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### Wildflower Art Show is here

The Village of Salado is ready for its 8th Annual Wildflower Art Show, March 29-30. The Show will be held on the Civic Center grounds 9 a.m.-5 p.m. March 29 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 30.

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

Jewelry will be represented by several artists at this show. Robert Wolf specializes in 100 percent hand-cut rough stone jewelry. Last year he was a finalist in the "Official State Artist of Texas for 2007/2008 (for the three dimensional category)." His creativity starts with finding a rock, quite often dirty, than carefully finds the pattern in the rock as he cleans it up. His turquoise pendants are among his best selling pieces. He also works with

Aldermen propose 25-cent tax for 2008-09 lapis lazuli, opals, other gems and minerals as well as petrified palm wood. He will be at the show both days.

Painters at the show provide a wide range of subjects to choose from: George Boutwell's Texas Collection, to Jo Bridges contemporary wildflowers, Tommy Thompson's foray into jazz allied New Orleans to William Larson's realistic western scenes. Our photographers offer the same wide variety of subjects: John Brady's wildflowers, Kris Kistner's vibrant architecture, Richard Steppy's artful scenes, Lucinda Benton's graceful flowers and Craig Scotland's moments in nature.

Visitors to the show will have the opportunity to purchase flowering baskets under the gazebo from the Salado Garden Club. The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling chances to win a Larry Prellop landscape, "Cabin on the Creek". The Salado Village Artists will be

open displaying and selling their work as well. The Salado Lion's Club will be raising funds for their White Cane Program.

The Wildflower Art Show will have an "Artists in Action" for the public to observe the creativity of these artists. The local fine art galleries will also be supporting the "Artists in Action" theme. Currently Larry Prellop with Prellop Fine Art Gallery, Ronnie Wells with Wells Gallery, Kay Griffith with Griffith Fine Art Gallery and Bascom Herd with B Herd Galleries will be Artists in Action on Saturday afternoon. Master craftsman Bob Pascoe will also be in his studio at Salado Sawmill.

Entertainment will be provided by Richard Paul Thomas 1-3 p.m. March 29 and noon-2 p.m. March 30. A celtic group, Bedlam Bards, will perform from 3-5 p.m. March 29 and 2-4 p.m. March 30. Admission is free. For more information please contact the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 254-947-5040, or visit salado.com.



The 31st annual Texas Packard Meet will be held at Stagecoach Inn March 28-30, sponsored by the Texas Packard Association. For more information, see story on Page 1B. (FILE PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

### Annual Smokin' Spokes bike ride wheels around area March 29

Sixth Annual Smokin' Spokes Bike Ride, benefiting the Salado Volunteer Fire Department, will be held March 29, with the ride beginning at 8 a.m. at the Salado school grounds.

As in previous years, a variety of routes will be available for riders to choose from, with each route differing in distance

and overall difficulty.

Riders can pick from 15, 27, 57, 70, 85 and 102 mile rides. All routes will begin and end in Salado's Pace Park. 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. "We placed most of our

rest stops at very scenic locations," said Charles Young, Salado Volunteer Fire Department Chief. "One is on 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."

Entry fee will be \$25 for pre-registration and \$30 for on-site registration.

### Aldermen propose 25-cent tax for next year

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Whether the Village of Salado will have a property tax or how much that tax might be will remain unanswered until aldermen adopt a budget for the 2008-09 fiscal year. However, aldermen voted March 20 to consider a 25-cent per \$100 valuation property tax as an additional revenue stream for the Village.

"Every year the board struggles with providing services that the residents want without a property tax," Mayor Rick Ashe said.

While the board will not consider adopting a tax rate until it adopts its 2008-09 budget in September, aldermen voted 4-1 to propose a tax rate of 25-cents per \$100 valuation on a motion by Curt Strong receiving a second from Michael Cooper. Voting in favor were Cooper, Strong, Suzi Epps, and Merle Stalcup. Forrest Holloway voted against.

Property owners will receive notice of how much a possible tax rate of 25 cents per \$100 will cost when they receive their annual property evaluations and tax estimates this summer.

"We owe it to the citi-

zens of informing them what the worst case would be," said alderman Cooper, who added, "When we get down to budgeting and other considerations, we might come to another conclusion. We could set a tax rate that is lower than the 25 cents."

"In the event we deem it necessary to implement a property tax," he said, "they need to know the maximum that they would see. Twenty-five cents is the maximum we can implement."

Currently, the Village funds an annual budget of more than \$500,000 with a one-percent sales tax and a franchise fee on utilities

such as electric, phone, water and garbage. The Village has four full-time police officer, a full-time city secretary, a full-time maintenance worker who splits time between maintaining Pace Park and other maintenance needs within the village including minor road repairs, a municipal judge and a part time assistant to the Village Secretary.

Among a list of goals aldermen have adopted is the addition of a city manager for the Village.

Property values within the Village are unofficially estimated at more than \$100 million, which would generate an addi-

tional \$250,000 per year in revenues if a 25-cent property tax is enacted.

By proposing the 25-cent tax now, Village staff can begin work on preparing budgets that take into consideration the additional income, assistant Village attorney Veronica Rivera told aldermen.

"The appraisal district can provide dollar amounts, which will help staff provide two budgets," she said, to provide "an estimated amount with the property tax and one without ad valorem taxes."

The time will also allow aldermen to consider what, if any, exemptions

will be adopted. "This gives the county appraisal district a heads-up of what is coming," she said.

Prior to the discussion and vote, five residents spoke before aldermen about the issue: Danney McCort, Mike Williamson, Charlotte Douglass, Dr. Ramon Carver and Ken Culver.

McCort asked aldermen that if they were to implement a property tax, that they "come up with an exemption for those over 65 who are living on fixed incomes."

"This is the most important decision since the

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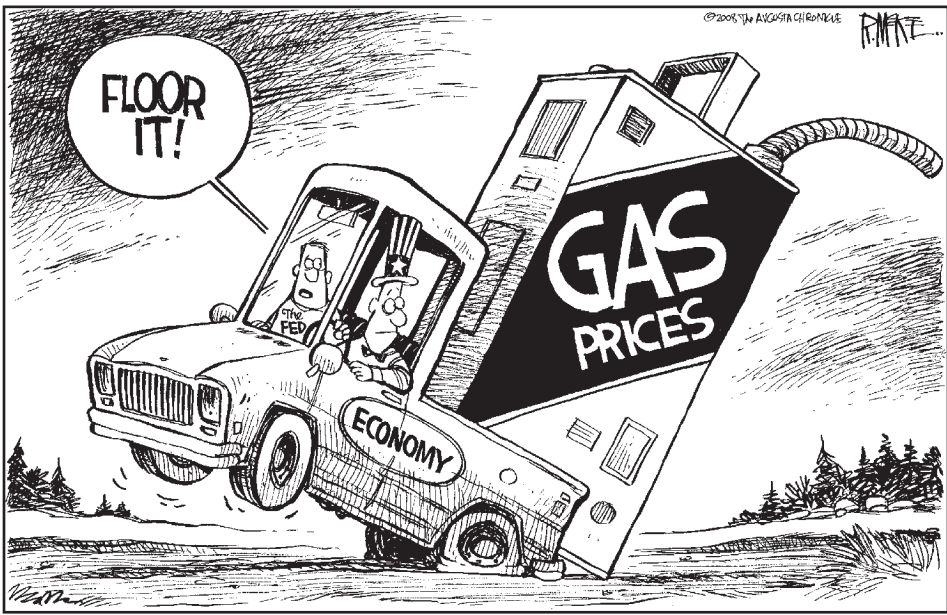
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# FORUM

## An Open Exchange of Ideas



### William F. Buckley Jr., RIP

The warm tributes to William F. Buckley Jr., the conservative hero who died at age 82, have emphasized all that everyone could appreciate about him: the formidable intelligence, the capacious vocabulary, the otherworldly productivity, the playful wit, the graciousness and deep, wide-ranging friendships.

He was a beloved figure who had entered American lore and, in that sense, belonged to all of us. But in the fond reminiscences, it shouldn't be forgotten what he hated. Buckley was an anti-communist to the marrow of his bones, whose lifelong mission was to crush Marxist totalitarianism. In this, he was uncompromising, relentless and -- this is what makes it possible to minimize it now -- successful.

Buckley was a master debater who took on (and usually beat) all comers, but he insisted that, with communists, there could be no dialogue. He convinced the Yale Political Union in 1962 to rescind an invitation to the head of the Communist Party U.S.A. "We can no more collaborate with him to further the common understanding than Anne Frank could have collaborated with Goebbels in a dialogue on race relations," Buckley argued.

Buckley's anti-communism had many roots. His father, an oilman who did business in a Mexico roiled by revolution, was a committed anti-communist. And Buckley's Catholic faith made him a natural foe of atheistic Marxism. But the deepest foundation of Buckley's anti-communism -- and his politics generally -- was a belief that the individual is paramount and can flourish only in freedom.

This is a man who recoiled at the leveling, deadening conformity of communism and would have died of boredom (or more likely would have been jailed or executed for brave, puckish provocations) within such a system.

Buckley said that communism's "extir-

### Rich Lowry



pative passion is to eliminate man." How? By eliminating freedom. "Without freedom, there is no true humanity." Even in the darkest days of the Cold War, Buckley realized how difficult it would be to forever extinguish that hardy ember of humanity that is the individual.

Back in 1959, Buckley excoriated the flabbiness of thought that attended an invitation to Nikita Khrushchev to visit the United States. He concluded: "Khrushchev cannot take permanent advantage of our temporary disadvantage, for it is the West he is fighting. And in the West there lie, however encysted, the ultimate resources, which are moral in nature. In the end, we will bury him."

He spoke often of the gratitude we owe our civilizational forebears and regretted that "a country -- a civilization -- that gives us such gifts as we dispose of cannot be repaid in kind. There is no way in which we can give to the United States a present of a bill of rights in exchange for its having given us the Bill of Rights."

But Buckley did his utmost to repay it in kind. Long ago, he himself entered what he liked to call freedom's House of Lords, and he is now due what he once movingly called for: "We need a rebirth of gratitude for those who have cared for us, living and, mostly, dead. The high moments of our way of life are their gifts to us. We must remember them in our thoughts and in our prayers; and in our deeds." RIP.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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## Economy's "March Madness" forces taxpayers to clean up greed-bred fiscal debacle

If you thought "March Madness" referred only to basketball or Spring break by college students - then you've bent your "thinker" and we say that advisedly, because there's much worse "folly" going on among our elected (and many appointed) politicians in Washington who are - on the one hand, trying to convince us they are well suited to handle any contingency if reelected, while on the other hand, appear completely clueless concerning how to repair-strengthen our faltering economy.

An economy that has been so brutalized by unregulated (and greedy) investment bankers and Wall Street finaglers, that nothing tried thus far has even slowed down the recessionary free-fall, including the non-stop pumping of fed-money (actually our tax dollars) into what was thought to be a strong free-enterprise investment banking system.

### STRICT REGS NEEDED

Those responsible for this fiscal convulsion will (we presume) be publicly and thoroughly castigated by both congress and the media. **But there's something even more important that must be done - and the sooner the better.**

Congress needs to **begin immediately to create, and then enact**, a series of strict statutes and regulations for the **entire** banking industry - not just the commercial institutions most of us deal with - but also the mammoth investment banks and related financial institutions, who have traditionally "bought" their way out of being regulated with full support (over the years) from Congress and the White House.

Anti-regulationists say that rules hamper the entrepreneurial spirit and stymie progress (translated - cuts profits).

**All that nonsense would be fine - if those who reap the massive financial rewards - like Bear Stearns and the other culpable investment dragons, would be forced to clean up their own messes when they fail!**

But oh, no - that's when these unregulated fiscal pirates change their tunes and demand government help, and here we're referring to tax dollar "help" paid for by average (income) folks who weren't allowed to share in the accumulated wealth from the money lender's perfidies.

And that's not right nor fair by any standard. So we'll let the losers grab the federal dollar life jackets, while the rest of us pick up the tab "one more time" **but from now on, we want - no, we demand** - that government keep rogue bankers from securing any further "free enterprise passes" issued by future administrations and Congress.

**And again, we're talking here about creating new and stringent all-level banking laws with tough no-nonsense regulators to enforce the rules. Including "untouchable" ways of protecting these federal watchdogs from being politicized and/or compromised.**

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What's also disheartening - is to watch our President lecture us about the economy with a wink, a grin and a smirk. The Veep then helps out with a scowl or a snotty "So?" when asked a question.

And thus far, not one workable action, from our faltering administration, Congress, Treasury Department, or the "respected" banking commu-

### Off the Record by Ken Clapp



nity, has calmed an economy that now includes two more fiscal killers "inflation and recession."

**Which is analogous to dealing with politicians (and others) who are both "ignorant and arrogant" - a similar combo that produces absolute bedlam at any level.**

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### COMMENTARY.....

There's fun and pride involved when bragging about the great things to be found in Texas - "except" when the government announces (as they did last week) that 25 percent of our citizens have absolutely no health insurance, and **our State leads the nation with the highest number of uninsured folks. That's a "first" - we should worry about!**

Even more to the point - why has our Governor remained silent about the State's scandalous health care situation, instead of running around "endorsing" first one presidential candidate and then another?

Or promoting a "corridor" toll road that will never pay for itself?

Could the answer be that most Republican elected officials have figured out that providing health insurance for those without this necessity, costs money and would require new taxes?

And just in case you didn't know, that's a subject (taxes) no self-satisfied Republicans care to discuss.

Fact is that people without health insurance end up costing everyone a lot of money. President Bush loftily comments: **"Health care is available for everyone - in emergency rooms."**

Who do you reckon he thinks pays for ER assistance? And why won't our paragons of "compassionate conservatism" believe national statistics that prove (free) health care for needy children pays big dividends?

We should be ashamed that Texas leads the nation in uninsured citizens. And we need to put some "real" leaders in the Governor's Office and Legislature to provide indigent health care. **And do it without the carping that always accompanies special needs - if for no other reason than it's the right thing to do!**

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### AND FINALLY.....

The Michigan-Florida primary vote is thoroughly stalemated as of today. Michigan has refused to authorize a second vote; Clinton and Obama are at odds as to how best to proceed; and Florida has been flip-flopping the issue (wonder what else is "new" down there?).

**What needs to be done is let the original primary vote stand.** Oh sure, we know that the Democratic National Committee spanked the two States for disobeying DNC officialdom and holding their primaries early.

But bear in mind - that was done by State party bosses and not the voters! And to disenfranchise the public for the recalcitrance of a few doltish pols is unfair and needs to be corrected.

Once again we urge the DNC to get off its "high horse" and let the Michigan-Florida primary vote stand and their delegates be admitted to the national convention.

And stop all this elementary school scuffling.

That's -30-

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# Property tax on minds of readers

## Your Voice

### Letters to the Editor

**To the Editor:**

I gave the following remarks before the March 20 meeting of the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen:

As a citizen of Salado and a former Alderman for two short terms, I appeal to you as fair and responsible Aldermen, and as residents sensitive to the needs of the Village, asking you to reject plans for an ad valorem tax at this time.

When I was elected to the office, I campaigned against instigation of any such taxes because I had served on a committee chaired by Vic Means to determine how other towns operated, and none had the capabilities to generate moneys for operations as we do -- provided we budget prudently and have success as managers of the village's operations.

I worked long and hard to obtain over \$200,000 in stipends from utility-companies who serve us, and I resigned from the Board only after I felt sure that resources and moneys generated from utilities stipends and sales taxes would be enough to sustain operations for the village for many, many, many years to come provided the Board of Aldermen finds means of budgeting operations and maintenance for our size and capabilities.

I did not then -- and I do not know -- feel it is appropriate to employ a city manager to run this town, and I object now -- as I did then -- on spending money on materials and equipment and salaried personnel or any other agendas not necessary for our needs. Needs equals budget.

I personally wish the village Aldermen would provide line items for improvement of the creek, four encouragement of the arts, and for historical restoration, but not with ad valorem taxes.

I encourage establishment of a committee of villagers who might examine and recommend to the board ways and means for trimming current and projected budget expenses and obtaining greater income as sales of certain products increase at Brookshires and elsewhere in the city limits. Our current 20 percent increase in sales taxes bodes well for such income increases.

I stood against ad val-

orem taxes years ago so that we wouldn't have to pay property taxes to Belton, and I stand today against any such penalties imposed on ourselves.

Incidentally, I cannot -- in good conscience -- support election or reelection of anyone who urges these taxes on fellow citizens.

Sincerely,  
Raymond (Ramon) Carver

**To the Editor,**

I recall very well when many of us were attending the Village of Salado incorporation meetings a few years ago. I also recall the main reason for incorporation was to avoid being annexed by the City of Belton. The stated reason for not wanting annexation by Belton was to avoid having to pay city taxes. We were quoted numbers by various people on how the sales tax revenue that would be available to an incorporated Salado would sustain the needs of the municipality. We were given examples of other small communities such as Little River Academy that had incorporated and were able to meet the needs of their incorporated community from their sales tax collection.

Based on these promises, the majority of the people in the incorporated area approved incorporation. Now, the sales tax revenue, which is almost double the estimated amount quoted during the incorporation meetings, is not enough to pay for the needs of our municipality and we must have a property tax.

I would like to know what has happened to create a need for more money than available from sales tax. Also, why are the citizens not allowed to vote on the proposed property tax? We were smart enough to vote on incorporation, but now we are not going to be allowed to vote on the very thing that we approved incorporation to avoid.

Why can't politicians ever accept the fact that there will never be enough money to do all the things they would like to do. That goes for the federal government, state government county government and local government. The thing these politicians need to do is look at the money available and decide where it can best be

spent. Not where it can be spent on things, they would like to have.

The Salado Police Dept. has a budget of \$216,000. Now don't get me wrong, if I had to pick one area where I think our money has been well and wisely spent, it would be our police dept. But as I recall our law enforcement was to be by contract with the Bell County Sheriffs Dept. What happened there? My point is that this is an expenditure that is contrary to what we were told.

Another area that was never mentioned at one of the meetings was the one of business development. The business development budget is one I cannot understand. Salado has been here for a long time and business was here when the Village of Salado was incorporated. With what is apparently a budget of about \$220,000 I have to wonder if sales tax income has increased enough to break even on that budget.

I'm not saying the merchants do not benefit from the business development group, but increasing the income of the merchants was not on the agenda as a reason for incorporation. As I look over the list of proposed expenditures on the budget and see so many items that have been added and are costing tax dollars that I have to wonder when we put an end to this.

Frankly I do not see where we have gained a lot from our incorporation to avoid annexation. The City of Belton furnishes its residents a number of services for their tax dollars. With the exception of our police dept., I have to ask just what we are going to get for our tax dollars. The only thing I have seen mentioned is street repair, which I believe was another item that we were told would be handled on a contract basis with Bell County.

All this makes me

think I have been misled by some people I expected to be truthful.

Sincerely,  
R. E. Smith

**To the Editor:**

So now we have a contrived Salado property tax?...what's not so predictable? Why just a couple of weeks ago it was reported Salado had evolved into a typical governmental entity by learning how to spend beyond its budget and operate in the "red", unlike how personal finances are supposed to work. But even more sinister is how this city council and previous councils, perhaps, in collusion with the county commissioner's court, have helped create and protract the reported municipal problems used in calling for the property tax.

1) For years, I and others have asked why there were no city imposed load limits on the ever deteriorating, incorporated roads (take Chisholm Trail, for example, which resembles a third world country's roads)? The council even formed, but tabled a road weight ordinance, I understand. Why? Who did the council then continue to allow to use our roads stressed for maybe 15000# use with 80000+# gravel haulers and concrete trucks (even state farm/market roads carrying heavy agricultural loads and such are limited to 58420#)..why developers and their sub-contractors, of course, ever benefiting from the damage caused but now to be fixed by the new Salado property taxpayer! By the city council's inactivity on limiting the weight used on our roads, they knowingly created a huge subsidy and accommodation for developers...they aided and abetted the road problem used to justify a property tax. Why no mandated construction entrances to developments...too pro-

active for government and inconvenient for taxpayer subsidized developers?

2) How much tax money has been wasted "studying" sewer systems when 99 percent of taxpaying property within incorporated Salado already have existing septic systems! Who would benefit from such expensive "white elephant boondoggles?" But, of course, developers with outlying, yet to be annexed developments awaiting extensively distant and expensive, taxpayer subsidized sewer systems, which will have no benefit to taxpayers with existing septic systems, but who will pay handsomely via the new property tax!

3) Drainage problems were created when a developer-friendly county commissioner's court and or city council allowed developers to build in historically known flood prone areas (Smith's Branch at Salado Creek, perhaps?). Property taxpayers, once again, will be fixing this drainage mess created by cursory government approval of developer's plats. The common thread...we, the taxpayer with increased property tax loads will further subsidize developers and the growth problems they create...hand in hand with complicit, inept local government and their power to property tax!

Folks, with the continued checkered history of conniving local governments, "we ain't seen nothing yet" when it comes to wasting taxpayers money. Anyone notice this important issue was not put up for vote and happened in the "dead of night," the night before the three day Good Friday/Easter holiday...they were hoping no one would notice? As I've been saying for 15 or more years here, "Salado today, Round Rock II/Harker Heights II tomorrow!"

However, it's just going to cost a bunch more now than anyone thought with these folks plotting as they do!

Oh, one final, pleasant thought: remember, one of the two present councilpersons bringing us this property tax will soon be elected the new mayor! How does that pass the smell test?

T.R. Pappas

## Banking on a bailout



**Jim Hightower**

*What's good for Bank of America is good for America - right?*

Well, that's what this huge banking conglomerate is telling the White House and Congress. These bankers have quietly been circulating a proposal in Washington that they've dubbed the "Homeowners Preservation Corporation." They assert that they are concerned about the little folks who've been caught up in the subprime mortgage collapse, so they're urging a government bailout that would allow these hard-pressed borrowers to refinance and keep their homes. Wow - what altruism!

Uh. Did I mention that Bank of America has several tons of these bad loans hanging over its corporate head? Did I mention that it has already pocketed huge fees for packaging billions of dollars worth of these risky mortgages into intricate, unregulated financial schemes that are now collapsing? Did I mention that Bank of America is presently taking over Countrywide corporation, America's largest huckster of these subprime mortgages, which will essentially be bankrupt if it doesn't get a bailout?

Corporate altruism, you see, starts at home.

Gosh, it seems like only yesterday that these high-flying bankers were working with President George W. Bush and Congress to deregulate their financial operations so they could engage in "financial innovations" like subprime mortgages. But - oops! - now that their laissez-faire adventurism is pinching their bottoms, they're suddenly pleading for a heavy dose of socialistic intervention into their free enterprises. Indeed, banking buccaneers are now telling Washington that some \$739 billion of their home loans are at risk of defaulting. So, please, they cry: Intrude!

Thousands of modest income Americans were duped and even defrauded by such subprime pushers as Countrywide and Bank of America. The White House and Congress should be helping the dupees - not the profiteers who did the duping.


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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

## What can investors learn from gardeners?

Spring is here. If you're a gardener, you know it will soon be time for you to put in your flowers or vegetables. But even if you don't have a green thumb, you can still take advantage of the season by "planting the seeds" for the growth of another valuable piece of property - your investment portfolio.

Actually, you can find a few similarities between successful gardening and effective investing. For starters, both gardeners and investors need to consider their individual circumstances. If, for example, your garden is in a shady part of your yard, you might be able to grow some nice geraniums, but you'll have tougher time with roses, which crave the sun. As an investor, you'll also find that some investments are more appropriate for your situation than others. So, before you purchase a stock, bond, certificate of deposit or government security, you'll need to determine

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by Allen Mantanona



if it's suitable for your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals.

Furthermore, just as gardeners don't usually grow only one variety of flower or one fruit or vegetable, you, as an investor, shouldn't stick with one type of investment vehicle. If you own nothing but aggressive growth stocks, you'll likely take on too much risk. Conversely, if you "are too conservative" and invest only in government bonds and certificates of deposit, you'll probably never achieve the growth you need, and your earnings may not even keep pace with inflation. Instead, build a portfolio containing a variety of investments that, when put together, is designed to help you make progress toward your objectives.

Another trait exhibited

by gardeners and worthy of emulation by investors is patience. If you were dissatisfied with the growth of a plant after just a few days, would you uproot it and put another plant in its place? Probably not. Instead, you'd nurture the original plant, hoping that, in the long term, it is possible for it to grow. The same thinking can apply to investments. Over the short term, your investment choices will fluctuate in price, and sometimes you may be frustrated by what you perceive as the lack of progress. But instead of constantly selling off investments and buying new ones, you'll likely be better off choosing quality securities and holding them for a period of many years. Eventually, your efforts may be rewarded.

What else do gardeners do that might be relevant

to investors?

For one thing, they get rid of weeds that can choke off the growth of flowers or vegetables. As an investor, you too may benefit from occasionally "pruning" your portfolio of those investments that no longer meet your needs, and, in fact, take up space that could otherwise be more profitably used. That's why it's a good idea to review your holdings at least once a year.

Finally, just as backyard "diggers" may turn to master gardeners for advice and guidance, you, as an investor, could quite likely benefit from the services of a financial advisor - an experienced professional who knows the markets and who will take the time to understand your situation, needs and goals.

So the next time you see some industrious gardeners making something beautiful and productive in their yards, watch them closely. Their skills and habits might be productively transferred to you as you invest for the future.

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## Debt relief is not tax relief!

### Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

You've certainly heard and read many reports about defaults on mortgage loans. There are many reasons homeowners face such situations, some of which are completely beyond their control. There are also several solutions, but each carries a consequence.

In one example, a family had to relocate for an attractive job offer. The

home they were selling languished in a slow market for over six months, and they defaulted because they couldn't continue the mortgage payments.

Their agent negotiated a "short sale," whereby the lender accepted an offer that was \$10,000 less than the loan balance (rather than begin unpleasant foreclosure proceedings). In this case, it's important to understand that the shortfall is considered "debt relief" and is reported as taxable income to the IRS.

Since the sellers didn't have to repay that \$10,000 to the lender, the IRS considered it the same as \$10,000 income. This debt relief from a short sale is considered taxable to the borrowers, and the corresponding Form 1099 must be reported.

This is one of the simpler scenarios created by defaults or foreclosures, which are becoming more common as market corrections and rising interest rates prevail. No matter what reason you or someone you know might be facing default, it is absolutely critical to consult with a tax adviser and a trusted real estate agent before deciding how to proceed.

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## Free trade will really boost economy

By BILL HAMMOND

The lagging national economy is tough on consumers and businesses alike. While the new federal economic stimulus package will help consumers by slowing rates on home foreclosures, it does nothing to help employers when their businesses struggle. Congress has lost sight of what will stimulate business by continuing to leave the U.S.-Columbia Trade Promotion Act (CTPA) on the back burner.

Although recent passage of the Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA) reauthorizes trade relations with some countries in South America, it does nothing to help American businesses that need to lift the barriers to compete. The current tariff burden will continue holding down our small and medium-sized companies that want to engage the Columbian market.

Almost all Columbian imports enter the United States markets duty free. In exchange, American exports are loaded with heavy tariffs when traded to Columbia. U.S. manufactured goods alone are hit with an average 14 percent tariff in Columbian markets. Corn, wheat, and other major agricultural exports have a tariff up

to and sometimes over 50 percent.

Fresh flowers are a major Columbian import received by the U.S. marketplace, duty-free. However, to keep the flower crops looking healthy, the U.S. exports fertilizer to Columbia with up to 15 percent charged in tariffs.

Compare apples to bananas. American orchards export apples and other fresh fruit with a 15 percent tariff. Bananas arrive from Columbia by the bushel with zero tariffs levied.

Columbia is one of our four largest trading partners in the world, bringing billions of dollars to the U.S. economy each year. In less than one decade, Columbia has emerged as a leader in commerce and a voice of democracy in South America. Today, it is a country with a bright future, a strong economy, a fair legal system, and improved access to education.

The Columbian government also stands strong against the continued international threats posed by neighboring Venezuela.

Columbia today is a critical partner in South America. The continuation of a healthy relationship is vital. However, it is equally vital that the relationship be fair. While the original passage of the ATPA benefited both countries, we need free trade, by way of the CTPA, to strengthen our economic ties in the region.

The CTPA will eliminate the economic barriers that stand between American business and Columbian consumers. Of the 9,000 U.S. businesses exporting to Columbia, 85 percent are small and medium-sized companies. Even at those numbers, thousands more would compete if the trade law was more forgiving.

Passage of the CTPA will open access to Co-

lumbia for businesses of all types and sizes. The Columbian government has agreed to immediately eliminate duties on 53 percent of current U.S. exports. Other tariffs will be phased out in coming years.

TAB and over 700 partners nationwide are urging Congress to pass the CTPA. Free trade with Columbia is a stimulus package for businesses that cannot currently overcome the barriers set by the ATPA. Let's face it, Congress may give a "booster shot" to the economy by helping Americans at home, but the economy will only improve if lawmakers vote to stimulate commerce by approving free trade.

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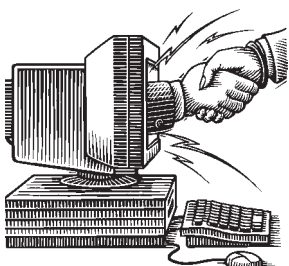
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# Authors convene at Museum for 48th Annual Roundtable

Local author Charles Turnbo will convene the 48th annual Readers and Writers Roundtable in historic Salado March 29, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Presented by the Central Texas Area Museum, Turnbo welcomes a select, diverse collection of authors to showcase and discuss their works among each other and with attendees.

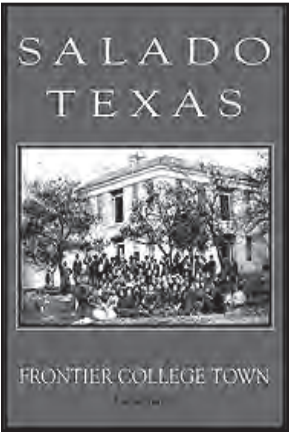
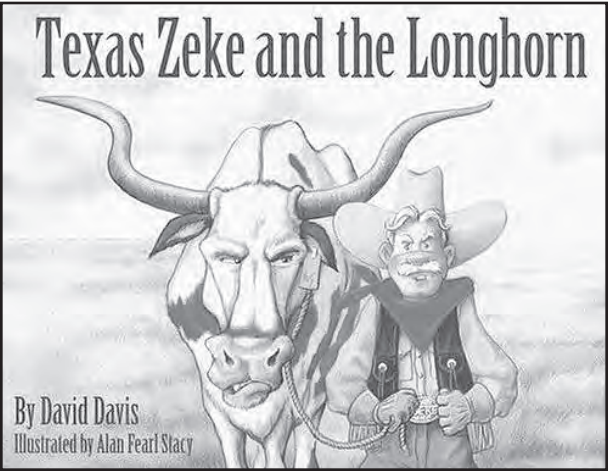
This year’s featured selections cover a vast swath of Texan experience including Turnbo’s “Salado, Texas- Frontier College Town,” Steve Harris’ “Texas Troubadours,” “El Vaquero Real” by John Dyer, “Flak Bait” by James P. Simpson and Geoffrey Leavenworth, Barbara Elmore’s “Saviors of the Bugle”, and “General Vicente Filisola’s Analysis of Jose Urrea’s Military Diary” edited by Gregg J. Dimmick and translated by John R. Wheat. Additionally David R. Davis will bring the children’s favorite “Texas Zeke and the Longhorn.”

Attendees also have the opportunity to meet the authors, purchase copies

of the featured books, and when available, have the work autographed at a reception following the forum. A \$5 donation is requested of Roundtable attendees for the Central Texas Area Museum

Library. The Central Texas Area Museum is a private non-profit organization supported totally by its members and sponsored events. It is one of the few private museums still

operating in Texas. The Central Texas Area Museum is located across Main Street from the Stagecoach Inn to the East of I-35. More information is available on the Central Texas Area Museum website at [www.ctam-salado.org](http://www.ctam-salado.org) or call (254)947-5232.



A wide selection of books and authors are featured in this year’s Readers and Writers Roundtable at the Central Texas Area Museum. Discussion on the works as well as a chance to meet some of the authors is offered to the public.



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# Institute for Humanities goes public; Mooney gives first lecture

The Institute for the Humanities is pleased to announce some exciting new membership and programming changes designed to make its programs available to more people. It will no longer be necessary to be a member in the Institute to be able to attend Institute events.

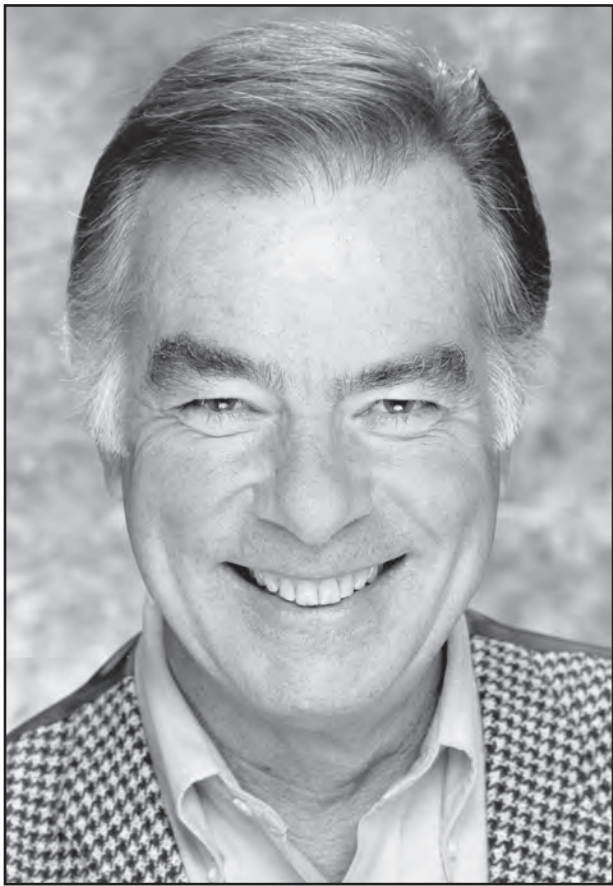
Under the new system, the general public is invited to come to all Institute programs, and individual lectures can be paid for at the door. Like many other organizations in our area, the Institute will continue to have a voluntary "patron" membership that will support the work of the Institute. Those choosing to be patron members will receive discounts on all events for the program year.

The Institute is a non-profit corporation that was founded 27 years ago to offer educational programs and conferences in the disciplines of the humanities to central Texans. When the late Harry Wilmer founded the organization his idea was to bring well known speakers to Salado and have them interact with local residents on an informal basis. For this reason, he purposefully kept the organization small and attendance was restricted to members of the Institute.

During the past several years, the Institute board has attempted to grow the membership and open up its programs to more people. However, mandatory membership as a requirement for attending programs hindered participation and that growth. For this reason, in late 2007, the board voted to eliminate the membership requirement.

"We decided to make this change because our previous policy of mandatory membership was preventing many central Texans from hearing outstanding speakers and participating in timely programs," according to board president Dudley Baker.

"In addition, these



Actor Bill Mooney will lecture before the Institute for the Humanities on April 6.

changes give us the opportunity to move the Institute in a new direction, not only through public participation, but also by partnering with other local groups to co-sponsor events," he added.

The Institute is also changing to a single, year-long program series instead of a spring and fall series. This will give the Institute the flexibility to add subjects and to address topics of current interest as they arise throughout the year, and will allow for creative programming through possible joint ventures with other local organizations.

There will still be four to six programs throughout the year, including the annual Wilmer Memorial Lecture in June. In addition, some smaller events and joint sponsorships of other activities during the year are planned.

The 2008 lectures will provide a forum to include topics of concern to a broad audience and will include such topical subjects as the environment and politics, as well as more traditional humanities programs about the arts – all under the banner of Creativity!, the Institute theme for the year.

In keeping with these changes, the Institute announces the following confirmed programs for the year:

Actor Bill Mooney--Hi-diddle-dee-dee, An Actor's Life for Me!; Sunday, April 6, 4-6 p.m. — Silver Spur Theatre; lecture and theatrical presentation. Open to the public, Admission: Adults - \$25., Children \$10.

Dr. Kaye Howe, Education: The American Civil Religion, Saturday, June 7, 4-6 p.m. Annual Wilmer Memorial lecture; Salado Civic Center, Free and open to the Public.

Conservative columnist Cal Thomas and liberal columnist Bob Beckel, co-authors of "Common Ground: How to Stop the Partisan War that is Destroying America." It will be a lively look at saving the "middle ground" from the Red State/Blue State

madness by two of the country's top columnists. This presentation will be a creative look at politics in this election year. Date and venue to be determined, but will be sometime before the November election.

In addition, the Institute is planning to hold a lecture and/or film screening in conjunction with the Horton Foote plays to be staged in Salado at Tablerock in June.

Other events are in the works for later in the year in collaboration with the Cultural Activities Center in Temple, Southwestern University in Georgetown, the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, The Salado Library, Music in Salado and The Central Texas Astronomical Society. These presentations will deal with creative solutions to the environmental crisis, creative leadership, and creativity in literature, music and the fine arts.

To register in advance for events, contact Erin at ifh@vvm.com or call the Institute office at 947-5729. Tickets may also be bought at the door on the day of the event.

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# SPORTS

## Eagles ranked #2 in state, perfect so far in district

The number two state ranked Salado Eagles continued their winning ways last week during district. They defeated the Florence Buffaloes and the Rosebud-Lott Cougars. The wins give Salado a 14-3 season record and 5-0 district record.

The Eagles started quickly against the visiting Buffaloes. Salado sent 15 hitters to the plate in an 11-run first inning. Garret Ward and Justin Schiller both had homeruns in the inning. Matt Fritsch, Kevin Jackson and Johnny Nix also had rbi's in the inning.

Salado's offense didn't slow down any in the second inning, scoring five more runs. Seth Collins and Nix drove in the Eagles first two runs of the inning. Schiller followed with another big blast, a double to drive in two more runs. Kevin Jackson followed with another rbi.

In the third inning Nix hit his first homerun of the year that gave the Eagles three more runs. Colin Smith also delivered an rbi in the inning.

Smith collected another rbi in the fourth inning as the Eagles scored two more runs. This brought the final score to 22-1.

Johnny Nix had a huge day at the plate going 3 of 3 with six rbi's. Fritsch and Schiller each collected two hits on the day and drove in four runs each. Others that had multi-hit days were Seth Collins, Kevin Jackson, Garret Ward, and Colin Smith.

Jackson was also the winning pitcher. He worked three innings. He allowed four hits and struck out five. Blake Heller pitched the fourth inning and struck out two. Seth Collins pitched the final inning striking out all three batters he faced.

On March 20 against a strong Rosebud-Lott team, the Eagles started quickly again. Salado came up with two runs in the top of the first on a homerun by Justin Schiller.

Salado added to its lead with solo homeruns by Garret Ward in the second inning and Kevin Jackson in the fourth.

Eagle pitcher Sam VanHoozer ran into a little trouble in the bottom of the fourth. An error and two walks loaded the bases with none out. VanHoozer induced a ground ball to Nix at shortstop who flipped it to second baseman Justin Berumen to start an important doubleplay. The following batter grounded out to prevent a big inning.

The Eagles added another win in the fifth inning. Nix started things with a one out double. He stole third and scored on a single by Matt Fritsch. This ended the scoring in the 5-1 Salado Victory.

VanHoozer had a great game on the mound for the Eagles. Although he walked four batters on the night he allowed only one hit and struck out five.

REPORTED BY MELVIN BATES

## Ladies 5-1 in district

Salado Lady Eagles improved to 17-4 and 5-1 in district after last week's 6-1 win over the Florence Lady Buffs.

The Lady Eagles scored six runs on eight hits on the night, scoring a run in the first inning, two in the third inning and three in the fifth inning.

Lead-off batter Lindsey Coffey reached first base, stole second and third base and scored on Kim Barton's sacrifice fly.

With one out in the second inning, Coffey hit her second single of the night. She advanced to second base on a single by Keelie Mims. Both girls stole base and were brought home by Barton's single. Barton was left stranded at third base after stealing it.

Kristen Dunnahoo hit a single and stole second and third base, but three straight outs left her stranded.

Coffey started out the fifth inning by knocking in a home run for her third run of the night. She went three-of-three at the plate, including the home run.

Barton reached first on a base-on-balls with one out in the inning, before Hazzard drove her in on a home run. Hazzard was two of three on the night, including the homer.

Mims was one-of-three, Barton was one-of-two. K. Dunnahoo was one of three.

The Lady Eagles held Florence to just four hits and one run, which came in the fifth inning.



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# Runners preparing for district after 2nd in own relays

Salado Varsity Boys Track Team took second place in their own Eagle Relays March 1. Individual event results follow.

Trae Liller placed fourth in the pole vault event reaching a height of 9'6".

Garret Ward placed third in the high jump with a height of 5'8".

Jerod Lutz placed second in the long jump with a distance of 20' 1.25".

David Rosenau placed second in the triple jump going a distance of 41' 9.5". Clayton Whitmire placed fifth with a distance of 39' 6.5".

Peyton Smetana placed fourth in the shot put event with a distance of 42' 10". Leo Galvan placed fifth

with a distance of 42'3".

Peyton Smetana placed third in the discuss event with a distance of 131' 4.5".

Jace Peralta placed first in the 3200m run with a time of 10:57.24. Max Care placed fourth with a time of 11:50:93.

The varsity boys 400m team placed first with a time of 43.40.

Kasey Cockrell placed first in the 800m relay with a time of 2:10.51.

Rosenau placed second in the 110m hurdles with a time of 15.52

Tyler Wright placed first in the 100m dash with a time of 10.93.

The 800m relay team placed first with a time of 1:31.83.

Clayton Whitmire

placed fourth in the 200m dash with a time of 23.38.

Jace Peralta placed first in the 1600m run with a time of 4:52.68. Kasey Cockrell placed third with a time of 5:01.01.

The Boys 1600m relay team placed second with a time of 3:53.50.

Salado Eagle Relays  
JV Boys

The JV Boys track team placed first in the Salado Eagle Relays. Individual results are as follows.

Paul Warren placed fifth in the long jump with a distance of 16'7". Cody Stevenson placed sixth with a distance of 16'6.75".

Shannon Ponder placed sixth in the Triple Jump

with a distance of 35'1.5".

Brandon Heller placed second in the shot put event with a distance of 36'9.5". Reed Farr placed third with a distance of 36'6". Caleb Hayslip placed sixth with a distance of 33'11.5".

Clayton Weatherly placed first in the discuss event throwing for a distance of 102'4". Brandon Heller placed third with a distance of 100'10.5". Dodson placed fourth with a distance of 94'7.5".

The 400m relay team placed second with a time of 46.90.

Juan Cazares placed first in the 800m run with

a time of 2:15.24. Perez placed fifth with a time of 2:20.67.

Brad Pitts placed third in the 110m hurdles with a time of 17.44. Paul Warren placed fourth with a time of 18.42.

Scotty Villereal placed second in the 100m dash with a time of 11.93. DeLe-fuente and Little tied for third with a time of 11.95.

The 800m relay team placed first with a time of 1:39.05.

Shannon Ponder placed second in the 400m dash with a time of 56.34. C.J. Little placed fourth with a time of 58.20. Armenta placed fifth with a time of

1:00.50

Brad Pitts placed second in the 300m hurdles with a time of 44.23. Paul Warren placed third with a time of 46.85. Cody Stevenson placed fifth with a time of 50.39.

Little placed second in the 200m dash running a time of 25.00. Watkins placed fifth with a time of 25.64. Suresh placed sixth with a time of 26.09.

Juan Cazares placed first in the 1600m run with a time of 5:22.35.

The 1600m relay team placed second with a time of 3:51.18.

## Powerlifters compete in Florence

Salado powerlifters competed in the Florence invitational meet, where two boys took home first place individual honors in their weight classes.

Payton Smetana, 242 lbs., took home first place in his weight class with a total lift of 1,370. He had three squat lifts of 525, 520 and 540 lbs. He made three bench presses of 275, 285 and 295 lbs. He made dead lifts of 525, 545 and 555 lbs.

Dallas Butts, weighing 275 lbs. took home first place in the heavyweight division. He had a total lift of 1,340 lbs. He had squats of 475, 500 and 515 lbs. He made bench presses of 280, 295 and 310 lbs. He had dead lifts of 485, 515 and 530 lbs.

Two powerlifters earned second place in their weight class.

Cole Raley, weighing 123 lbs., had a total lift of 815 lbs. He made squats of 295, 310 and 325 lbs.; bench presses of 165, 175 and 180 lbs.; and dead lifts of 305, 315 and 315 lbs.

Trae Liller, 148 lbs., was second with 1,015 total. He made squats of 365, 385 and 395 lbs.; bench presses of 165, 180 and 185 lbs.; dead lifts of 405, 430 and 440 lbs.

Patrick Prince, 198 lbs., took third place with 1,150. Prince made squats of 430, 445 and 465 lbs.; bench presses of 260, 275 and 285 lbs. and a dead lift of 400 lbs.

Caleb Hayslip, 242 lbs., finished third in his weight class with a total lift of 1,115. He made squats of 385, 405 and 405 lbs.; bench pressed 235, 250 and 260 lbs.; deadlifted 440, 460 and 470 lbs.

Caleb Little, 242 lbs. was fourth in his class with a 1,055. He squatted 375, 405 and 45 lbs.; benched 205, 225 and 225 lbs. and deadlifted 475, 475, 475 lbs.

Brandon Heller, 275 lbs., was fourth in his division with a 1,050 total. He squatted 435, 450 and 465; benched 225, 235 and 235 lbs.; deadlifted, 375, 405 and 405 lbs.

In the girls division, two Lady Eagles brought home silver medals and two earned fourth places.

Kim Simpson, 105 lbs., lifted a total of 405. She had squats of 120, 145 and 145 lbs. She had bench-presses of 65, 70 and 70 lbs. She deadlifted 180, 195 and 205 lbs.

Kylee Young, 165 lbs., also had a second place finish with a total of 660 lbs. She had squats of 245, 260 and 275 lbs. She had bench presses of 115, 125 and 130 lbs. She had dead lifts of 255, 275, 285 lbs.

Chelsie Resendis, 123 lbs., had a total of 590 for a fourth place finish. She had squats of 210, 225 and 240 lbs., benches of 90, 105 and 105 lbs., and deadlifts of 245, 260 and 275 lbs.

Cody Davis, 132 lbs., had a total lift of 540 lbs. for fourth place. She had squats of 185, 200, 215 lbs.; benches of 85, 100 and 100 lbs. and deadlifts of 225, 240 and 255 lbs.



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# Legends & Puppies Tour brings Kinky, Fromholz

The super-successful "Legends & Puppies Tour of 2008," with former gubernatorial candidate Kinky Friedman and 2007 Texas Poet Laureate Steven Fromholz, is on the road again and set for the Salado Silver Spur Theatre (108 Royal St.) at 7:30 p.m. May 3.

Kinky and Steven will regale their guests with their signature brands of songs and stories to benefit the "Kinkster's" favorite cause, the Utopia Animal Rescue Ranch in Medina, TX. The 501(c)3 (nonprofit) organization rescues abandoned and/or abused dogs, nurtures them and places them with loving families. (<http://www.uto-piarscure.com/>)

"Nearly every previous stop on the tour so far has been sold out, with several second shows added in the hottest markets," said Grainger Esch, co-founder of the Spur Theatre, a five-year-old, 156-seat entertainment venue just off IH 35 in Salado.

"Every show includes a live auction with a guitar signed by longtime Utopia Ranch supporter Willie Nelson, a 'Big Dog,' himself in the musical world," Esch added. "Other terrific items from Kinky's private memorabilia collection also will be available.

"We're delighted to



Kinky Friedman

have been chosen for this memorable musical event benefitting such a long-established, charitable operation. How thrilled? We are shortening the revival of our popular and zany 'The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged),' April 4-May 2, by one day to accommodate this super evening of entertainment.

"Tickets are \$50 a person, and we are already getting inquiries and reservations ([saladosilverspur@earthlink.net](mailto:saladosilverspur@earthlink.net) or 254-947-3456.) We think the audience will be in for more than a few surprises, along with great music and an expected dash of political humor," Esch noted.

Separate cigar events are also scheduled for many of the tour cities. Information for these can be found at [www.kinky-friedman.com](http://www.kinky-friedman.com) and [www.kinkyfriedmancigars.com](http://www.kinkyfriedmancigars.com).

Steven Fromholz,



Steven Fromholz

named Texas Poet Laureate in April 2007, is a unique Texan. His songs have been recorded by Hoyt Axton, John Denver, Lyle Lovett, Michael Martin Murphy, Willie Nelson, Jerry Jeff Walker and dozens of others outstanding artists. Four years after suffering a near-fatal stroke, critics say he's singing and playing better than ever.

Fromholz also recently wrote and published a book, 'Texas Trilogy' (Esteban Publishing). He describes his music as "free-form, country-folk rock, science fiction, gospel gum, bluegrass opera, cowjazz music." Steven Fromholz is once again a huge presence on stage.

The Kinkster, who continues to mull over his future in politics, was recently the featured speaker for the 'Pen Warmed up in Hell Lecture Series' at the Mark Twain House and Museum in Hartford,

CT, an honor reserved for those who best represent the legacy of Mark Twain's work as a social critic. (No surprise there.)

Political future or not, Kinky, also a mystery writer, will be making weekly appearances with Fox News commentator Bill O'Reilly right up to the election, debating this year's political hot topics.

"Also no surprise is Kinky's commitment to all the lost puppies of the world. And Steven Fromholz will be there to help," Esch emphasized. "In the end, Utopia Animal Rescue Ranch will save more puppies, and Central Texans can be a significant part of that rescue effort.

Other spring dates on the tour include these:

April 25: The Big Easy <http://www.thebig-easynightclub.com>, 8 p.m., 2411 Mechanic St., Galveston, 409-762-7900

May 2: The Auslander <http://www.theauslander.com>, 7:30 p.m., 323 Main St., Fredericksburg, 830-997-7714

May 3: Silver Spur Theatre <http://www.saladosilverspur.com> 7:30 p.m., 108 Royal St., Salado, 254-947-3456

May 4: Uptown Marble Theater <http://www.uptownmarble.com> 4 p.m., 218 Main St., Marble Falls, 830-693-9996

## The Bard returns with all of his works to Silver Spur stage in April

Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield may be the playwrights for "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)," but veteran actors Grainger Esch, Tony Blackman and Kevin C. Carr are the rowdy stars who will revive the comedic send-up of the Bard's many works this spring.

"TCWOWS," which had a healthy run this past fall at the Silver Spur Theatre, (108 Royal Street, in downtown Salado, blocks of IH 35), is a bit like ice cream: sometimes a second helping is even more enjoyable. The fast-paced, laugh-filled show is being revived at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturdays from April 4 through May 2.

Evening shows are \$15 for adults; \$12 for senior citizens, military personnel and students with ID; and \$8 for children aged 12 and under. Matinees

admission is \$12, \$10 and \$8, respectively. Group rates also are available. For reservations, call, 254-947-3456. For more info, visit [www.saladosilverspur.com](http://www.saladosilverspur.com).

"It doesn't matter whether you're a Shakespearean scholar or don't know your Capulet from your Coriolanus," said Grainger Esch, co-founder of the Spur. "If you love the Bard's great works, you will really like this play. On the other hand, if you hate Shakespeare, perhaps because of some iambic pentameter incident in your childhood, you will love this play."

The trio of script writers, as the Reduced Shakespeare Company, first performed the work at the 1987 Edinburgh Fringe Festival. After a decade at England's Criterion Theatre, it became London's longest-running comedy, and has since conquered the entire globe, becoming

a cult classic in the process.

The three-member, all-male cast makes way for the historically correct - and hysterically wrong "drag" appearances - in the female roles. The hard-working trio of Grainger and Tony of Salado and Kevin of Round Rock are all seasoned veterans of stage, screen and circus. Andrew Varenhorst, a regular on Austin stages in recent years, is again the understudy and will perform at the closing show, Friday, May 2.

"The actors seem to have some method in their madness," concedes director Gary Askins. "The prospect of reducing the works of the greatest English author might seem intimidating to many but this cast will convince patrons that it's the tragedies that are really funny."

"Yes, they do take liberties with the Bard of Avon, but it's with love

and admiration for the words themselves," Askins explained. "This is not the Reader's Digest version of Shakespeare, but rather an ESPN highlight reel of 'Willy's Plays of the Century,' that make these great dramas accessible to a contemporary audience.

"The job isn't hopeless because the script centers on plays people know best, like 'Romeo and Juliet,' 'Macbeth' and 'Hamlet.' Still, for all its appearance of wildness and abandon, the show is carefully paced and crafted," he said.

"The odd thing is, even when you clown them, Shakespeare's lines have the power to grab you one way or another. Even a remarkable scene that uses the 'What a piece of work is a man' speech touches a nerve and reminds us that Shakespeare is relevant today because he really could and still does capture the human condition."



# Artfully Yours

**Re-branding campaign headed by marketing firm Embella, company hired by Village, tourism, Chamber to energize, unite effort**

“Artfully Yours” is a regional re-branding campaign underwritten by the Village of Salado and the Salado Chamber of Commerce. This effort will begin a major shift in the community’s marketing efforts to leverage Salado’s arts identity to strengthen and expand its tourism reach. The “Artfully Yours” slogan grew out of a desire to develop a deeper, richer understanding of Salado’s cultural and natural resources which have long made it a favorite arts destination.

Salado has a large population of resident artists, galleries, one-of-a-kind specialty shops

and restaurants, cultural festivals, and numerous bed and breakfast accommodations- all nestled into one of the most scenic areas of Texas. It has been a treasured arts destination for several decades. The brand repositioning campaign will broaden Salado’s definition of the arts to include all expressions of creativity; fine arts, literary arts, handmade crafts, cultural displays, performing arts and music. The campaign is a cohesive plan that incorporates an artistic theme into every visitor touch point.

“Collectively we can do more to promote interest in our community and

businesses than we can do individually,” stated Larry Prellop, President of the Salado Chamber of Commerce. The “Artfully Yours” initiative has unprecedented public and private cooperation,” added Prellop.

Salado has hired Austin-area communications firm, Embella, Inc., to create momentum in the hearts and minds of travelers as they contemplate weekend getaways. “We chose Embella because of their history of energizing developing arts communities and their understanding of our local markets,” added Prellop. Embella plans an integrated mar-

keting and public relations strategy consisting of media tours, feature stories, press releases, online marketing, advertising and events strategy, and collateral repackaging. Embella expects to ignite interest from the Austin, Dallas, San Antonio and Houston markets- areas that range from forty-five minutes to three hours driving distance from Salado.

“Salado’s re-branding effort is aimed at leveraging its core strength as an arts destination with a refreshed, more relevant message for younger generations who may not be

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## Salado “Super Lawyer” will lecture on probate law in April

The Salado Public Library will sponsor Tom Normand, local attorney and a two-year Texas Super Lawyer, who will discuss Probate Law on April 16 and Estate Planning on April 30. Both presentations will be in the Civic Center Historical Room 3-4 p.m. each day.

At the first meeting, Normand will explain what probate is, how long it takes, costs, assets and non-assets and probate

avoidance or non-avoidance issues. On April 30, he will discuss wills – why have one? and how much does it cost?, trusts, planning for incapacity and common sense estate planning – things you can do today at little or no cost that will save your family time, money and frustration at your death.

Normand is a graduate of The University of Texas and Baylor Law School, where he was the editor of

the Baylor Law Review. He also holds a Master of Law in Taxation from George Washington University and is a member of the State Bar of Texas and the American College of Trust and Estate Council.

Normand has published a number of articles and has been an Adjunct Lecturer at Baylor University School of Law.

For two years running, Normand was chosen as Texas Super Lawyer in

the practice area of estate planning and probate law.

Only five percent of Texas attorneys are honored in this way each year. He is currently on the board of directors of the Ralph Wilson Youth Clubs and is the general counsel for that organization.

The April 16 and April 30 talks are free and open to the public.

Call 254.947.9191 to register for the two-part series.

## Brown given Road Hand award

Bell County Pct. 2 Commissioner Tim Brown was honored March 19 with the receipt of the Road Hand Award from the Texas Department of Transportation.

The award was presented by Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E., TxDOT’s Executive Director.

The award was in recognition of Commissioner Brown’s service at the state and national level in

transportation planning, including being a member of the Texas Transportation Work Group that developed the state’s first set of comprehensive transportation goals and for providing leadership in the North America’s SuperCorridor Coalition, as well as for his work on the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The Road Hand Award

was established in 1973 as the highest tribute that TxDOT can give to public-spirited citizens who championed transportation projects for their area.

Over the past 35 years, 212 people have been so honored.

Commissioner Brown is only the second person from Bell County to receive the award.

The other recipient was former Temple City Manager H.K. Dodgen for whom Loop 363 is named.

Commissioner Brown’s name will be inscribed on the Road Hand Hall of Honor plaque that hangs in the historic Dewitt C. Greer Highway Building (TxDOT Headquarters) in Austin.

## Aldermen

creation of the Village,” Williamson told aldermen. “It demands more input. The board needs to convince the resident of the need for a tax before adopting it.”

“I am one of hundreds of Village residents living on a fixed income, while prices continue to go up,” he added. “Why is it always the private sector that makes the hard decision to downsize and cut back., while government just continues to grow? Now is not the time to create taxes. Be creative.”

Former mayor Douglass thanked the board for “keeping us from having

property taxes.” She added that by “not being gobbled up by Belton seven years ago, I have saved \$35,000 in taxes between my home and business.”

She recalled that as mayor she would try to get grants and programs from other levels of government. “I was told time and again that when Salado learns that it has to pay its own way, they would be glad to help out and give us grants.”

“I know I will have to pay a couple of thousand per year,” if Salado adopts a 25-cent property tax, but Douglass added, “That’s

better than the \$5,200 I would be paying Belton.”

Former alderman Carver’s remarks before the board are also published as a letter to the editor in this edition of the *Salado Village Voice*.

Hardin told aldermen that his opinion on the topic could be read in the March 20 edition of the newspaper. He added that aldermen should pursue “other avenues, including sales taxes for specific purposes such as road maintenance. As a result of this, Tyler is completely out of debt.”

“I have been here long

enough to know the history and formation of city government,” Culver said. “After three failed attempts to incorporate, the last attempt was successful because we were trying to prevent being annexed into Belton. One of the key issues of that time was property taxes. Belton has a property tax of about 73 cents. I am sure at some point, it started out at 25-cents. I am a strong supporter of the police department, but feel we can cut back in other areas and try to live within our means, as we all as individuals have to do.”

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**BY TIM FLEISCHER**  
**EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

School trustees approved a policy for dealing with registered sex offenders on campus and authorized \$24,500 from fund balance for expansion and improvements to the ag barn as part of an agenda of more than a dozen business items on March 24. The board also approved policy changes and several personnel decisions during the meeting.

Trustees approved a six-part policy for dealing with registered sex offenders on school campuses, following the recommendation of the superintendent and policy committee.

The following is the policy approved unanimously on a motion by Darrell Street, receiving a second from Frank Carl-

son.

“1. Parental rights: The district does not have the right to revoke parental privilege. However, a parent who is also a registered sex offender will only be given access to his or her own child(ren) in the school office area.

“2. Other sex offenders: Registered sex offenders who are not the legal custodian of a currently-enrolled Salado ISD student are not permitted on campus.

“3. Pick up of children: The offender may only pick up his or her own children).

“4. Eligibility to serve as volunteers: A past or present offender may not serve as a chaperone for a field trip, field day or as a volunteer.

“5. Any other relevant issues: A registered sex offender must complete

a form on the campus indicating that he or she is aware of the rules and agrees to abide by them or his or her right to be on the campus will be revoked.

“6. Parents who are registered sex offenders are not prohibited from attending their children’s school extra curricular activities unless there is a restriction by the court.”

The board also approved Upate 82 changes to policy, which are mostly legal changes, according to trustee Miriam Ervi.

The board approved adding the *Salado Village Voice* newspaper to the Texas Association of School Board Media Honor Roll.

Trustees authorized the \$24,500 for ag teacher Brad McMurtry to spend expanding the ag barn. The funds will immedi-

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ately come out of fund balance. However, if there is any money left in when the work at the new high school is completed, those funds might be reimbursed from bond proceeds as part of the \$500,000 in campus renovations.

The board also voted to drill a water well at FM 2484 and Williams Drive to supply water to the new high school. The well will be considered by the Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District in April. If approved, An estimate for the drilling came from Tommy Lovelace for \$69,000. If the well should be necessary in order to open the building, then it will be put out for bid by the school district.

While discussing the bond construction, trustees followed the recommendation of the superintendent to decline sharing some of the cost with the county to pave Williams Drive. “While the county has been very good to work with,” Superintendent Robin Battershell said, “I think this would set a precedent for sharing costs with other entities in the future.”

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The board also authorized \$7,250 for a single, tracked gate at the bus barn.

The school board took the following actions concerning personnel during the March 24 meeting.

- Trustees approved new employment contract forms recommended by legal counsel Schwartz and Eichelbaum.

- Following the superintendent’s recommendation, trustees hired Joelle Wall to be the new Salado Junior High Principal. The approval came on a motion by Aldridge and a second by Ervi. Wall currently serves as assistant principal at Salado High School. That position will be open for applications.

- The board also hired Mary Bentley for the remainder of the school year

as a High School English teacher. The motion came from Carlson with a second from Burson. It carried unanimously.

- Trustees approved the one-year contracts for teachers at each campus, following the recommendations of the campus principals. Carlson gave the motion, which received a second from Burson. The vote was unanimous.

- For Thomas Arnold Elementary, the board approved the following teachers: Elizabeth Bryant, Cheryl Kyle, Rana Jarrett, Becky Price, Deborah Smith, Eileen Whitacre, Kristen Finch, Lori Barrett, Jill BRashier, Julie Manley, Nina Bolin, Anissa Dobbins, Jessica Murdock, Cathy Oborski, Denise VanWinkle, Raina Fogelle, Jennifer Marquis,

Brenda Rogers, Carey Quick, Lisa Wagnon, Jodi Loa, Janna Herzer, Ty Brown, Ruth Watkins, Sandi Tucker, Carlinda Rex, Leslie Allen, Meredith Landon, Colleen Palmer, Donna Driggers, and Sandra Lastovica.

- The following teachers were given one-year contracts at Salado Intermediate School: Jeanette Holt, Charla Keley, Terrry Arant, Lydia Kelm, Audrey Walter, Beth Briscoe, Colleen Gilchrest, Vickie Gerhart, Jack Ruzicka, Karen Ewton, Kimberly Boaz, Beth Bragg, Karen Broussard, Elaine Lindley, Regina Ward, Barry Kemper, Joe Rex, Terri Seaton, Becky Lea, Erica Meyer, Jami Fischer, Fran Smetana, Andra Gonzalez, Emily Morris, Melissa Hyer, Betty Gre-

gurek, Anna Kate Stanley, Judy Bruton, Lyndon Clevenger, Michelle Oyler, Emilio Olivares and Connie Fiebig.

- Salado High School teachers receiving a one-year contract are the following: Melvin Btes, Jimm Baumgart, Larry Belicek, Bobbette Bell, Mary Bentley, Richard Berumen, Rocky Boaz, Tom Bremer, Dennis Cabaniss, Tim Cook, Lochie Dar-

ling, Ed Domangue, Rob Franks, Barbara Harper, Doug Harrigan, Kendra Hearne, Katie Hedrick, Bree Holz, Geoffrey Huff, Jennifer Jonas, Kathy Keyes, Darlene Lummus, Kenny Mann, Brad McMurtry, Cindy Mewehinney, Royce Mitchel, Bobby Peschel, Pat Rehm, Scott Ringo, Linda Seawood, Susan Shobe, Glen Talbott and Chase Tenney.

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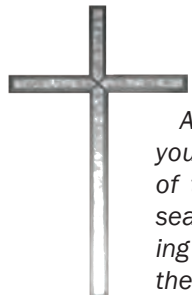
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# Church & People



Salado Public Library childrens librarian Emmy Alvarez accepts books from Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary representative Doris Denman

**Memorial books donated by Ladies Auxiliary**  
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary representative Doris Denman presents books to children’s librarian Emmy Alvarez in remembrance of auxiliary members who have passed away.  
The books shown above were presented in memory of Mary Patricia “Patty” Harding and Wynelle Gillen Patterson.  
Harding was married to Lt. Col. Doug Harding. She was an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary and a member of the First Baptist Church of Salado.  
Patterson held a degree in Elementary education. She taught children in school and church most of

her life. She volunteered in the Salado school library, Salado Public Library and also at the Firx2st Baptist Church library. She and her husband Jim were recognized as Alumni of the in 1996 by the Central Texas chapter of the Baylor Alumni Association.

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familiar with the brand, “stated David E. Warner, CEO of Emella. “What we’re undertaking is a significant change in how Salado views itself, how businesses interact, and how Salado’s originality and uniqueness is communicated...translating into a heightened experience for visitors and in-creased tourism revenue,” concluded Warner.  
There is an emerging trend among small communities to embrace their cultural assets to attract tourism dollars, and for good reason. According to the Travel Industry Association of America, (as reported in The Historic/Cultural Traveler, 2003 Edition) eighty-one percent of the 146.4 million U.S. adults who took a trip of 50 miles or more away from home in the past year can be considered cultural and heritage tourists. These travelers spend more per visit: \$623 vs. \$457 and stay longer: 5.2 nights vs. 3.4 nights than other travelers.

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## Shawn Mitchell Golf Tourney set March 29

The Fourth Annual Shawn Mitchell Memorial Golf tournament will be held March 29 at Mill Creek Golf Club. The tournament will begin with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Proceeds from the tournament will fund athletic scholarships, to be awarded to one senior boy and one senior girl that participated in Varsity sports at Salado High School for at least two years, in addition some of this year monies will be donated to the Arnold Palmer Children’s Hospital which specializes in Pediatric Cardiology. Shawn was a 1998 graduate of Salado High School, and excelled in basketball and golf. He passed away suddenly in 2000 from an aortic aneurysm. The format for the tournament is a Two-Person Low Ball. Team registrations are now being accepted, with each player fee being set at \$85.00. For more information contact Don Mitchell at 254-771-3303 or 254-938-2879 or Mark Thompson at 512-576-0340.

## Bronze unveiled at Museum

An extraordinary bronze by Troy Kelley will be unveiled 10 a.m. April 5 at the Bell County Museum on Belton’s Main Street. The public is invited to see this bronze monument entitled Up the Chisholm Trail that will include 17 panels of life on the trail. For more information about the Bell County Museum, call 933-5243 or visit www.bellcountymuseum.org.

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Celebrating 12 years of the BMW Ultimate Drive. Get behind the wheel for a great cause. Now in it's 12th year, a fleet of specially-badged BMW's hits the roads nationwide in the 12th Annual Ultimate Drive Supporting Susan G. Komen for the Cure - a grassroots, fundraising program aimed to put the brakes on breast cancer. Pictured here: BMW Z4 roadster, 335i convertible, 650i convertible, 750i, X3 and X5. (photo by Jim Sulley/NewsCast)

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## Ultimate Drive helps to battle breast cancer

On April 17 Garlyn Shelton Imports located at 5700 HK Dodgen Loop 363 in Temple will open its doors to the 12th Annual BMW Ultimate Drive supporting Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

The *BMW Ultimate Drive* is a national grass roots fund raising program where BMW invites participants to test-drive new vehicles and donates \$1 for every mile driven to Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

The program has raised more than \$11 million for the cause over the past 11 years and BMW will stop at 210 of its Retail Cen-

ters nationwide with the goal of donating an additional \$1million to Susan G. Komen for the Cure in 2008. This year, the drive will also offer a sneak peek of the BMW X6 model - the world's first Sports Activity Coupe-before it debuts in dealerships in May.

"We're celebrating our 12th year in supporting Susan G. Komen for the Cure and we've been successful in getting hundreds of thousands of people involved with this program," said Tom Purves, Chairman and CEO, BMW of North America. "The program invites driving

enthusiast and community members to get behind the wheel and contribute to the battle against breast cancer, and this year we hope to inspire more people to participate by extending the length of the fund raising drive."

Each participant in the Ultimate Drive will be able to add their name on the Signature Vehicle as a testament of all who have joined BMW and Susan G. Komen for the Cure in the fight to end breast cancer. This year, the Signature Vehicle will be the new BMW X6 model.

## Obituaries

### Martha Lynn Reynolds services held March 21 at First Baptist Church

Memorial services for Martha Lynn Reynolds, 69, of Salado were held March 21, 2008 at First Baptist Church in Salado. Rev. Doug Young officiated. Burial followed in Salado Cemetery.

Martha Lynn Reynolds died March 18, in a Temple Care Center.

Martha Lynn Reynolds was born in Plainview to Henry Lynn Milburn and Edlth Lynch Milburn. She married Bill Reynolds January 25, 1959 in Lubbock. She graduated from Lubbock High School and attended Texas Tech Uni-

versity and Lamar University. She lived in Lubbock Texas, Big Spring and Port Noches before moving to Salado seven years ago. She was the children minister at First Baptist Church in Port Noches for seven years having retired in 2001. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Salado; the Ladies Auxiliary of Salado, member of the PTA in Big Spring and Port Noches and was a Children's Conference Leader with Southern Baptist Convention and Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Survivors include her husband Bill Reynolds of Salado; three daughters Debbie Rice of McKinney, Donna Hodge of Amarillo and Danna Gallegos of Midland; one sister Judith Milburn of California; three brothers Roger Milburn of Plano, Gary Milburn of Plano and David Milburn of Flint and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Children's Division of First Baptist Church of Salado or to Scott and White Hospital Pulmonary Division.

### Memorial service held for Dennis Dobias March 25

A memorial services for Dennis Dobias of Holland were held March 25 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Salado with Rev. Charles Davis Officiating. Burial will be private at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Taylor.

Mr. Dobias died March 19., 2008 at his residence in Holland.

He was born April 15,

1937 in Granger, Texas to Mary and John Dobias. He was the sales manager for Stripling Blake Lumber Company in Austin before owning Ventana Mirror and Glass in Round Rock.

Dobias is survived by his wife, Joyce Dobias of Holland and his daughters, Mary Blomquist, Sharon Kinel, and Celia Eickbusch. Survivors also

include six grandchildren; a brother Norman Dobias and a sister Georgie Kerlin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Stephen's Building Fund in Salado or St. William's Building Fund in Round Rock. Broecker Funeral Home of Salado is in charge of arrangements.

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# Masons’ Fish Fry will benefit Business Professionals of America

The Salado Masonic Lodge #296 will hold a Fish Fry 5-7 p.m. March 28, at the Salado Intermediate School.

For \$8 per ticket(under 10 years free) the menu includes catfish, tator tots, hush puppies, cole slaw, beans, iced tea and dessert.

A Silent Auction will be held while Sundown plays bluegrass, country and gospel music.

Face painting will be available.

Proceeds will benefit the Salado High School Business Professionals of America with a contribu-

tion project graduation.

The Masonic Lodge Fish Fry has been used for raising funds for the Salado Volunteer Fire Department,SHS Band program, scholarships, project graduation, the arts program and the school library.



Salado Cigar owners Master Sgt. Don and Angie Felt with daughter Tina were officially greeted March 22 by Chamber President Larry Prellop, director Suzi Epps and numerous Ambassador representatives.

## Tourism Council seeks alternate

The Tourism Council as of March 6 has increased their voting members from six to seven. These members shall serve as an advisory council together with

a Chair, representing the Village Board, who will vote in the event of a tie, one alternate who is a non-voting member, and the Tourism Director – ex-officio.

With this increase the Tourism Council’s current alternate member has become a voting member.

The Tourism Council is asking any citizen who is interested in serving on the Tourism Council as an alternate, to please submit their application by Friday, April 11, 2008 to the Tourism Office by 4 p.m. The Tourism Office is located in the Civic Center at 601 N. Main St.

You may contact Debbie Charbonneau either by phone 947-8634 or by e-mail: saladotourism@vvm.com to request an application.

## Fused glass by local artist featured at Angelic Herbs this weekend

Jennifer Wynne, of Rising W Ceramics, is a new artist to the Salado area. She specializes in fused glassware, creating both unique pre-designed items, as well as made-to-order custom pieces. Her work includes bowls, platters, plates, dinnerware and vases, as well as a large variety of Christian themed pieces.

Jennifer relocated to Salado last June from the Fort Worth area. She resides here on a ranch with her husband, J.D. and their two teenagers, Jace and Kathryn. The peace and tranquility of ranch life and Salado’s small town pace have allowed her to create a large variety of inspired artwork.

A representation of Jennifer’s work is being showcased at Angelic Herbs in Salado from Friday, March 28 through Sunday, March 30. On Sunday, Jennifer will be available in the shop to answer questions and to take custom orders.

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## Filmfest includes Mad World, Shrek, Animal House

### March Madness at the Spur

By GARY ASKINS

The Salado Silver Spur begins its 2008 season with a triple play \$5 FilmFest featuring a different movie for each show time March 28-29.

The hilarity begins with the classic Stanley Kramer 1963 film "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World" at 7:30 p.m. March 28. Shrek The matinee will feature "Shrek" at 2 p.m., "National Lampoon's Animal House" at 7:30 p.m.

The \$5 FilmFest is sponsored by the Salado Silver Spur Support Service and Cinema Society and is open to the public with all tickets \$5 at the box office. "It's a Mad... World" is a wild, furiously funny, epic comedy to end all comedies, that explores the worst of what can happen if people stumble upon the opportunity to get a lot of money for free. Although this film is 45 years young, the comedic timing and pacing hold up, thanks to director/producer Kramer, his editor and the fact that the powerhouse of comedic

actors/actresses in each chapter of the story really shine through their various ensemble skits, and obviously had a great time doing so. The very large stellar cast is a who's who of comedy and the challenge is to name a comedian who's not in the movie.

The actors actually recruited each other to be in this epic as they loved to work with the director. Great performances are seen by Spencer Tracy, Milton Berle, Sid Caesar, Jonathon Winters and many many others. "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World" is rated G and is great family entertainment with the underlying moral that crime doesn't pay in either the short run or the long run.

The Saturday Matinee \$5 FilmFest presentation of the original 2001 Academy Award winning "Shrek" will present this film as it was intended to be seen on the large screen. Ogres are supposed to be large, green and mean and as envisioned by those creative geniuses at DreamWorks

this ogre is also inspirational. The film features the voices of Mike Myers as a large, strong, solitude-loving, grumpy ogre named Shrek, Cameron Diaz as the beautiful but very down-to-earth and feisty Princess Fiona, Eddie Murphy as a talkative donkey named Donkey, and John Lithgow as the villainous Lord Farquaad. It was critically acclaimed as an animated film worthy of adult interest, with many adult-oriented jokes and themes but a simple enough plot and humor to appeal to children. It makes notable use of pop music—the soundtrack includes music by Smash Mouth, Joan Jett, The Proclaimers, Jason Wade, The Baha Men, and Rufus Wainwright.

The March 29th Saturday Evening 7:30pm showing of "Animal House" will close out the opening weekend with a bang. This subversive film about college outcasts challenging their school's fraternal order still causes people to laugh out loud at

the antics of its star John Belushi and the incredible ensemble of misfits who find themselves as pledges at the Delta House. You've got to see this film on the large screen for no other reason than to assist in your suspension of disbelief that John Landis, the director, could keep this antic frantic cast on the script while keeping us in stitches. It may have been made 30 years ago but this satiric comedy is relevant and still outrageously effective today. This film is first on Bravo's "100 Funniest Movies." It was #36 on AFI's "100 Years, 100 Laughs" list of the 100 best American comedies of all time and a perfect lead in to next weekends Silver Spur Production of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)". Visit the \$5 FilmFest website at [saladocinema.org](http://saladocinema.org) or call the Silver Spur Box Office at (254) 947-3456 (or email [info@saladosilverspur.com](mailto:info@saladosilverspur.com)) for reservations, ticket availability and more information.



Packards will be on view at the Stagecoach Inn this weekend during the 31st annual Texas Packard meet in Salado.

## Packards gather for 31st Meet

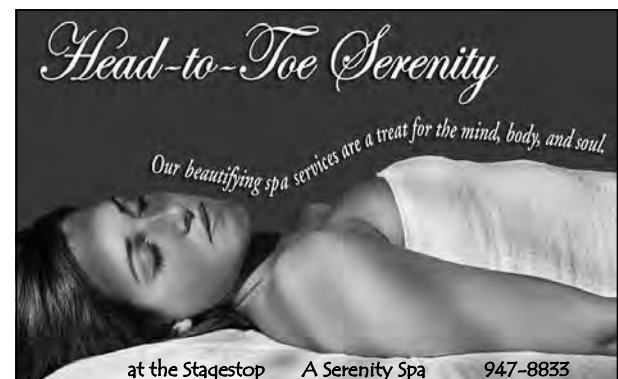
The 31st annual Texas Packard meet will be held at the Stagecoach Inn on March 28-30. This meet is sponsored by the Texas Packard Association which is composed of the four Packard clubs in Texas. Those clubs are all regions of the national Packard club and they represent different areas of the state. The original region is the Lone Star region and it is centered in the Houston Gulf Coast area. The next oldest is Packards North Texas centered in the Dallas/Ft.Worth area. The Heart of Texas club draws members from the Austin/San Antonio region, and finally the Arklatex regions draws members from the three bordering states.

Generally there are well over 100 participants and between 45 and 70 cars depending on the weather. The meet features a driving tour, swap meet, seminar, a national Packard Club board meeting, people's choice awards, and a dinner. Participants from as far a way as the Carolina's and Washington state compete for the long distance award.

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The public may view the cars free of charge the morning of March 29 at the Stagecoach Inn. Participant fees vary according to events selected. For more information go to the official website at [www.texaspackardmeet.com](http://www.texaspackardmeet.com).

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# Calendar of Events

## MARCH 27

**Mealtime Mastered at The Range**, 10 a.m.-noon. Visit [www.mealtimemastered.com](http://www.mealtimemastered.com) or call 947-3828.

## MARCH 27-29

**Travel Texas and See the World Wildflower Trails Shop Hop.** Call A Sewing Basket, 560 N. Main St., Suite 6. 254-947-5423.

## MARCH 28

**Salado Masonic Lodge Annual Fish Fry**, 5-7 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Tickets are \$8 per person, under 10 free. Proceeds will benefit the Salado High School Business Professional of America with a contribution to Project Graduation. Tickets available from any Salado Lodge member or SHS BPA member. Tickets also available at *Salado Village Voice* office.

## MARCH 28 & 29

**March Madness \$5 Filmfest at the Salado Silver Spur.** Featuring comedy greats "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad...World" at 7:30 p.m. March 28, "Shrek" at 2 p.m. March 29 and "Animal House" at 7:30 p.m. March 29. For more information, visit [www.saladocinema.org](http://www.saladocinema.org).

## MARCH 28-30

**The 31st annual Texas Packard meet will be held at Stagecoach Inn.** This meet is sponsored by the Texas Packard Association.

## MARCH 29TH

**The 48th Annual Readers & Writers Roundtable** 1:30 p.m. Central Texas Area Museum. Hosted by Charlie Turnbo. Visit [www.ctam-salado.org](http://www.ctam-salado.org) or call 947-5232.

## MARCH 29

**Mealtime Mastered at The Range**, 9-11 a.m. Visit [www.mealtimemastered.com](http://www.mealtimemastered.com) or call 947-3828.

## MARCH 29

**Paul Cox on guitar at Salado Wine Seller**, 4-6 p.m.

## MARCH 29-30

**Eighth Annual Wildflower Art Show** at the Salado Civic Center.

## APRIL 4

**Music to Lunch By, Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo, Salado Civic Center.**

## APRIL 4-5

**13th Annual Gospel Festival at Tablerock Festival of Salado, Inc.** On April 4, 6-9 p.m. and April 5, from 9 a.m.-9 p.m.. \$5 Adults, \$3 Children age 12 and under. Jim & Alvalin Woodul at 1-254-634-4658 or e-mail [jimwoodul@aol.com](mailto:jimwoodul@aol.com) Information: [www.tablerock.org](http://www.tablerock.org).

## APRIL 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 AND 25-26

**The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)** at the Salado Silver Spur Theater on Royal St. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings, and 2 p.m. Saturday matinees.

## APRIL 6

**Institute for the Humanities at Salado lecture**, 4-6 p.m. Actor Bill Mooney -- lecture and theatrical presentation: "Hi-diddle-dee-dee, An Actor's Life for Me" -- Open to the public -- Silver Spur Theatre; May pay at the door.

## APRIL 8

**Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** for Salado, 7 p.m., Salado Municipal Building at 301 Stagecoach Rd. Public is invited to attend and become involved.

## APRIL 8

**Run-off election for Republican party, State Representative District 55**, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center on Church St.

## APRIL 11

**Music to Lunch By, Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo, Salado Civic Center.**

## APRIL 12

**Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas** hosting area members and guests, 10:30 a.m., Central Texas Area Museum. Guest speaker Sue Donovan Calles from DRT Cradle, Galveston. Dutch Treat to follow at Stagecoach Inn.

## APRIL 14

**St. Joseph's and St. Luke's present David Stevens, An American Songbook** at the Old Salado Springs Celebration Center on Royal St., 6-9 p.m. More information, call 947-5414.

## APRIL 17

**Salado Friendly classes at the Salado Civic Center**, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## APRIL 18

**Music to Lunch By, Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo, Salado Civic Center.**

## APRIL 19

**Spring Social**, Mill Creek Community Association, Mexican Fiesta. Details to be announced.

## APRIL 22

**Salado Friendly class** given by Salado Tourism department.

## APRIL 22

**Salado Humane Society dinner and live auction**, 6:30 p.m., Tenroc Ranch. Tickets available at Stanford Court.

## APRIL 24

**Salado Area Republican Women** meet at noon at Stonecreek Settlement B&B for lunch. Meg Grier, author of *Grassroots Women: A Memoir of the Texas Republican Party*. Tickets \$15. Contact Nancy Healey, 947-5003 for reservations.

## APRIL 24

**Salado Chamber of Commerce After-Hours Mixer**, 5:30 p.m. at Gregory's. Co-hosted by Gregory's and Inn on the Creek.

## APRIL 25

**Music to Lunch By, Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo, Salado Civic Center.**

## APRIL 26

**Casino Night at Tenroc Ranch**, 7-10 p.m. St. Stephen Knights of Columbus. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, two grand prizes, door prizes, silent auction, music, dance floor. Must be 21 or older. For tickets, call Bobby 254-493-0590 or 254-947-8037.

## MAY 1

**Salado Friendly class** given by Salado Tourism department.

## MAY 2-3

**The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)** at the Salado Silver Spur Theater on Royal St. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings, and 2 p.m. Saturday matinees.

## MAY 2

**Music to Lunch By, Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo, Salado Civic Center.**

## MAY 10

**Salado Fine Art Gallery Trail.** More details TBA.

## MAY 17

**Neighborhood clean-up.** Mill Creek Community Association. Details to be announced.

## MAY 17

**ABWA Scholarship Benefit & Style Show.** Longhorn Room Stagecoach. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 947-3617.

## MAY 22

**Salado Friendly class** given by Salado Tourism department. Class sizes are small, so sign up at the Salado Civic Center early.

## MAY 9

**Music to Lunch By, Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo,**

Salado Civic Center.

## MAY 16

**Music to Lunch By, Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo, Salado Civic Center.**

## MAY 17

**Michelle Watts, a nationally-known quilt teacher and designer**, is having a trunk show and teaching a class at A Sewing Basket, 560 N. Main St., call 947-5423 for information.

## MAY 23

**Music to Lunch By, Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo, Salado Civic Center.**

## MAY 30

**Music to Lunch By, Noon-1 p.m. at the Gazebo, Salado Civic Center.**

## JUNE 7

**Institute for the Humanities at Salado Annual Wilmer Memorial lecture**; 4-6 p.m. Dr. Kaye Howe, "Education: The American Civil Religion;" Free and open to the public.

## JUNE 14

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

## JUNE 19-21

**Texas Trail Ride Shop Hop** at A Sewing Basket, 560 N. Main St., call 947-5423 for information.

## JULY 4

**Fourth of July Picnic with entertainment**, 6:30 p.m. at Pace Park. Hosted by Salado Historical Society.

## JULY 19, 26, AUG. 2

**Salado Legends at Table rock Festival of Salado.**

## AUGUST 2-3

**45th Annual Salado Art Fair**, Pace Park.

## AUGUST 5

**National Night Out**, fall social for Mill Creek Community Association, Details to be announced.

## SEPTEMBER 4-6

**Fall Frolic Shop Hop** at A Sewing Basket, 650 N. Main St., call 947-5423 for details.

## OCTOBER 10-11

**Christmas in October** at Salado Civic Center.

## OCTOBER 11

**Salado Fine Art Gallery Night**, 5-9 p.m.

## OCTOBER 25

**Salado Area Republican Women** community prayer breakfast at a.m., Village Arts building. Call 947-8556.

## OCTOBER 25

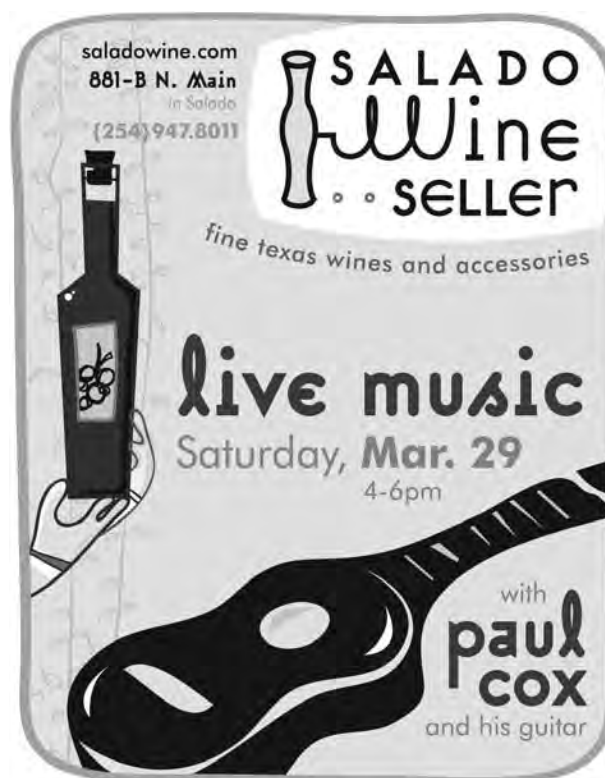
**Salado Area Republican Women's Fine China Luncheon.** Longhorn Room of Stagecoach Inn. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 939-7085.

## NOVEMBER 3

**Salado Historical Society Fall Chili Supper and Membership Drive**, 6:30 p.m. Noted Texas vocalist, poet and songwriter Jeff Gore will provide entertainment. Location to be announced.

## NOVEMBER 8-9

**Gathering of the Scottish Clans.** Details to be





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♣ —

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♥ Q 7 5  
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♣ K 10 9 4

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The bidding:  
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1 ♠ Pass 3 ♣ Pass  
4 ♣ Pass 4 ♥ Pass  
5 ♣ Pass 6 ♣ Pass

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

## The unexpected

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

There is no time clock that compels declarer to rush headlong into the play. Speed has its reward in some games, but bridge is not one of them.

South went down quickly on this deal, where he lost a slam he could have made by playing more slowly. He won the heart lead, played a diamond to the ace, returned a low trump and finessed the jack. The finesse succeeded, but West showed out. Since East still had the K-10-9, South had to lose two trump tricks and go down one.

The hand demonstrates an important principle of play. South's view from the start should have been one of confidence tempered with caution. He should realize that making the slam is a virtual certainty if the trumps are divided 2-2 or 3-1. His only real concern should be a 4-0 trump division.

South should conclude that the slam is unlikely to be made if West has all four trumps, but that it can be made if East has them. Accordingly, South should lead a low trump toward dummy at trick two! After West shows out, dummy's queen loses to the king, but declarer later has no trouble finessing East out of his 10-9-4.

The principle that applies here is a fundamental one. Declarer shapes his play to cater to the normal 2-2 or 3-1 division, and at the same time makes allowance for the abnormal 4-0 division.

It is true that declarer will sometimes cost himself a trick by guarding against a bad break, but he will gain many more points in the long run by taking whatever steps he can to improve the likelihood of making his contract.

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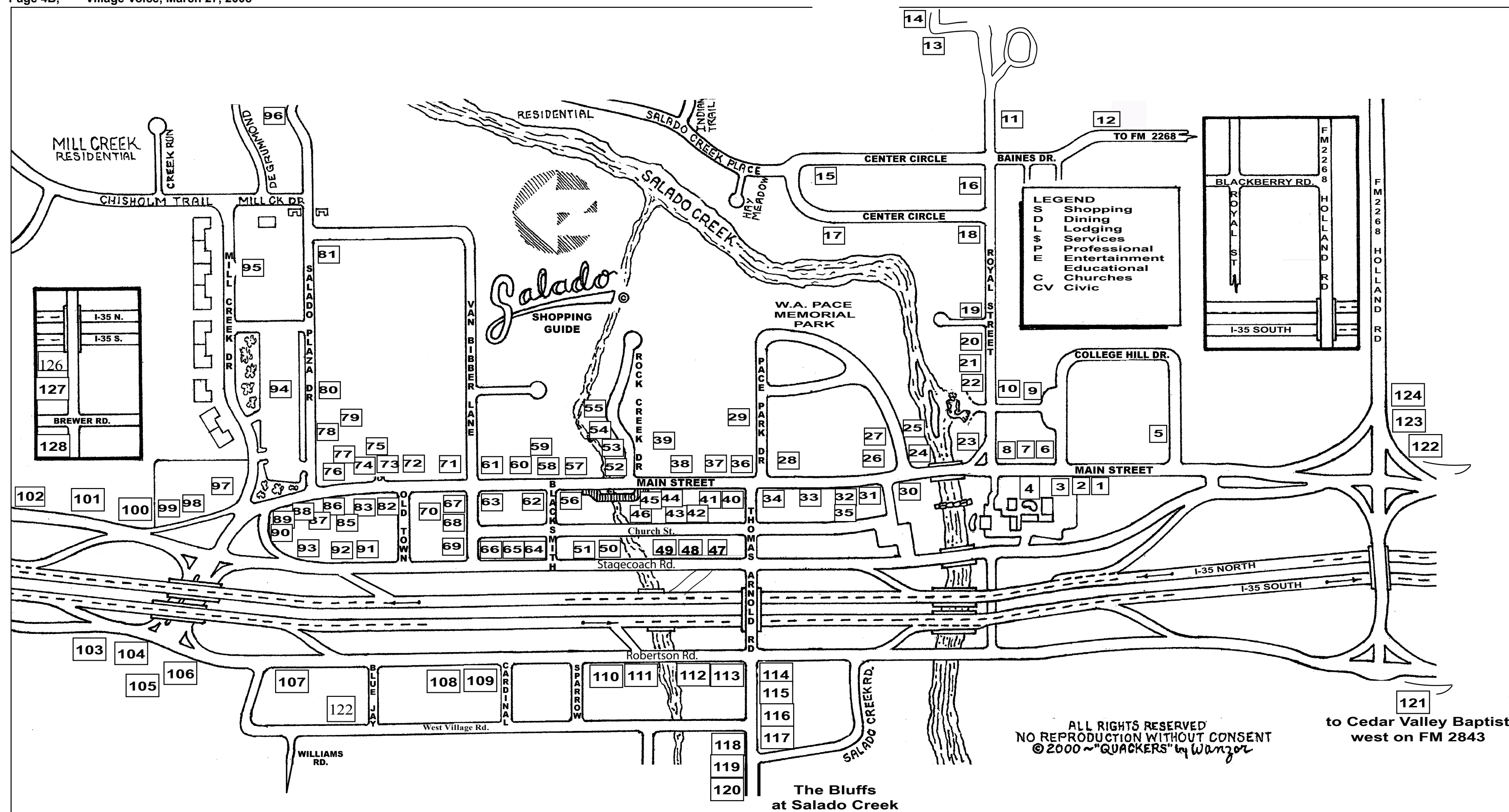
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# Spring events, books listed

By KAREN P. KINNISON

As we prepare to spring into April, let me just alert you of some exciting upcoming events.

On March 27, Dr. Robert McConnell will return to host his Haiku Club at 4:30 p.m. Even if you don't "haiku", drop by and say hello to Dr. Bob. Then coming early in April is the Internet Security Class-- April 10 at 6 p.m. here at the library. Please do sign up as space is limited. On April 16, we will have another Noon Brown Bag Book Review by our own Patty Campbell who will talk about "The Boy Who Loved Anne Frank." And also at 3 p.m. April 16, Tom Normand will conduct the first of two Probate Law and Estate Planning seminars at the Civic Center. (the second one is April 30). So check our website, watch this article and look for signs at the front desk so you don't miss a thing.

And of course there are new books....books, books and more books! Here's a brief rundown on some new books for the shelves this week. If you don't

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"American Creation: Triumphs and Tragedies at the Founding of the Republic" by Joseph Ellis: Ellis strips the veneer of the revolutionary generation to reveal men both human and inspired and argues that the revolution was, paradoxically, an evolution.

"Bob Bullock: God Bless Texas" by Dave McNeely, Jim Henderson: Need I say more?!

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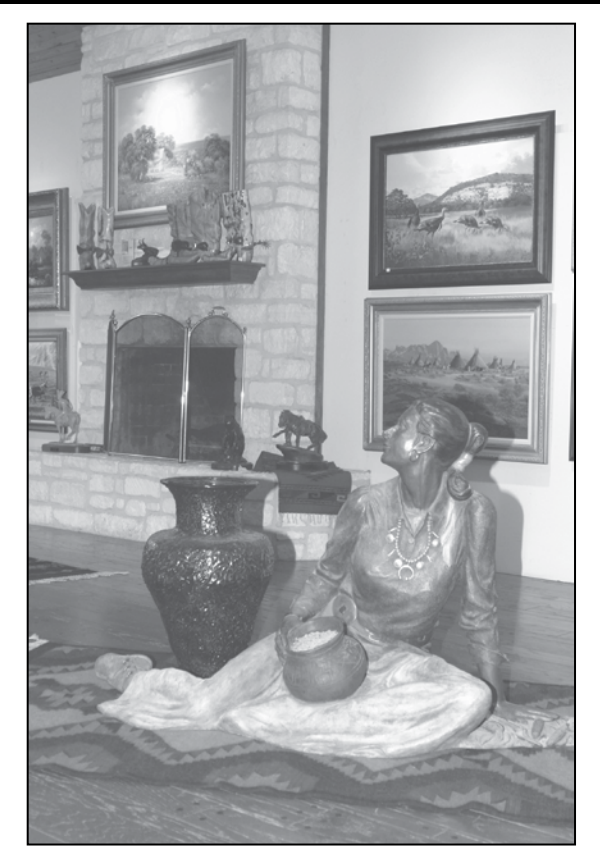
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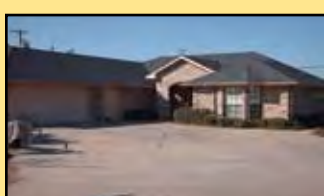
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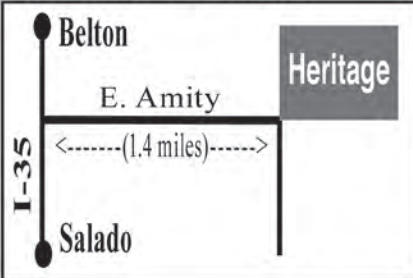
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Six acres of rolling hills, steel construction, Austin stone home, 3,200 sf workshop, views, wildlife.

**100/104/108 Chelsea Circle**



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**1635 Hidden Springs**



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16.33 acres of rolling hills 2400 SF Workshop with 4 overhead doors, 18 x 30 Pavilion, 10 x 12 Storage and an Austin Stone 3 BR, 2 BA home. Fenced and cross-fenced. \$430,800. Call Salado Realty 254-947-9700 5/31tfnf

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3 BR, 3 full baths, 2 half baths. Beautiful beam vaulted ceiling in living area. Up to three horses are allowed. \$498,700 Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050

**Land for Sale**

**10.67 acres of beautiful Texas Hill County \$115,800** Call Salado Realty 254-947-9700 011008tfnf

**FM 1123, Seven 20 plus acre tracts and Two 37 acre tracts.** Call Rita for more information. Salado Realty 254-947-9700

**College Hill Drive -** Walk to creek, shopping, 2 Acres with well, septic tank, trees! \$139,500. Call Raney & Associates Anna Lou 254-913-1215. 0823tfnb

**Commercial Rental**  
**Commercial rental -** Approx. 1200 sq. ft. at Old Salado Springs in the Celebration Center Building at 218 Royal, formerly beauty salon, Can easily adapt as office or other space. Water paid. \$935 947-5933 0327tfnb

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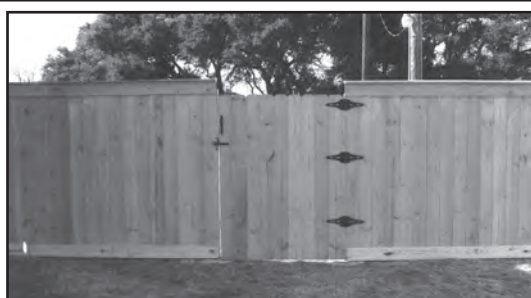
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**701 Whispering Oaks** Great Mill Creek location on one of the prettiest streets! Well maintained home with 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. wood flooring in the living room and dining room and an indoor pool and spa with propane heating. Gorgeous trees. \$220,000.



**708 De Grummond Way, Salado** Situated on one of the prettiest streets in Mill Creek, this original owner home is in pristine condition. Built in 1974 on 1.7 acres with many huge, native trees, this home offers gracious living with large rooms including formal living and dining rooms, great room with a fireplace, sunroom with a fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 4 baths and a 2 car attached garage as well as a 2 car detached garage. The property has a well with a new pump. Roof replaced in 2006. MUST SEE \$270,000.



**Golden opportunity in historic district .73 Acre** that backs up to Rock Creek. Most unusual property. Must see! \$115,000.



**451 College Hill** Extremely rare land near the historic district. Great building site and just a short stroll to historic Stagecoach Inn Restaurant, village shopping on Main Street, Salado Creek and golf. Approx 2 acres. \$139,500



**Choice Commercial Property in the heart of Salado's historic district.** Three buildings with net rentable space of 5,592 square feet. The site is .63 acres at the corner of Thomas Arnold and Church Street. Easy access to I-35 and Salado's Main Street. \$575,000.

**Mill Creek Homesites Only 2 Lots Left!**



**Excellent Homesites in established Mill Creek neighborhood.** Located off Chisholm Trail on Kevin Dr. with golf course views. Premier half-acre lots, underground utilities ready for homes with only 2,000 sq. ft. minimum.

**Temple Commercial**

**3308 S. 5th street, Temple** building site available in the growing Temple Business District, 5.7 Level acres currently zoned single family (sf 1) or can possibly be rezoned for business. Close access to Temple College and Scott & White, \$1,750,000

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**Secluded home on over 30 acres.** Perfect place for horses. In-ground pool, beautiful horse barn. All the extras with room to room. Great open family home. 38X60 barn, 25X25 storage barn. **\$669,900.**



**Grand Tuscan estate.** Large wrought iron doors invite you into this open and spacious floorplan. Escape to your large covered patio overlooking the pool and view of the golf course. Detached guest house. **\$699,900**



**Hidden among mature oak trees,** lies this private Tuscan estate. Expansive living room and kitchen perfect for cooking. Spacious master suite, swimming pool overlooks park-like backyard. **\$595,000.**



**Beautiful custom home** on tree-covered lot. 2 living rooms, large kitchen, 3+ car garage, granite counters and much more. Landscaping and blinds. Priced at **\$487,500.**



**Quality is shown** throughout this home on 3 tree-covered acres. Features include granite counters, stainless steel appliances, stone fireplace, 3 car garage and much more. 4 BR/2.5 BA/2 liv/2 din. **\$485,000**



**Stunning home east of Salado.** Bamboo and travertine flooring, upgraded counter-tops, stainless steel appliances, large lot, 3 car garage. **\$375,000**



**Beautiful Austin Stone home** situated on three tree-covered acres in Hidden Springs. Large great room makes it perfect place to entertain or enjoy family. Spacious kitchen, stainless steel appliances. **\$315,000**



**Like to play golf?** Excellent Home in Mill Creek on the golf course. High ceilings, Granite Countertops, & Hardwood Floors make this home a must see! **\$275,000**



**Beautiful view of Mill Creek Golf Course** with garage space for golf cart. Granite in Kitchen. Master suite down with spa tub and super closst. Tons of storage. Covered patio with fireplace. Trane heat pumps. **\$275,000.**



**Beautiful rock home** on 2.39 beautiful acres, backs up to wet weather creek with lots of oak and pecan trees. Priced at **\$245,900.**



**Beautiful Landscaping** and Gorgeous Tree-Covered Lot invite you into this Extensively Renovated Home in Mill Creek. Call Today for an Appointment. **\$229,000.**



**Great Open and Spacious Floor Plan.** Flex room could be used as 4th bedroom. Backs up to Corps of Engineer property. Convenient to Killeen and Harker Heights with Salado schools. **\$199,900.**



**Bring your horses!** Home includes a nice 2-stall horse barn, dog run/pen and storage barn. Nice 3 bed, 2 bath home, 2 living rock home on 1.34 acres in Salado. **\$149,900.**



**Three bedroom cottage** in Holland on 1/2 acre lot with large trees, garden spot. ~~\$65,000.~~ **\$59,000.**

**Lots**

**One-of-a-Kind!!** Creek with water fall! Well and electricity in place on Lot 243, Hidden Springs. **\$59,900.**  
3.27 acre homesite, Lot 326 Mission Trail in Hidden Springs, **\$45,000.**  
Beautiful treed lot in Mill Creek on South Ridge Road. **\$44,900. REDUCED.**  
Indian Trail **Under Contract.** 90x188 **\$40,000**  
Lot 9 Salado Creek Place, one of a kind Salado Creek lot, 2 plus acres with huge tree cover on the creek, The Best

**Under 10 Acres**

Two 1.2 acre lots on Sam Neil Rd., **\$26,500** and **\$29,900.**  
Lot 296 Mourning Dove, beautiful cleared home-site. Nice trees on the 5 acre lot. **\$59,900.**  
Lot 158 Western Trail. Mostly wooded creek front lot. Over 3 acres, **\$75,000.**  
Lot 156 Western Trail. Mostly wooded creek front lot. 3.23 acres, **\$75,000.**

**10 to 100 Acres**

12 acres with beautiful live oak trees. This acreage would make a fantastic home site. **\$250,000.**  
Over 30 acres in Bartlett. Good development property, well located with frontage on Bell Street and Harold Clark road. **\$106,170**  
25 acres between Salado & Holland with frontage, coastal fields perfect for horses. **\$5,000/acre.**  
25 acres between Salado & Holland with frontage, coastal fields perfect for horses. **\$4,000/acre.**  
21.68 acres off of FM 2115 with outstanding views and nice pond, **\$185,000.**  
55.38 acres, productive Blackland adjoining residential area on NW side of Bartlett. **\$193,830.**  
44 acres off of Firefly Road between Salado and Florence. Great Trees. Will Divide. **\$5,000/acre.**

**Over 100 Acres**

126 acre ranch with 1,769 sq. ft. hme. 3 BR/1.5 BA/2 liv/2 car garage. Property located off of FM 2843. **\$595,000.**  
147 acres east of Academy on Reeds Lake Road. Property has draw running through middle with 3 small tanks with excellent opportunity to enlarge. Possible gravel reserve as well. **\$3,450** per acre.  
280 acres east of Holland off Rosanky Road. Rolling topography with live water creek, large live oaks and pecans, stock tanks, deer. **\$3,250/acre.**

**Commercial**

The Mansion Restaurant downtown Salado on over 1 acre Plus **\$899,900.**  
Great commercial site IH-35/FM 2484. **\$429,900.**  
30 acres IH 35, 1 mile south of Stagecoach Inn. Great Southwest Restaurant in Belton, excellent location between the on and off ramp of I-35 next to What a Burger **\$349,900.**  
12 plus acres fronting I-35 between Salado and Belton with exit at property, just north of the Lampasas River, approx. 3000 ft. I-35 frontage **\$259,900.**  
Commercial site on west side of I-35 in Belton. 0.8 acre with building, **\$125,000.**

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