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Annual Taste of Salado will benefit PALS on Feb. 27

The Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) is featuring local restaurants and artisans at the Fourth Annual Taste of Salado event, scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Feb. 27 at the new Blue Heron Event Center at Tenroc Ranch. Admission is \$25 per person.

The price of admission entitles attendees to sample food from many of Salado's restaurants and caterers, as well as participating in the silent auction, which features works from local artists and artisans.

Come sample delicious food from Salado's restaurants and caterers such as Old Mill Pizza, Stagecoach Inn, The Mansion of Salado, Inn on the

Creek, Sweet Smells of Salado, Salado Gourmet, The Range, Taqueria El Rancho Grande and many more.

Also participate in a silent auction of artwork donated by Helen Alexander, Heidi Couchman, Helen Gerhart, Sylvia Hodges, Andy Phair, Sharon McGlasson, Deborah Martin, Bonnie Armstrong, Tamra Denny, Jerry Goodman, Kathleen Letourneau, Jimmie Vernon, Louise Easterwood, Judy Beisel, Evelyn Foster, Joan Hoffman, Francis Olson, Gil Wanzor, Cheryl Reid, Charles Allen, Frankie Sidaras, Bill Pinkston, Titia Arledge, Melissa Paxton, and Jill Shipman.

Gift certificates from

Mud Pies, Cowboy's Barbecue, Strawberry Patch, Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe and Ambrosia will be auctioned off.

First State Bank has contributed several prints of Salado artist Bill Jaxon.

Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5 each for chances on a \$500 gift certificate to be used at one or more of the following Salado galleries: Prellop Fine Art Gallery, Southern Image Gallery, Griffith Fine Art Gallery, B. Herd Gallery, Wells Gallery, and Thomas Kinkade RMK Gallery.

For reservations or more information contact Hulda Horton at the Salado Civic Center, 254-947-8300.



(PHOTO COURTESY OF PALS - MARGARET WILLIAMSON) Dave Hermann and The Range will return to this year's Taste of Salado Feb. 27.

Early vote starts in primary

Early voting in the primaries started Feb. 21 and primary day will be March 7.

Primary Election voting will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m. March 7 at the Church of Christ Activities Center, at the corner of Blacksmith Rd. and Church Street, off of Main Street in Salado.

Voters will be casting their ballots using the Helping Americans Vote Act (HAVA) Compliant Auto Marker Machines and the votes will be counted with the M100 Precinct Counter.

The Precinct Conventions will start at 7:30 p.m. March 7 at the Church of Christ Activities Center, after the polls have closed.

Early voting dates

There will be no early voting in Salado. However, early voting in Bell County will be conducted in person 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays Feb. 21-24 at the five locations below.

Extended early voting will be conducted in person at those locations 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Feb. 25 and 12 noon-5 p.m. Feb. 26.

Early voting will be conducted in person at the locations 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Feb. 27-March 3.

Early voting locations

- Belton - Bell County Courthouse Annex, Building C, 550 East 2nd Ave.
- Harker Heights - Parks and Recreation Center, 307 Millers Crossing.
- Killeen - Bell County Annex, 301 Priest Drive.
- Killeen - Killeen Community Center, 2201 E. Veterans Memorial Dr.
- Temple - Bell County Annex, 205 East Central Ave.

School renews contracts

Salado I.S.D. Trustees renewed the one-year contracts of all administrators and department heads during their Feb. 20 meeting. The unanimous vote came on a motion by Debby Aldridge with a second from Miriam Ervi.

Receiving one-year contracts were these: Kay Matthews, high school principal; Joe Palmer, intermediate school principal; Lisa Nix, elementary school principal; Larry Moorhead, high school assistant principal; Earl Bragg, director

of technology; Lyndal Cabaniss, director of finance; Tommy Barkley, director of maintenance and transportation; Gail Valentine, director of food services; Darlene Kirk, PEIMS and certification coordinator and Jeff Cheatham, athletic director.

In other business, Cabaniss reported to the board that current attendance figures will result in the district receiving \$66,326 more in state aid than originally budgeted.

Board president Chris

Seaton reported on board member training: Aldridge, 10 hours; Jackie Burson, 12 hours; Frank Carlson, 13 hours; Ervi, 21.25 hours; Jeff Kelley, 10 hours; Lynn Renfro, eight hours and Chris Seaton, 22.5 hours. Texas Association of School Boards recommends that board members should receive 10 hours of training per year.

The board postponed action on two policy items dealing with resignations of personnel and with the graduation policy.



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER) A crew cut the branches of the 500-year-old bur oak at the Stagecoach Inn dining room this week in order to reduce the stress on the tree and to keep branches off of the restaurant's roof. The restaurant was briefly closed early this week so that the work could be completed.

Filing begins in local races

The filing period for local races, including school board, library board and board of aldermen, has begun and will continue until March 13.

Jeff Kelley and Miriam Ervi have filed for re-election to the Salado I.S.D. board of trustees.

No candidates have filed for election to two seats on the Village Board

of Aldermen, although Michael Cooper stated that he would seek re-election as aldermen. Two seats on the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor come up for election this spring.

Three two-year terms on the Salado Public Library Board of Directors will be elected this spring. They are currently filled by Connie Cryar, Hulda Horton

and Ben Willingham. Cryar has stated that she does not intend to run for re-election to the board.

Applications to file for election to the three bodies can be picked up from the Salado I.S.D. Central Office, the Village of Salado Municipal Building and the Salado Library for their respective governing bodies.



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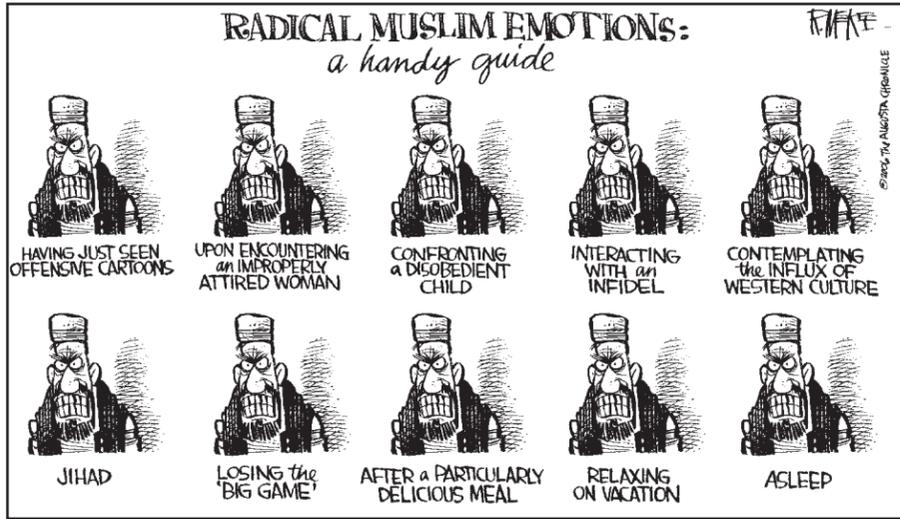
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Bush's strange addiction

President Bush's declaration that the U.S. is addicted to oil is another step toward demonizing the oil industry, in a repeat of what happened to the tobacco industry in the 1990s. The tobacco companies are now so heavily taxed and regulated that they have almost become an arm of the government. Bush intends for no such thing to happen to the oil sector, but as Bill Clinton learned after repeatedly saying he "would end welfare as we know it" without quite meaning it, words have consequences.

The word "addicted," of course, is morally loaded, implying an unhealthy and irrational dependence. But since oil provides the cheapest and most efficient way to power automobiles, our dependence on it is natural and sensible -- the very opposite of an addiction. Bush is the James Frey of energy policy, exaggerating the negative to play to an important market segment -- in Bush's case, the mushy middle of American politics primed to believe the worst about Big Oil.

Bush isn't offering any far-reaching proposals to deal with this newfound addiction. A few billion dollars here and there on developing fuel alternatives -- and also on funding scientific research and education -- and everyone can feel good that the federal government is "doing something," while members of Congress shove the money out the door and energy interests gobble it up.

Bush's new Advanced Energy Initiative, which is charged with developing better batteries for electric cars and figuring out how to make fuel from wood chips, is redolent of all the past federal initiatives to find alternatives to oil and to gas-powered cars. Who can forget the glories of President Nixon's Project Independence? Or Carter's Synthetic Fuels Corporation? Or the first Bush's U.S. Advanced Battery Consortium? Or Clinton's Partnership for New Generation Vehicles?

Rich Lowry



They all failed. So far, the \$10 billion spent since 2001 on trying to develop alternative fuels that Bush bragged about in his State of the Union speech has also produced nothing. If there are commercially viable energy alternatives, the market will discover them without the clumsy guiding hand of government.

Ethanol, the corn-based, government-subsidized fuel, still doesn't make economic sense. As many industrial-policy programs do, the subsidies have become chiefly a favor to an important political constituency -- Midwest farmers, especially those who vote in the Iowa caucuses.

More high-minded reasons are adduced for Bush's energy push, most importantly the need to reduce our dependence on foreign oil. But the top exporters to the U.S. are our nonthreatening neighbors, Canada and Mexico. This is why Bush singled out Mideast oil. Assuming he's fine with oil from U.S. allies Kuwait and Iraq, that leaves Saudi Arabia as a disfavored exporter; but whether we buy its oil or not, it is going to sell massive amounts of it on the world market.

The best result would be if Bush's "oil addiction" tack heads into that special dustbin reserved for grandiloquent, quickly forgotten State of the Union gestures. Here's hoping that a few years from now as many people remember that Bush wanted to power cars on wood chips as recall that he once planned to put a man on Mars.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Casino Gambling: Solution to special session dollar needs? Will Perry and Legislature succumb or raise taxes?

Casino gambling is much like the mythical "Song of The Siren" because of its deceptive allure and seduction.

Patrick Henry and William Shakespeare warned against the Siren's false appeal in both life and government - yet here we are - once again faced with making a decision on State sanctioned gambling.

The Republican Party - today's dominate political force in Texas, has nailed down a strong anti-gambling plank in its platform and during the last legislative session casinos met a swift negative fate.

However, the highly profitable gambling centers are back and gearing up for the 80th gathering of lawmakers in January 2007. This time the State's gaming interests (led by out-of-State money and speculators), are singing an unusual version of the Siren's song, that tempts many to play games-of-chance, that only a few can possibly win.

"Tax Us" is the tricky motto being used by the Texas Gaming Association - the newest group to take on the anti-gambling forces in the Lone Star State. The magnetism of that shibboleth has attracted many property owners who are weary of picking up an unfair share of the tax burden, thanks in large measure to a business community that has never completely shouldered their part of the "loop-holed" franchise tax law.

Texans gamble (legally) every day. Some at the State's horse and dog tracks; others play bingo; and many thousands invest, on a regular basis, in the State operated lottery - a venture once touted (and sold) as being the "easy" way to underwrite education. **And, what a joke that turned out to be!**

HORNS OF A DILEMMA

Governor Rick Perry (R) is on the traditional "Horns of a Dilemma" in that he and the Legislature are under court order to resolve the "unconstitutional" way we fund public education. Deadline: June 1, 2006.

Lawmakers will need an estimated \$6 billion new dollars to make the system acceptable to the courts, or face a judicial shutdown of funds to the public schools, which could spell the end of the run for incumbent Perry who is trying for a record ten year lease on the Governor's Mansion.

The state treasury has almost \$2 billion set aside to reform public school funding. The balance must be found and that's where old Crazy Hair's "dilemma horns" enter the picture. There are two choices and both are difficult for the Guv and his GOP law-making co-conspirators.

REFORMED FRANCHISE TAX

Question? Will Perry support what is about to emerge from his Tax Reform Commission? It includes a lower franchise tax that would be applied to every business in Texas - rather than the disgraceful one-in-sixteen currently tapped for payment.

That would come close to raising the necessary big bucks to float the sinking public school finance ship, but the Texas Association of Business is dead-set against such a plan. And to date they have kept Perry on a tight tax-exempt leash.

MILLIONS IN NEW TAXES FROM CASINO GAMBLING?

The Governor, on the other hand, might be swayed by the aforementioned

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



"Siren Song" of millions of tax dollars flowing from legalized Casinos.

Gambling wheedlers are also thinking big - to the tune of some 15 casinos scattered around the State (for starters). All run professionally (they claim) by "experts" from Las Vegas and under the watchful eye of a new Texas Gaming Commission.

In and out-of-state investors (with millions to spend) have hired a high-powered team of expensive lobbyists and public relation flacks (including Waco's conservative economist Ray Perryman), to promote the spurious notion that revenue from the State's share of approved wagering can offset the need for new education taxes.

BATTLE BREWING

Preparing for an all-out fight against casinos and gambling is The Christian Life Commission that can (and will) organize churches across Texas to bring pressure on lawmakers and other elected officials. Thus far they've been highly successful in doing just that.

Should poor old Rick the Reluctant decide he can't fight the TAB and get franchise bucks flowing properly; and if he continues his no-new-tax stance; he might lean towards gambling as the only way out.

But, alas and alack - Perry has already embraced the religionists' side of political life and can hardly afford to turn his back on them for gambling purposes. Especially following his recent "anti" intelligent-design stance, that favors creationism as Biblically presented.

WHICH HORN - GOVERNOR?

So - Mr. Governor Perry - what shall it be? Force business to pay its fair share of taxes (after so many free-riding years) and risk the ire of the TAB? Or, defy your own party's anti-gambling stance, that's firmly supported by the religious right who can exert immense pressure (moral and otherwise) on a wayward Governor.

Those are the two basic "dilemma-horns" facing the Guv at the moment. There is, of course, a "statesmanlike" way for Perry to pursue (for once), and that's for our leaderless-leader to take a 180 degree turn and bite the "income," or other "new tax" bullet; raise the billions needed to silence the judicial critics; provide quality education for our children; and, lower school property taxes - **all at the same time.**

That would produce a legacy that even a former Aggie yell leader could be proud of - **especially after years of wandering in the wilderness of the lobby-world.**

COMMENTARY

There is no doubt that many people want to gamble despite the certainty of losing. We are also aware of the social and economic problems that accompany wide open casino gambling.

So - what's the best course of action when it comes to providing enough money for our schools? Gambling revenue that is predictably unpredictable; or, even-handed assignment of taxes on property, business, sales, income?

We highly recommend a recent Austin newspaper editorial, that despite its so called "liberal" slant, is absolutely on target: **"Building Texas' budget foundation on gambling seems not only risky but somewhat sordid!"**

That's -30-

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Readers on polling places, poverty

To the Editor:

I note on page 1A of the Feb. 16 *Salado Village Voice* that voting for the primary on March 7, 2006 will be at the Church of Christ Activity Center rather than at the Salado Civic Center.

Citizens of Salado are accustomed to voting at the Civic Center and changing the location is likely to create some confusion. The Civic Center is the place for such activities. The citizens created the Civic Center and continue to fund it through a number of avenues. Therefore, it should be used as a Center for such Civic functions as elections, in my opinion. We should know why the change is being made. This is not a complaint in any way against the Church of Christ, but is a matter of principle, as far as I am concerned.

Jack Hardin
Salado

To the Editor

Mr. Barnard (Feb. 16 Letters to the Editor) certainly got it right when he said it was not the poor and middle class that paid the lion's share of taxes in this country. There is, however, a simple explanation for that. The poor and middle class frequently do not have enough money to purchase the necessities of life and have no money left on which federal income taxes must be paid. I will point out that I said federal income taxes, because there are many other federal taxes on which we pay at the same rate as the wealthy. Add to that the state and local taxes that the poor and the middle class pay at the same rate as the wealthy and I think you will find that we pay a much higher percentage of our income in some form of taxes than do the wealthy.

It does seem that President Bush is doing his very best to see that this scenario not only continues, but gets worse. Since the poor and middle class have little, or no money on which income taxes must be paid, he should realize that if he wants to spend billions and billions on an unnecessary war in Iraq, subsidize the oil companies and give money to many countries from which we get nothing in return, then he will have to raise the taxes on the wealthy. By their own admission, the wealthy are the ones with money in this country. But that is not the fault of the poor. I believe it was Will Rogers that said "God must love poor folks because he made so many of them." I can't swear that Mr. Rogers is the source of that bit of wisdom, but I can testify to its truthfulness as there are definitely a lot of us and our number seems to be getting bigger each

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

year.

Just so the wealthy do not think the poor are ungrateful, we really appreciate you paying all the money you do each year. Of course, there is a simple way for you

to avoid paying all that money, but I think you would like it even less down here.

Sincerely,
Bob Smith
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In this, the third week of this series, I cover what has been accomplished in our precinct as well as my goals for the coming years.

The state of Texas requires that a new justice of the peace complete 80 hours of training in the first year they are in office. The training was conducted in Austin and provided an opportunity to receive valuable information and meet other judges, learning how they conduct their courts. I also attended an additional 16 hours of class learning the legislative updates passed in the last session. I am scheduled for an additional 20 hours later this spring.

In my first year in office, the court workload increased dramatically. Revenues collected by the court were the highest collected since 1999. The \$395,050.00 collected represents an increase of 40% over the previous year. Cases filed in this court also increased significantly, up 45% over the previous year. My staff and I have worked together to assure the additional workload is manageable, without disrupting speedy disposition of cases. My staff and I know that despite the increase workload, we must work hard to treat all our clients with dignity and respect.

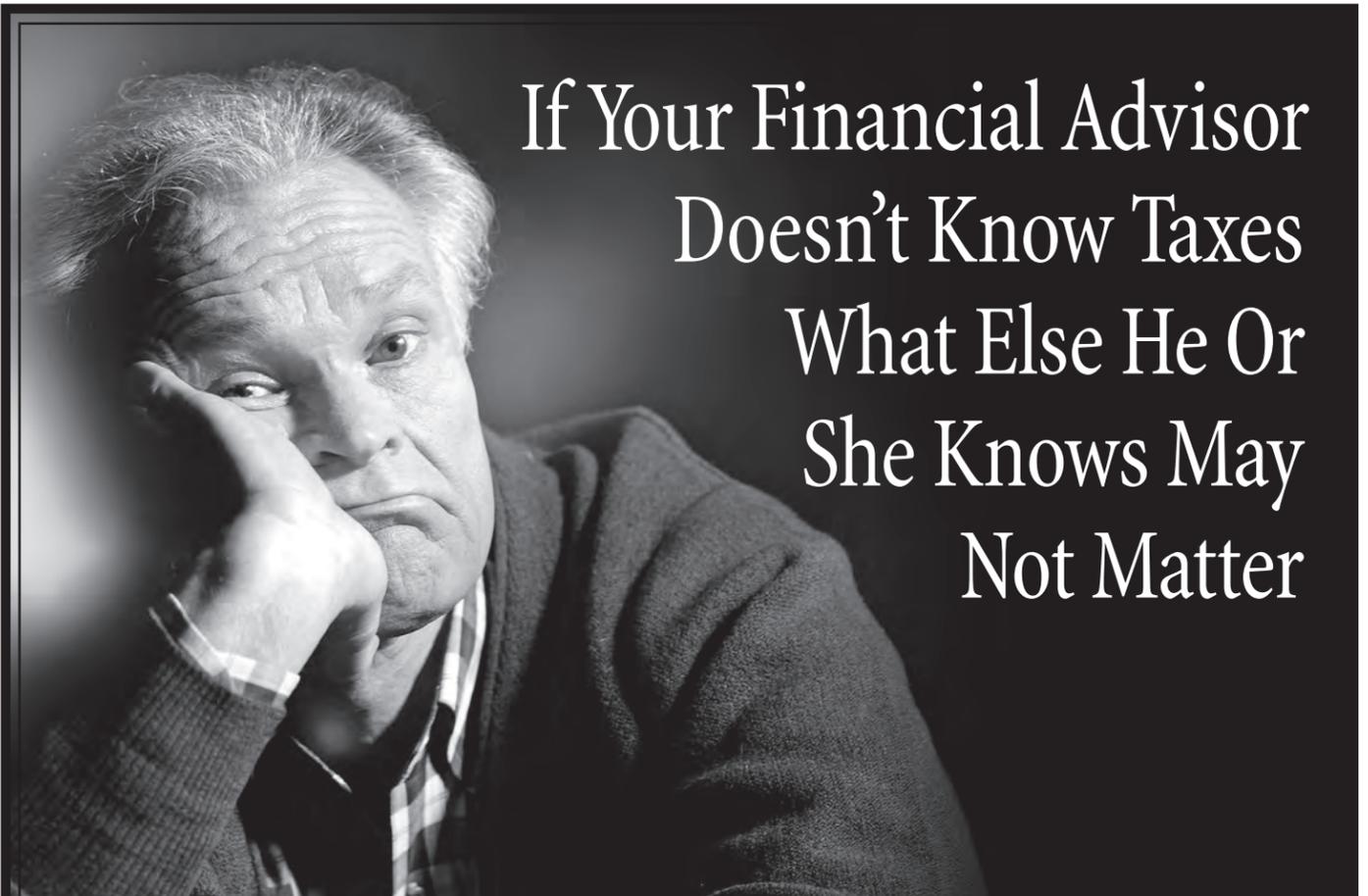
In the coming year I will be working with the Bell County Commissioners Court to allow collection of revenue using credit cards. This will expedite the closing of cases in a timely manner. I am also committed to developing a web site for the court, improving staff efficiency through electronic document processing.

Early voting has begun and I am asking that you to continue to place your trust in my ability to manage this court. Under my guidance, this court will continue to uphold the highest levels of respect and integrity, not only for the people of this county but for all those we serve.

Election Day is Tuesday, March 7, 2006. I hope I can count on your vote in this election. God bless each of you and God bless America.

Republican Primary Early voting ends March 3 Primary date: March 7, 2006

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FORTUNE, January 2006

For the seventh year, Edward Jones was named one of the "100 Best Companies to Work For" by FORTUNE magazine in its annual listing. The firm took the No. 16 spot overall and was named to the No. 4 spot for large companies. The seven FORTUNE rankings include top 10 finishes for five years and consecutive number one ranking in 2002 and 2003.

Registered Representative, December 2005

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SmartMoney, August 2005

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Longevity is factor in long-term planning

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



None of us can predict how long we'll live. And yet, as you chart your long-term financial goals, you'll at least want to think about longevity - because it's a key factor in developing appropriate savings, investment and retirement strategies.

For starters, make an educated guess about how long you might reasonably expect to live, taking into account your own health-related characteristics and your family's health histories. You might also want to consult with an actuarial table.

You might be surprised at the results. With advances in medicine and greater awareness of healthy lifestyles, we are living longer than ever before. In fact, half of the 65-year-olds alive today will likely live beyond age 83, according

to the Centers for Disease Control.

In short, you may need to plan on spending two, or even three, decades in retirement - a possibility that affects some important areas, including the following:

- Risk tolerance - Your individual risk tolerance helps determine the investments you choose. In other words if you are risk-averse by nature, you may be more inclined to invest in fixed-income vehicles, such as bonds or Certificates of Deposit, that may offer greater preservation of principal but less chance of

capital appreciation. Or, if you don't mind taking on a higher degree of risk to your principal in exchange for potentially higher returns, you may be drawn more to stocks. But if you believe that you are likely to live a long life, you may need to step outside your natural risk tolerance to choose a diversified mix of investments that offer the growth potential you need to stay ahead of inflation along with sufficient income during your retirement years.

- Social Security - You can begin collecting Social Security at age 62, but your monthly checks will be larger if you wait until your full retirement age, which can be anywhere from 65 to 67. For every year past your normal retirement age that you delay collecting benefits, you'll get "bonus" payments, which can be substantial. Once you reach 70, you'll have earned the largest monthly payment you're going to get. So, you can use your projected longevity as one important

factor in determining when you should start collecting Social Security.

- Retirement income - Once you retire, you will need to decide when to start taking money from your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. You'll also need to decide how much you should take each month. And you'll need to establish a sensible withdrawal plan for all the other investments in your portfolio. These decisions hinge, in part, on about how long you think you are going to live. For example, if you plan to retire at 65 and you believe you will live another 20 years, you will want to withdraw less money per year than if you thought you were going to live another 30 years.

Get help with "number crunching"

It's not always easy to incorporate one's longevity into financial strategies. So, you may want to consult with a qualified financial professional - someone with the experience and technology to provide you with a number of savings/investment scenarios, based on different life expectancies. It's always a good idea to become familiar with the possibilities that lie ahead.

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Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

You hear it everywhere: exotic loans, FICO scores, default risks, rising interest rates. Sounds like a lot of gloom and doom, doesn't it? While lenders are generating hot and heavy business, the truth is that it's still an excellent time to purchase a home. It's also time to educate yourself about the economics

behind securing a home loan.

The rate you are offered on a mortgage is largely based on your FICO score. What is FICO? It simply stands for Fair Isaac & Company, who developed our modern credit scoring models. The highest possible "score" is 850, and you'll need a rating of 620 or above to be considered for the best interest rates.

Higher income does not necessarily generate a higher score. Your payment history does have significant impact, however. If you have a higher credit score, you're probably in a position to accept a "prepayment penalty," which is imposed when a loan is repaid early. But many borrowers who accept this "penalty" will end up paying a lower interest rate.

Be cautious out there - with so many types of loans available, you'll find some are a good fit for you and some are downright unwise. Real estate agents and mortgage specialists work together to determine the best avenue for you to follow, leading right up to the front door of your new home!

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George "Bubba" Moffatt, Jr.

Moffatt runs for Bell JP #2

George "Bubba" Moffatt, Jr., of Salado, is seeking the position of Bell County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 in the Republican Primary March 7.

A native Texan born in Throckmorton in 1964, Moffatt moved with his family to Bell County in 1971. He attended public schools at Killeen I.S.D., graduating from Ellison High School in 1982.

He obtained his journeyman's plumbing license in 1982 and his master plumber's license in 1985.

Moffatt worked for the former Texas Department of Corrections as a building sergeant for two years. He then worked for three years as a police officer with the City of Belton.

He transferred to the Bell County Sheriff's Office as a patrol deputy. In 1995, Moffatt was promoted to Investigator at the Sheriff's Office, where he spent nine years as a Child Abuse Investigator.

"The duties of my job were to investigate the physical and sexual abuse of children and any juvenile-related crimes," Moffatt said. "After receiving approval from Sheriff Smith, I created the first child-friendly interview room, where child victims could be interviewed away from a not-so-pleasant institutional environment."

Moffatt was a co-founder of the Children's Advocacy Center, where he served as treasurer for six years. He also served as co-chairman for the Central Texas Child Fatality Review Team. "We reviewed all child deaths in a surrounding six-county area in a hope that any future intervention may prevent further child deaths," Moffatt said.

Moffatt is married with four children. He is the owner and operator of Moffatt and Daughters Plumbing in Salado.

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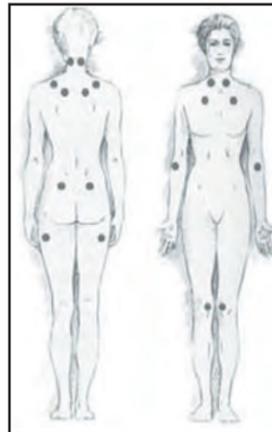
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SPORTS

Softballers win opener in 10-run rout over Thrall

Battling the cold and winds of February, the Lady Eagle softballers took the field last week and won their opening game of the season Feb. 14 by a wide-margin, handing Thrall a 12-2 defeat.

Having experienced what it's like to be on the outside looking in come playoff time (Salado has finished just out of the race each of the past three years), head coach Doug Harrigan said that he feels he has a squad experienced and talented enough to make a run at that elusive playoff berth,

in what is a highly competitive district.

Senior Shae Janda - entering her fourth campaign as a starter - got the nod on the mound for the Lady Eagles, striking out two of the first three batters she faced.

In the home half of the first, Salado reeled off four consecutive singles, followed by a pair of walks and two more singles, as the first eight Salado hitters reached base. In all, the Lady Eagles would plate eight runs in the first, establishing an early lead that would stand the entire game.

As Janda (1-0) made quick work of Thrall in the second, Lauren Culver led off the Salado second with a triple, and would score soon after on a Rachel Stemmer double, increasing the lead to 9-0.

In the third, Janda struggled a bit with her control, issuing three free passes which led to Thrall's first run of the night. In her four innings of work, however, Janda surrendered only one hit while striking out six and walking four. The lone run she surrendered was unearned. Taking over in the fifth and final inning, Shawna McPhearson gave up two hits and one run, but did record all three of her outs via strikeout.

Leading the way at the plate was Heather Winters, who was 3-3 with one RBI and a two SB's. Janda was 1-3 with 4 RBI's, while Justine Ferrell-Raborn was 2-2 with 3 RBI's, two runs scored and a sacrifice.

The girls followed that victory with an opening round, 6-2 victory over Class 4A Lehman in the Hutto Tournament Feb. 16.

Salado pushed across one run in the second, and four more in the fourth on the way to a four-run win. McPhearson (1-0) got the start and went the distance, pitching six strong innings, giving up two earned runs and striking out four. McPhearson, Janda, Culver, Ferrell-Raborn and Larissa Ingalsbe all collected two hits apiece.

In the second game of a weather-shortened tournament, Salado fell to Liberty Hill 4-3. Janda (1-1) absorbed the loss, but gave up just five hits and one earned run while walking five and striking out four.

Soaring Eagle Classic

On Feb. 23, the first annual Salado Soaring Eagle Classic softball tournament will begin. Several of the area's premier teams, such as Troy (2nd in 2A) and Holland will participate. Salado plays its first game 6:30 p.m. Feb. 23 versus Manor.

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The Salado Varsity Eagles put the finishing touches on a 21-win regular season and postseason berth on the strength of a 56-53 homecourt win over the Lago Vista Vikings Feb. 14.

Salado (21-9, 10-4) enters the postseason as the third place finisher from District 25AA under first year head coach Josh White. Jarrell won district outright, going 14-0, while Somerville earned a second place finish as a result of the Yeguas sweeping two games against Salado.

Lago Vista entered the Valentine's Day matchup looking to spoil the Eagles' season finale - and came very close to doing just that. The Vikings trailed - mostly by double-digits - throughout the first three quarters of play, but staged a furious fourth quarter rally to give the hometown Eagles a scare.

By spreading the ball around offensively, Salado was able to race out to a 15-9 lead after one, and expanded that advantage to 28-20 at the break.

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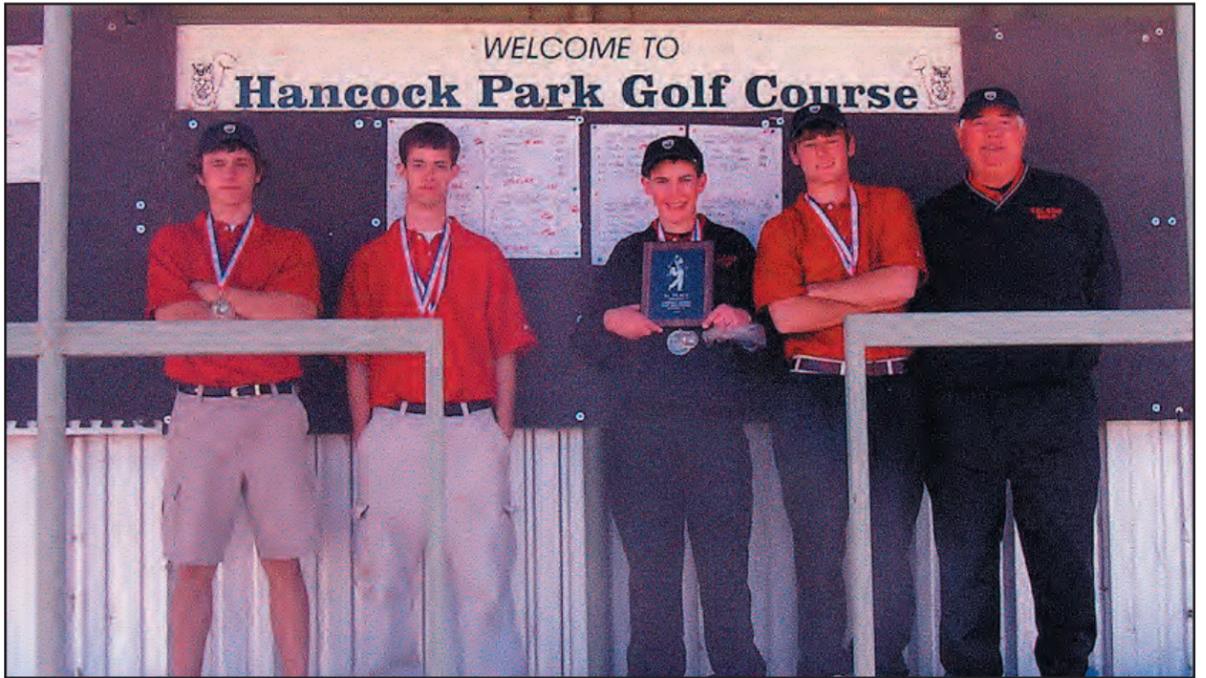



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EAGLES — FROM 7A

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In the fourth, the Pirates' long-range shooting came alive, as Lago drained a trio of three pointers to slice more-and-more off the Eagle lead. The Eagles, meanwhile, found themselves trying to make the most of late-game free throw opportunities, converting on 5-of-7 chances as part of an 11-point fourth quarter output. It was that clutch free throw shooting that likely made the difference in the game, as Salado held on to earn the three-point victory and close the regular season on a positive note.

Ryan Clark's 17 points, including 6-7 free throw shooting in the second half, paced the Eagle offense. Chad Tumey came through with 10 points on the night, while Justin Pruitt registered eight and Tanner Meyers had seven. Also scoring were Blake Newman and Justin Konzen, who each contributed five points, and Noah Harbison, who had four.

On Feb. 21, in a game that took place after press time, Salado met Wallis-Brazos (District 26AA runner-up) in bi-district playoff action in Elgin. Look to www.saladovillagevoice.com for results and game recap.

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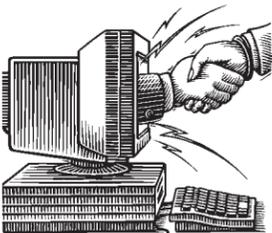


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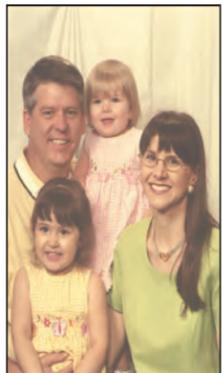
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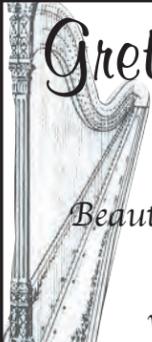
Grant Teaff will be the featured speaker at the Central Texas Baylor Chapter Winter Banquet at 6:30 p.m. March 2 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Temple. Coach Teaff is the Executive Director of the American Football Coaches Association. Tickets are \$25, and payment may be mailed to Rodney Bell, CTBC Treasurer, P. O. Box 680, Salado, 76571. Stephanie Turnham, Director of the Bell County Museum, will be honored as the Baylor Alumnus of the Year.



Cassie Tabor, of Salado, was honored with a birthday luncheon at the Stagecoach Inn dining room on Feb. 4. Sixteen family members and friends were present for the occasion. Tabor was born Feb. 5, 1911 near Salado and has lived in the community all her life. She worked in civil service at Ft. Hood for many years; after her retirement from Ft. Hood, she babysat many of the Salado children. She has been a member of the First Baptist Church of Salado since 1929. She is shown above with daughter Sherry Jackson.

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Mozart's Requiem performed March 5 at FBC

The combined choirs of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will join forces with the McLennan Community College Chorale to present Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Requiem* 6 p.m. March 5 at the First Baptist Church in Salado.

"Mozart was born on January 27, 1756 so this year marks the 250 anniversary of his birth," says David Guess, Director of Choral Activities at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. "When we began to think of a celebration I immediately made the decision to give our students the experience of performing one of the most significant and popular works from Mozart's long list of compositions."

The *Requiem* is one of the most mysterious pieces of music ever written. For years the history of the piece has been clouded by rumors, inconsistencies, and missing information. Mozart, who was born in Salzburg, Austria, had been living in Vienna for about 10 years when he was offered a handsome commission to compose a Requiem Mass (Mass for the Dead) by an anonymous member of the community. Throughout the days that he spent composing the *Requiem* he fought various illnesses which ultimately led to his death. Much research has been done to seek to confirm just how much of the *Requiem* was

actually composed by Mozart. The choirs will be accompanied by an orchestra made up of some of the best musicians in the Central Texas area. The solos will be performed by students from UMHB and MCC rather than professional soloists.

There is no charge for the concert. Seating is limited, so come early. For information, call the church at 947-5465.

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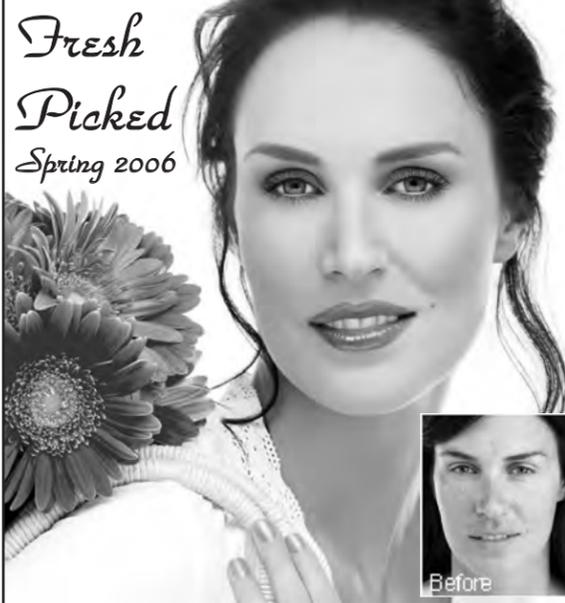
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Above are two of the wagons created by Wilbur Foster that will be sold March 18.

Civic Center auction March 18

The Salado Civic Center will celebrate its 12th anniversary on March 18 by resuming its popular auction and honoring Wilbur and Jessie Foster, two of the community's leaders and two of the very nicest "young at heart" people Salado has ever produced.

Wilbur and Jessie presented to the Civic Center the "last" model of an early stagecoach; surrey; doctor's buggy; whiskey hack; courting buggy; watermelon wagon; covered wagon; and farm wagon.

These reproductions of the 19th Century modes of transportation have been carved by master craftsman Wilbur, who has donated various stagecoaches and other wagons over the years since the first auction held by the Civic Center back in 1994. At that time, the Board of Directors of the Civic Center

Foundation decided to hold an annual auction to raise money to keep the publicly-renovated old high school in operation for the use of Saladoans in the years to come.

The Fosters have assisted in this effort since the first auction and continue to this day to be supporters of the Civic Center that has become the center of activities in the Village since its renovation in 1992.

Wilbur announced this year that due to his eyesight problems these handcrafted models of early transportation would be the last to be created and so he wanted the Civic Center to have them to auction off on March 18.

Wilbur and Jessie will be honored at the auction this year and a special time, immediately after the supper, will be set

aside to sell these fantastic creations by this master craftsman whose work can be found not only in the homes of Saladoans but in the offices of top executives across the State and nation.

Tickets for the dinner and auction are on sale at the Civic Center and from members of the Board of Directors of the Civic Center. The dinner and auction will begin at 6 p.m. March 18 at the Salado Intermediate School. The dinner will be a full meal consisting of beef, chicken, sausage, and all the trimmings, including dessert.

Some of the other items to be auctioned include a quilt by Patsy Sanford, a framed painting by Mary Ellen Parks, a dinner party at the home of Barbara and John Robertson for eight people, and a framed Bill

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Tickets for a money jar donated by Bartlett's Century 21 Real Estate will be sold during the evening.

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

FEBRUARY 25
 February Fling at the Salado Silver Spur Theater, featuring live music from A Touch of Class, 8-11 p.m. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 for senior citizens and military. Info: 254-947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

FEBRUARY 25
 Salado Cemetery Association Annual Meeting, 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Public welcome.

FEBRUARY 25
 Mill Creek Community Association Spring Fling, 6 pm. Happy Hour, 7 p.m. Theme: "Viva Italia."

FEBRUARY 27
 Taste of Salado, sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS), 6 p.m. at Blue

Heron Event Center at Tenroc Ranch. More details TBA.

FEBRUARY 27
 Salado High School Talent Show, sponsored by the student council, 7 p.m. in the Intermediate School commons. Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Tickets available at the high school or at Century 21 - Bill Bartlett real estate.

MARCH 3-5
 First Annual Central Texas Shakespeare Invitational at Tablerock Amphitheater. March 2-5 will feature performances of Shakespeare by performers 18 and under; March 9-12 performances of all ages. Info: David Dunlap, 254-247-0220 or ddunlap@tablerock.org.

MARCH 4
 Salado Lions Club Pancake Breakfast fundraiser, 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center. Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and

younger.
MARCH 5
 Sixth Annual Wild Bill Memorial Roping at Wildfire Ranch Arena.

Cowboy Church led by Joe Bentley, 8:30 a.m.; Roping begins at 10 a.m.; \$2,000 in scholarships to be awarded. Info: 254-947-3350.

MARCH 6
 Salado Historical Society general meeting, 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Speaker: Dr. Estelle Owens, Chairperson of the Division of History at Wayland Baptist University.

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

MARCH 15
 Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

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

MARCH 18
 Annual Salado Eagle Alumni Baseball game, at the high school field. Homerun contest 11 a.m., game to follow at noon. Open to any former SHS baseball players. Cost: \$10 for the game, \$5 for the homerun contest. Email t-shirt sizes to mbates@saladoisd.org if you plan on playing.

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

MARCH 21
 Teacup Tuesday meeting, Program: "New Wines and Old Wineskins (new identity) by Molly White, 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church.

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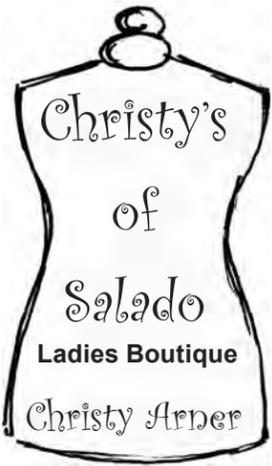
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MARCH 21

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

MARCH 26

Institute for the Humanities at Salado Spring Lecture Series, featuring Admiral Bobby Inman on "Sustaining the American Dream." Lecture: 4-6 p.m. at the Celebration Center; optional dinner with speaker, 6:30 p.m. at same location. Tickets and info: 254-947-5729 or www.salado-institute.org.

APRIL 1

Fourth Annual Smokin' Spokes Bike Ride, benefitting the Salado Volunteer Fire Department. Info: www.saladospokes.com.

APRIL 1-2

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

APRIL 2

Living Room Theatre presents "Murder on the Menu," a luncheon theatre production. Two performances, one at 12:30 p.m. and the other at 2 p.m., both at Salado Civic Center. Reservations available for non-subscribers beginning March 28. Wildflower Art Show public may attend.

APRIL 3

Salado Historical Society board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

APRIL 7

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

APRIL 8

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

APRIL 13

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Ronnie Wells, "The Wells Story."

APRIL 14-16

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

APRIL 18

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

APRIL 19

Mill Creek Commu-

nity Association Spring Cleanup. 8:30 a.m. coffee and rolls, 11:30 a.m. free hot dog lunch. More details TBA.

APRIL 22-23

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

MAY 1

Salado Historical Society board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

MAY 6

Institute for the Humanities at Salado Spring Lecture Series, featuring Patricia Limerick, Ph.D on "Pride

Without Vanity: Patriotism in the 21st Century." Lecture: 5-7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center; lunch with the speaker, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Range. Tickets and info: 254-947-5729 or www.salado-institute.org.

MAY 6-7

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

MAY 11

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

MAY 11

Salado Community Chorus Spring Concert 7 pm at the Salado Civic Center.

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MAY 13

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

MAY 16

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

MAY 17

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

MAY 25

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

JUNE 5

Salado Historical Society board meeting,

7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

JUNE 8

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

JUNE 10

Annual Salado Reunion, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School. Info: 254-947-5783 or 254-939-3187.

JUNE 21

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

JUNE 24-25

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

JULY 4

Salado Historical Society Annual Picnic, 6:30 p.m. in Pace Park.

JULY 13

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Ruth Daw, "Wome of Peru."

JULY 19

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

JULY 22, 29 & AUG. 5

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

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AUGUST 5-6

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

AUGUST 10

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

AUGUST 12

Mill Creek Community Association Fall Social, 6 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner. Details TBA.

AUGUST 16

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

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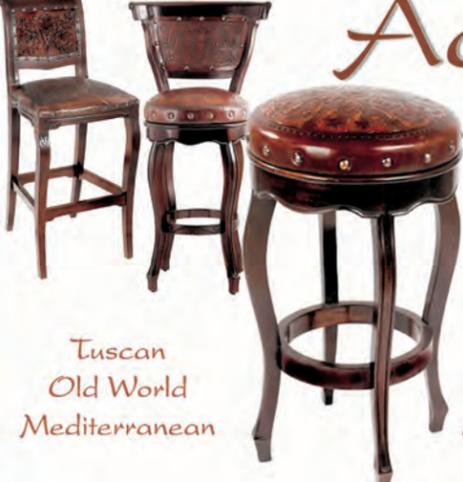
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Readers & Writers Roundtable March 18

Texas culture and the joy of reading are two things to celebrate, and both can be done at the 46th Annual Readers and Writers Roundtable, scheduled for 1:30 p.m. March 18 at the Central Texas Area Museum in Salado.

This year's Roundtable offers the opportunity to hear seven Texas authors discuss books published this year, purchase books, ask questions and have books autographed by authors.

In addition to many choices to take home, the afternoon provides a chance to listen to former presidential speech writer Liz Carpenter's lively discourse while emceeding the panel.

A \$5 donation provides admission to the event and refreshments, with proceeds going to the Museum's Library.

Included in the lineup will be Patricia Wilson Clothier, author of "Beneath the Window," which tells the story of a young girl growing up on a vast ranch in the Big Bend Country of Val Verde County. Her book paints a powerful picture of her family as it weathered rattlesnakes and droughts, accidents, loneliness, and the financial hardships of the Great Depression with fortitude, integrity and grace.

Clothier is an artist and teacher who grew up on the Wilson Ranch in the Chisos Mountains. She now lives in Shawnee Mission, KS. Although she lives over a thousand miles away, she returns to southwest Texas as often as possible.

Also, Civil War buffs can enjoy hearing Allen G. Hatley discuss the roles of Texans in the Confederacy, depicted in his book, "The First Texas Legion During the American Civil War," which explores the escapades of a regiment organized in Lavaca County in 1861. The soldiers took part in

over 80 battles, campaigns and skirmishes across four states and the Indian Territory.

Hatley, a freelance writer, has written extensively on western history, law enforcement and petroleum exploration. He was awarded the Presidio La Bahia Award for outstanding contributions to the field of the Spanish Colonial Period of Texas by the Sons of the Republic of Texas. He has formerly served as a narcotics agent, constable in Bandera County and Reserve Deputy in Uvalde and Fayette.

Another highlight of the program will be Linda Scarborough explaining how Williamson County became one of the fastest growing counties in the United States, quoting from her book, "Road River and Ol' Boy Politics - A Texas County's Path from Farm to Suburb."

Scarborough is publisher of the *Williamson County Sun* in Georgetown. She has followed environmental and developmental trends since pioneering the environment beat for the *New York Daily News*. Her return to Williamson County in 1978 allowed her to expand on the interest in the pages of the newspaper, which she purchased with her husband in 1986.

Also on the program will be Jane Pattie sharing insights into the ways in which we mark our property chronicled in her book, "Cattle Brands." The work contains detailed drawings of brands along with fascinating stories of how they were designed, the ranches and cattle drives with which they were associated and how rustlers attempted to alter their appearance.

Pattie is an independent writer who has published numerous articles on the American West and written or contributed to many books, including "Cowboy Spurs and Their Makers." She currently

resides in Aledo, TX.

Those interested in all things bright and beautiful can browse Kathi Applet's children's book "Miss Lady Bird's Wildflowers," illustrated by Joy Fisher Hein, who created the colorful work that tells the tale of the former first lady from her childhood to her still-active life promoting environmentalism and beautification throughout the world. This book is being reviewed by Liz Carpenter.

Also sharing her work in children's illustrations will be Mary Haverfield, with her tale of a mischievous mammal in "Harriett the Homeless Raccoon." Haverfield, who has illustrated seven children's books, has been a professional illustrator for over 20 years. She has a depth of experience that includes advertising, editorial, greeting cards, books and even materials for the Barney show.

Jan Roberts Wood's

book, "Mocha The Real Doctor," is illustrated by Mary Haverfield. The book tells the story of Mocha, a cat who lives in the veterinarian's office that does her own rounds among the patients at night after the staff departs. This book is being reviewed by the illustrator.

Wood received the Texas Institute of Letters Award in 1998 and is a novelist known for her tender touch and wry sense of humor. Author of "The Train to Esterline," "A Place Called Sweet Shrub," and "Dance a Little Longer," Wood has been called a "genuine Texas treasure."

To ask questions or to pre-register for the Roundtable, to be held in the Museum's Hall of the Clans at 423 South Main Street (across the street from the Stagecoach Inn Restaurant), call the Central Texas Area Museum at 254-947-5232.

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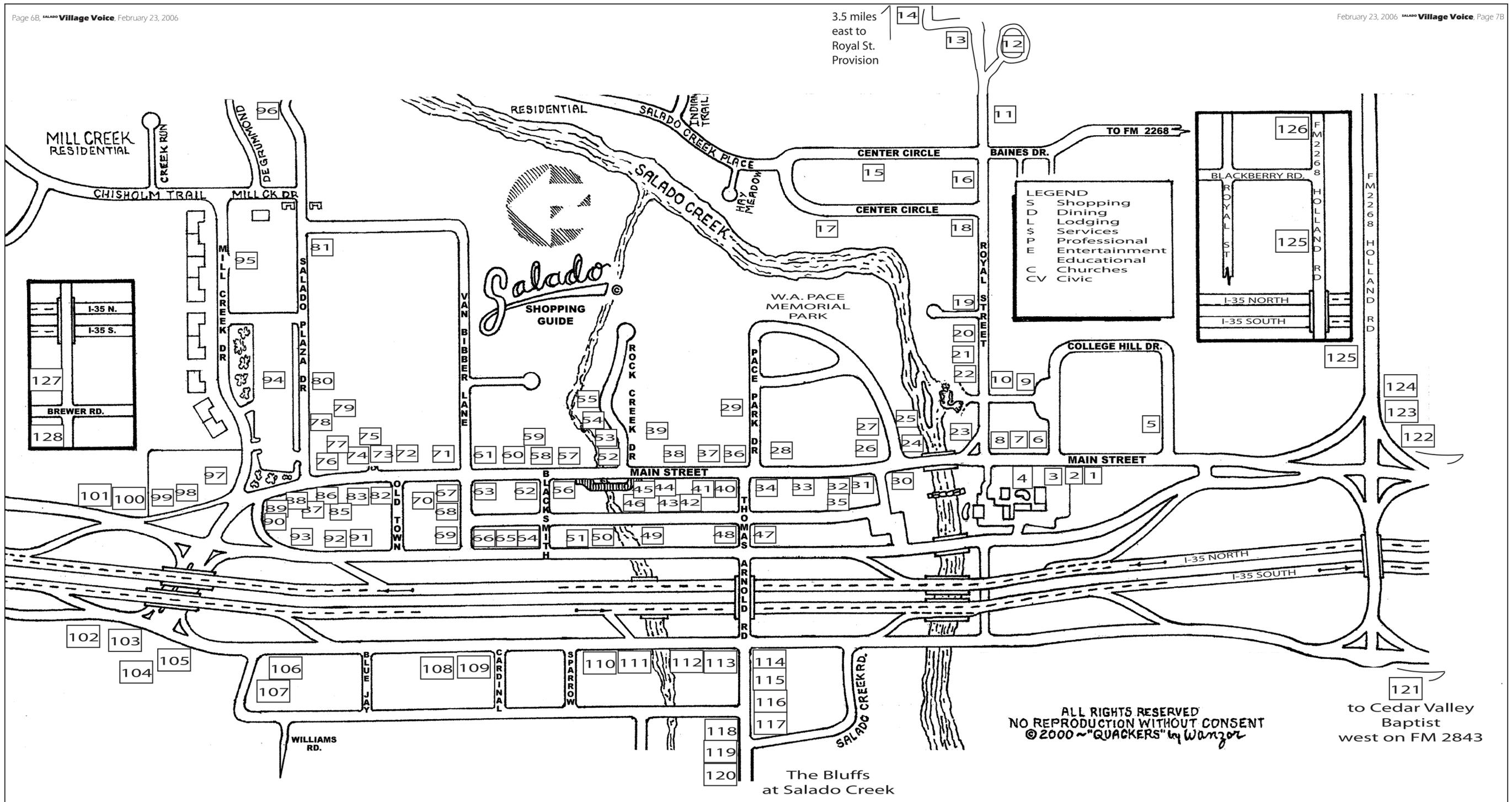
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Baylor xTax team competes at nat'l

By Morgan Lawrence

Of the three Texas teams competing in PricewaterhouseCoopers' (PwC) Extreme Tax Policy competition (xTAX) this year, Baylor University's team is the only team in Texas that advances to the final round. Twenty-six teams from colleges and universities across the country participated in this year's competition and the top five teams – Baylor, Brigham Young, Bryant College, Michigan State and Notre Dame



Members of the Baylor University xTax Team are front row, Brinn Newman and Jeremiah Marks; (back row, from left) Brock Hardisty, Jonathan Hooper and Robert Talley. (PHOTO BY ROBERT ROGERS/BAYLOR PHOTOGRAPHY)

– competed in the national finals competition on Jan. 27 in Washington, DC. Brigham Young won the national event.

"We're very excited about our team's performance. Certainly being ranked in the top five nationwide is a great achievement and I think that they will be very competitive at the final round," said Dr. Brett Wilkinson, one of the team's sponsors.

Baylor's team consists of five members: Jeremiah Marks, a senior entrepreneurship major from Seattle; Robert Talley, a junior accounting major from Waco; Brinn Newman, a sophomore accounting major from Salado; Brock Hardisty, a sophomore business/journalism

major from Indianapolis; and Jonathan Hooper, a junior accounting major from San Antonio. Their sponsors are accounting professors Wilkinson and Dr. Charles Davis. The team was selected to represent Baylor after a local competition that included six student teams.

xTAX teams are a volunteer group of five students who have only two weeks to research a tax policy issue to which no "correct" answer exists and to prepare a presentation that convinces a panel of expert judges that their solution is the best. The case is meant to give students a taste of "real world" tax issues and to develop their interest in tax. This year's case required the students to

review the Job Incentive and Growth Tax Action Proposal of the fictitious country of Vastaria and make recommendations to the government on how to improve the economic welfare. If the country's residents and sustain long-term economic growth.

Newman said that because everyone volunteered for the project they could give 110 percent.

"It allowed us to stretch our capabilities beyond the typical classroom Q&A session," said Hardisty.

"What brought us to nationals was nothing but teamwork," said Marks.

Not only did the team split a \$10,000 scholarship, but Talley noted, "It is a great opportunity to meet many of the professionals in the accounting field."

"I know that the friends I have made during the competition will last me throughout my career," said Hooper.

According to PwC, in 2004, over 800 students competed in the xTAX. The judges look for the most effective solution to real world problems, not a specific answer. Teams are evaluated on their critical thinking, presentation quality and teamwork.

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African influence adds spice to Texas cuisine

With its hearty blend of spice and flavor, Texas cooking is always a popular topic. While we're plenty proud of our spicy food, African ingredients, spices and cooking techniques play a role in Texas culinary traditions and provide some of the heat in our Lone Star recipes.

In February, as we continue to celebrate Black History Month, the Texas Department of Agriculture would like to recognize the many Texas culinary contributions made by African-Americans. The culture and history are a delicious addition in the old West and their influence on Texas cooking is part of the state's diverse culinary tradition.

"As a long-time resident of Texas, I've fallen in love with the rich history and delicious recipes that are a unique part of

the Lone Star State," says writer, historian and cook Angela Shelf Medearis, author of "The African-American Kitchen" and "Ideas for Entertaining from the African-American Kitchen."

Common ingredients in African-American cooking include black-eyed peas, okra, sesame seeds and peanuts, according to Medearis. All are top crops produced in Texas. In fact, Texas is ranked second in the nation in peanut production. (For information and additional recipes on Texas-grown products, visit www.gotexan.org or www.picktexas.com.)

Celebrate Black History Month by adding a touch of Africa to your plate. Medearis offers three of her favorite African-American recipes along with a brief expla-

nation to get you started. Enjoy!

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My introduction to African cooking was a "fiery" experience. Even though I'm familiar with and enjoy using Texas hot sauce, it was mild in comparison to African spices. It is easy to see the African influence on Texas cooking through this traditional Ethiopian spice blend. Spicy rubs are a common part of Texas barbecue preparations, and spice mixes form the basis of many Texas chili recipes.

- 1 tsp. ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp. cardamom, ground
- 1/2 tsp. ground coriander
- 1/2 tsp. ground fenugreek seeds
- 1/2 tsp. grated nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp. ground cloves

- 1/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. allspice
- 2 T. salt
- 1- 1/4 cup cayenne pepper
- 1/2 cup paprika
- 1 T. freshly ground black pepper

Using a heavy saucepan, combine the ginger, cardamom, coriander, fenugreek, nutmeg, cloves, cinnamon and allspice together. Toast the spices over low heat for about 4 or 5 minutes, stirring constantly to prevent burning.

Add the salt, cayenne pepper, paprika and black pepper, and continue cooking for 10 to 15 minutes, stirring constantly. Set aside to cool and store in a tightly covered glass jar. This spice mixture will keep in the refrigerator for 5 to 6 months.

Ata (Pepper) Sauce

Hot sauce is a common condiment in Texas. I even carry a tiny bottle of a well-known brand in my purse for my hot-sauce loving husband. The creation and preparation of spicy sauces is also a common part of African cuisine. The practice of seasoning bland foods with peppers is a tradition that African slave cooks continued in Texas. Ata Sauce is common in Nigeria.

- 2 cups red bell pepper, diced
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 large tomatoes, sliced

- 2 T. red pepper flakes, crushed
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup peanut oil

Put the bell pepper, onion, tomatoes, red-pepper flakes and salt in a blender and pulse until coarsely chopped. In a heavy frying pan, heat the oil until it is hot, but not smoking, and sauté the mixture until the pepper is tender and the onion is golden brown. Simmer uncovered over low heat for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Cool, store in an airtight container and refrigerate.

Pancakes are Shrove Tuesday tradition

At the mention of Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras, I think not of carnivals, parades and costumes, I think of pancakes because, traditionally, they were baked the day before Ash Wednesday to use up animal fats before Lent. In England, pancakes were cooked on Shrove Tuesday and races were held. Local women baked the pancakes at home then ran with one in the pan. Three separate times they had to flip the cake and catch it intact in the pan.

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Fluffy Blueberry Pancakes

- 1 1/2 cups part-skim

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By Philomena Corradeno

- ricotta cheese or drained small-curd cottage cheese
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 4 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon peel (yellow part only)
- 8 egg whites
- 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries
- Gingery Blueberry Sauce*

In a medium-sized bowl, combine ricotta, butter and egg yolks until blended. In a small bowl, stir together flour, sugar and lemon peel. Stir dry ingredients into ricotta mixture. In a medium-sized bowl, beat egg whites until they form soft peaks. Fold egg whites and then blueberries into batter. Over medium heat, form cakes by spooning 1/4 cup of batter per pan-

cake onto a hot, lightly greased griddle or skillet. Cook cakes, turning once, until browned, about 4 minutes. Serve with Gingery Blueberry Sauce (recipe follows). Yield: 6 portions (24 pancakes).

*Gingery Blueberry Sauce

In a large saucepan, combine 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries, 1/4 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon cornstarch and 1 tablespoon chopped crystallized ginger (or 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger). Stir in 1/3 cup water. Over medium-high heat, bring to boil; cook and stir until sauce thickens, about 1 minute. Yields about 1 1/2 cups.

The Best Blueberry Muffins

- 1 cup fresh or frozen blue-

- berries
- 1 3/4 cups plus 1 tablespoon flour, divided
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/3 cup milk

Preheat oven to 400 F. Grease 12 2-1/2-inch muffin cups. Toss blueberries with 1 tablespoon of the flour. Combine the remaining 1 3/4 cup flour, the sugar, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg and salt; set aside. Beat egg, sour cream and milk; stir in flour mixture until just combined (batter will be lumpy). Stir in blueberries until evenly distributed. Fill muffin cups 2/3 full with batter. Bake about 20 minutes until golden. Yield: 12 muffins.

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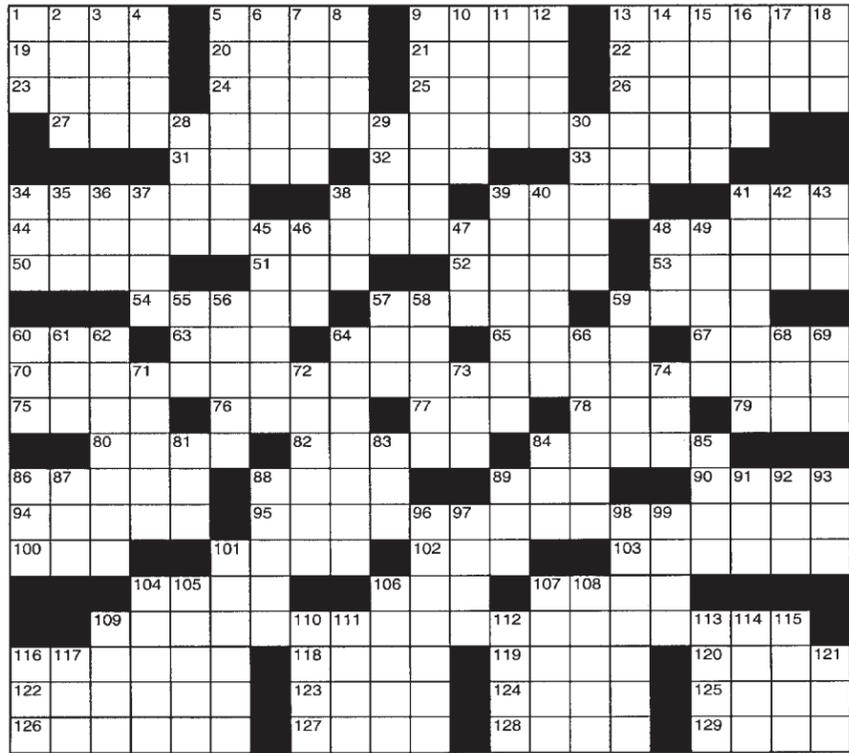
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 - 5 Pride of the pumped-up
 - 9 St. Louis team
 - 13 Dirty
 - 19 118 Across' mistress
 - 20 Way off base?
 - 21 Director Kazan
 - 22 Agenda item
 - 23 Emcee's site
 - 24 Melodious McEntire
 - 25 Monastery dweller
 - 26 Kindle
 - 27 He became a Realtor because ...
 - 31 Form a cylinder
 - 32 Broad st.
 - 33 Savage sorts
 - 34 Alarm
 - 38 It may be strapless
 - 39 Emulates Simon
 - 41 Hibiscus garland
 - 44 She became a pharmacist because ...
 - 48 — squash
 - 50 Tropical tree
 - 51 Wrinkly dog
 - 52 Diva
 - 53 Halloween happening
 - 54 Raptor appearing
 - 57 Texas landmark
 - 59 Out of gas
 - 60 — Na Na
 - 63 Scold and scold
 - 64 Bolted the beans
 - 65 Formerly
 - 67 Dispel
 - 70 He became an explorer because ...
 - 75 Get wind of
 - 76 Cad
 - 77 Watching machines?
 - 78 Season firewood
 - 79 Rock's — Leppard
 - 80 Formal ceremony
 - 82 Backslide
 - 84 Exhausted
 - 86 Euripidean tragedy
 - 88 Lhasa —
 - 89 Clarke or West
 - 90 Model Carre
 - 94 Simpson of fashion
 - 95 She became a baker because ...
 - 100 Horde of humpbacks
 - 101 Not that
 - 102 Oil apparatus
 - 103 Least light-hearted
 - 104 Wet blanket
 - 106 Address abbr.
 - 107 — vu
 - 109 He became an electrician because ...
 - 116 — out (aided)
 - 118 Hammett hound
 - 119 Small businessman?
 - 120 Vociferate
 - 122 Elevated
 - 123 Author Uris
 - 124 "— She Sweet" ('27 song)
 - 125 Cooper's tool
 - 126 Size up
 - 127 Drops the ball
 - 128 Family members, to many
 - 129 Part of Q.E.D.
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Clause connector
 - 2 Wordy Webster
 - 3 Part of HOMES
 - 4 Cleanse
 - 5 Excuses
 - 6 Tom of "Baretta"
 - 7 Computer language
 - 8 Thin strip
 - 9 Dislodgment
 - 10 Isolated
 - 11 Ho Chi —
 - 12 Literary pen name
 - 13 Poet
 - 14 Heaney Hatch
 - 15 Jeremy of "Waterland"
 - 16 Praise
 - 17 USNA grad
 - 18 HST's successor
 - 28 Schipa solo
 - 29 Writer
 - 30 With diffidence
 - 34 "For shame!"
 - 35 Palindromic cry
 - 36 "Fantasia" frame
 - 37 Nab a gnat
 - 38 Plead
 - 39 Exercise expert
 - 40 Richard
 - 41 Cashew kin
 - 42 Directional suffix
 - 43 Calligraphy supply
 - 45 Highest point
 - 46 Pantyhose problem
 - 47 Soup veggie
 - 48 Gibbon or gorilla
 - 49 Vulgar
 - 55 Comic Sothern
 - 56 Woodworking tool
 - 57 From — Z
 - 58 Boxing blows
 - 59 Neutral tone
 - 60 "Quiet!"
 - 61 TV's "— Haw"
 - 62 Bestowed
 - 64 Reference volumes
 - 66 "— of Love" ('64 smash)
 - 68 Grand — Opry
 - 69 Mistaken
 - 71 Historian Durant
 - 72 Oracle site
 - 73 "— had it!"
 - 74 Rock's — at Work
 - 81 — kwon do
 - 83 Neighbor of Ger.
 - 84 Dejected
 - 85 Soybean product
 - 86 Traveler's aid
 - 87 Maestro de Waart
 - 88 Grate stuff
 - 89 Ryan or Foster
 - 91 Knot it!
 - 92 — and outs
 - 93 NCO
 - 96 Dondi and Annie
 - 97 "Ars longa, — brevis"
 - 98 Protests
 - 99 "There oughta be —!"
 - 101 Exchanges
 - 104 Contradict
 - 105 61 Down host
 - 106 Play boy?
 - 107 D.D. Emmett
 - 108 Happening tune
 - 109 They're sometimes hugged?
 - 110 Auction
 - 111 — friendly
 - 112 Act like an antelope
 - 113 Basra's locale
 - 114 Pianist Lupu
 - 115 Signor Ferrari
 - 116 Herd word
 - 117 Oerter and Unser
 - 121 TV's "Father —"



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Weekly SUDOKU
 by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★ ★

★ Moderate ★ ★ Challenging
 ★ ★ ★ HOO BOY!

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THE OBSERVATION DECK

The stormy March has come at last, With winds and clouds and changing skies; I hear the rushing of the blast That through the snowy valley flies.

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT

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Answer
 — Weekly SUDOKU —

Crossword answers

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West dealer: vulnerable.
 North-South NORTH
 ♦ A K 2
 ♠ K 6 3 2
 ♣ Q 10 6 5 3
 ♠ K

WEST EAST
 ♦ 9 4 ♦ 7 6 5 3
 ♥ 10 9 7 ♥ J 8 5 4
 ♦ A 8 ♦ K J
 ♣ A Q J 8 4 2 ♣ 10 7 6

SOUTH
 ♣ Q J 10 8
 ♠ A Q
 ♥ 9 7 4 2
 ♦ 9 5 3

The bidding:
 West North East South
 2 ♣ 4 ♣ 4 ♣ 3 ♣
 Opening lead — ten of hearts.

Famous hand

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

One characteristic of top players is their ability to conjure up brilliant plays apparently on the spur of the moment. As a case in point, consider this deal from the Brazil-Turkey match at the 1980 World Team Olympiad. Hero of the hand was the Brazilian star Gabriel Chagas, who was East.

After West (Pedro Paulo Assumpcao) opened two clubs, showing a minimum opening bid with a strong club suit, the Turkish North-South reached four spades, against which Assumpcao led the heart ten.

South took the ace and, realizing he could not afford to draw trumps before establishing his diamonds, led a low diamond at trick two. Assumpcao went up with the ace, on which Chagas smoothly played the king!

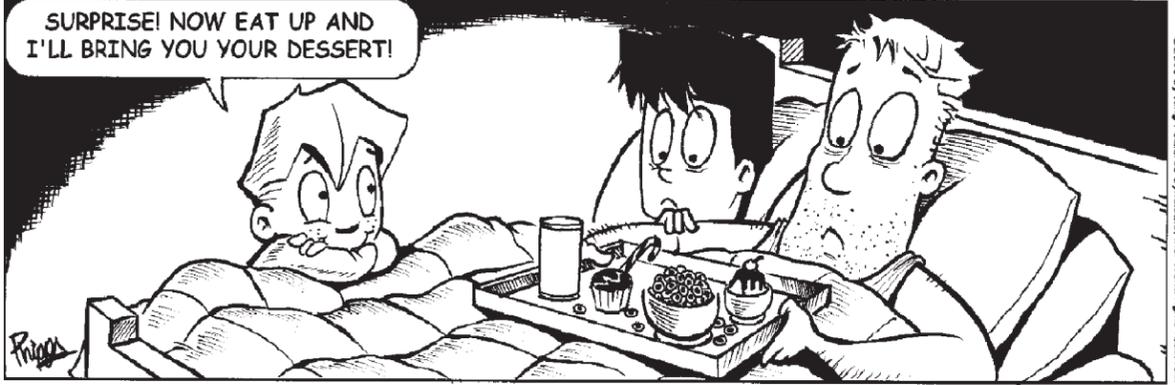
Declarer won West's heart continuation with the queen and, confident he was now home free, drew trumps, on which West discarded two clubs, then led the nine of diamonds and let it ride. One can only imagine his astonishment when Chagas produced the jack and returned a club, enabling West to score his remaining clubs for down three.

Had Chagas followed to the first diamond with the jack, as any ordinary mortal would have done, declarer would have had no trouble making the contract. But while we fully sympathize with South, it must be pointed out that he should have smelled a rat. If West really had the A-J-8 of diamonds, as South presumably thought, why had West not returned a diamond at trick three for East to ruff? A club to West's ace would then have yielded a second diamond ruff to set the contract.

Since West had not returned a diamond, though, there was good reason to suspect that things were not what they seemed. However, even if South had been less gullible and worked out what was actually going on, this in no way diminishes the brilliance and audacity of Chagas' king-of-diamonds play.

Amber Waves

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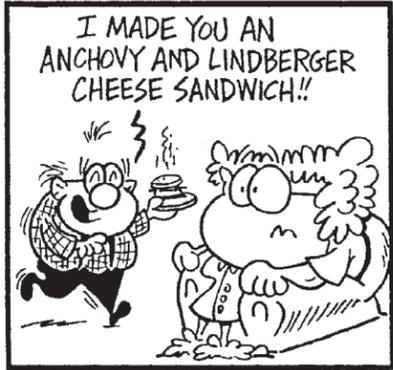
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



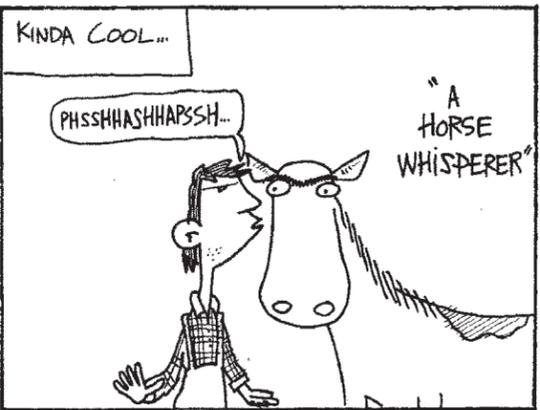
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by Jeff Pickering



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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A visit to the money factory

By TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Last summer we took a tour of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving in Fort Worth. It sure was fun seeing all that money. The multi-million dollar facility is modern, state of the art and produces more than half (52-54 percent) of the U.S. currency. Although it opened in 1991, it didn't get much publicity until a couple of years ago when a visitors' center opened. A website, www.moneyfactory.gov gets millions of hits and provides information on our dollar bills.

Only two places in the world make U.S. paper currency: Washington, D.C. and Fort Worth, Texas. To see where your bill was made, look at the top of the bill on the portrait side. If there is a small "FW" at the top, it came from Fort Worth. If there's no "FW" it came

from Washington, DC.

Early this year I talked with Charlene Williams, the CEO of the Western Currency Facility. It produces ones, twos, fives, 10s, 20s and 50s. "We actually did all the printing on the new fifty dollar bill and we're doing all the printing on the new ten dollar bill which will be released March the second," says Charlene. U.S. Currency started having color with the new 20 dollar bill. Charlene says color makes the bills safer, smarter and more secure. She says about 67 percent of our nation's currency is circulated overseas.

The Western branch of the BEP employs more than 700 people who take an immense pride in their work. "They want to turn out a good product. They don't think of it as money. Engravers go through a seven to ten year apprentice program before they

begin their official duties. Printers and pressmen have a four year apprentice program."

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing decided to add a second plant in 1982 after an Air Florida plane crashed into the 14th street bridge in Washington, D.C. "Had that plane been closer to the Bureau," says Charlene, "that would have caused a major economic devastation. There had already been talk about putting another plant outside the Washington area. That incident helped to push along that effort. The Bureau in Washington is interesting. It's in what was once an office building that was made into a production facility, so it's a multi-level operation. It's probably the second most popular tourist spot in Washington after the White House."

Eighty cities wanted

the facility, but Fort Worth wanted it more than the others. Charlene says it's the civic pride that got the plant in Fort Worth. "Fort Worth people were very committed to getting the facility to locate here. They donated 100 acres of property and a 240,000 square foot building. For the first 100 jobs offered here, we had 14,000 applications. When people come to work here, they pretty much make this their life. Sometimes I ask my employees to guide people on tours because it gives them a chance to talk about what they do and show the pride in their work." The facility makes about five billion bills a year. A one lasts two months, five's and ten's last about three years, 20's last five years, 50's and 100's last about nine years. Twos have never worn out.

Village Artists choose Artist of Month

The Salado Village Artists will present another year of art on display for the public beginning with Tamera Denny, from Austin. The Artist of the Month program is a way to show off some of the tal-

ented painters and stitchers from the club in places like the Salado Public Library and the two Main Street banks: First State Bank and Compass Bank. Denny will show her work throughout February and



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Denny has been involved in art all her life. She has worked for newspapers in the art department using her BA in Graphic Communication, has done set design for stage productions, and has even dabbled in clay and three dimensional art.

Her art could be defined as bold, exciting, strong, and varied in subject. She has done images of people enjoying life, fishing, eating, playing music, and sight seeing. "My inner and outer eyes are constantly seeing and arranging shapes, colors and patterns" She says.

"Art is in my blood" according to Denny, "and to boldly apply paint to canvas is the greatest thrill on earth."

On any given Tuesday when the SVA meets in Salado, she will pack up her art supplies in the saddle bags of her 2005 Honda Silver Wing motorcycle don her helmet and undertake the 125 mile round trip to the SVA art building. She is a breath of fresh air with her subject matter and her approach to art. She loves to paint with the village artists because, she says, I love to have talented people around me." Declares Denny, "There is always excitement in the air, and the others are inspiring and uplifting."

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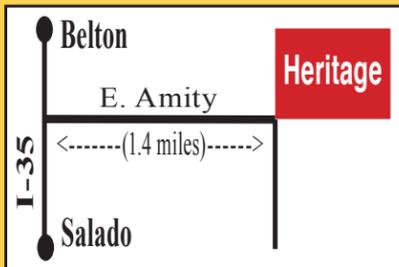
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PUBLIC HEARING 231 COLLEGE HILL DRIVE

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A public hearing will be held on
Thursday, March 16, 2006 at 6:30 PM
at the Municipal Building.

The zoning change request will be considered by the Board of Aldermen at this hearing.

Ordinance No. 2006.04
Village of Salado
County of Bell
State of Texas
February 16, 2006

FIREWORKS

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING FIREWORKS AND PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; A POPULAR NAME; DEFINITIONS; RESTRICTIONS ON THE SALE, USE OR DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF SALADO; EXEMPTIONS; ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE, INCLUDING A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF \$2,000.00; CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; SEVERABILITY; EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROPER NOTICE AND OPEN MEETING.

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen is authorized by the Texas Local Government Code, Sections 342.003 and 217.003, and the Texas Occupations Code, Section 2154.004 to regulate or prohibit the discharge of fireworks within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds that the combination of fireworks, especially in the confines of a municipality, is dangerous not only to property but also to persons, and results annually in the loss of property and the loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds that the indiscriminate use of fireworks constitutes a menace to life, limb and health to the users and their associates, increases the hazard and loss by fires, and constitutes a common public nuisance, which can be prevented and abated by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds that it is necessary and proper for the good government, peace or order of the Village, for public health and safety, and for fire protection within the Village, to adopt an ordinance regulating the sale, use or discharge of fireworks within the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the VILLAGE OF SALADO, County of Hays, State of Texas, that:

SECTION 4. RESTRICTIONS ON THE SALE, USE OR DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS

- (A) No person may sell fireworks within the Village boundaries.
- (B) No person may use or discharge fireworks within the Village boundaries.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 16th day of February, 2006.

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Local Realtors attend TAR Winter meeting

Sue Ellen Slagel and Melanie Kirchmeier of Century 21 Bill Bartlett were among more than 800 Texas Realtors attending the Texas Association of Realtors Winter Meeting, Feb. 10-14 in Austin.

Former Texas Comptroller John Sharp was a guest speaker during the five-day event in Austin. Meeting participants also heard from Mark Dotzour, chief economist with the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, and Dennis Patillo, 2006 chairman of the Texas Association of Realtors.

Key topics discussed at the Austin meeting included: property-tax reductions and school-finance reform, other legislative issues affecting homeowners, commercial real estate trends, professional standards, technology, the future of real estate, customer service, property management, and risk reduction.

ACT deadline near for H.S.

High school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 8, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 3. Late registration postmark deadline is March 17. The cost is \$29 without and \$43 with the Writing Test.

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We would especially like to thank Melanie Kirchmeier and the "Supporters of the Bond" committee for their dedicated support and effort. You and your team did a tremendous job sharing the facts with the public, and your sacrifice of time and money as well as your commitment to our children is commendable!

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Garden Club dedicates native tree

The Salado Garden Club met Feb. 14 at Pace Park where they had an informal tree dedication ceremony. Members of the garden club and members of PALS gathered around the Texas Redbud that the Garden Club donated to the Village of Salado and Tracy McCloud, owner of Tracy McCloud Landscaping, planted. Following the short ceremony, Tracy McCloud

gave a short talk about the selection, planting and care of Texas native trees. The Salado Garden Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 10 am at the Presbyterian Church and all are invited to attend. The next meeting on March 14 will be an update and planning on the Salado Yard and Garden Tour which will be the weekend of May 6-7.

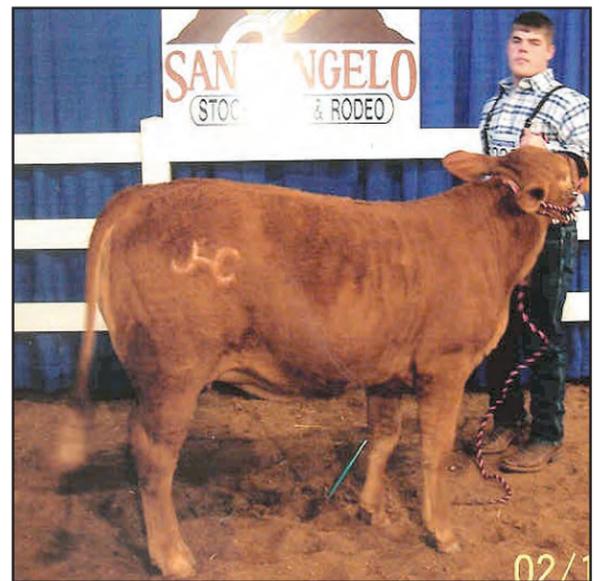


Garden Club members dedicated a native tree.



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Three Salado Future Farmers of America (FFA) members placed in the San Angelo Stock Show on Feb. 19. Haley Arnold (top) is a junior at Salado High School. She placed first in her class with her heifer "Sapphire's Jewel." Ashlee Arnold (middle) is an eighth grader at Salado Intermediate School who placed third in her class with her heifer "CA Miss Glamour Girl." Justin Powell (bottom) is a junior at SHS who placed fourth in his class with "Strawberry."

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SHS Talent Show takes the stage on Feb. 27

The Salado High School student council will present a Talent Show 7 p.m. Feb. 27 in the Salado Intermediate School cafeteria.

Both SISD students and faculty are expected to participate, and Gary Askins will serve as master of Ceremonies. Special guest judges for the evening will be Penny

and Grainger Esch of the Salado Silver Spur Theater.

A trophy and \$100 prize will be awarded for first place, and door prizes will also be issued.

Tickets, which are available at the Salado High School office and at Century 21 - Bill Bartlett Real Estate, are priced at \$5 for adults and \$3 for

children. All proceeds will benefit scholarships for Salado students.

Here is the schedule of performers for the Talent Show:

Faculty "House Band": Larry Moorhead, Gary Askins, Glenn Talbott and Judy Houston.

Performances: Worship Band:

Members: Chance Coe, Jacob Brown, Kirsten Singleton, and Kathryn Holdampf.

Jazz Band: Jacob Brown, Dallas Butts, Nick Mohammed, Josh Bush, Blake Heller, David Rosenau, Crystal Saucedo, Michael Silkett, Daniel Champion, Tavon Shaffe.

Clorissa Coe singing "Dear Friend"

Amy Wooley singing "Devil on the Left" by Jamie O'neal

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Dolls and "I want" by Garrett and Chance.

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Hip-Hop Dance group: Christian, Cameron, Ariana, Tarren, Abby, Ariana, Elena will

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CUWCD filing continues to March 13

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The filing period began Feb. 11 and ends March 13,

with elections held on May 13.

CUWCD Directors serve a four year term.

The terms are staggered with Precincts 2, 4 and the At-Large position up for election this year, and Precincts 1 and 3 up for election in 2008.

Filing applications are available at the CUWCD office in Belton at 550 E. 2nd Avenue, Bldg. A.

The CUWCD is responsible for managing the groundwater resources of Bell County. Groundwater resources in this area include portions

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What basic concepts must I follow to create a nutritional regimen, a proper diet that I can follow forever, and have the long term benefits of improved health, well-being and vitality?

Here are some simple fine-tuning guidelines that will help when developing this "proper regimen." In order to lose body-fat you must improve your meal frequency (never go longer than four hours without eating), the quality of food that you consume (move to organically farmed, wild fish and free-range animal products, including eggs), and understand that every meal creates a Ph and hormonal response. Lastly, you must begin to really fine-tune your meal combinations by recognizing foods that make you feel good and those that make you feel tired, achy, or just plain bad.

I have found in working with my clients that keeping in mind these following elements to a successful nutritional regime will help you create meals that will be beneficial for you.

We all have our own biochemical individuality, so no two people should be on the same regimen (diet) unless their like metabolisms call for it.

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everybody will have a "best" fuel-mixture, you need to begin to pay attention to the best combination of proteins and carbohydrates for your and your family.

One food can be a "medicine" for one person and a "poison" for another, so we need to be very conscious of how these mixtures of foods make us feel.

Always keep in mind that one-to-two hours after eating your meal, you should feel noticeably better than before you ate. Take a good look at how the meal affected your 1) appetite and cravings, 2) energy levels, and 3) mental and emotional well-being.

If these indicators are not improved, you have eaten a meal with the wrong mixture for you. If you feel great, then you have found a proper mixture for your individual metabolism. Once you have found that proper mixture, you want to duplicate it as much as possible throughout the day. It is very important to take your reactions to food seriously because if you don't feel well after a meal, you can be poisoning your body with unbalanced Ph levels and hormonal responses.

By continuously eating meals that have the wrong protein/carbohydrate ratio you are setting yourself up for accelerated aging and disease. But if after your meals, you are feeling satisfied and with no cravings, with improved energy and well-being, with a sense of feeling refueled and restored, you can be confident that you are improving your chances for an improved quality and quantity of life.

Here is an exercise that I have all of my clients go through when first establishing a wellness program. Start a nutritional log. Track every meal for time, frequency, and content, and then note your body's response one hour later. Do this for five days. It will become evident which food combinations are good for you and which foods are not. By following this simple exercise you can begin to eat meals that are a proper mixture for you, and you will find that you will not be hungry, that you will actually eat less food and that this new regimen will have you feeling better and looking better than ever before.



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What goes into Energy Star ratings?

Dear EarthTalk: Do government "Energy Star" ratings for major appliances take into account their "cradle-to-grave" impacts, or are they just concerned with energy efficiency? -- Fred von Mechow, via e-mail

The Energy Star program, set up back in 1992, is designed to help consumers determine the energy efficiency of various appliances, home electronics, office equipment and lighting. All such items for sale in the U.S. come with an EnergyGuide label, which indicates how much energy they will consume over the course of a typical year, and how much that energy will cost, detailing how it compares to similar models.

Those units that are especially energy-efficient--based on standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Energy (DoE)--receive an Energy Star, signifying them as preferred environmental choices. Clearly the program is designed as an incentive for competing brands to lower their products' energy consumption and costs over time.

The program is very helpful to consumers who want to do the right thing environmentally while also saving on energy bills, but it is not a "cradle-to-grave" assessment. "Cradle-to-grave," as the term implies, measures an appliance's environmental impact over the course of its entire life, and it counts other factors besides energy use and costs.

German and Scandinavian manufacturers, for example, thanks to stringent "Extended Producer Responsibility" (EPR) laws in place there, must do more than maximize the energy efficiency of their



products. They must also eliminate hazardous materials from both the appliances' components and their manufacturing processes (i.e. "cradle"), and make them in such a way that maximizes their recyclability and reusability so as to keep them out of landfills ("grave"). In fact, European EPR laws even require companies to take back some of their products at the end of their useful life, removing the burden from the consumer as well as from local community waste handling systems.

And with passage last year of "Directive 2005/32/EC" by the European Union (EU), similar

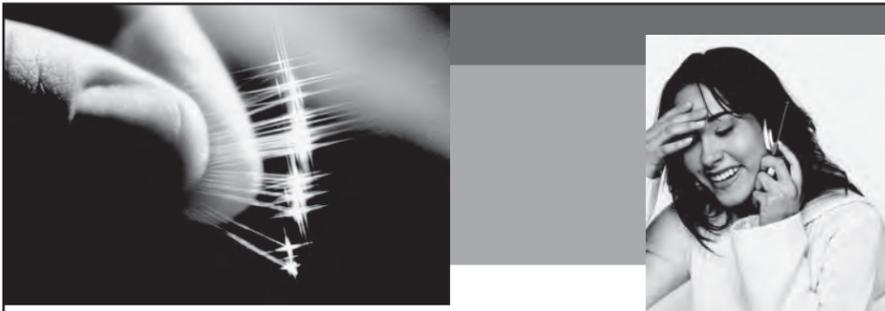
laws will apply for any manufacturer--domestic or otherwise--that wants to sell appliances to Europe's 400-million-strong consumer market. The goal is to encourage manufacturers to assess the full lifecycle impacts of their products, which would ideally also lead to the elimination of unnecessary parts and of wasteful, extraneous packaging. The directive becomes law across the continent in 2007.

Meanwhile, strong industry lobbies have thus far prevented similar legislation from taking hold in the U.S., though some state and local governments have expressed interest in European-style take-back laws. A few forward-thinking computer makers, including IBM and Hewlett-Packard, have started take-back

programs voluntarily in order to salvage some components for re-use while looking good to environmentally-conscious consumers. But for the most part the trend has not caught on for American manufacturers and there are no laws in place to force them to abandon that age-old and not-so-green-friendly principle of "planned obsolescence."

CONTACTS: Energy Star, www.energystar.gov; European Union Directive 2005/32/EC, http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/eco_design/.

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