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SWSC: recent rains not enough to overcome water rationing

By TIM FLEISCHER
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Despite the rains earlier this week, Salado Water Supply Corporation (SWSC) customers remain in Stage 3 of the five-stage Drought Contingency Plan, which rations outdoor watering to no more than three days a week.

Stage 3 calls for odd-number addresses to water outside on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday only. Even numbered address may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

There should be no sprinkler watering on Mondays, SWSC manager Ricky Preston stated.

He added that customers should limit outdoor

watering to no more than three days a week and to limit their watering times from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Preston said that SWSC went to Stage 3 of the Drought Contingency Plan because of demand on the system at peak times. "It seems everyone wants to water between midnight and 7 a.m.," he said, which puts a severe demand on SWSC capacity.

SWSC pumping capacity is 2,500 gallons per minute, or 3.6 million gallons per day. While demand on the system is not approaching that total, peak times are a problem, Preston said.

He added that since SWSC went to Stage 3, "customers have been towing the line." He adds

that with August in the rear view, he hopes to step back to Stage 2 of the plan in the near future.

"But that little ol' 4/10ths of an inch isn't going to be enough to help," he said, adding that it may adversely affect water conditions for the SWSC if customers "think they can go back to watering every day, any time of the day."

For customers in the western portion of SWSC service area, water rationing is even tougher because of the delivery system. Preston has called on customers west of the Village of Salado to follow the Stage 3 stipulations and not to water at all 5-11 p.m. "Especially on

Saturday and Sunday," Preston says, which is when the "reserve storage in the water tower is the lowest."

"It is very important to maintain reserve storage capacity in the water tower in case of fire fighting emergencies," Preston states.

In addition to the outside watering stipulations, Stage 3 contingency also prohibits the use of water for washing sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, streets, tennis courts, patios or other paved areas, except to alleviate immediate health or fire hazards.

Salado Water Supply Corporation serves more than 2,000 homes and businesses in the Salado area.



Look closely, before it's gone...

That strange substance dangling from the tip of a leaf is rain, some of which fell to the ground earlier this week. It was the first rain in more than a month for the drought-ridden Central Texas area. Some in the Salado area reported as much as a half-inch or more on Aug. 28. The rain continued early on Aug. 29 leaving only overhanging clouds in the afternoon. (PHOTO BY STEPHANIE HOOD)

SISD adds \$385,979 to fund balance, adopts \$9.4 mil budget

By TIM FLEISCHER
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After learning that the school district would add \$385,979 to the fund balance by amending the 2005-06 budget Aug. 28, Salado I.S.D. Trustees adopted a 2006-07 maintenance and operations budget of more than \$9.4 million in revenue and increased the tax rate from \$1.58 per \$100 evaluation to \$1.60 per \$100 evaluation.

The \$1.60 tax rate, which was approved on a motion by Miriam Ervi receiving a second from Chris Seaton, was approved on a 4-2 vote following a public hearing on both the budget and the tax rate Aug. 28 at the Salado Civic Center. Voting for the \$1.60 tax rate were

Ervi, Seaton, Deborah Aldridge and board president Jeff Kelley. Voting against were Jackie Burson and Frank Carlson. Just before the tax rate was approved, Carlson and Burson put forth a motion to adopt a \$1.56 tax rate that was defeated by Aldridge, Ervi, Kelley and Seaton. Trustee Lynn Renfro was absent.

The \$1.60 tax rate is divided into maintenance and operations (M&O) and debt service (I&S). The M&O rate is \$1.30, which is more than 12 cents lower than the 2005-06 M&O tax rate of \$1.422 per \$100 evaluation. However, the \$1.30 rate is four cents higher than the compressed tax rate of \$1.26.

The district's \$1.30 M&O rate is the maximum allowed under the

new state law passed by the state legislature this spring.

Superintendent Robin Battershell recommended the \$1.30 M&O rate. She told trustees that the district would have a window of opportunity to adopt the higher M&O rate due to new state law. "If we don't do it now, we may not be able to do it later," she said, adding that the district is also planning ahead for the 2008 opening of the new high school.

Salado I.S.D. may have more than \$2.2 million in fund balance at the end of the 2006-07 year. When trustees adopted the final amended budget for 2005-06, it brought the fund balance to \$2 million.

Finance director Lyndal Cabaniss explained that there are several

factors for the dramatic increase in the 2005-06 amended budget when compared to the 2005-06 budget proposed in August 2005.

The district received almost \$1 million more in actual revenues when compared to budgeted revenues. Cabaniss attributed much of this increase to a settle-up payment from the state from 2004-05.

In essence, the state pays a district based on what it estimates student average daily attendance to be. If the district shows a higher growth than the state estimates, the state catches up its payment the following year. This can work in reverse, as it did in Salado in the mid to late 1990s when the district was overpaid by the state.

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Arby's restaurant coming to Salado

Salado will be getting an Arby's Restaurant, according to the Arby's Restaurant Group, although no date has yet been announced for the opening. The Arby's will be located at 15 Stagecoach Rd., in the space formerly occupied by a Burger King franchise and shared with an Exxon gas station and convenience store.

The Salado restaurant is part of the plans by Arby's Restaurant Group, Inc. to develop at least 20 new restaurants in the greater Dallas market over the next several years. Arby's Restaurant Group is actively seeking real estate sites and corporate developers to support its expansion in the market. The restaurant chain currently operates 61 restaurants in the area.

"The market is an area of untapped potential for Arby's," said Darin Harris, Vice President of Franchise Development, Arby's Restaurant Group, Inc. "We have a strong brand presence, with existing company and franchise restaurants performing well, and believe there is tremendous room for growth."

According to the National Restaurant Association, sales for the Texas restaurant industry are projected to reach \$30 billion in 2006, an increase of 6.7% over 2005. Over the next ten years, employment in the Texas restaurant and foodservice industry is expected to grow 22.7%, from 905,000 to 1,110,700.

Turn to *Salado Village Voice* for further announcements about the Arby's Restaurant opening here.



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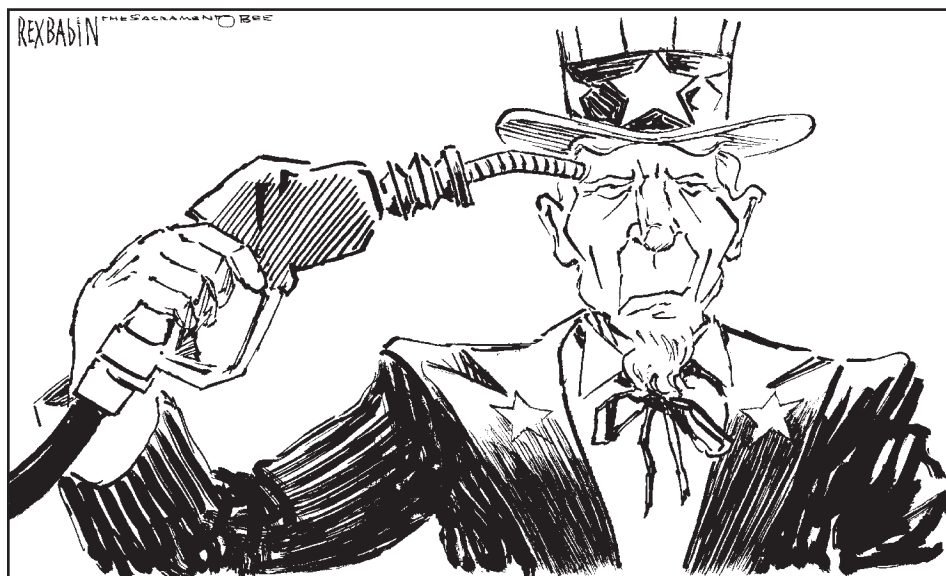
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An Open Exchange of Ideas



The “One Percent” problem

Ron Suskind’s best-selling book “The One Percent Doctrine” refers to Vice President Dick Cheney’s axiom that if there is a one percent chance of a nuclear bomb going off in an American city, the U.S. government has to respond with all the urgency as if there is a 100 percent chance of such an event. When Suskind’s book appeared, there was much clucking about Cheney’s thinking -- so dire, so dark, so unmodulated.

But Cheney’s vision can only be considered unhinged if a fog of complacency descends about the terror threat facing us. Whenever that threat becomes clear again, as it has in the wake of the breakup of a plot in Britain to blow airliners from the sky, everyone begins to think like Dick Cheney, or maybe more so: If there is a mere .0001 percent chance of a terrorist smuggling liquid explosives on a flight from Denver to Green Bay, Wis., no one can carry on hair gel, and new mothers must present their baby formula for inspection.

The fact is that we live in a one percent world. We face a shadowy enemy who represents a threat that is unspeakably awful when it is actualized, but is too easy to discount when it isn’t. The British plot serves as a reminder that Islamic fanatics are intent on committing violent acts against the West, but really, how many reminders do we need?

Since 9/11 there have been the Bali bombings (October 2002), the Madrid bombings (March 2004) and the British subway bombings (July 2005), among others. Terrorists are very good about reminding us of their threat at regular intervals -- it’s just that there is a segment of Western opinion that willfully wants to forget.

Fresh from rallying around the Democratic Senate candidate in Connecticut who vanquished their party’s most prominent hawk, the Democrats reflexively condemned the Iraq War

Rich Lowry



as a distraction from the war on terror in response to the British news. A case can be made that Iraq has indeed prevented us from taking tough measures elsewhere in the world. But Democrats simply oppose tough measures, in Iraq or anywhere else.

The same Democrats who oppose the war in Iraq tend to oppose the National Security Agency surveillance program, condemn aggressive interrogations and complain about the Patriot Act. It is all part of a worldview that wishes away dangers when they demand philosophically uncongenial responses, defined as roughly anything that doesn’t involve shoveling federal money to localities.

We are engaged in a multifaceted war on terror. To fight it requires the military, law enforcement, international cooperation and preventive domestic-security measures. The ultimate center of gravity is the hearts and minds of Muslims. We have to reach into the Middle East, because so long as the cradle of Islamic civilization is a cauldron of chaos and failure, it will spin off murderous fanatics.

We also must engage in an ideological struggle within the West, where radicalism infects Muslims living among us. Britain is a study in how not to do the latter. It doesn’t insist on assimilation and routinely courts exactly the Islamic extremists who should be shunned.

All of this is the work of decades. In the meantime, get used to the one percent world.

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

U.S. walling “out” needed Mexican workers as thousands of students are OK’d “in” from “Terror” States

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



LABOR DAY KICK-OFF

Monday, September 4, is Labor Day which traditionally marks the start of the **biennial full-court-press** by Congressional incumbents seeking to return to their happy seats in the House and Senate. All 435 members of the lower house and one third of the Senate (who passed their primary tests) are running hard for reelection during the next nine weeks leading up to this year’s dreaded general election.

“Dreaded” mostly by apprehensive Republican hopefuls who are carrying extra baggage that includes a general public disenchantment at the way the Congressional “majority” has been handling its lawmaking business. Also damaging is the civil unrest in Iraq; an economy that’s nervous and bogged down in debt; and a **President with popularity coat-tails shorter than a Shiite’s self-immolation fuse.**

ATTACK MODE BY THE BUSHIES

“Attack Dog” Dick Cheney (aka “Snarly the Veep”) is touring the nation telling GOPers they can win if they warn voters that allowing Democrats to win in November would **“leave the nation more vulnerable to terrorism!”**

Karl Rove - **another high strung kennel-hound** told Repubs in Texas last week that people railing against “staying the course” in Iraq “may be patriotic, but they are mostly looking for a free meal.” And earlier this year ranted: **“To challenge the administration during wartime is treasonable!”**

These reckless reelection missionaries - Cheney and Rove, are holding firm to **the Republican gospel that “fear” and “terrorism” are the only workable sales pitches that can win votes and hopefully maintain control of Congress.**

DICHOTOMY AT THE TOP

A few days ago the President’s press office was browbeating the “corps” with the following blather concerning Iraq: **“No matter what you see on TV or what you read or hear from the media, don’t believe it!”** And the reason: **“Because things are going well in Iraq!”**

A dichotomy of “Bush-think” developed soon thereafter from overseas news reports indicating that more innocent Iraqi citizens had been killed in July (as Sunnis and Shiites verge on civil war) than in any previous month since the initial invasion on March 19, 2003.

At the same time, several top generals, testifying before a Congressional Committee, mentioned the term “civil war” when reporting the sobering news that more troops were headed for Baghdad to “beef-up” control of that almost ungovernable city.

If obfuscation is the goal in D. C. these days - the Bushies are in first place!

“WALL” CONTRACT

This column contacted several federal agencies (unsuccessfully) to see if we could locate what Company was awarded the “contract” to begin work on “The Wall.” What a “hoot” if Halliburton got the nod! Especially after news of their being booted from several military contracts in Iraq.

We also called the D.C. office of Congressman John Carter (R-Georgetown) and asked for the exact number (by nation) of foreign “students” given visas to attend school in our country this year. We were told it would take weeks - so when (and if) it shows - we’ll share it at once. Hopefully along with the “Wall” contract info.

That’s -30-

For those with a penchant for ambivalent political mysteries, there’s a real puzzler brewing at our always puzzling federal level of government. Tantalizing tidbits have emerged from TV specials, print media features and more importantly from talking with thoughtful folks in our area who are deeply concerned about several unintelligible actions approved by the White House and put in motion by other top administration officials and agencies.

“KEEP OUT” VS. “WELCOME”

Here’s the tangled web that warrants an examination (and explanation). First was news that Congress had appropriated several hundred million dollars as a down payment on construction of “The Wall” that (some think) will stop illegal Mexican nationals from entering this country seeking work.

Next we note that at the same time we’re spending millions to keep these needed workers out of the country, we’re allowing thousands of “students” (all ages) from Islamic dominated countries, to enter on special visas that require only a minimal background investigation.

These “temporary” visitors (young and older) are arriving from Iran, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Libya, plus a number of smaller middle-east countries - all destined (supposedly) for our universities to study from a wide variety of disciplines in science, medicine, engineering, economics, or whatever else is demanded by the nation (or group) “sponsoring” them.

The fear (and it’s valid) that among these “students” are those supported by “terror groups” back in their “home” countries. And even if these current Muslims are not all planning to create panic while they’re here, they’ll take home (if they ever leave) the technical skills that could bring terror to us and our European allies in the future.

We need to remember that “terror” can also be delivered within religious, psychological and economic bombs, as demonstrated in recent years, and in many countries.

TRAINING OUR ENEMIES?

We are today fighting a war against world-wide terrorism. This enemy is spawned primarily from Islamic nations, nearly all of which have a history of hatred for the West in general, and the United States in particular.

So why would it be unreasonable for us to believe that we’re helping sow the seeds of violent savagery against our nation and our people, when we train foreign Islamic nationals - at our expense?

Many thoughtful men and women from all levels of society, from Salado to Washington, believe it would be wise to **“temporarily” shut down the steady stream of students from nations we have designated “terroristic,” until the current “terror war” is won, or at least put under control.**

RESOLUTION IMPERATIVE

The solution to these critically important matters should be considered as more than a philosophical challenge that can be resolved through brainy “social” debates in high places. **They are of critical significance and we dare not spend too much time on the “theoretical” side, for fear the “practical” side will blow up in our collective faces.**

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Time to get out of Iraq

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Eight more American soldiers were killed in Iraq the weekend of 8-26-27-06. Yet, I hear people say those of us that want our troops out of Iraq are promoting a cut and run policy. Well, there is no way our proposal is to cut and run. But, we do propose a policy of getting out of Iraq and cut our losses. Most people understand that it is not smart to continue any venture that is a failure and the Iraq venture is a failure. I guess, however, our leaders in Washington are unlike most people.

I also hear some people say that those of us that think we should get out of Iraq do not care for our troops and that we are insulting them. Nothing could be further from the truth. We want them out because we do care for them. We are tired of seeing them used as cannon fodder, in a war that was justified with lies. Almost 3,000 of our military personnel have been killed and almost 20,000 have been maimed in Iraq. What have we gained at their expense? For an answer to that question I invite you to take a look at the news channel of your choice on any day. There you will learn how many Iraqis have been killed by other Iraqis that day. In addition you can get the latest news on the progress the various sectarian factions have made toward a full blown civil war in Iraq.

I am very proud of our military forces and I am well aware of the sacrifices our troops have made in the war in Iraq. A war they have many times had to fight with faulty equipment. A war where friend and foe look alike. A war where the enemy knows no boundaries, when it comes to killing people. They kill their own just as quickly as they kill those that they call the invaders. There are few others, if any, military forces that perform with the dedication and skills that our troops do every day. They do these things because of their commitment to their country and it is what they are trained to do, not because of a hatred for the Iraqis. But this is a war that cannot be won, no matter what our leaders want us to believe. It is because of this no-win situation, those of us that really care about our people in the military, want them out of there before another one is killed.

Furthermore, because of our involvement in

Iraq our military leaders have had to reduce our efforts in Afghanistan, which means that war is dragging on and on and getting more of our people killed each week. I frequently hear Bush say we are taking the war on terrorists to their home turf so that they cannot bring it to us at our home. The main home of the terrorists is Afghanistan and they should have been rooted out of there long before now. I know the place of birth for most of the 9-11 terrorists was Saudi Arabia, but they went to Afghanistan for their training and mission assignment.

Why did we invade Iraq in the first place? George Bush stated at his news conference last week that Iraq was not involved in the terrorists attack on 9-11-01. We already knew that Saddam was not our enemy and that he had no WMD. Sure he was a ruthless dictator, but we didn't put him in power, although we had supported him on several occasions and we were one of his major oil customers. Regardless of all that, we had no obligation to remove him from power. It is a certainty that while he was the dictator, Iraq was not a haven for terrorists that wanted to harm us. If we had justification for the removal of Saddam, what about the other dictators in the world today? There are several in power right now that are at least as bad as Saddam was in his heyday. Kim of North Korea is a good example. Should we send our military after him as soon as we have enough troops available to start another war? Come to think of it, there are enough dictators in the world today that our military leaders could make a career out of dictator removal. That is until we run out of troops, or our country becomes bankrupt.

Among the other things the ill-conceived plan of invading Iraq has done is to destroy any credibility and most of the friendships that the U. S. we had with the Arab nations. Like it or not, we do need the friendship of the Arabs and our continuing presence in Iraq is not helping us. So, I repeat, we should get out of Iraq and cut our losses. Maybe we would then have enough troops available to stop the current invasion of our country from the South.

Sincerely,
Bob Smith
Salado

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Taking care of Texans

By DON BAYLOR, JR.

When Hurricane Katrina ripped through the Gulf Coast last year, it wreaked havoc and exposed the vast poverty that pervades our nation. It lent a human face to a story of widespread economic hardship that is usually told by numbers and data, not images of human suffering.

Hundreds of thousands of our Louisiana neighbors fled to Texas for dry land and a chance at a better life. According to a recent statewide survey, about 250,000 of these evacuees still live in Texas.

Texas commissioned the survey to urge the federal government to provide the state with continued funding to meet the health care, housing, employment, and education needs of these new residents.

The evacuees certainly need our statewide attention. Most are low income. Before the hurricane, 61 percent of evacuee households earned less than \$20,000 a year. Today, these low wages persist - 41 percent earn less than \$500 a month.

A majority of "Katrina Texans" have not found work at all. Nearly 60 percent are unemployed. This population is accustomed to working. Before the hurricane, only 6 percent of evacuees were out of work.

Long-term housing is a major concern for Katrina evacuees as well. Nearly 135,000 evacuees, including 55,000 children, live in homes that receive FEMA housing subsidies that are set to expire within the next few months.

Health care is another

large issue. Before Katrina, 37 percent of workers had employer-based health coverage. That number has dropped by 18 percent. Access to Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, which provide health insurance to low-income people, has also declined (Medicaid has dropped 8 percent and CHIP has dropped 12 percent). Forty-one percent of adults and 30 percent of children are uninsured.

Texas, under the leadership of state and local officials, advocates, and everyday citizens, has done a tremendous job welcoming the evacuees and helping them get settled.

That effort is appreciated. According to the survey, 84 percent of evacuees classified Texas' response to the hurricane as "excellent," "very good," or "good." Only 5 percent ranked it as poor.

We must continue to solicit ongoing federal assistance to ensure that Katrina evacuees receive the services they need to start over. As we work together as a state to determine the best way to serve the quarter of a

million Katrina evacuees who now call Texas home, we must not forget the millions of poor native Texans.

More than 3.5 million Texans (16.5 percent of Texas' population) live in poverty, earning \$16,090 or less for a family of three. Over 8.4 million Texans (nearly 38 percent of Texas' population) are classified as the working-poor, earning \$33,200 or less for a family of three. These Texans need just as much attention as the Katrina evacuees.

Although Texas ranks at the bottom of the country on what it spends on social services, the governor has asked state agencies to cut their budgets by 10 percent. If the state follows through with these cuts, fewer low-income children, disabled adults, and elderly will receive essential health and human services.

Texas' leadership must rally around all of its vulnerable citizens -- new and old -- and truly make the state a place where all hard working people can get a shot at a better life.

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Another vets front group for George



Jim Hightower

President Bush has a new veterans front-group trying to give him some political cover.

He had the notorious "Swift Boat Veterans for Trashing John Kerry" out front for him in his 2004 presidential run, but they got exposed as a bunch of Republican Party hacks, so now he has a fresh group of shills. Calling themselves "Vets for Freedom," this bunch has been posing as an independent, objective non-partisan voice, writing articles and blogs that support Bush's war in Iraq.

An example of their objectivity is a glowing piece one of the VFF leaders posted in June: "Baghdad is beautiful," he gushed. "I mean shockingly majestic. I was amazed to see this level of cleanliness." He didn't mention that, only the day before, explosions around beautiful Baghdad had killed another 23 people.

Withholding of negative details seems to be a trademark of this outfit. For example, a guy named Taylor Gross went to the "Buffalo News" and at least three other newspapers in April to urge them to carry the "balanced and credible" stories written by VFF leaders. Gross failed to mention, however, that until last year he had been a Bush PR flack in the White House press office and now heads a Republican PR group.

Nor did Gross tell the newspaper editors that the "non-partisan" Vets for Freedom has deep Republican ties, that its slick website is even hosted by a firm that worked for the Bush-Cheney campaign, and that VFF had been trashing decorated war hero Rep. John Murtha (D-Pa.) and other Democratic critics of the president's misadventures in Iraq.

None of the papers took up Gross's offer, though such papers as *The New York Times* and *Washington Post* have carried op-ed pieces by VFF leaders -- none mentioning the authors' partisan connections and bias.

To keep up with VFF and other political front groups, connect with a watchdog organization called Source Watch: www.sourcewatch.org.

School Board

FROM PAGE 1A

In 1996-97, Salado I.S.D. had to repay its overpayment from the state. When that repayment was coupled with two real estate purchases that were not in the budget and a three cent tax cut, the district found itself with a fund balance of \$92,028 at the end of 1997-98 school year.

Since then, the district has supplemented its fund balance to the point that it has more than \$2 million today.

Despite having a healthy fund balance, Salado I.S.D. Trustees faced vocal opposition to the 2006-07 budget and tax rate from the dozen

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Salado I.S.D. 2005-06 Final Amended Budget		
	2005-06 Proposed	2005-06 Amended
Enrollment	1,215	1,210
Average Daily Attendance	1,167	1,164
Maintenance & Operation Budget by Function		
REVENUE		
Local	6,452,956	6,793,082
State	1,440,208	2,016,175
Federal	168,396	219,840
Loan Proceeds	135,000	77,000
Revenue Total	8,195,000	9,106,097
EXPENDITURES		
Instruction	4,585,169	4,934,336
Instructional Resources	257,212	261,846
Curriculum & Staff Development	16,863	31,544
School Leadership	485,170	512,790
Guidance/Counseling	179,447	186,345
Social Services	24,247	24,247
Health Services	71,927	76,327
Student Transportation	449,218	393,868
Food Services	350,275	378,040
General Administration	412,654	403,404
Plant Maintenance & Operation	777,489	863,708
Security & Monitoring Services	3,000	6,870
Debt Service	44,000	66,020
Payments to Fiscal Agents	79,000	89,500
Expenditures total	8,178,354	8,720,118
Change in M&O Fund Balance	17,306	385,979
Revenue per student enrolled		
	6,745.40	7,525.70
Expenditures per student enrolled		
	6,731.16	7,206.71

citizens gathered for the public hearing Aug. 31.

Citizens' comments on the budget and tax rate were negative, some even irate.

Gary Bartlett questioned how the budget has grown. "You're on the same campus, with about the same amount of kids, but it takes an extra million dollars."

Mike McDougal asked "how much are we spending on secondary school English?" He also asked how much the district spends on teaching mathematics and how much it spends on athletics. He was told that the answers to his queries would be forthcoming because they would need to be delineated in the budget,

Nolan Kinsey told the board that "with \$497 mil-

Salado ISD Budget Comparison				
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Enrollment	1,159	1,159	1,210	1,270
Avg. Daily Attendance (ADA)	1,021	1,112	1,164	1,222
Tax Rate				
	\$1.58 per \$100	\$1.58 per \$100	\$1.58 per \$100	\$1.60 per \$100
	M&O \$1.41	M&O \$1.412	M&O \$1.422	M&O \$1.30
	I&S \$0.17	I&S \$0.168	I&S \$0.158	I&S \$0.30
Maintenance and Operation Budget by Function				
Revenues				
Local	5,342,713	5,949,200	6,793,082	6,536,062
State	1,912,532	2,016,175	2,016,175	2,639,893
Federal	142,057	219,840	219,840	186,084
Loan Proceeds	105,000	122,000	77,000	67,000
Total M&O Revenues	7,502,299	7,772,591	9,106,097	9,429,039
Expenditures				
Instruction	4,215,650	4,336,609	4,934,336	5,255,260
Instructional Resources	232,760	248,195	261,846	284,763
Curriculum & Staff Development	12,700	12,900	31,544	16,863
School Leadership	438,697	473,467	512,790	540,208
Guidance/Counseling	170,975	172,191	186,345	196,438
Social Services	7,000	10,800	24,247	29,247
Health Services	64,578	69,689	76,327	78,722
Student Transportation	329,674	360,804	393,868	398,769
Food Services	317,579	315,723	378,040	375,424
Cocurricular/Extracurricular	338,985	408,649	491,273	464,713
General Administration	370,791	392,002	403,404	446,682
Plant Maintenance & Operation	784,258	740,440	863,708	886,219
Security & Monitoring Services	3,000	3,000	6,870	6,055
Community Service	0	56,000	66,020	76,468
Land Acquisition	53,700	18,750	0	0
Payments to Fiscal Agents	80,000	86,500	89,500	93,500
Expenditure Total	7,420,347	7,705,719	8,720,118	9,149,331
Change in M&O Fund Balance	81,955	66,872	385,979	279,708
Debt Service Budget				
Revenue:	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Local	606,406	665,506	670,331	1,397,500
State	68,841	35,247	12,211	1,290
Revenue Total	675,247	700,753	682,542	1,398,790
Expenditures				
Debt Service	677,636	680,450	677,636	1,374,824
Expenditure Total	677,636	680,450	677,636	1,374,824
Project Change in Debt Service Fund Balance	(2,389)	20,303	4,906	23,966
Total Revenue: Maintenance & Operation				
	7,502,302	7,772,591	9,106,097	9,429,039
Debt Service	675,247	700,753	682,542	1,398,790
Total Revenue	8,177,549	8,473,344	9,788,639	10,827,829
Total Expenditures: Maintenance & Operation				
	7,420,347	7,705,719	8,720,118	9,149,331
Debt Service	667,636	680,450	677,636	1,374,824
Total Expenditures	8,087,983	8,386,169	9,397,754	10,524,155
Total Project Change in M&O and Debt Service Fund Balance	79,566	87,175	390,885	303,674

lion in values, you have a golden opportunity to roll taxes back." He added that he felt the budget was inflated.

Kendall Wallin asked if money was being put into fund balance in order to build a football stadium at the new high school. "There has been no discussion of that," Dr. Battershell replied.

Others voiced their concerns about the information that was made available to the public, the inconvenient timing of the public hearings and the closed nature of the hearings during which the audience was told that comments should be limited to five minutes per person. Individuals wanting to speak before the board had to sign up prior to the start of the meeting.

Stalcup discusses pocket book issues

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Not this year.
Not next year.

But perhaps the year after that, property owners within the Village of Salado will face a property tax.

Salado alderman Merle Stalcup delivered the bad news to the Salado Lions Club as part of a "state of the Village" discussion Aug. 23. Stalcup talked about fire safety, insurance, infrastructure,

sewers and other pocket book issues.

The Village of Salado operates a half-million budget on sales tax and utility franchise taxes. But with the looming need for major street repair projects, taking over Main Street from Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and a possible sewer system in the future, the need for a property tax is evident, according to Stalcup.

He told Lions that the Village is trying to work

with the Salado Volunteer Fire Department to establish a lower insurance rating. The rating is 7 within the city limits and 9 in the ETJ. If the Village and Fire Department can lower those ratings by two points, property owner's insurance could drop by as much as 30 percent.

At the same time, the Village is working to spur on economic development. "About 150 businesses in Salado are generating more than \$36,000 in sales tax revenues each quarter," Stalcup said. "The business climate in Salado has prevented us from having to implement a property tax."

"We'll soon have the responsibility of Main Street," he said, adding that the walkways will need to be improved and made safer for foot traffic to improve tourism in the area.

He told Lions that the Village and Stagecoach Inn are partnering on a feasibility study into connecting the downtown retail area of Salado to the Stagecoach Inn waste water facility.

The study is in its infancy and will need to consider many things, including whether it is fair to tax all property owners for a system that benefits only the business district.

The Village formed a sewer study committee that met with other small communities that are installing sewer systems, including Jarrell, to investigate financing and other issues.

"If you don't get a sewer system, you are going to continue to lose businesses to other communities," one Lion said following Stalcup's remarks.

Stalcup encouraged the Lions to attend aldermen meetings and to consider running for the board of aldermen in the future.

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Volleyballers win two in Gatesville Tourney

The Salado Lady Eagle volleyballers competed in the Gatesville Tournament over the weekend, coming away with two victories and one loss.

Salado opened the tournament by defeating Class 3A Rockdale by a final of 25-20, 18-25 and 25-18. In the match, Lauren Haire had six kills, three aces and two digs, while Larissa Ingalsbe totaled 15 assists, one ace and three digs. Molly Rooney registered

six kills, and Kamyille Palomino had four.

“We began this match hitting the ball well, but again, lost our intensity in the second game, and then had to pick it back up in the third,” Coach Bree Holz remarked. “Our serve receive and defense struggled, but our offense really came through.”

In the second round, the Lady Eagles moved on to face the host Gatesville squad, and were defeated in two games,

by a final of 16-25 and 20-25. Haire had a three kills and three digs, to go along with 1.5 blocks. Rooney had two kills and five digs, and Danielle Hazzard had two kills, one ace and four digs.

“We really passed the ball well and played great defense this match,” Holz said. “Gatesville had some strong hitters and placed the ball very well.”

In round three, Salado

topped Dublin in two straight, 25-22 and 25-20. Haire led the way with eight kills and one block, while Ingalsbe put together 11 assists and four aces. Rooney had a nice game all around, tallying four kills, four aces, three digs and 1.5 blocks.

“We definitely had the worst serve receive of the season during this match,” Holz noted. “But we stepped up our defense and our hitters did a great job of play-

ing smart. We found the holes in their defense and served the ball aggressively.”

In previous action, the Lady Eagles were defeated by Class 5A Belton in three straight: 25-7, 25-21 and 25-21.

Rooney had 10 kills and five digs, Ingalsbe notched 15 assists and Palomino had six kills and four digs. Holz said the girls had a difficult time establishing rhythm in the match. “We’d score

a few points and try to get on a roll, the we’d get called in the net or miss a serve. Belton did a good job of attacking our serve receive, which has been causing problems for us. If we can’t pass the ball, we won’t win too many games.”

The underclassmen squads fared a bit better, with the JV winning 25-18 and 25-16, and the freshmen picking up a 25-20, 17-25 and 25-19 victory.

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The second place position was decided in the last putt of a playoff on Creek 2, Hole 1. An all-military team of 1Sgt. David Lee, SFC Marcus Dudley, 1Sgt. George McMillian and PV2 Joseph Peralta, all of the 4-227 ARB, tied with Mill Creek Member Mike Permenter, SSG Ryan Roscoe of the B Co 57th SIG BN and SFC Jay High of the 54th CSSC for second, with the former

team taking second place in the playoff.

Longest Drive went to CPT Adam Forrest of the 1-7 CAV 1st BDE 1st CAV and Closest to the Pin went to SGT Brent Greear, of the HHT, 1-7 CAV.

"The tournaments have been a lot of fun and extremely rewarding," said Cathy Permenter, of

PEFEO, an event planning company that has coordinated the Military Mixer Tournaments. "Because the troops themselves so much and love the course, they have come back between tournament days to play at Mill Creek. It is nice to see some of our participants coming back to the community when

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completely unbiased." CruiseOne headquarters is located in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. According to Senior Vice President, Vivian Ewart, "Sue has been with CruiseOne since 1997, and has started her 10th year. Her business is a great example of our mission statement, which is to provide excellent service through product knowledge and experience in all facets of cruise travel. Sue earned the prestigious professional credentials of Accredited Cruise Counselor and Master Cruise Counselor from Cruise Lines International. She has attended numerous educational seminars at sea and CruiseOne's advanced corporate training at National Conferences. We know she will be a valuable addition to the Salado business community and we wish her well."

Creek, where she will base her business. Sue says, "We are so excited to be here and have been warmly welcomed by the many people we have already met. We look forward to being involved in our new community both from a business and personal perspective." As part of her service, Sue can provide cruise brochures by mail or in person. She also encourages both first time cruisers and experienced voyagers to visit her personal website at www.cruiseone.com/shahn to register for e-Savers, a free weekly electronic newsletter. Sue also specializes in groups, ranging from family reunions to club and social organizations and is happy to provide a complimentary group quote. She can be reached at 254-8090 as well as croozin@vvm.com.

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Stop the bleeding first, Carter says of illegal immigration

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"We've gone from a free flow between good neighbors to an invasion," Rep. John Carter (R-Round Rock) told Salado Rotarians Aug. 29.

Carter discussed the nation's border, as well as national security, during a talk to the local Rotary Club at Stagecoach Inn.

He equated the current situation with 11 to 16 million illegal immigrants currently in the U.S. and "more than 1,000 coming across every single day" to a patient being wheeled into the emergency room with arterial bleeding and other life-threatening injuries.

"The first thing you do is stop the bleeding," he said, adding that is what a wall along the border with Mexico may accomplish.

He said that while the U.S. cannot build a wall the length of its border with Mexico, it can build barricades in several hot spots where crossing is heavy.

He pointed to such areas as Nuevo Laredo and El Paso in Texas and desert areas in other states where the flow of illegal immigrants could be stemmed with barriers.



Rep. John Carter

Rep. Carter pointed to technology that is used by the military in the field today, adding that it should be used along the borders as well to help Border Patrol to "rapidly respond when necessary."

He said that enforcing the laws already on the books would help to slow illegal immigration. "The fact that they (Mexicans, Central and South Americans and others wanting to cross into America) know

that the resources are there to try to stop them will serve as a deterrent, just as it does in fighting crime."

Once the tide is slowed, then the U.S. can begin to address the causes and other issues related to illegal immigration.

"But first we have to stop the bleeding," he said.

The next step in the process is making it less attractive and easy for companies to hire illegal immigrants. Stringent documentation, biometric identification for social security cards, and other measures will help address the economic advantages to illegal immigration for both the immigrant and the industries hiring them.

However, the industries must be given ways in which they can hire legal, documented immigrants

to work in America, which will increase the burden on an already-overwhelmed and inefficient bureaucracy.

Carter said that he

remains hopeful of finding the answers. "I don't know the answer right now," he said, "but I do know the questions to ask."

He added that the ultimate goal is to "assimilate every good person that wants to be here, while driving out the bad people who don't deserve to be here."

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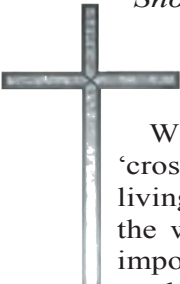
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Willinghams celebrate 50 years

By TAYLOR WILLINGHAM

Ben and June Willingham, sweethearts since the day "Hungry" (the popular nickname for a very skinny Ben) got June's attention by pushing her into her locker, will celebrate their Golden anniversary on September 7. Despite their romantically awkward first meeting, they were married in 1956 at the Haile Baptist Church in Spring Creek, TX. They spent their honeymoon in Royal Gorge, but only after Ben paid a ransom – pushing his bride down Main Street in a wheelbarrow - to win her release from his groomsmen/kidnappers.

After living in Lubbock, Salt Lake City, Garland, Orlando, the San Jose area, Austin and Waco, Ben and June strapped on tool belts and hard hats in 1996 and began building their dream home in the Woods of Salado. With little outside help, they sawed and hammered, nailed and glued, insulated and caulked, tiled and papered, planted and

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Ben and June Willingham

a web site hosting and development business. In addition, June keeps the company financial records for several local Salado businesses. They are well-known throughout Salado as the people to call when a computer crashes or a merchant wants to promote a business and sell products online. Their favorite web site is the tribute they created for Ben's mother who lived to be 108. At www.lutie-lyle-willingham.com, visitors can listen to Ben's mother telling stories that Ben recorded when he had a recording business.

They have one daughter, Taylor who lives in Salado and has her own consulting business, and a son, Brent, who works for Apple Computers and lives in Austin with his wife Terri and their children Benjamin Mason (11) and Rebecca Lynn (9).

After a small family celebration, Ben and June will celebrate their anniversary with a road trip to Angel Fire, New Mexico.

There are no plans for wheelbarrow rides down Main Street Salado.

They are active members of the Salado community. Ben is a board member for the Salado Public Library and Salado Chamber of Commerce, and both are members of the Salado Chamber's Ambassadors.

They continue the choral tradition they started at Borger High School by singing in the Salado Community Chorus and the First Baptist Church of Salado Choir. They serve on the Music in Salado Board, are active in the Woods of Salado Homeowner's Association, and were leaders in the successful movement to extend the Salado Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

They also continue their tradition of working side-by-side in their own business. They have a quality improvement consulting business, and

roofed, finishing their home and moving to Salado in 1997.


Ballroom dancing held 2nd Saturday each month at Stardust


Veteran Hollywood bandsman Gary Lee will bring his ballroom orchestra to the Cultural Activities Center 8-11:30 p.m. Sept. 9.

Organized by Temple residents in 1984, the Stardust club has staged ballroom dances to live music on the second Saturday of every month. Adhering to a semi-formal dress code, the club bans smoking. It has a group of tables for


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Allison James weds Trenton Jacobs in Gaujacq, France

Allison James and Trenton Jacobs were united in marriage July 13, 2006, at Château de Gaujacq overlooking the landscape outside Gaujacq, France.

Allison is the daughter of Lawrence and Maureen James of Whittier, California. She is a 1997 graduate of Whittier High School and holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of California at Irvine. She earned a Master of Veterinary Parasitology from Texas A&M University in 2005. She is a research assistant with Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, Oregon.

Trent is the son of Mitchell and Sandy Jacobs, of Salado. He is a 1994 honor graduate of Ellison High School and a 1998 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy with a degree in Physics and Mathematics. Upon completing five years of active-duty ser-

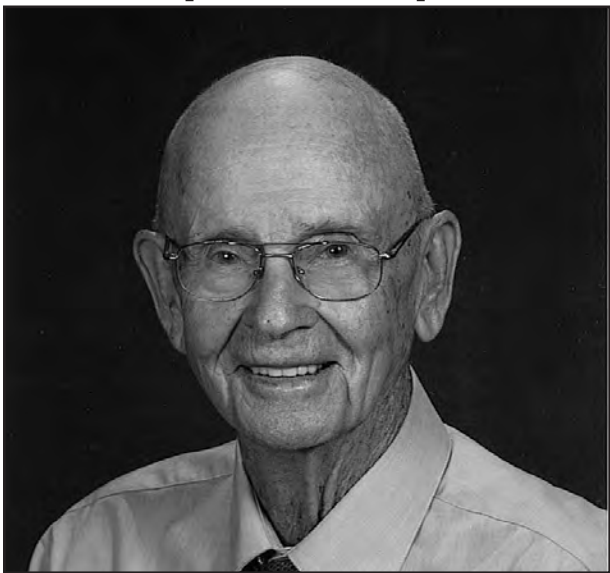


Mr. and Mrs. Trenton Jacobs

vice in the United States Air Force as a nuclear missile launch officer, he earned a Master of Architecture with a certificate in sustainable urbanism from Texas A&M University in 2006. He is an intern architect with Defenbaugh & Associates, P.C. in Salem, Oregon.

The groom's parents will host a reception at their farm in Salado for friends and family to celebrate the couple's union.

H.F. "Hap" Weaver passes



H.F. "Hap" Weaver, 88, of Salado died Thursday, Aug. 24, 2006.

H.F. Weaver was born in Teague to John Frank and Lily Brannon Weaver. He graduated from Van High School and from Texas A&M University in 1950. He retired from Mobil Oil Corp. As a regulatory engineer in 1988. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, serving in the European Theater. He married Ginger Miers on

Oct 5, 1946, in Mexia. He was a member of Temple Bible Church and Gideons International.

Survivors are his wife of Salado; two sons, Hap Weaver of Boerne and John Fred Weaver of Salado; a daughter, Yvette Ellison of Petersburg; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to Temple Bible Church, Gideons International or the charity of one's choice.

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Jack E. Thompson passes away Aug. 27

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He was born July 10, 1925 in Cameron, to Jasper Ervin and Mattie Bernice (Richey) Thompson.

He attended Rogers High School and Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. Thompson joined the U.S. Navy and served as a medic during World War II. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Salado. He made his career in media advertising.

He was preceded in

death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Estelle (Baggett) Thompson; daughter, Tawana Dunham; son, Jack Erice Thompson; and daughter Lee Ann Bott, as well as eight grandchildren.

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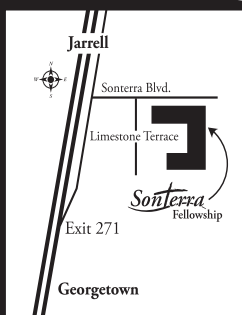
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Brit Owen (left), Democrat candidate for Bell County Commissioner Precinct Two, visits with Arthur Resa during a fundraiser Aug. 24 at the home of Brad and Susan Buckley, west of Salado. Owen has lived in Bell County most of his life. He faces Tim Brown, who has also lived most of his life in Bell County.

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Section B Salado Village Voice

August 31, 2006

12 Pages Shopping, Dining, Overnight, Events

THC to recognize Old Red School

Boles-Aiken Cabin, Scotts Hotel to also be honored

Last week, Salado Village Voice highlighted the history of the Boles-Aiken Cabin, one of three Historic Salado structures to be recognized with new markers from the Texas Historical Commission. This week, we highlight the Old Red School House, while next week the Old Scotts Hotel will be featured.

The Old Red School House

By MARYBELLE BROWN

The original part of the Old Red School, located just south of the Historic Halley House, was completed and put to use Sept. 20, 1924. The south addition was completed in 1929. The building was used by Salado Independent School District for grades one through 11, and later through grade 12, until new schools, the Thomas Arnold Elementary School, and a new Junior High and High School building were opened in Sept. 1979.

At later dates a gymnasium, vocational agriculture building, a homemaking cottage, and a lunch room were added to the campus.

Prior to the building of the Old Red School, Junior High and High School students attended classes in the building of the former Historic Salado College and Thomas Arnold High School located on College Hill. Younger students met in the public school building located in the northwest corner of what is now the parking lot of the First Baptist Church.

The old college building was condemned in the early 1920s but was burned by arsonists before a new building could be



The restored Old Red School House, now the Salado Civic Center

built. Until the Old Red School was built students of all ages met in buildings of the churches and in the home of Dr. B.D. McKie.

When the need for a new school arose five acres of land were donated by Mrs. Alice Hamblen, widow of William K. Hamblen. The Hamblens had moved from Milam County to the Village of Salado in order for their children to enroll in Salado College. The couple had 14 children and four children from Hamblen and his first wife were in the home. Mr. Hamblen was a preacher in the Church of Christ and was a prosperous land owner.

The Hamblens built a two-story home on the property where the Old Red School was to be built. This house was torn down and the material salvaged for other purposes.

The building served the community well until it, too, was condemned in the early 1970s. The Salado School Board began plans for a new pri-

mary school building and separate junior and senior high school building. The Thomas Arnold Elementary School building was completed first and then the Salado High School building was completed.

The Old Red School was vacated in 1979. It was used for storage for a while. The School Board investigated several possibilities, including demolition, for the best plan for use of the Old School. The Village of Salado was not an incorporated entity at that time. The Salado Chamber of Commerce, organized in the 1960s, functioned in many ways as a small town government would.

What to do with the Old Red School was the talk of the town. Many citizens wanted to turn it into a community center. The Chamber of Commerce representatives met with members of the School Board. An agreement was made to have a feasibility study done by Salado architect Don Legg in the fall of 1991, with the idea of having the build-

ing restored and repaired and turned into a community center. A report of the feasibility study was received from Mr. Legg on April 21, 1992, which indicated that the building

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SEPTEMBER 1
Salado Eagle football, versus West Trojans, 7:30 p.m. in West. Season opener.

SEPTEMBER 1-3
Salado Silver Spur Theater presents “Don’t Touch that Dial, with live music and Vaudeville-style entertainment. Show times: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 1 and 2 and 2 p.m. Sept. 2 and 3. Tickets and info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

SEPTEMBER 8
Salado Eagle football, versus McGregor Bulldogs, 7:30 p.m. in Salado.

SEPTEMBER 8-10
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and Vaudeville-style entertainment. Show times: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8 and 9 and 2 p.m. Sept. 9 and 10. Tickets and info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

SEPTEMBER 9
Salado Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School. More details TBA.

SEPTEMBER 10
First Baptist Church of Salado “Experiencing God, the Musical” featuring the combined choirs of Salado First Baptist Church, Canyon Creek Baptist Church of Temple and Heights Baptist Church of Temple, 6 p.m. at FBC Salado. Admission is free and the concert is

open to the public.

SEPTEMBER 13
Salado Lions Club meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Speaker: Sam Lindsey, Lions Club District Director.

SEPTEMBER 14
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary luncheon, at Stagecoach Inn. Program will be given by Salado Community Chorus.

SEPTEMBER 14
Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) hosts a juried showing of the work of the Salado Village Artists (a group of over 80 artists), at the home of Gwen and Joe Morrison, 1201 Rose Lane, in Salado, 6-8 p.m. The community is invited.

SEPTEMBER 15
Salado Eagle football, versus Hamilton Bulldogs, 7:30 p.m. in Salado.

SEPTEMBER 15-17
Salado Silver Spur Theater presents “Don’t Touch that Dial, with live music and Vaudeville-style entertainment. Show times: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 15 and 16 and 2 p.m. Sept. 16 and 17. Tickets and info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

SEPTEMBER 16
Mill Creek Community Association Fall Picnic, 6:30 p.m. at Sherrill Park. Johnny’s Steakhouse will cater.

SEPTEMBER 16-17
Tablerock’s Fantasy Faire 10 a.m.-6 p.m. both days, featuring characters from history, literature, mythology and imagination. Enjoy music, dance, swordplay and storytelling, and shop goods from over 50 vendors. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, seniors and military. Info: 254-624-1008 or email hhood@tablerock.org.

SEPTEMBER 20
Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

SEPTEMBER 20-22
Salado Village Artists Painting Workshop, with D.K. Nichols, of Rockdale. Workshop will focus on abstract color and design; student will have choice of medium. Price: \$155. Info: email phaira1@vvm.com.

SEPTEMBER 22-24
Salado Silver Spur Theater presents “Don’t Touch that Dial, with live music and Vaudeville-style entertainment. Show times: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 22 and 23 and 2 p.m. Sept. 23 and 24. Tickets and info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

SEPTEMBER 24
Music in Salado concert series, featuring guitarist Tony Morris and Friends, 4 p.m. in Allen Hall, behind the Inn at Salado. Admission: \$20 for adults and \$5 for children. Seating is limited. A reception will follow. Reservations and info: 947-5592 or www.musicinsalado.com.

SEPTEMBER 26
Health and Wellness Workshop for Mature Adults, with Kevin McCauley, Progressive Wellness Services and Dr. Ben Liles, Improved Health Spokesperson, covering: “Improving Movement and Posture and Increasing Strength and Coordination,” 7-8 p.m. in the Historical Room of the Salado Civic Center. Free with a donation to the Salado Humane Society. Info: Kevin at youbewell@earthlink.net.

SEPTEMBER 27
Salado Lions Club meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Speaker: Ingrid Schunder, Director of the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank.

SEPTEMBER 29-Oct. 1
Salado Silver Spur Theater hosts “Captured Rainbow,” a one-man musical by Richard Paul Thomas. Admission: \$12 for adults (\$8 matinee), \$10 for seniors, students and military (\$8 matinee), \$5 for children under 12.

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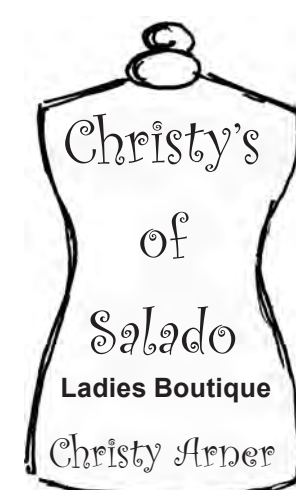


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OCTOBER 6

Salado Eagle football, versus Jarrell Cougars, 7:30 p.m. in Salado.
OCTOBER 7-8

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OCTOBER 10

Salado Garden Club meeting, 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Guest speaker: John Drumgoole, TV Garden Show host. Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-3617.
OCTOBER 11

Salado Lions Club meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Speaker: Skip Blancet.
OCTOBER 12-14

Annual Christmas in October event, sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. Details TBA.
OCTOBER 13

Salado Eagle football, versus Rogers Eagles, 7:30 p.m. in Rogers.
OCTOBER 13-15

Stone Carving Exhibition, sponsored

by Public Arts League of Salado (PALS), 9 a.m.-5 p.m. each day on Main Street. There will be at least five artists carving on Texas limestone blocks; finished pieces will be juried Oct. 15 and awards will be presented. Sculptures will be placed within the Village of Salado.
OCTOBER 14

Salado Youth Fair Boosters Annual Raffle and Dinner at the Bell County Expo Center. Grand prize: Rhino utility vehicle. Tickets: \$100, with mulligan tickets at \$25. A dinner for two comes with the purchase of each ticket, and many silent auction items will be available. Funds support Salado FFA, FCCLA and 4-H. More details TBA.
OCTOBER 18

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.
OCTOBER 20

Salado Eagle football, versus Lago Vista Vikings, 7:30 p.m. in Salado. Homecoming.
OCTOBER 21

Salado Area Republican Women Fine China Luncheon, noon at Stagecoach Inn Longhorn Room. Info: 254-947-3617.
OCTOBER 21

Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, 8 a.m. start at Mill Creek. Info: Salado Chamber, 254-947-5040.
OCTOBER 21

Salado Education Foundation Cattlemen's Ball at Tenroc Ranch. Evening will include music from the Freddie Fuller band, barbecue, live and silent auctions and a casino. Tickets now

on sale for \$75 per person, available at the Salado ISD Central Office or at Century 21-Bill Bartlett. For more information call 254-947-1958.
OCTOBER 25

Salado Lions Club meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Speaker: Pete Fredenburg, Head Football Coach at UMHB.
OCTOBER 27

Salado Eagle football, versus Troy Trojans, 7:30 p.m. in Troy.
OCTOBER 27

Music in Salado concert series, featuring The Miro Quartet, 7 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. Reservations and info: 947-5592 or www.musicinsalado.com.
OCTOBER 28-29

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

Salado Eagle football, versus Florence Buffaloes, 7:30 p.m. in Florence.
NOVEMBER 4

Eleventh Annual Salado United Met Church Garden G Luncheon and Fashion Show, 12:30 p.m. at Royal Street. Fashion Alice's of Salado. Tickets \$12 each. Info: SUN church office, 254-947-5482.
NOVEMBER 8

Salado Lions Club

meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Speaker: Wallace Davis, writer and lecturer, past president of Wayland Baptist University.
NOVEMBER 10

Salado Eagle football, regular season finale, versus Rosebud-Lott Cougars, 7:30 p.m. in Salado.
NOVEMBER 15

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.
NOVEMBER 21

Salado Historical Society annual General Meeting and Chili Supper, 6:15 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.
DECEMBER 1, 2, 8 AND 9

Tablerock Amphitheater's Annual presentation of Charles Dickens' Yuletide classic, A Christmas Carol, 7 p.m. each night. Tickets available at the gate beginning 6:30 p.m. Concessions open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$3 for chil-

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dren. Info: 254-947-9205 or www.tablerock.org.
DECEMBER 1-3
Salado Historical Society's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes. More details TBA.
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Killeen Speedway season ongoing

Pat Wilson, owner and promoter of the Texas Thunder Speedway in Killeen spoke to the Rotary Club of Salado Aug. 22. A graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in Industrial Technology, Wilson served in the U.S. Army from 1986 through 1994 and purchased the

Speedway in 1996. He has also owned of Kwik Kar Oil and Lube in Killeen for 12 years.

The Speedway is host to auto racing from March through September, with 29 events, Wilson explained. The events are Saturdays from 8 p.m. to approximately 11 p.m. The Speedway has recently been upgraded, with a computerized sound system, he went on to say. In addition, the Speedway boasts award-winning announcer Joe Lombardi on the public address system.

Race sponsors include Chrysler, and



Pat Wilson

Budweiser. Wilson says they have created a family atmosphere by adding various kids activities on the grounds, and that drivers come to Killeen all the way from Dallas and San Antonio.

The Speedway has been

a training grounds, with some drivers graduating to NASCAR, but, he says, the latest trend is for the big time systems to use younger drivers; he gave the example of Jeff Gordon, who began his racing career at the age of 12. Salado resident Milton Kirchmeier was once a Killeen Speedway driver, and told of his biggest incident, a head-on collision with a wall at top speed.

The Speedway has a capacity of 3,000 people which was reached when the Speedway hosted a demolition derby.

--REPORTED BY GERRY REIHSEN

OLD RED SCHOOL — FROM PAGE 1B

could be re-modeled and could be used for a number of suggested plans.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce, under the leadership of President Denver Mills, became actively involved in plans for the project.

A town hall meeting was held on April 30, 1992, with over 150 citizens attending. Members of the community were pleased with the report and anxious to proceed. Patsy Sanford, president of the SISD School Board, worked with the Chamber of Commerce in getting necessary approval from the school district. Robert

Cottle assumed responsibility for fund raising. A grant from the Meadows Foundation and generous donations from interested people were received.

The old building was remodeled, repaired and modernized, and was ready for use in Oct. 1993. Dedication services were held on Oct. 6, 1993, attended by 329 local residents, distinguished guests, and former students.

The Salado Public Library, the Salado Chamber of Commerce, Salado Historical Society, and the Administration Office of the Salado school district

were given space. There was also a large meeting room which could seat 200 people and a kitchen for use for dinners for reunions, wedding receptions, conferences and meetings of other groups. There was space for conducting elections, hosting tour groups, and at a later date, the Department of Tourism.

The most appreciated space houses large public restrooms, a convenience never before available in the Village of Salado.

The building is under the oversight of the Old Salado School Foundation (OSSF).

CALENDAR

DECEMBER 1-3 & 8-10
Annual Salado Christmas Stroll event.
More details TBA.
DECEMBER 7-9
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Tournament, featuring some of the finest high school basketball teams in the state. More info TBA.
DECEMBER 12
Mill Creek Community Association meeting and Christmas Dinner at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner.

DECEMBER 13
Salado Lions Club Christmas Lunch, with members and spouses. Belton High School Madrigals will provide a holiday musical program.

DECEMBER 18
Music in Salado annual Members' Christmas Concert, at the home of John and Barbara Robertson, in Salado. More info TBA.
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Beethoven Festival, presented by Music in Salado, at the Silver Spur Theater. Feb. 2, 7 p.m. concert featuring the vocal and chamber music of Beethoven, with baritone John Van Cura, soprano Carole Meyer Willingham, pianist Kim Van Cura and strings. Feb. 3 noon luncheon and lecture, with the International Piano Due and Dr. Robin Wallace, Professor of Music at Baylor University and Beethoven expert. Info: 947-5592 or www.musicinsalado.com.
APRIL 27
ABWA Benefit and Style Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Longhorn Room of Stagecoach Inn. Info: 254-947-3617.

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Proper hygiene - it can be dangerous

Does this sound familiar? Upon waking in the morning, you take a shower; brush your teeth and put on some under-arm deodorant. Sounds good, no problem, right? Well, wrong.

We have not been awake for even 30 minutes and there is a good chance that we have covered our body with at least three different types of harmful chemicals. "Huh?" If you don't filter your water and you are using municipal water you are showering with heavily chlorinated water, your toothpaste possibly is loaded with fluoride, and your under-arm deodorant has a strong element of aluminum. And you were thinking you just wanted to look and smell good. Sorry for the bad news.

Here are some of the concerns:

Chlorine:

Chlorinated tap water can increase the risk of bladder and rectal cancers. The byproducts of chlorine combined with water are "mutagenic and/or carcinogenic."

The chlorination is needed though, because of the high amount of bacteria in the municipal water. We don't use chlorine because it's the safest or even the most effective means of disinfection, we use it because it is the cheapest. In spite of all our technological advances, we essentially still pour bleach in our water before we drink it. The long term

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By KEVIN McCAULEY



effects of chlorinated drinking water have just recently been recognized. According to the U.S. Council of Environmental Quality, "Cancer risk among people drinking chlorinated water is 93 percent higher than among those whose water does not contain chlorine."

Flouride:

The most widely accepted adverse effect of low concentration fluoridation at this time is fluorosis. It is a condition caused by 'excessive' intake of fluorine compounds over an extended period of time, and can cause yellowing of teeth, hypothyroidism, or brittling of bones and teeth.

Fluoride is more poisonous than lead, and just less poisonous than arsenic - Clinical Toxicology of Commercial Products - 1984

"A seven ounce tube of toothpaste, theoretically at least, contains enough fluoride to kill a small child." - Procter&Gamble, quoted in Fluoride the Aging Factor

Fluoride supplements should not be given to children under three years old - 1992 Canadian Dental Association Proposed Fluoride Guidelines, Dr. Limeback

Aluminum:

As with the other elements, aluminum is absorbed and accumulated in the body, and has been linked to serious illnesses including osteoporosis, extreme nervousness, anemia, headache, decreased liver and kidney function, forgetfulness, speech disturbances and memory loss. Aluminum has also been widely associated with Alzheimer's disease. People who have died from Alzheimer's disease have been found to have up to four times the average amount of aluminum accumulated in the brain's nerve cells (Mercola.com, 2004).

Antiperspirants contain

aluminum that is absorbed by your body. It's best to avoid it all together and use simple soap and water instead. Deodorants aren't as bad as antiperspirants, but I would also avoid using them unless it was made from some form of baking soda.

Other Common Sources:

- Tap Water
- Aluminum cookware.
- Aluminum foil
- Over-the-counter drugs: These include many antacids, anti-diarrhea drugs and drugs used for pain and inflammation.
- Several douche brands
- Some baking powders: Most baking powders contain aluminum as an additive, but health food stores carry non-aluminum varieties.
- Refined foods, refined

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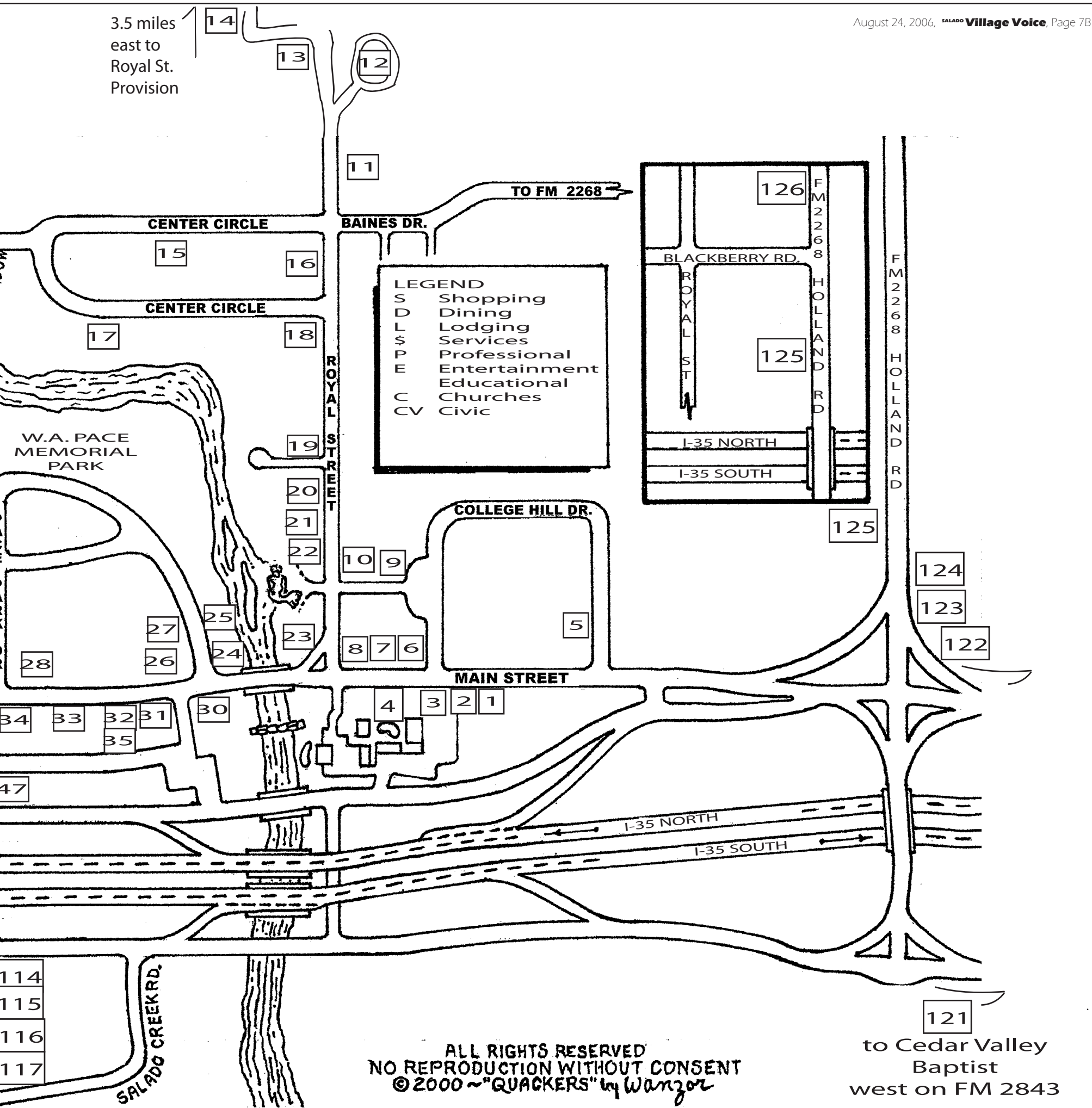
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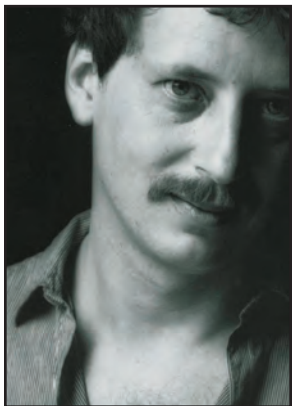
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The play centers



Richard Paul Thomas

has performed throughout the United States in concert with artists such as Anne Murray, Loggins and Messina, Helen Ready, James Lee Stanley and Michael Martin Murphey. He worked for two years with Jacques Cousteau’s Involvement Day, an environmental celebration of the planet Earth. Thomas currently lives in Salado with his family and is President/CEO of TBC International, Inc., a consulting firm specializing in Management and Accounting Solutions.

Since moving to Texas, Thomas has appeared as Arnold Wiggins in the Temple Civic Theater’s production of Tom Griffin’s “The Boys Next Door.” At Tablerock

he has performed as Victor Spinilli in a staged reading of Jason Miller’s “Lou Gehrig Did Not Die of Cancer” and as a Doctor, Lawyer, Teacher and Composer in Jackie Mill’s and Tom Taylor’s “Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor,” honoring Dr. ‘Nip’ Goodnight, Tablerock Benefactor.

“Captured Rainbow” is scheduled for three performances. The Friday (9/29) and Saturday (9/30) evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. The Sunday (10/1) matinee performance begins promptly at 2 p.m. Cost for the evenings festivities is \$12, and \$8 for the Sunday matinee. Senior Citizens, students and Military personnel (with ID) will receive a \$2 discount. Group Rates Available Call for Pricing And Availability. For reservations Call (254) 947-3456.



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Gear up for Labor Day with these grill choices

Grilled BBQ Chicken

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• 8 chicken thighs and legs OR 4 thighs and 4 breasts
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Place the chicken in a sealable plastic bag with 1 cup sauce. Turn the bag several times so the chicken is well coated. Refrigerate for 4 hours or overnight, turning the bag occasionally to distribute the sauce.

Remove pieces and arrange on a lightly greased preheated grill over low coals. Cook, turning frequently, until the meat near the bone is not pink, about 30–45 minutes.

Nutrition Info
Per serving (143g-wt.): 240 calories (130 from fat), 14g total fat, 4g saturated fat, 24g protein, 3g total carbohydrate (0g dietary fiber, 2g sugar), 85mg cholesterol, 270mg sodium

Ribs, ribs...and more ribs!

Ribs are the backbone of a backyard bonanza. Whether you prefer beef or pork, here are some tips to ensure your barbeque event is spectacular.

Beef Ribs
There are two different types of beef ribs:

- Back ribs
Very tender ribs; consist of about seven ribs with meat attached. Cut from the prime rib.
- Short ribs (bone-in or boneless)

Plenty of meat and rich flavor. Short ribs are the meaty ends of beef ribs from the rib, chuck or brisket section. Short ribs from the chuck tend to be one of the meatiest cuts. Also called “flanken” ribs.

Cooking Beef Ribs
• Beef ribs are especially suited for long, slow cooking and may be



grilled, roasted or braised. Short ribs are excellent for braising, and back ribs ideal for barbecuing.

- Be sure to trim external fat from short ribs before cooking. Ideally, brown before cooking (even when grilling) to reduce excess fat and concentrate flavor.
- Back ribs may be seasoned overnight with a dry rub, then barbecued over indirect heat until fork tender, about 3 hours. Baste with barbecue sauce during the last 15 minutes of cooking.
- To grill back ribs, first braise ribs in large heavy pot with vegetables of your choice (quartered onions, chunks of carrots and celery) seasoned with bay leaves, oregano, garlic cloves, rosemary, thyme, pepper and salt. Cover ribs with water and boil; reduce heat and simmer about one hour or until meat is tender. When ready to grill, brush ribs with your favorite barbecue sauce and grill (basting occasionally with sauce) for about 10–15 minutes.
- Beef ribs hold their own with very flavorful marinades. Spice them up with ginger, miso, jerk seasonings, ancho chilies or lemon grass.

Pork Ribs
There are two kinds of pork ribs:
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Cooking Pork Ribs
• Pork ribs may be braised, grilled, or roasted.
• Pork ribs are suited to slow cooking at low temperatures (about 300°F).
• Pork ribs may be seasoned overnight with a dry rub, then barbecued over indirect heat until fork tender, about 2 1/2 to 3 hours. Baste with barbecue sauce during the last 15 minutes of cooking.
• Parboiling pork ribs before grilling helps reduce fat content.
• Allow about 1 pound of pork ribs per person.

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Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 — pole
6 Miss Marple
10 Canine tooth
16 "Nowhere —" ('66 hit)
19 Luncheonette lure
20 Bard's river
21 May or Stritch
22 Clark's "Mogambo" co-star
23 She's not a bleached blond, she's ...
26 Tear
27 Walk confidently
28 Composer Albeniz
29 Stevenson scoundrel
30 Singer Sumac
31 Fill to the gills
34 Rapier
37 — -Locka, FL
40 Eastern dye
42 Raven maven?
45 — terrier
48 She's not old, she's ...
54 Conductor's concern
55 "— Nidre"
56 Right-fielder Tony

57 Discontinue
58 "Strange Interlude" playwright
60 Quaker colonist
62 Baby bites
64 Hazard
65 Keats' — a Nightingale
66 Scuba site
68 Tach meas.
69 Actress Ruby
70 He doesn't have detention, he's ...
75 Ring figure
78 Brit. lexicon
79 Puente or Jackson
80 Cognizant
84 Actor Novello
86 Rushed
88 Poet Teasdale
90 Paint over
92 Sacks
94 Urania's sister
96 Seer's gift
98 Undo an error
99 He's not ignorant, he's ...
103 Approaches
104 Superlative suffix
105 It's up in the air
106 '60s campus org.

107 Printer's measure
109 Entangle
110 "A Yank in the —" ('41 film)
113 — pro quo
116 Beethoven dedicatee
120 Sahara vision
123 Decorative vase
124 He doesn't snore, he's ...
130 FBI employee
131 Asian peninsula
132 Give off
133 Bar food?
134 Metro or Prizm
135 Lowdown hound
136 Trick
137 Serengeti springer

DOWN

1 Eavesdrop electronically
2 Smeltery stuff
3 Legal wrong
4 Atlanta campus
5 Adage
6 Shade of green
7 Broad st.

8 Start to snooze
9 Vane letters
10 Chubby Checker has three
11 Forearm bone
12 Actress Thompson
13 Segment
14 Lodging
15 PD abbr.
16 Designer Quant
17 Gung-ho
18 Spine start
24 Spud state
25 Quiche, e.g.
29 Young bovine
31 Pry
32 Some fishermen
33 Skater Babilonia
35 Sty guy
36 Hockey's Lindros
37 Word form for "eight"
38 Chemical prefix
39 Ready for a fight
41 Lodge brother
42 Comrade
43 Ken or Lena
44 "— Madigan" ('67 film)
46 Demure

47 "Siddhartha" author
49 Mayberry moppet
50 Nick of "Cape Fear"
51 NYC power co.
52 Like some dogs
53 Astronaut Slayton
59 Trademark designs
61 Tree house?
63 Lipstick mishap
67 Chalky cheese
71 Drive off
72 Swimmer Gertrude
73 Actor Lamas
74 Nerd
75 Jazz phrase
76 French spa
77 Compel
81 Unit of area
82 Savanna sounds
83 Facilitated
85 Impede
87 TV's "Happy —"
89 Racy neckwear?
91 Turner and Koppel
93 Certain
95 Boy king

97 Play on words
100 Quiet — mouse
101 Myriads of moons
102 Worth
108 Southwest-ern sights
109 Essential
111 Crop up
112 "— Attraction" ('87 film)
113 Bog, for short
114 Press
115 "So — You" ('77 song)
117 Research sites
118 First name in tennis
119 Blind part
120 Dole (out)
121 Arizona river
122 Writer Hunter
124 Collar a crook
125 Coach Parseghian
126 Word with carpet or cabbage
127 Aussie walker
128 "Great Expectations" character
129 Byrnes or Roush

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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POLITICAL CORRECTIONS

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

AK
A 10 8 6
8 7 6 4 3
K 9

WEST

J 6 5 2
7 4
K 9 5
J 8 6 4

EAST

10 8 7 3
9 5
J 10
AQ 10 3 2

SOUTH

Q 9 4
K Q J 3 2
AQ 2
7 5

The bidding:
South 1♥ West Pass North 3♥ East Pass

Opening lead — four of clubs.

Perfect play

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A declarer is sometimes forced to resort to an educated guess when no other options are available. For a typical example, consider this deal where South got to four hearts and West led a club.

East took his A-Q and shifted to the jack of diamonds, presenting declarer with his first problem. South rejected the finesse and went up with the ace instead. He reasoned that if West had the king of diamonds, playing the queen would surely cost him the contract, while if East had the king of diamonds, the queen would still score a trick later on.

Before making his final decision about the diamonds, declarer first cashed the A-K of spades and A-K of trumps. He then led the queen of spades and trumped it in dummy!

A low diamond from dummy came next, and when East followed with the ten, South decided to play West for the king. Accordingly, he played the deuce on the ten, rendering the defense helpless. Whether West started with the K-5 or the K-9-5, declarer could not lose more than one diamond trick.

In the actual case, if East's ten held the trick, he would be forced to return a spade or a club, allowing declarer to discard the queen of diamonds as he ruffed in dummy. Alternatively, if West elected to overtake the ten with the king, he would establish South's queen as the game-going trick. Of course, if West started with the K-5 doubleton, declarer's queen would also become good.

Once declarer decided to play West for the diamond king, the defenders had no chance. It is interesting to note that, along the way to the winning position, South avoided a major pitfall when he ruffed the queen of spades in dummy. Had he instead cashed the queen and then crossed to dummy with a trump, East would have been able to discard his ten of diamonds, and the contract would have gone down the drain.

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THE OBSERVATION DECK

September:
it was the most beautiful of words, he'd always felt, evoking orange-flowers, swallows, and regret.

ALEXANDER THEROUX

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Answer —
Weekly SUDOKU

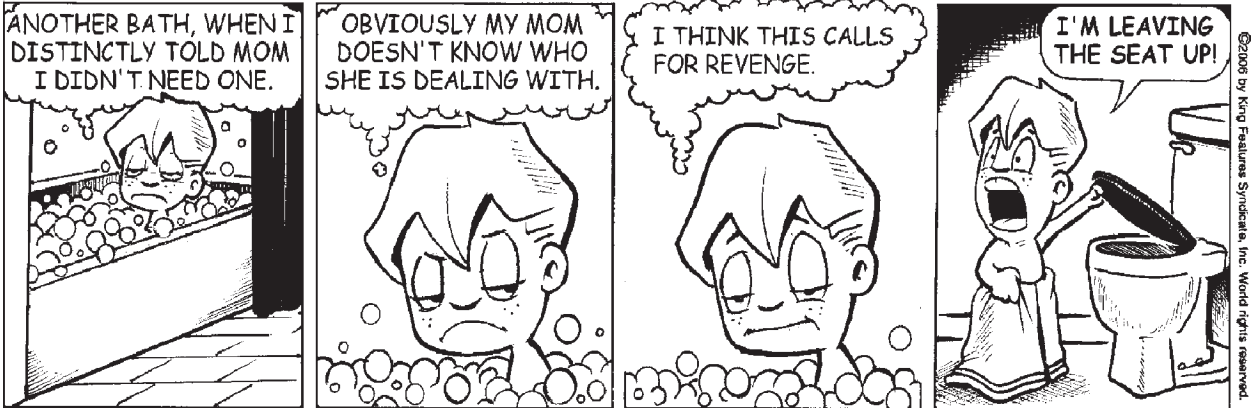
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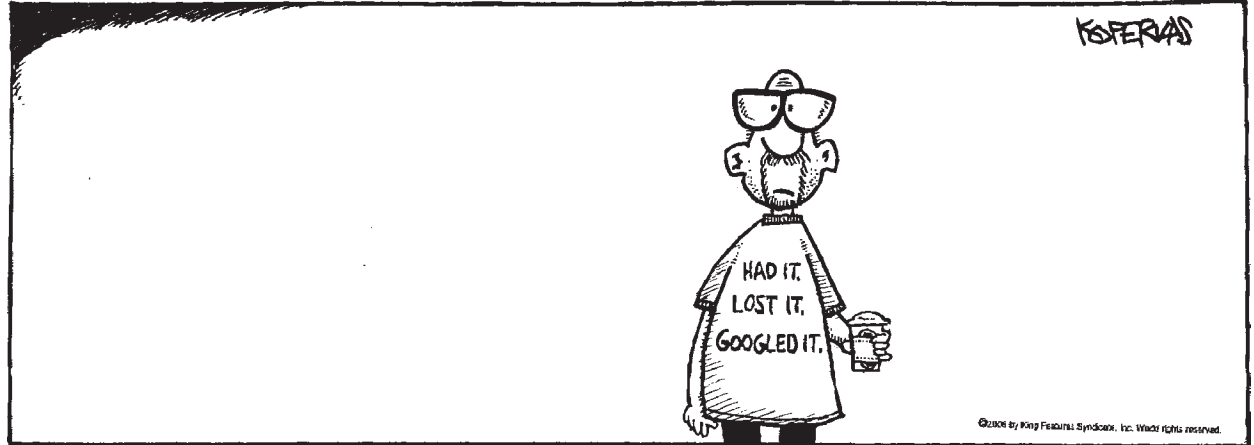
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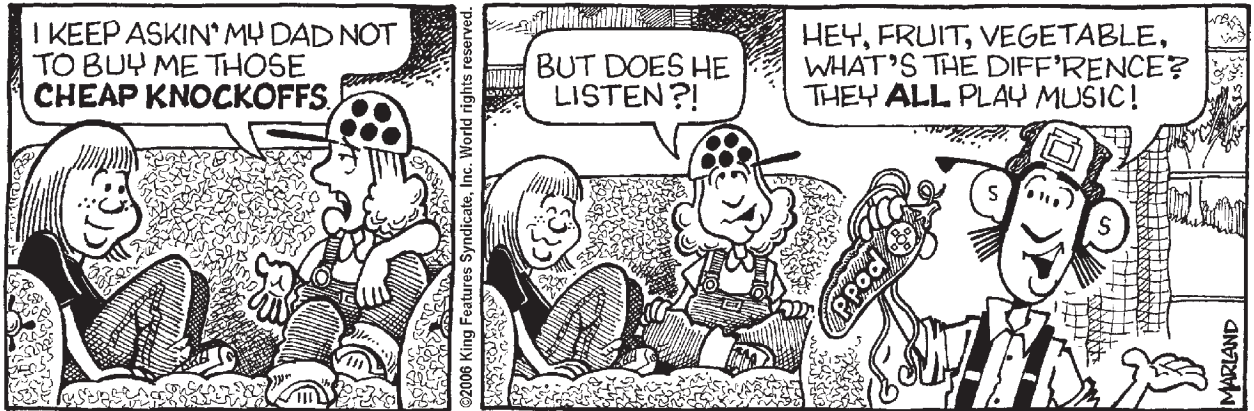
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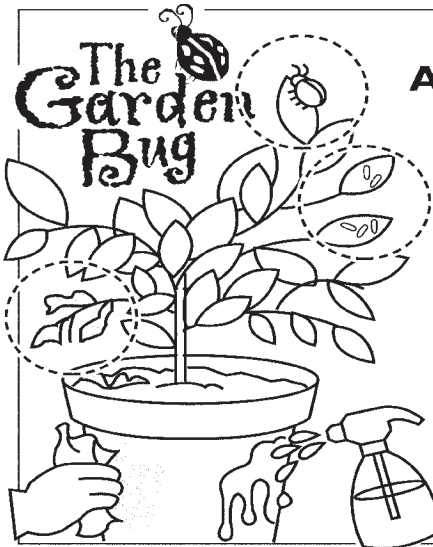
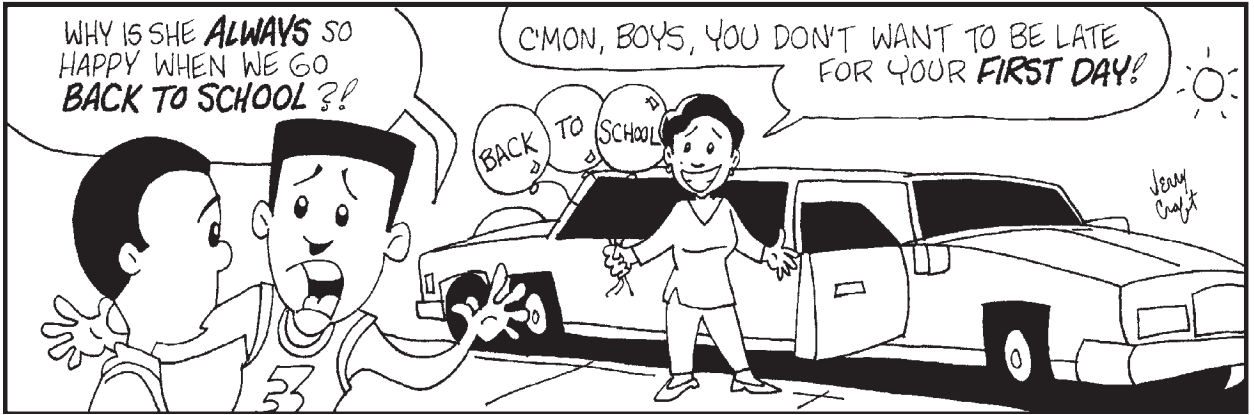
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Acclimating houseplants

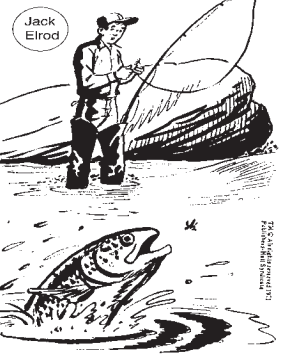
A few weeks before you start heating your home, as you begin to bring potted plants inside, you'll need to:

- Wash off the pot, drying it thoroughly.
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- Wash the plant to remove any pests or eggs.

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Mark Trail's OUTDOOR TIPS

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

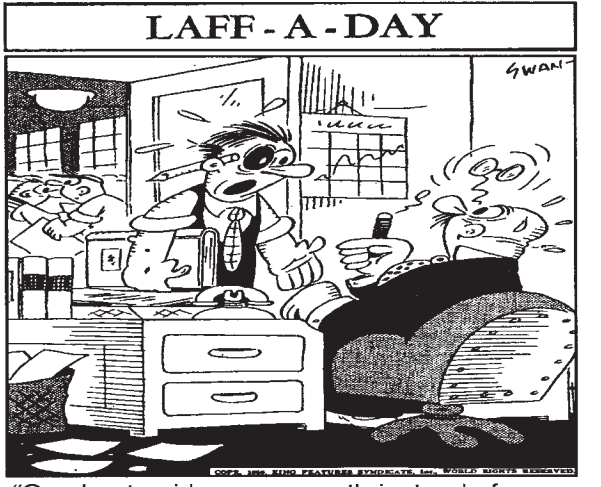
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DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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The roads of the Big Island

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We'll go back to the Big Island of Hawaii. We did a lot in the week we were there, but there are so many more things we want to see and do. Like malasadas. Portugese donuts. We never had any. They are hot items on the BI. When we went to a bakery to get some, they were sold out.

I also want to spend more time at Polulu, one of the most scenic spots. I want to perhaps stay at Waimea, voted one of the top places to live in the U.S. I want to visit the seahorse farm between Kona's airport and harbor.

We had visited Oahu and Kawai before and fell in love with both of those islands, but the Big Island seems to be more diverse. The beautiful flowers and

trees are there for sure. At intersections of main streets in Kona, acres of pink and white bougainvillea drape the hillsides.

We visited coffee and macadamia plantations; saw bananas, papayas and mangos ripening on trees. We saw fan palms and coconut palms. Coconuts fall from trees without much notice and some people get hurt every year when a coconut bonks them on their heads.

We went to the Shera-

ton nearly every night to watch the Manta Rays feed on plankton. The hotel has a big overlook and shines bright lights into the water so visitors can see the huge sea creatures maneuver along the rocky shoreline. They have a wingspan of 16 feet and their movements are mesmerizing.

We drove along the island's perimeter, stopping occasionally to visit a waterfall, intriguing valley, or botanical gar-

den. Most roads are only two lanes and if you can drive 40 mph you're doing well. We watched Pilot Whales accompany us when we took a boat ride in the Pacific. We watched giant sea turtles come ashore to lay eggs. We lunched at a beachside restaurant and saw people of all ages play in the surf with boogie boards. We stood at high overlooks and looked down at places where the water meets the land. The Pacific water is warm and near the shore it displays at least half a dozen colors, from deep blue to a light turquoise.

We went to the place where the Hawaiian Islands were first formed by tons of lava shot into the air from a volcano. We walked through clouds of steam coming from deep inside the earth. We had a picnic while watching boiling lava hit the sea.

Perhaps our greatest adventure was watching a sunset from the top of Mauna Kea, the tallest volcano on the island (elevation 13,792 feet). From sea floor to summit it towers more than 5.6 miles. The summit is covered with observatories, which attract astronomers from all over the world. Big Island residents ski and snow board on the summit in the winter when it is covered with snow. We wore heavy parkas and big gloves when we were there in late July. The temperature was 32 degrees, quite different from the 100-degree weather along the coast.

The Big Island is 120 miles North to South, 100 miles East to West.

Tablerock receives Wal-Mart grant

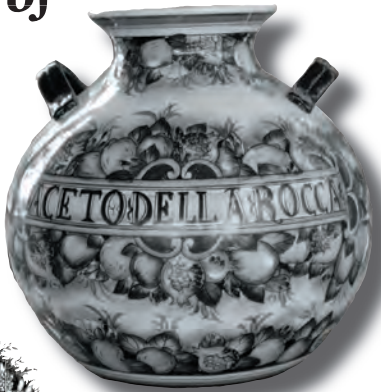
Temple Wal-Mart Supercenter associates presented the Tablerock Amphitheater with a \$750 grant. The donation was made by Wal-Mart as part of the company's community grant program.

"Our associates were excited to make this donation to such a worthwhile cause," said Joe Stewart, Wal-Mart Supercenter manager. "The money will be utilized for programs in the local community that we are glad to support. This is just a small part of Wal-Mart's commitment to he communities in which we operate."

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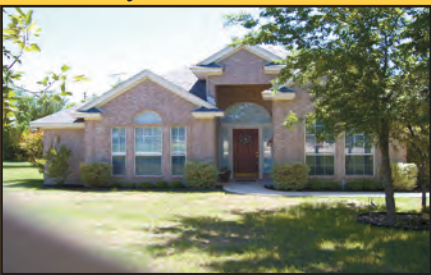
\$158,800: 918 N. Ridge, Salado. Rustic 3 BR home in Mill Creek. Rough beams, wood floors and bead board add to its charm.



\$219,500: 2408 Smith Bluff Rd., Salado. 3 BR/2.5 BA with deck on Mill Creek cul-de-sac.



\$224,900: 616 Spring Ct., Belton. 4 BR/2 BA, 2203 SF, granite countertops, gas fireplace, half-acre.



\$232,500: 1221 Yellow Rose, Salado. 4 BR/2.5 BA with large back patio in Wild Rose Subdivision.



\$239,700: 4401 Solana Ranch Rd., Salado. Recently updated 3 BR home on over 2 acres. Workshop, detached garage and tractor storage.



\$274,900: 109 Salado Creek Place, Salado. Great location, Well-maintained 4 BR home with open floorplan.



\$349,500: 818 Hillcrest Dr., Salado. early Teas architecture design. 3 BR/2.5 BA, 2 bonus rooms.



\$385,700: 608 Whispering Oaks, Salado. 4 BR/3.5 BA, two living, two dining with additional bonus room. Beautiful in-ground pool.

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2802 FM 3117, Temple	\$ 80,000
611 Harper St., Holland	\$ 115,000
11213 Oak Tree, Salado	\$ 139,700
8721 Oakbend Cove, Temple	\$ 147,500
124 Prairie Lane, Salado	\$ 152,700
11222 Salado Hts., Salado	\$ 154,900
918 N. Ridge, Salado	\$ 158,800
337 Meadow Valley Loop, Jarrell	\$ 165,000
3901 Chisholm Tr. #12, Salado	\$ 169,900
825 Park Dr., Salado	\$ 177,000
335 College Hill, Salado	\$ 194,500
605 Spring Ct., Belton	\$ 211,900
1425 Bishop Dr., Salado	\$ 219,000
2408 Smith Bluff Rd., Salado	\$ 219,500
616 Spring Ct., Belton	\$ 224,900
499 Cottontail Tr., Temple - 29 acs.	\$ 229,000
380 Salado Creek Rd., Salado	\$ 229,000
1104 S. Ridge, Salado	\$ 229,000
1221 Yellow Rose, Salado	\$ 232,500
115 Tallwood Circle, Salado	\$ 238,700
4401 Solana Ranch Rd., Salado	\$ 239,700
1236 Crystal Springs, Salado	\$ 247,500
1635 Hidden Springs, Salado	\$ 249,000
3416 Chisholm Trail, Salado	\$ 249,700
2010 Old Mill Rd., Salado	\$ 259,000
1610 Chaparral, Salado	\$ 259,900
1003 Heritage Lane, Belton	\$ 272,000
109 Salado Creek Place	\$ 274,900
513 Royal View, Salado	\$ 299,000
4601 FM 2843, Salado	\$ 300,000

2716 Winner's Circle, Salado	\$ 324,700
818 Hillcrest Dr., Salado	\$ 349,500
200 Carriage House, Salado	\$ 349,700
608 Whispering Oaks, Salado	\$ 385,700
2743 Hester Way, Salado	\$ 386,900
1194 Hidden Springs Dr., Salado	\$ 425,000
12261 Blackberry Rd., Belton	\$ 995,000

Lots & Homesites

5.24 acres Salado Creek	\$ 279,500
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1014 Arrowhead, Mill Creek, Salado	\$ 55,000

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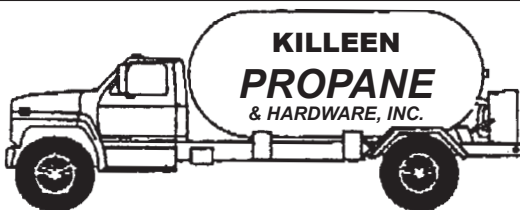


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Las Casas will cater the sit-down dinner that will consist of Caesar Salad, Grilled Pork Tenderloin with Raspberry Chipotle Glaze, Sweet Potato Casserole topped with Texas Pecans, Mixed Vegetable Medley, Rolls, Butter and Iced Tea. Tickets are \$25 per person and will include a buffet dinner and event. Silent auction items may be viewed beginning at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., and the auction at 8 p.m. Ticket reservations may be made at the Republican Party Headquarters, 725 South General Bruce Drive in Temple, TX, and phone number (254) 771-2923. Advance reservations are encouraged.

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Check It Out

News & Notes from Salado Public Library

By KAREN KINNISON
SALADO LIBRARIAN

August is over --- thank goodness -- and with it another fiscal year for the Salado Public Library closes. This has been a record year for us!

We have grown in patronage, in circulation, in collection size, in technology and in popularity. This has been the place to be this summer! Our patron numbers have doubled since we moved here and we averaged about 50 new patrons a month this year. That's pretty impressive for a village this size!!

Of course one of our best attractions is our upgraded access on our new computers that were installed in 2006. Usage of computers is up a whopping 45 percent averaging about 500 Internet users a month! Circulation is up by 16 percent also and we have added more than 2000 items to the collection this year including more than 75 Spanish language fiction, nonfiction, biography and DVDs.

Video and DVD check out has grown enormously since we moved in our new building, almost tripling in use.

And great news for all!! We have a brand new "super copier/fax machine". Now you can copy, collate, one-side/two-side etc... and now you can also send a fax--all at our new copier station. Of course, copies are still only 10 cents each while faxes will be \$1 per page.

Well there you have it Saladoans! Your public library comes to your rescue once again! As these dog daze of summer come to a close, remember your public library is a wonderful cool oasis in the middle of this August drought. Come "surf" with us, come xerox or fax with us, come browse our selection of new books, movies and magazines; come learn computing with us --- and, then take something home with you too!

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MCCA sets clean up, picnic

The Mill Creek Community Association will try again to have its Annual Clean-up Day 8-10 a.m. Sept. 9. The May clean-up was postponed due to rain. Can anybody believe that!

The meeting place will be Sherrill Park pool area. Coffee, juice and donuts will be the bait to start our motors. Since the MCCA Fall Picnic will be the next week at the park the Association wishes to have a neat park and area.

Hardy souls wishing to clean the creek are also needed... and the weed-eater team of Clyde Bisnett and Larry Freeman is searching for other helpers.

Letta Meinen will man the registration table

with suggestions for litter destinations. Joe Oliver, Beautification Chairman, needs help.

So start your motors and get your exercise for beautiful Mill Creek and do a good deed.

Fall Picnic set

Plans are underway for the Mill Creek Community Association's Fall Family Picnic Sept. 16 starting at 6:30 p.m. at Sherrill Park.

Johnny's Steakhouse will be providing Barbeque that will include chicken, brisket, potato salad, cole slaw, beans, homemade buns, ice tea, pickles and onions for only \$10.00 per plate for adults; children's plates will be \$5.00.

The Social Committee of Bobbie Riehse, Jackie Gipson, Carol Wall, Michelle Lenis, Judy Fulfer and Pat Freeman have agreed to provide brownies and ice cream for dessert.

This will be a family fun night. The pool will be open; tennis rackets and balls, frisbees and ball game equipment will be available. Also a lively game of bingo with white elephant prizes will be offered for the less athletic group.


You will need to bring your own lawn chairs and send your check for reservations before Sept. 6 to MCCA, P.O. Box 562, Salado, TX 76571. Get your check in the mail it will be too late after Sept. 6. Johnnie's needs a count by then.

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How can we bring back Pacific wild salmon

Dear EarthTalk: Would removing dams in the Pacific Northwest allow the wild salmon that used to thrive there return to their former abundance? -- Jake Garmey, Boston, MA

Before white settlement in the Pacific Northwest (pre-1850), each year some 10 million Pacific salmon--a so-called "silver tide"--swam up the Columbia and Snake Rivers to spawn at the streams and tributaries of their births. Native Americans feasted and derived much of their cultural awareness from the presence and cycles of these fish. Today as few as 10,000 salmon return home to the Snake River each season.

Overfishing and pollution -- as well as the crossbreeding of native fish with weaker hatchery-born fish -- have since taken their toll on wild salmon populations, but most analysts point to the construction of eight large hydropower dams throughout the Columbia/Snake system during the middle of the 20th century as the key factor. According to noted Pacific Northwest naturalist and writer William Dietrich, 106 salmon stocks have gone extinct from Northern California to the Canadian border since the dams were built.

According to Save Our Wild Salmon, a coalition of environmental groups and commercial and sport fishing associations, dams alone are responsible for



the loss of 92 percent of salmon headed out to sea and of up to 25 percent on their way back upstream. "Fish are gone entirely from almost 40 percent of their historic rivers," says Dietrich, who adds that most of the remaining fish are at risk, too, qualifying for full protection under the Endangered Species Act. Quite simply, the fish just cannot swim past the dams.

The idea of removing dams to restore salmon runs is not new. Environmentalists rejoiced in 1999 when Maine removed the 162-year-old Edwards Dam on the Kennebec River to allow passage for decimated stocks of Atlantic salmon. That dam was an obvious choice for removal, as it provided only 1/10th of one percent of Maine's power needs, yet strained and drained

20 percent of the state's watershed lands. In all, more than 145 dams have been removed across the U.S. since the Edwards Dam came down in 1999.

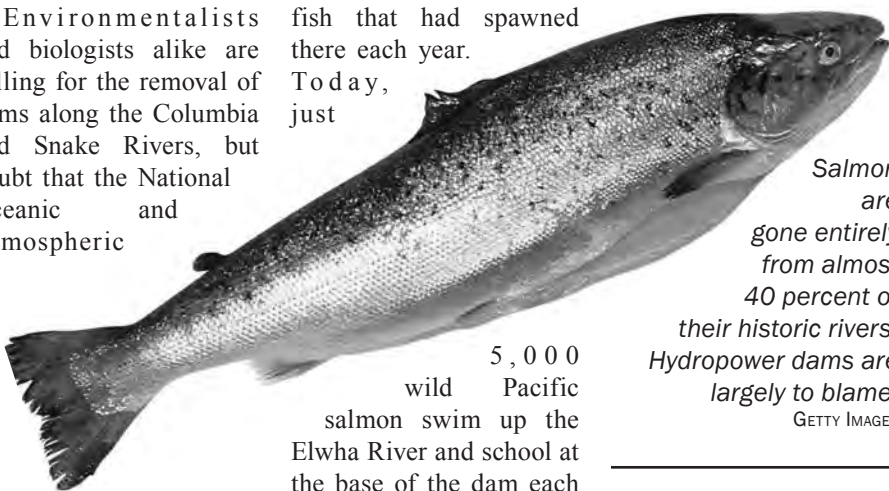
Environmentalists and biologists alike are calling for the removal of dams along the Columbia and Snake Rivers, but doubt that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration (NOAA), the agency responsible for developing a salmon plan, will actively promote the idea. Dams in the Pacific Northwest produce nearly seven percent of the nation's electricity without generating greenhouse gases, and the Bush administration is eager to promote hydropower as one way to reduce our reliance on foreign oil.

Meanwhile, the federal government is working to complete removal of the Elwha Dam on Washington

State's Olympic Peninsula by 2008. Built a century ago to generate power, the Elwha Dam shut off 70 miles of habitat for the more than 500,000 fish that had spawned there each year.

Today, just



Salmon are gone entirely from almost 40 percent of their historic rivers. Hydropower dams are largely to blame. GETTY IMAGES

5,000 wild Pacific salmon swim up the Elwha River and school at the base of the dam each year, looking for a way upstream that no longer exists. The success or failure of the Elwha Dam removal will certainly impact the debate about the prospects for removing other hydropower dams in the Pacific Northwest and

elsewhere.

CONTACTS: Save Our Wild Salmon, www.wildsalmon.org; NOAA Fisheries Service, www.nmfs.noaa.gov;

Elwha Restoration Project, www.nps.gov/olym/elwha/.

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Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that nothing really "biodegrades" in a landfill? -- Laura, via e-mail

Organic substances "biodegrade" when they are broken down by other living organisms (such as enzymes and microbes) into their constituent parts, and in turn recycled by nature as the building blocks for new life. The process can occur aerobically (with the aid of oxygen) or anaerobically (without oxygen). Substances break down much faster under aerobic conditions,

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Autumn Inspiration

Spruce-ups for your yard

(ARA) - With temperatures soaring into the triple digits, nothing is more likely to trigger a mile-long smile than a break from the heat. As the final days of summer flicker away, the promise of cool, crisp fall air awaits. With autumn on the horizon, emerge from the AC and enjoy the outdoors with these inspirational spruce-ups for your yard.

Parisian Panache

Create an outdoor dining setting that mimics the romantic, whimsical scene of Van Gogh's painting Cafe Terrace at Night. Transform your patio into a Parisian-style cafe by infusing the area with warm colors, sweet aromas and soft lighting. When choosing hues, think creme brulee and raspberry tarts. A rich golden-beige rug will soften the look of hard concrete and splashes of jewel-toned accents add just the right amount of color. Create a cozy ambience by enclosing seating areas with a decorative wall or trellis. Also, consider hanging a gradient-lighting chandelier in place of stark overhead lighting to cast a gentle glow. Complete the setting by dispersing potted plants and flower bouquets throughout the patio to give the air a sweet, natural scent and achieve a jardin-de-Paris look.

Secret Garden

From elaborate ponds to simple container fountains, water works its magic on any garden by providing delightful sound and an atmosphere of tranquility. With a picturesque cascade from an unseen water source, a disappearing fountain presents a unique way to incorporate water into the landscape. These water features are easy to create, require little maintenance and add pizzazz to any yard. Begin by choosing a showpiece object such as a planter or decorative pot to transform into a fountain. Next, select the perfect nook in a garden or flowerbed to nestle the flowing oasis. To make the hidden



Autumn is a perfect time to start planning accents, such as fountains, for your secret garden.

reservoir of the fountain, you will need just a few materials: a Beckett 35-gallon preformed liner, a fountain pump, a metal grate and decorative rocks - all available at home improvement retailers. It is now as simple as digging a hole, placing the liner in the hole and assembling the pump. Finish by positioning the metal grate over the top of the liner and covering with decorative stone. For more information about making your own disappearing fountain, visit www.888beckett.com.

Practical, Pretty Pathways

Pathways not only make a yard more navigable, they also add purpose, style and order to the land-

scape. When incorporating pathways into your yard, develop a strategy that will indicate to visitors how to move about the area. Encourage leisurely strolling by placing narrow pathways around flower gardens, allowing visitors to take note of the surrounding scenery. Place wider paths near entryways and seating areas to make these spaces more inviting. When designing pathways, think beyond functionality. While traditional flagstones and brick are the most common elements used, material such as Spanish-style terra cotta, modern slate and Italian glass tiles allow pathways to double as artistic focal points.

On the Border

Because a fence is the canvas for the entire yard, adding color to a neutral fence really makes the landscape pop. Using a premium-grade exterior paint, such as This Old House paint, you can transform the look of your yard in just a day. Furthermore, exterior paint acts as a protective barrier that restores the life of outdoor wood and shields against nature's elements. For more exterior painting tools and tips, visit www.thisoldhousepaint.com.

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as oxygen helps break the molecules apart.

Most landfills are fundamentally anaerobic because they are compacted so tightly and thus do not let much air in. As such, any biodegradation that does take place does so very slowly. “Typically in landfills, there’s not much dirt, very little oxygen, and few if any microorganisms,” says green consumer advocate and author Debra Lynn Dadd. She cites a landfill study conducted by University of Arizona researchers that uncovered still-recognizable 25-year-old hot dogs, corn cobs and grapes in landfills, as well as 50-year-old newspapers that were still readable.

Biodegradable items also may not break down in landfills if the industrial processing they went through prior to their useful days converted them into forms unrecognizable by the microbes and enzymes that facilitate biodegradation. A typical example is petroleum, which biodegrades easily and quickly in its original form, crude oil. But when petroleum is processed into plastic, it is no longer biodegradable, and as such can clog up landfills indefinitely.

Some manufacturers make claims that their products are photodegradable, which means that they will biodegrade when exposed to sunlight. A popular example is the plastic “polybag” in which many magazines now arrive



Very little can biodegrade in a landfill because there's not much dirt, there's very little oxygen and there are few if any microorganisms.

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protected in the mail. But the likelihood that such items will be exposed to sunlight while buried dozens of feet deep in a landfill is little to none. And if they do biodegrade at all, it is only likely to be into smaller pieces of plastic.

Some landfills are now being designed to promote biodegradation through the injection of water, oxygen, and even microbes. But these kinds of facilities are costly to create and as a result have not caught on. Another recent development involves landfills that have separate sections for compostable materials, such as food scraps and yard waste. Some analysts

believe that as much as 65 percent of the waste currently sent to landfills in North America consists of such “biomass” that biodegrades rapidly and could generate a new income stream for landfills, marketable soil.

But getting people to sort their trash accordingly is another matter entirely. Indeed, paying heed to the importance of the environment’s “Three Rs” (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!) is likely the best approach to solving the problems caused by our ever-growing piles of trash. With landfills around the world reaching capacity, technological fixes are not likely to make our waste disposal problems go

away.

CONTACTS: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Reduce-Reuse-Recycle page; www.epa.gov/epaoswer/

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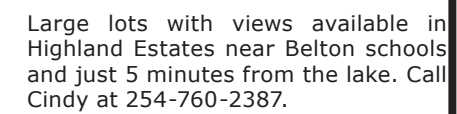
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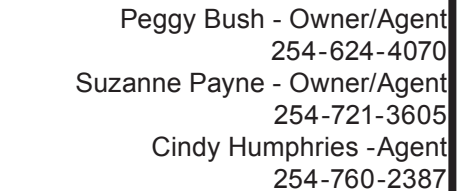
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3/2.5/2 - Beautiful Traditional Home in Salado. Hardwood Floors, High Ceilings, Granite Countertops, Large Kitchen, and much more! Priced at **\$344,900.**



Minutes away from Salado, Harker Heights and Stillhouse Hollow Lake. New Traditional 3BR/2BA/2GA home with granite counters and open floor plan in Salado School District. **\$199,900**



3/2 - Rare Find located just northwest of Salado. Log Home on over 10 acres with barns all for just **\$199,900.**

Acreage/Lots

240 acres southeast of Salado.
230 acres Hill Country, west of Jarrell. Excellent commercial rock property.
Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane.
145 acres northwest of Salado. Backs up to Corps of Engineers property. **SOLD** \$3,500 per acre.
33.17 acres **SOLD** Trees Covered located just Northwest of Salado. 30x40 barn. **\$249,900.**
Approx 13 Acres with excellent homesite with live oaks. \$125,000.
10 acres with live oak trees, septic and well northwest of Salado. **\$130,000.**
10 acres oak trees, electricity & well, **\$130,000.**
5 acres in Hidden Springs, lot #271, **\$46,900.**
2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900.**
3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large pecans & live water. **\$35,000.**
44 acres off of Firefly Road between Salado and Florence. Great Trees Will divide.
10 Acre Home Sites starting from \$99,900.
Live Oak Trees and Views!
Lot 290 Hidden Springs, \$49,000.
Lot overlooking Salado Creek, ~~\$50,000~~ reduced to \$29,900!
Lot in The Bluffs of Salado Creek, \$45,000. **SOLD**
Royal View lot priced at \$19,900. **SOLD**
Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188.
Indian Trail - 90x188.
Lot 231 & 232 Hidden Springs: Over 8 gorgeous tree-covered acres with Willingham Creek frontage. **\$200,000.**

Commercial

1.32 acre fronting I-35 with home, **\$350,000**
30 acres fronting I-35, 1 mile south of Stagecoach Inn.
.87 acre fronting I-35, lot #145, **\$145,000.**
3 acres fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$120,000.**
Approx 3.5 acres off College Hill with small home for \$300,000.
B&B: Great chance to live in Salado. **SOLD**
Bell County
5+ acres fronting SH 190 and Boxer Road. Great commercial location. Belton city water available. **\$299,000.**
Exit 305 North of Temple. .54 acres with existing station. Excellent business opportunity.

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