh-Bahs artfully added an escape hatch - **the agreement is non-binding!**

**Another story - same day, related subject, different paper.** VP Dick Cheney was charged with having deleted parts of a congressional testimony presented (late last year) by the head of the Center for Disease Control, that **tied greenhouse gases to global warming and thereby creating a "direct" and dangerous link to the health of "all" Americans.**

The senior EPA advisor, who prepared the global warming section of the CDC talk, admitted last week, before a Capital Hill news conference, that his findings had been deleted by the Vice President.

The head of CDC also acknowledged that changes were made by Cheney's office. **And folks - that's not just a CYA ploy - it's hovering close to a criminal act of "illegally tampering with testimony" dealing with the health and well being of citizens. And, that's information required (by law) to be presented to Congress!**

#### MORE POLITICAL SHENANIGANS

We've also noted that during Alberto Gonzales' AG tour at the Justice Department - prospective attorneys were "vetted" to be sure they would be loyal Bush partisans. Later, a number of JD attorneys were fired for allegedly failing to stay hitched to the "Bush-think-right" team.

**All these (and a myriad of others) add up to pure and simple "executive arrogance" (or worse) by the current administration, to purposely degrade the Constitution's doctrine of "separation of powers." The once revered system of "checks and balance" between Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of government.**

#### EDICTS CAN'T STOP COUNTDOWN

Thank goodness there's no way the Bushmen can (by executive edict) stop the clock from running. The countdown stands today at 187 days remaining, for our invisible "Compassionate Conservatism" and the very visible "executive autonomy" to reign, before the "changing of the guard!"

### Off the Record by Ken Clapp



#### THOSE OBNOXIOUS PHONE CALLS

Have you noticed the increase in telephone solicitations in recent weeks? Perhaps caused by the faltering economy or maybe the raging battle for president that's nearing the "down and dirty" level?

We've chosen the latter, since most folks have blamed everything else on this year's long running political theater - so why not hang the hated phone calls on either one (or both) of the men running for President?

Bet they could spin a hundred sermons explaining why they're innocent, and the other guy is the villain!

One thing's certain, you can't completely stop these phone calls that invariably come at eating, napping, and/or special TV watching times. They are mostly electronic voices, which I often find myself talking to for a few seconds, before realizing my foolhardiness. And when I actually get to converse with a human voice and say "no" or "stop bothering me" - **I get a lecture on why that was the wrong answer.**

Persistence is the name of the phone-game. Case in point: we received five calls (during one week) from the "same" company that proudly announced our car's warranty had expired, and they would be pleased to sell us an extended service policy.

When I asked what car they were talking about, they gave me the year-model number of a vehicle I had traded in three years ago! When this was brought to their attention they hung up! **But someone else called a day later - same company, same pitch!**

Quickly hanging up seems to be the best bet - along with remembering who called, for future reference.

**THIS MIGHT HELP**  
Call the Federal Trade Commission's National "Do-Not-Call" Registry  
1-888-382-1222

**WHERE DO THEY GET OUR CELL PHONE NUMBERS?**  
A number of Saladoans have complained about receiving these pesky calls on their cell phones. This is puzzling because the major wireless phone companies that we contacted, guaranteed they neither publicly list, nor give out cell phone numbers, of their customers to anyone - no exceptions! **Nevertheless - the telephone "buttinskies" do in fact have our cell-phone numbers, and we end up having to pay for their loathsome calls!**

#### AND FINALLY.....

Don't bother asking our elected officials to help with this telephone huckstering nuisance or any other problem for that matter. **Why - you ask?** Just remember that the "effectiveness" ratings given Members of Congress from recent Gallup polling has reached an unprecedented low of 12 percent! A subsequent survey (Rasmussen) placed the number at 9 percent!

**That means that 88 percent (or more) of Americans polled think these congressional "tub-thumpers" are close to useless and need to pack up and go home - for good!**

All of which confirms the fact that while our economy is burning - our "politicians are fiddling!" Shades of Nero and Rome!

That's -30-

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## Equipping our troops for the battlefield - and the future

### Capitol Update

by State Representative  
Dianne White Delisi



In 1944 the Congress passed the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, better known as the GI Bill of Rights, which rewarded World War II veterans with higher education benefits paid for by the federal government. As a result some 7.8 million returning veterans were afforded the chance to complete their education and prepare for the future – at four-year colleges, vocational schools or agricultural training programs.

The resulting efforts and enterprise of these veterans allowed the United States economy to flourish and laid the foundation for the technological, industrial and agricultural boom that would last for decades.

The men and women of today's military match the service, valor, and sacrifice of that Greatest Generation. Up until very recently, however, some of the benefits our active duty troops and veterans depend on for their education have not kept pace with rising education costs, or the needs of military families. They deserve benefits that will place a prosperous future within their grasp – whether in career military service or in the civilian job market. A substantial enhancement of our veterans' financial assistance has been long overdue.

In June, Congress passed, and the President signed into law, an emergency funding bill that included a sweeping measure to provide expanded education benefits to educate and equip our troops and veterans and their loved ones for future opportunities.

I am pleased that the legislation addressed an inequity that I have actively worked in the Senate to correct – the transferability of education benefits to veterans' family members. For more than a decade, troops and veterans have implored Congress to extend these benefits to military families. In 2005, the Army launched a pilot program allowing GI Bill funds to be transferred to the spouse of a service member with a critical skill. Although a good start, the provision was restrictive and limited transferability to a narrow group of beneficiaries.

The new GI Bill will allow a broader group of military personnel to transfer up to half of their unused benefits to their spouse or

child after six years of service and the full amount after ten years. In January, I introduced the Education Assistance Transferability Act of 2008, a separate bill that goes even further by allowing any service member – active duty, Guard or Reserve – who has paid into the GI Bill program the ability to transfer education benefits to his or her spouse or child once the service member has served six years and commits to additional service.

The revised GI Bill that passed broadens education benefits for all active duty military personnel, as well as eligible activated National Guard and Reserve members, who have paid into it and have served at least three years since September 11, 2001. Veterans may receive educational benefits along with a cost of living stipend.

The law doubles the value of education assistance, and restores today's veterans' benefits to the levels of aid that enabled World War II veterans to thrive.

The bill signed by the President also included a provision I authored to forgive VA debts that are owed by the courageous service men and women who have lost their lives in combat. Previously, the VA Secretary was required by law to notify the fallen hero's family of the outstanding debt, most commonly educational payments, and attempt to collect it. It was unconscionable to compound the grief of military families with this insensitive requirement.

Finally, this bill will fund operations in two theaters of conflict well into 2009. It will provide our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan the resources and equipment they need to complete their mission and to help safeguard our nation from the violent threat of global terrorism.

In a time of war, when our nation's servicemen and women are bravely carrying out the Global War on Terror, it is critical that lawmakers come together and stand behind our troops. With passage of this legislation, Congress has provided our outstanding military service men and women, and their families who sacrifice so much, what they need and deserve – both on the battlefield, and for their futures.



Reader agrees with Off the Record, while former Alderman encourages citizens to attend village meetings

## Your Voice

### Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Ken Clapp may have a heart attack if he reads this and discovers that Harold and I agree with nearly everything he said! (June 23 Off the Record) We take exception to price controls on oil, and he didn't mention nuclear energy which we support, but everything else is "right-on". Harold says the 55 mph won't fly, but I think we need to try it.

We agree that the tax code is a mess.

We agree that we desperately need term limits. We have inadvertently created a ruling class by allowing career politicians to stay in office forever.

As for "Pie In Sky" stuff, why don't we do something to stop never-ending political campaigns?

If Ken can organize a movement to help bring about these "difficult changes for the betterment of all", I would sign on.

Jean Teal  
difficult

Dear Editor:

Last Thursday afternoon I and four other Saladoans attended a public meeting of our Board of Aldermen and the Committee which the Board appointed to review the implementation of an Ad Valorem tax on owners of properties in Salado.

Evidently, the Board has drafted a budget with a \$140,000 shortfall for the coming FY, justifying

(they believe) a property tax (perhaps 7 or 8 cents for each \$100 valuation – each cent generates about \$20,000) to cover the deficit.

At one point in the discussion, one of the Aldermen suggested that a contingency line item should be added to the budget, allowing the Board to collect more taxes than needed so that there would be no budget cap.

I was appalled when that notion was tossed around like a beach ball with one Board member remarking that the "Public" won't object because it's the Board's prerogative to a) adopt a budget with a deficit, b) tax the "Public" to make it up, c) consider adding an amount as a padded contingency, and d) implement a tax most Saladoans don't want – no matter what the rate.

One serious consideration which the Board discussed at length was the rule that if a tax is increased by no more than 3 percent each year, the Public has no say in the matter; however if the increase is greater than 3 percent the public may participate in a referendum.

Current sales tax revenues are dipping lower than last year's taxes; therefore, the Board feels it's important to start up this new taxation without representation policy as a CYA maneuver – even though there's over \$190,000 in

the Village bank account at present.

As a member of the "Public," I contend we villagers are required to spend within our means as individuals, borrow, or go broke, and so must the Village Board of Aldermen.

It's possible I may have misunderstood the thinking of the Board and its committee, in which event I urge the Public to call Aldermen at their homes or businesses for clarification (But don't call me. I've already served my time on that Board in two short terms, and I ran on a platform of no property taxes, and I would have answered callers who disagreed with my position - but nobody ever called to say let's have a city tax).

Or attend the next meeting of the Board and express indignation that the Board thinks they know better than the Public what's good for the Public. Surely the Board will heed their constituency. Surely! I know that dad-gummed budget can be balanced, but this is my last letter on the subject. If the Public accepts the judgement of the Board, they and I must pay for it.

Incidentally, I must sincerely commend new Alderman Steve Peters for his good judgment, restraint, and preparation at that meeting when urging the Board to be prudent and responsible.

He's a keeper!  
Ramon Carver

## The Media retreat from Iraq



Jim  
Hightower

Ho-hum. The war. Such a bore. After six years, the media is fatigued with the story. As a CBS news producer put it: "One guy in uniform looks like any other guy in uniform." Yeah, so why cover that?

And, indeed, America's three big TV networks have quietly been executing their own staged withdrawal from Iraq. The evening newscasts of ABC, CBS and NBC – where the great majority of Americans say they get their "news" -- have massively scaled back their coverage of Bush's ongoing disaster in the desert. In the first half of this year, the total time devoted to Iraq by all three networks was only 181 minutes – out of approximately 11,000 minutes of airtime available.

Is nothing going on over there? No, nothing's happening – unless you count the constant deaths and maimings of American troops, the shelling out of three billion of our tax dollars every week, the everyday arrogance of America's corporate mercenaries, the squandering of our country's integrity and reputation, the endless deaths of Iraqi civilians, the collapse of civil society, the bitter sectarian divides, the move by Big Oil to grab Iraq's reserves of crude, and the administration's ceaseless use of censorship, propaganda, and lies to control the news from Iraq.

Gosh, you'd think that enterprising journalists might pull a story or two a day out of that soup. But doing so would require – whatdoyoucallem? Oh yeah, reporters. CBS, however, no longer keeps even one full-time reporter on the Iraq beat. Meanwhile, none of the networks has a full-time reporter in Afghanistan.

The conglomerate owners of the networks gladly spend tens of millions of dollars to bring a single TV show or movie to the public. But cover the war? That's too expensive – and it's not nearly as fun or profitable as a sitcom.

For more information on Jim Hightower's work – and to subscribe to his award-winning monthly newsletter, The Hightower Lowdown, visit [www.jim-hightower.com](http://www.jim-hightower.com).

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# What should you do with an inheritance?

Will you ever receive a sizable inheritance? You can't plan on it. But if you do get one, you can plan on using it to help achieve some of your key financial goals. Once you get word of an inheritance, what steps should you take? Above all, don't rush to act. If you are in the midst of the grieving process, it's hard to make good decisions about money. Consequently, you may want to consider "parking" your inheritance temporarily in a liquid vehicle, such as a cash or cash alternative investment. Don't fret if your inheritance isn't really growing much for a few months — you'll have time to put it to work later. After you've parked your money and some time has passed, you can think about what to do with your inheritance. Here are a few ideas:

Get rid of debts. Use your inheritance to pay off as many debts as you can, especially those consumer

## Financial Focus

by Allen Mantonona



loans that are not tax-deductible and that carry high interest rates.

Establish an emergency fund. This fund should contain six to 12 months' worth of living expenses. Without it, you may be forced to dip into your investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as an expensive car repair or a hefty medical bill.

Review and adjust your financial strategies. If your inheritance is large enough, it may be a "game changer" in terms of how you pursue your financial strategies. For example, you may now be able to speed up your timetable toward retirement, if that's what you want. Or you may be able to pay more of your children's college education, thus

freeing up more funds for your own retirement savings. In fact, by investing your inheritance in certain ways, you can influence many desired outcomes that you've identified in your overall financial strategy. Your financial advisor can help you make those moves that are most appropriate for your individual needs.

Plan for taxes. Unless you are "inheriting" your spouse's assets, you may be subject to some type of taxes when you receive an inheritance. Some types of inheritance, such as the proceeds from a life insurance policy, are tax-free. On the other hand, if you inherit a non-spousal 401(k) plan and are forced to take the money as a lump sum, which is likely because most 401(k) providers would prefer to remove the account from their books, your inheri-

tance will be subject to federal, state and local income taxes. However, thanks to recent tax law changes, as a non-spouse beneficiary you can now transfer an inherited 401(k) to an IRA, which allows you to avoid immediately paying taxes on your inheritance. You'll still be required to take annual withdrawals, which are taxable, but the amount will be based on your life expectancy, so you can spread out your tax burden. To make sure you're making the right moves with an inherited 401(k), consult with your tax advisor.

You may get only one inheritance in your life — so do whatever you can to make the most of it.

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## Avoid the red tag!

### Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

Have you ever noticed clothing sales that advertise "seconds" at greatly reduced prices? The "second" quality merchandise may exhibit flaws like uneven seams and pulled stitches, and capitalizes on the slightly lower quality in exchange for a lower price.

Much like those "mark downs," a home being of-

fered for sale with obvious flaws also invites a lower price. Homebuyers, like other savvy shoppers, quickly become aware of needed repairs, and then begin scrutinizing the home for other defects.

If you plan to sell your home and expect to receive full price, be certain that all needed repairs are completed before the "For Sale" sign appears out front. If you don't, expect to receive about \$2 less for each \$1 in needed repairs.

Protect your investment by asking an agent for advice. They will walk through your home as a buyer would, making notes of all apparent defects that attract attention. This could range from a cracked windowpane to carpet in need of replacement. No matter what the flaw may be, if it attracts attention, it also becomes a point on which the buyer may negotiate a lower sale price.

Your real estate agent can guide you further by providing marketing tips to make your home more attractive to buyers. Remember that by offering a "first quality" home, you may expect to receive the best price.

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# Bipartisan FISA bill is a victory for the American people

By CONGRESSMAN  
JOHN R. CARTER

Texans know that there is nothing more important than the safety of our children and grandchildren, and after months of political antics, Congress finally sent a clear message to our enemies that we will not take this security for granted.

This week, in a victory for the American people, the President signed into law the Foreign Intelli-

gence Surveillance Act (FISA). This bipartisan bill modernizes the outdated 1970's-era law which was written to protect Americans from 1970's threats. Communicating in the 70s was very different than communicating today. There was no Internet, email or cell phones. Dealing with a 21st century al-Qaeda with 1970's tools doesn't work, and although this bill is long overdue, I am glad to finally see the Democrat leadership compromise in order to get it

passed.

If we are serious about protecting the American people, as well as our soldiers abroad, then we must give our intelligence officials the tools they need to monitor terrorists plotting to kill Americans and our allies. This bipartisan measure provides tools, safeguards the civil liberties of every American, and adds critical retroactive liability protections for telecommunication companies that assisted our government after 9/11.

House Republicans worked hard to ensure that the process by which telecommunication companies receive liability protection is not subject to a feeding frenzy of trial lawyers. This bill instructs federal

district courts to dismiss civil law suits filed against companies that worked with the federal government to snuff out possible terrorist attacks after September 11.

House Democrats have done the right thing and compromised on this critical issue after they stalled for months. Make no mistake, this legislation is a

victory for our intelligence community and the American people, but it should have come sooner, especially given the fact that the Senate passed a perfectly acceptable bipartisan bill more than five months ago.

I have said repeatedly that keeping America safe from terrorist attacks is not, and never should be, a par-

tisan issue. I am pleased to see both parties come together for the safety of Americans. I will continue to fight to give our intelligence community the tools they need to keep our country safe, and I hope this compromise signals the beginning of both parties working together for the betterment of our country.

## The growing crisis of uninsured children in America

By DR. LAURA GUERRA-CARDUS  
TEXAS POLICY DIRECTOR OF THE  
CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND.

How did America get to the point where 9.4 million children have no health coverage but 90 percent of those children live in families with at least one working adult? Across the country, children like 3-year old Katie Hebert from Pasadena, gamble every day without health insurance, despite dealing with serious and life-threatening medical conditions. Many are uninsured simply because their parents earn a fraction above the income limit to qualify for SCHIP. For Katie's family and for many others, employer-sponsored coverage is simply unaffordable or not even available, and the cost of private family coverage is beyond reach, averaging over \$900/month. Texas is home to 1.5 million uninsured children, or 20.2 percent, the highest rate in the country.

Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) provide health coverage to

30 million children but, last year, Congress failed to reauthorize SCHIP funding. The new Congress will again face SCHIP reauthorization in 2009 and must address the fact that despite Medicaid and SCHIP programs, 9.4 million children in America still lack affordable coverage – and millions more are underinsured. Simply reauthorizing funding for SCHIP will leave millions of children behind. Surely it is time to say "enough" and demand coverage for every child!

Isn't it unthinkable that in 2008 America still does not guarantee health coverage for every child although federal legislation already exists in both the U.S. House and Senate to do just that. The All Healthy Children Act (S. 1564/H.R. 1688) would guarantee comprehensive health and mental health benefits nationwide for all children and cover pregnant women. This legislation already has 64 co-sponsors, more than any

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Alyssa Snyder attends Duke’s academic program

This year, one student from Salado was recognized at the 2008 Texas Recognition Ceremony at Texas A&M University on May 29. Alyssa Snyder, daughter of Dan and Laura Snyder of Salado, was recognized for her outstanding academic accomplishments.

In addition, Alyssa’s scores qualified her to participate in the Duke TIP’s Summer Studies Program. Alyssa traveled to Kansas University from June 15 - July 5, where she studied creative writing for three



Alyssa Snyder

weeks.

Working in groups, Alyssa read and analyzed samples from well-known authors and poets and worked on her own creative writing skills. Courses offered by the summer studies program were fast-paced and intense often equivalent to one year of a high school course or one semester of a college course.

The Duke University Talent Identification Program’s (Duke TIP) 7th Grade Talent Search identifies students in sixteen states in the Southeast, Midwest, and Southwest who have scored in the 95th percentile on a grade-level achievement test. As part of the program, these academically talented students take above level college-entrance exams (SAT or ACT) to learn more about their abilities.

This year, of the 66,198 participants nationally, 21,115 students (32 percent) have been invited to attend State Recognition Ceremonies and 1,804 students (3 percent) have been invited to the Grand Recognition Ceremony. The State Recognition Ceremonies honor seventh graders who have earned scores equal to or better than half the college-bound seniors who took the tests.

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other pending child health coverage bill, and 1,300 organizations representing some 100 million people support its principles.

Children are the least expensive and most cost-effective group to cover. Their growing bodies and developing minds often suffer irreversible damage when their health and mental health needs are unmet. And society pays a high price later for this loss of human capacity while families and communities are diminished. Every \$1 spent on vaccinations saves \$16 in medical and other indirect costs to the community. If a child with a mild asthma attack sees a doctor, the cost is about \$100. If that same child worsens and is admitted to the hospital through the emergency room, the cost soars to \$7,300.

Surely children should not have to wait until age 65 to be insured. Virtually all major industrialized nations ensure universal health coverage to children but America seems wedded to its shortsighted and costly neglect of its children. We certainly have the brain power and the resources to figure out how to fix this. We have a \$13 trillion economy and we spend freely on programs with a much lower return on investment. The annual funding needed to expand health coverage to all children and pregnant women costs less than two months of war in Iraq. This is a shocking fact but too few of our leaders seem concerned.

Now is the time to step forward and lift this yoke off the necks of America’s families. We need to free our children to grow healthy and be able to learn. The solution is really not that difficult. We must exert the will to act for our children who cannot vote nor lobby. Every 41 seconds another child in America is born without health coverage. They have no voice and share no responsibility for their plight. It is we – as adults – who must step forward – together. By improving the lives of children, we will improve the lives of us all.

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# Ft. Hood Fisher House provides home while medical needs are met for military families

Salado Rotary hosted a program July 8 presented by Isaac Howard, Fisher House Manager for the Fort Hood Fisher House. Howard described the origins and current status of the Fisher House in Fort Hood and its goal of providing free lodging for army personnel and families of military personnel who are receiving medical treatment at Darnall Medical Center. It is a "Home away from Home" for these families. It provides clean, safe, free lodging to help relieve families of some of the stress and worry about loved ones being treated at Darnall.

There are 40 Fisher Houses located at Military Medical Centers throughout the Country. The Fisher House Foundation was started in 1990 by Zachary Fisher. Fisher was a wealthy New York Real Estate mogul and patriot. His first Fisher House was built at the request of an Officer that had witnessed the mother of a soldier having to sleep in her car while visiting her son who required medical treatment. Fisher passed away in 1990 but not before his

foundation had established 38 Fisher Houses for service men and women around the world. The first Fisher House was built in Bethesda, Maryland in 1989. While funded originally and primarily by private donations, recently federal funds have been appropriated to support the program.

The Fort Hood Fisher House is a short walk from Darnall; it has facilities for families to cook meals, do laundry and relax. It has 7 private rooms, community dining and a large family room. There is no charge and can be also used by service personnel that are not hospitalized but visiting Darnall for medical treatment such as same-day surgery, or even testing. Interestingly, much of the maintenance is performed voluntarily by military personnel off duty or retired.

Howard, a Vietnam Veteran and former professor at Central Texas College makes the Fort Hood Fisher House available for tours for those interested in seeing the valuable contribution his organization is providing for our service personnel and veterans.

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# Gardening with deer

By MARY LEW QUESINBERRY

Living close to Lake Belton has made gardening with the local deer population a challenge for the past eight years. When choosing plants my first consideration is, “will the deer eat it?” Every area has deer with different taste preferences. My son, who lives near Lake Travis, has deer that enjoy munching on lantana; my deer do not bother lantana. Deer in my area do not care for Texas native plants.

As you may have noticed, most native plants are strongly aromatic (rosemary, salvia, all the sages, lantana, damianita, Copper Canyon Daisy, skullcap, Mexican Oregano) and the deer are not attracted to them. Gray plants are not attractive to deer (Elaeagnus, Texas Sage, Lamb’s Ear, Artemisia, Gray Bush German-der, Mexican Bush Sage, Creeping Germander, Greg Dalea, lavender and Wooly Butterfly Bush). Native grasses are also safe to plant around deer.

If you want to have a rose, you must disguise it by planting natives around it to fool the deer. The mixture of fragrances will sometimes confuse the deer and they won’t find



Fawns pose for camera in Mill Creek

PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER

the rose. When you place a new plant in your garden (even a native plant) try to protect it with a wire enclosure. The fragrance of fresh soil and newly planted plants attract deer and they will pull it up out of the ground to amuse themselves.

Native plants offer dependable, colorful, carefree selections that are mostly deer resistant. Deer love roses, liriopie, and most annuals and if the deer don’t get them the bunnies will! So avoid frustration by avoiding these types of

plants.

Choose instead Flame Acanthus, Turk’s Cap, Black-eyed Susan, Calylophus, Blackfoot Daisy, Hymenoxys, Greg’s Blue Mistflower, Purple Coneflower, Texas Betany, Skel-tonleaf Goldeneye, Yar-row, or Zexmenia which offer seasons of color. They are perennial plants which means they multiply and return year after year. Try gardening with native plants when you share your gardening space with deer. Questions? ask.bcmga@gmail.com

## Ballroom Dance classes begin July 31

Ballroom Dance: Learn to Cha Cha Classes begin July 31 and continue every Thursday until August 28. Class time is 6:30 - 8 p.m.

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vana, Cuba, was one of the most popular resorts for North Americans, especially those residing along the east coast. The most famous American dance bands as well as the many Latin bands native to Cuba played at the city’s casinos. Some of these orchestras combined American JAZZ beat with the Cuban RUM-BA rhythm; The result was the MAMBO.

A dance was developed to the new mambo rhythm, off beat rather than the traditional downbeat. The dance was popular mainly with dancers thoroughly familiar with complex Afro-Cuban music. Among the many figures of the mambo was one called the “chatch”, which involved three quick changes of weight preceded by two slow steps. By the early 1950s, this figure had developed into a new dance comprised of many simple variations on the basic foot-work. The dance acquired the name CHA-CHA ; its characteristic three-step change of weight carried the identifying verbal definition, “cha-cha-cha”.

The class fee is \$25 per person and students are encouraged to register in couples. Couples will only need to bring leather sole shoes to dance and themselves for a great time! For more information about the Beginner Ballroom Dance Lessons – Learn to Cha Cha Dance or to sign up, contact the CAC at (254) 773-9926 or visit us online at [www.cacARTS.org](http://www.cacARTS.org).

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The SYBA T-Ball Team "Outlaws" recently earned First Place in the Belton Youth Baseball Association Invitational Tournament at Heritage Park In Belton. Teams from the area competed in the two-day tournament. Team members participating pictured are: (front) Wrook Brown; Hunter Haas; Chris Ortiz; (back) Dallas Hankamer; Tyson Magana; Jake Markham; Trevor Glaser; David Heath; and Stuart Lastovica. Coaches are: Ty Hankamer; Keith Markham, and Steven Lastovica. Members not pictured: Jake Tindall; Hunter Turk; and Jared Yost. The Outlaws will represent SYBA in the district tournament in Salado in July.



The Salado Sweet Sox Girls Coach Pitch softball team took first place in the Balcones Fault American League with a record of 11-1. The Sweet Sox will represent the league in the State Tournament. The Salado Sweet Sox are: (Front) Jamie Danek, Katie Robinson, Savannah Reeder, Sammi Peters, Mikaela Heiner, Rebecca Dockray (middle) Taryn Westbrook, Juana Macedo, Sarah Kate Kelarek, Madison Hill, Hope Arnold, Ashley Churchwell (Coaches) Kenny Kelarek, Roy Robinson, Jennifer Kelarek Not Pictured: Hailey Hawkins, Samantha Stanley and Loriann Turk.

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(Jr. Midget), Registration forms will be available, league fees are \$80 for the first child and \$60 for the second.

The league requires cash or money order, no checks

accepted.

Prompt registration is essential as the league has reduced the maximum number of players per team to 25. Registration for Salado Teams will

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# Robison interns at NASA

Inhey Robison of Salado High School traveled to NASA's Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston, Texas, this summer to participate in a one-week summer internship. Nominated by Troy Fraser she has been selected as one of 350 high school juniors from across Texas to be part of High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS). They have been working to complete ten Web-based assignments during the school



Inhey Robison

year. They will apply what they have learned during the year, which will challenge them to work as part of a team to design a mission to Mars.

The weeklong experience at JSC includes a tour of JSC facilities and briefings by noted NASA employees including astronauts. These students and teammates will conclude their experience by presenting their proposal at a luncheon to their parents, members of the Texas Legislature, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Rotary NASA, and JSC senior management.

The State of Texas, in partnership with JSC and the Texas educational community, developed HAS in 1999 to encourage more students to pursue studies and careers in science, technology, engi-

neering and mathematics (STEM). More than 1500 students from across Texas have participated in the program since its inception.

With this program, NASA continues the Agency's tradition of investing in the nation's educational programs. It is directly tied to the Agency's major education goal of attracting and retaining students in STEM disciplines critical to NASA's future missions, which include missions returning to the moon, on to Mars and beyond.

For additional information, please contact Jessica Cejka at 281-483-4583. For more information about Texas Aerospace Scholars, please visit our Web site at: <http://aerospace-scholars.jsc.nasa.gov>

## Planetarium film features thrill of the Tour de France

The 2008 Tour De France bike race kicked off last week and continues to wind its way across France. The Mayborn Planetarium and Space Theater puts you in the rider's seat to see and feel exactly what the competitors endure through "Wired to Win: Surviving the Tour de France." This large format film is an action-packed, spellbinding ride chronicling the legendary Tour de France. It seamlessly melds state-of-the-art computer animation of the human brain with the first-ever giant screen film footage of

this grueling athletic event, thus bringing together the excitement of world-class sport and the frontiers of science.

Viewers will get an up close and personal look at the physically demanding three-week battle where elite athletes risk it all in pursuit of victory, fame and, in some rare cases, a place in the annals of cycling history. Show time for "Wired to Win" is Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. For show descriptions, call 254-526-1800 or visit [www.starsatnight.org](http://www.starsatnight.org) online.



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INCOME	Oct. 2007- Sept. 2008.	\$192,125
4100 Tax Receipts		
4120 Sales Tax	\$353,207	\$360,000
4140 Mixed Beverage	\$6,080	\$6,000
4200 Franchise Fees		
4210 Electric	\$111,565	\$112,000
4230 Telephone	\$51,612	\$52,000
4240 Waste Disposal	\$11,309	\$11,000
4250 Cable	\$2,995	\$3,000
4290 Water	\$4,000	\$4,000
4300 Development Fee		
4320 Subdivision	\$1,257	\$1,000
4340 Building permits	\$17,102	\$11,000
4350 Sign permit fee	\$105	\$200
4360 Inspections	\$497	\$500
4370 Contractor Registration	\$2,632	\$3,000
4375 Zoning Request	\$325	\$400
4500 Municipal Court		
4550 Court Feeds	\$20,607	\$17,000
4580 Technology Fee	\$777	\$600
4585 Security Fee	\$552	\$400
4600 Fire Department Burn Fees	\$260	\$300
4671 Rental Fees, Pace Park	\$5,502	\$5,000
4700 Misc Income	\$309	\$200
4750 Tourism Council Administrative	\$1,800	\$1,800
4760 Solicitation/Itinerant Vendor	\$1,500	\$1,000
4800 Interest Income	\$8,611	\$9,000
4900 Other Income	\$750	\$0
Total Income	\$603,354	\$599,400
Total Available		\$791,525
EXPENDITURES		
5000 Administrative Expense Totals	\$172,299	\$156,160
5100 Salary - Admin	\$38,114	\$39,260
5102 Overtime Admin.	\$1,490	\$2,000
5103 Hourly Admin	\$3,394	\$7,500
5104 City Manager		\$0
5110 Benefits	\$3,644	\$2,900
5120 Payroll Taxes	\$1,311	\$2,000
5140 Dues & Fees	\$6,544	\$6,600
5150 Election Expense	\$1,237	\$1,500
5160 Insurance	\$11,131	\$14,000
5170 Training & Travel	\$2,566	\$3,000
5180 Office Supplies	\$4,002	\$6,500
5190 Printing Exp.	\$774	\$600
5195 Meeting Expenses	\$1,176	\$1,500
5200 Postage	\$1,553	\$1,600
5210 Telephone	\$3,330	\$3,200
5221 Professional Fee: Planning/Misc	\$0	\$0
5222 Professional Fee: Engineering	\$8,542	\$10,000
5224 Professional Fee: Auditor	\$6,225	\$7,000
5226 Professional Fee: Inspections	\$11,365	\$10,000
5228 Professional Fee: Legal	\$44,721	\$20,000
5260 Public Notice	\$5,811	\$7,000
5270 Equipment- Leased	\$3,378	\$5,500
5275 Equipment- Maintenance	\$2,189	\$3,000
5280 Equipment- Purchased	\$9,175	\$900
5285 Cell Phone	\$628	\$600
6100 Municipal Building Totals	\$92,960	\$18,000
6110 Mortgage: Principal	\$72,145	\$0
6120 Mortgage: Interest	\$2,474	\$0
6130 Maint./ Repair	\$6,044	\$5,000
6135 Building Supplies	\$849	\$1,000
6140 Utilities	\$11,448	\$12,000
6150 Signage		
6200 Fire Dept.	\$25,285	\$25,200
6210 Burn Fees	\$285	\$200
6220 Contract	\$25,000	\$25,000
6300 Marketing/Website	\$1,224	\$5,000
6400 Municipal Court	\$6,444	\$8,000
6410 Salary- Judge	\$5,301	\$5,300
6420 Payroll Taxes	\$440	\$500
6430 Supplies	\$283	\$800
6431 Technology Fee		\$500
6432 Security Fee		\$300
6440 Judge Training	\$420	\$600
6470 Code Enforcement	\$21,216	\$24,000
6500 Police Department	\$205,641	\$235,110
6510 Salary- Chief of Police	\$45,150	\$45,150
6515 Salary- Officers	\$89,063	\$88,760
6520 Salary- Overtime	\$8,459	\$10,000
6530 Payroll Taxes	\$2,502	\$3,000
6535 Benefits	\$25,066	\$25,000
6540 Officer Equipment	\$1,932	\$4,000
6545 Training & Travel	\$1418	\$3,000
6550 Office Equipment & Forms	\$5,178	\$5,600
6555 Cell Phones/ Communications	\$3,839	\$21,200
6560 Auto	\$0	\$0
6565 Fuel	\$16,353	\$20,000
6570 Repair/Maintenance	\$5,179	\$3,400
6575 Reserve Officers/ Police Chaplin		\$5,000
6580 Jail Expense		\$0
6585 Crime Prevention	\$1,502	\$1,000
6600 Street Maint.	\$55,258	\$191,200
6610 Resurfacing	\$35,000	\$100,000
6620 Pot Holes	\$1,022	\$70,000
6630 Other	\$1,055	\$1,000
6640 Signage	\$1,209	\$3,000
6645 Public Facility Rental	\$7,200	\$7,200
6650 Utilities	\$9,772	\$10,000
6660 Maintenance	\$19,717	\$45,400
6661 Maint.- Salary	\$12,941	\$23,400
6662 Maint.- Overtime	\$1,274	\$1,900
6663 Maint.- Payroll Taxes	\$510	\$1,000
6664 Maint.- Benefits	\$1,698	\$2,000
6665 Maint.- Supplies	\$3218	\$10,500
6666 Maint.- Vehicle	\$96	\$3,000
6667 Maint.- Fuel	\$0	\$3,600
6670 Pace Park	\$15,982	\$18,000
6671 Pace Park- Salary	\$11,452	\$13,000
6672 Pace Park- Utilities	\$2,257	\$3,000
6673 Pace Park- Maint. & Repairs	\$2,044	\$2,000
7100 Animal Control	\$1,411	\$1,500
7200 Contingency	\$1,254	\$5,000
7300 Emergency Operations	\$18,374	\$2,000
Total Expenses Before Capital Outlay	\$633,104	\$765,570
Total Expenses	\$633,104	\$765,570
Estimated Balance 9-30-2009		\$25,955
Capital Outlay for Police Car		\$18,000
Ending Balance after Capital Outlay		\$7,955

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## Odierno

By controlling the outskirts of Baghdad, American forces have been able to regain control within the city itself.

The troop surge was not just the addition of soldiers to the mix. "We had to change the mindset of the soldiers there," Gen. Odierno said, explaining that the occupation of Iraq and rebuilding of the nation are much different challenges than toppling Hussein ever was. "We have to secure the people where they sleep," he said, "where they live every day."

One step toward that goal was convincing the Iraqi government to "allow us to target Shia and Sunni extremists, not just Sunni," he said.

Doing this achieves two things: security and



Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno is shown above after the talk he gave to a meeting of the Salado Lions Club and Salado Rotary Club on July 10 at the Salado Church of Christ. Shown above are (from left) Steven Ervin, Salado Lions Club President 2008-09, Lt. Gen. Odierno, his wife Linda and Salado Lions Club Past President Allen Mantanona.

rule-of-law that applies to everyone, regardless of religion.

Intelligence advisors from the State Department have been embedded with the military troops on the ground. This allowed advisors to work with the local level leaders, to gain their support and trust.

Beginning in June 2007, after the additional troops were on the ground in Iraq, Phantom Thunder was put into effect.

Simultaneously, the safe havens and sanctuaries of extremists in the Anwar Province and in Baghdad were attacked by troops.

"We had to breach thousands of IEDs," Gen. Odi-

erno said, because the extremists had been allowed to become embedded in this sanctuary areas and to enforce them with the IEDs.

"We liberated these areas," Gen. Odierno said, adding that there are small pockets left of support for the extremist Shia and Sunni.

Phantom Strike, which was an air assault, followed. "This made it difficult for the extremists to maintain any kind of stable operation in Iraq."

Since these two efforts, "we have seen a steady decline in violence in Iraq," he said.

IEDs are down.

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Civilian deaths are down.

U.S. military deaths are down.

"It's fragile," Gen. Odierno said of the nation of 16 million Shia and 12 million Sunni, "but it is headed in the right direction."

"The gap is still there," he added, "but it is narrower than before."

Even though the troops have since been scaled back to pre-surge levels, the amount of violence continues downward. "Much of it is now pure criminality of individuals," Gen. Odierno explained, "rather than sectarian violence of groups against each other."

Overseeing the MNC in Iraq, Gen. Odierno said that he wants to see Iraq transform from the failed, fragile state that it was to a "stable, secure state that it can be."

To achieve that, the influence of Iranian malign intent must be minimized.

In addition, Gen. Odierno said that two goals should be reached: fair and free provincial elections in 2008 and fair and free national elections in 2009.

The long-term stability of Iraq will be achieved Gen. Odierno said by a shift from a "security-led strategy to a political- and economically-led strategy."

## Bell Co. Democrats set July 19 yard sale

The Bell County Democratic Party will have a Yard Sale 7 a.m.- 3 p.m. July 19 at 622 Surghnor in Belton.

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# Salado SONIC semi-finalists

The Salado SONIC Drive-In crew is one step closer to qualifying for the National Finals of the 14th annual Dr Pepper SONIC Games, the competition that recognizes the best SONIC Drive-Ins in the country. The Salado SONIC is one of 300 remaining drive-ins striving to become one of the Final 12 teams to participate in the Dr Pepper SONIC Games National Finals in Palmetto, Fla., Sept. 15-16.

“The crew should be proud of their hard work and dedication,” said Nelson Taylor, vice president of operations services for SONIC Industries. “Dr Pepper SONIC Games is a unique and fun experience that encourages employees



(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)  
Salado SONIC Team members are (from left) Ariceli Chavez, Jack Lucas, Mark Wilson, Angelica Ramirez, Josh Heuer, Michael Spinks, Sherry Stites and manager Kevin Stites.

to deliver outstanding customer service. It also provides opportunities to learn about goal setting, responsibility and teamwork.”

This year’s incentive-driven competition attracted more than 2,700 drive-ins across the country to the competition, setting an all-time participation record.

The nine-month Olympic-style competition evaluates individual crew members from coast to coast in the following categories: Carhop (food delivery), Fountain (drink preparation), Switchboard (service delivery), Dresser, Grill and Swamp (food preparation). Crew mem-

bers compete on an individual and team basis for the chance to be named National Finalists. SONIC’s top executives will honor

the Dr Pepper SONIC Games winners with gold, silver and bronze medals at its National Convention in Orlando, Fla., this fall.



## Amanda Jo Elmore passes away July 11

Amanda Jo Elmore passed away at Scott & White hospital on July 11, 2008 as a result of injuries sustained in an auto accident on June 29, 2008.

She was born on September 24, 1985 in Springfield, IL. She moved to Texas in 2004 and was employed by Weston Inn Health Center, Temple as a Certified Nursing Assistant.

She is survived by her mother, Becky Day of Salado, step-mother Joyce Long of Salado, her father Doug Hurley and step-mother Carol Hurley of Greenvew, IL, sister and brother-in-law Jamie and David Dollens, a sister Rachel Simmons of Virden, IL, three step-sisters Heather Long, Diedra Hicks and Chantelle Long all of Roodhouse, IL, and her grandparents June and Jim Lamsargis of Springfield, IL.

Visitation was at the funeral home 6-8 p.m. July 16.

A private burial will take place at Rest Haven Cemetery in Belton on July 17.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Amanda Jo Elmore Fund, c/o First Salado Horizon Bank, 815 N. Stagecoach Road, Salado, Texas, 76571.

Broecker Funeral Home of Salado is in charge of arrangements.

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The Presbyterian Church of Salado celebrated the burning of its mortgage Sunday, July 13 after services. The church building was purchased 8 years ago and the mortgage paid off 12 years early. Shown above with the mortgage burning are Rev. Billy P. Smith, Founding pastor, Rev. Carl Thompson, current pastor, Jim Ervi, elder, Ethel Jones, elder and Rev. Calvin Vanderwerf, Interim Pastor. The congregation celebrated the occasion by having a seated dinner for 75 which included members and friends of the congregation. The Rev. Carl Thompson stated it is a wonderful time for the church because not only has it paid off the mortgage early but the local church has given more per capita to benevolence than any other church in the Presbytery, which includes much larger churches in the Dallas area. By paying off the mortgage they can focus their attention on giving more to others in need.

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Registration fee of \$45 includes breakfast and lunch, all general sessions are three breakout sessions, plus a tote bag.

Keynote speaker is Pauline Shirley, professional consultant, motivator and director of Leaders on Fire.

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# and Community



St. Stephen Catholic Church Building Committee members stand in front of the sign designating the location of their future church building. A large contingent of parishioners gathered to offer prayers and listen as Father Charles Davis gave a short message; he then gave special blessing of the land for future church services. Building Committee members include from left to right: George Dentry, Anne Cowan, Dave Broecker, Father Charles Davis, Deacon Jose Jimenez, Mary Jo Roberts, Robert Michalewicz, Sylvia Villarreal, and Gerald Reihsen. The property is located at the corner of Royal Street and Blackberry Road, across from the Salado water tower. It will be several years before construction would be ready to start.

## Digital records change how genealogist conduct research

The digitization of records of genealogical and historic value is changing the face of how genealogist do research. As more and more records such as vital records, maps, county histories, city directories, genealogical quarterlies, letters and photographs become available family historians need to learn the ins and outs of accessing this growing bonanza of material. Genealogy Manager, Bill Buckner will discuss digital records, collections and databases with a focus on the Southern States during the Central Texas Genealogical Society Meeting 7 p.m., July 28 at the Waco-McLennan County Library.

Meetings of the society are held the 4th Monday of each month except December at Waco-McLennan County Library at 1717 Austin Avenue in Waco. CTGS supports residents of Bell, Bosque, Coryell, Falls, Hill, Limestone, McLennan and Milam counties in their an-

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## Church of Christ summer of prayer continues

The Wednesday summer speaker series continues at the Church of Christ. Each week, the speakers are proceeding through the various petitions that are a part of the Lord's Prayer as found in Matthew 6. On July 23, Stephen Johnson, professor of Bible at Abilene Christian University, will address "And Forgive Us Our Debts." Closing out the month, Phil Ware, senior minister at the South-ern Hills Church of Christ in Abilene, will speak on the phrase: "As We Forgive Our Debtors."

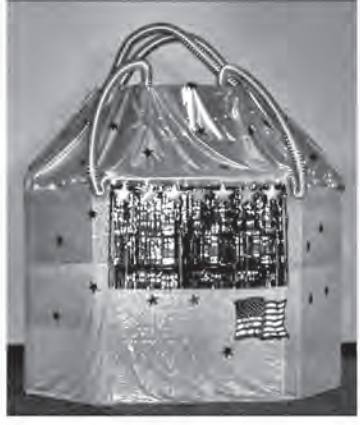
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<b>July 23</b>	<i>"And Forgive Us Our Debts"</i>	Stephen Johnson (Abilene)
<b>July 30</b>	<i>"As We Forgive Our Debtors"</i>	Phil Ware (Abilene)
<b>August 6</b>	<i>"And Lead Us Not Into Temptation"</i>	Randy Daughery (Belton)
<b>August 13</b>	<i>"But Deliver Us From The Evil One"</i>	Randy Daw (Greenville)
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## Salado Masonic Lodge installs new officers

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 installed officers for the 2008-09 Masonic year on July 14. Shown above are (front row, from left) Bill Ruth, Treasurer, David M. Matthews, Senior Deacon; Conrad Hinkle, Junior Deacon, Howard Bell, Tiler; (middle row, from left) Bob Dewhurst, Chaplain; Tim Fleischer, Worshipful Master; Pat Purvis, Junior Warden; Walt Tollefson, Secretary; David J. Matthews, Junior Steward; (Back row, from left) Wayne Hammack, Installing Marshall; Phillip Kabler, Installing Master. Not pictured are Doug MacNeese, Senior Warden and Darrell Street, Senior Steward, who will be installed at a later date. Salado Masonic Lodge was chartered in 1867. It meets in the Lodge Building that was moved from the second story of the Salado Baptist Church in the 1960s and placed at its present location on Church Street. Salado Masonic Lodge is one of the last Moon Lodges in Texas. It meets on the Monday on or before the full moon at 7:30 p.m.

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## Best of Texas to be shown in Salado

# Salado teams with TCA for new event during Art Fair

Organizers of the hottest art show of the year just kicked it up a notch with participation by Texas Commission on the Arts' Texas Originals artisans and the Texas State Artists. This includes some of the greatest painters, sculptors, musicians, and poet laureates from around the state. Art fans that have been traveling to the banks of Salado Creek for the past 42 years are in for a real treat this year. The quality and variety of artistic expression has never been greater.

The Salado Chamber of Commerce will host over 100 Texas artists and artisans at the 42nd Annual Art Fair Aug. 2-3 at Pace Park and the new 'Best of the Best' Texas Fine Art Sale and Reception at Celebration Center on Aug. 2.

"This is a very exciting year for both Art Fair fans and serious art collectors," stated Larry Prellop, President of the Salado Chamber of Commerce. "Never before has there been such an extraordinary level of artistic talent... from top Texas artists that have rarely, if ever, exhibited to-

gether," added Prellop.

Texas Original artisans working in a wide variety of media including clay, glass, fiber, wood, metal, stone, and more will be exhibiting along with Art Fair favorites at Pace Park 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 2 and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 3.

Texas State Artists will be honored at the inaugural "Best of the Best" Texas Fine Art Sale and Reception 6-9 p.m. Aug. 2 at Celebration Center on Royal Street. This one-evening event offers art enthusiasts a unique opportunity to meet and mingle with some of their favorite Texas artists and poet laureates. Participating artists include: Dalhart Windberg, Roy Lee Ward, George Boutwell, Lee Herring, Ed Hayes, Kathy Vargas, Ralph White, David Keens, Jack Terry, B. Herd, Raul Gutierrez, Alan Birkelbach, and the 2008 Texas State Musician of the Year, Shelley King.

"The Texas Originals and Texas State Artists are two programs that we are very proud of," stated Gaye Greever McElwain, Director of Marketing and



Dalhart Windberg participates in Best of the Best' Texas Fine Art Sale and Reception at Celebration Center on Aug. 2

Development for the Texas Commission on the Arts. "These artists represent the depth of the state's artistic talent and its rich cultural diversity," added McElwain. "Many of these artists began their careers at the Salado Art Fair," noted

McElwain. "I can't imagine a better venue to showcase these two state programs," concluded McElwain.

For ticket information, contact the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 254-947-5040 or visit them online at [www.salado.com](http://www.salado.com).

About Salado Art Fair:

Salado Art Fair, held the first weekend in August, is one of the oldest open-air art exhibits in the state of Texas. For the past forty-two years, thousands of artists and artisans have traveled to the banks of Salado Creek to showcase their work. Over the years, many nationally recognized Texas artists have participated in the event, including George Boutwell, B. Herd, and Ron Wells. The Salado Art Fair is a Salado Chamber of Commerce event that brings over 5,000 arts enthusiasts and visitors to the community each year. For more information about the Salado Art Fair and other Chamber events call 254-947-5040 or visit them online at [www.salado.com](http://www.salado.com). About the Texas Commission on the Arts

TCA was organized in 1965 by the Texas Legislature to develop a receptive climate for the arts in Texas. TCA supports a diverse and innovative arts community in Texas, throughout the nation and internationally by providing resources to enhance economic development, arts education, cultural tourism and quality of life.

For more information

on TCA and its programs, please visit [www.arts.state.tx.us](http://www.arts.state.tx.us).

About Texas Original

Texas Original (TxO) was created by the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) to help preserve Texas' unique arts and crafts heritage and was designed to achieve three primary goals:

- promote original work by Texas' craft artists;
- provide a method for buying/selling original Texas artwork and crafts;
- preserve traditional methods for creating hand-crafted work to ensure those methods are passed on to future generations.

Texas is home to an extraordinary number of talented craft artisans working in a wide variety of media including clay, glass, fiber, wood, metal, stone, and more. Artists included in the Texas Original program have been through a review process overseen by the Texas Commission on the Arts. Only artisans and crafts people who meet the highest business, quality and artistic standards are granted the title of Texas Original. When you see the TxO brand, you know you are looking at a high-quality, authentic, original work by a Texas artist.

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# Calendar of Events

**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 Spuradical Players once again bring an original play and silent movie to the stage and screen of the Salado Silver Spur Theater. Click on [www.saladosilverspur.com](http://www.saladosilverspur.com) for more information.

**JULY 17**

**Village of Salado Board  
of Aldermen meeting, 6:30  
p.m., 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.**  
Meeting is open to the pub-

lic. 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.

**JULY 19, 26, AUG. 2**

**16th Annual produc-  
tion of Salado Legends  
- Tablerock Festival of  
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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. Information: 254-947-9205 or [www.tablerock.org](http://www.tablerock.org). E-mail: [tablerock1@aol.com](mailto: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  
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about reverse mortgage 10  
a.m.-noon RSVP 888-231-  
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**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 members.

**JULY 28-31**

**Volleyball Camp 1, 9  
a.m.-noon. \$50. Incoming  
sixth through eighth graders.  
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email [bree.holz-gonzales@saladoisdi.org](mailto:bree.holz-gonzales@saladoisdi.org).**

**JULY 28-31**

**Volleyball Camp 2, 1:30-  
4:30 p.m. \$50. Incoming  
ninth graders. Call 947-6900,  
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**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](mailto:vhspaint@aol.com) for  
information/reservation.**

**AUGUST 5**

**National Night Out, fall  
social for Mill Creek Com-  
munity 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 17**

**Shy Tree will perform  
in concert at 7 p.m. at  
the Salado Silver Spur  
Theater on Royal St.** Josh Brown and his wife Alison are members of the band. For more information, visit [www.shytreet.com](http://www.shytreet.com). Ticket availability to be announced.

**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  
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**SEPTEMBER 4-6**

**Fall Frolic Shop Hop  
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**SEPTEMBER 16**

**Village of Salado  
Daughters of the Republic  
of Texas, luncheon meet-  
ing, 1:30 p.m. Ambrosia Tea  
Room on Main Street.**

**SEPTEMBER 18-20**

**The First Annual Fall  
Presentation of Tablerock's  
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**OCTOBER 2-4**

**The First Annual Fall  
Presentation of Tablerock's  
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p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call  
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**OCTOBER 7**

**Saladobration, the  
annual fund raiser for  
the Public Arts League of  
Salado (PALS); 6:30 p.m.,  
Crescent 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.**

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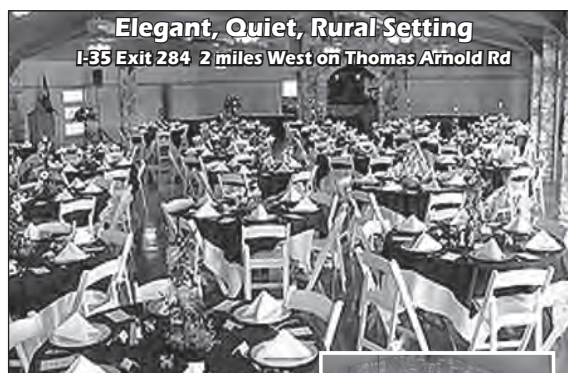
**OCTOBER 11-12**

**A Christmas Carol and  
Fright Trail auditions. 3  
p.m. at Tablerock.**

**OCTOBER 15**

**Community prayer  
breakfast, 7-8:30 a.m.,  
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ist Church, Royal Street,  
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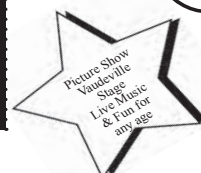
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Bid better,  
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Contract  
Bridge

By Steve Becker

The one-three-five method of bidding is seldom the right one, and this hand was no exception. A three-notrump contract with 10 tricks immediately available would have been far more sensible.

However, it would be injudicious of South to bid three notrump over three clubs, considering his weak heart holding. South's proper rebid is three diamonds. The diamond call is made to pave the way to a notrump game if North is agreeable to the suggestion. With this particular hand, once diamonds are mentioned,

North dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

<b>NORTH</b>			
♠	J 7 5 2		
♥	A Q		
♦	4 2		
♣	K J 8 6 3		
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♠	K 4 3	♠	Q 9 8
♥	J 9 6 4	♥	K 10 8 5 3
♦	J 10 9 6 3	♦	Q 8 7 5
♣	4	♣	7
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠	A 10 6		
♥	7 2		
♦	A K		
♣	A Q 10 9 5 2		

The bidding:  
North East South West  
Pass Pass 1 ♣ Pass  
6 ♣ Pass 5 ♣  
Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

North can readily bid three notrump.

The play at five clubs requires careful handling. South starts with three potential losers -- a heart and two spades. If he plays thoughtlessly, he will finish a trick short of his goal.

Declarer wins the diamond lead with the ace and draws a round of trump. The natural play appears to be to

take a heart finesse and, if it fails, to hope to lose only one spade trick. As the cards lie, this method fails because the heart finesse loses, and when the spades are broached by South, he cannot avoid two spade losers against proper defense.

Attempting the heart finesse is incorrect. There is no possibility of defeat if the hand is played correctly. At trick three, South cashes the king of diamonds and then leads a heart to the ace, ignoring the finesse.

The queen of hearts is now played. Regardless of which defender wins the trick, only one spade can be lost.

Suppose East has the king of hearts. He can't afford to give declarer a ruff-and-discard, so he returns a low spade. Declarer plays low, and the contract is made.

If West turns up with the heart king, he will also have to lead a spade. Dummy follows low, and again declarer loses only one spade trick.

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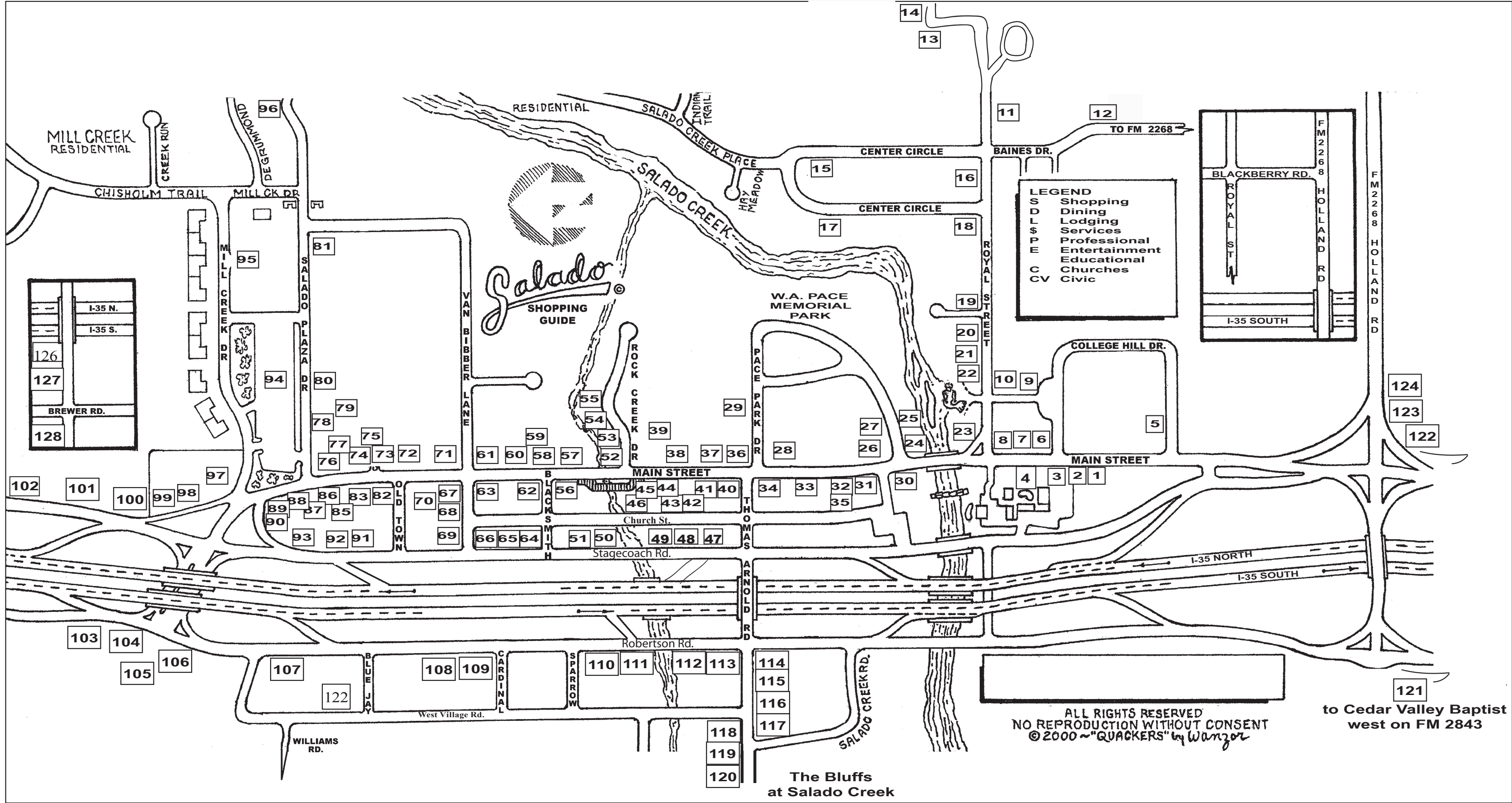
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Robert Britt, Managing Editor of Live Science, of LiveScience.Com recently wrote and posted an article that has me somewhat scratching my head. The article is entitled "Live Longer: The One Anti-Aging Trick That Works." The premise, I believe, is correct and it is this: we should expect to live much longer if we restrict our caloric intake. Unfortunately, all the science behind this article focuses on our reducing our daily caloric intake and gives us no practical advice on how to complete such a noble task. Remember, I am not a fan of diets or basing the state of our health on the Law of Thermodynamics. The truth is that a drastic reduction in calories combined with stressful exercise can cause premature aging, illness, injury and in extreme cases, even death.

Most of us, with honest evaluation, can stand to consume fewer calories, but in doing so we must be mindful of what I call “optimal nutrition.” Our bodies need food for fuel, for energy, and so each calorie that we consume should contain “optimal nutrition” to provide us with “optimal energy” to get us through the day, to keep us alert at our jobs or in school, and to help build and sustain a healthy immune system to fight off disease.

I would like to refer you to K.D. Craichy's, "The Four Corners of Optimal Nutrition." Mr. Craichy discusses the merits of Calorie Restriction, but only, with Optimal Nutrition (CRON); the value of High Antioxidant Levels; foods that are Low-Glycemic; and Healthy Fats, these being the "Four Corners." Below I have briefly defined each of the four corners so that you might begin to apply them to your life today.

Corner #1-Calorie Restriction with Optimal Nutrition (CRON): It is all about quality, not quantity. Consuming less calories but with increasing your nutrient density is one of the fastest ways to increase your lifespan. Also, the chance of having issues with insulin is decreased significantly which will improve your chances of a disease free life. My favorites, though there are others, are dark green vegetables, eggs from pasture-raised hens, organic and grass-fed pasture-raised meat products.

Corner #2-High Anti-oxidants: If you have more free-radicals than antioxidants running through your body you can expect to age more quickly and be diseased as well. Over-eating causes all sorts of havoc on the body and leaves you with a free radical surplus. Any stress put upon our body will create an oxidation process that is going to need to be dealt with. The majority of your caloric intake should come from foods that are nutritionally vibrant, which means they are healthy, free of pesticides and hormones and come from nutrient dense soils.

**Corner #3-Low-Glycemic:** The vegetables you consume should be grown predominately above the ground. When consuming your CRON meals, realize that the fat, protein and fiber will slow down the breakdown of your carbohydrate intake into glucose. Following this principle will also keep your insulin responses balanced with your glucagon responses which will breed good health.

**Corner #4-Healthy Fats:** This is the most complicated of the topics, so here is a small recommendation: Do not cook with Vegetable Oils and do not consume Trans Fats (anything with the words; partially hydrogenated or hydrogenated). Keep an organic, but salt-free (possibly cultured), butter on hand, with an extra-virgin olive oil and cook and supplement your diet with a virgin coconut oil, and watch your health improve. Butter (ghee, a clarified butter is even better for high-heat cooking) and coconut oil do not become rancid like the vegetable oils.

Try adding these “Four Corners” to your program while spacing out your meals to four or five throughout the day and see the improvement in how you feel, and begin to look.

Kevin is a Lifestyle and Wellness Coach/Certified Clinical Nutritionist in Salado. He is the owner/operator of Progressive Wellness Services, a Total Wellness Company. Kevin helps families instill positive lifestyle habits into their lives, including: proper nutrition, smart exercise and understanding hormonal responses. If you have any questions please e-mail Kevin at [youbewell@earthlink.net](mailto:youbewell@earthlink.net).

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# Library is great place for grandkids

The next time my kids come home for a “vacation,” I’m going to a hotel. There have been lots of grandkids in the library this summer with their pale and trembling grandparents. They come in wild-eyed and head to the movie section at a trot.

Attention Teens. The Teen Summer Reading program ends July 18 and there will be a party here at the library 2-4 p.m. with music, food and prizes for those who have read the most books or minutes. Come on down and bring your book list.

Have you heard of The Big Read? The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts designed to restore reading to the American culture. The program is a response to a report-- “Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America” which identified a critical decline in literary reading among American adults. The NEA is working toward reversing this decline by awarding grants for local “Big Read” projects. Short discussions by various people-authors, actors are produced on a 30 minute CD.

Here are a few of the titles we have now: Bless Me Ultima, Fahrenheit 451, The Maltese Falcon, The Great Gatsby and To Kill a Mockingbird.

We would like to thank Ann Hudson again for her very generous donation of recent large print books. These are popular new books and are in pristine condition. Thank you Ann.

New in Fiction:  
“Time Is a River” by Mary Alice Monroe: Recovering from breast cancer and infidelity, Mia Landan flees Charleston to the mountains and seeks refuge in a fishing cabin she inherited from her grandmother. There she opens the doors to a scandal that has plagued her family for decades.

“Hit and Run” by Lawrence Block: Antihero hit man Keller in the fourth “Greatest Hits thrillers” takes to the road and finds himself a hunted man for a hit he did not do. He must clear his name and settle the score.

“Bull’s Island” by Dorothea Benton Frank: This is the story of two old Southern families. The South Carolina coast provides a lush backdrop for Frank’s tales of cheating husbands, nosy neighbors, and nutty families.

New in Non-Fiction:  
“Twelve Mighty Orphans: The Inspiring True Story of the Mighty Mites Who Ruled Texas Football” by Jim Dent: Dent, author of Junction Boys, is back with the incredible story of an orphanage and the man who created one of the greatest football teams Texas has ever known (and you thought I was talking about the Longhorns huh??).

“Home: A Memoir of My Early Years” by Julie Andrews: A child of war-

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torn Britain, Andrews takes us from 1935 to 1962 when Walt Disney saw her on Broadway and cast her as the world’s most famous nanny.

“Man of the People: The Life of John McCain” by Paul Alexander: Political journalist Alexander offers the only objective account of this remarkable politician’s journey from the Naval Academy to Presidential hopeful.

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“John Adams”: The acclaimed seven-part miniseries that chronicles the astonishing life of founding father John Adams.

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# Pullman is a palace on wheels

In the 1880's Jay Gould was president of the Texas and Pacific Railway. He had a problem with the city of Jefferson.

"Gould came to Jefferson wanting free land for his railroad," says Sarah Frederickson of Jefferson. "Jefferson told him no. So he put a curse on the town. He told the town leaders, 'bats will roost in your belfries and grass will grow in the streets of this decadent port.' And eventually it would come true."

In 1872 the Army Corps of Engineers exploded a natural dam on the Red River that allowed deep water into Jefferson. The city enjoyed a thriving steamship trade and it was a major port. When the water level dropped, ships could no longer dock in Jefferson. The city, once

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bigger than Dallas, sank into decline. Over the years, though, Jefferson has become a tourist destination. One of the attractions is Jay Gould's private railroad car.

"It's called the Atlanta," says Sarah, "named for the Greek Goddess of speed. That was also the name of his private yacht on the Hudson River, which he used to take from his estate, called Lyndhurst, to Wall Street. This railroad car is 88 feet long and 11 feet wide. He originally wanted it 92 feet long but the railroad said no, the reason being

it was too tall to make the bridges and too long to make the curves."

Mr. George Pullman built the car in 1888. At every stop, the presence of Gould's car attracted a crowd of curious onlookers. Prominent citizens vied for the honor of welcoming him. After Gould's death in 1892, the car was used by his son George and later operated by the federal government during World War One. It was finally placed in a railroad warehouse. During the East Texas oil boom of the 1930's, housing was scarce. Mr. J. T. Davis, the Texas & Pacific yardmaster in Overton, bought the car and he and his family lived in it until 1953. Eventually the car ended up in a weed patch near Henderson.

In 1954, an enterprising group of ladies, members

of the Jessie Allen Wise Garden Club, bought the car for \$1,200, brought it to Jefferson and restored it to its original opulence.

"The brass light fixtures are original. The car was built for electricity and the light bulbs are prototypes. The dining room seats nine. The guest bedroom has a full size bed. The lavatory is silver covered with copper and the sink is able to fold up and the cabinet can be closed for a little more space. It was basically like a modern RV. They utilized every bit of space they had."

The car has stained glass windows, lace curtains, plush carpeting, velvet-covered seats and walls made of mahogany and curly maple woods.

"The master suite's bathtub and sink are original and has fittings for a shower. Two servants worked out of the servants' quarters. Gould traveled with a French chef, a doctor and 3 milk cows in another car. Gould loved fresh milk."

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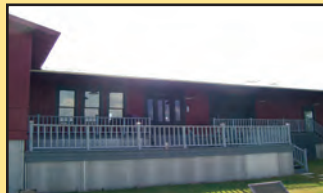
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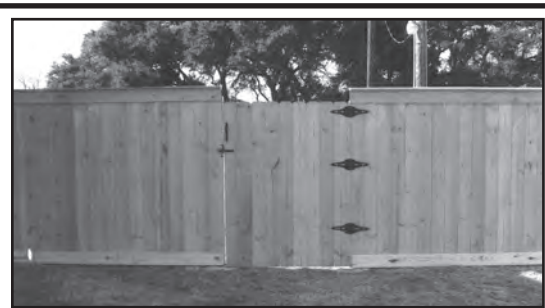
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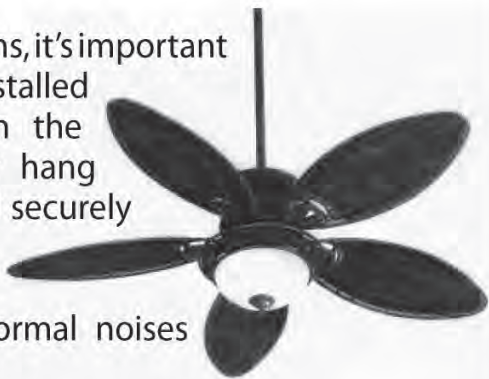
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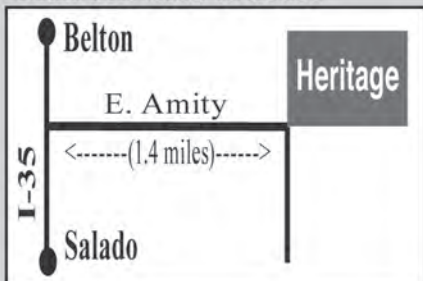


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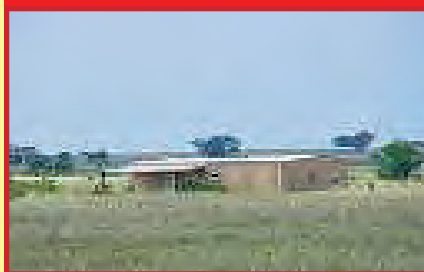
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# LCD vs. plasma TVs in energy efficiency; Early onset puberty

Dear EarthTalk: I need to replace my old TV. Can you tell me which of the latest models is the greenest? I was told that the flat-screen/plasmas are real energy hogs. What do you recommend? Angela Montague, via e-mail

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According to The Wall Street Journal's Rebecca Smith, a 42-inch plasma TV set can draw more power than a large refrigerator, even if the TV is only used a few hours a day. This is partly because many newer models don't turn off but go into "standby" mode so they can start up fast later with no warm-up period. "Powering a fancy TV and full-on entertainment

system—with set-top boxes, game consoles, speakers, DVDs and digital video recorders—can add nearly \$200 to a family's annual energy bill," she adds.

Smith recommends green consumers consider the Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) models, which typically uses less energy than comparable plasma sets. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a 28-inch



conventional cathode-ray tube (CRT) set uses about 100 watts of electricity. A 42-inch LCD set might consume twice that amount, while plasma could use five times as much, depending on the model and the programming. For the largest screen sizes (60 inches and up), projection TVs are the most energy efficient,

clocking in at 150-200 watts—significantly less than the energy a plasma set would use.

"What scares us is that prices for plasma sets are dropping so fast that people are saying, why get a 42-inch plasma set when you can get a 60-inch or 64-inch one," says Tom Reddoch of the non-profit Electric Power Research Institute. "They have no idea how much electricity these things consume."

For its part, the industry is taking some steps to make its products more efficient, and to improve disclosure of energy usage. In June 2008 Sony pronounced its new 32-inch Bravia KDL-32JE1 LCD model "the world's most energy efficient tele-

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vision." Slated for sale in Japan in August 2008 for around \$1,400, the new set utilizes fluorescent tubes to create higher levels of brightness with less energy consumption, but still delivers large resolution, a high contrast ratio and a wide viewing angle.

Beginning in November 2008, forward-thinking manufacturers will get a little boost from the U.S. government, which will start awarding the most energy efficient new TV sets "Energy Star" labels to help consumers identify greener choices. TVs bearing the Energy Star label must operate at least 30 percent more efficiently than standard models in both stand-by and active modes. Consumers can see which models qualify by visiting the televisions section of the EnergyStar.gov home electronics page. According to the EPA, if all TVs sold in the U.S. met Energy Star requirements, yearly energy savings would top \$1 billion and greenhouse gas emissions would drop by the equivalent of taking a million cars off the road.

Of course, the greenest option of all (aside from getting out from in front of that tube and spending more time outdoors) is to keep or repair your existing CRT unit (a digital-to-analog converter will be needed after February 2009 when new signal specifications go into effect). Most CRT sets use less energy than any of the LCD or plasma models, and if it ain't broke, why fix it? Buying a new TV, even a greener one, only generates more pollution in production and transport, and creates waste in junking the old model.

CONTACTS: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Energy Star; Electric Power Research Institute; Sony Corp.

**Dear EarthTalk: I heard that children are reaching puberty at earlier ages now and that it may have to do with environmental toxins and even their TV viewing habits. Can you enlighten?**

-- Mark Abbot, via e-mail

To say that kids are growing up faster than ever these days may be more than

just cliché. Recent studies have shown that children are reaching puberty at younger and younger ages, and researchers are starting to see links between this trend and other societal ills such as ubiquitous pollution and sedentary lifestyles.

In a 2007 report for the Breast Cancer Fund entitled "The Falling Age of Puberty in U.S. Girls: What We Know, What We Need to Know," ecologist Sandra Steingraber argues that unfettered access to computers and TVs over the last 30 years has led to an increasingly sedentary lifestyle among kids in the U.S. and beyond. Active kids produce more melatonin, a natural hormone that serves as the body's internal clock and calendar. This could explain why sedentary kids are likely to go through puberty sooner: Their bodies think their decreased melatonin production is a trigger to move into puberty. "[Melatonin is] an inhibitory signal for puberty," says Steingraber. "The more melatonin you have, the later you go into puberty."

Of course, sedentary lifestyles are also linked to childhood obesity, a condition that often continues—along with the many health problems that can accompany it—into adulthood. A recent National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) found that, between 2001 and 2004, 17.5 percent of children ages six to 11 were overweight—an effective doubling of obesity rates three decades ago. A study by the non-profit Obesity Society came up with a slightly higher figure—20 percent—with the percentages higher for Hispanic, African-American and Native American children.

Obesity is certainly one factor in the surge in so-called "precocious" adolescence, but chemicals are also thought to play a role. According to Erin Barnes, writing in E – The Environmental Magazine, a study comparing the body mass index of Danish and American girls found that the former group hit puberty a full year later than the latter even though their weights were in the same range. Another study found that wealthy girls in South

Africa reach puberty a full year after their African-American counterparts. "Many researchers," writes Barnes, "are studying the relationship between chemical pollutants like PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) and phthalates (commonly used plasticizers) and premature development."

Some researchers believe that the preponderance of synthetic chemicals in more developed societies are interfering with human endocrine development and essentially "tricking" kids'

bodies into going through puberty prematurely. Also, precocious puberty in girls has been linked to breast cancer, as well as higher rates of drug abuse, violence, unintended pregnancies, problems in school and mental health issues.

CONTACTS: Breast Cancer Fund; National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey; Obesity Society

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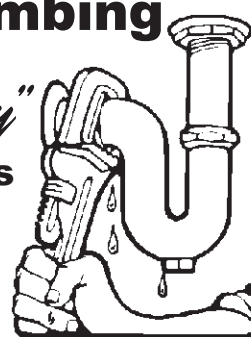
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