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Incumbents, ex-employees in school race

Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees incumbents will face two former school district employees in the only contested local race slated for May 13.

Board vice president Jeff Kelley and former board president Miriam Ervi drew former SISD Superintendent Nolan Kinsey and former Salado High School teacher Marilyn Salisbury as opponents on the final day of filing earlier this week.

Two three-year terms on the SISD board of trustees will be decided by district voters on May 13.

In two other local races, which were scheduled for the same days and location as the school board race, there will be no opposed races.

Aldermen Michael Cooper and Suzi Epps filed for re-election to two-year terms on the board. Salado Mayor Rick Ashe also filed for re-election. All three are unopposed.

In the Salado Public Library District race, three candidates have filed for three two-year terms on the board: incumbents Hulda Horton and Ben Willingham and newcomer Ken Carr. With no opposition, they will be elected to the board.

The deadline to file declaration as a write-in candidate in any of these races is 5 p.m. March 20.



Jessie and Wilbur Foster are shown above in the Civic Center with a few of the wagons Wilbur has created for the Auction. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Fosters will be honored during Civic Center Auction

The Salado Civic Center auction will begin 6 p.m. March 18 at the Salado Intermediate School. This will be the first auction held in four years and funds raised will be used to operate the Salado Civic Center. A full dinner with desert will be served and the auction will get underway at 7 pm with Bill Hall.

Jessie and Wilbur Foster will be honored and the auction will begin with Wilbur Foster's creations of stagecoaches, wagons, and other frontier carriages.

More than 250 tickets have been sold and a large crowd is expected for dinner. Tickets will be sold at

the door.

Additional items donated for the auction include: a beautiful blue heron sculpture from Gregory's- value \$500; a ham from Robertson's Ham; a framed bluebonnet print from Larry Prellop; a free house call from Salado Plumbing; Stagecoach Inn; Golf and meals; Charles Allen donated a handmade metal flower; Brookshire Brothers gave a genuine porcelain doll; Wells Gallery gave 2 matching and numbered prints; a beautiful musical rhythm jam- value \$300 from Heirlooms; Floral Creations gave a \$50 gift certificate; Southern Comfort gave a \$50 certificate;

Subway certificate for 10 sandwiches; Passions- a necklace; Two Chicks- a necklace and Tee Shirt; Spring House Antique Mall- a sun dial; Salado Haus- Wine glass Holder and accessories; Halley House- 1 nights lodging on weeknight; Matter of he Heart- a cross; Horsefeathers gave a wall sconce; Salado Presence- a rooster statue. Many other items have been donated including several cakes and pies. Garden Spirit- Wine Cooler: main St. Place- Lamps; Classics on Main- Italian Pitcher; Benton's- Gold Coin Gift Certificate; Angelic Herbs and Inspirations- Wildflower Angel Music Box.

Sales tax rebates dip for first time this year

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn recently issued a sales tax rebate check to the Village of Salado for \$19,462.60 reflecting collections in the month of January. The Village of Salado levies a one-cent sales tax. Compared to Jan. 2005, this year's rebate was down 3.4 percent, though the Village is still ahead of last year's pace, having collected \$93,582.69 thus far in '06, up from the \$85,877 collected at this point last year.

The Salado Public Library District, which levies a half-cent tax, received a rebate from the comptroller of \$13,643.21, an increase of 5.69 percent over Jan. 2005. To date, the library is more than 15 percent ahead of the 2005 pace, with \$60,889.80 collected so far.

Bell County also continues to experience an increase in comptroller rebates, as the county's \$872,675.65 represents a 7.51 percent upswing when compared to the numbers from '05. In addition, the county is 10.68 percent ahead of last year, with \$3,071,684.40 having come in so far.

It is a trend being experienced statewide, according to Strayhorn. "Our Texas economy and our sales tax collections continue to show healthy growth," Strayhorn said. "For the last three months,

sales tax growth has been in double digits."

Strayhorn delivered \$375.7 million in March sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 15.5 percent increase compared to March 2005. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations are up 16.6 percent compared to the first three months of 2005.

State sales tax revenue for February, and March payments made to local governments recently, represent sales that occurred in January.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent March sales tax payments of \$255.4 million to Texas cities, up 15.3 percent compared to March 2005. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 14.9 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$22.9 million, up 19.8 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 17.8 percent higher than last year.

The 108 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$10.8 million in sales tax revenue, up 18.5 percent compared to last March. Ten local transit systems received \$86.5 million, up 14.4 percent.

Chisholm Trail Kiwanis Club organizing now in this area

A new Kiwanis club is organizing this month in the Temple/Belton/Salado area and is seeking men and women to become part of the global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. The club will further the Kiwanis International mission

of responding to global issues while also serving the needs of the area by performing valuable service projects.

"The needs of the world are great, but together, Kiwanis members in 8,600 clubs and more than 90 countries and geographic areas accomplish remarkable things for the

children of the world", said Steve Siemens, president of Kiwanis International. "Kiwanis clubs provide an excellent opportunity to meet other service-minded individuals and network with business professionals while making a direct impact on the community through volunteering."

The new Chisholm Trail

Kiwanis club will focus on service projects addressing a variety of community needs. For example, other Kiwanis clubs and Kiwanians participate in activities such as revitalizing neighborhoods, supporting sponsored youth programs, planting trees and erecting playgrounds. "We understand the chang-

ing needs of today's busy volunteers, and encourage members to give time on their own terms while contributing to notable causes and meaningful projects," said Karen Clemons, Belton Kiwanis Club President. "We hope that men and women of all ages, races and religions, will join the new Chisholm

Trail Kiwanis Club and make a difference for children in our area."

For details on joining the Chisholm Trail Kiwanis Club, the Belton Kiwanis Club, or for more information about Kiwanis International please contact Karen Clemons at 939-9124 or visit www.kiwanis.org



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Big government falls flat

During the past year, one of the philosophical justifications for the Bush administration's approach to government has collapsed. It held that President Bush was a "big-government conservative," or in the more striking formulation of the influential, Bush-friendly journalist Fred Barnes, a "strong-government conservative."

In theory, strong-government conservatism is alluring. If government is going to do something, it ought to do it well. In practice, however, strong-government conservatism has mostly been a rationalization for lazy and politically expedient accretions to government. It hasn't given us a strong government, but a further-sprawling government that in many ways is contemptible.

Take the response to Hurricane Katrina. The Department of Homeland Security should be a perfect forum for strong government. Congress and the president identified a goal -- preventing terrorists from attacking us on our soil -- and named a new federal department after it: Homeland Security. They threw 22 disparate government agencies together, apparently on the theory that bigger is stronger.

In the House report on Katrina, there was one target for criticism that has gone unnoticed -- big government itself. The report notes how important it was to share information "within agencies" and "across departments." It didn't happen: "Unfortunately, no government does these things well, especially big governments."

Another signature Bush foray into expansive government is the Medicare prescription-drug plan. It takes one of the nation's problems -- exploding entitlements for the elderly -- and makes it worse. As Michael Mandelbaum argues in his new book, "The Case for Goliath," a major threat to the dominant U.S. role in the world is a declining public willingness to pay for it. Piling up new entitle-

Rich Lowry



ment costs makes this dynamic even more likely.

Some government programs actually promote strong government. A large, capable military is a foundation of national power. The Patriot Act and the National Security Agency spying program -- by updating governmental capabilities to deal with a new national security threat -- represent strong, flexible government.

But these kinds of programs hardly necessitate an ever-expanding federal government. According to Brian Riedl of the Heritage Foundation, nondefense, nonsecurity and non-Katrina-related discretionary spending has increased 34 percent since 2001. Huge entitlements like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security are growing at 6 percent to 9 percent annually.

None of this makes for strong government in the conservative sense. It creates a self-perpetuating appetite for even more government. As spending increases, so does pressure for higher taxes. This threatens the most successful Bush domestic initiative, which is of the old-fashioned limited-government variety: tax cuts that helped boost the most important factor in national strength and well-being, a strong private sector.

When the GOP begins its post-Bush departure -- roughly after the midterm elections in November, when the 2008 presidential nomination race begins -- "big-government conservatism" will probably end up on the ash heap. The party will have to relearn what it used to know: A strong government is a limited government.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Salado leads pack in Burrows and Brown wins; Perry-Strayhorn blow-up pending; Secessionist attracts Bell-Salado folks

The Village of Salado led the pack in two key Bell County Republican races that saw incumbent Judge Jon Burrows win handily over John Galligan, and Precinct Two Commissioner Tim Brown defeat Dick Young. In both cases Salado cast more votes for the two winners than any other voting precinct in the county.

Burrows gained 308 Salado votes, and outdistanced Galligan with a 65 percent county-wide total. Burrows faces no opposition in the general election.

Commissioner Brown received 1,463 votes to Young's 1,234 in a close clash, and again it was the Salado tally that led the charge with 324 votes to Young's 135. Brown will face Democrat Brit Owen in the November general election.

The relatively large turnout for Killeen councilman Young resulted from the perennial demand by west Bell Countians for "their own" commissioner. That was countered by Salado's equally grim determination to keep their experienced commissioner, and appropriate share of the political balance, in Village hands.

PRIMARY TURNOUT DISMAL

In one of the lowest turnouts in years, incumbent Governor Rick Perry swamped his three nonentity-type challengers with 557,130 votes (84 percent) of 661,797 cast in the statewide GOP primary.

Republican's statewide turnout reached a slim 5.20 percent of the 12,722,671 registered Texas voters. Democrats had an equally unimpressive total with only 509,370 voters taking part in their primary -- a measly four percent.

Democrats statewide gave their nominee Chris Bell the win with 324,774 votes. Bell defeated veteran pol Bob Gammage and newcomer Rashad Jafer, and will carry the Demo banner against the financially entrenched Republican incumbent "Crazy Hair" Perry.

And, if all goes well on the petition front, Perry and Bell will also face both Carole Strayhorn and Kinky Friedman, who began in the early hours of March 8, collecting the necessary 45,540 signatures to get on the Independent ballot.

WHY THE POOR TURNOUT?

Political observers were not surprised at the low turnout in the Republican primary that had only one viable candidate -- Perry. We suspect they're nursing strength for the November battle against Bell, and possibly Strayhorn -- which is a wise strategic move since old "Rick the Reluctant" is not the "easiest-to-sell" incumbent Governor to come down the pike.

Political conspiracy freaks drew a fairly far-fetched scenario for the dismal Democratic showing that eked out only half a million votes. Two years ago over a million Demos voted. So, why the 50 percent drop in participation?

According to these wizards who "stir the entrails," Democrats deliberately stayed home in order to sign the Carole Strayhorn Independent ballot petitions.

Make's some sense. Most Democrats don't feel their candidate can drop Perry in the soup. They believe Strayhorn is the only one who can deliver a "dethroning" punch!

To practical Democrats, (who have been out of office for 12 years), an Independent is better than a Republican in the Governor's Office (even a Goper-turned-Independent like Strayhorn).

STRAYHORN-PERRY BATTLE

This column's "insider friends" at the capital building continue to report that Perry fears Strayhorn, more than any other challenger -- because (as

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



we've often reported) "She knows where Perry's political bodies are buried and will gleefully exhume them one by one." She also has the wherewithal to match Perry dollar-for-dollar.

The Strayhorn-Perry combustion is expected to ignite well before the signature petitions are "validated," which our "slow-motion" Secretary of State claims will take two full months!

We'll omit (this being a family newspaper) what Strayhorn "really" thinks of that maneuver by a SecState who is also a gubernatorial appointee.

SECESSIONIST SECOND IN GOP-GUV PRIMARY

Doubt you remember the name Larry Kilgore, who based his GOP primary run for Governor on one idea -- "Have Texas secede from the Union and become an independent nation!"

No one in their right mind figured this fellow would do much harm -- but his numbers are interesting: Statewide, Kilgore racked up 50,685 votes. That's eight percent of all Texas Republicans who voted and for one reason or another, want to jump the "Good Ship America", and sail alone into uncharted sovereign waters.

Withdrawal got even dicier here in Bell County when the GOP primary produced 998 secessionist votes, including 63 stout hearted Salado "separatists" who are apparently so politically disenfranchised they embraced the "secesh" candidate.

And I bet we could all name at least several of these good villagers -- without much trouble.

Anyway, we say -- "Bless 'em," since diverseness is what makes our Village, State and nation great, even if naysaying eats up a lot of otherwise free time.

REFORM -- HUMBUG!

Remember the worrisome days (for lawmakers) following the Jack Abramoff guilty plea that brought down the political "house of cards" created by Washington lobbyists, who had turned the smarmy business of influence-peddling into a fine art?

It eventually dawned on Members of Congress, that they must explain to home-folks their scandalous behavior, in order to remain in office. At that point things took on the air of an outdoor revival with sinners leading the way to repentance via "reform" Legislation.

Democrats, with pitchforks at the ready, joined the howling Goper mob to clean up their congressional act, and together began creating "reform" legislation.

FREE MEALS "BAD" JUNKETS "GOOD"

So here we are in March and what exactly have the "chest beating" and "tub-thumping" congressional gang of reformers accomplished?

For that answer, check out Tom DeLay's replacement -- the newly fabricated Republican House Majority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio). Here's what he said a few days ago when it came time to debate the newly hatched reform bills:

Lobby-paid meals? Boehner: "Bad, bad, bad and certainly a corrupting influence on decent lawmakers in Congress!"

Free junkets to exotic places? Boehner: "These investigative journeys are certainly necessary to secure information, in order to create laws helpful to the American people!"

THE "CONSERVATIVE'S" BIBLE

The National Review (called the conservative's bible) said it best: "The fact that Congress wants to keep this perk so badly suggests that they (free junkets) are, indeed, corrupting."

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Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



In last week's column, we talked about the necessity of taking a "big picture" approach to your financial situation. By looking at your needs at different stages of your life, you can develop a strategy containing elements that work together to help you achieve your goals. Last week, we discussed the importance of building financial assets and protecting your resources. Now, let's consider two issues that will be important to you during your retirement years: Creating an income stream and transferring your wealth.

Creating a Retirement Income Stream

During your retirement years, you will need a significant percentage of your pre-retirement earnings to live on, but the actual

amount will depend on your lifestyle. An investment professional can help you determine the annual income level that you will need.

Once you know how much income you'll require, you'll need to look at all available sources: your savings and investments, your retirement plans (401(k), IRA) and your Social Security. In determining how much to take from each source, and when, you'll have to consider some different factors. For example, it might be wise to delay making withdrawals from your tax-advantaged retirement accounts for as

long as possible, so that these funds can continue to grow tax-deferred. However, you must start taking required minimum distributions (RMDs) from your traditional IRA and 401(k) when you turn 70-1/2. (Roth IRAs don't require you to begin taking RMDs at 70-1/2, or at any age.) You can withdraw more than the RMD, but not less.

As for Social Security, you can start receiving monthly checks at age 62, but your payments will be larger if you wait until your full retirement age, which can be between 65 to 67.

Transferring Your Wealth
To complete your financial picture, you need to have your plans in place to transfer your wealth in a way that provides maximum benefits to your family and to any charitable organizations you wish to support.

To achieve these wealth-transfer goals, you will probably need to work with a team of experts, including your investment professional, your tax advisor and an attorney specializing in

estate planning. You will need to create the appropriate legal documents, which may include the following:

- **Will** - If you don't have a will, your heirs may face costly delays before receiving any assets. Furthermore, your wishes may never be fully honored, because state law dictates how your assets will be divided.

- **Living Trust** - A living trust can give you more precise control over how - and when - you want your assets distributed.

- **Charitable Remainder Trust** - By establishing a charitable remainder trust, you can support a charitable group and receive financial and tax benefits.

- **Durable General Power of Attorney** - This document allows you to appoint another person to conduct your business affairs if you are physical or mentally unable to manage them yourself.

Start Planning Early

It will take some effort to create an appropriate retirement income stream and to transfer your wealth in the way that you envision. So, start thinking about these matters soon - the more time you put into your plans, the better the results are likely to be.

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How to compete

Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

Many areas around the country are experiencing strong seller's markets. Whether the market is "hot" or "cool," be aware of the following pitfalls that always lead to a languishing listing.

Price: Even in strong markets, a home that is priced too high is a home that will take too long to sell. Listings generate the

highest amount of interest when they're brand new. Lowering your price later still won't attract as many buyers as you would have by just pricing it right from the beginning.

Location: Hot markets encourage people to give more consideration to the outskirts, or to tolerate noisy highways or uninspired views. In cooler markets, however, you really can't do much about such a location. In this case, it's simply wise not to over-improve your home. Make sure yours still offers the best value against comparable homes in the neighborhood.

Appeal: The biggest challenge is getting buyers into your home for a closer look. Invite them by keeping the lawn mowed, cleaning the windows, painting the front door. If your home's best features are inside or out back, use a "virtual 360 degree" tour to promote it. Not so nice inside? Offer incentive to buyers in the form of a decorating allowance.

Regardless of local market conditions, there are steps you can take to give your home an advantage over the competition.

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Planning for the local ABWA Style show are from left Dorothy Dentry, Anne Marie Harwell, Carol Walls and Wylene Williams.

Local ABWA planning annual style show

Plans are proceeding for the 11th annual style show and benefit luncheon sponsored by the Chisholm Trail Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. The special event is slated for April 8 at Mill Creek Country Club and will feature new spring designs from Christy's and Alice's, both of Salado. The show will start at 11 a.m. with approximately 125 guests expected.

This year we again have some great raffle packages, according to Barclay McCort, publicity chair for the event. There are three themes for the raffle displays: Home Beautiful that will feature a hand-designed floral wreath,

a painting and several home décor items donated by local merchants. The second raffle is entitled Easter Dinner on the Patio - Texas Style will include patio dishes, country Ham, wine, an embellished patio skirt from Alice's and other items. Lastly, the theme is It's All About Me with not only beauty items, a massage, manicure, pedicure, but a spring outfit with accessories from Christy's.

Guests can buy raffle tickets for whichever raffle they are most interested in. There will also be many silent auction items as well. For those women who cannot attend but want to buy raffle tickets (six tickets for \$5) they need to see any of the local ABWA members. All proceeds go to support local scholarships.

Tickets are \$20 and available in Salado at Christy's, Alice's and the Civic Center Office with Hulda Horton.

Thanks for performance of Requiem

Your Voice

Letters to Editor

Dear Editor,

We were thrilled with the recent performance of Mozart's "Requiem" this past Sunday evening by the combined choirs of University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and McClennan Community College with orchestra.

This is perhaps one of the most beautiful and moving choral pieces in existence. The two groups came together and performed a difficult composition beautifully.

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Eagles out to 9-2 start

The Salado Eagle hardballers opened district play March 7 with a 12-3 win over Little River-Academy, marking the first victory in a district opener for Salado in two years.

Salado got things going with three runs in the top of the first. Tanner Myers and Seth Collins led the game off with back-to-back singles, and Jesse Rodriguez followed with a single of his own to score both runners. Kevin Jackson then

followed with a single to plate Rodriguez.

After Academy scored a pair of run in the bottom of the first, the Eagles went right back to work, as two errors by the Bees and a single by Collins and a double by Justin Schiller gave the Eagles a 6-2 lead.

Salado then added single runs in the fourth and fifth innings. Jackson clubbed a solo shot in the fourth, and in the fifth a Collins single, a balk and a Schiller single accounted for the fifth inning run.

Academy added a run in the bottom of the sixth, but the Eagles answered again, this time with four runs in the top of the seventh. Two Academy errors and RBI singles by Johnny Nix, Josh Shaw and Wesley Ruth made the final score 12-3.

Salado pounded out 19 hits in the game. Jackson led the way going 5-5, while Collins and Schiller were both 3-4. Jackson was also the winning pitcher. He went six innings, allowing three hits and striking out six. Nix finished the game with a perfect seventh.

Over the weekend Salado traveled to Brownwood to compete in the Bluebonnet Classic. The Eagles were the lone Class AA club in the field, but they nonetheless held their own against the larger schools.

Salado took on host Class 4A Brownwood in its opening game, and suffered

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EAGLE BASEBALL FROM 6A

the first loss of the season by a 6-5 final.

The Eagles found themselves trailing 3-0 after the first three innings, but when Nix lined a triple to the right field corner in the top of the fourth Salado began to show some life. Josh Shaw then hit a sacrifice fly to bring Nix home.

Salado put four runs on the board in the fifth to take a 5-3 lead. Schiller and Nix drove in two runs each with single to give the Eagles the lead.

Brownwood, though, pushed across two runs in the bottom of the fifth and one in the bottom of the sixth as time expired to seal the win.

Nix and Rodriguez both went 2-3 at the plate to pace the Salado offense. Sam Van Hoozer tossed the first four-plus innings, striking out two and allowing six hits. Rudy Torres absorbed the loss, as he pitched the game's final two innings.

In their second game of the tournament the Eagles jumped all over Class 3A Liberty Hill in the first inning and never slowed down, cruising to a 13-0 win.

Aided by three Panther errors and some big hits, Salado scored four in the the first inning, with Collins and Schiller slapping singles and Shaw lining a two-run double.

In the top of the second Tanner Myers led off with a single. Collins followed with a towering homer to right-center for a 6-0 Eagle lead.

Salado put the game away with six runs in the top of the third. A couple of walks, singles by Seth Hale, Myers and Rodriguez, along with a double by Schiller accounted for the runs.

Shaw would add a solo homerun in the fourth inning, pushing the score to its 13-0 final. Myers and Schiller were 3-4 in the game, while Collins and Shaw each went 2-3.

Brian Bates did his part on the mound, throwing his second consecutive complete game. He allowed only two hits and struck out four in the five-inning game.

Salado then moved along to an elimination game where the Eagles faced Class 4A Burnet and were defeated by a final of 7-5.

The Eagles found themselves behind 6-1 after the first three innings, but fought their way back into the game with three runs in

the top of the fourth. Josh Shaw was first to strike, as he knocked another solo homer. After the second out of the inning Justin Pruitt hit a double to right. Myers walked and Collins drove in both runners with a double to cut Burnet's lead to 6-4.

Burnet added a run in the fourth to extend its lead to 7-4. In what would be their last at-bat the Eagles scored a run on a Schiller single. The game ended with the bases full of Eagles as the last out was recorded.

Schiller was 3-4 in the game, and Jackson added two hits of his own. Tucker Wilhite pitched the first inning and a third and was saddled with the loss. Nix pitched two and two-thirds and Schiller pitched one.

The Eagles stand at 9-2 on the season. They will play a district game in Florence March 17, with the JV taking the field at noon and the Varsity following at 3 p.m. The annual alumni game will be played noon March 18 followed by a Varsity game against Franklin at 4 p.m.

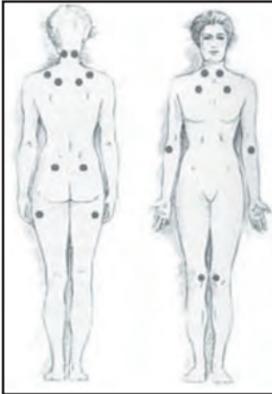
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Salado Youth Basketball Association 5th/6th grade boys champions: SUNS. Players: (front) Kyle Bradley, Marty Ingleston, Mickey Joe Sellers, Austin Silva; (back) Coach David Kornegay, Jada Kornegay, Cooper Cox, Coach Lance Cox. Not pictured: Christian Wilkerson.



Salado Youth Basketball Association 5th/6th grade girls champions: EAGLES. Players: (front) Darby Baker, Abigail Rangel, Taylor Eary, Kelsey Palomino, Dakota Baker; (back) Coach Suzanne Payne, Lorna Payne, Francisca Perez, Taylor Marburger.

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Josh Shaw and Justin Whitfield won first place in boys doubles. Ken Hora and Slayt Ebeling would placed second in boys doubles. Johnny Kendall placed second in boys singles. The Varsity boys won the first place trophy for the tournament.

Erin Bracken and Brittany Dixon placed third in Varsity girls doubles.

JV squad

In the JV division, Reena Suresh and Valerie Rangel won second place for the JV girls. Jenny Wiggan and Kaleigh Rank won first in consolation.

Andrew Murray won first place in boys singles and Matt Arant placed third in boys singles. Heath Bracken and Beau Benoit got third in boys doubles. The JV boys would place first over all in the tournament to win the trophy.

Salado Police Department February 2006 offense report

DATE	OFFENSE	LOCATION	STATUS
2/2	Burglary of a Habitation	Guess Dr.	Working
2/4	Driving while intoxicated	N. Stagecoach Rd.	Arrest
2/5	Driving while intoxicated	N. Stagecoach Rd.	Arrest
2/7	Reckless Damage	N. Robinson Rd.	Arrest
2/7	Assault bodily Injury (Family member)	Old Mill Rd.	Arrest
2/11	Public Intoxication	N. Robinson Rd.	Arrest
2/11	Burglary of Building	Thomas Arnold.	Working
2/16	Theft over \$20,000 Und. \$100,000	Mill Creek Rd.	Working
2/17	Forgery By Making	Mill Creek Rd.	Working
2/17	Forgery By Making	Mill Creek Rd.	Working
2/24	Public Intoxication	Old Mill Rd.	Arrest
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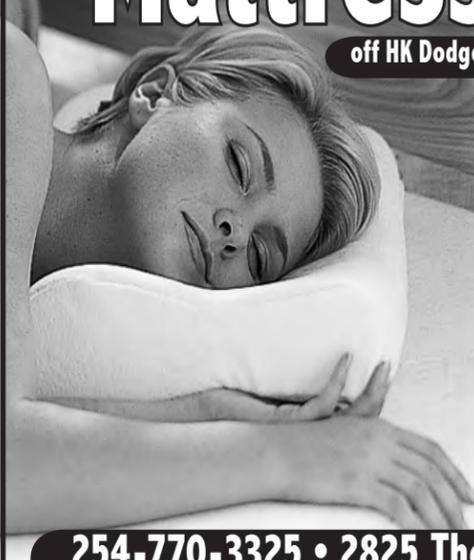
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Readers, Writers Roundtable March 18

Texas culture and the joy of reading are two things to celebrate and visitors can do both at the 46th Annual Readers and Writers Roundtable 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 last year, as well as listen to former presidential speech writer Liz Carpenter's lively discourse while emceeing the panel.

A \$5 donation provides admission to the event with proceeds going to a new acquisitions for the Museum's Library.

Included in the lineup will be Patricia Wilson Clothier, author of "Beneath the Window," the story of a young girl growing up on a vast ranch in the Big Bend Country of Val Verde County. Clothier is an artist and teacher who grew up on the Wilson Ranch in the Chisos Mountains.

In addition, Civil War buffs can enjoy hearing Allen G. Hatley discuss the roll 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.

Wildflower Art Show returns for 6th year

The Village of Salado is getting ready for its Sixth Annual Wildflower Art Show, April 1 and 2. The Show will be held on the Salado Civic Center grounds from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. April 1 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 2.

Artists and artisans from Texas and throughout the Southwest will be featured. Works will feature oil, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, and mix media including woodwork, sculpture, jewelry, glassworks, metal work and handmade clothing.

Displaying his talents at the show again will be Dennis Eberwein, a potter, from Maydelle, TX. Dennis and his wife, owners of Pegasus Pottery, mix their own clay and glazes, wheel throw the pots and then hand paint each piece of stoneware pottery. Much care is taken in mixing the clay



Liz Carpenter will emcee the panel at the March 18 Readers and Writers Roundtable.

Hatley has written extensively on western history, law enforcement and petroleum exploration.

Another highlight, 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.

Also on program will be Jane Pattie sharing

insights into the ways in which we mark our property chronicled in her book "Cattle Brands." Pattie has published numerous articles on the American West and has written or contributed to numerous books, including "Cowboy Spurs and Their Makers." She currently resides in Aledo.

Those interested in all things bright and beautiful can browse Kathi Applet's illustrated children's book "Miss Lady Bird's WILDFLOWERS," illustrated by Joy Fisher Hein. This

book is being reviewed by Liz Carpenter.

Also sharing about her work in children's illustration will be Mary Haverfield, discussing 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.

Jane Roberts Wood's book, "Mocha, the Real Doctor," will be reviewed by its illustrator, Mary Haverfield. The book tells the story of Mocha, a cat

who lives in the veterinarian's office. Wood received the Texas Institute of Letters Award in 1998.

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 Stage Coach Inn Restaurant), call the Central Texas Area Museum at 254-947-5232.



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

MARCH 18

46th Annual Readers and Writers Roundtable, 1:30 p.m. at the Central Texas Area Museum. Liz Carpenter will emcee; seven Texas authors will be present to discuss their

works and answer questions. Admission: \$5. To register or for more info, call the museum at 254-947-5232.

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.

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.

MARCH 31

Salado Masonic Lodge Annual Fish Fry,

5-7 p.m. in the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria. Tickets: \$7, children under 10 admitted free. This event funds local scholarships awarded by the lodge.

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. Salado Public Library Book Sale to coincide, both at the Salado Civic Center. 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 the amphitheater at Tenroc Ranch. 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.

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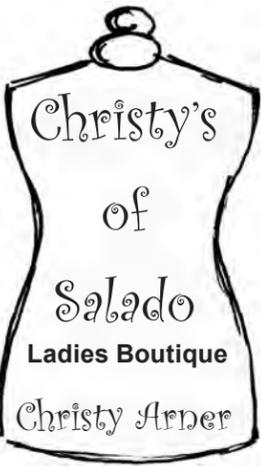
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APRIL 16

Easter Sunrise Service, 7 a.m. in Pace Park. Public is invited to attend. Bring lawn chair.

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 18

Village of Salado Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas meeting, 1 p.m. in the Salado Civic Center. Members will meet 11:45 a.m. at Stagecoach Inn for lunch. Program: "The Life and Times of Edmund T. Estes," presented by Margaret Neves. Estes was a veteran of the Battle of San Jacinto.

APRIL 22

St. Stephen's Knights of Columbus Casino Night at Tenroc Ranch. Evening will feature dinner, casino activities and a silent auction. Proceeds to benefit St. Stephen's Women's Society.

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.

APRIL 29

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

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

MAY 13

Second Annual Salado Fine Art Trail. Salado's seven galleries invite visitors to join them for an after-hours special event. There will be door prizes, drawings, refreshments and an opportunity to meet the artists in a relaxed atmosphere. Galleries will be open until 9 p.m.

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

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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, "Women 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 www.tablerock.org.

AUGUST 5-6

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

AUGUST 10

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

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.

SEPTEMBER 16-17

Tablerock's Fantasy Faire 10 a.m.-6 p.m. both days, featuring characters from history, literature, mythology and imagination. Enjoy music, dance, swordplay and storytelling, and shop goods from over 50 vendors. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, seniors and military. Info: 254-624-1008 or email hhood@tablerock.org.

SEPTEMBER 20

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

OCTOBER 7-8

Auditions for Tablerock's annual A Christmas Carol production, 3 p.m. both days.

Info: 254-947-9205 or email harrycsweet@sbcglobal.net.

OCTOBER 7, 14 AND 21

Tablerock's Annual Shakespeare Play, Macbeth, under the stars, 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for child, student or military. Info: 254-247-0220 or email ddunlap@tablerock.org.

OCTOBER 12-14

Annual Christmas in October event, sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. Details TBA.

OCTOBER 18

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

OCTOBER 21

Salado Area Republican Women Fine China Luncheon, noon at Mill Creek Restaurant. Info: 254-947-3433.

OCTOBER 21

Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, 8 a.m. start at Mill Creek. Info: Salado Chamber, 254-947-5040.

OCTOBER 21

Salado Education Foundation Cattleman's Ball at Tenroc Ranch. For tickets call 947-1958

OCTOBER 28-29

Tablerock's Fright Trail 7:30-10:30 p.m. both nights. Two trails to choose from. Concessions available. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Info: 254-947-9205 or email tablerock1@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 15

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

NOVEMBER 21

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

DECEMBER 1, 2, 8 AND 9

Tablerock Amphitheater's Annual presentation of Charles Dickens' Yuletide classic, A Christmas Carol, 7 p.m. each night. Tickets available at the gate beginning 6:30 p.m. Concessions open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Info: 254-947-9205 or www.tablerock.org.



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Judi Betts, a master watercolorist, will lead instruction for the next Salado Village Artists workshop.

Betts to lead third Village Artists workshop

The Salado Village Artists will welcome back a favorite teacher from Baton Rouge, LA for the the group's next workshop. Judi Betts will bring her energetic and lively workshop talents to Salado March 20-22. This will be the third time Betts has accepted an invitation to teach a class for the SVA.

It is not easy to list her accomplishments and credos as her talents span many countries and continents. She is well published and has written several books on the subject of her passion, art.

She is someone who is never without a journal, even at a friend's house or the theater. She will sketch a meal before eating it, just for fun. She surrounds herself with creative people, beautiful gardens, unusual restaurants, all with an introspective and

inventive mind.

Betts's paintings are displayed nationwide and around the world. She has taught at 18 different universities and colleges, and held workshops throughout Canada, the U.S.A, and Europe. She has been honored by her illustrations appearing on several magazine covers and won competitions for design of wine labels. She has been presented with a "master watercolorist" designation from the Midwest Watercolor Society.

The classes will last 9 a.m.-3 p.m. daily. Lunch will be included, and a supply list will be sent to all registered upon receipt of the \$50 reservation. The cost of the workshop is \$275. For more information contact Sylvia Hodges at 254-947-7176.

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MOAA slate March 17 meeting

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The program will be given by a representative of Tri-Care.

There will be a board meeting at 11 a.m. Lunch will be available at 11:30 a.m. prior to the presentation. Members are encouraged to come out and see the new MOAA meeting place.

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A good night's sleep

There is one component to achieving optimal health that is always overlooked. Unfortunately, this is the one part of our lives that we should all look forward to and enjoy. We should spend one third of our lives doing it. What is this invaluable component? The answer is "quality sleep".

Are you receiving 7-9 hours of uninterrupted (for any reason) sleep a night? Are you getting at least two hours of sleep before midnight? Do you wake up energized the following day? If not, you are probably not benefiting from the repair and recuperative powers of a proper night's sleep.

I don't believe as a society we value sleep as we should. You know that I have spoken in this column before about what is causing the decline in America's health. I have regularly focused this article on proper nutrition as I believe that convenience foods have lead our nation down the path to poor health. If the modern diet is Public Enemy Number One, our improper view of sleep and its value is a close second.

A good night of quality sleep of seven to nine hours will help the body rest, but also, recover, repair, and recuperate. There are many systems in the body and they are all interconnected, so if one system does not recover from the stresses of the day, all of the others will be affected. If you are having physical, emotional or hormonal issues, it could be related in some way to your lack of proper sleep. The immune system can be compromised up to 60 percent with just one poor night of sleep. We need to make a conscious

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By **KEVIN MCCAULEY**



effort to improve our sleep patterns or our organs and glands will feel the effects and will succumb to accelerated aging and disease. It is no wonder that sleep deprivation has been linked to vitamin deficiencies, diabetes and hypoglycemia, among other health challenges.

Here are some things to remember when prioritizing sleep in your life. Just as we have moved away from real food, we have moved away from getting up at the crack of dawn and going to bed as the sun sets. Synthetic light, just like modern convenience foods, is a new phenomenon and it clearly has an adverse effect on our health. The body has a circadian rhythm that normally follows the cycle of the sun. But man-made light, made to imitate the sun, can throw the body's natural rhythm off. If you followed a healthy circadian rhythm you would see hormonal patterns develop. This is important, as the balance of hormones in your body is a major indicator of your health.

A perfect example of this would be cortisol, a primary stress hormone that prevents your blood pressure from going too low. Cortisol is supposed to ebb and flow with the sun and our sleep patterns, but as we are constantly bombarded with synthetic light late in the evening, our cortisol levels are elevated as the body cannot separate the sun from synthetic lighting. This simple life change puts tremendous stress on

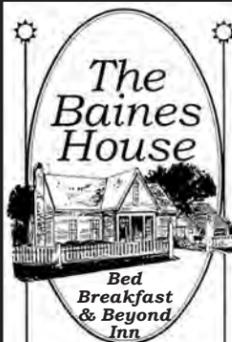
the endocrine system.

There are numerous studies that say the sleep that you receive before midnight is much more valuable than the sleep you receive after. Some studies have found sleep before midnight to be four times more beneficial. Practically speaking you would be much better off going to bed and waking up earlier. To make this possible we must begin to wean ourselves off of synthetic light earlier in the day (computers, televisions, house lighting, etc.).

This week take a look

at your life and how closely it mimics the rising and setting of the sun. If a large part of your life is taking place after sundown, see if you can prioritize the sleep you receive before midnight and watch it improve your health.

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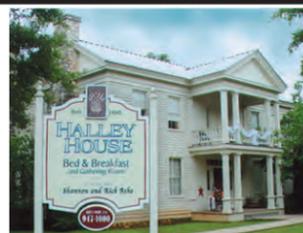
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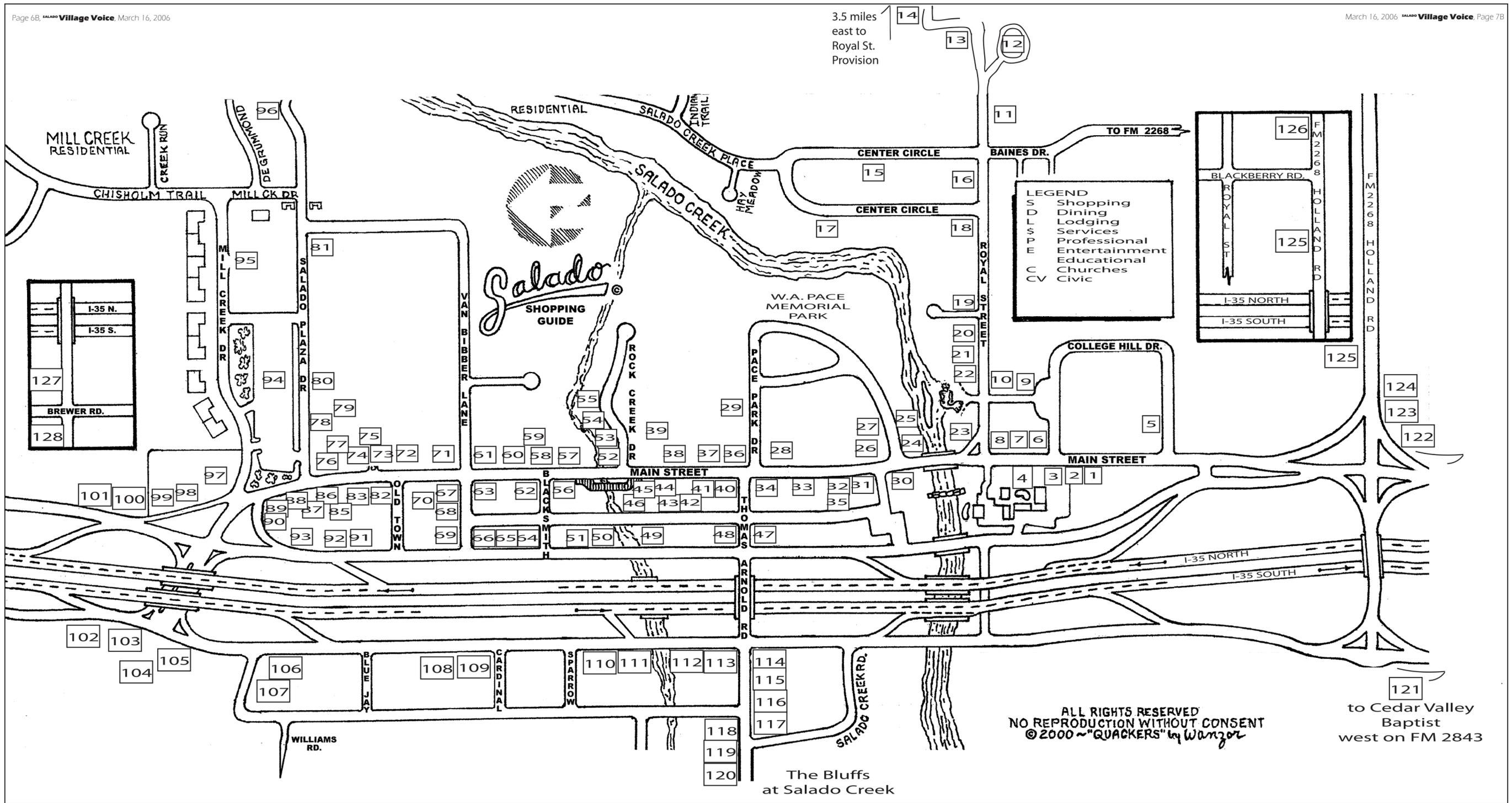
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Riders can pick from 15, 27, 57, 70, 85 and 102 mile rides. All routes will begin and end at the Salado school grounds. Most routes will take cyclists east to the Summer's Mill area, and also west to Stillhouse Hollow Lake.

There are rest stops designated with each route. "This year we placed most of our rest stops at very scenic locations," said Kevin Reichert, Smokin' Spokes organizer. "One is on in the shore of Stillhouse Hollow Lake; one is at the Overlook Park on top of the dam to Stillhouse Hollow; and one is at Summer's Mill."

On-site registration can be completed for \$30. Camping areas will



The Fourth Annual Smokin' Spokes Bike Ride will give participants the chance to see some of the finest scenery in Central Texas, while at the same time raising money for the Salado Volunteer Fire Dept.

be available after 5 p.m. April 2, and showers will be available before and after the ride. In addition, free food and drinks will be handed out to riders all day long at the finish

line.

Funds raised from the Smokin' Spokes Bike Ride benefit the Salado Volunteer Fire Department.

In addition, this year's Smokin' Spokes ride will feature awards for King and Queen of the Hill.

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The story features selfish Salado socialite Leona MacBeth, who will be dispatched by

one of seven suspects on the occasion of her 39th birthday party - a special event she is throwing to celebrate her continued survival.

One of the suspects is Mary Lou Setswan Chou, widow of the Chinese Ambassador to Canada played by Salado Library retiree Patty Campbell.

Other suspects are Leona's Nameless Servant; Leona's Husband, Leon; Crazy Cousin Kitty; Noonie the Nosey Neighbor; Ranch Foreman Bubba Billy Joe Don Bob White; Mary Lou Setswan Chou, Widow of the Chinese Ambassador to Canada; and Republicrat State Senator "Bull" Hockey.

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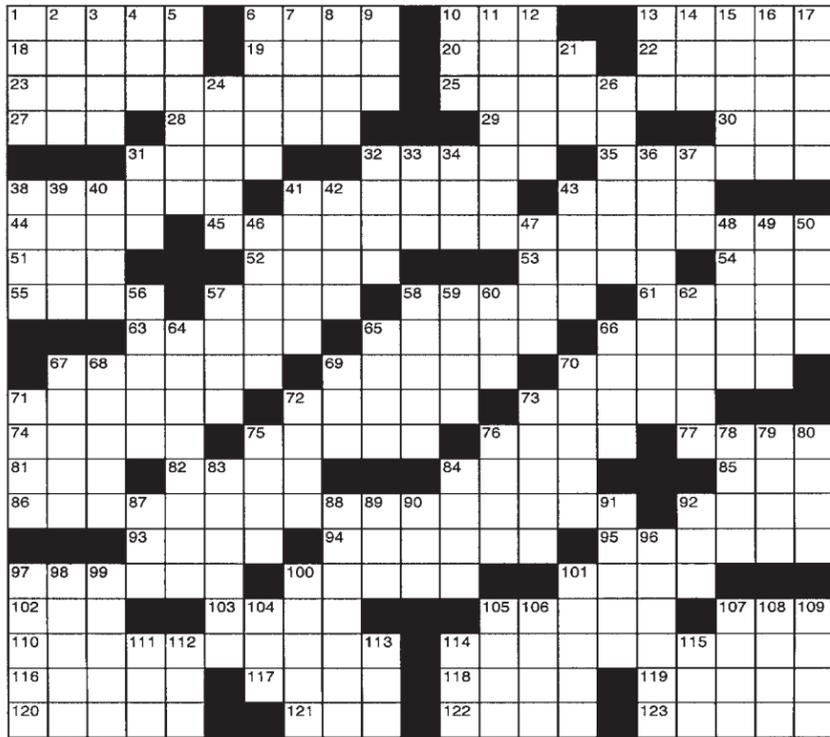
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 by Linda Thistle

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— Weekly SUDOKU —

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South dealer:
 North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
 ♠ 8 5 2
 ♥ K 10 4
 ♦ A K 9 2
 ♣ K 8 6

WEST
 ♠ A K Q 10 3
 ♥ 9 6 3 2
 ♦ 8 4
 ♣ Q 7

EAST
 ♠ J 7 4
 ♥ 8 7
 ♦ 10 6 5 3
 ♣ J 9 4 2

SOUTH
 ♠ 9 6
 ♥ A Q J 5
 ♦ Q J 7
 ♠ A 10 5 3

The bidding:
 South 1♥ West 1♠ North 2♦ East Pass
 3♦ Pass 3♥ Pass
 4♥

Opening lead — King of spades.

The bidding tells the tale

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Only rarely does declarer elect to play a game or slam contract in a 4-3 trump fit. This is as it should be, since holding only seven trumps to the opponents' six is not the type of trump superiority one yearns for at a high-level contract.

Normally such contracts, which carry with them the inherent danger of losing control of the trump suit, are avoided by finding a longer trump suit or by playing in notrump. However, there are times when there is no better alternative than to choose the 4-3 trump fit -- as in the present case.

Contracts that are based on a 4-3 fit often require special handling to compensate for the trump deficiency, and this is where South fell from grace.

West started with the K-A of spades and continued with the queen. South ruffed and played three rounds of trumps. When the opposing trumps turned out to be divided 4-2 instead of 3-3, he began to play diamonds. West ruffed the third diamond with his remaining trump and cashed the 10-3 of spades to defeat the contract two tricks.

Declarer erred when he trumped the third round of spades. By doing so, he put himself in a position where anything but a 3-3 heart division would endanger the contract. Instead, South should have discarded a club on the third spade, thus retaining full control if the trumps were divided either 3-3 or 4-2.

No return by West could then have hurt declarer. Another spade would be trumped high in dummy as South kept all four trumps in his hand, while a diamond, club or heart return would allow him to win, draw trumps and collect the 10 tricks he had started with.

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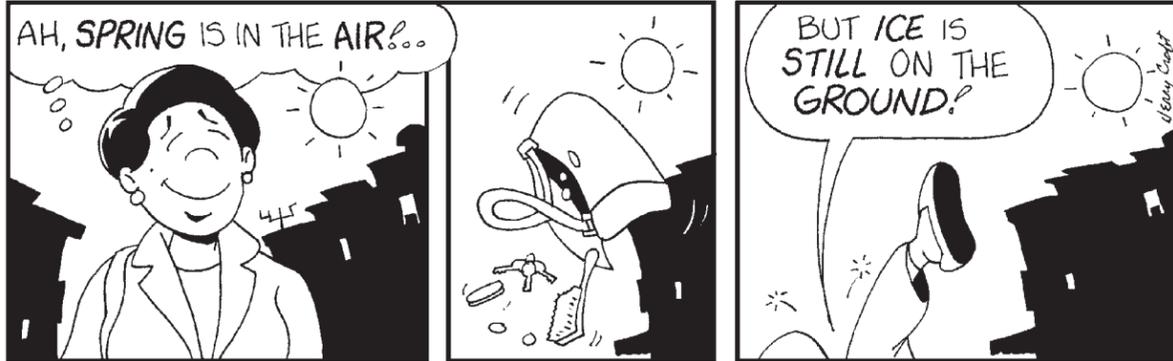
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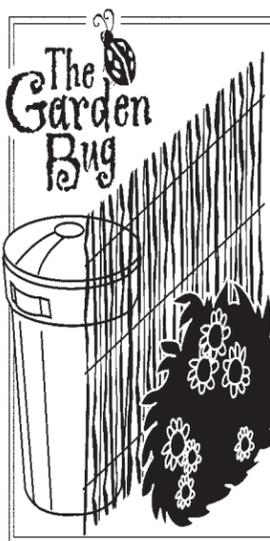
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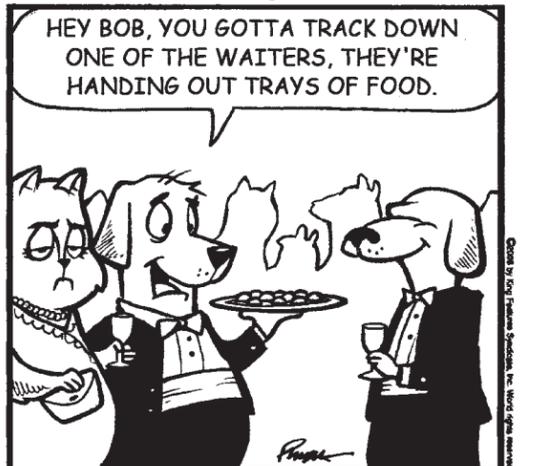
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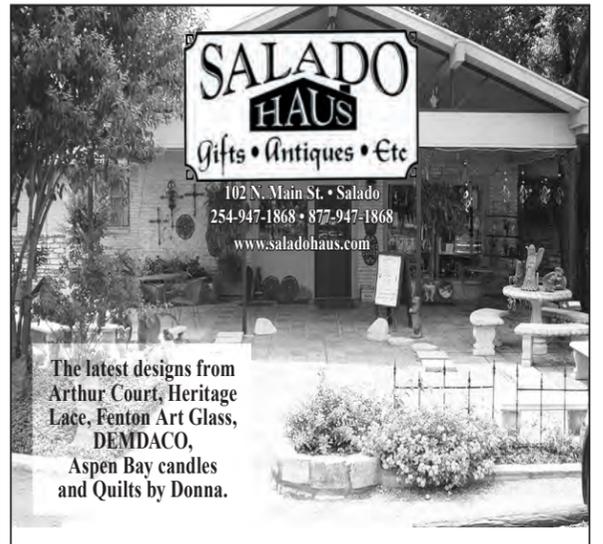
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John and his wife Polly live on land that's been in Polly's family for generations. There used to be a community nearby called Lone Star.

"It was a town called Skintight and in the 1860s or 70s they applied for a federal post office. The post office department said they couldn't use Skintight, so they named it Lone Star."

John has made a living as a blacksmith for more than 40 years, creating everything from ornate staircase railings to jewelry.

"The secret to this is don't tell anybody what you're making before you get done, because if you tell them it's a widget and

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it comes out a widget then you've got a problem."

John is now teaching others how to do blacksmith work. In his classes, he tells students if they don't see color in the steel, quit hitting on it. "It's too cold. It goes red, orange, yellow and white. It kinda gives you a range so you'll know how hot it is. Cherry red is 1450 degrees and white heat is 25 or 26 hundred."

Students pay \$350 for a two-day class on either Mondays and Tuesdays or Thursdays and Fridays. He shuts down his school after April because he says it's just too hot to work in a blacksmith shop during warm months. "May thru August you don't want to be in a blacksmith shop." He starts his classes in September.

His students come from

as far away as California and from all walks of life.

"We've had college professors, doctors, lawyers, police officers and a dentist. They build a fireplace poker, a heart trivet, a single tine barbecue fork with a twisted handle, a double tine fork, a railroad spike knife and a pair of blacksmith tongs. You're gonna work these two days. You're not going to lollygag around. The class is limited to four people. You take the projects home with you. Everybody gets a 32-ounce cross peen hammer that I set up for you in the shop. You take that home with you, too. It's a pretty good deal. If you don't like the blacksmithing, that's OK because you're gonna get two good home-cooked meals by my wife Polly." John and Polly recently

moved to the country from Hico, where they had a store and blacksmith shop. You can contact Frederick's Blacksmith School at 903-721-7962. The mailing address is RR5 Box 2088, Jacksonville, TX 75766.

Alumni Game this weekend

The Fifth Annual Salado High School Alumni Baseball Game will take place March 18 at the SHS baseball field.

The game is scheduled to begin at approximately noon, but the popular homerun derby will take place at 11 a.m. Participation fee for the alumni game is \$10, which includes a t-shirt, while participation in the homerun derby is set at \$5.

Alumni will divide into teams, with those that graduated in even-numbered years on one squad, and those that graduated in odd-numbered years on the other.

The homerun contest will be split into an Over-30 division, and an Under-30 division.

Head Salado baseball coach Melvin Bates began the alumni game tradition as a way for past players to get together, play baseball and catch-up on old times.

In last year's game, the Evens (those who graduated in even years) thoroughly dismantled the Odds (odd year graduates) by a final of 17-3. It was the most lopsided game in the short history of the series, and gave the Evens a 2-1 series advantage. Defending homerun contest champions are Curtis Thompson in the Over-30 and Scott Bates in the Under-30.

For more information about the alumni game contact Coach Bates at 254-947-5429, ext. 1201, or email mbates@saladoisd.org.



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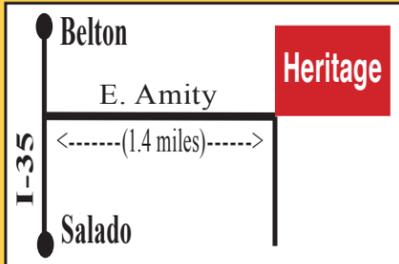
The Texas Tycoon Collection

The Salado Sawmill, an artisan's workshop and gallery, has created a unique line of custom furniture: The Texas Tycoon Collection. Big, bold and as rugged as a Texas oilman, this line reflects the character and style of these demanding gentlemen. No Victorian frills here: just clean lines, chiseled features and big proportions. While the style of these pieces reflects Texas' roots, it also demonstrates a flair for the dramatic through the use of burl, bird's eye and quarter-sawn lumber. Picture here is the Library Cabinet in the Tycoon Collection. This piece is made from bird's eye maple. Note the shop-made crown molding, distinctive base and towering proportions -- a showpiece for today's tycoon, oil or otherwise.



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Salado Water Supply Corporation's tariff and a map showing Salado Water Supply Corporation's service area may be reviewed at Salado Water Supply Corporation's offices, at [410 Salado Plaza Drive]; the tariff/policy and service area map are also filed of record at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in Austin, Texas and may be reviewed by contacting the TCEQ, c/o Utility Rates and Services Section, Water Utilities Division, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711.

Village Artists do well in Barclay

The Salado Village Artists once again took the Barclay Visual Arts contest by storm claiming many awards out of the 211 entries in 9 categories.

Abstracts: Evelyn Foster won third for her submission "Surf and Tide" and Marie Martch won runner up for "Ascension"

Animals in Art: Joy Schuhmacher took first place for "Sunny Pasture" with Deborah Martin as runner up for her "Sea Turtle".

Mixed Media: Evelyn Foster won first place with "Sea Garden".

In Still Life category, Joan Hoffman earned First place with "A Gathering of Roses" and Sharon McGlasson won third place with "Tall Lady".

Other awards have been presented in honor of citizens who were artists or those who supported the arts. These Awards of Excellence were given to Evelyn Foster for the George Prater Memorial Award for Abstracts. Also the Elizabeth Acker Memorial Award for oils was earned by Joy Schuhmacher for "Shades of River Walk".

Katie Combs won the Laura Brown Reinowski Memorial Award for portraits with "Laurie".

The Peg and Addison

Broders Memorial Award for still Life went to Joan Hoffman with "A Gathering of Roses".

The Brooksie Nell and A. Ford Wolf Memorial Award for watercolors was won by Jimmie Vernon with "Wind Dance".

The Allene Barr White

Award of Excellence for florals was presented to Jerry Goodman for "Wild Roses".

The Central Texas Pastel Society Award for pastels was earned by Alberto Martinez for "Los Tres Reyes".

There were Honorable

Mentions in the awards of Excellence presented to Jerry Goodman, Evelyn Foster and Joy Schuhmacher

Awards were presented to the winners on March 5 but the show is open at the Cultural Activities Center until March 22.



Paul Schoenrock has joined Century 21 Bill Bartlett Real Estate in Salado. "I have a lifetime of experience in farming and ranching and hands-on experience in real estate investment. You can contact him at 254-721-8778 or 947-5050.



Aldermen Curt Strong addressed the Salado Lions Club March 8 about the issues and challenges facing Salado. (PHOTO BY MARY KITE)

Lawsuits imported to Texas

Michelle Wittenburg, an attorney with Texans for Lawsuit Reform, addressed the Rotary Club of Salado March 7. Witten has worked in the past as a political advisor, and became an active member of the Houston-based TLR in 1995.

Her involvement with the club came about, she said, when Texas began gaining a reputation as "Lawsuit Hell," whereby lawsuits were even imported from other states because of the massive settlements being awarded in Texas. The result, Wittenburg explained, was that businesses were actually avoiding setting up shop in Texas.

She did contend, though, that TLR is not anti-lawyer, and is in fact staffed primarily by attorneys. Instead of reducing income to attorneys, TLR

claims to have found that loss in income to plaintiff's attorneys has been accompanied by a comparable increase in funds for corporate lawyers.

Another issue to the concerned attorneys is that the merits of a case became secondary to seeking out "deep pockets" and contriving major grievances. By way of demonstration Wittenburg gave the example of asbestos lawsuits where plaintiff's attorneys would set up screening locations in places such as Wal Mart parking lots. Screening would find mesothelioma, the asbestos induced disease, victims but AMA follow-up found only five percent of those identified actually had any true symptoms.

Accomplishments of TLR, Wittenburg pointed out, are involvement in

Texas 1995 Tort Reform legislation, and requiring attorney fees to be in the same form as that of the plaintiffs. For example, plaintiffs in the Blockbuster lawsuit got only coupons for free movies while plaintiffs' attorneys got cash fees.

In 2003 Texas legislation was passed which freed manufacturers, distributors, and retailers from suit if they conformed to prevailing laws in sale of products. Jury verdicts must also now be unanimous. Other legislation involves a modified version of "loser pays" whereby when a "reasonable settlement" has been rejected and a case goes to court, if the settlement is less than the offer the loser will pay costs of the litigation.

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C.B. Hodge Feed & Grain served Salado's agricultural community



C.B. Hodge Feed & Grain Store on Royal Street . The store opened in 1946

By Mary Harrison Hodge
Salado Historical Society

In 1946 a full service Feed and Grain Company was opened in Salado. It was located on the right side of Royal Street in the first block off Main Street. Salado was an agricultural community in the 1930's and 1940's. A large quantity of corn and milo was raised locally. This was owned by C.B. and Mary Hodge. Between 1946 and 1957 this business included a corn sheller with capacity

of 16,000 bushels with an elevator. The sheller would handle 3,000 bushels of corn in addition to the storage capacity. There were two portable corn shellers with 1,500-2,000 bushel capacity each. One of these would take care of the overflow at the main plant in Salado and the other would operate in Burlington, Texas where Guinn Williams was a partner.

There was a shuck house with an automatic electric baler. In this process, all of the corn shucks were baled as the corn was shelled. The shuck bales were sold for 50 cents each.

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Other equipment included plant scales, tool house, two tandem semi-trucks used for hauling grain, four bob tail trucks, a pickup and tractor.

The feed store was located in the Norwood building known today as the Gallery. Any 4-H club member could charge feed for their animal until the animal was shown or sold. The feed was sold at a reduced price to the member. There was never a penny lost on a 4-H club member.

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Dallas Cemetery Assoc. reactivated

Plans have now been completed to re-activate the Dallas Cemetery Association by direct descendants of Alexander James Dallas, who in 1889 deeded 1.87 acres for the Dallas Cemetery. The purpose of the Association is to provide restoration and ongoing care and maintenance of the historical Dallas Cemetery located in Bell County west of Holland, Texas. The Dallas Cemetery contains the graves of Mr. Dallas, a number of early Texas settlers and their descendents, and an estimated 10 veterans of the Confederate War. The earliest known burial is 1849 with possible earlier graves marked only with field stones.

The association has initiated a membership drive and various fund raising efforts to provide for ongoing maintenance and preservation of the Dallas Cemetery. For those that have a family member of ancestor buried in the Dallas Cemetery or are interested in assisting in the preservation of this piece of Texas history, contact

Dallas Cemetery Assoc. Steve E. Dallas, President dallas Cemetery@earthlink.net 2902 Hunters Den St San Antonio, TX 78230 210-415-4041

The association has scheduled a day for cleanup and restoration on April 8 to begin at 8 a.m. Water, hydration drinks and snacks will be provided. The Association is currently recruiting volunteers and requests all participating to bring gloves, hand tools used for landscaping purposes, and lawn chairs. Tents will be set up for breaks and first aid purposes.

The Dallas Cemetery Association is a non-profit organization per Section 501(c)(13) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. The sole purpose of the Dallas Cemetery Association is the restoration, perpetual care and maintenance of the historic Dallas Cemetery located in Bell County, southwest of Holland. All contributions to the Dallas Cemetery Association benefit the Dallas Cemetery and are tax deductible

March 21 is Diabetes Day

March 21 is American Diabetes Day, a time devoted both to raising awareness of, and fighting against, this disease. In her new book, **Exercises for Diabetes** Erin O'Driscoll, RN, MA, helps people with diabetes take control of their bodies and gain strength, courage, and confidence.

Over 18 million Americans have some form of diabetes. In addition to diet and insulin regulation, there is one thing every diabetic can do to take control of their health: Exercise.

Studies have shown that exercise can lower blood glucose, blood pressure, and cholesterol. It reduces the risk of heart disease and stroke, relieves stress, and strengthens the heart, muscles, and bones. Exercise also helps insulin work better, improves blood circulation, and keeps joints flexible.

There are several different modes of exercises that are important to diabetics - aerobics, strength training, warm-ups, and cool-downs. Aerobic exercise strengthens the heart and keeps the exerciser's muscles warm. Strength training builds endurance, while improving both

joints and muscles. Warm-ups and cool-downs are essential for the safety of the exerciser. **Exercises for Diabetes** gives various examples of each with easy to follow pictures and detailed instructions.

Here are some of the exercises O'Driscoll recommends:

Aerobic Tap Backs: Start with your feet together. Tap your right foot to the back and return in to center, tap your left foot back and return it to center. Alternate tapping the right and left foot to the back as you press both arms to the front.

Lateral Raises for Strength: Start with your arms at your sides and your feet shoulder length apart. Stand tall with your head in line with your spine. Keep your hips neutral. Raise your right arm to the side, up to shoulder height, pause at the top, and slowly lower the arm back down to your side. Repeat with the left arm. Alternate lifting and lowering the right and left arms.

Exercises for Diabetes is available in bookstores everywhere, or by calling 1-800-528-2550.



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- Denman's Loop: Lot 8, B 19, Sec, 2, \$18,000.
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- Jeremiah's Well: 11.9 acres with pond and well.

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- \$149,000: 1.6 acres with good potential for commercial near I-35 & FM 2484.
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It's a national epidemic: Within the last five years alone, nearly 2.9 million households in the United States have experienced foreclosure.

To combat the nation's rising foreclosure problem, the Homeownership Preservation Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization is launching what may be the first-ever nationwide public service campaign to specifically address the nation's growing foreclosure

problem. The campaign encourages homeowners to call the Foundation at 888-995-HOPE to receive free, confidential advice from HUD-certified counseling agencies. Based in Minneapolis, the Homeownership Preservation Foundation is dedicated to reducing foreclosures and preserving homeownership for American homeowners.

According to the Homeownership Preservation Foundation's president and executive director, Walt Fricke, there's plenty of blame to share for the nation's rising foreclosure problem, from homeowners who have not educated and informed themselves about the obligations of taking on a mortgage, to the availability of easy credit. Regardless, says Fricke, no one wins when a foreclosure touches a neighborhood.

"Besides the obvious loss to a homeowner and his or her family, the values of homes near foreclosed properties drop dramatically when a home is boarded up. A typical city may lose up to \$33,000 per foreclosed home, and a typical mortgage company may lose \$50,000 or more per home," says Fricke. "One way or another, all consumers suffer and end up paying more."

To drive awareness of the Foundation's toll-free hotline, the campaign will leverage two 30-second TV spots, two 15-second TV spots, three 60-second-radio spots and one 30-second radio spot, as well as two print executions. One of the radio spots specifically addresses the needs of homeowners affected by Hurricane Katrina; another radio spot is available in Spanish to reach Latino homeowners. The broadcast spots are being distributed to TV and radio stations throughout the United States beginning in January.

The theme of the campaign focuses on moving homeowners who are facing financial difficulties from a state of "denial" to taking action before it costs them their homes. In each television spot, an actor personifies the nagging, annoying thoughts that weigh on a homeowner who is experiencing financial difficulty. In one spot, an actor appearing as a blue-collar worker is screamed at incessantly as he goes through his daily motions at work. In the other PSA, a woman experiences her annoyance from the moment she wakes up, and it continues as she prepares to leave home for work.

"We've counseled more than 50,000 homeowners and we've learned that the earlier a homeowner acknowledges their financial difficulties and calls us, the more options we have in helping that homeowner," says Walt Fricke, president and executive director of the Homeownership Preservation Foundation. "By the time a homeowner actually has been served a foreclosure notice, there is sometimes little we can do."

Unfortunately, notes Fricke, based on industry data and a recent Harris Interactive survey of homeowners, slightly more than 50 percent of homeowners avoid contacting their mortgage company for help.

"Our campaign is designed to reach out to this 50 percent -- those who are uncomfortable calling their mortgage company," Fricke says.

About the Homeownership Preservation Foundation

The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is a Minneapolis-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to reducing foreclosures and preserving homeownership for American homeowners. For information, please visit www.hpfonline.org.



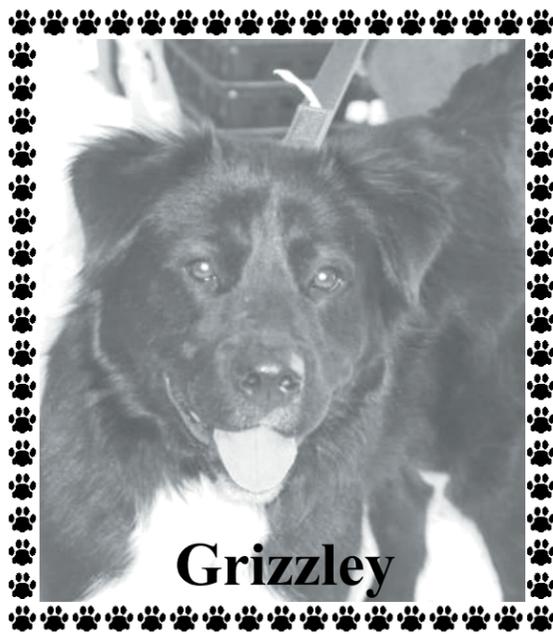
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Is home wind turbine feasible?

Dear EarthTalk:
Is it feasible to put up my own wind turbine to provide electricity to my home? -- Erin McGowan, Seattle, WA

Putting up your own wind turbine to provide electricity is technically feasible, but the costs for permitting, purchasing, installing and maintaining the technology remain prohibitive for all but the wealthiest, especially given the low costs of traditional power from the electricity grid across the United States.

Sadly, a Gloucester, Massachusetts resident recently spent \$30,000 to erect a 10,000-watt, 125-foot-tall wind turbine in her tiny backyard in order to generate her own pollution-free electricity. The turbine worked well initially, generating most of the power for her house, but then it broke and the \$10,000 part required to make it run again was too expensive, so the equipment has remained dormant ever since.

But the hard economic facts of backyard wind power are not enough to deter some idealists from working to build both supply and demand for what many view as the world's cleanest form of renewable energy. For one, the non-profit Northwest Sustainable Energy for Economic Development (NWSEED) has launched a program called "Our Wind Cooperative" to promote customer-owned wind power among farmers and other rural landowners in the Pacific



Northwest.

NWSEED put together a package of federal and private funding options for those willing to put small turbines for personal and public use on their land. The U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) gave the project a \$300,000 grant, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture kicked in \$50,000. Also, the non-profit Bonneville Environmental Foundation extended a low-interest loan, and pledged to buy and help generate further demand for some of the power generated.

By the end of 2003, NWSEED had enough money to install small turbines on 10 rural sites in Montana and Washington. So far, five are running and a sixth is due to go online soon. Though each turbine costs \$40,000, grants have kept participant costs to under \$10,000. Without the subsidy, the program would not be cost-effective in the short run but, like all new technologies, costs will come down as demand grows. And as a pilot program to showcase wind's potential, the project is considered to be a rousing success.

Elsewhere, in Silicon Valley, a slew of alternative energy firms, including many focusing on small-scale wind power, are being born. Among them are AeroVironment and Aerotecture, both specializing in backyard windmills that power lights, appliances, and heating and cooling systems without polluting.

More new wind power facilities were installed in the U.S. last year than anywhere else in the world. According to the Global Wind Energy Council, the U.S. installed 2,400 megawatts--equivalent to the energy produced by five large coal-fired power plants in a year--in 2005 alone. These were mainly large wind farms, but the industry's growth is nevertheless encouraging to those of us who dream about putting that howling wind outside our windows to good use.

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Dear EarthTalk:
What are some green-friendly hardwood floor waxes I can use in my home that aren't as toxic as conventional brands?

-- Pat Montgomery, Phoenix, AZ

Most of us spend about 90 percent of our time indoors, so minimizing the use of harmful chemicals in our homes, offices and schools is important to keep the air we breathe healthy and the constructed surfaces we live on free of irritants and toxins.

But there are trade-offs, as proper maintenance of most types of flooring requires that occasional waxing to protect the finish beneath our feet. Among the worst offenders commonly found in mainstream floor waxes is cresol, which can cause liver and kidney damage if inhaled over extended periods of time. Formaldehyde, which has been linked to everything from asthma to reproductive problems to cancer, is also a key floor wax ingredient that should be avoided whenever possible. Some other hazardous ingredients in traditional floor waxes are nitrobenzene, perchloroethylene, phenol, toluene and xylene.

Luckily for the eco-conscious homemaker, a number of forward-thinking companies have risen to the green challenge by manufacturing floor waxes that help maintain a more healthy and pure indoor environment. Seattle's Environmental Home Center, one of the country's foremost green building product retailers,

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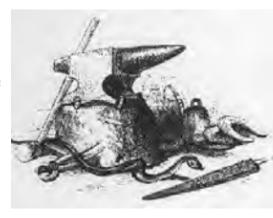
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As I mentioned our office was located in the Gallery next to the museum building. At that time, Mr. and Mrs. J.Y. Dowdy has the telephone office upstairs and an armadillo shop downstairs. It was long distance to call anywhere and when I called my mother in Jarrell she could not hear

what I said. We had a large window on the south side of our building and Mrs. Dowdy had her plug in machine in the north upstairs window of her building. I would tell her through the screen what I wanted to tell mother and she would plug in someway and tell mother. Then mother would tell her what to tell me. In the early 1950's my father, Fred Harrison, bought the Salado Telephone Company and changed the name to Texas Farmers Telephone Company. He installed dial phones and the people were delighted to be able to hear. He built a private line from Jarrell to Salado for mother and I to use. He was given the use of it for his lifetime. The new phones were a real asset for our business.

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Texas Western Swing fiddlers return to Expo

Decades ago Waylon Jennings wrote in his song that "Bob Wills Is Still The King". Come March 18, the 10th annual Texas Western Swing Fiddling Showcase and Dance will prove that this is still very much true! As always, the Showcase will be held at the Bell County Expo Center in Belton Texas. This Western Swing music event is sponsored by Texas Western Swing Heritage Association of Belton. "The purpose of the Showcase is to promote this "Texas Born" music by bringing together extremely talented musicians to our stage. Among these musicians are Grammy winners, Hall of Fame members, Texas and World Champion fiddlers and recording artist. Doors open at 11a.m. The music starts at noon and continues until 5 pm. Dinner by reservation only will be served at 5:30 pm.

The Western Swing dance will be from 8 p.m. - midnight.

The featured performer for the Showcase is Randy Elmore of Cleburne, Texas. Randy is two times World Champion and six times Texas State Champion fiddler. In 1997 Randy was voted the AWA Western Swing Instrumentalist of the year. Through the years, Randy has played with Mel Tillis, Ray Price, Hank Thompson, Reba McEntire, The Texas Playboys and a great host of others. He currently does studio work with various artists as well as conducts fiddle camps for young and upcoming musicians. Randy is at home with country/western, western swing, as well as classical music.

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Admission for the afternoon performance is \$15. Dance tickets are \$12. Tickets for the show dinner or dance may be purchased now at the Bell County Expo or call 254-939-8390. Group tables available.

This year the Showcase will present fiddler Elana James of Austin. This Kansas native who came to Texas in 1997 is a favorite wherever she performs. She was a founding member of the hot Western Swing trio Hot Club of Cowtown which produced five cd's. As of late Elana has toured with Bob Dylan and Merle Haggard. Just last fall she started a new trio which is touring from coast to coast. When it comes to hot fiddle licks, Elana is tops in her trade, often being compared to Joe Holley (Texas Playboy fiddler) and Jazz fiddle great Joe Venuti.

Back again this year is

Bobby Flores of Blanco, Texas. Bobby is known for his fine vocal work on the bandstand as well as his great fiddle work. He played with Ray Price and the Cherokee Cowboys for three years. Bobby has been featured on over 300 albums.

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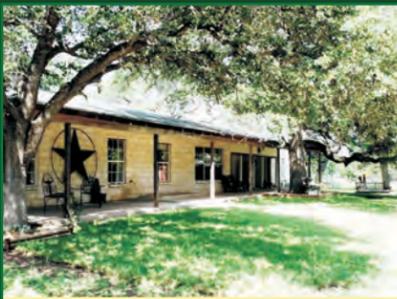
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