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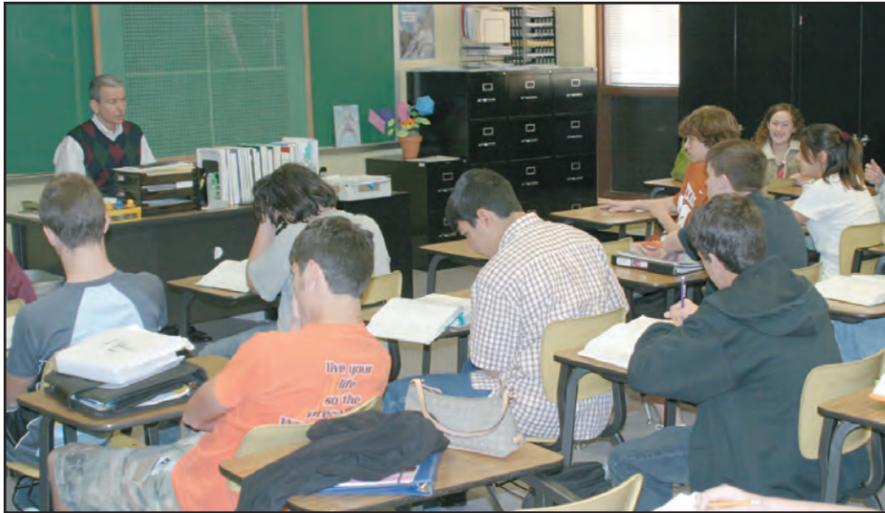
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Students in Dennis Cabaniss' Pre-AP Algebra II class are shown above. There were 17 students in the class at the time the picture was taken. The highest enrollment in a single class was 31, while the smallest class was 13. A proposed \$15.675 million bond, if approved by voters, will build a new high school campus. For a photographic tour of Salado I.S.D. facilities, visit www.saladovillagevoice.com.

Wedding & Event Showcase features Salado at its best

Spring-fed Salado Creek weaves its course through this antebellum Texas village, making Salado a perfect and charming destination for memories to last a lifetime. Salado's many historic bed and breakfasts, romantic restaurants, charming cafes and quiet inns will open their doors for the Salado Weddings and Events Showcase 12:30-5:30, Jan. 15.

Not only can you find the ideal location for your Wedding, Reception, Reunion, Anniversary, Honeymoon, Birthday or Retreat, you can meet with local services, such as wedding planners, caterers, photographers, videographers, floral designers, jewelers and others, to help plan your special events.

Whether you are planning your daughter's wedding, your parent's 50th anniversary celebration, your family reunion or your company's weekend retreat, you need ideas. You want to know

what works and the Who's Who in making it happen.

For ideal wedding and event services, setting, romantic locations, facilities and amenities, the Village of Salado, Texas has it all.

Here, you will find facilities for small workshops, family meetings, large gatherings of up to 300 people and more. Further, each of the stops in the Salado Weddings and Events Showcase has its own flair and style to fit your tastes and desires.

Among the locations on the Showcase are the following:

- The Stagecoach Inn, Main Street.
- Inn at Salado, Main Street.
- The Halley House, Main Street.
- Salado Civic Center, Main Street.
- Johnny's Texas Banquet Hall, Thomas Arnold Road.
- Tenroc Event Center, Thomas Arnold Road.
- Stonecreek Settlement,

College Hill.

• Old Salado Springs Celebration Center, Royal Street and Center Circle.

• Inn on the Creek, Center Circle.

• Royal Street Provision, Royal Street.

Admission to the Salado Weddings and Events Showcase is \$15 per person and includes admission to the after-party at the Stagecoach Inn, where light refreshments will be offered by Stagecoach Inn and Salado Mansion.

Each person attending the Showcase will be given a map and guide published by the *Salado Village Voice* newspaper, with descriptions of the participating businesses and their offerings. The Bridal Dreams guide will be published in January and provides a rich resource of information about Salado's charming bed and breakfast inns, elegant restaurants, and unique venues for gatherings of all kinds, whether personal or corporate.

Early voting starts Jan. 18

The first day of early voting in the Salado Independent School District bond election is Jan. 18.

Early voting will be 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays Jan. 18-31, 2006 at the Salado Civic Center at 601 N. Main Street.

Additional early voting times will be the following:

- 7:00-8:30 a.m. Jan. 19 at the Thomas Arnold Elementary school library on Thomas Arnold Rd.
- 5-8 p.m. Jan. 24 at Salado High School on Thomas Arnold Rd.
- 5:30-8:00 p.m. Jan. 26 at Salado Intermediate School commons area on Thomas Arnold Rd.
- 8 a.m.-noon Jan. 28 at the Salado Civic Center on Main St.

Election day, the polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Salado Civic Center, 601 N. Main St. Salado.

Salado I.S.D. voters will have two propositions before them. Proposition 1 totals \$15,675,000 for construction of a new high school and renovations of current campuses. Proposition 2 totals \$500,000 for renovation and expansion of the football stadium and renovation of the elementary gym.

PROPOSITION 1

Proposition 1, totaling \$15,675,000, will be construction of a new high school on the 50 acres of property at FM 2484 and Williams Dr. with renovations of current academic facilities.

Construction of the new high school is budgeted at \$15 million, while \$675,000 is budgeted for the renovations. It will be built with a core capacity of 800 students and a classroom capacity of 600 students. The design will allow for additional classroom wings to be built when needed.

The renovations on existing campuses in the proposed bond include interior and exterior painting, fixing cracks, additional storage and replacement of ceiling tiles and grids.

"If bids come in under the projections then we can use the money to do additional renovations," said Salado I.S.D. Superintendent Robin Battershell.

PROPOSITION 2

Proposition 2, totaling \$500,000, will be for renovating the existing football stadium and elementary gymnasium. The

renovations of the football stadium include adding seating capacity, bringing restrooms, stands and walkways into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The renovations of the elementary gymnasium include addressing cooling and roofing issue.

The bond propositions are made with the understanding that Proposition 1 must pass in order for Proposition 2 to be implemented. If Proposition 2 is approved by voters, but Proposition 1 is declined by voters, the board will not issue the \$500,000 in bonds for Proposition 2.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

When students returned from the semester break, Salado I.S.D. has registered a total enrollment of 1,218, which is an additional nine students compared to the midpoint of the first semester on Oct. 21, 2005.

By campus, Thomas Arnold added seven students, Salado Intermediate School lost four students (net) and Salado High School added six students between the first and second semesters of the 2005-06 school year.

Salado aldermen enact outdoor burning ban

Village of Salado aldermen, at their Jan. 5 meeting, extended an executive order by Mayor Rick Ashe to prohibit the use of outdoor fireworks or combustibles through March 30. Mayor Ashe issued the executive order on Dec. 30, which was good for seven days before the board of aldermen extended the prohibitions.

The order applies to the incorporated municipal boundary of the Village of Salado. The Bell County Commissioners have enforced an outdoor burn ban and prohibited the use of aerial fireworks during this time of dry conditions

and high winds.

According to the Village prohibition, fireworks are defined as "a composition or device designed for entertainment to produce a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation."

Combustible Materials are defined as "matter used in activities such as welding, and other activities that could result in fire."

The Village order further states that "The use, discharge, or ignition of fireworks in an outdoor environment is prohib-

ited" and that "The use of combustible materials in an outdoors environment by a person is prohibited."

In accordance with the Local Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500 per violation, with each act contrary to this order constituting a separate offense.

If weather conditions change, the board of aldermen may lift the prohibition before March 31.

Questions can be made to 947-5060.



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Library hosts local authors

The Salado Public Library will host an informal evening reception to recognize Salado's local published authors 6:30-8 p.m. Jan. 19, at the library. At last count, some 16 authors reside in Salado.

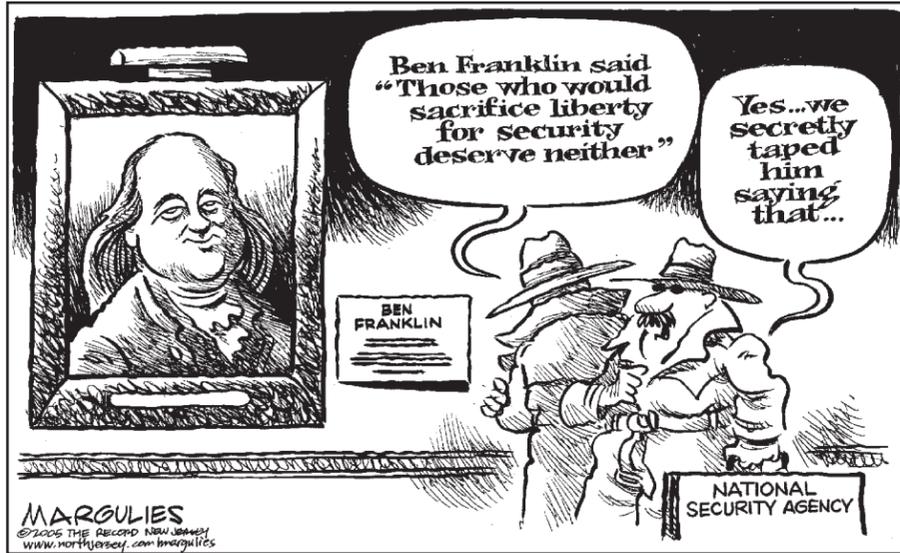
There will be no formal presentations by the authors, nor will there be a book sale. The authors, however, may have purchasing information available.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



The GOP's culture of corruption

Democrats complain of a "culture of corruption" in the Republican-controlled Congress, and they are right in one respect: The spending process has been so twisted by the Republican majority that it has become inherently dirty.

The instruments of this perversion are "earmarks," special provisions attached to spending bills that direct federal money to specific projects. Earmarks are how Congress diverts spending to pork-barrel local priorities and to other special interests. This practice has long existed, but Republicans have made it part of the fabric of their governing.

In 1994, there were 4,126 earmarks in the 13 appropriations bills. In 2004, there were 14,040. This year's highway bill alone had 6,371 earmarks. An industry has grown up around this specially designated money.

The number of firms registered to lobby members on the appropriations committees rose from 1,865 to 3,523 between 2000 and 2004, according to Knight Ridder. For relatively small fees to lobbyists and donations to congressmen, corporations and localities can get a big payoff.

Ronald Utt, a transportation expert at the Heritage Foundation, points to an example in Virginia. Culpeper County wanted to build a \$3.5 million community sports complex. A lobbying outfit approached the county and said that for a mere \$5,000-a-month for 18 months (\$90,000 total), it could get the feds to pick up the \$3.5 million tab for the complex. Amazingly, Culpeper County declined, but this sort of offer is often accepted.

This is a corrupting process because it depends on congressmen prioritizing special interests, slipping earmarks into bills with no debate, and getting rewarded for it with campaign contributions. In the case of Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham, R-Calif., who resigned



Rich Lowry

following bribery charges, the sleaze slid into outright criminality. Defense contractors who had almost no business got smart and began larding Cunningham with contributions and under-the-table payoffs. Suddenly, the firms won federal contracts funneled to them through earmarks Cunningham championed.

This trading of contributions for official favors is ingrained in the appropriations process. It is part of the scandal around former GOP superlobbyist Jack Abramoff. A *Washington Post* analysis shows that eight of the 20 top recipients of contributions from Abramoff and his team sit on appropriations committees. One e-mail exchange between Abramoff and an associate, Tony Rudy, has Rudy asking whether a Native American tribe can fund a hunting trip for congressional staff as a "thank you ... for the approps we got."

It is hard to imagine a practice or culture more inimical to the spirit of the Republicans who took over Congress in 1994. A decade later, the GOP has embraced the tactics of the corrupt, free-spending Democrats they overthrew. Meet the new appropriator, same as the old appropriator. Now it is the minority Democrats who are talking reform. One bill sponsored by liberal Reps. David Obey, D-Wis., and Barney Frank, D-Mass., features an attempt to tamp down on earmarks. Republicans would do well to run with that idea, and clean up the House before someone else does it for them.

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Top stories: Abramoff to rat; Strayhorn-goes Independent; Perry agin evolution; Kinky remains Kinky; Guv race normal

Towards the end of last year this column mentioned, ever so casually, that 2006 would be an "interesting" political year, what with so many candidates running for election or reelection, and the potential impact of the President's low ratings on all concerned.

What surpassed "interesting," and moved quickly to a "tumultuous" level, was the political explosion on the second and third days of the new year. In politics the unexpected is expected, but Texas Comptroller Carole Strayhorn and Washington's felonious lobby-master Jack Abramoff, sent volcanic shock waves throughout our insatiable media-centers; on to a very nervous political class; and finally hitting the rest of us, who are the ultimate recipients of news - good, bad and indifferent.

The first blast made statewide headlines on January 2 when Comptroller Strayhorn forsook the Grand Old Party and declared herself an Independent gubernatorial candidate! GOP hacks were outraged and chastised the "tough old grandma" for "abandoning the principles of the Republican Party that had once welcomed her with open arms."

Prior to this most recent decampment, Strayhorn had deserted the Democratic Party in November 1985.

The second tornadic-style eruption took place in Washington the next day, (January 3) when Abramoff pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy, fraud and tax evasion, before a Federal District Court Judge. He also agreed to "work" with Justice Department officials, investigating political corruption in the nation's capital - an ongoing probe that began two years ago.

POLS RUN FOR COVER AS ABRAMOFF "RATS"

We'll start with the Abramoff story since it's national in scope and could evolve into the most incendiary political scandal in recent history (surpassing Teapot Dome, Watergate and even Zippergate). Our contacts in D.C. report "more than a few" members of congress (and staffers), are worried about how deep the Abramoff plea bargain will reach, since the "naming of names" has already touched the highest levels within both Houses of Congress, and on down to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

What Abramoff is expected to tell investigators is that he not only gave lawmakers cash, high priced gifts, expensive trips and large campaign contributions - **but expected something tangible in return.**

It is in that area the legal ax will fall, because if Abramoff can document not only how much he gave (cash, gifts and services) to each elected official, **but also when he asked for specific assistance, including special legislation, influence, votes - these favors were granted, then felony charges will follow, along with possible jail time.**

Question before Democrats and Republicans, as they head into the '06 mid term elections: "Will the Abramoff 'rattling,' drop-kick enough GOPers out of office to give congressional control to the Democrats?"

PANDORA'S BOX

President Bush's reelection campaign received over \$100,000 from Abramoff - of which \$6,000 will be given to the American Heart Association. Other Texas Republicans on the Abramoff "hit-parade" are: Tom DeLay - overseas golfing trips and funds for his State GOP-election PAC - a matter that has the former Majority Leader in serious legal trouble in

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Travis County; also Senators John Cornyn and Kay Hutchison; and San Antonio Congressman Henry Bonilla.

The Abramoff roguery has already caused House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-Illinois) to announce he'll be "giving" up to \$50,000 of Abramoff's money to charity.

Democrats are not without tarnish in this widespread buying and selling of favors. Minority Senate leader Harry Reid is trying to defend the \$40,000 campaign contribution received from Abramoff. Senator Hillary Clinton (D-New York) will give her contribution to charity.

The real shocker in all this, is that like Pandora's box - the emerging Abramoff evils - could conceivably bring down a majority party, along with some high profile leaders as well.

GOVERNOR'S RACE WILL BE UNRULY

Turning to the political home front and the gubernatorial race that's gathering steam with all the enthusiasm of a Chinese Fire Drill. As noted - the fury began early last week with the startling news that Comptroller Strayhorn will run against incumbent Governor Rick Perry - as an Independent, rather than a Republican.

Democrats Chris Bell and Bob Gammage were weighing the effect on their chances after the primary season. Good old Kinky Friedman intoned: "There's plenty of room in the hot tub, and she's welcome!" Kinky, by the way, is actually a resident of Kerrville, but Weird City (aka Austin) is his campaign center and spiritual hometown. Remaining six candidates in the four party race have remained strangely silent - thus far!

WHY STRAYHORN CHANGED HORSES

So, why did Strayhorn quit the Repubs to become an Independent? That a question will be answered in as many ways as there are political gurus with access to either print or electronic media outlets.

Reasons are not difficult to fathom. Strayhorn knew that going head to head with old "Crazy Hair" in the primary, would be a "loser" (her polls showed that). So rather than end her career in March - why not stay in the race until November as a hypercritical Independent? Long enough to see if Perry fails in the court-forced special session he'll call this Spring. He and the legislature must come up with a judicially acceptable plan on financing public education. Failure would halt state funding to all school districts.

We assume Texas GOPers would shy away from Perry if he screws up school finance again (after six failures). Also, doubt they'd switch to the Democrat primary winner (presumably Gammage); nor accept the foolishness of Kinky - thus leaving Strayhorn to pick up all the marbles.

That's why (we believe) she opted for an Independent run and not the hackneyed "anti partisan politics" banner she is currently waving.

AND THE BEAT GOES ON

These are halcyon days for those who comment on politics - since there's an overabundance of material. Each press cycle brings new and fascinating info from the political front. We even have late news about Governor Perry's conversion to teaching biblical creationism in the public schools.

This guy will apparently embrace anything or anyone - for a vote.

That's -30-

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Watch what your kids eat or the government will

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Apparently, Cap'n Crunch and Tony the Tiger have been conspiring with SpongeBob SquarePants and Dora the Explorer to fatten the wallets of evil executives, careless of the fact that they may fatten the waists of American children.

Believers in personal responsibility beware. Good, responsible parents, look out. Protectionists are again asking the government to keep food and beverage marketers and manufacturers from making our children fat.

The problem of childhood obesity is serious. The Department of State Health Services notes that 35 percent of Texas school-age children are either overweight or obese. Real, serious health risks are associated with the excess weight these children carry, including asthma, hypertension, and type 2 diabetes and an increased likelihood of eventual coronary heart disease.

However, the nagging nannies of nutrition contend that soft drink vending machines in schools are to blame for making children fat. Others argue that carefully-placed advertisements entice children into poor eating habits. However, many of those who would "save" children from a life of obesity have one thing in common: they diminish the importance of personal and parental responsibility.

A new study conducted by an independent economist, and touted by the American Beverage Association, notes that schools' sales of full-calorie carbonated soft drinks are down 24 percent since 2002. This ought to be good news in the respect that it might indicate parents are helping their children make more intelligent decisions about nutrition. In fact, the Beverage Association proudly announces the decreased school sales in an effort to combat arguments that they are to blame for childhood obesity.

However, the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), a protectionist nutrition and health advocacy group, lambastes the study not on technical grounds, but as an indication that sales aren't down quite enough for their taste. CSPI Executive Director, Michael F. Jacobson states: "They [the American Beverage Association] are trying to make it seem like it's their benevolence and self-restraint that were respon-

sible for a decline and not the parents..."

While we are in no position to judge the validity of the industry-sponsored study, it is clear that Mr. Jacobson unwittingly reveals the true solution to solving childhood obesity: better parenting, not more government regulations on food and beverage manufacturers.

Model legislation can be found on the CSPI website so that state legislators can easily limit the sales of soft drinks and junk foods in schools. In fact, the CSPI recommends that "school systems and other organizations catering to children should stop selling or advertising soft drinks, candy, and other junk foods in hallways, shops, and cafeterias."

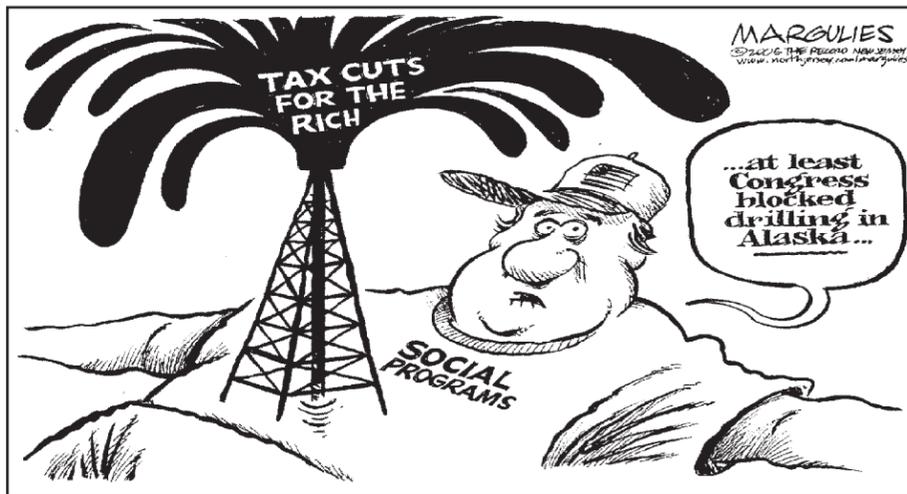
Another protectionist group, the Institute of Medicine alleges in a recent report requested by U.S. Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) that food company advertisements during children's television shows are leading children towards unhealthy snacks and eventually, obesity. The report concludes that food and beverage marketing puts children's long-term health at risk. Perhaps, but not if their parents make good choices.

While scientific research and common sense leads to the conclusion that over-consumption of carbonated soft drinks and junk food leads to obesity, the primary responsibility for children's health lies with their parents. When parents shirk that duty, government is put in the awkward, and highly improper, role of having to encourage good health through rules and regulations. If adults don't parent their children, the government will, to the detriment of the rights of responsibility of people and businesses.

The American Obesity Association (AOA), a group that researches and educates on obesity, names the most important role model for children, and its no fictional character, spokes-cartoon, or product. The most important role model for children: parents. Parents, according to the AOA, can combat childhood obesity with two, simple steps: create an active environment that limits TV time; and create a healthy eating environment that promotes healthy snacks and limits fast food.

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FORUM



School Bond questions addressed

This is the first part of a series of Questions and Answers to be addressed by Supt. Battershell over the next few weeks. If you have a question that you would like addressed email it to rbattershell@saladoisd.org.

Why did you not build on the current property?

The current property is comprised of 47.1 acres with 39 of these acres allotted to buildings and the remainder lying in flood plain or septic fields (Marrs Report 1993). One-third of the property lies in a flood plain, another large part of the land is in septic fields, and roads and the electrical transformer (Alan Good-night) are at capacity.

We can add classrooms; however we cannot add large buildings without moving either septic fields or athletic fields.

How was the site selected?

During eight community meetings, those individuals attending laid out prerequisites for a land purchase. Those criteria included

Location: not on I35 but with easy access to I35.

Proximity to current campuses: Have the new school as close to the current site as is possible i.e. amount of acreage and cost. Plan a school where projections indicate population growth.

Roads: be on a road that accommodate our traffic

Utilities: do not be under power lines, yet have access to water and electricity.

Amount of acreage: Purchase enough land so that we do not have to purchase more property in 10 years. The generally agreed upon acreage was 35-50 acres.

Environmental: Look at environment constraints i.e. lakes, rivers, etc.

Cost: Get the lowest

Superintendent's Corner

By Robin Battershell

dollar amount possible but yet meet the criteria above.

Why did you not buy property next to the school?

There was no property of adequate size for sale next to the school.

Are the roads adequate?

Salado ISD has visited with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and with Bell County Commissioner, Tim Brown. If a bond is approved, the architects will apply with TxDOT on establishing turn lanes, signals, etc. TxDOT is aware of these possible upcoming needs. Tim Brown has received approval from the Bell County Commissioners to pave Williams Drive.

Will there be an adequate water supply?

In visits with Salado Water Company, we are told that a grant has been applied for. However, in case this grant is not received, the District has allotted money in the proposed building budget to provide adequate water lines onto the property.

What is the bond proposal?

Proposition A: \$15,675,000

- New high school on new site

- Minor renovations on the three current campuses, including:

Interior & exterior painting

Replacement of ceiling tiles & grids at SHS

Fixing crack in TAE west wall

Additional storage on all campuses

Proposition B: \$500,000

- Renovations and air conditioning TAE gym

- Minimum renovations at current football field, including compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act and portable bleachers for capacity building.

Have we decreased the cost of the school?

Yes, the original cost estimates presented to the community in December 2004 were new high school \$18,480,000, new athletic complex, \$3,600,000, and renovations to existing h.s. athletic field \$1,670,000. The Board also received cost estimates for a performing arts auditorium and expansion to the elementary school.

The April bond election that was defeated had a high school for \$15.2 million and \$1.8 for a new athletic complex.

In light of construction costs rising at one percent per month, we maintained approximately the same cost estimate given to us by Fields and Associates last spring and increased the capacity by considering a simpler architectural design, pre-engineered building, and a one story building.

Why did the Board select a construction management firm and not a general contractor?

Construction management firms must bid out all subcontractors. The Board then will approve a subcontractor and a price. Any price savings are realized by the school district not the company. General contractors are not required to bid out projects. If they do, any savings is not necessarily passed onto the district.

The Texas Association of School Boards and the districts visited by Salado ISD have all recommended the construction manager at-risk.

The Army knows where you live



Jim Hightower

Hey, youngsters - Uncle Sam not only wants you, he's got your number!

Not yet sure what you want to do in life? Why not get paid and see an exotic part of the world while you're getting it all together? Yes, you could summer in sunny Iraq...and be a part of our exciting occupation forces there, where there's never a dull moment!

If you are 16 to 25 years old, chances are you'll soon be receiving such a sales pitch from the Army. How will recruiters find you? Easy-thanks to a new database secretly built by the Pentagon, they know where you live. They also know your phone number. And your social security number, your email address, your height and weight, your grades in school, your ethnicity...and so much more.

The Pentagon's "Joint Advertising Market Research Studies Division" (did you know they had one of those?) brags that this superdandy database is "arguably the largest repository of 16-to-25-year-old youth data in the country, containing roughly 30 million records." It includes the names and personal info on 3.1 million graduating high school seniors and 4.7 million college students - possibly including you or someone you know. All this is to be used to target, reach, and recruit young folks to fill the troop quotas for George W's war in Iraq.

There are, however, two little glitches with the Pentagon's sweeping new database.

First, it was illegally compiled. Officials began building it three years ago without giving public notice and allowing public comment - a flagrant violation of the Federal Privacy Act. Second, (and more alarming to mothers and fathers) the private data allows military recruiters to intrude surreptitiously into people's homes and put a sales job on their children. As one appalled mom says: "It's a direct shot to someone's child without consent from a parent."

To help shut down this illegal, intrusive database, call the Electronic Privacy Information Center: 202-483-1140.

Bond election, public restrooms take forefront in minds of readers

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Having attended Salado schools myself and raising my family in Salado I am proud of the education my children are receiving. Even though I have two children in the Salado School District and am very involved in their education, I had never taken the time to tour their schools and see for myself the conditions in which they were being taught. Several months ago I decided to tour all three campuses and see for myself why we need a new High School.

As I toured the Elementary School several items caught my attention. I saw the school counselor working in her office that is the old janitor's closet. I saw the art teacher vacating her room and moving to the Middle School because an extra third grade class needed the art room. Therefore, the elementary children must travel to the Middle School for all art instruction. I saw a gym that is not adequate for the number of children that are learning the importance of physical education. I also noticed children trying to be tutored in the hallways because there was not a spare room for them to have a quiet one on one learning experience.

As we moved along to the Middle School I noticed there was not a spare room in the building. The Elementary Art teacher was trying to set up her new class room while at the same time sharing the room with the Theatre Art teacher for the Middle School. The administration is becoming very creative in finding space for staff and students. The Middle School has been incredibly maintained, everything was neat and orderly, and it is an excellent place for our children to learn.

Upon arrival at the High School, we first toured the portable buildings. My daughter is a sophomore and I did not expect her to be taught Biology in a portable building with 30 children and one sink. They will be dissecting frogs soon. Again, the creativity of teachers will come through as they figure out how 30 children, 15 frogs, and one sink will work. The chemistry/physics room I toured was over-run with students trying

to conduct experiments in severely inadequate space. The library was being used as a library, classroom, and a computer lab all at the same time. The ESL teacher was instructing 6 students in the principal's supply closet. The ag department is trying to educate our young men and women about career choices with two teachers sharing one classroom. Somehow they make it work, but it is certainly not a good learning environment. These are only a few of the reasons I saw a need for a new High School. There are many, many more.

Building a new High School will alleviate many of these problems. A new school will enable the administration to move children to different campuses and provide a learning environment that we will appreciate when these same students later protect our homes by becoming police officers, heal our ailing bodies by becoming nurses or doctors, or become our future leaders in the community.

Please vote on Feb. 4th,
Melanie Kirchmeier

Dear Editor:

I am a frequent shopper to Salado. At least twice a month my mother and I come to spend the afternoon having lunch and shopping or attending whatever calendar event may be going on in Salado. We also frequently attend Wildfire Ranch arena.

On Jan. 4, my mother, my nine-year-old daughter and I came to Salado to spend the afternoon. We parked our car and walked to enjoy the lovely weather we have been having. We went to a few shops. We had so far spent between the two of us close to \$500 and were not finished shopping. While I was inside a shop, my daughter needed to use the restroom. I asked the shop owner where we could use the restroom because I knew Salado has a strange restroom policy. Since it was an overall quiet day and we were the only customers in her store I thought she would offer her restroom to us but she didn't. We were told to go to the

Exxon Mini Mart across the road on the Interstate or down the road to the Civic Center. I was disturbed that we were being sent somewhere else because we were trying to shop (AKA spend money) in this store. We left to go find the restroom but my daughter wasn't able to hold it and wet herself in the yard of that shop. She was humiliated!!

We had nothing to clean her up with and nothing for her to change into. I had to let her sit in wet clothes while I walked all the way back to our car and came back to get her. I had to take her bottoms off of her and she had to ride in the car that way while I drove around looking for somewhere to clean her up and buy her new clothes. We ended up having to leave Salado and drive to the Temple Mall.

Before leaving town my mother addressed the shop owner about what happened and though she was apologetic, it was too late. She said her lease agreement wouldn't allow public use of her restroom facilities. My mother owns a commercial property in a nearby town and we don't know anyone who has lease agreements like this. We can't even imagine telling a spending customer that they couldn't use our restroom and must leave and go somewhere else, especially if somewhere else was a place in which they weren't doing business.

I don't know why Salado has the restroom policy it has but I want to make sure that everyone is aware of the problem it created. A little girl was embarrassed as deeply as she could possibly have been and an entire trip was ruined. I, myself, have been inconvenienced a number of times while shopping in Salado by having a shop owner refuse use of their restroom and send me down the street. This often involves walking back to a car not parked nearby, driving somewhere else, then having to find another parking spot. My shopping friends and I make it a point that if we are refused use of a restroom we don't spend

money in that store again. Believe me it has narrowed down the stores we frequent. Do you really expect a customer to leave a store then come back to finish shopping? If you are a shop owner please be aware that you may not only be offending your customer, but losing them as well. I know for a fact that I'm not the only person who has been inconvenienced by this policy.

Salado wants tourists/shoppers to come spend money but it's time you do something about the situation you have there. You have a lovely community with wonderful shops but this discourtesy to your customers is a reality that needs to be addressed.

Thank you for your attention,
Jennifer Hoffman

From the Editor:

Ms. Hoffman,

First, I want to apologize for the embarrassment caused to your daughter. It should not have happened. Second, I want to thank you for taking the time to express yourself about this matter, because it is a topic that is on the minds and tongues of property owners, village officials, shopkeepers and the Salado Chamber of Commerce.

Salado has no municipal wastewater treatment system; therefore, individual properties must treat their own wastewater, mostly with septic systems. While some newer properties have much better treatment systems in place because of advances in technology, many of the older properties in downtown Salado are on septic systems that are very old.

Currently, there are efforts by both private entities and the Village of Salado to address the problem of inadequate public restroom facilities.

One of those efforts is to construct restrooms in Pace Park that can be opened to the public to complement the public restrooms on the northern end of town at the Salado Civic Center and the southern end of town at

the Stagecoach Inn.

That will help in the short term.

The long term solution though -- in my opinion -- is a central municipal wastewater treatment plant that can serve the business district and perhaps the growing expansion of subdivisions in the area.

The Village of Salado board of aldermen recently appointed a committee to examine a sewage system for Salado, but the construction, funding and operation of such a system will require a huge commitment of money by ... someone.

A few years back, businesses in downtown cooperated with the Brazos River Authority to study the costs of a sewage system for the downtown area. The costs for the system -- which would have pumped effluent from Salado to the regional treatment plant in Belton -- started at \$13 million and went up from there.

Perhaps Salado can emulate Liberty Hill, which purchase land for a treatment center within 18 months of beginning a process that brings the Lower Colorado River Authority, the city of Liberty Hill and private land developers in the Liberty Hill area together to fund the project.

Frankly, the longer we postpone the construction of a sewage treatment plant, the more costly, invasive and drastic the implementation of it will be.

In the meantime, though, we will continue to open the doors of our shops to visitors in hopes that they will spend their time and money with us. If visitors such as the Hoffmans stopped coming to Salado, how long would we function as a Village? Remember that the majority of the \$500,000 plus Village of Salado government is funded by a one percent sales tax, in addition to the budgets of the Tourism Department and the Salado Public Library.

The needs for public bathrooms and a central wastewater treatment system must be addressed. One can only hope that we do not wait too long before doing so.

Because if we do, we may find that it becomes a moot point.

Tim Fleischer

Methane produced by livestock is global culprit

Dear EarthTalk: Someone told me that methane gas emitted by cows is a major contributor to global warming. Is this true? -- David Rietz, Goose Creek, SC

Accumulation of methane in the Earth's atmosphere has nearly doubled around the globe over the past 200 years. Scientists believe that rising concentrations of this "greenhouse gas," which absorbs and sends infrared radiation to the Earth, are causing changes in the climate and contributing to global warming.

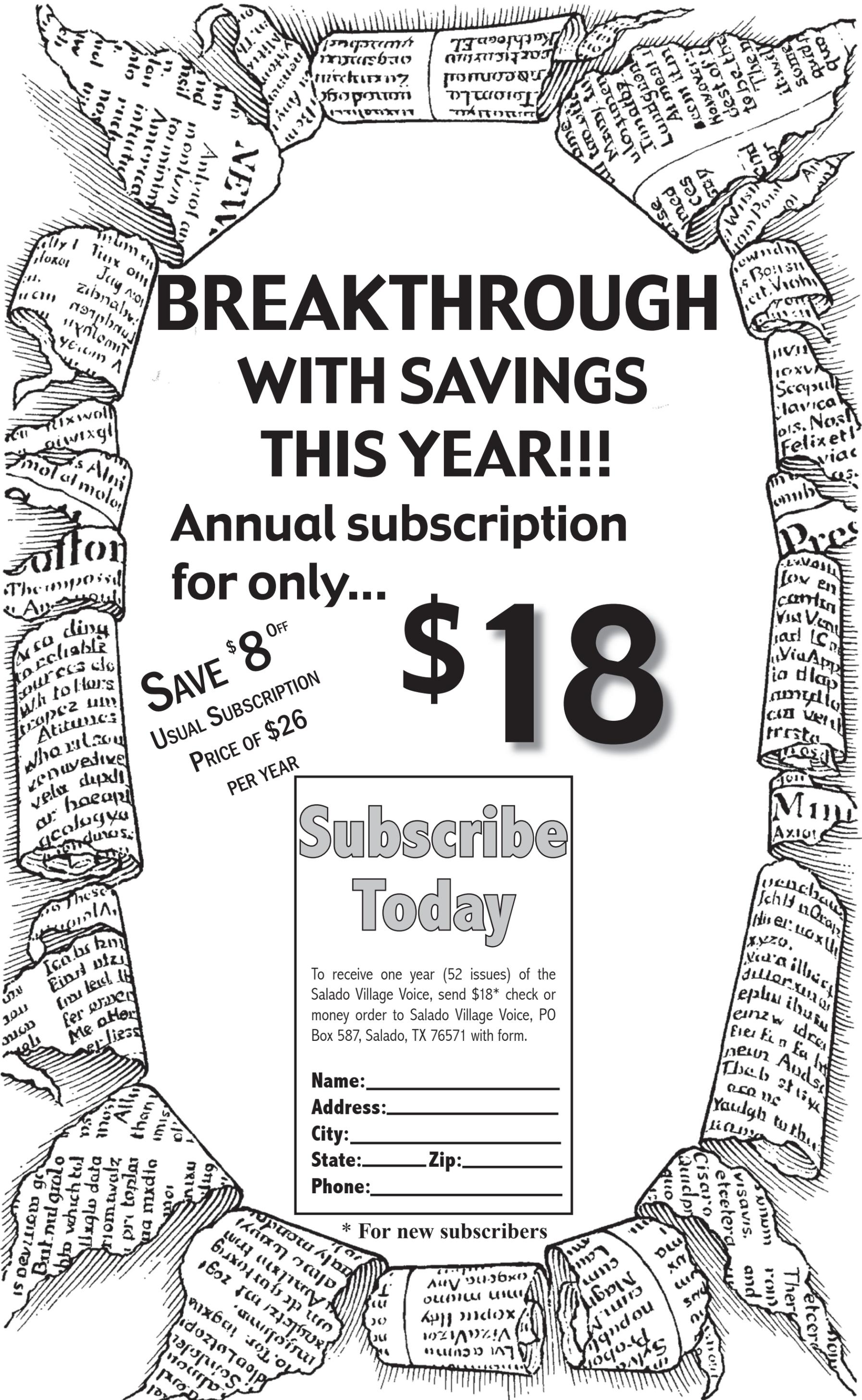
Livestock animals naturally produce methane as part of their digestive process and excreting it in their waste. John Robbins, author of *The Food Revolution and Diet for a New America*, says that methane is 24 times more potent a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide, the culprit normally at the center of global warming discussions.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) reports that animals in the U.S. meat industry produce 61 million tons of waste each year, which is five tons for every U.S. citizen. In addition to its impact on climate, hog, chicken and cow waste has polluted some 35,000 miles of rivers in 22 states and contaminated groundwater in 17 states, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Ronnie Cummins, national director of the Organic Consumers Association, says that a food chain with meat at its top is unsustainable not only as a major contributor of greenhouse gases, but also with regard to inefficient dedication of large amounts of acreage to livestock grazing. The USDA, for example, says that growing the crops necessary to feed farmed animals requires nearly 80 percent of America's agricultural land and half of its water supply.

In addition, animals raised for food in the U.S. consume 90 percent of the country's soy crop, 80 percent of its corn crop, and 70 percent of its grain. "If all the grain currently fed to livestock in the United States were consumed directly by people, the number of people who could be fed would be nearly 800 million," says Cornell ecologist David Pimentel.

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- **Safe Harbor 401(k)** - A Safe Harbor 401(k) offers the features of a traditional 401(k), but the amount you can defer from your salary is not

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Which retirement plan is right for you? It all depends on your individual situation. Your tax adviser and investment representative can help you choose the plan that's right for your needs - now, and in the future.

New loans for old homes

Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

There's a "new" kind of loan on the market that few people are aware of, but that bears investigation and consideration, especially if you're considering the purchase of an older home that you would love to update.

The Energy Efficient Mortgage, or EEM, is a

great solution for affording the home you love that is in need of improvements to decrease its overall energy costs. Fannie Mae created this type of loan back in 1979, but a lack of education and enthusiasm prevented it from becoming popular until recently.

In these days of energy conservation and rising fuel and electricity costs, an EEM is very appealing, because it allows you to borrow more than you could with a conventional loan.

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Permitting process frustrates citizens over rock crushers

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For many of the 100 people attending a Jan. 5 public input meeting concerning a proposed air permit for a rock crushing plant on FM 487 near Jarrell, it was their first exposure to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

Frankly, most of those attending the meeting left it, expressing their sense of frustration and disillusionment.

About half of the people in attendance at the meeting were from Salado, even though the proposed rock crushing operation is in Williamson County.

The Salado coalition attending the meeting were there because of their concerns about the potential impact of rock crushing operations on and around Salado Creek and over the Edwards Aquifer.

In fact, Salado Water Supply Corporation manager Ricky Preston made a statement before the TCEQ representatives, saying that the Edwards Aquifer was the sole source of water for more than 6,000 people. "While I will admit we need materials for roads, we cannot sacrifice the water supply of people in the community."

But the TCEQ was not present to consider water quality at the meeting. In fact, the meeting was to discuss the proposed air permit for the rock crushing operation. Mine

Service, Ltd. has made separate application to the TCEQ for a Water Pollution Abatement Plan, which is an entirely different process. Further, there is no opportunity for public input on the WPAP.

The public comments and questions from the Jan. 5 meeting will be giving to the TCEQ Commissioners who will conduct a hearing on the proposed rock crushing operation. Notice of that meeting will be published in the Williamson County Sun, which is the paper of record for Jarrell.

But the Commission will only consider the air quality issues for the rock crushers air permit.

The complexity of regulations over rock crushers and the difficulty private citizens have to influence any decisions by the TCEQ explains some of the frustration expressed at the Jan. 5 meeting in Jarrell.

Even for property owners such as Kirk Michaux, who has seen rock quarrying and rock crushing operations dotting the landscape around his 8,000+ acre ranch southwest of Salado, having any influence on the process seems almost impossible.

Michaux says that the process for approving a rock crushing operation is tilted in the industry's favor, mostly because of the lobbying influence of the construction industry and ties between Texas legislators and the industry itself.

However, he is quick to

point out the recent effort by legislators like Sen. Troy Fraser to try to "rein in these guys." Sen. Fraser in 2004 was appointed chair of a committee to consider the regulation of the quarrying and crushing industry.

That committee was split on its recommendations, but the Senate approved Fraser's version, which would have much stricter regulations of the quarrying and crushing industry, during the regular last legislative session. The bill died in the House.

With pressure from the public, it is possible that the laws regulating the rock crushing industry will change.

However, in this fight between property owners, neighbors and Mine Service, Ltd., the old rules -- convoluted as they are -- apply.

Bell Democrats set executive meeting

Democratic candidates will meet with the Bell County Democratic Party Executive Committee 6:30 p.m. Jan. 12 at Democratic Headquarters, 111 N. East Street in Belton.

The candidates will draw for positions on the Ballot for the March 7 Primary Election. All Democratic candidates including candidates for Precinct Chair are urged to attend the meeting.

After meeting with candidates, the Executive Committee will discuss the Budget for the Primary, fund raising, and staffing of the headquarters. All Democrats are invited.

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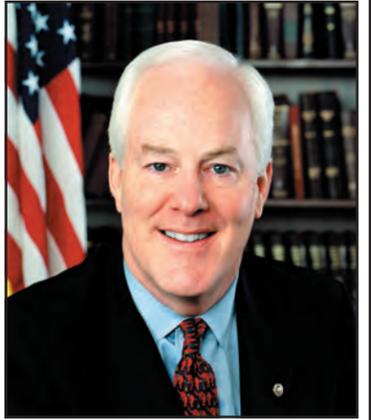


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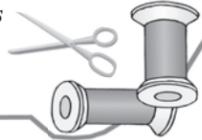

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Ryan Clark takes to the air in Salado's Jan. 3 win over Lexington. Clark had 25 in the game. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

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Eagles headed for Jarrell showdown

The Salado Varsity Eagles kept pace in the district standings with the fourth-ranked Jarrell Cougars by downing Lexington and Florence in recent action. The victories maintained Salado's district win-streak, and moved the boys to 3-0 in 25AA and 14-5 overall.

Hosting Lexington Jan. 3 the Eagles rode the offense of Ryan Clark - who had 25 points - to a 58-38 win.

Clark opened the game by scoring 12 of Salado's first 13 points, helping the hometown Eagles to a one-point advantage after one. In the second, the Salado defense limited Lexington to only six points, which allowed the boys to increase the half-time lead to 25-18.

The third period saw Salado unleash a three-

point barrage, with five long balls knocked down between Clark and Chad Tumey. Salado's 21-point third, coupled with Lexington's seven-point effort, effectively put the game out of reach. The Eagles coasted for much of the fourth in wrapping up the 58-38 district win.

Clark's 25 led all scorers, and he was the only player for either squad to hit double figures. Tumey closed out the game with nine points, while Justin Pruitt finished with six. Tanner Myers, Chris Redman and Noah Harbison all contributed four points.

Salado then took the road Jan. 6 to face a Florence squad looking for its first district win. They wouldn't get it this night, as the suffocating defense of the Eagles kept the Buffs in check, as Salado earned a low-scoring, 43-26 road win.

With both teams struggling to find an offensive rhythm, points in the first half were at a premium, with Salado nursing a 16-13 lead at the break.

In the third, Clark, who had no points in the first half, came alive with eight of Salado's 12 points as the Eagles built a 28-15 lead entering the final frame. The fourth quarter saw Clark drain a trio of three-pointers while strong free throw shooting

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Lady Eagles earn first district win

For all intents and purposes, the Salado Lady Eagle hoopsters are on the outside looking in when it comes to postseason chances.

Having dropped their first three district contests - to Somerville, Lago Vista and Academy - the girls fell to 0-4 in the standings when they fell to Lexington 58-37 Jan. 3. The Lady Eagles did, however, rebound to break into the district win column thanks to a 50-44 victory over Florence Jan. 6.

In a highly competitive District 25AA, Salado is now tied for sixth with Florence, both at 1-4. Academy, Lexington and Somerville hold down the top three spots.

Versus Lexington, Salado got off to a rough start on both ends of the court, falling behind 20-7 at the end of the first. That pretty much set the tone for the rest of the night, as Lexington took a 31-15 at the half. Though Salado would find some offense in the third, scoring 16 points, it was a case of too little, too late, as the game was already out of reach.

Kristen Smith's 12 points led all Salado scorers, with Kelsey Gobin close behind with eight points. Lauren Haire and Tamra Stanish each had

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Kelsey Gobin defends against Lexington's Kelsey Brown. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

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five, while Mary Runyon, Kate Marshall and Brittani Gilchrest all scored two points.

Needing a win badly to climb out of the cel-

lar, the Lady Eagles responded by downing Florence on the road Jan. 6 by a final of 50-44.

And they did it with points in the paint, something that's been lacking from the Salado offense for much of the season as the Lady Eagles have found themselves consistently outsized under the boards.

In this game, though, Salado was dominant in that area, with Kate Marshall and Kelsey Gobin combining for 29 points (including 17 of Salado's 24 first half points) to pace the Lady Eagle offense.

Salado took an early 9-7 lead after the first, an expanded that to a four-point halftime lead. In the second half, the game remained close, but Florence was unable to trim the Salado lead to less than four.

Gobin's 19 points led all scorers. Behind Marshall's 13-point effort was Stanish, who had eight, and Haire, who scored five. Also scoring were Runyon and Nicole Weatherly, who both had two, and Smith, who had chipped in with one point.

The Lady Eagles are 8-14 overall, but have a good chance to improve on that mark when they face 3-17 and 0-5 Jarrell on Jan. 13.

Junior Varsity

The JV Lady Eagles have continued to play good basketball in recent weeks, moving their district record to 4-1 with a 40-30 win over Lexington followed by a 27-25 triumph over Florence.

Against Lexington, Jordan Dunn led the way with 10 points, while Danielle Hazzard came through with eight points.

In the defensive struggle that was the Florence game, Hazzard's 11 point effort paced Salado, while Dunn scored six.

During the Christmas break, the girls faced Academy and suffered what has been their lone setback in district, losing 17-16. Shutout in the first quarter, the girls mounted a comeback in the second half, but a two-point effort in the fourth quarter thwarted Salado's come-from-behind attempt.

Jordan Dunn led the Lady Eagles with seven.

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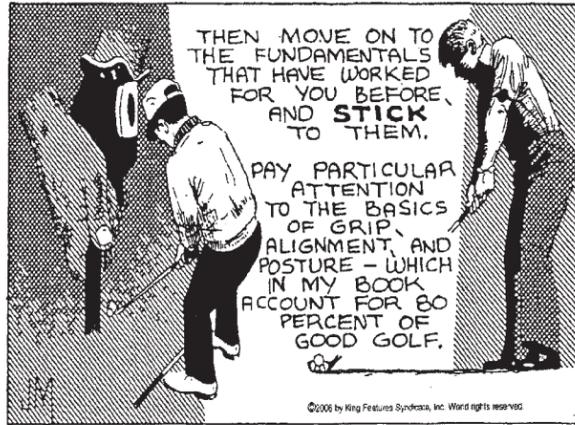


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EAGLES

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helped ice the win.

Clark’s 17 led all scorers on the night, but Salado did get offensive production from 10 different players, among them Pruitt, who had six, and Redman, who had four.

In what looks to be a clash of the district’s two best clubs, Salado and Jarrell will tip off Jan. 13 in Jarrell. A win over the top five Cougars could possibly vault the young Eagles into the rankings for the first time this season, and would certainly establish them as the frontrunners to three-peat as district champs.

Junior Varsity

The JV Eagles, like their Varsity counterparts, also swept their district games last week, winning 57-20 over Lexington and edging out Florence 36-34.

Versus Lexington, Salado jumped out to a 29-9 lead at the half, and added another 28 points in the second half to rout Lexington by 37. Tyler Burden led Salado with 10, Stephen Quick had eight and David Rosenau added nine.

Things were much

closer for the JV when they boys faced Florence. The Eagles needed, and received, stifling defense in the fourth to stave off the charging Buffs. The Eagles held Florence to just five in the fourth to secure the two-point victory. Stephen Quick led Salado with eight points.



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NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SALADO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an election will be held within Salado Independent School District, on Saturday, February 4, 2006, as provided in the order calling the election passed by the Board of Trustees of Salado Independent School District, a substantial copy of which order is printed below:

ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BELL

SALADO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees deems it advisable to call the election hereinafter ordered; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that holding said election on the date hereinafter set forth is in the public interest; and that said meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SALADO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

1. That an election shall be held between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. on February 4, 2006, in said District, at the following designated polling place:

Salado Civic Center, 601 North Main, Salado, Texas 76571

Said District shall constitute a single election precinct for said election, and the following election officers are hereby appointed to hold said election:

Presiding Judge: Jean Westerberg

Alternate Presiding Judge: Bobbie Carroll

2. That the Presiding Judges shall appoint not less than two qualified election clerks to serve and assist in conducting said election; providing that if the Presiding Judge actually serves as expected, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of such clerks.

3. That early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance at the Salado Civic Center, 601 North Main, Salado, Texas 76571, and by mail at P.O. Box 98, Salado, Texas 75671, Attn: Early Voting Clerk, and during the period early voting is required or permitted by law, being January 18, 2006 through January 31, 2006, the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on each day except Saturdays, Sundays and legal state holidays; and the early voting clerk shall keep said early voting place open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance. The early voting clerk for said election shall be Lyndal Cabaniss and deputy early voting clerks shall be Jean Westerberg, Darlene Kirk, Bonnie Smith and Kathy Hollas.

Early voting by personal appearance shall also be conducted at the following temporary branch early voting polling places, on the dates and during the hours as specified below:

January 19, 2006	7:00AM - 8:30 AM Thomas Arnold Elementary - Library 510 Thomas Arnold Road, Salado TX 76571
January 24, 2006	5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Salado High School 620 Thomas Arnold Road, Salado TX 76571
January 26, 2006	5:30 PM - 8:00 PM Salado Intermediate School - Commons 550 Thomas Arnold Road, Salado TX 76571
January 28, 2006	8:00AM-12:00 PM Salado Civic Center-Historical Room 601 North Main Street, Salado TX 76571

4. That an early ballot board is hereby created to process early voting results, and Dianna Zulauf shall be appointed the presiding judge of said board. The presiding judge shall appoint at least two other members of the board.

5. That all resident, qualified electors of said District shall be entitled to vote at said election.

6. That a substantial copy of this Order shall serve as proper Notice of said election, and the President of the Board of Trustees shall cause said Notice to be published one time, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day prior to the date set for the election, in a newspaper published in said District or, if none is published in said District, in a newspaper of general circulation in said District. In addition, not later than the 21st day prior to the date set for the election, the President of the Board of Trustees shall cause said Notice to be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board of Trustees.

7. That at said election the following PROPOSITIONS shall be submitted in accordance with law:

PROPOSITION 1

Shall the Board of Trustees of said District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$15,675,000 for the purpose of the construction and equipment of school buildings in the District, to-wit: new high school and renovations to existing facilities, with said bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds?

PROPOSITION 2

Shall the Board of Trustees of said District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of the construction and equipment of school buildings in the District, to-wit: renovating the existing football stadium and elementary gymnasium, with said bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds?

8. That the official ballots for said election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITIONS with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITIONS to be expressed substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION 1

FOR)
THE ISSUANCE OF \$15,675,000 OF BONDS (NEW HIGH SCHOOL AND RENOVATIONS TO EXISTING FACILITIES) AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF

AGAINST)

PROPOSITION 2

FOR)
THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 OF BONDS (RENOVATING THE EXISTING FOOTBALL STADIUM AND ELELMENTARY GYMNASIUM) AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF

AGAINST)

9. That in all respects said election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

10. That the Board hereby covenants with the electorate and with the taxpayers of the District, that the Board will only authorize and issue the Bonds voted for Proposition No. 2 if both Propositions No. 1 and No. 2 are successfully carried at the District=s Bond Election of February 4, 2006. The Board further covenants that if Proposition No. 2 does not carry, bonds issued under Proposition No. 1 will not be used for the purposes specified in Proposition No. 2.

AVISO DE ELECCION DE BONOS

AL RESIDENTE, ELECTOR CALIFICADO DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SALADO:

SE LES HACE SABER QUE se llevara a cabo una eleccion dentro del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Salado, el sabado, 4 de febrero de 2006, como se estipula en la ordenanza llamando la eleccion aprobada por la Junta de Directores del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Salado, se fija abajo una copia substancial de dicha ordenanza:

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DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SALADO

VISTO QUE, esta Junta de Directores juzga aconsejable llamar la eleccion aqui adelante ordenada; y

VISTO QUE, por este medio se encuentra y se determina que llevando a cabo dicha eleccion en la fecha fijada mas adelante es en el interes del publico; y que dicha reunion fue abierta al publico, y aviso publico de la hora, lugar y proposito de dicha reunion fue dado, todo como estipulado por el Codigo de Gobierno de Texas, Capitulo 551;

POR CONSIGUIENTE, ESTA ORDENADO POR LA JUNTA DE DIRECTORES DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SALADO:

1. Que se llevara a cabo una eleccion entre las horas de las 7:00 de la mañana y las 7:00 de la noche el 4 de febrero de 2006, en dicho Distrito en el siguiente designado lugar de votos:

Salado Civic Center, 601 North Main, Salado, Texas 76571

Dicho Distrito constituira un solo recinto de eleccion para dicha eleccion, y los siguientes oficiales electorales estan por este medio nombrados para llevar a cabo dicha eleccion:

Juez Actual: Jean Westerberg

Juez Actual Suplente: Bobbie Carroll

2. Que los Jueces Actuales nombren no menos que dos oficiales calificados de eleccion para servir y asistir en el conducto de dicha eleccion; con tal que si el Juez Actual actualmente desempeñe sus funciones, entonces el Juez Actual Suplente servira como uno de dichos oficiales.

3. Que se lleven a cabo los primeros votos hechos en persona en el Salado Civic Center, 601 North Main, Salado, Texas 76571, y por correo en P. O. Box 98, Salado, Texas 76571, Attn: Early Voting Clerk, y durante el tiempo en que los primeros votos son exigidos o permitidos por la ley, siendo el 18 de enero de 2006, hasta el fin del 31 de enero de 2006, las horas designadas para los primeros votos hechos en persona seran desde las 7:30 de la mañana a las 4:30 de la tarde cada dia, con excepto de los sabados, domingos y dias feriados oficiales del estado; y el oficial de los primeros votos mantendra el lugar de los primeros votos abierto durante dichas horas para los primeros votos hechos en persona. El oficial de los primeros votos para la eleccion sera Lyndal Cabaniss y los oficiales diputados de los primeros votos seran Jean Westerberg, Darlene Kirk, Bonnie Smith y Kathy Hollas.

Tambien se llevaran a cabo los primeros votos hechos en persona en los siguientes lugares temporaneos sucursales, en las fechas y durante las horas para los primeros votos como siguen:

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4. Que por este medio se nombra una junta de las primeras balotas para el registro de los resultados de los primeros votos, y Dianna Zulauf esta nombrada juez actual de dicha junta. El juez actual nombrara no menos que dos otros miembros de la junta.

5. Que todo residente, elector calificado del Distrito tenga el derecho de votar en dicha eleccion.

6. Que una copia substancial de esta Ordenanza sirva como Aviso propio de dicha eleccion, y el Presidente de la Junta de Directores causara que se publique dicho Aviso una vez, no mas que 30 dias o no menos que 10 dias antes de la fecha fijada para la eleccion, en un periodico publicado en dicho Distrito o, si no se publica uno en dicho Distrito, en un periodico de circulacion general en dicho Distrito. Adicionalmente, no menos que 21 dias antes de la fecha fijada para la eleccion, el Presidente de la Junta de Directores causara que se fije dicho Aviso en el tablon usado para el fijo de anuncios de las reuniones de la Junta de Directores.

7. Que en dicha eleccion se presenten las siguientes PROPOSICIONES de acuerdo con la ley:

PROPOSICION NUM. 1

Se debera autorizar a la Junta de Directores del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Salado a emitir los bonos del Distrito, en una o mas series, en la cantidad agregada principal de \$15,675,000, con el fin de construccion y equipo de edificios escolares en el Distrito, a saber: una escuela secundaria nueva y renovaciones a las facilidades existentes con dichos bonos a vencer, devengar interes y ser emitidos y vendidos de acuerdo con la ley al tiempo de emision; y se debera autorizar a la Junta de Directores a gravar y a empeñar, y dar causa de avalorar y recaudar, impuestos ad valorem anuales, sobre todos los bienes imponible en el Distrito, suficiente, sin limite a tasa o cantidad, para pagar el principal y el interes de dichos bonos?

PROPOSICION NUM. 2

Se debera autorizar a la Junta de Directores del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Salado a emitir los bonos del Distrito, en una o mas series, en la cantidad agregada principal de \$500,000, con el fin de construccion y equipo de edificios escolares en el Distrito, a saber: renovar el estadio de football existente y el gimnasio primario, con dichos bonos a vencer, devengar interes y ser emitidos y vendidos de acuerdo con la ley al tiempo de emision; y se debera autorizar a la Junta de Directores a gravar y a empeñar, y dar causa de avalorar y recaudar, impuestos ad valorem anuales, sobre todos los bienes imponible en el Distrito, suficiente, sin limite a tasa o cantidad, para pagar el principal y el interes de dichos bonos?

8. Que se preparen las balotas oficiales para dicha eleccion de acuerdo con el Codigo de Eleccion de Texas para asi permitir a los electores votar "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" dichas PROPOSICIONES con las balotas conteniendo dichas estipulaciones, marcas y terminologia como estipuladas por la ley, y con dichas PROPOSICIONES presentadas substancialmente como siguen:

PROPOSICION NUM. 1

A FAVOR)

LA EMISION DE BONOS DE \$15,675,000 (UNA ESCUELA SECUNDARIA NUEVA Y REMOVACIONES A FACILIDADES EXISTENTES) Y EL GRAVAMEN DEL IMPUESTO EN PAGO DE ESTO

EN CONTRA)

PROPOSICION NUM. 2

A FAVOR)

LA EMISION DE BONOS DE \$500,000 (RENOVAR EL ESTADIO DE FOOTBALL EXISTENTE Y EL GIMNASIO PRIMARIO) Y EL GRAVAMEN DEL IMPUESTO EN PAGO DE ESTO

EN CONTRA)

9. Que en todo respeto, se lleve a cabo dicha eleccion de acuerdo con el Codigo de Eleccion de Texas.

10. Que la Junta por este medio esta de acuerdo con el electorado y con los contribuyentes del Distrito, que la Juna solamente autorizara y emitira los Bonos aprobados por Proposicion Num. 2 si se aprueban ambos Proposiciones Num. 1 y Num. 2 con buen resultado en la Eleccion de Bonos del Distrito el 4 de febrero de 2006. La Junta ademas de eso esta de acuerdo que si no se apruebe Proposicion Num. 2, no se usaran los bonos emitidos bajo Proposicion Num. 1 para el proposito estipulado en Proposicion Num. 2.

CHURCH NEWS

Presbyterians hold Torah study course

The Presbyterian Church of Salado will offer a four-week course of study on the Torah, the Five Books of Moses, beginning 11 a.m. Jan. 19 in the church's Fellowship Hall.

The series starts with the Creation/Fall and ends with a view from Mount Nebo. Primeval history and life of the Patriarchs as described by the J writers, the E writers and by the P writers will be followed up to the time of the death of Joseph in Egypt. Next, the life of Moses and the Israelites in the Sinai will follow, with

the Mosaic Law given special treatment.

The importance of the Torah to the formation of Western thought and Christianity will be emphasized. The course will be based on "The Five Books of Moses," a translation with commentary by Robert Alter from the University of California. The seminar will be led by Robert L. Volle and Lyle Radebaugh.

Visitors are welcome and are asked to bring their Bible and a sack lunch, if desired.

Bertrand Paul Moquin services held Jan 7

Bertrand Paul Moquin, of Salado, passed away Jan. 4, 2006 at a Temple hospital.

Moquin was born Sept. 16, 1938 in Burlington, VT to Bertrand Joseph Moquin and Cecelia Rachel Peryea.

After serving in the United States Navy, Senior Chief Petty Officer Moquin went on to have a 22-year career with Texas Instruments. Very shortly after, he joined the staff at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, where he held a position as a Professor in Information Systems and Business Administration.

He is survived by

Margarita, his wife of 46 years; his son Paul and wife Kelly, and their three children, Amanda, Laura, and Joshua; son Rene' and his wife Patti, and their three children, Tyler, Jordan, and Emily; and daughter Sally and her two children, Alexander and Katelynn.

Rev. Roy Parker will officiate the graveside service, held Jan. 7 at the Salado Cemetery.

As a memorial, contributions to Informations Systems-related scholarships can be made to the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. To do so, contact Beverly Adams at 254-295-4600.

Patsy Laws passes away at home Jan 2

Patsy Jene Laws, 67, of Salado, passed away Jan. 2, 2006 at her residence.

Laws was born in Seymour, TX on Sept. 5, 1938, the daughter of the late William John and Dorothy (Wall) Olsen.

She is survived by her husband, Lyndol Jay Laws,

daughter, Shari Watkins, of Kingwood, TX; son, William Laws, of Saint Jo, TX; and sister, Chris Davies, of Alvarado, TX. She is also survived by three grandchildren.

Memorial Services were held Jan. 7 at Heritage Funeral Home in Harker Heights.

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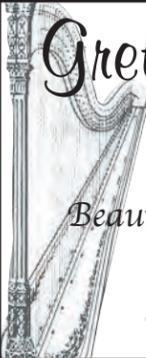


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Community Chorus continues weekly rehearsals at the Salado Civic Center

The Salado Community Chorus resumed its regular rehearsals Jan. 10. Rehearsals are held 6 p.m. Tuesdays, during the school year, at the Civic Center. The spring session will culminate with the spring concert scheduled for May 11. Winter session will begin in August.

The Chorus, a 501c3 non-profit organization, was organized in 1994 as a Ladies Chorale under

the direction of Katherine Wende. In 2000, under the direction of Dr. Betty Thorn, the chorus was expanded to include men's voices. Presently directed by Dr. Kim Van Cura, the chorus has grown to a membership of 40 men and women.

Director Van Cura teaches private piano and voice in Salado, and also teaches voice at Temple College. She and her

husband, Dr. John Van Cura, are co-founders of the Institute for Voice and Pedagogy also in Salado, and the concert series, Music in Salado.

The Community Chorus organization is dedicated to the promotion of music and harmony in Salado through free public concerts and performances for various civic organizations. Their most recent Christmas

concert, "Let There Be Peace on Earth," was presented to an overflow crowd.

Chorus Membership is open to anyone who loves to sing. Anyone interested may join the chorus at a regular rehearsal.

For more information contact Jean Teal, 254-947-9935.

"Bringing up Boys" video series begins Feb. 1 at Methodist Church

The Salado United Methodist Church will begin offering a 12-week video series based on Dr. James Dobson's bestseller "Bringing Up Boys," 6-7:30 p.m. Feb. 1 at the church at 650 Royal Street.

Meetings will be held on Wednesday nights.

Cost of the course workbook is \$10; there is a companion book which is recommended, but not necessary, that is sold for \$15.

The course is designed to benefit parents, grandparents, teachers and mentors in the raising of, and relationships with, young

men.

Child care will be made available for all ages at no cost. Anyone wishing to enroll in the series should do so before Jan. 17, so that all course material will be available for the first session.

For information call the church office at 254-947-5482.

Weight-loss support group starts at Grace Baptist

Grace Baptist Church in Salado will hold a public orientation for its new "First Place" weight-loss support group, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 17 at the church, located at 5798 FM 2484.

The group meets weekly to discuss Bible studies

and learn about health and nutrition. The goal is to achieve a lifestyle that is balanced physically, spiritually, emotionally and mentally.

This session's 10-week Bible study will be "Life Under Control." The

group meets 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the church.

The sessions are open to the public.

For more information contact Pollyanna at 254-698-3973 or email preedy5879@aol.com.

Daughters of Republic of Texas meet Jan. 17 at the Central Texas Area Museum

The Village of Salado Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will meet 1 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Central Texas Area Museum in Salado.

The program, entitled "Flags of America," will be presented by charter member Virginia Gail Raines, husband Ed Raines and Tom Green.

They will dress in au-

thentic Revolutionary Era costumes and bring flags that are reproductions of those used in the 18th century.

This program has been presented in the past to both school and civic groups to help provide a close-up feel of what life was like for the pioneers of early America.

In addition to being a

member of the DRT, Gail Raines is also a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Ed Raines and Tom Green are active members of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The public is invited to attend. For more information call 254-947-3939.

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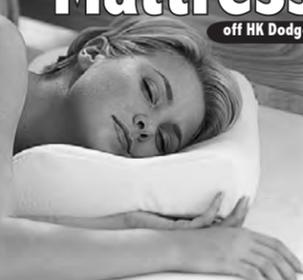
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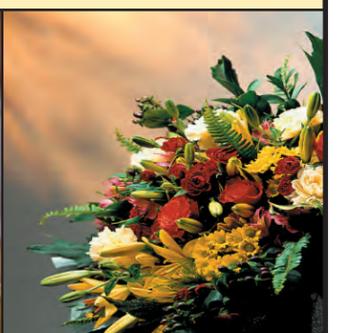
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Gregory's donates necklace to Chamber cause

Gregory's of Salado has donated a \$1,600 necklace of silver, 18K yellow gold and pink tourmaline to raise funds for the Salado Chamber of Commerce.

The lucky winner of the necklace will be drawn during the annual Chamber Banquet Jan. 24. Tickets are \$10 each and are now on sale at the Salado Chamber of Commerce. You need not be present to win.

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Sen. Cornyn to speak at Lincoln Day dinner

The Bell County Republican Party will hold a Lincoln Day Dinner 6 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Killeen Civic and Conference Center.

The event will focus on celebrating conservative values with some members of the military being recognized. The keynote speaker for the evening will be U. S. Senator John Cornyn, who will provide an update on national issues.

Lincoln Day honors President Abraham

Lincoln, the first Republican President. It is an event commemorated by Republicans worldwide.

Tickets are \$15 per person and will include a buffet dinner. The evening event will commence at 6 p.m. with a social time, with the dinner following at 7 p.m.

Ticket reservations may be made at the Republican Party Headquarters either in Temple or Killeen. The Temple office is located at 725 South General Bruce Drive, Temple, phone



U.S. Senator John Cornyn will be the keynote speaker at the Lincoln Day dinner Feb. 4.

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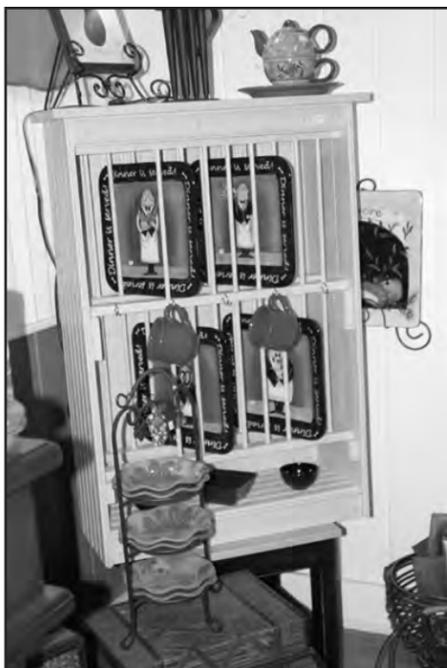
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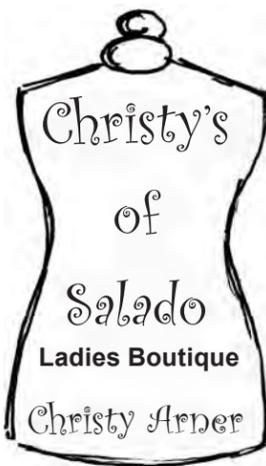


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Salado Wedding and Event Showcase, 1-5 p.m. Exhibitor, Tasting and Bed and Breakfast Tour; 5-6 p.m. reception at the Stagecoach Inn. Admission: \$15. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.

JANUARY 17
Teacup Tuesday meeting, Program: A talk on new spring fashions by Ron Leguin of Susan Maries, 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Salado.

JANUARY 17
Village of Salado Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas meeting, 1 p.m. at the Central Texas Area Museum. Program: "Flags of Early America" by Ed and Gail Raines, and Tom Green. Public is invited. Info: 254-947-



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Grace Baptist Church open orientation for First Place, Christ-centered weight loss support group, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 5798 FM 2484. Public is welcome. Info: 254-698-3973 or email preedy5879@aol.com.

JANUARY 19
Presbyterian Church of Salado sponsors a four-week course on the study of the Torah, beginning 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Visitors are welcome. Bring a sack lunch. Info: 254-947-8106.

JANUARY 19
Thomas Arnold Elementary/PTO Dads and Donuts morning, 7-7:45 a.m. at the school. Info: 947-5191.

JANUARY 19
Reception recognizing published authors in Salado, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Salado Public Library. This will be an informal evening where guests can meet and greet local authors. Free and open to the public. Info: 254-947-9191.

JANUARY 24
Salado Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, 6 p.m. at Salado's Tenroc Event Center. Speaker: Dr. Gary McCaleb, Vice President of Abilene Christian University. Info: Salado Chamber, 254-947-5040.

JANUARY 26
Salado ISD STARS Conference, 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School. A curriculum showcase, STARS Conference allows students to demonstrate curriculum lessons for parents. Details TBA.

JANUARY 26
Salado Area Republican Women's Candidates Forum, 6 p.m. at Mill Creek Restaurant. Dinner included. Info: 254-947-3617.

JANUARY 26-27
Living Room Theatre of Salado presents "Interview with an Immortal: Sarah Bernhardt" by Judy Greene at the home of Jeanie and Barton Jones. Info: 254-947-8300.

FEBRUARY 3-5
Salado Mozart Festival, sponsored by Music in Salado, Texas, Inc., in celebration of the composer's 250th birthday. Performances include a Mozart Song Recital on Feb. 3 and the International Piano Duo on Feb. 4. Info: 254-947-5592 or visit www.musicinsalado.com.

FEBRUARY 4
Salado ISD School Bond election. Polls open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

FEBRUARY 4
Wildfire Open to the World team roping at Wildfire Ranch. Details TBA.

FEBRUARY 4-5
Salado Legends auditions, 3-5 p.m. each day at Tablerock Amphitheater. Auditions for over 150 men, women and children. Scholarships available for college students. Info: Donnie Williams, 254-460-6838 or email mrduck@vym.com.

FEBRUARY 9
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: "Easy Ways to Stay Fit While Sitting Down," by Alice Cooper.

FEBRUARY 9
Central Texas Poetry and Prose Readings, at Tablerock Amphitheater. Invited readings, 7 p.m.; Open mic, 9 p.m. Info: 254-947-9205.

FEBRUARY 11-12
St. Stephen's Women's Society Valentine Bake Sale. 6:30 p.m. Feb. 11 and noon-1 p.m. Feb. 12 in the church's Marian Room. Everyone welcome.

FEBRUARY 13
St. Stephen's Women's Society meeting. Topic: Women's Health, "Prevention and Early Detection of Cancer," 6:30 p.m. St. Stephen Parish Hall.

FEBRUARY 21
Teacup Tuesday meeting, Program: "Early Childhood Memories" by Patsy Sanford and friends, 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church.

FEBRUARY 23-25
Salado Soaring Eagle High School Softball Classic, at the Salado softball fields. More details TBA.

FEBRUARY 27
Taste of Salado, sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS), 7 p.m. at Blue Heron Event Center at Tenroc Ranch. More details TBA.

MARCH 2-5 & 9-12
First Annual Central Texas Shakespeare Invitational at Tablerock Amphitheater. March 2-5 will feature performances of Shakespeare by performers 18 and under; March 9-12 performances of all ages. Info: David Dunlap, 254-247-0220 or ddunlap@tablerock.org.

MARCH 9
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Helen Alexander on "Stress Management."

MARCH 17
11th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament at Mill Creek, benefitting Tablerock Amphitheater, \$60 entry fee. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Info: 254-947-3354 or email tablerock1@aol.com.

MARCH 18
Salado Civic Center Auction and Dinner honoring Wilbur and Jessie Foster, 6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Tickets: \$10 per person. Info: 947-8300.

MARCH 21
Teacup Tuesday meeting, Program: "New Wines and Old Wine-





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MARCH 21

Salado Historical Society general meeting, 6:15 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

APRIL 1-2

Annual Wildflower Art Show. More details TBA. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.

APRIL 7

Thomas Arnold Elementary/PTO Moms and Muffins morning, 7-7:45 a.m. at the school. Info: 947-5191.

APRIL 8

Chisholm Trail ABWA Style Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mill Creek Restaurant. Info: 254-947-3617.

APRIL 13

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program TBA.

APRIL 14-16

Easter Pageant at Tablerock Amphitheater, presented by First Baptist Church of Salado, 8:15 p.m., bring a lawn chair. Free admission; church groups welcome. Info: 254-947-5465 or www.fbcsalado.org.

APRIL 18

Teacup Tuesday meeting, Program: "History Mysteries" by author, historian and Salado-resident Charlie Turnbo, 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church.

APRIL 22

Third Annual Salado Dog Daze, in Pace Park. Details TBA.

APRIL 22-23

Eleventh Annual Gospel Festival at Tablerock Amphitheater, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. April 22 and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. April 23. Food, drink, and gift vendors on-site. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets available at gate. Info: Donnie Jackson, 254-947-5100 or email cvmusicministry@aol.com.

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MAY 6-7

Third Annual Salado Yard and Garden Tour, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 6 and 1-4 p.m. May 7. More details TBA.

MAY 11

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary Spring Luncheon at the Salado Civic Center. Program: Gwen Morrison on "Mothers and Daughters."

MAY 13

Eleventh Annual Thomas Arnold Elementary Fourth Grade Play at Tablerock Amphitheater, 7:30 p.m. Students, under the direction of Jackie Mills, write, produce, crew and act in their own melodrama. Admission: Adults, \$5; children, \$3.

MAY 16

Teacup Tuesday meeting, "Tea, Talk and Togetherness" luncheon at Stagecoach Inn. Details TBA.

MAY 25

Salado High School Class of 2005-06 graduation ceremony at Bell County Expo Center. Info: Salado High School, 254-947-5429.

JUNE 8

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program TBA.

JUNE 24-25

Auditions for Tablerock's production

of Macbeth, 3 p.m. both days at Tablerock. Director: David Dunlap, 254-247-0220 or ddunlap@tablerock.org.

JULY 4

Salado Historical Society Annual Picnic, 6:15 p.m. in Pace Park.

JULY 13

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program TBA.

JULY 22, 29 & AUG. 5

Tablerock's 14th Annual presentation of Salado Legends, 8:15 p.m. Dinner: 7:15 p.m., cost \$8, reservations required. Performance tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Info: 254-947-3205 or www.tablerock.org.

AUGUST 5-6

40th Annual Salado Art Fair in Pace Park. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.

AUGUST 10

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Paul Letourneau on his book "My Vietnam Experiences." Spouses invited.

Have a Salado event to list on this calendar? Email your information to: news@saladovillagevoice.com, call 254-947-5321, or fax to 254-947-9479.

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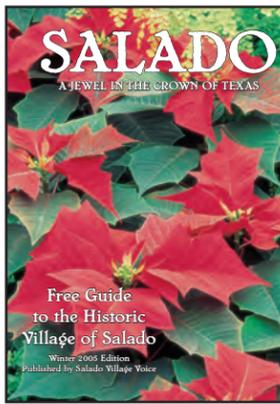
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Chamber Banquet set for Jan. 24

Tickets for the annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet Jan. 24 are now available at the Chamber office in the Salado Civic Center on Main Street.

Tickets are \$29.50 per person for the served buffet dinner, catered by The Range Restaurant of Salado.

The Banquet will be held in the new Blue Heron Event Center on the grounds of Tenroc Ranch, two miles west of I-35 on Thomas Arnold Road.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Gary McCaleb, of Abilene.

In addition to the dinner and speaker, the Banquet will include the presentation of the annual Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year and Hall of Fame awards.

Also, during the banquet, attendees can purchase tickets for a drawing for a necklace valued at \$1,600 donated by Gregory's, of Salado. The necklace, designed by John Atencio is silver and 18K yellow gold with pink tourmaline. Tickets for this drawing will be \$10 each. Tickets can also be bought in advance at the Chamber of Commerce office. You need not be present to win.

Dr. Gary McCaleb

Dr. Gary McCaleb is vice president of Abilene Christian University, Executive Director of the Center for Building Community and professor of management at ACU.

Dr. McCaleb in 1999 completed his ninth year and third term as mayor of the City of Abilene. He was president of the

Texas Municipal League in 1993, and served on the Advisory Boards of the National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors and was the U.S. representative to the World Executive Committee of the International Union of Local Authorities.

He is a frequent speaker, both nationally and internationally, on city issues especially the importance of building community, and he has recently produced two books: "Community: The 'Other' Side of Self" and "The Gift of Community: Reflections on the Way We Live and Work Together." Dr. McCaleb has made five trips for the U.S. State Department, speaking to local government officials in Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Iceland and Northern Ireland.

Dr. McCaleb earned his bachelor's degree from ACU and holds an MBA and Ph.D. from Texas A&M University. McCaleb was elected to the Abilene City Council in 1985, and served until 1990, when he was elected Mayor. He was elected for a second three-year term in May of 1993 and a third term in May of 1996.

As executive director for the Center for Building Community McCaleb has been responsible for bringing well-known personalities such as film critic Michael Medved, former congressman J.C. Watts, a former prime minister of Pakistan Benazir Bhutto to Abilene. The center's purpose is to propose solutions to the crises of community that exist at all levels of



Dr. Gary McCaleb

president of the university Dr. McCaleb represents ACU at a variety of functions. He also has served ACU as assistant director of alumni relations, director of alumni relations, director of college relations, assistant academic dean and director of Summer, assistant professor of business administration, and vice president and dean of campus life.

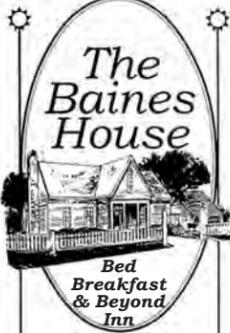
He is married to the former Sylvia Ravanelli and they have a daughter and son, both married, and four granddaughters and two grandsons.

A jogger, McCaleb has run in the New York City, Dallas and Houston marathons. His other interests include art, reading and writing.

society.

McCaleb teaches a course in leadership in the College of Business. He has produced two books: Community: The Other Side of Self and The Gift of Community.

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We will be closed December 14, 2005 to January 12, 2006
so that we can relax for a while and enjoy the holidays.
We would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Most of all, may God keep you and bless you through this holiday season.
David and Cynthia Appichino

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Try chili for cold-weather

Along with the winter season, comes (typically) colder weather. While central Texas hasn't experienced a major cold spell just yet, here are a few cool-weather chili recipes just in case Old Man Winter makes an appearance.

TEXAS CHILI

Makes about 10 cups

- 2 lb diced or course ground beef or turkey
- 2 cups pinto or red kidney beans
- 2 TB canola oil
- 1 1/2 cups finely chopped onion
- 1 1/2 finely chopped garlic
- 2 large green peppers, diced
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 4 tsp chile powder
- pinch cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp oregano
- 4 cups chopped tomatoes, fresh or canned
- 2 cups water
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/4 cup red wine
- sea salt, to taste (optional)
- grated cheddar cheese for garnish

Cover beans with water and soak overnight. Drain. Sear the meat until it turns to grey; drain off excess fat. Heat oil in a saucepan. Add onion, garlic, green pepper, cumin, chile

powder, cayenne, and oregano. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes. Add tomatoes, water, bay leaf, red wine, salt, and beans and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 1 1/2–2 hours, until beans are tender. Taste for seasoning and garnish with spoonfuls of grated cheddar cheese.

SPICY VEGETARIAN CHILI

Dairy Free, Vegetarian
Serves 6–8

A colorful, satisfying bowl of chili that packs plenty of flavor — even for the staunchest meat eaters.

- 2 TB olive or canola oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 large carrot, peeled and chopped
- 1 large stalk celery, chopped
- 1 medium green pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 medium red pepper, seeded and chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1–3 TB chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, minced
- 1 TB dried oregano
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 TB chile powder
- 1 1/2 tsp. sea salt
- 1 can (28-oz) diced tomatoes



- 4 cups water
- 3 cups (cooked) red kidney beans, drained
- 1 1/2 cups (cooked) black beans, drained

Optional Toppings

- chopped scallions
- sour cream
- shredded cheese

Heat the oil in a large pot over medium heat and sauté onions, carrot, celery, peppers and garlic for 10–12 minutes until vegetables are softened but not browned. Add chopped chipotles (amount depending on desired "heat"), oregano, cumin,

chili powder and salt. Stir to blend. Add tomatoes and water. Gently simmer over low heat, uncovered, for 45 minutes. Add beans and simmer an additional 30 minutes. Garnish individual bowls with optional toppings.

Nutrition Info

Per Serving (453g-wt.):
210 calories (40 from fat),
4.5g total fat, 0.5g saturated fat, 13g dietary fiber, 10g protein, 36g carbohydrate, 0mg cholesterol, 880mg sodium

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Cooking just for yourself?

Because she believes the person who dines alone deserves "a break from yet another takeout meal or frozen entree," Toni Lydecker decided it was time for a second edition of "Serves One" (Lake Isle Press, \$16.95).

Even if you only occasionally have a meal for just yourself, you'll welcome the good advice and recipes in this 200-page softcover.

These are dishes you'd be proud to serve to guests. Prep time for most is five-to-10 minutes, with most cook times ranging from 10-to-45 minutes.

Toni lays out strategies for cooking for one, so meals are never boring, and you don't eat the same meal two or three days in a row. She offers lists of foods to stock pantry and fridge, as well as handy kitchenware.

Here are a couple of Toni's dishes that will make you feel you're eating in a fine restaurant -- without the distractions. The Chicken and Baby Bok Choy Stir-Fry is prepared in 10 minutes, and cooking time is five minutes.

Serve it over rice. Prep time for the salmon packet is five minutes, and bake time is 12 minutes. Make individual packets if you're having company.

Chicken and Baby Bok Choy Stir-Fry

4 to 5 ounces boneless, skinless chicken thigh or breast, sliced into strips or 1-inch chunks

1/2 teaspoon minced or pressed garlic

1/2 teaspoon grated ginger root

1/4 cup water or chicken broth

1 tablespoon Chinese oyster sauce

2 teaspoons vegetable oil
1 1/2 cups chopped baby bok choy or watercress

Place chicken in small bowl. With hand or spatula, mix in garlic and ginger (at this point, the chicken can be covered and refrigerated for up to 12 hours). In a liquid measuring cup, combine water with oyster sauce.

Heat oil in a medium wok or skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and stir-fry until it loses the raw look, about

The Chopping Block

By Philomena Corradeno

two minutes. Add oyster-sauce mixture and continue to stir-fry for a couple of minutes until the chicken is cooked through. Add bok choy and cook a minute or two until just tender (if using watercress, cook a few seconds until slightly wilted). Serves 1.

Optional Add-ins:
Chopped scallion, peanuts or cashews

Salmon Packet With Sicilian Flavors

5-ounce salmon filet
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1/2 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil

2–3 thin lemon slices

3 oil-cured Sicilian olives or other small, flavorful olives, pitted and quartered

1/2 teaspoon small capers, rinsed

Preheat oven to 500 F (see Note*). Tear off a 12-inch square piece of

aluminum foil and place it, shiny side down, on countertop (see Note**). Lay salmon filet in the center. Season to taste with salt and pepper, drizzle with olive oil, and arrange lemon slices on top. Scatter olives and capers around the salmon.

Draw together long edges of foil and fold over several times, crimping tightly to prevent leakage but leaving room inside packet for heat circulation; fold each remaining edge to seal in the same way.

Place packet on baking sheet. Cook for 12 minutes. Transfer packet to a dinner plate and let rest for a couple of minutes before opening. Makes 1 serving.

Notes: *Packet can also be cooked successfully in a toaster oven but will probably need a little more cooking time, about five minutes altogether.

**May also be enclosed in a square of parchment paper.
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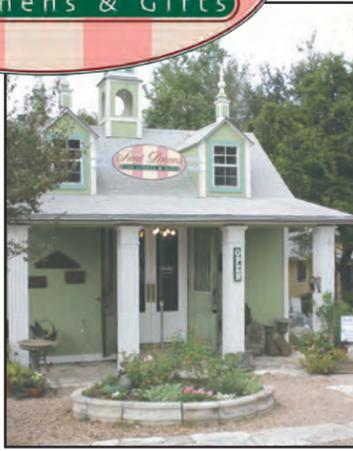
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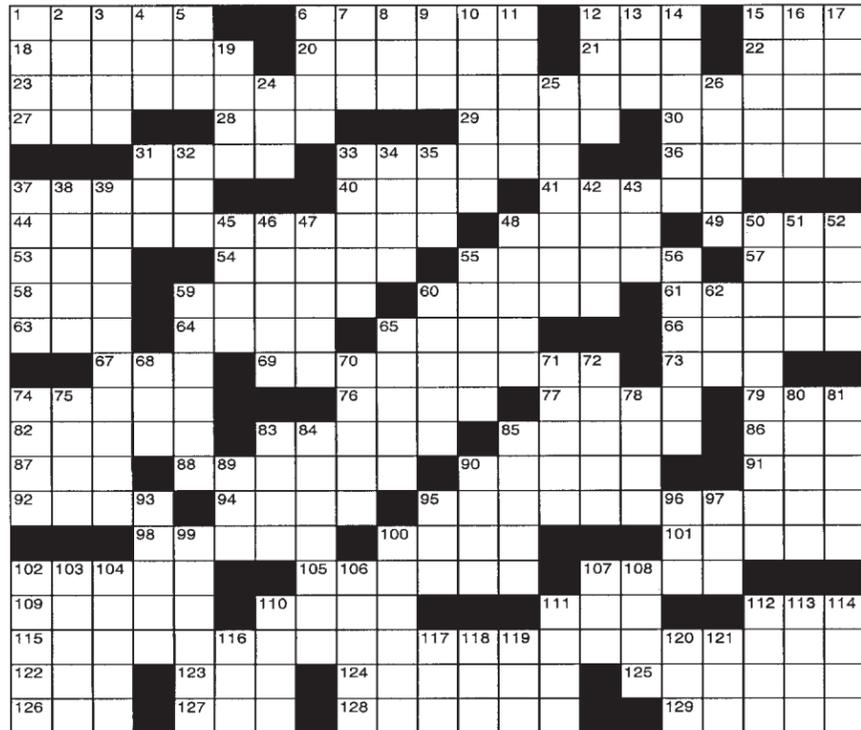
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 21 Unwell
 22 Castilian cry
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 27 He's a doll
 28 Maugham's "Cakes and —"
 29 Ration, with "out"
 30 Shaggy ruminant
 31 Eban of Israel
 33 Maroon
 36 Coeur d'—, ID
 37 The Jetsons' dog
 40 Boxing blow
 41 Tom of "Adam's Rib"
 44 Part 2 of remark
 48 Songwriter Jacques
 49 Pierce
 53 Corsage fastener
 54 Sycophant
- 55 Border —
 57 Antipollution grp.
 58 Squid's squirt
 59 Undo an error
 60 Rock's Pink —
 61 October Revolution name
 63 Average grade
 64 Stack role
 65 Conspire
 66 Narrow shelf
 67 Vitamin bottle abbr.
 69 Part 3 of remark
 73 Presidential nickname
 74 Philatelist's need
 76 Frank "— Man" ('84 film)
 79 Cleaning cloth
 82 Castle campaign
 83 Custom
 85 Belief
 86 Viral illness
 87 Everything
 88 Bacall or Chapin
 90 Paraguayan title
 91 UK honor
 92 Goofy Gomer
- 94 Gourmet Graham
 95 Part 4 of remark
 98 Humble
 100 It may get pickled
 101 Hall's partner
 102 — Dame
 105 Cavort in the pool
 107 Made cotton candy
 109 The chosen few
 110 WWII site
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 1 Estrada or Satie
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 8 Trim the turf
 9 Baseball stat
 10 Children's author Maurice
 11 Rocky Mountain range
 12 Extensive
 13 Cockpit fig.
 14 Worldwide
 15 Gaggles gal
 16 Singer John
 17 Sierra —
 19 Clean the decks
 24 In the manner of
 25 Like Nestor
 26 Flounder features
 31 — deco
 32 Singer Scaggs
 33 TV's "Evening —"
 34 With 103 Down, baseball's '64 Rookie of the Year
 35 Poet McKuen
 37 "A Dandy in —" ('68 film)
- 38 Oinkers
 39 Barrie sprite
 42 Put the metal to the metal
 43 Biblical priest
 45 To be, in Toulouse
 46 Poke fun at the famous
 47 Range rope
 48 Shirley of "Hazel"
 50 Novice
 51 Make — of oneself
 52 Bete noire
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 65 Charlemagne's dad
 68 Excavated
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 71 Where Devils fight
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 75 Mrs. Munster
 78 It'll curl your hair
 80 Dramatist Edward
 81 Risk an opinion
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- 84 Cuffs features
 85 Saw
 89 Record abbr.
 90 Hens and pens
 93 "— Angel" ('55 hit)
 95 Something for two
 96 "— don't say!"
 97 Blocker or O'Herlihy
 99 Firefly, for one
 100 Lawn cleaner
 102 More up-to-date
 103 See 34 Down
 104 Big guy
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 107 Silly Caesar
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Weekly SUDOKU
 by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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Answer
 — Weekly SUDOKU —

ANSWERS TO SUPER CROSSWORD



South dealer:
 North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
 ♠ 8 7 4
 ♥ K 9 5 2
 ♦ Q J 3
 ♣ Q J 4

WEST
 ♠ Q J 10 5
 ♥ 7 4
 ♦ 10 9 6 5
 ♣ 8 7 2

EAST
 ♠ 9 6 2
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ A 8 4 2
 ♣ 10 6 5 3

SOUTH
 ♠ A K 3
 ♥ J 10 8 6 3
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ A K 9

The bidding:
 South 1♥ Pass 4♥
 West Pass 2♥ Pass
 North 2♥ Pass
 East Pass
 Opening lead — queen of spades.

First things first Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Whenever declarer is playing a suit contract, he is faced with the question of whether or not to draw trumps, whether or not to take certain finesses, whether to establish high-card tricks or long suits, and so on.

Some or all of these things might have to be done, but the order in which they take place is usually of prime importance. The timing of such plays often spells the difference between the success or failure of a contract.

Take this case there South was in four hearts and got a spade lead. He won with the ace and immediately led the jack of trumps and finessed, losing to the queen. Back came a spade to South's king. Eventually, he lost four tricks -- a spade, two hearts and a diamond -- and went down one.

Declarer should have made the contract, however. While the idea of attacking trumps was good, it was put into effect prematurely. By tackling trumps at once, South in essence pinned all his hopes on limiting himself to one trump loser.

South failed to recognize that he could afford to lose two heart tricks and still make the contract, provided he escaped the loss of a spade. This could have been achieved by leading the king of diamonds at trick two. After the defense took the ace, dummy's third diamond would provide a parking place for South's spade loser.

Even if the king of diamonds was refused, a diamond continuation would establish dummy's third diamond as a trick. In that case, the jack of clubs would serve as the entry for the discard.

In the majority of suit contracts, declarer plays trumps at once. But when there is more urgent work to be done, as in this deal, declarer delays trump extraction until a more propitious time.

Amber Waves

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Horses and scents in Pecos

Linda Lamka and her family moved to Pecos from Missouri three years ago. She was looking for a home for her horses.

"The area where we were was rather rocky and we were looking for flatter ground," says Linda. "We were getting pretty desperate, so I went to one of my chat rooms and just put the message out there that we were looking for property on an interstate highway that was good for raising horses. This one gal emailed me back and said she had property on Interstate 20 in Pecos."

While growing up in Missouri, Linda read about Pecos Bill, cowboys and grew to love the western way of life, so the possible move to Pecos interested her.

"After about six weeks of emailing back and forth, her mailing pictures and us talking on the phone, we made a deal to

by
Tumbleweed
Smith



buy the property. I had never seen the place in person, had never met the woman, and had never come to Pecos. We just stepped out on a leap of faith and came down."

She and her family hope to raise quality ranch horses. They have 12 horses now. When Linda isn't tending to her horses, she runs her Oak Street Gallery. It features western art and crafts, Montana Silversmith products, rustic home décor, books, and her special line of cosmetics and soaps, which she makes.

"Back in Missouri, my son was working for a candle shop that also had

glycerin soap. I went into work part time and got intrigued by it and started finding all kinds of recipes on the Internet for lotions, gels and shampoos. I found out where I could order the ingredients and ended up with a pretty nice little business in Missouri. We weren't selling on the internet in Missouri, but we are here."

Her line of soaps and body products started with hand milled soap and grew to include shower gels, lotions, body scrubs, face cleansers and creams and foot scrubs.

"I make the products with the West Texas cli-

mate in mind."

She calls herself an alchemist.

"I get in my little room, put on my hat and lab coat and just start making things. If you can cook, you can make soap. It's all recipes. You can make it in a cookpot now, instead of the old kettle your grandmother used. I sometimes use the oven. I just add certain ingredients, like oatmeal, which is good for the skin. I make a line of lotions and shampoos using carrot oil. People love it. I don't need a lotion after I bathe because I use a sugar scrub while I'm washing. I have dozens of fragrances, some for men. Our mineral cosmetics are made with all natural ingredients."

Ingredients in all her products are listed on the labels. Much of her business is conducted on the internet. Her website is www.oakstreetgallery.com.

Fosters to be honored at auction

Salado Civic Center Auction Chairman Lloyd Parks announced recently that tickets for the 2006 Civic Center Auction are now on sale at the Civic Center Business Office

and from members of the Board of Directors.

Cost of the ticket, which includes both meal and auction, is \$10. The meal includes a choice of beef barbecue, chicken or

sausage complete with all the trimmings, including potato salad, beans, pickles, cole slaw, bread, iced tea and homemade brownies for dessert.

The auction and meal will be held March 18, in the Salado Intermediate School cafeteria. The meal will be served at 6 p.m. with the auction to begin promptly at 6:45 p.m.

The popular auction was held for eight consecutive years and it was felt at that time, by the Civic Center's directors, it was best to give the fund raiser a rest for three years. That time period is over and the auction is back on track with a gala evening planned to kick off the new series of fund raisers.

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Members of the Board of Directors of the Civic Center Foundation who will be selling tickets include: Ken Clapp, Chairman; Lloyd Parks, President; Patsy Sanford, Vice President; Vernon Holt, Treasurer; and members David Matthews, Mike Cornett and Dennis Cabaniss.

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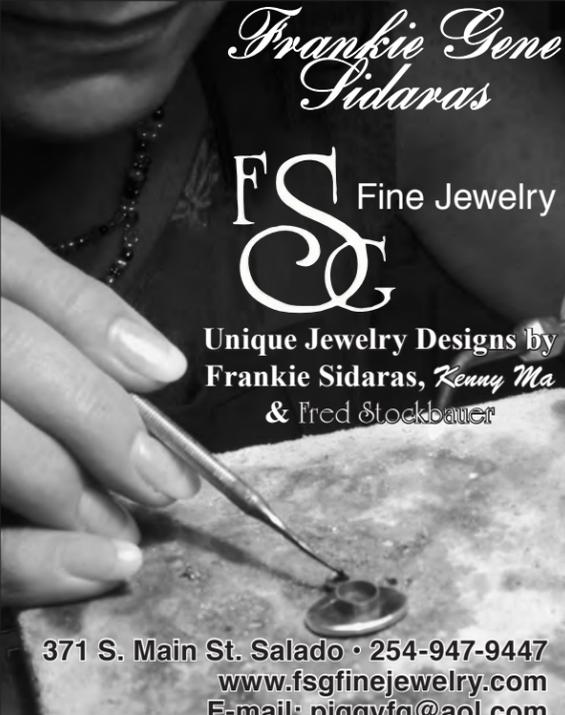
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Shannon Ashe

businesses such as bed breakfasts, restaurants, caterers, churches and more. Active in the local community as well, Ashe has given her time to the executive boards of the Salado Chamber of Commerce and the Salado Business Association. She's even a past chairperson of Salado's famous Christmas Stroll - a task which she handled for three years.

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From decorators to invitations, planning the perfect wedding should be left to a pro like Shannon Ashe.

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The esteem Shannon's former clients hold in her talents is best evident in a recent letter she received from a newlywed couple from College Station. In it, they state, "We have enjoyed the whole wedding planning process because of your expertise; it has been so wonderful to just trust in someone who knows how to create a wedding. I would have been helpless otherwise, and very stressed...Thank you for the care you have taken for every detail of this big day."

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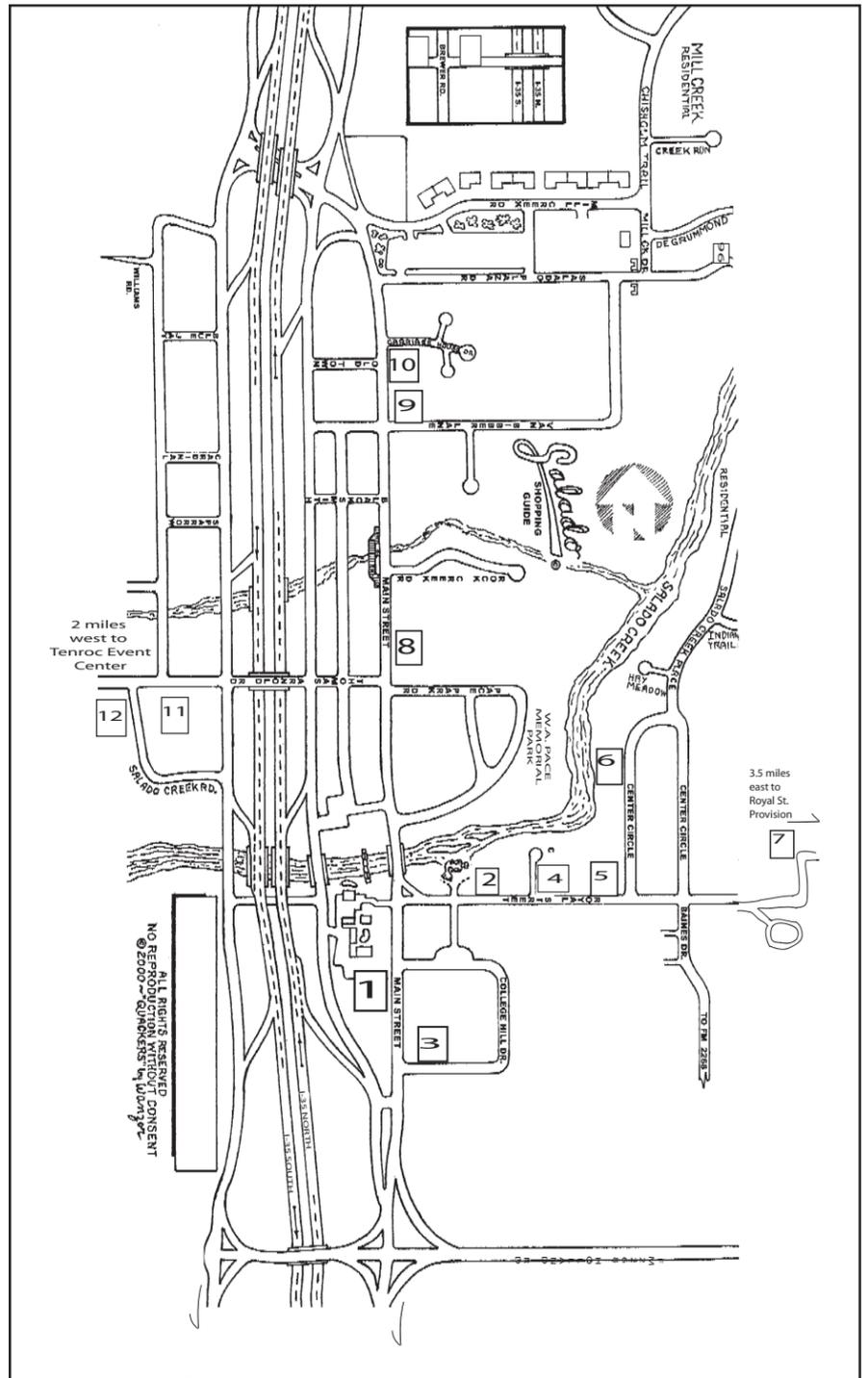
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- Groom's wedding gift
- Bridal attendants gifts
- Bridal attire and accessories
- Wedding consultant
- Bridal luncheon

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- Groom's gift to bride
- Groom's attendants gifts
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- Honeymoon Expenses

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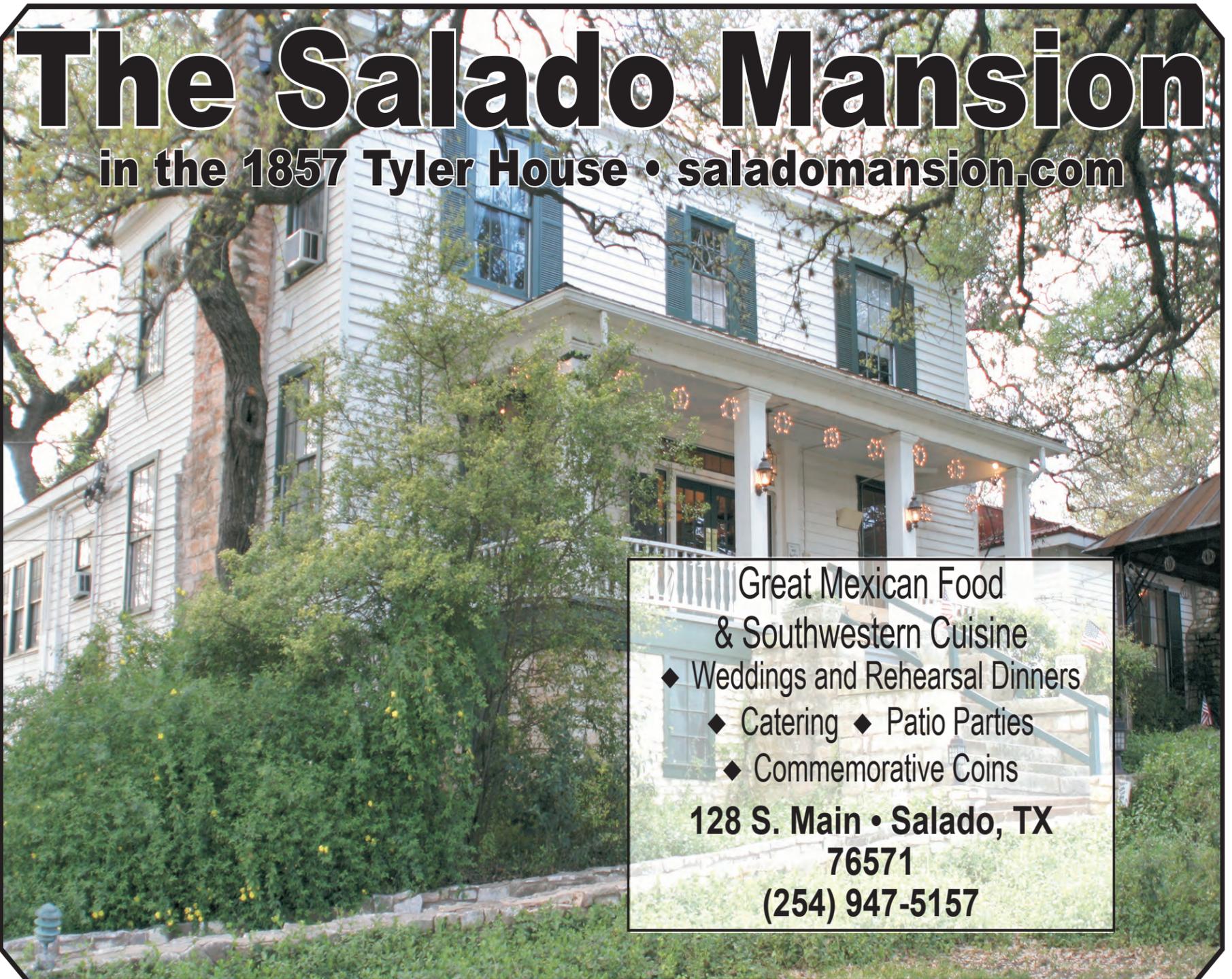
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A few themes are: beach, butterflies, doves, hearts, modern, silver or gold and western. Whether a theme is your style or not, look at as many examples as you can to get some ideas.

Besides things like decorations and favors, think about how formal you want your reception to be. Once you get a feel for that, then other wedding reception ideas about things like wedding toasts, music and traditional dances can be guided by your decision.

Don't worry about having to "do everything" and "get it right." Being



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familiar with wedding reception etiquette and traditions is a good place to start, but if you try to do everything it could end up feeling like a three-ring circus. These days your wedding reception ideas don't have to fall into any set mold. The main point is to have a memorable celebration with people you care about.

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Traditions behind today's 'traditional' wedding

"Wedding" literally meant the purchase of a bride for breeding purposes. The word wedding comes from the root meaning to "gamble" or "wager". The Anglo-Saxon word "wedd" meant that the groom would vow to marry the woman, but it also meant the money or barter that the groom paid the bride's father. This is believed why it is still customary for the father-of-the-bride to "give away" his daughter.

"Bridal" came from the "brew". The bride and groom would drink, and was referred to as "bryd ealu" or "bride's ale," which evolved into "bridal".

Tradition of "White" Color in Bride's dress. The color "White" was denoted as purity and virginity, which was thought to ward off evil spirits, for centuries. There are two women noted to have made the white wedding gown popular; Anne of Brittany in 1499 and Queen Victoria, who broke the tradition of royals by marrying in silver.

The Wedding Veil: Related to the days when the groom would throw a blanket over the head of the woman of choice when he captured and carted her off. Veil is also related to the arranged marriages when the bride's face was covered until the groom was committed to the bride at the ceremony, so it would be too late for him to escape if he did not like the looks of his bride.

The Bouquet and Throwing It Away: Anything worn by the bride was and is considered good luck. The bouquet was considered a sign of happiness. Another reason to throw the bouquet into the crowd by bride is to distract the crowd so that she could escape.

Meaning of Bridal Flowers: Carrying flowers by the bride has its roots in ancient times. Strong smelling herbs and spices were thought to ward off and drive away evil spirits, bad luck and ill health. During Roman times, this tradition was extended, with the bride and groom wearing

floral garlands signifying new life and hope for fertility. The bouquet symbolized a woman in bloom.

The Attendants: The tradition of bridesmaids evolved from the custom of surrounding the Bride with other richly dressed women, in order to confuse the evil spirits. The first marriages were by capture. The best man would help the groom fight off other men who wanted the chosen woman.

Bride on the Left: The origin of the bride standing on the left goes back to the days when the groom would capture his bride by kidnapping her. If the groom had to fight off other suitors, the groom would hold his bride-to-be with his left hand allowing his right hand to be free.

Kissing the Bride: The Wedding Kiss that seals the wedding is much more than a sign of affection. It has long been a token of bonding and the exchange of spirits as each partner sends a part of their self into the new spouse's soul.

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Eight to 12 Months Before the Wedding

Select a wedding date and time. Decide the type of wedding you would like to have (size, formality, and setting). Begin your guest list. Consider possible color schemes. Explore pre-marital counseling. Start health and fitness plan. Select your professional: photographer, caterer, consultant, music, etc. Shop together for your wedding rings. Decide upon your budget. Determine who will pay what expenses. Book your wedding location(s). Choose your attendants. Determine the sizes of your attendants. Select dress and headpiece, and set a date for fittings and delivery. Select your bridesmaids' dresses and accessories. Give thought to your honeymoon location.

Five to Eight Months

Check the requirements for marriage license. Select and discuss your color schemes with the florist and/or balloonist of choice. Again consider pre-marital counseling. Reserve your wedding day rental equipment (tables, chairs, china, silverware, gazebo, etc.). Decide upon a gift registry and select your gift choices. Begin your record of gifts received. Send thank you notes as soon as possible. Order your invitations and related stationary needs. Start shopping for the men's' wedding attire.

Three to Five Months

Finalize your guest list. Decide upon and order your favors. Select your baker, then choose your cake, groom's cake, and mints. Help both mothers coordinate and find their wedding day clothing. Review your written agreements forms with all of your professionals (photographer, caterer, D.J., site coordinator, transportation, etc.).

Two to Three Months

Have engagement portraits taken. Place your engagement announcement in the newspaper. Mail out invitations and announcements. Decide on the men's' wedding attire. Arrange and plan your rehearsal dinner. Purchase your wedding day accessories. Arrange attendants' parties. Book a beverage caterer for the reception and make selections. Prepare accommodations for out-of-town attendants and guests. Consider a hairdresser and/or makeup artist and book appointments. Finalize all honeymoon plans.

Two to Four Weeks

Final wedding dress fitting. Final fitting for your wedding attendants. Obtain marriage license. Have your attendants' parties. Purchase your going-away outfit. Draw a map to direct your guests to the site(s), if necessary. Create a calendar of events for the wedding day. Make sure your accessories are in order (rings, pillow, garter, etc.).

One to Two Weeks

Finalize arrangements with the entertainer(s) and provide a list of music you would like played during special events such as first dance, garter removal and bouquet toss. Pick up your wedding rings and make

sure that the engravings are correct and they fit properly. Contact the guests who have not responded to your invitations.

One to Seven Days

Make sure your marriage license is in order. Prepare seating arrangements, if necessary. Purchase travelers checks, confirm honeymoon reservations. Pack your baggage for your honeymoon. Have your wedding ceremony rehearsal. Instruct your wedding party on what you would like them to do on the day of the wedding. Have your rehearsal dinner. Make sure all wedding attire fits properly. Give the best man the amount the professionals are to be paid on the day of the wedding. Inform your caterer of the total guest count. Confirm out-of-town guests have transportation and sleeping accommodations. Check with your florist and/or balloonist to make sure they will arrive when scheduled.

Your Wedding Day

Relax, enjoy yourself, and remain calm! Allow at least two hours for dressing. Allow plenty of time to apply your makeup and style your hair. If professionals are doing your hair and/or makeup, ask them in advance how much time they will need. If photographs are to be taken before the ceremony, allow at least one and one-half hours. Remember to bring the rings and marriage license. Seat guests as they arrive. The groom's parents should be seated about five minutes before start time, the mother of the bride is normally seated last. Take a deep breath, don't worry, and SMILE!

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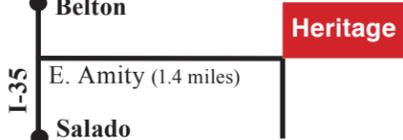
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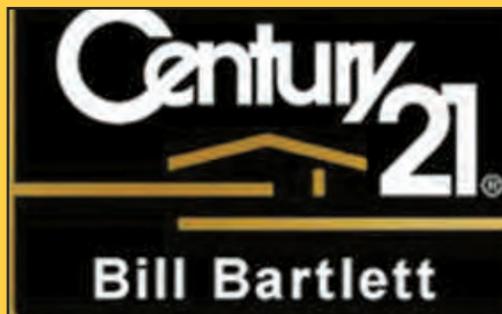


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The rate increase would be structured as follows:

Old Usage Rate	Old Cost	Proposed Usage Rate	Proposed Cost	Increase
Minimum rate for 2,000 gallons	\$17.50	<2,000 gal. min.	\$19.90	+13.7%
2,001 to 10,000 gallons	\$2.15/1,000 g.	2,001-10,000 gal.	No Change	+7%
10,001 to 20,000 gallons	\$2.40/1,000 g.	10,001-10,000 gal.	No Change	+4%
20,001 to 30,000 gallons	\$2.65/1,000 g.	20,001-30,000 gal.	No Change	+4%
30,001 to 50,000 gallons	\$2.70/1,000 g.	20,001-30,000 gal.	\$3.00/1,000 g.	+3%
50,001 to 100,000 gallons	\$3.15/1,000 g.	50,001-100,000 gal.	\$3.25/1,000 g.	+3%
100,001 gallons and over	\$3.40/1,000 g.	100,001+ gal.	\$3.65/1,000	+7%

The proposed increase is expected to generate an additional \$94,000 in revenues in 2006. The last rate increase for the SWSC came at the January 2003 meeting three years ago. At that time, the expense budget was \$636,000, compared to \$743,000 this year, a difference of 17 percent from three years ago.

The current rate increase is needed to offset the escalating expense costs and continue adding to the SWSC reserve funds. The reserve funds are used to maintain and upgrade the aging distribution system.

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