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Jazz band to perform July 27 lunch concert at The Spur

The “257th Army Band, the Capital Messengers” will perform for the “Music to Lunch By” noon-1 p.m. July 27 at the Salado Silver Spur Theater located at 108 Royal Street. You are welcome to bring your lunch if you would like.

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For more information, please contact the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 254-947-5040.



Board approves outside jobs of superintendent

Salado school trustees at their July 22 meeting approved allowing Superintendent Robin Battershell to teach university-level courses during off-hours.

House Bill 189 requires superintendents to have approval for any outside jobs where they receive an income. Dr. Battershell has taught graduate school for 15 years at University of Mary Hardin-Baylor on Wednesday nights and Tarleton State University-Central Texas on Saturdays for one year. The board voted 5-1 to approve the request with Frank Carlson voting against. Before the motion carried, Carlson made a motion to allow the superintendent to teach on Saturdays only; that motion failed 1-5 with Deborah Aldridge, Jackie Burson, Miriam Ervi, Jeff Kelley and Darrell Street voting against.

In other business, board trustees approved hiring three new teachers: Paula Jordin (English, certified, Highly Qualified), Richard Berumen (Spanish, certified, Highly Qualified) Royce Mitchell (Physics, certified by not defined as Highly Qualified).

The No Child Left Be-

hind Act of 2001 states that any teacher hired after the first day of the 2002-2003 school year to teach in a Title I, Part A program must be “highly qualified.” In addition, the law requires all local educational agencies (LEAs) to have a plan to ensure that all teachers in the LEA teaching in core academic subjects are “highly qualified” by the end of the 2005-2006 school year.

Preliminary guidance states that teachers hired under an alternative certification program will be considered to meet the definition of “highly qualified” and will be able to teach in Title I, Part A programs. However, further guidance is needed regarding teaching permits.

The definition of “Highly Qualified” status can be found at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/nclb/hottopics/hqdef.html>.

Darlene Kirk presented information on the highly qualified status for 2006-07 teachers. Two teachers did not meet the HQ status as of May 2007. One of these teachers has resigned and the other teacher will take the state competency exam in August. For the

2007-08 school year, one new hire does not meet the HQ requirements but is in the process. The HQ reporting cycle will change to October for the 07-08 school year. The Board will receive a November report.

- Carlson made the motion to retain Schwartz & Eichelbaum as District counsel. Street seconded. Motion carried 5-1 with Ervi voting against.

- Carlson made the motion to approve the 2007-08 vendor list and operating bid proposals. Burson seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

- Aldridge made the motion to approve the 2007-08 appraisal calendar with Burson seconding. Motion carried 6-0.

- Ervi made the motion to approve the Energy for Schools settlement of \$2,072.50 with Carlson seconding. Motion carried 6-0.

During public forum, Robert Denman asked the Board to consider providing a religion course. This will be on the August agenda and Dr. Battershell will brief the Board on HB 128 regarding Texas schools providing elective religion classes.



(PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Old Glory Days was heightened with the help of soldiers and reservists from Ft. Hood. Above, First Cavalry soldiers manned a static display of wagons in use by the cavalry unit. At left, the Capital Messengers performed a concert at the The Gazebo for almost 200 people, followed by an ice cream social and preceded by a pot luck dinner.

Sales tax receipts up for both Village, Library

Sales tax receipts for Salado increased almost seven percent in July compared to July 2006. The Village of Salado received \$29,181.17, compared to \$27,391.93 received last July.

For the calendar year, however, the Village continues to trail the pace set in 2006. Thus far, it has received \$195,238.17 compared to the \$200,520.84 paid through July 2006.

While the Village felt an increase this month, it trails the increase in sales tax receipts felt by the Library District and the State.

Salado Library District received \$22,007.97 this month, which was almost

20 percent more than it did in July 2006, when it was paid \$18,351.00. For the year, the Library District is six percent ahead, having been paid \$141,363.60 compared to the \$133,033.62 paid through July 2006.

Bell County received \$1 million in July, which was five percent more than last July's \$989,503.68. For the year, the county is more than eight percent ahead of 2006: \$7.5 million compared to \$7 million.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced recently that the state collected \$1.63 billion in sales tax revenue in June, up 9.3 percent compared to June 2006.

Combs sent July sales tax allocations totaling \$446.4 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 8.3 percent compared to July 2006.

Combs sent July sales tax allocations of \$304 million to Texas cities, up 9.5 percent compared to July 2006. So far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are up 7.3 percent compared to the same time period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$27.4 million, up 7.4 percent compared to last July. So far this year, sales tax allocations to counties are up 8.1 percent compared to 2006.



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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Tipping Toward Catastrophe

In the 16th and 17th centuries, the West was convulsed by religious wars that, in the words of historian Paul Johnson, “were without redeeming features and were destructive of the Christian faith itself, as well as human life and material civilization.” In the Middle East, it often seems to be 1618, the beginning of the Thirty Years’ War that laid waste to Germany in a senseless sectarian war. No historical analogy is perfect, and the Middle East has its oasis of relative calm and good government. But the accent is on feral violence: Hamas and Fatah throwing one another from buildings in Gaza; Sunni and Shia turning one another’s mosques to rubble in Iraq; Syria attempting to bring down the government of Lebanon, assassinated politician by assassinated politician; pregnant Palestinian mothers undertaking suicide-bombing missions against Israel.

There is plenty of power politics here -- with Iran behind much of the mayhem -- and distinct causes for each conflict, but there is also an underlying civilizational sickness. Resenting the way the West eclipsed the Muslim world centuries ago, ashamed by Israel’s overwhelming military strength and hating America as the apex of Western might, the Middle East resorts to various radicalisms as a salve to these historic humiliations. They are a twisted appeal to wounded pride and a call to renewed greatness through the rejection of modernity.

Historian Theodore Von Laue argued that the ascendancy of the West in the 20th century subjected non-Westerners to “the psychological misery of knowingly belonging to a ‘backward’ society.” Many non-Western countries adapted, reconciling modernity to their particular cultural contexts. But the Middle East tended to import the failed Western ideologies of socialism and fascism, and watched itself fall further back.

As writer Ralph Peters explains,

Rich Lowry



in such circumstances, “people look for somebody to blame, and they default to blood and belief, ethnicity and religion - fundamentalist religion.”

The best argument against the Iraq War is that our staying there is like being in the middle of Gaza, refereeing fanatical factions. The Iraq War looks, at this juncture, like a last-ditch effort to keep the Arabs from rejecting what Fouad Ajami calls “the foreigner’s gift,” the chance for a fresh start brought with the toppling of Saddam Hussein by force of American arms.

It is tempting to wash our hands of the entire region, but unrealistic. The poison of the Middle East is exportable, through al-Qaida terrorists and, one day soon, perhaps through nuclear-tipped Iranian missiles. We have to work with those relatively decent leaders -- Mahmoud Abbas in the West Bank, Fouad Siniora in Lebanon, Nouri al-Maliki in Iraq -- who are attempting to hold back the tide of madness and blood. The region needn’t tip inevitably into catastrophe, even if that’s where it seems determined to send itself. Samuel Johnson famously said that nothing concentrates the mind like the prospect of a hanging. Is that true of a self-hanging? If it isn’t, decent voices in the Middle East might soon, like Henry James on the outbreak of World War I, have cause to lament “the funeral spell of our murdered civilization.”

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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State pension funds make news; Oncor transmission routes printed

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



The Texas Teacher Retirement System is the nation’s seventh largest public fund, and up until this past spring when the legislature reined in the fund’s new chief investment officer T. Britton Harris IV, there was a plan afoot to eventually move one-third of TRS’s \$112 billion in assets, into “hedge” funds - as reported by the Wall Street Journal on July 14.

The planned \$37 billion dollar shift of TRS investments from mostly conservative stocks and bonds into “hedge funds” was termed “risky” by pension fund experts. Hedge funds are high risk “alternate” investments that deal in futures, sub-prime mortgages, and foreign currencies, among other speculative adventures.

Many investors are leery of Hedge funds since they are not regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

An uneasy 80th Legislature finally “capped” the dollar amount that TRS can invest in “hedge” funds at \$5.6 billion (five percent of total assets). An amount that still remains “high” considering the nature of this type investment.

Primary purpose of “hedging” pension funds is to create rapid increases in asset levels - thereby eventually (and hopefully) increasing retiree’s pay. Danger is that losses can occur as rapidly as gains, with deficits pulled from the state’s general revenue funds.

POLITICAL INTERFERENCE

Related retirement fund news: It has been reported that Governor Perry, during a trip to Israel, promised Jewish officials that he would pressure Texas retirement and pension officials to sell off their investments in companies doing business with Iran.

Now that may be a fantastic “Bush” styled State Department “foreign” policy, but it’s a “terrible” political and fiscal precedent to follow, for a number of reasons. First and foremost - pension funds belong in large part to the public employees of Texas who contribute to their retirement systems, and therefore should be “off-limits” to political opportunists like Perry.

Also, politically inspired divestitures of this type are not prudent fiscal strategies, simply because most major American corporations have business ties (directly or indirectly) to Iran - and large amounts of their stocks and bonds are held by Texas pension funds. These top rated securities produce sizeable interest payments to the State Employee Retirement System, the Teacher Retirement System and other public employee pension funds.

Upsetting the flow of revenue into State pension funds could create both temporary and long-term financial shortfalls, potentially reducing the asset levels these retirement systems must maintain in order to remain fiscally sound and viable.

PERRY’S FISCAL RECORD SHAKY

Let’s be honest - Perry’s fiscal record is shaky at best. He’s the guy who wanted to lease the Texas Lottery for 40 years at a loss of \$26 billion to the state treasury.

If Perry goes to the legislature with his plan to interfere with state pension investments - lawmakers need to tell him, in no uncertain terms (before he calls a special session), that they won’t interfere with the internal management of the state pension funds - period!

Perry and others like him need to keep their sticky political fingers away from all dedicated state funds. Especially our Guv whose fiscal track record is further minimized (in addition to the lottery fiasco) by his insistence on privatizing the construction and operation of state toll roads to foreign road builders. For example, state revenue losses from the planned TTC-35 escapade, could amount to hundreds of billions of dollars in toll fees collected by private contractors!

ONCOR ANNOUNCES 13 POWER-LINE ROUTES

Newspapers throughout Bell and Williamson Counties (July 18) contained an eight page Public Notice supplement that is of importance to Saladoans living east of I-35.

The Oncor Electric Delivery Company, a subsidiary of TXU, authorized the lengthy notice - **that only a lawyer or engineer could love!** Translated, the legal announcement presents the “preferred” Oncor transmission route, plus 12 alternates - one of which will eventually carry a new 345 kV (345,000 volt) line from Salado to Hutto, at an estimated cost of \$93.4 million.

All this documentation is in preparation for the August Public Utility hearing that will decide the path of Oncor’s newest power project.

The eight pages of legalese and engineering scrabble made tiresome reading, so we checked for reactions from several Salado residents along the routes being considered and discovered (among other things) that the “preferred” Oncor power-line goes directly through the center of a brand new subdivision.

There will be more on this “hot potato” prior to the final PUC-route “permit” decision, including who gets hit - and how hard!

WAL-MART CLINICS?

You gotta hand it to the largest and richest retailer in the world - Wal Mart - that keeps creating unparalleled commercial ideas - one of which was picked up by this column as an interesting “rumor,” namely that the huge marketer plans to set up small clinics in each super store.

The rumored health-clinic plan, that may or may not get beyond the talking stage, quickly brought to mind a number of unique merchandising strategies that might be used. Just imagine the weekly Wal-Mart ads, that could feature coupons for medical use. Perhaps a \$2.00 coupon towards a blood pressure check-up.

Or, how about the store announcer proudly telling customers that today’s “clinic special” will be a combined physical, blood test, and eye exam - “all three for the price of one” (with appropriate coupon).

“WHAT IF?”

Seriously - think what great things Wal Mart’s retail geniuses could do world-wide if the company decided to stop buying goods (from any nation) that might hurt the health of customers.

Example: Demand that China clean up its total production act or be dropped as a direct or indirect Wal Mart supplier. That turn-around could be measured in “Peking-seconds” - since global traders understand market share and profits - even if they don’t value the human factor. That’s -30-

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Sicko makes for great science fiction, not fact

By DIANA ERNST

The wait is over. Michael Moore's "SICKO" has hit the theaters. For 123 minutes, the film kowtows to the socialist healthcare of Europe, Cuba and Canada, while demonizing the American system.

Moore calls it a documentary, but it's so far removed from reality, it really ought to be categorized as science fiction.

For example, the film repeatedly attacks America's "for-profit" health care, yet ignores the fact that 85 percent of U.S. hospitals are non-profit, and almost half of privately insured Americans have policies from non-profit health insurers.

At a recent press conference, Moore railed against the Martin Luther King Jr.-Harbor hospital in Los Angeles, where a patient died of a perforated bowel after lying on the emergency room floor for 45 minutes.

Since 2004, the hospital has received more than a dozen state and federal safety citations. Hospital errors included leaving sick patients unattended, which resulted in death for three of them, giving patients the wrong medications, and using Taser stun guns to restrain psychiatric patients.

This hospital is not private, however. It is owned by the County of Los Angeles. So much for reliable government care. Even the private insurers Moore criticizes are not free of government interference that raises the cost of their health policies. Most states force insurers to sell health policies laden with mandates that many individuals would not voluntarily purchase.

In some states, mandated benefits have raised the cost of individual health insurance by 45 percent. In New Jersey, for example, it's actually cheaper for a family of four to lease a Ferrari than buy health coverage. At \$6,048 per year, the average individual healthcare premium is the highest in the country.

Government solutions that create more government amount to nothing but expensive salt in the wound. We should encourage insurers, and all players in American health to be more competitive,

not scrap them for big-government bureaucracy. Mr. Moore's foolish preference for abolishing private insurance in favor of government-run, single-payer health care will not create universal care, only a government monopoly.

"SICKO" also ignores the Canadian Supreme Court's 2005 decision that government monopoly health care violates basic human rights. Mr. Zelig, the winning plaintiff in this case, needed hip surgery. When he tried to pay privately for his operation rather than wait in the government queue (which takes two to four years) the government stopped him. The denial of such a choice prolonged his pain and threatened his safety.

Mr. Moore likes the single-payer system in Cuba, a one-party communist dictatorship. Some 11 million Cubans attend run-down facilities, receive dated prescription drugs, and are even required to bring their own sheets, food and soap to the hospital. Communist Party bosses get better treatment, but when it came time for the great dictator Fidel Castro to go under the knife, he flew in a specialist from Spain.

Government-run health care already presents problems right here at home. Medicaid was instituted in the 1960s for the poor, but it has grown far beyond its capacity, putting taxpayers under great strain. In order to keep costs down, Medicaid underpays physicians, who have increasingly stopped accepting Medicaid beneficiaries as a result. Government restrictions also make it challenging to get prescription drugs for Medicaid patients.

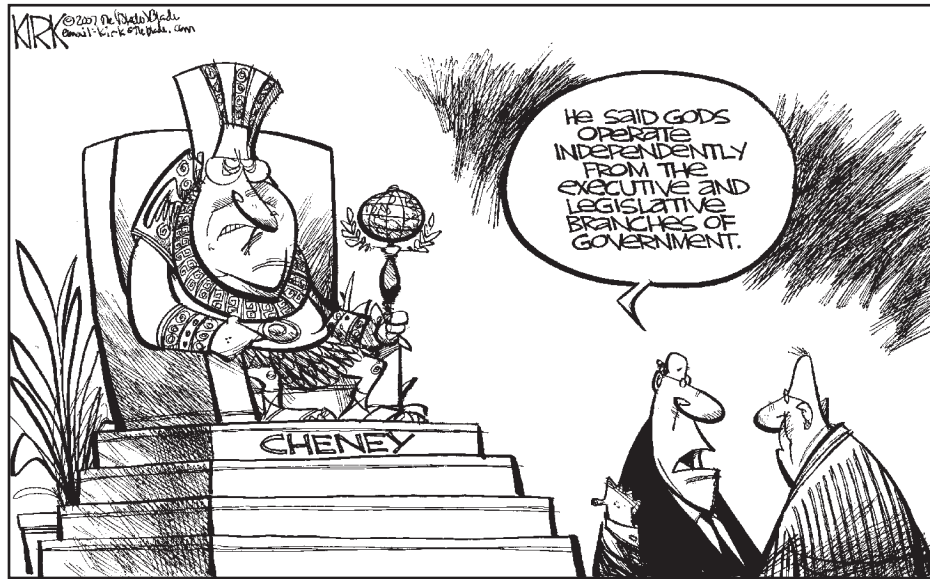
Mr. Moore's remedies fail as health-care reform and don't even amount to effective propaganda. His film should have featured a Canadian on a waiting list for treatment. He should have gone undercover to experience the real system that serves most Cubans. He should have followed a Medicaid patient's struggle to get health care from the U.S. government.

But that would have entailed filming an actual documentary, as opposed to a fluffy work of fiction.

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Sicko indicts health care industry

By MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

I am not in the habit of doing movie reviews but I recommend everyone see Michael Moore's documentary "SICKO" about our health care system, which leaves 45 million Americans uninsured, including 9 million children. The film shows how corporate interests guided by profits rather than by an interest in preventing and curing health problems victimize sick people and taxpayers.

"SICKO" puts human faces on our national health care crisis. A grieving mother whose 2-year-old daughter had a high fever, was gripped by a seizure and rushed to the nearest hospital, but was turned away because the hospital wasn't in her HMO's network. The mother was told the child had to be moved and that any care provided by the receiving hospital would not be covered. Leaving that hospital denied the child vital emergency care. She slipped into a coma and died on the way to the HMO facility.

There's the middle-aged couple, both professionals with health insurance, who were bankrupted when their insurance company stopped providing health coverage after her bout with cancer and his heart attacks. They were forced to sell their home and move into their daughter's storage room. We see a 22-year-old single mother and cancer survivor from Michigan who drives to Canada and poses as the common law wife of a friend to get free clinical care in that country. And we experience disoriented, indigent patients pushed out of hospitals, put in taxis and dumped, still in their clinical gowns, on the streets of Los Angeles' Skid Row.

Moore exposes how far some insurance companies go to avoid paying for medical costs and the voluminous list of ailments insurance companies call "pre-existing conditions" to deny treatment, cancel policies or demand repayment for already received medical services. He presents doctors and other employees of insurance companies and HMOs promoted and given bonuses based on the number of medical procedures denied sick people. In one case, a young woman with cancer was denied medical treatment because she once had a yeast infection, which the company claimed was a pre-existing condition.

Moore takes us to Britain and France, which have had universal health care since the 1940s. No child or adult would be denied care in those countries because they had a pre-existing condition or because necessary care was "too expensive." When he asks patients how much they are being charged for the care they receive, they laugh and say there is no charge because everybody is included in the National Health Service.

France, in addition to universal health care, maintains a 24-hour medical care service staffed by doctors who make house calls. When is the last time any of us had a doctor come to our home? "SICKO" explores some of the myths about health care in other industrialized democracies, including supposed long waits for care and underpaid doctors.

One of the most dramatic segments of the film involves three first responders to the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center who are suffering from severe respira-

tory diseases and a host of other ailments from exposure to dust and debris at Ground Zero. Moore took them to the U.S. military base at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, to get the same free, top-notch health care that the U.S. military claims it is providing to "enemy combatants." After he failed to enter the base, he took them to a Havana hospital where they received extensive free diagnostic tests, treatment and medication for which they paid nominal sums. In none of the countries Moore visited are children denied care or provided a lesser standard of care for lack of health insurance or money, as is too often the case in the United States.

I hope "SICKO" pricks our consciences and catalyzes a robust national debate about our broken health care system. The film asks timely questions our political leaders need to answer. If other countries can guarantee health care to all of their citizens, why can't ours? If Canada, European nations and Cuba can take the profit motive out of caring for people, why can't we? Why are there 9 million uninsured children in America? We need to find common ground with all Americans of good will to address the nation's health care crisis regardless of one's political affiliation.

Tell Congress and the White House to ensure health coverage for all children by calling 1 (800) 861-5343 or visiting www.childrensdefense.org

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund and its Action Council whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start. www.childrensdefense.org –

Latest White House strategy



Jim Hightower

I once belonged to the Book-of-the-Month Club, as well as the Beer-of-the-Month Club -- but, I tell you, one thing I can't subscribe to is George W's Iraq-Strategy-of-the-Month Club.

The original strategy was to find Weapons of Mass Destruction. That failed. Then there was the Bring-Democracy-to-Iraq strategy, which has also failed in a blitzkrieg of theocracy, sectarian hatred, and civil war. Next came the We'll-Stand-Down-As-They-Stand-Up strategy, which looked good on paper -- but, alas, the Iraqi troops have not shown up, much less stood up. But wait, cried Mr. Bush, I've got another new strategy. We'll "surge" 20,000 more U.S. troops into Iraq, concentrate them in Baghdad to stop the violence there, and then somehow we'll "win." Well, our troops have surged, but even the Pentagon admits that the violence has surged, too. Concentrating on Baghdad only spread the killing to the rest of the country and produced a spike in the killing of American soldiers. And now the violence is rising again in Baghdad.

So, yet another policy shift is presently spinning out of the White House. This latest one is Mr. Bush's Korean strategy. Instead of hoping for quick results from his old surge, he now says we must settle into Iraq for the long haul, stationing maybe 50,000 troops there more or less permanently, just as we've done in South Korea.

Now even Republicans aren't joining his strategy-of-the-Month Club, and their candidates are fleeing from his war. Rudy Giuliani, the GOP's presidential frontrunner who's posing as Mr.-Tough-On-Terrorism, listed the Big 12 issues of his campaign -- and Iraq didn't even make the list! Asked about this, Rudy-the-Tough-Guy weakly said: "We may be successful in Iraq; we may not be. I don't know the answer to that. That's in the hands of other people."

Yeah -- such other people as voters.

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Readers on volunteerism, flood safety, taxes

To the Editor:
Looking around Salado, Mill Creek, in town and nearby, I see the results of the work of plans to plant hundreds of crepe myrtles for the future. Over 20 years ago, the men, women and young people from high school helped. Volunteers enlisted their help to pick up, dig holes and work with homeowners to place them in their chosen areas.

Crews of all ages met and worked for days to get it done. The plants were small but the determination was huge. I wish the people, now gone, could see the beauty they created. Patrice Ash, a young woman in the landscaping business here, took order by color, and delivered them in her van. The homeowner worked with others as for a time to plant. Groups came to work, dug holes in rocky soil and the plants put in. People were working everywhere.

It was amazing to see what can be done when people work together to make a place beautiful. Most of these are now large trees and stand as a tribute to the forethought and sweat that went into the project.

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

I have never seen them as beautiful as this year. God is good. The colors are a real legacy from so many of our friends.

Look around and be ready when asked to help beautify our Village of Salado. I'm so grateful to have been a part of the project years ago.

Doris Denman

To the Editor:
The past couple of months have seen massive media information concerning the torrential rains, consequential rain run-off, and associated dangers, particularly fast, dangerous stream flows in and about Texas. Still, people die from attempted crossings and reckless, unnecessary recreation, or maybe just want "to shoot" thru a dam with no life-preservers (Austin involving two Waco area girls) or try out one-day old kayaks on a rampaging Lampasas River (Austin men and a very tricky

bridge and helicopter rescue). Maybe recreational "water parks" have diluted the always present water dangers of Texas, particularly the Hill Country, as well! Regardless, law enforcement and other rescue pros are placed in harm's way, often unnecessarily.

As a long-time canoe, kayak, and tubing enthusiast of Texas waterways, I have heeded the advice of "know the territory and conditions of where one floats." While injuries and/or loss of life are tragic and devastating, it does seem numerous water-related incidents in Austin and around Texas give credence to, "you can't fix stupid!", as well. Sorry, massive "quick fix" spent tax dollars won't fix stupid, either. Turn around, don't drown, may apply to more than roads.

T R Pappas

To the Editor:
Recent newspaper articles that disclosed only two Belton residents spoke

at the public hearing on the proposed issuance of a \$5.75 million bond proposal should come as no surprise. Past experience in Bell County on issues of this sort has prompted most local taxpayers no longer to "waste" their time in attending perfunctory public hearings of this ilk.

Let us not forget-Bell County taxpayer-voters twice went to the polls and very clearly enunciated their position on bond issues when the Jail-Courthouse Complex was supposedly under review. Sadly, we learned that neither our voice nor vote has any meaningful impact when our local politics have already decided what they want and intend to do.

The bottom line lesson is clear-the only vote that County and City officials respect is that which puts them in office. Accordingly, until the entire crop of incumbents are removed from office, you might as well stay home or continue working so that you can shoulder the increased tax burden our so-called "representatives" happily foist on us.

Social Security fairness for Texas' public servants

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



Imagine sitting around the kitchen table with your spouse, planning for a well-deserved retirement, only to learn that your monthly Social Security benefits will be

hundreds of dollars less than expected. Unfortunately, this nightmare is experienced by many of our state's teachers, police officers, firefighters and other public servants due to a bureaucratic rule that causes Social Security to report erroneous projected benefits and arbitrarily reduce their benefits. To prevent this, I have introduced legislation that protects the retirement savings of our hardest working public servants and ensures that they are not caught off guard by unfair regulations.

Instead of paying into the Social Security system, many state employees and public servants contribute to a non-Social Security plan such as the Teacher Retirement System of Texas or a firefighters' pension fund. When they retire, they receive benefits from these plans rather than from Social Security.

But difficulty can arise for Texans who spend part of their career as public servants not eligible for

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Does “IPO” spell investment success?

If you’ve ever spent any time among investors, you’re bound to have heard someone say: “If only I had gotten in on the ground floor of Company A (or Company B or Company C).” In investment terms, “getting in on the ground floor” means buying a company’s stock shares when they first go on sale - an initial public offering (IPO), to use the official term. But is it really that desirable to invest in an IPO?

Before you can answer that question, you need to be familiar with the “nuts and bolts” of IPOs. In the first place, a company goes public because it wants to raise money to expand its operations. There’s certainly nothing wrong with that, but you need to keep in mind that the IPO is being launched for the company’s benefit - not yours.

Next, you need to be aware that it may not be as easy to “get in” on an IPO as you might imagine. Generally, it’s not

Financial Focus

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really possible for everyday investors to truly take part in the “initial” part of IPOs. That’s because public offers typically fall into two classes: primary offerings and secondary offerings. Primary offerings are usually only available to institutional and investors who buy big chunks of stock. About six months or so after the IPO, the initial purchasers start to sell their shares, via the stock markets, to individual investors; this is the secondary offering. (The well-publicized Google IPO of 2004 operated differently. Google sold shares via an online auction, which was designed to give individual investors the same opportunity to buy shares as institutional and ultra-wealthy investors.)

There’s no denying the “wow” factor that exists for many people when they take part in an IPO, even if it’s the secondary offering. After all, it can be exciting to be among the first investors in anything. And at first glance, IPOs sound great. You get on that proverbial ground floor, and then, as the business grows, your stock shares are worth more and more, right?

Actually, it’s not that simple. Initially, you might see a big spike in the stock price of a company that’s just gone through an IPO. But, over time, these companies are subject to the same economic and market forces as all other businesses. Consequently, their stock prices will go up and down, as is the case with all stocks.

So, before you buy shares through an IPO, you’ll want to evaluate the company pretty thoroughly. Are its products or services competitive? Does it have a track record of consistent growth? Does it belong to a thriving industry? Is its management team experienced? You can get some of this information from a company’s prospectus, but you will also want to do some outside reading, as well as consult with your financial advisor. Obviously, the more you know, the better off you will be.

In any case, if you do invest in an IPO, don’t go into it thinking that you are going to make a “killing.” Instead, look at an IPO as a long-term investment. If it’s a stock that fits well into your overall portfolio, getting in on the ground floor may help you build a strong foundation for working towards your long-term goals.

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Buying and Selling

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When you’ve found the home of your dreams, you don’t want to delay in producing your offer to purchase, so it’s a great benefit to know what to expect in advance. While there is no foolproof formula for negotiating a fair price, you can begin by looking at recent sales in the neighborhood and comparing their list price to their final sale price.

If homes are generally selling at 5 percent below list, you have that starting point for determining your offer. Once a price has been accepted, it’s time to put it into high gear by obtaining your financing, scheduling a home inspection, and establishing a closing date. Your offer should be contingent upon securing a loan and a satisfactory “walk-through” before closing.

Earnest money, or the “deposit” on your purchase, will be placed in escrow. It will eventually transfer to the sellers, or will be refunded to you if any unsettled issues prevent the closing of the transaction. If major repairs are needed, the seller may fix the problems, or offer a reduction in price.

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Football Camp

Coaches and athletes turned out for the football camp held earlier this week at the rather soggy Salado High School football field. Coaches imparted the basics of the game to eager and attentive participants.

Baseball camp set for Aug 2-3

Baseball players will have the opportunity to improve their pitching skills during a two-day camp Aug. 2-3 at the Salado High School baseball field.

The camp will be taught by Scott Bates, former draft pick for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Andrew Schneider, pitcher for Temple College and draft pick for the Seattle Mariners. Also helping to run the camp are Adam Froeschl and R.B. Garza, both pitchers for University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

The camp will be 9 a.m.-noon both days and is open to players age 8 and up. Cost is \$50 per person.

Camp attendees will learn the mechanics of pitching and the correct form at the collegiate level. They will learn to improve their arm strength to throw harder and more efficiently. Players will learn to throw and control different pitches effectively. They will also learn to field the pitcher's position defensively.

For more information call Scott Bates at 254-718-3710.

Softball camp held at SHS Aug. 2-3 at softball field

Softball players ages 8 and up will have the opportunity to learn the correct form and mechanics to pitching in softball during a camp Aug. 2-3 at the Salado High School softball field.

The camp will be led by former Temple College pitcher Katie Garnett, who has now signed to pitch for Division 1 Texas State University. Amanda Henry, another former Temple College player and current signee with the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Crusaders will assist in the camp.

The softball pitching camp will be open 10 a.m.-noon both days. The cost is \$50 per player age 8 and up.

For more information or to register, call Katie Garnett at 512-844-2394. Players can register the day of the camp.

THC hosts workshop on heritage tourism

The Texas Historical Commission chose the historic Stagecoach Inn as a site for the current round of Interpreting Historic Resources Workshops. Directors and owners of historic properties and museums from across the area met on July 19 for the workshop "Texas Heritage Trails Program: Helping Communities Reach Their Tourism Potential." The Texas Heritage Trails Program, an initiative of the Texas Historical Commission is designed to promote tourism to historical and cultural sites.

There are 10 Heritage Trails in central Texas, with the Texas Brazos Trail including Salado as a stop along its route. Other Trails include the Forest, Forts, Hill Country, Independence, Lakes, Mountain, Pecos, Plains and Tropical Trails. For online access to tourism information on those trails go to www.texasbrazostrail.com.

After the overview of the Texas Historical Commission program, workshop attendees put interpretations of their own sites to the test with internationally known interpretive planner John Veverka. The workshop covered not only interpreting your collection and site but marketing, motivational psychology and advertising.

Concert series continues with singer Paul Cox

Stagecoach Inn & Club presents Paul Cox in the first-in-a-series of his multiple performances for their Summer Concert Series.

These performances are a continuation of this past month's very successful events at the Stagecoach Club and are scheduled for July 27 and 28 and Aug. 3 and 4.

Cox will perform in the Stagecoach Club (upstairs from the Stagecoach Inn Dining Room) 8-10 p.m. those nights. All performances are sponsored by the Stagecoach Inn and are free to the general public and guests of the hotel.

Cox has a love for Texas music and a love for the sound of acoustic guitar. Popular country songs, mixed with a smattering of folk, bluegrass, traditional and gospel, will offer something for almost everyone. Cox recently moved to Salado from the Austin area where he performed weekly at various venues.

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cial Security, and another part of their career in a Social Security covered job. When the Social Security Administration (SSA) attempts to estimate future benefits for a person with this type of career history, it does not know that they will be receiving pension payments from a public sector retirement plan. As a result, the SSA over-estimates the monthly amount this person is eligible to receive in Social Security benefits, and passes the incorrect estimate on to them to use when planning for their retirement. It is only when these retirees actually apply for benefits that the SSA "corrects" its mistake and reduces the amount of their monthly Social Security check using a rule called the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP).

After many years of saving, planning and trusting that the government will provide what it promised, too many Texans affected by the WEP are left holding the bag. The amount that a person's Social Security is reduced due to the WEP is arbitrarily decided by the SSA and may

not properly reflect the amount of Social Security the person has earned. And, contrary to its original purpose, the WEP tends to have the most negative impact on people with lower incomes.

Congressman Kevin Brady and I have introduced the Public Servant Retirement Protection Act of 2007 to amend the WEP and ensure that Texas' public servants are not undermined by discriminatory Social Security formulas. Estimated benefits statements produced by the SSA should not mislead Texans about the amount they have paid into the Social Security system, and the amount they can realistically expect to receive in return.

The difficulty many Texans have with the WEP and other regulations reflects broader problems with our nation's Social Security system. It is a 1930s government program that needs major reforms to remain viable in the 21st Century. Millions of Texans depend on it in their retirement years, and trust the federal government to give them accurate information about their

benefits. I am committed to keeping our promises to today's seniors and the hard-working Americans who will rely on this safety net in the future. Social Security reform is long overdue, and I will continue to work toward a lasting, bipartisan and comprehensive solution.

Few spots remain for photography workshop

A few spaces are left for the Bell County Museum's third program on photography with a special presentation by award-winning photographer Dave Hansen. The workshop is entitled, "The Art of Black and White Photography," and will be held 10 - noon July 28 at the Bell County Museum in Belton.

Cost for the program is \$12., pre-registration is required. For more information, please call the museum, located at 201 N. Main Street in Belton, at 254-933-5243.



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Indian Dance performance complements Trade Blanket exhibition

The Mayborn Museum Complex proudly presents award-winning American Indian performers Lowery Begay and Dallin Maybee as part of the summer programming complementing the Wrapped in Tradition: The Chihuly Collection of American Indian Trade Blankets exhibit. Begay and Maybee will perform traditional American Indian dances and engage visitors with their storytelling skills and flute performances on July 28-29.

Lowery Begay, an award-winning dance performer, grew up on Navajo reservations in New Mexico and Arizona. Dallin Maybee, an accomplished dancer and choreographer, is Northern Arapaho and Seneca Indian.

On July 28-29, the duo will present two dance performances in the grand rotunda. The first performance will begin at 1:15 p.m and the second at 4 p.m. Additionally, they will also tell traditional American Indian stories in the Anding Traveling Exhibit Gallery beginning at 2:30 p.m.

"We are so excited to bring these extraordinary performers to Central Texas," said Dr. Ellie Caston, director of Baylor's Mayborn Museum Complex.

The Mayborn Museum Complex is located on the Baylor University campus at 1300 S. University Parks Dr. in Waco, Texas. The 143,000-square-foot facility houses dynamic natural history galleries, 16 themed discovery rooms and a 13-acre historic village for visitors of all ages.

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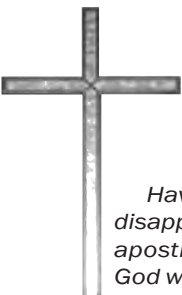
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Funeral services held for William L. 'Bill' Piper

Funeral services for William L. "Bill" Piper, age 90, of Salado were held July 21 at Dossman Funeral Home in Belton with Rev. Brian Dunks and Rev. Mike Bergman officiating.

Burial followed in Murphree Cemetery in Evant, Texas.

Piper died July 19 in a Temple hospital.

He was born February 17, 1917 in Lampasas County to James Virgil and Minnie (White) Piper on their ranch near the Mountain View Community.

He married Wanda Platt December 14, 1938 in Lampasas, Texas. They have lived in Texas all their lives, moving to Victoria where he served the Texas Department of Public Safety for 15 years.

He entered the insurance business in 1952, moving to Beaumont and later settling in Salado. In Salado he was manager for Southland Life Insurance Company, retiring in 1985.

He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Salado, serv-

ing in various capacities including interim choir director, usher and Deacon.

He was a member of the Salado Masonic Lodge #296, having served in many offices including being Master of the Lodge. He was honored with a 60-year Masonic pin last year. He was also a member of Masonic Lodge #550 in Evant, and a member of the Scottish Rite in Waco.

A member of the Kiwanis, Piper served as the Past Lt. Governor of the Texas-Oklahoma District of the Kiwanis Club.

He was an active member of the Salado Lions Club.

He is survived by Wanda Piper of Salado, son C. Trent Piper of McGregor and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers David L. Piper, James V. Piper and Marvin Luther Piper and two sisters Martha Lois Venable and Mary Pauline Garretson.

Dossman Funeral Home in Belton was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Jamie Lee Sawyers, nee Nikole Suzanne Jackson.

Jackson weds Sawyers

Nikole Suzanne Jackson of San Marcos and formerly of Salado became the bride of Jamie Lee Sawyers of San Marcos in a double-ring ceremony July 14 at the Inn at Salado.

The bride is the daughter of Joe and Susan Jackson of Salado. The bridegroom is the son of Barry and Norma Freeman of Waco.

The bride's grandgather, Richard Beckham, officiated. She was given in marriage by her parents.

Julie Couchman of Temple served as maid of honor. Matron of honor was Christina Carter of San Marcos. Bridesmaids were Sarah Buchanan of Salado, Amanda Rooney of New Braunfels and Jessica Franks of Temple.

Jason Scarborough of Corpus Christi served as best man. Grooms-men were Dustin Horn of Waco, Jason Simons of Austin, Jason Gomez of New Braunfels and Alex Lopez of Austin.

Flower girl was Taylor Nichols of Waco and ring bearer was Zachary Ianchilli of Belton.

Seating guests were Kevin Jackson and Craig Jackson, both of Salado.

A reception followed at the Inn at Salado.

After a wedding cruise to Cozumel, the couple will reside in San Marcos.

The bride is a graduate of Salado High School and of Allied Medical Careers with a degree as a medical assistant and X-ray technician. She is employed by Hill Country Sports Medicine in San Marcos as a clinical and X-ray technician.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Midway High School in Waco and of Texas State University with a degree in economics and business. He is employed by Gruene River Grill in New Braunfels as a manager.

The bridegroom's parents served as hosts for the rehearsal dinner July 13 at the Salado Mansion.

Daughters of Confederacy host annual meeting Aug. 5

The United Daughters of the Confederacy Bell County Chapter No. 101 will meet at 2:30 p.m. Aug. 5 for the annual business meeting at member Patricia Joseph's home at 2707 North Beal in Belton.


Members are urged to attend and bring an accounting of volunteer hours and donations. The library volunteer hours must be certified by

the librarian.

Also needed is information of any patriotic activities members have done this past year and the number of days the flag was displayed.

Prospective members are asked to bring their information and give to the registrar.

Anyone wishing to attend is welcome. For information, call Welba Dorsey 254-939-0770.




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Music in Salado sets 2007-08 programs

Music in Salado has announced its 2007-2008 Concert Season, which will begin in September and conclude in February with the Third Annual Salado Music Festival.

With the new concert series, annual memberships are now available. Dues are \$40 per couple and \$25 for singles and run from Aug. 2007 to Aug. 2008. Memberships can be mailed to Music in Salado, Texas, PO Box 1235, Salado, TX 76571.

"I am personally very excited about the stellar artists who will be performing in our series," said Dr. Kim Van Vura, president of Music in Salado.

For more information about Music in Salado programs, contact Dr. Kim Van Cura at kimvancura@earthlink.net.

Following are the program dates and times for the 2007-2008 season.

Sept. 28: Rising Star Concert. David Pershall, baritone, Katie Horn, soprano, 7 p.m. at the Silver Spur Theater in conjunction with The Institute for the Humanities at Salado.

David Pershall is from Bell County and just graduated with a bachelor's degree in Music from Baylor University. He is an exciting young singer who has been noticed by Virginia Opera, the Metropolitan Opera, and the National Association of the Teachers of Singing. Katie Horn will be married to David early August. Katie has won vocal competitions, is a former Miss New York City, was Junior Miss of New York State, sang with the Bronx Opera Theatre and in an off-Broadway show. Together they will be going to VA Opera in March of 2008, where David will be a Virginia Spectrum Artist and Katie will be working as a member of the Company. One of the goals of MIST has been to present and support young artists.

Oct. 27: Chamber Music (TBA). 7 p.m. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Doug Willingham.

December 2007, Members' Only Concert. Michele Crider, International Opera Star. see www.michele-crider.com. At the home of Barbara and John Robertson.

Michele Crider will be in this country singing the role of Aemilia in Verdi's Masked Ball at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City during December and January, and she has kindly consented to come to Salado for our Members' only Concert. Details of date and time are

TBA. Check out her website for more information about her distinguished international career.

Jan. 13. 2008. The Romero Guitar Quartet. The Royal Guitar Family of the Guitar. "A dynasty come to Salado". See www.romeroguitarquartet.com. 4 p.m. at the Silver Spur Theater.

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Third Music Festival in Salado on Feb. 8-9 featuring The Music of Franz Schubert.

Feb. 8, Friday. International Piano Duo Krassimira Jordan and Wolfgang Watzinger

Feb. 9: Vocal and Chamber Music of Schubert. John Van Cura, Carol Willingham, Robin Roewe, Kim Van Cura, etc. www.musicinsalado.com. 7 p.m. each evening at The Silver Spur Theater.

Also on Feb. 9 a Luncheon and Lecture about the Life and Music of Schubert.

The Third Music Festival in Salado will spotlight the music of wonderful composer, Franz Schubert, this year, and will feature the great pianists Krassimira Jordan and Wolfgang Watzinger who thrilled everyone with Beethoven's music last year; and local professional musicians who will perform some of the best known and loved songs of Schubert.



Pruett finishing internship

Keri Pruett, Senior Agricultural Services and Development Major from Tarleton State University is finishing up her student internship with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). She has been under the Supervision of Chuck Tonn, the local Soil Conservation Technician. Keri has been in the community for the past 10 weeks for the purpose of receiving training in conservation methods. Upon completion of this training period she will receive the Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Services & Development with minors in Animal Science & Horticulture from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas.

Christopher Kelly named to TSTC honor roll

Christopher Kelley of Salado has earned a place on the President's Honor Roll for the 2007 spring semester at Texas State Technical College Waco. Kelley, a student in Drafting and Design Technology, is among those recognized with a scholastic

achievement of 4.0 grade point average.

Texas State Technical College, the only state-supported technical college system in Texas, offers specialized, hands-on instructional courses at campuses in Harlingen, Marshall, Waco and West Texas.

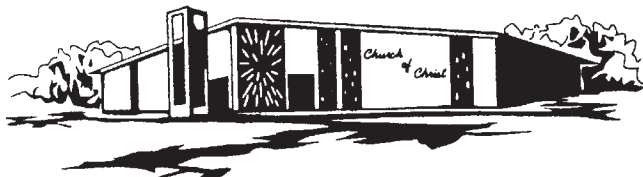
Local singles' group sets dance at Bo's Barn Aug. 5

The Temple Chapter of the Texas Association of Single Adults will sponsor a Country and Western dance 6-10 p.m. Aug. 5 at Bo's Barn in Salado. The band performing will

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(PHOTOS BY TIM FLEISCHER)



Assistance available for workers

Individuals who lost work or earnings due to severe storms, tornadoes and flooding beginning June 16 and continuing, must meet application deadlines to qualify for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) under Presidential Disaster Declaration FEMA-1709-DR.

According to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), individuals in Archer, Bell, Burnet, Eastland, Hood, Parker, Starr, Victoria, Webb, Wichita and Williamson counties have until Aug. 13 to apply for relief.

To be eligible for help under Presidential Disaster Declaration FEMA-1709-DR, you must:

- Have worked or been

scheduled to work in the disaster area, but because of the disaster no longer have a job or a place to work in the area, or you could not get to your place of work because of disaster damage;

- Have been prevented from working by an injury or illness as a direct result of the disaster; or
- Have become the head of the household and need employment because the head of the household died as a result of the disaster.

To claim DUA, affected individuals' unemployment must be a direct result of one of the following:

- The physical damage or destruction of the place

of employment;

- The physical inaccessibility of the place of employment due to its closure by the federal, state or local government in immediate response to the disaster; or
- Lack of work, or loss of revenues, if, prior to the disaster, the employer or self-employed business received at least a majority of its revenue or income from an entity in the major disaster area that was damaged or destroyed in the disaster or an entity in the major disaster area closed by the federal, state, or local government.

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Painters, photographer return for Aug. 4-5 Art Fair

Art in the Park, Salado's 41st annual art fair is set for Aug. 4-5 at Pace Park. More than 100 artists, sculptors, jewelry-makers, wood workers and other crafts people will have their wares for sale under the huge shade trees along Salado Creek.

Open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Aug. 4 and 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Aug. 5, the Art Fair will offer art lovers strolling through the grounds musical entertainment at the park pavilion both afternoons. Refreshments will be available throughout with barbeque, corn dogs, lemonade, sodas and water. Admission is \$5 for adults with children 12 and under free.

Clark Crenshaw is one of several photographers

that will be setting up at the show. Clark is the artistic and creative force behind all of his prints. He has exposed all of these photographs on either 35mm or 6X7 transparency film. Each transparency is scanned before printing. The resulting digital file is then cropped, color corrected, dodged, burned, contrast corrected and spotted much the same way you would in a traditional chemical darkroom. He has been published in *Texas Highways*, *Nature Photographer*, *Outdoor and Nature Photography*, *American Vision* and *Photo Life Magazine*.

Howard DuBois is one of the well-known painters exhibiting on both days. Howard is an artist known

for his versatility with all subject matter. He was born in central Oklahoma on his grandparents' farm. It was there that a love of animals and the rural life was instilled in him at an early age. This love has driven Howard's art for most of his life. Howard is a member of the oil painters of America and also belongs to NETFAA and was a member of the Horse Artists of America. His love for western, rural and all things "old" will always be his hallmark.

LaJuana Westerfield returns to the show this year. As a native of central Texas, LaJuana Westerfield captures the beauty that surrounds

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Photographer Clark Crenshaw (work shown above) and painter LaJuana Westerfield (painting at left) will return to the Salado Art Fair Aug. 4-5.

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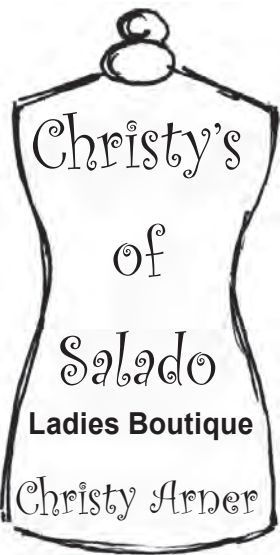
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JULY 25-27

Salado Village Artists workshop, led by Garnet Buster. Medium: oil. Info: VeAnn Stowel, 771-5624.

JULY 26

Salado Silver Spur Support Service and Cinema Society film screening, featuring Stanley Kubrick's "Dr. Strangelove," 7:30 p.m. July 26. Cost: \$5 for non members. Info: www.saladocinema.org.

JULY 27 AND 28

Stagecoach Inn Summer Concert Series, with singer-songwriter Paul Cox, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Stagecoach Pool; 8-10 p.m. at the Stagecoach Club. Free to the public. Info: 947-4717 or email linda@tbcinternational.com.

JULY 27 AND 28

Third Annual Silver Spur Melodrama - "Idolatry on the Creek" - 7:30 p.m. July 27 and

2 and 7:30 p.m. July 28 at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. Info: 947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

JULY 28

Salado Church of Christ Vacation Bible School. Info: 947-5241.

JULY 28

15th Annual production of "Salado Legends" outdoor musical drama at Tablerock Amphitheater. Show times: 8:15 p.m. for each show. Dinner at 7:15 p.m. Cost for dinner is \$8 for adult or child, and reservations are required. Cost for the performance is \$17 for adults and \$5 for children. Info: 254-947-9205 or www.tablerock.org.

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JULY 30-AUG. 2

Volleyball Camp, for incoming sixth-ninth graders, at the SIS gym. Time: 9 a.m.-noon (6th-8th) and 1:30-4:30 p.m. (freshmen). Cost: \$40. Register with Coach Bree Holz or call 947-6900 ext. 1304 or email bree.holz@saladoisd.org.

AUG. 2

Salado Silver Spur Support Service and Cinema Society film screening, featuring Stephen Spielberg's "Indiana Jones," 7:30 p.m. Aug. 2. Cost: \$5 for non members. Info: www.saladocinema.org.

AUGUST 3 AND 4

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AUGUST 3-5

41st Annual Salado Art Fair, on the grounds of Pace Memorial Park. Featuring over 100 artists and artisans from Texas and throughout the Southwest. Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 4 and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 5. Preview party Aug. 3 at Jack's Barn. Free parking throughout the village. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.

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AUG. 5

Salado Silver Spur Support Service and Cinema Society film screening, featuring Stephen Spielberg's "Indiana Jones," 2 p.m. Aug. 5. Cost: \$5 for non members. Info: www.saladocinema.org.

AUGUST 6-9

First Baptist Church of Salado Vacation Bible School, 9-11:30 a.m. Open to all children who have completed K-6th Grade. For info call the Church at (254) 947-5465.

AUGUST 7

National Night Out party, 6-8 p.m. in each neighborhood. Hotdogs and refreshments will be served. Salado Police Department, members of the CERTS program and the Salado Volunteer Volunteer Fire Department will visit each registered party. For more information, call Bobbie Reihsen, 254-947-3901.

AUGUST 8

Salado Lions Club meeting; 11 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. The speaker will be Dick Aaron, Bell County extension Agent. He will present a program on urban forests, flowers and trees. Visitors are welcome.



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AUGUST 11
Texas Elite Barrel Racers Association at Wildfire Ranch. Books open at 5 p.m.; exhibitions 5:30-7:45 p.m.; jackpot begins at 8 p.m. Info: 947-8080.

AUGUST 11
Benefit Concert for St. Joseph's Chapel; 6:30 p.m. Denise Thomssen, flutist, and Jill Dalley, violinist, will perform a selection of classical duets. The cost is \$15.00 and there will be a reception following the concert. Tickets are available at St. Luke's Church office in Belton and at Fletcher's Books in Salado.

AUG. 12
Salado Silver Spur Support Service and Cinema Society film screening, featuring Stephen Spielberg's "Indiana Jones," 2 p.m. Aug. 12. Cost: \$5 for non members. Info: www.saladocinema.org.

AUGUST 13
Salado Democrats monthly meeting , 6 p.m. at The Salado Mansion Restaurant. Anyone interested in joining or attending is invited.

AUGUST 13 AND 14
Salado ISD new student registration, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 13 and 2-6 p.m. Aug. 14.

AUGUST 16
Salado High School Freshmen Orientation Camp, for all incoming SHS freshmen, 9 a.m.-noon at the High School Library. Attendance strongly recommended. No registration is necessary.

AUG. 16
Salado Silver Spur Support Service and Cinema Society film screening, featuring "Pirates of the Caribbean," 7:30 p.m. Aug. 16. Cost: \$5 for non members. Info: www.saladocinema.org.

AUGUST 17 AND 18
Third Annual Silver Spur Melodrama - "Idolatry on the Creek" - 7:30 p.m. August 17 and 2 and 7:30 p.m. August 18 at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. Info: 947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

AUGUST 18
Texas Elite Barrel Racers Association at Wildfire Ranch. Books open at 5 p.m.; exhibitions 5:30-7:45 p.m.; jackpot begins at 8 p.m. Info: 947-8080.

AUG. 19
Salado Silver Spur Support Service and Cinema Society film screening, featuring "Pirates of the Caribbean," 2 p.m. Aug. 19. Cost: \$5 for non members. Info: www.saladocinema.org.

AUGUST 21
Salado ISD student registration, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Students in grades five-through-12 will be assigned schedules, and locker numbers will be assigned.

AUGUST 22
Salado Lions Club meeting; 11 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. The speaker will be Nancy Carter a Salado native. She will discuss growing up in Salado in the 1950's and the 1960's. She will also presnt information

on the Salado School Alumni Assc. Visitors are welcome.

AUG. 23
Salado Silver Spur Support Service and Cinema Society film screening, featuring "The Princess Bride," 7:30 p.m. Aug. 23. Cost: \$5 for non members. Info: www.saladocinema.org.

AUGUST 24
Meet Your Teacher and Stash Your Stuff Night at Thomas Arnold Elementary School. More details TBA.

AUGUST 25
Salado Athletic Booster Club Fifth Annual Reverse Raffle, 5 p.m. in the Salado Intermediate School. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Home Depot shopping sprees for Grand Prize - \$7,000, Second Place - \$2,000 and Third Place- \$1,000. For tickets, call Max Heiner at 254-947-1192 or 254-289-6510.

AUG. 26
Salado Silver Spur Support Service and Cinema Society film screening, featuring "The Princess Bride," 7:30 p.m. Aug. 26. Cost: \$5 for non members. Info: www.saladocinema.org.

AUGUST 27
Salado ISD campuses first day of school.

SEPTEMBER 6-8
Fall Frolic Shop Hop featuring A Sewing Basket in Salado. A Sewing Basket will be open on Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am -5:30 pm. Come by to see what is on sale, get a passport and

list of additional stores participating in the Shop Hop. The store is located at 560 N. Main St., Ste 6. Additional information is available at www.thesewingbasket.com or 254-947-5423.

SEPTEMBER 8
Salado Youth Fair **Booster Reverse Raffle** at Tenroc Ranch. Details to be announced.

SEPTEMBER 9
Bell County Sheriff's Posse Horses to Harleys trail ride, bike run, bbq, auction and concert, benefitting the Children's Miracle Network, at Bo's Barn. Cost: \$15. Info: Mel, 254-718-1612.

SEPTEMBER 10
Salado Democrats monthly meeting , 6 p.m. at The Salado Mansion Restaurant. Anyone interested in joining or attending is invited.

SEPTEMBER 11
Salado Garden Club meeting, 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. Program will focus on herbs. All gardeners invited to attend.

SEPTEMBER 13
Salado Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary kick-off luncheon for Christmas in October plans. Details to be announced.

SEPTEMBER 15 AND 16
Fantasy Faire at Tablerock, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Characters from history, literature, mythology and imagination invite you to a world of Medieval magic. Music, storytelling, archery tournament, vendors and more. Admission: \$7 for

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adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, seniors, and military with ID. Info: Stephanie Hood, shood@tablerock.org or www.tablerock.org.
SEPTEMBER 22
Salado Area Republican Women Fine China Luncheon, 11 a.m. in the

Longhorn Room of the Stagecoach Inn. Info: 939-7085.
SEPTEMBER 22-24
Mill Creek Men's Golf Association Member/Guest Tournament. Details TBA.
OCTOBER 6-7
Auditions for A Christmas Carol, 3 p.m. each day at Tablerock. Info: 947-9205.
OCTOBER 7
Tablerock's Fright Trail auditions, 5 p.m. at Tablerock. Info: 947-9205 or email tablerock1@aol.com.

OCTOBER 6
Fifth Annual Fall Shakespeare Festival at Tablerock Amphitheater. The Bard's "Taming of the Shrew" will be presented under the stars 7:30 p.m. each performance date. Tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 children 12 and under, student or military; available at the gate or on-line at www.tablerock.org. Info: David Dunlap, director, 254-247-0220 or email ddunlap@tablerock.org.

OCTOBER 9
Salado Garden Club meeting, 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. All gardeners invited.
OCTOBER 12-13
Annual Christmas in October event, sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. More info TBA.
OCTOBER 13
Salado Fine Art Gallery Night, 5-9 p.m. Participating galleries include Prellow, Thomas Kinkade Stagecoach Gallery, Main Street, Wells, Miller, Southern Image, B. Herd and Griffith. More details TBA.

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Before embarking on the breakdown of these four sweeteners I would like to explain why I think this subject is so controversial. So, why are there so many "sweetener" choices?

1. In America the most desired taste is that of sweet, as the taste of something sweet gives us the most pleasure. People are willing to pay for what they desire. That is all mass marketers and mass producers need to know; a simple "we demand" and "they supply"!

2. The consumption of table sugar by many has been replaced by that of artificial sweeteners because of the rise of Type 2 Diabetes and Obesity as

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By KEVIN McCauley



artificial sweeteners have a smaller impact on sugar levels and contain far fewer calories.

3. As human beings we have an overly strong feeling, though inaccurate, that our health and well-being is indestructible? Unfortunately, we don't act on this inaccuracy until we realize we were wrong.

4. There is a great amount of ambivalence concerning this subject because of all of the conflicting information. It seems that generally speaking, western medicine seems to condone or even promote artificial sweeteners whereas complimentary or alternative medicines seem to oppose artificial sweeteners.

Let's take a closer look!

- "The Brown" SUCROSE (Table/White sugar): Processed from sugar cane or sugar beets, sucrose is a made up of glucose and fructose. One tablespoon of sugar has about 50 calories and it has no nutritional value. Most people understand the challenges sucrose creates for the pancreas (insulin responses) and immune system (suppresses), and when combined with the fact that table sugar/white sugar is an empty calorie, you begin to see why our country has become phobic concerning the intake of processed sugar.

Unfortunately, that doesn't make it right to just turn to artificial sweeteners!

- "The Pink" SACCHARIN (Sweet N Low):

Discovered while working with coal tar derivatives in 1879. Saccharin became very popular during the sugar shortage during World War I.

- "The Blue" ASPARTAME (NutraSweet/Equal): Discovered while producing an anti-ulcer drug candidate in 1965. It is estimated it is now in approximately 6,000 products. This is an odd fact because Aspartame is much more unstable than Saccharin when heated.

- "The Yellow" SUCRALOSE (Splenda): Discovered while testing chlorinated sugars as chemical intermediates. It is estimated it is now in approximately 3,500 products. Sucralose is twice as sweet as saccharin and four times as sweet as aspartame. Splenda does contain 2 calories per teaspoon and does use dextrin and maltodextrin (carbohydrates) as bulking agents. So how does Splenda get away with saying they are a "no calorie sweetener"? Because the FDA allows it!

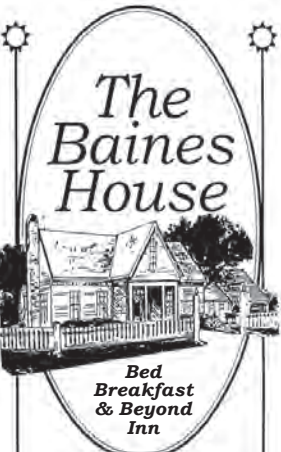
SCORECARD: Artificial sweeteners are now a \$1.5 Billion dollar market, Splenda sold \$212 Million in 2006 and Equal sold \$48.7 Million in 2006.

One small comment before I let you go. Saccharin was viewed as a potential cancer-causing agent up until the year 1991, when the FDA ruled that it was safe. In 2000 Congress and President Clinton removed all warning labels on packaging containing saccharin be-

cause saccharin was no longer to be classifiable as a carcinogen to humans. Doesn't it seem odd that we believed saccharin was cancer causing for over a century, though we were still allowed to consume it, and now it is completely safe for human consumption?

Next week: Side Effects, Best Choices and Why Go Sweet?

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Art Fair — FROM PAGE 1B

her country home in her landscape paintings for which she has become known. The purport of her works is to remind viewers of the beauty of nature with which all are blessed. She and her family live near Crawford where she spends most of her time as an art instructor and artist. She has been included in Who's Who in American Women and Notable Personalities of America. She is a member of the Texas Wild Bunch Professional Artists.

Serious art lovers who want to get an early peek at the art for sale will come to the preview party 7- 9 p.m. Aug. 3.

"Touch of Class" will provide entertainment. Tickets for the event are \$30 and reservations

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This year the Chamber will have Artists in Action at the fair highlighting the various artists participating in the show. The public will be able to visit with the artists as they are demonstrating their work. The various fine art galleries will also be hosting Artists in Action in their studios in the afternoons of the Show.

The Art Show is located on the grounds of Pace Park adjacent to the Salado Creek. Admission is \$5 for adults with children under twelve free. For more information please contact the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 254-947-5040, visit its website at www.salado.com.



Western artist Howard DuBois will show at the Salado Art Fair. Aug. 4-5.

Classic comedy Dr. Strangelove at the Spur

By GARY ASKINS

The classic comedic film "Dr. Strangelove-or how I learned to stop worrying and love the bomb" will play 7:30 p.m. July 26 and 2 p.m. July 29 at the Salado Silver Spur Theatre, 108 Royal Street. The film is the latest in the \$5 FilmFest from the Silver Spur Support Service and Cinema Society, a nonprofit group formed to enjoy classic films on the large screen.

Director Stanley Kubrick (Clockwork Orange, 2001) began Dr. Strangelove as a serious movie about the "End of the World As We Know It" (as in a nuclear war). Halfway through script development with Terry Southern and Peter Sellers, they realized the absurdity behind MAD (Mutually

Assured Destruction) and the entire Cold War scenario, and decided to make a black comedy instead. The end result is what is often regarded as a minor masterpiece of black comedy by many critics. This film has continued to win critical acclaim and is consistently rated as one of the best, funniest and darkest comedies ever produced for the screen.

"Dr. Strangelove" is an absolutely hilarious and brilliant satire in which Kubrick's assured and precise direction serves to make an incredibly entertaining film as well as a smart one. Don't be scared by the solemn look of the film: this might be a black and white 1964 film from Kubrick, but it's as goofy and witty as, say, "Austin Powers." You have to see this movie; it is simply one of the best comedies of all time.

Peter Sellers, in three roles, is a standout as Merkin Muffley, the well-meaning President of the United States; as Captain Lionel Mandrake, the stuffy British adjutant stationed at Burpelson Air Force Base; and as Dr. Strangelove, the former-Nazi rocket scientist now working for the U.S. In equally memorable roles are Sterling Hayden as the mad-as-a-hatter General Ripper; George C. Scott as gung-ho U.S. Air Force General Buck Turgidson, a role loosely based on General Curtis LeMay; Slim Pickens as the wild-West pilot of the jet bomber, Major T.J. "King" Kong; and Keenan Wynn as the dim-bulbed Colonel Bat Guano.

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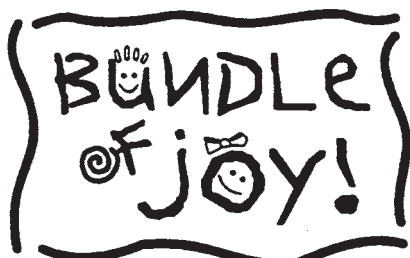


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Belvedere buried in Oklahoma

It's one of those stories you just can't pass up. When I first heard about the 1957 Plymouth Belvedere that was buried in 1957 in Tulsa as part of Oklahoma's 50th year of statehood celebration (they called it Tulsarama), I became curious. Then when I heard it was going to be unearthed on June 15th of this year, I was chomping at the bit to get up there. Imagine. A 57 Belvedere wrapped up in a hermetically sealed plastic cocoon and placed in a concrete vault with 6-inch walls and buried on the courthouse lawn. What an idea. The car sold for \$2,000 in 1957. I never did find out just why that particular make and model of vehicle was chosen as a symbol of the age.

About two days before the big dig, a friend of mine who currently resides in Tulsa, Bill Murchison, told me he would cover it for me. He did a fabulous job. He interviewed all sorts of folks and got their

by
Tumbleweed
Smith



opinions about the event. He sent me tapes of the interviews along with two copies of the Tulsa World newspaper.

When the car rose from its grave, crowds cheered. People paid good money to get a seat in bleachers that had been set up. Participants in an antique car show that was going on in Tulsa got special passes. News people from all over the world were in Tulsa to report on the condition of the car. Some people actually thought it could be driven away. Boy, were they wrong. The thing was a mess. A big mess.

The concrete vault was full of water that had seeped in over the years. One person said the water might have come from a

busted water main. One man, when he saw the car up close after it was hoisted out the ground, said, "It looks like it's been at the bottom of the ocean for 50 years." Mud was everywhere. The upholstery was gone and springs were showing through the seats. The door hinges were frozen. The tires were flat. It was a ghastly sight.

A time capsule that was buried with the car survived just fine. Contents inside it were dry. They included 812 contest entries from people who guessed what the population of Tulsa would be in 2007. The winner got the car. The closest guess to Tulsa's current population of 384,743 was submitted by Raymond Humbert-

son, who guessed 382,457. Tulsa's population in 1957 was 264,300. Raymond died in 1979 and his heirs will decide what to do with the car. Some people recommend it should be left as is and placed in a museum, since it is the only car buried for 50 years.

Some folks in Tulsa have burying cars on the brain. To celebrate Tulsa's 100th anniversary in 1998, a new Plymouth Prowler was entombed in an aboveground mausoleum in Centennial Park. It will be unveiled in 2048. The Prowler was encased in a seamless plastic box especially manufactured in Tulsa. Officials drained all the fluids and replaced them with synthetics that won't degrade. The vault was filled with an inert gas to keep the exterior in good shape. The car's garage for 50 years was sealed and covered with dirt. Officials expect the Prowler to be in much better shape than the Belvedere.

Idolatry on Creek continues

Annual melodrama has Friday/Saturday dates

The Salado Silver Spur Theatre's Third Annual Melodrama, "Idolatry on the Creek" continues its slapstick run at the local theatre with performances on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. until its scheduled close on Aug. 18. With the exception of this weekend, Johnny Memphis will perform 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 27.

This family-friendly melodrama is filled with professional talent from Austin, Killeen, Round Rock, Waco, and, of course, Salado.

Written and directed

by local playwright Gary Askins it features the staff of the Silver Spur: Grainger Esch, Nelda Milligan, Tony Blackmon, Kevin C. Carr and Karen Ewton with special performances by Heather Del Rio, Douglas Mackie and Melissa Kemp.

This year's production of "Idolatry on the Creek" also features several local performers who will act as contestants in a "Salado Idol" competition.

The entire production is a fast-paced farcical journey as the forces of evil seek to subvert the Idol Contest to their own

ends while our heroes attempt to preserve truth, justice and the code of the west. Spoiler alert...the forces of good prevail.

Audience participation is encouraged, so bring your friends and family, and become a part of the action. All audiences are urged to boo the villains and cheer for the heroes.

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ACROSS

- 1 Enjoys an enchilada
5 Cargo crane
10 Circus employee
15 Hilarious Howard
18 What you used to be
19 Mennonite group
20 Cheer
21 Planted
22 Bovine jazzman?
24 Famed fabulist
25 Geometric figure
26 Chrissie of The Pretenders
27 Warts and all
29 Actress Munson
30 "May I interrupt?"
31 Certain Semite
34 Rocker Cassidy
37 Pay
39 Bovine auto racer?
44 Fit
45 Crony
46 Director Ferrara
47 Rock's — Trick
50 Yellowish brown
53 Chasm

DOWN

- 56 Adams or Astor
58 Couch
60 Maris of "Nurses"
61 LAX letters
63 Kimono closer
64 Jab
65 Noisy racket
66 Mystical
69 German city
71 Electronic device
72 Say please
73 "Beat it!"
74 Bovine outlaw?
77 Satiated
78 — Aviv
79 Free-for-all
80 Word with sister or story
81 Costume sparkler
83 Actor Kjellin
84 Learn fast?
85 Spare tire
87 Johnny Yuma, for one
88 Mythical bird
89 Periodic table abbr.
90 Gave someone a smack
93 Writer Runyon
97 Rise
99 Go in
101 Beholds

ACROSS

- 103 Southern constellation
104 Sue of "Lolita"
106 Bovine actress?
110 "Cat —" ('65 film)
112 Exodus edible
113 Prudish one
114 Melville work
115 "— Day Now" ('62 hit)
117 To be, to Baudelaire
120 Entangle
124 Puzzle direction
125 Chutzpah
128 Bovine publisher?
131 Ages
132 Church law
133 Brinks
134 Banana-rama, e.g.
135 Actress Susan
136 Endangered animal
137 Adjust a watch
138 Time to evolve?

DOWN

- 1 Decorate glass
2 Nautical cry
3 Wilder's "Our —"

DOWN

- 4 Dairy treat
5 Smidgen
6 Internists' org.
7 Jet-setter's need
8 Egyptian deity
9 Religious belief
10 Bristol brew
11 Bristol brew
12 Jocular Jackie
13 School founded in 1440
14 Meal
15 Bovine boxer?
16 Proprietor
17 "— Mine" ('85 film)
21 Justice Antonin
23 St.-to-be
28 Astound
32 Chicken — king
33 Iceberg's kin
35 '68 US Open winner
36 Exploit
38 Small mall
39 Hydrotherapy site
40 Actor Hunter
41 TV Tarzan
42 Franco of "Camelot"

BOVINES

ACROSS

- 43 Drop
48 Salad type
49 Spongeline
51 Bright inventor?
52 Like Lincoln
54 Splinter group
55 Alphabet sequence
57 Ingratating
59 Silo stuff
62 Victoria's husband
66 It's spotted at zoos
67 Bovine band-leader?
68 Louisiana university
70 Geographical abbr.
71 "Clair de Lune" composer
73 Celebrities
75 Car bomb?
76 Grabs all the goodies
77 Neighbor of Hispaniola
79 Bob of basketball
82 Proof letters
86 Rock hound?
90 Eager
91 Castle or Cara
92 "How — Is Your Love" ('77 hit)
94 Deface

DOWN

- 95 Supper scrap
96 Slangy denial
98 Stockings
100 TV listing abbr.
102 Big —, CA
105 Shade of meaning
107 Ecclesiastical title
108 Sage
109 Put the match to
110 Portended
111 "That's —" ('53 tune)
112 Loy or Blyth
116 "A Face in the Crowd" actress
118 Discourteous
119 They're often beaten
121 Curly coil
122 Equine accessory
123 Aphrodite's son
126 "— Ryan's Express" ('65 film)
127 Remnant
129 TV's "— Haw"

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	6 4 3		
♥	3		
♦	A K Q 7		
♣	Q 10 9 5 2		

WEST			
♠	Q 10 9 7		
♥	J 10 9 8		
♦	J 6 5		
♣	K 3		

EAST			
♠	—		
♥	K Q 4 2		
♦	10 9 8 3 2		
♣	A 8 7 4		

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	5 ♣	Pass

Opening lead jack of hearts.

Famous Hand

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

This extraordinary deal was played in the match between Poland and Iceland in the 1963 European Championship.

When the Polish team held the North-South cards, the bidding went as shown. Obviously, something went drastically wrong with the bidding, since the Poles got to a slam with two club losers plus the possibility of losing one or two trump tricks.

But the sun shone brightly on the South Pole that day, and he made the slam anyway! West led the jack of hearts, and a few moments later, South had 12 tricks safely tucked away.

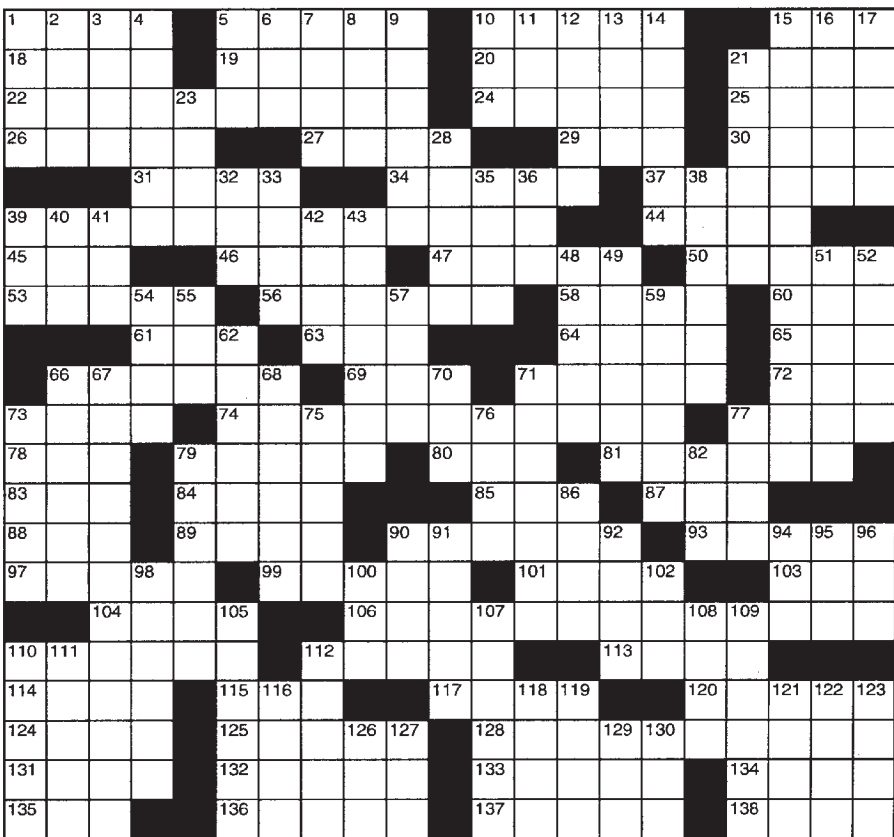
He won the heart lead with the ace, ruffed a heart and cashed the A-K-Q of diamonds, discarding the J-6 of clubs. He then ruffed a club, a heart, a club and his last heart.

By this time, nine tricks had been played, and South had won them all. The lead was in dummy, and South's last four cards were the A-K-J-8 of spades, while West was down to the Q-10-9-7 of spades.

Declarer led a club from dummy and ruffed with the eight. West overruffed with the nine but had to surrender the last three tricks! Strangely enough, even four spades could have been stopped had West been sufficiently inspired to start off with the king and another club. A club continuation by East would then have settled South's hash.

The Poles finished third that year out of the 18 countries entered in the event. Had they had a few more hands like this one, they might even have won the European Championship.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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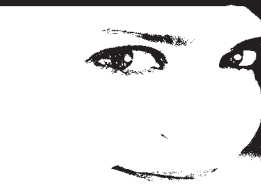
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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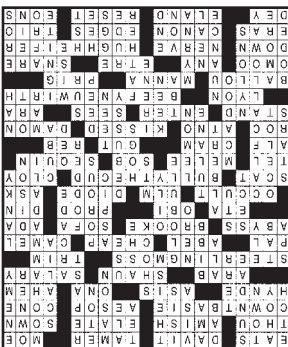
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU



New titles of books, audio listed

By Karen Sue Kinnison

Wow! We almost had some summer! At this point I think we are going to have summer in December. Just in time for the Stroll. It's a good thing you have such a great library and can come up here and get movies, audios, and books for all those "indoor activities" you are needing now. And we keep on getting new stuff for your enjoyment.

But first let me remind you all of the "Friends of the Library" book sale during the Art Fair. The Friends have a new book shed that has been carpeted and air conditioned and is now being loaded down with books to sell during Art Fair weekend. We still need volunteers to pass out flyers about the sale at Pace Park and to help sell books at the Backyard Book Shop. These are two-hour shifts and we need two volunteers per shift. We are still shy about 10 volunteers for both efforts. If you can help, please email or call us here at the library. Send a note to spl@vvm.com or kkinnison@vvm.com or call us at 947-9191. You could also contact Jean Teal of the Friends. This is one of the Friends' big efforts for the year, so if you can assist, we would greatly appreciate it.

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High Noon by Nora Roberts. Nora Roberts is a master of romantic suspense. This novel takes place in Savannah and the heroine is the top hostage negotiator on the police force. Now she has to deal with a guy who assaulted her at the precinct house and is leaving nasty notes at her door.

We also have some new audio CD's:

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Hunter's Moon by Randy W. White. Randy is supposedly the literary heir of John D. MacDonald. He also writes of Florida and

Floridians and those who would corrupt her in every way. This is the latest in the celebrated "Doc Ford Florida" series. Doc Ford is a Marine biologist with multiple links to the intelligence community who gets dragged in to all kinds of dirty business with assassins, psychopaths and politicians (am I being redundant here?!). If you like Hiassen, Burke, Dorsey, Hall or, most importantly the "father" of this genre, John D. MacDonald, you'll probably like White.

The Tin Roof Blowdown by James Lee Burke. I reviewed this one in the last news and notes. Just note that this is the audio and Burke's novels are read by one of the best, Will Patton. His voice just drips with honey and molasses and magnolia blossoms. You will think you are sitting under the oak trees "a sippin sweetened ice tea with mint!" However, his novels have some of the nastiest people I've ever encountered outside of Annie Proulx or Cormac McCarthy! One of my favorite writers.

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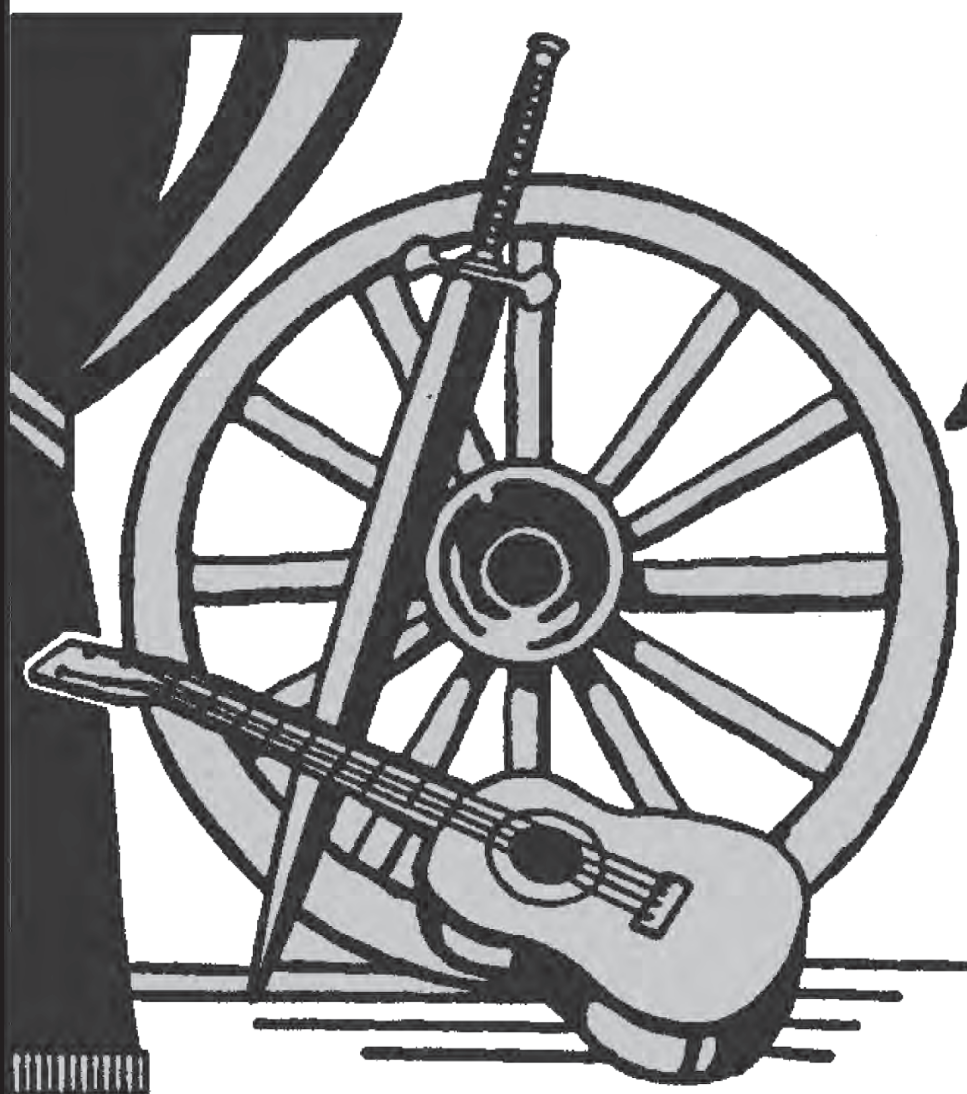


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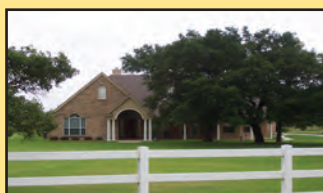
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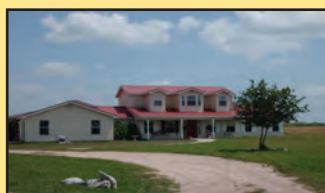
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\$249,700: 7037 Tollbridge Rd., Belton. This 3 BR, 2.5 BA home was moved in & remodeled on 4.9 wooded acres. Metal building could be great workshop.



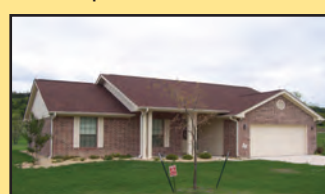
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PUC DOCKET NO. 34440

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Village of Salado
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Salado, Texas 76571

City of Hutto Community Development
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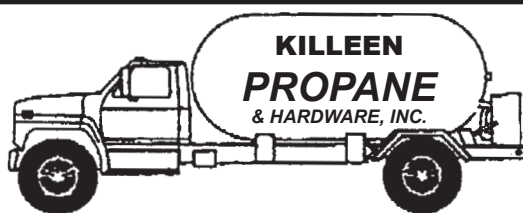
Williamson County Commissioner's Court
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Persons with questions about PUC Docket No. 34440 should contact Travis Besier, Oncor Electric Delivery at (214) 486-7333. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought, should mail their requests to intervene or their comments (along with 10 copies of your letter) to:

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The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is August 24, 2007, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the commission by that date.

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) has developed a brochure titled "Landowners and Transmission Line Cases at the PUC." Copies of the brochure are available from Travis Besier, Oncor Electric Delivery at (214) 486-7333 or may be downloaded from the PUC's website at www.puc.state.tx.us. To obtain additional information about this case, contact the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-and-speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the PUC at (512) 936-7136 or toll free at (800) 735-2989.



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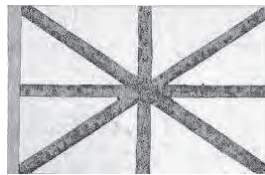
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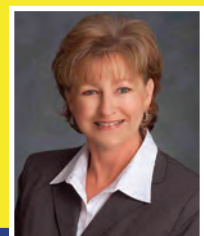
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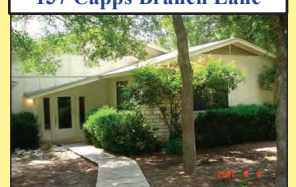
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Large lots with views available in Highland Estates near Belton schools and just 5 minutes from the lake. Call Cindy at 254-760-2387.

Holland: 3 BR/2 BA/2 Car garage. Split floorplan and large privacy-fenced back yard. \$115,000. Call Suzanne @ 721-3605

Temple: 3 BR/2 BA/1 Car garage. Huge bedrooms, completely redone. \$83,500.

10 acres with custom-built storage bldg., water meter with road frontage. \$85,000.

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A QUIET CUL-DE-SAC location for this Austin stone home. Perfect for families with open kitchen/dining and living. 2.29 Acres with 3/2/2 and covered back porch. \$229,800. Salado Realty 254-947-9700 0719tfnf

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The Mill Creek Logo Tree House! 3/2/2 with large deck in the wooded back yard. European style guest bath, large master, vaulted ceilings. \$214,800. Call Salado Realty 254-947-9700 tfnf

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New Elegant Estate 4/3/3+ on 3 tree-covered

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Nice home on 118 acres with pond, barns and fences. Excellent location with much frontage road. \$695,000 Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050 41907tfnf

Grand home with amazing tree-covered lot! Extras include 3 car garage, 2-1/2" faux wood blinds, landscaping, gutters, granite counter tops throughout and more. **\$519,000.** Call First Texas Brokerage, (254) 947-5577

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This home was moved in and totally remodeled. very nice 3 BR 2.5 ba home on 4.9 wooded acres. Approx 20X40 metal building encompasses the well, and would make a terrific workshop. \$249,700. Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050

Farm house built in the early 1900's on 14 beautiful acres. Home has 3 BR, 2 BA, hardwood floors original to home. Close into Salado. Fenced and cross-fenced. Barns for animals. Pecan trees Large garden area. \$299,000 Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050

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Virtual Tour!
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Beautiful custom home on tree-covered lot. 2 living rooms, large kitchen, 3+ car garage, granite counters and much more. Landscaping and blinds. Priced at **\$499,900.**



Under Contract
Quality is shown throughout this home on 3 tree-covered acres. Features include granite counters, stainless steel appliances, stone fireplace, 3 car garage and much more. 4 BR/2.5 BA/2 liv/2 din. **\$496,000**



Virtual Tour!
Spectacular Texas ranch-style home highlighted by its extravagant wood craftsmanship. Granite counters and exposed beams make this 4 BR/3.5BA/2GA a must-see! **\$495,000.** \$10,000 landscape allowance.



Under Contract
Custom home with beautiful setting. Living/dining/hearth rooms allow for flexible living. Wood floors throughout. Designer kitchen with propane cooktop, cabinet front refrigerator, and granite counters. **\$439,900.**



New Listing, Just Listed! Home on over 6 tree-covered acres. Open floor plan with granite counters. Perfect for horses. Large barn with office, workshop and horse stalls. **\$399,900.**



Virtual Tour!
Step into Southern Elegance and Enjoy the Fine Craftsmanship. Stainless steel appliances, Travertine and hardwood flooring, indoor & outdoor fireplaces, 3 car garage, extensive crown moulding. **\$399,900.**



Virtual Tour!
Gorgeous tree covered designer home located on a hidden culdesac in Mill Creek. Breathtaking views of the golf course. Home includes two fireplaces, 2 living areas, wet bar, & Jacuzzi tub. Priced at **\$374,900**



Under Contract
3 BR/2.5 BA/2 Car garage on over 7 acres northeast of Salado. Perfect for horses or 4-H/FFA projects!! \$4,000 flooring allowance for buyer. **\$249,900.**



Under Contract
Unbelievable Kitchen! Stainless steel cooktop, custom cabinets, granite counters. Over 2 tree-covered acres. **\$269,900.**



Secluded & Private make this Austin Stone Home a Must See. Tree-Covered 2.75 Acre Lot. Woods of Salado. **\$255,000**



Log Cabin hidden within the trees! Awesome great room with wood ceilings! 3 bdrm, 2 bath, beautiful stone fireplace. **\$169,900.**



2/2/2 Excellent location in Salado with tree covered lot. Priced at **\$145,000**

Lots

One-of-a-Kind!! Creek with water fall! Well and electricity in place on Lot 243, Hidden Springs. \$79,900.
Beautiful treed lot in Mill Creek on South Ridge Road. \$49,900.
Under Contract! Beautiful mobile home in the country, excellent location, lived in one week, brand new condition, on .709 acre. Double carport with attached storage shed, 15 X 30 enclosed shop. Convenient to Taylor, Austin, Granger Lake. \$87,500
Indian Trail at Blaylock, large corner lot. 90x188 \$40,000

Under 10 Acres

5 lots on Sam Neil Lane, three 5-acre lots, two 1.2 acre lots. Priced from \$26,500 to \$59,900.
River track south side of Lampasas River between Belton and Salado. 1.9 acre \$53,900.
6.11 acres in Bartlett, Pecan Valley Mobil Home Addition. \$89,000.
Lot 296 Mourning Dove, beautiful cleared home-site. Nice trees on the 5 acre lot. \$59,900.
Lot 158 Western Trail. Mostly wooded creek front lot. Over 3 acres, \$75,000.
Lot 156 Western Trail. Mostly wooded creek front lot. 3.23 acres, \$75,000.

10 to 100 Acres

Approx. 10 Acres w/ Pond. Perfect for Horses. \$95,000
Approx. 10 Acres w/ Hilltop view. \$95,000
12 acres with beautiful live oak trees. This acreage would make a fantastic home site. \$250,000.
Over 30 acres in Bartlett. Good development property, well located with frontage on Bell Street and Harold Clark road. \$106,170
Nearly 50 acres on Hwy 95 and CR 355. Excellent location for development. Level to rolling highly productive Black land. \$174,300
50+ acres between Salado & Holland with frontage and coastal fields perfect for horses.
50 acre tracts. Beautiful Hill Country ranch land. The perfect weekend retreat or horse operation. \$233,820 and \$275,000.
55.38 acres, productive Blackland adjoining residential area on NW side of Bartlett. \$193,830.
44 acres off of Firefly Road between Salado and Florence. Great Trees. Will Divide. \$5,000/acre.

Over 100 Acres

126 acre ranch with 1,769 sq. ft. hme. 3 BR/1.5 BA/2 liv/2 car garage. Property located off of FM 2843. \$679,900.
146 acres, 4 miles northwest of Salado, off of Smith Dairy. \$3,650 per acre.
147 acres east of Academy on Reeds Lake Road. Beautiful hill country with outstanding coastal. Property has draw running through middle with 3 small tanks with excellent opportunity to enlarge. Possible gravel reserve as well. \$3,450 per acre.
160 acres, Lampasas County Ranch with 34 acres coastal and one mile of Bennett Creek. Pecan bottoms and a 4/2 mfg. home. \$4,000/acre.
248 acres fronting Royal, Blackberry and FM 2268. Premium hilltop homesite overlooking valley and large tanks.
Beautiful Hill Country land with live creek, Artesian spring, two stock tanks, elevation with beautiful views and building sites. Caves, rock quarry, on paved road with easy access to surrounding cities. 102 acres on FM 2843. \$765,000.

Commercial

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