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Math woes add up to trouble for TAKS takers

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The poor performance by Salado High students on the math portion of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test during their ninth grade and sophomore years has Salado administrators and school trustees searching for answers.

For the past four years, Salado students taking the TAKS test in their ninth and tenth grades have yet to break the 80 percent passing mark, even though those students may show over 90 percent passing the reading and social studies portions of the test.

"I just don't know what's going on," Superintendent Robin Battershell told school trustees at a May 15 meeting in which the board reviewed the district's preliminary results on the TAKS test.

In mathematics, 72 percent of the freshmen showed a mastery of the math portion. Sophomores were even lower, with 67 percent showing mastery of the subject.

"I'm not pleased with this," Dr. Battershell told trustees as she pointed out several other areas that the district could celebrate its success; particularly all levels of reading - in which each grade taking the test had at least an 89 percent mastery, and social studies - in which the lowest mark was 86 percent mastery.

But the young high schoolers have teachers and administrators scratching their heads. "It's hard to motivate the freshmen and sophomore to take the test seriously,"

Dr. Battershell said, adding that the test has "nothing hanging on it."

When the freshmen and sophomores become juniors and the TAKS test suddenly carries much more weight as it is necessary to pass all portions of the TAKS to get a diploma, those scores have shown marked improvement.

For example, juniors this year showed a 92 percent mastery of the math portion of the TAKS, compared to 67 percent mastery when they were freshmen and sophomores. When that group was in junior high, it showed almost complete mastery of the subject in fifth, sixth and seventh grades before dipping to 75 percent in eighth grade.

Some of the problem may be the transition away from a Saxon-based math curriculum in the lower grades for basic math skills to the higher level of curriculum and abstract thinking skills needed for Algebra and more complex maths.

Some of it may be that the students have "forgotten" some of the earlier Algebra skills learned in seventh and eighth grade and tested heavily on the ninth grade portion of the TAKS math.

Those students who have taken pre-Algebra and Algebra in junior high may need some review of those skills before taking the TAKS math as freshmen and sophomores.

School trustees discussed buying new math textbooks from local funds, if the state does not release new funds for math textbooks, as well as the role of the newly-

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I solemnly swear.....

Village of Salado aldermen Suzi Epps and Michael Cooper took their oaths of office May 15 in the newly renovated village office building on Stagecoach Rd., during an open house reception for the new space. Justice of the Peace Ted Duffield swore in the aldermen while County Judge Jon Burrows affirmed Salado Mayor Rick Ashe for his second two year term. The Board of Aldermen will meet in regular session 6:30 p.m. May 18. Among topics on the agenda is installing gate barricades and forming a legislative committee.

(PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)



Sales taxes jump 7% in May

Salado sales tax continues to increase, as the Village received a \$33,662.76 rebate check May 12, which was seven percent more than last May's \$31,374.65. This increase is trailing the state average for local governments, which continues to see a double digit increase in sales tax rebates compared to 2005. However, Salado's increase in sales tax is outpacing the average of all 11 cities within Bell County. Those cities, with sales tax rates of one cent to one-and-a-half cents, saw less than a one percent increase in their May rebates. Rebates to the 11 cities in Bell Coun-

ty was \$3.6 million.

Further, Bell County saw a nine percent dip in its rebates for the month of May. The County, which levies a half-cent sales tax, received \$1.1 million this May, compared to \$1.2 million in May 2005. For the year, however, the County continues to outpace the 2005 rebates by six percent: \$5 million through May 2006 compared to \$4.8 million through May 2005.

The Village is also ahead of the 2005 sales tax rebates. Thus far, the Village has received \$148,437.71 in sales tax rebates, which is almost nine percent more than

the \$136,421.09 received through May 2005. The Village of Salado levies a one-cent sales tax within its approximately two square mile boundaries.

The Salado Public Library District, which levies a half-cent sales tax within its approximately 100 square mile boundaries, is showing double digit gains in sales tax rebates. In May, the Library District received \$22,102.11, which is 13 percent more than last May's \$19,473.32. For the year, the Library has received \$97,802.57 in sales tax rebates, 16 percent more than the \$84,232.07 paid through May 2005.

Commencement set May 25

Baccalaureate service for the Salado High School Class of 2006 will be 7:30 p.m. May 21 at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor's W.W. Walton Chapel in Belton.

Commencement exer-

cises will begin at 7 p.m. May 25 at the Mayborn Center on the campus of University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. The Mayborn Center is located at the corner of University Ave and Mabree Drive.

The building houses the basketball stadium for Crusader Basketball with plenty of stadium seating for fans to watch the action. This building also contains the offices for UMHB Athletics.

Voters return trustees

In a lackluster turnout, Salado Independent School District voters returned two incumbents to three-year terms on the Board of Trustees May 13 as only 787 total voters, less than 15 percent of the total registered voters in the district, bothered to cast a ballot.

The 787 voters in the school board race are just over half of the voters who voted in a highly-contested April 2005 bond issue that failed.

That number is also 47 fewer than the number of voters in last May's school board election.

Early voting was heavier than election day voting as 429 voters cast early ballots, compared to 358 on election day.

Voters returned Jeff Kelley to a second term on the board of trustees with 524 total votes. Of those, Kelley received 277 in early voting and 247 on election day. Kelley is currently vice president of the board.

Miriam Ervi was elected to her third term on the board with 428 votes: 232 in early voting and 196 on election day. Ervi has served as president and vice president of the board of trustees during her tenure upon it.

Former Salado High School English and home economics teacher Marilyn Salisbury received 299 votes, 165 in early balloting and 134 on election day.

Former Salado schools superintendent Dr. Nolan Kinsey had 236 votes in the race, 141 in early voting and 95 on election day.

Barry Shilling had 36 votes, 19 on election day and 17 in early voting.



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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Asia rising

Donald Rumsfeld famously made a distinction between Old Europe and New Europe. He has been scored ever since for his sweeping and impolitic language, but he wasn't sweeping enough: In geopolitical terms, all of Europe is old, the world's most tourist-friendly museum piece.

For the future of high-stakes U.S. diplomacy and of great-power politics, look no further than Chinese President Hu Jintao's recent visit to the U.S. It is Asia that should occupy an outsized place in our strategic thinking, and it is Europe that should be the relative afterthought, not the other way around.

Europe obviously still matters. It has an economy roughly as large as ours; a bigger population; and more men under arms or at least wearing nice uniforms. America needs to remain the leader of the united West, which means working with Europe, no matter how annoying that is. But in our mind's eye, Europe should be hung with an enormous sign: "The future used to happen here."

The trend lines in terms of economic and military power all say "Asia." The future is happening there, for better or worse.

If we offend Europe, it still putters, and sputters, on. The stakes in Asia are much higher. Taiwan could be an occasion for a war. India and Pakistan are nuclear-armed adversaries. China could break up into feuding fiefdoms. Then, there's the psycho-state of North Korea. Given the region's importance and potential pitfalls, Bush-administration diplomacy should get more notice.

President Bush has hitched a rising India to the U.S. At the same time, he has forged a close relationship with India's historic rival, Pakistan. The U.S. alliance with Japan, still the world's second-largest economy, has never been stronger, and relations with China are relatively

Rich Lowry



friendly, too. The administration has been firm in its defense of Taiwan's de facto independence, while keeping the island from any unnecessary provocations.

Diplomatically -- putting aside the intractable North Korean nuclear problem -- this is as close as it comes to running the table.

The strategic goal is to create a sustainable balance of power so Asian countries can continue to liberalize. As Walter Russell Mead of the Council on Foreign Relations argues, if the focus is exclusively on China's rising power vis-a-vis the United States, the historic model is Europe circa 1914, with China in the role of Germany. If the focus is widened out to include Japan and India -- as Bush has sought to do -- then the more congenial model might be Europe circa 1815, with a balance between several powers and the United States as Britain, which maintained that balance at very little cost to itself.

All of this means our lingering Eurocentrism is out of place. We should care less about Jacques Chirac taking offense at our latest alleged gaucherie and more about what Dr. Manmohan Singh -- the prime minister of India -- thinks of attempts in Congress to torpedo the U.S.-Indian nuclear deal. Europe is yesterday's news; Asia is tomorrow's.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Lawmakers pass Governor's entire Ed-reform-package; Court expected to validate measure; Big boost for Perry's reelection in November

The special legislative session finally ended with Governor Rick Perry harvesting a stunning victory by having all five parts of his education finance "reform" package pass both House and Senate. They are today resting comfortably on his desk, needing only a signature to answer the State Supreme Court's mandate to "reform" how Texas funds public education. The high court is expected to validate the measures, thus removing the political horror, for both Governor and lawmakers, of having the public schools judicially closed.

It also moves "Crazy Hair" Perry a step closer to winning reelection in November, and a historic ten year presence in the Governor's Office.

Perry gambled his political future on the session that hit his main supporters (business) with a tax - and it worked! Hope someone will give former Democratic Comptroller John Sharp some credit for this "victory." After all he headed the tax reform committee that created the tax package.

We'll have the "plus and minus" details of the reform bills in next week's "Off The Record."

JUDGE SAYS "NO" TO PETITION SAMPLING

Federal District Judge Lee Yeakel promised a quick response to **Carole Strayhorn's request to have the Secretary of State use "sampling" rather than hand-working the thousands of signatures** gathered to put the "tough old grandma" on the gubernatorial ballot as an Independent. **The answer in nine short days was "no!"**

Time being of the essence, for both Strayhorn and her Independent opponent Kinky Friedman, the use of sampling would have cut the SecState's time estimate from two months to a few days to determine if candidates have the necessary names to qualify for the November 7 election.

Yeakel's verdict was that Secretary Roger Williams' decision, to review the thousands of petition signatures, one-by-one was "reasonable and nondiscriminatory" thus upholding Williams' somewhat obstinate ruling. **Incidentally, sampling is not only statistically valid, but permitted by State statute.**

Strayhorn turned in a total of 228,800 sigs as of the May 11 deadline. "Kinky" hauled in 169,574 names. Both well beyond the 45,540 names required to get on the ballot. To expose more of Williams' arbitrary partisanship - we learned he has refused (thus far) to let the candidates know immediately when his counters reach the magic 45,540 number. Instead, he's going to wait until the tabulators finish the entire count. The early notice would give both candidates a jump on the possible six to eight weeks predicted by the Secretary of State to verify the signatures.

Each petitioner's name is being entered (and compared) against all registered voters in the State's huge computerized data base (this is the time consuming part of the equation). This cross referencing procedure will determine if the person (petitioner) voted in the March-April primaries. If they did vote earlier they'd be disqualified, as would anyone else declared ineligible to vote (citizenship, registration, criminal record, etc).

In any event - it's expected that Strayhorn for certain (with 228,800 petition names); and probably Kinky (with three times the minimum number

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



needed) - both have sufficient signatures to make the November ballot.

Republican Governor Perry and Democrat Chris Bell are already on the ballot, thanks to their March primary wins.

GOPERS CHARGE DEMOS WITH IMPEACHMENT PLANS

Do you know what our Republican friends are braying about as Democrat's work to win control (in November) of the national House of Representatives? The allegation, printed in the Washington Post recently, is that if Dems unseat at least 17 GOPers (and don't lose any seats of their own), they'll become the majority party in the lower house. And, (say the running scared Repubs): **"The first thing they'll do is begin impeachment proceedings against President Bush!"**

Thoughtful Democrats say that's a "cuckoo" notion coming from way out in right field (rather than left). House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi has pooh-poohed the "calumnious" impeachment notion although she admitted, according to the Post story, that Democratic House Members will, if they prevail, launch a series of investigations of the Bush administration, including the controversial intelligence reports used before the invasion of Iraq.

As for impeachment, the fiery Pelosi (who is probably the GOPers second most disliked female on the Hill), added the ever-faithful political caveat **"you never know where investigations lead."**

By the by - want to guess who's number one in the conservatives "most disliked congressional-lady contest?" Yep, you guessed it - Hillary - by a mouth!

GOP POLL NUMBERS FALLING

Results of the most recent national polls, (including Associated Press-Ipsos), indicated President Bush had dropped to an all time "low" approval rating of 29 percent! Congress is down to 25 percent. And by a 51 to 34 percent margin, Demos were favored over Repubs to control Congress (**presumably 15 percent of that last group didn't know what to think**).

With numbers like that, GOPers are bound to be uneasy about November. With just 17 seats standing between the two parties for control - Democrats look to be in better shape this year, than Republicans were in 1994 when they wrested power from entrenched Democrats in Congress - who had 42 years of continuous control.

That year ('94), gung-ho GOPers, needing to dump 40 Democrats, actually swept away a staggering 52 opponents and took over Congress using their "Contract With America," that succinctly outlined what they pledged to do if successful.

REQUISITE FOR DEMOCRATS

It is mandatory for Democrats to tell the rest of us what they'll champion if they gain control of the House this year - other than launch investigations. **Otherwise - they'll lose!**

Voters want positive proposals that make sense (rather than the same old, same old). Democrats could start with workable plans to wean our nation from mid-east oil parasites; pledge to balance the budget; paydown the national debt; and promise to halt the disgraceful "budget-earmarking" that wastes billions of tax dollars annually.

They might even challenge Republicans to do the same (in writing).

At least voters would have something solid to chew on before they go to the polls in November.

That's -30-

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Election inspection

Heritage Forum

by Edwin Feulner

“Vote early -- and often.” We hear this quip every time an election rolls around, and with good reason: Electoral fraud is as old as the ballot box itself and still happens in the United States. Just last year a judge in Washington state ruled that some 1,678 illegal votes were cast in its 2004 election -- more than enough to change the outcome of the governor’s race.

Few concepts matter more in a republican democracy than the credibility of “one person, one vote.” Yet no nationwide standard exists to prevent fraud at the voting booth.

Some states, including Virginia, sensibly demand photo identification before allowing someone to vote. Neighboring Maryland, meanwhile, is heading in the opposite direction. A new state law there will let anyone cast a provisional ballot anywhere in the state -- a move which could allow one person to vote in several different places on the same day.

At the end of Election Day, “Nothing is more important than the integrity of elections -- not even defeating the Republicans in November.” And don’t take my word for it; those are the words of Blair Lee IV, the Democratic commentator who ran his father’s 1980 gubernatorial campaign in Maryland.

To prevent fraud in elections, the federal government should set some minimum standards. After all, the Constitution gives states the initial power to establish the “times, places and manner” of holding elections, but it specifically permits Congress to change those election procedures.

A good first step would be to require every voter to show a photo ID.

Some liberals oppose this rudimentary reform. They claim that, since the poor are less likely to have photo IDs or driver’s licenses, it would impinge on their civil right to vote. But, as John Fund of The Wall Street Journal wrote in his 2004 book, *Stealing Elections: How Voter Fraud Threatens Our Democracy*, “when voters are disfranchised by the counting of improperly cast ballots

or outright fraud, their civil rights are violated just as surely as if they were prevented from voting.”

Of course, not everyone has a photo ID, and we can’t allow that to prevent them from voting. But the federal government could get around this the same way Georgia has. That state recently mandated all voters show photo ID, but it will provide free IDs to anyone who can’t afford a driver’s license.

A bipartisan federal commission on election fraud backs this idea. In a report released last year, the Carter-Baker commission recommended that states require voters to show a card that includes, among other things, a person’s legal name, address, digitally captured signature and photo.

Federal action to require ID would, in part, correct a problem federal lawmakers themselves created when they passed the Motor Voter Act. That bill was supposed to streamline the voter registration process (which wasn’t especially complex to begin with). But it went too far.

Under Motor Voter, it’s difficult for states to remove ineligible voters, including felons and non-citizens, from the rolls. At the same time, many people end up registered two or three times in different precincts or states.

The Illinois board of elections says that, “The integrity of the election process is protected by access to it.” But integrity also hinges on whether those with access have legal access. Those who vote illegally or vote several times in one election cancel out ballots cast by legal voters.

Americans realize that fraud is a bigger long-term concern than butterfly ballots or outdated punch cards. A recent NBC News/Wall Street Journal survey found that 81 percent support requiring a photo ID to vote. Only 7 percent oppose the idea.

For an election to be valid, we need to know that it was fair and that everyone who voted was eligible to do so. Requiring an ID before a voter steps into the booth would be a big step in that direction.

FORUM



Healthy rivers vital for Texas

By MYRON HESS

In rural Texas, water is life. Never is that more clear than in a dry year like this one. Across much of the state, farmers and ranchers are suffering. The fish and wildlife that depend on rivers and streams are hurting too.

Of course, droughts are a fact of life here in Texas. They remind us how precious water really is. And how little of it we have in dry years.

That’s why we need to plan carefully for population growth. Projections show that the population will double by mid-century. Most of those 40 million people will be living in urban or suburban areas. Right now, most water is used in rural areas.

These growing cities will demand more and more water. To some degree, shifting more water to urban areas is inevitable, and even appropriate. But the state needs to make sure that rural Texas is not left high and dry in the process.

One part of that picture is taking care of Texas rivers.

Increasingly, hunting, fishing, and tourism are important components of rural economies. And those activities depend, to a large degree, on healthy rivers and streams.

But in many rivers the state has issued enough permits to drain them dry when rainfall is scarce. Right now many of those permits aren’t being fully used, but that will change.

Here’s how it works: Surface water is public property and people get perpetual permits to pump it out and use it. Within limits, that’s fine. We all

need water.

The problem is that Texas law sets few limits on how much water can be taken from a stream. If we take too much out, we can artificially worsen and extend droughts for the river and the wildlife that depend on it. That’s on top of natural droughts like the one we are in right now. The growth in urban population means that more of these existing permits will start to be used and the water will be piped off to urban areas.

Healthy river systems benefit people as much as they do wildlife. Hunting, fishing and bird watching create billions of dollars in economic activity every year in Texas. Setting reasonable limits on water withdrawals would help keep our rivers healthy and it would help to protect the economy in rural Texas.

If we’re smart about it, Texas has enough water to meet human needs without unduly damaging our natural resources or rural economies. One of the simplest things we can do is to make sure that every water user in Texas uses water efficiently.

The city of San Antonio has proved that greatly increasing efficiency is possible by cutting its per capita water use nearly 40 percent since 1982. The result is that total water use in the city has stayed basically flat while the population has increased by more than 300,000.

If other cities followed San Antonio’s lead, there would simply be less need to move water from rural areas to cities.

Agricultural water conservation also has much promise. By providing financing to help willing farmers take actions like

lining irrigation canals and installing efficient irrigation systems, the state and cities can help free up more water that could be moved without hurting rivers or farmers. Similarly, that type of funding might help finance land stewardship practices that protect the land, the wildlife, and the water supply.

Beyond conservation, the state needs to implement some common-sense legal protections for environmental flows in our rivers. During the last legislative session, a bill was filed that would have gotten things moving in the right direction. It never became law, but it did garner support from key legislators on both sides of the aisle.

There is cause for hope. The Governor has appointed a new Environmental Flows Advisory Committee to keep working on the issue in preparation for the next regular legislative session in January. You can find information about the issue and the new committee at www.texaswatermatters.org.

We need the Texas Legislature to step up to the plate and do right by our Texas rivers and rural Texas. Of course, we need to meet growing human water needs in our cities, but we also have an obligation to be good stewards and to pass along a rich Texas natural heritage to our kids and their kids on down the line. The good news is that, with the Legislatures’ help, we can do both.

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Sports teams are bullish on corporations



Jim Hightower

Time for another report [sports theme] from the Wide, Wide, Wide, WILD world of sports!

Exciting news, sports fans: Marketers have made a trendsetting breakthrough for the corporate branding of sports! For some time corporations have been plastering our arenas with such lovable names as Office Depot Center, Bank Of America Stadium, and Enron Field (until that corporation plunged into infamy and bankruptcy.)

Well, if you loved having a cold corporate ID slapped on your local stadium, get ready to be deliriously happy, for corporations have now begun to put their brands on the teams themselves! One of our readers has labeled this development as an act of “brandalism.”

The first victim is the major league soccer team formerly known as the MetroStars. This New York City outfit was recently bought by the Austrian corporation that produces Red Bull, the energy drink and cocktail mixer. So - shazam! - the MetroStars are now the New York Red Bulls, and the players trot out for each match wearing jerseys bearing the corporate logo. As the team president gamely says, “We are part of the Red Bull family.”

How sweet. But, it’s not a family. It’s a corporation - and the team is just another commodity being peddled by the executives and beancounters back at headquarters.

It’s one thing to cheer for a team - but it’s hard to connect with a corporate profit center: “Go Red Bulls! Raise your return on investment! Downsize the workforce! Hike your CEO’s pay! Scooooooooorrrre!”

One sports marketing executive scoffs at critics who’re concerned that other corporations will follow the Red Bull example. “Can you imagine the New York Rangers [hockey team] being called the ABC Rangers?” he asked.

Sadly, yes. I can also imagine the Wal-Mart Warriors, the Yahoo! Yankees, or the ExxonMobil Cowboys. After all, we’re talking about profit-grabbing corporations here - not sports.

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Now that we're well into May, you might look around your house and yard and decide it's time for a little spring cleaning, if you're the sort of person who does that kind of thing. But even if you aren't, you can probably benefit from "sprucing up" another part of your life - your investment portfolio. Why? Because things change in your life. And while your investment and insurance products and strategies may have been appropriate for you at one time, that may no longer be the case.

So, once you decide to clean up your portfolio, what should you look for? Here are a few ideas to consider:

- **A v o i d** "redundant" holdings. Do you have too many of the same type of stocks "cluttering" your portfolio? Too many people think that, when it comes to investing, they can't get "too

**Financial
Focus**

by Allen Mantanona



much of a good thing." Consequently, if they have two growth stocks from the same industry, they add a third. Or, on the other side of the investment spectrum, if they like the steady income from their fixed income they might buy another. Depending on your individual needs, you may find that growth stocks and fixed income can play a role in your diversified portfolio, but "overloading" on either of these securities - or any other, for that matter - can actually hinder your progress toward your financial goals. For example, if you add too many of the same type of growth stocks, you may expose yourself to a market downturn that is particularly hard on one specific sector. Or,

if you divert some of your investment dollars toward additional fixed income, you may deprive yourself of needed growth opportunities.

- **Examine "automatic"** investments. Are you still automatically moving money from your checking account into an investment that you first purchased years ago, under different circumstances? Could this money possibly be better directed elsewhere? Check your automatic purchases carefully to see if they still meet your needs.

- **Review your** insurance coverage. When you first start out in your career, and you have a young family, you definitely need a certain amount of life insurance to replace your income, pay for your mortgage, educate your children, etc. But, as your children grow and leave home, and you finish paying for your home, your needs for life insurance will change. Go over your policies with your investment professional to see if your coverage is still appropriate. You may find that a different type of policy can be beneficial in helping you meet other types of needs, such as estate planning.

- **Check your** beneficiaries. Over the years, your family situation may change. To cite just one

possibility, you may remarry and take on the responsibilities of a blended family. If this happens, you'll need to closely check the beneficiary designations on your investments, retirement plans and insurance policies. If you don't update these designations, your wishes may not be carried out when it's time for your estate to be settled.

By following these suggestions, you can give your portfolio a spring cleaning that should can help serve you well in all seasons.

**Divorce
happens
Dollars & Sense**

by David Uffington

Nobody wants to think about it, but divorce does happen. As sad as it is to end a marriage, life will go on, and planning your financial future is a must.

The first logical step, once you decide on divorce or know one is coming, is legal representation. Hire the best divorce attorney you can afford. This isn't the time to cut corners. One reader sent mail detailing the horrors of not being protected by good legal counsel. In her case, the damage was compounded because her spouse was an attorney. She fell for the "I can save us a bunch of money if you'll just let me do the paperwork" line, and as a result will need to work for years after she expected to be able to retire.

Sheryl Garrett, a certified financial planner, has tips for protecting yourself in advance if you suspect that a divorce is imminent.

- **Determine the equity** in any property you own, especially if you had property when you married.

- **Get copies of deeds** to all properties you own, as well as the mortgage paperwork.

- **Get copies of the previous five years' tax returns** (from the IRS, if you don't have them). Include the W-2s for the last year. (An attorney needs to compare returns and W-2s to determine if money is being put into a retirement fund somewhere.)

- **Start detailing expenses**, using canceled checks and ATM receipts as a starting point. Write down in a notebook every dime that is spent, and break it into logical categories, such as

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Eagles move into 3rd round

East Bernard up next in Regional Quarterfinals

The Salado Eagle baseballers dug themselves a hole by dropping game one of their best of three playoff series to Stockdale May 11. Fortunately, it wasn't so deep that they couldn't climb out, as the Eagles rebounded to double-dip the Brahmas in a May 13 doubleheader in Buda to advance to the third round of the State playoffs.

In the series-opening 8-7 loss, which was played

in Bastrop, Salado fought back several times, coming back from 1-0 and 3-1 deficits early in the game to tie the score. Still, entering the bottom of the seventh the Eagles were down by two, 8-6.

Leadoff batter Josh Shaw was hit by a pitch to start the inning. Shaw moved on to steal second and came around to score on a Seth Collins triple. After the first out was recorded, Collins, who was

moving on ground ball contact, was gunned down at home by the Stockdale shortstop for the second out. Wes Ruth, who made it to first via fielder's choice, then stole second to put the tying run in scoring position. The Eagles' chances died there, however, as the Stockdale second baseman made a diving catch of a line drive off the bat of Tanner Myers to end the game.

Kevin Jackson was saddled with his first loss of the season, but did pitch well, allowing just two earned runs over five innings of work.

Johnny Nix, Seth Collins and Justin Schiller led the offense with two hits each.

Needing a win to stay alive in the series, Salado jumped out to an early lead and coasted to a 10-5 win. The Eagles scored three in the second, tacked on one in the third and five in the fifth to build a commanding 9-0.

Meanwhile, pitcher

Brian Bates was mowing the Stockdale batters down. He allowed only three hits and struck out six over the first five innings.

In the top of the sixth the Salado defense committed three errors that accounted for five earned runs. The Eagles plated one run in the bottom of the sixth to move the score to its 10-5 final, as Nix came on in relief to pitch the seventh.

Jesse Rodriguez and Justin Shiller both had big games for the Eagles. Rodriguez clubbed two doubles in four at bats with three knocked in, while Schiller also had three RBI's on two hits. Kevin Jackson had two doubles of his own in the game, as well.

In the third and deciding game, both offenses struggled out of the gate, with Stockdale taking a 1-0 lead early. In the bottom of the third, however, Seth Collins reached base with one out on a Stockdale error, and moved to third on a single by Myers. After Myers stole second to put a pair of Eagles in scoring position, Collins scored and Myers moved to third on a called balk.

Ruth then stepped to the plate and came through with a triple to drive in Myers. Ruth scored on a sacrifice fly by Nix, giving Salado a 3-1 edge.

The Eagles built on the lead with two runs in the fourth, six in the fifth and

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Lady Eagles champs...again

The Salado Lady Eagle golf team closed out the first round of the State Tournament at the par 72 Jimmy Clay Course in Austin with an eight shot lead over second place Wall.

As it turned out, the girls would need almost all of those shots as Salado staved off a round two rally from Wall to become state champs by a slim two-stroke margin. The victory represents a return to championship form for the Lady Eagles, as the girls have now won three state titles in the past five years. Salado earned back-to-back golds in 2002 and 2003.

The accomplishment is one which can truly be chalked up as a team victory. Salado's top golfer for the tournament, Sarah Dowell, finished eighth individually, but the lack of an individual superstar was a point rendered moot, as the Lady Eagles had four players finish in the top 17. It was that consistency that propelled

Salado to the title. So consistent was Salado, in fact, that the girls posted identical team scores of 355 in both the first and second rounds to hold off Wall, which shot a tournament low 349 in round two to close out the meet with 712 and a team silver. San Saba won the bronze.

Dowell's rounds of 85 and 87 paced Salado, while Lacey Bartlett shot an 87 and 88 for a 175, and Czech transfer student Vernoica Patockova shot dual rounds of 89. Katie Harris had a two-round total of 185, coming on a 94 and 91, and Nicole Weatherly shot a 218.

For the Salado boys, a group which nursed high hopes of coming away with a medal after struggling at State the past two years, it all boiled down to round one. The Eagles posted a first day team score of 324, placing them in fourth, 11 shots behind field-leading Edgewood and nine behind third place Sonora in a tightly-bunched top three.

Salado made a serious charge in day two, recording a tournament low of 311 to close the gap considerably. But the rally came up short, as all three frontrunners played consistent golf. At the end of the tournament, the leader board remained unchanged from day one, with Edgewood winning gold, followed by Olney (which defeated Sonora in a playoff) and Salado in fourth, five strokes out of medal contention.

Ryan O'Rear was the top shooter for the Eagles, putting together rounds of 77 and 73 for a total of 150, which placed him in a tie for fourth individually. Wes Dowell wasn't far behind, posting rounds of 78 and 76 for a 154. Lucas Martin had a day one 84, but rebounded nicely to shave nine strokes off that mark on day two for a 159 total. Clint Permenter totaled 175 on rounds of 85 and 90, while teammate Travis Kemp had a 176 on an 89 and an 87.

Rooney medals twice in Austin

Two storylines emerged from the Salado side of things at the Class AA State Track and Field Meet in Austin. Both involved friends and teammates Molly Rooney and Chelsea Ervi. The two juniors arrived at State with differing levels of experience.

Ervi, the long distance specialist, had competed at the State level as a freshman and a sophomore, winning two silver medals along the way. This year, she hoped, would be her year for gold.

Rooney, on the other hand, was fairly new to this, qualifying for State for the first time in 2006, in two events: the 100-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles.

In the end, it was the newcomer that had the break out day. Rooney, after narrowly missing gold in her first event, the 100-meter hurdles, saved her best for the 300-meters, winning gold with a time of 44.55, six-hundredths of a second ahead of silver medalist Haylee Allen, of Jim Ned. In the 100-meters, Rooney finished with silver at 15.23, a little more than a tenth of a second off the gold medal winning time of 15.10, posted by Wall's Kirsten Niehues.

Ervi, competing in the



Chelsea Ervi and Molly Rooney



Rooney competes in the 100-meter hurdles at the State Meet, where she would win silver.

1600m run, fell just short of making her third trip to the podium in as many years, finishing in fourth with a time of 5:14.40. Paradise's Loren Hodges set a new Class AA record with a time of 5:04.02. The silver medal went to Argyle's Kristie Krueger (5:10.49), while Weimar's

Leigh Berger won bronze (5:10.63).

While she might have missed out on a medal this time around, Ervi still has one more chance next year to earn the elusive gold. And for Rooney, a chance to defend a title and perhaps add another.

The Salado Lady Eagle golf team is pictured just after claiming the Class AA State Championship at Austin's Jimmy Clay Golf Course. They are, from left: Coach Bobby Peschel, Nicole Weatherly, Lacey Bartlett, Sarah Dowell, Veronica Patockova and Katie Harris.

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Baseball

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three in the sixth. Stockdale managed to hang around, scoring six runs over the last three innings. It was not nearly enough, though, as Salado went on to win the game - and with it the series - by a 14-7 final.

Nix drove in four runs in the game, going 2-4. Shaw and Ruth were both

3-4, while Schiller went 2-4.

Schiller also picked up his first win of the season on the mound, tossing seven hit ball over five and two thirds innings. He surrendered four earned runs and struck out five before Nix came in to close the game.

Salado (24-7) moves on

to face East Bernard in the Regional Quarterfinals. As the champion of District 26AA, East Bernard earned a first round bye and then dispatched Comfort in two straight in the area round. Both games were shutouts. Game one of the series will be 7 p.m. at Flatonia, with game two coming at

noon the following day. If necessary, game three will follow 30 minutes after game two.

All three representatives from District 25AA remain in the postseason, with Jarrell and district champ Rogers facing off in a three game set this weekend.

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hired curriculum director Janet Kemp in improving new high school students' scores on the TAKS math portion.

Another area of concern for high school students was their performance in science, in which sophomores showed a 68 percent mastery and juniors showed an 80 percent mastery. Those juniors not showing mastery in any portion of the TAKS test will have opportunities as seniors to meet the minimum standard for graduation.

Salado Intermediate School students showed at least an 80 percent mastery in every portion and every grade of the test. The lowest mark was 84 percent by eighth graders

in math, while the highest mark was 99 percent in reading by sixth graders.

Third and fourth graders also showed a high percentage of students mastering the TAKS. The lowest mark was 79 percent mastery by third graders on the math portion. The highest standard was 98 percent mastery of the writing portion of the TAKS by fourth graders.

"We've got a lot of work to do," Dr. Battershell told trustees.

In other business at the May 15 regular meeting, trustees hired new personnel and approved Greenway's proposal of \$331,801.88 for renovations on current campuses.

Trustees approved

Greenway's proposal of \$321,801.88 for renovations to the current campuses to begin May 31 after school lets out for summer break.

The renovations will be budgeted as follows:

High School: painting, \$85,000; flooring, \$43,934.38; ceiling, \$37,000; electrical, \$11,890; dumpster, \$3,000; project superintendent, \$3,281.25; Campus total: \$184,105.63.

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Church

David's Song to perform at Belton Christian

Belton Christian Church will host a service of praise with southern gospel music performed by David's Song 6 p.m. May 28.

The service will consist of a variety of gospel music filled with tight harmonies, solos and testimonies.

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ana, a smooth-voiced baritone from Alma, MI., and a smiling lead singer from Homer, LA. David McKain, David Huffine and David Fowler believe they were brought together by God to blend musical praises.

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FM 436, just beyond the Belton City limits. Bible School begins 9:40 a.m. on Sunday and the morning worship service is held at 10:40 a.m. Billy Cox is the minister. For more information regarding the concert or Belton Christian Church call 939-1171 or contact Billy Bob Cox at bbcox@vvm.com.

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St. Stephen Women's Society

installs officers plans luncheon

St. Stephen Women's Society plans the culmination of the June 2005 - May 2006 year activities 11 a.m., May 21. The annual Communion Mass with Installation of officers will be followed by a member and family breakfast in the Parish Hall. The St. Stephen Youth Group will be preparing and serving the breakfast with help from Alex Morrow and Wayne

and Cathy Cleveland.

New officers to be installed are: President, Joyce Dobias, Vice President: Judy Fulfer, Treasurer: Sandy Gromacki and Secretary, Vicki Welsh. Continuing on as Altar and Beautification Ministry Chair: Anne Cowan, Bereavement Chair: Joyce Dobias, Prayer Chain: Mary Catherine Ervin, Membership and Yearbook: Barbara Hoelscher, Music Ministry, Joyce Dobias, Sunshine: Anne Marie Harwell, and Pro-life contact: Jennifer Reeves.

The Annual SSWS Spring Pot Luck Luncheon will be held at noon on May, 27, at the home of Emmy Alvarez.

All women of the parish are invited to share in this fellowship luncheon. Please RSVP to Emmy 947-8898 .

The Fourth Sunday, Hospitality Luncheon will be sponsored by the St. Stephen Religious Education Program, with Director of Religious Education, Laura Snyder in charge with teachers assisting. This event will be held in St. Stephen Parish Hall following the 11 a.m. Mass and all parishioners are invited to attend.

SSWS wishes to thank everyone helping make the "Casino Night" a great success for our building fund. We thank those who attended and welcome everyone back for next year.



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Dugger services held

May 13 in Thornton

Services for Bobbie Dugger, 90, of Salado were held May 13 in Thornton Cemetery in Thornton with Rev. James Thompson, of Mineola, officiating. She died May10 in Belton.

Dugger was born in Kosse to Murry and Annie Parish. She married Roy Dugger on Dec. 3, 1938 in Corpus Christi. They lived in Corpus Christi for many years, where they owned a construction company.

She attended Second Baptist Church of Corpus Christi, where she was president of the WMU Association and she taught Sunday school for many years.

She moved to Salado

in 1981. She became a member of the First Baptist Church of Salado and taught Sunday school there.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two brothers: Eugene Parish and Frank Parish.

She is survived by two brothers, Ben Parish and his wife Ann, of Kerrville and Harvey Parish and his wife Lois, of Salado. She is also survived by a sister, Frances Heil and her husband Joe, of Escondido, California; and a sister-in-law, Katherine Parish, of Alvin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Salado building fund.

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Reception at Salado Library held May 22

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Hulda Horton and Ben Willingham will be sworn into office for their two year terms. David Carr will be sworn in at a later time.

Refreshments will be served during the public reception.



Doris Denman and Elayne Fuller Ramsden display books that have been donated by the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary and dedicated as memorials to Dot Brown and Jaunita Hardin. Mrs. Frank Brown loved to travel by motor home to Colorado. Juanita Hardin was a member of the Salado Village Artists where she created stitchery. PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER

Mentor program to get underway at SISD

The Board of Trustees of Salado Independent School District has approved a special mentoring program to begin in Sep. 2006. It will match caring adult volunteers with select fifth grade students from Salado Intermediate School. The school mentoring program will be coordinated by a board of 11 members who will recruit, approve, train, and oversee local program operations.

Mentors are people willing to spend quality time with young people. They share life experiences, support goals and encourage children to reach their dreams and full potential. Research has shown that young people who have a caring adult or mentor in their lives do better in school and are less likely to participate in risk-taking behaviors.

Selected mentors will be carefully screened, including a criminal background check, and trained to serve as a mentor for the upcoming school year. Students may volunteer for

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Youth Fair Boosters meet May 22

The Salado Youth Fair Boosters will be holding a meeting 5 p.m. May 22.

Officers for the 2006-2007 school year will be elected. Anyone who is interested in holding office is invited to attend.

The Salado Youth Fair

Booster Club supports those kids who are actively enrolled in FFA, 4H, and FCCLA programs.

For more information: Contact Donette Cantrell, Deanna Christian, or the Ag Shop.

Democratic Women meet May 20

The Bell County Texas Democratic Women will hold their monthly meeting May 20 at the Bell County North Annex, 1605 N. Main in Belton.

Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m., with the meeting following at 10 a.m.

Featured speaker for the meeting is Eugene Bauer, Executive Director of the Fort Hood Area Habitat for Humanity.

The agenda includes presentation of the Vada Sutton and Lydia Vasquez Scholarships to two area students.

All Democratic women and guests are invited to attend, and new members are welcome.

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SHS students sniff out top stocks

Salado High School students in Cindy Mewhinney's economics class won first place in "Stock Market Game" sponsored by the Texas Council for Investor Education. Students made approximately \$19,000 in six weeks on mock stock market transactions. Pictured left to right: David Pruitt, TCIE Program Director, Mewhinney, Jacob Brown, Curtis Converse, John Oxenreider and Travis Cook.



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in the TCN, you do not have to have a formal bid process," Cabaniss said. Trustees hired the following personnel: Janet Kemp, Curriculum Director; Joelle Wall, Salado High School assistant principal; Rocky Boaz, SHS BCIS/coach; Lyndon Clevenger, intermediate PE/coach; Raina Foegelle, third grade; Brenda Rogers, fourth grade; Kimberly Boaz, intermediate reading; Katie Hedrick, High School history/coach. The board also approved adding an elementary instructional aide for a special needs

student as mandated by law. The board also discussed but took no action on an incentive plan concept and a sunset review concept. Dr. Battershell said that she would bring the incentive plan back to trustees after the current special session of the Texas legislature finishes its task of approving a school finance plan that will pass muster with state courts. The sunset review is a concept that some school districts, including Copperas Cove I.S.D., are using to examine programs' efficiency. Prior to the business agenda, trustees honored Salado students who participated at the State contests in UIL Academics and One Act Play, boys and girls golf and girls track. Salado senior Amber Hartman, who has worked for two years in the SISD administration office, read a statement about Dr. Battershell. "The board and the school district is incredibly lucky to have the central office filled and run by amazing, morally-filled ladies such as these," Hartman said. "I am honored and thankful that I have been able to learn from all of these ladies over the past two years." "You have an amazing crew here," she told the board. "I hope that you appreciate Dr. Battershell and the rest of the women as much as I do. You are very lucky to have her and them on your side."

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Art Trail draws crowd



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MAY 20
Salado Boy Scout Troop 115 car wash and bake sale, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Brookshire Brothers parking lot.

MAY 21
Salado High School Class of 2005-06 bac-calaureate service, 7:30 p.m. at the UMHB Chapel

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Salado Chamber of Commerce Spring Mixer, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Halley House. All members and potential members welcome.

MAY 22

Salado Youth Fair

Boosters meeting, 5 p.m. at the school. Officers for the 2006-07 school year will be elected. Anyone interested in holding office is invited to attend. For more information contact the High School Ag Shop, Donette Cantrell or Deanna Christian.

MAY 25

Salado High School Class of 2005-06 graduation ceremony, 7 p.m. at UMHB May-born Campus Center Info: Salado High School, 254-947-5429.

MAY 25

Salado Area Republican Women dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Mill Creek Country Club. Speaker: Michael Sullivan, vice president of the Texas Public Policy Foundation. Info and reservations: Marie Martch, 254-939-8240.

MAY 28

Reception honoring Thomas Arnold Elementary teacher Sherry Jackson, who is retiring after 25 years of teaching, 2-4 p.m. at the Halley House. Info: 512-251-6547.

MAY 29

Annual Memorial Day Service, 9:30 a.m. at the Salado Cemetery. Public invited; bring lawn chair.

JUNE 3

Texas Manx Club Buggy Blast IV dune buggy and Volkswagen Show at the Salado Civic Center. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Drawings for prizes will be held, and proceeds will be donated to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas. Info: www.texasmanxclub.com.

JUNE 5

Salado Historical Society board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

JUNE 5-8

Football Camp for incoming third through ninth graders, at the high school field. Cost: \$40. Registration and info: Coach Jeff Cheatham, 254-947-

6977 or email jlcheatham@saladoisd.org.

JUNE 5-8

Tennis Camp for Salado youth at the Stagecoach Courts. Cost: \$45. Led by Salado tennis coach Melissa Hyer. Registration and info: 947-6900 ext. 2075 or email mhyer@saladoisd.org.

JUNE 7

Wednesdays in the Park, sponsored by Salado ISD and the Chamber of Commerce, 10-11 a.m. in Pace Park. Theme: "It's a Bug's Life." Free and open to children ages three-to-12. No reservations required.

JUNE 8

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Storyteller Joe Pehoski.

JUNE 9-10

2006 Judy and A.C. Greene Literary Festival, featuring Steven Harrigan, author of the bestseller "Challenger Park," 7 p.m. each evening. Also featuring Salado performers in "A Legacy: the Sa-la-oh." More details TBA.

JUNE 10

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

JUNE 10

Salado High School Class of 1966 40th Reunion, 6-10 p.m. at the Stagecoach Inn Club, located on the second floor of the Statecoach Inn Restaurant. For more information: 254-947-5196.

JUNE 12-JULY 30

Strength and Conditioning Camp for incoming ninth-12th graders. Camp will be held Mon.-Thurs. at the high school track and weight room. Cost: \$60. Registration and info: 254-947-6977 or email jlcheatham@saladoisd.org.

JUNE 14

Wednesdays in the Park, sponsored by Salado ISD and the Chamber of Commerce, 10-11 a.m. in Pace Park. Theme: "Flag Day." Free and open to children ages three-to-12. No reservations required.

JUNE 21

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

JUNE 21

Wednesdays in the Park, sponsored by Salado ISD and the Chamber of Commerce, 10-11 a.m. in Pace Park.

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Theme: "Taking Care of Your Pet (bring your dog on a leash)" Free and open to children ages three-to-12. No reservations required.

JUNE 24-25

Auditions for Tablerock's production of Macbeth, 3 p.m. both days at Tablerock. Director: David Dunlap, 254-247-0220 or ddunlap@tablerock.org.

JUNE 28

Wednesdays in the Park, sponsored by Salado ISD and the Chamber of Commerce, 10-11 a.m. in Pace Park. Theme: "The Summer Olympics." Free and open to children ages three-to-12. No reservations required.

JULY 4

Salado Historical Society Annual Picnic, 6:30 p.m. in Pace Park.

JULY 11-14

Boys Basketball Camp, for incoming third-through-ninth graders, at the SIS gym. Cost: \$45. Registration and info: Grady Newton, 947-6900 ext. 1305 or email gnewton@saladoisd.org.

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Ruth Daw, "Women of Peru."

JULY 19

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

JULY 22, 29 & Aug. 5

Tablerock's 14th Annual presentation of Salado Legends, 8:15 p.m. Dinner: 7:15 p.m., cost \$8, reservations required. Performance tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Info: 254-947-3205 or www.tablerock.org.

JULY 24-28

Girls Basketball Camp, for incoming third-through-ninth graders, at the SIS gym. Cost: \$50. Registration and info: Coach Scott Copeland, 947-6900 ext. 1305 or email scopeland@saladoisd.org.

JULY 26-28

Salado Village Artists Painting Workshop, with Garnet Bluster, of New Braunfels. Workshop will focus on still life and rural architecture in water color and gouash. Price: \$170. Info: email phairal@vvm.com

JULY 31-AUGUST 2

Volleyball camp for incoming seventh-through-ninth graders, in the SIS gym. Cost: \$30.

Registration and info: Coach Bree Holz, 947-6900 ext. 1304 or email bree.holz@saladoisd.org.

AUGUST 5-6

40th Annual Salado Art Fair in Pace Park. Show Times: Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission: \$5 for adults, children 12 and under are free.

Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.

AUGUST 10

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Paul Letourneau on his book "My Vietnam Experiences." Spouses invited.

AUGUST 12

Mill Creek Community Association Fall Social, 6 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner. Details TBA.

AUGUST 16

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

SEPTEMBER 16-17

Tablerock's Fantasy Faire 10 a.m.-6 p.m. both days, featuring characters from history, literature, mythology and imagination. Enjoy music, dance, swordplay and storytelling, and shop goods from over 50 vendors. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, seniors and military. Info: 254-624-1008 or email hhood@tablerock.org.

SEPTEMBER 20

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

SEPTEMBER 20-22

Salado Village Art-

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OCTOBER 7-8

Auditions for Tablerock's annual A Christmas Carol production, 3 p.m. both days. Info: 254-947-9205 or email harrysweet@sbcglobal.net.

OCTOBER 7, 14 AND 21

Tablerock's Annual Shakespeare Play, Macbeth, under the stars, 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for child, student or military. Info: 254-247-0220 or email ddunlap@tablerock.org.

OCTOBER 12-14

Annual Christmas in October event, sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. Details TBA.

OCTOBER 18

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

OCTOBER 21

Salado Area Republican Women Fine China Luncheon, noon at Stagecoach Inn Longhorn Room. Info: 254-947-3617.

OCTOBER 21

Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, 8 a.m. start at Mill Creek. Info: Salado Chamber, 254-947-5040.

OCTOBER 21

Salado Education Foundation Cattleman's Ball at Tenroc Ranch. For tickets or more information call 254-947-1958.

OCTOBER 28-29

Tablerock's Fright Trail 7:30-10:30 p.m. both nights. Two trails to choose from. Concessions available. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Info: 254-947-9205 or email tablerock1@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 15

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

NOVEMBER 21

Salado Historical Society annual General Meeting and Chili Supper, 6:15 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

DECEMBER 1, 2, 8 AND 9

Tablerock Amphitheater's Annual presentation of Charles Dickens' Yuletide classic, A Christmas Carol, 7 p.m. each night. Tickets available at the gate beginning 6:30 p.m. Concessions open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Info: 254-947-9205 or www.tablerock.org.

DECEMBER 1-3

Salado Historical Society's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes.

More details TBA.

DECEMBER 1-3 & 8-10

Annual Salado Christmas Stroll event. More details TBA.

DECEMBER 7-9

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Mill Creek Community Association meeting and Christmas Dinner at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner.

2007 APRIL 27

ABWA Benefit and Style Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Longhorn Room of Stagecoach Inn. Info: 254-947-3617.

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Longtime lawman honored by KoC

Thomas "Tom" Vernon Brown, Jr., was honored recently at the 38th Annual Law Enforcement Office Appreciation Dinner at the Knights of Columbus Council #3444 in Temple.

He was presented with a plaque and designated as "Outstanding Deputy of Bell County Sheriff's Department" for 2005-2006.

Brown has been recognized as an outstanding Law Enforcement Officer on numerous occasions in the past. He holds the Master Certificate and State Instructor's Certificates from the State Commission on Law Enforcement. He is a graduate of the Central Texas College Police Academy.

Brown served as a Police Officer at Temple

High School and as Patrolman, Sergeant, and Captain with the Belton Police Department. He also served as a licensed breath tests operator for the Belton PD, before retiring from there in 1987.

Afterwards, he went to work for the Bell County Sheriff's Office in the Civil and Warrants Division. In addition to his regular duties as an officer, he served as Range Master and Firearms Instructor for the Belton Police Department and the Sheriff's Department.

He retired from full-time work in 1992, but continues to work part-time and to serve as a Firearms Instructor for the Bell County Sheriff's Department.

Brown is well-known throughout Bell County having trained and mentored numerous young



Tom Brown

officers. He was instrumental in organizing Citizens On Patrol in Salado (COPS) and served as the coordinator until the Village of Salado be-

came incorporated and the COPS program was discontinued. In addition to working with COPS, Brown patrolled Salado and the surrounding area.

Ditzler recognized at Rotary District Conf.

LaFon Ditzler, of Salado, was honored recently in San Antonio by the Rotary Club International District 5870 Conference with inclusion in the district's Roll of Fame. Ditzler joins 18 other Rotarians in District 5870 to

be honored in 2006.

Ditzler, who owns and operate LaFon's Antiques, has been member of Rotary Club of Salado for nine years. In her years with the club, Ditzler has served as President and President-Elect, as

as serving in a variety of committee and program capacities within Rotary. In the past, she has been honored by Rotary of Salado for increasing funds for Polio Plus and for increasing membership in 2002-03.

Ditzler's community service extends beyond her club commitments. She was a founder of the Bell County Chapter of M.A.D.D. in 1985 and served as a chair of that organization until 1991. She was also M.A.D.D. Texas State Secretary for two years, and as a retired nurse, also served as president for the Bell County Medical Auxiliary and the Heart of Texas Hospice.

Originally from North Carolina, Ditzler is a Native American Registered with the Lumbee Indians of North Carolina. She is married to Dr. John W. Ditzler, Jr., and has two children and five grandchildren.

"LaFon is known in the club and the community as the 'go-to' person," said Jake McClure, Rotary Club of Salado President. "She grabs the bull by the horns and gets things done."

Selection to the District's Roll of Fame represents the highest award that may be conferred by the District to an individual Rotarian. Each honoree must be nominated by the President of the club, be supported by an application setting forth his or her contributions to the furtherance of Rotary, and must meet a number of criteria of service within the club level.

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Benefits of resistance training

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The benefits of a proper resistance training program are numerous:

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By KEVIN McCauley



The truth is, if your goal is to be healthy and fit, and you have time restraints, you should be spending your precious time on a resistance training program, not an aerobic program. Aerobic exercise not only does not add muscle, but can actually slow one's metabolism by catabolizing muscle mass and by causing chronic stress issues for your muscles and joints. Aerobic activity should only be added to a proper nutritional and resistance training program, not replace them. The results from a properly executed resistance training regimen far outweigh that

of an aerobic program.

It is important to understand that after the age of thirty, because of hormonal changes, a sedentary person begins to lose five pounds of muscle mass a decade. This lost muscle mass decreases our metabolism noticeably, and causes a decline in our physical shape and contour. Resistance training can be a safe and quick answer to a slowing metabolism and bone density issues.

Resistance training is different than strength training as resistance training focuses on the "movement of the body" and strength training focuses on "movement of the bar." Resistance training "focuses on the fatigue of the muscle" and strength training "focuses on the number of repetitions." These small differences really make a big difference when it comes to the results you will achieve. Strength training can put unwanted stress on joints and tendons creating long-

term structural issues. Plus, for the majority of us, strength training is not practical as the modalities and ranges of motions don't really make sense in every day life.

Resistance training can be used with bands, dumbbells or just the human body. The idea is to move the body in the way it was intended, with proper ranges and planes of motion. Creating the ability to focus on the muscle versus the bar creates the opportunity for increased results and decreased risk, removing any chance of injury.

It is never too late to get involved in a resistance training program, as no matter your age you will reap the benefits. People of all ages are developing improved musculature, joint strength, and faster running metabolisms through proper resistance training. You can too.

Kevin McCauley, MA, is a Lifestyle and Wellness Coach serving the families of the Greater Salado Area. He has over 15 years of professional experience as a clinical nutritionist and personal trainer. He can be contacted at youbewell@earthlink.net or 254-947-8304.

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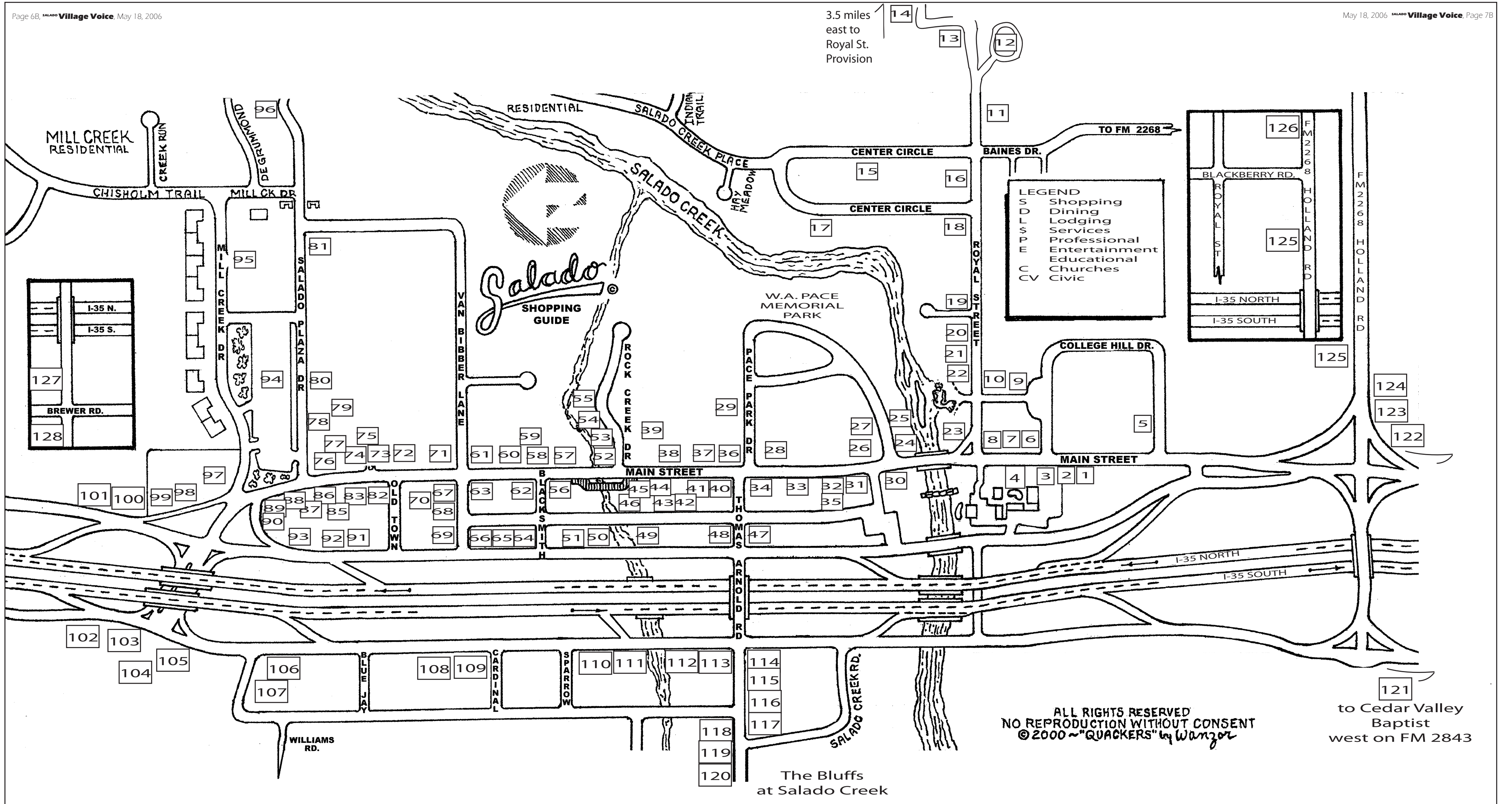
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Merrill book inspires Greene Fest work

The Judy and A. C. Greene Literary Festival 2006 will be held June 9-10 in Salado. Presented by the Living Room Theatre of Salado, the festival is concluding its 10th year.

"Legacy: The Sa-lah-oh," a new work written and directed by Ramon Carver with assistance from Liz Silverthorne, is

scheduled for the last night of the Festival at the new Thomas Arnold Center at 7 p.m. The annual Festival party follows, catered by Uncommon Grounds of Salado.

Patricia Merrill's book, **A Neglected Treasure: Salado Creek**, forms the basis for the show with several Saladoans performing scenes: Charles and Jeanne Barrier, Paul and Mary Jean Boston, Chester Critchfield, Weeta Evans, Judy Greene, Patsy Sanford, and other local actors.

Merrill's book, published posthumously, is an


account of life creekside in Salado from beginnings to present day. Merrill was a creek monitor who worked for several years on the Creek Preservation Committee of the Salado Historical Society, and she may be credited with leading the charge to save Salado Creek from misuse and pollution.

On June 9, there is a performance in the Salado Civic Center of scenes by Steve Harrigan whose recent book, **Challenger Park**, has gleaned raves in the *New York Times Book Review* (Sunday, April 9, 06) and elsewhere.



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The grounds of the Salado Civic Center will serve as the destination for the Texas Manx Club's 2006 Buggy Blast IV

- a car show celebrating Dune Buggy's and VW's - June 3-4.

The two-day event begins June 3 with a


participant judged Show and Shine. There will be classes for Rail buggies as as Volkswagen Type 1 (Beetles) and Type 2 (Buses). Buggy Blast IV will also have several drawings, including a dune buggy chassis and a dune buggy body (both from Hawkeye Buggies), a transmission from Graffeo Gearboxes and more.

Dune buggies that will be attending the show are nostalgic reminders of the 1960s, an era when Bruce Meyers released the first Meyers Manx. Since that time enthusiasts have restored and even created new version of that dune buggy.

Buggy Blast IV, in addition to being a place for enthusiasts to gather is also a fundraiser for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children is one of the nation's leading pediatric centers.

Registration on June 3 begins at 9 a.m., and the awards will be handed out at 2:30 p.m. The public is invited to come out and view the classic dune buggy's and Volkswagens on display.

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Date announced for '06 Cattlemen's Ball

The Salado Education Foundation has set the date for this year's Cattlemen's Ball. Slated for Oct. 21, the event will be at Tenroc Ranch in Salado. Lanell Campbell and Grace Lavadia will Co-

Chair the Ball's planning committee, and members of the Salado Education Foundation will serve in various capacities.

Plans are already emerging from the Cattlemen's Ball planning

committee. In addition to the meal, there will be auctions, dancing, on-stage musicians and singers, and the opportunity to try your luck at the Knights of Columbus Casino.

According to Bill

Kinnison, Chair of the Salado Education Foundation, "The Cattlemen's Ball is more than a social event. It is neighbors and friends coming together in support of our youth. The money

raised goes for college scholarships; sponsoring the annual Salado Youth Art Exhibit; and giving innovative teaching grants to Salado Independent School District teachers."

In 2005, \$15,000 was given in college scholarships to graduating High School Seniors, some of which would not be going to college without this assistance. During this year's Youth Art Exhibit, cash prizes were given to Salado Youth art prize winners along with special recognition to everyone who entered their art.

This year over \$3,000

was given to Innovative Teaching Grants for such creative teaching as Motion in Math, History in Math, and the Potter's Wheel and Empty Bowl. "None of this would be possible if it was not for the Cattlemen's Ball. It is a worthy event that we should all support," Kinnison said.

Tickets for this year's Cattlemen's Ball will go on sale soon. For ticket information call 254-947-5479. All contributions and sponsor's support are tax deductible since the Salado Education Fund is a non-profit organization.

Barbosa earns invite to Georgetown

Evan Barbosa, a 16-year old student at Salado High School, has been selected to attend the 2006 Junior Statesmen of America program, to be held this summer at Georgetown University, in Washington, D.C. Last year, Barbosa participated in the JSA program at Yale University, obtaining several local sponsorships to help offset the cost of the program.

Barbosa, a junior and member of the NHS,

Who's Who and UIL, is again seeking community support to help with the almost \$4,000 required to take part in Georgetown's JSA Summer School. Anyone wishing to make an individual donation to assist Barbosa may mail a check to: Admissions Director, Junior Statesmen Summer School, 1725 K Street, NW Suite, 1214, Washington, D.C., 20006, with a note stating that Barbosa is the intended beneficiary. Contributions

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While attending the 66th annual session of the JSA Summer School program, Barbosa will take a Constitutional Law course which will count as college credit. She will also participate in nightly student debates of controversial public policy issues in a Congressional Workshop. Highlighting the month-long session will be frequent meetings with a high-level group of leaders from government, business and the media.

Upon graduating high school, Barbosa plans to

study political science and attend law school. In addition to her academic and extra-curricular achievements at SHS, Barbosa is a predebutedante with the Bell County Chapter of the Junior Cotillion League, and volunteers with the Poco a Poquito ministry which feeds and clothes impoverished children who make their homes in the landfills of Matamoros, Mexico.

It was her performance last summer at Yale that allowed her to gain acceptance into the Georgetown JSA program.

Clapp awarded

Legacy Scholarship

Jennifer Clapp, of Salado, was among six students nationwide to be awarded an American Legacy Scholarship by the American Legion's National Committee on Education. The scholarships were announced May 7 after the committee met in Indianapolis, IN.

Clapp and the other recipients will receive a \$5,000 scholarship to help fund their undergraduate education. The awards are based, in part, on academic performance, school and community involvement and financial need.

In the wake of the terrorist attacks on the United States The American Legion established the American Legacy Scholarship for children of members of America's

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24 Start of a remark

27 Pressure meas.

28 Skinny

30 Hamburger holder

31 Tinker Bell or Titania

32 Head for the hills

33 Malone's portrayer

37 Strong guys

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44 Rabbit relative

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57 Travel need

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67 Juicy pear

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74 Rental agreement

75 Like some signals

76 — boom

77 Envelope code

80 Big —

81 Falafel holder

82 Method

84 Bit of wit

87 Narrow passage

91 Literary pseudonym

92 Some jeans

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98 Stage whisper

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38 Ultimate whale watcher

39 Author John Dickson —

40 Southern constellation

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48 PR concern

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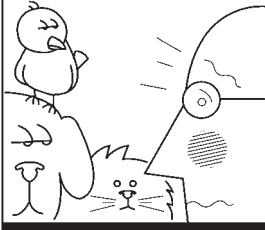
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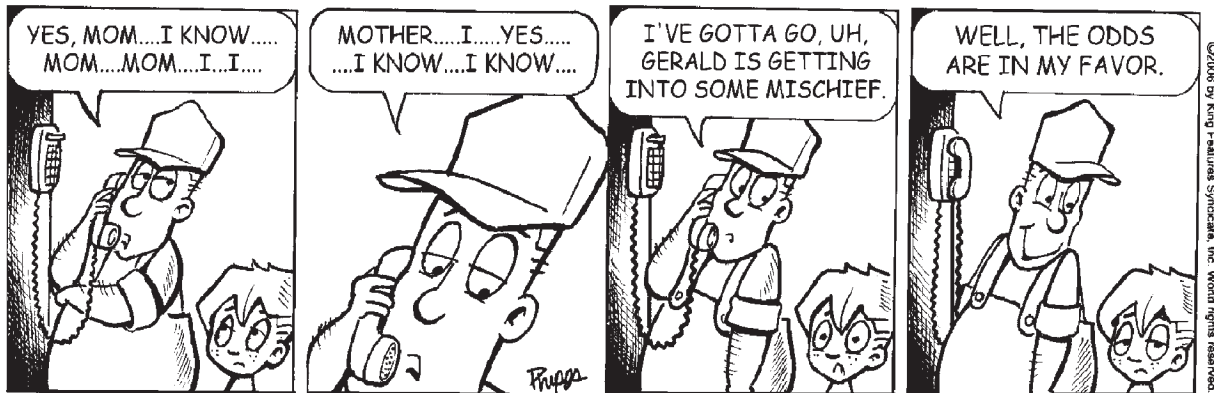
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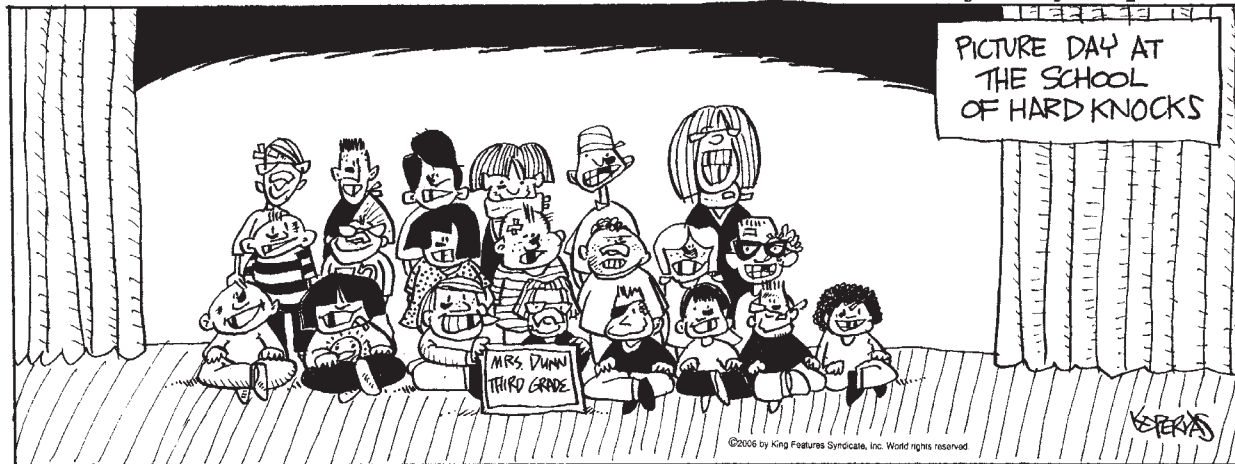
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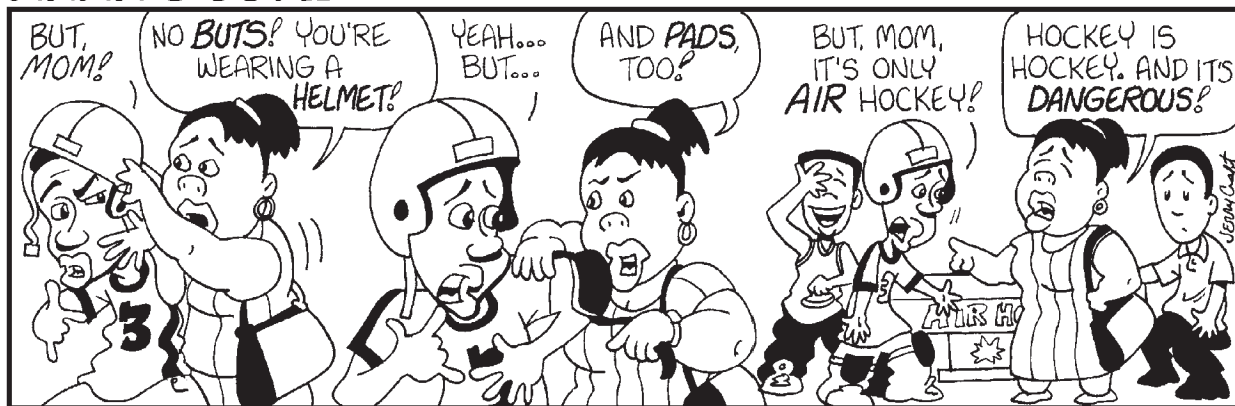


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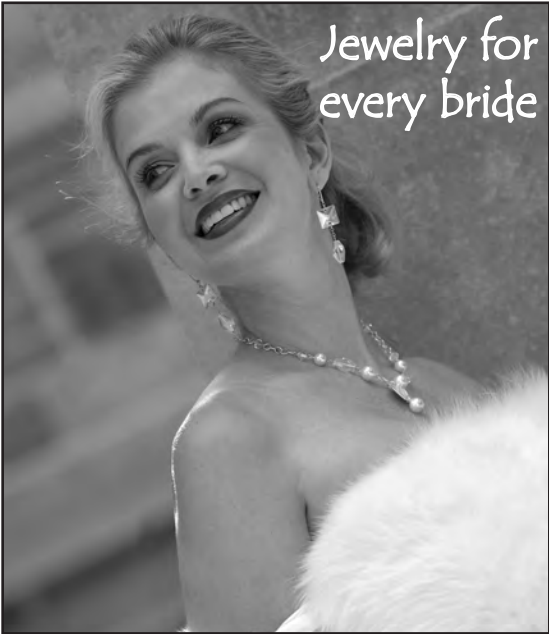


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Preserving the flag

When we took our grandson to Washington, D.C. two years ago, we visited the Smithsonian's Museum of American history and saw preservation staff members working on the original Star Spangled Banner, the flag that flew over Fort McHenry during the British bombardment in 1814. It is the flag that Francis Scott Key saw and was moved to pen the verse that became our national anthem.

One of the docents gave an informal lecture to the crowd that had gathered to see the flag. Her comments included some words from the anthem, which made the story of the flag come alive. It was an emotional experience

by
Tumbleweed
Smith



to see the flag and hear about it.

Recently I was at Alpine and met Lonn Taylor, a former Smithsonian exhibit designer who had worked as a historian on the multi-million dollar flag project before retiring to Fort Davis. He says Congress appropriated some funds, but most of the money to restore the flag came from private individuals. Ralph Loren donated one million dol-

lars. The Smithsonian has had the flag since 1907. Before then, it was in private hands.

"After the battle, the flag evidently was simply taken home by the commander of Fort McHenry, a man named George Armistead," says Lonn. "It had stayed in his family for 94 years, until his grandson presented it to the Smithsonian. It essentially had been kept in an attic in Baltimore."

The preservation work started in 1996 and was completed just last year.

"It's a 15 star, 15 stripe flag," says Lonn. "The US flag had 15 stripes only between 1798 and 1818."

When the Smithsonian got the flag back in 1907, it was in poor shape then.

"There were a lot of

stains and dirt on the flag and it had been damaged by polluted air that had got into our building over the years. It had about eight feet missing off the end of it. The Armistead family had allowed people to take little souvenir snippings from it."

The preservation work was done in a special lab behind a huge plate glass window.

"We didn't want to take it off exhibit and we wanted people to be able to see it. We thought visitors would be interested in the conservation process and could watch the actual work going on. There were 11 million visitors to that lab."

The flag's original size was 32 feet by 40 feet, big enough to cover a good portion of a gym floor. That was the standard size of a garrison flag in the early 1800s. It was designed to fly from a flagpole 90 feet high. The flag is now displayed in a controlled, sealed environment. It lies flat on a slanted case sort of like an oversized draftsman's desk. It will never be flown again.

MOAA to meet May 19

The Central Texas Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) will meet May 19 at the Yank Sing Restaurant (the old Luby's location, just past the Plaza Hotel) in Killeen.

The program will center on the Metroplex Health System, and will be presented by the Directorate of Metroplex Health Systems. There will be a board meeting at 11 a.m., and lunch will be available at 11:30 a.m. prior to the presentation at noon.



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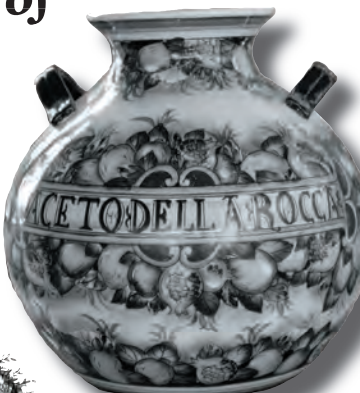
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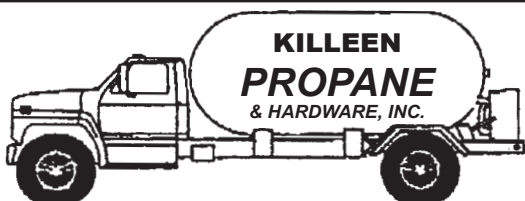
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Local woman named Fulbright Scholar

Salado resident, Southwestern Prof headed to Africa

Suzanne Fox Buchele, of Salado, an associate professor of computer science at Southwestern University, has received a Fulbright award to teach in Africa during the 2006-2007 academic year.

Buchele will teach computer science and mathematics at Ashesi University, a private liberal arts college in Ghana's capital city of Accra. The university was founded in 1999 by Patrick Awuah, a native of Ghana who earned an engineering degree from Swarthmore College and later became a millionaire working for Microsoft.

In addition to her teaching, Buchele plans to study the divide in technology between developed and developing countries. She hopes to identify ways in which developing countries such as Ghana can more effectively improve their technological and economic presence in the global market.

"The field of computer science holds great promise in developing countries since it is a practical field that can help bridge the digital divide and equip persons with the means to use modern technology to solve their problems," Buchele said. "I am particularly excited about teaching computer

science at the only liberal arts college in Ghana. And, I look forward to learning as much as I can about the culture of Ghana and the place of computer technology in this particular developing country."

Buchele has been a member of the Southwestern faculty since 1998. She holds an undergraduate degree in mathematical sciences from Connecticut College and advanced degrees in mathematics (M.A.) and computer science (M.S. and Ph.D.) from The University of Texas at Austin. In 2005-2006, she received the Exemplary Teaching Award from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

of the United Methodist Church. Buchele also is one of Southwestern's first Paideia Professors.

"Many of the things that I have learned as a Paideia Professor I can use while in Ghana," Buchele said. Southwestern's Paideia Program helps students integrate classroom learning with experiences outside the classroom, and includes an intercultural experience, along with service learning, leadership and mentored research.

Buchele said the Fulbright experience should make her an even better Paideia Professor.

"Since Paideia Scholars are required to study abroad, teaching abroad for a year will provide an

excellent role model to Southwestern students," she said. "I also will gain insight into a culture that is very different from American culture, and will learn a lot about education, computer technology and economics in a developing country. As a liberal arts educator, these experiences will be invaluable."

Buchele is the first Southwestern faculty member to receive a Fulbright Scholar award.

Buchele's husband, Steve, a United Methodist pastor in Temple, will accompany her to Ghana, along with their three children – Wesley, Grace

and Anna.

The Fulbright Scholar Program is the U.S. government's flagship academic exchange effort. It was established in 1946 to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills.

The program sends 800 U.S. faculty and professionals abroad each year to more than 140 countries. Grantees lecture and conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields. Program participants are selected on the basis of

academic or professional achievement and because they have demonstrated extraordinary leadership potential in their fields.

The program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Southwestern University is a selective, nationally recognized undergraduate liberal arts college with an enrollment of 1,260 students. It is the oldest institution of higher learning in Texas. For more information on Southwestern, visit www.southwestern.edu.



Boysen graduates Air Force Basic in San Antonio

Air Force Airman William F. Boysen has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

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Camps are as follows:
 Football Camp - June 5-8: Camp is will be divided into two age groups, one for incoming third through sixth

graders, and another for incoming seventh through ninth graders. First group will meet 9:30-11:30 a.m.; the second will meet 1-3 p.m. Cost for the camp, to be held at the High School field, is \$40. For more information contact Coach Cheatham at 254-947-6977 or email jlcheatham@saladoisd.org.

Tennis Camp 1 - June 5-8:

This camp is open to incoming kindergarten through fourth graders. Camp will meet 8-9 a.m. at the Stagecoach Courts, and cost is set at \$35. For more information contact Coach Hyer at 947-6900 ext. 2075 or email mhyer@saladoisd.org.

Tennis Camp 2 - June 5-8: This camp is open to incoming fifth through 12th graders, and will meet at the Stagecoach Courts. Cost is \$45 and contact information is same as above.

Strength and Conditioning - June 12-July 30 (Mon.-Thurs.): Camp is open to all incoming ninth through 12th graders, and will meet in two sessions, either 7:30-9:30 a.m. or 6-8 p.m. Camp will be held at the SHS track and in the weight room, and the cost is \$60. Contact Coach Cheatham for more information.

Boys Basketball Camp 1 - July 11-14: This camp is open to incoming third through fifth graders, and will meet 8-11:30 a.m. at the SIS Gym. Cost is \$45. For more information contact Coach Newton at 947-6900 ext. 1305 or email gnewton@saladoisd.org.

Boys Basketball Camp 2 - July 11-14: This camp is open to incoming sixth through ninth graders, and will be held 12:30-4 p.m. at the SIS Gym. Cost is \$45. For more information contact Coach Newton.

Volleyball Camp 1 - July 19-20: This camp is open to incoming 10th-12th graders, and will be held 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (with lunch breaks) in Wimberley and led by the "No Short Cuts" staff. Cost is \$95. Those interested should register with Coach Holz at 947-6900 ext. 1304 or email bree.holz@saladoisd.org.

Girls Basketball Camp 1 - July 24-28: This camp is open to incoming third through sixth graders, and will be held 9 a.m.-noon in the SIS Gym. Cost is \$50. For more information contact Coach Copeland at 947-6900 ext. 1305 or email scopeland@saladoisd.org.

Girls Basketball Camp 2 - July 24-28: This camp is open to incoming seventh through ninth graders, and will be held from 1-4 p.m. in the SIS Gym. Cost is \$50. Contact Coach Copeland for more information.

Volleyball Camp 2 - July 31-Aug. 2: This camp is open to incoming seventh and eighth graders, and will be held in the SIS Gym from 2-5:30 p.m. Cost is \$30. Contact Coach Holz for registration information.

Volleyball Camp 3 - July 31-Aug. 2: Camp is open to incoming ninth graders only, and will be held 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the SIS Gym. Contact Coach Holz to register.

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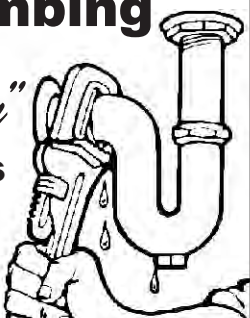


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|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--|
| #1 Chisholm Trail | 18 | 8.1 | 5.10 | 7.1 | -- | -- | 102 |
| #2 Sirena | 23 | 7.9 | 5.00 | 7.05 | -- | -- | 161 |
| #3 Pattersons Crossing | 18 | 8.1 | 4.80 | 8.9 | -- | -- | 72 |
| #4 Stagecoach Dam | 22 | 7.7 | 4.90 | 5.7 | -- | -- | 340 |
| #5 IH-35 Frontage | 23 | 7.6 | 5.30 | 7.5 | -- | -- | 52 |
| #6 Pehoski Place | 19 | 8.2 | 5.20 | 9.7 | -- | -- | 63 |

Dear EarthTalk: Can you explain the “Zero Waste” movement in Europe, Australia and elsewhere that goes beyond recycling to reduce waste? How can we make it happen here in the U.S.? -- Neil Weiss, Methuen, MA

In essence, “Zero Waste” is a design principle writ large, whereby products are conceived, produced, packaged, distributed and retired with their long-term environmental impacts in mind. According to the non-profit GrassRoots Recycling Network (GRRN), “Zero waste maximizes recycling, minimizes waste, reduces consumption and ensures that products are made to be reused, repaired or recycled back into nature or the marketplace.” GRRN is calling on companies to take responsibility for the entire life cycle of their products and packaging, and on governments to not subsidize non-recyclable waste processing.

“Waste is the result of bad design,” says Eric Lombardi of EcoCycle, a recycler in Boulder, Colorado. “The



concept of zero waste leads upstream to the designer’s desk, where waste needs to be designed out.” Lombardi, a leading light in the fledgling U.S. zero waste movement, lays out four basic principles for achieving zero waste: (1) Make producers responsible for the waste their products create; (2) invest in infrastructure rather than in more landfills and incinerators; (3) end taxpayer subsidies for wasteful and polluting industries; (4) and create jobs and new businesses around the re-use of discards.

While the concept has been slow to catch on here, it has been standard practice in parts of Europe and elsewhere for over a decade. In fact, some 25 countries require companies to take back their packaging, and some have gone so far as to mandate “Extended Producer Responsibility” laws, whereby companies must pay for the waste generated in the production, packaging and distribution of their products.

In Germany, a 1991 ordinance seeking to address packaging waste was a huge success. By 2000, the agencies charged with collecting and recycling such materials were recovering over 90 percent of the plastics and glass used in German packaging. (In the U.S. we reclaim 5.3 and 26 percent respectively.) Another success story comes from Australia, where its capital city, Canberra, embarked on a “No Waste by 2010” campaign in 1996. By 2001 the city had reduced waste sent to landfills by 40 percent and more than doubled the garbage it captured for reuse. The city also began fueling two of its power stations with re-captured methane gas from its landfills, which is plentiful enough to power 3,000 homes for 30 years.

In the U.S., industry has continually put up roadblocks to any serious consideration of adopting such initiatives at the federal level. But, according to the Zero Waste International Alliance, at least 18 local communities have taken it upon themselves to adopt their own strategies for achieving zero waste. These include a dozen California cities and towns; Boulder and Summit counties in Colorado; Carrboro, North Carolina; the Central Vermont Waste Management District; and the cities of Seattle and New York.

“Zero waste is about challenging the ruling paradigm that says we can manage waste safely in landfills and incinerators,” says GRRN’s national coordinator, Bill Sheehan. GRRN helps coordinate efforts to implement zero waste campaigns in the U.S., and offers a wealth of free resources on its website.

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Dear EarthTalk: How could there ever be a “water scarcity?” Isn’t water the most plentiful thing on Earth? --Chris Carroll, Austin, TX

Ocean water may cover more than 70 percent of the Earth’s surface, but thirsty humans rely on finite supplies of freshwater to stay alive. And with exploding human population growth, especially in poor countries, these finite supplies get quickly spoken for. Further, in places without proper sanitation, water can become tainted with any number of diseases and parasites.

According to the World Bank, as many as two billion people lack adequate sanitation facilities to protect them from water-borne disease, while a billion lack access to clean water altogether. According to the United Nations, which has declared 2005-2015 the “Water for Life” decade, 95 percent of the world’s cities still dump raw sewage into their water supplies. Thus it should come as no surprise to know that 80 percent of all the health maladies in developing countries can be traced back to unsanitary water.

Sandra Postel, author of the 1998 book, Last Oasis: Facing Water Scarcity, predicts big water availability problems as populations of so-called “water-stressed” countries jump perhaps six fold over the next 30 years. “It raises tons of issues about water and agriculture, growing enough food, providing for all the material needs that people demand as incomes increase, and providing drinking water,” says Postel.

Developed countries aren’t immune to freshwater problems either. Researchers found a six-fold increase in water use for only a two-fold increase in population size in the United States since 1900. Such a trend reflects the connection between higher living standards and increased water usage, and underscores the need for more sustainable management and use of water supplies even in more developed societies.

With world population expected to pass nine billion by mid-century, solutions to water scarcity problems are not going to come easy. Some have suggested that technology--such as large-scale saltwater desalination plants--could generate more freshwater for the world to use. But environmentalists argue that depleting ocean water is no answer and will only create other big problems. In any case, research and development into improving desalination technologies is ongoing, especially in Saudi Arabia, Israel and Japan. And already an estimated 11,000 desalination plants exist in some 120 countries around the world.

Others believe that applying market principles to water would facilitate a more efficient distribution of supply everywhere. Analysts at the Harvard Middle East Water Project, for example, advocate assigning a monetary value to freshwater, rather than considering it a free natural commodity. They say such an approach could help

mitigate the political and security tensions caused by water scarcity.

As individuals, we can all reign in our own water use to help conserve what is becoming an ever more precious resource. We can hold off on watering our lawns in times of drought. And when it does rain, we

can gather gutter water in barrels to feed garden hoses and sprinklers. We can turn off the faucet while we brush our teeth or shave, and take shorter showers. As Sandra Postel concludes, “Doing more with less is the first and easiest step along the path toward water security.”

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2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900.**
3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large pecans & live water. **\$35,000.**
44 acres off of Firefly Road between Salado and Florence. Great Trees Will divide.
10 Acre Home Sites starting from \$99,900. Live Oak Trees and Views!
Lot 290 Hidden Springs, \$49,000.
Lot 71 Hiddens Springs creek front, \$69,950.
Lot overlooking Salado Creek, - ~~\$50,000~~ **reduced to \$29,900!**
Beautiful treed lot, 178' deep, 1219 India **UNDER CONTRACT**, ~~\$67,000~~ **\$44,000.**
Lot in The Bluffs at Salado Creek, \$45,000 **UNDER CONTRACT**
Royal View lot priced at \$49,900.
Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - **\$40,000.**
Indian Trail - 90x188 - **\$38,000.**

Commercial

1.32 acre fronting I-35 with home, **\$350,000**
30 acres fronting I-35, 1 mile south of Stagecoach Inn.
.87 acres off N. Stagecoach Rd. \$147,408.
3 acres fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$120,000.**
Approx 3.5 acres off College Hill with small home for **\$300,000.**
B&B: Great chance to live in Salado.

Bell County

5+ acres fronting SH 190 and Boxer Road. Great commercial location. Belton city water **SOLD**able. **\$299,000.**
2+ acres at corner of FM 1670 and HWY 190.
Exit 305 North of Temple. .54 acres with existing station. Excellent business opportunity.

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