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Taxpayer group circulates petition

A group of Salado residents has organized recently to voice opposition to the proposed 17.77 cents per \$100 evaluation property tax proposed by the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen.

Dr. Ramon Carver, one of the representatives of the newly-formed Salado Taxpayer for Responsible Government stated that the current board of aldermen "is determined to levy the maximum tax that the law allows with little professional input and without an analysis for setting priority of needs of projects."

Dr. Carver contends that the Board of Aldermen has ignored the recommendation of a Citizens' Advisory Committee to propose a property tax rate of 7 cents, after that committee met with aldermen and on its own in several workshop sessions this summer.

The Board of Aldermen, Dr. Carver said, "dismissed the committee's recommendation and increased the budget to justify a higher tax rate in the range of twenty cents per \$100 evaluation."

Aldermen on a split vote of 2-3 defeated a motion to increase the proposed tax rate from 17.77 cents to 20 cents per \$100 evaluation. The motion to increase the tax rate to the 20 cent rate was made by Curt Strong, receiving a second from Michael Cooper during the Aug. 7 meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

A motion from Stephen Peters to cut an even \$200,000 from the street maintenance budget failed to receive a second during the Aug. 7 meeting.

Members of the taxpayer group state that their opposition to the proposed tax rate of 17.77 cents per

\$100 evaluation is based on the rush by the Board of Aldermen to implement the tax rate.

The group is circulating a petition to request a referendum before this budget goes into effect.

The Board of Aldermen will conduct public hearings at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 4 and Sept. 18 on the budget for the Village.

The Board will adopt the budget and set a tax rate at the Sept. 18 meeting.

Other members of the taxpayer group include Danney V. McCort, who was an alternate on the Citizens Advisory Committee, R. Michael Harwell and Gerry Reihsen.

The 2008/2009 proposed budget includes expenditures of \$963,570, an increase of \$264,524 or 37.8 percent.

Aldermen will further discuss the budget at a 6:30 p.m. Aug. 21 meeting at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. The meeting is open to the public but members of the public may only comment during the Citizens Comments portion of the meeting at the start of the meeting.

At the Aug. 7 meeting, four individuals spoke against the proposed property tax, while one individual spoke in favor of the property tax.

Items on the Aug. 21 agenda include an update on the floor ordinance, consideration of the Hidden Glenn Subdivision and of Extra-territorial jurisdiction petitions and discussion of these items: the 2008-09 Village budget, the 2008-09 tourism budget, road evaluations, proposal for Citizens Road Repair committee and Salado Business Licensing.



Salado High School Principal Kay Matthews leads a tour of Salado Lions through the New High School. Shown above with Matthews (at left) are Sindy Greenwood, Gerry Reihsen and Bobbie Reihsen and Carrol McDougal (background). A Grand Opening will be held on Aug. 23 and school will open for Salado students on Aug. 25.

Trustees offer three-year contract to Billy Wiggins

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees voted quickly and unanimously Aug. 18 to offer a three-year contract to William (Billy) Wiggins as Superintendent of Salado schools.

Wiggins, who will sign the contract today, will begin work in Salado on Sept. 1.

The board approved the contract, which will pay Wiggins \$114,000 in his first year in Salado, on a motion by Chris Seaton, which received a second from Kim Bird. All six board members present voted in favor of the motion: Seaton, Bird, Deborah Aldridge, Rodney Bell, Jeff Kelley and Darrell Street.

Board member Miriam Ervi was absent, but sent a letter of support, stating that I know we selected the best person for the job."

Street thanked Interim Superintendent Bob Denton for his work during the budget time and opening the school.

Wiggins is expected to attend the Grand Opening

of Salado High School on Aug. 23 before officially beginning work here on Sept. 1.

The board approved the contract during a 14-minute regular session at the Salado Civic Center Aug. 18. Trustees will meet again at 6 p.m. Aug. 25 at the Salado Civic Center to conduct a public hearing on the 2008-09 school budget and proposed tax rate.

Dr. Denton reported to trustees Aug. 18 that the district has all slots filled at this time with Andrea Gonzales acting as interim principal at Salado Intermediate School following Joe Palmer's resignation of his position. Palmer resigned when he was offered an Assistant Superintendent position in Temple I.S.D., where he will head the human resources department.

Trustees voted to enter into a Shared Service Agreement for interlocal procurement of electrical service, which will allow the district to move the costs of providing electricity to classrooms from a non-instruction budget line

item to an instructional budget line item.

School districts across the state will be required to spend 65 percent of their operating costs on classroom instruction. By moving the electrical costs into instructional costs, it brings Salado ISD closer to the state standard.

Trustees also discussed but took no action on Capital Improvements. After Superintendent Wiggins is in place at the district, the board will consider what it needs to do on the individual campuses with remaining renovation funds.

About Billy Wiggins

Wiggins hold B.S. and M.Ed. degrees and has 30 years of public education experience with 13 years as a secondary classroom teacher and coach, seven years of secondary administrative experience, and 10 years of central office experience with eight as Superintendent of Schools.

Wiggins is currently superintendent of Port Aran-

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School grand opening Aug. 23 SISD expects more than 1,230 students for first day of school

The Salado ISD is pleased to announce the grand opening of the new Salado ISD High School. In 2006, the voters of the district approved the construction of the \$15 million facility.

The school will be ready for students when school begins on Aug. 25.

Salado ISD is anticipating more than 1,230 students to be enrolled on four campuses on Aug. 25. Classes begin at 7:45 a.m. Aug. 25 at the new high school and 7:55 a.m. elsewhere.

A grand opening of the new high school will be held 10 a.m. Aug. 23. The celebration will begin with a ribbon cutting and dedication of the flagpoles, a gift of the Bartlett family, at the main entrance to the school. Following the ribbon cutting and dedication of the flagpoles there will be a presentation of the prestigious Dodge Lone Star Cup in the cafeteria. A second dedication will occur at the new library. The library will be dedicated in the name of Dr. Robin Battershell. Dr. Battershell served Salado ISD as superintendent for 10 years.

The final event for the morning will be the opportunity to tour the new school. Members of the Salado ISD school board will lead the tours.

Incoming Superintendent Billy Wiggins will attend the Grand Opening.



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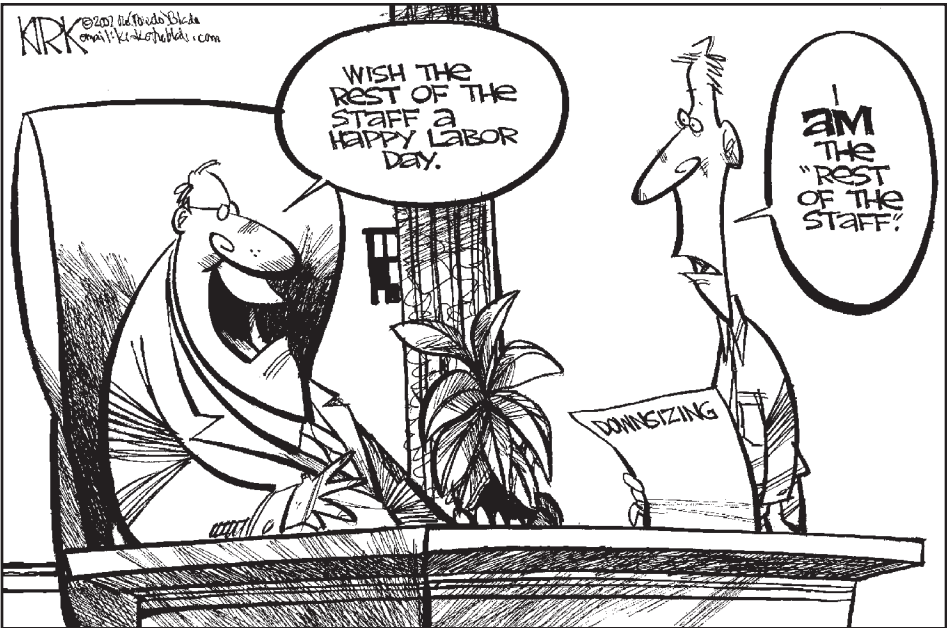
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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Our first transnational president?

If elected, Barack Obama might make history in more ways than one. He will be the country's first black president, but also -- perhaps as consequentially -- could be its first transnational president.

Obama's personal history defies categorization, which makes it so alluring. Born in Hawaii to a black Kenyan father and white Kansan mother, and raised for a time in Indonesia, Obama embodies the crosscurrents of globalization and the remarkable dynamism of an American society open to people of talent from any background.

Obama tells his story to emphasize its quintessential American-ness, a tale of how an outsider -- like so many before him -- came to live the American dream. This is all to the good. But at times it's a post-nationalism that comes to the fore.

His recent overseas tour -- punctuated by his Berlin speech before 200,000 -- showed him to be a potentially powerful American emissary to the world. It also suggested that Obama styles himself the world's emissary to us -- a discomfiting role for a would-be American president.

In Berlin, Obama called himself, unironically, a "citizen of the world." The world, however, issues no passports, nor does it have citizens. The world in the way Citizen Obama imagines it -- as a global community to which we all belong -- doesn't exist. Only backpacking hippies, devotees of the Davos World Economic Forum and U.N. bureaucrats speak this way.

Berlin at times sounded as much like Obama's coming-out party as the candidate of a transnational progressivism -- in which global norms are more important than sovereign nations -- as his audition as commander in chief.

Obama feels fit to speak for the world because of his background. Presidential candidates once relied on the myth of

Rich Lowry



the log cabin to convey their connection to the common folks. Obama's log cabin has gone global as a symbol of his oneness with the world's majority.

Transnational progressivism is closely allied to multiculturalism. Both share a hostility to American exceptionalism and seek to rein it in, by imposing global rules on the U.S. and by transcending its traditional culture (as defined by history, symbols and language). Obama, who for so long painfully sought an identity and initially found it in a black-nationalist church, clearly has affinities running in this direction.

Consider his gaffes: The world won't stand for us driving and eating and air-conditioning our homes as we please. We should worry less about immigrants learning English and more about teaching our kids Spanish. Gun-owning, Bible-believing people in rural areas are bitter. The flag pin is an inadequate symbol of patriotism. When Obama briefly auditioned his own presidential seal, "e pluribus unum" got bumped.

These are all hints of Obama's instincts, but he knows he has to check them. He has restored a flag pin to his lapel, ditched the fake seal and in Berlin was careful to declare himself also "a proud citizen of the United States" and defend America's global leadership. He'd be wise to do more. In November, the world doesn't have a vote.

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

Column features Bob Gates; Pedernales Co-op; Humor from yesterday's pols

This column has been a long time critic of President Bush for his ineptness in selecting personnel for key assignments in his administration. Those who failed we placed in the "Heckuva Job, Brownie" Club and had fun at the expense of both the President and those poor-souls tossed overboard - starting with the two fledgling members WMD Ambassador Joe Wilson and Mike Brown (FEMA chief, dropped after his "heckuva-job" during Katrina); WH counsel Harriet Miers; SecDef Don Rumsfeld; Chief of Staff Andy Card; AG Alberto Gonzales; the Svengali-cloned advisor Karl Rove; and Scott McClellan, press secretary and "AB-novelist" (translated: After-Bush-Tattletale).

GATES - TOP APPOINTEE

All that changed dramatically when he named Robert Gates as Secretary of Defense to replace Rumsfeld - the guy who created chaos throughout the military and helped develop a war that quickly became (and remains) "indeterminate."

Bob Gates is, in our opinion, Bush's finest appointee and we say that without reservation. Here's the most recent example that proves (in our judgement) the SecDef is "one of a kind" and a quantum leap in ability, above the administration's previous appointments - at any level.

"ASTONISHING" SPEECH

To validate the inherent sagacity of Secretary Gates, we have selected excerpts from a recent speech that was termed "astonishing" by the New York Times. (Nicholas Kristof, August 13).

Gates stated: **"One of the most important lessons of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan is that military success is not sufficient to win."** A remarkable statement by a Defense Secretary, who was promoting the need for a stronger (and larger) Foreign Service Office within the State Department.

"Remarkable" in that "State and Defense" are traditional competitors within the Cabinet.

Can you imagine Rumsfeld even entertaining such a statesmanlike thought? Gates then went on to explain why it's easier to get Congress to buy more military goods than invest in diplomacy - which is where the Secretary feels there is a desperate need: **"The Foreign Service simply does not have the built-in domestic constituency of defense programs. Example: F-22 aircraft are produced by companies in 44 States, and that's 88 Senators!"**

"MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL" INFLUENCE

That brief statement capsulized the "military-industrial" influence in Congress. And one of many reasons why Gates is our choice as the finest Presidential appointment made during the past 91 months. We know of no other top official in the Bush administration, confident enough to make such a far-sighted statement, especially during an international conflict he inherited from the war-triumvirate of Bush, Cheney, and Rumsfeld.

We're fortunate to have Bob Gates in Washington and only wish he could remain as part of the next administration. However, we know that's impossible in the partisan world of political "gotcha" played in Washington - regardless of who wins the November 4, election.

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TEXAS CO-OP MEMBERS WORRIED

The million-plus member-owners, of Texas' 77 electric cooperatives have

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



been anxiously watching the fiscal disaster, that directors and executives of the Pedernales Electric Co-op, created at the nation's largest electric co-op, through mismanagement of funds; squandering profits on huge salaries; and awarding excessive retirement, health, and expense benefits - not because they were earned, but because they could do it with apparent impunity.

That renegade group of officials used "knavery" as a modus operandi, in their reckless abuse of authority. And were seemingly proud of it - even after they were caught!

Those responsible for the perfidy at the PEC confirmed, once again, Lord Acton's famous words (published in England, 1904) that **"Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely."**

DANGER: LEGISLATIVE OVERREACTION

Reason the State's electric co-op member-owners are worried, is that the Texas Legislature is about to get into the investigative act, and when they do - overreaction takes charge. Lawmakers in "reform-mode" generally create a plethora of rules and regulations that go far beyond what's necessary and add millions in unneeded administrative costs.

Dollars that the entire Texas co-op industry (that's doing a job second-to-none nationwide) will be forced to spend, in order to obey a series of new (and mostly unneeded) statutory dictates.

Reason lawmakers like to grandstand is because they're always running for reelection and believe making major changes to resolve minor problems, keeps them in office.

As for the problems at Pedernales - the criminal justice system should be allowed to do its job, i.e. confirming the illegalities; taking those involved to trial; and punishing the guilty.

PUT PEC UNDER A "MASTER"

What should be done immediately is have the legislature place Pedernales under an independent "Master" for two years. Put the Co-op back on its fiscal feet, weed out the incompetents, hold new director elections, and create a totally "transparent" operation.

We predict that unless the State's electric co-ops make a major effort to tell their story to lawmakers and **keep the cure in line with the illness - at Pedernales**, all other co-ops will have administrative-fiscal problems in the years ahead - and that would be the "real" act of malfeasance in this matter.

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AND FINALLY.....

We ran across a file that contained some pithy comments that we hope you'll enjoy:

Ronald Reagan - our 40th President: "I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandment's would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress."

"Kinky" Friedman - candidate for Governor 2006: "Texas Republicans have no sense of humor." Mentioned during "Landslide" Perry's whopping 39 percent victory. Kinky further lampooned GOPdom by noting: **"It appears that Republicans (in general) have had a "humor by-pass!"**

Hang in there folks, these "dog days" of heat and politicking won't last forever - as noted below:

COUNTDOWN CONTINUES

Days remaining to Nov. 4 - 75

Days remaining to Jan. 20 - 152
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Tablerock recieves two donations to expedite restroom and concession construction

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor



Terry Crawford presents \$25,000 check to Jackie Mills for Tablerock building projects

To the Editor:

It is with pleasure that we announce the results of the 2008 Production of Salado Legends.

It was a good year! With a total of 1004 attendees to the three performances.

The 103 members of the cast and crew, under the direction of Donnie Williams, were exceptionally talented as well as fun-loving. Credit goes to Donnie's skills and gentle persuasion in guiding "Legends" to success.

The 45 "Legends" sponsors and scholarship donors were very generous with their donations. So generous, that fifteen "Legends" college students, and high school students working on college credits, shared \$11,420 in scholarships. Some of the recipients of "Legends" scholarships have used previous years' funds to pay their way while earning a BA and are now working on Masters degrees. As one of the Tablerock poets, Thom Woodruff from Austin, put it: "In educating our young people, we find that the interest rate is high and the returns are good!"

The 19 companies and businesses who took out ads in the Salado Legends program are to be commended for their courage and continued support of "Legends" in a time when the economy is at an all-time low, and the tourists sparse.

The economic impact on the Village of Salado and the surrounding area is estimated to be \$261,496. With only 50 percent of the attendees filling out attendance form questionnaires, we documented 44 rooms filled in Salado, 2 RV's in Belton's RV Park and one couple who I'm sure must

have regretted staying in an out-of-town motel.

At the last performance of the season on Aug. 2, a surprise announcement was made at the end of the scholarship awards. Denver and I were called to the stage (my first thought was...."How sweet; they are going to give us roses.") Terry Crawford, who for 16 years has played Reverend Crawford in Salado Legends, Terry's sister, his twin brother and Terry's son were all lined up on the stage.

Terry then made the announcement that his family was giving Tablerock \$25,000 to accelerate work on the rest rooms and concession stand. They also presented us with framed photos of their parents whom they wished to honor. The portraits will hang in the concession/gift portion of the building.

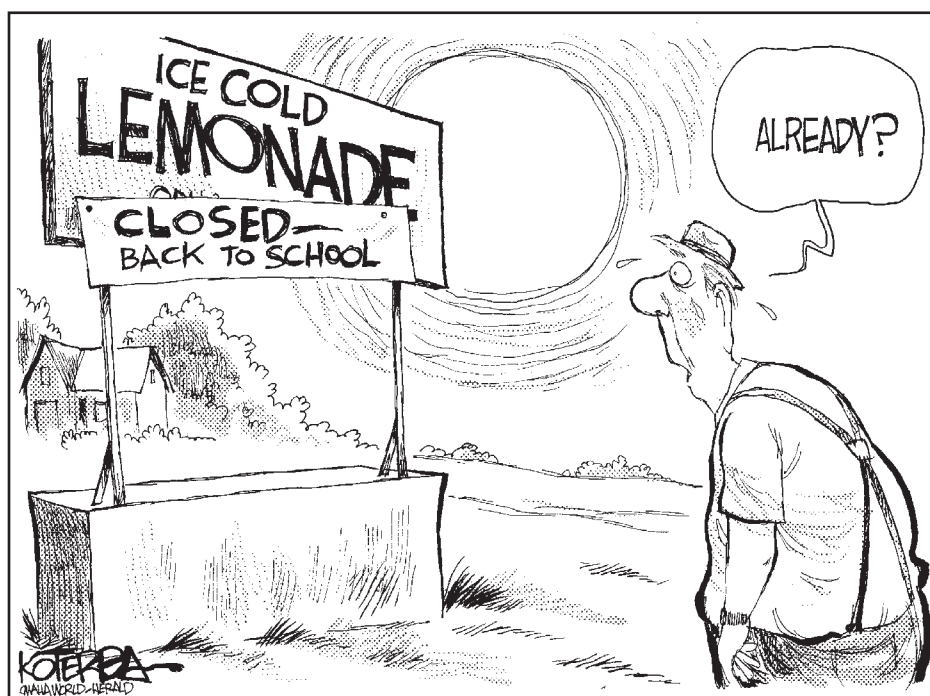
As if that were not enough good news.... a commercial building contractor, the husband of one of the ladies in Salado Legends, will supply the labor to build the restrooms and concession area. That gentleman wishes to remain anonymous.

Ah yes, this was a good year for Tablerock!

Thank you one and all for your continued support, and your unwavering love of "The Arts in Salado." Salado has been artfully resisting change since 1860, and will continue to relate stories of Salado's past on the Tablerock stage, in the Living Room Theater, through PALS, Music in Salado, The Village Artists, and at our annual Art Fair.

Jackie & Denver Mills

FORUM



Education is key to prosperous future

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



government can play a productive role, as well. In the U.S. Senate, I have been a champion for Texas's 38 Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), which enroll more than half of all Hispanic college students in America, and whose performance is vital to our state's economic future.

I have organized and served as co-chair of the U.S. Senate's Hispanic-Serving Institutions Coalition, and by working with like-minded colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I helped to increase HSI funding by more than 800 percent since Fiscal Year (FY) 1995.

Most recently, the Senate passed a measure that creates a competitive grant program for HSIs. These grants can be used for scholarships, fellowships, and financial assistance to students. The funding will also go toward the renovation of classrooms, laboratories, and instructional facilities, and to support faculty training and development and the purchase of new educational materials.

I believe that strengthening our HSIs will help close the high school graduation gap for Hispanics and give them greater opportunities to continue their education at the college and graduate level. The same applies to Historically Black Colleges. Increasing the educational opportunities and programs offered at these institutions will add to our well trained workforce.

As Congress works to enable more Americans to advance their education, we must also encourage students to pursue degrees in the critical fields of science, technology, engineering,

and math (STEM). These are the areas of academic expertise that spur creativity and new discoveries, which are essential for economic growth.

Last year, Congress passed the America Competes Act. The legislation addresses several important goals. First, the bill bolsters education by strengthening the skills of teachers in STEM and making advanced classes in these disciplines available to more students. It funds the Teachers for a Competitive Tomorrow, a project in which colleges and universities encourage undergraduate students to earn degrees in their STEM fields of study with teacher certification obtained through required electives. In addition, the bill increases the number of Advanced Placement (A.P.) courses in underprivileged schools and trains more teachers to teach A.P. math, science, and foreign language courses.

Second, the America Competes Act expands research by doubling funding levels for the National Science Foundation, and it also boosts funding levels for the Department of Energy's Office of Science.

The challenge of educating a 21st century workforce can be daunting, but we should consider it an opportunity to strengthen Texas as a global leader of innovation and an example of prosperity. I remain committed to opening the doors of higher education to all Americans, and keeping our country competitive in the global marketplace.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the Chairman of the Senate Republican

Throwing our troops to the sharks



Jim Hightower

At a time when American field commanders in Iraq and Afghanistan say they need every single soldier they can get hold of, thousands of our battle-ready troops are being held back in the United States. Why not deploy them? Because the Pentagon has hung this label on them: "Security risk."

Ohhhhh. That conjures up images of soldiers unwilling to fight - maybe because they have sympathies for the bad guys. Or maybe they're unsavory characters who might attack their own commanders. But, no, there's nothing squirrely in the make-up of these folks. Their only "crime" is that they've fallen deeply into debt here at home.

Like other Americans, military people can have an illness, go through a divorce, or just get caught in a credit card crunch - and debt piles up. But our troops also are targeted by predatory "payday lenders" -- chains of quick-money outfits clustered around military bases, luring soldiers to borrow against their next paychecks at exorbitant interest rates.

When debt payments reach about a third of a soldier's paycheck, the military brass designates him or her a risk and yanks their security clearance, meaning they're barred from duty abroad. The Pentagon's rationale is that soldiers in debt might be tempted to sell secrets or military equipment to the enemy. More than 6,300 members of the Air Force, Navy, and Marines have lost their clearances in a recent four-year period due to financial reasons. The true size of the problem, however, is much larger, since the Army -- which employs the vast majority of our troops -- refuses to release its numbers.

But why isn't the Pentagon standing with the troops? Instead of branding them for life as security risks, the top dogs should work with these good soldiers to refinance their loan-shark debts with long-term loans at a low - or even zero -- interest rate. Lenders should not be allowed to profit from the hardships of American soldiers. Whatever happened to "support our troops?"

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Smart ways to respond to a down market

If you're an investor, you may have been disappointed with how the markets have been reacting this summer to the news of high oil prices and other short-term events. Nonetheless, your long-term financial goals don't have to be jeopardized by these losses — if you know how to respond to them.

Here are a few moves to consider:

- Stick to your investment strategy. It's almost always a bad idea to make long-term investment decisions in response to short-term market fluctuations. If you have built a diversified portfolio of quality investments, you're better off just "staying the course" during a market decline. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee or protect against loss.) If these investments were

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



suitable for you before the market drop, they'll still be appropriate when the market turns around.

- Don't try to "time" the market. It would be great if you could know when the market had reached its low or high points, or which days would be "losers" and which ones "winners." If you had that foresight, you could always jump in and jump out of the market at the right times. Unfortunately, no one can make those predictions with any accuracy. And those people who do try to "time" the market in this manner end up jumping out at the wrong times and missing both short- and long-term

market rallies. By staying invested through market ups and downs, you can make progress toward your long-term goals.

- Look for buying opportunities. By definition, a market decline means that stock prices are lower — which means you may find some good buying opportunities. Of course, you'll want to know if the stock's price is low because of the effects of the broad-based market decline or because of other factors specific to the stock, such as poor management, non-competitive products or a decline in the industry to which it belongs.

While making these

moves can help you get past the market decline, it doesn't mean that a severe price drop can't affect you. If you need money to pay for an unexpected cost, such as a major car repair, you'll likely take a hit if you have to sell stocks when the market has fallen substantially. But you can avoid this problem by putting three to six months worth of living expenses in an emergency fund, preferably in a "cash" or "cash equivalent" account.

Nobody likes to see big declines in the stock market. But if you're a long-term investor, you've built an emergency fund and you've rebalanced your portfolio to fit your risk tolerance, you'll be in a much better position to withstand these market drops — and you'll be well prepared for an eventual recovery.

T'ai Chi is path to better sleep

SENIOR NEWS
BY MATILDA CHARLES

I've always suspected there might be something to Chinese medicine.

T'ai Chi (pronounced "tie chee") is a 2,000-year-old Chinese form of martial arts. I'm not sure why it's classified as a martial art, because the movements are so gentle. It's thought that doing the movements allows cosmic energy to flow through the body and boost the immune system. Now there is a short Westernized version, called T'ai Chi Chih.

T'ai Chi Chih isn't exercise. It's a series of 19 movements and one pose done while standing in place, with the wrists kept loose and fingers spread apart. The soft and continuous arm movements are slow and without effort, like swimming through thick air. There's little movement of the feet, except for a gentle swaying. (It can even be done while sitting down.)

A UCLA study was done recently with seniors who had trouble sleeping to see if there were any sleep benefits to T'ai Chi Chih. Boy, were there benefits.

Over the course of 25 weeks, 112 seniors were divided into two groups: those who learned and practiced T'ai Chi Chih, and those who received information on stress, sleep and diet. At the end of the study, two-thirds of those who'd practiced T'ai Chi Chih had significant improvements in their sleep. To see a video that explains more, go online to YouTube.com. Do a search for "tccabq" and you'll see two short videos, Principles and Bass Drum Instruction.

If this is something you'd like to try, inquire at your senior center or recreation department. If enough people ask, they might start a class, if there's not one already.



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Tourism Office announces new visitor center coordinator as well as events for the fall

The Village of Salado Tourism Department has been very busy and wanted to share with the wonderful, supporting citizens of Salado what is happening.

First let me welcome Suzi Watson, our new Visitor Center Coordinator and Chamber of Commerce Assistant. If you haven't had the opportunity, please stop by and welcome Suzi.

Second, I would like to thank the many community partners that have worked with us to fast-track the wayfinding sign portion of our Tourism Strategic Plan, specifically: Village of Salado, Village of Salado Tourism Department, Joe Price, Coyote Glass; George Dentry and the Salado Chamber of Commerce Foundation, and Morris Foster with Stagecoach Properties. Salado's wayfinding sign project will significantly improve vehicular and pedestrian directional signage to lead visitors into the historic shopping district and other points of interest. Stone-based gateway signs at the north and south entrances to the Village are already well underway. The north gateway sign will be installed at the Compass Bank property and south entrance sign will be located at the triangle on the Stagecoach property.

Third, the next wayfinding project to be unveiled is the wayfinding map board that will be located at the new rest rooms on the Stagecoach Property. This map will be a large-format sign, making it easier for our guests to read. Construction on this project is expected to be completed by the middle of September.

Fourth, our Chocolate

Tourism Tidbits

by Debbie Charbonneau

and Art Festival is around the corner. The dates for the festival are Oct. 10-12. I have been blessed to have a great working committee so the festival is coming together and we are already getting outside reservations. I would like to thank the following committee members for working with me on this: Will Lowery, Inn on the Creek; Susan Eminger, who created the Eminger strawberry and currently works at Gregory's; June Ritterbusch, Salado Wine Seller; Linda Griffith, TBC International; Larry Prellop, Prellop Fine Art Gallery and Chef Denice, Friendship House B&B and Texas Culinary Institute and Deborah Kaufman and Dave Warner from Embella, Inc. I would also like to thank the following companies for sponsoring this first time event: First State Bank, Horizon Bank, TBC International, Village of Salado, Stagecoach Properties and Solas Gallery. For more information on the Chocolate & Art Festival and how you can become involved please visit our website: www.saladochocolatefestival.com.

com.

Fifth, in November we will be hosting our first FAM tour. A FAM tour is a program that you put together to have meeting planners come to your community for two-three days and you get to "show off" your community and what we have to offer for them to bring their groups here. We will be concentrating this first FAM tour on our faith based meetings planners from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico. The FAM tour will be held Nov. 4-6. Here again, I have a wonderful committee who is helping to put this program together so I would like to thank: Suzi Watson, Rita Oden, Grainger Esch, Will Lowery, June Willingham, Margaret Murray, Rameesh Patel, Charlie Turnbo and Deborah Kaufman from Embella.

Sixth, also in November we will be hosts to the Texas Downtown Association Annual Conference. Last year Belton, Salado and Temple wrote the bid as a group to host this event and we were selected. We will have Main Street Managers from across Texas and

also representatives from the Texas Historical Commission. This "Artfully Yours" evening event will take place on Nov. 11.

As always, I thank you for the honor and privilege to work in Salado and with each and every one of you. My door is always open, so feel free to stop by anytime.



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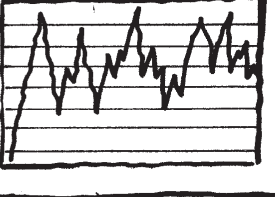


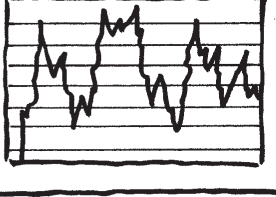
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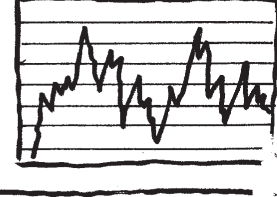
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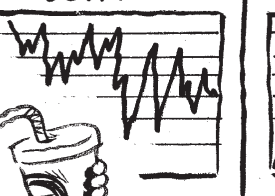
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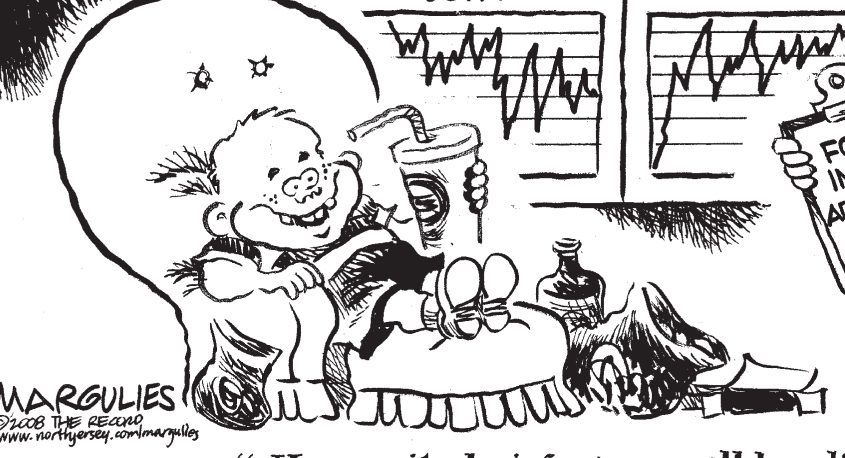
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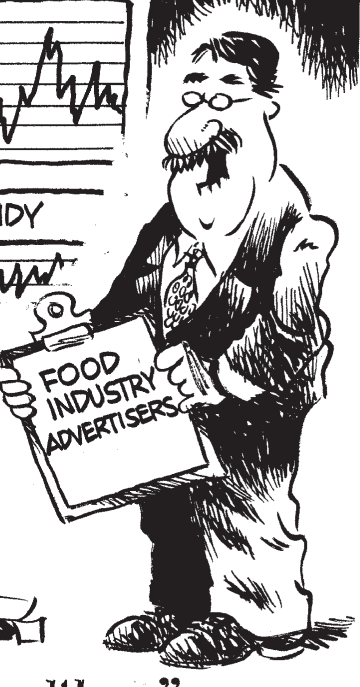
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Don't let feds stifle Texan medicine

By THOMAS R. KOWALSKI

Texas is set to become central to cancer research in America.

Last year, voters approved a measure to create the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT). Now, the organization is preparing to give \$3 billion in grants for medical projects over the next ten years.

The Institute's leadership is particularly interested in biotechnology research. That's a smart move. Biotech drugs -- known as "biologics" -- have shown great promise in fighting diseases that are resistant to traditional pharmaceuticals, like cancer and Alzheimer's.

Unfortunately, Texas' bold step forward might get tripped up by federal lawmakers.

As part of an effort to lower healthcare costs, Congress is considering legislation establishing a separate FDA approval pathway for "follow-on biologics," or imitation versions of brand-name biologics.

The theory is that follow-on biologics could lower healthcare costs by providing cheaper alternatives to high-priced biologics. But the legislation doesn't adequately differentiate between conventional drugs and biologics. If that's not fixed, lawmakers could unintentionally put tomorrow's cures - and patients' health -- at risk.

Conventional drugs, like aspirin, consist of less than 100 atoms. Because they're so simple, it's easy to duplicate them and make

generics in a lab.

Biologics, on the other hand, can consist of over a million atoms. And they're often made using living organisms like bacteria. That's why it's impossible to duplicate a biologic exactly. At best, follow-on biologics are similar to their brand-name counterparts but not identical.

So what does this mean to consumers?

Well, since follow-ons aren't exact copies of brand name biologics, patients could experience unexpected side-effects. Thus, follow-on biologics need their own clinical trials.

Additionally, developing new biologics requires an enormous investment. It costs about \$450 million to build a biologic manufacturing facility and another \$1.2 billion to bring a single drug to market.

This makes private investment crucial.

Unfortunately, Congress' proposals would stifle private investment into biotech since none of them guarantee a long enough period of "data exclusivity" for new biologics.

Data exclusivity allows drug inventors to keep their research data proprietary. Conventional drugs have five years of it.

But that system won't work for biologics. A significant portion of the research on biologics is devoted to the manufacturing process. Without strong exclusivity guarantees, follow-on biologic manufacturers could poach inventions from innovator companies without making any research investments of their own.

Such intellectual theft would be especially damaging to Texas where a robust biotech market could provide thousands of new jobs and millions of dollars of new investment in the state. Without funding, the CPRIT will fall short of its potential and patients will lose.

This year, over 96,000 Texans will be diagnosed with cancer. Biologics offer the best hope of giving them longer and better lives. Federal lawmakers need to encourage, not stifle, this cutting-edge technology.

Thomas R. Kowalski is President of the Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute based in Austin, Texas.

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Bell County Star Party on Aug. 23 features Jupiter, Venus, “Teapot”

The Central Texas Astronomical Society will hold its monthly Bell County Star Party 8 p.m. Aug. 23 at Overlook Park near the dam on Stillhouse Hollow Lake.

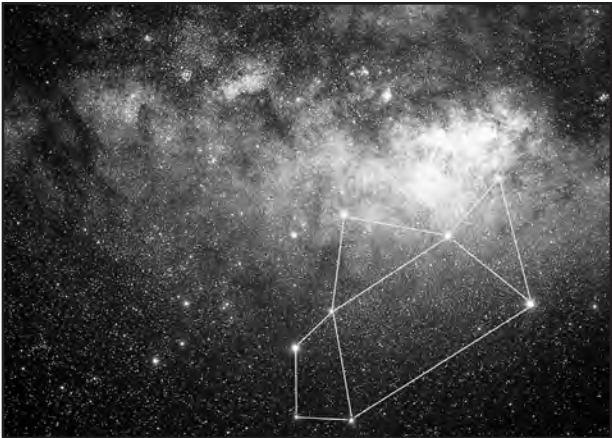
This star party event will feature Jupiter and Venus, which have been outstanding for viewing this summer. Also on Aug. 23, stargazers will be able to look south at the “Teapot” (Sagittarius) Constellation. When the “spout” of the Teapot is viewed, the center of our Galaxy comes into view and many Star Clusters are contained in that area.

The event is free and open to the public. There will be telescopes and on hand along with Astronomical Society members

who will walk star party attendees through the night sky for orientation. Anyone interested in astronomy or just wanting to see an up close view of the night is welcome. Star Partygoers are invited to bring any telescopes/binoculars they may have or just enjoy what those provided by society members will bring.

Directions and Tips: Overlook Park is located near the Stillhouse Hollow Dam. To get to Overlook Park from Interstate 35, go west on Hwy 190 toward Killeen for about 2 miles. Then proceed south on FM1670. The park is on the west side of FM 1670 about 3 miles south of Hwy 190, just beyond the radio tower.

Attendees are encour-



The “Teapot” (Sagittarius) Constellation.

aged to bring a small flashlight to get from the parking lot to the viewing area nearby and a lawn chair to make upward gazing more comfortable. At sundown, CTAS members will at the site with telescopes and binoculars to provide a tour of the night sky. If the

weather does not cooperate, the Society regrets that it cannot offer a makeup date. However, there will be another Star Party the following month.


Information is available on the CTAS website: centextastronomy.org.

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The golf challenge is an open tournament for all area men and women golfers. The four-person scramble tournament will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start on Courses One and Two, and proceeded by a light continental breakfast. Following play,

a lunch will be served. The entry fee of \$95 includes cart, green fee, mulligans, throws and meals.

Winners of the open tournament will receive prizes from local merchants in addition to hole-in-one prizes. Hole sponsorships are available for individuals and businesses at \$100 and \$250 each. Also, memorial hole sponsorships may be made in the name of individuals as desired by the sponsor. We are also having Platinum,

Gold and Silver Sponsorships for those that want to host a team as well. Prizes will be awarded to the top three scoring teams as well as closest to the pin and longest drive. Entries will be limited to the first 92 players. Deadline for entry is Sept. 20 .

Further information and entry details are available through the Salado Chamber of Commerce Office at 254/947-5040, email sala-dochamber@vvm.com or www.salado.com

SVFD Report for July 2008

DATE	TIME	TYPE
7/1/2008	8:51:00 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/2/2008	8:56:00 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/2/2008	11:31:00 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/3/2008	7:32:00 p.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
7/4/2008	6:11:00 a.m.	Alarm system sounded due to malfunction
7/5/2008	12:21:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/5/2008	1:59:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/5/2008	1:29:00 p.m.	Grass fire
7/5/2008	5:28:00 p.m.	Forest, woods or wildland fire
7/6/2008	1:15:00 p.m.	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries
7/6/2008	2:34:00 p.m.	Forest, woods or wildland fire
7/6/2008	1:51:00 p.m.	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries
7/6/2008	5:47:00 p.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
7/7/2008	5:05:00 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/7/2008	2:07:00 p.m.	Natural vegetation fire, other
7/7/2008	5:36:00 p.m.	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries
7/7/2008	10:36:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/8/2008	5:21:00 p.m.	Public service
7/8/2008	8:28:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/8/2008	9:44:00 p.m.	Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke
7/9/2008	1:25:00 p.m.	Good intent call, other
7/9/2008	4:03:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/9/2008	7:49:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/10/2008	8:32:00 a.m.	Assist invalid
7/10/2008	9:07:00 a.m.	False alarm or false call, other
7/10/2008	5:38:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/11/2008	11:29:00 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/11/2008	7:42:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
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7/13/2008	3:05:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
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7/14/2008	2:00:00 p.m.	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries
7/14/2008	2:51:00 p.m.	Power line down
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7/16/2008	1:09:00 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/16/2008	1:39:00 a.m.	Road freight or transport vehicle fire
7/16/2008	6:14:00 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/17/2008	10:11:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/17/2008	10:27:00 p.m.	Good intent call, other
7/18/2008	11:45:00 p.m.	Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS) call, other
7/19/2008	1:57:00 p.m.	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries
7/20/2008	12:52:00 a.m.	Person in distress, other
7/20/2008	7:07:00 p.m.	Passenger vehicle fire
7/21/2008	1:05:00 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/21/2008	1:17:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/22/2008	8:40:00 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/22/2008	3:05:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/22/2008	4:57:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/23/2008	11:37:00 p.m.	Service Call, other
7/24/2008	1:11:00 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/25/2008	2:57:00 p.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
7/25/2008	4:25:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/26/2008	9:57:00 a.m.	Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire
7/26/2008	11:21:00 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/26/2008	10:36:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/27/2008	10:11:00 a.m.	Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)
7/27/2008	2:47:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/27/2008	3:01:00 p.m.	Good intent call, other
7/27/2008	6:16:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/27/2008	9:28:00 p.m.	Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat other
7/28/2008	10:50:00 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/28/2008	11:22:00 a.m.	Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill
7/29/2008	5:25:00 p.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
7/30/2008	12:01:00 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/31/2008	5:24:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
7/31/2008	8:58:00 p.m.	Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire
Grand Total: 66 responses		



The Chisholm Trail Chapter of American Business Women's Association installed new officers for 2008-2009 Aug. 7 at the home of Teresa Tolbert. Shown above left to right: Donna Robertson, Vice President; Marie Jackson, Treasurer; Joyce Barker, Secretary and Barclay McCort, President.

Community Bible Study begins Sept. 8 in Belton

The Temple/Belton Community Bible Study (CBS) adult co-ed class will study the Gospel of Mark and Ephesians this fall.

CBS is an interdenominational study for men and women of all backgrounds who are interested in an in-depth weekly study of God's Word. There are over 543 adult CBS classes around the country and many more classes around the world.

Registration is now in progress for the 30-week study which will begin Sept. 8. The class will

meet 7:30-9 p.m. every Monday night in the old sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Belton, located at Sixth and Main Streets in Belton.

Each week participants will receive a reading commentary on the previous week's topic and a set of questions to work on each day covering the next week's reading. On Monday nights, these questions will be discussed in small groups. Married couples may choose to participate together in a couples' small group or individually in a

men's or women's small group.

Following the small groups, there is a short lecture over the same section of scripture. The class will break for Christmas and spring holidays and will finish at the end of April.

To register or receive additional information, contact the class coordinator Kathie Kimes at 254-773-1842 in Temple or the class associate teaching director Curtis Gibson in Killeen at 254-526-9128.

Obituaries

Eva Peters memorial service held Aug. 16 in Garland

Eva Peters, formerly of Rogers, passed away on August 12, 2008 in Mesquite, TX.

She was born Oct. 17, 1921 in Coffeerville, Mississippi. She married R.L. Peters on June 25, 1948 in Memphis, Tennessee. They celebrated 58 years of marriage before his passing in 2007.

She was a retired civil service employee with the Air Force Logistics Command. She was politically active and was a delegate to the State Republican Convention numerous times.

Eva Peters was an active member of the Church of Christ and taught Sunday school for many years. She was most recently involved in the CPR (Care, Play,

Read) and visitation programs at the Saturn Road Church of Christ in Garland, Texas.

She is survived by her daughters: Annette Parker and husband Dwight of Grandfield, Oklahoma; Dorothy Peters of Mesquite, Texas and Linda Smith and husband Clyde of Rockwall, Texas. She is also survived by four grandchildren: Geoff Parker of Grandfield, Oklahoma; Robert Smith and Michael Smith of College Station, Texas and Jenny Bates of Lawton, Oklahoma and her husband, Spc. Phil Bates, currently serving with the U.S. Army in Iraq and her great-granddaughter, Kallyn Bates.

Also surviving are her sisters: Ella Ruth Perkins

of Mesa, Arizona and Dorothy St. John of Coffeeville, Mississippi. She was preceded in death by her parents Rue and Viona Helm; her husband, R.L. Peters; a brother, Herschel P. Helm; and sisters: Mary Frances Butts and Betty Richey. She is also survived by her beloved sister-in-law, Mary Belle Brown and her husband Tom of Salado.

A memorial service was August 16 at the Saturn Road Church of Christ in Garland, Texas.

Private burial services were held at the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery in Killeen. Memorial donations may be made to the A. Hugh Graham Memorial Endowment at Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas or Lifeline Chaplaincy.



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Gordy McQuire talks to Rotarians about Texas Air Medical

Helicopter pilot and retired Master Army Aviator Gordy McQuire presented a program on PHI Air Medical Texas to Salado Rotary Aug.13. Before returning to his current vocation as a pilot for PHI and after retirement from the Army McQuire received advanced degrees in Criminal Justice and worked full time with the Bell County Sheriff's Office; he currently teaches Criminal Justice courses at the college level.

PHI Texas provides Helicopter Emergency transportation to Hospitals in Central Texas from their base in Georgetown. The PHI organization was originally started with the purpose of helicopter services for the petroleum industry but since 1981 has expanded to air medical emergency services. They are a nationwide organization and actually cover most of the State of Texas with 12 bases from north Dallas to Victoria. The Georgetown base can serve emergency medical situations from Temple to Austin and uses helicopter landing facilities that are available at most hospitals in central Texas. Their pilots have an average of over 20 years of experience, most with backgrounds in Military flying.

PHI is usually contacted for services by "First Responders" such as Police and Fire Departments. These "First Responders" will establish radio contact with the aircraft and supply such details as landing zone descriptions and location. The First Responders must also maintain radio



Gordy McQuire

contact with the pilots until the aircraft has landed. The helicopters have the capability of carrying up to 2 patients. and cruise at speeds from 130 to 150 mph and have "full surgical airway capability" on board.

A most interesting and challenging part of the pilot's job is finding a suitable landing zone. The biggest challenge is to land in tight places and avoid hazards such as utility wires, trees and debris. If the area has not been properly cleared the craft will launch things such as traffic cones, plywood sheets and other debris. The pilots are often required to land in poor light or dark conditions and are equipped Night Vision Goggles for such situations. They also have satellite tracking equipment and a sophisticated weather monitoring system to assure safe flying conditions.

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	Amity School Road	7:05 a.m.
	Tahauya Road	7:13 a.m.
	Smith Dairy	7:18 a.m.
	FM 1670	7:25 a.m.
Route 2	Driver: Larry Belicek	
	Prairie Dell	6:40 a.m.
	Solano Ranch Road	6:45 a.m.
	Hill Road	6:50 a.m.
	Wagon Wheel RV	7:05 a.m.
	Linderman Road	7:10 a.m.
	FM 2115	7:15 a.m.
Route 3	Driver: Melvin Bates (a.m.), Driver: Kyra Mann (p.m.)	
	Hidden Springs	6:55 a.m.
	FM 2843 Patterson Crossing	7:10 a.m.
	Kuykendall Road	7:15 a.m.
Route 4	Driver: Jay Killingsworth	
	FM 2268	6:45 a.m.
	Armstrong Loop	6:55 a.m.
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Route 5	Driver: Danny Agee	
	Salado Plaza	6:55 a.m.
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	Degrummond	7:05 a.m.
	Indian Trail	7:08 a.m.
	Old Mill Road	7:12 a.m.
	Chisholm Trail	7:20 a.m.
	Salado Intermediate	7:25 a.m.
Route 6	Driver: Hillary Goodrum	
	FM 2484	6:50 a.m.
	Southshore Drive	6:55 a.m.
	Cedar Knob Baptist Church	7:00 a.m.
	Cedar Knob Trailer Park	7:03 a.m.
	Berg Haven	7:05 a.m.
	Cedar Knob Cemetery	7:10 a.m.
	Ebertowski's Trailer Park	7:15 a.m.
Route 7	Driver: Robert Hendrick	
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	FM 2484 Grace Baptist Church	7:10 a.m.
	Salado Springs	7:15 a.m.
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	Casey Edition	7:23 a.m.
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	Brewer	7:20 a.m.
	Amity West	7:35 a.m.
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	Cedar Valley	6:45 a.m.
	FM 2843	7:00 a.m.
	Mustang Creek	7:10 a.m.
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Moms in Touch

Prayer ministry to organize in Salado Sept. 4

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Moms and grandmothers are invited to an informational coffee to learn more about Moms In Touch International, a Christian prayer ministry where women gather to pray for children and schools. The introductory meeting will be held 9-10:30 am. Sept.

4, at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Moms In Touch is an interdenominational, non-profit organization where two or more moms gather together to pray for children and schools. Moms will experience how to replace anxiety and fear with

peace and joy by praying specifically and scripturally for children and schools. To start off the school year, moms will be gathering to prayer walk on the first day of school. The group of mothers and grandmothers will

meet at 8:15 a.m. by the sign in front of the Intermediate School on Thomas Arnold Rd. For more information, call Stephanie Warren at 947-3882, email srwarren@marykay.com, or visit the MITI website at www.MomsInTouch.org.

Carter to speak to local GOPs

Salado Area Republican Women will be hosting a luncheon at 11 a.m. Aug. 28, at Stone Creek Settlement Bed and Breakfast. The meeting will start at 11 a.m. for new member orientation followed by a 15 minute social time preceding the noon day meeting. The meeting will be conducted by Linda Hill,

President of the local club. United States Congressman John Carter will be the featured speaker. At the end of his talk there will be time for questions and answers. The cost of the event, which is open to the public, is \$15. Reservations may be made by mailing \$15 to SARW, Pac; P.O. Box 373;

Salado, TX 76571. The checks need to be received no later than Aug. 25. There will be limited seating so early reservations are encouraged. The local club boosts a membership of 90 members at this time, stated Membership Vice President, Barclay McCort, and we hope to have one of our

state officers provide the new member orientation. Future programs include a dinner meeting Sept. 25 with guest speaker Mayor Bill Jones of Temple. Mayor Jones will be presenting information and updates on the proposed light-rail system as well as other issues regarding energy and transportation. Visitors are welcome.

Bell GOP plans annual dinner

The Bell County Republican Party announced today the 19th annual dinner and auction will be held 6 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Bell County Expo Center. Bell County GOP Chair Nancy Boston said, "We are extremely pleased Alfred S. Regnery, publisher and author has agreed to be

our keynote speaker. He is the author of "Upstream: The Ascendance of American Conservatism," a history of the conservative movement in America. Regnery also publishes "The American Spectator." The evening festivities will start at 6 p.m. with a silent auction and dinner

following at 7 p.m. Ret. Gen. Dave Palmer will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The buffet dinner will feature beef tips and gravy, buttery noodles, fresh green beans, tossed salad, rolls, butter, and iced tea. Tickets may be purchased at the Republican

Party Headquarters in Temple Mon.-Fr 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at 725 South General Bruce Drive. Tickets are \$35 each and \$25 for students. Advance ticket reservations and purchases are encouraged. For more information call the office at 254 771-2923

Auditions set Sept. 3-4 for Foote play

Auditions for Talking Pictures, a two-act Horton Foote play, will be conducted 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 3 and 4 at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater. Director James Salter will conduct the auditions for the five women and six men show. Interested actors should come prepared to audition with a one-minute monologue (no longer) which show off that individual's greatest acting strengths. They should also be prepared for cold readings. Rehearsals will begin 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8. Most rehearsals will last two hours. "I will strive to keep the rehearsals short for young people who have school the next day," Salter said. "However, as we move toward opening night these times may increase slightly. I will, however, always try to release the actors and crew no later than 10:30 p.m." Scholarships for college students, and high school seniors earning college credit are available. Tablerock's Fall presentation of a Horton Foote play will be Oct. 10-11, and Oct. 17-18.

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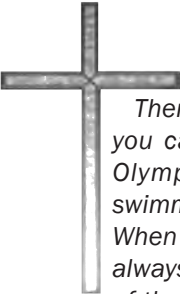
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Salado Mason Ralph Powell was presented with the 60 Year Certificate and pin by the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. and A.M. during the recent Aug. 11 meeting of the Salado Masonic Lodge. He is shown above with family members who were on-hand for the presentation. Shown above, from left are Powell's son-in-law Walt Tollefson, who is the Secretary of the Salado Masonic Lodge #296, Powell's daughter Karen Tollefson, Powell's wife of 62 years Marcelle, and his son Mike Powell and daughter-in-law Judy, both of Copperas Cove. Powell was initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on June 19, 1946 at Blazing Star Lodge #413. He was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on Sept. 14, 1946 and raised to the degree of Master Mason on March 20, 1948 at Blazing Star Lodge. Powell demitted from Blazing Star Lodge #413 on June 18, 1964 to affiliate with Killeen Lodge #1125. He demitted from Killeen Lodge #1125 on July 13, 1992 to affiliate his membership with Salado Lodge #296. He told family and fellow Masons that it felt like "just yesterday" that he received the 50 Year Award. It was actually June 24, 1998.

Eddy on TWU Dean's List

Texas Woman's University has released its dean's list for the spring 2008 semester. Saladoan Tracy Eddy, focusing on Health Studies, was on the Dean's List.

Undergraduate students who complete at least 12 graded credit hours and achieve the minimum grade point average as determined by their particular college or school are eligible for the dean's list.



Raley -Ray upcoming nuptials

Rick Raley of Temple and Martha Raley of Salado announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Adria Raley to Brad Ray of Salado.

The couple plan to wed Aug. 30 in a double ring ceremony held at Saint Williams Catholic Church in Round Rock.

Brad Ray is the son of Debby and Jeff Aldridge of Salado and Terry and Kathleen Ray of Round Rock.

Adria Raley a 2002 Salado High School graduate and a 2006 graduate of Texas A&M, is a Marketing Magazine Production Manager with Dell Inc. Brad Ray a 2003 Salado High School graduate and a 2007 graduate of Texas A&M, is an Austin Police Officer.


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Community Chorus registration held Aug. 26 at Salado Civic Center

It may still be 100 degree weather and school just starting but the Community Chorus is thinking Christmas. They are extending an invitation to all singers from Salado and nearby areas who would like to become part of the Christmas concert the first weekend in December.

The first meeting for

registration and get acquainted time is 6 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Salado Civic Center

The Chorus will be making plans for activities for the rest of the year. They may even have Christmas Cookies and punch to get you into the spirit of Christmas.

Country and Western Singles meet Aug. 31

Country and Western Singles Fifth Sunday dance is featuring live music, Branded Heart 6-10 p.m. Aug. 31 at Bo's Barn in Salado. This dance is sponsored by the Temple Chapter of the Texas Asso-

ciation of Single Adults.

All single adults 21 years of age are welcome. Fifth Sunday dances may be attended by former TASA club members who have met and married through the club.



Mason Price of Salado and Michael Holder of Horseshoe Bay took 1st place in Boys Doubles at the Austin Tennis Academy Open during the weekend of Aug. 8.



Mattie Price was awarded 2nd place in the Austin Tennis Academy Open - Girls 14s division held during the weekend of Aug. 8. She was presented her trophy by Brian Notis Tournament Director.

SEPT. 30 DEADLINE

Central Texans can participate in The Reflections on Hope Project

The Catholic Charities of Central Texas' "Reflections on Hope" project has received an overwhelming response from residents of the Diocese of Austin. Since the project launched on June 1st, people from all over the Diocese of Austin have submitted touching and inspirational narratives that answer the question, "What does hope mean to you?"

Catholic Charities launched the "Reflections on Hope" project as a way to collect stories of inspiration and hope — from students, parishioners, clergy/religious, and other residents of the Diocese of Austin who have overcome a difficult challenge, loss, or situation in their lives and whose hope in God was impacted as a result of it.

A select number of "Reflections on Hope" entries will be compiled into a book of hope for daily inspiration and direction which will be published during the Lenten season. It will be used to help raise funds for Catholic Charities and will be distributed to friends of Catholic Charities and to families who have sought assistance during times of personal or financial crisis.

"We are very pleased that so many people have shared their stories and thankful to everyone for their dedication in provid-

ing help and creating hope for the poor and vulnerable families throughout Central Texas," said Cynthia Colbert executive director of Catholic Charities. "I want to encourage anyone who has not yet participated to please consider taking a few moments to share their experience, the strength that they found in it, and the hope that they wish to share with others."

The deadline for entries has been extended until Sept. 30. An informational packet is available on the Catholic Charities website, and can be downloaded at: http://www.ccctx.org/news_view.php?id=61

The information packet includes an entry form and some examples of stories of hope and inspiration that have been submitted, to date.

How to participate in the "Reflections on Hope" Project:

Students, parishioners, clergy/ religious, volunteers, families who have sought assistance from Catholic Charities, and other residents of the Diocese of Austin can participate. Visit the Catholic Charities website for complete information or print the entry form at: http://www.ccctx.org/news_view.php?id=61

In 500 words or less, please describe a time in your life, when you experienced a difficult challenge, loss, or situation. What were the circumstances? How did this impact your hope in God, or the future? How did you overcome this situation? What gave you a renewed sense of hope? What does hope mean to you? Is there a scripture or a person that inspired you in your faith?

Submitting an entry:

Participants can submit their entries by mail

to ATTN: "Reflections on Hope" Project, Catholic Charities of Central Texas, 1817 East Sixth Street, Austin, Texas 78702 or by email to catholic-charities@austindiocese.org or via fax to 512-651-6101. All entries must be received by Sept. 30 and must include a Release Form to be eligible. For more information visit www.ccctx.org or call 512-651-6100.

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Public hearing slated Aug. 25 for school budget, tax rate

Salado Independent School District Trustees will conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed \$10.9 million 2008-09 budget and the proposed \$1.318 per \$100 evaluation tax rate at 6 p.m. Aug. 25, at the Salado Civic Center.

The maintenance and operations expenditures of \$10.9 million are approximately \$880,000 more than the 2007-08 budget.

The largest increase in the budget is for plant operations, up 25 percent to \$1.3 million from \$1 million in 2007-08. This increase is due to fuel prices and the cost of operating the new Salado High School.

Other increases related to opening the new high school include school leadership, which increases six percent to \$639,987 from last year's \$536,548.

There are \$778,753 in budget changes in the 2008-09 budget compared to 2007-08.

The proposed budget will spend down the general fund balance by \$427,153, the first time that the school district has budgeted a decrease in the fund balance. However, for the first time in nine years the district will dip into its fund balance.

In the 2007-08 budget, the school predicted adding \$326,733 to the fund balance of \$3 million.

However, because of a shortfall in state funding of \$367,785 coupled with other unbudgeted expenses of \$119,561, the district will dip into the fund balance for \$160,613, lowering it to a projected fund balance of \$2.9 million to start the 2008-09 school year.

The proposed budget for 2008-09 will lower the fund balance by \$427,153. The budget is based on no additional growth in the student population, even though the school district is opening a new campus.

This no-growth approach may be in reaction to the trend in student enrollment the last two years. Since 2005-06 the enrollment in Salado schools has increase by only 27 students, from 1,210 students to 1,237 students last year.

If the Salado school population increases with the opening of the new high school, the district will have a windfall in state aid, rather than a shortfall as it felt this year.

The district is proposing a decrease in the overall tax rate. The school will maintain the \$1.04 maintenance and operation tax rate in

order to maximize the state funding formula, which will provide \$3.7 million in state revenues. This is almost seven percent less than the amount budgeted in 2007-08 of \$4 million.

Local revenues are anticipated to increase by six percent, from \$6.1 million to \$6.5 million in 2008-09.

This is due to a 10 percent increase in taxable property values in Salado ISD.

Taxable property values in Salado ISD increase by more than \$45 million, from \$451 million to \$496 million.

Of that, \$27 million is new property within the school district.

With the increase in property values, the district will lower its debt service tax for the current 0.293 per \$100 evaluation to 0.278 per \$100 evaluation.

Superintendent FROM PAGE 1A

sas School District, where he has served since July 2003. Port Aransas ISD is a Academically Recognized school district, according to Texas Education Agency ratings.

In the five years he has

been at the Port Aransas, the district has seen an under-performing elementary school become an exemplary-rated school by TEA.

In addition, the Middle School is currently rated as Exemplary and the High School is currently rated as Recognized. District is rated as Recognized.

Currently, Port Aransas I.S.D. is a Recognized District consisting of 575

students, 103 employees with 53 teachers, and four administrators.

While at Port Aransas, Wiggins worked in collaboration with all district stakeholders to complete a successful bond election that passed with 88 percent approval by voters.

Prior to that, Wiggins was superintendent of the Simms ISD for three years. Simms ISD was rated as Exemplary by TEA during

his tenure there.

He also moved the district from a negative fund balance to approximately \$500,000 in fund balance.

He also oversaw a successful \$4 million dollar bond election for facilities, which was the first successful bond election in the history of the Simms district.

Wiggins was high school principal in Hardin-Jefferson from 1994 to 1998 and assistant superintendent of Hardin-Jefferson from 1998 to 2000.

He was the High School Principal in Lumberton Independent School District, 1991-1994, a 4A District.

Other positions in education include these: Pearland Independent School District, July 1990 to June 1991 Teacher and Coach (5A District); LaPorte Independent School District, LaPorte, Texas July 1983 to June 1990 Teacher and Coach (5A District) and Sante Fe Independent School District, Sante Fe, Texas July 1978 to June 1983 Teacher and Coach (4A District).

He holds a Masters of Education in Educational Administration/ Mid-Management from Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas, a B.S. in Physical Education/Health/Recreation from Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas General Studies .

Salado ISD had 36 applicants for the superintendent's position and the board interviewed five candidates on July 18-19. Three of those were interviewed a second time on July 21.

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Chocolate & Art festival set for Oct. 10-12

The Village of Salado hits a sweet spot with weekend getaway fans. For those who believe the four basic food groups consist of white chocolate, milk chocolate, dark chocolate and truffles...the 'Expressions of Good Taste' Chocolate & Art Festival Oct. 10-12, is one event not to be missed. This year's event takes place throughout the downtown shopping district and coincides with the annual Christmas in October shopping spree and Gallery Night in October. Oct. 10-12 offers visitors three great Salado events in a single weekend...Expressions of Good Taste Chocolate & Art Festival, Gallery Night in October and Christmas in October.

The three-day chocolate celebration promises to satisfy all the senses with chocolate, wine tastings, music, demonstrations, chocolate sculpting, a gourmet chocolate and champagne brunch, and gallery tours. The festival kickoff begins with an Evening of Chocolate & Wine 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. at the Salado Wine Seller. Oct. 10,

Guest will be invited to savor the taste of premier Texas wines paired with decadent chocolates. The Evening of Chocolate & Wine will feature the finest in artisan chocolates, wine tasting from Texas vineyards, hors d'oeuvres, and live jazz. Carriage rides and Belgian horses will provide transportation from both Stagecoach Inn and the Holiday Inn Express to the event location.

A Day of Chocolate & Art is scheduled for Oct. 11, with the first event 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Stagecoach Inn. This event will feature chocolate cooking demonstrations from Chef Denice, an instructor at the Texas Culinary Academy, along with fellow instructors. There will also be a fun/educational class on wine and chocolate pairings from Jane Nickles entitled "Like Wine for Chocolate" along with live music and children's chocolate activities.

Participants will have an opportunity to sample some delicious desserts made by Pastry Chef Denice Woods, each paired with a wine selected by Sommelier Jane Nickles.



Salado Chocolate & Art Festival is slated for Oct. 10-12 with several events planned for the weekend.

Gallery Night in October will open evening activities Oct. 11 with all eight Salado galleries hosting featured artists and art enthusiasts with a wine and cheese receptions 5-9 p.m. Chocolate sculpting demonstrations will also take place at several galleries. Specific times and locations will be announced at a later date.

A special highlight of Gallery Night in October is the appearance of Susan Eminger at Prelop Fine Art Gallery. Eminger received national acclaim with her Eminger Berry recipe in The Food Network's "Road Tasted" with Jamie and Bobby Deen. Eminger will be showcasing

her famous dessert stuffed strawberries at the gallery 5:30-8:30 p.m.

The three-day event is concluded on Oct. 12 with a spectacular Chocolate and Champagne Brunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Participating restaurants and inns will dazzle guests with their finest chocolate and gourmet recipes. A complete list of Chocolate and Champagne Brunch locations and menus can be found at www.saladochocolatefestival.com.

For festival details and ticket information, visit us online at www.saladochocolatefestival.com or contact the Village of Salado Tourism office at 254-947-8634.



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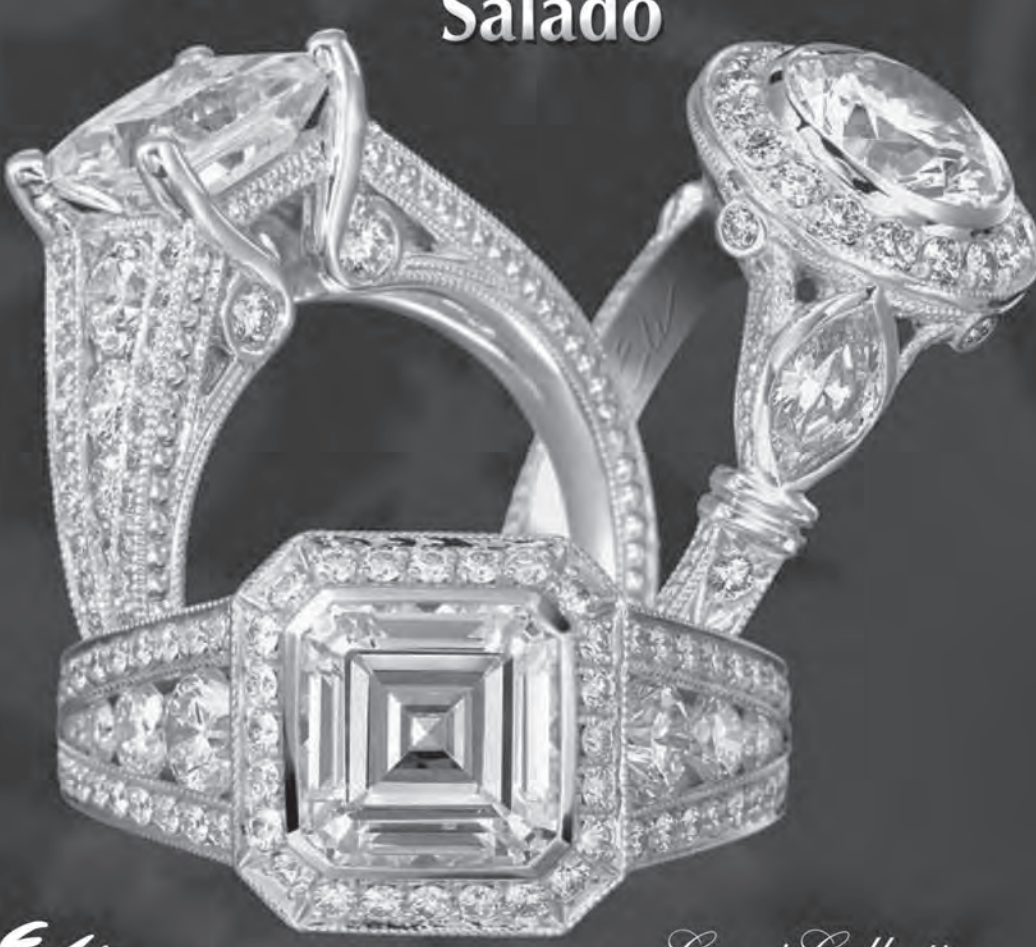
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AUGUST 23

Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony for Salado High School, 10 a.m. 1880 Williams Dr.

AUGUST 23

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

AUGUST 26

Salado Rotary Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Stagecoach Inn dining room.

AUGUST 27

Salado Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic

Center. Speaker will be Mr. Drew Pittman, a professional sports agent.

AUGUST 28

Salado Area Republican Women luncheon, 11 a.m., Stonecreek Settlements. Rep. John Carter will speak. \$15 per person, reservations by Aug. 25 to SARW PAC, PO Box 373, Salado, TX 76571.

SEPTEMBER 3-4

Auditions for Talking Pictures, a two-act Horton Foote play, Tablerock Amphitheater, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 4-6

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

SEPTEMBER 14

Annual Horses to Harleys Trail Ride and Bike Run to benefit Children's Miracle Network. Trail ride begins 8:30 a.m. at Bo's Barn. Trail ride info from Jody Folsom, 254-760-7891. Bike run begins 8:30 a.m. at Ft. Hood Harley Davidson. Bike run information, Dave Curtis, 254-394-2824,

SEPTEMBER 16

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

SEPTEMBER 18-20

The First Annual Fall Presentation of Tablerock's

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

OCTOBER 1

Institute for Humanities at Salado Lecture, 6-8 p.m. Lord Conference Center, University of Mary Hardin Baylor. Featuring Cal Thomas and Bob Beckel. For info, call 947-5729 or email ifh@vvm.com.

OCTOBER 2-4

The First Annual Fall Presentation of Tablerock's Repertory Theater of Salado. Showtimes at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call 254-947-9205 for information.

OCTOBER 6

Saladobration, the annual fund raiser for the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS); 6:30 p.m., Creekside at Tenroc Ranch.

OCTOBER 7

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

OCTOBER 8

Texas Historical Marker dedication for missionaries Kate Crawford Taylor and

Zachary Clay Taylor, First Baptist Church, 6:15 p.m.

OCTOBER 10-11

Christmas in October at Salado Civic Center.

OCTOBER 11

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

OCTOBER 11-12

Salado's Chocolate & Art Festival Expressions of good taste. Chocolate & wine tasting, chocolate demonstrations, sampling and gallery tour. Sunday Chocolate Champagne Brunch. Contact the Salado Tourism Dept. 254-947-8634 or salado tourism@vvm.com

OCTOBER 11-12

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

OCTOBER 15

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

OCTOBER 21

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

OCTOBER 18

Institute for Humanities at Salado Lecture, 5-7 p.m. Longhorn Conference Center, Stagecoach Inn. Featuring Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi. For info, call 947-5729 or email ifh@vvm.com.

OCTOBER 22-24

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

OCTOBER 25

Salado Area Republican Women's Fine China Luncheon. Longhorn Room of Stagecoach Inn. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. 939-7085.

OCTOBER 25-26

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Famous bridge hand

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Partscore contracts usually are not as dramatic as games or slams, but they provide at least as many opportunities for skillful play. Here is an exceptionally well-defended hand played in an inter-city match many years ago between Los Angeles and New York.

The L.A. South opened one heart, West (Howard Schenken) doubled, and East (George Rapee) responded one spade. Rapee's hand was much stronger than his spade response suggested, but he judged it not quite good enough for a jump-response.

After South bid two clubs, West and North passed. Rapee now felt he had to do something to show his values, so he doubled, and everyone passed. Schenken decided to lead a trump in order to protect any heart strength his partner might have. After playing the ace and viewing dummy, he continued with the eight of clubs, on which dummy

played low, and so did Rapee!

Had Rapee won the eight and returned a trump, South would have made the contract. Dummy's nine would have provided an entry for a successful heart finesse, and declarer would have lost only one spade, one heart, one diamond and two clubs.

As it was, South won the club eight with the ten and led the king of spades. Schenken very properly ducked, but won the next spade with the ace and returned a low diamond. Rapee won with the king, cashed the trump king and returned a diamond. Declarer ruffed and played the A-3 of hearts. Rapee took the jack and returned his last diamond.

Declarer ruffed and played another heart.

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♥	Dble
Pass	1 ♠	2 ♣	Pass
Pass	Dble		

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

Rapee won with the king -- the sixth trick for the defense -- but had to concede the last two tricks to dummy's Q-J of spades.

East-West didn't score much -- 100 points -- but they earned every point they got. At the other table, where the defense was less inspired, South made three clubs.

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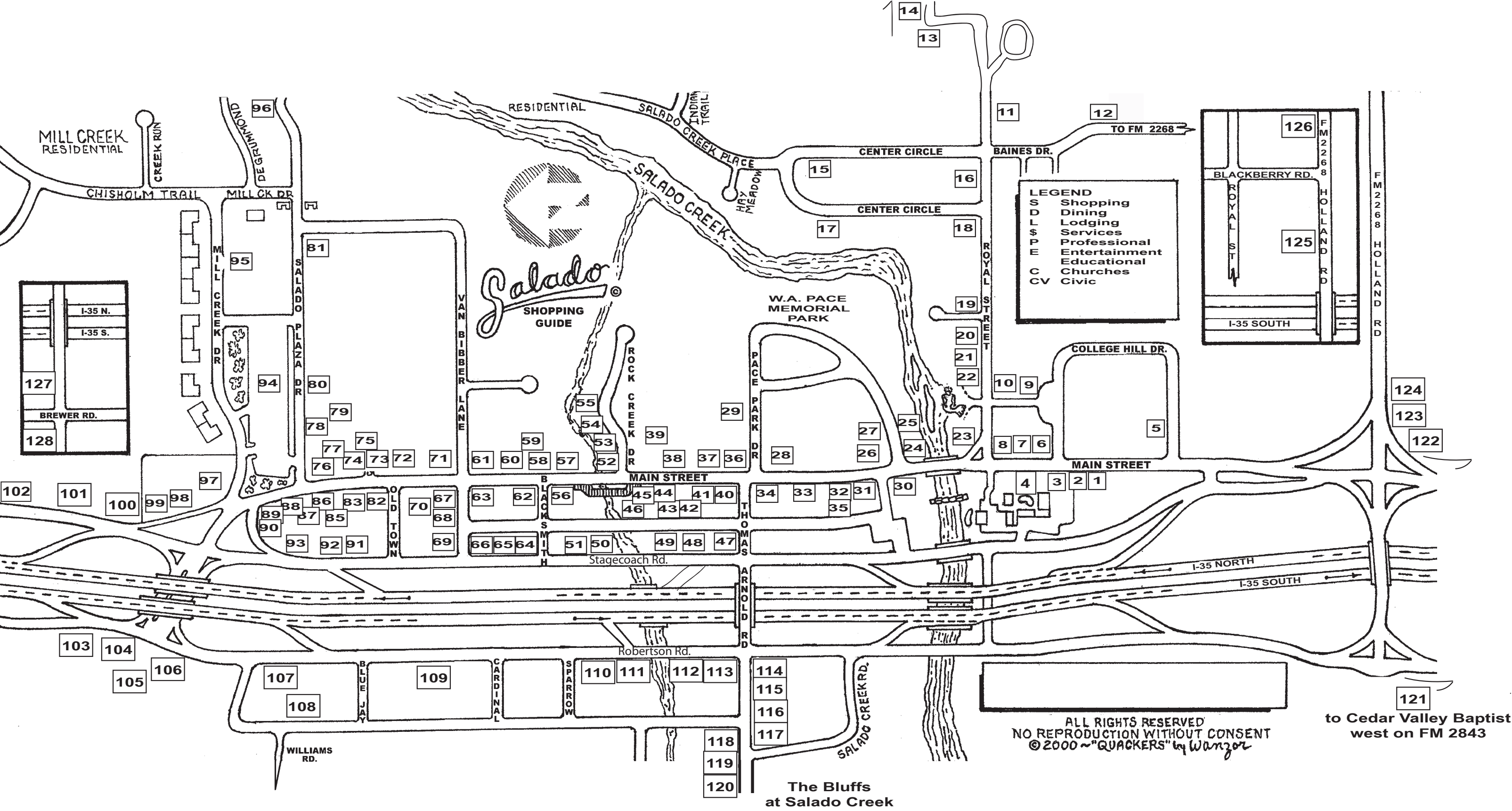
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by Linda Thistle

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ANSWER

Weekly SUDOKU

Attaining your wellness level

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By **KEVIN MCCAULEY**



This week we will finish up our Question and Answer session with three more topics to help you attain the wellness level that you desire.

1. Question: I want to improve my health, I really do, but I just can't stop my habit of smoking and drinking coffee. What should I do?

Answer: My advice might surprise you: Don't stop cold-turkey. The most important steps in improving one's health in a proper manner are:

1) Replacing Hormones if Needed (Bio-Identical)

2) Proper Nutrition and Supplementation, including Water Intake

3) Proper Sleep Patterns, including Stress Management

Once you have developed a lifestyle that has balanced your hormones through proper nutrition and sleep, then, and only then should you begin "tapering" off of the toxic chemicals: nicotine and caffeine. Personally, if you are serious about your health, I would recommend stopping your tobacco habit now, and taper off of nicotine slowly. Tobacco is one of the leading "preventable" killers today, so this endeavor should be taken seriously.

The only toxic chemicals you can stop cold-turkey are artificial sweeteners and MSG.

The reason for this approach is simple: 1) a greater rate of success, and 2) the proper approach to regain your well-being in a healthy manner.

2. Question: What do you think of riding a bike as a source of beneficial exercise?

Answer: The answer to this question is completely goal-dependent. When developing a successful cardiovascular program there a number of components to look at: 1) Mode of Activity, 2) Duration, 3) Intensity and 4) Frequency. Riding a stationary bicycle can be beneficial for the person who may have joint issues when participating in a "weight-bearing" activity. The challenge comes when the body adapts to that mode, so the other variables must be manipulated. If you are desirous of improving your cardio-respiratory health and decreasing your body-fat, you must always be changing the way you stimulate your body. Since the mode of activity does not change, you might increase the duration, or just increase the intensity. The frequency of activity should always be changed last, as your ability to increase the stimulus of seven times a week becomes difficult.

Here are some examples:

Mode: Stationary Bike-Duration: 20 Minutes/Intensity: 65-70 percent of MHR/Frequency: Four times a Week

Mode: Stationary Bike-Duration: 20 Minutes/Inten-

sity: 10 Intervals of one minute difficult and one minute easy/Frequency: Five times a Week

Mode: Stationary Bike-Duration: 20 Minutes/Intensity: 75-80% of MHR/Frequency: Five Times a Week

The difficulty in constantly achieving desired results is to always be stimulating the body in a safe and challenging way.

3. Question: I have lost ten pounds in the last two weeks by only eating two meals a day (lunch and dinner) consisting of only one vegetable and one meat product. What do you think of this type of diet?

Answer: There are numerous reasons why this "diet" is going to be problematic. This is the type of program that litterers the headlines in the magazines of the check-out section of most grocery stores.

Here is exactly why this "diet" won't work! Let me count the reasons why this program will create accelerated aging and disease:

A) Initial weight-loss comes from dropping water, which will come back once there is an increase in carbohydrate intake.

B) Meals are not balanced to keep primary hormones in check.

C) No breakfast will not only slow the metabolism, but will cause issues with your primary hormones.

D) This program is too restrictive, which will lead to cheating.

E) It is void of a broad spectrum of nutrients, including: Essential Fatty Acids, Essential Amino Acids, and Anti-oxidants.

F) Any weight-loss program that does not have a resistance training component is short-sighted.

G) Low calorie intake will slow the metabolism.

H) Infrequent meals will slow the metabolism.

I) Meals that are high in protein and fat, but have no carbohydrates can cause the body to burn muscle for energy.

J) To be able to function properly you will have to damage the metabolism severely to live in "starvation" mode.

Though this approach to weight-loss still sells magazines, it is evident for your health and your long-term goal achievement that this is NOT the proper approach for you.

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Beat the heat with new books,

By KAREN KINNISON

Ok folks, I don't have any more words to describe this heat. It's hot; get over it. Nuff said. However, it IS nice and cool here in the library and we have lots of good things to keep you entertained INSIDE. So put on your sunscreen and come on down.

We have some exciting news for this library. We applied for and have received a Tocker Foundation Grant of \$24,500 to do some remodeling inside the library. The remodeling will include making more space for public programs, creating an area for teens, and a quiet reading space with comfy chairs—sorry, no coffee bar. Watch this column for more information and plans.

Don't forget our Poetry Reading 7 p.m. Aug. 21 here at the library. Patty Campbell, Shelley Smith-McMasters, and Lainie Edgings will be reading Texas Poetry.

NEW IN FICTION:

"Foreign Body" by Robin Cook: A series of unexplained deaths in foreign hospitals sends a UCLA medical student on a desperate search for answers.

"Being Elizabeth" by

Check It Out



News & Notes from Salado Public Library

Barbara Taylor Bradford: Revisit the Ravenscar clan. Here is a modern retelling of the drama and intrigue surrounding the 16th century Queen Elizabeth. Only instead of England, the throne is the business empire of the DeRavenels.

"The Assassin" by Stephen Coonts: This exciting thriller from Coonts raises a timely issue---the lack of wealthy Americans on combat duty in the war against terrorism.

"I Am My Own Dragon" by Linda Carol Thompson: This book creates a new genre of metaphysical fiction. It spans a human lifetime and beyond, engaging the reader to personally commit to their own story with each page they turn.

NEW IN NON-FICTION:

"The Faith of Barack Obama" by Stephen Mansfield: This book serves as a guide to the "faith based" controversies that have marked this political sea-

son.

"The Way We'll Be: The Zogby Report on the Transformation of the American Dream" by John Zogby: The "rock star of public opinion," Zogby reports on surveys that sample Americans' views on everything. His results are pretty unexpected.

NEW IN DVD:

"The Bucket List:" Two terminally ill old men hatch a plan to experience life to the fullest before they "kick the bucket".

"Stop Loss:" An Iraqi war hero returns to his small Texas hometown and tries to readjust to civilian life, only to be called up again in the controversial Army policy of "stop-loss".

"The Band's Visit:" An Egyptian brass band traveling to Israel winds up abandoned in a remote desert town.

"Biography: John McCain" and "Biography: Barack Obama:" Updated

documentaries on the two Presidential contenders for 2008.

"Wire in the Blood: Prayer of the Bone:" Part of a BBC psychological thriller series---this one is set near Austin with one of our own from Salado (Richard Dillard) playing a medical examiner.

That's all for this week folks. Stay cool.

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Sunrise at Machu Picchu lives up to its billing

by
Tumbleweed
Smith



On the last day of our trip we stayed in our hotel room in Lima as long as we could because we didn't want to leave. We experienced the city's convenience, its welcoming atmosphere and the friendliness of the city's residents. English is spoken everywhere and dollars are accepted right along with Peruvian Soles. The attractive city is just a six-hour flight from Houston and in the summer (winter there) it has the same time. Lima is in the Eastern Time zone, but Peru doesn't observe Daylight Saving Time. There is no jet lag going or coming.

I don't understand why we don't hear more about Lima. It's so dynamic and is the fourth largest city in South America behind Sao Paulo, Rio and Buenos Aires. Nearly nine million people call Lima home. Our hotel was the Casa Andina Private Collection in the Miraflores section

of town. Plazas, parks and stores are all within easy walking distance.

Peru celebrates its independence from Spain on July 28. We were there a couple of weeks before the holiday and nearly everyone was wearing pins showing colors of the Peruvian flag. When I asked a waiter in a restaurant about the pin and where I could buy it, he gave me one. That happened the first few hours we were in the city and set the tone for the entire trip. Needless to say I wore the pin all the time we were in Peru.

The purpose of our trip was to visit Machu Picchu, the mysterious ruins high in the Andes. It is mostly associated with the Incas, but more than 80 civiliza-

tions lived there before the Incas.

We took a plane from Lima to Cuzco, the largest city near Machu Picchu. The flight lasted slightly more than an hour and on the way we saw the snowy peaks of the Andes poking through the clouds.

A three-hour ride on the Hiram Bingham train took us to Machu Picchu. We were fortunate to spend the night just a stone's throw from the ruins. The hotel is the Sanctuary Lodge, a perfect name for the place.

Most people visit Machu Picchu for just one day, arriving early and spending a few hours there. We got to see both the sunset and sunrise in the midst of the architectural wonder. We could have watched the sunrise from our hotel window, but preferred to see the first rays of daylight illumine the Temple of the Sun. Macchu Picchu is one of the new Seven Wonders of the World and a popular destination. Thousands of college-age people were there, mindful of the spiritual nature of the place.

We expected the temperature to be cool, since it was winter season in Peru, but we quickly shed our coats as the days warmed up. Many young people were wearing shorts and thin t-shirts. We hiked to the Gate of the Sun, the place where the sunrise first hits during the December solstice. Machu Picchu has been high on our list of places to visit. I'm glad we got to experience it. You should go.

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\$595,021: 575 Lonesome Dove, Salado. Formerly a train depot, this home has been renovated to include a large living, dining, kitchen area that overlooks a negative edge pool, all on 16 acres.



\$498,700: 1295 Western Trail, Salado. Home on 9.10 acres fronting the Willingham Creek in Hidden Springs. 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2 half baths.



\$399,700: 1201 Ambrose Dr., Salado. This 4 BR, 2.5 BA home has many features, including crown molding throughout. Two car garage plus golf cart garage.



\$374,521: 1129 E. Amity, Belton. Custom 4 BR, 3.5 BA just North of Salado on 5 acres. Two living, 2 dining, & study. One bedroom & private bath is wheelchair accessible.



\$329,000: 1219 Ambrose Dr., Salado. Gorgeous 4 BR home with a view! Beautiful tile floors. Patio is covered with large area for entertaining.



\$309,000: 10289 Brewer Rd., Salado. Updated 3 BR home on 10 acres in Salado ISD. Custom stone fireplace, limestone countertops & etched concrete patios.



\$299,700: 2013 Highland Dr., Salado. Light, bright & immaculate describes this home on Highland Drive overlooking Mill Creek golf course.



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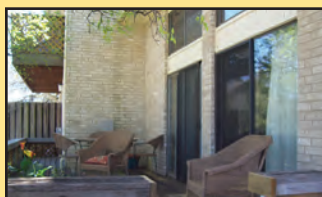
\$275,700: 1211 Yellow Rose, Salado. Pool and hot tub in your private back yard. 4 BR, 3 BA, game room, with additional living and dining.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **Village of Salado 2008-2009 Budget**

A draft 2008 – 2009 Budget has been filed at City Hall for public review. The Village of Salado Board of Aldermen will hold two public hearings.

The first on

Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 6:30 P.M.

the second on

Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 6:30 P.M.

At the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

On the proposed 2008 – 2009 Budget

This will be in addition to the regularly scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting agenda items.

All citizens are invited to attend.



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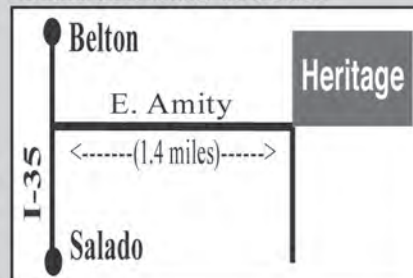
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NEW LISTINGS



808 ARROWHEAD Beautiful traditional home in Mill Creek This home offers hardwoods and tile throughout, wide moldings, beams and attention to detail. There are three bedrooms and three full baths, library adjacent to the master suite, large formals and great room that opens into the spacious kitchen with Avanza countertops. other features include cedar closet, large screened porch, recessed lighting, water softener, and sprinkler system. This home is timeless in design. \$345,000.



123 ROCK CREEK Charming Darwin Britt classic featured in Texas Homes. Use of indigenous materials of bygone era makes this home unusual, warm, and inviting. Formal living and dining, 3 living areas, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, and 2 enclosed porches with walls of glass. There are 2 fireplaces, one in the living room and the other in a sitting room/library that could be 4th bedroom. This room has french doors and screens that open to a covered patio overlooking the gardens. Other features include hardwood floors, painted wood walls throughout, and wood beamed ceilings. There is a studio in the detached carport. Must see to absorb the uniqueness. \$560,000.



417 Rose Way Located down a gently winding drive, this 2175 sq. ft. home sits proudly on a landscaped half an acre. With yesteryear charm and modern upgrades this home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, formal dining, computer room and lots of storage. Other amenities include hardwood floors, high ceilings, front porch and a utility room. The backyard has a fireplace, 2 stone picnic tables and stone benches. You will fall in love with this one.



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708 DE GRUMMOND WAY Situated on one of the prettiest streets in Mill Creek. Original owner home in pristine condition. Built 1974 on 1.7 acres with many huge, native trees. Offers gracious living with large rooms. Formal living and dining rooms, great room with fireplace, sunroom with fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 4 baths and 2 car attached garage plus 2 car detached garage. Property has well with new pump. Roof replaced in 2006. MUST SEE \$270,000.



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New home on 1/2 acre in Salado ISD. 4 BR, 2.5 bath, two dining, and nice open kitchen with bar. Long covered back porch with landscaped yard. Master suite has separate shower/tub, walk-in closets and two vanities. Kitchen opens into family room and breakfast area. \$255,021. Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050

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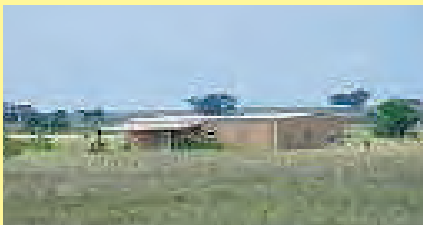
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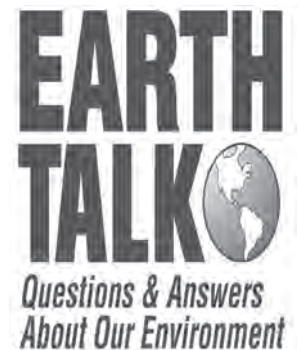
Basic maintenance, changing the oil in your car

Dear EarthTalk: How often do I really need to change my car's oil? Conventional wisdom has always put it at every 3,000 miles to prevent engine wear, but isn't changing oil that frequently wasteful and unnecessary? Also, what is the "greenest" and longest-lasting oil I should use?

-- Vic Roberts, Lincoln, MA

There is much debate in the automotive world over how often drivers of typical passenger cars or light trucks should change their oil. The quick-lube chains usually recommend it be done every three months or 3,000 miles, but many mechanics would tell you that such frequent changes are overkill. Indeed, most car owner's manuals recommend changing out the oil less frequently, usually after 5,000 or 7,500 miles.

According to the automotive website Edmunds.com, the answer depends more on driving patterns than anything else. Those who rarely drive more than 10 miles at a time (which doesn't get the oil hot enough to boil off moisture condensation) or who start their car frequently when the oil isn't hot (when most engine wear



occurs) should change their oil more often—at least twice a year, even if that's every 1,000 miles, according to Edmunds. But commuters who drive more than 20 miles a day on mostly flat freeway can go as far as their owner's manual recommends, if not longer, between changes. As a car ages, more frequent changes might be in order, but that's for a qualified mechanic to decide on a case-by-case basis.

"The necessity of 3,000 mile oil changes is a myth that has been handed down for decades," writes Austin Davis, proprietor of the website TrustMyMechanic.com. He says that the economics of the oil change industry demand pushing customers to get their oil changed more frequently—purportedly as "cheap insurance" against problems cropping up—whether they need it

or not. One of the largest oil change chains, Jiffy Lube, for instance, is owned by Pennzoil-Quaker State, and as such has an incentive to sell as much of the company's traditional petroleum-based oil as possible.

One way to reduce trips to and money spent unnecessarily on quick-lube outlets is to switch to synthetic oils, which last longer and perform better than their traditional petroleum-based counterparts. Davis says that educated drivers should opt for longer lasting, better performing synthetic oils, which are "most likely good for 10,000 to 15,000 miles or six months" whether or not their manufacturers recommend more frequent changes or not. Some synthetic motor oils, like Amsoil, NEO and Red Line, to name a few, are created specifically to last 25,000 miles or one year before needing a change.

While neither conventional nor synthetic motor oils are good for the environment if disposed of improperly or spilled, most environmentalists would opt for the latter since it lasts three or more times longer and thus reduces waste (or energy use if recycled). Researchers have been experimenting with producing greener motor oils—one pilot project out of Purdue University has produced high-quality, carbon-neutral motor oil from canola crops—but consumers should not expect to see such products on store or garage shelves anytime soon, as the costs of production are high and the availability of cropland is limited. But the very existence of such alternatives—no doubt more are in the offing—bodes well for the future as oil becomes more scarce and expensive.

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