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Aldermen to consider more ETJ requests July 7

Salado aldermen will hold a public hearing 6:30 p.m. July 7 at the municipal building to consider requests from property owners at FM 2484 & Williams Road, Yellow Rose Subdivision, and Stinnett Mill Road to be included in Salado's extra territorial jurisdiction.

The property owners made the request several months ago, but the village could not act on the request until the City of Belton released the properties from their ETJ.

The Belton city council voted to release the properties from their ETJ earlier this month.

If the Village aldermen approve the requests

from property owners, the entirety of Yellow Rose Subdivision will then be included in the Salado ETJ. The subdivision was divided with the northern portion of it in the Belton ETJ and the southern portion of it in the Salado ETJ.

Also, the entirety of the 50 acres purchased by Salado ISD at the corner of FM 2484 and Williams Rd. will be brought into the Salado ETJ, if accepted by aldermen. The northwest portion of that property was in the Belton ETJ.

And, Joe and Lynda Pehoski will have all of their property in the Salado ETJ. A small portion of their property was

in the Belton ETJ. The Pehoskis were the first property owners to request inclusion in the Salado ETJ last year.

The Pehoskis made the request after learning that the City of Belton was planning to annex property that would effect them.

Within the past year, more than 500 property owners have requested to be included in the ETJ of Salado.

In other business, the board will consider a recommendation from the P&Z Commission on a request to operate a B&B at 619 Baines Street and a request to operate a B&B at 716 Center Circle.



(PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Trustees to ask just 1 question: what bond will you support?

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado I.S.D. Trustees, following a leadership and training workshop June 16, narrowed the questions of a survey to be sent to school district voters to one simple question: "What would you support on a new bond?"

By using an open-ended question, trustees hope to gain a better idea of what voters will pass. However, the nature of the question will lead to a great deal of work for trustees in the coming weeks as they make their way through the responses.

The survey, which will give a voter a chance to respond anonymously, may be mailed out by the end of June. A two week deadline for returning the survey to the school district will required school board trustees to go through the responses

at the same time that the board is working on the 2005-06 budget.

"Salado ISD Administration and Board ask registered Salado voters to take a moment and respond," Superintendent Robin Battershell stated. "Salado ISD thanks you for your time and attention to this matter."

Dr. Battershell said that trustees will begin in mid-July to sort the responses.

The board and the bond committee (Lynn Renfro, Jeff Kelley and Jackie Burson) will then take up working on a bond proposal (or proposals) to bring to voters.

When that proposal will come before voters is not known. The state legislature serious hampered the ability of local governing bodies to call for elections by passing HB57.

Local governing bodies will have only two dates

for which they can call elections, beginning Oct. 1, 2005: November and May. Local bodies will not have the ability to use a "free election date" after the law goes into effect.

However, the board of trustees can still utilize their "free date" if it calls for a bond election for Sept. 10 (a uniform election date under the current law). The board would have to call any election at least 60 days prior to the date.

If the board does not utilize that free date before Oct. 1, it will "lose it," according to Dr. Battershell.

If that is the case, then the board will only be able to call an election for the November or May uniform election dates.

Whatever the date, the board will call for a bond election as it is currently seeking portable facilities for more room at the current high school.

Wednesdays in the Park

The Wednesdays in the Park series continued June 15 with an arts and crafts make and take. The final installation of the series will be held 10:30-11:30 a.m. June 29, with the always-popular petting zoo. Wednesdays in the Park is free to all children in the community. For more information call 947-5040.

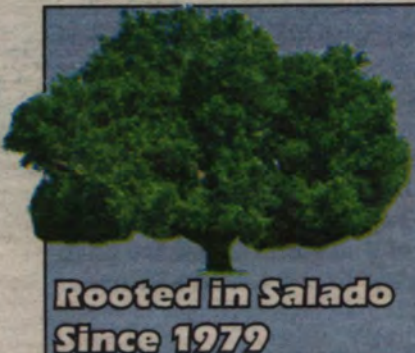


Commissioners issue 30-day burn ban throughout Bell County

In response to recent weather conditions, the Bell County Commissioners Court has issued a 30-day burn ban, beginning 7 p.m. June 23. If over that time, circumstances that created a public safety hazard no longer exist, County Judge John Bur-

rows may lift the ban. The ban does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. These could include firefighter training, public

utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations, planting or harvesting of agriculture crops, or burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager. Violations of the ban could result in a fine of up to \$500.



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Dog Daze

The Second Annual Salado Dog Daze will begin in Pace Park at 9 a.m. June 25 and continue throughout the day with more activities than you can shake a tail at. For more information, turn to story and photo on page 1B.

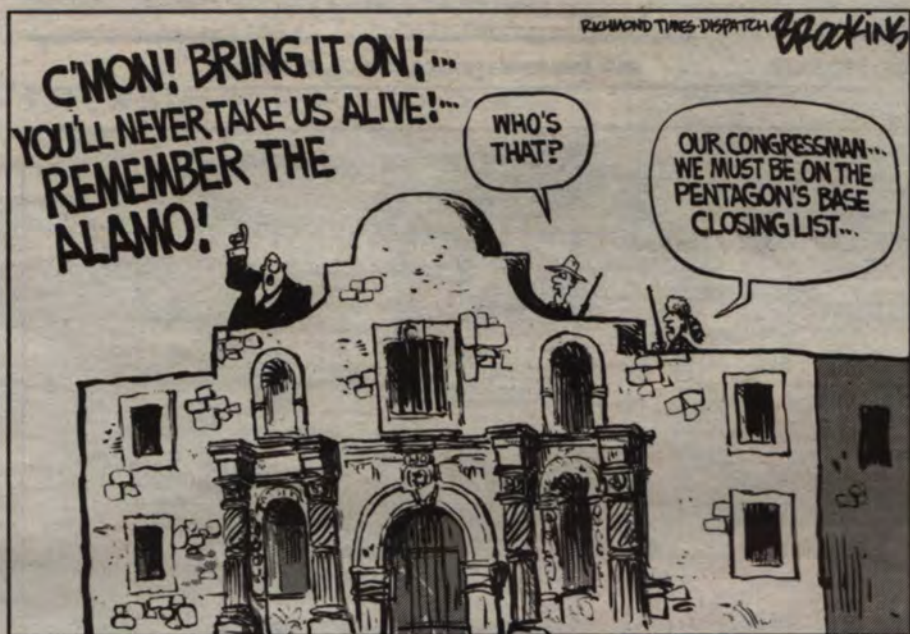


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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Planned Parenthood perversity

Can you say "perverse"? Planned Parenthood in Indiana and Kansas is effectively fighting to protect child rapists from potential prosecution in two high-profile legal fights. That an organization devoted to the interests of women finds itself in this position is a cautionary tale of abortion-rights extremism.

In Indiana, the attorney general is seeking the records of girls under the age of 14 who have visited Planned Parenthood clinics. Let that sink in: We're talking about 12- and 13-year-old girls. It is a crime to have sex with a child under 14 in the state.

An Indiana judge has upheld the Indiana attorney general's request, although the case is under appeal. In Kansas, the attorney general is carrying on the same fight (he is also looking for evidence of illegal late-term abortions).

The loopy free-sex advocates might imagine that after sex-ed courses on how to put a condom on a banana, 13-year-old girls blissfully explore their bodies with 13-year-old boys. Put aside that this vision will make most parents gag -- it's not how it works. Teen sex often involves adult men exploiting teen girls. A California study found that the fathers in births to junior-high-school mothers were on average nearly seven years older.

Why would a feminist organization not be eager to cooperate in a fight against the sexual exploitation of young girls? Well, Planned Parenthood represents that wing of the feminist billed as "sex positive." These feminists are unwilling to pass judgment on any sex in any circumstances, don't care if parents are cut out of the equation entirely, believe the right to an abortion trumps any other consideration, and embrace a notion of privacy so sweeping it includes men who have, under law, raped their young sexual partners.

Privacy is a mere excuse not to pro-

Rich Lowry



vide the records. It is not at all unusual for criminal prosecutions to involve medical records. And no one is going to make public the names of the girls involved, which are being provided to the authorities, not the news media.

"We've been doing these investigations since the 1970s, and there's never been a case where we have not maintained the confidentiality of records," Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter told a local columnist. It is not the girl in any of these cases who will be in jeopardy, but her adult abuser (if there is one).

This fight is so important because our culture relentlessly sexualizes children. The message, for instance, of Britney Spears' act before she came of age was "teen girls are hot." Pop culture won't change, but the law can at least try to send an opposite signal.

Key Democrats from Hillary Clinton to Howard Dean have of late said their party needs to become more moderate on abortion. They could add substance to the rhetoric by opposing Planned Parenthood's position in these cases. Of course, that will never happen. The abortion absolutists control the Democratic Party -- a sad fact for those Americans who have moral qualms about abortion, but a happy one for men who impregnate 13-year-olds.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Governor's race: Strayhorn in, Hutchison out; Special Session called; Polls: GOP in trouble

If politics, and the antics of those who create political news is your "thing," then this past weekend had all the excitement of Christmas, Fourth of July, and your best girl's birthday, rolled into one frenetic burst of activity that will take months to unravel, dissect, analyze, critique and perhaps eventually understand.

It all began last Friday with the startling news that Senator Kay Hutchison would seek a third term rather than run for Governor - an office she has long hungered to hold. Reasons are probably two-fold (you see - analyzing has already begun) starting with the pressure from party loyalists who feared that a nasty three-way race might splinter State Republicans; and secondly - with a promised Senate leadership promotion in '06 - Kay might be in line for VP in 2008.

EDUCATION BILL VETOED

Saturday was next with a political twin-bill featuring Governor Perry's late-morning announcement that he had vetoed the \$35 billion education budget, and told lawmakers to report back to the capitol June 21. Presumably hoping that "fourth-time-is-a-charm" in the messy business of financing public education.

Same day - several hours later: Comptroller Carole Strayhorn tossed her hat, and a feisty load of rhetoric into the 2006 race for Governor, before a crowd of 500 happy supporters in a large Austin parking lot. She showed no apparent loss in momentum following what normally would be a couple of tough acts to follow - Hutchison out of the Governor's race and Perry's special session call.

It apparently takes more than that to slow down the self proclaimed "one tough grandma" who grabbed the bulk of media attention at the rally situated so everyone could not only see Strayhorn but also view the capitol building where she is hankering to hang her bonnet.

Plenty of quotes but the one highlighting the tack she will take during what is expected to be a rough and tumble campaign from now to March 7 (GOP primary): "Now is the time to replace this do-nothing drugstore cowboy with one tough grandma!"

Her second sentence contained 18 hard-core knocks on Perry's term in office. Going to be an interesting eight a half months which will no doubt cause the Guv to wish he had not excluded "grandma" from his high powered "inner-circle" planning breakfasts at the Mansion several years ago.

POLLS: BUSH & CONGRESS IN TROUBLE

A number of highly reputable national polling firms are coming up with essentially the same results these days concerning the public's feelings about the president, and the lawmakers they placed in control of Congress.

The Pew Research Center; Gallup Poll; AP-Ipsos; Washington Post-ABC News; and NBC - have been in the field collecting data on George Bush and Congress for months, with significant changes appearing in voter's approval-disapproval attitudes.

President Bush's overall favorable rating has dropped to an all time low of 43% (from the 90% high after 9/11); Congress logged in at a dismal 31%; with the economy as the leading negative factor, rather than Iraq (surprising most analysts).

GOP political operatives (and Bush insiders) discreetly claimed (early on) that the invasion of Iraq would keep the President's ratings high; get him reelected handily; and allow an unfettered attack on economic matters starting with social

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



security reform. All of which the Bushies felt would keep GOPers in office for decades and tag their boss as one of history's "greatest."

DREAM PUNCTURED

Problems developed quickly on the way to this dreamland fantasy, starting with the disarray in Iraq. Notably the casualties that 73% of Americans feel is unacceptable. Greater problems however, are scattered over the economic front with social security reform "dead" after reaching a 67% unfavorable level; 60% reporting "good jobs are drying up" and finally, the near 70% of those polled who are angry about the outrageous cost of drugs, health care, and skyrocketing gasoline prices.

CONGRESS UNEASY

And then came the congressional bombshell! The Pew Research group reports that for the first time in years - Democrats find themselves ahead of their GOP counterparts in Congress - by five full percentage points thanks to the disreputable job federal lawmakers are doing. This is backed up by Gallup, AP and the networks.

And we can't just assign the old "liberal bias" charge to the polls, with numbers recorded by "all the polls" nearly identical.

Facing reelection in '06 - members of the House and Senate are troubled (to say the least). And if Republicans lose ground (or control) of either chamber - as could happen in a mid-term election - lawmakers must naturally wonder about the sticky follow-up question: "What sort of lingering defeatism will GOPers carry with them in 2008 - if bad things happen in 2006?"

PERRY SEEKING "VALUES VOTERS"

The ancient political maxim that's been followed by those who run (professionally) for political office, and who find reelection filled with hazardous pitfalls is: "Get religion!" And this is where we find Governor (Preacher) Perry these days as he joined forces with the Texas Restoration Project which plans to register 300,000 new "Values Voters" and help elect candidates who reflect their conservative views!

Perry followed up his meeting with the 500 strong TRP-ministerial group in May, with a religious style conclave in a Fort Worth church gymnasium on June 5, before some 1200 "amen shouting" supporters who gathered to watch Perry sign a new law mandating that minors obtain parental permission for an abortion. Perry also symbolically inked a likeness of the House-Senate resolution calling for a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriages.

PURE HOKUM?

More than a few Capitol observers think the addition of theocratic notions, to Perry's usual mix of stratagems, is such pure campaign hokum that moderate GOPers will either replace the Guv or stay home and pout - which might give Democrats a decent shot at the top job in Texas government, provided they can keep their current DNC spokesman - Howard Dean, out of Texas.

This guy's got all the leadership abilities of a drunken kamikaze pilot. He's also the GOP's newest best friend and ally!

That's -30-

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Legislators fail the TAX

Superintendent's Corner

By Robin Battershell

While public schools are held up to increasing higher standards, the Legislature failed to meet the one standard defining this legislative session, passage of legislation which included school finance. The school finance package was part of a much larger bill entitled House Bill 2 (HB2) which also included incentive pay, start of school date, etc. I would like to address two of the HB 2 issues.

With the school finance issue heading to the Texas Supreme Court in July, I fully anticipate that Judge Dietz's decision will be overturned and that this will be appealed to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Dietz ruled that equity and adequacy must be addressed in the finance formula. With over 90 percent of school districts' budgets committed to personnel, transportation, and utilities, most districts have little room to cut budgets without cutting staff.

HB2 cannot be resolved without the legislature finding a consistent revenue stream. Back in the 1980s education funding relied heavily upon the oil and gas tax. As these subsidies literally dried up the funding formula became reliant upon another source of funding, the local property tax. As we are all excruciatingly aware, this revenue source is being

quickly overburdened.

Since February, the grapevine has indicated that the Texas Supreme Court is in the proverbial hip pocket of the majority party, so politically it was safe to not reach a decision on school finance and pass the buck to the Texas Supreme Court to either be the heavy or to overturn a legislatively unpopular court decision.

There is widespread bipartisan support for changing the school calendar to begin classes after Labor Day. We drafted a 2006-07 calendar based upon this change. It can be viewed at www.saladoisd.org/Calendar/2006-07%20School%20Calendar.pdf.

School districts began school after Labor Day in the 1960s and 70s, mostly because schools did not have air conditioning. At that time, there were 165 instructional days required and less observance of federal holidays. Texas school districts currently are required to have 180 instructional days unless they ask for a waiver (up to three days) for professional development.

Will there be a special session? I doubt it. Without a plan in hand that can denote a consistent revenue stream and without bipartisan support, a special session is bound to end in chaos once again without benefiting the children of Texas.

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A comprehensive water plan is crucial fo Texas

"We never know the worth of water 'till the well is dry." This proverb, collected by British physician Thomas Fuller, is as true today as it was when he penned it in 1732.

It is especially the case in Texas, as our state continues to grow, adding increased pressure on our water resources. For this reason, I am a firm supporter of taking steps to promote the wise use of water now. Procrastination guarantees we will have a shortage in the future.

Our population is expected to nearly double from 21 million in 2000 to 40 million in 2050. At the same time, a 2005 study by the Texas Water Development Board indicates that water supplies from all existing sources will decrease during the same period by 18 percent. Most of the decline is due to a projected drop of 19 percent in water from the underground aquifers of Ogallala, Gulf Coast, Hueco-Mesilla Bolson and Carrizo-Wilcox, and an 18 percent decline in surface water because our reservoirs are silting up.

Pressure on existing water sources will also increase among our neighbors. The populations of New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana are all rising. According to the U.S. Census, for the period of 2000 through 2010, the population in Texas will have risen by 3,797,000, or 18.2 percent. Our neighboring states of Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico will see their combined population rising during that same period by 647,000. During that same span of time, the Border Research Institute

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



estimates the population in the northern region of Mexico adjacent to our border will grow by over 26 percent, or over 680,000, which is more than all of our other neighbors put together.

Many officials worked long and hard to force Mexico to comply with the 1944 Water Treaty with the United States. As a result, Mexico finally agreed to pay its decade old debt. While that struggle took place, I secured \$20 million in emergency funding for Valley farmers harmed by Mexico's refusal to adhere to the agreement.

The answer to the increasing demands for water is to use this precious resource more efficiently. My friends on the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) support creation of a comprehensive water use plan and implementation of conservation strategies. They are right.

Conservation can make a huge difference in water needs for Texas. The TWDB estimates that, while the population will almost double by 2050, actual municipal water demand will go up by only 67 percent if we improve water use efficiency.

We can decrease waste in our vital agriculture industry, which uses more than half of Texas' water. Studies show that agricultural irrigation systems currently lose from one-third to one-half of their water through

leaks, seepage and evaporation.

I have made conservation a priority. Congress passed my legislation in 2003 authorizing 15 Lower Rio Grande Valley irrigation districts for construction of water conservation projects and helped them obtain more than \$7 million. I also secured \$26 million in NADBank grants for South Texas irrigation districts. This funding helped line irrigation canals with conservation materials which dramatically cut water losses and are now saving the Rio Grand Valley thousands of acre feet of water each year.

The TWDB reports that Texas farmers and ranchers can take other steps to save water as well. Low-energy precision application sprinklers, drip irrigation, surge flow irrigation valves, soil moisture measurement and buried water distribution lines on the farms will help use water far more efficiently.

Texas' efforts to use water more efficiently may not be inexpensive, but they are still the most cost-effective way to increase our water supplies. And it is something we must do to ensure that Texans will not go thirsty as our state grows and prospers in the future.

Texas must have an ample supply of water and I will continue to make Texas' water needs one of my top priorities.

Corporate law abuse



Jim Hightower

The thing I love about living in Austin, Texas, is that it's filled with true-blue Austinites -- a laid-back, fun-loving, creative bunch of mavericks and mutts.

Dale Detwiler is one. He owns a little enterprise called Corndog Cards & Novelties, and he tries to make a business out of having a good time. Among Dale's products is a greeting card that's a spoof on that pine-tree-shaped air freshener that you see hanging on the rear-view mirror of so many cars.

Dale's cards are a scratch-and-sniff parody of the pine-scented original, poking fun at the real thing with this message on each box of cards: "The differences between these unusual cards and an actual car air freshener are: (1) our cards glow in the dark and (2) give off a weird, sticky pine smell only when you scratch and sniff them, instead of all the damn time, until you get car sick and throw up."

Then the fun ended. The New York attorney for Car-Freshener Corporation wrote to Dale, sourly saying: "Use of the Tree design on the note cards is likely to cause consumers to believe that the note cards originate with or are licensed, sponsored or approved" by Car-Freshener Corp.

It seems that this corporation rather routinely sics its legal dogs on anyone who tries to market something shaped like a pine tree, having filed four such suits in the past three years. But Dale is barking back. He's hired a local lawyer, who promptly asked the corporate lawyer what part of "parody" and "free speech" he doesn't understand, requesting that they apologize to Dale and go away.

Of course, they haven't. Instead they've filed a federal case against Dale in New York City. The good news is that the little guy is likely to win, but the bad news is he's having to spend money to fight of this litigious corporate bully.

Isn't it curious that George W and his corporate allies are constantly denouncing regular folks for what they call "lawsuit abuse," but we never hear any outrage from them when the frivolous lawsuits are filed by corporations?



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However, you might have been dissuaded from investing in this vehicle because of two key factors: high annual fees and lack of liquidity. But if you're willing to do some comparison shopping, you can find a lower-fee, more liquid version of the variable annuity - and when you do, your efforts may be rewarded.

Before we explore the issues of fees and liquidity, however, let's see what benefits a variable annuity can offer you:

- **Tax-deferred earnings** - When you purchase a variable annuity, you place your money in various sub-accounts that can be made up of stocks, bonds and other securities. You choose how to allocate your investment dollars, based on

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



your risk tolerance and time horizon, and your earnings grow tax-deferred until you begin taking withdrawals. (Keep in mind, though, that this investment is called "variable" for a reason; your account balance will fluctuate along with the financial markets.)

- **Lifetime income stream** - You can structure your variable annuity so that it will provide you with an income stream that you can't outlive.

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- **The "A-share" option** - As you can see, a variable annuity offers some attractive features. But some annuities will charge you high fees for

these benefits. When you add up the "insurance charges," asset-management fees and, in some cases, surrender fees (called "contingent deferred sales charges"), you might find that some variable annuities are just too expensive, relative to their hoped-for return. Plus, the surrender fees can take away liquidity by making it expensive for you to get money out of your annuity contract, should you need to do so.

That's why you need to look for variable annuities with low fees and low - or zero - surrender charges. And in recent years, some lower-cost options have emerged. Some variable annuities now assess a front-end sales charge, or "load," on consumers in exchange for lower annual fees. You may see this option referred to as an "A-share" annuity. The more you invest, the lower the up-front sales charge may be. To ensure you are charged the lowest sales charge you are eligible for, be

sure to ask your investment professional whether any of your current investments qualify as related accounts for breakpoint purposes. You'll typically get the greatest benefit from an A-share annuity if you hold it for at least seven years; at that point, your fee savings usually compensate you for the higher initial sales charge.

And the seven-year wait is not really a hardship, because variable annuities are unquestionably long-term investment vehicles. You should hold onto a variable annuity long enough to give the investments a chance to grow, and to overcome any "down" periods that may occur as a result of market slumps.

Don't rush yourself
Variable annuities - even the ones with lower fees - are not for everyone. Variable annuities fluctuate in value, which means you may get back less than your original value. And withdrawals before the age of 59 1/2 may be subject to a 10 percent IRS penalty and income taxes on earnings. Before making any purchase decisions, consult with your financial professional to make sure that a variable annuity is right for you.

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What happens after you make your offer? Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

Imagine you've been looking at homes for a month now, seen a wide variety of properties, and you're ready to take action. What's the next step?
Once you've made your decision, you must make a written offer to purchase, a statement of your intentions to buy the home based on certain terms and conditions, at a speci-

fied price. Here's how it works.
An "offer to purchase" is a unilateral document that is not binding until accepted by the sellers. You may withdraw your offer at any time prior to written acceptance by the sellers and delivery of the accepted document back to you.

An "offer" defines four primary points: 1) purchase price, 2) terms under which you will make payment, 3) date of possession, and 4) a "closing" date when the transaction will be completed. You may also spell out other terms of your purchase, such as a request for a survey, or requirement that certain repairs be made prior to closing.

Sometimes, the offer is not acceptable to the sellers. They may make changes in the offer, and make a "counter-offer," which would then require acceptance by the purchasers.

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Dr. Kim Van Cura presented students in an evening piano recital at her home earlier in June. Each student performed several memorized pieces. Front row l-r Anna Bracken, Taryn Kornegay, Erin Bracken, George Romf, Zachary Rosa, Matthew Rosa. Back row Dr. Kim Van Cura and Jenny Wiggin

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Site-based plans for 05-06 year

Salado I.S.D. site-based committee is seeking parents of SISD students who are interested in serving for 2 year terms. Please contact Dr. Robin Battershell at (254) 947-5479, Ext. 7000 if you are interested.

The committee meets four times a year. The responsibilities of the committee include writing the district improvement plan, monitoring of the plan, establishing the district calendar and waiver days if required, and giving approval for professional development direction.

The committee met June 16, during which Supt. Battershell shared a comparison of Salado ISD TAKS test results to five other small districts in Bell County. The committee discussed the implications of this. Committee members will keep this preliminary information and it will be used along with survey results to develop the campus and district plans.

The survey results will be discussed in August at the campus level.

The committee selected Brad McMurry was chairperson for 2005-06 by general consent. This was approved by the SISD Board of Trustees at their June 20 regular meeting.

The following outgoing committee members were recognized and thanked for their work: Frank Hajda, Parent; Shannon Ashe, Parent; Bobbette Bell, SHS Teacher; Christy Sharum, SIS/Sp. Pops Teacher; Terry Seaton, SIS Teacher; Colleen Gilcrest, SIS Teacher; Jayne Cecil, TAE Teacher; Jill Brashier, TAE Teacher; Jennifer Berumen, Paraprofessional.

The committee will meet on the following dates during the 2005-06 school year: Oct. 3, 4 p.m. at Salado Civic Center; Jan. 9, 2006, 4 p.m. at the Civic Center; March 20, 2006, 4 p.m. at the Civic Center and June 19, 2006, 1 p.m. at the Civic Center.

The site-based committee approved the following goals for the 2005-06 school year, to be recommended to the board of trustees for final approval:

Achievement: High Expectations for All Students

Communication: Improve Communication
People: Take Care of Staff

Resources: Maximize Facilities and Local Resources

Objectives to meet those goals will be discussed by the campus level committees and brought back to the district committee in October.

UMHB Dean's List

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor announced that 171 students have been listed on the spring 2005 Dean's List.

To receive this recognition a student must achieve a 3.5 - 3.69 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.

Two students from Salado were listed on the Dean's List: Marci Brentham and Micah Malone.

Salado Monday Club to meet July 11

The Monday Club of the Salado United Methodist Church will meet 2 p.m. July 11 at Springhouse Antiques, located at 120 Royal Street.

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Salado Reunion gathers 200



The Salado High School Class of 1955 enjoyed its 50th Reunion as part of the June 11 Salado Reunion. The oldest graduate in attendance was Lois (Watson) Sheppard (left) of the Class of 1931. She was presented with a crocheted afghan in the school colors of red and white. The afghan was made for the occasion by Wilhelmenia (Carsten) Friedrich of the Class of 1936.

Lois (Watson) Sheppard, Class of 1931, was the oldest Salado graduate in attendance.



Trey Berry, age nine, was the youngest person at the Salado Reunion.



Lou Ann (Parnell) Bussall traveled from New Jersey to attend the Salado Reunion.

Almost two hundred Saladoans gathered June 11 at the Salado Intermediate School for the annual Salado Reunion, visiting with former classmates and friends.

During a short business meeting, several people were recognized and gifts were awarded. The youngest person in attendance was Trey Berry, nine years old (above). The oldest person in attendance was Edith Guess, age 102. The person who traveled farthest to attend was Lou Ann (Parnell) Bussall of New Jersey (above right).

The next reunion will be held on June 10, 2006 and will be the 80th anniversary of the first reunion which was held in the summer of 1926.

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	Expended	Budgeted	Amended	REQUESTED
General Operating				
Administration	254,158.37	347,635.00	347,635.00	345,832.00
ESEA Chapter 1	682.00	682.00	973.00	975.00
Title VI	12,485.72	12,174.00	12,700.00	10,663.00
Athletics	155,182.54	141,701.00	170,053.00	176,501.00
Band	33,506.61	35,200.00	35,200.00	35,939.00
Food Service	178,411.40	168,099.00	168,099.00	195,886.00
Library	36,744.98	38,262.00	37,458.00	35,842.00
Salado High School	231,354.37	147,620.00	148,511.00	158,620.00
Drug Free School	773.44	1,208.00	1,324.00	960.00
ESEA Chapter 1	2,904.28	1,167.00	3,437.00	3,000.00
Career Tech Grant	6,113.00	6,113.00	6,113.00	6,113.00
Title VI	2,155.40	2,700.00	3,200.00	2,900.00
Salado Intermediate	61,672.884	95,890.00	95,890.00	107,940.00
Drug Free Schools	691.28	1,208.00	1,324.00	960.00
ESEA Chapter 1	2,235.82	1,167.00	3,437.00	3,000.00
Title VI	2,313.96	2,500.00	3,000.00	2,900.00
Technology	148,143.17	163,834.00	173,834.00	216,767.00
Thomas Arnold	64,115.59	75,600.00	78,183.00	76,500.00
Drug free schools	1,029.07	1,209.00	1,325.00	960.00
ESEA Chapter 1	5,901.14	4,167.00	6,437.00	4,500.00
Title VI	6,992.70	2,700.00	3,200.00	2,900.00
Accelerated Reader	5,897.00	5,435.00	5,435.00	1,000.00
Maintenance and Transportation	635,716.71	643,530.00	643,530.00	697,380.00
Debt Service	948,545.47	1,040,941.00	1,041,758.00	1,035,106.00

2005-06 REQUESTED EXPENDITURES BY BUDGET FUNCTION

Payroll Costs	Not yet estimated
Purchase & Contracted Services	\$681,910.00
Supplies and Materials	\$886,064.00
Other Operating Costs	\$338,332.00
Debt Service	\$733,636.00
Capital Outlay Land, Bldg & Buses	\$180,393.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (NOT INCLUDING PAYROLL)	\$2,800,335.00


THESE NUMBERS ARE THE FIRST ROUND OF REQUESTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS. ADMINISTRATORS AND TRUSTEES WILL WORK OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS TO FINALIZE THE 05-06 BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR FINAL ADOPTION IN LATE AUG. OR EARLY SEPT.

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District pays off land loan

Board begins budget process

By TIM FLEISCHER
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado I.S.D. Trustees voted unanimously at their June 20 meeting to pay off the \$500,000 one-year loan for 50 acres at Williams Dr. and FM 2484, following a one hour budget workshop in which they examined \$2.8 million in requested non-payroll expenditures.

In voting to pay off the loan, the board amended its 2004-05 budget to reflect the payment, which will come from the fund balance. Jackie Burson made the motion to pay off the loan "immediately" in order to save interest money. Miriam Ervi gave a second to the motion.

Finance director Lyndal Cabaniss reported to trustees that the estimated fund balance before the \$500,000 payment could top \$1.8 million.

She reported that state funding will increase by an estimated \$163,000 due to a substantial increase in average daily attendance

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Trustees

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(ADA) and special programs populations. The 2004-05 budget was built on a five percent increase in ADA. Refined ADA for the 03-04 school year was 1,021 students, and the budget was built on an estimated 1,072 in refined ADA. Actual refined ADA is 1,112, resulting in the \$163,000 in increased state funding. Of that, almost \$30,000 will be paid out to other school districts for coop programs.

During the financial report, which includes examining special program populations such as special education, behavior management, vocational and English as a Second Language (ESL), Superintendent Robin Battershell told trustees that the ESL program population increased from 27 to 51 this year. For these additional ESL students, the school district received "a total of \$6,000 more in state funds," Dr. Battershell said.

By paying off the loan, the district's fund balance will drop to approximately \$1.3 million. Texas Education Agency recommends that school districts have at least three months' operating expenses in fund balance. The \$1.3 million fund balance is between

two and three months' operating expenses for the district.

"That is going to be very important if the legislature does not finance education during the special session and we have to dip into the fund balance in the interim," Supt. Battershell said.

In other business, trustees hired teachers for all three campuses. The board hired the following on principal and superintendent recommendation:

Thomas Arnold Elementary School: Susie Copeland, first grade, 13 years experience, certified in content area; Julee Manley, second grade, three years experience, certified in content area.

Salado Intermediate School: Terry Arant, fifth grade social studies, 26 years experience, certified in content area; Tom Robbins, seventh grade science, junior high coach, no experience, on probationary certificate until she completes one year internship through alternative education, considered certified by State Board of Educator Certification; Donna Burgess, eighth grade math, 15 years experience, certified in content area; Pansy Reeder, eighth grade U.S.

History, junior high theater arts, no experience, on probationary certificate until she completes one year internship through alternative education, considered certified by State Board of Educator Certification.

Salado High School: Brianna Holze, English/Speech/Volleyball, three years experience; certified in speech, needs TexEs in English; Geoffrey Huff, History/Boys Basketball, seven years experience, certified in content area.

The board also approved the Goals recommended by the site based committee.

Achievement: high expectation for all students.

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Trustees also approved the following:

- Brad McMurtry to chair the site based committee.

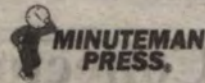
- Update 75 policies stemming from recent legislative session.

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- Budget amendments for additional funds received.



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Orchestra Rehearsal	4:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	5:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Service	6:15 p.m.
		Team Kid (Age 3 - 6th grade)	6:00 p.m.
		Bible Drill (4th - 6th)	7:00 p.m.
		High School Halftime	7:00 p.m.



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new church site on Royal Street.

The program will provide fun, memorable Bible-learning activities. Children will sing songs, play teamwork-building games, enjoy Watering Hole snacks, take on daily challenges, experience Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies and create Bible point crafts.

All children who are four years old as of Jan. 1 through those that have completed fifth grade are invited to attend.

Registration forms are available from the church office or by calling 947-5482. Children who register before June 24 will receive a free t-shirt.

Church of Christ VBS coming July 9

The Salado Church of Christ has announced its Vacation Bible School for this summer, scheduled for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 9.

The camp is open to children ages four to those entering the fifth grade, and will be held in the church's newly-built Activity Center. A complimentary lunch will be provided to all campers.

For more information call 947-5241.

St. Stephen to hold 2005 VBS June 26-30

St. Stephen Catholic Church will hold its 2005 Vacation Bible School June 26-30. The VBS will be held at the church, located at 601 FM 2268 (Holland Road), next to Wildfire Ranch. Times are 6-8:30 p.m. daily.

"Kingdom of the Son - A Prayer Safari" will be the theme of the camp. Children from Pre-K through those entering sixth grade are eligible to participate and there is no cost to register.

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Each brick can contain up to two lines with a maximum of 15 letters or spaces in each line. Order forms are available at the Temple Animal Services Facility and at are veterinarian offices. Completed forms may be returned or mailed to Ida H. Olliffe Foundation c/o City of Temple Animal Services Facility, 620 Mama Dog Circle, Temple, TX 76504. All contributions to the Ida H. Olliffe Foundation are tax-deductible.

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Salado Police Department Report for May 2005

DATE	OFFENSE	LOCATION
05/03	Driving while intoxicated	Thomas Arnold
05/03	Driving with Invalid License	Stagecoach Road
05/05	Driving while intoxicated	I-35
05/16	Accident Vehicle to Vehicle Non Inj	Old Town Salado
05/17	Accident Vehicle to Vehicle Non Inj	Royal Street
Unknown	Burglary of a Building	Baines Street
05/24	Accident Vehicle to Vehicle Injury	Old Mill Rd
05/26	Accident Vehicle to Vehicle Non Inj	N. Main Street
05/25	Public Intoxication	S. Stagecoach Rd
Cases Cleared by Arrest: 4		
Cases Cleared by Exception to Arrest: 3		
Cases Suspended: 1		
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August 10	<i>Worthy of the Name</i>	Scott Sager, Dallas
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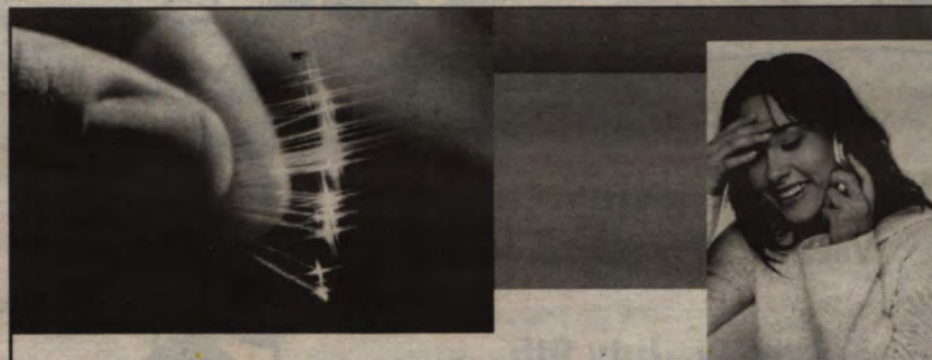
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The "Dog Gone Summer Day" camp, led by Salado 4-H students Stephanie Lastovica and Taylor Marburger, was held in Pace Park June 15. The camp included activities such as animal education, scavenger hunt, arts and crafts and games. In the pictures above, campers prepare to enjoy a snack of fresh watermelon.
 (PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)



Lions Club preparing updated phone book

The Salado Lions Club is currently in the process of collecting information for the newest edition of its biennial Salado phone directory.

If you are a new resident to the Salado area and would like to be included in the directory, or were listed in the last directory and would like to make a correction, call 947-4835.

If you have a business and would like to advertise in the directory's yellow pages, but have not yet been contacted by a Lions Club member, call 947-8300.

The phone directory is used as a fundraiser for the local Lions Club. Money raised goes toward the many benevolent activities of the club, such as funding scholarships for Salado students, as well as the Texas Lions Camp for physically challenged or disabled children.

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Find some summer fun at Salado Dog Daze this weekend

Salado Dog Daze, sponsored by the Salado Business Association, will return for its second year June 25. Held in Pace Park on the banks of the Salado Creek, Dog Daze will begin with registration for games and competitions at 9 a.m., with events beginning shortly thereafter.

Though the first Dog Daze was held under rainy skies, a large crowd turned out, with their pets, and an even bigger crowd is expected this year. Admission to Dog Daze is free, as is participation in scheduled competitions.

A grand "Dog Stroll" will kick off the day's events, and prizes will be awarded for best-dressed dog, most unique name and most heart-warming smile. Talented dogs will also compete for recognition in "Stupid Dog Tricks" and other games, such as

the obstacle course, best singer, ugliest dog, and the dog that most resembles its owner. Also in attendance will be "Puggy," who has appeared on America's Funniest Home Videos and other programs. Known as the dog with the Texas-sized tongue, Puggy will perform on stage to the delight of the crowd.

Cumulus Radio will broadcast live from the event, where visitors will also delight in "Glam-Fur Shots" - APAC Glamour Photography for Dogs. Other events include a Storytelling Corner with Salado Public Librarian, Alayne Fuller-Ramsden, Paw Readings by Grainger and Penny Esch of the Salado Silver Spur Theater, and Trini Train Xpress kiddie rides. Also, Salado's Mud Pies Pottery will offer paw prints in clay, and new this year will be dog massages provided

by Serenity Spa.

Favorite performances will include the Fort Hood K9 group, as well as the Waco Agility Group (WAG), who will appear with their obstacle course demonstrations. Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Juanita Duel will speak to the crowd concerning pet acupuncture, and pet rescue groups from all across Central Texas will be present.

The WAG group will demonstrate K-9 agility on a variety of platforms. Agility actually began as an exhibition sport in Great Britain and was imported to the United States in 1977. The sport was patterned after equestrian events and combines handler control, agility, and confidence. The sport of agility is comprised of a course set up of many different obstacles. Agility is meant



Mud Pies Pottery will offer paw prints in clay for this weekend's Salado Dog Daze.

to be a fun, non-regimented sport, with a lot of spectator appeal. Obstacles include jumps, tunnels, a dog walk, a see-saw or teeter, an A-frame and weave poles.

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What's happening around

JUNE 23

Bowl making class at Mud Pies pottery, benefiting the Empty Bowl Project. Classes are free, but limited to 10 participants. Call 947-0281.

JUNE 25

Mill Creek "Summer Nights" live music and dance, featuring the local

band, A Touch of Class. 8-11 p.m. at Mill Creek Creekside Room. Tickets: \$15 per person, or \$25 for two. Available at Village Realty of Salado, 947-0342, or TBC International, 947-4717. Cash bar available.

JUNE 25

Second Annual Salado Dog Daze. Held in Pace Park, registration for games and competition will begin 9 a.m. Event will kick-off with a Dog Stroll, and will include a number of contests and competitions. Admission is free. Info: Jan Scurlock, 947-3222 or email: info@uniquelyeuropeandmore.com.

JUNE 25

Sewing class at the Sewing Basket. Class title: Just Can't Cut It. Class is designed for beginners, and will take students through the process of beginning and completing a quilt. Cost: \$25. Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: 947-5423.

JUNE 26-30

St. Stephen Catholic Church Vacation Bible School. Theme: "Kingdom of the Son - A Prayer Safari," 6-8:30 p.m. nightly. For pre-K through sixth grade children. Info: 947-8037.

JUNE 27-30

Mill Creek Golf Club junior golf camp, for ages six-through-17. Cost: \$90. Info: Mill Creek Golf Club, 947-5144.

JUNE 29

Wednesdays in the Park, sponsored by SISD and Salado Chamber of Commerce, 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Pace Park. Open and free to children of the community. Topic: Petting Zoo. Info: 947-5040.

JUNE 30

Bowl making class at Mud Pies pottery, benefiting the Empty Bowl Project. Classes are free, but limited to 10 participants. Call 947-0281.

JULY 4

Salado Historical Society Annual Fourth of July picnic, 6:15 p.m. in Pace Park.

JULY 4

Salado Village Voice office closed for Independence Day. Ad deadlines for July 7 publi-

cation: display advertising - noon June 30; classified advertising - noon July 1.

JULY 11-12

Mill Creek Golf Club junior golf camp, for ages six-through-17. Cost: \$90. Info: Mill Creek Golf Club, 947-5144.

JULY 11-15

Vacation Bible School at Salado United Methodist Church. Theme: "Serengeti Track." Info: SUMC office, 947-5482.

JULY 11-15

Series of five coffee talks on various parenting issues, 9-11 a.m. daily at SUMC's new fellowship hall. Talks will be held in conjunction with Vacation Bible School. Led by Becky Butscher. Open to the public. Info: 947-5482.

JULY 14

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, featuring a program from Dr. Raymond Carver titled "Writing Your Own Life Story." Fellowship: 9:30 a.m.; Program: 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

JULY 16-17

Photography by Jim Sage, sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS). Venue and time TBA.

JULY 18-21

Salado Football Camp. The camp is open to incoming third-through-ninth graders and will be held 8:30-11:30 a.m. daily at the football field. Cost is \$40 and can be completed through mail or the first morning of the camp. For more information contact Jeff Cheatham at 947-6977.

JULY 19

Women's Ministry of FBC of Salado "Tea Cup Tuesday" series, 9:30 a.m. in the church's fellowship hall. Colleen Palmer will give a program on "Planning and Cooking Meals Ahead of Time." Info: 947-8346.

JULY 23, 30 & AUG. 6

Tablerock's 13th Annual production of Salado Legends. Dinner 7:15 p.m. with cost of \$8 (all ages reservations required). Performance begins at 8:15 p.m. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 children 12 and under. Call 254-947-9205 for group rates and further information, or visit www.allcentex.com/tablerock. Email: tablerock1@aol.com.

JULY 25-29

Salado Lady Eagles Summer Basketball Camp, for girls entering seventh through ninth grades. Instruction will focus on fundamentals, team competition, individual competition, as well as team drills, and offensive

and defensive schemes. Cost: \$40. Info: Lady Eagle Head Basketball Coach Scott Copeland, 939-7805.

JULY 28

Bowl making class at Mud Pies pottery, benefiting the Empty Bowl Project. Classes are free, but limited to 10 participants. Call 947-0281.

JULY 30

Mill Creek "Summer Nights" live music and dance, featuring the local band, A Touch of Class. 8-11 p.m. at Mill Creek Creekside Room. Tickets: \$15 per person, or \$25 for two. Available at Village Realty of Salado, 947-0342, or TBC International, 947-4717. Cash bar available.

AUGUST 1

Salado Civic Center Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m. at the Civic Center. Meeting is open to the public.

AUGUST 6-7

39th Annual Salado Art Fair on the grounds of Pace Park. Artists and artisans from across Texas and the Southwest on hand. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 947-5040.

AUGUST 8

St. Stephen Women's Society meeting, featuring a program titled "Spiritual Gifts," presented by Barbara Burleson, 6:30 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall.

AUGUST 11

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, featuring a program by Sandi Wicker, of Habitat for Humanity. Fellowship: 9:30 a.m.; Program: 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

AUGUST 15

Meet your teacher and stash your stuff night, at Thomas Arnold Elementary School, 4-6 p.m. Parents and students can bring school supplies and visit with teachers.

AUGUST 19

Mill Creek Community Association Fall Fling at Mill Creek Inn Restaurant. Cash happy hour: 6 p.m., dinner: 7 p.m.

AUGUST 27

Mill Creek "Summer Nights" live music and dance, featuring the local band, A Touch of Class. 8-11 p.m. at Mill Creek Creekside Room. Tickets: \$15 per person, or \$25 for two. Available at Village Realty of Salado, 947-0342, or TBC International, 947-4717. Cash bar available.

AUGUST 27-SEP. 5

Third Annual Salado Salutes Texas Educators Week, featuring door prizes and special shopping and dining opportunities for aa Texas public and private school educators. All door prizes have a value of no less than \$100. No purchase necessary to register for prizes. Info: 254-947-5040, email saladochamber@vvm.com, or visit www.salado.com.

AUGUST 28

Salado United Methodist Church picnic at Peacable Kingdom, following Sunday services.

SEPTEMBER 10, 17 & 24

Tablerock's production of Shakespeare's "Hamlet". Performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 child.

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SEPTEMBER 10

Salado High School Class of 1995 10-year reunion. Reunion will include daytime lunch in Salado and evening dinner in Walburg. More details TBA. Info: April Renfro, 512-656-7835.

SEP. 10-11, 14-18

Team Ropers Association Finals at Wildfire Ranch. Info: 947-8080.

SEPTEMBER 12

St. Stephen Women's Society "Women's Spiritual Retreat". Members will meet at the St. Stephen Parish parking lot to car pool. An evening of prayer, meditation and fellowship.

SEPTEMBER 17-18

Tablerock's Fantasy Faire, featuring music, dance and historical demonstrations. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, seniors and military personnel. Info: 254-947-1339 or email pangea@vvm.com, or tablerock1@aol.com.

SEPTEMBER 24

Couples Workshop for relationship enrichment, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at SUMC fellowship hall. Sponsored by the church's Family Life Ministries Committee. Space limited to church members. Info: 947-5482.

SEPTEMBER 24

Bell County Chambers of Commerce Golf Challenge, at Mill Creek Golf Club. 8 a.m. start. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 947-5040 or email saladochamber@vvm.com.

OCTOBER 1-2

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OCTOBER 10

St. Stephen Women's Society meeting, with a program by Salado Tourism Director Debbie Charbonneau on "Main Street Preservation USA," 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

OCTOBER 14-15

Christmas in October, sponsored by Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. each day at the Salado Civic Center. Features Christmas shopping, bake sale, style show, music, entertainment and

vintage car show. Admission is free. Info: 254-947-5040.

OCTOBER 16

St. Stephen Catholic Church Fall Fest. Auctions, food booths, games. Noon-4 p.m. on St. Stephen church grounds.

OCTOBER 16

Seniors Appreciation Day. Various organizations of Salado United Methodist Church honor the seniors of the church with a special dinner and presentation. 12:15-2:30 p.m. at the SUMC fellowship hall.

OCTOBER 22

Salado Education Foundation Chisholm Trail Cattlemen's Ball, at Tenroc Ranch. Details TBA.

OCTOBER 29, 30 & 31

Tablerock's Fright Trail, 7 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Admission: \$5 adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

NOVEMBER 13

St. Stephen Catholic Church Turkey Bingo.

NOVEMBER 13

Annual Empty Bowl Project and Pots O' Plenty Show and Sale, benefitting the Salado Family Relief Fund, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School.

NOVEMBER 15

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

NOVEMBER 26-27

Wildfire Truck Explosion at Wildfire Ranch (tentative). Info: 947-8080.

DECEMBER 2-3

Tablerock's 13th Annual presentation of A Christmas Carol, 7 p.m. each night. Tickets: adults \$5, children 12 and under, \$3. Sandwiches and drinks available beginning 6:30 p.m. Info: 947-9205 or www.allcentex.com/tablerock. Email: tablerock1@aol.com.

DECEMBER 2-4

Salado Historical Society Annual Christ-

mas Tour of Homes and Historical Log Cabins; 5-8 p.m. Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 3 and 1-5 p.m. Dec. 4. Info: 947-8300.

DECEMBER 2-4 & 9-11

Annual Christmas Stroll celebration in the Village Salado.

DECEMBER 13

Mill Creek Community Association Christmas Party and Annual Meeting, at Mill Creek Inn Restaurant. Cash happy hour: 6 p.m., dinner: 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 16

St. Stephen Catholic Church Christmas Dinner.

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JANUARY 6

St. Stephen Women's Society meeting, with Judy Greene presenting her monologue, "Esther, Woman of the Bible," followed by refreshments. 6:30 p.m. in the church Parish Hall.

Have a Salado event to list on this calendar? Email

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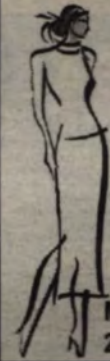
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Mill Creek Summer Nights returns for June 25 show

A series of live music dances, featuring the local band Touch of Class, will be held at Mill Creek's Creekside Room on the last Saturday of June, July and August. Dates for "Summer Nights" will be June 25, July 30 and Aug. 27.

Touch of Class members TerryLynn Schrimsher, Richard Paul Thomas, Jay Bryant and Richard Schrimsher will be on hand to perform a wide variety of music as their slogan "Silver, Platinum and Gold...Songs New and Old" indicates. Collectively, these singers and musicians have over a hundred years of musical experience.

Tickets are available at the door or in advance at Village Realty of Salado (947-0342) and TBC International (947-4717).



Richard Paul Thomas and TerryLynn Schrimsher, of Touch of Class.

The cost is \$15 per person or \$25 for two. Advance Tickets are available by check only. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Salado Circles of Care and Threads of Hope, both non-profit organizations helping children in need of clothing and foster homes.

Dancing will run from 8-11 p.m. A cash bar is available along with a variety of snacks. Membership at Mill Creek is not required. The Mill Creek Creekside Room is located just over the single lane bridge on Salado Creek.

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state, particularly in north and northeast Texas, grasses and weeds have browned, and even green vegetation has become visibly stressed. Irresponsible fireworks use during the upcoming holiday period could lead to a rash of wildfires. All outdoor fires will have a greater likelihood of escaping control, particularly during windy conditions.

In the absence of significant precipitation, fire danger levels are predicted to reach critical levels by the Independence Day holiday, according to a drought index prediction posted by the Texas Forest Service at http://www.tamu.edu/ticc/july_fourth.htm.

At the predicted July Fourth drought index values, any carelessness with outdoor fire use could lead to accidental wildfires. Firefighters can expect increased difficulty with wildfire containment efforts, as heavy accumulations of grass, weeds and brush exist across most of the state, thanks to abundant rainfall last year and early this year, according to Brad Smith, fire behavior analyst with the Texas Forest Service.

"The eastern half of the state needs rain. Without significant rainfall, wildfire danger is expected to reach critical levels by July Fourth, particularly in North Texas, in the piney woods region of East Texas and in South Texas," Smith stated.

Though careless debris burning accounts for a majority of wildfires in Texas, unsafe use of fireworks could ignite numerous wildfires this year because of the presence of abundant dry grass and



Public displays are the safest way to watch fireworks during the Fourth of July.

weeds across much of the state.

Observance of some common sense safety precautions with fireworks and other outdoor fire use can prevent many senseless wildfires and injuries. Following are wildfire prevention tips suggested by the Texas Forest Service.

Fireworks:

- Use fireworks outdoors in a safe area, well away from dry grass and buildings.
- Keep a bucket of water, wet towels and a garden hose nearby.
- Follow directions carefully and use only with close adult supervision.
- Never experiment with homemade or altered fireworks.

Outdoor fires:

- Establish firebreaks down to bare dirt around all outdoor fires. Wide firebreaks down to bare soil around brush piles help prevent rolling or flying embers from getting into flammable vegetation.

- Stay with campfires and other outdoor fires. Leaving fires unattended is the major act of carelessness that leads to escaped fires.

Home safety:

- Establish a safety zone at least 30 feet wide around your home and outbuildings in which grass and weeds are kept mowed.
- Mow pastures and fields to create a fuel break around your property and minimize the chances of a wildfire spreading to your pasture or buildings.

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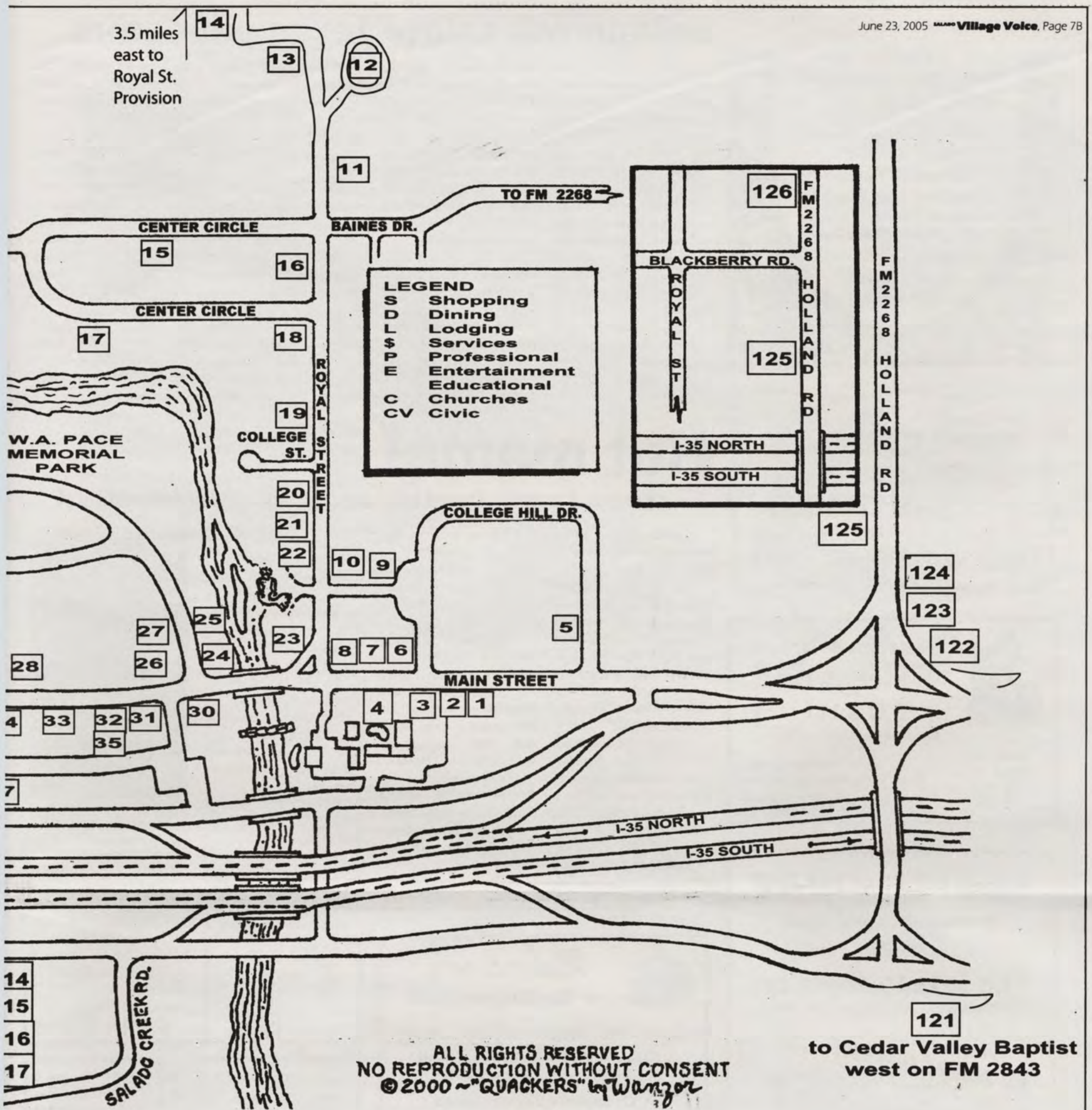
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In addition to the many door prizes given by

Salado business owners, this year's visiting teachers will find a surprise gift made possible by First Texas Brokerage and Century 21 Bill Bartlett. The two local real estate companies are joining efforts to give a grand cash gift of \$500.00 to a lucky Texas educator.

In the event's first two years, more than 800 Texas teachers attended where Salado's generous business community gave more than \$15,000.00 in gifts to Texas educators with many local Salado teachers being recipients.

Each year, Texas teachers are invited to spend a day or a weekend in Salado registering for thousands of dollars in free door prizes at business locations throughout Salado. Registration is free to all Texas public and private school educators and absolutely no purchase is necessary to register for the numerous gift drawings. Door prizes have a value of no less than \$100.00 and included in the list are rounds of golf, bed and breakfast stays, spa treatments, pottery lessons, fine art donated

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Pregnant women should take precautions during summer heat

(FeatureSource): "Summertime and the livin' is easy - and in most places, it can be pretty darned hot, too. More often than not, the season's soaring temperatures and high humidity can be especially difficult if you're a mother-to-be.

How does a pregnant woman stay cool?

"A good start is to drink plenty of cool liquids," says Seattle physical therapist Penny Simkin, a childbirth educator, doula and co-author of "The Simple Guide to Having a Baby" (Meadowbrook Press, \$12, www.meadowbrookpress.com). "Keep a drink near you at all times

and sip on it frequently. And of course, try to spend as much time as you can in air-conditioned rooms or rooms with an electric fan."

And don't be afraid to take that fan with you, Simkin advises. There are many small and inexpensive versions on the market - even small desk fans that run on batteries can be helpful.

Simkin and her co-authors of "A Simple Guide to Having a Baby" provide these other keep-cool tips for pregnant women:

Bathe or shower in tepid water, and dust your body with talcum powder

after drying off.

Spend time at the beach or at a pool (stay in the shade, though), and take a dip every time you begin to feel too warm.

Wear a wide-brimmed sunhat whenever you are in the sun. Avoid letting your head become hot.

Do outdoor exercise (i.e., walking, bike riding) early in the morning before the temperature rises.

Try not to exert yourself excessively during the heat of the day.

Avoid turning on your oven during the hottest times of day. Try to think ahead and plan to do baking or cooking when it



Staying cool this summer is important, especially if you're pregnant.

is cooler.

Keep a bowl of icy water and a couple of washcloths nearby. Dip the cloth in the water, wring it out, and place it on your forehead, back of your neck or your chest to cool yourself down.

Soak your feet in cool water.

Keep drapes or shades closed during the day to keep sunlight out.

What you wear can also make a difference on the summer-comfort scale. For instance, dark colored fabrics absorb the heat and will only make you warmer. Light-colored materials reflect the heat and light away from the body and will keep you cooler.

Choose natural, lightweight fabrics that breathe like linen and cotton to keep your skin cooler. There are even special fabrics that "wick away" moisture from the skin to keep your drier and cooler. You'll find them in athletic and summer casual wear, as well as in nightgowns.

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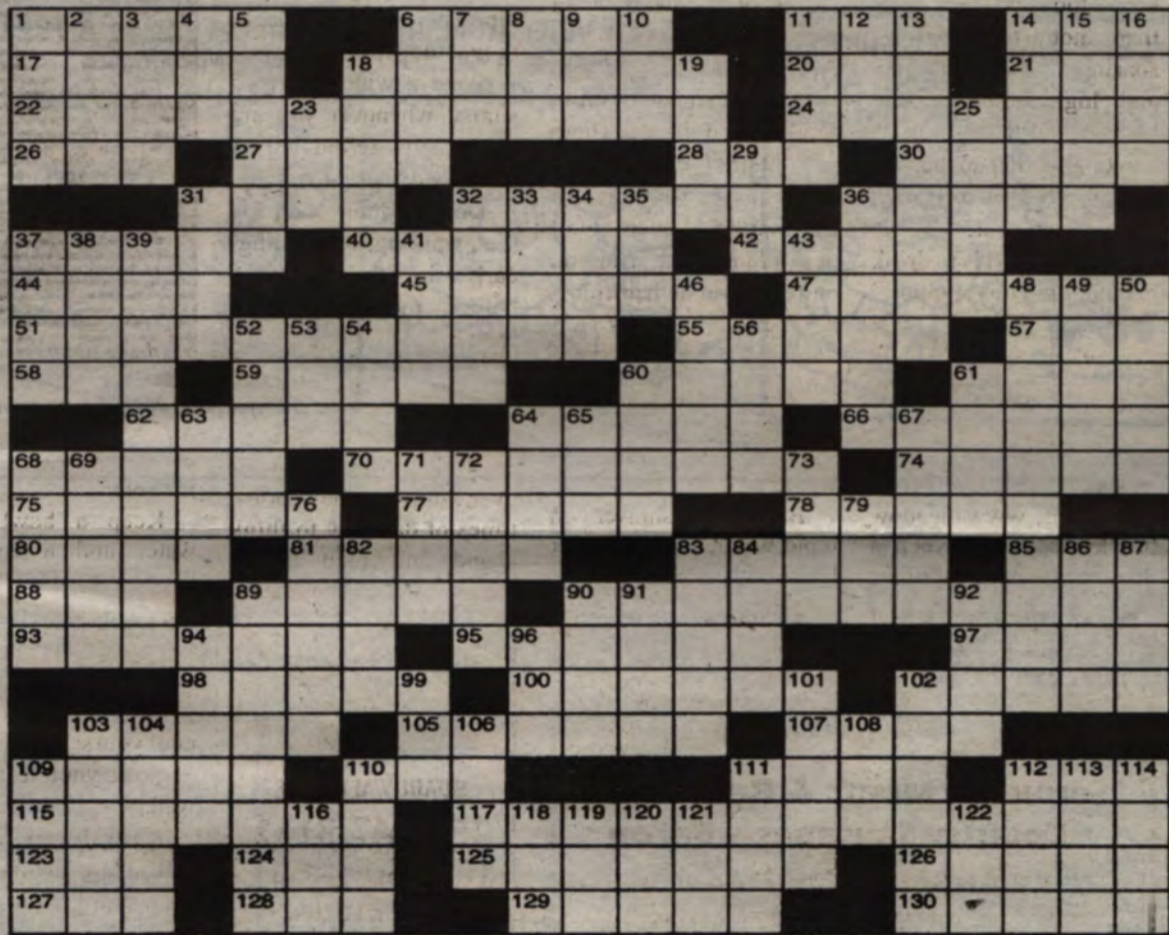
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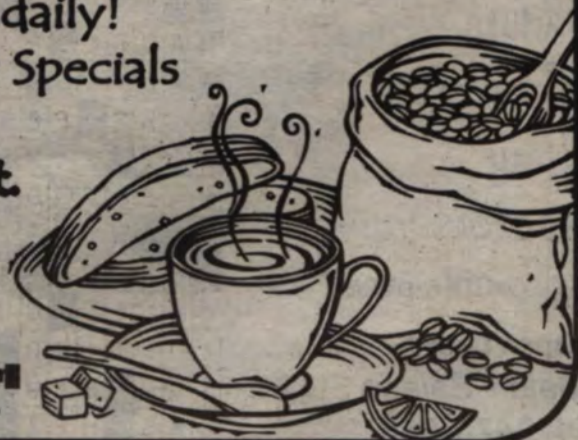
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Terrorist tactics discussed at Salado Rotary Club meeting

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
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Lawrence of Arabia, in the book recounting his role in the Arab Revolt of WWI, wrote that an unconventional war had to be waged to liberate Arabs from Ottoman rule.

The work, titled "Seven Pillars of Wisdom," in part spelled out the strategy: the guerillas sought not the destruction of the Turkish army - which they knew they couldn't accomplish - but rather the hampering of Turkish "minerals," or resources.

Ret. Army Col. Rick Armstrong, when speaking to the Salado Rotary Club June 14, pointed out the parallels between the Arab tactics then, and those employed by global terrorist organizations like al Qaeda now.

Chiefly, Armstrong noted, Lawrence advised the Arabs to avoid direct engagement. Instead, they concentrated their efforts on repeated attacks on Ottoman rail lines. By forcing the Turks to constantly repair the line, the Arabs were able to drain not only the enemy's resources, but also its will.

The attacks of 9/11, he said, were carried out in a similar vein. Armstrong noted that in addition to

the psychological impact and the loss of life, the actual financial cost to the U.S. from 9/11 exceeds \$47 billion. In other words, he stated, from the al Qaeda standpoint the attack was a success.

"In America, we have failed to acknowledge that al Qaeda, and specifically bin Laden, have specific motivations," said Armstrong, who spent 26 years as an Army Intelligence Officer, including operations in Vietnam, against the KGB in the Cold War, and in the First Gulf War. He was also a National Security Fellow in Harvard University's JFK School of Government.

"These are not just mad terrorists," he added, "They have a cogent plan to accomplish their goals."

That goal, he continued, is total victory, not mere destruction. Success in the eyes of al Qaeda would entail the removal of the U.S. military presence in the Muslim world, as well as American support for Israel, and what they view as the global suppression of Muslims by the U.S.

Although al Qaeda might have taken some



Sara McLure draws out the winning raffle from a make-shift box held by Rip Van Winkle during the Salado Rotary Club's June 14 meeting. The raffle was for a customized leather portfolio made by Duck Menzies, and was won by Saladoans Bill and Dava Cravens.

strategic pointers from Lawrence, Armstrong pointed to another, more recent writing that appears to be more telling. Written by Chinese Army Cols. Qiao Lang and Wang Xiangsui a short time before 9/11, "Unrestricted Warfare" outlines various methods to take down the United States.

"Its main point is that war is not limited to the military domain," Armstrong said. Through direct attacks on American's citizenry, via sabotage of water and food sources, and financial and banking infrastructure, an enemy could score what Arm-

strong termed a "strategic advantage" be weakening American resolve.

"All of those things are our minerals; our resources. The price of that one strike (9/11) raised what is being drained from our resources," said Armstrong.

Although there is no simple solution regarding the steps America could take to combat this threat, Armstrong suggested the government look inward.

"I think we should reconsider some of our foreign policy and attempt to change our relations in the Middle East, and try to implement policies that make Arab oil less valuable," he said.

Wildflower Quilt Guild show set for late Sep.

The Central Texas-based Wildflower Quilt Guild will host its second quilt show Sep. 30 and Oct. 1 at the Frank W. Mayborn Convention Center.

The theme of the show is "Reach for the Stars." Entries into the show are not restricted to that theme. The queen-size raffle quilt is also named "Reach for the Stars." Numerous quilt guild members paper-pieced the blocks, Betty Gavin and her committee completed the top and Keith Oltmann completed the quilt by long-arm machine.

Raffle tickets are available from guild members and at the show. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Members will be showing the quilt at other guilds and events throughout Central Texas. Entry forms can be obtained in local quilt shops. Categories are novice, bed quilts, wall/crib quilts, group quilts, miniature, other, machine embroidery, art quilts and display only (will not be judged). The entry form provides more information. The fee for all judged entries is \$6 per entry. Display only is \$4 per entry.

In addition to viewing the quilts, there will be numerous vendors, a quilt bazaar, a scavenger hunt for children, and a silent auction. Guild members are donating quilted items for the silent auction. Proceeds from the auction will be donated to Ronald McDonald House and Peaceable Kingdom.

Community members are invited to bring their personal quilts, quilted textiles and garments to have them appraised by Joan Northen, a certified appraiser. She is avail-

able by appointment and will provide a written appraisal. Appraisals can be used for insurance purposes, fair market value, estate settlements, donation to charity, etc. Her fee is \$30 per item. To schedule

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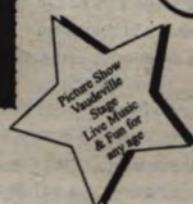
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An example of the wood-carvings by Wimberley artists Ron and Donna Kuhl.

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Art Fair to feature wood carvers

Ron and Donna Kuhl, of Wimberley, have been fashioning cedar log art for over 15 years, and exhibiting across the southwest for the past 12. The husband and wife team, working under the title of Country Carver, will bring their homemade stylings to the 39th An-

nual Salado Art Fair Aug. 6-7. The fair will be held on the grounds of Pace Park, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Aug. 6 and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 7.

The Kuhls' projects start first with the selection of proper cedar logs. Ron then does the carving, while Donna handles the

finish work, such as painting, glazing and the finish coat. "We both love working with cedar and seeing the finished product," says Donna. "Each piece that we have is unique because we have worked on it from start to finish."

Works from the Country Carver have been exhibited at events such as the Red River Revel in Shreveport, the Rockport Art Show and the Kerrville Art Show.

Known for being one of the premier art fairs in the state, the Salado Art Fair will feature artists working in oil, watercolors, acrylics, pastels, photography and mixed media. Sculpture, woodworks, glassworks, jewelry, metal work and handmade clothing will be also displayed and sold. Parking is free throughout the village with shuttle rides to the park. Admis-

sion is \$3 with children 12 and under admitted free of charge.

In addition, this year's art fair will also include a duck race, with prizes for the first-through-third finishes, as well as a "lame duck" award. The duck race will be held 3 p.m. Aug. 7. Ducks can be purchased for \$5 apiece, or five for \$20, at the Chamber of Commerce office in the Civic Center, or from the Salado Silver Spur Theater, Sweet Dreams, the Stagecoach Inn, the Salado Mansion, The Baines House and Rock Creek Treasures. Planned prizes include a stay and play package, as well as shopping extravaganzas.

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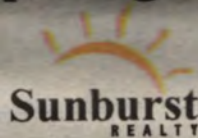
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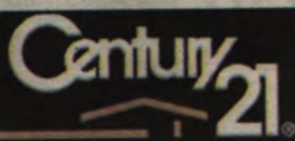
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Matt Caskey and Savannah Slagel (above), 2005 graduates of Salado High School, were recipients of \$1,000 scholarships awarded by the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxilliary. These two students were special guests at a recent meeting of the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxilliary. These scholarships, along with other grants, are given as a result of the Auxilliary's annual "Christmas in October" proceeds. Slagel, the 2005 SHS salutatorian, plans to attend Abilene Christian College, while Caskey will attend Temple College and compete as a member of the Leopard basketball team.



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Dear EarthTalk: Aside from wind power, which seems to be gaining in acceptance, what are some other promising sources of non-polluting renewable energy? Bianca Hoffman, Bridgeport, CT

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Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Wind power certainly has been in the news lately, with wind farms sprouting up across America from California to the Atlantic seaboard. By the end of 2004, U.S. wind capacity neared 6,800 megawatts, enough to power 1.5 million homes every year. And new projects now in the works will add at least 3,000 megawatts of capacity over the next five years, according to the American Wind Energy Association.

But while wind may be getting most of the headlines nowadays, hydropower--energy generated from water flowing through turbines in dams--is still king of renewables. Globally, hydropower generates 20 percent of the world's

electricity. In Canada, which is the world's largest generator of hydropower, over 60 percent of the electricity produced comes from the power of water. Norway gets almost 99 percent of its electricity from hydropower, and New Zealand is close behind at 75 percent. In the U.S. about 10 percent of all electricity--enough to power 35 million homes every year--comes from hydropower.

But although hydropower does not generate pollution, per se, it has hurt salmon populations on both U.S. coasts, and often ruins habitat for wildlife and people alike. In China and India, large controversial dam projects have flooded

huge areas of land and forced the relocation of whole communities of people.

One of the world's oldest fuel sources, biomass--the burning of plant material for energy--is enjoying a renaissance thanks to plentiful supplies of agricultural, forest and wood waste. Proponents of biomass--or "bioenergy"--say it could be harnessed as a clean alternative to coal in power plants. Currently, biomass accounts for 7,000 megawatts of U.S. energy generation, which puts it on equal footing with wind energy.

Solar powered "photovoltaic" cells, while they presently account for only about 1,500 megawatts of power annually in the U.S., promise to play a larger role in our energy future. Solar cells keep getting smaller and less costly, are highly reliable, and don't pollute. And fuel cells, which run on hydrogen and emit water as the only by-product, hold much promise not just for powering cars

(all the major carmakers are developing practical hydrogen-fueled cars) but for powering buildings and other "stationary" structures as well.

Despite the promise of renewables, though, the U.S. still generates more than 90 percent of its energy from non-renewable and polluting sources like coal and petroleum--and there is talk of a nuclear "revival" despite the potential dire consequences of a nuclear accident or terrorist act. Finding more efficient ways to harness solar energy is a top priority for many environmentalists, as the Earth receives more energy from the sun in just one hour than the world uses in a whole year.

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Can green taxes help environment?

Dear EarthTalk: Near tax filing day this year I heard some economists on TV discussing "green taxes" that can benefit the environment. Can you enlighten me? -- Wendy, Providence, RI



Green taxes make "gas guzzlers" even more expensive to own and operate.

Just like taxing cigarettes helps to discourage smoking, so-called "green taxes" can work to discourage activities that damage or pollute the environment. According to Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility, "Very simply, green taxes use the tax code to adjust the prices of products or activities. Through taxes, we can increase the cost of activities or products that damage the environment... and decrease the cost of activities or products we want to encourage for environmental reasons."

Taxes on gasoline, for example, are "green taxes" because they encourage conservation of a limited and polluting resource. Since businesses and consumers are price-conscious, adjustments to taxes force people to think about the choices they are making. Green taxation, or "tax shifting," as it is known in economic jargon, may also involve tax rebates, such as those given to consumers who purchase clean-fuel vehicles.

In the 1990s Great Britain instituted a fuel tax known as a "fuel duty escalator." It resulted in a significant drop in fuel consumption and a large increase in fuel efficiency, especially for diesel trucks. Finland, The

Netherlands and Sweden have all instituted similar measures, mostly trying to curb energy consumption.

In addition to trying to influence positive behavior, green taxes also seek to make the prices of goods reflect their "true costs." We buy a lot of disposable products, for example, and quite inexpensively. But local communities then have to deal with the resultant waste, incurring costs not reflected in the retail price paid for the cups. A tax, then, could price them more in line with their true costs, with the revenues inuring to the municipalities that have to pay to landfill, incinerate or recycle them.

Another philosophy behind tax shifting is to move away from taxing ordinary, everyday "good" behavior (like earning an income) while taxing less desirable behavior. Germany, for example, implemented a tax reform in 1999 that lowered income taxes at the same time it raised energy taxes.

So far, the experiment has been successful, says J. Andrew Hoerner, sustainable economy

program director at Redefining Progress, a non-profit organization in the U.S. that works on issues of sustainable economics. "In 44 economic studies of environmental tax reform in Europe," he says, "we basically concluded that the impact on the Gross Domestic Product is positive, the impact on employment is positive, and the effect on emissions is to reduce them."

While the scale of green tax shifting accounts for only three percent of tax revenues worldwide, the concept is gaining in popularity, especially in light of rising fuel costs the world over. In the U.S., according to Erich Pica, director of economic campaigns at Friends of the Earth, Vermont and California are exploring tax shifting, and many states offer a wide range of green tax rebates. A comprehensive listing of various state tax incentives rewarding those who buy renewable energy, drive hybrid cars and increase energy efficiency is available via the website of the Database of State Incentives for Renewable

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