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Construction south of Salado begins in Sept.

\$81 mil approved for I-35

The Texas Transportation Commission, at its June meeting, approved an \$81 million construction contract for I-35 from just south of the Williamson/Bell Co. line to FM 2843, just south of Salado.

This southern Bell County project will take about three years to complete and construction should start Sept. 1.

The project is one of more than a dozen I-35 expansion projects scheduled in TxDOT's Waco District over the next five years.

"The mobility, capacity and safety of IH-35 are the key economic assets propelling the rapid growth of Central Texas," said State Rep. Dianne White Delisi. "Having IH-35 continue to keep pace with the increasing demands of both Texas' and the nation's trade-based economic activities

is essential."

The overall expansion of I-35 is designed to increase capacity and safety on this 94-mile long corridor that serves Bell, Falls, Hill and McLennan counties. Its limits are from the I-35 east/west split, north of Hillsboro, in Hill County, south to the Bell/Williamson county line.

This project consists of widening I-35 from four to six lanes, by adding an additional lane in each direction, in the rural areas of the district. Continuous one-way frontage roads and concrete median barriers will be constructed and installed the entire length of the roadway.

Right-of-way on the project was taken on the east side of I-35.

The overpass for exit 282 will change its location, as well as its design.

"The minimum we need is an IH-35 through Central Texas with three lanes on either side and continuous one-way frontage roads," Delisi said. "This has been my goal throughout my legislative career and we are moving towards that goal with each new construction contract."

The construction contract was awarded to J.D. Abrams, L.P.

In the rural areas of the corridor, two lanes will remain open at all times in each direction of travel. Concrete barriers will separate the traveling public from the construction work zones and emergency "pull over" areas will exist within all phases of construction. During a freeway reconstruction project there are numerous phases to allow traffic to continue to use a facility during construction.



Wednesdays in the Park

Salado children enjoyed a balloon toss and sack race during the final session of Wednesdays in the Park. The sessions, sponsored each year by the Salado Independent School District and Salado Chamber of Commerce, focus on new activities each week of June. Attendance at the weekly events averages more than 50 children. The events are free to all area children.

(PHOTOS BY SEAN REX)



Changes will be minimal

Salado could become Type A

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Aldermen will consider changing the Village of Salado from a Type B municipality to a Type A municipality during their 6:30 July 6 meeting at the Municipal Building.

The potential change in status will not result in Salado becoming a municipality that can annex adjacent property owners at-will. Property owners who are adjacent to the Village boundaries will have to request to be annexed into the Village, as they have done since its incorporation in 2000.

In other business, the board of aldermen will reconsider allowing its members to also serve on any decision-making permanent bodies. Those committees include the Planning and Zoning

Commission, the Zoning Board of Adjustments and the Tourism Council, which oversees expenditures of hotel/motel occupancy tax revenues.

Aldermen Curt Strong and Michael Cooper sit on the zoning board of adjustments, while aldermen Suzi Epps and Jackie Mills sit on the tourism council.

Aldermen will also discuss bids for construction of rest rooms in Pace Park, building permit ordinance conflict, a low water crossing ordinance to allow police to block the low water bridges during inclement weather and flooding, outsourcing contractor building inspections, road repair contracts for resurfacing and traffic issues on Royal Street and Baines.

The board will hear reports on the sewage

committee meetings and the Chisholm Trail Water Plans meeting.

Under unfinished business, aldermen will consider landscaping of the Municipal Building and contracting for a Municipal Court Prosecutor.

The board will also hear reports from the Chief of Police, which will include discuss of the June crime report and the purchase of a police car.

The board will be given information on the visitor center, the tourism strategic plan, advertising and a shopping alliance during the Tourism Director report.

Aldermen meetings are open to the public. Any citizen wanting to address the board may do so only during the Citizen Comments portion of the meeting. For more information, call 947-5060.

Schematics to be reviewed by trustees

School plans displayed July 11

Salado Independent School District trustees and the community will get their first glance at the Fields and Associates will be presenting initial schematic designs for the new high school at 7 p.m. July 11 at the Salado Civic Center.

"This is an open board meeting whereby the community can attend," said Superintendent Robin Battershell. "The Board will be hearing about the first set of designs, asking questions, and giving further input to the architects."

Fields and Associates will present the schematic designs, which will

include the layout and classroom numbers and types for the new high school.

The new high school will sit on a 50-acre site for which Fields and Associates has drafted a master concept plan.

The 50 acre conceptual master plan includes space for a future football and track stadium, future tennis courts, future baseball and softball fields, and future additional parking, as well as additional classroom wings and a possible performing arts auditorium adjoining the new high school. None of these projects are included in the bond approved earlier

this year by school district voters.

The master plan also reserves considerable acreage for an additional school campus. The future campus may be an expansion of the high school, i.e. a ninth grade center, or a future junior high campus at which athletic facilities can be shared with the high school.

The construction documents will be drafted later this year with the bidding process to begin in December and construction to begin in spring of 2007.

The school should be ready for students in the fall of 2008.



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State Bar prez talks to Dems

Eduardo Rodriguez, who completes his term as President of the State Bar of Texas this summer, will speak to the Salado Democrats July 10 at Salado Mansion (upstairs).

A dutch treat Tex-Mex dinner will start at 6:30 p.m., followed by Rodriguez' presentation at 7 p.m.

Reservations are not required and you do not have to be a Salado Democrat in order to attend the meeting.

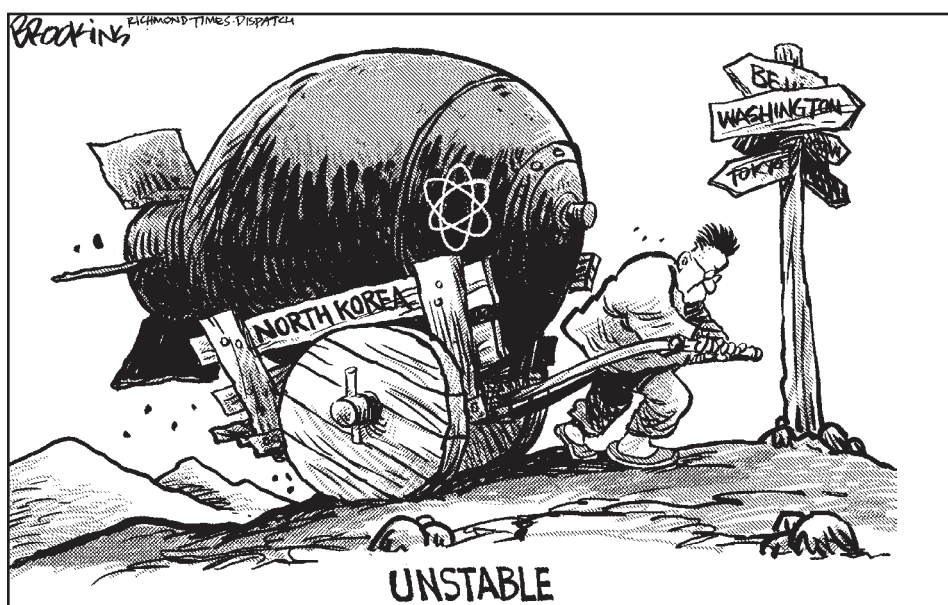
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An Open Exchange of Ideas



The wonder of voodoo economics

Who says you can't cut taxes, increase spending and reduce the federal budget deficit all at the same time? That's what the Bush administration has managed to do. Two decades after then-presidential candidate George H.W. Bush characterized Ronald Reagan's idea that tax cuts would spur revenue-generating economic growth as "voodoo economics," the witch doctor is again at work.

When President Bush pledged in 2004 to cut the deficit in half by 2009, critics guffawed. The Boston Globe headlined a story, "Bush's plan to halve federal deficit seen as unlikely; higher spending, lower taxes don't mix, analysts say." "Fanciful," "laughable" and "all spin," said the critics.

Well, it turns out that 2009 might be coming early this year. The 2004 deficit had been projected to hit \$521 billion, or 4.5 percent of gross domestic product. Bush's goal was to cut it to 2.25 percent of GDP by 2009 -- not as stirring a national goal as putting a man on the moon, but one that was nonetheless pronounced unattainable. This year, the deficit could go as low as \$300 billion, right around the 2009 goal of 2.5 percent of GDP.

The key to the reduction is revenue growth, which has been stoked by economic growth. Government revenues are up 12.9 percent in the first eight months of this year over the same eight-month period last year -- without any tax increases. When individuals, investors and corporations have more cash in a growing economy, they send more to the federal government in tax payments.

A couple of rounds of Bush tax cuts also played some role in the economic expansion and therefore are responsible, partly, for the increased revenues. This doesn't mean that tax cuts "pay for themselves," as their most fervent advocates say. But they certainly can offset some of their own cost.

Rich Lowry



According to Brian Riedl of the Heritage Foundation, if annual spending increases in the Bush years had been limited to the rate of the Clinton years, roughly 3.3 percent, there would be a federal surplus now. Instead, spending has been growing at 8 percent a year. That demonstrates that the formula for deficit reduction from the 1990s -- moderate-spending restraint coupled with higher-than-expected growth-generated revenues -- would work again today, if only someone could manage the moderate-spending restraint.

Another similarity from the 1990s is that the revenue surge is driven by high-end earners and corporations. Liberals always rue it when the rich get richer, but when they don't, the federal fisc tends to be ruined because they are the ones who pay most of the taxes. Almost 47 percent of income taxes are paid by those making more than \$200,000 a year, and they are thriving again after taking a bath early in the decade. A chunk of the current revenue surge is also from corporate income taxes, which are up 30 percent over last year.

There are limits to voodoo. Today's fiscal improvements will be overwhelmed by the exploding costs of entitlements just over the horizon. In light of that, we should be maintaining a high-growth, low-tax economy to reap all the benefits of growth, but dutifully restraining entitlements. That's not sorcery, but just good sense.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.(c) 2006 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Supreme Court orders Judicial Panel redraw two Congressional Districts; Time is enemy as November 7 nears

The Supreme Court, in a 5-4 vote (June 28) not surprisingly decided that the most recent (2003) Texas congressional redistricting plan was "in part" unconstitutional, as argued by the State Democratic Party.

The "in-part" section that caught the high court's attention dealt with boundaries failing to protect minority voting rights, as clearly seen in the gerrymandered configuration of House District 23, which in turn affects (and changes) District 25.

District 23 runs from San Antonio south to Laredo and west to Hudspeth County (next door to El Paso); District 25, cobbled from bits-and-pieces of several counties, wanders 300 miles from the Rio Grande north to Austin.

What the court did, when they put the "kibosh" on Districts 23 and 25, could create a "ripple" effect in adjacent districts. For example - Lloyd Doggett's snake-like District 25, when compacted, will force three (possibly four) districts to face "chiropractic-type" adjustments.

JUDICIAL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The Supreme Court sent the problem back to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals (New Orleans), who in turn ordered a panel of three Texas District Judges to "constitutionally" re-draw the appropriate House district borders, hopefully in time for the November election. The Judges, currently working out of the Eastern District of Texas, are Pat Higginbotham, Lee Rosenthal, and T. John Ward.

Judge Ward, within hours of the high court's decision, notified litigants involved in the redistricting case, to present no later than July 14, their written recommendations (and maps), that will be considered when jurists rework the district lines. The panel will respond a week later (July 21); with oral arguments set for August 3.

The judicial panel will no doubt "fast track" their final order. By then, a scant three months will remain before the general election. It'll be a clock-race to see if the re-carved boundaries in Districts 23 and 25, (plus any tangential changes in nearby districts), can be put in place so that "timely" elections (and runoffs) can be held in the "new" constituencies, prior to the November 7 election.

ANOTHER SPECIAL SESSION?

What part, if any, the Legislature will play in this unique shifting of players and districts is unknown, although Governor Perry would prefer to have lawmakers make "redistricting decisions."

Interested bystanders need to stay closely tuned to these goings-on because the new districts could add one, or possibly two, additional Democrats to the congressional delegation, thus reducing the GOP majority from its current 21-11. Be closer to Demos old advantage (17-15) but unlike horseshoes, "close" doesn't count.

"CHERRY PICKING"

NEW LAWS

There are many ways being used to "spin and slice" the devious practice our President uses to abide by some "but not all" parts of the laws passed by Congress. However, it remains an intolerable stratagem, unknown to most citizens, and it works like this: The President's office orchestrates (with attendant pomp and ceremony), the signing of high profile laws approved by Congress. Appropriate lawmakers (loyal GOPers) are always on hand, plus (pay-per-view) "special friends" (lobbyists). Signing pens are handed out and everyone smiles for the

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



cameras. So what's new, you ask?

Here's what's new (at least to most of us): The President attaches, to the newly minted piece of legislation - what's called a "signing statement" that notes the sections of the new law that will not be followed, either by the President himself and/or specified executive departments (State, Treasury, Defense, etc).

Bush has done this, by most counts, 750 times since taking office. Total of these "we won't obey statements", signed by 38 former presidents starting with James Monroe (1817-25) through Bill Clinton, was 575.

This exacerbated defiance of law by the Bush administration, is an executive affront that will prompt public hearings, followed (hopefully) by laws that permanently halt this dictatorial practice - by any president.

If the purpose of this practice (as excused by the "President's Men") is to "avoid" portions of a new law that are deemed unconstitutional, then the "questionable" measure should be turned over to the Supreme Court for an immediate ruling.

GOP LAWMAKERS UNHAPPY

Republican lawmakers are not happy about this "monarchical" practice of ignoring parts of new laws by simply adding written "statements" of planned omissions.

Fact is, GOP Senators John McCain and Arlen Specter are furious and planning public hearings to find out the "whys and wherefores" about this skulking practice, that is certainly appropriate in wartime, but otherwise appears to be an unconscionable way of increasing executive power, while overriding Congress.

CORNYN OKAYS "STATEMENTS"

Our very own Texas Senator John "lap-dog" Cornyn, has "naturally" defended this practice as both legal and proper. He has further urged us not to listen to law professors (and other thumbsuckers) who say a "signing statement" allows the administration to avoid sections of new laws that the President and his "Bushwhacking" gang do not feel they're required (for political or other reasons) to obey or enforce.

VILLAGE FUNSTERS

One local quipster noted recently that the relationship between Cornyn and Bush brings to mind two simple words: "Nose and Brown!" Another politically irreverent character here in town is sporting a new bumper sticker that reads simply: "Is it 2008 yet?"

SENATORS NIX WAGE HIKE

Did you know that Senators John Cornyn and Kay Hutchison voted (last week) to kill a measure that would have increased the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 (which still wouldn't bring those workers up to the federal poverty level)?

Might also be worth mentioning that congressional lawmakers have received a total of \$35,000 in salary hikes since they last raised the minimum wage in 1997 - plus a \$3,300 "COLA" bump last month.

Perhaps connecting congressional salaries to the minimum wage would be appropriate - so when one goes up, the other automatically follows. Or is that too much like the fuzzy thinking created by dreaded liberalism that has infected our thinking, and caused many of us to actually question the sky-high level of salaries-bonuses-stock options-retirement benefits, given to lawmakers, chief executive officers and other "needy" folks in our nation?

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The national pasttime Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

I am a father of three boys who live in the school district of Salado. We are happy to live here. I'm currently serving in Iraq as a Unmanned Aircraft Technician for the military. I have been here for 11 months and I'm very excited about coming home.

My three sons are playing summer league baseball for first time ever, and we were very excited about that. The problem began early, with the democracy of letting all players be equally privileged to play. Is this not a time for a six-, seven-, and a nine-year-old to have fun learning the American past time?

My children are not the best players on the team, so what they have learned is that you have to be within a certain performance level to get to play baseball on a public team. This seems very wrong.

My boys paid their money to be part of a team they could have fun playing on; we're talking about letting a child play two minutes in a tournament that lasted eight hours. To see a child sit on the bench for every game in the season with the exception of two innings per game and maybe one time at bat is very hard on the parents and one can only imagine how it makes the child feel. My seven-year-old is the boy in that position.

He has paid his dues and not only that the sponsor has asked my wife for more money to support the team to move forward in District games. She had to sit and painfully watch her son sit the bench, who actually had a

good attitude, but wait for the last minutes of the four games recently played on the same day, to see if our son would get to play at least a minute to run out on to the field and be part of the team.

This is very hard for me to swallow being under pressure here in Iraq, and listening to my wife as she cries because it is very painful, knowing how much heart our son has, but isn't discouraged enough to make him quit the team. Where do equal rights go for our children?

I remember baseball as a young man as a great time to be a kid, the coaches actually taught the game to have fun, not to act like it was a race for humanity. This could easily scar my child for life and I have no idea what I can do about it. If you have any suggestions or relative info, I would gladly pay for a place in the paper. No amount of money can be placed on the price of what this can do to a child's mind. Will he always think of himself as a second hand player? This is what is being taught to him at such crucial learning time in his life. Please help if you can.

Sincerely,
William T. Blisard
Salado, Texas
Balad, Iraq

Editor's note: Perhaps the only way to effect a positive change is to get involved in the operations of the league as a team sponsor, coach or league director. Every year, the importance of winning at any and all costs permeates all levels of play, from the pros to the babies in Little League. This is unfortunate to say the least.

Develop ethanol for rural farmers not big agribiz

BY JIM KLEINSCHMIDT
AND MARK SMITH

Did he say switchgrass?

The mention of this perennial grass and ethanol during President Bush's State of the Union points to some of the opportunities and challenges of the emerging bioeconomy for the countryside. A momentous transition is underway from over dependence upon fossil fuel to wind, solar and bio-based alternatives. Technologies that allow us to make products from grasses, residues, and other agricultural and forestry materials offer a chance to revitalize the farming sector. We can improve the environment and create new, non-

polluting economic opportunities for rural and urban areas alike.

But in the rush to launch and feed the bioeconomy, these multiple goals can be lost if not equally considered and supported. If agricultural and forestry practices used to harvest biomass degrade soil and water, rely on high levels of energy, water and other inputs, or reduce wildlife habitat, then the environmental benefits of this shift will not be achieved. The same will be true if the economic gains of this sector are swallowed up by multinational corporations and are not shared by rural communities, family farmers, and small landowners. Ensuring that the emerging bioeconomy

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FORUM



Illegal immigration top issue for Legislature

Capitol Update

by State Representative
Dianne White Delisi



a federal responsibility, Texas cannot sit back and patiently wait for it to happen. Illegal immigration is impacting our state in negative ways and our citizens rightly expect state and local officials to do something about it.

Gov. Rick Perry recently strengthened the law enforcement presence along the border through such programs as Operation Linebacker and Operation Del Rio. This focused attention by state and local law enforcement has already led to a 76 percent reduction in major crimes in Val Verde County, when compared to the same 30 day period from a year ago.

I will be filing a number of pieces of legislation during the next regular session of the legislature on this topic. At the top of the list will be establishing a common sense requirement that the State of Texas track the costs associated with illegal immigration across all of state government. It can only help us spur federal action if we can show exactly how many billions of dollars their inaction is costing us.

Another bill I have already had drafted takes aim at so-called "sanctuary cities", which adopt barriers to cooperation with federal law enforcement officials regarding the enforcement of immigration laws. The costs associated with illegal immigration go well beyond the city limits of where these sanctuary policies are in place. This

impacts the entire nation, after all.

I will also be working on legislation to create sanctions for vendors selling to the State of Texas that are caught using illegal workers. Another bill I will file repeals legislation from 2001 which grants in-state tuition rates in certain circumstances to illegal immigrants attending college in Texas. I have concerns that this policy conflicts with federal law. It is also unfair to Americans living in other states who attend our colleges and universities to be charged more than someone who is in the country illegally.

It is true that the United States is a nation of immigrants. However, we are also a nation with a deep respect for the concept of rule of law. The lax enforcement of our immigration laws is unjust to the legal immigrants and guest workers who play by the rules regarding who may live and work in this country. People who enter illegally should never be given an advantage over those who obey the law.

The citizens of our state and nation understand that maintaining the status quo negatively impacts our national security, public safety, and the taxpayers. The United States, with Texas' help, must regain effective control of its borders. This will be one of the major issues facing the Texas Legislature when it reconvenes. I have legislation drafted and ready to file in January.

Turning the government over to corporations



Jim Hightower

While George W, the congress, and the media have us all looking south to what they call the "invasion" of America by impoverished illegal immigrants, or looking east to what they call an "endless threat" to America from hordes of fanatical Islamic terrorists - there's another, very real, but very quiet, siege taking place on our people's government... from within.

Far from being a movement of desperate poor people, this assault on democracy is being mounted by extremely wealthy and powerful guys in pinstripe suits. Theirs is a corporate assault on our public resources, public institutions, public functions - and the very idea of the common good. They fly the flag of "privatization," and their goal is to take over our public sector, essentially eliminating it and substituting corporate governance.

In an important book titled, **The Fox In the Hen House**, Si Kahn and Elizabeth Minnich document the startling extent to which this takeover has already happened. Corporate lobbyists, corporate-funded think tanks, and corporate-owned politicians have been pushing privatization (which is nothing but a euphemism for corporatization) for decades, with Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush, and Clinton willingly turning over public purposes, assets, and control to these private, anti-democratic, profit-seeking interests.

As Kahn and Minnich show, the privatizers hit the mother lode with the BushCheney regime. With their extremist, anti-government ideology, the administration is gleefully selling out the public good by selling off whole chunks of our government. We know about their push to privatize Social Security and schools - but few are aware of the massive turnover of power to corporations in such areas as the military, our parks, prisons, and social programs.

To help keep our democracy from being devoured by the corporate foxes, check Kahn and Minnich's website: www.thefoxinthehenhouse.com.

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Financial strategies for your 50s, 60s

Financial
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by Allen Mantonona



When you first started out in your career, you may have focused on paying off student loans, buying a home and, hopefully, starting to save for retirement. Generally speaking, these are pretty straightforward goals. But by the time you enter your 50s and 60s, your financial objectives may be somewhat more complex, so you will need to take great care in creating and implementing the right strategies.

What You'll Need - and What You'll Have

During your 20s, 30s and 40s, you may have put away as much as you could afford in your 401(k) and IRA, but your more immediate concerns were paying someone else: your student loan provider, your mortgage company, your children's college, etc. But once you reach your 50s, you may have finished with these types of obligations. And that gives you an opportunity to look ahead.

For starters, you'll want to envision the type of retirement lifestyle you want. Of course, you may have done this exercise when you were younger, but, over time, your plans could easily have changed. Now it's time to really take a close look at what you expect from retirement. Where will you live? Will you travel much? Volunteer? Open a small business? The possibilities are vast - and so are the differences in cost. So, to navigate your course during the years left until you retire, you will want to know what your retirement will look like - and how much it will cost.

Once you know about how much money you will need to fund your retirement, your next

step is to look at your potential retirement assets: Social Security payments, distributions from your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan, and income from your personal investments, such as bond interest and stock dividends. Factoring in all these resources, will you have enough to enjoy a retirement that could last two or three decades? If not, what can you do about it during the years before you retire? Should you adjust your portfolio to provide more growth? Can you put in still more to your 401(k) and IRA? If you have "maxed out" on these vehicles, should you look for another tax-advantaged retirement vehicle, such as an annuity?

Clearly, these are not simple questions to answer, which is why you may be able to benefit from working with a financial professional - someone who knows your situation and can help

you create individualized strategies to meet your goals.

Put Estate Plans in Place

Beyond estimating the cost of your retirement lifestyle, and assessing your financial preparedness, what else can you do in your 50s and 60s to make sure you are on track to meet all your goals? You need to do your estate planning.

Specifically, you will want to have the appropriate legal documents in place. Do you have the correct beneficiaries named on your insurance policies? Do you have a will and a living trust to make sure that your assets will be distributed according to your wishes? Do you have a durable power of attorney so that someone can make financial decisions on your behalf if you become incapacitated?

By working with an experienced estate-planning attorney and tax professional you can protect your financial interests - and those of your family. So don't delay - the sooner you start, the less you will have to worry about in retirement.

The why and how
of what vs. where

Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

You've probably heard that the three most important features of any property are location, location and location! It's been a cliché since the dawn of the real estate industry, and with good reason.

A realty company recently commissioned a survey that found when

buyers begin looking for a home, the single most important feature is the neighborhood. Not the type or size of home, but its location.

As a matter of fact, nearly three quarters of those surveyed reported they would happily sacrifice their notion of a "dream home" to be able to live in their dream neighborhood.

This makes complete sense, because the home must offer close proximity to work, service businesses, schools, recreation, dining, entertainment, and so on. You don't move into a home so much as you move into a community.

The five most desirable traits buyers look for are 1. neighborhood safety, 2. good schools, 3. the home's "feel," 4. the home's size, and 5. a short commute.

That's why your home search might take days or even weeks. It's easy to find a home, but more complex to find a place to live. Save time and footwork by asking a local agent to put you in touch with an agent in the area to which you'd like to move. You'll be glad that you went straight to the source!

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reaches its full potential requires that three critical areas be emphasized: local production; local ownership; and sustainable production.

Local production of ethanol is absolutely essential. With the boom in demand, pressure is already growing to import biofuels and raw materials from other countries. However, increased production and export will likely come at the expense of tropical rain forests, cleared to make room for palm and sugar plantations.

Without local production, the rush to increase U.S. biofuel production could worsen environmental problems and contribute to global warming. And a bioeconomy dependent on imports would bring the same volatility and vulnerability we already have from oil.

Policies to ensure domestic production, would also help farmers in other countries. A shift away from U.S. exports for many low-value commodities could help reduce or eliminate the current dumping of these crops below cost on the international market, which hinders farmers everywhere, particularly

in poor countries.

Just as important is local ownership. Large grain and energy corporations are well positioned to use their market leverage to control these industries, just as they have within other farm and energy sectors. Of the new plants coming on line in 2003, more than 60 percent were farmer owned. In contrast, over the next three years more than 90 percent of the new ethanol capacity will be non-farmer owned. There have to be mechanisms that promote community-owned facilities and processing plants as a way to prevent corporate control of the industry, and to keep economic benefits local. If agribusiness and energy giants assume control, family farmers and rural communities will not reap the benefits of this hopeful energy future.

Even with local production and ownership, simply replacing imported petroleum with domestically grown crops will not necessarily lead to a green and sustainable energy future. But production of these crops and materials needs to be done in a way that doesn't worsen current environmental problems

or create new ones.

For example, it's foolish to replace petroleum-based gasoline with ethanol from crops that require huge quantities of fossil fuels (in the form of synthetic fertilizer, agricultural chemicals and diesel) to produce. The same is true if the farming practices further soil erosion, groundwater pollution, and nutrient and chemical runoff into the Mississippi River. And if the feedstock crops — perennial or annual — are grown in huge monocultures without concern for landscape, wildlife, biodiversity or habitat.

For emerging renewable energy industries to achieve their potential and be truly renewable, all three "legs" of sustainability—economic, social, and ecological—must have equal value. If not, the remarkable potential of the bioeconomy will be cut short, and rural communities will be left without a leg to stand on.

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Bell County Blaze team members as pictured: Bottom, from left: Mason Marinik (Temple), Chase Cryer (Belton), Andrew Paysse (Belton), Mark Herrington (Belton), Braden Pearson (Temple); middle, from left: Jared Janczak (Belton), Drew Van Winkle (Salado), Zach Behr (Temple), Casey Frazier (Salado), Dane Hankamer (Salado); back, from left: Coaches: Michael Janczak, Ron Van Winkle, Ty Hankamer (Head Coach), Brian Pearson, Johnny Marinik.

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The Bell County Blaze, a IOU Major Baseball team, went undefeated to capture the championship at the Lake Travis Luau, a Super Series sanctioned national qualifier June 17-18. By winning the tournament, the Blaze team members earned Super Series Championship rings. The Blaze finished the Spring Season with a 21-11 record, competing against the top ranked teams in the state. The Blaze is currently ranked by USSSA, number three in the North Division and number seven in State.

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Summer reading program a success

By Karen Kinnison
Salado Public Library

The SPL Texas Summer Reading Program for 2006 got off to a rousing start on June 5 with 60 children arriving at 11:00 a.m. to watch scientist Kim Lehman make a presentation about bees!!!!

The SPL Texas Summer Reading program is an annual event promoted by the Central Texas Library System and organized by Emmy Alvarez, the Children's Librarian. She brings in magicians, singers, puppeteers, artists, storytellers, clowns, dancers, scientists, dog trainers, animal acts, actors and other children's performers for an hour of fun every Monday in June. This summer's programs were: June 5, Kim Lehman, the bee lady; June 12, Todd McKinney "The Magic Man"; June 19, Harms Marionettes "Aladdin and His Magic Lamp" Puppet Show and June 27, Laura Freeman with songs and storytelling.

After each performance, the children and their parents went out onto the library's front



Above, Kim Lehman, the Bee Lady, is shown during the first session of the Salado Public Library Summer Reading Program.

At left, is the overall reading club winner Kayla Foust. Attendance at the sessions average 52 children and their parents.

porch and had a rousing "craft-time" making tamborines, flags, and sun catchers with lots of glue, glitter, paint, beads, rice, and paper plates flying around and creating lots

of happy front porch summertime fun. Then the children went back in to check out lots of books for their "lazy-dayz" of summer reading. They can keep track of how

many books they read and turn in the lists for prizes, which usually are---guess what?!---BOOKS! The champion of this year's reading program is Salado second grader Kayla Foust, who read 54 books

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Salado, Texas:

SECTION 1.

The 2005 – 2006 Hotel/Motel Budget is hereby amended as follows:

ACCOUNT	Current Budget	Increase	Decrease	Revised Budget
4100 – Occupancy Tax	\$146,000.00		\$17,000.00	\$129,000.00
5115 – Overtime/Part time	\$8,710.00		\$5,705.00	\$3,005.00
5140 – Dues	\$2,925.00		\$2,798.00	\$127.00
5160 – Training & Trvl	\$5,515.00		\$2,586.00	\$2,929.00
6110 – Advertising	\$58,182.00		\$32,890.00	\$25,292.00
6170 – Research	\$25,000.00		\$1,847.00	\$23,153.00
6400 – Grants	\$22,000.00		\$9,855.00	\$12,145.00

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED on the 1st day of June, 2006.

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There was an average of 52 children (from toddlers to elementary school age) in attendance each Monday along with their parents. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to be introduced to the wonders and benefits of a free public library!! And hopefully, it encourages parents to make a trip to the Salado Public Library a *regular* event---not just a summer event!!

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Watch the paper next year for news of the 2007 Texas Summer Reading event in Salado Public Library.

In other SPL news--the library is requesting donations of paperback or hardback books to the library for our annual August Art Fair “book-sale”. Just bring your books to the Library before July 15. Proceeds from these semi-annual sales are used in part for scholarships for Salado High School students.

And also in July the library will host several more computer classes. The classes will be for Basic use, the Internet, e-Bay, computer security, and Microsoft Word. Classes will begin July 6 and each will be for six hours, twice a week at a cost of \$30 Please call the library at 947-9191 for more information.

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Fiesta is an exciting way for kids to learn more about Jesus' love. Kids will join nearly a million children in North America and take part in a hands-on mission project that will reach needy children in Latin American countries. Each day concludes at Fiesta Finale—a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join daily for this special time.

Meet at Salado United Methodist Church at 650 Royal Street each day from 9 a.m.- 12 noon. Pre-registration is not necessary. For info, call 947-5482.



General Assembly Commissioners for the Presbyterian Church USA: Elder Betty McLaughlin, Elder Jean Teal, and Rev. Thomas Allen, are pictured outside Westminster Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, AL on Sunday June 18. The three commissioners had chosen to worship at Westminster, the home church of Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice. Dr. Rice's father was pastor of Westminster in 1963 during the race violence which spawned the bombing of several black churches. Westminster was not attacked. Betty McLaughlin was a commissioner from the Coastal Carolina Presbytery. Teal, Presbyterian Church of Salado, and Rev. Thomas, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church in Temple, were commissioners from Grace Presbytery.

Cabaniss to discuss UIL at Monday Club July 10

The Monday Club of the Salado United Methodist Church will next meet 2 p.m. July 10 at the church, located on Royal Street.

The program will be given by long-time Salado Independent School District teacher Dennis Cabaniss, who will share his experience of coaching Salado's UIL academic teams, which have won several state championships in recent years.

Cabaniss was recently recognized by the school board of trustees for his many years of service.

All ladies of the community are invited.

Bell Dems open office

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The Rev. John Aymond, Senior Pastor for First United Methodist Church in Killeen, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Brenda and Ken Ray of Belton and the granddaughter of Dot and Jim Ashworth of Salado. The groom is the son of Ann and Wayne Allison of Lock Haven, PA.

Pianist was Jimmy Baas. Vocalists were Paula Lohse and Brandon Robnett.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an elegany ivory, strapless gown by Paloma Blanca. The gown featured an Aloncon lace drop waist bodice with an organza



Mrs. Todd Joseph Allison

skirt and chapel-length train. The bride's ensemble was completed by a comb of fresh water pearls with silver accents and an ivory

pink peonies accented with Italian ruskus with satin-wrapped natural stems.

The bride wore a contemporary silver oval link necklace made of rhinestones and pearls with matching drop earrings. She also wore a platinum and diamond bracelet borrowed from the groom's mother that belonged to the groom's grandmother.

Matron of Honor was Jennifer Larson, the bride's sister, of Albuquerque, NM. Bridesmaids were Keri Allison of Virginia; Laurelyn Arterbury of Austin; and Jennifer McCrockling of Austin.

Ring bearer was Blake Larson, the bride's nephew. Flower girl was Ashley Allison, the groom's niece.

Best man was Matt Allison, the groom's brother, of Virginia. Groomsmen were Bill Englert, Jr. of Greenville, SC; Jeff Smalley of Pittsburgh, PA; and Denis Green of New York, NY.

Ushers were Brad Arterbury, Scott Eberle, Tate Hunter, Bill Picot, and Justin Stoner.

A reception was held at the Wildflower Country Club in Temple.

The bride is employed by Towne Services of Killeen. The groom is employed by Union State Bank as the Marketing Manager.

After a short wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will live in Harker Heights. A longer trip will be planned for later in the year.



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Obituaries

Funeral services held for James 'Jim' Falkner

Funeral services for James "Jim" C. Falkner, 88, of Salado, were held July 1 at the First Baptist Church in Salado, with Rev. Randy Carder officiating. Burial followed at the Oakwood Cemetery in Waco.

Falkner died June 29 at a Temple hospital.

He was born in Waco to Mordis and Jessie Falkner. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving with the K-9 Corps during WWII. He was a dog show judge for many

years, judging at shows in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Falkner lived in Dallas before retiring to Salado 20 years ago. He was a member of the Salado Village Artists and the Salado Lions Club. He was also a member of the

First Baptist Church of Salado.

He is survived by his wife, Frances Falkner, of Salado.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Salado, 210 S. Main St., Salado, TX 76571.

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Mary Louise McColl passes away

Mary Louise (Boyer) McColl, of Temple, passed away June 29 in a Temple nursing home.

Born on June 10, 1917 in Salina, KS to Charles Leonard Boyer and Josephine Locke, McColl was preceded in death by her husband, V.E. McColl on September 11, 1911 in Brookings, OR. She is survived by her daughter and only child, Joan (Mc-

Coll) Schrock, of Salado, her son-in-law Jack Schrock, nephew Bob Hagler and wife Ailene, of Kerrville; two grandchildren, Jody Davis, of Mesquite, and Joel Schrock, of Houston; and seven great-grandchildren. During their marriage, the McColls had also resided in Phoenix, AZ, Garland and Brookings, OR.

She had been a resi-

dent of Garden Estates in Temple for the past five years, but suffered a series of strokes in April, 2006 which eventually led to her death.

Final arrangements are incomplete at this time, but in lieu of flowers, friends are asked to make a donation to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Patricia Ann Clark services held

Services were held June 29 for Patricia Ann Clark of Kempner at Sheppard Chapel of Memories in Copperas Cove. Interment with military honors followed in the Scattering Garden at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen.

Many in Salado will remember Patricia as a long time friend and volunteer at Tablerock in Salado.

Clark was a technical supervisor for Robertson

Blood Bank in Fort Hood.

She died June 25 in her home. She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Charles R. (Chuck) Clark of Kempner, a daughter Michelle Hamilton of Fort Campbell, Kentucky and a son Charles Rolland Clark II of Arlington, a sister Barbara Sims of Parkersburg, West Virginia, three brothers; Harold Williamson of Tazewell, Virginia, James Williamson of Huntington,

West Virginia and Allen Williamson of Beckley, West Virginia and her parents James and Frankie Williamson of Tazewell, Virginia.

In keeping with Pat's life long support of young people, the Patricia Ann Clark Memorial Scholarship fund has been set up at the Heart O' Texas Federal Credit Union, 905 M.L. King Jr. Drive, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522.

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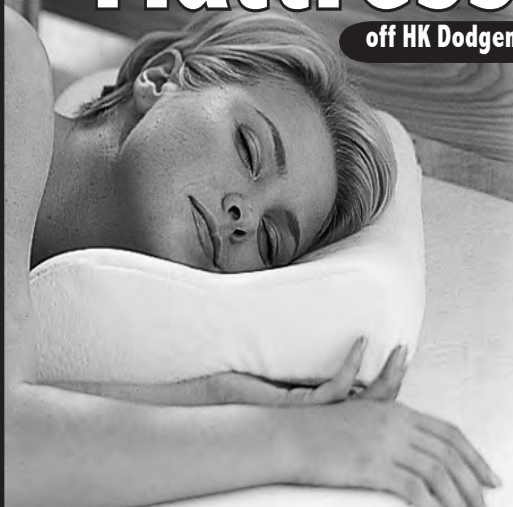


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Tommy Thompson returns to Art Fair

Dates set for August 5 and 6 in Pace Park

Celebrated for his ebullient scenes of New Orleans life, artist Tommy Thompson has a knack for capturing the idiosyncracies and energy of the famed Crescent City. Visitors to this year's Salado Art Fair will be given the chance to view and purchase the works of Thompson and over 100 other artists and artisans Aug. 5 and 6. This will be the 40th year of the Salado Art Fair.

A native Texan, Thompson began painting at an early age, and was quickly recognized for his innate talent. He participated in numerous competitions, culminating in an arts scholarship at Texas Christian University, where he studied painting and fine art graphics. When he finished college, Thompson worked for a period of time as a technical illustrator and later as a graphic designer in San Antonio.

In 1971, Thompson moved to New Orleans and painted "out on the fence) at Jackson Square, in the colorful art colony of the French Quarter. His work caught the attention of gallery owner Joan Liberty, who began selling his art...creating a successful alliance which has lasted over 25 years. In 1996, he received a special proclamation from the city of New Orleans in recognition of his, "art which has captured the magical charm of New Orleans."

Presently, Thompson maintains his primary studio in Texas and a visiting studio on the north shore of Long Island, New York.



The works of Tommy Thompson capture the spirit of New Orleans, like "Sazerac" (above), and the quiet solemnity of a country house, like "Neighborhood House" (left).

He continues to paint jazz scenes of New Orleans, but is reaching out to encompass a wider spectrum of American life. Spirited memories of the old west, evocative images of America's towns and country life, studies of the boundless wild nature of the Southwest and occasional summer forays to paint the salty, coastal villages of the Northeast, all have added new images to his portfolio.

The Salado Art Fair will be held in Pace Me-

morial Park, on the banks of Salado Creek. Concessions will be available.

Hours for this year's fair will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 5 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 6. Admission is set at \$5 for adults, with children 12 and under admitted free of charge. Parking will be free throughout the village.

For more information about the Salado Art Fair call the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 254-947-5040 or visit www.salado.com.

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What's happening

JULY 7-9
Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Stars and Spurs Forever," with live music and vaudeville-style entertainment. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. July 7-8 and 2 p.m. July 8-9. Info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

JULY 10
Salado Monday Club meeting, 2 p.m. at the Salado United Methodist Church. Program: Salado ISD teacher Dennis Cabaniss on Salado's UIL program. All ladies of the community invited.

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.

JULY 12
Salado Church of

Christ Summer Guest Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Speaker: Phil Ware on "Man of Sorrows." Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-5241.

JULY 13
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Ruth Daw, "Women of Peru."

JULY 14-16
Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Stars and Spurs Forever," with live music and vaudeville-style entertainment. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. July 14-15 and 2 p.m. July 15-16. Info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

JULY 15
Central Texas Area Museum hosts a genealogy workshop, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the museum, located on Main St. across from the Stagecoach dining room. A free workshop for beginners will be held 8:30-9:30 a.m. Fee for the annual session is \$30, which includes refreshments and lunch. Info and registration details: 254-947-5232.

JULY 19
Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

JULY 19
Salado Church of Christ Summer Guest Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Speaker: Randy Harris on "Author and Finisher of Our Faith." Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-5241.

JULY 21-13
Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Stars and Spurs Forever," with live music and vaudeville-style entertainment. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. July 21-22 and 2 p.m. July 22-23. Info: 254-947-3456

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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 Beth Lisenbe, 254-982-4428.

JULY 26
Salado Church of Christ Summer Guest Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Speaker: Scott Meyer on "Chief Cornerstone." Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-5241.

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 2
Salado Church of Christ Summer Guest Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Speaker: Joe Baisden on "Advocate." Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-5241.

AUGUST 4-6
Salado Silver Spur Theater presents the Second Annual Silver Spur Salado Springs Melodrama, an original melodrama written by local playwright Gary Askins. More details TBA.

AUGUST 5-6
40th Annual Salado Art Fair in Pace Park. Show Times: Saturday, 9 a.m.-5p.m., Sunday 9

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AUGUST 9

Salado Church of Christ Summer Guest Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Scott Sager on "Lion of Judah." Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-5241.

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 11-13

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents the Second Annual Silver Spur Salado Springs Melodrama, an original melodrama written by local playwright Gary Askins. More details TBA.

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.

AUGUST 16

Salado Church of Christ Summer Guest Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Speaker: Allan Stanglin on "Lamb of God." Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-5241.

AUGUST 18-20

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents the Second Annual Silver Spur Salado Springs Melodrama, an original melodrama written by local playwright Gary Askins. More details TBA.

AUGUST 23

Salado Church of Christ Summer Guest Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Speaker: Stan Reid on "Head of the Church." Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-5241.

SEPTEMBER 9

Salado Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School. More details TBA.

SEPTEMBER 16

Mill Creek Community Association Fall Picnic, 6:30 p.m. at Sherrill Park.

SEPTEMBER 16-17

Tablerock's Fantasy Faire 10 a.m.-6 p.m. both days, featuring characters from history, literature, mythology and imagina-

tion. 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 Artists Painting Workshop, with D.K. Nichols, of Rockdale. Workshop will focus on abstract color and design; student will have choice of medium. Price: \$155. Info: email phairal@vvm.com.

OCTOBER 7-8

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

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 10

Salado Garden Club meeting, 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Guest speaker: John

Drumgoole, TV Garden Show host. Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-3617.

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 Cattleme Ball at Tenroc Ranch. 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 meet-

ing, 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.

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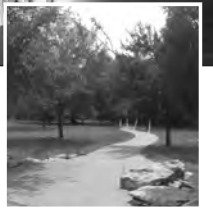
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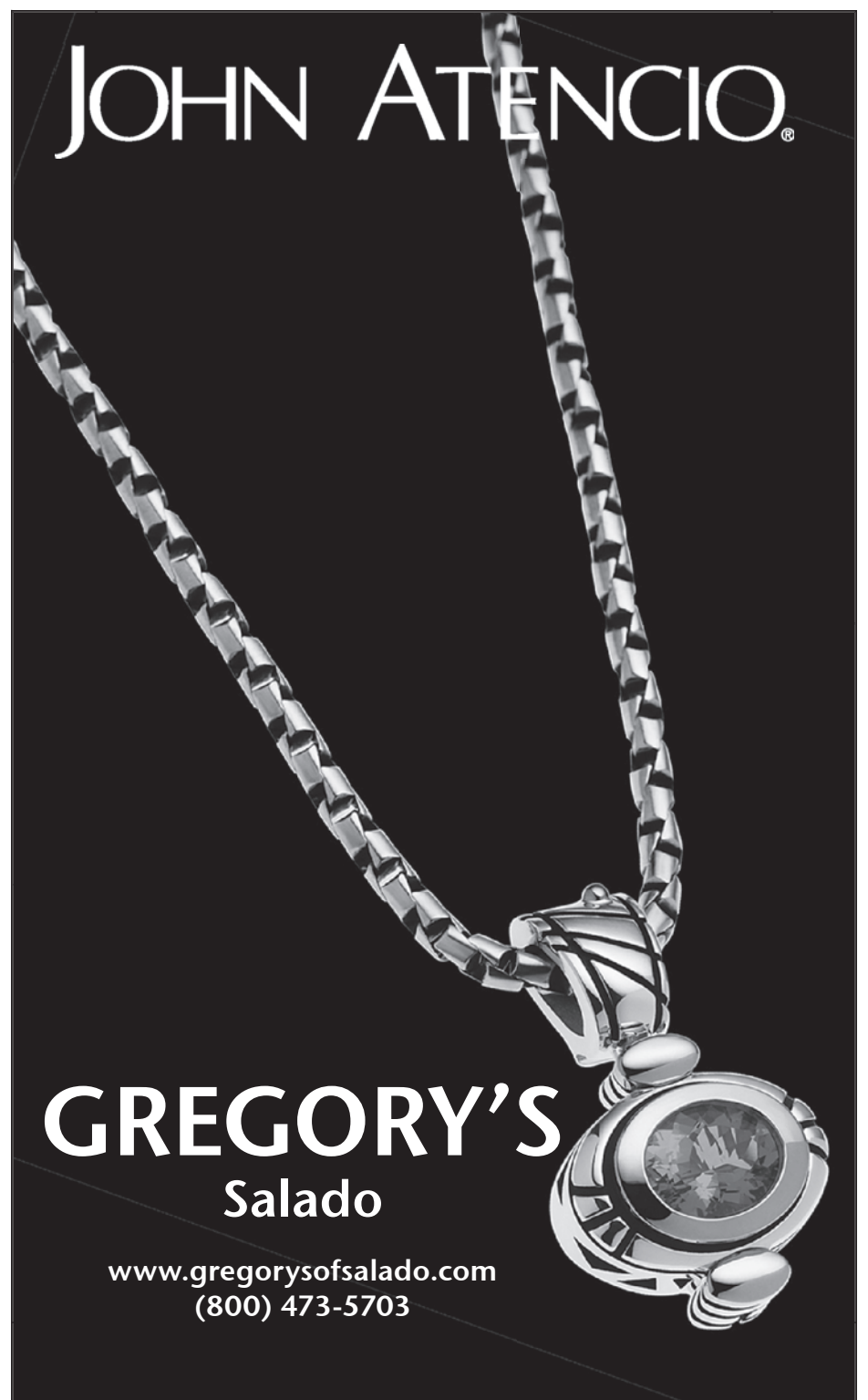
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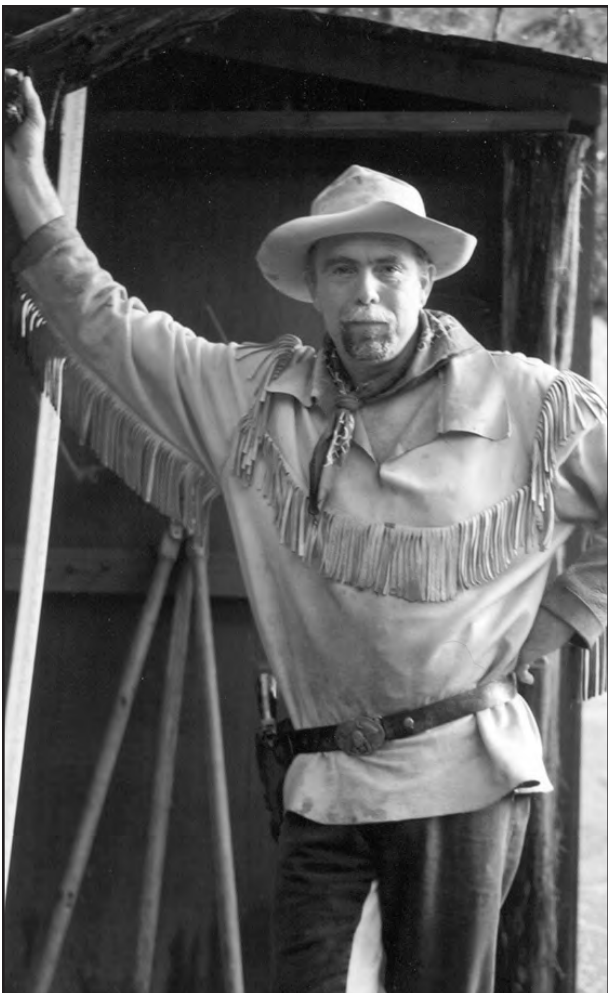


Salado Legends slates 14th season of drama

Salado Legends, will begin its 14th season on July 22, with subsequent performances on July 29 and August 5 at Tablerock’s Goodnight Amphitheater is located on Royal Street in Salado, Texas.

History, legend and memories are brought to the stage in the epic musical-drama, *Salado Legends*, written by Salado playwright Jackie Mills and directed by Donnie Williams. One of the original songs, “Be Careful What You Wish For,” weaves the legends of the Tonkawa Indians, the dreams of the Spanish explorers and the hopes of the Scottish settlers into a panoramic tale. *Salado Legends* is the only outdoor musical-drama in Texas chosen by the Library of Congress to serve as a record of life in America at the end of the 19th century.

Actors, crew, composers, sponsors and helpers number over 200. They range in ages from 3 to 91 years-old and live all over Central Texas. Chris Ray, from Austin, will play the lead role of Andrew McIver. Sarah Sanderford, from Belton, will play the lead role of Lucy McDougal. Lushi Mobley, from Belton, plays Sadie Lou Chalk; Chris Benson from Belton will play Cam McDougal. Jim Woodaul from Killeen will portray Angus McDougal, Geneva Bamsch will appear in the role of Dora McDougal. Tony Blisard will play Malcom



The historical drama Salado Legends begins its 14th season on July 22.

Ross and George Mobley from Belton is playing Douglas McDougal. Rebecca Petro, Salado, is the Children’s Director, Ciara Bamsch will portray Emmaline McDougal. Howard Horton, who lives in Bartlett and is a Professor at UMHB, will appear for the 8th season as Sam Houston. Hillary Mighell from Copperas Cove will portray “Texas.” Amanda White from Temple will play Bonnie Belle Posey. Jon McHaney from Salado will play Tonweya for his fourth season. Veteran actor Dale Allen from Waco will play the Chief.

Dinner reservations for the catered meal are required: \$8 for adult or child. Adult show tickets are \$15. Child (4-12) show tickets are \$5.

Tickets may be purchased in Salado at Fletcher’s Antiques, The Salado Mansion, First State Bank and Compass Bank. To charge tickets to Pay Pal use www.tablerock.org. ITR on Fort Hood. HEB sells tickets for cash. For groups of 20 or more call 1-254-947-9205 or write to Tablerock, PO Box 312, Salado, TX 76571.



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The Daws have lived in Schenectady, NY,

Chicago, IL, Beaumont, TX, Louisville, KY, Midland, TX and Tulsa, OK. They retired and moved to Salado in early, 1999.

Cooper was lured out of retirement about three years ago to build a gas processing plant for Peru. They lived in Houston for a year and then lived in Peru for another year while Cooper constructed the plant. Hence Ruth’s program on Peru and the Women of Peru.

Social begins at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting and program to begin at 10:00 a.m. Guests are welcome and invited to attend.

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One of the most misunderstood aspects about our health today is the little chemical messengers we call... hormones! As men, we know a little bit about the effects of testosterone, and women seem to know a little bit about the effects of estrogen and progesterone as they are our primary sex hormones. We realize as we age we may become deficient in naturally producing these hormones, which will lead to andropause for men, and menopause for women.

At the moment when men and women reach that time in their lives when their hormones are not being produced properly, they may go through a period of not feeling right, as there are a plethora of symptoms from low levels of testosterone, estrogen and progesterone.

If you have followed this column at all, you know I believe in replacing hormones only when you are not producing that hormone and only taking hormones that are bioidentical, not synthetic. Physicians can now help you understand your levels of your primary hormones; insulin and cortisol, and your secondary hormone levels; testosterone, estrogen, progesterone, and DHEA. We function best when these hormones are at optimal levels and ratios.

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By KEVIN McCAULEY



Interestingly enough, one hormone that seems to be getting the majority of the “buzz” these days is HGH, or human growth hormone. It doesn’t seem that a day goes by that you won’t receive some sort of SPAM or non-invited advertisement to try out the latest HGH product on the market through the internet. HGH is the most controversial of all of the hormones. Though it can work, by adding muscle and improving recovery time from exercise, the question is; “can it work without having some drastic side-effects?” HGH is a preferred drug of professional athletes and bodybuilders, but at what cost to their long term health? At what cost to anyone’s health...period?

The debate on HGH becomes cloudy as some of the opponents to HGH therapy contend that we quit producing it naturally after adolescence and that any therapy using HGH after this important time of growth will have unwanted side-effects. HGH therapy, until recently, used to be reserved primarily for helping aid the growth of dwarves.

The HGH used in that therapy was intravenous, very expensive and always monitored by a doctor. The HGH therapy that professional athletes and bodybuilders use is the same intravenous and expensive therapy, but much of the time, lacking the monitoring of a qualified physician. Today, you can find this supposed HGH everywhere, even in inexpensive pills, and definitely without a doctor’s prescription.

The claims from the benefit of this hormone are anything from, “Find the fountain of youth,” to “look better than ever, feel younger than ever...now”, and everything in between. Though these “supplements” (this market

is not highly regulated) are inexpensive, and may even reap some short-term benefits, I would recommend that you stay away from all unprescribed hormones and precursors to hormones. We should only “mess” with our body chemistry with a trained professional monitoring our hormonal levels. This is very serious stuff, as you may not live to regret it.

Human Growth Hormone can be effective, and safe, if created naturally within the body. Don’t be preyed upon by the “get results faster than possible” industry as you may find yourself creating some damage that you may find difficult to reverse.

Next week I will explain how you can naturally, and safely, create human growth hormone responses with the proper type, and intensity, of exercise.

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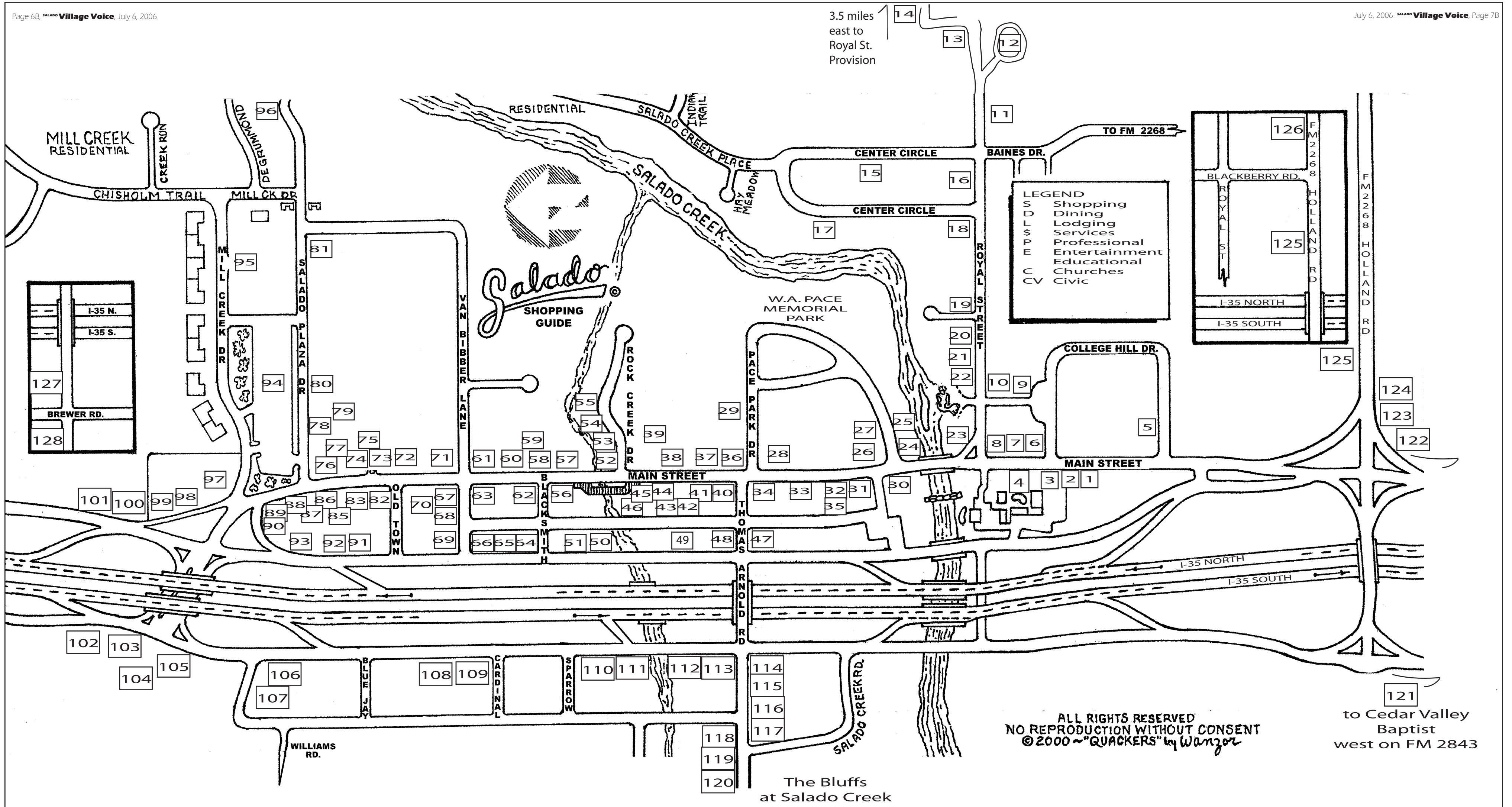
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Salado's Heroes

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Continuing the series on Salado's Heroes, this week we recognize the Paine and Ray families. These pioneers were early residents of Salado and were buried in the Old Salado Grave Yard.

John Paine
John Paine was born in Chowan County, North Carolina on May 21, 1804.

Little else is known about his early life, such as the name of his wife or when the couple was married. They were living in Kentucky in 1825 when their first child, Zilla, was born. A second daughter, Mary, and a son, John, born in 1826, were also born in Kentucky. The date of Mrs. Paine's death and her burial site are unknown.

John Paine came to Texas as a member of Stephen F. Austin's Colony to secure a land grant, leaving his family behind in Kentucky. He had not returned before he was caught up in Texas' War for Independence. Muster

rolls of the Texas Revolution show that John Paine, Private, was a member of Captain York's Company of Volunteers prior to the Siege of Bexar in 1835. Then his name appears on the Muster Roll in the Siege of Bexar as a member of the New Orleans Grays under Captain William G. Cooke, Commander.

Following the end of the War, John rejoined his family and eventually migrated to Texas and settled in the Salado area. The older daughter, Zilla, had married a man named William Tandy Bush on July 18, 1840 in Tennessee. Their first

child, Catherine, was born in 1843. It is unknown when the Bush family came to Texas.

The couple was living in Texas where two sons, Mancom Tandy (born in 1844) and Gideon and one more daughter were born. Zilla died in 1856 at age thirty-one and is buried in Old Salado Grave Yard. William Tandy Bush died on December 6, 1881 and Mary, on September 18, 1886. They are also buried in Old Salado Grave Yard with the wives on either side.

William Tandy Bush was a Christian preacher and was involved in the "Great Awakening," a religious movement that seemed to inspire and unite Americans. Many settlers migrated to the newest nation on the North American Continent, the Republic of Texas, usually accompanied by mission-minded preachers. John Paine also became involved in the religious movement and became a preacher of the Gospel.

William Tandy Bush, helped organized many Christian (Church of Christ) churches on the Texas frontier. One of these churches was begun in the Village of Salado.

John Paine served this church until his death on February 17, 1873. He is buried with his daughters and their husbands in the Old Salado Grave Yard.

A Soldier of the Texas Revolutionary War Marker has been placed at the burial site of John Paine by members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.



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John Wesley Ray and Mrs. Addie Vernon Ray

John Wesley Ray was born February 8, 1826 in Waynesboro, Wayne County, Tennessee. He came with his parents to Texas in 1839. The family settled near Washington-on-the-Brazos in Milam District. They were farming in the Cameron area when the town was laid out following Texas Revolutionary War.

While quite young John Wesley because a member of Ross' Rangers, a volunteer army on the frontier which protected the settlers from the Indians. John Wesley met and married Addie Vernon near Caldwell in 1852. Ten children were born to this family.

When the Civil War began John Wesley joined

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Salado Dems meet July 10

Eduardo Rodriguez, who completes his term as President of the State Bar of Texas this summer, will speak to the Salado Democrats July 10 at Salado Mansion (upstairs).

A dutch treat Tex-Mex dinner will start at 6:30 p.m., followed by Rodriguez' presentation at 7 p.m.

Reservations are not required and you do not have to be a Salado Democrat in order to attend the meeting.

Rodriguez is the first president of the State Bar of Texas from Brownsville. Rodriguez was elected in a statewide balloting of the organization's more than 73,000 lawyers.

Rodriguez is a senior partner in Rodriguez, Colvin, Chaney and Saenz, L.L.P. in Brownsville. A lawyer in general practice, Rodriguez served on the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors from 1987

to 1990. Active in many legal organizations, he served as treasurer of the State Bar Litigation Section, served as vice president of the Texas Association of Defense Counsel, and served on the boards of directors of the Texas Young Lawyers Association and Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. He was recently inducted as a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

A former president and officer of the Cameron County Bar Association, Rodriguez has also been active in many facets of the American Bar Association, including serving in the House of Delegates from 1991 to 1995. He is a fellow of the American and Texas bar foundations and active in many civic organizations. Rodriguez earned



Eduardo Rodriguez

his B.A. from George Washington University and his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law where he served as president of the

Law Alumni Executive Committee in 2001 and was awarded the Honorary Order of the Coif in 2000.

CEO discusses Stagecoach

John Anderson, CEO of Stagecoach Properties, discussed the future of Mill Creek and the Stagecoach Inn with the Salado Rotary Club June 27.

Anderson was born in Gatesville and in 1960 received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Texas, and Accounting degree from North Texas State. He has been a resident of Salado since 2003. Anderson came to Salado to help in leadership of the Mill Creek Golf Course in 2003. He was instrumental in contacting Morris Foster, owner of the Stagecoach Inn, and convincing him to combine the two properties to upgrade the profitability of both; He

made his point by showing an illustration of two organizations underwater separately but afloat if combined.

He said that his current strategic plan involves helping Salado change and improve its image as a destination of travelers. A recent study and one of his goals is to provide "attractions" for travelers more than diversions.

He mentioned that in the past the Sir Wigglesworth establishment in Salado was an "attraction."

At the current time Stagecoach properties is developing the Silver Spur theater in the hopes it will become a major Central Texas attraction. He also pointed to the development of the property across Main Street with an



John Anderson at Salado Rotary.

anchor store, and the work being done to upgrade Twelve Oaks into a state attraction as a conference facility. The goal is to have Twelve Oaks ready in the relatively near future.

He answered the persistence question of sale of Stagecoach

Properties by saying this has been rumored ever since the Foster acquisition and is no more true now than it ever was. It is not being actively marketed.

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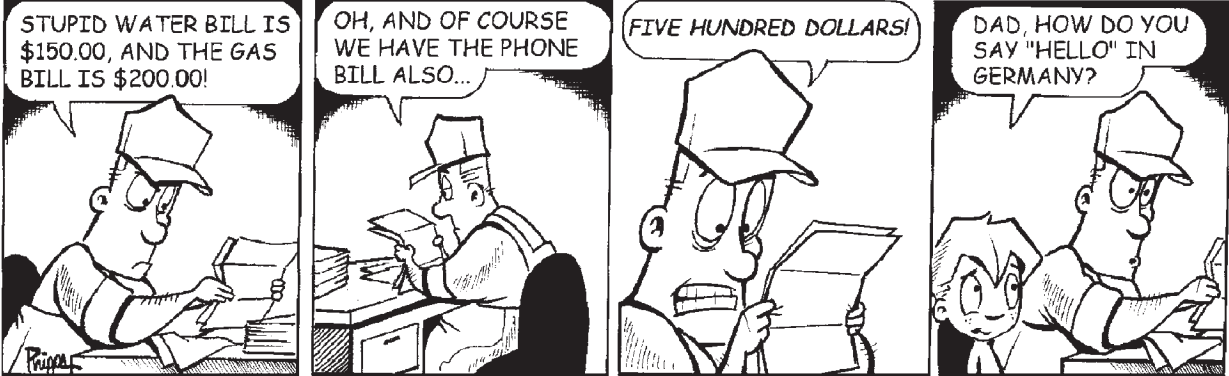
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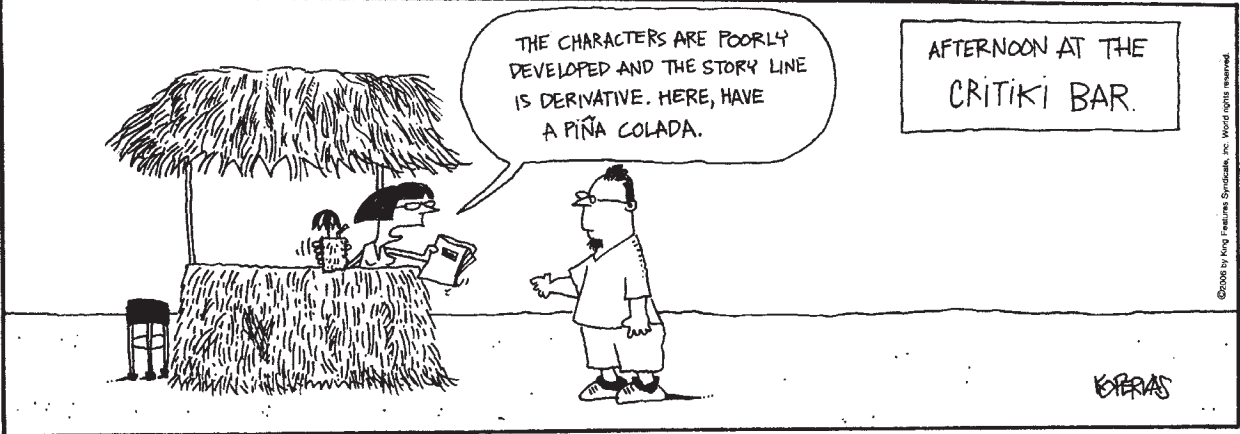
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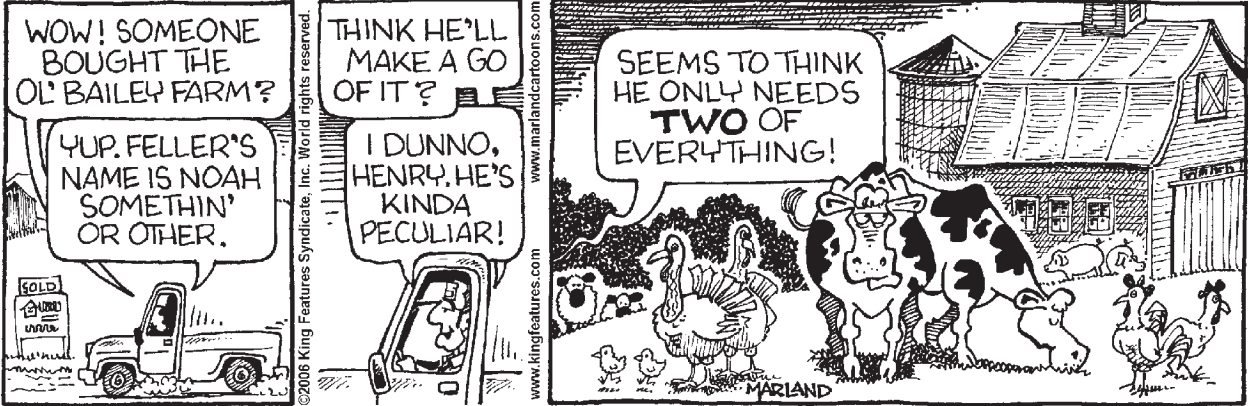
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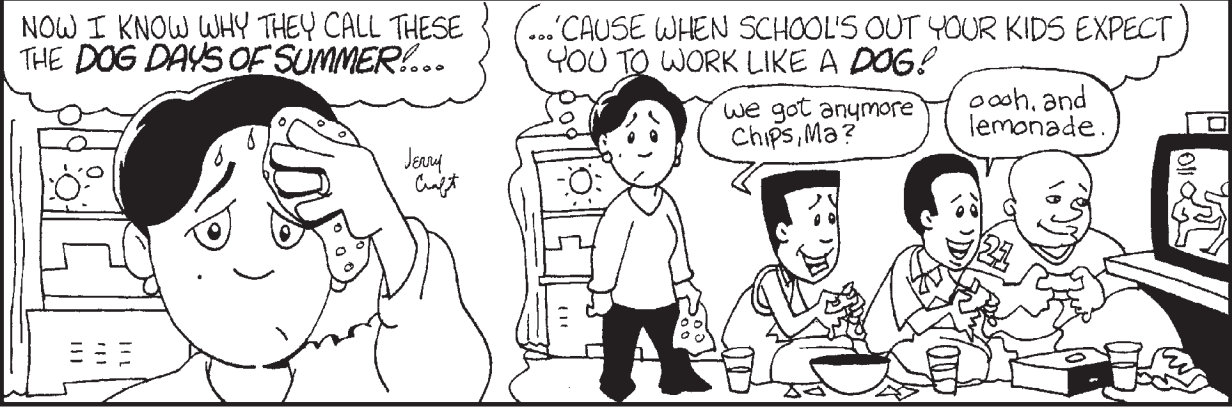
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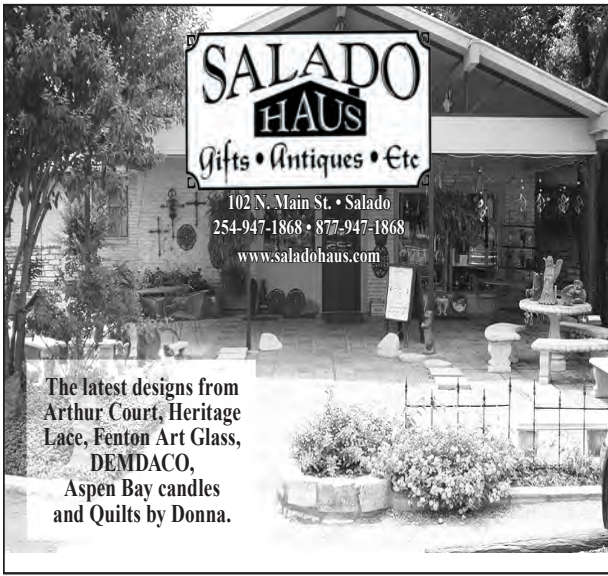
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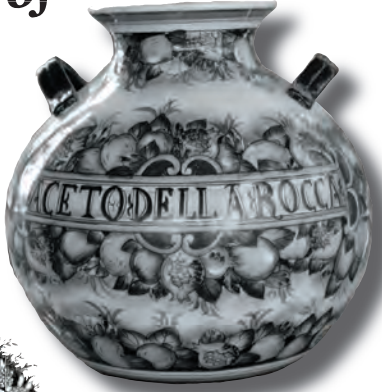
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Master Craftsman Robert Pascoe makes these pieces at the Salado Sawmill, allowing the customer to specify the dimensions, wood type, color and hardware. Because Pascoe works the project from design through build and finish, you are assured of quality at every step. Just bring in a picture or sketch of something that you're interested in and Pascoe will guide you through the design process. Pascoe has several other lines, including Arts and Crafts and General Store collection.

The Sawmill, a division of XtraWorX, LLC, is located at 409 Salado Plaza at the entrance to Mill Creek in Salado.

Call Bob at 254-947-0137 or visit www.saladosawmill.com.



The ice is gone, but it'll be back

by
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Smith



Early this spring I ventured north to Minnesota in hopes of recording some frogs for my collection of wildlife sounds. The frogs weren't quite ready for prime time (just a few little chirps, not even a croak yet) so I had some time to spend with my Army buddy, Manny. He lives in an area of many lakes and goes ice fishing on huge Lake Mille Lacs when it freezes over. The lake is nearly square, 20 miles across in any direction.

“The lake starts thawing out in March,” says Manny. “When they can go about 20 miles across the lake without seeing any big floating chunks of ice, they consider the lake clear and thawed out, safe

for boaters.”

He says occasionally the wind blows those big chunks right up on land.

“Sometimes they land on the highways and that creates problems for motorists. Bull dozers have to come along and push them off and break them up.”

This stuff sounds so foreign to me. I don't think I've ever seen a Texas lake freeze over enough to have icebergs.

“These big ice chunks will uproot big trees, just push them out of their way,” says Manny. “They'll move anything in their path.”

People living by lakes in Minnesota have docks on wheels so they can roll them onto land in the fall before cold weather hits.

“Otherwise these big ice flows could just flip them over. Some of them are as big as a car. They can be a foot thick.”


This year he rolled his dock down into the water the second week in April, a little earlier than usual. After he cranks the wheels up, he lowers steel poles with pads on them into the water. Manny has a canoe, a fishing boat and a pontoon party barge. In the winter he pulls them on land and stores them a good distance from the shoreline.

Minnesotans do all kinds of things outdoors on frozen lakes during the winter. The ice gets to be three feet thick by late December.

“When I go ice fishing, I take an ice auger that's four feet long so I can bore through the ice. Sometimes I've gone down so far only the handle is above the ice.”

On Lake Mille Lacs, as many as 5,000 ice fishing houses are all over the lake. Some are equipped with all the modern conveniences like TV and microwaves. People live in them in winter. Just drive their cars right up to the front door and stay there. One guy has a double wide on the lake with a fireplace and about a dozen fishing holes drilled in the floor. Manny says it looks like a dance hall out there. The fish houses have to be off the lake by February 28.

The lake has roads on it. Snowplows come by regularly to make the 130 miles of roads on the lake passable. I'll tell you, for a Texan this is a strange sight.



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Heroes

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the Confederate Army where he served for four years as a member of Texas Cavalry, Green's Brigade. John Wesley was active in the work as a member of the Baptist Church. He was known for his work and at the time of his death he was said to be the oldest member of the church in Texas.

The family relocated to Salado in 1870 so his children could be educated at Salado College. Mrs. Ray died January 1, 1894 at the age of sixty-eight and is buried in Old Salado Grave Yard. Her husband died March 3, 1926 at the age of one hundred years. He is buried beside his wife.

A Citizen of Texas Marker has been placed by his grave stone by members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.


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\$375,000: Early Texas architecture design, carved keystones for front windows, 8' porches that span from the front & rear living areas. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, den, LR, DR, pantry, utility room, 2 bonus rooms. This home is on two lots with an adjacent lot available.



\$349,700: Remarkable home backs up to a wet weather creek just minutes from downtown. Located in Carriage House Estates, this 3 BR, 2 BA, home includes office, formal dining, breakfast area, and a beautifully landscaped yard. Tile throughout living area, dining & kitchen. Split bedroom with a deck off the master BR.



\$229,000: Neat country home on 29 acres with many extras inside, including vaulted ceilings, crown molding, and laminate floors. Room to grow outside for horses, houses, crops or cattle.



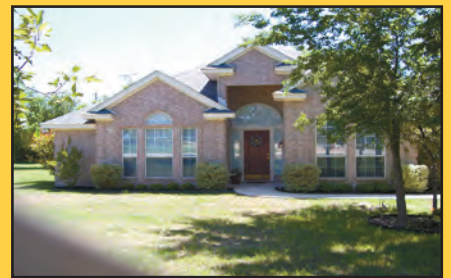
\$249,700: Walk out your back door & find an incredible view of the Salado countryside, yet close to Austin & Temple. Recently refurbished with all the updates. 2 large living areas, beautiful open, bright, upgraded kitchen, and all located on over 2 acres. Workshop, two-car garage & separate motor home/tractor storage included.



\$229,000: 4 BR, 3 BA home close to Salado Schools. Wonderful family room with wood floors. Kitchen adjoins large dining room. Office can be a second living or fifth bedroom. Nice master suite with separate shower & tub. Guest room has great alcove for quiet moments. Fenced back yard.



\$239,900: Need four bedrooms and room for horses? This could be the right home for you. Located close to Salado and Belton, with easy access to I-35. 3.04 acres with partial clearing and trees along the back property line. Fully fenced. Additional storage unit/garage. Above ground garden area.



\$232,500: This is incredible. Where can you find a 4 BR, 2.5 BA in the Wild Rose subdivision? Nowhere at the moment, but 1221 Yellow Rose. The large back porch offers privacy. Just look at the picture and decide for yourself.



\$219,000: Two master bedrooms makes this home extremely appealing AND it has an amazing view of the golf course. Second story was added in 2003 and encompasses the second master suite. Step out on the second story private deck and view Mill Creek Golf Course.



\$160,499: Rustic home on a beautiful lot in Mill Creek. Rough beams, wood floors & beaded board inside adds lots of charm.



\$152,700: Nice open kitchen, living, dining floorplan. Split bedrooms, covered back porch, fenced yard on cul-de-sac in Salado. Built in 2004. 3 BR/2 BA on almost 1 acre lot.



\$98,500: Heavily landscaped back yard with a pond and covered deck. Recent interior paint allows quick occupancy of this home. 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 car garage.



\$218,000: Open living area consists of family room, den, dining and kitchen. Two fireplaces. Large windows overlook beautiful backyard from family room. 2 bedrooms and bath downstairs with bedroom, bath and loft upstairs.



\$215,700: Just a few steps off main Street, Salado. This home is located on 1.6 acres with beautiful large live oak trees. Charming 3 BR home with a beautiful small creek running through the back yard.



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- **780 acres** east of Temple, large metal barns, Big Elm creek, several ponds, good road frontage.



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1209 Old Mill Road

Great location in Mill Creek. Custom-built, one owner home in need of updating. Nice floor plan with large great room, three bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths, large study with built-ins. Lots of storage. Pretty, private backyard. \$215,000.



515 Indian Trail

Gorgeous stone home, landscaped with two-tiered pond in backyard. Large rooms throughout. Two great rooms, two fireplaces, plus separate formals, library. Four bedrooms and unbelievable storage. Approximately 5,000 sq. ft. \$499,000.



1011 Brookhollow Circle

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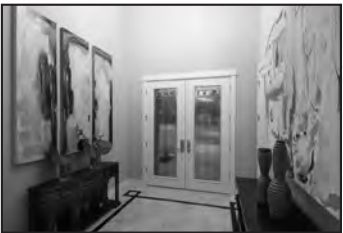
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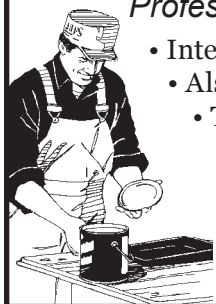
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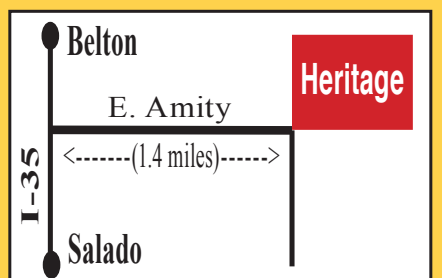
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Dear EarthTalk:
What are the health and environmental issues associated with the noise and air pollution at airports? -- John Cermak, via e-mail

Researchers have known for years that exposure to excessively-loud noise can cause changes in blood pressure as well as changes in sleep and digestive patterns--all signs of stress on the human body. The very word "noise" itself derives from the Latin word "noxia," which means injury or hurt.

On a 1997 questionnaire distributed to two groups--one living near a major airport, and the other in a quiet neighborhood--two-thirds of those living near the airport indicated they were bothered by aircraft noise, and most said that it interfered with their daily activities. The same two-thirds complained more than the other group of sleep difficulties, and also perceived themselves as being in poorer health.

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alarming, the European Commission, which governs the European Union (E.U.), considers living near an airport to be a risk factor for coronary heart disease and stroke, as increased blood pressure from noise pollution can trigger these more serious maladies. The E.U. estimates that 20 percent of Europe's population--or about 80 million people--are exposed to airport noise levels it considers unhealthy and unacceptable.

Airport noise can also

have negative effects on children's health and development. A 1980 study examining the impact of airport noise on children's health found higher blood pressure in kids living near Los Angeles' LAX airport than in those living farther away. A 1995 German study found a link between chronic noise exposure at Munich's International Airport and elevated nervous system activity and cardiovascular levels in children living nearby. And a 2005 study published in the prestigious British medical journal, *The Lancet*, found that kids living near airports in Britain, Holland and Spain lagged behind their classmates in reading by two months for every five decibel increase above average noise levels

in their surroundings. The study also associated aircraft noise with lowered reading comprehension, even after socio-economic differences were considered.

Living near an airport also means facing significant exposure to air pollution. Jack Saporito of the U.S. Citizens Aviation Watch Association (CAW), a coalition of concerned municipalities and advocacy groups, cites several studies linking pollutants common around airports--such as diesel exhaust, carbon monoxide and leaked chemicals--to cancer, asthma, liver damage, lung disease, lymphoma, myeloid leukemia, and even depression. CAW is lobbying for the clean up of jet engine exhaust as well as the scrapping or modification of airport expansion plans across the country.

Another group working on this issue is Chicago's Alliance of Residents Concerning O'Hare, which lobbies and conducts extensive public education campaigns in an effort to cut noise and pollution and rein in expansion plans at the world's busiest airport. According to the group, five million area residents may be suffering adverse health effects as a result of O'Hare, only one of four major airports in the region.

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Dear EarthTalk:
What is better for the environment, cork wine stoppers, or plastic or screw tops? -- Susan Wolniakowski, Duluth, MN

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In addition, some wildlife depends upon cork oak forests for their survival, including the Iberian lynx and the Barbary deer, as well as rare birds such as the Imperial Iberian eagle, the black stork and the Egyptian mongoose. As wine producers switch to other types of wine stoppers, the cork oak forests could be abandoned and the trees and the myriad plants and animals that depend on them could die out.

While 70 percent of wine bottles still contain natural cork stoppers, plastic and glass alternatives have been coming on strong in recent years. Indeed, more and more winemakers around the world are switching to alternatives, citing benefits including the avoidance of cork mold that can taint wine and the ability to more easily re-close opened bottles. In Australia and New Zealand--both promising upstarts on the global wine scene--the majority of wine producers use screw caps, mainly because they can make them cheaply instead of

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Living near an airport means facing significant exposure to air pollution. Airport noise can also compromise health and is shown to have negative effects on child development.

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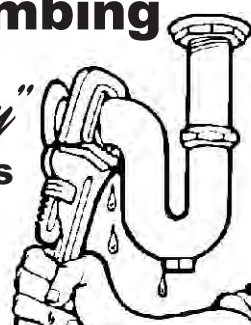
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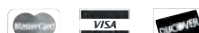
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SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT BREAST CANCER SCREENING

The American Cancer Society is again encouraging breast cancer screening and has sent out flyers which offer more than 1,000 mam-mograms at a bargain price of only \$50. These flyers included a “Fact Sheet,” which stated “X-rays can find breast cancer when the tumor is too small to be felt and when the potential for cure approaches 100%.” Manufacturers of mammography equipment, X-ray film, and pharma-ceuticals are also advertising in the media to persuade women to get a mammogram right away.

Fifteen years ago, my wife and I believed all this. Every six months she faithfully went to a surgeon who used a syringe to aspirate any lumpy tissue and sent it to a pathologist for analysis. In September of 1979 a malignant lump was detected in her left breast and she had a lumpectomy followed by radiation therapy. In March of 1981 a mam-mogram detected an intraductile carcinoma in her right breast and she had a subcutaneous mastectomy. In August of 1984 the cancer had metastasized to the lymph nodes of her right axilla and she had more surgery, more radiation therapy, and then chemotherapy. In 1986 we attended a seminar in Los Angeles sponsored by the Cancer Control Society where we learned that what we had been told was simply not true. Although we went to clinics in Mexico and the Bahamas the next year and a half, it was too late and the harm had been done. My wife passed away on January 31, 1988.

I believe that those persons who benefit financially from breast screening and consequent possible cancer treatment have an obligation to the rest of us Americans to answer some questions. For example:

1 How much longer will a woman live who has had treat-ment compared to a women who receives no treatment?

Numerous medical publications report that treatment contributes, at best, very little to the survival of a breast cancer patient and, at worst, reduces the life expectancy of these persons. Bailar and Smith in the well-known “Bailar Report,” state, “There has been no apparent change in mortality for breast cancer among white or nonwhite women since 1950.” (The New England Journal of Medicine, May 8, 1986)

Thomas I. Dao, M.D., of the Roswell Park Memorial Institute’s Department of Breast Surgery, stated on the 75th anniversary of the institute, “Despite improved surgical techniques, advanced methods in radiotherapies, and widespread use of chemotherapies, breast cancer mortality has not changed in the last 70 years.” (The New England Journal of Medicine, Mar. 27, 1975)

Hardin Jones, Ph.D., of the University of California-Berkeley, wrote, “Neither the timing nor the extent of treatment of the true malignancies has appreciably altered the average course of the dis-ease. The possibility exists that treatment makes the average situation worse.” (“A Report on Cancer,” March 7, 1969, available from the archivist at UC-Berkeley)

2 How can the survival rate keep getting better when the mortality rate has never changed?

Five year survival is defined as cure, although there are no medi-cal data to support such an assumption. At the turn of the century, a “small” breast tumor was the size of a lemon, today a “small” tumor is the size of a pea. Earlier detection results in improved five-year survival rates, which makes the “cure” rate look better. The time of death does not change.

J. L. Garwin, M.D., of Yale University School of Medicine, cal-culated that the “improvement” in 5 year survival rates since 1950, amounting to about 10% for 97% of all cancers, can be explained by the fact that cancers are diagnosed an average of six months earlier. (The New England Journal of Medicine, Nov. 13, 1975)

3 What percentage of breast cancer patients have a lethal form of cancer compared to a benign form of cancer?

40% of breast cancer patients have a lethal form of cancer and 60% have a benign form of cancer. Those with the lethal form of cancer will not be helped by surgery, radiation therapy, or chemotherapy and will die within seven or eight years. The 60% with a benign form of cancer will be harmed by the surgery, radiation therapy, and chemo-therapy, but will live nearly normal lives. In other words, there are two distinctly different breast cancer populations.

Maurice S. Fox, Ph.D., a biologist at MIT, described this phenom-enon in his publication, “On the Diagnosis and Treatment of Breast Cancer.” (JAMA, Feb. 2, 1979 - Vol. 241, No. 5). Fox first took data that Bloom had reported on the survival of untreated breast cancer patients at Middlesex Hospital at the turn of the century, presumably with advanced disease. This information is plotted in Figure 1. Re-member that these are untreated patients. They received in surgery, no radiation therapy, no chemotherapy. The data rate of this population is 25% a year, and you will note that there are no survivors after seven or eight years.

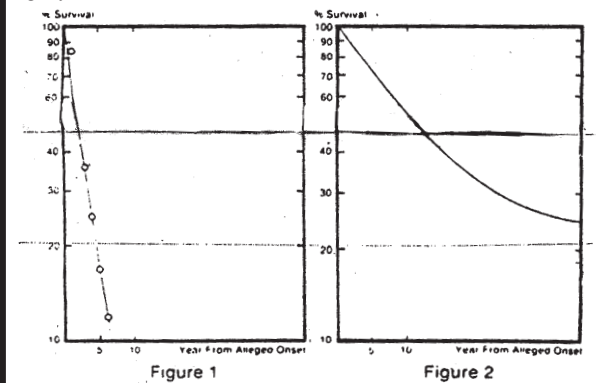
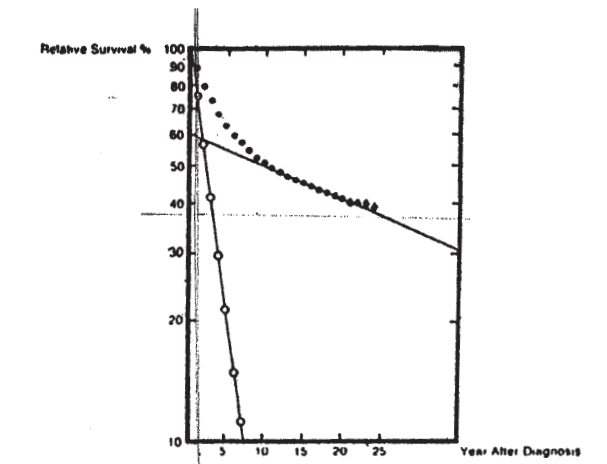


Figure 1

Fox then took survival data of patients treated by surgery, radia-tion therapy, and chemotherapy during the period 1950 to 1973. There were undoubtedly many thousands of patients in this data base which he obtained from the National Cancer Institute. He then plotted this information in the same manner as the information for untreated patients had been plotted. If the surgery, radiation therapy, or chemo-therapy had helped these patients, one would expect the death rate of the group to decrease. Doesn’t that seem reasonable? In other words, the survival curve should look something Figure 2.

But that’s not the way it turned out at all. Instead, the total popu-lation broke down into two major sub populations, each completely different. The survival information for these treated patients is shown in figure 3. Note that the sub population on the left of the figure, rep-resenting 40% of the total, is identical to the untreated patients shown in figure 1. Although they had received surgery, or radiation therapy, or chemotherapy, or a combination of the three, they all died within seven or eight years. The sub population on the right, representing 60% of the total exhibit a survival characteristic only slightly less than that of women of similar ages without evidence of cancer. (Did the treatment cause a somewhat reduced life expectancy for this 60%? It is my opinion that it did.)

The premise that 60% of breast cancer patients have immunosup-



pressive systems capable of keeping cancer under control without medical intervention is supported by a number of medical publica-tions. (See for example, “Mammary Duct Proliferation in the Elderly,” Cancer, 31: 130-37, 1973.)

It should also be noted that the incidence of breast cancer has in-creased by one-third since 1973 while the mortality rate still remains unchanged. This strongly suggest that the sub population with a benign, non-invasive, non-lethal form of cancer is now much greater than 60%.

4 Do the results of previous major screening programs suggest the continued use of such programs?

The results of mass screening programs, in spite of their enormous cost, have been mixed at best, and worthless and harmful at worst. One massive screening program, the HIP study (Health Insurance Plan of greater New York), consisted of a randomized, controlled study of 62,000 women. The enthusiasts of this program claimed a 30% reduc-tion in mortality from breast cancer over five years. However, Dr. Peter Skrabanek of the University of Dublin, Ireland, took a close look at these data and advises us that, 1) The subgroup of women who were offered but refused screening had a lower mortality rate than either those who accepted screening or who were in the control group, 2) Mammography detected only 17% of 132 carcinomas in 20,166 wom-en, 3) The maximum benefit of the project, even without taking into account lead-time (early detection bias and radiation induced cancers, was 1% fewer breast cancers per year.

Dr. Skrabanek further tells us that a Swedish screening program, two and half times larger than the HIP trial, showed no benefit to women under age 50. Even in the age group 50-74, the benefit was significant only in one of the two counties tested; only 7 deaths per 100,000 per year were prevented by screening, which only amounts to 0.2% of the deaths expected to occur annually in this age group. (The Lancet, August 10, 1985)

5 What are the costs of breast screening?

A few years ago it cost \$195,000 merely to detect one case of breast cancer through mammography. This does not include any of the costs of treatment. (Breast Carcinoma - risk and Detection, Phila-delphia: WB Saunders, 1981)

6 How accurate is a pathologist’s diagnosis of breast cancer?

The determination of whether or not tissue taken from the breast is cancerous is a subjective judgment call. In the Breast Cancer Detection Demonstration Project (BCDDP), 506 of 592 tumors recorded as minimal carcinoma were reviewed. The reviewers con-firmed the diagnosis of carcinoma in 83% of the cases reviewed; 13% were classified as benign on review; 4% were classified as borderline. (Journal of the National Cancer Institute, march 1979). There are now 140,000 new cases of breast cancer identified each year. How many of these are misdiagnosed or borderline? We don’t really know but results of the BCDDP review tell us that it probably numbers in the thousands.

7 How helpful is radiation therapy in treating breast cancer?

After the malignant lump had been removed from my wife’s left breast, we went to a radiologist to discuss the use of radiation ther-apy. The radiologist explained why radioactive cobalt destroys cancer cells but causes no permanent harm to normal cells. A very short time after she had completed her course of radiation therapy, I read these words in The Seattle Times:

‘Complications following high-dose radiotherapy for breast can-cer are: fibrous, shrunken breast, rib fractures, pleural and/or lung scarring, nerve damage, scarring around the heart, stiff shoulder, arm swelling, suppression of all blood cells, immune suppression, second malignancies secondary to irradiation (maybe). Tissues near the ir-radiated breast may appear fairly normal but wound complications occur frequently when surgery becomes necessary months or years after high-dose radiation. Many radiation complications do not occur for several years after treatment, giving the therapist and the patient a false sense of security for a year or two following therapy. Lung scar-ring may obliterate function in up to 15 to 20 percent of the volume of a lung exposed to chest-wall irradiation. The bone marrow, in which blood cells are made, is largely obliterated in the field of irradiation, which includes some of the ribs, the clavicle (collar bone), portions of the shoulder bone and the upper humerus or arm bone. This is an irreversible effect. A rare complication from high-dose irradiation to the nerves which travel through the axilla to the arm results in severe intractable pain as well as loss of the motor function to the forearm and hand. Irradiation may result in scarring around the heart so that an open-chest operation may be required to restore normal heart func-tion.’ (Robert F. Jones, M.D., The Seattle Times, July 27, 1980).

8 How helpful is surgery in treating breast cancer?

Because of the sever adverse effects of radiation therapy, my wife chose surgery as the treatment for her intraductile carcinoma of the right breast. Again, we were deceived. Here is what Bernard fisher, M.D., wrote about the results of surgery in treating breast can-cer: “In conclusion this report provides firm evidence from a random-ized controlled study of nearly 2,000 women followed for over 10 years that variations in local or regional treatment - all involving removal of the breast, result in the same outcome.” (The New England Journal of Medicine, Vol. 312, No. 11, March 14, 1985)

Earlier in the commentary I quoted Hardin Jones, Ph.D., of UC-Berkeley who wrote twenty years ago, “The possibility exists that treatment makes the average situation worse.”

Here is what John McDougall, M.D., of Santa Rosa, California, says - ‘Several years after a hospital conference, I asked a well-known surgeon: ‘Doctor, I have just listened to you talk for the past hour on the failure of surgery, including the time-honored mastectomy, to cure breast cancer or prolong life. Why do you still perform mastectomies when you fully realize the ineffectiveness of this approach in saving lives?’ His answer was simply, ‘That is the way I was trained.’ I

pursued the matter by asking what would change this common sur-gical practice in our health care system. He replied, ‘A whole new generation of surgeons trained differently.’” (McDougalls’ Medicine: A Challenging Second Opinion, new Century Publishers, 1985.)

9 How helpful is chemotherapy in treating breast cancer?

My wife and I knew that chemotherapy is toxic but we were still unprepared for what happened. The chemotherapy caused her weight to drop from 125 pounds to 100 pounds, and she had hot flashes every couple of hours and panic attacks every night. Neither she nor I would get more than three hours of continuous sleep in the two and half years after she took chemotherapy. Again, here is what Dr. Mc-Dougall says:

“The side effects of adjuvant chemotherapy are unpleasant, to put it mildly, in fact, they are so severe that 79 percent of women treated reported that they were disturbing enough to interfere with their life-style and 29 percent declared that never again would they submit to the experience. Many women, if not most, stop taking chemotherapy be-fore the course of injections and pills is finished, because of the drugs’ serious adverse effects. These include hair loss, nausea, loss of nerve function, depressed blood cell counts causing anemia and allowing in-fections, diarrhea, cystitis, vomiting, and oral ulcers. The drugs used in chemotherapy depress the immune system and decrease the body’s ability to fight off microbial infection and to defend itself against cancer. Progressive growth of the breast cancer, and the formation of new cancers are real possibilities because of this experimental therapy. Viral infections are twice as common in women while taking adjuvant therapy for breast cancer.” (McDougall’s Medicine: Challenging Sec-ond Opinion, new Century Publishers, 1985.)

A 1984 report described 60,000 breast cancer patients who had been followed from 1973 to 1980. Those who were given only a single course of cytotoxic chemotherapy had more than eight times the rela-tive risk of developing acute lymphocytic leukemia within three years after treatment, as did the women who had received drugs. (Journal of the National Cancer Institute, 72: 531-544, 1984)

Last year the National Cancer Institute recommended that all breast cancer patients be immediately given chemotherapy. (New York Times, May 21, 1988)

10 Since surgery, radiation therapy and chemotherapy are ineffective and harmful in treating breast cancer (and almost all other cancers) why are there laws forbidding the use of other treatments?

For a number of years the American Medical Association has been the largest contributor of campaign funds to Congress; the Cali-fornia Medical Association has been the number one contributor to the California legislature. In 1986, AMPAC, the political arm of the AMA, had a cool \$4.5 million to give to political candidates. In that same year, the California Medical Association distributed \$1.6 mil-lion to those running for office in this state. As of 1986, California State Senator henry Mello had received approximately \$16,000 from the California Medical Association. Revelations of campaign fund-ing during the past year leave little doubt about the effectiveness of campaign contributions to Congress and the California legislature. In 1986 the California Medical Association adamantly opposed 155 bills introduced into the legislature. None of these bills became law. Any-one who believes that this was done to protect consumers is very naive. It’s fair to say that the medical associations have the best Congress and the best legislatures that money can buy.

11 How safe is breast screening?

The flyer sent out by the local chapter of the American Cancer Society asks the question, “Is this safe?” The answer, “Ab-solutely.” Well, maybe absolutely. In December, 1979, the General Accounting Office announced the results of its forty-five state survey of mammographic facilities and found that more than half were expos-ing women to higher than acceptable levels of radiation. (Health Facts, Overlook Press. 1982)

12 What has been done to encourage the use of non-toxic treatments?

Everything possible is done to restrict cancer treatment to surgery, radiation therapy, and chemotherapy, although these modalities have failed to prove their effectiveness in decades of use. Any physician who tries to use something different will be placed on the American Cancer Society’s Unproven Methods List, which will prevent him from publishing and from receiving public or private fundings, and will result in harassment by some or all of the following organizations: The Food and Drug Administration, medical associations, medical licensing boards, of medical quality assurance, The National Cancer Institute, major insurance companies, and the U.S. Attorney Generals’ Office. Science writer, Patrick McGrady Jr., has said, “It is now il-legal to find a cure for cancer.” If public pressure demands the testing of some type of substance, as happened with Laetrile and Vitamin C, the tests will be rigged by the Mayo Clinic to show that the substance is “ineffective.” Even if a non-toxic substance is finally subjected to honest testing and turns out to be effective, as in the case of hydrazine sulphate, it will still not be used. If a physician persists in treating can-cer without resorting to surgery, radiation therapy or chemotherapy, he stands a good chance of losing his license and going to prison.

These are some questions those organizations and persons who make money on breast screening have an obligation to answer before continuing such a program. Dr. Ernest Krebs, Jr., the codeveloper of laetrile, who is also on the American Cancer Society’s Unproven Methods List, has stated, “Chemotherapy and radiation will make the ancient method of drilling holes in a patient’s head to permit escape of demons to cure madness look relatively advanced...toxic chemo-therapy is a hoax. It is premeditated murder.”

The July 11, 1988 of U.S. News and World Report carried a long article titled, “How to Beat Breast Cancer.” The article says, “No one really knows why doctors aren’t advising patients to have mamma-graphy.”

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This commentary, by Ralph L. Auer, of Boulder, Colorado, first appeared in *The Herald of Monterey, California.*

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