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Christmas in October will feature casual fashions from local shops

Casual fashions from local dress shops will be one of the features of Christmas in October at the Salado Civic Center on Oct. 12-13.

Casual fashions from Christy's, First Impres-Trouve, Susan Marie's and Trimmings will be featured on the grounds of Christmas in October on both days, October 12-13.

Christmas in October has something for everyone. In addition to the fashions, there will be early Christmas shopping under the big tent at the Salado Merchants' Christmas market, giant Bake Sale, entertainment, light refreshments and an informal style show. The Knights of Columbus will serve barbecue on Oct. 13.

Vintage cars will take the spotlight just outside the main shopping area at the Salado Civic Center during Christmas in October 12-13.

A big hit with the crowd last year, the vintage cars will make their third annual appearance. Sport cars, classic American and some international favorites will be on display as well as Dr. Ellis prized five decades of Ford



Casual fashions

Trish Stebbins, Dorothy Gentry and Cathy Sands will be modeling casual fashions from Christy's, First Impressions, Trouve, Susan Marie's and Trimmings during Christmas in October on Oct. 12-13. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Autos. The show will also have cars by Ron's Vintage Auto Restoration as well as privately owned cars.

The Vintage Car Show and light refreshments are all free. Christmas in October is a joint effort of the Salado Ladies Auxiliary and the merchants of Salado. Proceeds of this event are returned to the community in the form of scholarships and grants.

Constitutional amendment election Nov. 6 along with local option Voters will decide on the Harker Heights Park conducted in-person at the

to the Texas constitution during a Nov. 6 election. Salado voters will also decide whether grocery and convenience stores can sell beer and wine for off-premise consumption.

The last day to register to vote in the November election is Oct. 9.

Early voting will be held in several locations throughout Bell County: the Temple County Annex, the Belton County Annex,

16 proposed amendments and Recreation Center, the Salado Church of Christ Killeen Community Center and the Salado Civic Cen- St.

> Early voting will be weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 22 through Oct. 26. Additional early voting opportunities will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 27, noon-5 p.m. Oct. 28 and 7 a.m-7 p.m. Oct. 29 through Nov. 2.

Election day, voters can cast their ballots 7 a.m.- 7 p.m. Nov. 6. Election day voting for Salado will be Activity Center on Church

Salado Village Voice political columnist Ken Clapp will analyze the amendments beginning this weekto better inform voters of the pros and cons of each amendment.

The text of the amendments can be found at the Bell County website, www. bellcountytx.com. there, follow the Elections links to the wording.



Lauren Haire was crowned Homecoming Queen and Dallas Butts Homecoming King prior to the Salado Eagles game against Academy Sept. 28. The Eagles went on to win the game 49-0. Turn to page 16A for homecoming photos.

Galleries open late Oct. 13

Salado's many galleries offer art for every taste from traditional to contemporary. Art lovers are invited to Salado's Fine Art Trail 4-9 p.m. October 13, showcasing the work of artists in the galleries found throughout the vil-

For the occasion, the galleries will be open late for the special viewings. Free carriage rides will take art lovers to each of the galleries, from Wells Gallery, on South Main Street to B. Herd Gallery in Old Town Salado on North Main Street and everywhere in between.

Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will also be served by the participating galleries. In addition, each gallery will also sponsor door prizes.

The seven galleries lining Main Street Salado will participate in the Art Trail.

Wells Gallery, featuring limited edition prints, original paintings and bronze sculptures by famed wildlife artist Ronnie Wells. Wells Gallery is located on South Main St., just south of Stage coach Inn, 254-947-0311, 1-800-995-0311, ronniewells.com.

Thomas Kinkade Stagecoach Gallery exclusively represents the art of Thomas Kinkade, the Painter of Light. The Gallery is located at 406 S. Main St., 254-947-3727.

Miller Fine Art Gal-

lery exclusively represents many well-known Texas artists. It is located at 380 S. Main St., 254-947-0771, www.cmillergallery.com.

Prellop Fine Art Gallery is owned and operated by Texas artist Larry Prellop. He has one of the largest selections of G. Harvey prints in Texas and represents more than 20 Texas artists and sculptors. Prellop Fine Art Gallery is located on Main Street, 254-947-3930, 1-888-461-2605, www.prellopfineart gallery.com.

Griffith Fine Art Gallery, located at The Colony on N. Main St., represents more than 30 artists. You can find a variety of subjects and wide range of SEE GALLERIES, PAGE 7A

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Bakers needed

Volunteer bakers are needed for the Salado Chamber of Commerce ladies Auxillary Christmas in October Bake Sale.

Containers for transporting your baked goods are now available at the Civic Center

Bring your bake sale items to the Village Artists Building, behind the Civic Center from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Oct. 11

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



On Iraq, the Perils of Overreaching

Hillary Clinton incontestably spoke the truth about the Iraq War this past February at the annual meeting of the Democratic National Committee when she said, "I understand the frustration and outrage, (but) you have to have 60 votes to cap troops, to limit funding, to do anything."

She heard a smattering of boos for enunciating a simple fact of life in the Senate. The left of the Democratic Party didn't want to hear it, and it forced the Democratic leadership of Congress and the Democratic presidential candidates -eventually including Clinton herself -- to act in contravention of this reality, to the party's serious detriment.

There is a limit to how much Democrats can hurt themselves on the war. No matter what they do, the war is still unpopular and a net drag on Republicans. Nonetheless, Democrats have helped drive the approval levels of Congress to historic lows and suffered an enormous opportunity lost.

They could have seized the broad middle in the debate concerning the war. They could have worked with a slice of moderate Republicans on legislation that wouldn't have forced an end to the war, but made them the representatives of a bipartisan alternative to Bush's strategy. Instead they talked of ending the war outright, positioning themselves to the left of the public and setting an unattainable

They made a hard timetable for withdrawal their bottom line when they could have gotten Republicans to support something short of that -- say, a bill calling for the implementation of the recommendations of the bipartisan Iraq Study Group. The timetable didn't have the votes, but Democrats figured that if they forced Republicans to keep voting on it, eventually they'd buckle.

August was supposed to be the surge's

Rich Lowry



Waterloo. Republicans would go home and hear from angry constituents about the war. Anti-war groups would hammer them. But Republicans didn't hear much about the war. Lawmakers from both parties took trips to Iraq where they saw improving security conditions firsthand, and some Democrats were forthright enough to say so.

The table was set for Gen. Petraeus' September report, which Democrats had convinced themselves would be the war's final gasp. All through the summer, Republicans used Petraeus' September report as a place-holder -- urging that we wait to hear from the general -- and when he testified, he made as persuasive a case as possibly could be made for the war.

Democrats were wrong-footed. Their all-or-nothing opposition to the war made it impossible for them to digest any good news, so they resorted to ham-handed attacks on the general's credibility. Even the usually shrewd Rep. Rahm Emanuel blustered, "We don't need a report that wins the Nobel Prize for creative statistics or the Pulitzer for fiction."

So, amazingly, President Bush is able to endorse Gen. Petraeus' recommendation for a conditions-based drawdown in troops from a position of relative strength. Four years into an unpopular, often mishandled war, Democrats are the ones scrambling for a new political strategy. And, as so often happens in politics, they did it to themselves.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2007 by King Features Synd., Inc.

plan, during the next several weeks, to review the 16 amendment recommendations which will be on the general election ballot - November 6. Readers will recall that a total of 17 amendments were actually approved

during the recent 80th session - with one singled out for an early vote even before the session ended. That was the amendment lawmakers moved through the legislature with lightning speed, that authorized counties to call a special election on May 12 so senior citizens, whose taxes had been previously frozen, could be given the same school M&O tax rate reduction that everyone else received in 2006.

Introductory note: Over the years, this column has prepared an analysis

of proposed Constitutional Amend-

ments following each legislative ses-

sion. Continuing this practice - we

The "Gray Panthers" had been purposely left out of the "school" tax cut during the 79th session - and they were furious. Lawmakers, wanting to make amends this year, moved the M&Otax-Proposition through both houses by "day 16" of the '07 session.

Not surprisingly, the measure passed in Bell County with an overwhelming 94 percent vote.

Amendment One

The 80th Legislature conveyed governance of Angelo State University (ASU) from the State University System to Texas Tech University effective September 1 (this year).

Amendment One clarifies the transfer of ASU assets and state appropriations to the Tech system, thereby continuing "Higher Education Funding" for ASU facilities and other capital items without interruption.

Supporters of this amendment properly note that this is basically a "housekeeping" amendment and removes any legal ambiguities that might exist following ASU's move to Texas Tech.

Opponents don't really attack the need for this amendment, but remain entrenched in their on-going unhappiness concerning ASU's merger into the Tech System - a "moot" point since the change took place last month.

Recommendation: Amendment One should be approved in order to continue proper funding for ASU under its new governance arrange-

Amendment Two

Amendment Two, if approved, would permit the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$500 million. Proceeds will provide education loans for Texas college and university students.

Supporters note that this student loan program has been self-supporting since its inception in 1965.

Opponents attack the amendment on two-fronts: First, they oppose increasing State debt via general obligation bonds - apparently for any purpose; Secondly, these mostly super-conservative "aginers," have traditionally voiced opposition to having the State compete with private lenders, which they claim reduces the corporate lending market's profitability.

Recommendation: Strongly recommend passage of Amendment Two. Helping qualified young people gain the benefits of a higher education is an excellent investment. It guarantees a well trained and professional workforce that will secure

Property taxes; Billion \$\$ bond in Amendment review this week Off the

Record

all Texans.

by Ken Clapp

ASU-Tech merger; Student loans;

and maintain an "unlimited" future for

Amendment Three

Amendment Three deals with the sticky issue of appraising homestead property for tax purposes. We turned to Marvin Hahn, Chief Appraiser for the Bell County Tax Appraisal District, who explained this amendment in plain English, as compared to the legal gobbledegook that had us wondering if we had suddenly been transported to "incoherent" Iran.

What this amendment does is "cap" increases in the appraised value of a homestead, at 10 percent per year - period! We should note that the proposal does not "mandate" a full 10 percent annual hike. It could be a lesser amount, since each year's percentage is normally determined by factors that include comparative home sales, price of land, and the area's economy.

Opponents say the amendment is unnecessary, but many folks just don't like taxes, therefore anything "smacking" of property re-appraisals is an automatic "no-no" to them.

Recommendation - jump on this amendment with a "yes" vote, thereby placing it in the Constitution, before lawmakers in Austin find a "sneaky" way to "enhance" the ten percent cap via legislative decree!

Amendment Four

Amendment Four is straightforward, and for the most part fiscally responsible. It will (if approved) allow the State of Texas to issue \$1 billion in general obligation bonds to fund high-cost spending projects - including three major construction projects (prisons and DPS). The bonds are backed by the State's credit, i.e. tax

What lawmakers are doing, when they issue bonds to pay for high-dollar construction, might better be termed "installment plan" purchasing.

Those favoring this proposal believe in spreading the cost of large capital expenditures (buildings, equipment, etc) over the length of bonds, and repaying these debts through normal State tax-revenue growth.

Opposition comes from those who "dislike" adding debt to the State's balance sheet. These good people believe in a low tax "pay as you go" system, without large annual expenditures - which is an economic "contortion" that defies reason

In this particular instance, opponents so decry building more prisons, using "doublespeak" - saying first, that new prisons are not needed, while also suggesting that Texas should privatize prison construction and operation - which they claim is less expensive. A "claim" that is patently

Recommendation: Passage of Amendment Four should be enacted in order to pay for "needed" prisons. We regret that this proposal wasn't presented in two parts, since only 70 percent of the bonds are for approved construction.

The balance will be spent on items "to be decided" later by lawmakers. Voters will have "no-say" on those "later" expenses - which is this column's reason for such a luke-warm recommendation.

NEXT WEEK

Next week we'll tackle Amendments that deal with Downtown Revitalization; vehicle taxes; eminent domain; and a proposal that addresses "uncertainties" in the Home Equity Lending laws.

That's -30-

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Thanks from TAE, more on anti-bacterial soaps

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

Wow, what a great community we have. On Sept. 25, Thomas Arnold Elementary sponsored an open house and BBQ dinner. The response was spectacular! PTO could not have done it without the help of so many people and area businesses that contributed goods and time to make an evening filled with fun, friendship, and of course, bar-be-que.

I would like to personally thank the following business for the generous support, Brookshire Brothers, Sonic of Salado, Schoepf's Bar-B-Que, Sweet Nut Things, Commercial Insulators of Austin, Inc., Main Street Gymnastics, Cathy's Boardwalk Café, Cowboy's Bar-B-Que, Dairy Queen of Salado, Hooter's, Roy T's Bakery, Leigh's Necessities, and Salado ISD Food Service. We also had so many people that gave their valuable time to come in and help work the event or provide cookies for our bake sale. Let's not forget about the teacher's and staff of TAE that stayed late into the evening to greet our parents and go that extra mile. Everyone came together to work in the best interest of our children and commu-

Because of all these people the PTO is able to purchase items not normally covered by school budgets. In the past the PTO has purchased such items as, ten new computers, enough new maps and globes for every teacher in every grade at TAE, sponsor field trips, new books for the library, new playground equipment, and so much more. We will be able to continue this tradition because of this great community and parents.

Thank you Salado for all the support. I am proud to say that I am a part of one of the best communities in Texas.

Thank you, Jennifer McFarland Co-Vice President of Thomas Arnold Elem. PTO

To the Editor:

At long last someone has addressed the use of anti-bacterial soaps which seem to be the rage everywhere. (McCauley: Lifestyle and Wellness, Sept. 27,2007) People shouldn't use these soaps because of two possible reasons: either they don't work or they do. Let's consider both situations.

If they don't work, then you are wasting your money buying something which usually is more expensive than regular hand soan

However, the worse sit-

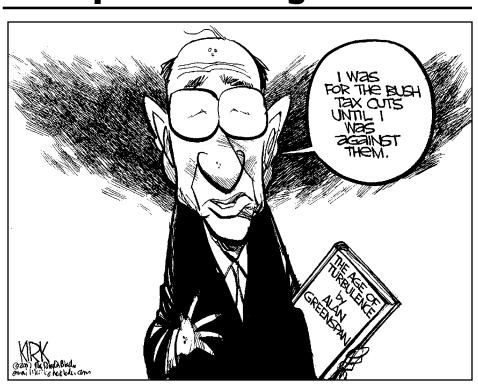
uation is if the substance in those soaps actually does work. If it does and you use it, then the moment you rinse your hands and touch anything - the faucet handle to turn off the water, a towel to dry your hands, your face you have immediately reinfected your hands. Most people don't realize that the air is filled with bacterial spores, fungal spores, pollen grains (although the nightly spore count on TV should alert everyone to that fact), and they settle on every surface inside a house. The only way to keep your hands clean after washing with antibacterial soap is to use a towel that has just immediately come out of a pressure cooker. But then when you pick up a knife, fork or spoon, you have "re-contaminated" your hands. And every mouthful of food you eat is loaded with hundreds of millions of bacteria. It's possible that even if you took a piece of food cooked at 400 degrees for an hour and popped it right into your mouth, you would still be getting those bacterial spores which are so resistant to high temperatures without high pressure at the same Most serious is the fact

that if the active ingredient in those soaps does work, then each person who uses them is the unwitting agent in an evolutionary natural selection for bacteria which will eventually be completely resistant to that anti-bacterial agent. Anyone who is aware of how evolution works knows that the agent in the anti-bacterial soap may kill most of the population but a few always survive. The survivors then pass on to their offspring their genetic abilities to survive and hence the next use of the soap will kill off fewer and select for even more survivors until eventually, only bacteria totally resistant to the agent in the soap survive. The use of DDT in the 1940s and 1950s did kill vast numbers of roaches and flies, but the survivors have descendants today which eat DDT for dessert.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



A letter to our parents

Dear Parents.

As we embark on a brand new school year, I ask for your help in providing the best education possible for your children. Schools are asked so many times to fill in where the home and society fail. What has become crystal clear and what should be common sense, we can't do it alone. Donna Haschke, president of the Texas State Teachers Association states that "parinvolvement...matters--a lot." We need you!

The Southwest Education Development Laboratory published that students with involved parents, no matter their income or background, are more likely to a) earn higher grades, b) be promoted, c) have better attendance, d) have better social skills and behavior, d) graduate and e) go on to post-secondary education.

Your response to the following questions can make all of the difference in the world to your child's success.

Where does your child sleep each night? Your child needs to sleep in his or her own bed each night. This provides security and stability.

Did your child get to school on time every day this past week? Every time your child is late, he or she becomes different from the others.

Does your child have breakfast every day? Think about it, there are approximately 17 hours between dinner and lunch the next day.

Do you perhaps inadvertently criticize your son or daughter? In the cartoon Pearls Before Swine, Son Creature was talking to Mom Creature and said,

Superintendent's Corner

By Robin Battershell

"Well, goodbye, Mom, I iust want vou to know I love you and even though a lot of what you say is filled with subtle criticism, I know you don't mean it." They hug and mother creature says, "I love you too, son...I love you more than anything." After a pause, she adds, "Did you shower?" The other day a parent described his child as a "screw up." Heard or not, this child will live up to this expectation.

Did your child leave the house wearing appropriate clothing? This means appropriate for the weather and appropriate for the age and gender.

Does your child know your standards? A mother sent me an e-mail the other day which I incorrectly assumed was a complaint. Instead, the mother said she had withdrawn her son from school because he broke a contract they had made. He had to work hard and stay out of trouble or she was enrolling him in another school. In the end he returned to our schools

and she was just giving the teachers a heads up and asking what else she could do to support the school. This young man will turn out just fine.

Do you support the school? In "A Parent's Guide to Supporting School Success," the National Education Association suggests that parents talk to their child's teachers regularly, support the teachers and encourage their child to respect teachers, and let teachers know about any situations or conditions at home that may affect the child's performance. Attend parent-teacher conferences at least once a vear. Parent Conferencing Month is in October and everyone will have an opportunity to visit with one or all of their children's teachers.

We are here to work with you. We cannot do it alone. We can make a world of difference with your help and support.

Here's to a brand new school year!





Jim Hightower

"America's children must also have a healthy start in life," declared George W. Bush while running for president in 2004. He promised that he would "lead an aggressive effort to enroll millions of poor children who are eligible but not signed up for the government's health insurance programs."

Good Man, Sir! Way to

But wait - three years later, Mr. Bush is now promising to veto a bipartisan bill that would renew SCHIP - the State Children's Health Insurance Program that he was touting back then. Why? Because he says the bill would expand the program to 4 million children who are not now covered. Yes. President Bush is presently promising to veto what candidate George had promised to achieve. Logic and integrity are not prized attributes in Bush-

What Bushworld does prize is laissez-faire dogma, the triumph of right-wing ideology over reality, including reality of children going without health care in the richest nation in the world. But Mr. Bush the dogmatist even disputes reality. In a July speech to the Cleveland chamber of commerce, he assured the audience that the lack of health coverage really isn't such a big deal: "I mean, people have access to health care in America," he informed them. "After all, you just go to an emergency room."

He's not the quickest bunny in the litter, is he?

He is quick, however, to toe the corporate line. He says he'll veto the SCHIP bill because it's "aiming at encouraging more people to get on government health care." Mustering all of the ideological bile within him, the president declared public health care to be "wrong," saying, "I'll resist Congress's attempt to federalize medicine."

So, Mr. Bush would simply ignore the needs of 4 million children who get no coverage under corporatized medicine, sacrificing them on the altar of corporate dogma.

Of course, they've always got emergency rooms.







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An ounce of prevention saves both lives, taxpayer dollars

The old saying that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is one we have all heard. It turns out that prevention is actually worth a lot more. Paying personal attention to basic health care, many of the conditions that drive costs in our health care system can be prevented. Therefore. let us focus on the proven basics because it pays financial dividends in our businesses, our families. and at the Capitol budget

A report published this summer by the Partnership for Prevention concluded it would be possible to prevent more than 100,000 deaths each year in our nation through just five prevention measures.

For example, fewer than 50 percent of adults age 50 or older are up to date with recommended screenings for colorectal cancer. Increasing timely screens to 90 percent of this population would save 14,000 additional lives. Achieving 90 percent screening rates for breast cancer for women age 40 and older would mean 3,700 lives saved. The screening rate today is 67 percent within the last two years.

The Partnership for Prevention report highlights another simple way to save many lives with something that is very easy to obtain: flu vaccinations. If 90 percent of adults 50 or older got vaccinated each year, we would save 12,000 lives annually. The vaccination rate now is just 37 percent.

I make sure to get a flu vaccination each fall and at the request of the media will be taping a television

Capitol Update

by State Representative Dianne White Delisi

PSA to urge other Central Texans to do the same. It only takes a few minutes to protect yourself from an easily preventable – yet still deadly – disease.

The issue of health care costs has the attention of the revenue office holder. Susan Combs, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, reported this spring that health problems related to obesity created \$3.3 billion in costs for Texas' businesses. Her report quotes figures from the Institute for Health Policy at the University of Texas School of Public Health that half of all health care expenditures are lifestylerelated. The Texas Legislative Budget Board also reported in January that comprehensive workplace health campaigns can return \$4.50 in reduced health care costs for every \$1 invested.

The Texas Legislature is now pursuing more emphasis on prevention as a strategy to manage health care cost growth. I authored legislation this session (HB 1297) to promote workplace health for state employees and look forward to seeing it fully implemented. The omnibus Medicaid reform bill I sponsored (SB 10) also included a pilot program to test incentives for those Texans on public assis-

The Texas Legislature also enhanced physical education requirements for elementary and mid-



SB 530. While reducing the epidemic of childhood obesity is one clear goal for this legislation, there is another benefit anticipated: better academic performance. Researchers across the nation from Harvard to UCLA are finding boosted school performance associated with vigorous physical education programs. Dr. Kenneth Cooper - a nationally-recognized fitness expert and founder of the Cooper Institute in Dallas - testified before House Committee on Public Education on a study involving nearly one million students that demonstrated a solid relationship between fitness levels and academic performance. The evidence is becoming clear that physical activity stimulates brain development and correlates to educational benefits ranging from improved focus on subjects to fewer classroom disruptions.

As our state and nation grapple with proposed health care policies, the good news is there are a number of steps we can take that cost little and can make a big difference. A greater emphasis on preserving the good health we are born with throughout our lives is a wise investment for all of us. Not only is that ounce of prevention a lot less expensive, it also translates directly into living longer, healthier, and happier lives.

Letters

So, the use of anti-bacterial soaps is a waste of money in both cases. Besides, you are probably killing beneficial bacteria which inhabit everyone's skin and help protect us from attacks by foreign bacteria. If you want a very

effective, inexpensive, but "pungent" hand wash, use a 3:1 water: distilled white vinegar solution. Recent research shows that using such a solution will kill 98 percent of the bacteria on the surface of smooth-skinned fruits and is bet-

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ter than any of the other methods used.

money in both cases. Besides, you are probably vinegar solution. Recent killing beneficial bacteria research shows that using which inhabit everyone's such a solution will kill on a final note: antibacterials of any kind do not do a thing against viruses.

> Ben Liles Salado



Strike a balance between saving for retirement, college

If you have young children, you may want them to attend college someday - and you may want to help them pay for it. At the same time, you also need to save for a comfortable retirement lifestyle. Are the two goals compatible?

There's no easy answer to this question. But one thing seems clear: For many parents, saving and investing for their children's future is every bit as important - and maybe more so - than saving and investing for their own. In fact, two-thirds of parents said they would postpone retirement if necessary to help pay for their children's college education, according to a survey by Alliance Bernstein Investments, Inc.

Parents have good reason to believe that investing in a college education will pay off for their children: Over the course of their lifetimes, college graduates will earn, on average, about \$1 million more than high school graduates, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

So, since a college education appears to be quite valuable, shouldn't you do

By Ryan Hodge

Buying and Selling

Confused about setting

an asking price for your

home? It's not surprising,

considering the mixed sig-

nals you might be receiv-

ing about the "national"

real estate market. First,

understand that there is

no such thing as a national

market - only thousands of

individual markets expe-

riencing different condi-

about impossible to determine your home's value

to buyers. Even prices from just six months ago

probably won't hold up, so

it's critical to have access

to real-time information about trends in this mar-

Details should include

the total number of proper-

ties currently for sale, the

number of both pending

and sold units, the average

listing time, and the aver-

age listing price and sale

price. You must compare

pending sales and final

sales, because the pending transactions really reveal

where the market is head-

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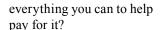
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If you don't have detailed information about local home sales, it's just

Facts, Not Fantasy

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



Ultimately, you'll have to weigh your potential contributions against your need to save for your own retirement. On one hand, you'd like to help your children as much as possible; as a parent, you don't want your children saddled with enormous debts when they leave college. But on the other hand, that type of reluctance may be based more on emotion than on a sound financial strategy. After all, college graduates seem to find a way to eventually pay off their loans. Furthermore, your children may be able to find grants, scholarships and work-study opportunities. Many students can earn a decent amount of money at summer jobs,

Nonetheless, you still may feel obligated to pay something toward your

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children's college education. But if you're going to help pay for college, be smart about it. For example, think twice before borrowing from your 401(k). Such a move will slow the growth potential of your retirement funds and it could prove costly in other ways, too. For one thing, if you leave your job, voluntarily or involuntarily, you'll need to repay your 401(k) loan completely, usually within 60 days. If you can't, the balance will be considered a taxable distribution - and you may even have to pay a 10 percent penalty on it.

Instead of tapping into your 401(k), IRA or other accounts you've designated for retirement, look for other ways to help build your children's college funds. You might decide to open a Section 529 plan,

ings potential, provided the money is used to pay for higher education costs. You can put whatever you can afford into a Section 529 plan, along with gifts from grandparents or other relatives. Contributions are tax-deductible in certain states for residents who participate in their own state's plan. Please note that a 529 College Savings Plan could reduce a beneficiary's ability to qualify for financial aid. You might also want to consider a Coverdell Education Savings Account, which offers another taxadvantaged way to save for college.

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As you already know, much of your life involves balancing acts of one type or another, so you should be able to handle one more - college for your kids against a comfortable retirement for you. By making the right moves, though, you may be able to reach an "equilibrium" that works for everyone.

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Sometimes the market reacts poorly to world events, but just because the market reacts doesn't mean you should. Still, if current events are making you feel uncertain about your finances, you should schedule a complimentary portfolio review. That way, you can make sure you're in control of where you want to go and how you get there.

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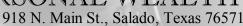
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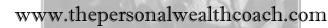
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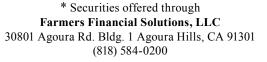
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Music has short history, but deep impact

By Tim Fleischer Editor-in-Chief

The history of music has been brief.

The first written references to music were made by Plato and Aristotle in discussing the role of music in Greek society some 2,500 years ago.

The earliest notated music was recorded 1,000 years ago. Prior to that, music was handed down from instrument (including voice) to ear.

"You must remember that the earliest days of the Christian religion, there was no singing," Dr. Robert Freeman told the Institute for the Humanities at Salado Sept. 29. "Christianity was still an illegal religion before 325 A.D. when Constantine converted."

Dr. Freeman is the immediate past dean of the College of Fine Arts at the University of Texas. He spoke before the Insti-

tute on "Where Did Music Come From? And Where is it Going?" as the first in the fall lectures series on "The Arts: Windows to the Soul."

In the sixth century, Pope Gregory wanted to put the church music in order, Freeman said. "There were over 2,000 pieces of music with no way to write it down."

That changed in the 11th century when music began to be recorded on paper.

In the 13th century, the concept of polyphony was developed, which is the earliest beginnings of symphonic music.

In the 16th century in Venice the first music was printed by Ottavanio Petrucci.

Shortly after Ludwig von Beethoven's death in 1827, Felix Mendelssohn paid for the rights to Johann Sebastian Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" to perform in 1829, marking the public rediscovery of J.S. Bach, the birth of classical music and possibly the birth of music history.

By 1860, the first chairs of music history became part of the staff of major universities.

Earlier, in 1839 the Harvard Music association was founded in Boston on Beacon Hill, rather than in Cambridge, when several alumni of the school went before the president to ask that Music be included in the curriculum of the university. They were told by

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the president that "Music is frivolous."

Music is not frivolous, Dr. Freeman told members of the Institute.

He brushed over other dates in the brief history of music, including the formation of the Boston Symphony in 1881 and jazz, with its roots in New Orleans in the turn of the 20th century being the definitive form of American music

While the history of music has been brief, its existence has not.

"Evidence is there that music has been with us since our earliest beginnings," Dr. Freeman said. "It is innate in human beings to want to hear and to make music. Our brain is designed to execute music and to receive it."

The more we learn about the brain and how it operates -- through advances in technology such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) -- the more we understand that "music is not on the left side of the brain only, which we thought just a few years ago. The parts of the brain that receive and develop music are all over the brain."

He added that the parts of the brain needed for the patterns in music is located on one side of the brain, while the parts needed to understand pitch and tone is in an entirely different side of the brain.

Music has been used throughout time "to inspire love and courtship, to stir warriors and to worship god," Freeman said.

Today, music is being vastly affected by technology, most notably electronic reproduction of music of all forms.

"On my drive up here today, I was limited in what I wanted to listen to only by the number of CDs I put in the car," he

said. "I could have had Beethoven, Brahms, Bach and anyone else I wanted ride along with me."

Because of this convenience of technology, "not as many people want to go to see live symphonic music," Dr. Freeman said.

He mentioned a study of cultural arts by the Rand Corporation that reached the conclusion that by 2020, the major symphonies (Boston, Philadelphia, New York) will exist but smaller ones like Dallas and Austin may not survive.

Dr. Freeman suggested the formation of regional arts planning groups to examine what should and could be done to promote music and the arts in an area.

He said that symphonic music, especially, needs to take a more entrepreneurial approach to its product and presenting it to the public.

One key thing needed is a new approach to music education in public schools and college and universities. He gave an example of two different approaches by two different universities when each were awarded \$100 million endowments for the arts

Yale used their grant money in the more typical way of awarding scholarships to many worthy students. Princeton, however, used their endowment to establish a program of music education for all students.

"It is our responsibility to imbue all students with the love of music," Dr. Freeman said of music educators and supporters.

Dr. Freeman suggested limiting the supply of graduates from fine arts schools. The nation is producing 100,000 fine arts

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versity in Criminal Justice and Human Resource Management.

McQuire is a third year PhD student with Capella University and expects to graduate in the Fall of 2008.

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Giant ants invade Spur

By Gary Askins

"Them" is coming. Yes, I know that's not exactly grammatically correct but how else to describe the latest offering of the Salado Silver Spur Service and Cinema Society's \$5 FilmFest which offers crazed mutant giant ants chomping their way through this 1954 science fiction thriller directed by Gordon Douglas.

The movie stars James Whitmore, Edmund Weldon, Gwenn, Joan James Arness, Onslow Stevens, Chris Drake, Fess Parker, and Sandy Descher.

The cast delivers good performances and there are even some great cameos by famous character actors (look for a very young Leonard Nemoy, without pointy ears) but come on the real stars here are the ants. They are evil, they are at war with us and

they are really really big.

The plot of this very original cautionary tale now seems commonplace but let's remember it was written over 50 years ago and it was the first of its genre. The ants were mutated by nuclear blasts in New Mexico and as they continue to grow in size they rampage their way through the dessert until their colony is initially discovered and then destroyed, but not before two winged queen ants and a couple of drones have hatched and escaped the

Now it is a race against time to find the two queen ants before they can establish more nests and hatch more queens.

I would suggest a large box of popcorn and the beverage of your choice as you view this Science Fiction classic at the Silver Spur Theatre \$5 FilmFest. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Oct. 4 and 2 p.m. Oct. 7.

ducing 100,000 fine arts graduates, 20,000 in music, each year.

He suggested that the U.S. needs more graduates in science, engineering and mathematics. However, he added that those graduates should be instilled with a love of music.

In the largest cities you cannot be a brain surgeon and a symphonic cellist, Dr. Freeman said, "but in most cities you can do both."

"We need more of those," he added.

What is also needed in the future is synergy between music and other fields of study.

He pointed out several areas in which music was influencing other fields and approaches.

He discussed the problem that the military was having with drone airplanes crashing. The problem was two-fold --the delay of mere seconds between the situation and the feed and the number of stimuli that the operators have in controlling the drone.

"They needed to find the kind of people who can synthesize multiple variables in real-time without any problems," Dr. Freeman said. "Do you know who can do that? Concert pianists. They have the skills needed in this completely different field."

"Their music in training taught them to synthesize many things at once,"

In another area, music is being used in neo-natal care. "These infants that are born at six months or FROM PAGE 6A

earlier have a problem of drifting off to sleep and never waking," he said. "In neo-natal units, the nurses would have to check on an infant periodically and prick his little foot."

"Needless to say this was not good for the unformed lungs," he added.

So now there is an approach of using music with the mother's voice-over and injecting a change in it to awaken the baby without the jolt to its fragile system.

"Music will continue to expand technologically and medically in the years ahead," he said. "It needs to expand in the schools as

Dr. Freeman closed his remarks playing Robert Schumann's Arabesque, op. 18 on the piano.

"Music is a gift from God," he said. "It should be treasured."



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Eagles shut out Academy, 49-0 for near-perfect Homecoming

By TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Take away two back-toback passes by Academy's Chase Gommert covering 75 yards with just seconds left in the first half Friday night and the Salado Eagles played a perfect, dominating game of football handing the Academy Bees a 49-0 defeat in front of a packed homecoming crowd at Eagle Field.

The swarming Eagles defense actually forced the Academy Bees into negative vardage on the ground. The Bees had -11 yards on 25 carries on the night. The Eagles made 10 tackles for losses on the night.

In fact, the Salado defense gave up less than 100 yards total offense during the night. Academy quarterback Chase Gommert had 110 yards passing with eight completions on 11 attempts. Two of those completions covered 75 yards in less than a minute in the waning seconds of

However, the Eagle defense stiffened as the Bees threatened to score from the Salado three yard line with 28 seconds left in the half and bull rushed Gommert on fourth down and goal, forcing him to overthrow his target.

The Eagles took a 14 point lead into the lockers at the half, before coming out to score 21 points in the third quarter alone and adding two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter of play.

The first two touchdowns of the game came on drives of 75 yards and 92 yards respectively. Salado drove 75 yards in just five plays, including Tyler Wright's 17 yard touchdown on a counter to the right side of the offensive line with 6:43 left in the first quarter. Leo Galvan, who was perfect kicking on the night with seven extra points, booted the PAT for a 7-0 lead.

Only twice did the Bees cross the midfield marker, both during the first half. After teams swapped possessions, Academy took over near midfield when the Bees stopped Salado on a fourth down and two to go. Academy stalled at the Salado 43, facing a fourth and 20, burying the Eagles at their own



Colin Smith (25) and Leo Galvan (34) tackle an Academy Bee. The Eagles defense held Academy to less than 100 yards total offense and negative yards rushing. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

eight yard line, the worst position of the night for Salado.

Salado drove 92 yards to score in 11 plays, using 4:40 of the clock. Eagles quarterback David Rosenau connected with Seth Collins on the left side and then Collins broke two tackles on his way into the endzone for a 10 yard touchdown with 3:01 left in the first half.

While the Eagles offense was slow in getting started in the first half, it exploded for 35 points in the second half.

The Eagles defense, meanwhile, forced Academy to three three-and-apunt series in the second half. Matt Fritsch intercepted a third down pass and Garret Ward intercepted another third down pass to stop the Bees dead in the tracks.

In fact, in only one series, did the Bees manage a first down -- and it came as the result of a personal foul against the Eagles.

Salado took 64 seconds to score its first touchdown of the second half, driving the ball 58 yards in three plays. Jerod Lutz ran up the middle for 19 vards to move the ball to the Bee 39 yard line. Rosenau, who averaged more than 15 yards per carry, took a quarterback draw through a cavernous hole provided by the middle of the offensive line and raced 35 yards before being tripped up at the four yard line. Leo Galvan then bulled his way in for

the score. The PAT gave Salado a 21-0 lead at 8:18 in the third quarter.

Two minutes later, the Eagles had the ball again, this time at their own 43 yard line. Ninety-one seconds later, the Eagles scored again, this time when Collins ran untouched through the Bees' defense for a 21 yard touchdown. Rosenau found Wright for 17 yards to set up the scoring play. Salado had a 28-0 lead at 4:51 in the third quarter.

Fritsch intercepted a hurried Gommert pass on third down at the Salado 40 yard line with 3:38 left in the fourth. Nine seconds later, Clayton Whitmire crossed the goal line taking a 40 yard toss by Rosenau and running another 20 yards to score. Salado held a 35-0 lead going into the fourth quarter of play.

Salado scored on the second play of the fourth quarter when Rosenau kept the ball and ran to the right side for a five vard touchdown at 11:33 left in the game. The TD capped a 63-yard scoring drive that encompassed six plays. Key plays in the long drive were a 15 yard pass from Rosenau to Colin Smith and a 26 yard run by Galvan, who had 36 yards on four touches.

The Eagles took advantage of a third down interception by Whitmire to score their final touchdown of the game. With back-up players on the field, the Eagles needed nine plays to score when Josh Marquez ran through the middle of the line and scored from the nine yard line with 5:10 remaining in the game. Highlights of the drive included bruising carries by sophomore Caleb Little, who usually sets up on the line, not the backfield.

Salado had 340 yards rushing on 35 attempts. Collins had his second 100 yard game of the season, carrying the ball 10 times for 100 yards. Rosenau followed with 92 yards on six carries, including two runs of 35 yards.

He threw the ball 14 times, completing eight, for 130 yards on the night. Fritsch threw one pass for five yards.

The Eagles combined their ground game and passing game for 478 total yards of offense, while the defense held the Bees to 99 vards total offense.

Senior linebacker Patrick Prince led the Eagles defense with 10 assisted tackles (AT), three solo tackles (ST), two tackles for loss (TFL), a quarterback hurry and the Big Hit of the night.

Senior linebacker Leo Galvan made 12 ATs, one ST and a TFL.

Senior linebacker Josh Bush had nine ATs and two STs on the night.

Junior defensive lineman Tyler Coker registered 10 ATs, a TFL, and two hurries.

Senior safety Matt Fritsch had his fourth inter-SEE EAGLES, PAGE 12A

Eagles atop district, face Cougars

Salado Eagles travel to face the Jarrell Cougars 7:30 p.m. Oct. 5 for the second week of district play, coming off of a 49-0 shutout of the Academy Bees, while the Cougars fell 35-42 to the Troy Trojans in the first week of district play.

Coach Jeff Head Cheatham, who has his first 4-0 start since taking over the program, is not taking the Cougars -- or any other team in District 25-2A -- lightly.

"They're pretty young, but they are really playing well right now," Cheatham

Cougars. The teams have faced one similar opponent - Hamilton - with completely different outcomes. Hamilton handled Jarrell 39-22 in week two of the season, while the Eagles handed Hamilton a 29-14 loss on their home field in the third week of play. Last year, Salado crushed Jarrell 40-5.

This year, Cheatham is wary of the Cougars, particularly Chris Trevino, the junior quarterback, and running back Travis Franklin, a three-year

With nine players tipsaid of the 1-3 and 0-1 ping the scales at 200 lbs.

or more, Cheatham says that Jarrell "has four or five kids that will match up well with us physically."

It would be the first time this year for that to happen as the Eagles have trounced their first four opponents and have the top-ranked defense in the district and the secondranked offense in the dis-

Salado has given up only 658 yards in four games, an average of 164.5 yards per game, and only 154 yards rushing (38.5 yards per game.

The Eagles have gained

1,381 yards through four games, just three dozen shy of Lago Vista, while Jarrell has 1,141 yards total offense. Of that, the Cougars have tallied 717 yards on the ground from its split veer offense.

The Jarrell defense, which is a 4-3 lineup, has given up 1,114 yards through four games, almost 300 yards per

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ı	Salado Eagles	4-0, 1-0		135-33	1,381		658	
ı	Florence Buffs	3-1, 1-0		109-86	1,284		821	
ı	Rogers Eagles	3-1, 1-0		75-61	1,085		1,047	
ı	Troy Trojans	3-1, 1-0		78-87	1,024		1,258	
ı	Lago Vista Vikings	3-1, 0-1		77-57	1,417		1,069	
l	Academy Bees	2-2, 0-1		74-106	848		985	
ı	Jarrell Cougars	1-3, 0-1		96-123	1,141		1,114	
l	Rosebud-Lott	1-3, 0-1		74-112	734		1,030	
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l	Leading passers	School	att-com	yds	TD	INT	Long	
ı	1. Johnathan Bane	Rogers	85-44	620	5	3	45	
l	2. Jake McMurtry	Troy	60-34	594	6	1	50	
l	3. David Rosenau	Salado	65-39	573	7	1	60	
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ı	Leading rushers	School	Carries	yds	avg.	TD	Long	
ı	1. Devin Brown	Lago	102	632	6.20	4	59	
l	2. Blake Brimer	Flo.	60	451	7.52	8	43	
ı	3. Kyle Preston	Aca.	41	366	8.93	4	69	
l	Seth Collins	Salado	44	366	8.32	4	43	
l								
l	Leading receivers	School	catches	yards	avg	TD	LR	
l	 Dalton Kuehn 	Rogers	13	149	11.46	3	32	
١	2. Jordan Sebek	Rogers	12	151	12.58	0	27	
١	2. Jacob Parish	Flo.	11	212	19.27	1	82	
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Results of Sept. 28 games Salado 49, Academy 0 Florence 41, Rosebud-Lott 21 Troy 42, Jarrell 35 Rogers 24, Lago Vista 21

Schedule of games on Oct. 5 Rosebud-Lott at Academy, 7:30 p.m. Lago Vista at Florence, 7:30 p.m. Salado at Jarrell, 7:30 p.m. Troy at Rogers, 7:30 p.m.

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Salado under-varsity Eagles take 3 of 4 from Academy Bees Sept. 27

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Salado Eagles JV White scored 40 points in the first half, going on to crush the Academy JV 46-14 Sept. 27.

The Eagles started early by recovering a fumble on the opening kick-off. Cole Brentham connected with Hunter Ward for a touchdown.

On Salado's next possession, Cole Caulder scored from 11 yards out.

Colt Norman scored the third touchdown of the first quarter when he stripped an Academy runner of the ball and ran it 48 yards into the endzone.

Brentham threw to Barton Tucker for a 20-yard touchdown in the second quarter. Caulder made the conversion.

Caulder then inter-

cepted an Academy pass and ran it back for a touchdown in the second quarter. Brentham connected with Norman for a twopoint conversion to bring the score to 33-6.

Garret Keys recovered an Academy fumble to set up the third touchdown of the second quarter. On the next play, Brentham connected with Tucker for their second touchdown completion of the night.

Hunter Ward scored the final touchdwon for the Eagles in the third quarter of play on a 40 yard run.

"The kids worked hard all week and the played hard," said coach Rocky Boaz. "Offensively and defensively, they executed well."

The JV White is 4-1 and will face Hutto at 5 p.m. in Salado.

Salado JV Red 8 Academy JV 27 Score by quarter 1 2 3 4 F SJV 0 8 0 0 8 AJV 8 7 6 7 27

Salado Eagles JV Red scored a single touchdown in their 27-8 loss to the Academy Bees Sept. 27.

Trey Liller scored the only touchdown for Salado on a 25 yard run in the second quarter of play. Jacob Peschel added a two point conversion on a run.

The loss drops the JV Red to a 2-1-1 record. They will face Jarrell Oct.

Salado 8th 28 Academy 8th 8 Score By Quarter

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Salado eighth grade Eagles improved to 2-0 and 1-0 in district play, stomping the Academy Bees eighth grade squad 28-8 on Sept. 27.

The Eagles scored first

on a 59 yard run by Sylva with a two point conversion by Meiman.

Meiman scored in the second quarter on a 10 yard touchdown. The PAT failed

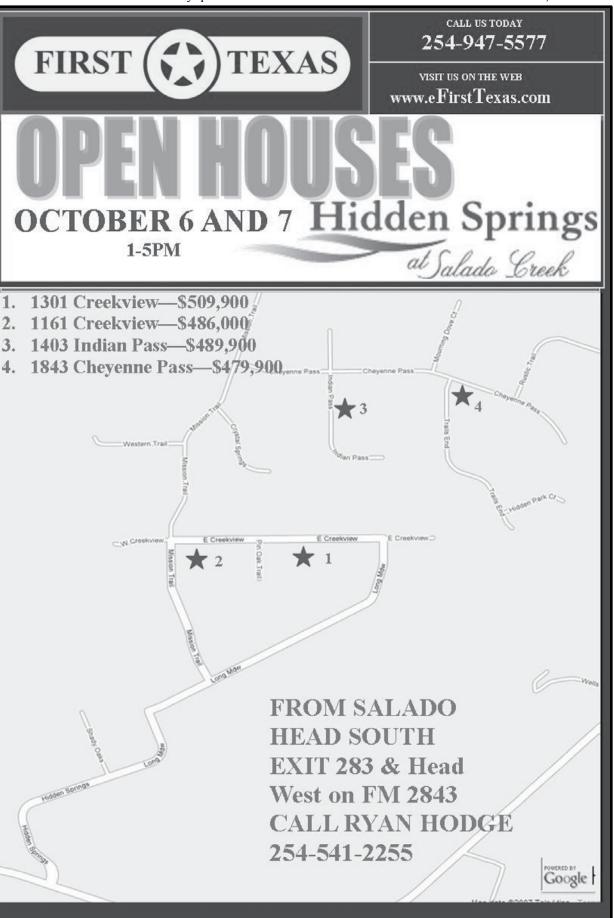
Also in the second quarter, the Eagles drove 60 yards, scoring on a three yard dive by Sylva. Josh Painter had a 30 yard run during the scoring drive. The PAT failed and the Eagles took a 20-0 lead into the lockers.

Sylva also scored on a 25 yard touchdown run, that capped a 49 yard drive. McBryde scored the two point conversion.

The Bees were able to score one touchdown during the fourth quarter.

Outstanding offensive players: Austin Sylva, Colton Meiman, Colby Spears, Payton Best, Sean Mcbryde, Brendan Laird, Micheal Sellers, Dennis

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SHS cross country teams take second in Salado Invitational

The Salado girls and boys cross country teams competed Sept. 29 in the Salado Invitational at Tenroc Ranch and both placed Second overall.

The girls placed second overall with results as follows: Lupe Perez placed second with a time of 11:42, Lindsey Martin placed third with a time of 11:44, Brittney Frazier placed tenth with a 12:19, Kaleigh Rank placed with a time of 12:57, Amanda Mattson placed 26th with a time of 13:03, Diana Torres placed 28th with a time of 13:04, Baylee Bell placed 35th with a time of 13:29, Tyndal Schreiner placed 40th with a time of 13:42. Allie Grace placed 56th with a time of 14:05, and Abby Frazier placed 64th with a 14:35.

The boys also placed second overall with the following results: Jace Peralta placed first with a time of 18:04, Kasey Cockrell placed ninth with a time of 19:12, Sterling Martin placed 17th with a time of 19:57, Max Care placed 18th with a 19:59, Juan Caracus placed 26th with a time of 20:36, and Michael Perrin placed 27th with a time of 20:37.

SIS boys win, girls place third

The junior high boys cross country team won the Tenroc Invitiation cross country meet Sept. 29, scoring 56 points to finish ahead of Lorena (64) and Liberty Hill (73). The junior high girls placed third in the meet with 99 points behind Liberty Hill and Lorena.

Jada Kornegay won the individual gold for the boys with a time of 11:01. Also scoring in the top ten finishers for Salado



Lindsey Martin (left) and Lupe Perez (right) were second and third.

were Pevton Best, sixth place with a time of 11:50 and Patrick Murray, seventh place with a time of 11:52. Other Salado runners were Robert Pereira, 13:10, 23rd place; George Romfh, 13:27, 25th place; Eric McGregor, 13:56, 33rd place; John Pegues, 15:37, 58th place and Cabe Temple, 16:09, 63rd place.

Team placements for the boys were the following: Salado, first place, 56 points; Lorena, second place, 64 points; Liberty Hill, third place, 73 points; Jarrell, fourth place, 84 points; Bruceville-Eddy, fifth place, 108 points; Burnet, sixth place, 140 points and Buckholtz, seventh place 190 points.

The girls placed third in the meet with nine girls running on the team. Following are their placements in the meet: Chelsea Boaz, 12th; Abby Rangel, 21st; Alex Blacett, 24th; Taylr Marburger, 25th; Chelsea Rank, 27th; Morgan Daniels, 29th; Mildred Tonchez, 30th; Lexi Daniels, 40th and Tatiana Para,



Jada Kornegay (middle) was first and Peyton Best (right) was sixth place. (PHOTOS BY BOBBETTE BELL)

Team placements were these: Liberty Hill, first, 24 points; Lorena, second, 41st points; Salado, third, 99 points; Burnet, fourth, 124 points;

Jarrell, fifth place, 125 points; Rogers, sixth, 169 points; Bruceville Eddy, seventh, 192 points; Academy, eighth, 196 points and Buckholts, ninth, 277 points.



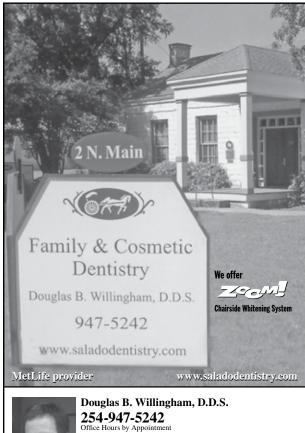
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(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER) Quarterback David Rosenau and the Salado Eagles offense peppered the Aacdemy defense for almost 500 yards Sept. 28.

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Eagles

Senior safety Matt Fritsch had his fourth interception of the season, as well as making eight ATs and two STs.

Senior defensive end Colin Smith made five ATs, one ST, a TFL, four hurries and a knocked down pass (KDP).

Junior end Garret Ward made three ATs, two STs, three TFL, a quarterback sack, a quarterback hurry and an interception.

Sophomore lineman Caleb Little registered three ATs, two TFLs and two hurries.

Junior John Cruz had one AT. four ATs and a KDP.

Wooley had four ATs, a sack and a hurry.

Ferrell-Raborn had two 100 points: 135-33.

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ATs, a TFL, two hurries and a KDP.

Senior end Blake Heller had one AT, two STs and a

Senior end Josh Marquez had two ATs. Senior lineman Corv

Langford had an AT and caused a fumble. Senior safety Tyler

Wright had one AT and one ST. Junior Logan Foster

had one AT and one ST. Junior lineman Heath Bracken had one AT and a TFL.

Senior Seth Collins had

The win moves Head Senior lineman Robert Coach Jeff Cheatham's Eagles to 4-0 on the season. Salado has outscored Senior lineman Jim its opponents by more than

Smith Tourney sets 2008 dates, sponsors are key

The Salado Athletic Booster Club has announced the dates and teams of the annual Coach Smith Invitational Basketball Tournament, which will be Dec. 6-8.

"We are able to attract some of the top-quality teams at the 2A and 3A levels because of the terrific support of our chief sponsors," said Jerry Smith, tournament organizer, "such as the Family of Coach Smith, Century 21 Bill Bartlett Real Estate and Wildfire Ranch."

"The Athletic Boosters are grateful for all of our sponsors, who help make this such a terrific tournament. We are excited about the teams coming this year," he added. Sponsors of the tournament include the YO Ranch, First Texas Brokerage, First State Bank and Jerry and

Sharon Smith.

Competing in the boys bracket this year are Salado, Brock, Liberty Hill, Hitchcock, Rockdale, Aubrey, Aransas Pass and Hearne.

In the girls bracket there are these teams: Salado, Brock, Taylor, McGregor, Cameron and Faith Academy of Marble Falls.

"Faith Academy is led by Ashley Fields," Smith said, "who is probably the best post girl in Central Texas area. She recently committed to Baylor and may be the first Division One player in our gym in the past 15 years.

"This year's tournament should be another great one," he added, "and our sponsors make it possible to bring in the top teams from around the state."

Tri-City Gem and Mineral Society hold 38th annual show

Tri-City Gem and Mineral Society will present its 38th annual Gem and Mineral Show at the Frank W. Mayborn Civic and Convention Center in Temple. It is located off I-35 at Exit 303B. The show is scheduled 9 a.m. -6 p.m. Oct. 13 and 10 a.m. -5 p.m. Oct. 14. Admission is \$2. Children younger than 12 will be admitted free.

Club members will display numerous collections and will be available to explain their displays. Displays will feature fossils, arrowheads, phosphorescent minerals under black light, and "before and after" gems and minerals (rough natural materials cut and polished to a quality form). There will also be a display of salt from around the world. Children of all ages can watch artisans facet rough materials into finished specimens suitable for use in jewelry. There will be educational exhibits and demonstrations throughout the hall.

A new feature will be the children's area for their displays along with activities specifically for youth. Along with grab bags assembled by members, there will also be bags that the youth may fill themselves. Attendees can check for phosphorescent material under a black light.

Vendors will be on hand to share their skills as well as sell related products such as jewelry findings, precious semiprecious stones, rock tumbling/polishing materials, rough materials, fossils and books on all aspects of "rock hounding".

Wire wrapping artists will craft rings, broaches, and pendants for gems and minerals visitors bring or purchase from other ven-

There will be hourly door prizes donated by vendors and club mem-

bers. There will be an hourly silent auction with items donated by club members.

The Club meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Grace Presbyterian Church in Temple. Members go on planned field trips throughout Central Texas. Visitors are always welcome.

Vendors include Lyndon Simms from New Mexico, McNalge from California with an array of cabachons and faceted stones. The Rusty Musket, a long-time vendor performs wire-wrapping of stones that attendees bring in or select while waiting or browsing. Many local craftman will also be on

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A Christmas Carol auditions held on indoor stage at Tablerock Oct. 6-7

Auditions Tablerock's December of 2007 presentation of "A Christmas Carol" will be held at Tablerock's indoor stage 3 p.m. Oct. 6-7.

The stage adaptation of Charles Dickens' ageless story was written by Harry Sweet.

Sweet will also direct the play requiring 38 actors, actresses, children as well as crew.

Rehearsals will begin the third week of October for approximately 5 (five) evenings a week with different scenes rehearsed each evening.

Times and days of rehearsal scenes will be decided by the director after consulting with the cast and crew. Scholarships for college students. and high school seniors earning college credit are

available.

Performances of A Christmas Carol will be staged at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater, 7 p.m., on Friday and Saturday nights, Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 7 and 8, in conjunction with the Salado Christmas Stroll.

For more information you may call Tablerock Amphitheater 947-9205.

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Quisnberry and Nick Cas-

Outstanding Defensive Players for the game were David Daniel, Marcos Mendoza, Jace Rex, Jacob Svadlenak, Austin Armstrong, Cameron Smith.

"They played as a team and worked hard," Coach Lyndon Clevenger said.

Salado 7th Academy 7th Score by Quarter

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Salado seventh grade Eagles got their first win of the season against the Academy Bees Sept. 27, beating the Bees 28-8.

In the first quarter, John Pegues dove in from two yards out to cap an 80 yard drive to take an early 6-0 lead.

The Eagles recovered a Bee fumble at the 28 yard line, scoring on an eight yard drive by Sauceda. Sauceda scored the two point conversion to take a 14-0 second quarter lead in the game.

Sauceda also scored on a 62 yard touchdown run in the second quarter.

The Bees scored their only touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Reece Nickolson took the ensuing kick off and returned it 72 yards for a fourth quarter touchdown.

He then added a two point conversion for the final 28-8 lead.

Outstanding offensive players were offenive lineman Sam Barret, Quarterback Barton Cheatham, wide receiver Reece Nicholson, and running back Fabian Sauceda.

Outstanding defensive players were Brice Martin, who had an interception to stop a big drive by Academy. Also standing out were Brandon Womack, cornerback; C, Tre Molher, cornerback; C, Billy Golding, noseguard; Martin Derfee, noseguard; N, Dustin Brown, strong tackle, Justin Hindrix, free safety.

"Big turn around from last week," Coach Clevenger said. "The kids were more focused and played hard."





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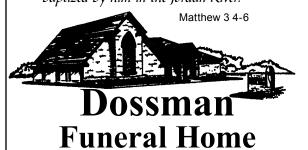
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Church & People

Soldiers recieved 450 Freedom Bags from Thomas Arnold students

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Last week three Soldiers from the units picked up the 450 bags, Sergeant 1st Class Wood, Staff Sergeant Parker and Private First Class Jacobs were amazed at the artwork on the bags. Third graders gave the soldiers a hand loading their personnel carrier with the color-

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Thanks for protecting us!

ful Freedom Bags. 'They look great and I haven't even opened one yet.' says Parker. Camouflage, the statute of liberty, Uncle Sam, jet fighters and flags adorn most of the bags along with personal thank you's and encouraging notes from the students.

The Freedom Bag project is only one part of Thomas Arnold Elementary's celebration of National Freedom week. During the past week students in pre-K thru 4th grade studied the Constitution



Soldiers and students load 450 goodie bags

and recited the 'Courage Pledge' each day. Music teacher Ruth Watkins had the students singing and signing patriotic songs. The effort was to help the

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First Baptist Church 55 plus events on the schedule

First Baptist Church group 55 years plus have several upcoming events. The Annual Senior Servant of the Year Banquet is scheduled for 6 p.m. Oct. 25. Musical entertainment will be provided by pianist/ vocalist Wade Daniel.

On Nov. 15 the group will be boarding the brand

new church bus for a day day trip to Bryan /College Station to tour the Bush Library. The tour includes visiting a re-creation of the White House in a one-foot to one-inch scale that opens up rooms that are seldom seen by the public. In addition to the tour lunch will be at J. Cody's in Bryan.

Christmas in October **Bakers** needed for annual fundraiser

needed for the Salado Chamber of Commerce Fire Department. Ladies Auxilary Christmas This fundraiser would not in October Bake Sale. This is one of the most popular events associated with the Salado Christmas in October Celebration. It is also the largest fundraiser for the Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary.

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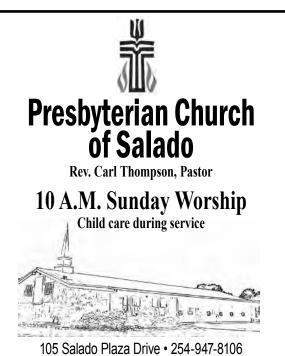
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Bell Freedom Foundation holds Forum on "All About Voting

State Representative Dianne White-Delisi will be among several speakers featured at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor on Oct. 15, for what is being dubbed a Citizen's Forum.

The University is teaming up with the Bell Freedom Foundation to hold a forum to provide citizens the opportunity to ask questions about the upcoming election and to learn about the issues they will see on the November ballot. The Citizens' Forum: All About Voting will be held 6:30 p.m., Oct. 15, in the Lord Conference Center of the Parker Academic Center. The forum is free and open to the public.

Special guest speakers will include State Representative Dianne Delisi, retired Lieutenant General Dave Palmer, A & M professor, Dr. Arthur E. Frankel, and UMHB faculty Dr. Derek Davis and Dr. David Chrisman.

The program will begin with a short history of voting in America, presented by Lieutenant General (Ret.) Dave Palmer, President of the Bell Freedom Foundation. This will focus on the importance of voting.

Dr. David Chrisman, chair of the department of history and political science at the university will speak on How the Texas Government Works.

The Honorable Dianne Delisi, Texas State Representative, will speak on one of the important amendments on the ballot: Constitutional Amendment Providing for Open *Voting in the Legislature.*

Arthur E. Frankel, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Texas A & M University HSC will present information about the *Constitutional Amendment* Requiring the Creation of a Cancer Research Institute in Texas.

Dr. Derek Davis, Dean of the College of Humanities, UMHB, will speak specifically about the Constitutional Amendments Providing Funding for Transportation Projects in the state of Texas.

The Citizens' Forum will provide a time for questions and answers. The focus of the event will be on voting in general, with specific emphasis on Texas issues which will be on the Nov. 6, 2007, ballot. The ballot will include 16 amendments to the Texas Constitution, which attendees will receive a full description of the 16 amendments.



Salado Area Republican Women have delivered student dictionaries to both Salado and Holland schools as part of their ongoing literacy project. The project is in conjunction with dictionaries delivered by Central Texas Republican Women to all other third graders in Bell County. Salado students shown.

Fright Trail auditions held at Tablerock Oct. 6-7

Tablerock's Fright Trail will be held at Tablerock's indoor stage 4 p.m. Oct. 6

Actors of all ages are needed for scenes from Macbeth, Dracula, Frankenstein, The Mummy's Curse, The Wizard of Oz, The Tell-Tale Heart, and

sured classics. Guides to conduct groups from scene to scene, actors to portray elves, trolls and knights are also needed.

High school and college students will earn Community Service hours for their volunteer service to Tablerock Amphitheater.

Tablerock Amphithemore of America's trea- ater is located on Royal Street in Salado. Call Tablerock at 947-9205 for more information. For a map: www.tablerock.org.

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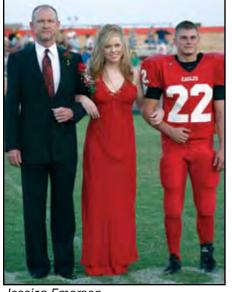
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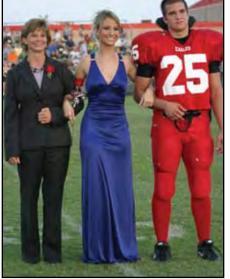
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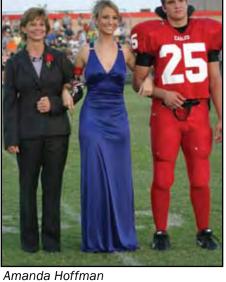
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Senior nominees for Salado High School 2007 Homecoming Queen



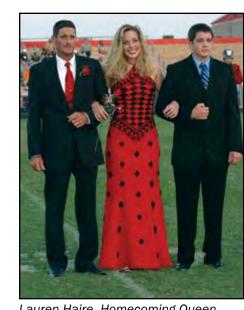
Jessica Emerson







Kamylle Palomino



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MARILYN FLEISCHER

Lauren Haire, Homecoming Queen



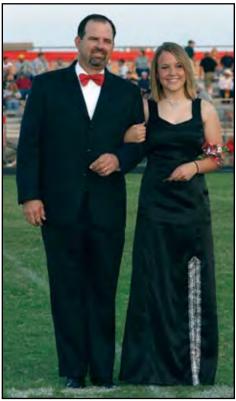
Amy Wooley, Junior Princess



Abby Frazier, Junior Princess



Danielle Hazzard, Junior Princess



Sarah Cleveland, Junior Princess

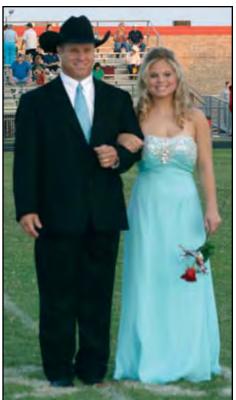


Kaley Boaz, Sophomore Princess



Mindi Dunnahoo, Sophomore Princess Haley Kemp, Sophomore Princess





Alexis Bloomer, Freshmen Princess



Tyndal Schreiner, Freshmen Princess

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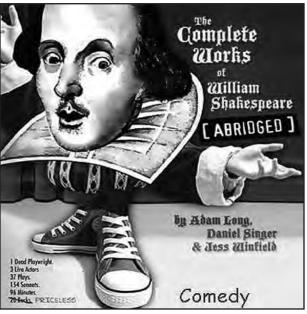
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"Complete Works of Shakespeare" finds its way to Silver Spur stage

Take one dead playwright, three very alive actors, 37 plays, 154 sonnets (give or take a few they'll probably forget), place together on the stage of the Salado Silver Spur Theatre and not too gently stir in equal parts of slapstick humor and social satire and what you get are a little more than 90 minutes of great comedic theatre. The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) directed by Gary D. Askins will play at the Silver Spur Theatre, 108 Royal Street, Fridays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Oct. 5-Nov. 17.

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) written by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield, who as the Reduced Shakespeare Company, first performed this work at the 1987 Edinburgh Fringe Festival. After 10 years at England's Criterion Theatre, The Complete Works became London's longest-running comedy. It has since conquered the entire globe, becoming a cult classic in the process. It was praised by the Los Angeles Times as "wildly funny" and by the Montreal Gazette as "the funniest show you are likely to see in your entire lifetime." With just a three-member cast of local professional performers Grainger Esch, Kevin C. Carr, and Tony Blackman (all males, if you didn't notice, thus making way for the historically correct and hysterically wrong drag appearances



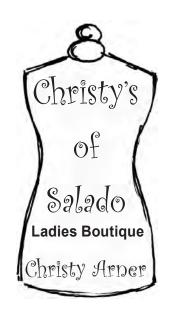
in the female roles), each performer romps through costume, prop and dialect changes that leave little room for error. All the more reason to frame the more-or-less quoted text within an anythinggoes improvisational style where the audience can't ever be sure if the missed cue or late entrance is an actual boo-boo or another chance to laugh. The Spur production is also assisted by pianist Nelda Milligan and the musical choices only add to the humor and all around good fun.

"The opening night United Way Gala on Friday October 5th has been sold out because of the sponsorship of Bill DiGaetano and Wilsonart International. This opening night performance will be for the benefit of the Central Texas United Way and with the incredible assistance of John Anderson, Stagecoach Inn, June Ritterbusch, Salado Wine Seller and JJ Jonas

of Salado High School, the staff of the Silver Spur and the employees of Wilsonart will be able to make a significant contribution to several local charities." said Gary Askins. "I really expect this unique theatrical experience to appeal to our community. The play does come with a warning that it's not recommended for people with heart ailments, bladder problems, inner-ear disorders and/or people inclined to motion sickness." He concluded his remarks with the observation that directing the professional talent of the Silver Spur Theatre is a lot like herding cats.

Tickets for this October and November show are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children with discounts available for matinees, groups, military, senior citizens and students. Call the Silver Spur Box Office at 947-3456 for reservations, ticket availability and more information.





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What's happening in

October 4

Salado Chamber of **Commerce planning** meeting for the Christmas Stroll, 8:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Cente. Volunteers and ideas are needed in several areas, including these: advertising, decorating, entertainment, food vendors, fund raising, parade and tree lighting and logistics. For more information, call the Chamber at 254-947-5040 or email saladochamber@ vvm.com

October 4

Salado under varsity football teams against Jarrell. JV Red and JV White, here beginning at 5 p.m.; 7th and 8th there beginning at 5 p.m.

October 4

Salado Silver Spur **Support Service and** Cinema Society film screening, featuring "Them," 7:30 p.m. Oct. 4. Cost: \$5 for non members. Info: www.salado cinema.org.

OCTOBER **4-6**

Live Blood Analysis, at Angelic Herbs. By appointment only. Call 947-1909 to make your appointment. Angelic Herbs is located in the Stage Stop Center on Main Street across from the Salado Civic Center.

October 5

Salado volleyball teams at Jarrell, 4:30 p.m. with JV, Varsity and 9th in two gyms.

Salado Varsity Eagles football travels to Jarrell. Kick-off at 7:30 p.m..

OCTOBER 5-6

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OCTOBER 6

Salado cross country at the Round Rock Mc-Neil meet at Old Settlers' Park. High School only.

OCTOBER 6

Salado cross country at the Temple meet at Lions Park. Junior High only.

OCTOBER **6-7**

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Auditions for A Christmas Carol, 3 p.m.

each day at Tablerock. Info: 947-9205.

October 6

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

October 7

Tablerock's Fright **Trail auditions,** 5 p.m. at Tablerock. Info: 947-9205 or email tablerock1@aol. com.

OCTOBER 7

Salado Silver Spur Support Service and Cinema Society film screening, featuring "Them," 2 p.m. Oct. 7. Cost: \$5 for non members. Info: www.salado October 8

Salado Democrats, 6 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. Everyone is welcome.

October 8

Thomas Arnold Elementary Parent Teacher Organization meeting, 6 p.m. TAE Cafeteria October 9

Salado Garden Club meeting, 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. All gardeners invited.

October 9

Salado volleyball teams at home against Florence. Ninth, JV and Varsity games begin at 5 p.m.

OCTOBER 10

Salado Lions Club luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Ryan Hodge, real estate sales, will discuss the current market and future projections in Salado and Bell Co.

OCTOBER 11

Friends Feeding Friends collection day at Salado Brookshire **Brothers.** Sponsored by the Temple-Belton Board of Realtors®, Friends Feeding Friends collects non-perishable food items for food panties in Temple, Belton and Salado. Perishables collected here will benefit the Salado Food Pantry at the First Baptist Church of Salado. For more information about the local effort, contact Liz Armstrong at Monteith Abstract in Salado, 254-947-3922.

OCTOBER 11 Salado junior high

volleyball teams at Rosebu-Lott, 5 p.m.; 7th B, 8th B. 7th A. 8th A.

OCTOBER 11

Salado under-varsity football teams against Rogers. JV White and JV Red begin at Rogers at 5 p.m.; 7th and 8th grade games begin at 5 p.m.

OCTOBER 11

Salado Silver Spur Support Service and Cinema Society film screening, featuring "Invaders from Mars, 7:30 p.m. Octt. 11. Cost: \$5 for non members. Info: www.salado cinema.org.

OCTOBER 12

Salado Masonic Lodge Chili Supper, 5-7 p.m., Salado Intermediate School. All you can eat chili and fixings for \$5 per person, 10 and under free. Sponsored by Salado Masonic Lodge #296 to benefit scholarships to Salado high school students. For tickets or information, call Tim Fleischer at 254-947-5321 or contact any Masonic Lodge member. Tickets will be available at the door.

OCTOBER 12

Salado volleyball teams at home against Rogers, 4:30 p.m. with JV, Varsity and 9th in two gyms.

OCTOBER **12**

Village of Salado and Salado ISD joint **Emergency Operations** Planning Follow-Up meeting, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Salado Civic Center. Agenda items include the Attorney General's school safety video, conducting a mock crisis situation and reviewing the current **Emergency Operations** Plan to consider modifications or additions. Any and all are welcome to this meeting.

OCTOBER 12

Salado varsity Eagles football at home against Rogers. Kick-off is 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER **12-13**

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

OCTOBER **12-13**

Salado High School **Class of 1997 10-year** reunion. 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12 meet at the Home Football game Oct 13: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., family and friends picnic at Pace Park; 7-9 p.m., Class and spouse/ guest Banquet, Salado Civic Center. For more information, email Salado97@yahoo.com.

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OCTOBER **12-13**

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OCTOBER 12-13

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OCTOBER **12-13**

Children's book author Lynn Sheffield Simmons will autograph her new book, Sugar Lump's Night Before Christmas, along with her other books Sugar Lump, the Orphan Calf, Bo, the Famous Retriever, Jack Crow Said Hello, Bo and the Missing Dogs. and Bo and the Night Intruder at the Strawberry Patch, 209 North Main Street, all day Oct, 12, -13.

OCTOBER 13

Salado cross country at Georgetown meet. High School only. OCTOBER 13

Texas author Glenn Dromgoole will be featured at a book signing, noon to 3 p.m. at Southern Comforts, 22 N. Main.

October 13

Salado Fine Art
Gallery Night, 5-9 p.m.
Participating galleries
include Prellop, Thomas
Kinkade Stagecoach Gallery, Main Street, Wells,
Miller, Southern Image,
B. Herd and Griffith.
More details TBA.
OCTOBER 13

Toyos artist

Texas artist Jack
Terry will be highlighting purchases as well as signing books at Southern Image Gallery, 5-9 p.m. There will be wine and hors d'oeuvres at the Gallery located in the Stagestop, 560 N. Main St., Suite 1.

OCTOBER **13**

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

Info:David Dunlap, director, 254-247-0220 or email ddunlap@tablerock.org.

OCTOBER 14

Steven Fromholz presentation on "Let's Drink to the Last Livin' Outlaw," 4-6 p.m. at the Salado Silver Sput Theater, presented by the Institue for Humanities at Salado. For more information about the Institute, write ifh@vvm.com.

OCTOBER **14**

Salado Silver Spur Support Service and Cinema Society film screening, featuring "Invaders from Mars," 2 p.m. Oct. 14. Cost: \$5 for non members. Info: www.salado cinema.org.

OCTOBER 15

Salado junior highvolleyball teams at Lago Vista, 5 p.m.; 7th B, 8th B, 7th A, 8th A.

OCTOBER 15

Salado ISD Long Range Planning Committee Meeting. The Safety/Discipline committee will meet at 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

OCTOBER 16 Teacup Tuesday,

9:30-11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Dr. Ben Anderson, D.C., Clinical Kinesiologist, will give the program.

OCTOBER 16

Cooking Class with Dave Hermann 10 a.m.-12 noon with lunch at The Range at the Barton House. Cal 254-947-3828 for reservations. Fall and Winter Desserts, featuring Pear and Sun Dried Cranberry Crisp, Warm Chocolate Pudding Cake and Individual Pear Tart with Cinnamon Ice Cream.

OCTOBER 16

Salado volleyball teams at home against Rosebud-Lott, 5 p.m. with 9th, JV and varsity.

Остовек **17**

Salado Junior High District Cross Country Meet at Academy.

October 18

Cooking Class with
Dave Hermann 10 a.m.12 noon with lunch at
The Range at the Barton
House. Call 254-9473828 for reservations
and more information.
Brunch/Party Ideas,
featuring Grilled shrimp
tamale tarts, roasted red
pepper sauce, individual
fruit and cake trifle,
croustade cups with assorted fillings.

OCTOBER 18

Salado Silver Spur Support Service and Cinema Society film screening, featuring "Bride of Frankenstein," 7:30 p.m. Oct. 18. Cost: \$5 for non members. Info: www. salado cinema.org.

OCTOBER **18**

Salado undervarsity football against Lago Vista. JV White and JV Red begin at 5 p.m. here while 7th and 8th grade games begin at 5 p.m. in Lago Vista.

OCTOBER **19**

Salado volleyball teams at Lago Vista, 4:30 p.m. with JV, Varsity and 9th grade in two gyms.

OCTOBER **19**

Salado Eagles varsity football at Lago Vista. 7:30 p.m. kick-off. OCTOBER 19-20

Hunter Safety Course, at Johnnie's Texas Banquet Hall. The course will be 6-9 p.m. Oct. 19 and 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Oct. 20. The cost for the certified course is \$20 per student. Of that, \$15 will be for the certificate and the remaining \$5 for the cost of the facility. Students must be 12 years old to get certified. All ages are welcome. Call Jim Mohler at 774-9361 for information about the course.

OCTOBER **19-20**

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OCTOBER 20

Cooking Class with Dave Hermann 10 a.m.-12 noon with lunch at The Range at the Barton House. Call 254-947-3828 for reservations and information. Everbody Loves Asian Food, featuring satay of beef, spicy chicken lettuce wraps, General Tsao Chicken, teriyake marinade.

OCTOBER 20 Fifth Annual Fall

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

October 20 **Annual Cattlemen's** Ball, benefitting the Salado Education Foundation scholarship program to Salado students. Begins at Tenroc Ranch. Tickets are now on sale at the Barber Barn, First Community Title, and the Salado ISD Administrative Offices for \$75 per person. There will be live music, a steak dinner, raffle, live auction, dance contest and silent auction.. For more information, call Salado ISD at

OCTOBER **21**

947-5479.

Salado Silver Spur Support Service and Cinema Society film screening, featuring "Bride of Frankenstein," 2 p.m. Oct. 21. Cost: \$5 for non members. Info: www. saladocinema.org.

October 22

Salado high school cross country at District Meet at Tenroc Ranch.

October 22

Salado junior highvolleyball teams at Florence, 5 p.m.; 7th B, 8th B,

7th A, 8th A.

OCTOBER **22**

Salado ISD Long Range Planning committee meeting. The Academic Excellence committee will meet at 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

OCTOBER 22-24

Larry Prellop Paint-Along Seascape Workshop, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day at the Stagecoach Inn. \$300 per person; only 15 students accepted for the workshop. Contact Prellop Fine Art Gallery at 1-888-461-2605 or online at www.prellopfineartgallery.com.

October 24

Salado Lions Club luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Patti Colbert, executive director of the Mustang Heritage Foundation, will discuss the national Wild Horse and Burro program.

October 25

Salado Village Artists Bi-Annual Juried Art Show. Art Center on the grounds of the Salado

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Calendar of Events

Civic Center. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. More details to be announced.

OCTOBER 25

Salado Silver Spur Support Service and Cinema Society film screening, featuring "Young Frankenstein," 7:30 p.m. Oct. 25. Cost: \$5 for non members. Info: www.salado cinema.org.

October 25

Salado under varsity football against Troy. JV White and JV Red in Troy, beginning at 5 p.m., while 7th and 8th grade are here, beginning at 5

October 26

Salado Eagles varsity football at home against Troy, 7:30 pm. kick-off.

Ост. 26-27

Stagecoach Club Concert Series, featuring the music of Paul Cox

8-10 p.m. upstairs in the Stagecoach Club. Come enjoy the free concert in the historic Salado Stagecoach Inn

October 27

Salado junior highvolleyball district tournament in Academy, 7th A and 8th A teams, times to be announced.

October 27

Music in Salado presents Flute and Harp Duo **in concert.** Concert is 7 p.m. at the home of Doug and Carol Willingham, 9 Church Street. Featuring Megan Meisenbach and Mary Golden. For more information about Music in Salado, call Dr. Kim Van Cura at 947-5592 or visit www.musicinsalado. com.

October 27

Behind the Scenes at

the Blanton Museum of Art in Austin 10 a.m.-1 p.m., sponsored by Institute for Humanities at Salado. Lunch follows at Louie's 106 Restaurant. Space is limited. Reservations required. Call 254-947-5729 or email ifh@vvm.com for more information.

OCTOBER 26-27

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Saturday matinee. For more information, call 254-947-3456 or visit saladosilverspur.com.

OCTOBER 27 AND 28

Tablerock's Halloween Fright Trail, featuring thrills and chills for young and old. Open 7:30-10:30 p.m. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Concessions will be available. Info: Jackie Mills, 947-9205 or email tablerock1@aol. com.

October 28

Salado Silver Spur **Support Service and** Cinema Society film screening, featuering "Young Frankenstein," 2 p.m. Oct. 28. Cost: \$5 for non members. Info: www. salado cinema.org.

November 3

Salado United Methodist Church Garden **Guild Annual Fashion** Show and Luncheon, 12:30 a.m. at the Methodist Church, 650 Royal Street. Christy's of Salado and Trimmings Factory Store and Bluebird Kids will be providing fashions. Tickets are \$15 each. For information call 254/947-5482.

November 3

Keith Carter photography exhibit at the **Bell County Museum in** Belton. Reception and artist's talk, sponsored by the Institute for Humanities at Salado. For more information, call the Institute at 254-947-5729 or email ifh@vvm.com. November 4

Keith Carter will speak on "Gumbo Ya-Ya/Life as Art," 4-6 p.m., Celebration Center, 216 Royal Street. Sponsored by the Institute for the Humanities at Salado. For more information,

call the Institute at 254-947-5729 or email ifh@ vvm.com. November 5

Salado Historical Society meeting, 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Program will be given by columnist, author, broadcaster and lecturer Tumbleweed

Smith. More info TBA.

November 6

Cooking Class with Dave Hermann 10 a.m.-12 noon with lunch at The Range at the Barton House. Call 254-947-3828 for reservations and more information. Pasta, Pasta,

November 9-10

46th Annual Scottish Gathering and Highland Games, sponsored by Central Texas Area Museum. Piping contests, drumming contests, Highland dance contests, Scottish athletic games, children's games, Bonniest knees, shortbread con-

test are part of the Games at the Robertson Ranch. A Ceilidh, a Tattoo and a Tartan Gala are also part of the events, as well as Clan tents and Scottish vendors. For more information, call the CTAM at 254-947-5232 or visit www.ctam-salado.org. November 12

Veteran's Day ceremony at Salado High School, 10 a.m. Sponsored by Salado High School National Honor Society, the ceremoney will include the dedication of new veterans' bricks at Veteran's Square in front of Salado High School. For more information about buying a Veteran Brick for \$50, contact susan.shobe@ saladoisd.org.

NOVEMBER 12-14

Painting workshop at **Stonecreek Settlement** with artist Renie Patty, who has been painting for more than 30 years. Three days of classes with meeting and orientation Nov. 11. Cost is \$300.00 per student. A supply list will be provided to students upon registration. View Renie's paintings at her galleries: www. griffithfineart.com or www.artgalleryrockport. com.

Novmber 13

Salado Garden Club meeting, 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Program will be given by Norm Arnold of Houston, designer of gardens, discussing his new garden book on Glorious Texas Gardens. All gardeners invited to attend.

November 14

Holiday Open House, 5-6:30 p.m. at ArchAngel Antiques, 861 N. Main St. Salado. Wine and cheese will be served. Everyone is invited.

November 15

Cooking Class with Dave Hermann 10 a.m.-12 noon with lunch at The Range at the Barton House. Call 254-947-3828 for reservations and more information. Great Soups, Stocks and Sauces.

November 17

Cooking Class with Dave Hermann 10 a.m.-12 noon with lunch at The Range at the Barton House. Call 254-947-3828 for reservations and more information. Great Party Ideas to take with you.

November 21-23

Salado ISD campuses break for the Thanksgiving holiday.

November 29

Cooking Class with Dave Hermann 10 a.m.-12 noon with lunch at

The Range at the Barton House. Call 254-947-3828 for reservations and more information. Great Fall Comfort Foods.

November 29

Salado Christmas Parade and Village Tree Lighting ceremony. Parade route goes west on Royal from Center Circle, north up Main Street, ending at the Salado Civic Center. Parade starts at 5 p.m. Village tree lighting to follow.

November 29

Salado Community Chorus Christmas Concert. 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Civic Center, following the Parade and Tree Lighting. Concert is free to the public.

November 30-Dec. 2

Annual Salado Christmas Stroll weekend. Details announced at later date. Visit saladovillagevoice.com for information as the days draw closer.

Nov. 30, Dec. 1 -2 Salado Historical Society Christmas Home Tour. Details announced at later date.

Nov. 30-Dec. 2

Salado Village Artists will have a display at their building on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center, beginning at 9 a.m. these days.

Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 7 & 8 Tablerock's 15th **Annual production** of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," adapted and directed by Harry Sweet. Performances set for 7 p.m. each night. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for students

and \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets available at the gate beginning at 6:30 p.m. Concessions open at 6:30 p.m. Info: 947-9205 or email tablerock1@aol. com.

December 4

Cooking Class with Dave Hermann 10 a.m.-12 noon with lunch at The Range at the Barton House. Call 254-947-3828 for reservations and more information. Wine Pairing Dinner Menu.

DECEMBER 7-9 **Annual Salado**

Christmas Stroll weekend. Details announced at later date. Visit saladovillagevoice.com for information as the days draw closer.

DEC. 7-9

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DECEMBER 8 Cooking Class with

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Fluoride and synthetic vitamins

To finish up on this three-part series on how to better help your child be healthy in an ever changing world, I would like to discuss two new topics: Fluoride in the Water (or fluoride period, for that matter) and Synthetic Vitamins.

Fluoride in the Water: Have you seen this warning on one of your child's everyday bathroom products? "WARNINGS: Keep out of reach of children under 6 years of age. If you accidentally swallow more than used for brushing, seek PROFES-SIONAL HELP or contact a POISON CONTROL center immediately."

You might wonder what product that alarming warning can be found on. Well, it's your child's toothpaste and it is talking about the ingestion of fluoride! My question is

If the ingestion of a large amount of fluoride can kill your child, why are we putting small amounts in our tap water?

Some experts, not all, believe that fluoride is beneficial for fighting cavities, but even they would tell you that the fluoride should be put ON your child's teeth, not end up in their gastrointestinal system, among other systems (i.e. fluoride for topical use only, not inges-

If your child is using fluoridated toothpaste, make sure they are using the recommended amount and not swallowing, or in a bold move, change completely to a non-fluoridated toothpaste. Some experts believe that even the accumulation of fluoride through the mucous membranes may be enough to create numerous challenges, including: fluorosis (teeth discoloration), heart, muscle, and bone

Many cities throughout the United States are now wising up and are voting down the supplementing of the city tap water with fluoride for these reasons.

There is now scientific literature documenting the increasingly out of control exposures to fluoride, the lack of benefit to dental health from ingestion of fluoride and the hazards to human health from such ingestion. These hazards include acute toxic hazard, such as to people with impaired kidney function, as well as chronic toxic hazards of gene mutations, cancer, reproductive effects, neuron-toxicity, bone pathology and dental fluorosis.

So, what to do concerning toothpaste? you continue to use fluoridated toothpaste, make

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By Kevin McCauley

sure your child follows the directions concerning the amount (size of a pea) and do not allow them to swallow the toothpaste (there is enough fluoride in one tube of toothpaste to kill two young children, if swallowed in one sitting).

So, what to do concerning the drinking of tap water?

First the good news: Salado does NOT add fluoride to the water and any fluoride found in the water coming from the Salado WSC is a natural source coming from the Edwards Aquifer.

But, as of May 2000, 42 of the 50 largest U.S. cities have water fluoridation, and according to a 2002 study, 67 percent of Americans are living in communities with fluoridated water.

Now, the bad news: The three best ways to remove fluoride from your tap water are, 1) Reverse Osmosis, which I DO NOT recommend, 2) a Distilla-

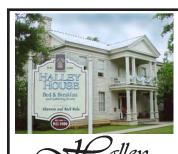
tion Process, which I also DO NOT recommend, and 3) an Activated Alumina Defluoridation Filter, and this type of filter may need to be added to your already Chlorine removing Carbon Filter (which you DO need to be using in this area).

Here is a list of countries that have never fluoridated or have stopped fluoridating upon learning the ramifications of its use: West Germany, The Netherlands, France, Belgium, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Japan, Italy and Scotland (These are some of the healthiest countries in the world, which will be a future article topic, by the way).

In some ways, the use of fluoride in the municipal water system can be likened to that of the "instant gratification," "quick-fix mentality," "just give me a pill" or the "infomercial" generations.

The reason is this; the belief that the daily use of fluoride is going to overcome your child's diet consisting predominately of sugar drinks, sodas,

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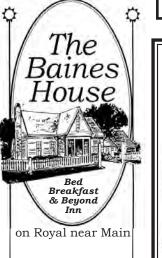
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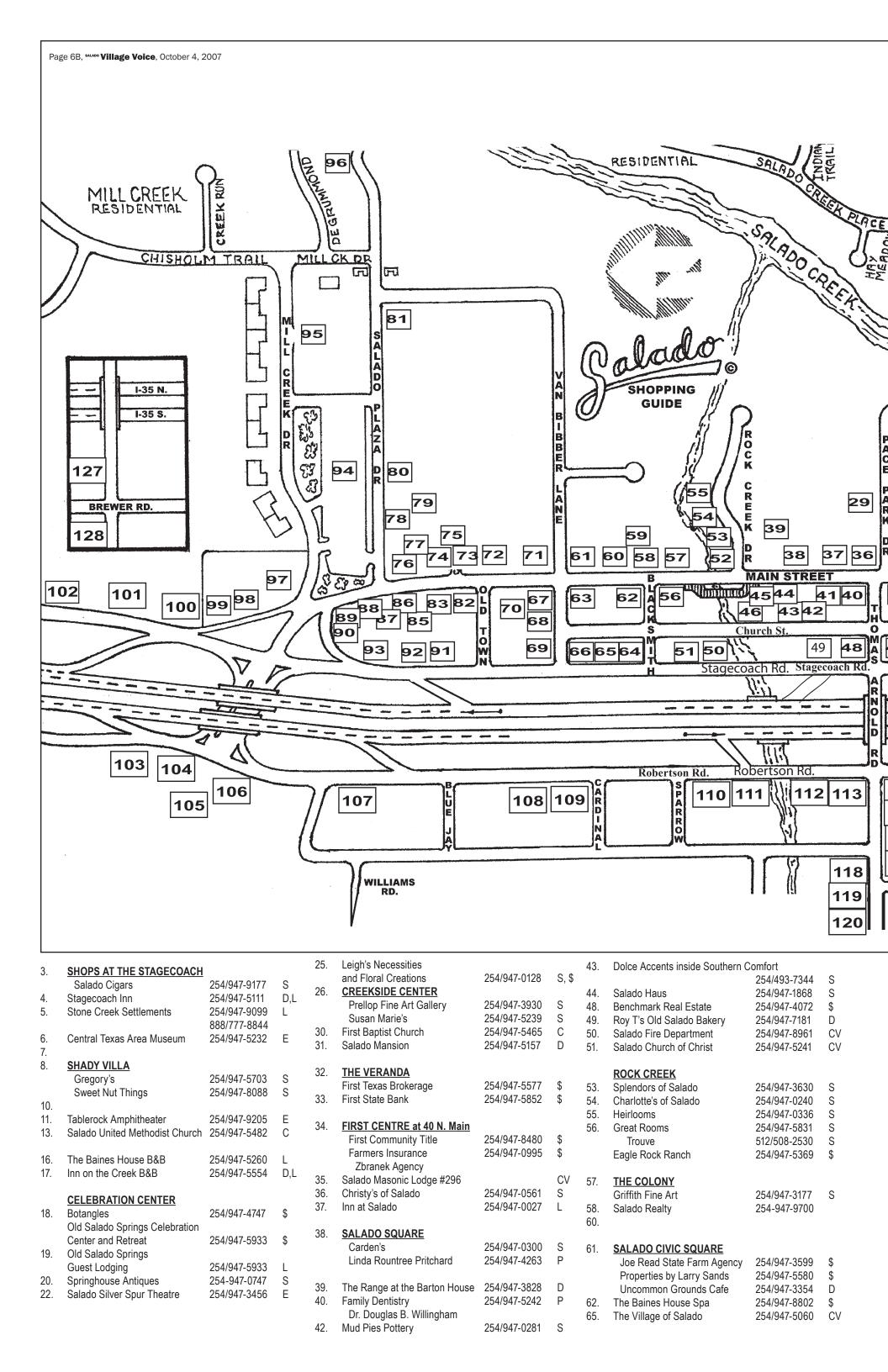
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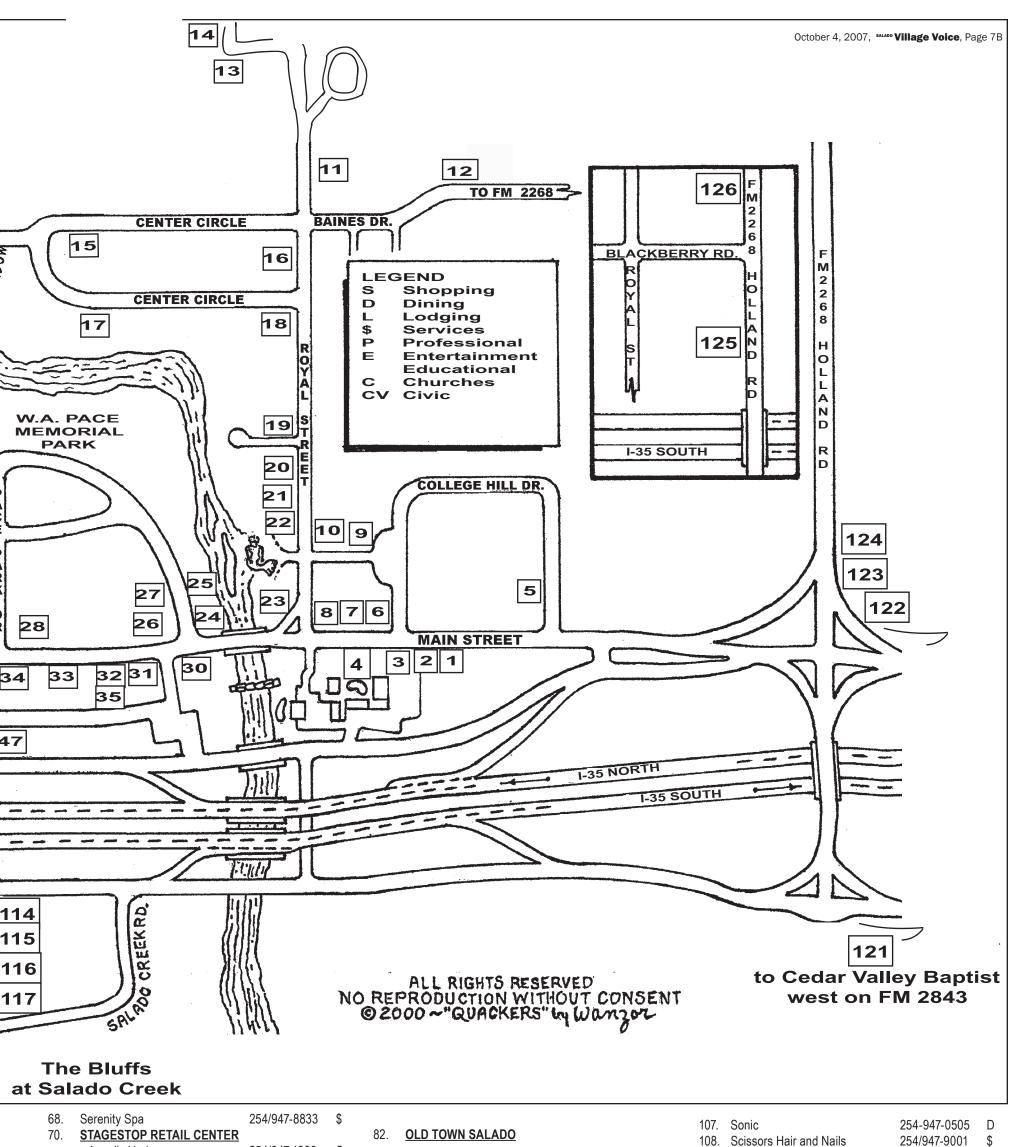


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Hoffman is artist of month

By ANDY PHAIR

Attention all lovers!A treat is in store for you during October and November as the Salado Village Artists install Joan Hoffman as the Artist of the Month. Joan is a well known watercolorist in Salado who also shows her work at the Griffith Art Studio in downtown Salado. Most of Joan's paintings are floral or still life, but she won the John Carter Spirit of Texas award with a cowboy roundup painting and is also at home painting landscapes and people.

Hoffman has won several awards and ribbons for her art, had her own show at the CAC, and was presented with the best of

show at a past Barclay Arts Contest. Being a charter member, she has served as President of the SVA for four terms as well as holding most other positions on the board of directors. She helps on whatever project is going on at the artists group and has been a big part of shaping the club.

She grew up in San Angelo, studied at Baylor, and lived in Austin before moving to Salado. She had always liked oil painting and tole painting but when she met watercolors she gave her heart to that medium and never looked back. She is an excellent teacher and gives beginner and intermediate watercolor classes in the SVA center several times a vear. "Greens are taken



Joan Hoffman

for granted," asserts Joan. "The color is a very powerful part of a great painting. Green can make you or break you." And then she goes on to teach you how to handle that prob-

Joan's paintings will hang in both Salado Banks and the public library for the month of October. Try to visit all three.

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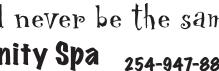
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Salado ISD campuses break for the Christmas holiday. 2008

JANUARY 13

The Romero Guitar Quarter, the Royal Fmaily of Guitar, presented in concert by Music in Salado. 4 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. For more information abotu Music in

Salado, contact Dr. Kim Van Cura at 254-947-5592 or visit www.musicinsalado.com

January 31

Salado ISD Stars Conference, showcasing the talents of Salado students. More details TBA. February 8-9

Third Annual Music Festival in Salado, sponsored by Music in Salado, www.musicinsalado.com. FEBRUARY 8

Vocal and Chamber Music of Schubert, 7

p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. Featuring Carol Meyer Willingham, soprano; Robin Roewe, Tenor; John Van Cura, baritone and Kim Van Cura, piano. Presented by Music in Salado as part of the Music Festival in Salado. For more information, call Kim Van Cura. 254-947-5592 or visit www.musicinsalado. com.

February 9

International Piano Duo in Concert, 7 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur. Krassimira Jordan adn Wolfgang Watzinger,

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March 18 Salado School Alumni Association first annual meeting saladoalumni@ embarqmail.com.

March 17-21 Salado ISD Spring Break.

May **10**

Salado Fine Art Gallery Trail. More details TBA.

May 17

Annual ABWA Style Show and Benefit Lun**cheon,** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Longhorn Room of the Stagecoach Inn. Info: 947-3617.

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Celebrate free speech during annual Banned Books Week

By Karen Kinnison

This week, Sept. 29 – Oct. 6, is "Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read."

Observed since 1982, the annual event reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted. Banned Books Week celebrates the freedom to choose or the freedom to express one's opinion even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular, and stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of differing viewpoints to all who wish to read them.

Although they were targets of attempted "bannings," most of the books featured during BBW were not banned, thanks to the efforts of librarians to maintain them in their collections. The history of banned books is fascinating and provides lots of insight to the era in which they were banned (like the Nazi era in Germany). For more information, go to www.ALA.org and then "Censorship and Challenges and Notable First Amendment Cases." Books long considered great works like: The Great Gatsby; Catcher in the Rye; The Grapes of Wrath; To Kill a Mockingbird; A Farewell to Arms; The Sun Also Rises; Gone with the Wind; In Cold Blood and many others--all written by respected and now-revered authors like John Updike, Harper Lee, F. Scott Fitzgerald, John Steinbeck, Margaret Mitchell, William Faulkner, and Ernest Hemingway-- are on the 20th century banned list.

So, regardless of how you may feel about all this just remember you can come on down here and exercise your First Amendment rights at your library anytime. Just for your information, among the 2006 Banned Books, we have four: The Bluest **Eye** by Toni Morrison; Scary Stories by Alvin Schwartz; **Beloved** by Toni Morrison and The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier. And, among the 100 Most Frequently Challenged Books of the Past Decade (1990-2000), we have: I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings; The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn; Harry Potter; The Giver; A Day No Pigs Would Die; The Color Purple; To Kill A Mockingbird; The Outsiders; A Light in the Attic; The Lord of the Flies; How to Eat Fried Worms and many more. Perhaps you will want to

Check It Out

News & Notes from Salado Public Library

check out some of these "banned books" and see for yourself.

As I have mentioned before, we have the nicest patrons of anywhere. We just received an enormous donation of pristine large print books from Ann Hudson, a Salado resident and patron. Her generosity will allow us to put almost 70 like-new large print best-sellers on our shelves for you. Current fiction titles like the latest from James Patterson. Harlan Coben, David Baldacci, Dean Koontz, John Sanford and many, many others. We are so grateful to Ann for doing this as these books are not cheap and we have many patrons who will benefit from her donation. Thank you Ann! I know most of you don't want to admit you need large print, but when you give in...we will have lots of good stuff here --thanks to Ann.

And to go back to our regular business, I have several wonderful new DVD's to tell you about that are recent acquisitions

24: Season 4: Oh boy! If you haven't ever seen the hit TV series 24, you are missing out! 24 is a gem among "quality" shows that are out there today. In this season (which represents one 24 hour day, Day 4 in the series), Jack Bauer has been fired from CTU after his last 24 hour roller-coaster ride to save the world! There is a new director of CTU and Jack is now firmly ensconced at the office of the Secretary of Defense. But as Jack heads to an unexpected meeting with the CTU director, a commuter train explodes, setting off yet another horrific chain of events. I LOVE 24!! Try it but you have to start with Series One, Day One! But when you do---cancel all other activities because you won't be able to tear yourself away. Trust me.

Pay It Forward: A young boy responds to an assignment from his teacher with a plan to help three people...who will help three more, and so on. The boy touches more people than he expected in this gentle drama: his abused mother, his scarred teacher, and a journalist who is investigating it all.

Elizabeth I: Helen Mirren plays Elizabeth in this drama! Need I say more? She earned an Emmy and a Golden Globe for her portrayal of Queen Elizabeth I in this series chronicling the effect of the monarch's public role on her private life. Unable to wed the man she loves, Elizabeth flirts with the idea of marrying a French prince and later sets her sights on the Earl of Leicester's step-

Robin of Sherwood (Five Disk Series): Chosen by mystical Herne the Hunter, Robin of Loxley champions Herne's cause as "the Hooded Man" and forges a band of outlaws and renegades to defy the Norman rulers who are oppressing the people. Notable for its blend of history and pagan myth, this 1980 British series is another look at the Robin Hood legend.

I Am David: Based on the novel **North to Freedom** by Anne Holm, this movie chronicles the struggles of a 12 year old boy who manages to flee a Communist concentration camp through sheer will and determination. All he has is a loaf of bread, a letter to someone in Denmark, and a compass.

The Wind That Shakes the Barley: As political tensions brew in early 1920's Ireland, brothers Damien and Teddy abandon their civilian lives and take up arms to liberate their country from the oppressive "Black and Tan" squads of the British. Winner of the Palme d'Or in 2006 at Cannes Film Festival this provocative drama examines a microcosm of civil war in Cork. Ireland

That's it for this week folks. Come celebrate Banned Books Week with us and experience the power of literature. To quote Chief Justice William O. "Restriction Douglas: of free thought and free speech is the most dangerous of all subversions. It is the one un-American act that could most easily defeat us." We may be just a little ole village library, but we represent the most precious freedom on all...the freedom to know things---to seek information and to learn about whatever is out there.

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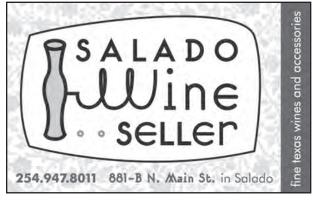
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The Salado Sawmill, has created several pieces in this line.

Pascoe uses traditional construction techniques, using only solid woods. "There is no press board or fiber board in my work," Pascoe says. "I use mortise and tenon glue joints and a minimum of mechanical fasteners." The General Store design is very flexible, allowing for the creation of cabinet bases, tables, bookcases and the breakfront pictured here. The entire collection can be seen at saladosawmill.com/generalstore.html.

Pascoe says he can design to your specification. "Just bring in a picture or sketch of something you're interested in and your specific requirements, like dimensions and wood type. I'll provide you with a bid and we can go from there. Pascoe has several other lines, including Arts and Crafts and

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Opening lead - queen of spades.

By Steve Becker

Bridge

Here is a test of good technique in declarer play. Let's say you're in four hearts and West leads the queen of spades. You play low from dummy and ruff the spade continuation. How would you proceed?

The club loser is inescapable, so the problem is to avoid losing two diamond tricks, one of which must be lost in any case. Two factors are obvious. If the trumps are divided 2-2, you can make the contract by drawing them and playing the A-K and another diamond. The fourth diamond can then be ruffed in dummy if the suit breaks unevenly.

Likewise, you will be in good shape if the diamonds are divided 3-3, whether trumps are drawn early or not. So you proceed on the assumption that both suits will break badly and consider what, if anything, you can do in that case.

Note that you cannot afford to test the trump situation by first drawing two rounds. If you did this and then played the A-K and another diamond, you could be defeated by a trump return, as in the actual deal.

The way to give yourself the best chance is to cash one high trump at trick three and then lead a low diamond! This gives you the maximum protection against bad breaks.

Assume the diamond is taken and a spade is returned. You ruff and cash a second round of trumps, hoping they are divided 2-2. But when West shows out, you next play the A-K of diamonds, still hoping for a 3-3 break in that suit.

The diamonds don't split, but you get lucky when it turns out that East is the one with the greater length. This allows you to ruff a fourth diamond in dummy safely, and you wind up making the con-

At no point were you sure you'd make four hearts, but at least you followed the line of play that offered the best chance of success

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by Linda Thistle

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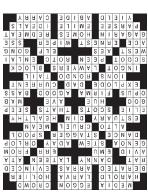
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Texas author Glenn Dromgoole will be featured at a book signing from noon to 3 p.m. Oct. 13 at Southern Comforts, 22 N. Main, in Salado.

Dromgoole, who lives in Abilene, is the author of 19 books on a variety of subjects. Among the books he will be signing

Good Night Cowboy and Good Night Cowgirl, bedtime books for parents to read to children ages 2

What Dogs Teach Us, What Cats Teach Us, and What Horses Teach Us, three of his best-selling

gift books for animal lov-

His latest book, What Grandchildren Do, full of photographs and thoughts about grandchildren, such as "They lift our spirits. They seek our counsel. They brighten our corner of the world. They come to visit. They go home."

A Little Cup of Kindness: Gentle Thoughts for Today's Hectic World, a collection of short upbeat verses on what is ultimately important in our lives.

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Cowboys at Heart, a gift book for the grown-up cowboy (or cowgirl).

"Glenn's books are delightful and make great gifts for Christmas or any other special occasion," said Debbie Aldredge, owner of Southern Comforts. "We invite everyone to come by and visit with him during Christmas in October."

Dromgoole's books are available at Southern Comforts throughout the year in a shop operated by Dromgoole and his wife, Carol, who own Texas

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Dromgoole, who writes a column on Texas books and authors for nine newspapers and magazines, spoke in Salado in March at the Central Texas Area Museum's Readers and Writers Roundtable.

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Commercial wine production increasing in Texas

By Stephanie Hood

Native grapes have existed for thousands of years in Texas but commercial wine production exists mainly as a tourist industry in Texas. June Ritterbush, owner of Salado Winery Co. and the Salado Wine Seller offered some interesting insight into the origins of wine making and Grape growing in Texas during her Sept. 26 talk to the Salado Lions Club. The first winery in the state was established near Del Rio at ValVerde in 1883. This began the Texas Wine Industry which contributes a billion dollars to the Texas economy each year.

Now Texas boasts 140 in state wineries and is the number five producer of grapes in the US.

A Texan and Central Texas native grapes were once responsible for saving the grapevines of France. V. T. Munson of Dennison, a celebrated horticulturist had cataloged the native species of the state. Texas has more native varieties than anywhere else in the world. In the 1860's when the French wine industry was hit hard with phylloxera, a tiny insect that destroys the vine's ability to absorb water, Munson gathered rootstock material from Bell to Bexar counties which were naturally resistant to the pests.

In France the old world grapevines were grafted to the hearty rootstocks from Texas and the French varieties were saved. To this day Dog Ridge rootstock remains one of the most popular root stocks for grape growers around the world. Dog Ridge was a small community that once flourished under what is now Stillhouse. In honor of his work Munson was awarded the Legion of Honor, Chevalier du Merite Agricole, by the French Government.

Ritterbusch came to Salado after being stationed at Ft. Hood. During her time in the military she flew blackhawk and huey helicopters. After

born. In 2005 she planted 450 plants from California on her farm located on Hill Road. In 2006 she and volunteers harvested a half ton of grapes from the four varieties planted. In 2007 the harvest was two tons of grapes. Volunteers are always encouraged to take part in the grape picking each August. If you are eager for a taste of wine created in

Texas, Salado Wine Seller on Main Street has a selection of wines from across the state. Tastings are available and Ritterbusch is always happy to help.

move office to Salado JP hopes to

The Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 office is currently in Holand, but JP Don Engleking has a goal of moving to Salado and is currently looking for a suitable office space

Engleking told the Salado Rotary Club Sept. 25 that the majority of his work originates in Salado.

His opening remarks were on one of the sad duties of the JP. He said that just this morning (Sept. 25) the body of the young man that has been reported missing in Salado was discovered in a field behind his home and he was notified of it because of his duties in behalf of the coroner performing inquests.

Since his assumption of his current position three years ago, the case load has doubled every year; currently his duties generate over \$500,000 in rev-

The preponderance of the workload is class C Misdemeanors relating to citations by state troopers. The court cost of each of these cases has risen to \$106 per instance; much of this cost comes from State required fees rather than

actual costs of processing the cases.

In addition the JP handles "small claims" which have been increased by State law from \$5,000 to \$10,000. He says that under the old limit there were fewer cases but the \$10,000 figure has attracted attention from Attornevs because the fees at this level become attrac-

A new duty that has created additional workload is enforcement of the requirements of the new aerobic septic systems. Owners must, by law have contracts for their maintenance, and it is the duty of the JP to handle cases where owners are not fulfilling State requirements. In addition, a significant number of "sworn cases" are taken up by the JP; these are instances such as sworn statements are made by individuals who can attest to credit card theft and identify the charges. School system truancy cases are also part of the duties; he says Salado does not have the problem with truancy that they have in School Dis-

tricts such as Temple. In answer to a question he stated the annual salary of the JP is \$49,000; less than 1% of the revenue produced by the office. While the Constable serves as Bailiff for his court he does not report to the Justice of the Peace, he functions independently with duties in enforcement and serving of legal

Engleking was born in Tacoma, Oklahoma where he graduated from High School with a class of four. After a career that included Air Force and Texas Highway patrol he matriculated at West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M).

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Tommy McMullan has been a school board member longer than anyone else in Texas.

"This will be my 55th year," says Tommy. "I've been on it since 52."

He is on the school board in the Liberty County town of Devers. The district has 164 students in grades kindergarten - eighth. Tommy knows all the students and calls them by name when he makes his weekly visit to the school.

"I don't go over there to check on anything or anybody," says Tommy. "I just go to see the kids. Most of them will hug me when they see me. I just brag on them and tell them what a by Tumbleweed Smith

good job they're doing in school. And they are. I'm telling them the truth. In the last 10 years we've got an exemplary rating four times. We would have made it this year if one more student had passed the statewide test."

Tommy loves to visit with the kindergarten kids.

"I go in and read with them. They start reading early in our little school. I sit down with them and listen to them and help them if they need it."

Tommy, a retired rice farmer, has lived in Devers (population 416) all his life.

"I went to school in Devers and I finished here.

We had a high school. The school was built in 1932. We didn't have running water. We had a big ole round pot-bellied stove in each room."

The district has three buildings now. The newest one bears Tommy's name. Some time ago, Tommy had heart surgery and was recuperating in a nursing home. He had some visitors.

"Two school buses full of kids came to see me. I hugged every one of them."

Tommy has had few opponents in his 17 school board elections and he's not planning to step down anytime soon. The average length of time someone

spends on a school board is about six years. He has served continuously since 1952. The state legislature recognized him when he reached the 50 year mark on the board.

Police don't patrol the halls in the Devers schools. The town's mayor, Edna Johnson, is the cafeteria cook.

"She's the best cook in Devers," says Tommy.

Tommy got in trouble when he was in the first grade.

"We had rest time every day. Miss Wise was my teacher. I was running around and wouldn't lie down, so she tied me to a big pine tree outside. And why my mother came up to school that day I don't know. She just walked right past me and never said a word. So I stayed tied to the pine tree for a while. Everything I got in school I deserved."



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M.D., Metroplex Family Practice Physician. Metroplex Dietitians will offer healthy snacks to children and their parents.

Activities include a visit from Health E. Bear, the Metroplex Hospital mascot and a mascot presented by KNCT-TV. The Killeen Fire Department will give tours of the fire truck and ambulance and LifeStar Helicopter will be on display. Other activities this year include giant moonwalks provid-

ed by Inflatable Funland for the children to play in, along with free popcorn, lemonade and sno-cones for everyone.

Numerous community and social service agencies will set up displays to offer information about services that are available to Central Texans. Central Texas Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse, First Response, ACS Family Advocacy Program and others will take part in festivities.

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The truth is concerning synthetic supplements is this; "you can really have too much of a "supposed" good thing!"

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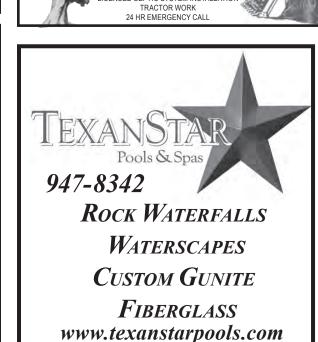
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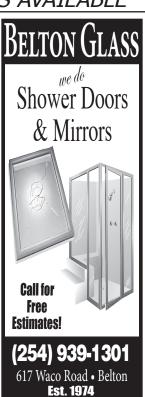
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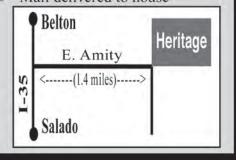


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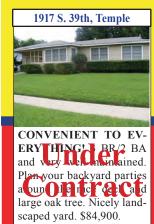
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Soil as it relates to civilization

Dear EarthTalk: The soil beneath our feet is a critical resource we often take for granted. But I have heard that there are many threats to soil. What are they and how do we make things right?

-- J. Lyons, Andover, MA Even among the ecology-minded, soil falls well below the radar of

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important causes. But the relationship between soil quality and both environmental and human health is intricately entwined. From the food we eat and the clothes we wear, to the air we breathe and water we need to drink, we depend upon the dirt beneath our feet. Soil nurtures and feeds all life on Earth, while it under girds our cities, forests, waterways and crucial agricultural activities. Further, healthy soil and the plant matter it holds steady act as important "carbon sinks" that lock vast amounts of carbon up that would otherwise contribute to global warming.

Throughout history, great civilizations prospered where soils were fertile and fell when soils could no longer sustain rough treatment. In Mesopotamia, poor land management caused soils to become degraded, leading to loss of agricultural productivity, migrationsand ultimately, civilization collapse. Ancient Greece suffered a similar fate. Many experts also

blame the fall of the great Mayan civilization on soil exhaustion and erosion, resulting from agricultural practices and clear-cutting of forests.

Today, we face many of the same issues: forest loss, over-consumption, overpopulation and overworked soils nearing collapse. While factors such as logging, construction, off-road vehicles, floods and droughts threaten soil, high use of agricultural pesticides, fertilizers and other chemicals, as well as livestock grazing and the "factory farming" of food animals, are primary culprits.

Chief among threats to soils is damage to or loss of fertile topsoil. According to the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE), topsoil erosion today reduces productivity on 29 percent of U.S. cropland and negatively affects 39 percent of rangeland. In West Africa, fertilizer overuse is causing already acidic soils to become even more so, making the farming of even native crops difficult. In Sub-Saharan Africa, declining soil fertility from intensive farming is a main cause of poverty and hunger.

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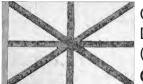
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Soil continued coming more serious as

population growth fuels urban development. Housing and building projects gouge the soil and strip its vegetation. Rain then washes the soil away into sewers and then waterways. This leads not only to water pollution, but the glut of nutrients the soil carries with it causes "algae blooms" that use up oxygen and choke out the aquatic life.

Educating farmers in the U.S. and abroad about the damaging effects of intensive agriculture and overapplication of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides is a good place to start to try to make things right. Converting more farming over to organic methods that eschew chemicals altogether

is an even better solution. Supporting local farms also promotes better land stewardship, as mega farms make heavy use of synthetic fertilizers, and factory animal farms generate huge amounts of animal waste, which pollutes surrounding land and soil. And cities and towns can do their part by supporting low-impact development and mandating greener design standards.

CONTACTS: www.asabe.org; The Scoop on Dirt: Why We Should all Worship the Ground We Walk

Dear EarthTalk: I was surprised to learn recently that some cities, including New York, have outlawed kitchen-sink garbage disposals, at least in homes. I

would have thought these machines were Earthfriendly. What's the deal? -- Maggie Mangan, St. Louis, MO

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Kitchen sink garbage disposals are not necessarily Earth-friendly in and of themselves, but they do play a valuable role in grinding up food scraps into small enough bits for local sewer or on-site septic systems to handle. In the U.S. overall, about half of all homes have a garbage disposal in the kitchen. Garbage disposals are not the greenest way to dispose of food waste. Consumers interested in returning food-based nutrients back to the Earth should bypass the garbage disposal in favor of composting.

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