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Scottish Games this weekend

Authentic Celtic cuisine, caber tossing, world-class competitive dancing and bagpiping will highlight the 45th Annual Gathering of the Clans Nov. 10-12 to be held in Salado on the Robertson Ranch (visible from Interstate 35, off the southbound access road across from Stagecoach Inn).

Guests at the family-oriented gathering, which supports the Central Texas Area Museum, can delve into Scottish ancestry and heritage while visiting with representatives of clan societies, take pleasure in folk performances, cheer the children's games or wind amongst the many vendors and artisans selling a wide variety of Scottish goods.

The athletic competition will expand this year from one day to two days, with athletes ages 18-39 beginning competition 10 a.m. Nov. 11 and athletes over 40 contending at 11 a.m. Nov. 12.

The highland dance contest will feature continuous performances of the Highland Fling, Scottish Hornpipe, Sword Dance, Sean Triubhas and the Lilt.

The bagpipe and drum competition, for individual pipers and drummers, as well as for bands, will send reverberations across the grounds.

Even more competitions include the shortbread contest and the bonniest knees contest.

Other Nov. 10 activities include the Genealogy Workshop, moderated by Bill Buckner of the Waco-McClennan County Library, from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Cost is \$30. In addition, those arriving Nov. 10 can attend the Fingertip Supper for \$12.50. Both will be held in the Hall of the Clans in the Central

Texas Area Museum on Main Street.

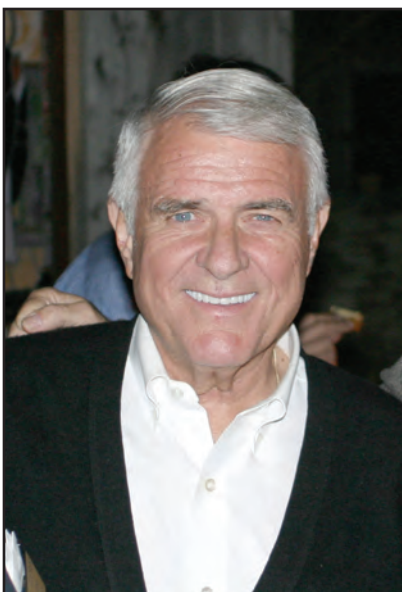
Day passes to access all events on the ranch are \$10 for adults on Nov. 11 and \$8 Nov. 12. Children's admission is \$3 either day. Pre-registration is suggested.

In addition, guests can purchase tickets for special performances by some of the top festival talent, including contest winners, appearing at the Ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) at 3 p.m. Nov. 11. The Tattoo, a twilight performance of bagpipe bands, as well as other entertainment, will follow at 5:30 p.m. Cost for either event atop the ruins of the old Salado College (located off Main Street behind the Stagecoach Inn) is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

Another special event of the weekend will be the Tartan Gala Dinner and Dance, 8 p.m. Nov. 11. at the Old Stagecoach Club. Carl Cooper and musicians will set the mood with melodies and tunes for the dinner dance. Tickets are \$40 for individuals and \$75 for couples.

In addition, a worship service to include a "Kirkning of the Tartan" ceremony will be held 9 a.m. Nov. 12 in the Old Stagecoach Club. Jim Haney will preach at the service, coordinated by Adrian Fletcher, a Church of Christ minister from Munday, TX. Fletcher, who is a long-time museum trustee, will oversee the blessing of family tartans and a "Flowers of the Forest" ceremony, honoring friends of the museum who have died in the last year.

A comprehensive schedule of events and entry forms is available at the festival website, www.ctam-salado.org, for call the Central Texas Area Museum at 254-947-5232.



U.S. Rep. John Carter, re-elected.



State Rep. Dianne White Delisi, re-elected.



Bell Co. Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tim Brown, re-elected.

Local voters continue support for GOP candidates in Central Texas area races

While it is unclear as of presstime whether the Republican Party held on to control of the House and Senate, it is clear that it continued its stranglehold on state, county and local politics this year.

Gov. Rick Perry was re-elected to office, garnering 1,259,152 votes for 39 percent, while Democrat Chris Bell followed with 964,407 or 30 percent of the votes.

Independent candidates Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Kinky Friedman had 18 percent and 12 percent of the vote, respectively.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R) was easily re-elected with 1,949,247 votes while Democrat challenger Barbara Ann Radnofsky had 1,150,878, or 36 percent

of the vote.

The statewide numbers are based on 63 percent of all precincts reporting as of presstime midnight Nov. 7.

Closer to home, it appears that U.S. Rep. John Carter (D-31) will be re-elected. He tallied 71,154 votes (59 percent) compared to Democrat challenger Mary Beth Harrell's 47,931 votes (39 percent).

U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards, who represented Salado and Bell County for more than a decade before his district was reformed in 2003, was also re-elected even though he is a Democrat in a heavily Republican district that includes President George W. Bush's Western White House in Crawford and the George H.W. Bush Library

in College Station. Edwards defeated Van Taylor by 21 percent, or 79,941 votes to 53,474 votes (with 83 percent of the precincts reporting).

Another race of interest to Saladoans pitted two Saladoans against each other for the Precinct Two Bell County Commissioner position. Republican Tim Brown defeated Democrat Britt Owen by a margin of more than 16 percent. Brown had 6,604 votes (as of press time midnight Nov. 7), while Owen had 4,714 votes.

Saladoan Gordon Adams was re-elected to his position as District Judge, 169th Judicial District, facing no opponent in the gen-

eral election or primary.

Village of Salado voters approved overwhelmingly a local option that would allow Salado restaurants to serve alcohol by the drink. The local option passed 740 (76.60 percent) for and 226 (23.40 percent) against.

The local option only applies to the incorporated limits of the Village of Salado.

Not all precincts had reported as of press time midnight Tuesday, but in precinct 203, 1,455 voters cast ballots in the general election.

Final votes tallies will be posted on our website www.saladovillagevoice.com for all the state races. Turn to page 5A for a glimpse at how Bell County voted in

Empty Bowl project Nov. 11 benefits Salado Family Relief Fund at Christmas

Salado Family Relief Fund Empty Bowl Project will be 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Salado Civic Center. Soup provided by local restaurants to be served 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

A charity auction of signed bowls to be auctioned from SHS football players, cheerleaders and Salado faculty will be 11

a.m.-2 p.m. Donated desserts will be accepted. Tickets: \$12 at the door or five for \$50.

Volunteers will serve soup prepared and donated by Salado's restaurants, bed and breakfast inns and cafes. The soups range from hardy to gourmet, a taste of Salado's flavorful array.

Empty Bowl Project raises funds for the Salado Family Relief Fund at a time when it is most needed. The largest project for the Relief Fund is its annual Christmas drive. The Relief Fund, working with Salado churches, civic groups, businesses and individuals, helps

provide Christmas to more than 100 children in Salado each year. To qualify for the program, families must either be enrolled in the free or reduced lunch program, Woman Infant Child program or the Salado Food Pantry.



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Eagles in playoffs

Salado Eagles made the playoffs with their win over the Florence Buffaloes, 50-7 on Nov. 3. The Eagles will face the Rosebud-Lott Cougars in the regular season finale. The teams kick off at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10 at Eagle Field. See Story, Page 8A.

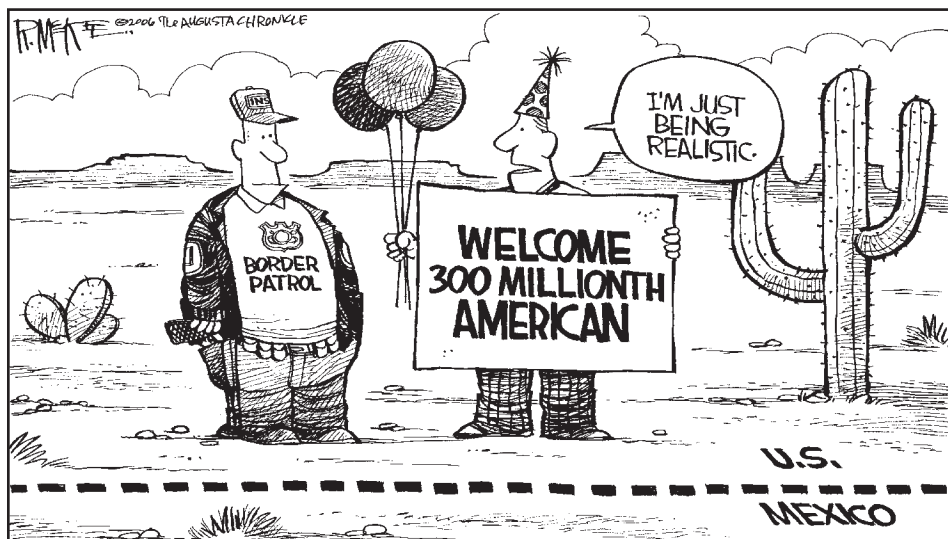


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An Open Exchange of Ideas



War at Gitmo

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba -- To enter one of the heavily barricaded camps for detainees here feels like walking into a low-grade war zone. Which is what it is. The extremists held here haven't given up their ideology, or their fight. The struggle to harm America in whatever way, no matter how minuscule, carries on.

The Asian-style toilets on the floors of the cells used to have footrests, until detainees wrenched them from the floor to use as bludgeoning weapons. The guards are splashed routinely with urine and feces. The detainees have even been known to try to kick their soccer balls out of their recreation area into barbed wire, to cost the infidels the price of one ball.

All the disturbances or suicides have taken place in the camps where security has been loosened. It was in Camp Four, where the best-behaved detainees are allowed to live communally, that a minor riot took place this past spring. A detainee faked a suicide attempt to lure the guards into the living area, where the floor had been smeared with urine, feces and soap. When they slipped, the detainees attacked them with light fixtures and other makeshift weapons. The man in charge here, Adm. Harry Harris, says his conclusion was "there is no such thing as a medium-security terrorist."

While always mindful that they are dealing with dangerous men, the Americans treat them humanely, even sensitively. Seemingly every surface has a painted arrow pointing toward Mecca. Every detainee gets a Quran, and should it be necessary to search one, it is done by a Muslim translator, not a guard. Detainees are offered 4,200 calories a day. U.S. combat troops get 3,800. The average detainee has gained 18 pounds.

Interrogators rely on the soft sell.

Rich Lowry



Detainees sit in a La-Z-Boy chair during interrogations, and beverages and movies are available to put them at ease. The most effective interrogator is said to be an older woman who adopts a nurturing attitude.

Roughly 300 detainees have been released or transferred for detention in another country. Of those, roughly 20 have been confirmed to have returned to fight, and probably others too. Nonetheless, roughly another 130 out of 460 are set to be transferred or released. The rest are considered too dangerous. One detainee has said that 85 percent of the Saudis would return to the fight if released.

The facility here has been used, of course, to smear the United States. The press still uses photos from Camp X-Ray -- the Spartan, temporary facility used for just four months in 2002 to house detainees -- in its Gitmo stories, although it has been overgrown with weeds for years and replaced by modern facilities. The detainees are aware of the power of the media, so they time their suicide attempts and disturbances for maximum attention. The principle among the guards is to respond to any provocation with minimal possible force to avoid giving critics any new propaganda.

Dealing with unappeasable murderous fanatics, while at the same time honoring our civilized norms, is never going to be easy. Gitmo is an attempt to find that balance, in the midst of what everyone here -- the detainees and their minders -- recognizes as an ongoing war.

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

Limbaugh touts purge of "Liberal" GOP members of Congress; Attack on Fox crossed all decency lines

(Please note: The Salado Village Voice was printed late this week in order to report key returns from Tuesday's important national election (see today's front page). Next week, unless there were electronic voting upheavals, this column will take a crack at some of the national, state and local results to see if there were any "rhymes or reasons" behind what voters did to Members of Congress and other officials of greater-lesser grandeur.)

LIMBAUGH URGING GOP PURGE - WHY?

The above sub-head comes not from the wishful chatter of Democrats, nor created by bomb-tossing liberal media types. It is, we believe, a legitimate question because of what Rush Limbaugh is single-handedly doing to "U-turn" the Grand Old Party to its former days as a forlorn minority alliance, completely dominated by Democrats prior to 1995.

The long running Democratic hegemony began in 1933 when FDR was first elected President. It finally surrendered power after the successful GOP revolution, led by Newton LeRoy Gingrich in 1995.

Limbaugh, who earns an estimated \$30 million annually to promote the ultra-conservative point of view in America, is the acknowledged fogleman of conservative broadcast-brayers. And the leading advocate of draconian right-wing policies within the Republican Party. He traditionally keeps Democrats in his gun-sights, and has now added (for eventual obliteration) "moderate" GOP members, who currently represent an estimated 35 percent of the U.S. electorate.

"RINO" HUNTERS CLUB

Limbaugh is front man for the GOP's National Federation of Republican Assemblies whose sole purpose is to get rid of "malcontents, traitors," (and the worst calumny of all) "liberals," elected to Congress and other state-local offices on the Republican ticket.

To that end, a group called the "RINO Hunters Club" was organized for the sole purpose of rooting out "Republicans In Name Only." These RINO's are "centrist" GOPers - many of whom hold important positions in Congress and who've been trying to create bridges between both parties to provide joint legislative leadership in a non-partisan, reasonable and productive manner.

Spin-off from this "purge" will undoubtedly reach Main Street and attack rank and file members of the Republican Party who support and elect so called "perfidious mutineers." Loss of these all-important foot soldiers in the army of conservatism - is a realistic danger that even know-it-all "Mount Rush-mouth" may be overlooking.

END RESULT - BYE BYE GOPERS

"Why do we need 55 Senators?" Limbaugh railed at a RINO meeting of hard-core Repubs recently. "Why not 25 or 15 brave and true Senators?" he concluded to a cheering crowd.

As noted - aim of the RINO group is to "root out and hunt down the squishy liberal centrists who are not true-blue (or red) conservative GOPers" as "fingered" by Limbaugh (the righteous bullyboy) and drive them from the party.

One has to wonder - can political genocide be far behind this internet obsession?

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



And, if successful, what would Limbaugh and his fanatical loonies have after such a membership purge? Answer: A weak political assembly with no more than 15-20 percent of the popular vote (at best) and permanent status as a minority (possibly third party) focus-group.

APOLOGY NOT ENOUGH, RUSH

And then, as if decimating today's Republican Party over how reactionary a member must be to remain in good standing were not enough, old "Rush-mouth", full of his usual arrogant peevishness, proceeded to personally attack an actor suffering from a debilitating disease - Parkinsonism.

Limbaugh's target was Michael J. Fox, who was forced to give up his successful movie career because of uncontrollable body tremors. He's been campaigning for Congressional candidates who support embryonic stem-cell research, which many scientists believe holds the potential promise of curing incapacitating brain disorders, among other incurable maladies.

"Fox is allowing his illness to be exploited and in the process is shilling for a Democrat politician," smirked Limbaugh, who ended his diatribe with an even more vicious assault: "He is exaggerating the effects of the disease and is moving all around and shaking and its purely an act."

Public reaction exploded against Limbaugh, who then offered an apology preceded with an "If" and resulting in a non-apology at best: "If I was wrong, then I'll apologize."

One wonders how the obnoxious Rush felt about the late Christopher Reeve who often appeared on TV - paralyzed from the neck down - promoting (along with Nancy Reagan) stem cell research that offers hope to those battling hopeless diseases and disabilities.

WAY OVER THE LINE

Few Republicans excused Limbaugh's attack against Fox. Most are appalled that any public broadcaster, even the obdurate Limbaugh, would stoop to such uncalled for and despicable actions, especially against someone with an incurable illness.

"Rush-mouth" crossed way over the lines of decency and is deserving only of our contempt. However, this is hardly surprising from a person who hypocritically fails to meet even the minimum personal "values" standard he so vociferously champions.

GAS PRICE-HIKE CONTEST

Our pal John Kelso keeps stirring the political pot in Austin through his column in the American-Statesman. The "Dean of Tomfoolery" has now created a contest, complete with prizes, for whoever picks the correct date when gasoline prices return to their former highway-robbery levels - following Tuesday's election.

Interest is running high. Kelso picked November 22 as his date - thereby giving (he opined) oilers time to elevate prices with as little commotion as possible.

"Off The Record" noted some time ago that prices would drop before the election and skyrocket afterwards. Regret we didn't have the foresight to promote a Salado contest picking the date gas prices would again bump three bucks a gallon.

Would have been fun - if we could have found a deep-pocketed Village "liberal" (or even a tightfisted right-winger) to pay for the prizes.

However, that's too much like old "Diogenes the Cynic" who went looking (unsuccessfully) for an honest man!

That's -30-

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A military perspective on Kerry's comment

By FRANK SCHAEFFER

John Kerry disrespected our troops by saying they get sent to Iraq because they don't study hard. George Bush attacked Kerry for calling the troops dumb and told us again how great he thinks our troops are. Meanwhile Senator Hillary Clinton called for a "fundamental change in course" in Iraq. All these politicians have something in common: none have a child in uniform.

As the father of a Marine that served in Afghanistan and Iraq, and as a writer of many books and articles on the military family (including "Keeping Faith A Father-Son Story About Love and the United States Marine Corps" and my new book "BABY JACK," about redemption through service and many op-eds for the *Washington Post*), I've heard from more military families than just about anyone in this country. And the military family is sick of our leaders!

With a few exceptions like John McCain and James Webb, who have sons serving, our leaders talk about service but make sure their children are on a fast track of academic and material success uninterrupted by something so mundane as risking anything for our country. So Bush just "loves" our soldiers, but apparently he never imparted that love where it counts: to his own children. And Kerry also just "loves" our troops and is outraged by those terrible Republicans that would twist his remarks for political purposes, but he never inspired his kids to serve either. And Hillary Clinton has pictures taken of herself standing next to the troops, but her daughter isn't one of them.

Franklin Roosevelt led a wartime military in which his children were all serving. One of the things the Roosevelts shared with the military family they led was personal anxiety about their children in uniform. In her diary Eleanor wrote: "[Franklin] would have liked to have taken [his] son's places."

Our museums are filled with portraits of the scions of leading families who led fateful charges, all of whom did their part. A lot has changed since our elites encouraged their children to serve as something that many American just did.

Today, the number of Congressmen and Congresswomen who are veterans is about one-third the figure it was a generation ago, and almost none have children in uniform, and

where, in the 1950s, about half the graduating classes of the Ivy Leagues served, today less than one third of one percent do.

Our elites have turned their back on America, but they still claim the privilege of leadership, only now it's leadership without dues-paying. (Barack Obama is considering a run for "Commander in Chief" and his best "qualification" was that he was on Oprah!) They aren't fooling us. Here is a letter from a military parent that represents literally thousands I've received:

"In a time when all my neighbors, in an affluent and very Republican district, sport 'support the troops' bumper stickers on their cars, you see no blue star emblems in the windows of their homes signifying a son or daughter serving . . . I feel we have been duped by cunning political opportunists . . . They talk the talk but do not walk the walk..."

Democrats and Republicans in Washington, leading liberals and conservatives and neoconservatives, the consultants, the lobbyists, the publishers, the talking heads, all have something in common: Almost none of them, have a picture on their desk of their son or daughter in uniform. The people who do the loudest talking and the most deciding about the fate of our sons and daughters aren't connected to the military family.

We in the military family don't really give a damn what Kerry said or didn't say. (Though his excuse that his vile comment was a "joke" is lame, no better than saying a racist remark was "only a joke.") What we do long for is leaders who can look the American people---and especially the military family---in the face and call for sacrifice. But they can't do that credibly any longer. They have no skin in the game.

To the military family our elite look more and more like Persian pontentates, not democratic leaders sharing the fate of those they lead.

In the closing days of this election here is a request from the military family to our leaders: Please stop abusing our sons and daughters as political cannon fodder. Unless you have a child in uniform standing shoulder-to-shoulder with ours please just shut the hell up about how you "feel" about those who serve!

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Insurance reforms successful

By ROD BORDELON
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It wasn't that long ago that the homeowners insurance market in Texas was in crisis. Consumers faced ever sky-rocketing premiums; insurance companies were threatening to abandon Texas; and a mere three companies controlled two-thirds of the market.

While more needs to be done, over the past three years the insurance market has improved dramatically, and Texas homeowners are clearly benefiting: Statewide, homeowners in nine of the top ten insurance companies have seen rates cut by more than 15 percent, or about a billion dollars in three years. And ongoing regulatory action promises to reduce rates

even further. (The lone hold out, State Farm, continues to defy state law and deny its policyholders the 12 percent rate cut ordered by the Texas insurance commissioner, by dragging appeals of the rate orders through lengthy court challenges.)

What's led to this turnaround in three years? The answer is simple: homeowners insurance reforms and strong action by state regulators. Prompted by policyholders' vocal complaints and Gov. Rick Perry's declaration of insurance reforms as emergency legislation in 2003, the Texas Legislature passed landmark insurance reforms with Senate Bill 14.

This law has made insurance practices more transparent, regulated and reasonable. It gives con-

sumers more choices by allowing insurers to offer multiple policy options. For the first time ever, rate standards apply to all homeowners and auto insurance companies with no exceptions and no loopholes. The law mandates that insurance rates must be fair, reasonable and justified. Filings are constantly being challenged, and when the insurance commissioner determines rates are unfair, he has the authority to reject those excessive rates out of hand and force insurance companies to offer lower rates. To date, Commissioner Mike Geeslin has not been afraid to wield that authority.

And it also requires companies to disclose all their rating criteria including credit scoring models so that policyholders and the Texas Department of Insurance can evaluate these methodologies and determine whether those methodologies are fair and non-discriminatory.

Texans do face higher average premiums than consumers in other states because we have more damaging weather events – hail storms, high winds, hurricanes, tornadoes, and wildfires that often lead to insurance losses. And those weather phenomena aren't going to change. But these reforms and continued actions have gone a long way toward stabilizing the insurance market in Texas, making the system more transparent and fairer, and reducing the cost to consumers.

WITH CONTINUED VIGILANCE, THESE REFORMS WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TEXAS HOMEOWNERS A RESPONSIVE, STABLE, FAIR AND COMPETITIVE INSURANCE MARKET.

Clean up Congressional corruption



Jim Hightower

Is it just me, or is the rancid stench of Washington political corruption a lot more malodorous than usual?

You might remember a decade ago when Newt Gingrich put forth his "Contract with America," pledging that if Republicans took power they'd tidy up the place spick-and-span, turning it into an ethical nunnery. Well, since then, the GOP has taken total power -- the Congress, the presidency, and the courts - but Washington these days is stinkier than a barroom spittoon. Take a whiff of such characters as Tom DeLay, Jack Abramoff, Duke Cunningham, Bob Ney, and so many more mugshots in the making.

Indeed, there is now so much corruption between lobbyists and lawmakers that the FBI has had to triple the number of corruption squads investigating them.

For decades, only one squad was needed to handle such cases, but this year there are three with 37 full-time agents digging into the muck. And now the FBI official overseeing the mess says he wants to add a fourth, because so much wrongdoing is being uncovered.

The misdeeds are so deep and widespread that the leaders can't smell their own stink. Early this year, when some of the scandals were revealed, the GOP loudly promised to stop the selling of legislative favors. In September, however, when media coverage of the corruption had died down, the House cynically passed a sham of a reform, patted itself on the back, and promptly returned to taking lobbyist-financed junkets, using lobbyists to chair their fund-raising committees, and putting their spouses on lobbyists' payrolls. Their "reform" was about as effective as tying an air freshener to the tail of a hog.

The only reform that'll actually do the job is legislation to remove the corporate money from politics by providing public financing of all congressional elections.

To learn more about it, call Public Campaign: 202-293-0222.

Thanks for stop sign at Baines & Royal Sts.

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I wish to thank whoever is responsible for the new 4-way stop sign at Baines and Royal. I travel north on Baines and go through that intersection several times each week. I was always afraid I would not see traffic coming from the East on Royal because of overhanging shrubs and trees.

Now if whoever made that improvement would put up one or two speed limit signs on Baines between Royal and FM 2268, travel in my part of town would be less nerve rack-

ing. It is almost two miles from Royal to FM 2268 and not a single speed limit sign exists. I can only guess at the speed limit which I guess is what others do as well, but I'm sure some are traveling well above whatever the speed limit may be. Between about 6:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Baines should be named Salado Raceway on most days from Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,
Bob Smith
Salado, Texas


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at least six months' worth of living expenses available in some type of liquid account - one that is completely separate from your business accounts. If you need to pay for a major car repair, buy an expensive appliance or cover a major medical bill, you'll want to be prepared. And if you can't pay for these items, your business will likely suffer, too.

Review your insurance coverage. Do you have enough life insurance to pay off your home and educate your children if anything happens to you? If not, you'll want to upgrade your coverage. You also might want to add a mortgage protection benefit to your life insurance policy, so that you can keep up your house payments if you become disabled and can't run your business for a while. Disability insurance may also be valuable, though you'll need to shop around for a reasonably priced policy, as this coverage can be expensive.

Set up a retirement plan. If you worked in a large company before striking out on your own, you might have contributed to a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. But now that you're the business owner yourself, you'll have to set up your own retirement plan. Fortunately, many good plans are available. For example, if your business has no employees except you and your spouse, you can choose a SEP IRA, an "owner-only" 401(k) or an "owner-only" defined benefit plan. If you're going to have employees, you might want to explore

a SIMPLE IRA or a "Safe Harbor" 401(k). All these plans have both advantages and limitations; to find the one that's right for you, meet with a financial professional who is experienced in helping small-business owners.

Choose the correct ownership structure. As a small-business person, you could be a sole proprietor, you could form a partnership or you might set up what's known as an "S corporation." The ownership structure you choose can have a big effect on some important issues, such as whether your health insurance premiums are tax deductible. Consequently, you may want to consult with your tax advisor before making a decision as to which route you will follow.

By following the above suggestions, you should be able to focus more intently on those tasks that can help you grow your business. So, before you make the "jump," plan ahead. You'll be glad you did.

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Like cats & dogs

Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

When you're ready to sell your home, your agent will inform you how to successfully price, present and market your property; but some "family members" may be left out of the loop, completely unaware of the process and feeling the attendant anxiety. No, it's not your kids, but your pets.

Unfortunately, there is no way to communi-

cate to your pets what to expect during a showing, and sometimes their barking or jumping or hissing or scratching can be a real turn-off to otherwise enthusiastic and qualified buyers.

We know that our animal companions are creatures of habit, and strangers visiting your home can be very stressful. How do you successfully show your home and protect your pets at the same time?

The ideal solution, especially early in the listing when you can expect multiple showings, is to board your pet (there's even daycare!), or have a trusted friend or family member baby-sit your pet at their home. This can involve effort and cost, but it's ultimately safer and less stressful for your pet, while insuring your home is shown under the best circumstances. If this is just not possible, consider a large comfortable crate in a room with a television or radio.

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Barbara Ann Radnofsky (D)	13,510	31.97
Scott Lanier Jameson (L)	830	1.96
US Representative, District 31		
John R. Carter (R)	24,622	58.43
Mary Beth Harrell (D)	16,762	39.78
Matt McAadoo (L)	753	1.79
Governor		
Rick Perry (R)	17,329	40.72
Chris Bell (D)	10,261	24.11
James Werner (L)	237	.56
Carole Keeton Strayhorn (I)	10,516	24.71
Richard "Kinky" Friedman (I)	4,183	9.83
James "Patriot" Dillion (Write In)	29	.07
Lieutenant Governor		
David Dewhurst (R)	26,302	62.54
Maria Luisa Alvarado (D)	14,101	33.53
Judy Baker (L)	1,656	3.94
Attorney General		
Greg Abbott (R)	26,133	62.56
David Van Os (D)	14,467	34.63
Jon Roland (L)	1,174	2.81
Comptroller of Public Accounts		
Susan Combs (R)	26,473	63.67
Fred Head (D)	13,778	33.14
Mike Burris (L)	1,325	3.19
Commissioner of the General Land Office		
Jerry Patterson (R)	24,057	58.95
VaLinda Hathcox (D)	15,233	37.33
Michael A. French (L)	1,519	3.72
Commissioner of Agriculture		
Todd Staples (R)	23,470	57.55
Hank Gilbert (D)	15,983	39.19
Clay Woolam (L)	1,332	3.27
Railroad Commissioner		
Elizabeth Ames Jones (R)	24,383	59.39
Dale Henry (D)	15,222	37.08
Tabitha Serrano (L)	1,448	3.53
Chief Justice, Supreme Court - Unexpired Term		
Wallace Jefferson (R)	26,957	78.96
Tom Oxford (L)	6,983	20.46
Charles E. Waterbury (Write In)	198	.58
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2		
Don Willett (R)	22,547	55.48
William E. "Bill" Moody (D)	16,389	40.33
Wade Wilson (L)	1,701	4.19
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4		
David M. Medina (R)	26,631	77.97
Jerry Adkins (L)	7,526	22.03
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6		
Nathan Hecht (R)	26,840	78.80
Todd Phillippi (L)	7,223	21.20
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8 - Unexpired Term		
Phil Johnson (R)	26,720	78.91
Jay H. Cookingham (L)	7,140	21.09
Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals		
Sharon Keller (R)	24,501	61.04
J.R. Molina (D)	15,640	38.96
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 7		
Barbara Parker Hervey (R)	26,509	78.20
Quanah Parker (L)	7,389	21.80
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 8		
Charles Holcomb (R)	26,517	78.71
Dave Howard (L)	7,172	21.29

	Votes	%
Member, State Board of Education, District 5		
Ken Mercer (R)	24,752	76.62
Bill Oliver (L)	7,551	23.38
State Representative, District 54		
Jimmie Don Aycock (R)	5,508	50
Edward Lindsay (D)	5,233	47.50
Nicolaas Kramer (L)	276	2.51
State Representative, District 55		
Dianne White Delisi (R)	17,163	66.41
Bill Smith (D)	8,680	33.59
Justice, 3rd Court of Appeals District, Place 2		
Alan Waldrop (R)	24,197	60.74
Jim Sybert Coronado (D)	15,639	39.26
Justice, 3rd Court of Appeals District, Place 3		
Will Wilson (R)	23,081	57.22
Diane Henson (D)	17,257	42.78
Justice, 3rd Court of Appeals District, Place 5		
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Justice, 3rd Court of Appeals District, Place 6		
Bob Pemberton (R)	24,687	60.28
Bree Buchanan (D)	16,268	39.72
District Judge, 169th Judicial District		
Gordon Adams (R)	28,893	100
District Judge, 264th Judicial District		
Martha J. "Janie" Trudo (R)	29,363	100
County Clerk		
Shelley Coston (R)	25,894	63.03
Rosa Linda Martinez Hernandez (D)	15,190	36.97
County Commissioner, Precinct 2		
Tim Brown (R)	6,604	58.35
Brit Owen (D)	4,714	41.65
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1		
Ted Duffield (R)	5,078	68.02
Melissa Y. Hunter (D)	2,388	31.98
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Place 2		
G.W. Ivey (R)	9,073	65.78
Sonjanette Bailey Crossley (D)	4,720	34.22
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Against	226	23.40
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Jon Burrows (R)		
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Judge, County Court at Law #2		
John Mischtian (R)		
Judge, County Court at Law #3		
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Salado Garden Club President Barclay McCort works on the landscaping outside the Salado Municipal Building. With the help of several individuals and groups, the Salado Garden Club has completed the landscaping of the Salado Municipal Building. It is about 90% complete. The Garden Club provided more than half the funding for the project. Other groups and individuals supporting the project were these: PALS, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Village Realty, Century 21, Anna Lou Raney Realty, Rita Odom with ReMax Gold Team.

Metro Code angles to do inspections, plan review

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

"A property owner should have the right to do whatever they want on their property as long as they meet the local codes for health, safety and welfare," Michelle Kirchner told Salado aldermen Nov. 2 of the approach of Metro

Code towards third-party inspections of commercial and residential construction.

Kirchner, who is president of the company that she founded with her father Tom Killebrew 15 years ago, spoke to aldermen about the services Metro Code provides.

"We will do as much or as little as you want us to do," she said, adding that the company provides on-site inspections and plan review, as well as Energy Code and Energy Star inspections, zoning and planning, storm water protection plans, Texas Accessibility Standards, and variance negotiations.

Metro Code began 15 years ago when the City of Fort Worth first allowed third party inspections. A builder can choose to have a project inspected by city inspectors or by third party inspectors, such as Metro Code.

Fort Worth, Arlington and El Paso are three large cities where Metro Code operates, but the company also provides services on behalf of small municipalities that face the challenge of providing cost-effective professional inspection services.

Metro Code conducts about 400 plan reviews per month. "Our goal is to have it done within 24 hours," Kirchner said. The firm

also conducts 450 inspections per day. "We have 12 inspectors in Fort Worth and three inspectors in El Paso," she said. Inspectors are licensed, bonded and insured and maintain their licenses in several fields of inspection work.

Kirchner told aldermen that her company is expanding into the Austin area in the coming months. "We hope to have an office open there in three months," she said, adding that the Austin office would allow Metro Code to serve the Salado area efficiently.

She told the board that, if they were to become a client, they could track the progress of every permit on the Metro Code website.

When asked how long of a contract the Village would have to enter into with Metro Code, Kirchner said that Metro Code operates with several customers without a contract. "If you aren't satisfied with us, then we aren't doing our job," she said.

The Village of Salado entered into a contract with Bureau Veritas to provide inspection services and plan review for the city. That decision sparked opposition from builders and residents alike.

The aldermen took no action after the presentation by Metro Code's Kirchner.

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Volunteers from Salado Fire and Rescue and the Salado Church of Christ worked together to make Halloween safe and fun for kids of all ages. Games of skill, candy treats and pumpkin decorating were teamed up with safety lessons and child ID kits to make a winning combination. PHOTOS BY STEPHANIE HOOD



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(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)
Justin Konzen tackles Florence Buffalo Manny Ramirez during the Eagles dominant win 50-7.

SPORTS

Eagles in playoffs

Salado runs over Florence 50-7

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Eagles secured a playoff spot in dominant

ing fashion, throttling the Florence Buffaloes 50-7 on their own turf Nov. 3.

Salado chewed up 333 yards of turf and 85 yards in the air on their way to their sixth win of the season and fifth win in district play. On the other side of the ball, the Eagles defense allowed just two rushing yards from the run-heavy Buffs. Florence uncharacteristically went to the air 22 times with 11 completions for 80 yards and three interceptions.

When Salado safety Matt Fritsch intercepted Dillon Moorman on the first play from scrimmage,

it was indicative of how the night would go. The interception gave Salado the ball at the Florence 30 yard line. Blake Newman took a handoff wide right for 15 yards to move inside the red zone. Three plays later, Salado lined up for a fourth down and four at the nine yard line. Justin Konzen bullied his way to the four yard line for a first down. Salado was flagged (one of seven for the night) for illegal motion, moving the ball back to the nine yard line, from where Newman dashed into the endzone at 9:18 left in the first quarter. Leo Galvan booted the

extra point for an early 7-0 lead.

Salado then held Florence to three plays and a punt, which the Eagles defense forced six times in the night. The Eagles took over at the Florence 46 yard line. Tanner Myers moved it to the 39 yard line, from where quarterback David Rosenau took the snap for a quarterback draw through the middle of the Florence defense for a touchdown at 6:02 in the first. Galvan booted the extra point to make the score 14-0.

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Stephen Quick caught this pass for 12 yards, before being brought down by Florence's Jacob Parrish during the Salado Eagles 50-7 win Nov. 3.



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The Centex Crush 14 and Under Select Softball team recently competed in the "Monster Mash" softball tournament in Temple on October 28-29. The Crush placed 1st and went undefeated competing with 12 other teams. Back row left to right: Coach Jay Reid, Kendra Hinze, Kaylyn Dunks, Coach Ken VanHoozer, Amber Peters, Vicky Conners, Coach Brian Wooley, Hailey Heatherley, Maxie Steger, Ashlee Arnold and Coach Joe Moore. Front row Left to Right: Ellen Reid, Rhettlee Wooley, Courtney Kuykendal, Rachel VanHoozer and Madison Moore. Not pictured: Coach Brian Dunks

The team dedicated this win to Coach John Peters who is currently stationed in Afghanistan.



The Bell County Blaze an 11U Major baseball team finished 2nd at the Sam Bass Fright Night Classic held Oct. 28-29. The Blaze went 4-1 losing in 8 innings 8-7 to Storm Baseball in the Championship game. The Blaze finishes up the Fall Ball season with a record of 19-5. Blaze members pictured are: Bottom Row L-R: John Cryer, Jared Janczak (Belton), Braden Pearson (Temple), Mason Marinik (Temple), Chase Cryer (Belton), Mark Herrington (Belton), Brooks Frazier Middle Row L-R: Casey Frazier (Salado), Tucker Johnson (China Spring), Zach Behr (Temple), Drew Van Winkle (Salado), Dane Hankamer (Salado) Top Row L-R: Coaches : Michael Janczak, John Herrington, Scott Behr, Ty Hankamer (Head Coach), Johnny Marinik. Not pictured: Andrew Paysse (Belton), Coaches: Brian Pearson and Ron Van Winkle.



Coach Smith Tournament slated Dec. 7-9

Salado Athletic Booster Club would like to extend an open invitation for all to come to the annual Coach Smith Memorial Basketball Tournament. The tournament will be held at Coach Smith Gymnasium Dec. 7-9.

"We expect some great basketball action from some of the best 1A, 2A and 3A teams around," said Andy Wright, president of the local Booster Club.

Visiting teams this year will be Brock, Mason, Liberty Hill, Tivy, Nazareth, Gunter, Belton, Georgetown, McGregor, all of which are hosted by the Salado Eagles and Salado Lady Eagles.

Both the high school gymnasium and middle school gymnasium will be used to handle all of the games scheduled for the weekend. Schedules for play, listing teams and times will be posted outside of each gym, Wright said.

"We would like to thank our sponsors and volunteers in advance," he added, "for what we expect to be another great tournament. Hope to see you there!"



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The Salado JV "Red" team put up 28 unanswered points on the way to dispatching the Florence Buffaloes 35-6 Nov. 3, moving to 9-0 on the season and one victory shy of an undefeated year. The Eagles will put their unblemished mark on the line in the district and season finale, Nov. 9 on the

road in Rosebud-Lott. In a 14-point opening quarter for Salado, a 35-yard pass from Garrett Ward to C.J. Little set up a five yard touchdown run by Logan Foster. The PAT was no good. Shortly thereafter, a 30-yard run by Clayton Whitmire set up a second touchdown run for Foster, this time from 35-yards out. On the two-point try, Ward found Justin Berumen on a pass in the end zone to convert the attempt. In the second quarter, Salado continued its dom-

inance. The Eagles capped a long scoring drive with a five yard strike from Ward to Berumen. Whitmire's two-point run put Salado on top 22-0. With the Eagle defense controlling the Buffaloes, the Eagle offense took the ball again before the half. Ward broke free on a 50 yard run, and later hit Whitmire on a 20 yard touchdown pass to push the Eagle advantage to 28-0. Salado's final touchdown of the night came in the third and was set up by the defense. John Cruz

picked off a Buffalo pass attempt, which opened the door for a 30 yard rushing touchdown by Ward, who got it done with both his arm and his legs. "The boys came out and played a great game on both sides of the ball, from the very start," said Coach Scott Ringo. "Everyone contributed to the win." Ringo singled out the play of the entire Salado defense, as well as the efforts of Logan Foster on offense.

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Girls qualify for state cross country in Round Rock

The Salado Lady Eagles cross country team has advanced to the State Meet for the sixth consecutive year, by taking a third place team finish at the Region IV Championships, held Nov. 4 at the University of Texas - San Antonio. All seven runners for the Lady Eagles established personal records in the meet, including Chelsea Ervi, whose time of 12:12 was good enough to earn a bronze medal. The Lady Eagles placed three runners in the top 15. Little River-Academy took first place

in the meet, and Wallis-Brazos was second. Poth and East Bernard rounded out the top five. The Salado boys failed to qualify for the State Meet, but did finish in a respectable seventh place out of 24 schools competing. Santa Rosa took the team crown, while Wallis-Brazos took silver and Geronimo-Navarro the bronze. Individual results are as follows: Lady Eagles Chelsea Ervi, third, 12:12; Lindsey Martin, 10th, 12:26; Molly Rooney,

15th, 12:45; Tamra Stanish, 51st, 13:30; Amanda Mattson, 81st, 14:03; Keelie Mims, 82nd, 14:04; and Cortney Dunnahoo, 87th, 14:06. Boys Jonny Kendall, 13th, 16:36; Jace Peralta, 29th, 17:15; Kasey Cockrell, 54th, 17:49; Ryan Clark, 68th, 18:06; Max Care, 114th, 18:53; Andrew Murray, 119th, 18:57; Noah Harbison, 172nd, 20:35. The Class 2A State Cross Country Championships will be held 12:30 p.m. Nov. 11 at Round Rock's Old Settlers Park.

Salado golf outshoots big schools in recent tourneys

At the Waco High Fall Golf Invitational, held Oct. 31, the Salado Eagles outshot several Class 4A and 5A schools to take the team title with a score of 330. That mark was a full 10 shots ahead of second place Round Rock McNeil, and 16 strokes in front of third place Midway. Salado's Ryan O'Rear finished play with a score of 78, placing him in a three-way tie with Waco High's David Alford and Cameron's Nathan Fuchs. O'Rear would go on to

take the individual title in the playoff. Clint Permenter finished fifth in the individual standings, turning in a round of 80, while Jared Hahn was close behind, posting an 82. Rounding out the Salado scores were Sam Van Hoozer, who shot a 90, Tom Baine, who recorded a 92, and Colby Montgomery, who closed out his round with a 110. The Lady Eagle golfers participated in their first tournament of the year Oct. 30 as part of the Belton Fall Invitational,

which was held on Salado's Mill Creek course. Facing much larger schools, the Lady Eagles managed a fourth place finish, tying Leander with a score of 407. Midway, Bryan and Belton took the top three spots, respectively. Sarah Dowell led Salado with a 98, just outside of the top 10. Also posting a double-digit score was Haley Kemp, who had a 99. Katie Harris shot an even 100, while Rachel Van Hoozer had a 110.

Youth Eagles advance after Rosebud win

The Central Texas Youth Football League Salado Eagles, composed of local youth ages 10-12, advanced to the first stage of the playoffs thanks to a dominating 22-6 win over the Rosebud-Lott Panthers in a game played Nov. 4. John Pegues powered his way to a pair of touchdown runs for the Eagles, and quarterback

Cooper Cox found Brandon Womac on a 35 yard touchdown pass. Trey Mohler and Coby Giniewicz each hauled in passes on two-point conversions. According to coaches, the entire Eagle defense was solid and the offensive line controlled the Panthers throughout the game. The Eagles will face

the Moody Bearcats Nov. 11 in the first round of the CTYFL playoffs. The team is sponsored by Mustang Creek Ranch and Womac Financial Services, LP. For more information about the upcoming playoff game contact Wayne Womac at 947-0458.



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Eagles — FROM PAGE 8A

Salado again forced Florence to three downs and out, but could not convert a 37 yard field goal. So the Eagle defense again refused to give up a first down, allowing Salado to take over at the Florence 36 yard line following a Buffalo punt. Salado took seven plays to score on a five yard pass from Rosenau to Newman. An earlier pass of 12 yards from Rosenau to Stephen Quick set up the scoring play. Galvan's point-after kick brought the score to 21-0 with 11:03 left in the half.

After recovering a Rosenau fumble at the Salado 40 yard line, Florence drove to the Salado 10 yard line for a first and goal. The Buffs moved the ball to the two yard line but Manny Ramirez was stopped short of the goal line.

The Eagles then went three downs and out, punting away to the 35 yard line. Florence then drove the ball 35 yards in six plays, including a 14 yard pass from Blake Brimer to Sergio Ramirez and a one yard dive by Manny

Ramirez for the score with 34 seconds left in the half. The point-fater kick brought the score to 21-7 at the half.

After forcing Florence to three downs and a punt, the Eagles took over at their own 11 yards and marched 89 yards in seven plays. The key play was a 63 yard quarterback draw by Rosenau to bring the ball to the Buffs' 26 yard line. Rosenau, who carried the ball 14 tiems for 140 yards without being sacked all night, scored from the even yard line with 7:19 left in the third. Galvan booted the extra point for a 28-7 lead.

Konzen intercepted a Brimer pass on the next play from scrimmage and rambled 30 yards for a quick defensive touch-down at 7:02 in the third. Leo Galvan took the snap on the point after attempt and ran straight up the middle for two points and a 36-7 lead.

After stopping Florence on a fourth down and 15 at the Salado 30 yard line, the Eagles went 69 yards in just six plays, including runs of 29 yards, seven

Salado vs. Florence

By Quarter	1	2	3	4	Final
Salado	14	7	15	14	50
Florence	0	7	0	0	7

Salado	Team Statistics	Florence
14	First Downs	7
43-333	Rushes-yds.	23-2
11-6-0	Passes-Comp-Int	22-11-3
85	Pass yards	80
418	Total Offense	82
3-2	Fumbles-Lost	1-1
7-65	Penalties-yards	3-35

Scoring:
SHS: B. Newman, 9 yd run, 9:18 1st, Galvan PAT kick, 7-0.
SHS: D. Rosenau, 39 yd. run, 6:02 qst, Galvan PAT kick, 14-0.
SHS: Rosenau 5 yd. to Newman, 11:03 2nd, Galvan PAT kick, 21-0.
FHS: M. Ramirez, 1 yd run, 0:34 2nd, PAT kick, 21-7.
SHS: Rosenau 7 yd run, 7:19 3rd, Galvan PAT kick, 28-7.
SHS: J. Konzen 30 yd interception return, 7:02 3rd, Galvan PAT run, 36-7.
SHS: L. Galvan 8 yd run, 10:32 4th, Galvan PAT, 43-7.
SaHS: M. Culin, 3 yd run, 3:51 4th, Galvan PAT, 50-7.

Individual Leaders:
Salado Rushing: D. Rosenau (14-140 yds); L. Galvan (12-65); J. Konzen (4-45); B. Newman (5-41).
Florence Rushing: M. Ramirez (12-39); B. Brimer (9- -34)
Passing
Salado: D. Rosenau (10-6-85). Florence (22-11-80-3 int)
Receiving:
Salado: J. Fulfer (3-47 yds); B. Newman (5-12 yds.).
Florence: S. Ramirez (2-47 yds.)

yards and a touchdown run of eight yards by Leo Galvan. Galvan scored with 10:32 left in the game, booting the extra point to make the score 43-7.

Salado took advantage of the third interception of the night, this one by Adam

Patton, to score the final touchdown of the night. The interception gave the Eagles the ball at their own 40 yard line. Nine plays later Michael Culin bulled his way in from the three yard line. Galvan's PAT made the score 50-7.

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Honoring our veterans Auxiliary topic Nov. 9

“Honoring our American Veterans” will be the theme of the Nov 9 meeting of the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. The program, which will be given by Charlotte Douglass, will be held at 10 a.m. in the Civic Center.

Douglass has two sons and is the spouse of a retired army officer. She was the first mayor of the Village of Salado, president of the Chamber of Com-

merce during 2005, owner of Charlottes’ in Salado, a member of the Chamber and its Ambassador program, and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Social will begin at 9:30 a.m. Spouses and veterans of the armed services are invited to attend this program as special guests.

Election of officers for the new year will be held during this meeting; it is important that members of the Auxiliary attend.

GOP women to elect officers on Nov. 16

The Salado Area Republican Women will install the 2007 Officers at a Nov. 16 luncheon.

The newly elected officers include: Linda Hill, President; Nancy Healey, 1st Vice President; Marie Jackson, 2nd Vice President; Sherril Gardipee, 3rd Vice President; LaNora Miller, Secretary; and Jean Alexander Smith, Treasurer. Installation will be conducted by Capy Alexander, Texas Federation of Republican Women, SD #24 Director.

The program, “Energy,

Where it Comes From and Where it Goes”, will be presented by Marie Martch.

The luncheon meeting is at the Halley House and will begin 11:30 a.m. Nov. 16.

Cost for the meal will be \$15 for reservations and payment received prior to Nov. 10.

The meal cost will be \$20 for reservations made after that date.

Make checks out to Salado Area Republican Women PAC; P.O. Box 373; Salado, TX 76571.

Cub Scouts Collect Food



Allen Sirois and Garrett White, Salado Cub Scouts sort food donations. Pack 115 has set a goal to collect a pound of food per scout for the 17 days of the drive.

Donations may be dropped off Monday Nov. 13 from 7-8 pm behind Salado United Methodist Church. A day time drop box is located at the Salado Village Voice Office on Mill Creek Drive.

‘It not just about eating pie during the holidays’, says Allen Sirois, Bear Cub with Pack 115. ‘People are hungry year round and junk food doesn’t help when you are hungry.’



A page of 27 clues was handed out to the members of the Salado Village Artists with one week to figure out the answers and photograph them. Vice President Gwen Morrison used the scavenger hunt as a clever way to present a program which not only tested your knowledge of Salado’s history but also the artists powers of observation. In teams of two or three, the artists were turned loose on Salado, cameras in hand, scouring the village for the obvious and not so obvious. Do you know how many churches are on Royal Street? How about the gnome sawing a branch off a tree? And when it falls it just might hit an alligator! These and other clues kept cameras and artists busy last week as contest teams finalized their entries. Prizes were awarded on Oct. 31 as the team of Jimmie Vernon, Judy Beisel, and Andy Phair won first place with their collection of 24 out of 27 correct answers. And as someone quipped, “It’s no suprise they won. Together they have a total of more than 60 years of residency here in Salado.”

Daughters of Confederacy meet

The Bell County Chapter 101, Daughters of the Confederacy will meet 2:30 p.m. Nov. 12 in the Bell County Annex Building, 1605 North Main, Belton.

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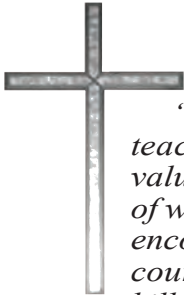
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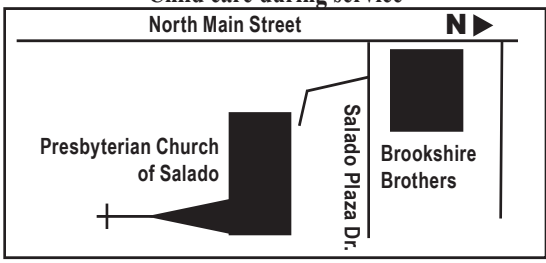
Church

Church of Christ to honor volunteers

The Salado Church of Christ will host a Community Appreciation Luncheon, noon Nov. 16 at the church’s Activity Center, located at 225 North Church Street. Turkey and all the trimmings will be on the menu for the buffet-style luncheon, which will be served by Delvin Sparks, one of the church’s three elders. He will be assisted by the other church leaders, as well as a number of the ladies of the church. Invitations have been extended to all those in elected and appointed leadership roles in the Village, as well as to all police and fire department personnel. Members of the Salado school board and the superintendent have been invited, along with local church leaders, and chairpersons for the many service organizations in Salado.

The intent of this gathering, according to Sparks, is “for us to simply acknowledge and express our very great thanks to all those who work so hard to make Salado such a wonderful place in which to live.”

Tom Bremer, director of the Salado High School Choir, will bring his group to provide special entertainment for the luncheon, with several numbers performed as the guests are arriving, as well as during the event itself.


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Visitors can purchase a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, drink and dessert for \$6. Afterward, visitors can shop for crafts or bid on silent auction items during the event.

A live auction begins at noon, and the festivities will conclude with a raffle drawing for: Massage chair (first prize); Bicycle for two (second prize); Handmade queen size quilt (third prize); \$250 shopping spree (fourth prize); and the annual food basket (fifth prize).

Entertainment will be provided by Al Rogers, of Nashville, and the Youth Ministry will provide children’s activities.

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The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Bartlett High School and a 2005 graduate of Tarleton State University.

She is currently teaching Biology at Temple High School in Temple.

The groom is a 2001 graduate of Georgetown High School and attended Temple College.

He is currently employed at Cowart Garage Doors in Austin.

The couple will be married on July 21, 2007 in Bartlett.

Christian Farms gets \$30,000 challenge grant

Christian Farms-Treehouse, Inc., a local faith based, non-profit, residential drug and alcohol treatment facility, has received a \$30,000 challenge grant from a local institution. The challenge goes out to the community to match what has been given. Christian Farms-Treehouse, Inc. hopes that corporations, churches, and individuals will answer the challenge with special gifts that will result in the doubling of the \$30,000 grant. Gifts may be sent directly to Christian Farms-Treehouse at 3804 Riverside Tr., Temple, TX 76502. All gifts are tax deductible.

Christian Farms-Treehouse was established in 1970 to help Viet Nam veterans recover from chemical dependencies developed during their time of service. The program was expanded in 1978 with the addition of the Treehouse women's center in Temple. A new women's center, housing up to 48 women, was built on Riverside Trail between Temple and Belton in 1996. The men's facility, Christian Farms, is located on Lake Stillhouse and will house up to 32 men.

The treatment center is supported by about 30 local churches throughout Central Texas. Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors (LCDC's) are employed at both facilities to provide a professional view of recovery using the disease concept of understanding chemical dependencies. LCDC's also provide professional counseling and teach classes. Clients also attend local Celebrate recovery groups and AA and NA meetings

which focus on the 12 steps of AA as an essential tool to help those who are addicted better understand their need for spiritual development. The length of stay depends on client progress but typically includes an intensive treatment period of 60 to 90 days followed by six months of transitional living in which the client gets a job and continues to work on relationships and life skills.

The facility attempts to maintain a Biblical, Christian view of treatment and recovery. Spiritual mentors and Bible study leaders come from many local churches. Their volunteer work among the addicted makes a big difference. The Executive Director, Jon Crosby, is a former Central Texas pastor who writes songs that connect Biblical truths with the 12 steps of AA. A recording of songs he's written to emphasize these truths is now available at the Treehouse office. All proceeds from the sale of the CD, "Songs for Letting Go", go to help the treatment center continue its work.

Although private pay support for the institution has increased each of the last several years, and now represents over 40 percent of the budget, the treatment facility has experienced a funding crisis due to probation cuts from the State of Texas totaling \$60,000 so far this year. All funds received as a part of this challenge will be used to help keep the cost of treatment affordable for those who need residential treatment. The Christian Farms-Treehouse staff can be reached at 254-933-9400 for more information.



Salado High School Senior Melissa Tichenor (left) was crowned Queen of the American Association of Sheriff's Posse & Riding Clubs. The coronation was Oct. 21 at the Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, TX. She competed for one year for the title along with girls from around the state. Melissa is the daughter of Dan and Collette Tichenor, of Salado. She will serve for one year attending rodeos, parades, and club events.

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Salado United Methodist Church members Rob Griffin, Marilyn Griffin, Patsy Sanford, Weeta Evans, Sandy Schneider, Linda Crowley, Jay Crowley are shown above planning the Autumn Fest 2006. They invite you to join them 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at the church for food, fun and fellowship. The Autumn Fest will include face painting, balloon animals, a cake walk and a bake sale. Proceeds will benefit local and regional mission projects.



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Whitley home beckons images of medieval romance

By DALE GORE

Persons making the 2006 Tour of Homes, sponsored by the Salado Historical Society Dec. 1-3, will approach Terry and Jan Whitley’s palatial dwelling at 1317 Jack Nicklaus Circle with visions of fairy tales and medieval romance. The house, one of six private dwellings to be open during Salado’s annual Christmas Stroll, doesn’t dispute those visions. Within, its numerous rooms blend grandeur and whimsy with luxury and Old World elegance.

From an expansive driveway, centered with a fountain, guests enter massive glass and wrought iron doors to a foyer that sets the tone for the rest of the house. Tall columns define the space, an oriental rug draws attention to the limestone travertine tile which continues throughout the lower floors, and a regal deer head trophy from one of Terry’s many hunts, peers down from its place over the 12-foot entry.

To the right is a music room, its focus a grand piano, with a gleaming ebony finish, and a huge mirror, framed in ornate gold, too large to hang on the wall, reflects a colorful print called “The Orchestra.” A glittering crystal chandelier, one of the few things brought from the Whitley’s previous home, illumines the room.

A short hall leads from the music room into the master suite. Furnishings are grand and ornate. The kingsize bed has a headboard, upholstered in antique gold silk, flanked by fluted columns. A faux mink throw lies across the foot of the bed. Fabric and art introduce a recurring theme through the house - dragon flies and wild-life. The design of an oriental area rug, laid at an angle over plush wall-to-wall carpet, was replicated on the vaulted ceiling by Patty Thomas, a local artist whose decorative work appears elsewhere in this house and can be seen in many of Salado’s finest homes. On a nightstand is a photograph of high school sweethearts, Terry and Jan, taken at his senior prom at Belton High School.

The master bath features a raised spa tub

entered by underlighted steps; Grecian columns flanking the tub; a walk-in shower with glass brick enclosures, and his and her dressing tables with Baltic brown granite counters. Gold-framed mirrors and prints of dragon flies abound. A workout corner is hidden behind a large lacquered screen.

In the great room, a west wall is entirely of glass through which the large terrace with pool and fully equipped outdoor kitchen are seen. A 12-foot Christmas tree laden with the home’s colors of red and gold demands attention at the window. A long sectional sofa, curving around the room faces an over-sized fireplace, and holds numerous pillows of silk, chenille and brocade (some woven with Jan’s signature dragon flies). A black granite fireplace mantle is supported by twin stone lions, and a Persian rug matches a smaller one in the foyer.

The kitchen, “where everyone usually gathers,” Jan says, is truly the home’s center, separated from the great room only by the counters and lower cabinets. Alderwood cabinets with black granite counters surround the area. Stainless steel and black appliances almost disappear as does the wood-encased refrigerator. A tall fruit and vegetable topiary stands in a corner, and two Botticelli-like cherubs perch on the counter. At the closed end of the kitchen, multiple gold-framed family photos reflect on the gleaming black surface.

A breakfast nook looks out through more walls of glass. Centered here is a round table with wrought-iron base and matching chairs. The table is set with black-and-white harlequin patterned china with red accents. A magnificent ceramic rooster holds sway as a centerpiece. A side chest with black marble, stone lions and gold leaf matches the great room’s fireplace.

Immediately behind the breakfast area is Terry’s study, reached by a small hallway off which is a powder room with black appointments and touches of gold and red. The large study is dominated by built-in book shelves on a left wall and more floor-

to-ceiling glass on the right. A massive marble-topped desk and a tall cabinet with fluted columns match the Alderwood woodwork in the kitchen. A black and white cowhide rug centers the room. Original oil paintings are on the walls, and above it all is another regal deer trophy, this one Terry’s pride, as it was featured in a prestigious periodical on hunting.

A stairway curves around carpeted steps rising by way of a “castle tower” to the second floor, which houses three more bedrooms, each with private baths, featuring more dragon flies, rabbits and harlequins. Window treatments are rich red and gold tapestry, tasseled or beaded, with coordinating fabrics in the baths. French gold-leaf chairs upholstered in faux leopard skin are in the bedroom. Furniture in all the bedrooms is massive, heavily carved and trimmed in gold.

A “plus” room is accessed by three curved steps and opens to reveal a media room. The theater-sized screen is flanked by columns, and a zebra skin rug stretches across the center of the room. Eight recliners covered in the favored wild life fabric offers guests a comfortable way to enjoy a movie. During the tour a favorite Christmas movie will be playing, Jan promises.

The second floor landing is bordered by the wrought-iron railing Jan designed. A large iron chandelier hanging over the deep stair well has an electric lift to facilitate replacing the light bulbs. Botanical prints and ubiquitous dragon flies, a great tapestry with an ancient coat of arms and a painting of Michael the Archangel in a lighted niche add life to the landing.

At the foot of the circular stairway, near the centrally located kitchen and just left of the foyer is the formal dining room, resplendent in gold silk window treatments, French regency arm chairs painted black with gold leaf ornamentation, and side chairs upholstered in striped color-coordinated silk. Under the central iron and crystal chandelier, the glass table top on stone Grecian columns is set with gold chargers and



Terry and Jan Whitley’s home at 1317 Jack Nicklaus Trail.

white china on which rest burgundy napkins ringed with (what else) glittering dragon flies. Crystal and crimson stem ware, gold flat ware and a tall crystal vase filled with red, gold and silver balls complete the festive setting.

Other glamorous homes on the Tour include Gene and Susan Terry, 2517 Winners’ Circle; Jerry and

Linda Hill, 101 Salado Creek Place; Jim and Ann Bienski, 803 Rose Way; Jack Husung, 609 Willow Creek Drive; and Jakie 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 historical chapel of the First United Methodist

Church, now on a new site on Royal Street.

Tickets for the tour are on sale at the Civic Center. Bought in advance, they are \$12. After Nov. 29, they will be \$15, available at the center and at 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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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
Mealtime Mastered at The Range, 9 -11 a.m. Six meals for \$125 or 12 meals for \$225. Meals are designed for 4-6 servings apiece. Info: 947-3828 or www.therangerestauranta.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.

NOVEMBER 14
Mealtime Mastered at The Range, 6-8 p.m. Six meals for \$125 or 12 meals for \$225. Meals are designed for 4-6 servings apiece. Info: 947-3828 or www.therangerestauranta.com.

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

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

NOVEMBER 16
Salado Church of Christ Community Appreciation Luncheon, noon at the church's Activity Center, located at 225 North Church Street. Local community leaders will be recognized.

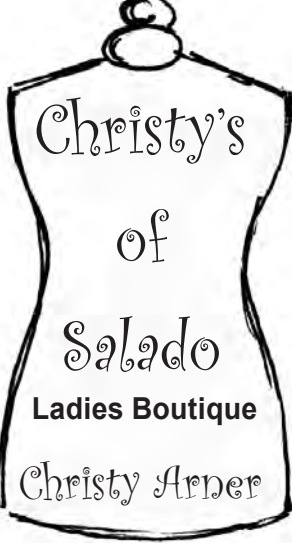
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NOVEMBER 17-19
Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Circus Spur-cus" featuring classic cinema along with live musical accompaniment and Vaudeville-style entertainment, with special guests from the circus world. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17 and 18 and 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: Rumage Sale, Cake Walk, Bake Sale, food, children's games and activities and a silent auction. Anyone interested in donating items should call 947-5482.

NOVEMBER 18
Open House and extended shopping hours at Salado's Mid-Town shops, between Rock Creek Drive and Thomas Arnold Road, 5-8 p.m. Door prizes will be given.

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NOVEMBER 21

Teacup Tuesday meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: "The Glory of Christmas in the Crystal Cathedral," a video by Paul David Dunn, presented by Lena Haddock. Public is welcome.

NOVEMBER 21

Mealtime Mastered at The Range, 6-8 p.m. Six meals for \$125 or 12 meals for \$225. Meals are designed for 4-6 servings apiece. Info: 947-3828 or www.therangerrestauranta.com.

NOVEMBER 21

Salado Village Voice advertising deadline, 5 p.m., for Nov. 30 publication.

NOVEMBER 23-24

Salado Village Voice office closed for Thanksgiving holiday. Office will reopen Nov. 27.

NOVEMBER 27

Salado Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting, 5:30 p.m. at Holiday Inn Express. Mixer and open house will take place 5-7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 30

Christmas Stroll Parade, beginning at 5 p.m. on Royal Street and concluding with the lighting of the village Christmas Tree at the Salado Civic Center. Santa Claus will be available for photos with children afterward. Public is invited.

DECEMBER 1, 2, 8 AND 9

Tablerock Amphitheater's Annual presentation of Charles Dickens' Yuletide classic, A Christmas Carol, 7 p.m. each night. Tickets available at the gate beginning

6:30 p.m. Concessions open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Info: 254-947-9205 or www.tablerock.org.

DECEMBER 1-3

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Christmas is on the Air," a special holiday show in the spirit of old-time radio. Enjoy this "live broadcast" on WSPR, brought to you by Doohickey's Department Store. With Penny and Grainger at the mic and sound effects table, anything can happen. Plenty of live music and holiday hoots. Show times: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1 and 2 and 2 p.m. Dec. 2 and 3. Info: 947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

DECEMBER 1-3

Salado Historical Society's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes. More details TBA.

DECEMBER 1-3 & 8-10

Annual Salado Christmas Stroll event. More details TBA.

DECEMBER 7-9

2006 Coach Smith Memorial Basketball Tournament, featuring some of the finest high school basketball teams in the state. More info TBA.

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DECEMBER 12

Mill Creek Community Association meeting and Christmas Dinner in the Longhorn Room of the Stagecoach Inn. 6 p.m. social, 6:45 p.m. dinner entertainment. Festive attire is encouraged. Tickets: \$20 per person for members and their guests; \$25 for non-members.

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

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Christmas is on the Air," a special holiday show in the spirit of old-time radio. Enjoy this "live broadcast" on WSPR, brought to you by Doohickey's Department Store. With Penny and Grainger at the mic and sound effects table, anything can happen. Plenty of live music and holiday hoots. Show times: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 and 16 and 2 p.m. Dec. 16 and 17. Info: 947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

DECEMBER 18

Music in Salado annual Members' Christmas Concert, at the home of John and Barbara Robertson, in Salado. More info TBA.

DECEMBER 22-24

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Christmas is on the

Air," a special holiday show in the spirit of old-time radio. Enjoy this "live broadcast" on WSPR, brought to you by Doohickey's Department Store. With Penny and Grainger at the mic and sound effects table, anything can happen. Plenty of live music and holiday hoots. Show times: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 22 and 23 and 2 p.m. Dec. 23 and 24. Info: 947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

DECEMBER 31

Third Annual New Year's Eve at the Salado Silver Spur. More info TBA.

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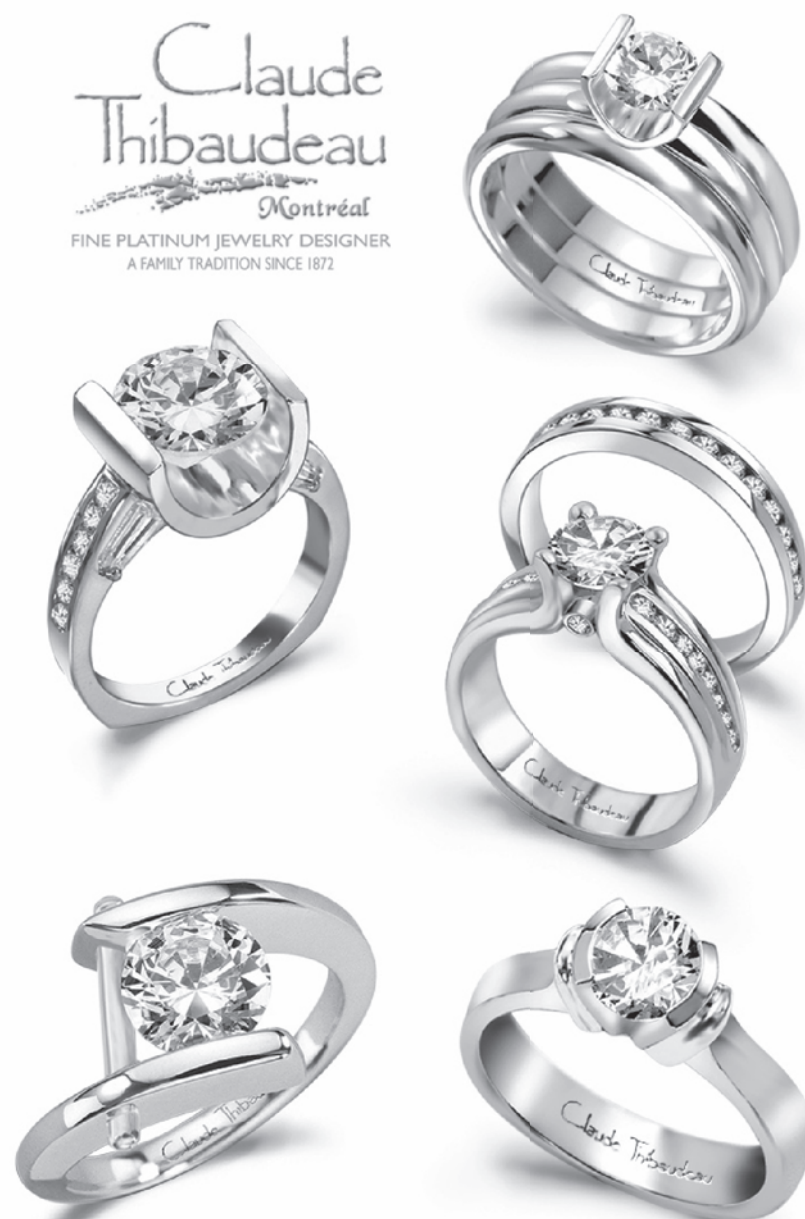
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Pipkin to screen "Nobility" for Institute Nov. 12

Multi-talented entertainer, Turk Pipkin, will bring his latest creative venture to Salado next (this) week to conclude the Institute for the Humanities' fall lecture series. In keeping with the series theme of making a difference, the Institute will present a special public lecture by the writer/actor/filmmaker and the screening of his new film "Nobility -- A Look at the Future Through the Eyes of Nine Nobel Laureates."

Pipkin, who directed the film, will discuss the insights and inspiration he received from the nine Nobel laureates featured in the film, and how we can work - individually and collectively - toward a better future for all children. That presentation, entitled,

"One Peace at a Time," will be at 4 p.m. Nov. 12, at the Salado Silver Spur Theatre.

The film follows his personal journey to find enlightening answers about that future. It was filmed across the U.S., and in France, England, India, and Africa, and combines the insights of nine distinguished Nobelists with a first-person view of world problems and the children who are most challenged by them.

This film, and the sequel he is currently filming, are his most ambitious projects to date, but he has had a career like no other. A former stand-up comedian who gave up performing after a long run on the road with Rodney Dangerfield and

many others, he's since published nine books, and written a hundred hours of primetime television. He's also traveled around the world for 30 years, writing as he journeyed for a dozen national magazines. One of his latest incarnations is as a recurring character in the HBO's hit series, "The Sopranos."

After writing and producing network television for a decade, he again reinvented himself with the publication of his first novel, Fast Greens, which has been optioned by Warner Brothers and is currently nearing production as a motion picture.

Turk's writing is spread across the board in the world of magazines, books, television and film.

Turk's latest novel, **When Angels Sing**, was a Book of the Month Club selection and his most recent book, **The Tao of Willie**, written with long-time pal, Willie Nelson, is



Turk Pipkin

a compilation of Willie's philosophy. His seven books of non-fiction, including titles on gambling and comedy, and two coffee table books have sold more than a quarter million copies.

Please contact the Institute office at 947-5729 to pre-register for this event. It is open to the public, but seating is limited and priority will be given to Institute members. The cost is \$25 for the general public and \$15 for Institute members.



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The benefits of walking

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Today the United States is facing the highest incidence of obesity, disease and orthopedic injury than ever before. Amazingly, we are experiencing these challenges with the greatest number of medical doctors and advanced medical technologies available in the world. With this information it is clear we need to make every effort possible to be responsible for our own health.

If you follow this column you know that I promote optimal health with an improved lifestyle. That lifestyle includes: nutrition, sleep, toxic chemicals, and exercise. One component of a smart exercise program can be walking. I normally recommend a walking program for my clients when I believe it will benefit their stress levels. Walking can also be beneficial to a handful of other areas of one's health as well.

Metabolism

- Walking uses the integrated use of our arms, legs and torso.
- For the de-conditioned, it can greatly improve metabolism.
- Improves efficiency

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By KEVIN McCAULEY



in the body's use of nutrients.

- Increased desire for water intake.

Circulation

- Improves circulation of blood, lymph and Synovial fluid.

- Improved immune system.

Mobilization of Internal Organs

- Diaphragmatic contractions massage the internal organs.

- Keeps the internal organs mobile and healthy.

- Being sedentary leads to constipation (which among other issues, can cause back and sciatic pain).

The P-M-E-S Connection

Your Physical being has a great influence on your Mental, Emotional and Spiritual being.

- Improved Mental clarity.

- Improved Spiritual and Mental well being.

You may not feel that you have the time to implement an exercise program into your busy

lifestyle. But if you are concerned about your health at all, you need to make an effort to walk a couple miles a day. Your body will thank you!

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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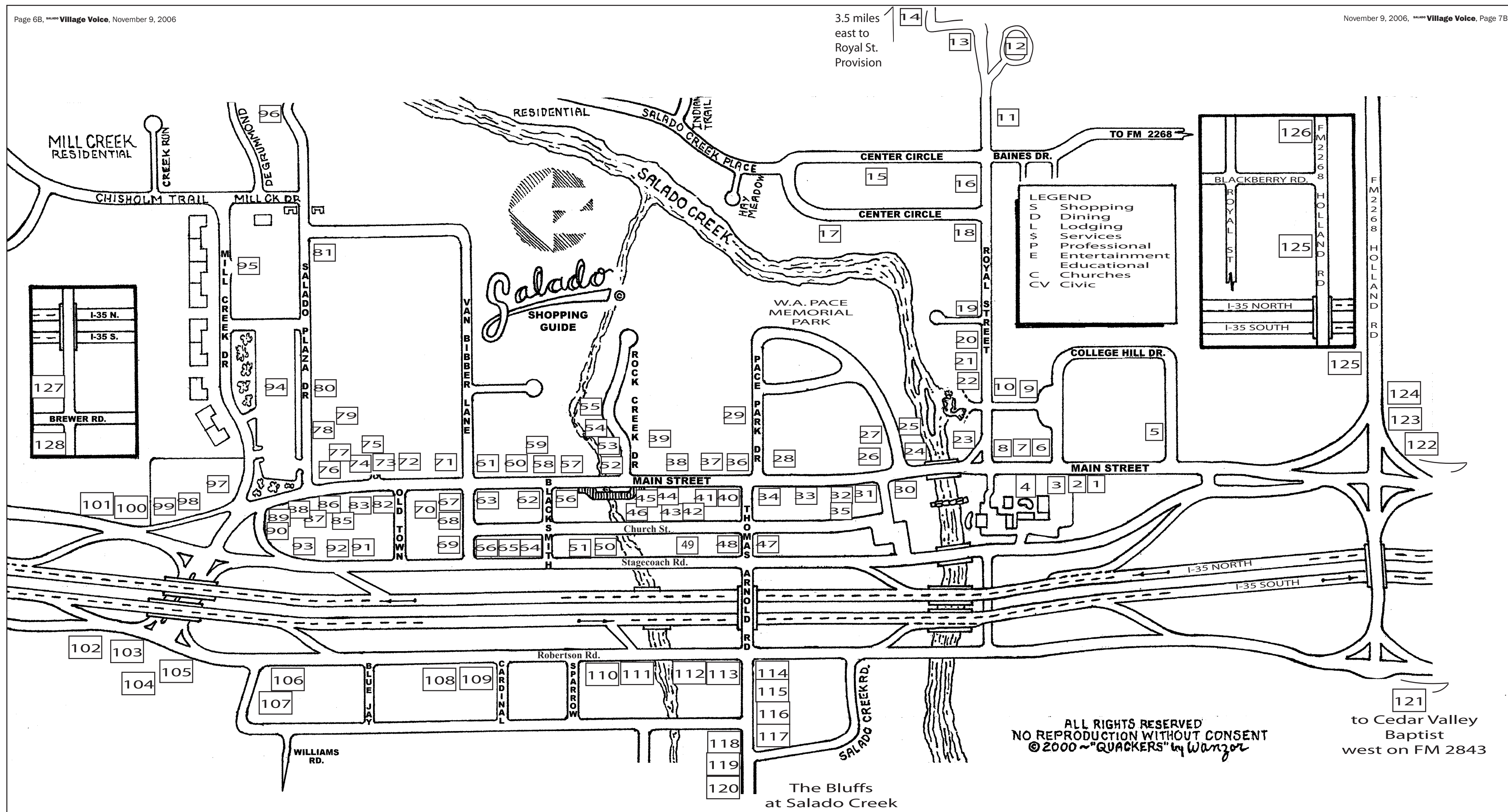
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	Salado Cigars	254/947-9177	S	25.	Leigh's Necessities 254/947-0128 S, \$			48.	A Touch of Heaven 254/947-5543 \$			70.	STAGESTOP RETAIL CENTER			87.	Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe 254/947-8162 D			118.	Thomas Arnold 254/947-5191 E		
4.	Stagecoach Inn	254/947-5111	D,L					49.	Roy T's Old Salado Bakery 254/947-7181 D				Angelic Herbs 254/947-1909 S				Texan by Design 254/947-4479 S			119.	Salado Intermediate 254/947-1700 E		
5.	Stone Creek Settlements	254/947-9099	L	26.	CREEKSIDE CENTER			50.	Farmers Insurance 254/947-0995 \$				A Sewing Basket 254/947-5423 S			87.	Century 21 Bill Bartlett Real Estate \$			120.	Salado High 254/947-5429 E		
		888/777-8844			Prellop Fine Art Gallery 254/947-3930 S				Zbranek Agency 254/947-5239 S								254/947-5050			121.	Cedar Valley Baptist Church 254/947-0148 C		
6.	Central Texas Area Museum	254/947-5232	E	30.	First Baptist Church 254/947-5465 C				Salado Fire Department 254/947-8961 CV			71.	SALADO CIVIC CENTER			88.	The Personal Wealth Coach 254/947-1111 \$			122.	Eagle Rock Ranch 254/947-5369 S		
8.	SHADY VILLA			31.	Salado Mansion 254/947-5157 D			51.	Salado Church of Christ 254/947-5241 CV				Salado Civic Center 254/947-8300 CV								Rick's Salado Feed 254/947-3613 \$		
	Gregory's	254/947-5703	S	32.	THE VERANDA								Chamber of Commerce 254/947-5040 CV			94.	SALADO PLAZA				Salado Garden Center 254/947-3613 S		
	Sweet Nut Things	254/947-8088	S		First Texas Brokerage 254/947-5577 \$			ROCK CREEK					Historical Society 254/947-5479 E				Salado Village Voice 254/947-5321 \$			124.	St. Stephen Catholic Church 254/947-8037 C		
10.	Shyenne's of Salado	254/947-9215	S	33.	First State Bank 254/947-5852 \$			53.	Splendors of Salado 254/947-3630 S				SISD Administration 254/947-5479 E				Edward D. Jones 254/947-5128 \$			127.	Grace Baptist Church of Salado 254/947-5917 C		
11.	Tablerock Amphitheatre	254/947-9205	E	34.	FIRST CENTRE at 40 N. Main			54.	Charlotte's of Salado 254/947-0240 S				Village Art Center 254/947-0240 S				Monteith Abstract & Title Co. 254/947-3922 \$			128.	Janelle's 254/947-3584 S		
13.	Salado United Methodist Church	254/947-5482	C		First Community Title 254/947-8480 \$			55.	Heirlooms 254/947-0336 S			72.	The Halley House 254/947-1000 L				RE/MAX Gold Team 254/947-4011 \$				Not shown on map		
14.	Royal Street Provision	254/947-3350	L	35.	Salado Masonic Lodge #296 CV			56.	OLD CHURCH PLACE			73.	CARRIAGE PLACE SQUARE				Salado Chiropractic 254/947-BACK P				The Event Center at Tenroc Ranch		
	Country Inn			36.	Christy's of Salado 254/947-0561 S				The Front Row Emporium 254/947-5831 S				Salado Tanning & Fitness 254/947-5814 \$				Salado Eye Care 254/947-LENS P				2 miles west of I-35 on Thomas Arnold Rd.		
	(3.5 miles east on Royal)			37.	Inn at Salado 254/947-0027 L			57.	THE COLONY								Village Pharmacy 254/947-3185 \$				512/947-9218 \$		
				38.	SALADO SQUARE				Centraland Title Company \$				ARCHANGEL ON MAIN			95.	Coldwell Banker 254-947-3388 \$						
16.	The Baines House B&B	254/947-5260	L		Browning's Courtyard Cafe 254/947-8666 D				Griffith Fine Art 254/947-3177 S			74.	Merle Norman Cosmetics 254/947-9993 S			96.	Mill Creek Golf & Country Club 254/947-5144 D,L						
17.	Inn on the Creek B&B	254/947-5554	D,L		Carden's 254/947-0300 S			60.	The Iron Gardens 254/368-1928 S				Etrulia's 254/947-0504 S			97.	Salado Public Library 254/947-9191 E						
	CELEBRATION CENTER				Linda Rountree Pritchard 254/947-4263 P								Salado Wine Seller 254/947-8011 S			98.	Salado Cleaners 254/947-7299 \$						
18.	Botangles	254/947-4747	\$		Main Street Place 254/947-9908 S			61.	SALADO CIVIC SQUARE			76.	ArchAngel Antiques & Architectural Salvage 254/947-5933 S			100.	Village Realty 254/947-0342 \$						
	Old Salado Springs Celebration Center and Retreat								Joe Read State Farm Agency 254/947-3599 \$							102.	Robertson's Hams and The Choppin' Block 254/947-5562 S						
19.	Old Salado Springs	254/947-5933	L	39.	The Range at the Barton House 254/947-3828 D				Properties by Larry Sands 254/947-5580 \$				Presbyterian Church of Salado 254/947-8106 C			104.	Fairway Golf Carts 254/947-4065 S						
	Guest Lodging	254-947-0747	S	40.	Family Dentistry 254/947-5242 P				Uncommon Grounds Cafe 254/947-3354 D							108.	Scissors Hair and Nails 254/947-9001 \$						
20.	Springhouse Antiques	254-947-0747	S	42.	Mud Pies Pottery 254/947-0281 S											111.	Super 8 Motel 254/947-5000 L						
22.	Salado Silver Spur Theatre	254/947-3456	E	44.	Salado Haus 254/947-1868 S			65.	The Village of Salado 254/947-5060 CV			81.	Salado Sawmill 254/947-0137 S			115.	Johnny's Steaks & Bar-Be-Que 254/947-4663 D						

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Salado Christmas Stroll 2006 Activities Schedule



WEEKEND #2

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 4:30 PM Silver Spur Performers -- Strolling
5:00 PM Jubilee-Immanuel Baptist at the Courtyard at Salado Square
Shoemaker High School -- Strolling
5:30 PM *Performers from "A Christmas Carol" - Strolling
6-9 PM The Claus's at Garden Spirits and Stagecoach Shops
7:00 PM Heartsong - UMHB Conservatory -- Strolling
Freddie Fuller, the Singing Cowboy at Rock Creek
Salado Community Chorus Concert at the Civic Center
Evening *Live Nativity Scene @ Salado First Baptist Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 1 PM Chamber Singers - Ellison High School -- Strolling
2 PM Georgetown Home School Musicians at Accents of Salado
3:30 PM Joe Pehoski - Storytell at the Inn at Salado
5 PM "Madrigal Choir" of Belton High School -- Strolling
"Harmony" of Belton High School -- Strolling
"Legacy" Central TX School Choir -- Strolling
5:30 PM Perfomers from "A Christmas Carol" -- Strolling
6-9 PM The Claus's at Garden Spirits and StageCoach Shops
7:00 PM Jubilee - Immanuel Baptist at Griffith Fine Art Gallery
Freddie Fuller - The Singing Cowboy at Rock Creek
Shield and Armour - Georgetown at Benton's
Advent Concert at Episcopal Chapel behind Fletcher's
"Branded" Christian Country duo at First Baptist Church
Evening *Live Nativity Scene @ Salado First Baptist Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 1:00 PM Alayna Fuller Ramsden - Story Time at The Gazebo
Bells and Ivory - Aline Wilson and David Kaulfus at the
Courtyard at Salado Square
2:00 PM Denise Thomssen - Flute Duets at Alice's
Watch for Santa @ Gazebo & Around the Village
Elf Workshop (Gift wrap, drinks, & food) @ 230 North Main
Schedule subject to change.
For features on individual performers, turn to the Salado Village Voice in coming weeks and to the newspaper website: www.saladovillagevoice.com.



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Jubilation Ringers, of Birdville Baptist Church

Jubilation Ringers perform concerts at Salado Stroll

The Jubilation Ringers Handbell Choir will have two performances during the Salado Stroll Dec. 1-3.

The Ringers will perform at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 at Miller Fine Art Gallery, located on North Main Street in The Colony. They will also perform at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 2 at Stanford Court, located in The Veranda on Main Street.

Both concerts will last approximately one hour. Visitors are welcome to stay for the entire concert or come and go as they please. The Jubilation Ringers will be performing Christmas favorites such as Silver Bells, We Three Kings, Silent Night, and more.

This year is the 31st year of the beginning of the handbell program at Birdville Baptist Church. Organized in 1975, the first handbell choir was small, playing only two to three octaves of bells. Over the years, new bells have been added and there are now five octaves of Schulmerich Handbells. In 2004, three octaves of Schulmerich MelodyChime® handchimes were added.

At present, The Ringers have 13 members, and there have been 16 for that number of bells. The handbell program was re-organized in January of 2003 and a new name was selected, The Jubilation Ringers.

The group is now under the direction of Don Williams. They rehearse on Tuesday nights and perform about once a month and on special occasions.

In September, the first four octaves of handbells were completely refurbished, cleaned, and polished by Schulmerich Bells.

Jubilation Ringers order of concert songs:

“Jingle Bells,” written by J. Pierpont, arranged by Valerie W. Stephenson

“Come On, Ring Those Bells,” written by Andrew Culverwell, arranged by James Boersma

“We Three Kings,” written by John H. Hopkins, Jr., arranged by Arnold B. Sherman

“Silent Night,” written by Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber

“Silver Bells,” written by Jay Livingston and Ray Evans, arranged by Ralph F. Stiles

“Christmas Has Its Cradle,” written by Stan Pethel, arranged by David M. Bridges

“Angels, We Have Heard On High.” Traditional French Melody arranged by Lloyd Larson

“A Jingle, Jolly Christmas,” written and arranged by Mark Weston

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Accents of Salado	11:30am-5pm
All Lathered Up	10am-5:30pm
Angelic Herbs	11am-4pm
B. Herd Gallery	11:30am-4-5pm
Bird in the Hand	Noon-5pm
Brownings Courtyard Café	11am-3pm
Carden's	Noon-5pm
Charlotte's of Salado	10:30 am-5pm
Christy's	Noon-5pm
Classics on Main	1-5pm
FSG Fine Jewelry	11am-5pm
Gladys & Sophie's	11am-5pm
Gregory's	Noon-5pm
Leigh's Necessities	Noon-5pm
Linda Roundtree Pritchard	By Appointment
Magnolias	Noon-5pm
Main Street Place	Noon-5pm
Matters of the Heart	Noon-5pm
Mill Creek Pro Shop	7:30am-Dusk
MJ's Country Corner	Noon-5pm
Mud Pies	11am-3pm
National Ropers Supply	12:30pm-5:30pm
Old Salado Springs Retreat	By Appointment
Prellop Gallery	Noon-5pm
RMK Galleries	11am-5pm
Roy T's Old Salado Bakery	7am-1pm
Salado Haus	Noon-5pm
Salado Mansion	11am-9pm
Salado Sawmill	By Appointment
Salado Silver Spur Theater	2pm Show
Salado Wine Seller	Noon-6pm
Southern Comforts	Noon-5pm
Spondors	11am-5pm
Springhouse Antiques	10am-5pm
Stagecoach Inn - Coffee	6:30am-8pm
Stagecoach Inn - Dining	11am-4pm & 5pm-9pm
Stanford Court	Noon-5pm
Strawberry Patch	Noon-5pm
Susan Marie's/Scarletts	12:30am-5:00pm
Sweet Nut Things	Noon-5pm
Tenroc Ranch	By Appointment
Texan By Design	Noon-4pm
The Front Row	10am-5pm
The Sewing Basket	Noon-4:30pm
Uncommon Grounds	9am-2:30pm
Walt Tollefson	By Appointment
Wells Gallery	1pm-5pm

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19 Bum remedy

20 Make murky

21 "There's — Out Tonight" ('61 hit)

22 Took on board

23 Clingy critters

25 Start of a remark

27 Self-smitten

28 Change for a five

30 Papal name

31 Pipe cleaner?

32 — impasse

34 Part of CPA

38 Hackney's home

41 Part 2 of remark

47 Ram's ma'am

48 Teachers' org.

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50 Guitar accessory

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62 Dentist's weapon?

63 Macabre

65 One — customer

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69 Deli delicacy

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71 Part 3 of remark

75 Part 4 of remark

78 Set up the ball

79 First lady?

80 Letters of desperation?

81 Place for a patch

82 Woodwork-ing tool

83 Hunt like a hound

85 Atlanta campus

87 February forecast

90 Knight wear?

92 Breakfast food

94 Singing Wonder

96 Baseball's Nolan

97 Cassette

98 Pons or Ponselle

100 Shady character?

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103 Part 5 of remark

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110 "The Wind in the Willows" character

111 Sink or swim?

112 PC key

113 Cutesy suffix

115 Hammett hound

118 Basics

121 End of remark

127 Turnpike feature

130 "— Gay"

131 More advanced

132 Moro of Italy

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134 Mouth-watering

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10 Cassowary kin

11 Figs.

12 Yuletide

13 Acon-cagua's locale

14 Comic Margaret

15 Garage supply

16 Sing like a soprano

17 Topol role

18 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"

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29 Patriotic org.

33 At a distance

35 "Northern Exposure" town

36 Dressed

37 Home on the range?

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40 Bartok or Lugosi

41 Cable channel

42 Bucket of bolts

43 Butz or Warren

44 Actor Epps

45 Glib

46 Sings on a mountain

52 Out to get

53 Salt away

55 Not so hot

56 Cain's victim

58 "The Great Pacificator"

59 Forward-looking

60 Dry goods measure

62 Ambition

64 Foe of Apollo

67 Vertical

70 New Hampshire city

71 A Four Corners state

72 More up-to-date

73 Savalas of "Kojak"

74 Duration

75 Major- —

76 Tristan's tootsie

77 Unisex garment

80 One of the Finger Lakes

83 Austen title start

84 Character-istic

86 Sudden attack

88 "Glad All —" ('64 hit)

89 Feral

91 Lauer or LeBlanc

93 Lhasa —

94 Content completely

95 Printer's measures

99 "The Four Seasons" composer

102 Military chapeau

104 Nutritional abbr.

105 Grouch

106 Costello's crony

107 Skater

108 Barber's need

109 Early eman-cipator

112 Blows away

114 '52 Winter Olympics site

116 Laurel or Lee

117 Lacquered metalware

119 Puppeteer Baird

120 Old Glory feature

122 Ransom — Olds

123 Deranged

124 Actress

125 Neighbor of Calif.

126 SAT's big brother

128 Cambodia's — Nol

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Answer

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Accordingly, you win the opening diamond lead and draw trumps in two rounds. Next you cash the K-A of spades and ruff a spade. You then cash the ace of clubs and exit with the nine of diamonds.

It doesn't matter which opponent wins the diamond. In the actual case, East can't afford to take the trick because he would then have to yield a ruff-and-discard, eliminating your potential club loser.

But if West wins the diamond, he is no better off. Regardless of which club he returns, you merely play low from dummy and automatically avoid losing a club trick. Any other return by West gives you a ruff-and-discard.

Note that the outcome would be exactly the same if East started with four or five clubs. He would presumably win the diamond, but would have no safe exit card.

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Denmans will lead Christmas Parade as Grand Marshals

Long time Salado residents Robert and Doris Denman will serve as Grand Marshals for the annual Christmas Stroll Parade, which will begin 5 p.m. Nov. 30 on Royal Street and culminate with the lighting of the Village Christmas Tree outside the Civic Center.

The Denmans have resided in Salado since 1977, when they moved from Austin.

Having been married for 57 years, the Denmans have also been active in the local business, civic and church communities. They operated the Royal Emporium in the Grace Jones Building for 12 years, and later moved their business to the Barton House, where they also made their home for almost 20 years.

Prior to retiring, the couple designed and built another building to house their business, the Royal Emporium. The building was later purchased by the Salado Public Library District and now houses the town's library.

Both Robert and Doris were founding members of the Tablerock Festival

of Salado and the Salado Merchants Association, which is now known as the Salado Business Association. Doris, along with seven other local women, was a founding member of the Salado Historical Society, an organization which Robert currently serves as president. It is a post he has also held in years past. Robert and Doris are also members of the Bell County Historical Commission. Doris is a past president of the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary.

In addition, following Salado's incorporation Robert served for two years on the Village of Salado Comprehensive Plan Task Force, and the couple has been involved in every Christmas Stroll and Homes Tour since those events began.

Robert is retired from the Texas Highway Department (now TxDOT) after 25 years, and has been involved in real estate in Salado as a salesman, builder and owner.

The Denmans are members of the First Baptist Church of Salado,



Robert and Doris Denman.

and Robert has served as a church deacon for approximately 50 years.

The Denmans have three children and six grandchildren. The grandchildren are seventh generation Texans. The Denmans also donated the Moses-Denman Cabin (on Van Bibber) to the Salado Historical Society. The cabin is located next to the Boles-Aiken

Cabin behind the Salado Civic Center, and is open for public tours during the annual Tour of Homes.

In addition, volunteers are also needed to help set up decorations for the Christmas Stroll, between Nov. 13 and 17. Anyone wishing to help should contact Debbie Harrison at 947-1974.

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O'Mallan is a graduate of Belton High School and McLennan Community College.

She has taught baking and cake decorating at McLennan Community

College and the University of Guam.

O'Mallan says that she is looking forward to baking holiday cakes and pies as well as making a daily selection of fresh breads, cakes and pies for the Salado area.

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The first part will be a "Art Book and Supply Sale" with a variety of art books and gently used art supplies in all mediums for sale at deeply discounted prices. The sale items, donated by CTPS members will raise money to help fund the CTPS annual do-

nation to the summer arts program at the Cultural Activities Center, Temple and art book donations to area libraries.

The second part will feature several members giving brief reviews of their favorite art books and sharing how their selections helped, or, influenced their artwork.

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Bone marrow transplant leads to friendship

by
Tumbleweed
Smith



When a couple of our friends, Deidre and Gordon, got married a few years ago, I noticed a man at the wedding wearing a mask over his nose and mouth. I found out this year about that man. His name is Frank Ryan and he lives in Philadelphia. After serving 20 years as a policeman, he retired to take care of his ailing father, who was dying with prostate cancer. Just before he passed away he told Frank to get a physical. Frank said he would and after his father died, he kept his promise.

The doctor told Frank he had an advanced stage of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, an increasingly common cancer. For Frank, it was the beginning of a long and exhausting battle against the disease. He started

intense chemotherapy sessions that would last for eight years.

Fifteen hundred miles away in Dallas, Deidre's husband Stan was fighting lymphoma, the same disease Frank had. Physicians at Baylor Medical Center put Stan on the bone marrow transplant list and the search began to find a donor. Deidre took a blood test and got on the donor list. She was not a match. Finally a match for Stan was found through the national bone marrow registry, a data bank of 7 million people whose blood test indicated they might be potential donors. Just four days after a match was found, Stan died. Deidre mourned deeply and gave

no more thought to the registry for years.

Under Fox Chase – Temple's Bone Marrow Transplant Program, part of Philadelphia's Temple University Medical branch, doctors have performed more than 700 bone marrow transplants. In the latest technology, doctors replace not the marrow itself but the blood forming stem cells. These are mature stem cells found in the bone marrow of adults and sometimes children, but not in newborn babies or fetuses.

Frank Ryan's medical team decided to look for a bone marrow donor for Frank. His brothers and sisters were tested. None was a match. Deidre was. Deidre, who went on the

list trying to save someone she loved, is given another chance to save a life. Doctors at Baylor drew Deidre's stem cells and a courier transported them to Fox Chase. Deidre's stem cells were transfused into Frank through an IV. Once the donor cells assert themselves, they attack the lymphoma. Frank's disease melted away.

A year later, Frank and Deidre met for the first time. Deidre and her fiancé, Gordon, went to Philadelphia and met Frank at the train station. He was waiting for her with a bouquet of red roses and a big sign bearing her name. When they saw each other, they embraced. Frank said, "Thanks for everything."

As they left the train station, Frank said to a crowd of people, "This lady saved my life. Bone marrow transplant." They became good friends and stay in touch. When Deidre and Gordon got married, Frank was an usher at their wedding.

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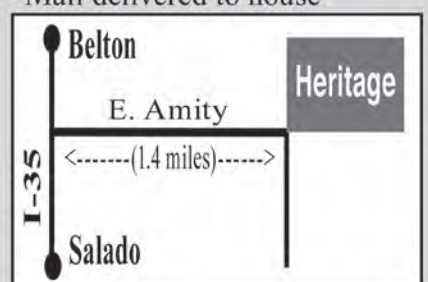


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Since the return on investment is contingent on the quality of the hardscaping job, it's important that you find the right hardscaping contractor for your project and use high-quality materials like segmental retaining walls and interlocking concrete pavers.

Homeowners should consider the following when choosing a hardscaping contractor:

- * The scope of the project: Make sure the contractor understands your vision and will be able to implement it. You may want to ask the

contractor to design your hardscaping project. Many hardscape contractors have in-house design services.

- * Proper licensing: Your contractor should be properly licensed, bonded and insured for the work proposed. Many regions require special licenses

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- * Solid references: Check references and make sure the contractor has experience on projects of similar size and scope.

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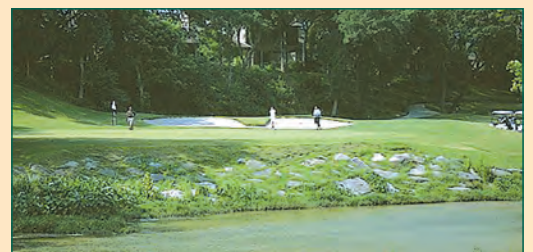
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Bring garden pieces indoors to brighten holidays

(ARA) – Winter’s chill and the hectic pace of the holidays may leave you longing for the peaceful, warm tranquility of your summer garden. You may miss the comfort of sitting on your favorite garden bench, watching bright song birds splash in the decorative bath. But you don’t have to.

Here are some ideas for bringing the garden indoors and incorporating outdoor pieces in your holiday décor:

* A low-profile birdbath

makes a great spot to store kindling or scent-producing pine cones beside your wood-burning fireplace. These decorative baths nestle well beside the fireplace and come in round, leaf and shell motifs.

* For a stunning floral statement, bring inside your tall birdbath or favorite garden urn. Fill them with seasonally appropriate flowers and greenery. For example, a tall birdbath will be a stunner when positioned in your entryway and filled with pine boughs

that drape toward the floor. When visitors enter, the scents and sights of this display will remind them of an evergreen forest.

* “You can even find a spot for your most-loved garden cherub,” says Michael Ciriello, president of Florentine Craftsmen, a New York-based manufacturer of lead statues and ornaments for more than 85 years. “If you’re feeling whimsical, bring the statuary inside and dress it with a Santa hat. For a more sophisticated effect, surround the base with seasonal greens. Or go celebratory by placing empty boxes wrapped in bright holiday paper around the base.”

* Planning a visit from Santa to delight your kids? Give him a grown-up perch with a decorative garden bench. You can find a bench to complement virtually any indoor décor. The old-world appearance of a garden bench blends well with Santa’s traditional look. “Plus, shy youngsters who may not want to sit on Santa’s knee may feel better about sitting beside him on a bench,” Ciriello suggests.

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Attention all moms, dads

By KAREN SUE KINNISON

Attention all Moms and dads!! Below is a list of some of the new items Mrs. Alvarez has acquired for the children's library! Visit your public library with your kids as often as you can....and you could be one of those families I see in front of my desk-----little kids tugging on mom or dad's hand---eyes all bright and shiny, pulling a parent off to the children's section and turning excitedly to show mom or dad-----not an iPod, not a Blackberry, not a TV or personal computer the size of your pinky, not a Tickl-eMeElmo or some other whirligig gizmo that makes incredible noises...but...a blessedly quiet, absorbing, entertaining, share-able (or not), educational (ssshhh, don't tell your kids)---BOOK!

So---don't wait! You too could be that lucky mom or dad looking down on those little ones holding those precious books at my front desk!! You can't start early enough.

Fiction for young children.

If the Dinosaurs Came Back - Bernard Most

Can a Toucan Hoot Too? - Lanelle Carlson

The Gingerbread Girl - Lisa Ernst

Pancakes for Supper! - Anne Isaacs

Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse - Leo Lionni

Double Trouble in Walla Walla - Andrew Clements

Toot and Puddle---The One and Only - Holly Hobbie

Non-Fiction for children:

Chocolate- Riches from the Rain Forest

Three from "Junior Adventures": **Incredible Creatures; Creepy Creatures; and Hidden World.**

Fossil Fish Found Alive -Discovering the Coelacanth - a "notable" book from the Association for Library Series for Children

Barosaurus (from the American Museum of Natural History)

Prehistoric World - Ceratosaurus - and other Horned Meat Eaters

New Audio CD's for youth:

Lord of the Flies - W. Golding

Each Little Bird That Sings - Deborah Wiles

Mary Poppins - P. L. Travers

The Last Holiday Concert - Andrew Clements

The Mismantle Chronicles - M.I. McAllister

New DVD's for Youth.
Saving Shiloh

Check It Out



News & Notes from Salado Public Library



Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse by Leo Linni.

Drumline
Watership Down
Flo the Flyin Fly
The Jungle Book

Newly arrived novels for young people:

Wolf Journal - Brian Connolly

Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie - Jordan Sonnenblick

Under the Persimmon Tree - Suzanne Staple

Parents: the dinosaur books are a special love of many of our young patrons! And check out the new audios of some beloved classics -- Lord of the Flies and Mary Poppins! We also now have both the book and the DVD of the famous rabbit tale (no pun intended)-- Watership Down! Whether you child loves to listen, watch, do, or read for recreation, we have something for him. And if your child has a report to do, come on down and see what helps we have for them in the reference and science projects sections. Also, there are books on hobbies, holiday crafts, care of pets, biographies, history, geography, presidential

politics and profiles, mythology, Indian and western lore and more!! If you are looking for reading assistance or assistance with finding advanced readers (AR) items, please come and talk to Mrs. Alvarez, Children's Librarian. You can't bring your children to a better place!! See you here soon!!



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Do ‘soft’ tires on your car really cause pollution?

Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that driving with soft tires wastes energy and results in more pollution?
-- Nanci Graham, via e-mail

When tires are not inflated to the pounds per square inch (PSI) rating recommended by manufacturers, they are less “round” and require more energy to begin moving



and to maintain speed. As such, under-inflated tires do indeed contribute to pollution and increase fuel costs.

An informal study by students at Carnegie Mellon University found that the majority of cars on U.S. roads are operating on tires inflated to only 80 percent of capacity. According to the website, fueleconomy.gov, inflating tires to their proper pressure can improve mileage by about 3.3 percent, whereas leaving them under-inflated can lower mileage by 0.4 percent for every one PSI drop in pressure of all four tires.

That may not sound like much, but it means that the average person who drives 12,000 miles yearly on under-inflated tires uses about 144 extra gallons of gas, at a cost of \$300-\$500 a year. And each time one of those gallons of gas is burned, 20 pounds of carbon dioxide is added to the atmosphere as the carbons in the gas are released and combine with the oxygen in the air. As such, any vehicle running on soft tires is contributing as much as 1.5 extra tons (2,880 pounds) of greenhouse gases to the environment annually.



Vehicles running on soft tires contribute nearly 3,000 extra pounds of carbon dioxide to the environment annually. (PHOTO BY GETTY IMAGES)

Besides saving fuel and money and minimizing emissions, properly inflated tires are safer and less likely to fail at high speeds. Under-inflated tires make for longer stopping distances and will skid longer on wet surfaces. Analysts point to under-inflated tires as a likely cause of many SUV rollover accidents. Properly inflated tires also wear more evenly and will last longer accordingly.

Mechanics advise drivers to check their tire pressure monthly, if not more frequently. The correct air pressure for tires that come with new vehicles can be found either in the owner’s manual or inside the driver-side door. Beware, though,

that replacement tires may carry a different PSI rating than the originals that came with the car. Most new replacement tires display their PSI rating on their sidewalls.

Also, tire pressure should be checked when tires are cold, as internal pressure increases when the car has been on the road for a while, but then drops when the tires cool back down. It is best to check tire pressure before heading out on the road to avoid inaccurate readings.

As part of the Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability and Documentation Act of 2000, Congress has mandated

that automakers install tire pressure monitoring systems on all new cars, pickups and SUVs beginning in 2008. To comply with the regulation, automakers will be required to attach tiny sensors to each wheel that will signal if a tire falls 25 percent below its recommended PSI rating. Car makers will likely spend as much as \$70 per vehicle to install these sensors, a cost that will no doubt be passed along to consumers. However, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, some 120 lives a year will be saved once all new vehicles are equipped with such systems.


CONTACTS: Carnegie Mellon Today, “Save Gas, Money and the Environment with Properly Inflated Tires,” www.cmu.edu/cmnews/extra/050921_tire.html; FuelEconomy.gov, “Keeping Your Car in Shape,” www.fueleconomy.org/feg/maintain.shtml.

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Dear EarthTalk: What exactly does “not tested on animals” mean on a product, like a shampoo? Where can I find products that are completely not tested on animals and are also eco-friendly? - James Masarech, via e-mail

Many consumer products go through precise testing to make sure they are safe and healthy for people and the environment before they are made available in the marketplace. The downside is that many of these tests make use of live animals. According to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), safety testing of chemicals and consumer products accounts for roughly 10 to 20 percent of the use of animals in laboratories (or approximately two to four million animals) in the U.S.

The majority of animals used in product tests are rats and mice, but dogs, cats, sheep, hamsters, guinea pigs and primates are also used. Significantly more animals are used in biomedical and other kinds of research, but the use of animals in product testing figures prominently in the animal research controversy because it questions the “ethics and humaneness of deliberately poisoning




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animals [and] the propriety of harming animals for the sake of marketing a new cosmetic or household product," says HSUS.

Governments often mandate that certain products, such as drugs, automotive fluids, garden chemicals and food additives, be tested on animals. In other cases, such as with cosmetics, personal care and household cleaning products, companies voluntarily test on animals to better understand the pros and cons of using certain ingredients, to see what effects a given product or ingredient will have on living systems--and to demonstrate due diligence should their products harm someone and a lawsuit be filed.

In response to these widespread practices, advocacy groups like HSUS and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) campaign vigorously to eliminate or reduce the use of animals in product testing, even recommending boycotts of companies that continue to voluntarily engage in what they argue is both cruel and unnecessary. This advocacy has been effective, as more than 500 cosmetic, personal care and household cleaning products manufacturers have vowed to stop testing their products on animals.

In 2003 the European Parliament approved a Europe-wide ban on the use of animals in cosmetics testing. Set to go into effect in



Testing of chemicals and consumer products accounts for roughly 10 to 20 percent of the use of animals in laboratories (or approximately two to four million animals yearly) in the U.S. (PHOTO BY GETTY IMAGES)

2009, the prohibition also mandates that no beauty or hygiene products tested on animals elsewhere be sold inside the European Union. Some exemptions do exist, however, such as products tested for toxicity or for their potential effects on human fertility. Some animal advocacy groups see these as unacceptable loopholes likely to undermine the ban or push back its implementation.

In 1986 an international group of animal protection organizations that includes HSUS formed the Coalition for Consumer Information on Cosmetics (CCIC). The coalition urges cosmetics and household products manufacturers to sign on to a "Corporate Standard of Compassion for Animals" policy and agree to not

conduct or commission animal tests or use any ingredient or formulation that is tested on animals. Companies portray the coalition's "leaping bunny" logo on products as proof of their commitment. CCIC publishes a pocket-sized "cruelty free" shopping guide which can also be downloaded from its website.

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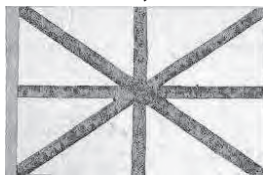
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