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## Tourism expert focuses on branding Salado

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The average person is hit with more than 3,000 marketing messages per day. To stand out in that flood of messages, you “have to have something different to offer them,” said Roger Brooks to a room of 50 business people gathered for a branding workshop Jan. 27 hosted by the Salado Tourism Council.

Brooks is a principal partner in Destination Development, Inc., with which the Village Tourism Council has contracted to conduct an assessment of the Salado’s tourism industry and to assist in developing a brand, or a unified approach, for the Village.

Brooks said that the goal of the assessment is to “import more money into the community than is exported out of it.” He added that locals can help: “If you earn your money here and spend it outside of the community, that’s contributing to the leakage. Most successful

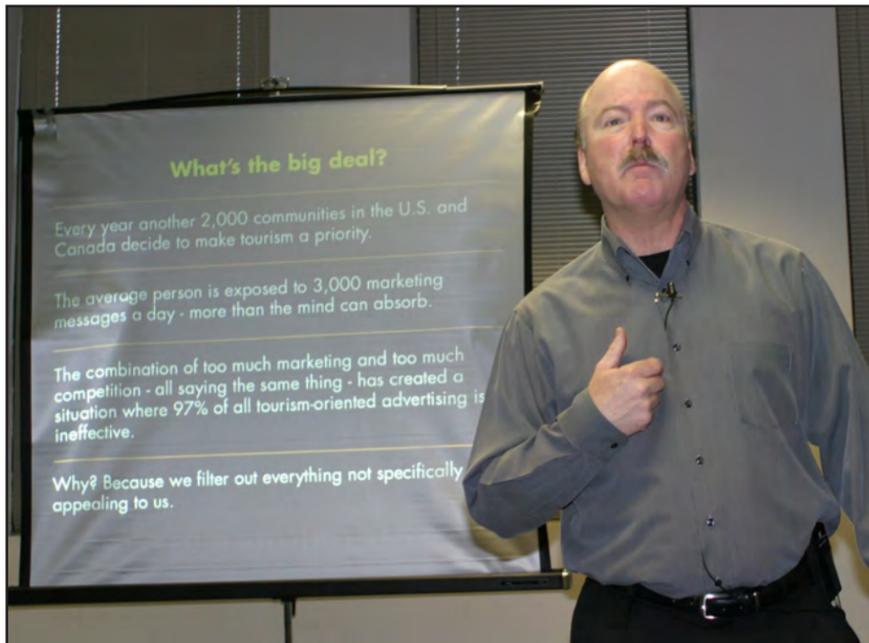
communities import more cash than they export.”

But, as 2,000 communities per year decide that tourism will be their economic focus, importing money from outside visitors is becoming more and more difficult because of the dramatic increase in competition.

“Historic downtowns are a dime a dozen,” Brooks said. “Every town has a golf course and fine dining. What sets your town apart from the rest?”

That is the nature of a brand for a community. Destination Development has worked with several Texas communities to improve their tourism and to develop a brand, including Granbury, Marshall, Addison, Beaumont, Huntsville, Corpus Christi, South Padre Island, Galveston and Round Rock.

Brooks explained that advertising is very difficult because of the numbers of advertising opportunities and the messages communities use in their advertising. “Most towns are trying to be all things



Destination Development speaker Roger Brooks addresses a packed room of business owners and concerned citizens early morning Jan 27

to all people,” he said, “and they are appealing to no one in particular. Find your niche. That is your audience.”

A successful brand meets the following criteria:

- It is specific and never generic.
- A successful brand is always experiential.
- A brand is a perception, a feeling someone

has about your community, not what you say you are.

Logos and slogans ARE NOT a brand. They are tools used to promote your brand.

To illustrate his point on slogans and communities that use them, Brooks identified these communities and their slogans:

- Beaver OK Cow Chip Capital
- Burlington IA Load-

er-backhoe capital of the world

• Marlin TX: Spend your money in Marlin Darlin.

• Newton Falls OH: The town with zip

• Hooker OK: It’s a location, not a vocation

• Kiester, MN: The hind end of Minnesota.

• Gas, KA: Don’t pass Gas, Stop and enjoy it.

“A slogan is an exclamation point on your key message,” Brooks said. “It’s not the brand, it just reinforces it.”

A branding slogan must do the following:

Bring a picture to mind. Differentiate you from everyone else.

Portray what the community is about. Sell an experience.

He warned the group that memberships can “kill a branding effort. They tend to be general because we try to be all things to all people and we fail.”

He also warned the group to avoid marketing geography. “This is not about Salado,” he said: It is about what you experience in Salado.”

He went on to list several things that are not brands, including geography (except for the Grand Canyon), scenic vistas (except for Niagara Falls), and historic downtowns.

He then laid out the steps toward identifying and implementing a brand

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## Water Supply will add 2000th customer in 2007

By TIM FLEISCHER  
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Salado Water Supply Corporation will likely see its 2,000th customer added this year, having grown from 685 customers in 1989 when Ricky Preston took over as manager to 1,976 customers today. SWSC directors and members gathered for the annual meeting Jan. 25 approved a \$1 million budget for 2006-07 that will see an operating profit of \$159,047.

More directors were in attendance than members, which has been typical of past membership meetings.

Preston reported to members that, “We’ve have a superior water supply rating. Not nearly all supplies are superior.” He also reported that the SWSC has received the Outstanding Public Drinking Water System award from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

SWSC serves a 30 sq.

mile area from Amity Rd. to the north to the rest areas to the south, east to Blackberry Rd. and west to the long bridge at Stillhouse Hollow Lake. To serve that area, SWSC has eight wells, including two wells that are under 20-year leases with 20-year options. The wells have pumping capacity from 100 gallons per minute to 600 gallons per minute.

SWSC pays \$4,800 per month to lease 10 million gallons per month, which averages out to 48¢ per

1,000 gallon. The 1,000 gallon cost for the wells owned by SWSC is 23¢.

“In 2006,” Preston said, “we pumped more than 400 million gallons, which would be 1,227 acre feet of surface water.” This represents an 18 percent increase over 2005. Treasurer Bruce Bolick told members earlier in the evening: “We had a good year because the rain gauge had a bad year.”

Bolick reported that the SWSC added 51 new members in 2005-06 and

52 members in 2004-05. “Prior to that, we had been adding 100 to 120,” Preston said. “Growth has slowed and I’m sure everyone here has seen that.”

SWSC customers have demanded between 700,000 gallons per day in the off season up to 2.25 million gallons during the heaviest use of the year on Aug. 18. During peak times of the summer, demand has been 1.7 million.

Preston not only discussed the current de-

mands on the water system, but the future for SWSC members. He reminded SWSC members that the corporation leases 1,600 acre feet of surface water from Stillhouse Hollow Lake, which could provide 521 million gallons per year. The lease cost is \$42,000 per year, even though the SWSC has no access to the water at the current time.

“It’s an insurance

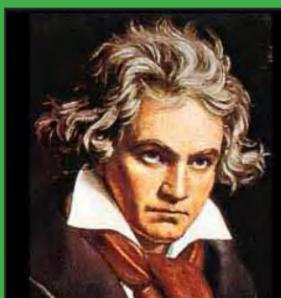
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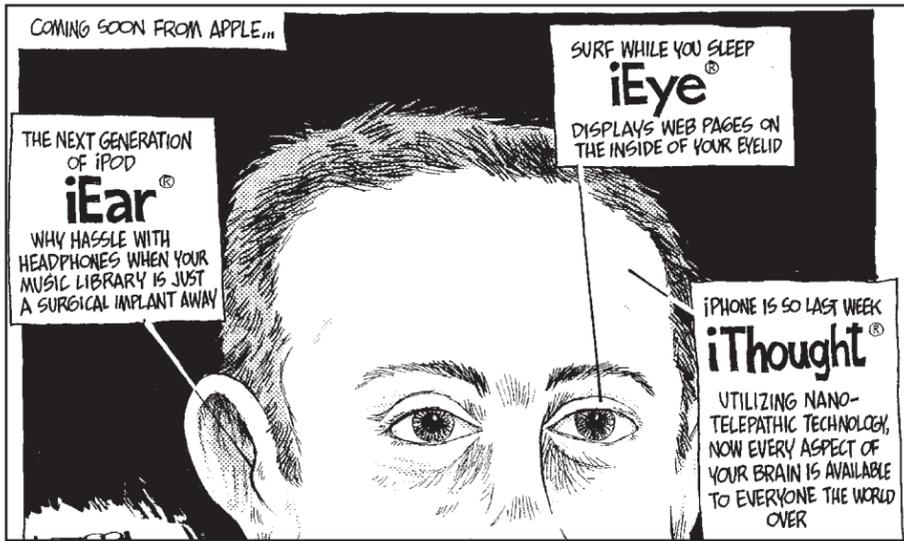
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# FORUM

## An Open Exchange of Ideas



## A campaign for order

President Bush didn't talk about the yearning of the human heart for freedom in his latest Iraq speech. Such reductive anthropology used to be a staple of his pronouncements -- everywhere human hearts were hungering for freedom, and the global mission of the U.S. was to release this pent-up desire for liberty.

Bush still talked of advancing liberty, but his key claim about the hearts of Iraqis was a stripped-down (but still somewhat dubious) one: "Most of Iraq's Sunni and Shia want to live together in peace."

If this is the case -- and it becomes ever less so as the civil war intensifies -- it speaks less to a hunger for freedom than for order, which the Bush administration has foolishly neglected at both the conceptual and practical levels.

Calls for order do not make for stirring lines in poetic presidential speeches. It is a cliché to say we take freedom for granted, but it is not so. Freedom is constantly invoked by all sides of the American political debate. It is order -- the underpinning of freedom -- that is taken for granted.

In his book "The Roots of American Order," the conservative intellectual Russell Kirk explained that "justice cannot be enforced until a tolerable civil social order is attained, nor can freedom be anything better than violence until order gives us laws."

This is why Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's infamous statement during the rioting after the fall of Saddam Hussein that "freedom is untidy" was so wrong-headed. Freedom ultimately has to be tidy, because it depends on boundaries and rules -- a societal consensus -- that have existed for so long in the West that we often forget about them. The historian Theodore Von Laue called them "the invisible substructures of individual and collective discipline."

Iraq had few such substructures. In the Saddam era, it had only the top-down

### Rich Lowry



coercive power of the state. When that was removed, there was chaos, without the U.S. ever substituting enough force to give the Iraqi people the blessings of order -- an order that obviously would be more just and free than that imposed by Saddam.

As Fred Kagan of the American Enterprise Institute -- the intellectual godfather of the Bush "surge" -- has noted, the absence of order is fatal to any government: "Continual violence and death eliminate the people's support for the government, leading to an increase in violence, as individuals and groups undertake to protect and avenge themselves independently of state structures, legal institutions or government sanction." In other words, they cling to militias, insurgents and all the other forces bedeviling us in Iraq.

The surge is meant finally to check this process. But American troops won't be able to do it alone. There is a reason that so many democracies have been created out of reforming authoritarian governments. They provided the prerequisite of order, but with enough breathing space so that eventually freedom could flourish.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki already has a kind of democratic mandate. Now, he needs to act with enough strength to hold his country together. So far, he simply has been demonstrating Edmund Burke's insight that "nothing turns out to be so oppressive and unjust as a feeble government."

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## Legislators seek tighter laws to protect private property rights

Owners of private property have been understandably worried over the impact of the Supreme Court's 2005 landmark decision that irrationally ruled in favor of the city of New London, Connecticut, and (by extension) gave other city, county, and state governments the right to use their powers of eminent domain (condemnation), not just for public use, but for private development projects as well.

In other words - a person's home, farm, ranch, business can be condemned by a city, county or State and handed over to privately owned investment groups, who in turn will create immensely profitable developments.

This draconian change is "heaven-sent" from a governmental point of view, since it creates greater tax-dollar yields, when compared to relatively lower taxes gained from homestead and agriculture properties.

### DISSENTING OPINION

Former Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote the dissenting opinion in this close (5-4) "loss-of-rights" case. She "nailed-down" the court's damage to private property ownership flawlessly: "**The majority's view of 'public use' is so broad and unrestricted that 'the specter of condemnation hangs over all property.'**"

### STATE'S SCRAMBLE

Following the Kelo v. City of New London decision, some 34 States, including Texas, passed legislation to limit local and state government's ability to seize private property.

The Texas legislature in special session (2005) passed Senate Bill 7, that attempted to mitigate the high court's decision.

Unfortunately the likelihood of voraciously greedy commercial interests continuing their aggressive demands for private property, is strong. And now aided by the "New London" decision, there remains only one sure way to keep these business groups from controlling local governments (and seizing private property for private use), and that is to pass a Constitutional amendment prohibiting such actions.

And that's just what Representative Burt Solomons (R-Carrollton) did on November 13, 2006 when he pre-filed HJR 12. This joint resolution contains a constitutional amendment that would, if passed, "**prohibit local governments from using their eminent domain rights to seize (via condemnation) private property and transfer it from one (private) person to another - unless authorized by the Legislature.**"

### PROPERTY OWNERS

Protection of private property has always forced land owners to be alert. In pioneer days - land was up for grabs and controlled by those strong enough to hold it. Today's land-robber-barons include State and local governments, who many times are willing to serve (for obvious reasons) as toadies for commercial interests.

Hardly a day goes by without reading about some city or county giving tax (and other financial) breaks to lure companies to their areas. What these predominantly prosperous corporations are actually doing is pocketing taxpayer dollars to further increase their profitability (Austin's electronic giants are perfect examples).

Private landowner fears have been further compounded thanks to the "New London Decision" - because, with a high court decision that sup-

**Off the Record**  
by Ken Clapp



ports (state-local) government's constant efforts to create larger tax bases, it's only a short step to add private property to a financial aid package. Thus creating a "hard to resist" offer that attracts new (or expanded) private developments, even if it means stealing (condemnation) homesteads and small businesses.

### PATRICK HENRY SAID IT BEST

Protecting private property rights today is a necessary (and on-going) citizen responsibility. **The venerable Patrick Henry said it best: "The battle sir, is not to the strong alone, it is to the vigilant."**

### FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

This column collects "Flotsam and Jetsam" which includes both interesting and puzzling "people" tidbits that we hated to throw away. So, we pass them along and let readers toss 'em.

**Governor "Landslide" Perry** - was in Washington recently meeting with Texas congressional Democrats. He was trying to shed his "Tom DeLay" image (from redistricting days), but with few friends in the room it was apparent (from all accounts) that the gathering was a flop.

Perry was later interviewed (by GOP-brass) to see if he'd be useful as VP to tilt the '08 presidential ticket in a southwesterly direction.

One wonder's if those doing the "Veep-vetting" had heard that Perry's recent gubernatorial victory was achieved via a whopping "39 percent" popular vote?

**President Bush** - okayed some postal legislation recently and added a "signing" statement. Presidents use this devious way of "amending" bills they have approved. In this case Bush added a crafty sentence that allows government to open private mail without a warrant.

Early on, Bush had permitted wiretapping also without a warrant. Following the mid term elections - he changed his mind. His smirky AG drew the "black bean" and had to "spin" that reversal before Congress. Later VP "**Snarly**" Dick Cheney (naturally on "Fox News Sunday") told us it doesn't violate civil prerogatives for government to examine banking and credit records of thousands of "questionable" Americans - again without a warrant.

George and his gang just don't seem to get it - do they? You don't have to be a "**tree-hugging civil rights advocate**" to worry about loss of personal rights under today's administration. Rights we believed were inviolable. A little reflection along those lines could easily have us searching for our "worry-beads!"

**How the game is played...** Been wondering how much of Tom Craddick's post-revolt's "mea culpa" was heartfelt? Well, last week (as expected) he rewarded his pals and punished the rebels. Defeated coup leader Jim Pitts (R-Waxahachie) complained: "Craddick promised reconciliation. We got retribution. I'm disappointed." **Pitts lost his powerful Appropriations Chairmanship and just missed banishment to the "Rest Room Supply Replenishment" Committee.**

**Local punster...** was overheard ruminating: "14 Republicans and 12 Democrats have signed up for President. And with more lurking in the wings - reckon there'll be anyone left to vote?"

**He concluded his wryness by noting that some of these wannabees were so lacking in pizzazz that "you'd hate to take them home to meet your granny!"**

That's -30-

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# The State of the Union

## Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison  
U.S. Senator



During the State of the Union address, President Bush articulated his vision to extend our prosperity and faithfully protect our security. As the 110th Congress moves forward, I will remind my colleagues in the Senate that we all share the desire to leave a prosperous America for future generations.

As America fights a global war against terrorists, it is absolutely critical that we never waver from our commitment to victory. There is no match for the might of our military or the professionalism and bravery of our servicemen and women. The only way we can fail is if we lose the will to finish the job. I support President Bush's call to increase the size of our active Army and Marine Corps, as a larger and stronger military will reduce the stress to our guard and reserve and to those in active service now. Adding an additional 92,000 active soldiers to our military does more than strengthen our readiness. It sends a loud and clear message to both our enemies and to our own men and women in uniform that when additional manpower and resources are needed, we will do what is necessary to be a ready fighting force.

Protecting our national security also requires sound domestic policy. Our immigration system remains broken, and porous borders continue to pose a threat. Americans are united in their desire for Congress to send the president legislation that contains a comprehensive immigration solution. This bill must secure and maintain the integrity of our borders and include a temporary worker program that keeps our economy strong.

We must also continue our pursuit of energy independence. Meanwhile, some members of Congress aim to raise taxes and increase regulatory burdens on domestic producers. I oppose such measures because they would have the counterproductive effect of pushing domestic producers overseas, thus reducing our domestic supply and making us increasingly dependent on foreign energy sources. I support solutions such as providing tax relief to develop

alternative energy sources, as well as increasing domestic oil production in environmentally sound ways.

Texas remains a leader in alternative sources of energy. Our state produces the most wind energy in the nation and is home to an increasing number of ethanol and biodiesel plants. With 367 miles of shoreline along the Gulf of Mexico, Texas also has a close proximity to an abundant supply of alternative energy resources that are ripe for development. In particular, the Coastal Bend region is uniquely well-suited to provide energy from wave and tidal energy, biofuels, and solar energy. As technology continues to advance, we must explore the vast potential of these sources.

Providing affordable access to health care for those Americans currently without coverage is another worthwhile effort that I support. I look forward to learning more about the president's health care initiative, which is based on competition to hold down costs, tax cuts, and other measures to extend coverage to more Americans.

Sustaining our place in the world also requires strengthening America's competitive edge through education - particularly in the vitally important fields of science, engineering and technology. I have been working with my colleagues in Congress and education leaders in Texas to enhance commitment to the hard sciences. We must also provide new incentives to encourage our bright young minds to become teachers and educate the leaders of tomorrow.

There is no doubting the confident spirit of America. By working together in a bipartisan way our nation's leaders can achieve our common goals and deliver results to our citizens. I am eager to hear your thoughts on the state of our union and on the proposals outlined in President Bush's address. Please contact me at <http://hutchison.senate.gov> or by mail at 284 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20510. After receiving your responses, I will write a follow-up column later this year and let you know of the views of our fellow Texans.

# FORUM

## Freedom: making the grade

Teachers give report cards for a reason: So students (and their parents) will know what subjects they're doing well in, and where they need to improve.

This week marks the release of the 12th annual *Index of Economic Freedom*, published by The Heritage Foundation and *The Wall Street Journal*. It gives each nation an overall grade, and it also measures economic freedom in 10 distinct categories, so each county can identify its strengths and weaknesses.

This year, Americans have reason to cheer-- but also reason for concern.

For the moment, the United States is doing quite well in the *Index*. We're ranked fourth overall, trailing only Asian tigers Hong Kong and Singapore and fast-rising Australia. Our economic freedom score, 82 out of a possible 100, is a solid B. The *Index* editors are tough graders: nobody got an A.

As with any good report card, the *Index* indicates what we must improve, if we intend to remain an economic powerhouse. Consider our lowest score in any category, 67.5 in "Freedom from Government." We get a "D" in this category because it includes government spending. Put simply, our government spends far too much (as a share GDP)-- and makes far more prom-

## Reader talks about "Fan" etiquette

### Letters to the Editor

#### Dear Editor:

I attended the varsity girls and boys basketball games on Jan. 23, 2007, between the Rogers Eagles and the Salado Eagles. I was fortunate to sit beside a legendary Central Texas retired Rogers girl basketball coach for 42 years, Coach Harley Doggett.

During the game, he was critical of poor play and complementary of good play of both teams. This, in my opinion is the response every true athletic supporter should exhibit when attending an athletic event. Salado athletic fans are super and should cheer good performances

## Heritage Forum

### Edwin Feulner, President The Heritage Foundation



ises than it can afford to keep.

The evidence is overwhelming. Real annual federal spending has nearly doubled since 1980 and seems to be picking up speed. Indeed, it's up 45 percent since President George W. Bush took office. At the end of last year, federal spending topped 20 percent of our entire Gross Domestic Product.

Most worrisome is the growth of entitlement programs. Social Security, Medicare, and today's retirees, who are avid voters. The problem is that it will be virtually impossible for the next generation of taxpayers to pay for these expensive budgets.

How bad is it? If today's entitlement-driven budget is simply left on autopilot, federal spending will reach 50 percent GDP by 2050. Americans would be working as much for the government as for themselves. So much for "freedom from government."

The *Index* reveals problems on the other side of the budgetary coin: taxation. Here, our biggest shortcoming is particularly obvious, and the rest of the world is exploiting it.

The problem? The United States has the world's second highest corporate tax rate, trailing only Japan. Even Socialist France has a lower corporate tax rate, and French President Jacques Chirac recently introduced a proposal to slash his country's rate from 33 percent to 20 percent.

Higher corporate tax rates put American companies at a significant competitive disadvantage. They penalize workers, and cost consumers too. After all, corporations don't pay taxes--people do. American corporations pass on the cost of their higher tax burdens to their customers where possible and also sharpen the pencil on payroll costs.

Meanwhile, America's top persona income tax rate is nothing to brag about, either. It's 25 percent higher today than it was when Ronald Reagan left office, and things may soon get worse. If we allow the 2001 and 2003 pro-growth tax cuts to expire, the top tax rate will climb to nearly 40 percent. That would create huge economic problems, slowing growth, investment and job creation.

The lesson of the new *Index* remains the same as it was in past years: Economic freedom and prosperity are inextricably linked. In nation after nation, year after year, greater economic freedom yields greater riches for the people.

Our report card show the United States is thriving-- for now. We're doing better than last year, when we were number 10 in the world. But that's principally because the *Index* has been revised to include labor freedom, and the U.S. has one of the least restrained labor markets anywhere, while European economies have choked off employment opportunities with red tape that pushes up unemployment.

But the U.S. has plenty of work ahead. We need to slash spending and lower tax rates to make sure the United States remains a beacon fire of economic freedom for the world.

## Send war supporters to surge



### Jim Hightower

I don't know about you, but I'm with George W on this one: It's time for surge!

Yes, let's surge into Iraq with another 20,000 - put 'em out there in the hot spots, sweating sniper fire, praying that the car that just pulled up doesn't explode in hellish fury, fretting that anyone (everyone!) could be a suicide bomber. I salute you, Mr. War President, for escalating America's military presence in this civil war, asking even more of our people to step up, step in, and sacrifice their jobs, time, limbs...and lives.

The only proviso that I attach to my gung-ho endorsement of your exciting surge strategy is this: None of the 20,000 additional troops that you're committing should come from the ranks of people who've already been there, many on their fourth, fifth, and even sixth rotation. Excuse me, but it's the stuff of tortuous war crimes to keep circling the same people through that shooting gallery.

Instead, here's my plan: Draft Young Republicans! Yes - they've been your most ardent cheerleaders for invading, occupying, and staying the course in Iraq; they have been on the front lines jeering and sneering at war protesters, they have bravely attached those yellow Support-Our-Troops magnets to their SUVs, they have consistently voted for you and your war. So, I say: Give it to 'em!

It's nice that your own daughters - Jenna and Barbara - have supported your Iraq policy rhetorically, but, come on, why not put their boots on the ground too?

Give 'em a chance to prove what they're made of. Those Halliburton executives, too - draft all of their twenty-somethings. And don't forget Cheney's young relatives.

Any young Republican who says "Support Our Troops" - should become one. Surely, sir, you can find a mere 20,000 of them willing to sign up for your "noble cause."

The least you can do is ask them. Or are you afraid of what they'd say?

Jack Evans

# Consider benefits before changing jobs

If you are thinking of switching jobs — especially in mid-to-late career — you'll want to pay careful attention to the benefits offered by

your new employer. At this stage of your life, you've got a lot to protect.

For starters, you'll need to take a close look at your new employer's retirement plan. If your new job comes with a 401(k), find out when you'll be eligible to contribute, if there's an employer match and if the match also applies to "catch-up" contributions you can make after age 50. You'll also want to find out if your new plan will accept a rollover of your old 401(k). If it does, and if you like the investment options that come with your new plan, you may want to make this move.

In any case, if your new job does offer a 401(k), take full advantage of it. Contribute as much as you can afford and increase your contributions whenever you get

## Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



a raise. Look carefully at your investment options and spread your money among them in a way that reflects your risk tolerance, long-term goals and time horizon. And no matter how much you like your new job, don't "overload" your 401(k) plan with company stock — a downturn in your employer's fortunes could drag its stock price down for quite some time.

Of course, not all companies have 401(k) plans. If your new employer offers a "defined benefit" plan — the traditional pension that pays benefits based on years of service — you'll want to ask a lot of questions about the plan's solvency. As you

may know, many pension plans are currently underfunded or face other major problems. If you are concerned about a potential new employer's financial status, you might want to visit the company's Web site and search under "investor information" for documents such as the annual report and filings with Securities & Exchange Commission.

### Beyond Retirement Plans

Your new employer's retirement plan isn't the only benefit you'll need to evaluate when weighing a job offer. You'll also want to consider the following:

- Disability insurance— Have you ever thought what would happen to your family and your long-term finan-

cial goals if you became disabled and couldn't work? Disability insurance can help protect you against this risk. Some employers offer short-term disability coverage as an employee benefit. But if your former employer offered disability insurance, and your prospective new employer doesn't, you may have to purchase your own coverage.

- Life insurance — Some employers also offer life insurance as an employee benefit. Even if you are not that far from retirement, life insurance may benefit you in various ways, so the presence or absence of an employer-backed life insurance policy is a factor you'll want to consider before taking a different job.

A new job may offer you more money and the chance to do work that you will enjoy. But before you make the move, take a close look at the benefits package — it can play a big role in your comprehensive financial strategy.

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## Liabilities into assets

### Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

Getting ready to place your home on the market? If it is in anything less than "like new" condition, you'll need a little reality check before you can determine a fair asking price.

Since buyers will order one anyway, you should strongly consider having an inspection performed by a licensed professional

before you market your home.

Why do it now, since the buyers will pay to do it later? Ask yourself if you like surprises. If repair issues are identified, you have time to decide whether to pay now for the improvements, or adjust your asking price accordingly. The old rule of thumb dictates that buyers will offer \$2 less for every \$1 in needed repairs, so make your decision with care.

This is a great opportunity to take lemons and make some lemonade. Don't ignore major repairs that can boost your home's value and desirability. If your home is marketed while in need of a new roof, you've got a real liability and challenging sales point. Market your home with a brand new roof, and suddenly you've got a great asset.

Discover problems and implement solutions before you make your final pricing decision. To do otherwise simply invites unpleasant surprises and low offers. In today's highly competitive market, you need to take proactive steps that assure your home's value stands out in the crowd.

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## Students attend business leadership conference

Outstanding Business students travel to Corpus Christi to participate at the Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference.

Top students from Salado High School will be attending the Business Professionals of America 2007 State Leadership Conference, in Corpus Christi, Feb. 28- Mar. 3.

Salado High School chapter members, Megan Chick, Chelsea Jacobsen, Molly Heuer, Grant Hancock, Samantha Smith, Rosie Gonzalez, Josh Coleman, Preston Watkins, Derek Baldwin, Mallory Ming, Reed Farr, Robert Cloud, Kim Simpson, Walker Cleveland, LeeWayne Inglesbe, Ryan Smith, and James Ervi will join over 2,000 other conference delegates from across the state to participate in state level business skill competitions, general sessions, and state officer candidate campaigns and elections.

"The conference emphasizes business workforce education and training which members of local chapter of Business Professionals of America at Salado High School have received" said chapter advisor Rocky Boaz, who teaches BIMM.

The Small Business Management Team going to state are; Megan Chick, Chelsea Jacobsen, Grant Hancock, and Molly Heuer.

## Monday Club meets Feb. 5

The Salado Monday Club will meet 2 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Salado United Methodist Church.

The program, "Maximum Health at Any Age," will be presented by Kevin McCauley. All ladies of the community are cordially invited.

In addition, the Monday Club's book, Heritage Edition, is available for purchase at Seasons of Salado and Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe. The price is \$18.50.



Megan Chick, Chelsea Jacobsen, Molly Heuer, and Grant Hancock

er. On the Parliamentary procedure team, moving on to state, are Kim Simpson, Walker Cleveland, Robert Cloud, Ryan Smith, James Ervi, and LeeWayne Inglesbe. Others going to state are, Reed Farr (Fundamental acting), Brianda Ruiz (Payroll accounting), Josh Coleman (banking/finance), Samantha Smith (Fund. Word proc.), Mallory Ming (desktop publishing), Rosie Gonzalez (legal office proc.), Preston Watkins (medical office proc.), Derek Baldwin (computer netwk. Tech).

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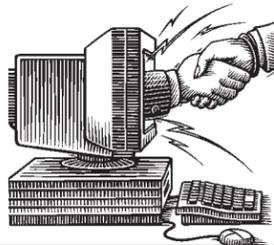
college students preparing for careers in business and office occupations. The organization's activities and programs complement classroom instruction by giving students practical experience through application of the skills learned at school. Business Professionals of America acts as a cohesive agent in the nationwide networking of education and business and industry, and is contributing to the preparation of world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic, and technological skills.



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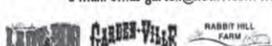
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# Valentine's Day with the King

February 14 is St. Valentine's Day, the quintessential 'Date Night' for sweethearts of all ages. A delightful evening with that special someone can be had right here in Salado. One possibility is a romantic dinner at one of Salado's restaurants, followed by a musical stroll down Memory Lane with the King of Rock and Roll, Elvis Presley.

At 8 p.m. on Valentine's Day, the Salado Silver Spur Theater, located at 108 Royal St., will present the "Love Me Tender" Valentine's Day Show, starring acclaimed Elvis tribute artist, Johnny Memphis.

Memphis has developed quite a following throughout central Texas, with his faithful rendi-

tions of the King's greatest hits, authentic costumes, and dynamic stage presence. He will be joined on the Silver Spur stage by two special guests, as well. Candy Shannon will be paying tribute to Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn,

Tammy Wynette and other Country-and-Western sirens; and teen-age singing sensation Kaley Caperton will salute the female superstars of the '40s, '50s and '60s.

Admission to this event is \$14.50 per person.

Seating is limited; therefore, reservations are encouraged. Reservations can be made by calling the Silver Spur box office at (254) 947-3456.

For more information on Johnny Memphis, visit [www.johnnymemphis.net](http://www.johnnymemphis.net).

## Aldermen meet Feb. 1

The Village of Salado Board of Aldermen will meet 6:30 p.m. Feb. 1 at the Municipal Building.

After calling the meeting to order, the aldermen will hear a report from Chief of Police Alan Rogers on the December and January Crime Report, as well as a report on Racial Profiling. Tourism Director Debbie Charbenau will also deliver a

report.

Under new business, the aldermen will hear a presentation by Hamer Enterprises for credit card acceptance. They will also discuss an election resolution and election ordinance calling for a May election.

Alderman Curt Strong will discuss HB 609 and 617, relating to building codes and extra-territorial

jurisdiction, and alderman Suzi Epps will speak on determination of sign compliance in Extraterritorial jurisdiction for TxDOT.

Board of Aldermen meetings are open to the public.

The next posted meeting of the Board of Aldermen will 6:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at the municipal building.

## BRANDING

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- Step 3: Inventory activities.
- Step 4: Inventory the primary and secondary market attractions.
- Step 5: Educate community about branding
- Step 6: What is our brand or what should it be?
- Step 7: Run the brand through the feasibility test.

- Step 8: Develop brand perceptions and visions
- Step 9: Create the key marketing messages.
- Step 10: Develop the identity concepts
- Step 11; Work to obtain public buy-in.
- Step 12: Customer testing
- Step 13: Niche markets and expansion planning.
- Step 14: Develop graphics system.
- Step 15: Product development
- Step 16: Define roles. Everyone plays a role, including service, school,

- church
- Step 17: Get the brand champions
- Step 18: Incorporate brand into fabric of community
- Step 19: Sell the community.
- Step 20: Keep the focus narrow
- Step 21: Recruit and promote supporting businesses.
- Step 22: Rearrange the furniture or business mix to develop the critical mass.
- Step 23: Implement the PR program.

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Step 24: review and revisit plan every two years.  
Step 25: Never give up.

He told the group that they should look for ways to "Create partnerships that cost zero money and double sales."

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# Return to traditional foods for disease prevention

Have you ever thought about how differently we eat today than when we used to “live off the land”? You know, when we used to kill our food by gun, bow and arrow, or catch it with a fishing pole? When we used to drink milk from “local” cows or goats in its raw state? And the fruits, vegetables and herbs we ate were picked that day?

Some may think, “Look at how far we have come.” I would say, “Look how far we have gone.”

You know, it wasn’t that long ago that only a small percentage of people had cancer or heart disease. A matter of fact, just 100 years ago, those terms were unheard of in many places all over the world (even numerous areas in this country). In those places, where tribes ate traditional foods, people would live a quality life up to the age of 120, and that is while fighting off all sorts of infections.

But, because we are so far from our traditional regimen of foods, including: free-range game and wild-fish, raw dairy from grass eating cows and goats, and organic grains, vegetables and fruits in their natural state, we are now infested with all sorts of diseases, and have the inability to fight off even the most basic of infections. Unless we move away from the “modern” diet and move back to the “traditional” diet, we can only expect more of the same. Disease, disease, and more disease!

You see, drugs and procedures treat symptoms, so they are not cures; the only real cure is prevention. And, if you are diseased, get back to the basics of a “traditional” diet and avoid the “displacement” foods that caused the disease in the first place. Our best chance of improving our quantity and quality of life is to get back to what works, Traditional Foods. Remember: “An ounce of prevention, is worth a pound of cure.”

So, what has happened in America that we are in such poor health? Well, we began replacing foods loaded with essential nutrients with foods that are void of nutrients but full of calories. This small list below is what you could call “displacement foods.” These “displacement” foods have taken the place of our “traditional” foods:

- Sugar
- White Flour
- Pasteurized Milk
- Canned Foods
- Vegetable Oils

Each time you have a meal, and you eat something from the list above, you are consuming calories at the expense of valuable nutrients. Our bodies have not evolved to the point of being able to properly digest and assimilate these supposed “foods.” Because these foods are so void of nutrients, they wreak havoc on our bodies as the body searches for nutrients to function. This whole process accelerates aging and disease.

## LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By KEVIN McCaULEY



Now the list of displacement foods is bigger and our health concerns are greater because of it. If these foods have snuck into your everyday nutritional regimen, it is only a matter of time before your metabolism is destroyed and you become diseased. Take a look at just a sampling of foods that are highly available today:

- Boxed Cereals
- Sports Bars
- Fast Foods
- Most Canned Foods
- Microwaved Foods
- Majority of Packaged Foods
- Pasteurized and Homogenized Milk and Pasteurized Juice
- Most Processed Sandwich Meats
- A High Percentage of Protein Drinks
- All packaged Dessert Foods

The list above is what most of the children today are growing up on, and as the future of America that is a concern. Obesity has passed smoking as the number one preventable killer in America today, and displacement foods

are at the crux of the problem. We need to get back to what works, getting back to our traditional diet and eating as hunters and gatherers and remove displacement foods from our daily regimen.

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## Poetry and prose reading held at Tablerock Feb. 8

Salado’s Tablerock Amphitheater will host the Central Texas Poetry and Prose Readings 7-9 p.m. Feb. 8 at Tablerock’s inside stage.

An open microphone at 9 p.m. allows new poets and writers to read five minutes of their compositions.

All participants in Central Texas Poetry and Prose Readings must read from their original works or have a designated reader. The writer’s works may be published or unpublished. A table will be provided for writers to display published works, sell books or tapes.

There is no admission

fee, and refreshments will be available.

In addition to the above schedule for Feb. 8, participants are encouraged to write prose and poetry about cats to be presented at the Feb. 8 meeting. Bring an extra copy of your “cat scratches,” for future publication in a book produced by Tablerock to be sold as a fund raiser for the Salado Humane Society. Release agreements for your cat-theme prose and poetry will be available for signing.

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# SPORTS

## Eagles post back-to-back wins

Back-to-back district victories over Rogers and Lago Vista, respectively, have propelled the Varsity Eagle cagers to a 7-2 district mark and one win shy of 20 wins on the season.

Under first year coach Kenny Mann, the boys avenged an earlier loss by toppling Rogers 48-37 at home Jan. 23. Salado then followed that up with a convincing 58-33 trouncing of Lago Vista, on the road Jan. 26.

Against Rogers - a team which downed Salado 71-58 back in December - the Eagles outscored the visitors 15-5 in the second period to gain a 27-19 halftime lead which they would not relinquish. Tyler Jungmann, who poured in 30 points in the teams' first meeting, was limited by the Salado defense to just 16 this time around, and had only nine points through the games' first three periods.

Salado trailed in this one after the first, 15-12, despite getting eight points from Noah Harbison. In the second, though, the Eagles jumped ahead on the strength of eight more points from Harbison.

In the second half, the Eagles did enough to stay ahead of the visitors, carrying a 39-27 lead into the fourth and holding on to it down the stretch to earn the win.

Harbison's 22 points led all scorers on the night. Chad Tumey came through with 14 points, while Tanner Myers accounted for six, Justin Pruitt four, and Stephen Quick and Tommy Schatte each contributed one point.

Following that big win, the Eagles avoided any sort of emotional letdown in a Jan. 26 tilt against Lago Vista. Salado dominated from the opening tip to the final buzzer, building a 28-4 lead after the first

on the way to a 25-point, 58-33 dismantling of the Vikings.

Harbison continued his hot start, accounting for nine first period points. Tumey and Rosenau each recorded six points in the opening frame. In the second, Clay Sharum scored seven of his team's 12 points as Salado built on its early lead to go up 40-13 at halftime.

The second half saw the Eagles switch to cruise control, as the game was for all intents and purposes, decided by the half.

Ten different Salado players registered points in the game, led by Tumey's 13. Harbison finished with nine points, and Sharum had seven. Rosenau and Blake Newman both scored six, while Tanner Myers had five and Justin Konzen four. Schatte and Seawood both had three,

and Pruitt closed out the game with two points.

**Salado JV B 34**  
**Lago Vista 13**

Tyler Coker and Jace Peralta combined for 14 points to lead Salado to victory and falling behind 9-4 after the first period. The Eagles outscored the Vikings 20-2 in the second half.

Caleb Little scored six, and Boomer Wells, Clayton Weatherly and Reed Farr all scored four points.

**Salado JV B 35**  
**Rogers 30**

The Eagles trailed Rogers throughout most of this contest, but outscored Rogers 12-5 in the fourth period to complete the come-from-behind win.

Mitchell Rosenau topped Salado scorers with 10 points. Wells accounted for eight, and Peralta and Coker each scored

six. Clayton Weatherly scored three points in the game.

With the wins, the boys improved their district record to 4-3.

**Salado 8th A 37**  
**Florence 8th A 20**

The eighth grade Eagles outscored the Buffs 20-6 in the second half, blowing open a game which was close at the half. Hunter Ward led all scorers with 15 points. Braxton Tucker recorded six, Taylor Ruddick and Clint Scarbrough each had four, and Cole Calder, Paul Warren, Shannon Ponder and William Cleveland all scored two.

**Salado 8th B 25**  
**Florence 8th B 13**

Cameron Cooke scored eight of his game-high 10 points as part of a 17-point fourth period outburst, which propelled the Eagles to a comfortable 12-

point victory.

Garrett Marburger scored four, Kris McCarthy had three and Colton Norman scored two.

**Salado 7th A 40**  
**Florence 7th A 12**

A 14-8 lead after one, and a 16-4 run to close the game, told the story of Salado's 28-point domination of Florence. Kyle Bradley had 15 to lead the young Eagles, while Koby Spears came through with nine points. Jada Kornegay added five.

**Salado 7th B 15**  
**Florence 7th B 5**

The Eagles only scored points in two of the game's four periods, but it turned that 15 points was easily enough to dispatch their Florence counterparts. Salado's leading scorer was George Romfh, who closed out the game with eight points.

## Lady Eagles top Rogers by nine

The Salado Lady Eagles outscored Rogers 22-13 in the first half en route to earning an important 36-28 district win Jan. 23 at Coach Smith Gym. The victory improved the Lady Eagles' district tally to 7-3, and 11-14 overall.

Salado established its

lead in the early going, scoring 11 points while holding Rogers to only five.

In the second, Salado increased its lead, dropping another 11 points on the visitors and taking a nine-point advantage to the break.

The third period saw both team's offenses slow down, with Rogers bucketing just four points to Salado's seven.

Though the visiting Eagles would attempt a rally in the fourth, the Lady Eagles' seven-point effort in the final frame

was enough to stave it off.

Brittani Gilchrest topped all scorers with 13 points, while Kristen Smith finished the game with a dozen points. Danielle Hazzard had six, and Tamra Stanish recorded five points. No Rogers player scored more than eight.

## Banquet honors fall athletes

The Salado High School Athletic Department recognized its standout athletes at the Jan. 18 Fall Sports Banquet. The event honored participants in football, volleyball and cross country.

Volleyball MVP was awarded to Molly Rooney, and Lindsey Coffey re-

ceived the Defensive Player of the Year plaque. The Eagle Pride award went to Larissa Ingalsbe.

In Cross Country, Jonny Kendall earned the MVP plaque for the boys, while Chelsea Ervi was awarded the MVP for the girls. Boys Most Improved went to Noah Har-

bison, and the Boys Eagle Pride plaque-winner was Andrew Murray.

Girls Most Improved was Lindsay Martin, and the Girls Eagle Pride award was shared between Abby Frazier and Kaleigh Rank.

The Football MVP plaque was given to Jus-

tin Konzen, while Blake Newman earned Offensive MVP honors, and Ethan Williams Defensive MVP.

The Eagle Pride plaque was awarded to Robert Cloud, and the team captains - Konzen, Newman, Alonso Galvan and Justin Powell - were acknowledged.

## Boosters slate Feb. 5 meeting at H.S. library

The Salado Athletic Booster Club will meet 6 p.m. Feb. 5 in the Salado High School Library.

Topics for the meeting will include: batting cage roofing, softball scorer's stand completion, athletic

department AV equipment, softball tournament and the baseball tournament. Schedules for the spring sports will be posted and forwarded.

Anyone interested is invited to attend.

## This week in Salado sports

Salado Eagle and Lady Eagle basketball teams host Florence at Coach Smith Gym. Games begin at 5 p.m.

The Salado varsity tennis team will compete Feb. 6. Matches are

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The Salado Intermediate School will play boys (SIS) and girls (in Troy) district basketball tournaments, with games beginning at 8 a.m. Feb. 2

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# Salado lifters dominate local meet

## Athletes garner seven first place finishes

The Salado Boys and Girls Powerlifting teams competed in the Salado Intermediate School gym over the weekend, with the girls winning their division and the boys placing second.

Girls results are as follows:

Kim Simpson - first place, 97 lb. class; Justine Ferrell-Raborn - first place, 114 lb. class; Tiffany Quesinberry - third place, 123 lb. class; Cody Davis - fifth place, 123 lb. class; Jamie Burson - first place, 132 lb. class; Denise Jasso - first place, 148 lb. class; Kylee Young - second place, 165 lb. class. Also competing for the team were Amy Wooley, Stephanie Cloud, Kristin Dunnahoo and Mindi Dunnahoo.

Boys "A" team results: Trae Liller - first place, 132 lb. class; Sterling Martin - third place, 132 lb. class; Alonso Galvan - second place, 165 lb. class; Tyler Wright - fifth place, 165 lb. class; Patrick Prince - second place, 198 lb. class; Colin Smith - third, 198 lb. class; Caleb Little - third, 220 lb. class; Payton Smetana - second, 242 lb. class; Blake Heller - fourth, 242 lb. class; Dallas Butts - first, 275 lb. class; Trevor Young - first, Super Heavyweight.

Boys "B" team results: Cole Raley - fourth, 114 lb. class; Josh Labove - second, 123 lb. class; Tyler Pines - fourth, 181 lb. class; Caleb Hayslip - fourth, 220 lb. class. Also competing for the boys were Seth Collins, Joseph Tantillo and Brandon Heller.



Above, Salado senior Dallas Butts prepares for a lift. Butts took first place in the 275 pound weight class. At left, Patrick Prince steadies himself. Prince would go on to earn a second place finish in the 198 pound weight class. A total of 22 Salado lifters, both boys and girls, placed in the meet, including seven first place finishes.

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## Soccer registration ongoing

Salado Youth Soccer Association is currently holding registration for spring. Registration began Jan. 27, but sessions remain on Feb. 1, 3 and 5, and will all be held at the SIS Cafeteria.

Registration is open to children ages four through 13. Cost is \$60 for one child, \$110 for two children, \$150 for three children and \$200 for four or more children. An additional fee of no more than \$15 may

be assessed later for rec plus and select teams.

Times for registration will be 2-6:30 p.m. Feb. 1; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 3; and 4-6:30 p.m. Feb. 5. A \$25 late fee will be assessed for registrations received after Feb. 5.

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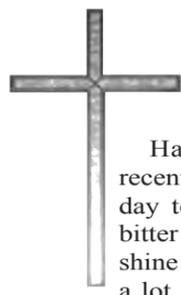
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## Roberts and Gunter tie knot March 3

Michael and Nancy Gunter, of Temple, have announced the engagement of their son, Matthew Clayton Gunter, of Methuen, MA, to Laci Dawn Roberts, of Glen Allen, MO.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Gary and Donna Roberts, of Glen Allen, MO, and a graduate of Woodland High School. She received a B.A. in Communication Disorders from Harding University, in Searcy, AR, and will graduate from Arkansas State University with a Master's in Speech - Language Pathology in May, 2007. She is currently employed as an intern clinician at Scott & White.

The groom-elect is a 2001 graduate of Belton High School and a 2005 graduate of Lubbock Christian University, with



Laci Dawn Roberts to marry Matthew Clayton Gunter

a B.B.A. in Finance. He is currently employed at Putnam Investments of Boston in Internal Sales.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Viola Cornelius, of Salado, and the late Wayne Cornelius.

The couple plans a March 3 wedding at South-west Church of Christ in Jonesboro, AR.

## Hebrew reading course offered

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Rabbi David Goldstrom, a chaplain at Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center at Fort Hood, is offering a free Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II starting Friday, Feb. 9.

Meetings are held Friday evenings at the CRDAMC Chapel at 6

p.m. The Fort Hood Kabbalat Shabbat service will follow at 7 pm. The course is open to the public. A beginning knowledge of the Hebrew alef-bet is helpful. Please call the Pastoral Care Department at 288-8849 for more information or to sign up.

The course is part of a series sponsored by National Jewish Outreach Program.

## Sarah "Sibby" Ashe Slaton memorial Feb. 3

Sarah "Sibby" Ashe Slaton passed away Jan. 24, 2007.

She was born to Dr. William and Patricia Ashe on Aug. 2, 1954 at Camp LeJeune, NC. She attended elementary school at Salado. She later attended Temple Buell College in Denver, and Texas A&M University.

She is survived by husband Dwight Slaton; sons, Samuel and John of Conifer, CO; sisters, Sue Wetsel, of Pagosa Springs, CO, and Kay Wood, of Fort Worth; brother, William Ashe, Jr., of Dallas; and her parents.

A memorial service is planned for 2 p.m. Feb.



Sarah "Sibby" Ashe Slaton

3 at St. Luke's Episcopal Chapel in Belton. Family and friends will gather at the Ashe residence. Directions will be provided.

Memorials may be made at [www.susandewitt.com](http://www.susandewitt.com) or [www.lungcanceralliance.org](http://www.lungcanceralliance.org).

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# Randy Cain to serve as president of Texas A&M 12th Man Foundation

Texas A&M's 12th Man Foundation recently announced that Ernst & Young's San Antonio Office Managing Partner (OMP) Randy Cain will serve as President of the Foundation in 2007. Cain recently completed his service as president-elect of the Foundation, which is governed by an executive board of 12 former student volunteers, each serving three year terms.

"We are extremely pleased and proud to have Randy as our new president," said Miles Marks, Executive Director and

CEO of the 12th Man Foundation will be a winning one for Texas A&M and its outstanding student athletes."

Named for the famous Texas A&M 12th Man tradition, the 12th Man Foundation provides financial support to fund scholarships, programs and facilities in support of championship athletics at Texas A&M. Founded in 1950, the 12th Man Foundation has become one of the most successful and well respected fund-raising organization in all of college athletics. During



Randy Cain

its 56-year span, funds generated by the 12th Man Foundation and its donor base have helped prepare countless student athletes to be champions in the classroom, on the field

and in life.

"It is indeed an honor to have the opportunity to give back to an institution that has given so much to me and all Texas A&M former students," Cain said. "Collegiate athletics enrich the experience of all students. By supporting student athletes, the 12th Man Foundation supports and sustains every student's fondest memories of their time at Texas A&M."

Cain is the son-in-law of Jones and Jo Griffith, of Salado.

## Infantry distributes pencils in Baghdad

By STAFF SGT. MARY ROSE

An infantry unit from the Kentucky Army National Guard spent the morning of Jan. 14 not patrolling the streets of Baghdad like they usually do, but delivering supplies to local school children.

Soldiers from Company C, 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry Regiment, loaded up an up-armored Light Medium Tactical Vehicle with wooden crates full of backpacks, pencils, pens, rulers and notepads. Then they headed out to the Al Hamdaniyah School with an entourage of humvees for security.

The troops arrived a little early for school, but it didn't take long for the children to start coming in from all directions to greet the Soldiers.

The children seemed excited to see the Soldiers and asked for pens by pretending they were writing on paper with their hands. While the Soldiers interacted with the horde of children they tried to teach them English words, to help with communication.

For the children, they were open to taking whatever the Soldiers had to give them whether it was

an English word, a smile or better yet, a pen.

"It doesn't matter what you give them they'll take anything," said Spc. Jason Davenport, a medic for Company C.

The children, with their pants tucked into their socks to keep from getting muddy are willing to take what the Soldiers give because they have so little themselves. Their nine-room school house has 310 students, water damage, no electricity, no running water, no heat and many of its windows broken out, said Maj. Chris Cline, a civil affairs officer with the unit.

Along with all the damage, there is no money being given to the school to fix the problems.

"The teachers haven't been paid in three months," said Cline a native of Hodgenville, Ky. Despite that, he said the teachers still come in to teach the children who attend the school.

The supplies from U.S. Soldiers are the only thing the school has received in months, according to a teacher at the school.



Spc. Jason Davenport, a medic with Co. C, 1st Batt., 149th Infantry Regiment, Kentucky Army Nat'l Guard

## Workshop for parents set for Feb. 14-15

Salado ISD has announced that it is implementing a pilot of the GradeSpeed program, which will allow parents of children in grades first through eighth, to view, at-will, their child's grades on-line via the web. This pilot applies to parents of children in either the Salado Intermediate School or Thomas Arnold Elementary. Parents of Salado High School students will have the opportunity to access GradeSpeed in the 2007-08 year.

Earl Bragg, Salado ISD

technical director, will lead a training session on two dates, Feb. 14 and 15, at the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria. Both sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will last no longer than one hour. In order for parents to access GradeSpeed online, or be eligible, they must attend one of the mandatory training sessions.

No further training will be scheduled for the remainder of this school year, but will be offered again for the 2007-08 school year.

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Wednesday 7	Biscuit and Sausage Patty	Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Breadstick, Peaches	Yogurt & Fruit Plate Hoagie
Thursday 8	Breakfast Bagel w/Sausage	Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, Roll, Fresh Fruit, Sugar Cookie	Chef Salad Hoagie
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policy,” Preston said. “If you wait until you need it, you can’t get it, especially since Georgetown and BRA have made their deal to pump water down

there.” SWSC is preparing for at least three options to access the water in Stillhouse. One is to buy water from Central Texas Wa-

ter Supply from its treatment plant on the Harker Heights of Stillhouse. The other is to buy water from WCID#1 from Lake Belton, which would re-

quire a transport fee. The third option is to partner with Kempner Water Supply, which is building an intake structure near Union Grove Park. “That location is great for us,” Preston said. “We have lines right there ready for surface water.” SWSC is working on a letter of intent with Kempner Water Supply.

Preston said that even during the peak demand times, SWSC “never got to the mandatory stage of rationing. It isn’t the water supply in the ground. It is the delivery of the water that is in question.”

Preston added that the most difficult area to service is the northwest portion of the service area. “We have to keep enough water in reserve for emergency fires,” Preston said.

Toward that goal, engineer John Winkler reported on plans for improvements to the western portion of the service area. SWSC is in the final stage of the process to acquire \$1.8 million in a Rural Development loan.

Winkler said that the last step in securing the loan is acquiring rights of way and crossing state highways.

Winkler said that the construction project will include two additional storage tanks and a booster pump station for the western portion of the service area.

“With the sole water source south of town,” Winkler said, “by the time it is pumped to the north and west, it gets weaker out there. Having additional storage will provide for peak times.”

Surface water would also help to meet demand in the northwest portion of the area.

Because of the widening of I-35, SWSC is looking to relocate some of its current lines. “TXDOT is footing a large part of the bill for the corporation,” Winkler said.

“Right now we are blessed with really cheap water, so we are trying to keep it low for the customer,” Winkler added.

In the business portion of the meeting, members approve the \$1 million budget for 2006-07 and then re-elected Bruce Bolick, Bill Heath and J.S. Miguel to the board.

Salado Water Supply Corporation Annual Budget October 2006-September 2007	
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>	
Water Sales	\$1,030,484.00
Installations	\$34,080.00
Tap Fees	\$12,960.00
Late Charges	\$13,200.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,090,724.00</b>
<b>Cost of Water</b>	
Water Purchased	(\$114,180.00)
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$976,544.00</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
Annual Meeting	\$1,000.00
Audit fees	\$4,200.00
Auto/Truck	\$30,840.00
Chemicals	\$4,800.00
Contract Labor	\$4,200.00
Dues	\$5,700.00
Equipment lease	\$5,640.00
Employee benefits	\$36,000.00
Employee benefit reimbursement	\$9,960.00
Employee Retirement Program	\$8,325.00
Insurance	\$48,540.00
Legal and Accounting	\$6,480.00
Office Supplies	\$12,000.00
Postage	\$9,000.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$83,880.00
Supplies – general	\$4,800.00
Salary – office	\$4,500.00
Salary – operational	\$283,000.00
Taxes – payroll	\$23,902.00
Telephone	\$12,360.00
Travel	\$6,600.00
Uniforms	\$2,700.00
Utilities	\$162,140.00
Water fee samples	\$3,600.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,200.00
City Franchise Fees	\$4,400.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$817,497.00</b>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>	<b>\$159,047.00</b>
<b>NON-OPERATING INCOME/EXPENSE</b>	
Interest Income	\$30,000.00
Other Income	\$8,400.00
Depreciation	(\$181,704.00)
Total Non-Operating Income/Expense	(\$143,304.00)
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$15,743.00</b>

## Beethoven Festival this weekend

A music festival honoring the birth date of the great composer Ludwig van Beethoven will be held Feb. 2- 3 in Salado. is sponsoring the event.

Opening the festival will be a concert featuring the Chamber Music of Beethoven, to be held 7 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Salado Silver Spur Theater at 108 Royal Street. The performance will include the combined talents of

Carol Meyer Willingham, soprano; Robin Roewe, tenor; John Van Cura, baritone; Kim Van Cura, piano; Eka Gogichashvili, violin; and Gary Hardie, cello.

Admission is \$20 for adults and \$5 for students.

Next up in the festival will be a concert highlighting the piano music of Beethoven, as performed by the International Piano Duo, Krassimira Jordan

and Wolfgang Watzinger.

Admission for this performance is \$20 for adults and \$5 for students, although special ticket Tickets to attend both concerts is set at \$30. Tickets may be available at the door, but seating is limited. Advanced reservations may be secured by mailing checks to: Music in Salado, TX Inc., PO Box 1235, Salado, TX 76571. Along with payment, indicate which showings you wish to attend.

Concluding the festival will be a noon Feb. 3 Luncheon and Lecture presented by Dr. Robin Wallace, Professor of Musicology, and internationally renowned Beethoven specialist. in the home of Dr. and Mrs. John Montgomery. Cost for this event is \$20.



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# Belton Madrigal performs for Ladies Auxiliary Feb. 8

Members and visitors are welcome to join the Salado Ladies Auxiliary Feb. 8 at the Salado Civic Center for a program by Belton High School's Madrigal ensemble.

Social time at 10:15 a.m. will be followed by the monthly business meeting. Madrigal will perform at 11:45 a.m.

Madrigal is an auditioned ensemble of eight males and eight females. They are chosen each spring from students at Belton H.S. It has been in existence since the early 1980s when the group was created by Roy Finney.

Over the years the ensemble has come to be ambassadors for the Belton school district and community alike. Locally, the group regularly entertains for meetings and banquets throughout the year and especially during Christmas. Away from home the group annually travels to Galveston to participate in Dicken's on the Strand, and then offer Sunday worship

music at Moody Methodist Church in Galveston.

Each Spring the ensemble competes in the American Classics Madrigal Festival in San Antonio, where they are judged and adjudicated by some of the best college level and professional choir conductors from around the nation. At this contest, and competing with some of the finest high school choir programs from around the state, the group has consistently earned Superior scores and been "Runner up" to the "Best in Class" award twice in the last five years.

For the past 14 years the group has had the honor of performing the National Anthem before tip-off of the UIL Class 5A State Championship Men's and Women's games. Also, during the Spring semester the group travels around the state and beyond to compete in other festivals and competitions.

Madrigal has performed in Washington D.C., the Bahamas, Hawaii, Florida, Branson, Los Angeles, and this year will travel to Orlando to participate in the Disney World's Festival Disney with other members of the Belton High School choral program.

Judges have described the ensemble as "...truly exceptional in all aspects of their performance"; "... a high school group that



Belton High School 2006-07 Madrigal Seniors: Jillian Carruth, Abel Crosby, Lizz Francis, Candice Loftin, Matt Martinez, Jared Newman, Matt Parks and Noelle Yaqoub. Juniors: Samantha Allen, Abby Rutland and Jessica Tanner. Sophomores: Maddi Daugherty, Samuel Davis, Brandt Huddle, Seth Oldham and Brian Sanderford.

sings at a college level..."; and "...always a pleasure to hear this group perform any style of music."

This year's group is made up of eight seniors, three juniors and five sophomores. Of these students composing the group are eight All-Region choir members and three Texas All-State choir members.

These students rehearse each school day and rehearse dancing on Sunday afternoons. Along with the demands of preparing for continuing their education after high school, these singers give of their own free time to sing and dance dozens of performances each semester.

Of the eight seniors in the group, five have already auditioned for and been awarded scholarships to many area colleges, and universities around the

state. Several more will have auditions in the coming weeks before school is out for the summer.

Madrigal is directed by Pitrucha, and choreographed by Theresa Killingsworth.

Pitrucha is a graduate of Temple High School, and attended Temple College, Stephen F. Austin State University and University of Mary-Hardin-Baylor, where he graduated with a Vocal Performance degree and Teacher's certification.

He has taught in the Belton school district since 1991, and took over the high school program in 1999. In addition to teaching, Pitrucha is the director of Music Ministries at Salado United Methodist Church, where he has been leading music in worship for over 10 years.

## Museum holds annual garage sale

The annual Big Bell County Garage Sale will be held 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 10, at the Bell County Expo Center.

Almost 90 vendors are participating in the garage sale this year. Visitors will be able to find everything from collectibles to electronic equipment, antiques, vintage jewelry and textiles, furniture, house wares, and all-American junk. Face painting and balloon sculpting for youngsters will also be available.

"The garage sale has been characterized as one of the great people-watching events of the year. It is also a great opportunity to get out with friends and family members, do something fun, and find some real deals," Museum Director Stephanie Turnham said. "There's plenty of parking, food will be available, and children under 12 years get in free.

Admission is only \$2 for adults, so it's a great bargain that offers the oppor-

tunity to discover hidden treasures offered by the many vendors. Plus, every family member can find something here they can't live without."

Proceeds from the Ga-

rage Sale help the museum fund exhibitions, educational programs, and also helps to preserve the collection for the residents and visitors of the Bell County region.

## UMHB Cultural Fest held Feb. 8

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Cultural Fest is scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 8, in the Shelton Theater of the Mabee Student Center on campus. The Cultural Fest is free and open to the public.

UMHB students participating in the Cultural Fest include Tim Nation, sophomore, lead vocals, Focus Band; Asa Crow, sophomore, acoustic guitar, vocals, Focus Band; Jonathan Bautista, sophomore, drums, Focus Band; Todd Hartmann, senior, electric guitar, Focus Band; Josh Watson, sophomore, bass guitar, Focus Band; Rashod Holmes, sophomore, composer, singer; Christelle Gelas, sophomore, soloist; and

Daniel Rowe, sophomore, soloist. Other groups participating from the area include Rejoice, First Baptist Church, NBC Waco; Family Boys, Stomp Group, Waco; and Gospel Holy Tones, recording artist, quartet music.

The Cultural Fest will include various types of music and expressive dance to provide the university and the community insight into the various types of art expression which is reflective of the diverse campus.

The Cultural Fest is sponsored and organized by Dr. George Harrison, director of cultural affairs and community service at the university.



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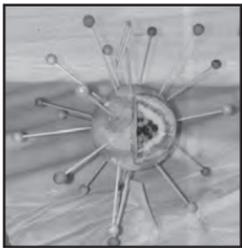
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All Star Band member Robert Cloud (top L) Elizabeth Franco, 5th grader (top R) explains prime numbers. Samantha Yeager (L) shows off her watercolor while parents and students enjoy patriotic artwork (R).



Fourth grader Scott Golden portrays Confucius (L). Seniors Justine Ferrell-Rayborn and Shena Fry explain Economics projects on display (R).



Physics students Aaron Winters and Bryan Corbitt explain rocket science (top R). Fourth graders, Tanja Rojas and Darby Baker help a younger student get a look at the Alamo (R). Second Grader, Jessica Ringstaff, discusses Jane Goodall with a fellow student (Bottom R).



Talented students from every SISD Campus were on hand to show off their knowledge and talents during the STARS event held Jan. 25. The annual event is a curriculum showcase for the district.

Performances by the Salado All-Star Band and High School Choir filled the SIS Commons with music as the selected students presented project areas. Student artists and actors presented projects while parents and fellow students looked on. (PHOTOS BY STEPHANIE HOOD)



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by Janet Evanovich

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**The Hunters**  
by W..E.B. Griffin

And for you Griffin fans...here is the new one. This third Presidential Agent novel picks up literally a few minutes after the previous novel, **The Hostage**, left off. It follows Army Major Castillo, a troubleshooter who takes orders from the President only, who is now charged with cleaning up the mess from The Hostage. The plot focuses on the U.N. "Food for Oil" scandal..

**Stalemate**  
by Iris Johansen

Here is a terrifying new thriller from bestselling author Iris Johansen, that will leave you guessing and gasping 'til the final nerve-racking page. This is the next in a forensics thriller featuring forensics sculptor Eve Duncan, who makes a dangerous deal with a Colombian weapons dealer, and soon finds herself dodging bullets in a war between the dealer and a rival drug lord in the Colombian jungle. A satisfying addition for Johansen's faithful audience.

**The Arsenic Labyrinth**  
by Martin Edwards

Edward's crisply written third contemporary mystery is set in England's Lake District. It revolves around the unsolved disappearance of a woman who went missing a decade earlier. This is a cold case injected into a current case. Patrons who enjoy challenging mysteries with complex characters, intricate relationships, and dangerous secrets (think Debra Crombie, P.D. James, and Elizabeth George) will snap this one up.

**Murder Among the OWLS: A Sheriff Dan Rhodes Mystery**

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News & Notes from  
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by Bill Crider

In Crider's 14th deadpan Dan Rhodes mystery, the appearance of a black cat at his door is a harbinger of bad news about its owner, a community fixture and Old Woman's Literary Society (OWLS) member. Crider has consistently wowed his readers with a cast of vibrant characters, including wisecracking deputies and the slightly wacky local citizens in Rhodes' bailiwick. Rhodes' laconic, laid-back detecting style, a cross between Tom Selleck and Willie Nelson, makes for top-notch down home

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Non-Fiction:

**First Into Nagasaki: The Censored Eyewitness Dispatches on Post-atomic Japan and Its Prisoners of War**

by George Weller

George Weller was a Pulitzer prize winning reporter who covered WWII across Europe, Africa and Asia.

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**Sea of Thunder: Four Commanders and the Last Great Naval Campaign 1941-1945**

by Evan Thomas

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Matt Sherman and Jett Hillman in action

FEB. 10 IN SALADO

## Wildfire Ranch Open to World Team Roping

Wildfire Ranch welcomes some of the biggest names in professional rodeo Saturday, Feb.10 to its indoor arena. Professional cowboys including Rich Skelton, Joe Beaver, Trevor Brazile as well as Jake Barnes and Clay O'Brien Cooper and many, many more will be converging on Wildfire Ranch in Salado. There is only one reason why all of these famous cowboys would be gathering in Central Texas... team roping for cold, hard cash!



It just so happens that Wildfire Ranch is offering just that at the 9th annual Wildfire Open to the World Team Roping which is one of the richest, highest paying team ropings in the world. Local and World Champion cowboys and cowgirls from all over

the country will be team roping for a prize line totaling over \$200,000. Topping the prize list is a pair of custom inlaid brief cases stuffed with cash totaling \$75,000, which is awarded to the winning team. The roping begins at 9 a.m. and admission is free. So clear your calendar and bring the family to Wildfire Ranch Feb.10 for a day filled with team roping excitement rain or shine! Wildfire Ranch is located at Exit 283 on I-35 just South of Salado.

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# Salado Village Guide

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Section B Salado Village Voice February 1, 2007

12 Pages Shopping, Dining, Overnight, Events



(L) Mike Cornett of Tenroc Ranch receives kudos for good works and participation in the Village of Salado from emcee Ramon Carver. Tenroc Ranch was named Business of the Year by the Salado Chamber of Commerce.



(L) Tyler Fletcher accepts the Hall of Fame award on behalf of his grandparents, Herbert and Thelma Fletcher. George Dentry, 2006 President of the Chamber of Commerce, makes the presentation. PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER



Ben and June Willingham were named Citizens of the Year by the Salado Chamber of Commerce.

## Tenroc named Business of the Year

During the 41st annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet Jan. 23 at Tenroc Ranch Event Center, the Chamber honored the Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year, as well as adding to its Hall of Fame. Dr. Ramon Carver, master of ceremonies, presented the awards.

ham were honored as the Citizens of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce for their work with the Salado Ambassadors program.

"A couple years ago, Jack Schrock came up with an idea for a subcommittee entitled the Salado Ambassadors to be administered by the Chamber. And Jack got the subcommittee off to a great start," Carver said.

"Then Ben and June took on those responsibilities and were charged to developing programs extending the goodwill of the community to visitors, entertaining dignitaries, preparing and attending ribbon cuttings for new businesses, and acting as greeters at various functions of the Chamber."

Owners of Willingham Technologies, Ben and

June have been married 50 years and have a daughter, Taylor. They provide business services to local organizations including web hosting and design as well as bookkeeping and training.

Ben was elected to the board of the Salado Public Library in 2006, where he

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### Citizen Of the Year

Ben and June Willing-



Joe Czaus starts out the new year as Salado Chamber of Commerce President, pledging to work hard to increase commerce in Salado.

### Salado Chamber of Commerce Directors and Liaisons

Officers for 2006: Pres. - George Dentry, Vice Pres. - Mike Cameron, and Treasurer - Charlie Lowe. Retiring Directors and Liaisons are: Chine Ray, Ronnie Tynes and Dorothy Dentry.

Salado Chamber of Commerce Directors and Liaisons for 2007 are: Director - Mike Cameron, Vice Pres. - Larry Prellop, Director - George Dentry, Director - Suzanne Petro, Director - June Ritterbusch, Ambassador Chair - Ben Willingham, Director - Marilyn Fleischer, Director - Charlotte Douglass, Director - Merle Stalcup and Public Affairs Director - Ft. Hood - Dalena Kanouse.

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# What's happening in

**FEBRUARY 1**

**Chisholm Trail ABWA meeting, 6:30 p.m.** at the Stagecoach Inn. Program will be given by Carol Walls, on her recent trip to Kenya and Tanzania. Women interested in ABWA are invited to attend. Info:

Debra Caldwell, 947-0647.

**FEBRUARY 1, 3 AND 5**

**Salado Youth Soccer Association registrations** at the Salado Intermediate School. Times: 2-6:30 p.m. Feb. 1; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 3; 4-6:30 p.m. Feb. 5. Registration open to children ages four through 13. Info: Earl Bragg, 947-0618, or Charla Kelley, 947-5937 after 5 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 2-3**

**Beethoven Festival**, presented by Music in Salado, at the Silver Spur Theater. Feb. 2, 7 p.m. concert featuring the vocal and chamber music of Beethoven, with baritone John Van Cura, soprano Carole Meyer Willingham, pianist Kim Van Cura and strings. Feb. 3 noon luncheon and lecture, with the International Piano Duo and Dr. Robin Wallace, Professor of Music at Baylor University and Beethoven expert. Info: 947-5592 or www.musicinsalado.com.

**FEBRUARY 3-4**

**Auditions for Salado Legends**, 3 p.m. both days at Tablerock Amphitheater. Over 100 auditions for men, women and children actors. Not all parts are speaking parts. Info: Donnie Williams, director, 947-0717 or mr.duck@earthlink.net, or Jackie Mills, producer, 947-9205 or tablerock1@aol.com.

**FEBRUARY 5**

**Salado Monday Club meeting**, 2 p.m. at the Salado United Methodist Church. Program: "Maximum Health at Any Age" presented by Kevin McCauley. All ladies invited.

**FEBRUARY 6**

Salado ISD facilities

**tour**, led by Superintendent Dr. Robin Battershell, 9 a.m. beginning at Thomas Arnold Elementary School. Discussed will be renovations and the new high school. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

**FEBRUARY 6-8**

**Living Room Theatre of Salado performance**, "Do Texans Really Talk Like That?" at three different Salado homes, 7 p.m. nightly. Show will feature scenes from three Broadway plays and local actors. Ticket info, reservations and show locations call Hulda Horton, 947-8300.

**FEBRUARY 8**

**Central Texas Poetry and Prose Readings** at Tablerock Amphitheater. Invited Readings: 7 p.m. Open Mic: 9 p.m. Info: Jackie Mills, 947-9205 or tablerock1@aol.com.

**FEBRUARY 9**

**Salado ISD bad weather make up day.** Schools will be in session.

**FEBRUARY 10**

**Wildfire Ranch Open to the World Roping competition**, with \$75,000 cash awarded to the winning team. This is one of the biggest roping events in the entire country. Public is welcome. Info: 947-0291.

**FEBRUARY 12**

**Salado Democrats meeting**, 6 p.m. at the Salado Mansion. Meeting is open to all. Info: call Ben at 947-0243.

**FEBRUARY 13**

**Salado Garden Club meeting**, 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. Topic will focus on rainwater harvesting. All gardeners invited to attend.

**FEBRUARY 20**

**Teacup Tuesday meeting**, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: "Let's Learn About Antiques," presented by Jimmy Murchison. Public

is welcome.

**FEBRUARY 20**

**Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas meeting**, 1 p.m. at the Halley House. Program will be given by Shannon Ashe.

**FEBRUARY 26**

**Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting**, 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Building on Church Street.

**FEBRUARY 27**

**TxDOT public meeting to discuss improvements on I-35 in Bell County**, 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria. Public invited to attend.

**MARCH 13**

**Salado Garden Club meeting** - field trip to Oma's Garten Pflanzen in Killeen; a nursery that specializes in Texas natives and low maintenance plants. Meet at Salado Presbyterian Church at 9:30 am to car pool.

**MARCH 16**

**12th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament**, benefitting Tablerock Festival, Inc. Tourney will be held on Mill Creek Golf Course, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. \$60 entry fee. Info: 254-534-3324 or tablerock1@aol.com.

**MARCH 19**

**Taste of Salado**, 6-8 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. Sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado. More information TBA.

**MARCH 20**

**Teacup Tuesday meeting**, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: A dramatic presentation of "Esther," written and performed by Judy Greene. Public is welcome.

**MARCH 22-24**

**Happy Trails Shop Hop in Salado**, additional information TBA. Info: A Sewing Basket, 947-5423.

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**MARCH 24 AND 25**

**Annual Wildflower Art Show**, featuring artists and artisans from throughout Texas, at the Salado Civic Center. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040. More details TBA.

**MARCH 24 AND 25**

**12th Annual Gospel Festival at Tablerock Amphitheater**; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. March 24 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 25. Food booth, drinks, gift booths and dessert booths will be open both days. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets sold at the gate. Info: Donnie Jackson, 254-947-5100 or cvmusicministries@aol.com.

**MARCH 31**  
**Fifth Annual Salado Volunteer Fire Department Smokin' Spokes Bike Ride**. Riders can choose from 15, 27, 57, 70, 85 and 102 mile rides. All rides begin on the Salado school grounds. Registration is \$25 if pre-registered. Camping and showers available. Info: Kevin Reichert, 254-534-3122 or visit www.saladospokes.com.

**APRIL 2**

**Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting**, 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Building on Church Street.

**APRIL 6**

**Salado ISD bad weather make up day**. Schools will be in session.

**APRIL 6-8**

**Annual Easter Pageant at Tablerock Amphitheater**, presented by the First Baptist Church of Salado. 8:15 p.m. nightly, free admission. Guests encouraged to bring a lawn chair. Church groups welcome. Info: Randy Carder, event director, 254-947-5465 or

www.fbcsalado.org.

**APRIL 10**

**Salado Garden Club meeting**, 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. Group will discuss final planning for Garden Tour. All gardeners welcome.

**APRIL 17**

**Teacup Tuesday meeting**, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: Decorating with Jill Shipman, interior designer and owner of Stonecreek Settlement bed and breakfast. Public is welcome.

**APRIL 27**

**ABWA Benefit and Style Show**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Longhorn Room of Stagecoach Inn. Info: 254-947-3617.

**APRIL 30**

**Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting**, 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Building on Church Street.

**MAY 5**

**Salado United Methodist Church Women's Ministry Second Annual Fundraiser, "Celebration 2007: Texas not**

**Tuscany," 7-10 p.m. at Jack's Barn.**

**MAY 12-13**

**Annual Salado Yard and Garden Tour**, sponsored by the Salado Garden Club. More info TBA.

**MAY 24**

**Salado High School Class of 2006-07 commencement ceremony**, at the Mayborn Center on the campus of the University of Mary Hardin Baylor.

**MAY 26 AND 27**

**Wildfire Ranch hosts the Wildfire Truck Explosion Team Roping event**. Info: 947-0291.

**MAY 28**

**Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting**, 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Building on Church Street.

**JUNE 9**

**Annual Salado Reunion**, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School Commons area. Reunion is open to Salado alumni, as well as the general public. A lunch will be served. Info: 254-939-3187 or 254-947-5783.

**JUNE 12**

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

**JUNE 23 AND 24**

**Auditions for Tablerock's production of "Taming of the Shrew," 3 p.m. both days at Tablerock's backstage room**. Info: David Dunlap, 254-247-0220 or email ddunlap@tablerock.org.

**JUNE 25**

**Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting**, 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Building on Church Street.



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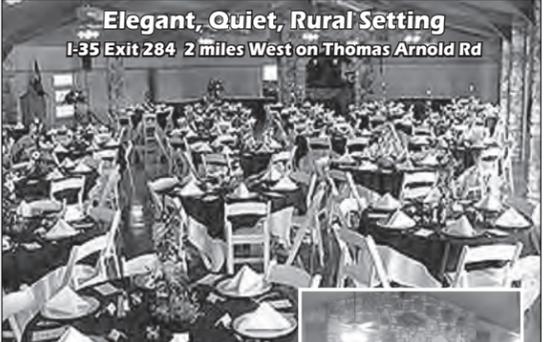
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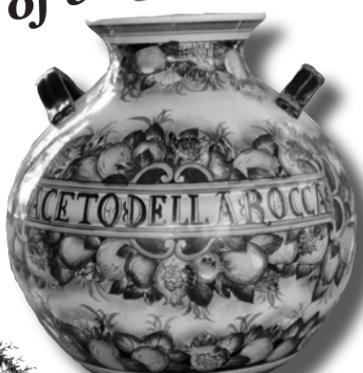
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**SEPTEMBER 11**

Salado Garden Club meeting, 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. Program will focus on herbs. All gardeners invited to attend.

**SEPTEMBER 15 AND 16**

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**OCTOBER 7**

Tablerock's Fright Trail auditions, 5 p.m. at Tablerock. Info: 947-9205 or email [tablerock1@aol.com](mailto:tablerock1@aol.com).

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serves as treasurer. June was responsible for developing an automated calendar and response system to manage Ambassador activities, and together they're working to redesign and restore operation of the Salado website.

They are members of the First Baptist Church choir and are active in community events, working in the August Art Fair and Wildflower Art Show, and participating in Music in Salado and Living Room Theatre performances, as well as the Easter Pageant presented annually by their church at Tablerock.

"During the Christmas Stroll, they've been teased for being street walkers," Carver said, explaining, "that is, they walk about as Ambassadors, meeting and greeting and welcoming tourists to town."

**Business of the Year**

The Business of the Year award was presented to Tenroc Ranch and Mike Cornett for his entrepreneurship, productivity, generosity and good deeds.

"Mike is easily the 'givingest' Salado businessman who ever lived," Carver said, "and he puts his shoulder where his money is, supporting Chamber committees like the Green Bridge landscaping, the City's projects like the playground in Pace Park, the Salado Independent School System and its educational foundation, and the Public Arts League of Salado's statuary projects. He also dabbles in Salado Creek projects which make the creek flowing through his land look gorgeous and cultivated."

"Considering all Mike

does for Salado's non profit organizations, it's hard to believe he has time to manage his ranch," Carver added.

He's the father of Cindi, Lee, Jon, and Brian and he's engaged to Linda.

"By training he's an engineer," Carver said. "By inclination he's a conservationist."

"And by his admitted great good fortune," Carver said, "he succeeded making a car washing enterprise pay off big time, and he retired to this very ranch where he went to work full time raising cattle, sheep and goats."

He and his late wife, Shirley, were recognized at the annual meeting of the American Angus Association in 1999 for their genuine concern for the environment when they were presented with a land stewardship award.

In 2005, Shirley passed away. "Any other man might have walked away from life, taking a break from hard work," Carver said. "But not Mike!"

Hoping to accommodate demands for wedding ceremonies and special events, he built this very facility and an amphitheatre down on the creek.

"And he's stayed busy

working on projects he doesn't talk about much - Unless you ask him to," Carver said, adding, "And then, you watch him smile and laugh freely,

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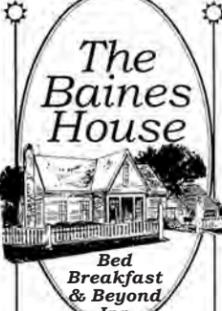
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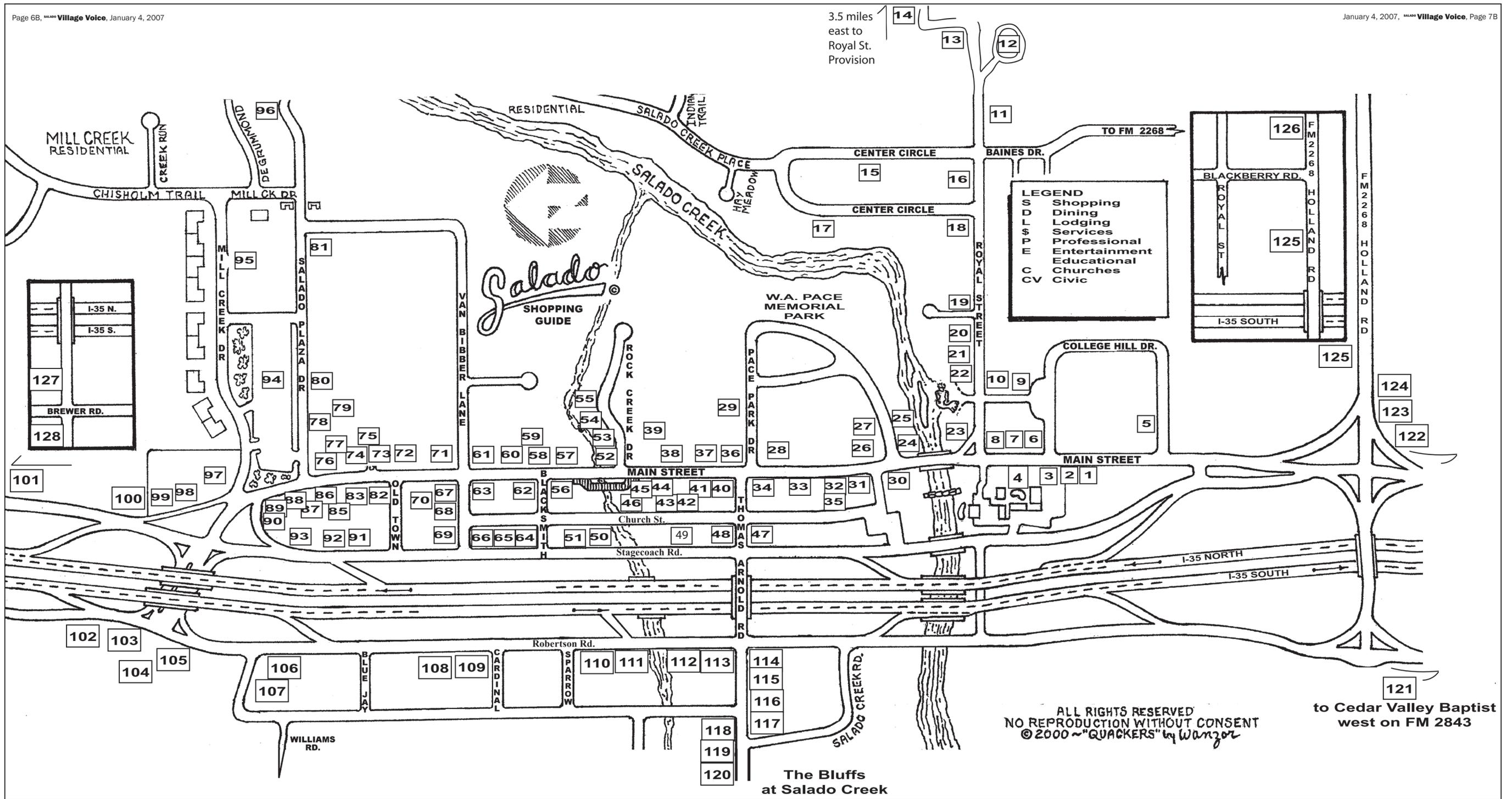
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For its winter show, the Living Room Theatre of Salado (LRTS) will present "Do Texans Really Talk Like That?" Feb. 6-8 at three Salado homes.

The performance will include scenes from three Broadway plays, by Jack Heifner, Preston Jones and James McLure, featuring debut performances by Becky Brown, Laura

Jo Fojtasec, Shirley Lett, Gracie Matthews, Dottie Oliver, Bobby Pinkston and Sandy Wicker. The show is directed by Ramon Carver.

Following each performance, audiences will be invited to debate the question asked in the title of the show.

"Do Texans Really Talk Like That?" will be performed in the homes of

the following Saladoans:

- Feb. 6, Theresa and Forrest Holloway, 2016 Smith Bluff Road.

- Feb. 7, Ann and Bill Price, 1201 Mill Creek Drive.

- Feb. 8, Patsy and Ronnie Tynes, 1116 Salado Oaks Drive.

For reservations call Hulda Horton at 254-947-8300, 9 a.m.-noon and

1:30-5 p.m. weekdays. The show is open to the public and to subscribers.

To become a subscriber and receive advance notice of LRTS events, simply give Hulda a \$5 check (with your name and mailing address on it) and you'll be put on the list.

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## New Art Exhibit opens at CTC

The Central Texas College (CTC) Fine Arts Department has announced the opening of a new art exhibit on campus. The mixed-media works of artist Roxana Tuff of New Braunfels is on display in the upper student gallery located in the Oveta Culp Hobby Memorial Library on campus.

Entitled, "Time Lapse Travel," the show is comprised of 20 pieces ranging in a variety of sizes. The richly-layered art was inspired by personal history. "The works incorporate symbolic, iconic and pop culture images

through the use of photo etching, collage, photo transfers, ink, graphite, metal casting and other found objects," explained Tuff. "I relied on my experience in the process of making images and my observations and assessments of our world for these pieces."

Tuff has studied many media and processes in pursuit of her bachelor of fine arts degree from Southwest Texas State University and her master's degree from the University of Cincinnati in Ohio. She has since held exhibits across the United States and abroad. Tuff

has earned many awards with her art, including several Best of Show honors. She is currently an adjunct professor of drawing at Texas State University, where she recently worked on a specialization in metals piece.

The exhibit is free and open to the public during the library hours of 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Mon.-Thurs.; 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Fridays; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturdays; and 1 - 8 p.m. on Sundays. For more information about the "Time Lapse Travel" exhibit, call the CTC Fine Arts Dept. at 254-536-1572.

## Clay Class for children begins Feb. 8

Cultural Activities Center Visual Arts Director Marilyn Ritchie will be teaching a clay class specifically for younger children at the CAC in February. The class begins Feb. 8 and continues every Thursday until March 8. Class time is 9:30-10:30 a.m.

In this class the children will learn dexterity, how to follow instructions, and have fun at the same time. They will be learning a medium that may be expanded into

a lifelong hobby. They will be encouraged to go outside the box with their imagination. Creativity expansion is the goal of this class, and fun is a foregone conclusion.

Ritchie has been teaching ceramics classes to children and adults at the Cultural Activities Center for 13 years. She was a professional potter for 10 years before that. She has been teaching art and ceramics for Holy Trin-

ity Catholic High School for three years. She has also been the Visual Arts Director/Curator for the CAC for 11 years. She is looking forward to working with young children again.

The class is \$75. It is open to children age three -12.

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and his eyes light up, and he talks about the joy of living. Naw, he doesn't use fanciful expressions like "joy of living," but if there ever was a person who's been given a great life and who's given back, it's Mike Cornett."

### Hall of Fame

The recipients for Hall of Fame award were Herbert and Thelma Fletcher.

Back in the 1940s Herbert and Thelma Fletcher moved from Houston to Salado, bringing their bookstore and publishing company, the Anson Jones Press, with over 50 titles published about Texas and local history.

"At first, they were merchants selling books, groceries, gasoline and animal feed. They called it an adult book store," Carver said, "but Thelma joked that was before the meaning of the term changed."

Herbert became a founder of the Bell County Historical Society and a consultant for the County Historical commission, causing several Texas Historical Markers to be placed in Salado before his death in 1968.

Thelma was also a founder of the Society and the Commission, and she was instrumental in having Salado designated in the National Register of Historic Places in 1981.

The Fletchers were internationally known for their specialty of appraising rare books. As antiquarian book sellers, the world came to their doorstep.

"The same doorstep where Thelma is reputed to have said she wished to continue working and making change until the day she died," he added.

"Amazingly, that is precisely where her body was discovered, at the door of her shop in 1995."

"She was so loved, Village artisans crafted a casket for her, and the newly formed village chorus sang at her funeral," he said.

Both Fletchers were buried in Salado Cemetery along with her father, Fletcher Rawls, and one of their grandsons, Leslie Rawls Fletcher.

Several years ago, a tree and a great rock were placed as a memorial to the Fletchers in front of the Salado Civic Center. And as the tree has grown up, up, up, the roots have grown down into Salado's



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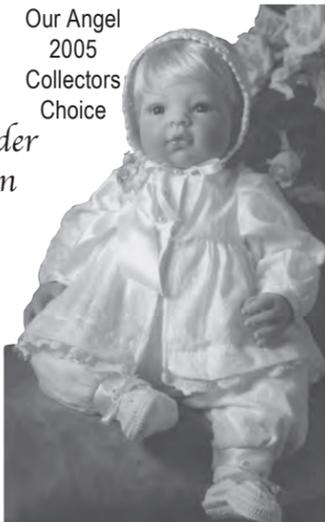
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**ACROSS**

- 1 "Li'l Abner" cartoonist
- 5 Mann or Greeley
- 11 Lloyd Webber musical
- 15 Owns
- 18 Fragrance
- 19 Military helicopter
- 20 Tigris-Euphrates land
- 21 Convent cubicle
- 22 African Revolutionary War heroine?
- 24 Hunt's "— Ben Adhem"
- 25 Wells' creatures
- 26 Stun
- 27 Author Follett
- 28 Actress Massen
- 29 Primer pooch
- 30 Nobelist Wiesel
- 33 Operetta composer
- 37 — out (eradicate)
- 39 African sitcom?
- 44 Actress Talia
- 45 Relished a roast
- 46 King of comedy

**DOWN**

- 47 Grind
- 49 — cotta
- 52 "America's Most Wanted" host
- 55 Jubilant
- 57 Belfry sound
- 59 Marry
- 60 Roller-coaster unit
- 62 LAX letters
- 63 Desire
- 64 Botanist Gray
- 65 Frighten
- 67 — Magnon
- 69 Roll-call reply
- 70 Cozy
- 71 Swiss sight
- 72 African appetizer?
- 74 Crewel tool
- 76 European capital
- 77 Memo start
- 79 "Agnus —"
- 80 Wonderful
- 81 Conductor Queler
- 82 Like a raisin
- 83 — deco
- 85 Lodge brother
- 86 Part of MPH
- 87 Stalk
- 88 Infantry action
- 91 Cosmetician Lauder
- 95 Take the honey and run

**DOWN**

- 97 Walker's "The — Purple"
- 99 Pat on the buns?
- 101 Sign a contract
- 102 Declaim
- 104 Start of an African anthem?
- 108 Nasty
- 109 Puccini's "— Lescaut"
- 110 Secure the ship
- 111 Scoundrels
- 112 Cow's cry
- 114 LP successors
- 117 Most minute
- 121 Potpourri
- 122 British buggy
- 124 African movie theme song?
- 127 Wise — owl
- 128 Turner or Wood
- 129 Aromatic plant
- 130 Mrs. Charlie Chaplin
- 131 Looney Tunes critter
- 132 In addition
- 133 Salem's state
- 134 Manipulates

**DOWN**

- 2 Smith or Sandler
- 3 Actress Negri
- 4 Much valued
- 5 "Bali —"
- 6 Select, with "for"
- 7 Pinion's partner
- 8 Flu symptom
- 9 Chinese Olympic skater
- 10 Chariot follower
- 11 Security grp.
- 12 Ann —, MI
- 13 New Mexico resort
- 14 Court sport
- 15 Beach Boys' African hit?
- 16 Knock for — (astonish)
- 17 Skirt feature
- 21 One of the Borgias
- 23 Soccer superstar
- 31 Tempest — teapot
- 32 Parisian pronoun
- 34 TV's "The — of Night"
- 35 Card collection
- 36 Actress Alicia
- 38 Deed

**DOWN**

- 39 Shorten a slat
- 40 Actress Hagen
- 41 Tierra — Fuego
- 42 Connecticut campus
- 43 Grabbed
- 44 Start wool gathering
- 48 Mall
- 50 Upshot
- 51 Proverb
- 53 It'll give you a weigh
- 54 Jackrabbit, for one
- 56 O'Hara homestead
- 58 Settle a score
- 61 Go to bed
- 63 Certain singer
- 65 Make a pile
- 66 African actress?
- 68 Peculiar
- 70 Pursues
- 71 — suzette
- 72 Philosophy
- 73 Paper quantity
- 75 Perry's creator
- 78 Sib's kid
- 82 Trepidation
- 84 It may be small
- 88 Mindy of "The Facts of Life"

**DOWN**

- 89 Approximately
- 90 Abound (with)
- 92 Archaic contraction
- 93 Compass pt.
- 94 Scrape by, with "out"
- 96 Bastille, e.g.
- 98 Mauna —
- 100 Yoko —
- 103 Curly Shirley
- 105 Stick-in-the-mud?
- 106 Cry of distress
- 107 "— Lonesome Tonight?" ("60 hit)
- 108 Taco topping
- 109 Haunted-house sounds
- 111 Paint layer
- 113 Spoken
- 115 Barry or Brubeck
- 116 Stocking mishap
- 118 Baseball's Slaughter
- 119 Unit of loudness
- 120 "— brillig . . ."
- 123 West of Hollywood
- 124 Day- —
- 125 Past
- 126 Bog

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South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**

- ♠ Q 8 6
- ♥ Q 9 4
- ♦ 5
- ♣ A Q J 7 4 3

**WEST**

- ♠ 10 7 2
- ♥ J 5 3
- ♦ A 10 7 4 3
- ♣ 8 2

**EAST**

- ♠ J 9 5 3
- ♥ 10 8 6 2
- ♦ K 9 2
- ♣ K 6

**SOUTH**

- ♠ A K 4
- ♥ A K 7
- ♦ Q J 8 6
- ♣ 10 9 5

The bidding:

South West North East  
1 NT Pass 3 NT All Pass  
Opening lead — four of diamonds.

**Pop goes the weasel**

**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

There are plays that are difficult for a declarer to make because they run completely contrary to standard procedure. But bridge being the kind of game it is, there is room for an occasional deviation from the norm -- especially when logic indicates that the deviation has everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Take this case where West led the four of diamonds against three notrump, and East won with the king. East returned the diamond nine, covered by declarer with the queen, whereupon West made the eminently correct play of the three.

West's only hope was that East would later gain the lead and return a third diamond before declarer could score nine tricks.

East's return of the nine indicated he did not have four diamonds originally, as in that case he would have returned his original fourth-best diamond. Declarer's most likely diamond holding, therefore, was Q-J-x-x.

Lacking a ninth trick, South now tried a club finesse. East won with the king and returned a diamond, and the contract went down one.

The excellent defense notwithstanding, declarer did himself in at trick two when he covered East's nine of diamonds with the queen. Instead, he should have played his eight on the nine! This maneuver would have thoroughly discombobulated the defense. Another diamond lead by East would have given the defenders their third trick, and East's king of clubs would subsequently have scored their final trick.

From declarer's viewpoint, the diamond duck at trick two guarantees three notrump regardless of whether West started with four, five or six diamonds. The hard part is to think of it before the queen or jack pops out of declarer's hand.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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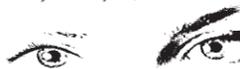
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★ ★ ★ HOO BOY!

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Answer

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6	3	1	4	2	9	5	8	7
8	4	2	7	9	1	3	6	5
1	6	9	3	4	5	7	2	8
7	5	3	6	8	2	1	4	9

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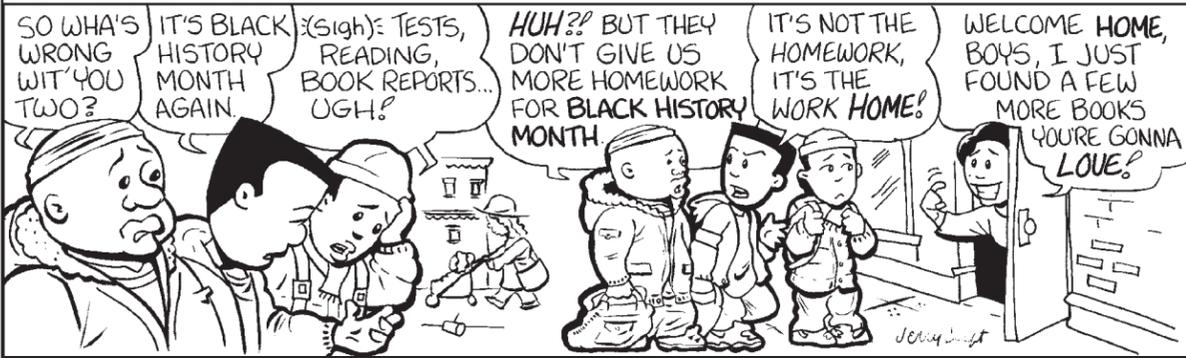


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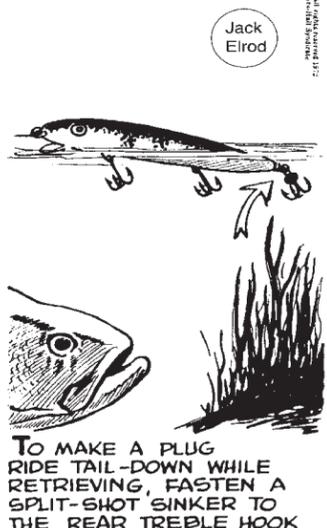
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Red	Passionate love
Pink	Delight, joy
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Yellow	Friendship
Lilac	Love at first sight
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The folks down under have turned agriculture into show business. On two different occasions in New Zealand we saw a sheep show. The first one was at what is called a sheep station. Here it would be called a mansion, with beautiful gardens, tall graceful trees and green grass you could see for acres. It was on an

island near Queenstown only approachable by boat.

We dined in the mansion's main dining room beneath crystal chandeliers. The entrée of the gourmet meal was lamb, with a choice of shank or sliced. We were in one of the country's best grape growing regions, so local wines accompanied the

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meal.

Around sundown we wandered over to the demonstration area. A border collie herded sheep over

an immense pasture that had a small mountain at one end. That's where the sheep tried to go, but the Border collie brought them to the two pens in front of the crowd. A man with a microphone gave the dog commands. We heard his whistles and shouts.

He then invited everyone into a small theater and he walked on stage, put on some leather pants, grabbed a huge sheep and sheared it, giving humorous commentary as he did so. When he finished he took the blanket of wool, all in one piece, and spread

it out on a table for the crowd to touch. We then went to a store attached to the theater to shop for woolen items and souvenirs.

The second sheep show was in what is called The Agridome near Rotarua. It is a huge place with seats for more than a thousand. It was a full house. Nearly every seat was taken. Nine different breeds of sheep were tethered on stage in a stair step formation with Merino, the best, being at the top. Again, the sheep shearer was a comedian and got the audience involved in what he was doing. He sheared a sheep, then auctioned it off. The person who bought it was from a cruise ship and had no way of getting the sheep home. So he gave her a chocolate sheep for being a good sport. He

then brought a cow on stage and had different people from the audience come up and milk it.

The Agridome is on a huge sheep ranch that has a café and big souvenir store. New Zealand has 40 million sheep, which are the basis for the country's main industry.

We had a fabulous trip. We cruised, took overnight visits to some interesting places, visited friends and made new ones. It was fascinating to see the night sky from a different angle. Onboard ship one night we saw the Southern Cross, visible only in the southern hemisphere.

We saw The Remarkables, a mountain range where Lord of the Ring was filmed. We saw geysers on the upper island, reminding us of Yellowstone. The country might be the most beautiful place I've ever seen. It is full of lakes and orchards and vineyards and lush green hills and vibrant young people. We've already started thinking about our next trip over there. It's only a 10-hour flight from L.A. to Auckland.



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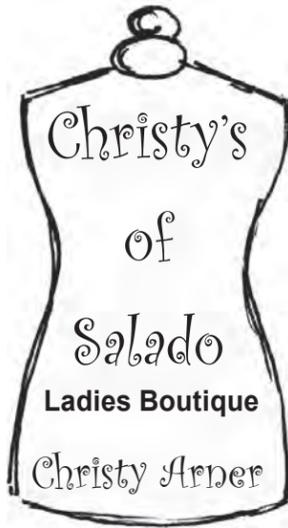
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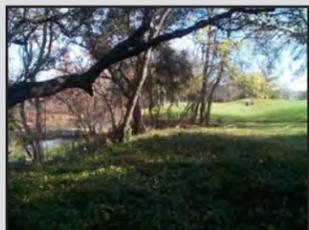
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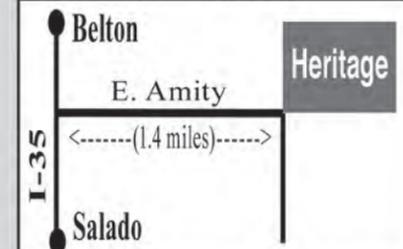
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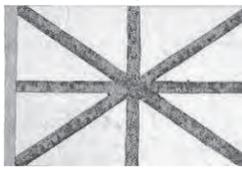
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**A:** Un-Du Adhesive Remover, a product found at craft stores, was suggested by one of my readers. Similar products like Goo-Gone are available at home-improvement stores. And I've actually seen a suggestion to smear peanut butter over the sticker (my guess is the oil in the peanut butter soaks into the label). If you try this method, don't use the crunchy version.

**Q:** After purchasing an 8-year-old house, I noticed some scratches inside the Jacuzzi tub in the master bath. They don't seem too deep. How do I get rid of them? -Jesse in Plano, TX

**A:** Depending on the extent and depth of the scratches, it may be possible to polish them out. However, this job takes a light touch and a lot of patience, because the fi-

berglass surface can be permanently damaged. Purchase a polishing compound for automobiles. (This compound typically comes in two types: polishing and rubbing compound. Choose the polishing type only.) Apply in small circles using a soft, lint-free cloth. Don't scrub the surface or otherwise try to hurry the process.

**HOME TIP:** Only clean fiberglass tubs and surfaces with a nonabrasive cleanser and a soft cloth. Even supposedly "safe" abrasive cleansers can damage these surfaces.



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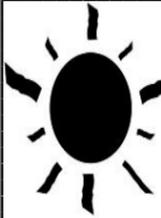
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Interstate 35 from FM 2484 to US 190

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public meeting to discuss improvements to Interstate (IH) 35 in Bell County. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria located at 550 Thomas Arnold Road in Salado.

This construction project would begin at FM 2484 at the northern edge of Salado and end at US 190 in Belton. The purpose of this project is to widen this section of IH 35 from four lanes to six lanes and to convert the existing two-way frontage roads to one way.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public of the proposed project and provide an opportunity for interested parties to submit comments on the preliminary design options that the department has developed.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this meeting and express their views. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Mr. Michael Rhodes at (254) 867-2739 as soon as possible so arrangements can be made. Since the meeting will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least one week prior to the meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Verbal and written comments regarding the proposed project are requested. Comments may be presented either at the meeting or in writing after the meeting. Comments must be received no later than 10 days following the meeting in order to be included in the public meeting record. Written statements may be submitted to Mr. Henry R. Richardson, Jr., P.E., Waco District Director of Transportation Planning and Development, Texas Department of Transportation, 100 South Loop Drive, Waco, TX 76704-2858 at any time on or before 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 9, 2007.



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