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Aldermen adopt budget, set tax rate tonight

Village of Salado Aldermen will adopt the 2008-09 budget and set the tax rate for the year following public hearings on the matter at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 18 in the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

The public hearing is the second of two formal hearings on both the proposed budget and the proposed tax rate.

The Board of Aldermen have proposed a budget of more than \$945,000 in expenditures that will require a tax rate of 17.77 cents per \$100 to fund. Even at that tax rate, the proposed budget calls for more expenditures than income.

However, aldermen in a Sept. 9 budget workshop trimmed an additional \$30,000 from expenditures. About half of that came in a \$15,000 cut of the engineering fees proposed for a study of a sewer system in Salado.

Since the workshop, aldermen and representatives of the Road Committee have met with Bell County to research the costs of road repair utilizing the Zipper method.

This method, which is in use in Temple and by Bell County to repair their roads, recycles the asphalt and road base, churning it up and adding it to either asphalt or cement for a new road base and surface.

The method could allow the Village to cut a considerable amount of the proposed \$341,000 road maintenance costs.

In previous years, the Village budgeted approximately \$40,000 per year for road resurfacing, contracting with the County to "chip seal" the roads.

For every \$20,000 in expenses cut from the budget, the board of aldermen could lower the proposed tax rate by one penny.



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHE

Sarah Cleveland was crowned Salado High School Homecoming Queen on Sept. 12, prior to the kick-off of the Eagles game with the McGregor Bulldogs. Nick Seawood was crowned the Homecoming King. Sarah is the daughter of Wayne and Cathy Cleveland. Nick is the son of Oliver and Linda Seawood. Both are seniors at Salado High School. oTur to page 16A for the rest of the Homecoming nominees and court.

Christmas in October kicks off holiday season

Fall is just around the corner and with the cooler weather also comes the Christmas in October celebration and market.

"What a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season," said Cathy Sands, one of the Christmas in October volunteers. "This year promises to be bigger and better than ever."

The event on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center will have over 30 booths and tables featuring a wide array of treasures, including home decor, kaleidoscopes, candles and home scents, artists, clothing and a book signing by Texas author Barbara Chesser (author

of a special Christmas book).

Jewelry artist Patty Daunis will make and appearance at Gregory's as part of the special weekend that will include Christmas in October, the Fine Art Gallery Night and the Chocolate and Art Festival.

Join the Fountain of Beauty Salon & Spa which will be at Gregory's of Salado for a look at what's new 6-8 p.m Oct. 10. The Fountain of Beauty Salon & Spa will be giving complimentary mini-manicures and spa hand treatments. Patty Daunis, an award winning jewelry maker, will

be onsite to show you all her truly stunning pieces. There will be champagne and hors d'oeurves

Throughout the late morning and early afternoon Oct. 10-11, fashions by seven of our Salado boutiques will be featured as models stroll through the tent on the Salaod Civic Center grounds so that all can get a close up look at the beautiful fall clothing.

In the Village Artists Building, the Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary's famous Bake Sale will be in full swing with home baked goodies.

The Auxiliary will also be raffling gift cer-



(PHOTO BY STEPHANIE HOOD)

Maurine Nathanson and Patty Campbell have on fashions that will be part of the Christmas in October on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center.

tificates donated by area merchants.

Dr. Don Ellis will be there with his collection of antique cars for all to admire. Visitors to Christmas in October will be entertained on the evening of Oct. 10 with Holiday music performed by John

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Matarazzo leaving local police force

Salado police officer Bruno Matarazzo has tendered a letter of intent to retire from the Salado Police Department.

"It is with the deepest regret that after seven years of service to the citizens of the Village of Salado I feel that I can no longer continue to do so," Lt. Matarazzo stated in a letter dated Sept. 15. "I have accepted a position with another law enforcement agency."

The Employee Handbook for the Village of Salado requires a 30-day notice which would make Matarazzo's effective retirement date Oct. 14. However, Lt. Matarazzo has requested that the board of aldermen waive the 30-day requirement and allow a two-week notice.

This would allow Matarazzo to leave the Salado Department on Sept. 30.

Lt. Matarazzo is the second officer to retire from the Salado police this year.

Earlier this summer, Police Chief Alan Rogers retired from the police force effective Sept. 30. However, with personal leave, his last day with the police force was Sept. 20.

Mayor Merle Stalcup said that the list of candidates for the Police Chief position has been narrowed down to nine applicants.

Lt. Matarazzo withdrew his name from consideration because he accepted a position with another law enforcement agency.

Mayor Stalcup said that the committee led by aldermen Carol Walls to recommend a Police Chief will work with the Texas Police Chiefs Association.

Mayor Stalcup said that he expects to have the board hire a Police Chief by Nov. 1. A timeline for replacing Lt. Matarazzo has not been set.

The Board of Aldermen will vote on Sept. 18 whether to waive the 30-day requirement for Lt. Matarazzo.

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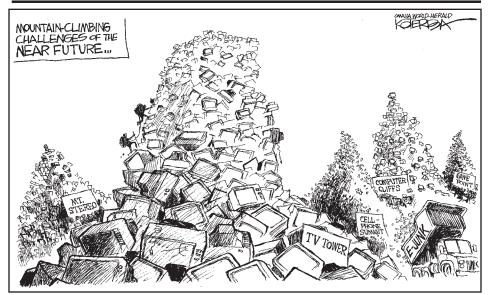
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An Open Exchange of Ideas



became the object of the kind of partisan hatred that most politicians can raise only after prosecuting an unpopular war and lying about their misconduct in office (Nixon), after making sanctimonious dishonesty an art form and getting caught in flagrante with an intern (Clinton), and after winning a disputed election and botching a foreign occupation (Bush).

Palin-hatred is an artifact of who she is rather than anything she's done. Joe Biden famously rose from the working class to the U.S. Senate. Palin became governor of Alaska, but never left the working class -- with her old-fashioned beehive hairdo and librarian eyeglasses, with a husband who is a commercial fisherman and works on a North Shore oil field, and with her hobbies of fishing and

As such, she's the object of the cultural disdain of a left that loves the working class in theory, but is mystified or offended by its lifestyle and conservative values in reality. If there's ever been an exemplar of the rural America that, in Barack Obama's telling, "bitterly" clings to its guns and religion, it's Sarah Palin.

A popular liberal talk-radio host calls her a "bimbo," a Washington Post columnist compares her to Caligula's horse, and the left-wing blogosphere goes on a demented jag about how her fifth son, Trig, is really the son of her 17-year-old daughter, Bristol. The lunacy forced the Palins to issue a statement that Bristol is pregnant, setting off a feeding frenzy from the same press that went out of its way to protect the privacy of John Edwards.

In a less-poisonous atmosphere, Palin the "mommy wars." Here were traditionalist conservatives hailing a very busy working mom with five kids, including a handicapped 4-month-old. But the same feminists who ordinarily dismiss stayat-home moms as benighted betrayers

Rich Lowry



of the sisterhood now question whether Palin can juggle her family and political responsibilities. Washington dovenne Sally Quinn worries about putting "the mother of young children in a job outside the home that will demand so much of her time and energy."

A lot of Palin-hatred is couched in terms of her lack of experience. Fair enough, but there's a tone of contemptuous dismissiveness about the experience that she does have -- fueled no doubt by her career in "fly-over country" so remote no one really flies over it. The Obama campaign is loath to admit that she's governor of Alaska, pretending instead she's still mayor of tiny Wasilla.

Is Palin ready to take over on Day One? No. But she's not being asked to be president on Day One, but vice president in what will probably be a post-Cheney, more traditional model of the office. She has no less political experience than John Edwards when he was a one-term senator who had never before held elected office when he was John Kerry's running mate in 2004. The difference is that Edwards, as a senator and a presidential candidate, had proven he could speak plausibly to national issues.

We don't know yet whether Palin can do that on a rapid, pressure-packed timeght have diminished the intensity of line. We'll soon find out. Most of the country will be rooting for her, the likable and unlikely upstart. But not the Palin-haters, for whom she is already a woman only to

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Convention postscripts: Ethics and AK Editorials; plus Flotsam-Jetsam

The recent national conventions created a landslide of excitement among groupies from the two major political parties and following those two weeks of palaver and promises, this column nominated the Democrat's selection of Barack Obama as winner of top "synergy" honors due to his race and platform of "change." We also noted that galloping "neck and neck" with the Demos, was John McCain's "intriguing" (and unexpected) selection of Alaska's Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate.

Republican convention appeared (at first) to be just another somnambulant gathering until the Palin nomination fired up the loyalists, and within a few days happy GOPers received a poll "bounce" to within a point of the front-running Obama.

And folks - those are "exciting" events regardless of personal preferences or hopeful outcomes.

POSTSCRIPTED ITEMS

All that said - we'd be derelict in our commentary duties if we failed to report two other items that were part and parcel of the conventions - but couldn't meet space or time dead-

They include a humorous look at the effect those gatherings had on the newly embraced Congressional Ethic Rules; plus two editorials from Alaska's Fourth Estate, that gave us a "back-home" glimpse of the fiery political "Hurricane Sarah!"

ETHICS - WEASEL STYLED

First of the holdover reports, from the late (and not totally un-lamented) conventions, deals with the matter of "ethics" which have long been treated as "political stepchildren" by movers and shakers in Congress (and other legislative bodies nationwide). Fact is - this column has traditionally termed the reform of congressional ethics as nothing more than Macbeth's description of life: "A tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

ETHICS IN ACTION

Case in point: Here's how several "key" ethical rules were circumvented by Demos and Repubs who willingly engaged in skirting the new behavioral regs they were "hypocritically" created to put a bridle on the lobby

The first of the more pertinent hical rules stated - plain as day - that "No individual member of Congress will be allowed to accept a favor of any sort from a registered lobbyist."

Shortly after the rules were adopted (earlier this year) the weaseling began and sure enough the "K-Street Mob" (D.C. home base for lobbyists) discovered quickly that there was enough wiggle-room to obey the rules and still provide a "helluva good time" for interested lawmakers!

How you ask? Simple - don't give anything to an individual! Just team him (or her) with another member of Congress and you're home free. No rule against buying two or more lawmakers a drink, a meal, a trip, etc. Do it wholesale and ethically you're "hound's tooth clean."

Then there's the "knife and fork" rule! To enhance the ethic-reformer's nonsense - a rule was also initiated that prohibited the professional "cajolOff the Record by Ken Clapp



ers" from providing a "free" meal where a knife or fork would be needed.

"What about a spoon?" asked the alert wheedlers? And the answer was "that's okay." Anything you can get on a spoon - you can give to lawmakers, who in turn can "eat free and legally."

So - the next step was to create a spoon that looked more like a ladle and able to hold enough food to choke a starving member of Congress! And there are pictures to proof it!

EDITORIALS FROM ALASKA

The second of the "delayed" items includes two editorials from Alaska's Fourth Estate - the Juneau Empire and Fairbanks Daily News-Miner - that gave us some interesting State reactions to John McCain's selection of Governor Sarah Palin as V.P.

Juneau's editorial page noted the selection drew local comments that ranged from "dumbest thing anyone could do" to "absolutely brilliant **choice.**" The paper went on to report that calling Palin: "A reformer of a corrupt political system in her first two years as governor; plus boldly bucking the influences of big oil; and saying no to the infamous 'bridge to nowhere' earmark" were all stretches at best.

FAIRBANKS DAILY NEWS-MINER

Over in Fairbanks, the Daily News-Miner, called Palin's nomination "a stunning decision that should make Alaskans proud, even if we wonder about the actual merits of the choice."

The editorial went on to state that Palin "is not ready for the top job and that McCain put his political interests ahead of the nation's, when he created the possibility that she might fill it."

The editorial also noted that just "Not being from Washington" is hardly a sufficient qualification to be president. The Fairbanks writer concluded that what the television pundits call a "clever chess move" by McCain, remains an analogy needing caution, in that Palin "while extending her amazing adventures in politics, must prove she is more than a pawn!" * * * * *

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

And finally....we offer some "Flotsam and Jetsam" which is our term for snippets of news you may have missed.

State Lottery: It would appear the State operated lottery, that "Landslide" Perry tried to peddle in 2007, will remain "dead" during the next legislative session. That means we'll hopefully have a new Governor (2011) the next time the lottery sale can be debated. And again, "hopefully," a new Guv won't trade a billion dollar annual lottery profit (dedicated to the public schools) in exchange for a \$20 billion dollar, 40 year lease. Even using Perry's "Aggie" math, that's a 20 billion buck loss for the Texas school system.

NRA ON THE PROWL: National Rifle Association has produced a handout that predicts what will happen if Barack Obama is elected President. Here are three of the more outlandish: (1) "Ban manufacture, sale and possession of handguns, (2) Close down 90 percent of the gun shops in America, (3) Ban rifle ammunition commonly used for hunting and sport

That's -30-

A full Legislative agenda for the remainder of the Congressional session

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison U.S. Senator



Over the month of August, I was privileged to travel throughout Texas to hear directly from citizens about the issues that affect them and their families. Texans shared with me their concerns about rising gas prices, and the need to keep taxes low so they have more money to pay their bills.

First and foremost, we have a duty to protect Americans and to provide for those who fight to keep our homeland safe. The Senate is considering an expansive defense bill that strengthens our military by allocating resources for an additional 12,000 active duty troops for the Army and Marine Corps. This force expansion places us closer to our planned increase of 92,000 troops. The bill also gives members of the armed forces a well-deserved raise, effective January 1, 2009.

Second, Congress owes the American people a real solution to the energy crisis, which is burdening American families and small businesses with genuine hardships. I have helped lead the fight for legislation that would draw upon American resources and free-market ingenuity to produce more fuel, while also tapering our consumption. The Senate Republicans have proposed a bill that would repeal the Congressional moratorium on deep-water exploration and allow us to safely tap our own resources and increase American supply. In addition to drilling on American soil and off our own coasts now, we should exploit renewable fuel sources, and expand our portfolio of clean alternatives, like wind, solar, and nuclear energy.

Third, passage of extensions for key tax provisions that are set to expire later this year is a priority. One of the most important components of this legislation would extend the state and local sales tax deduction. In 2004, I was able to get this deduction through the Senate and I will continue to try to make this deduction permanent. The tax

extender bill would also prolong the renewable energy production tax credit, which gives tax incentives for energy generated by wind facilities. Texas is the foremost wind energy producer in the United States and the extension of this credit will help us maintain our national leadership in this technology. The bill includes a provision to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools program through 2011. Because some counties in East Texas have a high proportion of federally-owned land, these communities generate less state and local tax revenue to fund their schools. The Secure Rural Schools program is essential to ensures stable payments to keep these schools operating.

Finally, Congress must replenish the Highway Trust Fund, which is the largest single source of funding for roads in Texas and across the nation. The U.S. Department of Transportation warns that the Trust Fund will be dangerously low by October, in part because of lower fuel tax receipts and needed expenditures on highway projects during the recent peak construction season. However, the insolvency is also due to Trust Fund revenues being transferred to the General Fund during times of emergency. Congress must pass a fix that discourages budgeting gimmicks that raid the Highway Trust Fund. Replenishing the fund to its projected balance means approximately \$640 million will go into Texas highways that otherwise would be halted.

During the limited time remaining in this legislative session, we have a full agenda before us. I am committed to making every minute of these final days count, and I will continue to work diligently on behalf of all Texans in the U.S. Senate.

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

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Readers discuss recent Alderman meeting

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Eidtor:

As an interested citizen, I observed the Salado Village Aldermen budget meeting last evening. For over two hours I was barely able to restrain myself from interrupting to ask logical questions; a huge challenge for me.

After the mayor opened the meeting and made clear no votes would be taken, this was a budget meeting with discussion for consensus on the 08/09 budget, Stephen Peters spoke up and gave a succinct proposal on how to BALANCE THE VILLAGE OF SALADO BUDGET WITHOUT AN ADVALORUM TAX.

Right away he had my support. A voice of sanity and reason.

He added,"In today's economic climate, keeping the Village budget balanced without adding taxes on the Village residents, seems prudent."

He noted several items that could simply be alleviated, and the largest budget items, the road improvement and maintenance line items, reduced from over 240,000 to about 50,000 using not-for-profit construction rather than "for profit" contractors. Three credible examples, City of Temple, Bell County and city of Brownwood, were put forth as evidence to support the lower cost for the roads, and yet, the road committee members were displeased and exasperated at that information. They cited months of work on their part of getting forprofit contractor bids to look at various roads, particularly in the Mill Creek

So, I have to ask myself why individual citizens seek to offer their time and effort as public servants in the first place. I trust not one of them wants to compromise the integrity of their commitment, that their intentions are ethical and pure.

Perhaps just one little step at a time, about which they might have some qualms, but then easily justified, leads to a few more steps away from actually representing the wishes of the majority of the citizens that elected them.

At one point, Stephen Peters asked if aldermen were not there to do just that, that which is desired by the majority of the citizens they represent.

I believe, though I may be wrong, that a poll taken right now of every property owner in The Village of Salado and those affected by added taxes, a majority would vote, NO ADDED TAXES. Once those taxes are on the books, they never get off.

As a relative newcomer, a property owner for eight years in the village, the reason I chose to buy and live here was the quaint village itself. The changes that are being proposed, including sewer systems, paved roads, growing the police departments and creating a city manager with those added expenses, changes the village to a little town on the way to becoming just another little Texas town, the charm of the Village simply lost in the

Perhaps that's progress and change is inevitable and I should give up my illusions of the sweet community that once was and accept what is coming.

But last night I witnessed elected, hard working public servants and one paid secretary, frustrated and tired, find it easy to justify the additions to the budget and simply pass the cost on to the average Joe in the form of additional taxes.

Reminds me of state and federal attitudes that fit hand in hand with corporate business where the consumer pays the bill.

Voices of alert are being heard daily regarding our world, national and local economies verging on the

Can we, as one small place on the planet, set an example and hold the line for at least this budgetary year of 2008/2009?

Sharron Harrington

To the Editor:

I attended my first Board of Alderman Meeting Thursday evening September 4, 2008 at the new Salado Municipal Building. I was not the only first-timer there. room was packed. What inspired the sudden swell in attendance was the issue of a proposed ad valorem tax. As it is with most issues, there were two sides my side and the other side. My side was expressed at high volume by numerous residents in attendance and applauded with even greater volume by the balance of the attendees, who were there to protest the idea of more taxes. Someone once said, "Every time Government tries to balance their budget, the rest of us are left trying to budget the balance." For those of us on fixed income, that "balance" gets smaller and smaller as cost of living, including taxes, gets higher and higher. The other side of the issue, represented by an apparent majority of Alderman, proposed to levy additional taxes on all residents of the village. Clearly, my side held moral superiority. Well, maybe it wasn't so

In an effort to maintain autonomy and preclude likely annexation by Belton a few years ago, Salado residents elected to incorporate. We wanted Salado's destiny to be in the hands of Saladoans. However, with incorporation, Salado accepted an obligation to provide certain basic services (fire, police, road maintenance, etc.) for the people in its jurisdiction. These services aren't free. Whether we pay ourselves as an incorporated village, pay Belton, the County, or some combination of the above, we must pay some amount of taxes for the community services we require.

Currently, village services are supported by Sales Tax alone, borne largely by local merchants. In an effort to increase and stabilize revenue coming into the village, and to distribute the tax burden fairly, the Aldermen propose the addition of an ad valorem tax. On the surface, that seems appropriate. Most of those present at the Sept. 4 meeting were o.k. (in theory) with the concept of an equitable distribution of taxes to pay for village needs. The current disagreement, in part, is simply a matter of defining those "needs." The Aldermen's definition of "needs" and how much money it takes to meet them, seems to differ substantially from the majority of residents.

The larger part of the current problem is one of accountability. The charter under which the Village of Salado operates, apparently allows Aldermen to establish budgets without resident's input, to levy

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Where have all the good jobs gone?



Jim Hightower

As families all across America are struggling financially, it's fitting for us to reflect on the profound insight of that prominent economic theorist, George W. Bush. In 2000, explaining his economic policy approach, the president declared: "We ought to make the pie higher."

What the professor was trying to express is the old theory that by baking a larger pie, everyone can get a bigger slice. But that theory ignores a special trick of economic pie making that Mr. Bush baked right into his policy: Greed. Yes, the pie is now larger, but Bush simply fattened the slice of the corporate powers and the rich, leaving the workaday majority of folks trying to get by on the same slim pickings they had before. Or less.

Sure, CEO pay is surging and the incomes of the super-wealthy are zooming, but the incomes of workers is not even keeping up with inflation - indeed the median income for American families is lower than when Mr. Bush took office. Meanwhile, the number of people without health coverage is up by 6 million, and the number of Americans living in poverty also is up by nearly 6 million.

Maybe so, say the Bushites, but if you count the 5 million new jobs created in the past eight years, you'll see that our policy of trickle-down economics really does work. Uh - not exactly. It would have taken some 20 million new jobs in those eight years just to keep up with the number of new people entering the job market - so the Bushites are 15 million short of just staying even.

Besides, the issue isn't jobs. Think about it: Even slaves had jobs. The issue is wages, income, and rising opportunities. Ask a waitress if she's aware that Bush has created new jobs and she'll say: "Yeah, I know. I have three of them."

Under Professor Bush, America's economy has been producing more lowwage, service sector jobs, while shipping out the manufacturing and high-tech jobs that offer our people middle-class wages and upward mobility. Instead of trickle-down, America needs a grassroots policy of percolate-up economics.

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Sales tax rebates continued upward trend in September

Sales tax rebates to the Village of Salado and the Salado Public Library District were both up by double digits over last September's payments and have both outpaced the increases seen at the County and State levels.

The Village of Salado received a payment of \$29,532.91, which is 10 percent more than last September's payment of \$26,909.19. For the year, the Village has received \$267,886.13, compared to the \$254,700.99 paid through September 2007. For the calendar year, the Village has received more than five percent more in sales tax rebates than it did through September 2007. The Village levies a onecent sales tax.

The Salado Library District sales tax rebate check for September was \$20,751.61, which is more

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than 15 percent higher than last Septemeber's \$18,018.18. For the year, the Library District is about seven percent ahead, having received \$195,902.25 in 2008, compared to \$182,943.76 through September 2007. The Library collects a half-percent tax.

Bell County received \$1.08 million in September, which was up about four percent over the \$1.04 million received last September. For the year, the County has received \$10.31 million in sales tax rebates, compared to \$9.77 million through September 2007.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said last year the state collected \$2 billion in sales tax in August, up 7.7 percent compared to a year ago.

"When the state's 2008 fiscal year ended Aug. 31, sales tax collections totaled \$21.5 billion, 6.6 percent higher than in fiscal 2007," Combs said. "Although this was not the doubledigit increases seen in 2006 and 2007, growth in state sales tax collections during fiscal 2008 continued at a steady pace."

distributed Combs \$491.9 million in September sales tax payments to local governments, a 10 percent increase compared to September 2007. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations are up 6.7 percent compared to the same period in 2007.

September's sales tax allocations include local sales taxes collected in July and reported to the Comptroller in August.

Dedications of 2 historical markers in **Corn Hill slated** for Oct. 4

You are invited to the Dedication of the Corn Hill, Texas historical marker at 10 a.m. Oct. 4.

There will also be the dedication of the Daniel Harrison marker at the Corn Hill Cemetery.

Everyone is invited to a reception at the Methodist Church in Jarrell after the dedications.

Directions: Southbound-exit 274, stay on west service road to overpass. Turn left on overpass. Marker is on the right on east service road.

North bound-exit 271 at Theon exit. Stay on east service road until you come to the marker on your right.



Shown left to right are Wilma Butler and Mary Lew Quesinberry displaying some of the 70 auction items donated for the Bell County Republican Party 19th annual dinner and auction Sept. 22.

Bell County Republicans set annual dinner

The Republican Party of Bell County is making final plans for its 19th annual dinner and auction to be held 6 p.m., Sept. 22, at the Bell County Expo Cen-

One auction item donated by Senator Troy Fraser and his wife Linda, includes a 2 night stay at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino in Mescalero, New Mexico and 4 rounds of golf. Another item is the book, The Real War, autographed by Presi-

dent Richard Nixon. Alfred S. Regnery, publisher and author will be the keynote speaker at the event. 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 with the dinner following at 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the Republican Party Headquarters in Temple at 725 South General Bruce Drive, 771-2923 or at the Killeen Headquarters 4104 E. Stan Schlueter Loop, Killeen, 254 247-8631. Mon.- Fri. from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets are \$35 each and \$25 for students.

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taxes without referendum and with little restraint, and to make substantial spending deviations from budget allocations without consent or reasonable explanation. Many villagers complain that the aldermen have no apparent hesitancy in exercising all of these implied powers without serious regard for a preponderance of village opposition. A petition signed by almost 20% of village residents seems to carry no weight. It is widely believed that the upcoming 2008 - 2009 budget is well overstated and the proposed 17.77 per \$100 valuation ad valorem tax is excessive.

Our Aldermen work long, hard and without pay in our behalf. They are fine people, friends and good neighbors (also tax payers) who are undoubtedly acting in what they believe to be in the best interest of Salado - as they see it. It would be more effective and far less rancorous however, if they would act in what, clearly, the great majority of informed Saladoans, think is in the best interest of Salado.

Tom McMahan

To the Editor:

The budget process has been an interesting experience for a first time alderman. From the beginning, some wanted a 25 cent prop tax and began to add items into the budget arguing for their necessity and trying to justify the tax rate. I believe they figured that once they got the tax rate at that level, it would never be reduced. They were concerned about set-

ting a lower tax rate and then providing citizens the power to monitor increases through possible rollback elections when an increase would not be warranted nor justified.

The final proposed budget includes expenditures of \$963,570, an increase of \$308,945 (47%) over the originally approved budget for 2007/2008. I think that is an unreasonable amount and not at all justifiable. The proposed tax rate of 17.77 is quite simply a mathematically calculated amount to try and balance the budgets revenues and expenditures leaving a reasonable ending balance. Every village/city should have 3-4 months expenditures available in their general fund balance.

I was pleased to see the citizen participation at the public forum Sept 4th and encouraged by their attitude and respect shown for the process. I was discouraged by the village attorney's opinion that we could not conduct an election regarding the tax even if the board wanted. I think the idea of a property tax in Salado is a significant action warranting a vote by the people.

During the budget workshop Sept 9th, I proposed revisions to the budget

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which would provide for a balanced budget maintaining an adequate ending balance, increase projected revenues modestly, and reduced proposed expenditures by \$318,000, and not requiring an ad valorem tax. The mayor did approve reduction in expenditures of \$29,800 or about 1.5 cents in the tax rate. I think it has to be reduced dramatically in the road maintenance area.

For the past few years, Salado has budgeted \$35,000 for roads. This budget includes \$320,000 for road maint and resur-With the onset facing. of new technology, road rehabilitations can be accomplished using a new machine called the asphalt zipper at a fraction of previous costs. Anyone can see the performance of the zipper at you tube. Temple, Waco, Hillsboro, Brownwood; Bell, Bexar, and Harris Counties all use the zipper in the road programs. The \$320,000 has been proposed to repair/rebuild 3,550 ft of roadway on Chisholm Trail and Old Mill Rd. This same 3.550 ft of roadway can be rehabbed for somewhere between \$40 -\$100,000. Using the conservative amount at \$100,000, that would reduce the tax rate

by 11 cents to about 5.3 cents. I believe that the budgeted amount for roads should not exceed \$75,000, a \$40,000 increase over this year's budget. Thus, I think a tax rate of 5 cents is more than adequate.

I hope to see you all at the next forum, September 18th.

Stephen Peters



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CPR training held Sept. 23 at Civic Center

The Salado CPR Task Force invites any interested citizens to a Community Kick-Off of its CPR-training effort 9 a.m. Sept. 23 at the Salado Civic Center.

Representatives from churches, schools, civic groups, and businesses are especially invited to attend this community kick-off. Group presentations of the CPR Anytime training kit will be available thanks to the Task Force committee.

Individuals may purchase kits at the Salado Village Voice office, the new Village Visitor Center and Broecker Funeral Home.

Salado CPR Anytime Task Force, a joint project with Salado Rotary Club and Salado CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), hopes to train 30 percent of Salado residents by 2010 by using the American Heart Association CPR Anytime for Family and Friends kit. The kits include a practice mannequin, an easy-to-follow instructional book and a practice skills DVD.

Temple CPR Task Force began this program last spring and has distributed about 400 kits. Salado is part of the Temple Task force. The Bell County community has provided support with donations and in-kind assistance that has reduced the cost of the adult/child kits from \$30 to \$15, and the infant kit from \$35 to \$20.

Task Force chair Susan Terry said, "One of the most important features of the Family & Friends CPR Anytime program is that family and friends can take their kits home to share with their loved one. By passing the kit on to family members, one kit can be used to train a large network of family and

This program was created for anyone who wants to learn CPR. The kit teaches CPR techniques that can be used on adults, children and infants.

It also teaches what to do in case of choking. gives an introduction to



Susan Terry demonstrates correct CPR hand position

Automated External Defibrillators and explains how to place an effective emergency call.

Salado Volunteer Fire Department Chief Charles Young said he wants to have "as many people as possible in the community trained in CPR."

Enabling residents to start CPR before EMTs and paramedics arrive "greatly raises the viability of the patient," Young said.

CPR Anytime is a tool that can help increase survival rates in communities

across the country. People who receive the CPR Anytime kits are able to share lifesaving skills with their loved ones by using the kit to train their entire family. Using a multiplier effect, studies have shown that for every single CPR Anytime kit used for training, an average of 2.5 people learn how to perform CPR.

Using the kits, Seattle has a saturation rate of people trained in CPR approaching 95 percent and has increased survival rates by 50 percent.

Schaun at the keyboard.

"Our very talented Salado Community Choir will perform for us on Saturday, along with the choirs from Belton High School and Jarrell and Jarrell Jr. and Sr. High Schools," Sands said.

While you are shopping, be sure to enjoy light refreshments baked and donated by our local B&B's and restaurants. Beverages will also be provided.

Outside on the grounds the Salado United Methodist Men's Association will be cooking for you on Oct. 10. On Oct. 11, the Salado Knights of Columbus will take their turn.

"The Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary has put in many hours planning and coordinating this big event.," said Sands.

Tommye Prater and Anetha Prater are this year's co-chairman and have support from the many committees and other volunteers. These include: Helen Clayton and Melonie Stringer (Bake Sale), Dorothy Dentry and Carol Walls (Raffle), Dottie Oliver and Shirley Lett (Booth Rental), Cathy Sands (Advertising/ Publicity), Pat Freeman and Maureen Nathansen (B&B's and refreshments), Susan Krals and Susan Lawson (Underwriting/ Sponsor Letters), Miriam Jordan and Bobbie Carroll (Decorations), Dr. Don Ellis (Car Show), Alayne Fuller-Ramsden (registra-

tion), Trish Stebbins (Style Show), Danny McCort (Set Up/Take Down).

The vendors participating this year are; Christy's, SVA, Leigh's Necessities, Salado Gourmet, Splendor's, Charlotte's, Springhouse Antiques, Antique Rose of Bell, Barnards Enterprises Jewelry, Kinkade Gallery, Rockport Products, Magnolias, Sofi's/Ings, Mesquite Furniture Co., Gregory's, Mudpies, Trimmings, Bluebird Kids, Castillo's Designs, Susan MArie's Boutique, Scarlett's, NRS (Wild Fire), Angelic Herbs and Inspirations, Rising W Ceramics, Southern Organically Comforts, Salado, Laughing Lady, Dry Creek Herb Farm, Z and Company, Stampin Up and Barbara Chesser. Please stop by their booths and browse for that special gift for someone or even for yourself.

"This promises to be a magical weekend filled with something fun for all the family," Sands said, "so get in the Christmas spirit early and come on down to the Village of Salado. We'll be waiting for you."

It's always a great feeling to get a jump on your Christmas shopping and this Village festivity will let you do just that with many beautiful unique items to choose from. Christmas in October will be Friday, Oct. 10 at 9 a.m.- 8 p.m. (extended hours) and Saturday, Oct. 11 from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

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Youth Fair Booster reverse raffle, dinner and dance this weekend

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The event will feature a live band at Tenroc Ranch. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner served at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the reverse raffle are \$125 and will admit two people for the steak dinner.

The reverse raffle is the largest fundraiser for the Salado Youth Fair Boosters, which purchases and/ or adds on to the sale price of projects of Salado I.S.D. students.

Ticketholders will also

be a part of the reverse raffle in which first prize is 2009 Flagsaff Pop Up Camper valued at \$7,400. The second place prize during the evening will win a Kubota Lawn Tractor valued at \$3,200. Third place prize is a Stihl Chainsaw valued at \$350.

The evening will also include a live auction and silent auction of items donated by local businesses and individuals.

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Col. Vanderlaan speaks in remembrance of 911

Col. Joan Vanderlaan, acting commander of Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center, addressed the crowd outside the front entrance of the medical center at Fort Hood for a special remembrance ceremony to mark the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States. By presi-

dential order, American flags were flown at half-staff. During the ceremony, two Warrior Transition Brigade Soldiers were given home-made quilts by the organization Creative Hearts of Marble Falls. Peggy Tombs presented a home-made quilt in thanks for service to Spc. Jonathan Frerking,



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Private Michael Wayne Murdock dies Sept. 11

Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Soldier who died in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Private Michael Wayne Murdock, 22, of Chocowinity, N.C., died Sept. 11 at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered at Combat Outpost Lybert, Afghanistan, when he was struck by enemy

Murdock entered the Army in July 2006 as a Field Artillery Automated Tactical Data System Specialist. He was assigned to the, 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, since March 2007.

Private Murdock de-

Pvt. Michael W. Murdock

ployed to Afghanistan in June 2008.

Murdock's awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and Army Service Ribbon.

a Soldier in the Warrior Transition Brigade.

Tombs and Ardis Hasen-

back (left) are members

of Creative Hearts of

Marble Falls. Looking

on is Chaplain (Lt. Col.)

Marvin Luckie, head of

the Department of Min-

istry and Pastoral Care

at CRDAMC and Cpl.

Timothy Euting, WTB

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Specialist Marques Irving Knight dies Sept. 5

Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Soldier who died in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Spc. Marques Irving Knight, of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., died Sept. 6 in Aliabad, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when he received small arms fire while on dismounted patrol.

Knight entered the Army in August 2002 as an Infantryman. He was assigned to the, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, since August 2007.

Specialist Knight deployed to Afghanistan in July 2008.

Knight's awards and decorations include the



SPC. Marques I. Knight

Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and Army Service Ribbon.



Staff Sgt. Mary Ann Tufele of Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center sings "God Bless America" during the special remembrance ceremony. Standing next to her is Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Marvin Luckie, head of the Department of Ministry and Pastoral Care at CRDAMC.

Prayers were given to the Nation, those deployed and those who died in support of the global war on terrorism.







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Clayton Whitmire runs around end, eluding McGregor's Jared Green during the Salado Eagles 19-16 loss to the Bulldogs Sept. 12. (Photo by Marilyn Fleischer)

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Eagles fumble away chance at Homecoming win in overtime

By TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Eagles twice fumbled away certain Homecoming victory, losing in overtime to the visiting McGregor Bulldogs 16-19 on a 42-yard kick by Dirk Gerhart.

The kick came four plays after McGregor's Dylan Ripley recovered a fumble by Logan Foster near the endzone. The Eagles had driven from the McGregor 25 yard line to the two yard line on four plays in the overtime period, threatening to score a touchdown with a first and goal to go.

After McGregor gained four yards on a run by Deshun Pierson on first and 10 to go at the Eagles' 25 yard line, the Salado defense tackle Pierson and Harvey Lee, Jr. for losses leaving the Bulldogs with a fourth down and 10 to go

and hope for redemption for the Eagles. Gerhardt crushed that hope when he kicked the ball through the uprights aided by the wind at his back.

Had the Eagles not fumbled into the endzone with 10 seconds left in regulation, McGregor would never have had the shot at the field goal. Josh Rodriguez intercepted Mc-Gregor quarterback Larry Smith's pass and returned it to the Bulldog 40 yard line with 34 seconds left in regulation and the game tied at 16-16.

Garret Ward hit Foster for a seven yard pass and then ran the ball for 11 yards and a first down at McGregor's 22 yard line. With just a few seconds left on the clock, Ward threw an incomplete pass and then scrambled for what could have been a touchdown, but fumbled into the endzone where

the Bulldogs fell on it for a touchback to send the game into overtime.

But it was not just those two fumbles that dashed the hopes of a Homecoming victory over a tough McGregor team. The Eagles fumbled the ball five times, losing four of them.

The Eagles were also called seven times for 45 yards in penalties while McGregor had one penalty for 10 yards.

Despite the penalties and turnovers, the Eagles offense had 366 yards total offense, 252 of it on the ground and 114 in the air, while the defense held McGregor to 157 yards total offense, 131 of it on the

But the game was won -- and lost -- on a handful of plays that swung the score back and forth.

Salado scored first after Tyler Wright intercepted a McGregor pass deep down the field, giving the Eagles the ball at the Bulldog 31. Nine plays and five minutes later, Jace Peralta kicked a 27 yard field goal for Salado's 3-0 lead with 5:21 left in the first quar-

McGregor quickly tied the score when Gerhardt kicked a 34 yard field goal on a fourth down and 14 from the Eagles' 17 yard line. Sean Chappell had a great kick return from near the goal line to give the Bulldogs the ball at their own 45 yard line. Pierson took the ball around end for a 43 yard run to set up the first down at the Eagles 13 yard line, but the Bulldogs could gain no more ground and settled for three points.

Salado regained the lead on a 41 yard touchdown pass from Ward to



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Garret Ward jumps out of the reach of McGregor's Brett Blackburn during the Salado Eagles' 19-16 loss Sept. 12. (Photograph by Marilyn Fleischer)

Eagles

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Clayton Whitmire. Whitmire caught the ball about six yards from the line of scrimmage and was hit by two McGregor defenders. He spun out of their grasps and sprinted the 35 yards to the goal. Ward had a run of 23 yards to move the ball into McGregor territory. The scoring drive was 70 yards and took less than three minutes and five plays. Peralta booted the extra point for a 10-3 lead with 5:41 left in the first

McGregor took advantage of a snap over Ward's head as the Eagles lined up to punt at their own 47 yard. Ward scrambled at about the five yard line before giving the ball a running kick which went out of bounds at Salado's 25 yard line.

With this momentous play, McGregor quickly struck on a 19 yard run by Larry Smith on third down. The point-after kick went wide left and Salado held a narrow 10-9 lead going into the fourth quarter.

The Eagles scored their last touchdown of the game with 11:29 left to play in regulation. Starting at their own 20 yard line the Eagles drove 80 yards in 13 plays and four minutes.

Ward hit his favorite receiver Whitmire with a pass that lofted over his shoulder as he crossed the goal line from 15 yards out on a third down and 11 to go. McGregor blocked the PAT and Salado held a 16-9 lead in the game.

The Bulldogs took advantage of an Eagle turnover in Salado territory to score a touchdown with 3:29 left in the game. Ward hit Wright for a short pass on third down, but Sylan Ripley knocked the ball loose as he tackled Wright and recovered the fumble for McGregor at the Eagle 32 yard line.

SHS	GAME STATISTICS	MHS
13	First downs	6
366	Total Offense	157
252-51	Rushing-carries	131-27
114	Pass yds.	26
20-9-1	Pass att-compint	16-3-2
5-4	Fumbles-lost	0-0
7-45	Penalties-yards	1-10
4-25.25	Punts-avg.	4-40.25

Individual Offensive Stat Leaders

Rushing: (Salado) Ward, 24 carries, 151 yds; Foster, 13 carries, 42 yards; Liller, five carries, 39 yards; (McGregor); Smith, 10 carries, 59 yards; Pierson, 11 carries, 40 yards.

Passing: (Salado) Ward, 114 yards, 19 attempts, 9 completions, 0 ints, 2 TDs; (McGregor) Smith, 26 yards, 14 attempts, 3 completion; 2 ints; 0 TDs. Receiving: (Salado) Whitmire, 4 receptions, 77 yards, 2 TDs; Chappell, 2 receptions, 19 yards.

Three plays later, Smith dashed across the corner of the goal on a quarterback keeper from five yards out. Julian Young took a pitch for 26 yards to set up the touchdown on the preceding play. Gerhardt booted the PAT to tie the score at 16-16 with 3:29 left to play.

The Eagles took the ensuing kick off and held the ball until less than a minute remained in regulation before McGregor took over at their own 20 yard line following a booming 66 yard punt by Ward that rolled into the endzone for a touchback.

Rodriguez intercepted the second down pass by Smith at the McGregor 40 yard line to give the Eagles the ball with 34 second left in the game. The Eagles moved the ball to the 22 yard line and Ward was about to cross the goal line when he fumbled into the endzone where a McGregor player fell on it to send the game into overtime.

While Salado turned the ball over four times, the Eagles defense caused two interceptions, both of which were converted into scores for Salado. The defense was led by Patrick Prince, who had eight assisted tackles (AT), a solo tackle (ST)and a tackle-for-loss (TFL) and Caleb Little who had eight ATs, an ST and a TFL.

Heath Bracken had five ATs, three STs, two TFLs and two quarterback hurries

Tyler Coker had three ATs, three STs, a TFL and a Big Hit.

Trae Liller had three ATs and two STs.

John Cruz had five ATs. Trae Liller made three ATs and two STs.

Wright made three ATs, an ST, an interception and knocked down a pass (KDP).

Rodriguez made three ATs, an ST, an interception and knocked down a pass (KDP).

Ethan Mitchell made two ATs, two STs and two TFLs.

Ward had an AT, two STs and two TFLs.

Also contributing on defense were the following: Juan Magadan, an AT and an ST; Whitmire, an AT and Big Hit; and Jerod Lutz, Rob Little, and Daniel Michaels, all with an AT.

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Salado JV, jr. high teams sweep McGregor squads in very tight contests

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After getting off to a slow start, the Salado JV Eagles took advantage of three turnovers caused by the defense to score three touchdowns and pull ahead of the McGregor JV Bulldogs 18-15 Sept. 11. The win keeps the JV squad perfect at 3-0. They will face Waco Robinson on Sept. 18.

Cole Caulder scored in the third quarter on a 50 yard run. The extra point was no good and the Eagles trailed the Bulldogs going into the fourth quarter.

Salado scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter. Hunter Ward caught a 20 yard pass from Cole Brentham. The Eagles went for two points on the

extra point, but failed, so Salado trailed 12-15.

Brentham connected with Clint Scaborough for a 15 yard touchdown pass later in the fourth quarter. The extra point failed leaving Salado with the final score of 18-15.

"The kids rallied in the second half. The defense caused two turnovers in the fourth quarter to swing the momentum in our favor," said coach Scott Ringo. "The kids did a good job."

Coaches said that the offensive play of Dustin Dotson and Dakota Copeland stood out in the game. Defensive stand-outs were Kolby Beavers, who caused a fumble and had a fumble recovery, and Taylor Rudduck, who broke up four passes on the night.

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The Salado Eagles ninth grade football team stopped the McGregor Bulldogs late in the fourth quarter to hold on to a slim 8-6 win Sept. 11.

The Eagles struggled to move the ball in the first quarter and had several penalties. Meanwhile, the defense allowed McGregor to score, taking a 6-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Austin Silva broke a run up the middle for a 45 yard score after receiving a great block by center Micheal Sellers and fullback Peyton Best. Silva connected with Colton Meimann for the extra point conversion that ended up being the game winner.

"It's good to play against a good team and come out with a win," said Coach Kenny Mann

The Eagles will face Robinson here at Eagle Field with games starting at 5 p.m.

Professional Stone Setting

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Salado eighth grade Eagles football team won its first game of the season, getting by the McGregor Bulldogs 16-14 Sept. 11.

"This was a close game against a good McGregor team," said Coach Lyndon Clevenger. "All the kids played hard and it was a tough game, but we pulled through.

Stand-outs for the offense were quarterback Cooper Cox, offensive lineman William Golding and fullback John Peg-

On the defense, Fabian Sauceda, Sam Barrett and Jansen Oyler were stand

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Salado seventh graders completed the sweep of McGregor by the Under Varsity teams on Sept. 11, inning 22-20.

"It was a close game but in the end we pulled through to win against a good McGregor team," said coach Lyndon Clevenger.

Defensive stand outs were lineman Thomas Kyle, defensive back Tanner Truelove and defensive end James Bazar.

Outstanding players on the offense were quarterback Cody Giniewicz, offensive lineman Drue Manley and running back Aaron Frair.

All four under-varsity squads will play Robinson this week with games beginning at 5 p.m. Sept. 18. The junior high teams travel to Robinson, while the ninth grade and junior varsity teams play here in Salado at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. respectively.



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Lady Eagles start district volleyball with sweep of Jarrell Lady Cougars

With wins over Jarrell and Marble Falls last week, the Lady Eagles varsity volleyball team improved to 22-3 on the year and 1-0 in district play.

The Varsity squad won 25-22, 25-14, 25-9 over Marble Falls in a home game before Homecoming activities on Sept. 12. The JV won 25-23, 25-23 and the Ninth Grade won 25-12, 25-16.

Individual statistics for the Marble Fall games are as follows:

Senior outside hitter Danielle Hazzard: 9 kills, 6 digs, 5 aces

Sophomore middle blocker Jenna Sebek: 9 kills, 4 blocks, 1 ace

Senior libero Lindsey Coffey: 9 digs, 6 aces

Senior setter Kaitlyn Ruth: 22 assists, 1 ace, 4 digs

Sophomore defensive specialist Brittney Frazier: 8 digs, 1 ace

"As usual with homecoming, I was a little worried about where our heads would be," said coach Bree Holz-Gonzales. "But after some weak hitting in game we came back

strong and dominated."

The Lady Eagles defeated Jarrell on the road Sept. 9 in three straight sets: 25-18, 25-10, 25-18. The JV lost to Jarrell 14-25, 25-14, 23-25. The ninth grade defeated Jarrell 25-16, 25-17

Individual statistics from the Jarrell game are as follows:

Senior outside hitter Danielle Hazzard:

kills, 2 aces, 10 digs

Sophomore middle blocker Jenna Sebek: 8 kills, 2 blocks, 1 ace

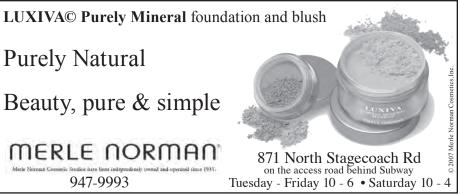
Sophomore outside hitter Hadley Joiner: 9 kills, 2 digs

Senior setter Kaitlyn Ruth: 32 assists, 1 ace, 4 digs Senior libero Lindsey

Coffey: 10 digs, 1 ace Sophomore defensive specialist Brittney Frazier: 9 digs, 1 ace

"I was a little worried going into this match because we hadn't played in a week," Coach Holz-Gonzales said. "But once we got going and settled down, we really started clicking offensively and they couldn't stop our hitters. Our passers did a great job of getting the ball to Kaitlyn (setter) who was easily able to

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The Cen-Tex Tigers, a 9U Kid Pitch team, placed second in the Sam Bass Fall Classic Tournament in Round Rock on Sept. 7. This was the team's first showing in the Kid Pitch division. The Tigers are shown above with their trophies. Bottom Row: Connor Carothers (Belton), Tris Sebesta (Salado), Couper Cornblum (Belton), Garrett Kennedy (Rogers), Drew Dobbins (Salado). Middle Row: Holden Goldston (Belton), Kade Maedgen(Salado), Matthew Dippel (Belton), Aaron Krueger(Salado), Dylan Blumquist (Belton). Coaches Top Row: Kevin Goldston, Tim Dippel, Jason Carothers. Not Pictured: Ryan Oakes(Salado), Stacey Sebesta(Coach)



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Lighthouse Family network organizes annual Garage Sale in Salado

Because of the tremendous success of the first garage sale and community demand for another, Lighthouse Family Network has determined to make the garage sale an annual event. This year the sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 11th in the parking lot outside the Lighthouse Family Network offices in the Salado Plaza on Mill Creek in Salado.

Items from the sale come from community donations. According to Linda Lopez, event coordinator, "the community was extremely generous last year and we began receiving calls early this summer asking if we were going to have another sale and offering items for the sale. In response to that demand we have begun gathering items for the sale."

Donations of good, usable items may be brought to the Lighthouse Family

Star Party held at Stillhouse Overlook Park Sept. 20

The Central Texas Astronomical Society will hold its monthly Bell County Star Party Saturday evening, 7:30 p.m. Sept 20, at Overlook Park near the dam on Stillhouse Hollow Lake.

September can often be one of the best times of the year for viewing the night sky. Two far, deep and lonely ice-giant planets in our own solar system will be the viewing targets for the next Bell County Star Party. It may be possible to view them with binoculars since Uranus is at opposition to the sun, but viewing through the CTAS members' telescopes will be even better.

The Central Texas Astronomical Society invites you to come see the wonders of the September night sky for yourself at the next Star Party. In addition to these planets, there will be other selected night sky objects to view such as the M-11 called the "Wild Duck Cluster" in the constellation Scutum.

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

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 encouraged to bring a small flash-

Network office at 213 Mill Creek #175 in Salado during business hours, or can be left at the office. Lighthouse Family Network is a non profit organization and donations are tax deductible.

According to Dwayne Lambert, founder and program director, it is becoming more and more necessary for agencies to raise funds in order to provide special things for children being cared for. "Over the past years changes in funding and assessment of the children being served have reduced the actual funds received to care for the children. While the cost of the basic necessities are covered, in order to do special things for children and the families that care for them, it has become necessary that we call on the community for help. Particularly with Christ-

light and a lawn chair. In-

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centexastronomy.org.

mas coming we will have lots of extra expenses and this garage sale will help us to enhance the lives of the children we serve."

Lighthouse Family Network has been based in Salado since its being established more than a decade ago. It was the first foster care agency in the state to be started by foster parents and has always tried to view care from the vantage point of those who meet the daily challenge of meeting the needs of foster children in the home; the foster parents. Lighthouse recruits, trains and develops foster families from throughout the Christian community. According to Billy Bob Cox, executive director, Lighthouse sees foster care as a calling and a ministry. Lighthouse is in great need of foster

parents. Currently there is a shortage of available homes for children and in recent times there have been more that 100 children who had to spend the night in Child Protective Service offices because there were not appropriate placements available for them. Cox says "this is a pressing need and a real opportunity for the Christian community to step up to the plate and show the love of God rather than just talk about it."

For more information on the garage sale, foster care or Lighthouse Family Network you may contact Lighthouse Family Network at 947-3152 or go to www.lfnetwork.org.

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Community

Plans underway for **SEF Cattlemen's Ball** Oct. 18 at Tenroc

Foundation is hosting the ninth annual Cattleman's Ball on Oct. 18 at Tenroc Ranch. This year's ball will be packed full of entertainment and events.

The evening will kick off at 6:30 p.m. with live music by Freddie Fuller and a ribeye steak dinner at 7 p.m. provided by Johnnies Steak House. fabulous live auction items have been donated by local businesses and merchants.

A photographer will be on hand to capture all the memorable moments and to snap a shot of you with this year's "Mystery Celebrity Guest!"

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The Salado Education tional steak dinner, live entertainment, in a great location, all in support of the educational future of-Salado students.

The Salado Education Foundation was formed in 1999. The mission of the foundation is to "improve the quality of life in Salado by providing support to deserving students who wish to pursue a college education or technical training".

The Cattlemen's Ball is the Salado Education Foundation only fund raiser. To date the foundation has impacted the lives of over 50 students through scholarships adding up to over \$95,000. The foundation has also awarded over \$30,000 in innovative teaching grants to SISD teachers since 2002. Every spring the Salado Education Foundation sponsors a student art competition in conjunction with PALS, the Ladies Auxiliary, and the Salado Village Artists.

Each sponsorship level includes tickets to the event and recognition at the event and in the newspaper. Sponsorships and tickets are a tax deductable donation 501(c)3 and benefit our teachers, schools and students. Sponsorship forms and tickets are available at First Community Title (next to FSB), Century 21, The Barber Barn and the SISD Superintendent's office in the Salado Civic Center. For additional information call 947-5479 Ext. 7005



St. Stephen Women enjoyed a trip to Italy with Carol Walls presenting her power point presentation of her trip. L-R Carol Walls discussing her trip with Dorothy Dentry.

The October meeting will be a retreat at Cedar BrakeRetreat Center in Belton, including prayers at the labyrinth and a presentation in the lodge.

St. Stephens plans annual fall festival

St. Stephen Church has a Committee busy planning for its Annual Fall Festival to be held 10:30- 5 p.m. Oct. 19. Area families are cordially invited to attend. There is no entrance fee nor parking fees. According to event chairmen Robert Machalewicz, "Oct. 19, will be a great family day

of fun, games and food." The planning committee has been meeting with Robert Michalewicz as chairman, Mary Jo and Don Roberts as Raffle Chairs, Anne Cowan as Auction Chair, Laura Snyder as Children's games and activities, Jennifer McGregor as Youth Group Snack and Beverage Chair, Fran Smetana as Dinner Chair and her husband, David Smetana as Chief

Tri-tip BBQ cook, Tina Jobes as Cake Walk Chair and Calling committee for cakes and peach cobblers, Sylvia Villarreal as Chair of the Mexican Cantina for afternoon cuisine, Wilbern Matus in charge coordinating set-up, take down and parking with the St. Stephen Knights of Columbus and Bobbie Reihsen, pub-

The Raffle tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20 with prizes being a: 42" Magnavox HD TV, Wii and Wii Sports Game, \$200 Debit

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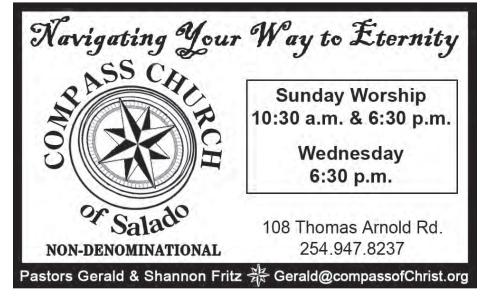
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and People

Sam Murphey fundraiser held Sept. 23 in Harker Heights

A campaign dinner for Murphey, Democratic Candidate for State Representative, District 55 will be held at the Home Builders Assoc. Building in Harker Height 6:30 p.m. Sept. 23.

The event is sponsored by the Democratic Precinct Chairs of Precincts 201 and 202 in Harker Heights. Sam is a resident of Precinct 202. The dinner menu will be Baked Chicken Breast with cream sauce, potatoes, vegetable, dessert, tea and coffee. Cost per person will be \$25 (minimum contribution).

To make a reservation call 698-1880 or 690-3341 in Harker Heights. Reservations should be received by Sept. 19.

Bell Demo's Exec. meet Sept. 18

The Officers and Precinct Chairs of the Bell County Democratic Party will meet 6:30 p.m. Sept.

The monthly meeting will be at the Bell County North Annex, 1605 N. Main in Belton.

All Democratic Precinct Chairs are urged to attend.

Sharum enters honors program at San Angelo

Clayton Sharum of Salado was welcomed to San Angelo State University as one of the 59 highachieving new students for the fall 2008 semester.

The Honors Program is designed for academically exceptional students seeking an enriched educational experience. Dr. Nick Flynn, associate professor biochemistry, is the program.

Program participants take special courses and must meet additional academic requirements. They also have access to the Honors Lounge in the Porter Henderson Library and reserved housing in the Texas Hall student residence complex. Students who complete these degrees and the program curriculum receive special recognition at graduation and on their transcripts.

Students are selected for the Honors Program based upon a completed application and two references as well as SAT/ACT scores of 1200/27 or Higher and a high school class rank in the top 10 percent. Extracurricular activities are also taken into account.



Sam Murphey welcomes guests for Rick Noriega event at Stagecoach Inn. Sam Murphey is the Democratic candidate for State Representative District 55. L-R Eleanor Salazar, Jackie Mills, Aliceanne Wallace, Denver Mills and Barbara Carver look on.

Funeral services held for Salado native Bobby Norwood, 79

August 18, 2008 after a lengthy illness. Norwood was born Jan. 29, 1929 in Salado, Texas to J.H. and Pearl Norwood. He worked 27 years for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., but his passion was music. Among his many talents was playing guitar, piano and the fiddle.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J.H. and Pearl Norwood; brothers J.H. Jr., Gylnn and Hal Norwood; sisters Freida Norwood and Margaret Purgahn; one daughter, Cathy Norwood; brothers-

Bobby Norwood died in-law, Eddie Brown, E.C. Purgahn and Dr. Coleman Ralev and on step-son Steve Breazeale.

He is survived by his wife Birdie Norwood, two sisters. Fern Raley of Shawnee, OK and Mildred Brown of Ft. Worth. TX: son Terry Norwood and wife Erica; stepson Mike Breazeale and wife Debra; stepdaughter, Diane Watson and husband James and Polly Wilson and husband Jimmy. Grandsons Robby Inman and wife Melissa of Lorena, TX; and Jody Norwood of Killeen, TX; granddaughters Kathy Wiktorek and husband Tim of NC, Kelley Lord and husband Josh of Nolanville, TX and Kimberley Norwood of Killeen, TX; 14 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held in Pasadena, TX, Aug. 21 at Grandview Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Salado United Methodist Church music fund or Salado Alumni Assoc. P. O. Box 791, Salado, TX 76571 Scholarship Acct.

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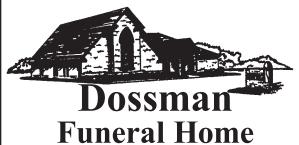


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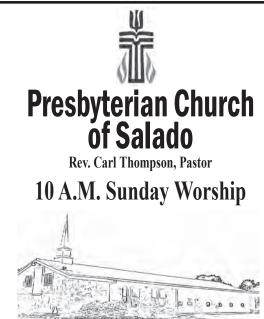
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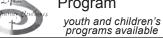
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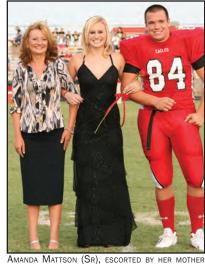


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Silent auction benefits Susan G. Komen Foundation

"The 'ladies' are in and are they gorgeous!" said Sandra Shaw, owner of Stamp Salado about the wire form ladies that have been created to sell in a silent auction to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

"The variety is amazing and I know that you are going to find one you simply cannot live without," Shaw said, "but the best thing is that 100 percent of your winning bid will go to the Komen Foundation."

Also up for bid is a scrapbook weekend valued at \$200 for the new Lone Star Retreat Center in Georgetown.

You can submit your bid by visiting the Stamp Salado location at 642 N. Main Street to enter your bid in the "For the Cure" book. If you cannot visit the store, call Shaw at 947-8848 to make arrangements to view the wire form ladies and bid on them via e-mail.

You can also email Shaw at sandrashaw@embarqmail.com to arrange to view and bid on the ladies.



Stamp Salado is hosting the Silent Auction to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Wire frames were distributed to artists and the 'ladies' sculptures are up for bid.

The winners will be announced and notified on Sept. 28. Stamp Salado will have refreshments 3-6 p.m. at the store location before announcing the winning bidders.

"With the holidays just around the corner maybe one of these delightful 'ladies' would be the ideal gift for a cancer survivor, mother, sister, niece, or friend," Shaw said.

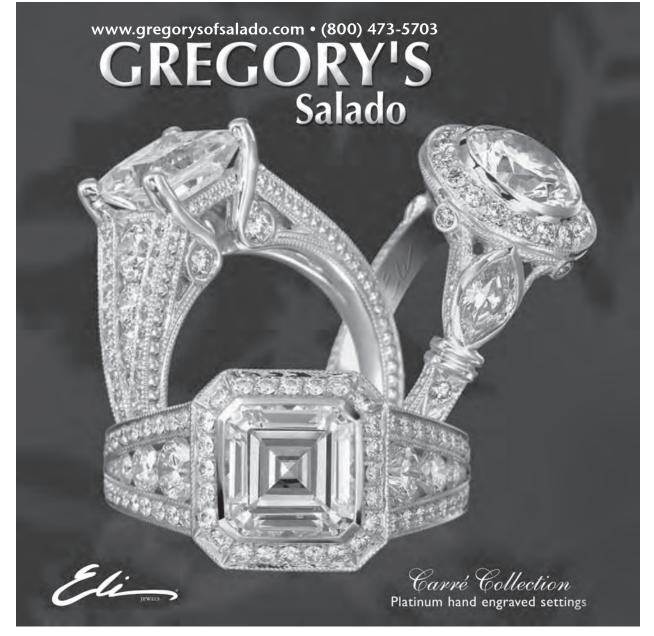
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Village of Salado Board of Aldermen, Final Public **Hearing** and Adoption of the proposed 2008-09 budget and tax rate; 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Adult Harvard Classics book club at Salado Public Library, 6:45-7:45 p.m.

SEPT. 18-Oct. 16

Fun Computer Classes for teens at Salado Public

5:30 p.m. Sign up at library, space is limited. Sept. 19-20

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Fall into Fun" Click on saladosilverspur.com or call (254) 947-3456 for details.

SEPT. 23

Community Kick-off, 9 a.m., Salado Civic Center for CPR Anytime Family & Friends, sponsored by Salado CPR Task Force.

SEPT. 24

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

Salado Haiku Society meets at 4 p.m. Salado Public Library. Public Welcome.

SEPT. 25

Vaccination clinic. Vaccines for all Salado children

offered during normal school hours. Salado Intermediate School

SEPT. 25-Oct. 16

Adult evening computer classes at Salado Public Library, 6-7:30 p.m. Sign up at library, space is limited.

SEPT. 27

Hand Reflexology Workshop; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Learn how to relieve back pain, headaches, sinus congestion, and stress without the need for more medication. \$45 tuition fee includes Reflexology map. Contact Bonnie Lowery at Salado Healing Center for registration. bonnie@saladohealing. com or 254-535-9649

SEPT. 28

Music in Salado will present the Baylor Symphony in concert, 4 p.m., in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Salado.

SEPT. 29

Flu Clinic at Thomas **Arnold Elementary** during school hours. Free flu mists will be given to students at this time.

SEPT. 30

Flu Clinic at Salado **Intermediate School** during school hours. Free flu mists will be given to students at this time.

Oct. 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.

Ост. 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 4

Historical Marker Dedications, 10 a.m. Corn Hill, Texas and Corn Hill Cemetery reception to follow Methodist Church in Jarrell. Tale exit 274, left at overpass, Marker is on right, on East service road.

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.

Ост. 10

Designer collection fabric collage jacket class at A Sewing Basket, 947-5423.

OCTOBER **10-11**

Christmas in October at Salado Civic Center.

OCTOBER 11

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

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Beginning Sewing classes at A Sewing Basket, Call 947-5423 for info.

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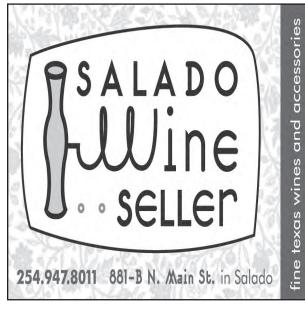
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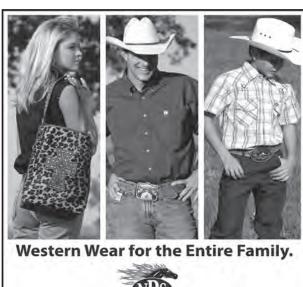
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Assume you're in three notrump and West leads the five of hearts. East wins with the ace and returns the three to your

Judging from the opponents' leads to the first two tricks, it would seem that the hearts are divided 4-4. Whatever the case, though, you have to attack diamonds or clubs next, and the question is which

In the actual deal, if you play the wrong suit first, you go down, assuming correct defense. But if you play the right suit, you make the contract.

To illustrate the wrong approach, let's say you attack your longest suit, clubs. You lead the king, which West ducks, and then the jack, which West also ducks.

You are now at the end of your tether, for whether you play a third club or lead the K-Q of diamonds, both ducked by East, you wind up with only eight tricks. You score two tricks in each suit, period. But if you attack diamonds first, you get home clean as a whistle. East ducks the K-Q and takes the third diamond, but the best he can do is return a heart.

You win and lead a low club to the eight. In the actual deal, the eight wins the trick and you cash the jack of diamonds, after which you revert to clubs. Regardless of when West takes the club ace, you finish with nine tricks -- two spades, two hearts, three diamonds and two clubs. The opponents, in the meantime, score only

two hearts, a diamond East dealer. and a club. That's your reward for tackling the shorter suit rather than the longer suit at trick The outcome three. would be the same if East rather than West held the club ace.

The shorter suit is attacked first because you are guaranteed to score three tricks in that suit rather than two regardless of the actual location of the minor-suit aces or how the opponents elect to defend.

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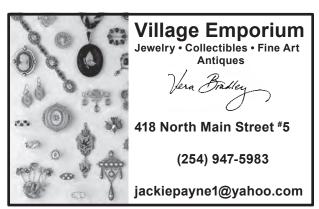
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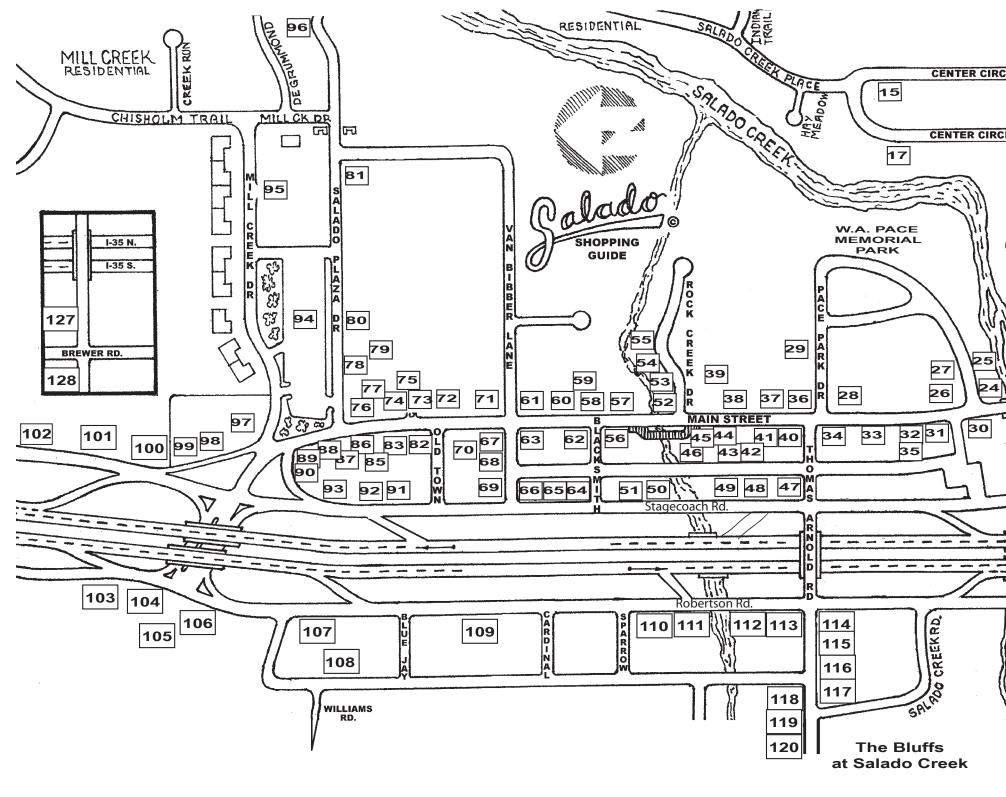






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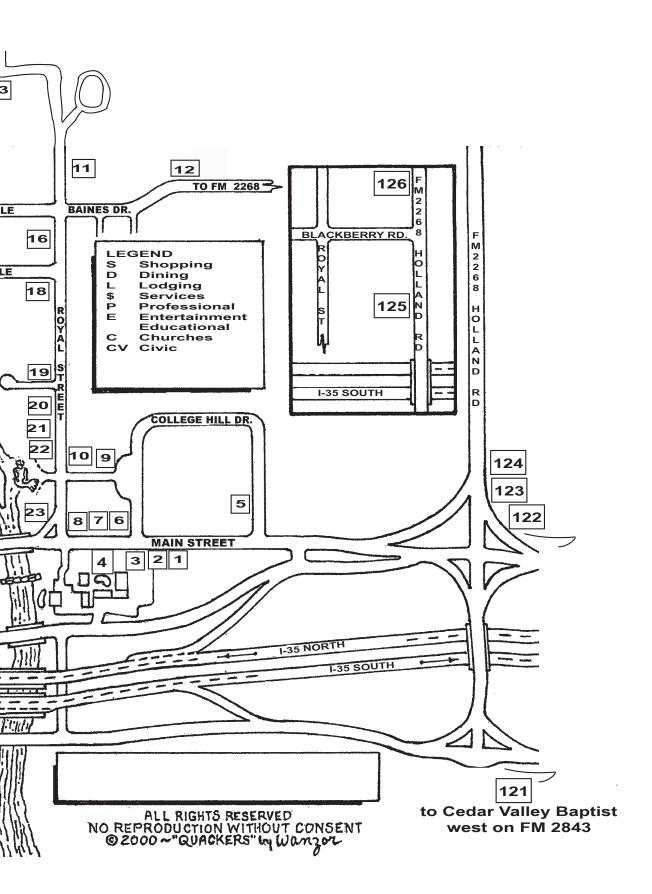
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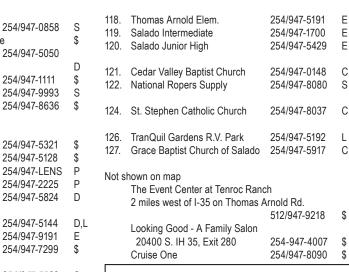
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Misconceptions of Veganism

By this point in your life, you have almost certainly come across a vegan (or at least a vegetarian), or possible even given the lifestyle a "shot" yourself. As a Lifestyle and Wellness Coach I can appreciate the majority of the reasons that one may be interested in this endeavor, especially the ethical commitment, moral convictions, and environmental challenges that factory farming and animal testing may bring. But I would like to speak to you over the next three weeks concerning veganism/vegetarianism your health.

The following is the given definition of veganism at wikipedia.com:

"Veganism is a diet and lifestyle that seeks to exclude the use of animals for food, clothing, or any other purpose. The most common reasons for becoming a vegan are ethical commitment or moral convictions concerning animal rights, the environment, human health, and spiritual or religious concerns."

People can have their own thoughts on spiritual and religious concerns, and that is great, but I do take issue with the teaching that veganism and vegetarianism is the healthiest approach to optimal health. I hope to show you that the extreme choice of veganism/vegetarianism, over a period of time, can and will be harmful to your health, and has been proven so by numerous anthropological and scientific studies. Here are some of my thoughts:

MISCONCEPTION Studies show that meat-eaters have higher rates of cancer than vegetarians. Let us take a look at why these studies done on meat have been coming up with such undesirable results. Let's take a look at some of the challenges with these studies: 1. Meat has meant anything from "animal fats" to cold cuts, and highly processed sausage; 2. Cooking meth-

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By Kevin McCauley

ods were never considered when demonstrating a connection between meat and cancer 3. The health of the meat product was never taken into account; neither was the quality of the diet of the animal that was being ingested. These are all important factors, because there are all sorts of tribes that while consuming their traditional foods (Masai, Inuit (Eskimos), Swiss, etc.), had little to no cancer issues and all while on a high protein/fat diet. The Masai and their diet of meat, blood and milk and the Eskimos with a diet of fish, fish roe, sea oil and blubber have been extremely healthy until recently when their total environment has changed and they have been forced to consume a diet of processed foods.

Though you may see the claim that a diet rich in plant foods like whole grains and legumes will reduce one's risks for cancer, research going back to the last century demonstrates that carbohydrate-based diets are the prime dietary instigators of cancer, not diets based on minimally processed animal. That is the important phrase right there folks: minimally process animal foods (or all foods for that matter).

Animal flesh foods like beef and lamb are excellent sources of a variety of nutrients as any food/nutrient table will show. Nutrients like vitamins A, D, several of the B-complex, essential fatty acids, magnesium, zinc, phosphorous, potassium, iron, taurine, and selenium are abundant in beef, lamb, pork, fish and shellfish, and poultry.

MISCONCEPTION #2: Vitamin B12 can be obtained from plant sources. possibly severe and nerbrewer's yeast, think again. do not/brewer's yeast is fortified). If you have to rely on fortified foods and supplements, how healthy is THAT diet anyway?

healthy animals, please).

I would like to make a couple points: 1) If your diet is perfect for you to attain optimal health, you will NOT have to supplement it (B12); and 2) attaining improved health over a short period of time with a "clean" vegetarian diet (I am NOT saying this is best) is not the same thing as adopting a lifelong nutritional lifestyle that will leave you depleted of nec-

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ment their diet with vitamin B12 they will eventually acquire anemia, and vous and digestive system damage. If you believe you are acquiring yourB12 through algae, tempeh and In case you are wondering, the food MUST have a bio-available form of B12 for it to be of any benefit to you (algae and tempeh

Are you wondering about the B12 that is formed by the fermenting of certain

foods in intestines? Once again, this form is unusable by the body. Are you wondering about the vegans who live in certain parts of India? Well, the B12 there comes from insects, larvae and residue left on the plants (an actual country that doesn't pollute their foods with pesticides (yet)). If you want a reliable and absorbable source of the vitamin B12 you will need to consume animal products, especially organ meats and eggs (from

In closing for this week essary nutrients.

Kevin McCauley, MA,

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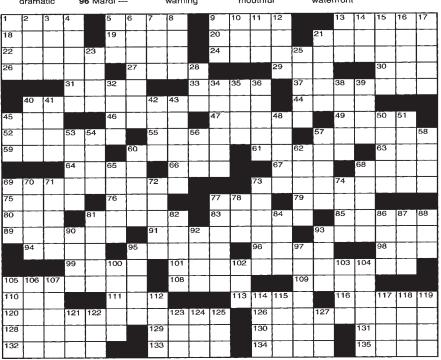
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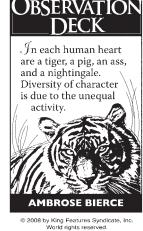
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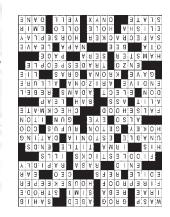
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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New books, events at Library

By Karen Kinnison

For your planning in September, here are a few upcoming events.

- Sept. 18: FUN Computer Classes for Teens, Thurs, Sept. 18- Oct 16, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Class size is limited so please call or come by to sign up.
- Sept. 20: the "DTV (Digital TV Transition) Presentation", Salado Civic Center, 1-2 p.m. (This is not a "DVD" transition--- my mistake in last article....it is "DTV".) Everyone is invited to this free seminar, no sign up neces-
- Also, we will begin a new series: "Everything You Wanted to Know About the Library, But Were Afraid to Ask!" Patty Campbell will do the first presentation on: "What is the Dewey Decimal System?" 1 p.m. Sept. 23. Can you "Dewey"?
- And we have the ever popular Senora Eddings and her conversational Spanish class on again. Class size is limited so please call or come by to

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sign up.

• The SPL-Tag (Teen Advisory Group) meetings have been switched to the third Tuesdays of the month at 4 p.m. All interested teens are invited. Help us plan our teen activities and teen area in the library.

And of course, we always have new books!

"American Wife" by Curtis Sittenfield: Solid Midwestern Democrat librarian (read Laura Bush) meets jokester playboy Republican (read George Bush) and you have the thinly disguised tale of the First Lady as she considers the unlikely path that led her to the White House.

"Home" by Marilynne Robinson: This is a moving, healing book about

families, family secrets, and the passing of generations, about love, faith, and death. From the author of "Housekeeping and Gil-

"A Tale Out of Luck" by Willie Nelson: Yes I said the Willie Nelson! We've got marauding Indians, cavalry troopers, cattle rustlers, wild horses, a saloon keeper, jail escapes, good guys and bad villains. All this is wrapped up in a clever way with a surprise or two thrown in that makes this novel fresh and fun.

"Fade Away" by Harlan Coben: A top-notch home in New Jersey suburbia: the living room was Martha Stewart; the basement was legos...and blood. So begins another mystery

Myron Bolitar.

"City at the End of Time" by Greg Bear: A mind bending sci-fi novel that may well be Bear's masterpiece. This book will appeal to sophisticated readers who prefer thorny conundrums to fast action.

Non-Fiction:

"Self-Esteem Trap: Confident and Compassionate Kids in an Age of Self-Importance" by Polly Young-Eisendrath: Kids today are depressed and anxious. They feel entitled to every advantage yet are unwilling to make the leap into adulthood. The author, a Jungian and a Buddhist, identifies a threatening and perplexing problem she calls the self-esteem trap.

So that's it for this week patrons. Don't forget we have Something for Everyone@Salado Public Library! Just ask us!

"I've given up reading books. I find it takes my mind off myself." Oscar Levant

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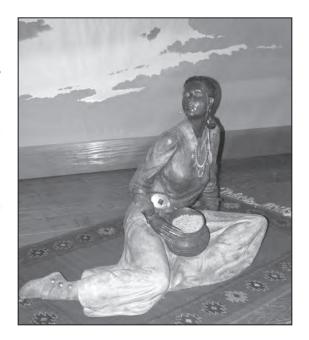
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Thousands watch waterfire in Providence



We were in Providence, Rhode Island to see our grandson perform at Brown University where he attended a six weeks drama camp. He was brilliant. It was a great reason to go to New England at the end of summer. I made a few observations about the people who live there:

The accent: silent or soft r's. We say far, they

by Tumbleweed Smith

say fah. We say art, they say aht. Then they put an r at the end of words that end in a vowel (Cuber, pianer). Most folks in the northeast do a lot of velling when they speak. You can hear them for blocks.

Traffic: Turn signals are a sign of weakness. One-way signs are mere suggestions.

Specific times: the bus leaves at 8:02. The event starts at 8:06. The shuttle will pick you up at 8:23.

Old brick History: streets, homes with plaques on them naming the people who lived there 300 years ago. The first Baptist church and the first synagogue in the US.

Street names: Prudence, Benevolence. Benefit. Hope, Power, Prospect.

Dunkin' Donuts: Eveywhere. The downtown event center is called Dunkin' Donuts Center.

Joke: Policeman pulls over a driver and savs your eyes are bloodshot. You been drinking? The driver says your eyes are glazed over. You been eating do-

Italians: A street called Federal Hill has a mile of restaurants serving Italian food. Little Italy in Providence is bigger than Little Italy in New York City.

Education: Brown University is in a residential part of town. You can't tell where the campus starts. It looks like part of the neighborhood. A year at Brown costs \$50,000. Johnson

and Wales University is one of the leading schools for hospitality training.

General impressions: Lots of old hippies in the downtown area. Lots of people smoking. Many overweight people (could it be donuts and Italian food?).

Downtown activities: Great walking and people Movies are watching. shown on a huge screen on the side of a building. People bring folding chairs. Movie schedules are posted all over downtown.

Waterfire: The most impressive downtown event I've ever seen. Huge iron baskets in the Providence River are filled with cedar wood and set afire. Huge stadium-type speakers provide Italian Opera, jazz and new age music throughout downtown. Crowds of people are everywhere. Gondolas from Venice haul dignitaries to light the 100 fires. The event takes place only a few nights during the summer and people from all over the country go see it. Waterfire has been going on just a few years and is part of the city's downtown revitalization.





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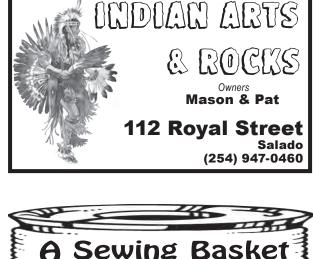
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\$399,700: 1201 Ambrose Dr., Salado. This 4 BR, 2.5 BA home has many features, including crown molding throughout. 2 car garage plus golf cart garage.



\$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.



\$309,000: 10289 Brewer Updated Rd., Salado. 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.



101 Tallwood \$279,921: Circle, Salado, Beautiful 4 BR, 2.5 BA home near the golf course! Soaring ceilings. Nice covered patio & large backyard. Oversized garage.



\$279,521: 716 Whispering Oaks, Salado. On beautiful tree-lined street in Mill Creek, this home has 4 BR or 3 BR & an office, 2.5 Baths, formal living & dining. Large deck. Green- with landscaped yard. house.



\$265,021: 291 Rangers Blvd., Salado. New home on 1/2 acre in Salado ISD. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, two dining & open kitchen with bar. Long covered back porch



\$245,021: 910 Mill Creek Dr., \$229,521: Salado. Large home with Lakeview Salado Creek, private back-



7700 Scenic Dr., Salado. generous rooms in the heart 3 BR, 2 BA Austin stone of Mill Creek. Great view of with steel roof. Living room with wood burning stove, high ceilings & ceiling fan.



\$228,600: Rd., Salado. Sit on your back porch & enjoy the sunset & wildlife. home is near completion & will be ready to move into



\$224,721: for easy entertaining.



2409 Smith \$199,900: 825 Park Dr. \$189,700: Bluff, Salado. 4 BR 2 BA #1, Salado. Private patio #6, Salado. Beautiful view H Rd., Salado. Home in home on corner lot in Mill with great view of Salado of Mill Creek! Master BR, Woods of Salado on 2.4 Creek. Split bedrooms. Creek. HOA takes care living, dining & kitchen acres. 3 BR, 2 BA, one Master suite. Deck allows of the yard work, so enjoy on main level, 3 BR's, full living. Updated kitchen inyour free lifestyle. 3 BR, bath/half bath & large stor- cludes tile floors and coun-3 BA, plus two offices.



825 Park Dr. age room downstairs.



\$184,721: ters. 20 x 30 workshop.



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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



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MUST SÉE \$270,000.

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701 WHISPERING OAKS 3/3 utility room, den, living room, dining room, covered-indoor exercise lap pool, spa, fireplace, hardwood, tile & carpet flooring, ceiling fans, sprinkler system, golf cart garage, shop, treed lot. \$220,000.



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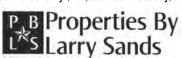


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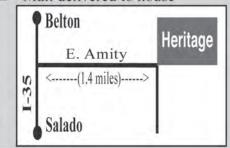
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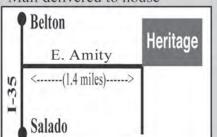
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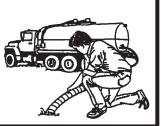


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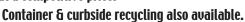
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Hazardous household cleaners

Dear EarthTalk: ľve read that household cleaners contain cancercausing toxic ingredients. What should I do, then, to keep my house clean but also safe for my kids?

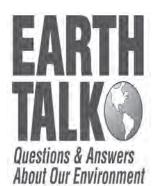
-- Christine Stewart, via e-mail

While much of the research is mixed or inconclusive, a variety of human and animal studies have linked chemicals common in household cleaning products with a wide range of health risks.

The most offensive common ingredients, according to a 2006 study by the University of California Berkeley andLawrenceBerkeley National Laboratory, ethylene-based glycol, used commonly a water-soluble solvent in cleaning agents and classified а hazardous air pollutant by the Environmental U.S. Protection Agency (EPA), and terpenes, a class of chemicals found in lemon, pine and orange oils that can morph carcinogenic compounds when they mix with ground-level ozone.

Also, chlorine, often labeled "sodium hypochlorite" or "hypochlorite," is almost ubiquitous in household cleaners, unfortunately for the inhabitants of many homes. Breathing in its fumes can irritate the lungs, and as such poses a serious health risk to those with pre-existing heart or respiratory problems.

According to the non-profit Cancer Prevention Coalition,



some other problematic chemicals found in many household cleaners include crystalline silica, an irritant to the eyes and lungs and a likely carcinogen, and butyl cellosolve, which has been linked to kidney and liver problems and is reportedly toxic to forming cells. The group lists dozens of other dangerous potentially ingredients in household products the on "Hazardous Ingredients in Household Products" PDF available for free on its website.

Gaiam, a leading purveyor of green household and lifestyle items, reports that the average American household contains between three and gallons of toxic materials, mostly in the form of household cleaners filled with petrochemical solvents designed to dissolve dirt. The company bemoans the fact that no law requires cleaning products manufacturers to list ingredients on their labels or to test their products for safety, leaving it up to consumers to make sure their homes are not only clean, but also nontoxic.

Luckily there are "greener" plenty of alternatives now widely available manufacturers from Gaiam, like Earth Friendly Products, Citra-Solv, Ecover,

Mrs. Meyers, Sun and Earth, SimpleGreen, Method, and Seventh Generation, among many others. Even big players are getting in on the act. Clorox recently released a new line of home cleaning products Green under the Works label to attract a greening clientele.

For those so inclined, making your own green cleaning solutions is easy and cheap. According to The Green Guide, consumers can "circumvent the armada of commercial cleaners" by keeping handy an ample supply of eight ingredients for nearly every do-it-yourself cleaning job: baking soda, borax, distilled white vinegar, hydrogen peroxide, lemons, olive vegetable-based (liquid castile) soap, and washing soda.

Many household contain dangerous But need to alternatives Citra-Solv, Meyers, Earth, and

CONTACTS: Prevention Coalition; Gaiam; Earth Friendly Products; Citra-Solv; Ecover; Clorox Green Works; Mrs. Meyers; Earth; and Seventh Generation; SimpleGreen; Method Green Home Care **Products**

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