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Village to examine fees for building

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen, at their Oct. 19 meeting, appointed a building fee and ordinance fact finding committee, charging it to recommend whether adjustments in fees or building recommendations are necessary. The committee will report its recommendations back to the board of aldermen no later than March 15, 2007.

Aldermen struck language from Jackie Mills' original proposal that would allow the committee to examine the Village Comprehensive Plan, in addition to the current Building Ordinances and contract with Bureau Veritas.

Committee members are Dean Winkler, Larry Lilly, John Anderson, Jeff Kelley, Tom Gidley, Melanie Kirchmeier, Larry Neil, Suzi Epps and Dr. Wallace Davis. Vic Means, Linda Blevins and Mary Jo Craig were recommended to the committee as well.

During discussion of the committee, alderman Curt Strong said that the Village has examined the fee structure of cities such as Temple, Belton and Killeen and that those cities are subsidizing the permitting fee process. "I am adamantly against us

getting in the position of not covering the costs of the inspections with our fees," he said.

In relation to the village fees and building permitting process, Jim Garrett told aldermen that the process does not work and that the building codes are punitive to builders.

He explained to aldermen that he was told by the building inspector that he could build a commercial building five feet from the side property line. After drawing plans for that building, Garrett said he was later told that it would have to be 10 feet from the property line because the structure is within the "Historic District."

He added that to remedy something that was not his mistake, he would have to appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and then to the Board of Aldermen, with additional fees.

When the chronology of the historic district and the Salado Historical Society dating to the early 1990s was explained to him, Garrett responded: "The difference is that then it was voluntary.... now there are \$500 per day fines... You can't change a 2X4 without the permission of the board of aldermen."



(Photo by Marilyn Fleischer)

Justine Ferrell-Raborn was crowned Salado High School Homecoming Queen and Robert Cloud was crowned Homecoming King prior to the Oct. 20 game between the Salado Eagles and the Lago Vista Vikings. Photos of the Homecoming court can be found on Page 15A.

Early voting ends Nov. 3, election is Nov. 7

Early voting in the Nov. 7 general election will begin Oct. 23 and end Nov. 3. There will be no early voting in the 203 Salado precinct.

Early voting will be held at the following locations: Bell County Courthouse Annex, 550 East 2nd Ave., Belton; Parks & Recreation Center, 307 Millers Crossing, Harker Heights; Bell County Annex, 301 Priest Drive, Killeen;

Killeen Community Center, 2201 E. Vet. Memorial Blvd, Killeen and Bell County Annex, 205 East Central Ave., Temple.

Early voting will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays Oct. 23-27; 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Oct. 28 and Oct. 30-Nov. 3 and 12-5 p.m. Oct. 29.

Election day, Precinct #203 Salado polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Salado Church of

Christ Activities Center, 225 North Church Street.

The last day to accept a request for a ballot by mail is Oct. 31.

In addition to the general election candidates, Salado area voters will cast ballots in a local-option election to allow restaurants to serve liquor by-the-drink. Only those voters living within the Village limits can vote in that election

Forum tonight on taxes

Salado citizens are invited to attend a public forum 6 p.m. Oct. 26 at the municipal building on property taxes and extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ).

Aldermen, advocating for a property tax, have said that the village government has grown to the point that a future property tax is necessary to fund needed priorities, such as road maintenance, additional police protection, a possible wastewater treatment facility and other infrastructure needs within the Village.

Of its \$600,000 plus budget, the Village spends more than \$250,000 on emergency and safety services -- \$217,050 on police department, \$25,000 on fire department contract, and \$5,000 on utilities for Scott & White EMS -- not including \$38,000 in capital outlay this year for a new police car.

The Village allocated \$102,560 this year for infrastructure maintenance, including roads and parks. The Village has taken over the management of Pace Park from the Chamber, with which it contracted daily operations for \$14,000 per year. Instead, this year the Village will spend \$15,450 for Pace Park operations, not including capital improvements such as the \$43,000 spent for restrooms in the Park, resulting in the addition of four toilets in the park.

The Village will add a full-time maintenance worker to split duties on minor road and sign maintenance and Pace Park maintenance. Aldermen set aside \$25,000 for the salary, not including benefits. The Village will provide a single cab pick-up truck.



(PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Salado High School teacher Dennis Cabaniss (left) and Charla and Jeff Kelley (right) were attendees to the Salado Education Foundation Cattlemen's Ball at Tenroc Ranch Oct. 21, raising more than \$35,000 for scholarships to Salado students and grants to Salado teachers for innovative teaching programs.



Lance Cox unloads a pallet of food from Feed the Children during the Temple Belton Board of Realtors Friends Feeding Friends food drive. The food drive Oct. 19 benefits local efforts such as the Salado Food Pantry. Thad Paschall, of Holland Homes, arranged for the delivery of food through Feed the Children. (PHOTO BY STEPHANIE HOOD)

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The advertising deadline for the Winter edition of Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas is 5 p.m. Nov. 1. The magazine will hit the stands the week of Thanksgiving. Businesses can complete an on-line order form at www.saladovillagevoice.com. Forms have also been emailed via the Salado Village Voice database and the Salado Chamber of Commerce database. If you have not reserved your ad, please call Marilyn Fleischer at 254-947-5321.

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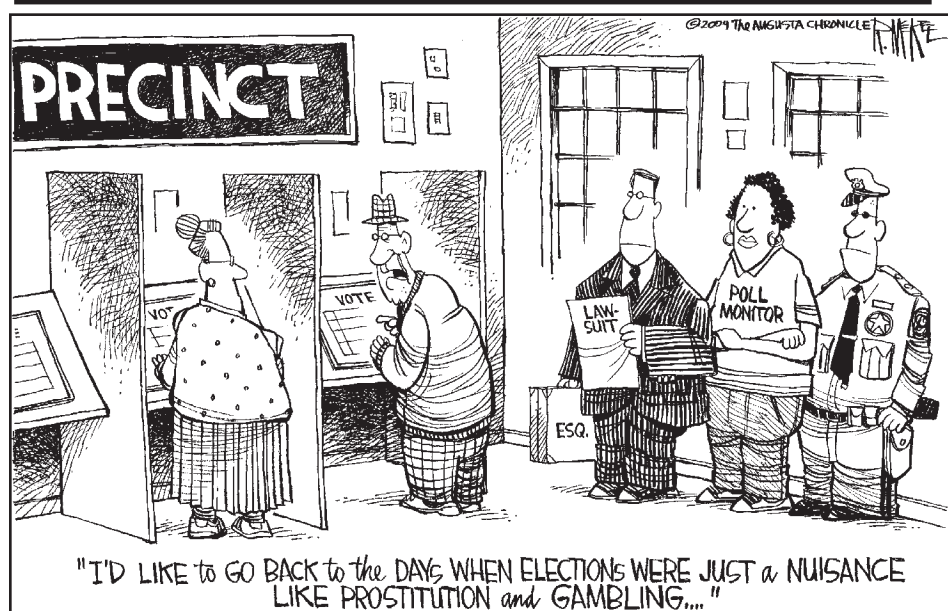
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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Woodward's Real Revelation

Bob Woodward's latest blockbuster book, "State of Denial," is being sold on its bogus "revelation" that President Bush has been deceptive about poor security conditions in Iraq. The book's most important aspect isn't this "news," but the insight it gives into how the U.S. government has arrived at such a middling, uninspired campaign in Iraq -- just enough not to win and just enough not to lose.

As State Department adviser Philip Zelikow thought after a visit to Iraq in 2005, in Woodward's words, "There was too much barely coping, just getting by and making incremental improvements." We have been barely coping because we have never made a decision to go all-out, partly due to the restraining influence of Secretary of Defense Don Rumsfeld. Oddly, given the way he has become a hate-figure for Democrats, it is Rumsfeld who is perhaps closest to the Democrats' preferred Iraq strategy as any other major figure in the Bush administration.

He is not interested in trying to win the war outright, so much as handing the effort over to the Iraqis. According to Woodward, "Rumsfeld said strongly and repeatedly, the Iraqis need to be given the chance to fail and fall on their faces, and only then would they pick themselves up, dust themselves off and come up with solutions."

This was a constant tension between Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Rumsfeld. She wanted to do more; he wanted to do less. They clashed over the creation of Provincial Reconstruction Teams in Iraqi provinces because Rice wanted the military to provide security and Rumsfeld wanted it handled by private contractors. They argued over security for Iraqi oil infrastructure, with Rice wanting more U.S. involvement and Rumsfeld less. Generally, the result has been a down-the-middle compromise,

Rich Lowry



with the U.S. neither overwhelming our enemies nor letting the Iraqis sink or swim.

If Rumsfeld had had his way, we might have had one foot out the door already. In a meeting earlier this year in Baghdad, Rumsfeld raised the issue of reducing U.S. troop levels with Iraq Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. Maliki was shocked. "It's way too early to be talking about that," he said. Rumsfeld's strategy isn't outlandish in theory, but the fact is that the Iraqis haven't yet proven they are up to the burden he wants to place on them.

Rumsfeld has a tacit ally in minimizing the U.S. commitment in Iraq in top U.S. military commanders. Gen. John Abizaid believes that, according to Woodward, "the U.S. military had done all it could" in Iraq. Asked by his friends his strategy for winning, Abizaid responded, "That's not my job." When he visited Rep. John Murtha, the cut-and-run Democrat, Abizaid put his fingers close together and said, "We're that far apart."

So it is that Bush's stalwartness in the Iraq War never quite seems to be matched by the means he applies on the ground. His administration has been riven by debilitating divisions on Iraq for too long. Bush should appoint an Iraq czar, whose charge it is to do everything possible to win at this late hour, and who will have every resource of government at his disposal. Lest the next Woodward book cover how the U.S. handled its ignominious exit.

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

Perry targets Bell for new attack ad campaign; Latest DNGer's poll results curious; And cat cloning

A noticeable shift in Governor Rick Perry's reelection campaign became evident last week, starting with the sudden deletion of TV-ads that were primarily self-serving kudos, promoting a series of (questionable) achievements by the Guv. Almost overnight "Crazy Hair's" soft sell "spin-tales" mutated into all out assaults against Chris Bell - one of four candidates rarely mentioned by the incumbent.

What caused Perry's sudden change in tactics became the "hot button" political question throughout the State. Most followers of this year's gubernatorial circus think the October 6 debate troubled Perry, after Bell walked away with high honors.

However, it's more likely the influx of five million "new" dollars, into the Bell campaign treasure chest, awakened the Guv and his campaign-gang to the fact they had a "real" scrap on their hands.

Theory up to that time (by Perry-planners) was that in a five person race an incumbent (like Perry), even with a dismal 32 percent approval rating, can win. Simply because the remaining 68 percent of Texans (who don't like the Governor) will waste their votes in a four way split.

That idea was working, until money and a more visible Bell, changed the dynamics of the race. It now looks like a close Perry-Bell donnybrook through election day, with the winner far from certain. "Toss-up" is the best-guesstimate "now" offered by pundits with 12 days to go until November 7.

SURPRISING RESULTS FROM DNGER POLL

Not wanting to be left behind today's political curve, the Salado branch of the International Society of Do-No-Gooders, held their own "singularly valid" poll concerning the upcoming general election.

Bear in mind that the Salado DNGers (still meeting with alarming regularity at the Stagecoach Coffee Shop), are a contingent of mostly **hard-line Tories who generally lean further to the right than the Tower of Pisa. Or should that be the Tower of Babel?**

Only one question was asked: **"Which Party will control Congress after the Nov 7 election?"** Sampling included all the scientific pizzazz available to the group. The question was clearly asked and each respondent produced (not surprisingly) a "definite" opinion. **Ergo - a 100 percent unvarnished result with "no margin of error!"**

Exactly half the scrappy malcontents opined that both Houses of Congress would remain in the "capable" hands of the Grand Old Party. The remaining DNGers split evenly between those "certain" that Democrats would wrestle the House majority away from the Repubs. The rest "reasonably" sure both House and Senate would fall into the hands of the bad old liberals.

POST-POLLING KIBITZING

The poll completed, DNGers then offered some interesting thoughts during the follow-up kibitzing session: (a) Grousing conservatives decried **"Can you imagine Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of the House?"** (b) Same ilk, but less kindly: **"How about Ted Kennedy in charge of bridges in the Interior Department?"** And (c) From our perpetual **"End of the worlders" who moaned "What if John Kerry becomes Chairman of Armed Services?"**

"Lefties" on the other hand were uncharacteristically giddy thanks

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



CONGRESS

WHERE STATESMANSHIP, HONOR, MORALITY AND INTEGRITY GO TO DIE!

to dismal (and on-going) developments within the Republican Party including Bush's approval ratings sinking faster than the Titanic; Iraq close to a religious civil war; GOP scandals created by "Duke" Cunningham (in jail), Bob Ney (headed for jail), Tom DeLay (under indictment); Jack Abramoff (convicted but temporarily loose on "tattle-tale" bail), and the current immoral horror created by former Rep Mark Foley, that's tarnishing such notables as Dennis Hastert (Speaker), and John Shimkus (Page Board Chair).

Incidentally, Democrats are not without shortcomings. There's Senate minority leader Harry Reid - who somehow or another sold land he didn't own, and made a cool (and undisclosed) \$1.1 million bucks. That may not be in the same league as pedophilia - but it sure was (and is) wrong!

For our readers and others who may view this year's pre-election unpleasantness with distaste - be of good cheer - it'll all be over in exactly 12 days!

A PERSONAL REPORT RE: CLONING CATS

Did you catch the Associated Press report on "cat cloning" last week? Seems a California Company (with the unlikely name) **Genetic Savings and Clone Inc.**, had gone out of business. They'd cloned five cats and sold two. Cost fell from \$50,000 to \$32,000 per feline, to no avail with demand - "zilch."

Eliminating the business of "copy-catting" (pardon the expression) was the smartest thing these cloners could do and this writer (speaking from current experience) is absolutely certain there's no need to create scientifically - any more cats.

As to the aforementioned "personal experience" that permits such a positive slant on cat-reproduction, we offer the following evidence: Not long ago a semi-feral mother cat showed up at our rural home. She brought along her four babies. They were hungry, so we fed them, while making plans to have someone (anyone) come get them.

Wife and I have never been cat lovers. Regardless, the impossible happened. We were feeding them twice a day. Later, got to watching the kittens play. Then we gave them names (big mistake). And finally realized we'd fallen in love with these cuties. **Got them "fixed" and now they own us!**

The mother cat in the meantime (before we could get her to our kindly Vet Jon Kendall), had another foursome! Thanks to the local Humane Society, they're scheduled for adoption, as soon as they're weaned (the cats - not the Society).

After the mama cat teaches her new babies to eat regular stuff - milk, cheese, chicken-bits (great buffet at our place) she'll have her day at the vet.

Now, the point of this "happy ending" tale is that within a few months we went from no-cats to nine-cats. So, from this population explosion we can experientially state - there's no need to spend another nickel on cloning cats. They can (and will) do it all-by-themselves!

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Taxes and signs

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

After several special sessions of the Texas legislature to resolve the inequities in school funding state wide, the resulting legislation was supposed to result in a lowering of local property taxes to support the schools. Some estimates of the reduction were in the 25 percent range and we all believed it, or at least we wanted to believe. Reality has set in. The Tax Appraisal District of Bell County has mailed the 2006 Tax Statement to residents. How dumb could we have been to expect a property tax reduction? For example, my Salado ISD tax bill is 6.7 percent higher than 2005. Where is the reduction? Oh people will talk about the new school and the amount it is supposed to cost. During the school bond election, the cost estimate was 6-8 cents on the levy. Even accounting for the cost of the new school, if we had experienced a 15 percent reduction in the tax rate because of the new legislation, as they touted, my tax bill should be 15.7 percent less. Of course, the tax bill includes a 4.5 percent increase in assessed value; the hidden tax the school districts continue to confiscate without any thought.

What can we do? Vote them all out. Every elected official at all levels of government needs to be replaced until they get the message. The Government, cities, schools, and counties have enough of our money. They should learn to live on what they have. Get out and vote.

Stephen Peters
Salado

To the Editor:

Recently in driving around the local area on various errands, I noticed something which was very disturbing, a situation pointed in last week's *Salado Village Voice*, and that is that some person or persons has taken it upon themselves to deface some of the signs belonging to people running for office.

I won't be voting for some of those people whose signs have been defaced, but that isn't the point. Everyone who is running for office deserves the right to have their signs up and advertise themselves for office. These days when such severe polarization of the people of the two major parties in the country seems to be the order of the day, any activity which aggravates that situation is deplorable. The toxic, poisoned atmosphere in politics is partly responsible for letting people think they can deface a political advertisement they dislike with impunity and feel they are justified in doing so. Until we can get past that attitude, there will be no possibility of responsible, civilized dialogue in the country.

Although I think that the likelihood is slim, I would hope that the people doing the defacing would come forward and offer to pay the cost to replace those signs. That is the least the person or persons could do.

Thank you for your attention.

Ben Liles
Salado



It's not just the fees

Development stymied by 'vision'

Village aldermen took the right step when they appointed a committee to investigate building permit fees and the permitting process; however, aldermen stopped short of addressing the real problem developers are facing in Salado: a confrontational relationship between property owners who want to develop their property in the best way that they think and and bureaucracy that apparently knows better.

The result of this confrontation has been that two businesses have publicly announced that they are not going to build in Salado (the Salado Broecker Funeral Home and a retail store by Jim and Kate Garrett) and several other private projects that have been put "on hold."

If we are to depend on sales tax revenues to fund our municipality, then the municipality should step out of the way and allow businesses to risk, invest, grow and prosper. This is not what is happening in Salado. Instead, commercial developers are being stymied in their desires to use their properties in the way they wish.

Our Voice

Editorial Opinion

Aldermen hamstringing the committee when they decided that it could not examine the Comprehensive Plan as part of its duties, because examining the Comprehensive Plan is the duty of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Yet, the Comprehensive Plan is the tree from which the poisonous fruit has fallen. It provides the so-called "vision" of what Salado should become in the future.

Vision never comes from bureaucracies. Never.

It comes from individuals like Darwin Britt and Tim Brown. Britt's development on Main Street and Rock Creek is one of the landmarks of Salado, giving our village much of its character. However, Britt would be hard-pressed to build those beautiful, one-of-a-kind buildings under today's codes and regulations. Darwin Britt doesn't "fit" in the Comprehensive Plan. Tim Brown has also helped to define the nature of Salado in his

projects, whether it be The Veranda, the Episcopal chapel, the restoration of the College ruins, the Inn on the Creek dining room or other projects.

Neither Brown nor Britt were asked to serve on the Comprehensive Plan committee, which was negligence on the part of the Village. Their ideas have been crucial to Salado.

Neither has been asked to serve on this new committee that is limited in its role. They should have been asked to serve on this committee, as well.

The committee should be freed to consider the Comprehensive Plan, the Subdivision Ordinance, the Zoning Ordinance and the Building Codes, as well as the permitting process and fees charged to builders.

The recent outrage at the building permit fees was only a symptom of a deeper rooted problem: a Village in which vision, a willingness to invest and basic property rights are being punished rather than being nurtured.

Corporate CEOs seek sympathy



Jim Hightower

Friends, I'm appealing today to your most charitable instincts. I want you to know about the terrible oppression being suffered by a minority of our fellow citizens. Once you hear their story of horror, I know you'll be deeply touched and will respond with all of the sympathy they deserve. I refer, of course, to the CEOs of America's largest corporations.

Well, yes, it's true that this minority group is made up of pampered, phenomenally wealthy elites, but even the rich have feelings, and they say that they're feeling victimized by government regulators and prosecutors. The CEOs wail that these pesky officials are harassing them over such standard business practices as cooking the corporate books, inflating their own pay packages, and engaging in fraud.

Surely, we must help them. Last year, Americans opened their arms to Hurricane Katrina victims. Won't you do the same for this year's tragic poster child of charitable need: Overregulated Corporate Executives?

The CEOs - backed by a phalanx of their lobbyists, lawyers, front groups, and think tanks - are now going all out to reduce government oversight of executive wrongdoing. Leading the charge is the Cato Institute, a corporate-funded think tank filled with laissez-faire ideologues. The Cato gang has recently published a book that concludes that America would be better off if there were no criminal enforcement of laws requiring businesses to be honest.

Taking this "poor oppressed executive" theme deep into the abyss of absurdity, the book carries an endorsement from Mark Levin, a right-wing radio yakker, who blurts out this pitiful cry for help: "Did you know that in many ways the terrorists detained at Guantanamo Bay have more rights than corporate CEOs and their employees?"

Gosh, bosses treated worse than terrorists! Can you feel their pain? Yes, let's give these corporate honchos all the sympathy they deserve.

Prison: The choice of new criminals

Less costly alternatives should be used for punishment

By MARC A. LEVIN

Who would voluntarily choose to go to prison? It turns out quite a few people.

On October 11, a Columbus, Ohio, man robbed a bank for the sole purpose of going to prison. The Associated Press reported that Timothy Bowers entered the bank and handed a teller a note demanding cash in an envelope. The teller gave him four \$20 bills and pushed a silent alarm. Bowers then handed the money to a security guard standing in the lobby and told him it was his day to be a hero.

Bowers asked Judge Angela White for a three-

year prison sentence and she obliged. Bowers, who is 63, reasoned that prison was easier than working, claiming, "At my age, the jobs available to me are minimum-wage jobs."

Bowers isn't alone. The *Houston Chronicle* reported in September that 43 percent of the city's drunk drivers are choosing prison over probation. These offenders attribute their decision to probation terms that are up to 10 years (the longest in the country), onerous probation conditions and fees, and the prospect of being revoked to prison for 2.5 years simply for technical violations of probation, such as missing a meeting.

While drunk drivers and bank robbers may prefer prison, it is a raw deal for taxpayers. Probation costs about \$2 a day, half of which is paid with offender fees. Meanwhile, prison in Texas costs \$40 a day. Moreover, legislators will be asked to appropriate more than \$400 million for three new prisons when they meet in January. Prisoners are the only Americans with a constitutional right to health care and square meals.

There are several solutions to this quandary. Prison can be toughened, but the Constitution's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment has been broadly interpreted

to preclude painful punishments. Intense manual labor programs are constitutional and could make prison more of a deterrent, but with Texas short 2,000 to 3,000 prison guards, supervision resources needed to run work programs are scarce.

Given that Bowers is 63, his case also raises the issue of geriatric prisoners. Inmates over 60 cost Texas more than three times other prisoners for health care, but have a recidivism rate that is less than a third of younger inmates. Prisoners are not eligible for Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security, so state taxpayers bear the full cost of their health care. However, pa-

rolees can qualify for such benefits, even if they must live in a residential facility as a condition of parole.


Texas has a special needs program intended to release prisoners who are so old or frail that they pose little danger, but the program's requirements are so strict that less than six percent of eligible offenders - 167 out of 2,821 - are actually released. The Comptroller's office has recommended changing the requirement that inmates must be within six months of death to twelve months. More than 100 inmates die every year during the lengthy special needs application process. There

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Gen-Xers face retirement challenge

If you have children or grandchildren born in “Generation X” - loosely defined as those people born between 1965 and 1980 - they still have quite a ways to go before retirement. But that doesn’t mean they shouldn’t be thinking about retirement - and saving for it.

Unfortunately, many members of the Gen-X cohort are doing a poor job of retirement planning. About half of all workers born between 1965 and 1972 are “at risk” of having too little money to maintain their standard of living during retirement, according to the National Retirement Risk Index created by the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. (This study didn’t include the younger Gen-Xers because their financial histories are not considered long enough to yield meaningful interpretations of future behavior.)

The Retirement Risk Index uses a variety of variables to come up with its projections, but they

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



pretty much boil down to one conclusion: Older Gen-Xers aren’t saving enough to pay for the type of retirement they’d like to have.

If you think your child or grandchild - let’s call her “Jen” - might be in the low-savings group, what changes can you encourage her to make to reach a different - and more favorable - destination? Here are a few suggestions:

Don’t panic. Gen-Xers have got one really good asset on their side: time. Even the first wave of Generation X members have got roughly 25 years until reaching the “typical” retirement age of 65. That means Jen still has time to make some moves that can help her make good progress toward her retirement goals - if she doesn’t wait too long.

Take advantage of

retirement savings opportunities. If Jen has a 401(k) where she works, encourage her to take full advantage of it. Her money will have an opportunity to grow on a tax-deferred basis, and her contributions are typically made with pre-tax dollars, which means the more she puts in, the lower her adjustable gross income. Ideally, Jen should contribute as much as she can afford, increase her contributions whenever she gets a raise, and spread her money among the range of investments available in her plan. Also, if Jen can afford it, she should contribute to a Roth or traditional IRA every year. Both offer tax advantages and can be funded with money going into virtually any investment - stocks, bonds, government securities, etc.

Identify retirement

goals. We all have different visions of the ideal retirement. While Jen might want to work until 65 and then open a small business, her friend might want to retire early and travel the world. Consequently, the amount Jen will need to save - and even the investment philosophy she follows - should be based on her individual retirement goals.

Get professional help. It’s not always so easy to create and maintain long-term investment strategies. Which investments are right for Jen’s individual needs? How aggressive should she be? When should she make changes to her portfolio? A financial professional can help Jen answer these and many other questions that will arise over the years.

For people in Jen’s age group, retirement may seem like a distant vision. But it’s moving closer every day - and she’ll want to be ready when it finally arrives. Encourage her to take the steps necessary to prepare herself.



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Upside of fixer uppers

Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

Competition in the mortgage industry has resulted in a great opportunity for buyers who want a “fixer upper.” Private lenders have devised all sorts of unusual loans to put money into the hands of credit-worthy buyers. Now FHA is getting in on the action by offering a new “limited repair” loan, or the “Streamlined K.”

How does this kind of loan help buyers? Those

with lower incomes but healthy credit histories can now buy less expensive homes in need of repairs, and roll the cost of those repairs into the mortgage.

Up to \$35,000 in repairs can now be eligible for addition to the loan amount (up to 110% of the property’s value). Qualifying repairs include, but are not limited to, projects like roofing, heating and air conditioning systems, plumbing and electrical systems, weatherization and insulation, handicapped accessibility, siding and painting, even new appliances.

It used to be that purchase contracts involving FHA loans were considered a delicate business, because appraisers often insisted on the sellers making silly little repairs or bigger improvements which sellers simply did not want to complete. Now sellers have less responsibility, while buyers have greater flexibility.

Real estate agents get excited about this kind of financing, because it allows more people to participate in the American Dream of home ownership. Contact an agent or a loan officer for more details.

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Report for Month of September

DATE	TIME	TYPE
9/2/06	07:06:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/2/06	12:23:00	False Alarm or false call, other
9/2/06	22:19:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/4/06	17:22:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/4/06	20:39:00	Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire
9/5/06	22:19:00	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries
9/6/06	15:29:00	Grass fire
9/6/06	15:36:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/7/06	15:14:00	Grass fire
9/8/06	16:11:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/8/06	22:50:00	Fire, other
9/9/06	18:54:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
9/10/06	12:04:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/11/06	11:42:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/11/06	17:55:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/13/06	16:10:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/13/06	18:54:00	Authorized controlled burning
9/14/06	20:51:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/15/06	16:11:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/15/06	20:58:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/15/06	22:22:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
9/16/06	22:23:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/17/06	12:50:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/18/06	03:50:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/18/06	15:33:00	Passenger vehicle fire
9/18/06	20:04:00	Unauthorized burning
9/19/06	20:10:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/19/06	20:53:00	Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire
9/19/06	23:40:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/20/06	12:08:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
9/21/06	01:39:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/21/06	09:49:00	False alarm or false call, other
9/21/06	15:56:00	False alarm or false call, other
9/21/06	15:56:00	Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire
9/21/06	21:28:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/22/06	14:51:00	Grass fire
9/22/06	15:24:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/23/06	12:37:00	Brush, or brush and grass fire mixture
9/23/06	18:06:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/23/06	18:36:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/24/06	03:40:00	Building fire
9/24/06	05:32:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
9/24/06	16:30:00	Person in distress, other
9/25/06	03:50:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
9/26/06	05:32:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
9/26/06	16:30:00	Hazardous condition, other
9/26/06	03:50:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
9/27/06	16:21:00	Smoke or odor removal
9/28/06	03:15:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
9/28/06	12:18:00	Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other
9/28/06	15:41:00	Unauthorized burning
9/30/06	11:21:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/29/06	14:52:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
9/29/06	22:41:00	Natural vegetation fire, other
9/30/06	00:57:00	Grass fire
9/30/06	15:21:00	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
9/30/06	15:24:00	False alarm or false call, other

Prisons

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to impose these sanctions without going to the judge. Too often, judges are over-riding officers' recommendation for a change in conditions, such as treatment for a failed drug test, and simply revoking the probationer to prison.

It is time to reexamine the effectiveness of prison as a deterrent and make better use of alternatives such as probation and parole for nonviolent and infirm offenders. Then we can stop criminals like Bowers from breaking the bank.

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Salado Public Library gives annual report

By PATTY CAMPBELL
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It is time for the annual report to patrons and the community about the changes and accomplishments at the library for the past fiscal year, September, 2005 to August, 2006.

Our eight patron-use computers have been replaced with new ones, each of which has internet, word processing, and printing capabilities. In addition, we have wireless access within the library which allows a patron to bring in his own laptop for use. Computer usage at the library is up by 32 percent from last year. We have offered various computer classes throughout the year which have been well-attended. The library has also acquired a new copier with a fax for public use!

The Summer Reading program for school-age children continues to grow in scope and attendance.

Through a grant from Loan Star Libraries, the library was able to procure four exciting presenters. Kim Lehman gave a science program titled "The Buzz About Bees"; Todd McKinney, The Magic Man, gave a wonderful magic show; the Harms Marionettes presented "Aladdin and his Magic Lamp" and Laura Freeman brought her sizzling guitar. After each program there were fun crafts. At the final program the top five readers received spe-

cial recognition, but each child got to chose at least one book to take home. Attendance was 211 children and 201 adults.

In January the library had its first ever "local author" reception. It was held in the evening, with twenty authors in attendance. We displayed the authors' book(s) and the public was invited to meet our local authors, visit with them, look through their books, and enjoy delicious refreshments. It was such a success and received such positive feedback that we intend to make it an annual affair!

Some wonderful donations to the library have been made during the past year. In 2004 Marilyn and Luther Brewer gave a beautiful Troy Kelley sculpture entitled "Isaac's Angel" in memory of their baby grandson. A Burr Oak was planted out front in honor of Miriam Jordan. Ruth Dodd and her crew of helpers donated plants and time to landscape the front grounds of the library. Paulette Patrick donated a lovely outdoor sculpture of a boy and girl reading. Len Krals donated 60 DVD's, and Marilyn Salisbury continues to donate audio books for our collection. In addition we have many wonderful volunteers who donate their time and talents. Ralph Morris has built several beautiful bookcases for us. Our volunteers who work the front desk, process books, are on the book selection committee and work at the book sales are our special angels.

We have started a new "Friends of the Library" organization which has a 501(3C) status. It was capably presided over last year by Barbara Willis and her board. Bob Denton is taking the reins for this new year. Welcome, Bob!

Thanks to a grant from the Central Texas Library System, the library has purchased a new Spanish language collection which includes books, movies and magazines. We are trying to spread the word throughout the Spanish-speaking community that these are available, and slowly those patrons are coming in.

Our two annual book sales were successful. We donated the entire profits of the Wildflower Art Show book sale to the Salado Education Foundation for scholarships. The August sale was held under the auspices of the Friends of the Library. We hope this year to refurbish the storage barn so that in the future the Friends can hold book sales out of there.

I will close this report with our statistics for the past fiscal year and a comparison with the year before.

As you will see, Salado Public Library is continually growing. Our Director, Marsha McGuire, and our librarians, Emmy Alvarez, Alayne Fuller-Ramsden and Karen Kinnison are doing a wonderful job to ensure that the library meets the needs of our community.

Come in and see for yourself!

Salado Public Library Patron Usage

	2005	2006	GROWTH 05 to 06	
Total collection	14,080	16,506	2,426	15%
A-V collection	2,239	2,639	400	15%
Total circulations	29,442	35,824	6,382	18%
Patron visits	21,210	23,869	2,659	11%
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Family County Fair Oct. 28 is fun, fund-raiser for PTO

Thomas Arnold Elementary Parent Teacher Organization invites local families to its Family County Fair 1-4 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Intermediate School Cafetorium.

Entry is free. Games and food are available for reasonable cost.

All ages are welcome in their not-too-scary costumes for fair food and fun games. All of the game booths will be awarding prizes and giving candy.

Church of Christ, SVFD partner for Fall Fest

The Salado Church of Christ and the Salado Volunteer Fire Department are teaming together to host a Fall Festival 6-8 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Church of Christ Activity Center, located at 225 North Church Street.

"We are working towards a goal of new playground equipment for the back playground and also providing shade for the play area," said Kathi Walrath, chairperson of the event.

Last year the PTO was able to provide over \$6,000 worth of new maps and globes for each of the elementary school rooms as well as close to \$2,000 worth of books for the library and the classrooms.

This cooperative event is intended to provide a safe alternative to trick or treating. The First Baptist Church of Salado and the Salado United Methodist Church are also hosting similar events on Oct. 31.

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SPORTS

Lady Eagles finish district play in 4th place after beating Lago



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Larissa Ingalsbe and Lauren Haire try to block a Lago Vista Lady Viking shot.

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(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)
Senior Molly Rooney (left) and junior Kamyille Palomino get ready to dig a serve from Lago Vista during the Salado Lady Eagles' win last week.

The Salado Lady Eagle volleyball team closed out its 2006 season on a high note, dispatching Lago Vista Oct. 20 in straights, 25-23, 25-20, 25-20. The win ensured the girls would finish above .500 in district play with an 8-6 mark. Salado's overall record was a very respectable 17-12, though the Lady Eagles finished fourth in district, behind Rogers, Florence and Troy, respectively.

In the Lago match, the Lady Eagles were led by Molly Rooney, who had 12 kills and seven digs, and Larissa Ingalsbe, who totaled 32 assists, three aces and three digs. Danielle Hazzard had nine kills to go along with nine digs and two aces, while Lauren Haire had seven kills and one block.

"We started this match a little slow, but once we got our passing down, we were unstoppable," commented Coach Bree Holz. "We completely took them out of their offense once we started hitting the ball."

In previous action, on Oct. 17 the squad traveled to Rosebud-Lott and handled the Lady Cougars by a final of 25-18, 25-22, 25-3.

Palomino had five kills, four aces and five digs, and Rooney registered six kills, three aces

and four digs. Ingalsbe put together 22 assists and six assists, while Hazzard had seven kills, three digs and one ace.

"Our serve receive struggled, but we managed to take advantage of the good passes we did have by getting the ball effectively to our hitters," Holz said. "We capitalized on their hitting and serving errors and did a great job in the third game of staying focused."

On Oct. 13, Salado faced off against eventual

district champion Rogers and were defeated in four games, 25-19, 22-25, 16-25, 21-25.

"We played so well in the first game, then completely lost it after that. Our serve receive really went downhill, which meant we couldn't get any sets to our hitters. Rogers did a great job of using all the free balls and off-hits we gave them," said Holz.

For the match, Hazzard recorded 10 kills, six aces and eight digs, while Ingalsbe had seven

kills, 26 assists and five digs. Rooney had seven kills and eight digs, while Cortney Dunnahoo had 11 digs and three aces and Palomino had eight kills and five digs.

The Salado underclassmen squads also wrapped up their seasons versus Lago Vista. The JV lost 18-25, 17-25, to finish in third place in district. The freshmen won 25-18, 22-25, 25-21 to finish in a tie for second in district.



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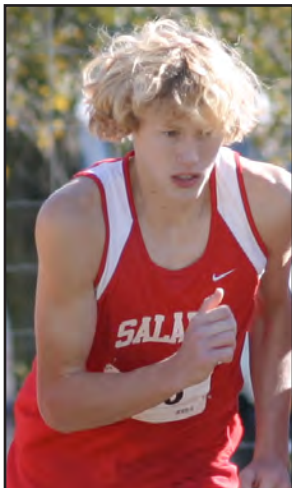
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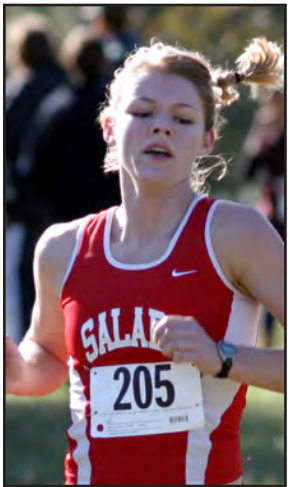
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Boys win district cross country, girls second

Salado senior Chelsea Ervi outdistanced her closest competitor by almost 12 seconds at District 25AA cross country meet Oct. 23 at Tenroc Ranch, but her performance was not quite enough to lift the Lady Eagles to a district title. Counting Ervi, Salado had four runners finish in the top 20, but could not do better than second in the team standings, as Salado's 59 was behind Academy's 35 points.

The boys race shaped up to be as close as it can get, with Salado, Jarrell and Florence finishing deadlocked at the top with 64 points apiece. In that situation, the tie is broken by going to each team's sixth best runner. For Salado, that meant Ryan Clark's 23rd-place individual finish at 20:34, was placed against Jarrell's Joshus Stone (31st) and Florence's Brian Batchelor (32nd), with Salado coming away with the title. Johnny Kendall was the top runner for the boys on the 5K course, taking silver with a time of 17:35.9, 1.8 seconds behind the first place finisher.

Individual results are as follows:

Boys - Kendall, second, 17:35; Jace Peralta, sixth, 18:21; Max Care, 17th, 20:05; Andrew Mur-



Cortney Dunnahoo



Kaleigh Rank



Keelie Mims



Abby Frazier

ray, 18th, 20:13; Kasey Cockrell, 22nd, 20:33; Ryan Clark, 23rd, 20:34; and Noah Harbison, 24th, 20:41.

Girls - Chelsea Ervi, first, 12:13; Lindsey Martin, seventh, 12:52; Molly Rooney, 11th, 13:18; Tamra Stanish, 17th, 13:48; Amanda Mattson, 26th, 14:22; Cortney Dunnahoo,

29th; 14:31; and Kaleigh Rank, 33rd, 15:15.

In a small JV girls field, Keelie Mims came in second with a time of 14:40.5, while Abby Frazier finished in fifth place at 15:32.5.

The Region IV cross country meet will be held Nov. 4 at the University of Texas - San Antonio.

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JV squads sweep Lago Vista

The Salado JV "Red" team continued its march to a perfect season with a 53-19 thrashing of Lago Vista Oct. 19. The Eagles piled up 26 first quarter points - without the offense taking a snap - on the host Vikings en route to the comfortable win.

Following a game in which the Eagles converted a first down and almost 40 yards to go, Salado accomplished something equally as unusual - posting four opening quarter touchdowns before the offense took the field.

Salado got on the board early in the first, when Matt Ming picked off a Lago Vista pass and returned it 40 yards for a score. The PAT was no good.

On the ensuing Lago Vista possession, Salado would strike again, as Garrett Ward forced a fumble which was then corralled by George Wideman and returned 25 yards for a touchdown. The PAT was again unsuccessful.

Lago Vista was then given an opportunity to straighten its offense, but to little avail. After the Eagle defense forced a punt, Tyler Cook laid a key block which allowed return man Jared Lutz to break free for a 40-yard touchdown return.

The Salado defense came up big again in the first quarter, with Wideman picking up a loose ball at the two yard line and taking it in for the score. A two point run by Logan Foster made it 26-7 Salado.

In the second, the Eagle offense got in on the act when Logan Foster punched it in from three yards out. Foster's second two point run increased Salado's advantage to 34-7.

The first half scoring was brought to a close when Justin Berumen scored on a 10-yard run just before half-time. Ward's PAT pushed the score to 41-7.

In the third, a Jake Bradshaw block sprang Foster, who scampered 55 yards for his second touchdown of the game. Foster would rush for over 100 yards on the night. The PAT failed.

Salado's final score came

in the third, when Jacob Peschel scored on a six yard run.

Lago Vista would tack on a meaningless touchdown in the fourth to bring the score to its 53-19 final.

"I have never seen a game like that before," said Coach Scott Ringo. "It was over before we touched the ball on offense. Once we got on offense, they couldn't stop us. We have been talking to the players about coming out and playing a full four quarters of good football and we finally did tonight."

In addition to the play of Foster, Wideman and Ward, Ringo credits the victory to the offensive line and the defensive secondary, which was solid in coverage the entire game. The Red team now boasts a 7-0 season mark.

Salado JV "White" - 28
Lago Vista Freshmen - 6

The JV White team rushed out to a 14-0 first quarter lead over the Lago Vista freshmen and never looked back, improving to 3-4 on the season in the process.

In the first period, quarterback Trae Liller scored on long runs of 52 and 40 yards. In the second quarter, the Eagles put together a strong drive thanks to tough running from Jace Peralta and Holden Smith. Liller punctuated the drive with a one-yard sneak for his third rushing touchdown. The Eagles went into the half with a 20-0 lead.

In the third quarter, Liller did it with his arm, finding Clayton Weatherly on a 15-yard scoring strike to close out the Salado scoring.

On top of his three touchdowns rushing and one passing, Liller also hauled in an interception on defense. Rob Little had an interception as well.

(PHOTO BY SARA MCBRYDE)
The Salado Intermediate School 7th grade football team shut out Lago Vista 36-0 Oct. 19 in Salado. Sean McBryde, Number 23, age 13, is rolling out in a two-point conversion attempt after running for a 62-yard touchdown in the previous play.

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Eagles sink Lago Vista Vikings

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Salado Eagles sank any hopes of the Lago Vista Vikings homecoming upset by marching down the field on their second possession before Leo Galvan dove in from the two yard line. The touch-down and two-point conversion were good enough for the win, but the Eagles added another 29 points for an overwhelming 37-7 win Oct. 20.

Salado amassed 254 yards on the ground and another 61 yards in the air and held the Vikings to 159 yards on the ground and 36 yards in the air.

With an offense in which eight players carried the ball, Salado did not have any 100 yard carriers. However, Blake Newman carried the ball just five times for 94 yards, including a 76 yard touchdown at the beginning of the second period. Leo Galvan hit Michael Culin for the two-point conversion to put Salado up 16-0.

Matt Fritsch recovered a fumble by Ryan Baranek at the Viking 30 yard line to set up the third Salado touchdown of the first half. David Rosenau ran up the middle of the Viking defense for a six yard touchdown on the seventh play of the drive. The PAT kick brought the score to 23-0.

Lago Vista's Jacob Carver found Michael Weber open over the middle for a 52-yard touchdown pass with 5:06 remaining in the half, taking advantage of blown coverage for the only Viking score. Adam Menkin added the extra point to bring the halftime score to 23-7.

Justin Konzen blocked a Viking punt to give Salado the ball at the Lago Vista nine yard line two minutes into the second half. Leo Galvan bulled his way in from the eight yard line at 9:37 in the third and then booted the PAT for a 30-7 lead.

After forcing the Vikings to punt, the Eagles drove from their own 43 yard line in eight plays to score with 3:22 left in the third period on a three yard run by Seth Collins. The PAT brought the score to its final, 37-7.

Fritsch led the defense with 20 tackles, including four solo tackles, two tackles for loss and a fumble recovery.

Justin Konzen had 12 tackles (three solo, four for losses) and a blocked punt.

Patrick Prince had 12 tackles, one solo tackle and a tackle for loss.

Dallas Butts also had



(Photo by Marilyn Fleischer)
Ethan Williams (#15 and Alonso Galvan (#42) try to strip Lago Vista's Jacob Carver of the ball.

12 tackles, including two tackles for loss.

Blake Hancock had 12 tackles, two for losses and a "big hit."

Alonso Galvan registered 10 tackles, one solo, one sack and a quarterback hurry.

Leo Galvan had 10 tackles, one solo, a sack and a quarterback hurry.

Justin Powell had seven tackles: two solos and two for losses.

In his first game back since his surgery, Josh Bush had seven tackles: two were solos and three were for losses.

Ethan Williams had four tackles: two solos, a tackle for loss and a sack.

PLAYOFF PICTURE

Salado remains in the thick of the pack of teams with one district loss. That will change Oct. 27 when Salado travels to Troy to kick-off at 7:30 p.m. Troy is 5-2, 3-1 in district play, while Salado is 4-3, 3-1 in district play.

Troy got by the Florence Buffs (1-6, 1-3) last week by a narrow 13-0 score.

Jarrell and Rogers, both of whom Salado has faced,

remain at 3-1 in district play. Salado beat Jarrell 40-5 easily in week two of district play, but lost to Rogers Oct. 13 by 13-10.

Rogers defeated the Rosebud-Lott Cougars 17-0 to knock them from a share of first play. The Cougars are 2-2 in district play, 3-4 on the year.

Jarrell throttled Academy 40-9 to remain 3-1 in district, and 4-3 on the year.

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Girls win, boys second

Jr. high runners take gold, silver

Salado Intermediate School cross country teams recently competed at the district meet in Academy in hot and humid conditions, with the Lady Eagles taking team gold and the boys earning team silver.

The Lady Eagles totaled 37 points, some distance ahead of second place Jarrell, which had 52. The boys finished

with 39 points, only two behind first place Rogers.

Individual results are as follows:

Lady Eagles - Brittney Frazier, first, 14.16; Chelsea Boaz, third, 14.40; Chelsea Rank, 10th, 15.29; Morgan Daniels, 11th; Taylor Marburger, 12th; Baylee Bell, 13th; Courtney Lavadia, 14th; Abby Ran-

gel, 18th; Alyssa Farrow, 19th; Megan Harvell, 24th; Taylor O'Rear, 29th; Alex Blancett, 31st; and Sharla Gilchrest, 62nd. A total of 71 girls participated in the run.

Boys - Michael Perrin, third, 13.00; Jada Kornegay, fourth, 13.01; Shannon Ponder, ninth, 13.53; Garrett Marburg-

er, 13th; George Romfh, 16th; Jeffrey Care, 21st. Thirty six runners took part on the boys side.

Coach Erica Meyer said she was proud of the performance of the teams. "Both our girls and boys teams represented the school and community of Salado with style," she noted.



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SHS golfers take 3rd in Killeen

Salado High School boys golf team took third place overall in the Mike Rippy Invitational Meet Oct. 13 at Stonetree Golf Course in Killeen, while Salado golfer Jared Hahn took first place medalist.

The boys scored a 488, behind first place Belton's 456 and second place Round Rock McNeil's 482 for the twenty-seven hole competition. The other teams were all varsity 4A and 5A squads, including Temple, Harker Heights, Waco, Ellison, Connally, Shomeaker, Copperas Cove and Killeen.

Hahn won first place for the Salado boys, shooting a 72 over the first 18 holes and a 36 over the final nine hole for a 108 total. He was followed by two Belton golfers: Garrett Beatty, who shot a 110, and Dylan Anthony, who shot a 112.

Also scoring points for the Salado boys were Ryan O'Rear, 78-37 (115), Clint Permenter, 83-45 (128), Tom Baine, 99-45 (144), Sam Van Hoozer, 92-57, (149). Colby Montgomery shot in individual competition, scoring 112-53 (165).

The boys will play at the Waco High Tournament Oct. 31 at the Cottonwood Country Club. The girls will play at Mill Creek Oct. 30 in the Belton Invitational and at Stonetree Golf Course in the Harker Heights tournament.

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Thurs: Chicken Nuggets, (Chef Salad, Hoagie), Mashed Potatoes w/g, Peas, Fresh Fruit, Rolls, Milk

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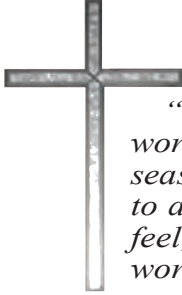
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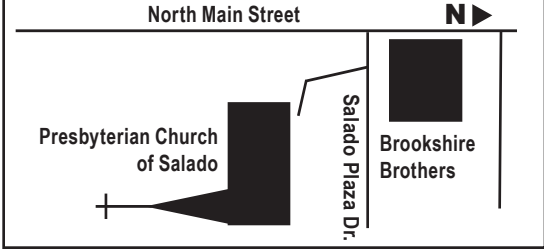


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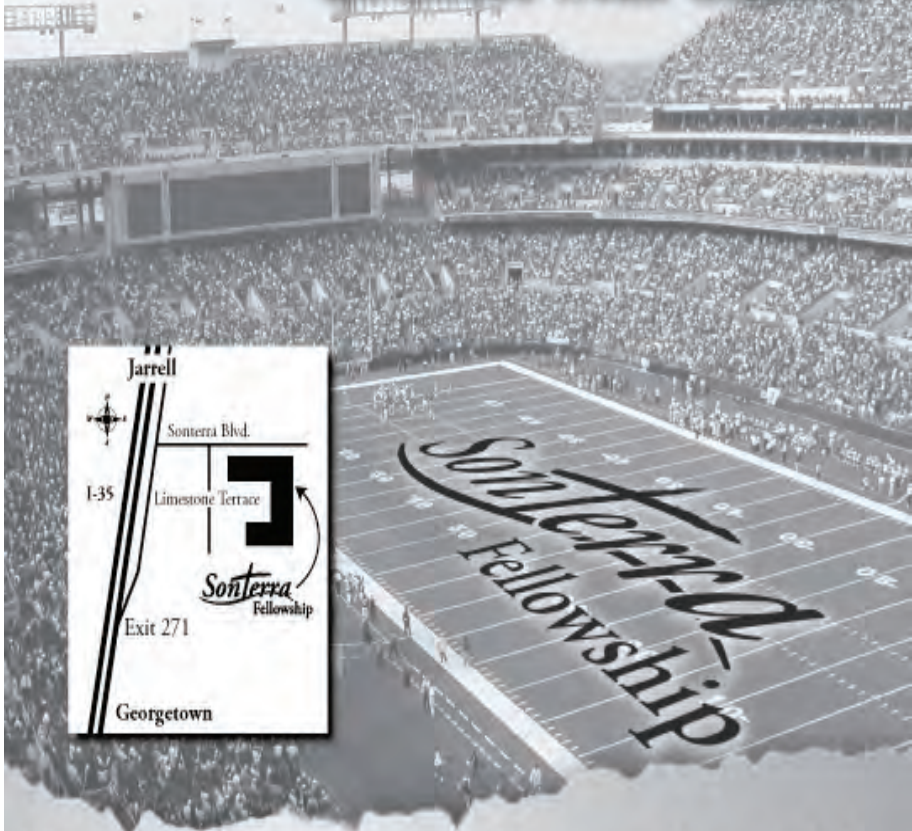
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Bienski residence included in Homes Tour

Among the six private dwellings to be open Dec. 1-3 on the Annual Tour of Homes, sponsored by the Salado Historical Society, is an historic cottage at 803 Rose Way. Its owners, Jim and Ann Bienski, bought the house a year ago and have worked since to continue restoration begun by a previous owner, George Kolb. Kolb, a former Salado resident known for his passion for old historic structures, restored numerous properties throughout Bell County.

The house began its existence in Belton in 1875 with two front rooms, large front and back porches and a lean-to, or detached, kitchen. A new owner by 1877 added the second and third rooms on the left side and extended the back porch along that wing. Acquired by yet another buyer, Dr. Rezin S. Farr in 1878, it would see several more additions until it became much as it appears today, except for a private wing (two large bedrooms and a bath) added after Kolb moved the entire structure to its present location in picturesque Victorian Oaks.

Improving on Kolb's extensive restoration, which saved the house from destruction, the Bienski's have carefully researched its history as well as sought to discover original wall colors and other features of the transitional Greek/Victorian structure. The year-long result is a cozy cottage which, despite its age and heritage, is anything but a museum, thanks to the industrious couple's combining modern amenities with vintage charm.

Through the fancy iron fence, original to the house and brought with it to its Salado resting place, to the front porch, visitors enter the foyer, where are displayed framed pictures are Dr. Farr and his family, whose descendants lived in the house at its Belton location well into the middle of the 20th century.

To the left of the entry is a bedroom. Its walls painted blue, as close to the original color found under many layers of paint. The bed, dresser and amoire are golden oak. The linens were



The home of Jim and Ann Bienski, 803 Rose Way

wedding presents from Jim's great-grandparents, a yo-yo coverlet of vintage fabric is spread on the bed. A quilt made and signed by women in Spur, Texas, for Ann when she was born is displayed on the bed's foot board.

A bath, which adjoins the bedroom, features a claw-foot tub with an old-fashioned brass shower ring enclosure. Walls are papered in a vintage design matching the blue bedroom walls. The paper has been shellacked, as was done in Victorian baths and kitchens to prevent moisture damage.

Off the entry to the right, parlor furnishings include leather sofa and chair, an oak curio cabinet filled with long-collected Wade figurines of animals and people. Original pine floors throughout are softened by colorful oriental wool rugs. In addition to oil paintings by Ann's mother, many throughout the house, two documents, in elegant old Polish print, commemorate the first communion of Jim's grandparents, who settled early in the Polish community of Bremond. An antique Seth Thomas clock which belonged to Jim's great-grandfather stands on the fireplace mantle. Walls are painted a soft green shade, as near as possible to what Ann determined was their original color.

The dining room is behind the parlor.

Scraping away at layers of paint revealed the earliest wall color was a soft gold. This is the most formal room in the house, with heavy drapes and swags at the window and walnut table and chairs. In an upper corner of the dining room one can see exposed structural bars, common to single wall houses of the mid-19th century. The mantle of another fireplace displays silver trophies and other awards earned by Ann's mother's golf prowess. Other silver pieces received by her are seen throughout the house.

Doors from the dining room lead to the middle hall at the end of which is a breakfast nook. The kitchen walls are painted calico blue. Cabinetry is made of old wood. Ann's "proudest possession" is an electric replica of a wood-burning stove and oven, shiny black and adorned with chrome. Cabinet counters are granite, and a modern dishwasher is cleverly hidden behind a calico curtain under the sink. Recessed shelves in the high ceiling hold an old trunk, feed sacks and crocks.

From the kitchen the Bienski's have built a small porch, with corbels and gingerbread matching the front porch, which leads to a paving-stone path guiding visitors to a log and

native stone barn. This is "Jim's Playhouse," sporting a refreshment bar, replicating an old-time saloon, and a large room for his favorite "toy," a pool table. Old tools and lanterns are hung throughout.

Ann admits that in

her research on period decor, her favorite and most useful source was a 1902 Sears Catalogue.

Other houses on the Tour, an annual feature of Salado's traditional Christmas Stroll are Jerry and Linda Hill, 101 Salado Creek Place;

Gene and Susan Terry, 2517 Winner's Circle; Terry and Jan Whitley, 1317 Jack Nicklaus Circle; Jack Husung, 609 Willow Creek Drive; and Jackie and Dottie Shirley, 3000 West Amity Road. Also open to the public will be two 19th century log cabins owned by the Historical Society and the recently restored historic chapel of First United Methodist Church, now on a new site.

Tickets for the Tour are on sale at the Salado Civic Center. Bought in advance, they are \$12. After Nov. 29, they will be \$15, available at the Civic Center and each of the six homes.

Tour hours are 5-8 p.m. Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 2 and 1-5 p.m. Dec. 3.

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Public Forum on property taxes, extra territorial jurisdiction, 6 p.m. at Village of Salado Municipal Building on Stagecoach Rd. Vitizens who live within the Village limits are encouraged to attend and to give their input on these two topics.

OCTOBER 26
Project Graduation meeting, 7 p.m. at the Salado High School Library. All parents of graduating seniors are encouraged to attend to discuss upcoming fundraisers.

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

OCTOBER 27
Music in Salado concert series, featuring The Miro Quartet, 7 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur Theater.

Reservations and info: 947-5592 or www.musicalinsalado.com.

OCTOBER 27-29
All Texas Morgan Round-up at the Stagecoach Inn. The Morgan is a scarce British sports car. Oct. 28, at 9 a.m., the cars will gather at the Stagecoach before heading out for a rally. On that afternoon the cars will be displayed at Stagecoach. Public is invited to the display.

OCTOBER 28
Mealtime Mastered at The Range, 9-11 a.m. Twelve meals for \$225 or six meals for \$125. Private parties or classes may be arranged, as well as corporate packages and deliveries. Info and menus: 947-3828 or www.therangerestaurant.com.

OCTOBER 28
Family County Fair, 1-4 p.m. at the

Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria, sponsored by the Salado PTO. Entry is free, and food and refreshments will be available. There will be games, booths, candy and prizes, and attendees are encouraged to dress in Halloween costumes.

OCTOBER 28-29
Tablerock's Fright Trail 7:30-10:30 p.m. both nights. Two trails to choose from. Concessions available. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Info: 254-947-9205 or email tablerock1@aol.com.

OCTOBER 31
Salado Volunteer Fire Department and Salado Church of Christ Halloween Carnival, 6-8 p.m. at the church's Activity Center. There will be candy, prizes and games. Public is invited.

OCTOBER 31
Third Annual Trunk or Treat at the Salado United Methodist Church, 6-7:30 p.m. Hot dogs, candy and hayrides. Open to the public and children are encouraged to wear their costumes.

NOVEMBER 2

Salado Chamber of Commerce After-Hours Mixer, 4-6:30 p.m. at the Salado branch of First Community Title in First Centre, corner of Main Street and Thomas Arnold Rd. All Chamber members and prospective members are invited to attend for refreshments and conversation. First community Title, which is also celebrating its first year of being open in Salado, is hosting the Chamber After-Hours Mixer.

NOVEMBER 3
Salado Eagle football, versus Florence Buffaloes, 7:30 p.m. in Florence.

NOVEMBER 3-5
Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Circus Spur-cus" featuring classic cinema along with live musical accompaniment and Vaudeville-style entertain-

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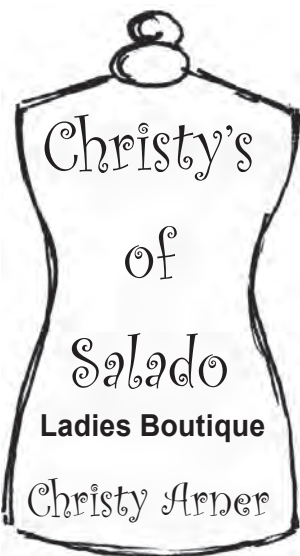
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NOVEMBER 4

Eleventh Annual Salado United Methodist Church Garden Guild Luncheon and Fashion Show, 12:30 p.m. at 650 Royal Street. Fashions by Alice's of Salado. Tickets: \$12 each. Info: SUMC church office, 254-947-5482.

NOVEMBER 5

Institute for the Humanities at Salado fall lecture series, with Dr. Thomas Moore. Moore will speak 4 p.m. at the Celebration Center. Lecture title: "The Way of the Holy Fool." Optional dinner to follow. Reservations and info: 947-5729 or visit www.salado-institute.org.

NOVEMBER 6

Salado Monday Club meeting, 2 p.m. at the Salado United Methodist Church, on Royal Street. The club will elect officers for the upcoming year. Program will be on

Salado history, and will be presented by Charlie Turnbo.

NOVEMBER 6

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

NOVEMBER 6-9

Scholastic Book Fair at the Salado Intermediate School, 7:45 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, and 5:30-7 p.m. Nov. 8 for a Family Night.

NOVEMBER 7

Election Day, polls open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

NOVEMBER 8

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

NOVEMBER 10

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

NOVEMBER 10-12

45th Annual Gathering of the Scottish Clans, on the grounds of the Robertson Ranch and the Salado College ruins.

Festival will feature athletic competitions, dancing, music, vendors and food, among many others. For a schedule and more details, visit www.ctam-salado.org or call 254-947-5232.

NOVEMBER 10-12

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Circus Spur-cus" featuring classic cinema along with live musical accompaniment and Vaudeville-style entertainment, with special guests from the circus world. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10 and 11 and 2 p.m. Nov. 11 and 12. Info: 947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

NOVEMBER 11

Salado Family Relief Fund Empty Bowl Project at the Salado Civic Center. Soup provided by local restaurants to be served 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Auction 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Signed bowls to be auctioned from SHS football players, cheerleaders and Salado faculty. Donated desserts will be accepted. Tickets: \$12 at the door or five for \$50.

NOVEMBER 12

Institute for the

Humanities at Salado fall lecture series, with Turk Pipkin, actor, writer, filmmaker, comedian, who will screen his film, "Nobelity," and discuss its production. 4 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur Theatre. Lecture title: "One Peace at a Time." Open to the public. Info: 947-5729 or visit www.salado-institute.org.

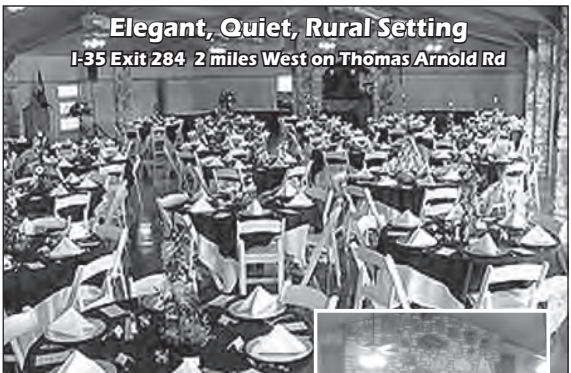
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Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

NOVEMBER 16

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NOVEMBER 16
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Hospitality at 9:30 a.m. Speaker: Charlotte Douglas.

NOVEMBER 17-19
Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Circus Spur-cus" featuring classic cinema along with live musical accompaniment and Vaudeville-style entertainment, with special guests from the circus world. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17 and 18 and 2 p.m. Nov. 18 and 19. Info: 947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

NOVEMBER 18
Salado United Methodist Church Autumn Fest on the church grounds, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fall Festival 2006 will include a variety of family-style activities. Proceeds will be used to fund College and Community Mission Projects. Activities include: Rummage Sale, Cake Walk, Bake Sale, food, children's games and activities and a silent auction. Anyone interested in donating items should call 947-5482.

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DECEMBER 1-3
Salado Historical Society's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes. More details TBA.

DECEMBER 1-3 & 8-10
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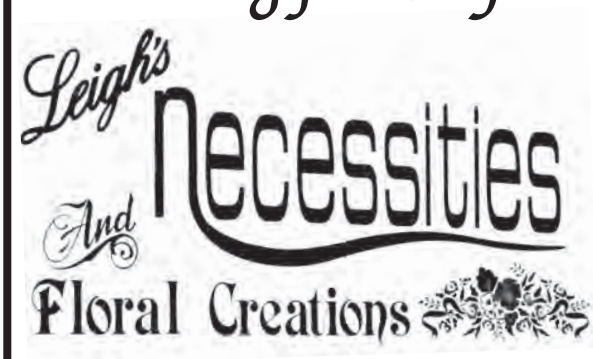
DECEMBER 12
Mill Creek Community Association meeting and Christmas Dinner at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner.

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


DECEMBER 14
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary President's Coffee, 9:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

DECEMBER 15-17
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LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By KEVIN McCAULEY



A low-fat diet combined with a “Boot Camp” exercise program.

There are some people because of their genetic make-up are meant to eat a low-fat diet. But, a nutritional regimen low in fat does not mean consuming low-fat foods. Foods that are labeled “low-fat” are foods that have been altered from their original state and are not beneficial to your long-term health. A proper low-fat diet would include proteins that are low in fat, combined with a variety of saturated/mono-unsaturated fats, grains, vegetables and fruits. A low-fat diet that lacks the proper intake of essential fatty and amino acids will leave you not only in a malnourished state, but will also challenge your ability to balance your blood sugar levels meal to meal.

I view Boot Camps and other sports conditioning classes to be in the high-impact aerobics class category. I believe these classes/ courses to carry a great amount of risk for a number of reasons.

Once again, the stress put upon the joints in

these classes can create acute issues, but it most certainly will lead to chronic connective tissue issues in the future. The extended elevated heart rates in these classes will create cortisol issues which will lead to your inability to drop body fat, thus a damaged metabolism.

There are numerous ways to reach your goals, but can you honestly answer “yes” to these questions?

Am I putting on muscle safely and effectively?

Can I realistically eat like this 80-90 percent of the time?

Can I really see myself training this often?

Am I comfortable with the length of my workouts?

Am I happy with the difficulty level of the workouts?

All proper nutrition and exercise programs should be highly

effective and completely safe. If you try to cut corners so you can reach your goals in a short period of time, you must understand that this approach comes with a cost.

If your goals is to lose 20 pounds in the next month you cannot sacrifice your muscle tissue, joints and even more importantly your metabolism to reach that goal. So, if you have some specific health and fitness goals, please honestly determine if your course of action is beneficial or detrimental to your health.

Kevin is a Lifestyle and Wellness Coach in Salado. He is the owner/ operator of Progressive Wellness Services, a Total Wellness Company. Kevin helps families instill positive lifestyle habits into their lives, including: proper nutrition, smart exercise and understanding hormonal responses. If you have any questions e-mail Kevin at youbewell@earthlink.net.



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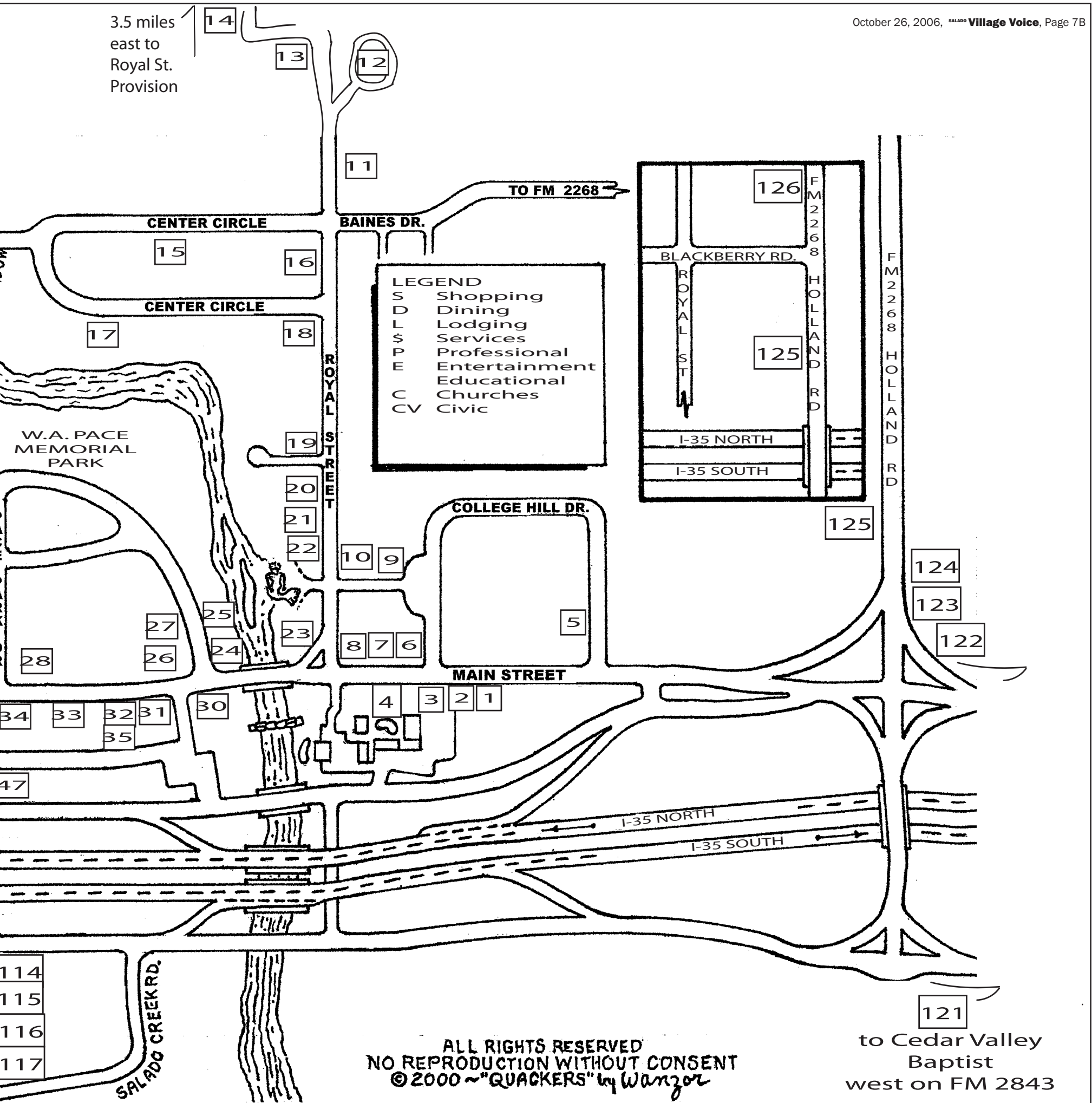
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| | Salado Cigars | 254/947-9177 | S | 25. | Leigh's Necessities | | | 48. | A Touch of Heaven | 254/947-5543 | \$ |
| 4. | Stagecoach Inn | 254/947-5111 | D,L | | and Floral Creations | 254/947-0128 | S, \$ | | | 254/535-6676 | |
| 5. | Stone Creek Settlements | 254/947-9099 | L | 26. | <u>CREEKSIDE CENTER</u> | | | 49. | Roy T's Old Salado Bakery | 254/947-7181 | D |
| | | 888/777-8844 | | | Prellop Fine Art Gallery | 254/947-3930 | S | 50. | Farmers Insurance | 254/947-0995 | \$ |
| 6. | Central Texas Area Museum | 254/947-5232 | E | | Susan Marie's | 254/947-5239 | S | | Zbranek Agency | | |
| 8. | <u>SHADY VILLA</u> | | | 30. | First Baptist Church | 254/947-5465 | C | | Salado Fire Department | 254/947-8961 | CV |
| | Gregory's | 254/947-5703 | S | 31. | Salado Mansion | 254/947-5157 | D | 51. | Salado Church of Christ | 254/947-5241 | CV |
| | Sweet Nut Things | 254/947-8088 | S | 32. | <u>THE VERANDA</u> | | | | | | |
| 10. | Shyenne's of Salado | 254/947-9215 | S | | First Texas Brokerage | 254/947-5577 | \$ | | <u>ROCK CREEK</u> | | |
| 11. | Tablerock Amphitheatre | 254/947-9205 | E | 33. | First State Bank | 254/947-5852 | \$ | 53. | Splendors of Salado | 254/947-3630 | S |
| 13. | Salado United Methodist Church | 254/947-5482 | C | 34. | <u>FIRST CENTRE at 40 N. Main</u> | | | 54. | Charlotte's of Salado | 254/947-0240 | S |
| 14. | Royal Street Provision | 254/947-3350 | L | | First Community Title | 254/947-8480 | \$ | 55. | Heirlooms | 254/947-0336 | S |
| | Country Inn | | | 35. | Salado Masonic Lodge #296 | | CV | 56. | <u>OLD CHURCH PLACE</u> | | |
| | (3.5 miles east on Royal) | | | 36. | Christy's of Salado | 254/947-0561 | S | | The Front Row Emporium | 254/947-5831 | S |
| | | | | 37. | Inn at Salado | 254/947-0027 | L | 57. | <u>THE COLONY</u> | | |
| 16. | The Baines House B&B | 254/947-5260 | L | 38. | <u>SALADO SQUARE</u> | | | | Griffith Fine Art | 254/947-3177 | S |
| 17. | Inn on the Creek B&B | 254/947-5554 | D,L | | Browning's Courtyard Cafe | 254/947-8666 | D | 60. | The Iron Gardens | 254/368-1928 | S |
| | <u>CELEBRATION CENTER</u> | | | | Carden's | 254/947-0300 | S | | | | |
| 18. | Botangles | 254/947-4747 | \$ | | Linda Rountree Pritchard | 254/947-4263 | P | 61. | <u>SALADO CIVIC SQUARE</u> | | |
| | Old Salado Springs Celebration | | | | Main Street Place | 254/947-9908 | S | | Joe Read State Farm Agency | 254/947-3599 | \$ |
| | Center and Retreat | 254/947-5933 | \$ | 39. | The Range at the Barton House | 254/947-3828 | D | | Properties by Larry Sands | 254/947-5580 | \$ |
| 19. | Old Salado Springs | | | 40. | Family Dentistry | 254/947-5242 | P | | Uncommon Grounds Cafe | 254/947-3354 | D |
| | Guest Lodging | 254/947-5933 | L | | Dr. Douglas B. Willingham | | | | | | |
| 20. | Springhouse Antiques | 254-947-0747 | S | 42. | Mud Pies Pottery | 254/947-0281 | S | 65. | The Village of Salado | 254/947-5060 | CV |
| 22. | Salado Silver Spur Theatre | 254/947-3456 | E | | | | | 68. | Serenity Spa | 254/947-8833 | \$ |
| | | | | 44. | Salado Haus | 254/947-1868 | S | | | | |



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	Angelie Herbs	254/947-1909	S		Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe	254/947-8162	D	119.	Salado Intermediate	254/947-1700	E
	A Sewing Basket	254/947-5423	S		Texan by Design	254/947-4479	S	120.	Salado High	254/947-5429	E
71.	SALADO CIVIC CENTER			87.	Century 21 Bill Bartlett Real Estate		\$	121.	Cedar Valley Baptist Church	254/947-0148	C
	Salado Civic Center	254/947-8300	CV			254/947-5050		122.	Eagle Rock Ranch	254/947-5369	\$
	Chamber of Commerce	254/947-5040	CV	88.	The Personal Wealth Coach	254/947-1111	\$		Rick's Salado Feed	254/947-3613	S
	Historical Society		CV						Salado Garden Center	254/947-3613	S
	SISD Administration	254/947-5479	E	94.	SALADO PLAZA			124.	St. Stephen Catholic Church	254/947-8037	C
	Village Art Center				Salado Village Voice	254/947-5321	\$	127.	Grace Baptist Church of Salado	254/947-5917	C
72.	The Halley House	254/947-1000	L		Edward D. Jones	254/947-5128	\$	128.	Janelle's	254/947-3584	S
73.	CARRIAGE PLACE SQUARE				Monteith Abstract & Title Co.	254/947-3922	\$	Not shown on map			
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	Salado Wine Seller	254/947-8011	S	97.	Salado Public Library	254/947-9191	E				
76.	ArchAngel Antiques			98.	Salado Cleaners	254/947-7299	\$				
	& Architectural Salvage	254/947-5933	S	100.	Village Realty	254/947-0342	\$				
79.	Presbyterian Church of Salado	254/947-8106	C	102.	Robertson's Hams						
					and The Choppin' Block	254/947-5562	S				
81.	Salado Sawmill	254/947-0137	S	104.	Fairway Golf Carts	254/947-4065	S				
	The Timbers at Salado Sawmill	254/947-0137	L	108.	Scissors Hair and Nails	254/947-9001	\$				
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Miro Quartet performs Oct. 27 at Silver Spur

The Miro Quartet will be presented in concert through the auspices of Music in Salado, TX Inc. 7 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. Admission is \$20 per person, with a \$5 fee for any student.

Music in Salado, TX Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing outstanding classical music artists into small, intimate settings to educate, uplift and bring harmony into the everyday culture of people who live in the central Texas area.

The dynamic Miró Quartet, one of America's highest-profile chamber groups, has risen to the top of the international chamber music scene in only a decade, captivating audiences and critics around the world with



The Miro Quartet

its youthful intensity and mature interpretations. These young musicians have a high regard for sharing their music with their neighbors to the north of Austin, where they are in residence at the University of Texas.

Founded in 1995 at the Oberlin Conservatory, The Miro Quartet met with immediate success, winning first prize at the 50th annual Coleman

Chamber Music Competition in 1996, and taking both the first and grand prizes at the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition two months later. Earning first prize at the 1998 Banff International String Quartet Competition, the Miró Quartet also won the prestigious Naumburg Chamber Music Award in 2000. In 2005, the Quartet was the first ensemble

to be awarded the coveted Avery Fisher Career Grant, and received the Cleveland Quartet Award that year as well.

The Miró Quartet has been Faculty String Quartet-in-Residence at the University of Texas at Austin for three years. Its members – violinists Daniel Ching and Sandy Yamamoto, violist John Largess, and cellist Joshua Gindele – teach and coach chamber music there, while maintaining an active international touring schedule. With the Miró on campus, the University of Texas at Austin is one of only a small group of universities whose faculties include a world-class string quartet.

One of the high points of the Miró Quartet's 2006-07 season will be playing the New York premiere of one of its newest commissions – Leonardo Balada's Caprichos for Guitar and String Quartet with Eliot Fisk, one of the world's greatest guitarists. The Dec. 1 concert marks the first appearance of the group in the esteemed series of concerts at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

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Morgans visit Salado

On Oct. 27-29 Salado will be visited by a group of owners one of the most interesting, but very scarce, automobiles in Texas. The unusual British sports car, Morgan, will be featured at the Stagecoach Inn during this year's annual All Texas Morgan Round-up. As many as 25 Morgans from around the state will make the trip to Salado.

Morgans are unusual because they seem to defy all the normal wisdom about cars. First, Morgans generally appreciate in value rather than depreciate. Assuming the owner maintains his Morgan, one should expect a 3 percent to 5 percent appreciation each year in value.

Second, Morgans do not cater to convenience or driver comfort. Only with the introduction of the Aero 8, Morgan's first new model in 40 years, will the owner finally get roll up windows and a trunk in which to store luggage or even groceries. The group hopes that an Aero 8 will be at the Round-up.

Third, the traditional Morgan is built in the carriage style: that is to say steel chassis is laid down, the engine and drive train



Morgans, like the one above, are sought after by automobile collectors because of their scarcity and unusual composition.

is installed, a wooden skeletal body is attached to the chassis, and body panels are screwed or nailed to the body. The result is a car which, even when new, tends to rattle a bit. Never mind, the proud owner of a Morgan has plenty to do on Saturday mornings, tightening screws, hunting down electrical problems, and conferring with other Morgan owners over a myriad of motoring inconveniences.

The late Peter Morgan,

son of the founder of the Morgan Motor Works and, until his death, the General Manager of the company, used to confess that "there are probably more reasons not to own a Morgan than reasons to own one." Nevertheless, among car enthusiasts, Morgan holds a very treasured place. The car makes a statement that harkens back to the years before freeways and interstates, when there were fewer billboards, and more winding country

roads. "They are simply beautiful automobiles," says one admirer. "They take me back to a time when life was less hurried and motoring was a challenge and an adventure."

Everyone in the community is invited to visit the Morgans and their owners in front of the Stagecoach Inn 9 a.m. Oct. 28 before they set out on a Rally. The Morgans will be back at the Stagecoach in the late afternoon.

Rollins named Artist of the Month

Salado enjoys a talented group of painters, stitchers, and photographers that meet every Tuesday and call themselves the Village Artists. One program the club has instigated for the benefit of Salado's art lovers is the Artist of the Month program where one creative member of the group displays their work in the Public Library and the two banks on Main Street.

The featured painter in the AOM program for October and November is Ivy Rollins, who origi-

nally hails from Honolulu, Hawaii. Upon arriving in Salado, she asked the "library lady" where she might find art lessons, and that led her to the Village Artists.

"I love the people and the inspiration," says Rollins, who started her painting career with contemporary acrylics. She splits her time selling real estate, being a mother and a grandmother, and painting in the "wee hours."

Rollins is not a self promoter but she "loves to paint." Her work ranges from portraits in oil to impressionistic landscapes.

She regularly attends all the workshops given at the Artists Building, which counted six this year. "I figure I better take them all or I might miss something I need," she said.

Rollins is proud to be a member of the Vil-

lage Artists, however she doesn't sell her work. "I either hang it or give it away." She fills a position on the Board of Directors as Building and Grounds Chairman and invites any interested persons to come by and visit. The art building is on the grounds of the Civic Center and is open on Tuesdays mornings or by appointment.

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26 For — (cheaply)

27 Comic Costello

28 — Na Na

29 Mascagni opera

30 Poet Wilcox

33 Lohengrin's bird

37 African antelopes

39 LARK

44 "The Optimist's Daughter" author

45 Bonanza material

46 Coveleski or Musial

47 Vichyssoise veggie

49 Tip one's topper

51 Long-tailed parrot

54 Sanford of "The Jeffersons"

56 Scandinavian city

59 Griffon greeting

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63 Missouri airport abbr.

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73 Sarah — Jewett

74 Inland sea

75 QUAIL

78 Depravity

79 Easy stride

80 Bit of gossip

81 Parenthesis shape

82 Physicist Fermi

84 Corset part

85 Alfredo ingredient

87 British big shot

89 Monsarrat's "The Cruel —"

90 Tulsa commodity

91 Cheat at hide-and-seek

92 Preposterous

95 Sweetheart

99 Turn over

101 Darjeeling dress

103 Invasion

105 Frankfurter's field

106 Rent

109 CRANE

113 Church official

114 Oriental staple

115 Big rig

116 Channel

117 Actress Hagen

119 Plutarch character

122 Tole material

126 Be important

127 PAR-TRIDGE

133 Actor Novello

134 Kindle

135 Heart burn?

136 Time for a sandwich

137 According to

138 German port

139 Racing legend

140 Guy Fri.

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1 — Grande, AZ

2 FBI workers

3 "— Man" ('84 film)

4 Not as fatty

5 Neighbor of Ger.

6 Prosperous times

7 Non-non-chalance?

8 Nil

9 Crank's comment

10 Swiss canton

11 Explosive initials

12 Golfer's gadgets

13 Avoid

14 DUCK

15 Toomey or Philbin

16 Iowa city

20 Musty

21 Japanese religion

23 Hard on the eyes

24 Astrology term

31 Brown or Baxter

32 Vino center

34 Corduroy ridge

35 Writer Rogers St. Johns

36 Formerly known as

38 Moro of Italy

39 One who no's best?

40 Distinctive period

41 — room

42 Singer Elliot

43 Bete noire

48 Adorable Australian

50 Tenor Corelli

52 One of the Judds

53 Tolstoy title start

55 Coalition

57 Play ground?

58 Bedding

60 At large

62 Word with dog or state

65 "Never on Sunday" star

66 Good-humored

67 Amatory

68 CARDINAL

69 — Dame

71 Anaconda, for one

74 As well

76 Pursues

77 Coffee pots

83 Ring counter

86 Andretti or Cuomo

88 Fiber source

91 Swamp stuff

93 "Death of a Salesman" son

94 Pad

96 Ryan's "Love Story" co-star

97 Bud

98 Fluffy female

100 Crime writer Collin

102 PC key

104 SHAEF commander

107 "The March King"

108 Whole

110 Stamping ground

111 TV award

112 Strauss city

113 Debonair

116 — coffee

118 Energy source

120 One of a pair

121 South Seas novel

123 New Mexico resort

124 John of "Roots"

125 Expected back

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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


DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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THE OBSERVATION DECK

Not yesterday
I learned to know
The love of bare
November days
Before the coming
of the snow....



ROBERT FROST

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Answer — Weekly SUDOKU —

SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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♦ Q J 7
♣ 10

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♣ Q 8 7 6 5 2

SOUTH

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♥ 8 7 5
♦ K 5
♣ K 9 4

The bidding:
South 1 ♠ West 2 ♥ North 3 ♠ East Pass

Opening lead — king of hearts.

Search-and-discovery mission

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

You can't play bridge by rote and expect to get good results. A basic knowledge of general rules is certainly helpful, but occasionally a situation arises where following the general rule is clearly wrong and where something else should be done instead.

Consider this deal where West led the K-A and another heart, East ruffing the third heart. East returned a diamond, and South had to take the rest of the tricks to make the contract.

He won East's diamond with the king, drew trumps and then played the king and another club, planning to finesse dummy's jack. But West showed out on the second club, and South had to go down one. Declarer's method of play appears normal, and the outcome -- down one -- seems preordained. But, upon reflection, it is easy to prove that South misplayed the hand.

Declarer learned at trick two that West had started with six hearts, and later learned that West had started with three spades. Before touching the clubs, he next should have led a diamond to dummy's ace and ruffed a diamond.

This search-and-discovery mission would have revealed that West also had started with at least three diamonds, leaving him with at most one club.

Leading the K-x of clubs at this point was therefore likely to be a futile exercise, even though it was the usual way of handling this combination. South's best chance, knowing that West had at most a singleton club -- hopefully the queen or ten -- was to start the suit by leading the four to dummy's ace. After West's ten appears, declarer wins with the ace and returns the three to his nine with a 100 percent certainty that the nine will win the trick.

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The Mill Creek Community Association (MCCA) Social Committee is busy planning for the group's upcoming Christmas Party, which is scheduled for Dec. 12 and will be held at Mill Creek's Creekside Restaurant. Pictured are Planning Committee members, from left: Roselle Linder, Patsy Davis, Bobbie Reihsen and Gwen McCarthy.

Fundraiser to benefit Peaceable Kingdom

The Junior League of Bell County has announced a themed fundraiser involving high quality, gently used merchandise for its fall 2006 Jeans, Jackets & Jewelry Sale, benefitting Peaceable Kingdom Retreat for Children's Designs of Hope Day. The event, to be held 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 4 at Temple's Second Hand Rose, will feature denim and jewelry, but will also offer a variety of shoes, purses, belts, scarves, hats and a large selection of other clothing and accessories.

Seventy-five percent of the sale proceeds will benefit Peaceable Kingdom. Established in 1984, the retreat is a 125-acre camp in Central Texas where children with special needs and chronic illnesses can enjoy the health-giving benefits of nature. Peaceable Kingdom will be hosting a day-long event for Designs of Hope, a non-profit organization benefiting children with cancer and blood disorders, in December.

This is the first year that the Junior League of

Bell County has partnered with Peaceable Kingdom to assist the retreat in its efforts with Designs of Hope.

"We are lucky to have the opportunity to support two exceptional local causes at one time," says Shana Jeter, Junior League of Bell County President. "We're hoping that the sale

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The remaining portion of the proceeds will go toward other charitable efforts of the Junior League of Bell County.

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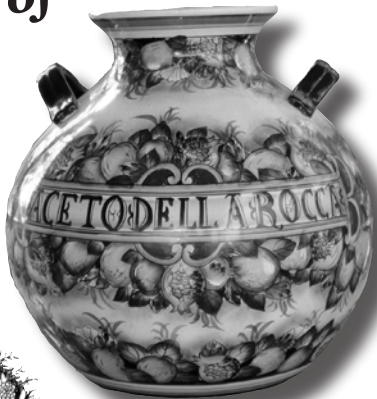
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As you can imagine, he has some stories.

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Once a woman bought a stick-shift car from Jimmy, then told him she couldn't drive a stick-shift. He gave

her a lesson. Another time an older man came in the dealership in his overalls.

"He didn't have a shirt on and had kind of a worn out truck. All the other employees said, 'Cleaver, you go wait on him.' So I went out there and sure enough he had thirty thousand dollars he had kept in his freezer for about 30 years. He bought two new cars that day. I got the last laugh on that one."

Jimmy was born and raised in Jacksonville and was such a good wide receiver and defensive back in high school he had several scholarship offers. He accepted one from Arkansas and played football for the Razorbacks.

Jimmy has four children ranging in age from 34 to three.

"I had to outdo my dad. I have a little brother who's 30 and I'm 53."

A couple of his children have interesting names.

"My eight-year-old is Cash because I never did want to be without cash. My three-year-old is Carson because I sell cars and he's my son."

Beaver is an Elvis fan.

"The last night he ever performed live in Las Vegas I was on the front row in the middle. All the women were hanging on me trying to get his scarves where he had wiped his sweat on them. I've always been a big Elvis fan. Matter of fact, I've impersonated him a couple of times at weddings and things like that."

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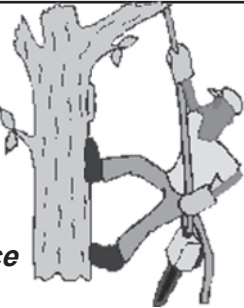
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Great location in Mill Creek. Custom-built, one owner home in need of updating. Nice floor plan with large great room, three bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths, large study with built-ins. Lots of storage. Pretty, private backyard. ~~\$215,000~~: Priced reduced to \$192,400.



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Decorating with fabric: Ten fool-proof secrets to combining patterns

BY PAMELA COLE HARRIS

Would you love to be able to combine fabrics just like the designers do? All those plaids, stripes, and florals that magically look like they

belong together? Did your last attempt look like a color-blind, half-drunk orangutan with a plaid fetish decorated the room? Here are 10 easy secrets to combining fabric patterns that will make your

room look like a million bucks!

1. Find one basic fabric that you love and build the room around it! Whether it is plaid, floral, striped or solid, make it the foundation fabric

for the room.

2. Unless the patterns are muted and subtle, try not to use more than three patterns in a room. Otherwise, the effect will be one of chaos rather than balance.

3. Vary the style of the patterns. Instead of choosing three plaids, try a floral, plaid and stripe. Or maybe add checks or a geometric pattern.

4. Vary the scale of the

pattern. If you have a large plaid, choose a medium scale stripe and a small scale floral.

5. Don't cluster the patterns in one area of the room. Spread them out in at least three different areas to give visual balance to the room.

6. Unite the patterns with a common color. If your foundation fabric is red, all of the patterns should have the same red as the prominent color.

7. Use small scale patterns in a smaller room. In larger rooms, where they are seen at a distance, these tend to be read as texture or a solid.

8. Medium scale patterns are the most versatile. They can retain their pattern at a distance, yet in a smaller space, they don't overpower.

9. Choose large scale patterns with care. They can overpower a small space, but can add vibrancy to a larger room. They will appear bolder when covering large furniture, but look fragmented on smaller pieces.

10. Choose stripes to add height or width to a furniture piece or the room.

Variety may be the spice of life, but its also the key to combining patterns. Varying the patterns you choose from large scale and open to small scale and dense is fundamental to a harmonious design.

That was easy, wasn't it? Now can we have a little talk about your choice of colors? What were you thinking?! Home and Garden Makeover is copyrighted 2003 by Pamela Cole Harris www.homeandgardenmakeover.com



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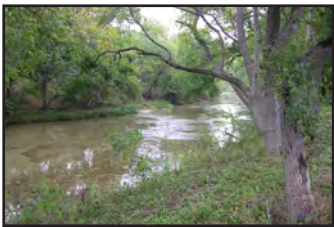


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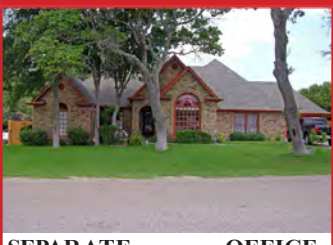
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"All over Texas, children and adults hit the streets during Halloween, giving little thought to their own safety," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "Drivers should slow down in neighborhoods, watch for trick-or-treaters and designate a sober driver. Everyone should pay attention to their surroundings."

By following a few tips from the Department of Public Safety, ghosts and goblins can return to their haunts safely and with a full bag of treats.

Have a safe costume:

- Avoid toy guns and knives – they could be mistaken for the real thing.

- Wear costumes that are light in color and short enough to avoid tripping.

- Wear shoes that fit.
- Place reflective material on the costume, so drivers can see you.

- Avoid masks – use face paint instead for better visibility and peripheral vision.

- Carry a flashlight.
- Keep these tips in mind:

- Look both ways before crossing roadways. Always walk, don't run.

- Cross the roadway at intersections and crosswalks when possible.

- Travel in groups with adult supervision.

- Do not enter the cars and homes of strangers. Avoid homes without visible porch lights.

- Make sure children know their home phone number and how to call 911 or their local emergency number if they have an emergency or become lost.

- Take all treats home for an adult to inspect before eating anything. Never eat unwrapped candy.

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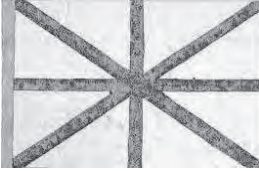
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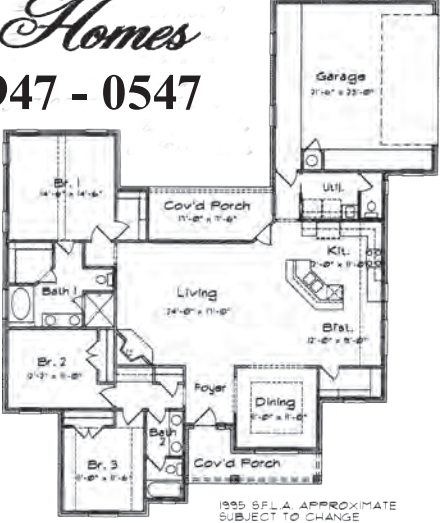


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What damage comes from cell phones

Dear EarthTalk:
Could our health be negatively affected by all the radio frequencies being bandied about by cell phones and cell phone towers, wireless pagers and Internet systems, and other uses of radio frequency and microwave radiation?
-- Beverly Filip, Santa Cruz, CA

Since the middle of the last century technological advancements in telecommunications and other industries have led to significant increases in the use of radio frequencies. Equipment employing microwave and radio waves is today widely used not just in broadcasting and communications, but also in the health care industry, the food industry, and in a host of other industries in a wide range of applications.

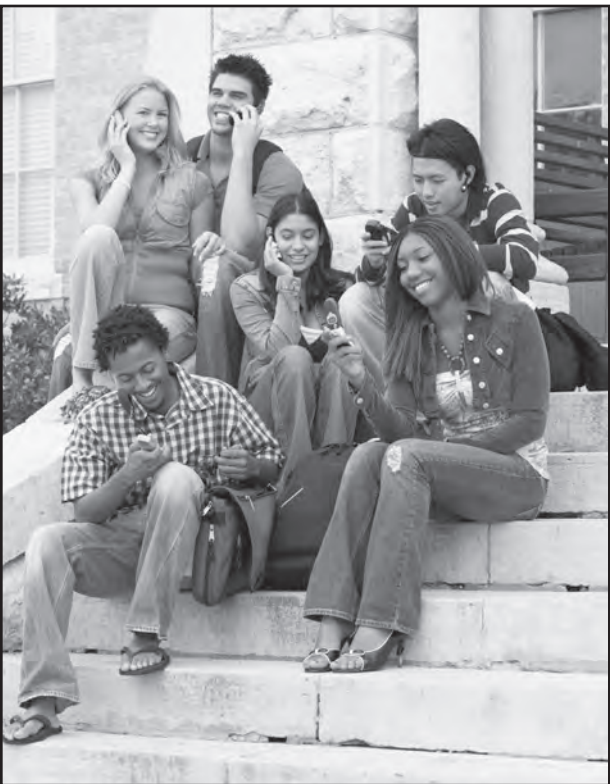
Health advocates have worried for decades that exposure to frequencies emanating from these many sources might be harmful. And the ubiquity of such technology today--especially considering the quantum leap in cell phone usage in recent years--only makes such concerns that much more pressing.

Various studies researching the health effects of cell phone



use have yielded mixed results. Some earlier studies suggested a link between exposure to radiation from cell phones and an increased risk of acoustic neuroma--a cancerous tumor of the nerve connecting the ear to the brain--but more recent research found no such links. The issue is primarily heat. According to the Occupational Safety and Health Department of the Communication Workers of America (CWA), "As high frequency radio frequency radiation... penetrates the body, the exposed molecules move about and collide with one another causing friction and, thus, heat...If the radiation is powerful enough, the tissue or skin will be heated or burned."

According to CWA, "there is substantial scientific data that establishes negative health effects associated with microwave radiation." CWA cites cataracts as one possible negative health effect



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The jury is still out as to whether -- or how much -- radio and microwave frequencies from cell phones and other sources may negatively impact human health.

from prolonged exposure, as well as well as nervous system damage and even reproductive problems in both males and females. This issue was in the news in 1992 over the issue of the safety of police radar devices, but subsequent studies were inconclusive.

As to cell phones, the results of a study recently published in the academic journal Environmental Health Perspectives do not bode well for habitual chatterers. Researchers documented brain damage in laboratory rats exposed to radio frequencies from cell phones at levels comparable to what people would experience during normal use. The study's authors expressed concern that "after some decades of (often) daily use, a whole

generation of [cell phone] users may suffer negative effects, perhaps as early as middle age."

The environmental effects of radio frequencies are also largely unclear. Migrating birds have been known to fly right into cell phone and other communications towers. Some blame the radiation emanating from such towers for disorienting the birds and undermining their navigational abilities. Others chalk such incidents up to poor visibility associated with bad weather and nothing more. Some farmers have observed that cows grazing near cell towers are more likely to experience still births, spontaneous abortions, birth deformities and behavioral problems, not to mention general declines in overall health. Moving cattle herds away from such towers has reportedly led to immediate health improvements.

CONTACT: U.S. Department of Labor, Radiofrequency and Microwave Radiation, www.osha.gov/SLTC/radiofrequencyradiation.

Dear EarthTalk: I recently heard the term "carbon sequestration" in relation to climate change. What is it and how can it help stave off global warming? -- Bob Whelan, Pawtucket, RI

Carbon sequestration is simply the intake and storage of the element carbon. The most common example in nature is during the photosynthesis process of trees and plants, which store carbon as they absorb carbon dioxide (CO2) during growth. Because they soak up the carbon that would otherwise rise up and trap heat

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in the atmosphere, trees and plants are important players in efforts to stave off global warming.

Environmentalists cite this natural form of carbon sequestration as a key reason to preserve the world's forests and other undeveloped lands where vegetation is abundant. And forests don't just absorb and store large quantities of carbon; they also produce large quantities of oxygen as a by-product, leading people to refer to them as the "lungs of the earth."

According to the Western Canada Wilderness Committee, the billions of trees in the boreal forest of the northern hemisphere that stretches from Russian Siberia across Canada and into Scandinavia absorb vast amounts of carbon as they grow. Likewise, the world's tropical forests play an important role in naturally sequestering carbon. As such, environmentalists see preserving and adding to the world's forest canopy as the best natural means for minimizing the impact of global warming caused by the 5.5 billion tons of carbon dioxide generated by factories and automobiles each year.

On the technological front, engineers are hard at work developing man-made ways to capture the carbon spewing from coal-fired power plants and industrial smokestacks and sequester it by burying it deep within the Earth or the oceans. The Bush administration has embraced carbon sequestration as a means to mitigate U.S. carbon dioxide emissions and is spending upwards of \$49 million annually on research and development, hoping that the technology might play an important part in keeping greenhouse gas emissions out of the atmosphere. The U.S. is also funding related research in China in hopes of stemming the tide of Chinese CO2 emissions that are increasing quickly as that nation develops rapidly (China has already surpassed the U.S. as the largest coal consumer).

The Bush administration refused to sign onto the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement adopted in Japan in 1997



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What's better, capturing and "sequestering" carbon emitted by smokestacks like this one, or eliminating the pollution in the first place?

calling on countries to limit their emissions of greenhouse gases. Instead, many environmentalists feel, they are pursuing carbon sequestration technology as a quick fix or "Band-Aid" approach that enables them to preserve the existing fossil fuel infrastructure instead of replacing it with clean renewable energy sources

or efficiency gains. Essentially the technology involves disposing of carbon dioxide after it is produced, rather than trying to hold down its production in the first place. United Nations' studies suggest, however, that it might play a bigger role in fighting global warming this century than any other measure.

PUBLIC HEARING

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