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Sales taxes dip 5% in Salado for second month

Apparently, Santa Claus was not as good to Salado as the jolly old elf was to other Bell County cities and cities across the state. Sales tax revenues from December dipped by almost six percent for Salado, while the state showed a remarkable 12.9 percent increase and the county showed a 6.19 percent increase.

The Village of Salado received its February sales tax payment (for taxes collected in December and reported to the Comptroller in January) of \$43,256.74, which is over \$2,000 less than last February's payment of \$45,995.54. Coupled with the dip in January's payment, Salado has shown a decrease for two straight months. For the calendar year, Salado has received \$70,143.99 from the state in sales tax rebates, which is more than five percent less than the Village received through February 2006, \$74,120.09.

The Village levies a one percent sales tax within its approximate two square mile boundaries. No sales tax is collected by the Village for the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ).

The Salado Library District, which levies a half-cent sales tax within its approximately 100 square mile boundaries, received a payment of \$27,589.02, which is almost five percent less than the February 2006 payment of \$29,003.88.

For the year, the Library District has received \$7,160.72, which is only slightly lower than the \$47,246.59 paid through February 2006.

Texas Comptroller Su-

san Combs said the state collected \$1.76 billion in sales tax revenue in January, up 12.9 percent compared to January 2006, when she released checks to local governing bodies on Feb. 9.

Combs sent \$609.4 million in local sales tax to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 6.4 percent compared to sales tax distributions to local governments in February 2006.

"Local sales tax collections are up, but not by double digits," Combs said. "This confirms what retailers reported earlier regarding their holiday sales. Sales were up, but not as strong as some businesses expected."

January state sales tax collections and February's local sales tax allocations primarily represent sales made in December, but also include earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax to the Comptroller on a quarterly or annual basis.

The Comptroller sent \$414.5 million in sales tax to Texas cities, up 6.1 percent compared to February 2006 payments. Texas counties received February sales tax payments of \$35.6 million, up 6.9 percent.

The 115 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$18.7 million in sales tax, up 12.9 percent compared to February 2006. Ten local transit systems received \$140.6 million in February, up 6.2 percent compared to a year ago.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on March 9.



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)
The best ropers from around the country competed for more than \$100,000 in cash and prizes, including a \$50,000 top prize in the Wildfire Ranch Open to the World held Feb. 9-11 at Wildfire Ranch Roping Arena in Salado. Complete results will be available in next week's Salado Village Voice.

Village, SVFD, SWSC work to lower ISO fire ratings for property owners

Representatives from the Village of Salado, Salado Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) and the Salado Water Supply Corporation met with a representative of the Insurance Service Organization (ISO) in order to lower the ISO ratings for the incorporated area of Salado.

The Salado area has not had its ISO rating reviewed since 1999. The ISO rating for the incorporated boundaries of Salado is 7 (on a scale of 10), while the unincorporated areas served by the SVFD is rated as a 9.

Salado alderman Merle Stalcup said that because of recent work by the SVFD and SWSC, he hopes to see the rating lowered for the incorporated area to 5.

This "means that the insurance premiums will be lower," Stalcup said.

SVFD worked to update its equipment, improve response times and improve training and safety for its volunteers.

The final report from the ISO, which is sponsored by the Texas Insurance Board, will be due some time this summer.

Preparation for the review, however, began several months ago when the SVFD first entered into an automatic aid agreement with the City of Belton to assist each other.

Belton and Salado fire departments now cooperate under an "automatic aid" agreement to serve the southernmost area of the City of Belton and the incorporated area of Salado.

Belton Fire Chief Ray Harmon discussed this automatic aid agreement with the Salado Board of Aldermen on Nov. 17,

2005. Under the agreement, the Salado Volunteer Fire Department is the department of first response for structure fires within the southern strip of the City of Belton that lies outside of the five-mile radius of the Belton fire station.

In essence, according to Harmon, the SVFD are the first responders for any structure fires to the seven structures that are within the area of concern.

Chief Harmon said that the City of Belton has an

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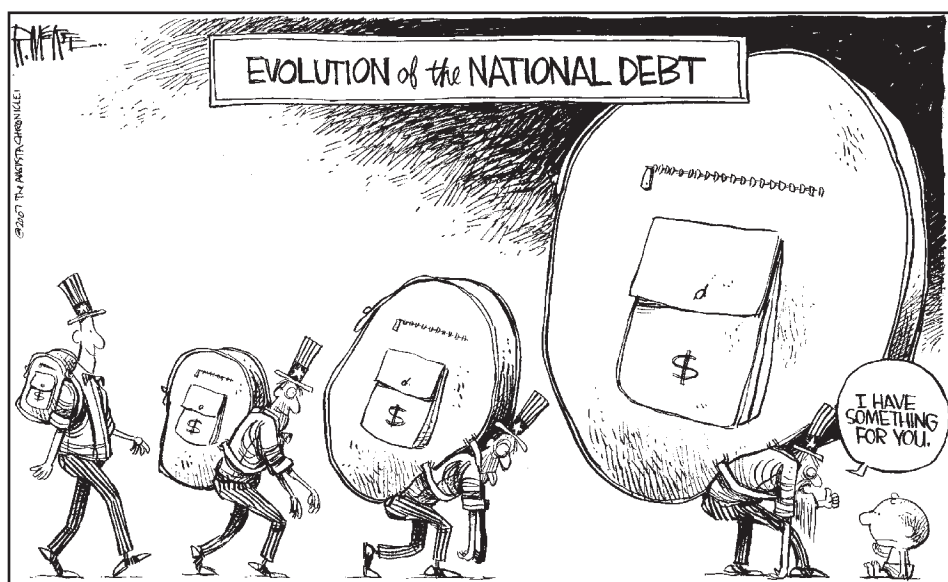
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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Hillary the Calculator

When Hillary Clinton announced her presidential exploratory committee while sitting on a couch in her living room, she didn't project warmth so much as a sense that she was desperately trying to project warmth.

As TV producer Steve Rosenbaum wrote of her performance on the liberal Web site The Huffington Post: "Hillary is struggling with words that are not her own. You can practically see the teleprompter reflected in her eyes. Every word has been word-smithed, every phrase looked at by a team of consultants."

Welcome to the Hillary Clinton campaign, which will be the most blatantly calculated presidential campaign in memory. Almost all political campaigns involve falsity and playacting, but it is Hillary's lot in life not to be able to fake it well, so the scriptwriting and the consultants' work show through. She seems to take the advice to "act naturally" literally, and the acting is always more in evidence than the naturalness.

Thus, the great battle is joined between the ruthless, highly effective inauthenticity of Hillary Clinton and the vapid, feel-good authenticity of Barack Obama.

Calculation has its advantages. But no one likes naked calculation, and Clinton worries Democrats traumatized by the experience of their last few presidential candidates. Because liberalism typically doesn't sell in American presidential politics, liberal candidates tend to run as culturally conservative centrists -- i.e., phonies. It sank both John Kerry, who couldn't even order a Philly cheesesteak properly, and Al Gore, who adopted three such utterly different personas in three national presidential debates that his performances could be a case study in abnormal-psychology classes.

The two tried, ineffectually, to duplicate the success of Bill Clinton. He was a liberal who could appeal -- prior to

Rich Lowry



Monica-gate -- to conservative-leaning "Bubba" voters. He was a Southerner who had no problem negotiating fried food, and he governed as a centrist from 1994 to 1998. Just as importantly, his fakery was so deft and deeply ingrained that it was impossible to tell where it ended and the real Bill Clinton began. This constituted a kind of political genius, and it won't soon be repeated, certainly not by his wife.

If Bill was all id, Hillary is all super-ego. Comedians still make fun of Bill's out-of-control appetites, but with Hillary, the mockery is about how she lets nothing be out of control (except perhaps her husband).

Last month, "Saturday Night Live" portrayed her explaining her position on the war thusly: "I think most Democrats know me. They understand that my support for the war was always insincere. Of course, knowing what we know now, that you could vote against the war and still be elected president, I would never have pretended to support it."

Even Democrats would be hard-pressed not to see truth in that skit, and that's why, even if she's a strong favorite for the nomination, it's hardly a lock.

All that is certain is that at some defining moment during the campaign, Hillary Clinton will face an unexpected challenge. She will have to react to it without the benefit of careful handling or a script, and that moment will determine whether or not all her calculation goes for naught.

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Perry hyping lottery lease to private sector; Lawmakers cool to scheme; \$\$\$ loss staggering

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



forms of wagering (along with organized crime) which thus far have been "non-starters" among most conservative lawmakers, who have religionists "watch-dogging" them on moral issues - including legalized gambling.

And finally - let's be honest about this phoney-baloney business of "privatizing" state functions - like the lottery, toll roads, and other services-activities. Texas, primarily under GOP leadership, has tried time and again to shift State work to the private sector, only to find their product is shoddy and inefficient. Not to mention the added costs when the work is returned to State management, due to rehiring and retooling.

LEGISLATIVE REACTION

Wiser legislative heads will hopefully prevail in this high-risk contrivance of leasing the lottery to private interests. It would take a constitutional amendment, requiring a two-thirds vote in both Houses and statewide approval by voters.

As of today - it would be impossible to secure enough House votes to put the matter before the public in constitutional amendment form - according to Warren Chisum (R-Pampa), Chairman of the powerful Appropriations Committee.

Same line of thought emerged from the Senate and was voiced not only by a "doubtful" Lt. Governor, but also Sen. Steve Ogden (R-Bryan) who chairs the influential Senate Finance Committee. He said the lottery sale idea has "political warts all over it!"

"OFF THE WALL" COMMENTS

Several "off the wall" commentaries to the Governor's grandiose intrigue to sell the lottery, emerged from favorite Austin "watering holes," mostly parroting the same line: "Looks like Old 'Landslide' Perry is at it again. First it was swapping our road system for tolls and now he wants to sell the Texas Lottery."

That was mild compared to the hilarious reaction from a well known local, who sought anonymity, before noting: "If Perry were in the car business - he'd probably have sold plans for the Ford Mustang, in order to gain money to build the Edsel!"

LET'S SELL EVERYTHING!

All of this makes those of us, who try to keep track of Governor "Crazy Hair," wonder what he'll put up for sale-lease next, in order to shrink government and lower State taxes.

Reckon, if given enough time, Perry will hang a price tag on the capital building, all State agencies, State police (and air force), the State militia, and our Texas Navy (which he probably doesn't even know exists)?

All that, of course, is tongue-in-cheek foolishness, but what, we wonder, is really motivating conservative leaders and lawmakers - from Perry to Dewhurst to Cradick, plus a majority in both Houses - who demand government be constricted, and services turned over to the private sector?

These are basic questions that need to be asked and more importantly - answered honestly. That is - if the State powers-that-be plan to continue promoting private school tuition (vouchers) at expense of public schools; slashing needed government services; and privatizing what's left. Especially during a population growth period!

That's -30-

Governor Rick Perry's biennial "State of the State" address to a joint legislative session on February 6, unexpectedly woke up the press; most of the 181 House-Senate members; and uneasy Texans, from the Rio Grande to the Red River. At least his initial tub-thumping did, when he recommended several hazardous adventures in "conjectural" State money management.

That "jolt" was followed by the Governor's familiar "yawners" about containing government and reducing taxes - both traditional "totems" huckstered over the years.

Perry's startling announcement centered around his plan to create three new "endowment funds" designed to help Texans buy health insurance (\$2.7 billion); Provide enhanced cancer research (\$3 billion); and create an \$8 billion dollar education fund that would (according to Perry) produce some \$720 million a year for the public schools.

The "shocker" came when the source of these trust funds was revealed. Specifically - selling a long term lease of the Texas Lottery (40 years) to the private sector for \$14 billion!

As noted, this is a new (high risk) concept in the management of State funds, but certainly in line with Perry's (heretofore) unworkable efforts to privatize government functions.

PITFALLS IN PERRY PLAN

Some of the Governor's seemingly innovative schemes will appeal to the unwary, particularly the creation of "special" trusts to help fund health insurance, cancer research, public education. There are however - alarming (and inherent) pitfalls that should be examined before anything is set in concrete.

First and foremost, the money raised by these huge trusts will ebb and flow as interest rates fluctuate, thus producing an unsteady flow of dollars each year.

Next, after taking an objective look at the fiscal impact of the Governor's plan, we note the lottery (today) earns over \$1 billion each year in clear profit! All of which (under current law) goes to the public schools. However, and here's the stunner, the Perry plan would immediately (at today's interest averages) create a shortfall of over \$350 million a year for education!

Even if the lottery lease were increased to \$20 billion, and collect a highly uncertain nine percent interest rate (Perry's numbers), the education fund alone would still lose \$280 million each year, from their "new" endowment fund.

There's even more disturbing fiscal news. Using Perry's "Aggie" math on his fuzzy numbers (Guv himself suggested the "Aggie" part), you must first compare the \$14 billion (total lottery lease price) to a minimum \$40 billion profit that the State would otherwise earn over the same time-period (if lottery was not sold). At that point you'll immediately discover an overall "total" State loss of some \$26 billion!

MORE "DOWN-SIDERS"

Another "down-sider" is the danger that privatizing state approved gambling, (which is exactly what the lottery is) could open the door to other

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Leave HOT alone!

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Joan and I join together to protest the proposed plan by the Bell County Expo Center to “raid” our Village Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds in order to fund further “development” at the Expo.

First, in order to minimize the adverse impact on local lodging, Salado only levies a four percent HOT, so to allow the Expo Center to take one-half of our revenue would effectively shut down our Tourism office and all related activities which are needed to maintain financial viability throughout the village.

Next, it is laughable that the Expo Center would take HOT revenues to develop an RV park that would, in turn, compete directly with those privately-funded properties that produce the HOT revenue in the first place. Additionally, there already

is a privately-owned RV park of national renown on the adjoining property.

The proposed Expo Center finance plan is faulty at best and, if enacted, would result in serious financial damage to tourism and resultant sales tax revenue in the Village of Salado, and that is how we finance Village government and essential services. Additionally, the Expo Center should seek private financing and forget about public grants for private development.

Leave our HOT revenue alone, as it is vital to our future.

Joan and Jack Schrock

P.S. We recommend that others who want to protest this proposal to send letters to our Representative, Dianne White Delisi, Texas State Representative 3000 South 31st St., Suite 505, Temple, TX 76502.

The King of Texas

By GINA PARKER FORD

Have you heard that last November Texans elected a new King? That's right; with less than 40 percent of the vote, Governor Rick Perry, or should I say “his majesty,” has taken the throne by storm.

In The Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson denounced in the strongest possible terms the refusal of the king to give respectful consideration to the petitions of the people: “... our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.” Evidently, the Governor is confused about his function as Governor and about a few other things.

Take for example Perry's latest abuse of power – his executive order mandating that sixth

grade girls be required to receive the controversial HPV vaccination series of three shots. The vaccine has not been fully tested and its future effects are unknown.

Yes, the vaccine is the first ever to prevent cervical cancer or any form of cancer, and yes, a growing number of women are contracting HPV, which can cause cervical cancer. HPV, however, is a sexually-transmitted disease, and unlike the Governor's analogy of vaccinating for the polio virus - not a sexually-transmitted disease, the polio vaccine totally eradicates the disease. The HPV vaccine is a preventative measure only that may reduce the number of cervical cancer cases. According to WebMD (www.webmd.com), the vaccine “lasts at least four years” with “long-term results ... not yet certain.” The

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"THEY COULDN'T TELL US FOR SURE THAT IT WOULD RAIN TODAY, BUT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE THEY CAN ACCURATELY PREDICT THE WEATHER 50 YEARS FROM NOW?!"

Global warming threatens ag

By DR. DENNIS KEENEY

The Jan. 9 announcement from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration was frightening. U.S. and global annual temperatures are now approximately one degree Fahrenheit warmer than at the start of the 20th century and the rate of warming has accelerated over the past 30 years. The past nine years have all been among the 25 warmest on record. Five states had their warmest December on record, and no state was colder than average in December.

What does this mean for farm states? Agriculture, forests and prairies, and even many lakes are in jeopardy of changing in ways that we do not yet understand. We only know for sure that change is coming. And most will not be happy with it. You, me and more certainly our children and grandchildren will all be affected.

No industry sector will be affected more by climate change than farming. Many farm habitats depend on temperature and rainfall. If warming continues our farmland will certainly have a different landscape. We could have a drier and hotter climate that would make many Midwestern states look more like the western plains. With drier weather, the verdant corn and soybeans in many parts of the country could disappear, except where there is irrigation. Dry land crops such as wheat and grain sorghum might become more common. The dairies and hog lots that rely on corn and soybeans for feed will be less viable, as will the ethanol plants and other huge investments

made to take advantage of our current climate advantages.

As the climate changes, agriculture will have to adapt to new weeds, bugs and plant diseases. While overall it may become drier, huge storms will challenge farmers to keep erosion in check and pollutants out of streams and lakes. It will take time to adapt. Science can develop new crops, and find ways to farm more efficiently. But there are indications that climate change is accelerating faster than our industries can change.

Can we slow this warming down? Climatologists tell us that the carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide that human activity has added to the atmosphere will take a long time to dissipate. So we need to act immediately to slow down our emissions of global warming gases.

And agriculture can play an important role. Our farmers are already doing much to help out, including using less energy while keeping more carbon in the soil. They are using no tillage farming that leaves crop residues on the land. This adds carbon to the soil and keeps erosion in check. They are also growing more trees on the edges of streams.

Perhaps most importantly, farmers are driving the development of biofuels specifically capturing energy from grass and trees. These perennial grasses grow on little outside energy in the form of fertilizers, and produce far more energy than what they use. We need to accelerate this shift from corn-based biofuels to cellulosic forms of energy for our cars and industries, which

is currently hindered by manageable technological hurdles.

There are promising indications that Congress is beginning to act. The just introduced climate bill sponsored by 2008 Presidential contenders Senators John McCain and Barack Obama, along with Senator Joe Lieberman, would cut emissions by two percent a year and bring us to 1990 levels by 2020. After the Bush Administration's rejection of the Kyoto treaty on climate change, this legislation would set a strong standard for the rest of the world. And of course climate change is a global problem, which will require global cooperation.

This year as we have done before, our family will meet in Cable, Wisconsin for our Birkebeiner skiing weekend. Will we have enough snow? Will my grandchildren be able to take part in this great experience when they want to take their families to ski?

Let's get on with it. Our global future and our progeny's future depend on action today, even if it takes many years to show the benefits.

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Stand up to war profiteers



Jim Hightower

George W's war in Iraq has not been good for the thousands of Americans killed or maimed there, nor for the hundreds of thousands of Iraqi civilians killed or forced to flee their country. Bush's war has not been good for America, either, for our global reputation has been trashed and we are more vulnerable to terrorist attack than before.

In fairness, though, I must concede that the Iraq attack has been awfully good for one group: Pentagon contractors. For the makers of weapons, profits are up, stock prices are soaring, taxpayer dollars are gushing their way, and there is no end in sight for the “good times” that they are enjoying.

For example, in the past year, such war corporations as Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Raytheon, and General Dynamics have seen their stock prices jump by about a third, as Wall Street investors have turned giddy about the financial prospects of the war machine. And why wouldn't war speculators be giddy? Mr. Bush says he'll bog us down in that civil war for years to come, even escalating our military presence and asking Congress to dump another \$100 billion into Iraq this year.

While war is hell, Pentagon contractors see this news as manna from heaven.

But what about those pesky Democrats who've won control of Congress and are making noises about a staged withdrawal and threatening to investigate war profiteering?

No problem - corporate lobbyists note that Democrats, like Republicans, take campaign funds from these same contractors, and that such presidential hopefuls as Senator Hillary Clinton don't want to appear “soft” on defense - so they expect the war funds to keep flowing and maybe even increase. As one industry analyst smugly puts it: “I think Democrats will be on good behavior as long as the war continues.”

“Good behavior?” To push Democrats to stand up for the American people instead of Mr. Bush and his war profiteers, call Business Leaders for Sensible Priorities: 212-243-3416.

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How can a woman build confidence in ability to retire comfortably

All of us would like to think we will enjoy a comfortable retirement. If you're a woman, how-

ever, you might be significantly more nervous than your male peers about life as a retiree. This fear

may not be entirely justified, but, in any case, you can greatly improve your outlook for retirement by understanding where you are now - and how to get where you want to go.

But first, you may have to overcome both fear and a financial "gender gap." Consider these findings from recent surveys conducted by Harris Interactive:

Forty-six percent of the women surveyed said they worry about losing all their money and becoming destitute. Surprisingly, this figure rises to 48 percent among women with incomes of \$100,000 or more.

Women were almost twice as likely as men to worry about money and to doubt their capacity to invest and plan for the future.

Only 10 percent of women said they feel quite secure about their finances.

These figures, while disturbing, at least par-

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



tially reflect some basic realities of women's lives. First, women typically outlive men by nearly seven years, according to the U.S. National Center for Health Statistics - and more years of life mean more expenses. Also, women drop out of the work force for an average of 12 years to care for young children or aging parents, according to the Older Women's League, a research and advocacy group. This time away from the workforce results in women accumulating much less money in their employer-sponsored retirement plans.

Of course, if you are married, many of your financial assets are likely commingled with those

of your husband. But that doesn't mean that you can abdicate responsibility for your financial future. Some 80 percent to 90 percent of today's women will be solely responsible for their own finances at some point in their lives, according to the National Center for Women & Retirement.

So, what can you do to boost your confidence in your financial management skills? For starters, take a close look at all potential sources of retirement income: Social Security, savings, investments and retirement plan distributions. Estimate about how much you might have available for your retirement years.

Next, try to envision

your "ideal" retirement lifestyle and put a "price tag" on it. For example, if you would like to continuously travel the world when you retire, you're probably going to need more money from your retirement funds than your neighbor who wants to stay home, pursue hobbies and possibly even open a small business.

It's not always easy to plan, save and invest for retirement. That's why you may want to consider working with an experienced financial professional - someone who knows your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals, and who can recommend the appropriate investments and strategies.

Learn as much as you can about every aspect of your financial situation. You'll boost your confidence about having sufficient resources for retirement - and you'll probably enjoy it more when you get there.

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Buying and Selling

By Ryan Hodge

Sellers are competing for buyers these days. Actually, sellers are *always* competing against each other, trying to offer the best value in hopes of securing a full-price offer. Such offers usually come to sellers whose homes are in model condition and priced at, or below, fair market value.

While it's critical to get your home in tip-top

shape before your listing, care needs to be taken when you're considering the impact of remodeling and renovating.

Homeowners who over-improve run the risk of not being able to recoup their investment, particularly if they find they need to sell very soon after completing such work.

Homeowners are encouraged to contact a real estate professional, who can conduct a comparable sales analysis, providing important information about remodeling's impact on sales value.

A report published last year by *Remodeling Magazine* and *REALTOR® Magazine* gives some clues as to where to best spend your improvement dollars. Upscale siding and mid-range bathroom upgrades both can recoup 100% (or more!) of the investment cost. Even minor kitchen remodeling sees 99% of its cost recovered at sale time.

Basically, stick to designs that will appeal to a majority of buyers, since you can't be sure that you'll find that unique buyer who will appreciate the more exotic tastes you might enjoy. Be proactive, be practical, and be prepared to offer a great value!

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Salado Education Foundation honors Kinnison for leadership in 2005-'06

Bill Kinnison, Chair of the Salado Education Foundation for 2005 and 2006, was honored for his leadership by current Chair Joe Keys and SEF members at the group's February meeting.

During Kinnison's tenure, the Salado Education Foundation awarded \$26,000 in college scholarships, awarded significant grants for Innovative Teaching Projects,

sponsored two successful Youth Art Fairs, which recognized many Salado art students, and supervised two successful Chisholm Trail Cattlemen's Balls.

Among other duties, Kinnison personally visited Salado Businesses, taking posters and informing them of the Foundation's work; contributed to the SEF newsletter; implemented a public relations

campaign; and generated funds for scholarships.

At the ceremony, Keys presented a plaque to Kinnison which read: "Bill Kinnison, A Champion of Children, Salado Education Foundation, President 2005-2006."

This year Kinnison is chairing the committee that reviews and awards the Innovative Teaching Grants and serves on the

Scholarship Committee. In addition to his volunteer work on the Salado Education Foundation, he has a full time job as Chief, Education Services Division, Fort Hood.

In receiving the recognition and plaque, Kinnison said, "I have been in education all of my life, and being a 'Champion of Children' is very important to me."

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vaccine - a preventative for only four strains of over 30 strains of HPD - does not protect against all cervical cancer; women will still need yearly PAP smears to check for cancer.

After the Governor's wielding such power during the 80th Legislative Session, I must ask, what is the point of having a Texas House and Senate? Remember, legislation addressing this issue has already been filed. Why did Perry choose not to let it be debated? One can only speculate, but it is certainly at least questionable since the drug's manufacturer Merck has invested millions of dollars into lobbying efforts, which includes hiring Perry's former Chief of Staff, Mike Toomey, as Merck's head lobbyist.

Talk about a slap in the face to our representative bodies in the Legislature! Does the Governor have no respect for them, their

responsibilities, or the people of Texas?

Thankfully, however, true Republicans have come out ready to fight. From Senators Hegar (R-Katy) and Nelson (R-Denton), to Representatives Keffer (R-Eastland) and Flynn (R-Canton), there is an organized effort to find a solution, and they are not only challenging Governor Perry to rescind the order, but also they are requesting the Attorney General investigate whether Perry has in fact abused his power.

I strongly encourage everyone to call Governor Perry's office today and let him know you are against usurping the power of the legislature, wiping out parental rights, and mandating a vaccine with unknown future consequences! Governor Rick Perry online: <http://www.governor.state.tx.us/contact>.

Salado ISD Art competition held Feb. 19-20 at Intermediate

The times for Salado ISD Students in grades K-12 to enter into the Salado Student Art Competition will be 3-5 p.m. Feb. 19 and 3-5 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Salado Intermediate School Cafetorium.

A student does not have to have an entry form prior to turning in his or her work. Applications will be

available at the time of entry Feb. 19 or Feb. 20.

Applications are available now on all campuses, at the Central Office in the Salado Civic Center on Main St. or by contacting any Salado ISD art teacher.

There will be cash prizes for the contest, which

will be judged by professional artists from Salado.

"This is a great opportunity for students to display their talent," said SISD Supt. Robin Battershell.

Student art will be exhibited 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 3 and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. March 5 at the Salado Civic

Center.

Entries will be accepted in the following media: original paintings, photography, ceramics, sculpture, drawings, prints, and textiles. Drawings and prints must be mounted or matted on black board. Mat board is available free of charge at time of check-in.


Encaustic painting workshop planned at CAC on Feb. 17

The CAC will be offering a workshop with artist Deanna Wood 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 17.


Encaustic Painting is a technique using paint consisting of pigment mixed with beeswax and fixed with heat after its application.

At this workshop, students will learn the history and basics of the encaustic painting technique in a one-day workshop. They will watch demos of the technique, discover the equipment, materials, and resources required to pursue encaustic on their own. Students will also be able to create their own encaustic work.


The class is \$125 and includes all material. No experience is necessary and the class is open to adults and children over the age of 14. Contact the CAC at (254) 773-9926 or visit at www.cacARTS.org.




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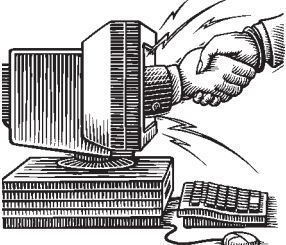
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Are you allergic to winter?

By KIM T HOVANKY, MD

Are you allergic to winter? Not really. Mountain cedar pollen is, of course, hugely prevalent in the air in the Central Texas area during January and February.

But mountain cedar is not the only allergen that we are exposed to during the winter months. Our exposure to indoor allergens is increased during cold weather, when we spend more time indoors. More than 40 million people in the United States suffer from indoor allergies year round. Indoor allergies can lead to other chronic conditions such as asthma or perennial allergic rhinitis; therefore they should not be taken lightly. If

you notice an increase in sneezing, itching, coughing, stuffy nose, red eyes or other allergy symptoms, you may take the following steps to reduce allergens in your home.

Dust Mites: put mattresses, box springs and pillows in special plastic cases that are allergy-proof or "non-allergic"; get rid of clutter or pack it in a closet where it does not collect dust: House dust mites settle in carpeting; hardwood, tile or linoleum is better for people with allergies; wash throw rugs regularly in hot water or dry clean; wash blankets, sheets and pillow cases in 130 degree water and dry in a hot dryer once a week.

Mold: clean moldy surfaces such as the corners

of showers or under sinks with a solution containing 5% bleach and a small amount of detergent; avoid carpeting in bathrooms or basements, and remove any moldy carpeting; use a dehumidifier and keep the humidity level in the home below 50 percent; don't try to "air out" indoor allergens from the home, opening the windows can bring in outdoor allergens, such as pollen and mold spores; use air conditioning to clean, re-circulate and dehumidify the air in your home; consider using in-home air filters.

Pet Dander: Keep your pet out of the bedroom and other rooms where people with allergies spend a great deal of time; wash your hands after touching pets.

Cockroaches: vacuum or sweep the floor after meals; take out the garbage and recyclables frequently; use a vacuum cleaner with a high-efficiency particulate filter or a double bag; wear a dust mask while vacuuming; keep food in containers with tight lids; wash dishes in hot soapy water immediately after use; clean under stoves, refrigerators and toasters; wipe the stove top and other kitchen surfaces frequently; fix leaks that may leave surfaces wet and allow mold to grow or attract cockroaches; block areas where roaches could enter the home, including crevices, wall cracks, windows, wood work or floor gaps, basement, and outside doors and drains.

Bright Ideas presented at CTC

The Central Texas College (CTC) Fine Arts Department will present the play "Bright Ideas" as its spring production Feb. 22-24 and March 1-3.

The dark comedy written by Eric Coble, details the efforts of two yuppie parents desperate to provide the best "environment" for their young son and who will stop at nothing to give him an advantage - in this case, admittance to the most prestigious pre-school.

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way again.

The play will be held at the LBJ Fine Arts Auditorium, Building 112 on the CTC campus. The curtain opens at 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased in advance in Room 109 of Building 112 or at the door the night of each performance. A special buy one-get one free ticket promotion will be held on both Thursday night performances Feb. 22 and March 1 for all military personnel. Due to some adult situations and language, parental guidance is suggested.

The cast of "Bright Ideas" includes Sahra Ream, Casey Murphy, Byron Clark, Leticia Zarco, Will Lindus, Jeremiah Ming, Andrew Thomas, David Rivera, Amanda Honea, Holly Guest, Saphira Mosley, Nikwai Allen and Jocelyn Moore.

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Belton's 4th of July Celebration & PRCA Rodeo celebrates 83 years

Since the 1850s folks from all over central Texas have been coming to Belton to celebrate the 4th of July. Now in its 83rd year, this high profile celebration will feature the Kick-off Barbeque, Festival on Nolan Creek, one of Texas's Top Ten Parades, PRCA Rodeo, and much more.

This year's celebration begins July 3 in Yettie Polk Park at 11:30 a.m. with the annual Kick-Off BBQ. The Festival on Nolan Creek, held in Confederate and Yettie Polk Park, is open to the public free of charge from noon-6 p.m. on July 4. The Festival on Nolan Creek has more to offer than vendors. The Texas Old Time Fiddler's contest is returning to Yettie Polk Park for the 10th consecutive year. Confederate Park will again be filled with vendors and sounds of Carnival rides.

Both parks will feature musical entertainment and fun and games throughout the day.

The 4th of July Parade will feature floats, bands, marching units, decorated vehicles, antique cars, and much more, this long time Belton tradition starts at 10 a.m. on Main Street and 10th Ave., travels south on Main Street to Central Avenue, turns east on Central Avenue, makes a left on Birdwell and comes to a completion on 4th Avenue.

Schedule:

- July 3 – Kick off BBQ - 11:30 a.m.
- July 4 – Patriotic Program - 9 a.m.
- July 4 – 4th of July Parade - 10 a.m.
- July 4 – 4th of July Festival on Nolan Creek - noon
- July 47 – Gift Show and PRCA Rodeo - 6:45 p.m.

Rodeo Belton, a Professional Rodeo Cowboys

Association (PRCA) sanctioned sporting event, is a four-day event at the Bell County Expo Center under the direction of the Belton Area Chamber of Commerce. Belton's 4th of July PRCA Rodeo kicks off July 4 and runs through July 7, with performances starting at 6:45 p.m. Returning for the fourth consecutive year is David Bailey Rodeo Company. Bailey will bring back Lucky Strike, voted 2006 NFR Bull of the Finals. Over 12,000 fans are anticipated at the only air-conditioned rodeo event in Texas during the 4th of July.

For more information contact Keith Smith or Jennifer Minton at the Belton Area Chamber of Commerce at 254-939-3551 or e-mail keith@beltonchamber.com.

UMHB Dean's List includes Saladoans

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor announced that 274 students have been listed on the fall 2006 Dean's List. To receive this recognition, a student must achieve a 3.5 – 3.69 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.

Three students from Salado were named to the Dean's List: Glynis Lauren Akins, Shanon Elizabeth Holman, Micah Brooke Malone.

ASU names Saladoan to Dean's List

The Dean's List for the 2006 Fall Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

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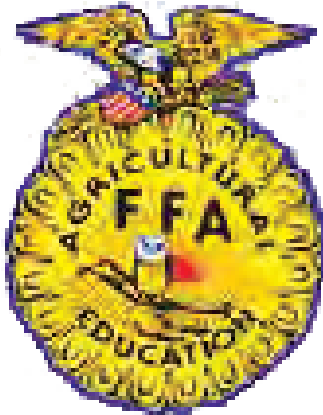
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1/3	12:01	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/4	15:16	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/4	20:58	Dispatched and cancelled en route
1/5	04:35	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/5	10:40	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/5	15:13	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/9	13:21	No incident found at dispatch address
1/10	19:37	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/11	00:35	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/11	07:35	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/11	21:49	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/12	07:42	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/13	12:44	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/13	13:52	Motor vehicle accident w/no injuries
1/13	01:11	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/13	14:40	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/14	20:02	Vehicle accident w/injuries
1/15	08:07	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/15	09:32	Power line down
1/16	00:58	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/16	08:56	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/16	12:02	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/16	19:30	Motor vehicle accident w/no injuries
1/16	20:11	Motor vehicle accident w/no injuries
1/16	20:35	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/17	00:56	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/17	05:33	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/17	20:51	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/18	08:22	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/18	09:56	Motor vehicle accident w/no injuries
1/18	23:22	Building fire
1/19	23:29	Hazardous condition, other
1/20	14:59	Smoke detector activation, no fire
1/20	22:01	Building fire
1/21	08:32	Building fire
1/21	13:38	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/22	08:03	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/22	09:01	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/23	19:03	Unauthorized burning
1/23	20:45	Building fire
1/25	18:09	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
1/26	21:52	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
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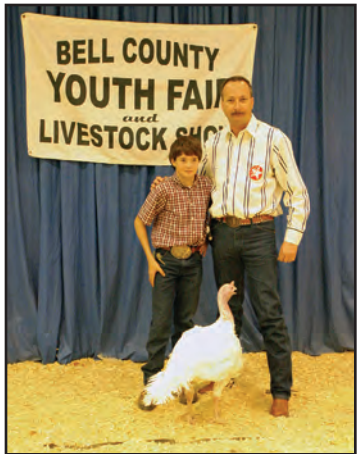
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Lady Eagles surge into postseason

For much of the fourth period in Salado's district tie-breaking tilt versus Rogers Feb. 10, it appeared as though the Lady Eagles' impressive end-season run was coming to a close - as Rogers was perched to earn the third and final playoff spot for District 25AA.

With around four minutes remaining, however, Salado surged ahead with a flurry of points, taking a slim 31-30 lead down the homestretch. Rogers clawed back, though, and with a minute remaining had retaken the lead - thanks in part to missed free throws and turnovers from Salado.

But with less than a minute left Brittani Gilchrest came up with a bucket to put Salado up by one, then quickly managed a steal, outletted ahead to a streaking Kelsey Gobin, who then converted the layup to put Salado ahead by three, 39-36. Gilchrest came up huge for Salado in that fourth period, scoring five points, nabbing five rebounds and swiping two steals.

After the layup, Rogers pushed down court to stem the Lady Eagle momentum, but Rogers' Nicholyn Carter-Maddux was promptly whistled for a charge - her fifth and final foul - and joined two more of her teammates on the bench, who had also fouled out.

That amounted to the last gasp for Rogers, as Salado tacked on three more points to earn a 42-36 victory and a date in the postseason.

Encapsulated, the game turned out to be a series of runs for the Lady Eagles, as an 11-4 run ended the first period, and a 12-0 run over the second and third periods allowed Salado to rally back from an 18-3 Rogers run in the second period.

Kristen Smith paced all scorers on the night, finishing with 12 points. Gilchrest closed out the game with 10 points,

while Danielle Hazzard had six. Tamra Stanish had six steals. Salado had 37 chances from the free throw line in the game - a full 20 more than Rogers.

The win marked the culmination of a season-defining turnaround for Salado. The Lady Eagles entered district play with a 2-11 mark, but went on to win 13 of their final 18 to finish third in District 25AA. Academy won district, while Troy finished second.

Salado faced New Waverly in College Station in the bi-district round of the State playoffs Feb. 13, in a game which took place after presstime. The winner of that contest will move on to face Hitchcock, which earned a first round bye virtue of winning District 27AA.

Prior to the win over Rogers, the Lady Eagles closed out regular season play with a 35-29 road loss to Rosebud-Lott.

Salado led 10-7 after the first, but Rosebud surged back to gain a 19-15 lead at the half. The Lady Eagles scored only two points in the third, and a 12-point effort in the fourth was not enough to eclipse Rosebud, which played just well enough to earn the upset win.

No Lady Eagle player broke into double-digits in scoring. Hazzard and Gilchrest topped the Lady Eagles with eight points apiece. Stanish had six, Smith had five and Kaylan Hearne scored two.

Eagle cagers crack Class AA top 20

The Varsity Eagle hoopsters cracked the Class AA top twenty for the first time in two years, and celebrated by throttling an overmatched Academy squad by a final of 64-26 in a game held at Coach Smith Gym Feb. 9. The victory pushed Salado's district mark to 11-2 with one game remaining, that against second-ranked Jarrell. The Eagles are ranked 18th in the State.

Salado rode the hot shooting of Chad Tumey and David Rosenau - who scored 10 and nine points, respectively - in opening up a 23-8 first period lead.

In the second, Tumey continued with the hot hand, knocking down a pair of threes as the Eagles built an impregnable 41-20 lead entering the third.

The game's second half saw both offenses slow the pace, with Academy managing a paltry six points for the entire half, as Salado coasted to the win.

Tumey's 19 points topped all scorers. Rosenau closed out the game with nine, while Clay Sharum contributed eight. Noah Harbison had seven, and Blake Newman and Justin Pruitt each scored six.

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2/27	Rosebud-Lott-DM	Rosebud	V & JV	3:00
3/7	Salado Tournament	Summit-Temple	V	8:00
3/8	Salado Tournament	Summit-Temple	JV	8:00
3/21	Academy Tournament	UMHB	V	8:00
3/22	Academy Tournament	UMHB	JV	8:00
3/28	Rogers Tournament	UMHB	V	8:00
4/3	District Tournament	Summit-Temple	JV	8:00
4/4	District Tournament	Summit-Temple	V	8:00
4/5	District Tournament	Summit-Temple	V	8:00
4/7	District Tournament	Summit-Temple	JV	8:00

Salado High School 2007 Track Meets

Date	Location
Feb. 24	Salado
March 2	Rochdale
March 8	Thrall
March 24	Bruceville-Eddy
March 28	Crawford
April 5	To be Determined
April 12 , April 14	Florence District
April 20	To Be Determined
April 27-28	San Marcos Regionals
May 4-5	Austin State Meet

Salado Intermediate School Track Meets

Date	Location
Feb. 23	Salado Tri-Meet
March 1	Rosebud-Lott
March 6	Moody
March 22	Bruceville-Eddy
March 31	Rosebud-Lott District


Salado Eagles 2007 Golf Schedule

Date	Team	Tournament	Golf Course
Feb. 15	Girls	Lampasas	Hancock
Feb. 16-17	Boys	Waco-Midway	Cottonwood
Feb. 22	Girls	Rogers	Cameron
Feb. 26	Boys II		
	Girls	Thorndale	Star Ranch
March 2-3	Boys	Waco High	Cottonwood
March 6	Girls	Gatesville	Gatesville
March 9-10	Boys	Big Red Classic	Wildflower
			Mill Creek
March 20	Girls	Comfort	Buckhorn
March 22	Boys	Comfort	Buckhorn
March 26	Girls		
	Boys		
	Boys II Salado		Mill Creek
April 2	Girls		
	Boys		
	Boys II District 25AA		Mill Creek
April 11	Girls		
	Boys		
	Boys II District 25AA		Lago Vista
April 23-24	Girls		
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Date	Opponent	Teams	Time
2/20	@ Whitney	V	6:00
2/22-24	@ Franklin Tournament	V	TBA
2/23	Rockdale (DH)	JV-V	4:30
2/27	Franklin	JV-V	4:30
3/1-3	@ Caldwell Tournament	V	TBA
3/6	@ Rogers*	JV-V	4:30
3/8-10	Salado Tournament	V	TBA
3/13	Lago Vista*	JV-V	4:30
3/16	@ Troy*	JV-V	4:30
3/20	@ Florence*	JV-V	4:30
3/23	Rosebud Lott*	JV-V	4:30
3/24	Salado JV Tournament	JV	TBA
3/27	@ Academy*	JV-V	4:30
3/30	Jarrell*	JV-V	4:30
3/31	Austin Crockett (DH)	JV	1:30
4/3	Rogers*	JV-V	4:30
4/5	@ Lago Vista*	JV-V	4:30
4/9	Troy*	JV-V	4:30
4/13	Florence*	JV-V	4:30
4/16	@ Rosebud-Lott	V	5:00
4/20	Academy*	JV-V	4:30
4/24	@ Jarrell	JV-V	4:30
* district game..... @ denotes away games			

SHS 2007 Softball Schedule			
Date	Opponent	Teams	Times
Feb. 13	@ Thrall	JV/V	5:00/7:00
Feb. 15 & 17	@ Hutto Tournament	Varsity	TBA
Feb. 20	@ Liberty Hill	JV/V	5:00/6:45
Feb. 22 & 24	Salado Tournament	Varsity	TBA
Feb. 27	Cameron Yoe	Varsity	6:00
March 3	@ B-Eddy JV Tournament	JV	TBA
March 6	@ Rogers *	JV/V	5:00/6:45
March 9	@ Jarrell *	V	5:00/6:45
March 12	Lago Vista *	JV/V	6:00
March 13	@ Troy *	JV/V	5:00/6:45
March 20	@ Florence *	JV/V	5:00/6:45
March 22/24	@ Troy JV Tournament	JV	TBA
March 23	Rosebud-Lott *	V	6:00
March 27	@ Academy *	JV/V	5:00/6:45
March 30	Jarrell *	JV/V	5:00/6:45
April 3	Rogers *	JV/V	5:00/6:45
April 5	@ Lago Vista*	V	6:00
April 9	Troy *	JV/V	5:00/6:45
April 13	Florence *	JV/V	5:00/6:45
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April 20	Academy *	JV/V	5:00/6:45
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Public hearing Feb. 27 slated to address expansion of I-35

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

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

The purpose of this

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

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

make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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



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Aldermen have light agenda

Salado aldermen will have a short agenda for their 6:30 p.m. Feb. 15 meeting at the Municipal Building on Stagecoach Rd.

Among the items on the agenda is determination of sign compliance in the extra territorial jurisdiction for Texas Department of Transportation under unfinished business.

New business items in-

clude these: swearing-in of Secondary Asscoate Municipal Judge, amendment to the Waste Disposal Ordinance to add Temple Iron and Metal; credit card acceptance presentation by Quickbooks and Secure Government; year-to-date financials and a final report from the Village Sewer Evaluation Committee.

ISO FROM PAGE 1A

ISO rating of 3 for most of its area. Recent strip annexations down I-35 have put some properties beyond the five-mile radius of the Belton fire station, however, which has increased the ISO rating for those properties to a 10.



In return for the automatic aid agreement with the Belton Fire Department, the Belton Fire Department would agree to automatically sending one fire truck to any structure fire in the incorporated boundaries of the Village of Salado.

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Gen. Campbell speaks at Assoc. of the U.S. Army meeting

The Central Texas-Fort Hood Chapter of the Association of the United States Army has a general membership meeting scheduled 6 p.m. March 7 in the Killeen Civic and Conference Center.

The scheduled speaker is Gen. Charles C. Campbell, commander of US Forces Command. The chapter also plans to draw the winner of its third car raffle during the meeting. Tickets are \$20 and are available at area chambers of commerce.

The chapter has more than 7,500 members. Proceeds from its events and fundraisers benefit Fort Hood's soldiers and their families. For more information on chapter pro-

grams and memberships, visit the chapter Web site at www.forthoodausa.org.

In addition, the Central Texas-Fort Hood Chapter of the Association of the United States Army and Embark are accepting applications for \$1,000 higher education scholarships. Application forms are in counselor offices at area high schools, colleges or universities and the Fort Hood Education Center.

Applications are due to Steve Hanik, chapter scholarship coordinator, c/o EMBARQ, P.O. BOX 1150, Killeen, TX 76540-1150 by noon April 27. Scholarships will be presented June 7 during a luncheon at Fort Hood.

Last year the program

distributed \$1,000 scholarships to 45 exceptionally qualified applicants. A higher number is antici-

pated this year.

Temple Symphony Chamber presents Chamber concert with international flair

Saida Kafarova, musician-in-residence at Acadia University, Canada, and the musical ambassador of Nova Scotia, brings international flair to Temple Symphony's Chamber Concert on Feb. 24.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Alice Marshall Performing Arts Center on the Temple College campus. Tickets are available by calling 778-NOTE. The Chamber Concert provides individual Temple Symphony Orchestra players an opportunity to perform solos and ensemble works.

Members of the Junior Alliance will have treats and refreshments on sale at intermission.

Other Temple Symphony Orchestra performers and their selections will be:

- *Trio in F minor, Opus 73* by Anton Arensky, with Suzanne Jacobson, violin; Shawn Sanders, cello; and Saida Kafarova, piano

- *Sextet in B-flat major Opus 6* by Ludwig Thuille, with Sheryl Goodnight, flute; Michelle Palmer, clarinet; Frank Albright, oboe; John Batson, bassoon; Glenn Doyle, horn; Saida Kafarova, piano
- *Grande Serenade Concertante Opus 126* by Carl Czerny, with Michelle Palmer, clarinet; Glenn Doyle, horn; Shawn Sanders, cello; and Saida Kafarova, piano.

A frequent performer with the Azerbaijan Philharmonic and Azerbaijan State Conservatory Symphony, Kafarova has premiered works by contemporary composers for solo piano and for piano and orchestra.

More recently in Canada, she appeared with internationally acclaimed ensembles, including the European Union Chamber Orchestra on its North

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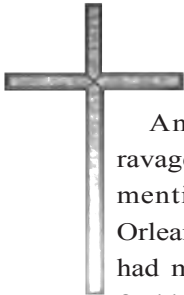


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Church and People

Wild game dinner hosted by Methodists

The Salado United Methodist Church Annual Wild Game Dinner will be held 5 p.m. Feb. 18. The cooks will prepare fish, deer chili, elk, shrimp, duck, geese, and crawfish with all the trimmings. Hank Hough will present a Christian message "Freedom through Obedience", at 6 p.m. Hank Hough, with www.KingdomDogs.com, will be using his trained dogs as well. Door prizes and games for children will be offered. Everyone is invited to attend, donations for United Methodist Men Missions will be appreciated. Hough was born in the small farming community of Charleston, MS. He is one of four children born to Carl and Mary Hough. He graduated from college



Guest speaker Hank Hough and trained dog Monk with a degree in biology and has always had a love for the outdoors. He has trained many Labradors to titles in the competitive world of hunt test. He and his wife Jayne live in Spring. He be-

gan KDM in 2003 and today thousands have heard his unique message on obedience as he travels across the country, and thousands have heard the message around the world through its television broadcast on CBN's "The 700 Club." Kingdom Dog Ministries is a non-profit organization dedicated to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ through the unique use of his Labrador Retrievers. Using his dogs as a visual illustration, Hank blends humor with simple and timeless biblical truths to show the power of obedience in the life of the believer. His presentation is entertaining and spiritually engaging for all people. For more information about the ministry, visit www.kingdomdog.com.

Peggy Bonner passes away Feb. 6

Peggy Taylor Bonner, 88, of Salado, formerly of Temple, passed away Feb. 6, 2007 in a local hospital. Graveside services were held Feb. 8 at Hillcrest Cemetery. She was born April 29, 1918 in Winnsboro to Wood County pioneers Horace C. and Mattie (Stanley) Taylor. She graduated from Winnsboro High School in 1936, and from the Scott & White School of Professional Nursing in 1940. She married Jamie P. Bonner in 1940 and belonged to the First Christian Church of Temple for 70 years. During World War II she worked for the American Red Cross in Norfolk, VA. She also worked in hospitals in Newport News, VA, Hollywood, FL, San Francisco and Los Angeles as a staff nurse. She held various offices



Peggy Taylor Bonner

in the Christian Women's Fellowship and served as deaconess on the church board. She worked with Temple Family Services, was a member of Texas State Teacher's Association, the Scott & White Memorial Hospital School of Professional Nursing Alumni Association, and was

chairman of School Health Section in the Texas State Teacher's Association for three years for Temple public schools. She had post graduate courses in Public and School Health. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Jamie P. Bonner, Sr., and granddaughter, Kimberly R. Bonner, of

Salado. She is survived by son, Jamie P. Bonner, Jr., and daughter-in-law, Phyllis M. Bonner, of Salado; sister, Martha LaVerne Kraft, of Fircrest, WA; brother, H. Charles Taylor, of Athens; nephew, Dr. Charles Taylor, of Houston; nieces, Karen Kraft, of Newport News, VA, and Gail Brian, of Fircrest, WA; granddaughters, Jackie Bell Dezern and Marci Brentham, both of Salado; great-grandsons, Tanner Myers and Maddux Hunter Dezern, both of Salado; great-granddaughters, Baylee Bell and Chloe Brentham, both of Salado; and great-grandson, Cole Brentham, of Salado. Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church of Temple or Scott & White Memorial Hospital. Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Temple handled arrangements.


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Temple College Honor List recognizes Salado students

Temple College has announced the President's Honor List and the Vice President's Honor List in recognition of high academic achievement for the 2006 fall semester.

"These students have distinguished themselves by setting and maintaining high academic goals," said Dr. Karen Clos Bleeker, vice president of educational services. "We congratulate them for their exemplary performance at TC."

To be named to the

President's Honor List a student must be taking at least nine semester hours of work and must have a grade point average of at least 4.0. To be named to the Vice President's Honor List a student must be taking nine semester hours and have a grade point average of at least 3.5.

Students from Salado named to the lists include Matthew S. Caskey, Rachel M. Foster, Kalina F. Mikulencak, Heather A. Stevens and Carolina Urquiza.

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Formation of the Christian Mind

The College of Christian Studies at the University of Mary-Hardin Baylor presents Winter Lectures "The Formation of a Christian Mind" Feb. 21-23. Dr. Todd D. Still, associate professor of Christian Scriptures at the George W. Truett Theological Seminary, will be the featured speaker.

On Feb. 21, Dr. Still will lecture on "The Mind of Christ" at 11 - 11:45 a.m. in Walton Chapel and "Be Mindful of the Gospel" at 3-3:45 p.m. in Shelton Theater. The topics and times for Feb. 22 are "Be Mindful of Communal

Concerns" at 3-3:45 p.m. in the Shelton Theater and "Be Mindful of the Eternal" at 7-7:45 p.m. in the Shelton Theater. The lecture concludes on Friday with "Be Mindful of Your Models" at 11-11:45 a.m. in the Walton Chapel.

Todd D. Still serves as associate professor of Christian Scriptures in the George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University. Dr. Still, who joined Truett's faculty in the fall of 2003, teaches courses in New Testament Studies and Greek. Before coming to Truett, Dr. Still taught at Gardner-Webb

Cemetery Association meets Feb. 26

The annual Salado Cemetery Association will meet at 10 a.m. Feb. 26 at the Salado Civic Center on Main St.

The Cemetery Association will hold elections of officers and some directors for the coming year

during the meeting.

Salado Cemetery Association keeps and maintains the Salado Cemetery on Baines St. One of its chief events is an annual Memorial Day ceremony on the grounds of the Cemetery.

Heart disease topic of GOP luncheon

Carol Allred, Board member of the National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease, will be the featured speaker at the Feb. 22 luncheon meeting of Salado Area Republican Women. Allred serves as a committee member for the National Federation of Republican Women's Health Issues. Her talk is

entitled, "Straight From the Heart...A Survivor's Story."

The luncheon meeting start at noon at Stonecreek Settlement, 714 College Hill in Salado. Those wishing to attend need to mail their \$12.50 check to the Salado Area Republican Women (SARW) Pac, P.O. Box 373; Salado, TX 76571.

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Tuesday 20	French Toast	Fried Chicken, Peas, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Roll, Fresh Fruit	Chef Salad Hoagie	Beef Stew, Corn, Peas & Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Cornbread	Hamburger Frito Lay
Wednesday 21	Biscuit and Sausage Patty	Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Breadstick, Peaches	Yogurt & Fruit Plate Hoagie	Pepperoni Pizza, Roasted Red Potato, Corn, Breadstick, Peaches	Chicken Sandwich Baked Potato
Thursday 22	Breakfast Bagel w/Sausage	Nachos, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit	Chef Salad Hoagie	Lasagna, Carrots, Corn, mixed Fruit, Texas Toast, Fries	Nachos
Friday 23	Breakfast on a Stick	No Lunch Served Today			
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CTC annual greenhouse sale held Feb. 15

The Agriculture Department at Central Texas College (CTC) will hold its annual greenhouse sale 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Feb. 15. The greenhouse is located at Building 149 on the CTC campus, behind the Administrative Computer Center (Bldg. 139) on University Dr. down from Tarleton State University-Central Texas. The public is invited to tour the facility and view projects as well as purchase plants.

A large variety of interior plants for both home and office will be on sale. These include hanging baskets, bedding plants, mother-in-law tongues, aloe, rubber trees and other plants native to the area.

For more information about the sale, call either 526-1892 or 526-1531.

A portion of the proceeds from the greenhouse sale benefit the agriculture scholarship for horticulture students. The remaining proceeds will be used to implement and purchase new technology for students to use in labs.

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Harry the Dirty Dog plays at CAC Feb. 18

The Family Fun Season continues with ArtsPower's Harry the Dirty Dog at the Azalee Marshall Cultural Activities Center, in Temple. 2:30 p.m. Feb. 18.

ArtsPower will bring a live-action musical performance of Harry the Dirty Dog to the CAC. The show is approximately one hour long and is geared for kids 3rd Grade and below.

Harry has everything a little white dog with black spots could want. There's just one problem: he hates taking baths. He hates them so much, in fact, that one morning he runs away. After a wonderful day spent playing in the dirt, Harry gets so grubby that he turns into a little black

dog with white spots...and returns home to find that his family doesn't recognize him.

ArtsPower's new musical, based on the classic book by Gene Zion with illustrations by Margaret Bloy Graham, captures both the whimsical humor and touching dedication to family found in Harry's story.

The musical is based on the book Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion, illustrations by Margaret Bloy Graham and published by Harper Collins.

Tickets for the performance are \$5 per person and can be purchased by calling the CAC Office at 254-773-9926.

Yoga series begins at CAC Feb. 19

Long-time CAC instructor and Yoga Master Paul Coates will begin a new series of Yoga classes at the Cultural Activities Center on Feb. 19. The class will meet every Monday for six weeks and the cost of the course is \$40.

No special equipment is required for Coates' yoga class, but students are asked to wear loose fitting clothing that will allow for stretching and to bring a towel large enough to be folded into a pad.

Yoga, a 2,500 year old form of exercise and relaxation, is widely recognized for its healing and soothing properties. It not only exercises the body, but through the act of breathing it calms down

the nervous system, it oxygenates the blood and tissues and it brings changes in the brain functions.

In addition to relieving stress, yoga has a number of health benefits as well. According to Coates, the health benefits of yoga are many and can be reaped by anyone, in spite of age, athletic ability or yoga experience. The forms of yoga taught by Coates have positive effects on joint mobility, bone strength, blood flow and flexibility among others.

Beginning in 1986 following a serious illness, Coates has studied at the California Institute of Asian Studies and the Integral Yoga Institute in San Francisco as well as at schools in New York, London, New Delhi, Hong Kong and Singapore.

For more information or to sign up for the class, please call the CAC.

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Carpenter to lead March 24 Roundtable

The Central Texas Area Museum will hold its 47th Readers and Writers Roundtable on March 24, spotlighting not only the famed coed of **Texas Women of the Cattle Trails**, edited by Sara R. Massey, but also six other Texas authors.

Massey, retiring from the Institute of Texas Cultures, where she developed

and published a series of books about Texas history, 'surfed the net' to find an art school in France. Off she went, leaving Austwell - near Corpus Christi - and she has not stopped painting or traveling ever since.

Massey includes Williamson County pioneer Harriett L. "Hattie" Cluck, a member of the first class of 1860 at Salado College, as one of 16, 19th century trail driving women in her book. Cluck's biographer, Bill Stein, writes, "Hattie Cluck actually went up the Chisholm Trail."

Much to her husband's chagrin, Hattie and her three children made the trip on the 1871 cattle drive to Abilene, KS, while expecting the couple's fourth child. She is known as the first woman to ride the Chisholm Trail.

Next, Jim Jennings, a Texas A&M graduate with a lifelong love of ranching and horses, will present his **Best Remudas**, the story of ranches and the quality of their remudas. Remudas are the horses which

the wagon boss chooses to work with on the ranch each day.

Jennings will feature the Cogdell Ranch in Snyder, and the Tule Ranch in Tulia, both owned by the Cogdell family, well known for their cutting horses and ranch horses. Tule Ranch was honored in 2006, winning the American Quarter Horse Association's Best Remuda Award.

Also, team calf roper Phil Livingston will talk about his book, **War Horse, Mounting the Cavalry with America's Finest Horses**. It studies the preservation of impressive equestrian bloodlines, which makes American and Texas horses so prized internationally.

Liz Carpenter, national celebrity and Texas favorite, will lead the Roundtable and speak about her book, **Presidential Humor**. Glenn Dromgoole, Tim McKenzie and S.E. Wolf, MD, may be among the other authors. The annual Readers and Writers Roundtable will convene 1:30 p.m. March 24 at the Central Texas Area Museum Auditorium at 423 S. Main Street.

Reservations are \$5. Call 947-5232 to reserve a place.



Liz Carpenter (above), former press secretary to Lady Bird Johnson and well-known humorist, author and journalist, will lead the Reader's and Writer's Roundtable. Sara R. Massey (right) will speak on a newly-published book which she edited, titled Texas Women of the Cattle Trail, while Jim Jennings (far right) will speak on his new book, Best Remudas. Several other authors are also expected to participate.



Legendary Baylor Coach set to speak in Salado

A joint meeting of two of Salado's service clubs, the Salado Lions Club and the Rotary Club of Salado, will be held 6 p.m. March 20, with former Baylor University football coach Grant Teaff serving as guest speaker.

The event will be at the Stagecoach Inn.

Teaff, a member of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame and the College Football Hall of Fame, is currently the Executive Director of the American Football Coaches Association. He led the Baylor Bears for 21 years, from 1971 to 1992, and was named Southwest Conference Coach of the Year six times. He coached all-time greats like Mike Singletary, among many others, and has been active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes since its inception. He continues to be an ac-



Grant Teaff

tive voice in the NCAA, primarily in areas related to ethics.

Teaff is also a noted author, having published four books.

The joint Rotary and Lions Club meeting will be open to the public as space allows. Cost for the dinner will be \$18 per person. Anyone wishing to attend should make reservations by March 18, by calling 947-8300, 947-8230 or 947-3901.

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FEBRUARY 15
Informal meeting to discuss the possibility of organizing a Salado Alumni Association, 5 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.
FEBRUARY 15
GradeSpeed orientation and training session

for SISD parents, 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School cafeteria. GradeSpeed will allow parents to check student grades and progress online. Orientation is mandatory for accessing the service.
FEBRUARY 16
Salado Silver Spur

hosts Elvis impersonator Johnny Memphis for a live concert of the King's music. Because the special Valentine's concert sold out quickly, the Silver Spur invited Memphis back for a second show. Time: 8 p.m. Cost: \$14.50. Info: 947-3456.

FEBRUARY 17
Salado Silver Spur Theater open auditions for their upcoming production of the play "Luv." One actress needed, to play a character in her 30s. For info and time slots call 947-3456.

FEBRUARY 20
Teacup Tuesday meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: "Let's Learn About Antiques," presented by Jimmy Murchison. Public is welcome.

FEBRUARY 20
Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas meeting, 11 a.m. at the Halley House. Program will be given by Shannon Ashe.

FEBRUARY 21-23
Salado Village Artists watercolor workshop, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day in the Village Artists Building. Workshop will focus on Still Life. Lunch is included. Cost: \$165 with discounts for club members. Info: Kathleen Letourneau, 947-0348 or Joan Hoffman, 947-0073.

FEBRUARY 22
Salado Area Republican Women luncheon, noon at StoneCreek Settlement. Carol Allread, of the National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease, will be the featured speaker. Program: "Straight from the Heart... A Survivor's Story." Info: Nancy Healey, 947-5003.

FEBRUARY 24
Institute for the Humanities Spring Lecture Series - "Privacy Lost: At What Cost?", with Alex Cavalli, Ph.D. Cavalli will present "Living in a More Transparent World," 5-7

p.m. at Mill Creek Dining Room, and "The Digital Revolution," 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Reservation info: 947-5729 or visit www.salado-institute.org.

FEBRUARY 26
Salado Ambassadors 'meet and eat' 11:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

FEBRUARY 26
Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Building on Church Street.

FEBRUARY 27
TxDOT public meeting to discuss improvements on I-35 in Bell County, 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria. Public invited to attend.

MARCH 3
Salado ISD Student Art Competition at the Salado Civic Center. Cash awards will be given in 2-D and 3-D categories for all grade levels. Info: 947-5479, ext. 7000.

MARCH 13
Salado Garden Club meeting - field trip to Oma's Garten Pflanzen in Killeen; a nursery that specializes in Texas natives and low maintenance plants. Meet at Salado Presbyterian Church at 9:30 am to car pool.

MARCH 16
12th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament, benefitting Tablerock Festival, Inc. Tourney will be held on Mill Creek Golf Course, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. \$60 entry fee. Info: 254-534-3324 or tablerock1@aol.com.

MARCH 18
Institute for the Humanities Spring Lecture Series - "Privacy Lost: At What Cost?", with Tom Mayo, J.D. Mayo, an attorney specializing in humanities issues, will speak about the crisis in medical privacy,

4-6 p.m. at the Celebration Center. An optional dinner will follow at 6:30 p.m. Reservation info: 947-5729 or visit www.salado-institute.org.

MARCH 19
Taste of Salado, 6-8 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. Sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado. More information TBA.

MARCH 20
Teacup Tuesday meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Program: A dramatic presentation of "Esther," written and performed by Judy Greene. Public is welcome.

MARCH 20
Salado Lions Club and Salado Rotary Club joint meeting, with Hall of Fame football coach Grant Teaff, 6 p.m. at the Stagecoach Inn. Open to the public as space allows. Cost: \$18 per person. Info: 947-8300, 947-8230 or 947-3901.

MARCH 22-24
Happy Trails Shop Hop in Salado, additional information TBA. Info: A Sewing Basket, 947-5423.

MARCH 24
Central Texas Area Museum hosts the 47th Annual Readers and Writers Roundtable, 1:30 p.m. at the museum's auditorium. Event will feature presentations by seven Texas authors. Admission: \$5. For reservations call 254-947-5232.

MARCH 24 AND 25
Annual Wildflower Art Show, featuring artists and artisans from throughout Texas, at the Salado Civic Center. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040. More details TBA.

MARCH 24 AND 25
12th Annual Gospel Festival at Tablerock Amphitheater; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. March 24 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 25. Food booth, drinks, gift

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booths and dessert booths will be open both days. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets sold at the gate. Info: Donnie Jackson, 254-947-5100 or cvmusicministries@aol.com.

MARCH 30

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 Fish Fry. Event will also help raise funds for Project Graduation. More info TBA.

MARCH 31

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

APRIL 2

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

APRIL 6

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

APRIL 6-8

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

APRIL 10

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

APRIL 14

Institute for the Humanities Spring Lecture Series - "Privacy Lost: At What Cost?", with Beth Givens. Givens will present "Identity Theft: The Ultimate Privacy Loss," 5-7 p.m. at Mill Creek Dining Room. A lunch with the speaker will be held 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Inn on the Creek. Reservation info: 947-5729 or visit www.salado-institute.org.

APRIL 16-18

Texas Dispute Resolution System hosts Parenting Coordinator Training at the Inn at Salado. Course satisfies the requirement to be a parenting coordinator in Texas. Cost: \$425 by March 16, \$475 regular, and \$525 at the door. Info: 806-775-1720 or visit www.co.lubbock.tx.us.

APRIL 16-20

Texas Dispute Resolution System a Basic Mediation Training at the Inn at Salado. Course satisfies the requirement to become a mediator

in Texas. Cost: \$400 by March 16, \$500 regular, \$600 at the door. Info: 806-775-1720 or visit www.co.lubbock.tx.us.

APRIL 17

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

APRIL 21

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

APRIL 30

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

MAY 5

Salado United Methodist Church Women's Ministry Second Annual Fundraiser, "Celebration 2007: Texas not Tuscany," 7-10 p.m. at Jack's Barn.

MAY 6

Institute for the Humanities Spring Lec-

ture Series - "Privacy Lost: At What Cost?", with Admiral Bobby Inman. Inman will present "Privacy vs. Security in the Age of Terrorism, 4-6 p.m. at the Celebration Center, with an optional dinner to follow. Reservation info: 947-5729 or visit www.salado-institute.org.

MAY 12-13

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

MAY 24

Salado High School Class of 2006-07 commencement ceremony, at the Mayborn Center on the campus of the Uni-

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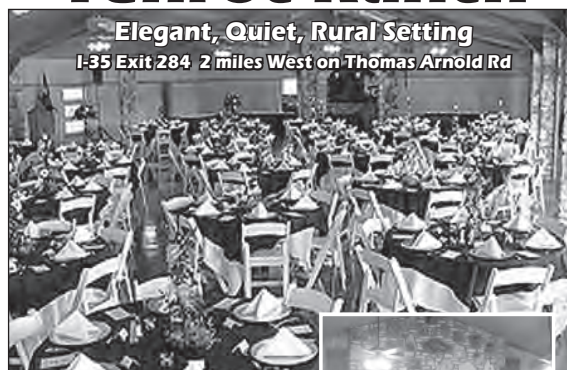
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JUNE 9
Annual Salado
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p.m. at the Salado Inter-
mediate School Commons
area. Reunion is open to
Salado alumni, as well
as the general public. A
lunch will be served. Info:
254-939-3187 or 254-947-
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JUNE 12
Salado Garden Club
meeting, 10 a.m. at the
Salado Presbyterian
Church. All gardeners
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JUNE 23 AND 24
Auditions for
Tablerock's produc-
tion of "Taming of the
Shrew," 3 p.m. both
days at Tablerock's
backstage room. Info:
David Dunlap, 254-247-
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JUNE 25
Salado Masonic
Lodge #296 meeting,
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JULY 21, 28 AND AUG. 4
15th Annual produc-
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Info: Salado Chamber of
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SEPTEMBER 11
Salado Garden Club
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SEPTEMBER 15 AND 16
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Stephanie Hood, shood@
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SEPTEMBER 22
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can Women Fine China
Luncheon, 1 p.m. in the
Longhorn Room of the
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OCTOBER 6-7
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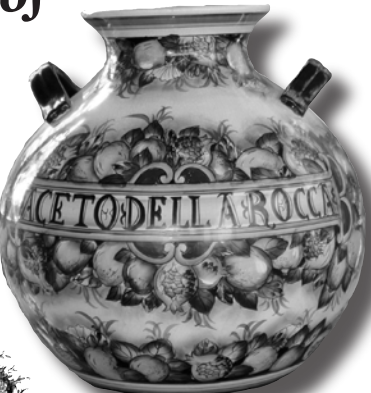
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- Spends numerous hours at the workout facility
- Trains themselves and others "hard"
- Consumes low-fat and non-fat foods
- Believes results are directly related to working hard and eating less.

Now, let's take a look at what kind of results that

this syndrome produces:

- Struggles with energy levels
- Constant nagging pain or even injuries
- Not as alert as once was
- Holds fat around the middle
- Loss of muscle mass.

The Aerobic Instructor Syndrome shows the perfect example of someone who has all of the right intentions, and is even willing to put the time and effort towards their goal, but follows misinformation regarding getting fit and staying healthy.

The AIS individual focuses on "Quantity" rather than "Quality" as they

endeavor to meet their fitness goals. "Quality" in everything that you do will always reap far greater rewards.

1. Nutrition
 - a. Quantity - Counts calories and consumes low-fat and non-fat foods.
 - b. Quality - Focuses on

nutritional value, frequency, and combinations.

2. Workout
 - a. Quantity - It is

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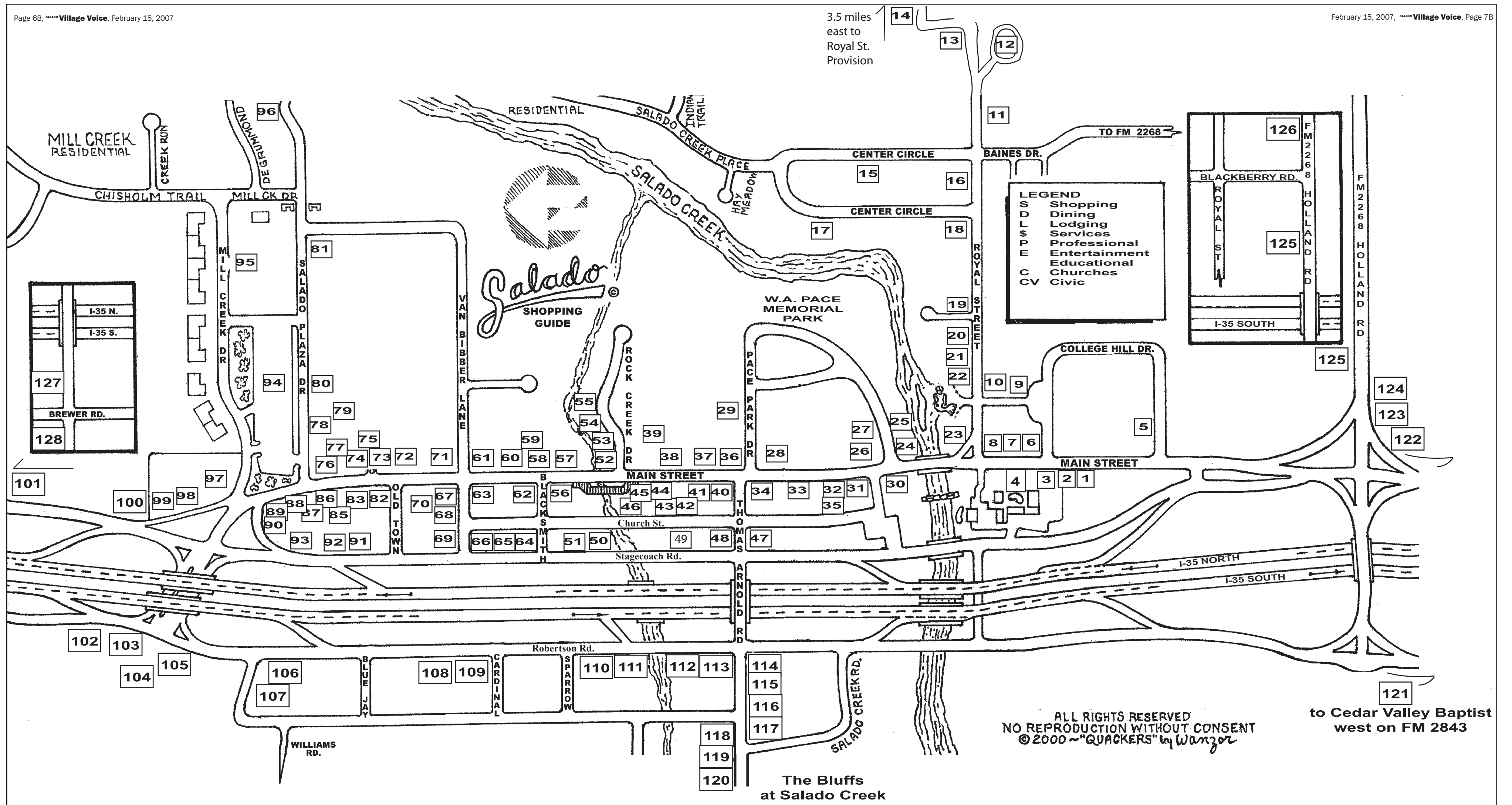
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The Fifth Annual Smokin' Spokes Bike Ride, benefitting the Salado Volunteer Fire Department, will be held March 31, with the ride beginning at 8 a.m. at the Salado school grounds.

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 at the Salado school grounds at 550 Thomas Arnold Road. 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 Kevin Reichert, Smokin' Spokes organizer. "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."

For the most competitive cyclist, the 102-mile route will provide quite a challenge. This route encompasses all the best riding that Salado has to offer. Riders will head west out of Salado into the



Smokin' Spokes cyclists take in Salado's most scenic areas. (FILE PHOTO)



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foothills on this route, then wind their way through the hills west of town until arriving at Eagle's Nest Road. There are eight rest stops along this route, and plenty of opportunities for picture taking.

The shorter routes encompass sections of the 102-mile route.

Entry fee will be \$25 for pre-registration and \$30 for on-site registration. The first 300 pre-registered riders will be guaranteed a Smokin' Spokes T-Shirt. Pre-Register By: March 22 via U.S. Mail or March 29 via Internet. Click on saladospokes.com to register via the internet and learn more about the race, including maps of the various routes.

Camping areas will be available after 5 p.m. March 31 and showers will be available before and after the ride. In addition, free food and drinks will

be handed out to riders all day long at the finish line.

The first male and female to the top of Eagles' Nest Hill will be crowned the King and Queen of the Hill.

Funds generated from Smokin' Spokes are directed toward the Salado Volunteer Fire Department. One of the oldest fire departments in the county, the SVFD was founded in the 1960s, and has grown to boast approximately 30 active members and many retired and reserve members. The fire department responds to an average of 450 calls per year, covering a 115-mile area. The department is funded almost entirely through donations and fundraising.

For more information and registration forms, contact Kevin Reichert at 254-534-3122 or email kevinreichert@yahoo.com.

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I don't know about you all, but I'm about done with the cold weather. I know we needed to kill the chiggers, fleas and whatnot, and I thoroughly enjoyed my share of warm fires and hot chocolates... but seriously cold weather in Texas used to be three days at 32 degrees around New Year's. Oh, spring where art thou? One thing for sure, we will have some nice bluebonnets this March-- and the creek has had a good cleaning out.

So, if we are going to have to stay in for yet another week or two, you might as well know what is new at the library so you can fortify yourself yet again with something good to read or watch.

Here are three new DVDs purchased from the memorial gifts from the generous friends of former patron James Howell:

Prime Suspect 3

This is the third installment in the Prime Suspect series starring the indomitable Helen Mirren as Detective Chief Inspector Tennison. Tough, determined Jane Tennison has been transferred to Vice Squad and is up against her old adversary Sgt. Otley as well as the "good ole boys club" in the department, who would just as well not have a female colleague around at all. The cases keep getting rougher and begin to take their toll on DCI Tennison. Gritty and not for the faint of heart, this series is a must for fans of Emmy award-winning Helen

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Flags of Our Fathers

This is a great film from award-winning director Clint Eastwood that taps into the single greatest truth about warfare: soldiers may fight for their country, but they die for their friends. Flags of Our Fathers is a powerful story of heroism and bravery that should be seen and remembered. It is right up there in the class with Saving Private Ryan.

And to lighten things up a bit:

Little Miss Sunshine

Here's a bit of much needed sunshine for us all this January! Take a hilarious ride with the Hoovers, one of the most endearingly fractured families in comedy history. With each family member nuttier than the last, little seven year old Olive is invited to compete in the "Little Miss Sunshine" pageant in California and the whole family piles into the old VW "bus" to rally behind her, with riotously funny results. This film is a gift from celluloid heaven.

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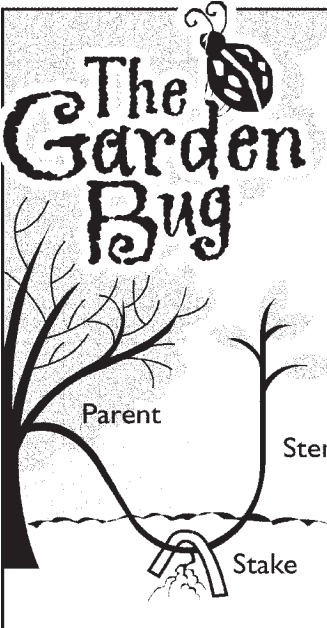
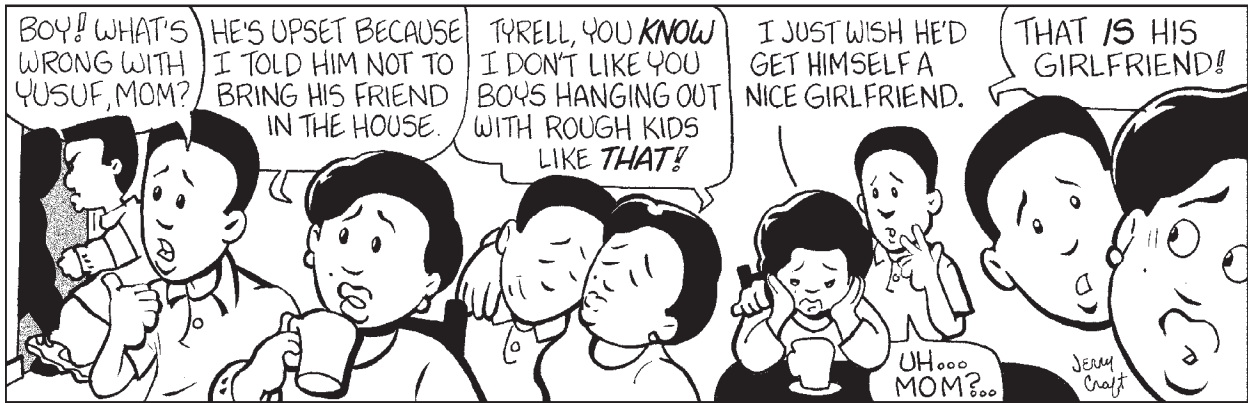
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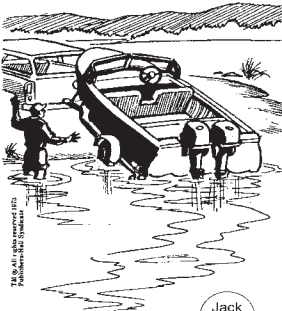


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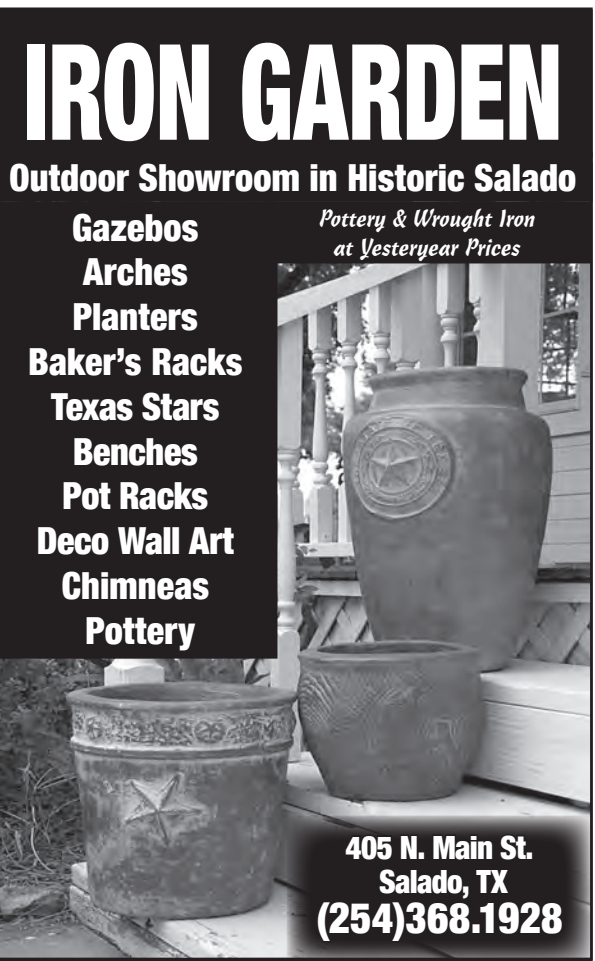
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A Naval commander joins the paint crew

Jim Sterling of Liberty refuses to have a \$50 bill in his possession because it has a picture of Ulysses S. Grant on it. He is a fan of the confederacy.

Jim spent 30 years in the funeral home business. When he was in mortuary school, he and some other students would put glue on the podium so when the teacher leaned on it, he was stuck and practically had to remove his coat to get loose. Jim would also stage a fake call to

the teacher and while the teacher was gone, he would turn the lecture notes to a previous lesson, so the teacher would repeat the lesson from a week ago. I admire a man like that.

On occasion, residents of Liberty see an alligator.

“We have some fifteen footers here,” says Jim, “but we throw them back so they’ll get big.”

Right after Jim graduated from high school in Dayton, he boarded the

by
Tumbleweed
Smith



Texas Clipper, A&M’s school ship and went to Brazil as part of the university’s Summer School At Sea program. On that cruise he saw his first water spout, crossed the equator and experienced his first glimpse at St. Elmo’s fire. He watched blue static electricity dance up and down the mast.

At A&M he was in the Aggie band and as a bugler, got to wake up the

campus and put it to bed at night. He got a B.S. Degree in Marine Transportation.

“It’s learning how to drive a ship from point A to point B, how to load it and navigate it,” says Jim. “I studied seamanship and communication, all very interesting to me.”

After graduation, Jim became a Merchant Marine Officer and spent 27 years as a Commissioned

Officer in the Naval Reserve. He’s been nearly around the world on Merchant or Navy ships. On his last cruise as a Naval Reserve Commander, he took a break from all his important duties.

“I was on the USS Blue Ridge, a command and control ship. We had seven flight officers, some Admirals and a couple of Generals on board. We were in an exercise off the coast of Korea and I’d been kind of running the whole show 12 hours a day for about 30 days and my mind was fried. I was going back to my room about 3 o’clock in the morning and saw two sailors doing some painting as extra

duty. They were bored to death and I could tell they would rather be sleeping. So I stopped and visited with them. I said, ‘you know, I haven’t got to paint in a long time. When you get to be an officer they don’t let you do the fun things any more. Could I do that for awhile?’ They replied, ‘are you kidding, sir?’ I said no, I want to paint. I told them to take a break. So I sat down on the deck and started painting the bulkhead. A couple of Marine Officers walked by and they looked down at me and I heard one of them say, ‘they certainly do things different in the Navy these days, don’t they?’”

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Planetarium debuts Serengeti feature

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Viewers will be taken on a journey along with more than 1.5 million animals across the Seren-

geti plains, which span more than 500 miles. A heart-pounding chorus of hooves and the sight of wildebeests as far as the eye can see, introduce the audience to the spectacle that few humans have ever witnessed – the Great Migration. Narrated by the resonant James Earl Jones, the film is a tribute to those ungainly, clown-like animals, the wildebeests, as they set out on their year-long odyssey, accompanied by countless zebras and gazelles.

The Great Migration takes place within the two East African nations of Tanzania and Kenya and focuses on the Serengeti/Mara ecosystem, which covers more than 18,000 square miles. While “Africa: The Serengeti” is a tribute to the wildebeests, it is also a documentary featuring a fascinating array of animals such as lions, cheetahs, giraffes, hippos, elephants, monkeys and even crocodiles.

The Serengeti has also been called the cradle of humanity. One of the most famous archeological sites on earth is located there in

Olduvai Gorge, near the Ngorongoro Crater. The audience will journey into the Gorge and learn of the two million year-old human fossil discovered there and about the Masai people who now call this area their home.

As dramatic and beautiful as “Africa: The Serengeti” is, it is the ending that is most touching and one viewers will remember long after they have left the theater. After having endured drought, starvation and numerous other adversities along the way, the audience needs reassurance that life in the Serengeti is far more powerful than death.

Show times for “Africa: The Serengeti” are Friday and Saturday evenings at 7 p.m.

Also playing is the planetarium show “Skywatchers of Africa.” Show times are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

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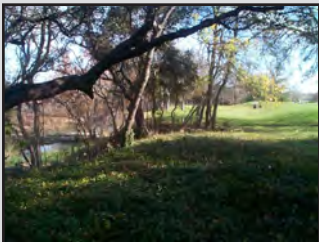
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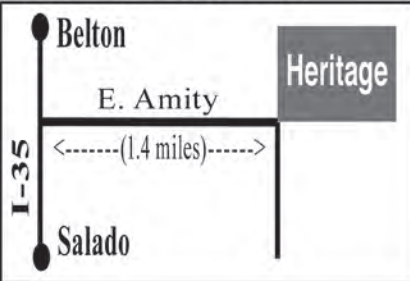


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17.87 ac. on Salado Creek. Texas style 3,000 SF home is solar powered. Fruit trees, flower and vegetable gardens and a greenhouse. Deer fence and two wells. \$1,150,000.

902 MILL CREEK DRIVE



The Mill Creek logo tree house! 3/2/2 with large deck in the wooded back yard. European style guest bath, large master, vaulted ceilings. \$219,800.

10301 BLACKBERRY



3,152 SF HOME with 5 BRS, 3 BAs on 1.35 wooded acres. Excellent location! Corner Jacuzzi tub, formals and family room. \$295,800.

4490 FM 2484



Horse Property, 4/3 with barn, storage and arena nestled on 30 ac. with scattered oaks. Pool, hot tub and pipe fencing. \$924,000.

2099 AUCTION BARN



2006 Handicapped accessible home on 1.16 ac. with wonderful hilltop views. Beaded board accents, garden tubs in both baths. Appraisal on file. \$184,800.

1808 SOUTHVIEW



New construction near Stillhouse Lake. Custom cabinetry, upgraded hardware and fixtures. Blinds, nice covered patio with ceiling fan, stone fireplace. \$174,800.

LAND & INVESTMENTS

TWENTY 10X20 Storage Units, \$90,800.

10.7 ACRES corner of FM 2843 and Cedar Valley, \$126,800.

0.93 Acre Commercial lot on Center Circle, \$76,800.

Mill Creek lot, great buy at \$24,800.

0.76 Golf Course lot, only \$49,800.

Wooded Golf Course lot \$72,800.



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1201 YELLOW ROSE

New Listing!

Extensive landscaping with stone accents and sprinkler system. 4/2/2 built in 2002 with archways and lots of crown molding. \$205,800.

1401 BISHOP CIRCLE



2 year-old home within walking distance to golf course and pool. Country kitchen, garden tub, wrap-around porch. \$169,800.

2100 INDIAN TRAIL



A nice home on a wooded lot in Mill Creek in need of updating. 3/2/2 with golf cart garage and workshop. Great price at \$175,800

1059 SULPHUR WELLS



Texas style home on 2.05 wooded hilltop acres. Elegant entryway, formals and huge family room. Appraised at \$375,000. \$340,800.

1635 Hidden Springs



2 year-old brick home on quiet cul-de-sac location. 2.29 ac. with 3/2/2 and covered back porch. \$237,800.

GEORGIA CREEK ESTATES



50 ac. with 2,500 SF beautiful home. Porch overlooks stocked fishing lake. Woods, pasture, golf practice area! \$539,800.

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New home in Mill Creek Springs. Custom craftsmanship seen throughout this 3 BR/2 BA/2 car garage home. Spacious kitchen with Granite counters. Take the virtual tour at www.salado.net. **Priced at**

\$259,900. Call First Texas Brokerage, (254) 947-5577

Golf Course Living in Mill Creek! 4/2.5/2 home has granite counter tops, hardwood floors and high ceilings. This is a must-see home. **\$269,900.** Call First Texas Brokerage at 254-947-5577 tfnf

3/2.5/2 - Beautiful Traditional Home in Salado. Hardwood Floors, High Ceilings, Granite Counter tops, Large Kitchen, and much more! Priced at **\$344,900.** Call First Texas Brokerage at 254-947-5577 tfnf

Two homes on one lot. Main home is 3 BR 2 BA, living, dining, huge kitchen, carpet, tile, hardwood, 1553 SF/Bell CAD. Guest house is 1 BR, 1 BA, with loft and full kitchen/living area stained concrete floors. 720 SF/CAD. Detached garage is approx. 30X30 with wall heater/window a/c with air pump and outlets...upstairs is floored with staircase access. Mint condition on gorgeous wooded lot. This home is a true gem.

\$247,700. Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-50500 21707tfnf

Wonderful views from the back covered porch. Wood floors throughout living area and dining rooms. beautiful granite countertops in kitchen, Separate tub/shower in Master bath. Sitting area in Master bedroom. Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050

10 acres offer peace and quiet with a view! Enjoy the Texas countryside on your covered porch at this 3 BR, 2 BA stone home with metal roof. Custom tile countertops and back splash in kitchen. Spacious great room with nice built-in cabinets. master BA has garden tub and separate shower. Plenty of room for your barn and horses. Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050 02/15/07

Land for Sale
Land for Sale I-35 Salado 5.1 acres and 4.0 acres see at www.forsalesalado.com 2/8-3/1b

.71 acre on Main Street, Salado. 100 ft. frontage existing septic and well. Excellent location. 254-947-3322 2/8tfnb

2.67 acre lot in Salado, with water line, great subdivision \$65,000 512-819-9432 or 254-624-1776 1/18tfnb

Salado Creek Front 3+ Acres. Beautifully cleared parcel in the peaceful, upscale community of Hidden Springs: Paved streets, large parcels, lovely homes and a community park on Salado Creek with tennis!! Priced to sell-build your dream home! Easy commute to Austin: West on FM 2843 off I-35 about 4.5 miles. Must sell - Great land with Great neighbors! Lot 71 on Creekview Dr. Call owner for details: (936)597-5284, (936)203-2766.

The Overlook - wooded estate sized lots with hill top golf course views. Century 21 Bill Bartlett 254-947-5050

Commercial Rental
Salado warehouse space for rent Secure 22x40' with tall ceiling, sturdy shelving and two 8' doors \$240 mo. 947-5502 or 721-1807 12/7tfnb

10X12 Storage units at 2843 and Cedar Valley \$45 mo. Rita Oden, Salado Realty 254-947-9700

Office or Retail space. \$450/month. Rita Oden, Salado Realty 254.947.9700. 2/8tfnb

For Rent Storage building in downtown Salado. Approx. 850 SF. ft. Call 254-947-5577 First Texas Brokerage 101206tfnb

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3 BR 2 Ba Salado home for lease \$1,000/mo Village Realty 947-0342
2/8tfnb
Old Country home 2 BR 2 BA large kitchen, living and dining area plus bonus room. Window a/c, Water paid. 1900 sq ft plus. \$900 mo plus deposit. 947-5661 or 254-421-3452
For rent - clean, 2 BR, 2 BA duplex \$600 760-4440 2/1 tfnb
Unique home on Church Street, Lots of trees! The front of the home faces Main Street and the

footbridge. 3 BR 2 BA with large living and loft. The master bedroom is very large with lots of storage. Washer/dryer is furnished. \$1,000 mo. SD. required. Call Village Realty 947-0342
No Yard Maintenance on this 1 bd, 1ba, furnished Mill Creek townhouse! Water paid , \$700 mo. and \$700 SD. Call Village Realty 254-947-0342. 1/25/07tfn
Relax in shaded fenced backyard. 3BR/2.5 BA town house in Mill

Creek. Just minutes from playing golf. 2 Car garage. Fireplace. No smokers or cats. Small dog will be considered. \$1200/mo; \$1200/SD Village Realty 947-0342
Charming country stone home on 5 acres, 3-2 with garage, super clean, No smokers or inside pets. \$975/mo \$500 deposit. Horses okay. Richard agent 512-848-9576

Legal Notice

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit with Food and Beverage Certificate, by Culinary Investment Associates, llc; DBA The Range at the Barton House, to be located at 101 North Main Street, Salado, Bell County, Texas. Officers of said Limited Liability Corporation are Bobby Lewis Shull, President; Kathryn Shull Hermann, Secretary and Jennie Milroy Shull, Treasurer.

**INVITATION FOR BID PROPOSALS
SALADO HIGH SCHOOL**

Baird/Williams Construction, LTD has been hired by Salado ISD as the Construction Manager for construction of a New High School in Salado, Texas.

We will be accepting bid proposals for all phases of the work.

Baird/Williams Construction is an equal opportunity employer seeking local participation and proposals from historically underutilized businesses including minority and women owned and other disadvantaged businesses .

Pertinent information concerning this project is as follows:

- Approximate 90,000 SF new construction including classrooms, offices, kitchen, cafeteria, stage, library, band hall, gymnasium, and athletic facilities.
- Bid Date; Wednesday, March 7, 2007. Bids are due in the office of Baird/Williams Construction by no later than 2:00 PM. Bids will be accepted by either fax or by mail as follows:

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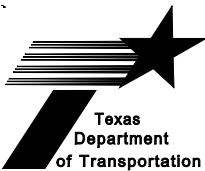
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Interstate 35 from FM 2484 to US 190**

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

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

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

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

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



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Unbelievable Kitchen! Stainless steel propane cooktop, custom cabinets and granite countertops. All on over 2 tree-covered acres. **\$269,900.**



Spectacular Texas ranch-style home highlighted by its extravagant wood craftsmanship. Granite counters and exposed beams make this 4 BR/3.5BA/2GA a must-see! **\$489,900.**



Absolutely beautiful traditional home in Mill Creek. Extra large bedrooms, 2 fireplaces, sun room, game room, large covered porches and patios, etc. Priced at **\$297,500.** Call for more info.



Updated Spanish Hacienda. Features include central vac and intercom systems, hardwood floors, spacious master suite, wood beams, stone pillars, granite counters, indoor, outdoor fireplaces. **\$539,900.**



Family sized 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath home. Home includes 3 living areas with both formal and informal dining. Nearly 4000 sq ft. **Priced at \$299,900**



Open and spacious! Great location in Mill Creek. Features marble and pergo flooring, nice master suite, fenced backyard with covered patio. 3 BR/2BA/2GA Priced at **\$174,900.**



New Austin Stone Home located just west of Salado in Salado school district. This 3 BR/2BA/2GA is convenient to Harker Heights and Stillhouse Hollow Lake. Energy Star rating! Priced at **\$199,900.**



Beautiful home on over 40 acres with horse barn. Gorgeous in ground swimming pool with rock waterfall. Covered patio with outdoor rock fireplace. **\$649,900.**



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62 Acres: Beautiful homesite with outstanding view. Large live oaks on part of property. Perfect for a horse farm. Just west of Salado off of FM 2843. Property joins Eagle Rock Ranch. **\$500,000.**

Lots

Beautiful treed lot in Mill Creek on South Ridge Road. \$49,900
Beautiful mobile home in the country, excellent location, lived in one week, brand new condition, on .709 acre. Double carport with attached storage shed, 15 X 30 enclosed shop. Convenient to Taylor, Georgetown, Austin, minutes from Granger Lake. \$87,500
Lot overlooking Salado Creek. Behind Club House in Mill Creek \$50,000 reduced to \$29,000
Indian Trail at Blaylock, large corner lot. 90x188 \$40,000
Lot 231 and 232 Hidden Springs. Over 8 gorgeous tree covered acres with Willingham creek frontage. \$200,000.

Under 10 Acres

5 lots on Sam Neil Lane, three 5-acre lots, two 1.2 acre lots. Priced from \$26,500 to \$59,900.
River track south side of Lampasas River between Belton and Salado. 1.9 acre \$53,900.
6.11 acres in Bartlett, Pecan Valley Mobil Home Addition. \$89,000.

10 to 100 Acres

Over 30 acres in Bartlett. Good development property, well located with frontage on Bell Street and Harold Clark road. \$106,170
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33.2 acres Great Home site. Southeast of Salado on FM 2115. \$182,600
Beautiful 40 acre Hill Country Ranch with road frontage, live oak, cedar, artesian spring, barn, cabin, elevation, building sites, and wildlife. On FM 2843. \$316,000
62 rolling acres. Beautiful home site with outstanding view. Large oaks on property. Perfect for a horse farm. Just west of Salado off of 2843. Entrance to property is through Eagle Rock. \$500,000
50 acre tracts. Beautiful Hill Country ranch land. The perfect weekend retreat or horse operation. \$233,820 and \$275,000.
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

147 acres east of Academy on Reeds Lake Road. Beautiful rolling hill country with outstanding coastal. Property has draw running through middle with 3 small tanks with excellent opportunity to enlarge. Possible gravel reserve as well. \$3,450 per acre.
Beautiful Hill Country land with live creek, Artesian spring, two stock tanks, elevation with beautiful views and building sites. Caves, rock quarry, possible owner financing, on paved road with easy access to surrounding cities. 102 acres on FM 2843. \$765,000.

Commercial

30 acres fronting IH 35, 1 mile south of Stagecoach Inn.
Jackson's Smokehouse Restaurant, building land and equipment, excellent location. Great business opportunity. Holland. \$58,000.
Granger Hair Salon (3 chairs with equipment), includes adjoining 2/1 apartment, \$109,500.

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