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### Sales taxes still down

For the fourth straight month, sales tax rebates to the Village of Salado were less than the previous year's payment. However, the \$21,025.94 April payment dipped less than one percent below last year's April payment of \$21,192.26.

For the calendar year, Salado is more than five percent behind the pace set through April 2006. To-date, the Village has received \$108,830.12 while it received \$114,774.95 through April 2006.

This bucks the trend shown by the payments to the Salado Public Library District, Bell County government and several cities in Bell County. It also bucks the upward trend shown by payments from the Comptroller across the state as a whole.

Salado Public Library received a \$16,267.70 check for April, up 10 percent from last year's \$14,810.60. For the year, the Library District is running about two percent ahead with \$77,203.49 received compared to \$75,700.46 received through April 2006.

The payment to Bell County is also up about four percent: \$946,517.99 compared to \$912,438.63 last year. For the year, the county is seven percent ahead, having been paid \$4.3 million compared to \$4 million through April 2006.

Payments to other Bell County cities, except for Temple, were also up. Killeen's rebate payment jumped almost 14 percent: \$1.4 million compared to \$1.2 million in 2006. For

the year, Killeen is up 10 percent, have been paid \$6.2 million compared to \$5.7 million through April 2006. Belton is also up by 11 percent for April, receiving a \$204,059.19 payment. For the year, the county seat city is up 10 percent with \$939,349.67 in sales tax revenues compared to \$854,003.75 through April 2006.

Temple dropped almost seven percent in April, dipping from over \$1 million in 2006 to \$962,660.60. For the year, though, Temple is still six percent ahead with \$4.9 million paid thus far, compared to \$4.6 million paid through April 2006.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the state received \$1.53 billion in sales tax revenue in March, up 11.9 percent



Ann Faber and Mary Helen Schreiner will perform in Mo Cutler's Magic at the Salado Civic Center April 20.

### Mo Cutler's Magic one night only

The Living Room Theatre of Salado (LRTS) announces the final show for the 2006-2007 Season, **Mo Cutler's Magic**, one night only 7 p.m. April 20 at the Salado Civic Center, Admission \$5. For reservations, call 947-8300.

The play is adapted from material supplied by Mike Hatchell (nephew of Mo Cutler) and his wife, Molly, and directed by Ramon Carver. Featuring Mary Helen Schreiner as Mo and Ann Boston Faber as her sister, Betsy, the show chronicles the life and times of one of Salado's most colorful resi-

dents with her husband, Robert, for 30 years.

Mo Cutler was author of the Stagecoach Inn Recipe Book and chronicler of the Van Bibber enterprise which began as a whim but which has become "the restaurant that made Salado famous." Cutler notes that the dining room could not serve liquor because of a law stipulating that no alcohol could be served on the premises "in amounts less than one quart."

The Living Room Theatre was established in 1996 as a nonprofit arts organization, producing

shows based on short stories, playscripts, etc., for small audiences in homes and public places, utilizing professional and amateur writers and actors. Dr. Ramon Carver, director of LRTS, says "In effect, we're home tours with entertainment."

LRTS shows are chosen for relevance to contemporary life, performance values, authors' and performers' capabilities, and physical limitations. A "Texas connection" has been selected in order to examine the works of local and regional authors who have lived in Texas or written about Texas.

### Forum introduces candidates

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Four candidates are vying for two positions on the Salado Independent School District (SISD) board of trustees. An auditorium full of residents met the candidates April 12 during the Salado Chamber of Commerce Candidate Forum. Candidates for the board of trustees are Tom Gidley, Michael McDougal, Chris Seaton and Darrell Street.

#### Tom Gidley

Tom Gidley has lived in Salado since 1940. He is a graduate of Salado High School when it was housed with all the classes in the old redschool (Class of 1964) and his wife Gaylene is also a graduate of Salado (Class of 1964).

He says his children are graduates of Salado school and he has five grandchildren in Salado schools

with two in intermediate school and three in the elementary school.

"My mother graduated from Thomas Arnold school on College Hill," Gidley said, adding that over the years he has "seen a lot of good things in Salado and some things that weren't so good."

Gidley noted that "at one time our schools had exemplary status. I want to get us back to that."

He would work to assure that the "school offers the best education system possible for the money spent on it."

"If elected to the school board, if you come to a meeting and ask a question," Gidley said, "I will do my best to answer it. If I can't, I will try to get you the answer to your question."

#### Dr. Michael McDougal

Dr. Michael McDougal moved to Salado in 2005.

He and his new wife Carol have three children and four grandchildren between them.

Dr. McDougal is a retired professor, having taught educational leadership at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

He also advanced from Private to Major General in the U.S. Army Reserves during his career of more than three decades in public education.

He says he joined the Army Reserves because as a young man "I didn't like going to college." After two days in the Army I sure did like going to college." He has a B.S. degree in elementary education from Southeastern Oklahoma, a master of education in school administration and a doctorate in administrative leadership from University of North

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### UIL squad wins regional -- again

The Salado UIL team won in a walk at the Region IV Academic Meet, held April 14 at Texas State University in San Marcos. In a field of 37 schools, Salado was the lone squad to reach triple digits in points.

Salado tallied 227 on the day, a far distance ahead of Industrial High School, which came in second with 89.5 points. Randolph High School finished in third with 82 points. Salado will now advance to the State Academic Meet, to be held May 3-5 in Austin.

Individual results from

the Regional meet are as follows.

Calculator Applications: Blake Hancock, first; Clint Permenter, second.

Informative Speaking: Taylor Reed, sixth.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Tyler Cook, first; Magan Bradshaw, second.

Literary Criticism: Ariel Simpson, fourth.

Mathematics: Ken Hora, third; Molly Rooney, fourth; Blake Hancock, sixth.

Number Sense: Ken Hora, first; Tanner Johnson, fifth.

Persuasive Speaking:

Tyler Cook, first.

Poetry Interpretation: Heather Williams, first; Dixie Darling, second.

Prose Interpretation: Crystal Schoellmann, third.

Ready Writing: Ariel Simpson, second.

Spelling and Vocabulary: Jonny Kendall, first; Tamra Stanish, sixth.

Calculator Applications Team: Salado, first.

Mathematics Team: Salado, first.

Number Sense Team: Salado, first.

Spelling and Vocabulary Team: Salado, second.



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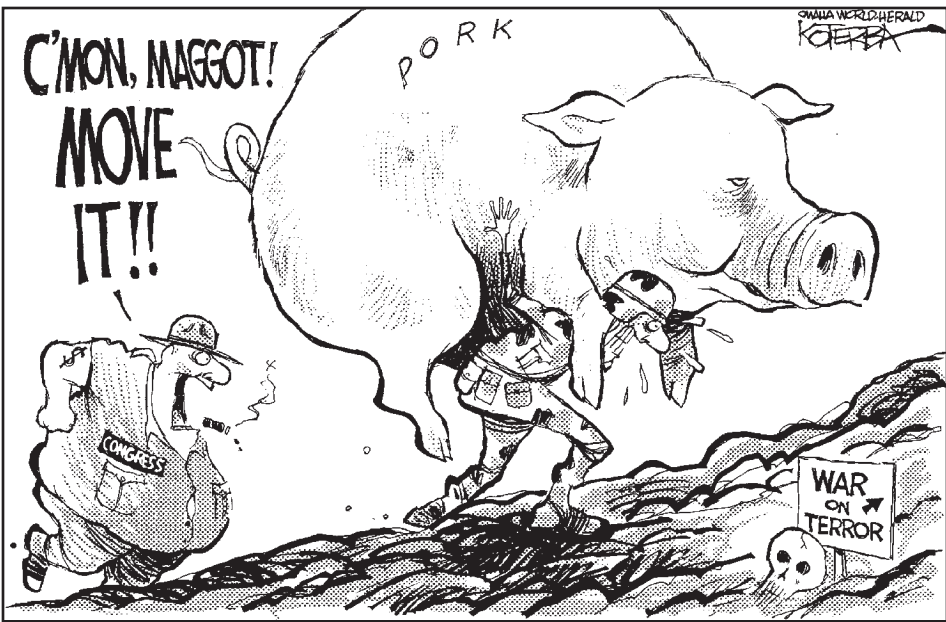
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# FORUM

## An Open Exchange of Ideas



## Democrats have it wrong in Iraq

When President Bush announced a surge of troops into Baghdad in January, Democrats pounded him for the folly of putting U.S. troops in the “middle of a civil war.” Three months later, the question is, “What happens to a civil war if only one side shows up to fight it?”

The Shia militias that had become the main driver of violence in Baghdad are ducking and covering. Militia leader Moqtada al-Sadr is in hiding, perhaps in Iran. His fighters aren’t resisting U.S. troops who have begun conducting patrols in his stronghold of Sadr City. According to Gen. David Petraeus, 700 members of Sadr’s Mahdi Army have been detained in recent months.

This hardly means that peace and harmony reign in Baghdad, but it has reduced the killing significantly. If at the beginning of the year anyone had predicted such progress from the addition of just two U.S. combat brigades in Baghdad (six brigades eventually will be part of the surge), he would have been derided as a delusional optimist.

This progress might be transitory, but it illustrates the falsity of a key assumption of Democrats. They prefer to talk of Iraq in terms of a civil war because it suggests that nothing can be done about the violence, that it is running its own hermetic course. Well, it clearly isn’t. What the U.S. does matters. If we hadn’t surged, Baghdad already might have descended into the genocidal fury toward which it was headed earlier in the year.

The other side of the Iraqi civil war -- the car-bombing Sunni terrorists -- hasn’t stood down, of course. But these are the people that Democrats express a notional interest in fighting. In a January letter to President Bush, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said “counterterrorism” should be one of the “principal” missions of U.S. troops.

### Rich Lowry



Sen. Carl Levin wants to restrict U.S. troops to “an anti-terrorist mission to go after al-Qaida in Iraq.”

According to a U.S. intelligence report quoted by *The New York Times*, captured materials from al-Qaida in Iraq say that the group sees “the sectarian war for Baghdad as the necessary main focus of its operations.” So the Democrats profess to want to fight terrorists in Iraq, and al-Qaida in Iraq is making Baghdad its focus. It would stand to reason, then, that the Democrats wouldn’t want to undermine our effort to control Baghdad.

Nonetheless, Democrats in the House and Senate are attempting to force our troops from Baghdad, exactly as al-Qaida in Iraq wants. In reporting on al-Qaida in Iraq’s strategy, *The New York Times* notes, “American forces, instead of withdrawing from the capital as the Sunni insurgents had hoped, prepared plans to reinforce their troops there.” Over the strenuous objections of Democrats.

Even as the civil war has de-escalated somewhat in Iraq -- weakening the force of the Democrats’ favorite “middle of a civil war” sound bite -- and even as the surge has elevated the fight against al-Qaida in Iraq -- the enemy that Democrats say they want to defeat -- Democratic opposition to the surge has only intensified. Will they oppose it even more if it continues to work?

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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## TXU pulls dumb “Jekyll-Hyde” stunt; Quick apology forced by investor’s money muscle; “Weird” Austin report

Dallas-based TXU was the subject of much public “vexation” two weeks ago, emerging from what many customers felt was the startling revelation that the company was being run by a group of “Jekyll and Hyde” type characters, plucked directly from Robert Louis Stevenson’s book “The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.”

The “Jekyll-Hyde” reference was planted in our minds, first during weeks of high powered electronic and print advertising that smothered us with “happy” news about the “New TXU.” Info-ads promising all sorts of great things - i.e. “Listening to customers, lowering electric bills, and gushing over the thrill of turning green!”

As we tried adjusting to a revised “love affair” with the state’s largest power generating company, “contrary” news suddenly flashed across the Associated Press wires. News that TXU was **upset** with the Texas Public Utility Commission for proposing a \$210 million fine for “manipulating the wholesale electric market.” That’s legalese for “price fixing,” and we don’t mean “lowering” prices either.

Actually “upset” isn’t the correct descriptive word. They were “**junkyard-dog mad**” and threatened to close down some of their plants, which could cause power-outages throughout the state during the coming summer!

**Resultant Question: Will the real TXU please stand up? Are you the “We love our Texas consumers” or “Mess with us and we’ll cut off your electricity?”**

And that, dear readers, is what Stevenson was writing about in his Jekyll-Hyde book - a dual personality (in this case belonging to a major utility company) that alternates between phases of good and bad behavior.

### “24 HOURS LATER”

Remember that great old song “What a difference a day makes?” Well, within 24 hours C. John Wilder, CEO of TXU, was all over the media markets trying to bury the PR screw-up made by Mike McCall, the company’s power generation chief, who had issued the “power cutoff threat.”

**“Sorry - we mishandled the situation and we’ll try to get it right next time,” bleated CEO Wilder.** Next time? What could possibly have come next - unless he knew there would be a snow blizzard two days later that would put some 20,000 of his customers out in the cold, some for up to 30 plus hours. That event wasn’t TXU’s fault - just the end of a long, bad two week nightmare!

### BIG MONEY - BIG RESULTS

What really turned the dopey-threat-misadventure around was word from the huge investor group, (Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Company and the Texas Pacific Group), who are in the process of buying the giant utility company. They told TXU officials, in no uncertain terms, to “cool it” (“Shut-up” was probably the actual order).

This was quickly followed up with a number of public pronouncements soundly criticizing TXU, concluding with promises that KKR and Texas Pacific had no intention of ever closing power plants!

Naturally, when these high-finance-

### Off the Record by Ken Clapp



guys spoke - TXU listened. After all - the investors were holding a \$45 billion bag-of-bucks in front of the sellers. Even in the world of humongous private buyouts of public companies, “\$45-B” can make things happen.

Stockholders, who stand to earn some “healthy” capital gain profits if the deal goes through, must have been shuddering when TXU pulled its “nose wagging” stunt against the State of Texas and its PUC.

Between the profit takers and the well-heeled investors - there is no question as to “**who was the monkey and who “is” the organ grinder,**” as the old saying goes.

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### TWO “LOONY-TUNE” TALES

Remember the “rib-tickling” story about the robber who held up a bank and was told by the teller he couldn’t have the money without proof of identification? The dumbbell proudly presented his driver’s license and fled with the money. Police soon had him behind bars, and later, officials of the coveted “Meshuggenah Award” (Decoded: “wacky or goofy”) were busily having our flaky friend’s name engraved on their annual trophy (to be presented, we presume, in absentia).

**We thought that tale topped the madcap adventures of the scatter-brained - but we’d forgotten Austin and that community’s headlong pursuit of the “Weirdness” title, with all pertinent perks thereunto associated.**

The following from the pen of John Kelso trumps the bank robbing laughter by a mile. John is the Austin American Statesman’s resident “Doctor of Drollery” and in his April 8 column - reported the following true story.

Seems a group of 18 to 22 year olds broke into a mansion southwest of Austin and proceeded to drink up a bunch of the owner’s liquor. They were having so much fun they decided to take pictures of the partying and did so with gusto and skill.

**When the fun and games were over, according to Kelso, the group left and guess what? They also left their digital camera behind!** That’s right - sharp pictures of each participant so the Sheriff’s deputies had no trouble identifying each perp and charging them with a variety of offenses.

Just another “Keep Austin Weird” legend in the making.

### AND AWAY WE GO....

We’ll leave it at that - and add these tales to our growing file detailing human activities devoid of anything resembling brains and common sense.

But what the heck - who said we Americans are steered by the brightest minds in our land?

Or, haven’t you been watching our Lawmakers in Action? And we’re not just picking on Austin. There’s also a lot of loose cogs wandering around D.C.’s Capitol Hill these days.

Or, travel down Pennsylvania Avenue and find the same high profile giddiness. We’ll skip all that and give the Bushies a momentary break. **With the fond hope they’ve stopped looking for a “War Czar” and are now seeking a “Brain Czar.”**

That’s -30-

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# Investing in youngest Texans makes “cents”

By J.R. GONZALES

In a state that has the fastest growing child population in the country, the 10th largest economy in the world, and a “baby boom” generation about to retire from the workforce, we must ensure Texas remains competitive in the future.

According to state demographers, we are going to see three major changes occur within the next 30 years. First, the population of Texas is expected to double. Second, the Hispanic population will become the majority. Third, child poverty rates are expected to soar.

As a result, we have a responsibility as Texans to prepare the workforce of tomorrow. As a Texas business owner for more than 20 years, and past president of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, I have seen these issues firsthand from a national and state perspective and want to see a workforce with the skills to ensure that Texas maintains its competitive edge in the future.

The research is clear. We can get there by investing in high quality early education settings such as child care, Head Start, and public pre-kindergarten. According to the Bush School of Government and Public Policy at Texas A&M University, every \$1 invested in high quality pre-kindergarten saves Texas communities at least \$3.50.

Where will Texans see these savings? In the short term, we will experience reduced special education costs to school districts and increased income for mothers as they enter the workforce. In the long term, we see decreased dropout rates, savings to the juvenile and adult justice systems, and increased earnings from participants.

These savings are even more compelling when we take into account that the fastest growing population in the state also has the highest dropout rates. In 2005, Hispanic students were 25 percent more likely than African American students and 350 percent more

likely than white students to drop out of school.

With the overall school age population on the rise and our Hispanic population growing by as much as 400 percent over the next 30 years, educators must be prepared to meet the linguistic and cultural needs of Texas’ children.

Right now, our elected officials are in Austin considering multiple proposals related to the expansion and enhancement of pre-kindergarten programs. We need our policymakers to support increased investments in pre-kindergarten programs, which are proven to prepare our young children for school success while strengthening the economy of our state.

Over the next few decades this investment will return billions of dollars back to the Texas economy while creating a diverse, highly skilled, and educated workforce.

The good news is that pre-kindergarten is a social and economic issue strongly supported by both Republicans and Democrats in the state House and Senate. During the last special legislative session on public school finance, the Texas legislature passed, with bipartisan support, expanded eligibility of the pre-kindergarten program to include military families.

The choice is clear. We can invest our resources in pre-kindergarten programs that are fiscally responsible and prepare the workforce of tomorrow. Or, we can miss this critical window of opportunity. What makes the most financial sense to you? I know my answer.

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## FORUM

### An Open Exchange of Ideas



## Stop the stealth tax

Whether you filed your taxes early, or whether you joined the last-minute crowd this weekend, let me ask: Are your taxes too low?

Chances are, you said no. But Congress must not agree. Because under the budget resolutions recently passed by the House and Senate, you can expect your taxes to go up -- and by quite a bit. Lawmakers approved bills that would repeal tax relief, increase spending and blithely ignore the biggest fiscal challenge facing our country.

These are the first budget documents produced by Democrats since they regained control of both chambers in November. The bills still need to go through a conference committee to settle on a single piece of legislation to be delivered to President Bush. Still, let's take a closer look at what lawmakers have wrought so far.

Both bills project that tax revenues over the next five years will go up. Fair

### Heritage Forum

by Edwin Feulner

enough: Revenues have increased in the last five years, as a direct result of the supply-side cuts in tax rates that President Bush advocated -- rates that are set to start rising soon.

Look closer, though. The numbers used in these bills are almost identical to what the Congressional Budget Office estimates revenues will be if the tax rates are allowed to rise and if the Alternative Minimum Tax isn't fixed. (The AMT is expected to take a bite out of the pocketbooks of some 19 million American households this year.)

This amounts to a massive tax increase. Under the Senate bill, the average household's taxes would jump by \$2,641 each year over the next decade.

And here's a word to the wise: If this budget passes, it might be smart to plan to hire a food taster in 2010. The death tax, which has been gradually reduced in recent years, goes away completely for that one year. But if lawmakers don't make its repeal permanent, the death tax is set to come back full force in 2011. Die at the “wrong time,” and your family could get hit with a crippling tax bill.

The Senate budget also calls for \$18 billion more in non-emergency discretionary spending than the President proposed in his budget. That's almost a 9 percent increase in just one year. It's safe to say that few Americans en-

joyed a 9 percent raise last year. The House version aims to boost discretionary spending by an additional \$69 billion over five years.

And then there's that elephant in the room ignored by both the House and the Senate: entitlement programs.

Beginning next year, the first baby boomers will become eligible for early Social Security benefits. In the decades ahead, some 77 million people will retire to Social Security and Medicare. Yet no money has been set aside to pay for the benefits.

That means the cost of these programs is on pace to leap from 8.7 percent of GDP to 19 percent of GDP by 2050. But to manage that, we'd have to either raise taxes by \$11,651 per household (adjusted for inflation and rising incomes) or eliminate every other government program.

A responsible federal budget would start preparing for this coming storm while there's still time to tame it. But the bills our lawmakers passed are decidedly irresponsible.

President Bush should veto this budget. Then he and Congress can get serious about crafting one that holds down taxes and spending -- and prepares for the future.

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### USDA: A brothel for agri-business



**Jim Hightower**

Our federal regulatory agencies - designed to protect consumers, workers, and the environment from corporate profiteers - have instead become brothels on wheels, going to any length to accommodate profiteers.

One of the rolling accommodators is the U.S. Agriculture Department (USDA), of which has been especially servile to Monsanto and other biotech giants involved in messing with the very DNA of our foods and feed crops. Monsanto makes a weed killer called Roundup, but in addition to killing weeds, this toxic stuff also tends to kill the very crops that the weeds are crowding out.

Take alfalfa. Monsanto's white-smock lab techs have genetically altered alfalfa seeds to produce plants that - guess what? - absorb heavy doses of Roundup without dying. This means more sales of Monsanto's herbicide, while also creating a market for its “Roundup Ready” alfalfa seeds. Our ag department gave this Frankenseed its blessing two years ago without even doing an environmental impact assessment!

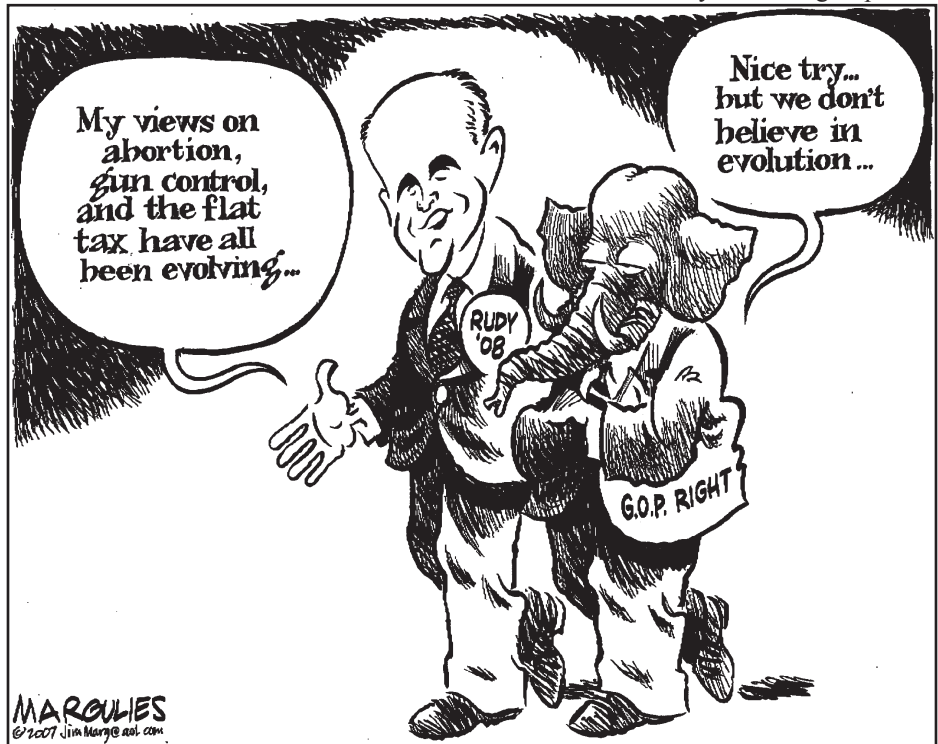
The agency simply assumed that the environmental and economic impacts were not significant, essentially taking the word of the profiteer, Monsanto.

A watchdog group called the Center for Food Safety, however, was not so easy.

It sued USDA for abrogating its regulatory responsibility -- and a federal judge has now agreed. He said that USDA was “cavalier” in its quick OK, that it had not adequately considered the fact that the altered seed would contaminate organic alfalfa fields, and that the increased use of the herbicide would create superweeds.

In a telling comment, the judge wrote: “One would expect that some federal agency is considering whether there is some risk to [genetically] engineering all of America's crops...”

Yeah... one would expect. But our government has become an accommodator, not a regulator. To learn more, call the Center for Food Safety: 202-547-9359.





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# Trustees OK \$250K expenditures

## Gym renovations, press box, new buses given go-ahead

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado school trustees voted unanimously April 16 to spend more than \$250,000 from bond revenues and fund balance for capital improvements within the district.

With \$91,938 remaining in Proposition B, trustees approved a \$22,549 list of items to finish the renovations of the gymnasium at Thomas Arnold Elementary. Chris Seaton made the motion, which received a second from Jackie Burson. Trustees voted 6-0 in favor.

Trustees also voted unanimously to allocate \$58,225 to replace the existing press box with an 8 ft. by 36 ft. Sturdisteel press box that will have three sitting areas (home coaches, visiting coaches and media) and a filming deck on top.

By replacing the press box with a larger unit, the district will address the safety concerns raised by engineers regarding the press boxes at Eagle Stadium. Although it is a larger press box, it falls under the minimum size that would require installing an elevator for access.

These expenditures will leave a balance of \$11,163.71 in Proposition B funds, according to Superintendent Robin Battershell.

Voters approved Proposition B, bonds in the amount of \$500,000 for

renovations of the Thomas Arnold Elementary school gymnasium and for renovations, and expansion of Eagle stadium).

Trustees also approved the purchase of two 71-passenger buses and a van. The buses cost \$70,675 each and the van costs \$13,298 for a total expenditure of \$154,648. Jackie Burson stated in his motion that the purchases would be made from the district's \$2 million fund balance. Chris Seaton gave a second to the motion, which passed 6-0.

Burson said that the district should purchase two buses each year to replace older buses. Supt. Battershell explained that the district has five buses in the fleet that were purchased in 1991.

"Several years ago, the administration and board determined that an 11-year rotation cycle was optimum," Supt. Battershell stated in his recommendation. "They require a lot of maintenance."

In other business, trustees approved personnel recommendations of the superintendent. The board approved Janet Kemp as a full-time curriculum facilitator for 2007-08. Kemp has been a part-time curriculum facilitator and part-time English teacher this year. Moving her to full-time will require hiring an additional part-time English teacher. Miriam Ervi gave the mo-

tion, which received a second by Seaton and carried unanimously.

Trustees also approved the addition of a fifth grade teaching slot, keeping the additional slot in the budget that will be filled only if necessary. Burson gave the motion and Seaton gave the second. The motion carried 5-1 with Frank Carlson voting against. After voting against the motion, Carlson said he did so "only because I think we have more time to make the decision."

Trustees also approved a one-year contract for band director Tom Bremer.

Before the business agenda items were discussed, the board learned about two programs at Salado Intermediate School: use of Scantron software program for individualizing instruction and reverse inclusion of regular classroom teacher in special education classes.

Intermediate school reading teachers Terry Seaton and Kim Boaz informed the board about how they were incorporating the benchmark results of pre-TAKS practice tests into individualized instruction for students. The Scantron software program allows teachers and students to closely examine the students' test results to identify weaknesses that can be ad-

ressed before the actual TAKS test, which are being conducted this week.

Seaton explained that students break up into small groups and reassess the tests, trying to agree on which answer is correct. The students must identify which objectives are being analyzed by which questions as well.

In seventh grade, not only must the students find the right answer, but they must also be able to explain why the other answers are incorrect, which enforces higher thinking skills, Boaz said. Finally, students "had to present their arguments to the class as a whole," she said.

Students were given their benchmark test profiles with correct answers and their own answer on benchmark test so that they could see what standard they missed. This would allow the students to "focus on those standards," Seaton said.

Special education teacher Amanda Silkett and regular classroom teacher Fran Smetana discussed an approach to teaching special education students mathematics skills. Smetana works in the special education class with Silkett to help reinforce those skills.

By having a teacher that can identify the particular learning problems of special education students and a regular classroom teacher that can focus on subject matter, the approach has allowed the teachers to individualize the teaching approach for each student.

"Having the regular classroom teacher in the class has been a great help for me in content mastery," Silkett said.

The approach, said Salado Intermediate School principal Joe Palmer, is one of the ways that the district is "not just working with the top kids, but with those that struggle."

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# Five vying for three spots on board Meet your candidates for aldermen

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado voters filled the Meadows Auditorium of the Salado Civic Center April 12 for the opportunity to meet the candidates in the race for the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen.

Sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce, the Candidate Forum introduced hopefuls for the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen, Salado Independent School District Board of Trustees and Salado Public Library District Board of Directors. See related stories on school board and library board races.

These three races will be decided on May 12. Early voting begins in these races April 30.

Candidates for the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen are the following: David Apichino, Forrest Holloway, Stephen Peters, Merle Stalcup and Curtis Strong.

## David Apichino

David Apichino and his wife Cynthia have owned Uncommon Grounds for the past five years. They have two grown children and one grandchild. Apichino pointed out that his son is preparing for his second tour in Iraq.

He attended University of California at Berkley, where he studied urban design. He worked many years in planning and design in California before moving to Salado.

He was vice president of human resources for Custom Printing in Belton before the couple bought the business that they renamed Uncommon Grounds.

He is also past president of the Mill Creek Community Association. During his tenure on the board, he worked to implement the Neighborhood Watch program in Mill Creek.

He said that "I am a business owner and am passionate about Salado."

Apichino said that the issues Salado will face in the coming years include the expansion of I-35, acquisition of Main Street from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and annexations by surrounding communities. He said that he favored creating enterprise zones in Salado particularly on the west side of I-35 to encourage new businesses to locate in the Village.

He added that with "Trans Texas Corridor to the east of us, I-35 through the middle of us and State Highway 201 either north

or south of us, Salado could find itself in a box that it can't grow out of."

## Forrest Holloway

Forrest Holloway is a seven-year resident of Salado, moving here from Austin. A native of Sweetwater, Holloway attended Abilene State University before getting his master's degree from Texas Tech.

After college, Holloway re-entered the military, and "retired after what seemed like a hundred years."

He and his wife Theresa, an English teacher at Ellison High School, have been married for 39 years.

He has been a consultant with cities that have faced the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), helping those communities to discover new uses for the military properties. He worked on the transfer of federal property to local authorities when The Presidio in San Francisco was closed, he said.

Holloway said that he wants to bring the values he has learned in the military to the board of aldermen. He encouraged anyone interested in learning more about him to visit the website he has established: [saladogov.com](http://saladogov.com).

## Stephen Peters

Stephen Peters has lived in Salado for three years. He said his qualifications to be elected to the board of aldermen are that he is 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, has not been convicted of a felony and has not been determined to be mentally incompetent.

Beyond that, Peters has lived in Texas for 29 years and has been married to

Carol for 42 years. They have a grown son who works for the federal government and a daughter "who will be a doctor in 40 days."

A certified public accountant, Peters says he has overseen \$80 million budgets during his career in the Army.

"I am not politically correct," he said. "I'll tell you what I think and don't care what the consequences are."

He said that the Village government should repair pot holes, envision growth for the community and encourage property owners' rights to develop their property in the best way

that they see fit.

"Sales tax has not been fully explored," Peters said. "People drink beer and wine; they just don't buy it here."

He said the village could realize a "significant increase in tax revenues if we offer beer and wine sales on all premises."

He said that if he were elected, "I will not vote in favor of a property tax during my term."

## Merle Stalcup

Merle Stalcup is seeking re-election to the Board of Aldermen. He is self-employed with MapleLeaf Funding, which

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is associated with Alethes bank.

He says that the Board of Aldermen has “an important role to continue to prepare for growth in

the area,” adding that the expansion of I-35 and the TransTexas Corridor will “affect us greatly.”

As an alderman, Stalcup has focused his efforts

on economic development, trying to attract new businesses to Salado.

He told the audience that the tourism industry in Salado “generates \$106

dollars per year per citizen in sales tax revenues.”

He oversaw the renovations of the municipal building and “with the money we saved there, we

were able to add two new restrooms in Pace Park.”

He also has worked with the Salado Water Supply Corporation and Salado Volunteer Fire Depart-

ment to prepare for an ISO rating review, which could result in lower insurance costs for property owners. Salado has not had its ISO rating reviewed since 1998. Stalcup worked with the fire department and water supply to address areas of concern before the review process began.

“We have increased services and not increased taxes,” Stalcup said, adding that some of the reason for that was an effective budget process.

Curtis Strong

Curtis Strong is also seeking re-election to his second term on the Board of Aldermen. Retired from Fina Oil, Strong and Carol, his wife of 38 years, have lived in Salado since 1998. The Strongs have three kids and three granddaughters.

As an alderman, Strong headed the committee charged with studying a possible central sewer system. The Village is currently in a contract with Stagecoach Properties to investigate the feasibility of a partnership to provide sewer to the downtown retail area.

Strong said that the problem of fecal coliform in Salado Creek is not “going to go away.” He said that Brazos River Authority (BRA) and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will be conducting a major basin study of Salado Creek in 2008.

“It will probably show more and more that we are going to have to get a sewer system,” Strong said, adding that “it will be very costly, but it is probably coming.”

Strong said that ETJ issues will be prevalent in the future. “Those who have asked to be brought in have a loyal attitude and make a valuable contribution to Salado,” he said.

He added that the Village needs to formulate a Strategic Plan to outline the goals and objectives of the city government. Strong was active as a committee member when the Comprehensive Plan was drafted.

Strong told the audience that the Village must address street maintenance issues and look down the road several years to put together an adequate plan. “We have to use the money we have diligently,” he said, “whatever we do.”

Candidates for aldermen faced a couple of questions from the audience, including issues concerning Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) and whether the school should be included in the village limits.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION  
(AVISO DE ELECCIÓN)

To the registered voters of **Salado Independent School District, Salado Public Library District and the Village of Salado**, Salado, Texas:

*(A los votantes registrados del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Salado, del Distrito de Bibliotecas Públicas, y del Pueblo de Salado, Salado, Texas:)*

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on **May 12, 2007**, for voting in an election to elect **two (2) trustees for full three-year terms for Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees, two (2) full two-year terms for the Library Board of Trustees, and three (3) Aldermen for full two-year terms for the Village of Salado.**

*(Notifíquese, por la presente, que las casillas electorales detalladas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 12 de mayo, 2007, para votar en una elección a elegir a dos (2) fideicomisarios para mandatos de tres años completos para el Consejo de Administración del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Salado, dos (2) mandatos de dos años completos para el Consejo de Administración de la Biblioteca, y tres (3) Concejales para mandatos de dos años completos para el Pueblo de Salado.)*

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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:  
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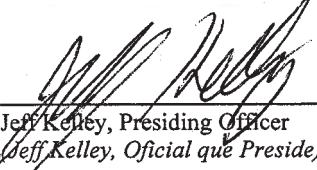
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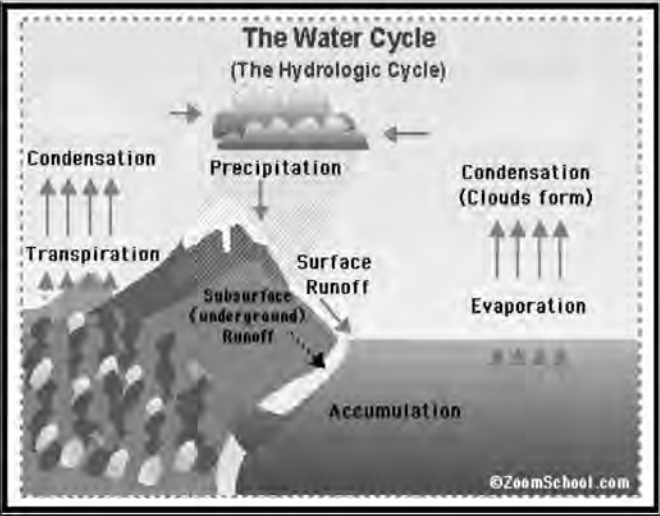
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THE CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BE WATER WISE THIS SUMMER, USE WATER WISELY!

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District is responsible for managing the groundwater in Bell County. This includes major aquifers like the Edwards BFZ and the Trinity aquifers, as well as numerous other water bearing formations. Throughout Bell County the groundwater resources interact with the surface water resources. In some areas the groundwater replenishes the surface water, and in others, the surface water replenishes the groundwater. Regardless of the source, it is important for us all to understand the value of water and to conserve this precious resource.

**Water Cycle:** Here in Bell County we are blessed to have two large lakes and two major aquifers to supply our water needs. However, things are not always what they seem. To understand the water situation here locally, we need to first understand a basic concept that applies globally...the Earth has a limited water supply! Although 75% of the Earth's surface is covered with water, only less than 1% of this water is available for human use. The rest of the water is either salty ocean water or fresh water that cannot be used-it is in ice form or unreachable groundwater. In addition, the water that is currently on Earth is all there will ever be. No new water is created; it just gets recycled from one stage to another. This cycle takes time to complete. When more and more water is used, all of the used water is temporarily unavailable for use again until the cycle is completed. Increasing population growth combined with natural weather patterns can result in drought conditions and water shortages.



**Local, Regional and State Water Planning:** Texas has had to deal with periods of drought over the years, the most notable being the drought of record that occurred in the 1950's which lasted almost eight years. As a result, in 1997 the state legislature established a new water planning process that involves 16 regional water planning groups. Bell County is part of the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group. Each of these groups evaluates population projections, water demand projections, and existing water supplies during drought conditions. Then each planning group identifies who will have water shortages and recommends strategies and projects that could be implemented to conserve or obtain more water, and estimates the costs and environmental impact of these strategies and projects. These regional water plans are sent to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for approval and are then incorporated into the State Water Plan. This process occurs every five years. The 2007 State Water Plan has recently been adopted and is available for review at the TWDB website along with the regional water plans.

According to the 2007 State Water Plan, Texas population is expected to more than double between the years 2000 and 2060, from about 21 million to about 46 million. During this same time period, the demand for water in Texas is expected to increase by 27 percent, from almost 17 million acre-feet to 21.6 million acre-feet. An additional 8.8 million acre-feet of water will be needed by year 2060 if new water supplies are not developed. In Bell County alone, seven user groups are projected to have water shortages by the year 2060.

The Clearwater District Management Plan establishes groundwater availability figures for the Edwards BFZ and Trinity aquifers. These figures reflect how much groundwater may be permitted from these aquifers and still maintain desired future aquifer conditions. The District is in the process of developing a drought management plan and establishing monitoring wells to ensure the desired future conditions are maintained. When aquifer conditions approach a level where the desired future conditions may be compromised, the District will have to address limiting production from permitted wells and possibly denying new permits.

**Drought Conditions:** The majority of the state of Texas has been in some stage of drought for over a year and a half. Recent rains have brought relief but it is too soon to determine if the drought is over. State officials have indicated that if the drought continues and conservation measures are not taken, by the year 2010 as much as 45% of the state's population may not have an adequate water supply.

So what can we do? We all can practice water conservation in our daily lives. This includes changing habits at home as well as at work. Below are some tips for outdoor watering. These are applicable for residences, businesses, schools, municipalities, and any other entity using water for outside irrigation:

Upcoming Events

Earth Day Events  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>  
Killeen Civic & Conference Center

Well Plugging Demonstration  
June 12<sup>th</sup>  
Site to be determined

State Youth Water Camp  
July 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>  
Monahans, Texas

Household Hazardous Waste  
Collection Days  
April 28<sup>th</sup> -Belton  
June 2<sup>nd</sup> -Lampasas  
June 9<sup>th</sup> -Goldthwaite  
September 29<sup>th</sup> -Copperas Cove  
(tentative date)  
October 27<sup>th</sup> -Temple  
(tentative date)

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

- Do not water in the middle of the day when evaporation is at its highest. Instead, water in the early morning or evening hours.
- Do not water on windy days...most of the water will be dispersed into the air and evaporated.
- Only water when needed...when the top 2 inches of soil has dried out.
- Water thoroughly, but less frequently. One inch of water applied every five days or more will promote deep root growth which results in more drought tolerant vegetation.
- Use drip irrigation or soaker hoses for non-turf areas such as bedded plants, trees or shrubs to minimize evaporation.
- Use a low-angle sprinkler that produces large drops of water close to the ground. This will minimize evaporation.
- Use an automatic sprinkler system with a rain-shutoff device or moisture sensors. Adjust run time and frequency monthly to adjust to changing rainfall and temperature conditions. To minimize runoff, adjust the precipitation rate of the sprinkler head so the soil has enough time to absorb the water.
- Do not water when it is raining or has recently rained!
- Do not water the street, driveways and sidewalks or allow the water to run down the street.
- Allow grass to grow 3 inches during the summer. Taller grass holds moisture better, encourages deeper root growth, and is less susceptible to browning.
- Don't bag your clippings but use them as mulch. This helps to hold in moisture, reduce evaporation, moderate temperature and give nutrients back to the lawn.
- Use lots of mulch around shrubs and young trees.
- Do not over-apply fertilizers which can run off with water and pollute local waterways. Better yet-apply compost for chemical free nutrients.
- Plant water-wise, well-adapted and/or native shrubs and trees. Drought tolerant grasses include bermuda, buffalo-grass, and zoysia.
- Group plants according to their water needs so you don't overwater one type of plant to meet the needs of another.
- Harvest rainfall whenever possible. Funnel water from gutters into a barrel or cistern for later use.

Be sure and visit the TWDB website ([www.twdb.state.tx.us](http://www.twdb.state.tx.us)) for information about their new water awareness program-Water IQ. They also have information on Rainwater Harvesting and Best Management Practices for Water Conservation for various user groups. This information is available in our offices as well if you would like to stop by and review the manuals.

We tend to only think about water conservation when we are in a drought, but it is important to conserve this resource at all times. Water is frequently looked upon as a commodity to be bought and sold, but water is so much more; water is life! We cannot live without it! We need to conserve our water resources and protect the water quality for our use and future generations. Each of us can make a difference. Let's all be good stewards of this precious resource.

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# Eagles sprint to track title

The Varsity Eagle track team edged out Rosebud-Lott in the District 25AA track meet April 10, totaling 127 points against Rosebud's 112.5 to earn the title.

Results are as follows.

400m relay: Salado (Whitmire, Collins, Wright, Patton), second, 42.73.

800m run: Kasey Cockrell, second, 2:06.48.

1600m run: Johnny Kendall, third, 4:46.99; Cockrell, fourth, 4:56.10.

110m hurdles: David

Rosenau, fifth, 16.11; Ken Hora, sixth, 16.21.

100m dash: Adam Patton, first, 10.72.

800m relay: Salado (Whitmire, Collins, Wright, Patton), first, 1:30.63.

400m dash: Justin Konzen, seventh, 54.17.

300m hurdles: Hora, second, 42.25; Rosenau, fourth, 42.87.

200m dash: Collins, second, 22.84.

3200m run: Kendall, second, 10:42.59; Jace Peralta, fifth, 11:05.03.

Long jump: Stephen Quick, fourth, 20'7.5".

Shot put: Dallas Butts, sixth, 41'8.75".

Discus: Payton Smetana, third, 129'5".

Triple jump: Quick, third, 41'4.5".

High jump: Josh Marquez, second, 5'10".

Pole vault: Liller, third, 11'.

**JV Boys**

400m relay: Salado (Reagan, Prince, Mohammed, Galvan), first, 46.37.

110m hurdles: Ward, fourth, 18.05.



Tyler Wright completes an exchange to Adam Patton in the 400m relay. (Track photos courtesy Jim Ervi)

100m dash: Reagan, first, 11.33; Tantillo, sixth, 12.25.

800m relay: Salado (Watkins, Prince, Mohammed, Galvan), second, 1:40.77.

300m hurdles: Ward, fifth, 46.79.

1600m run: Max Care, fourth, 5:21.69.

1600m relay: Salado (Watkins, Reagan, Galvan, Mohammed), fifth, 3:48.53.

Shot put: Galvan, second, 38'1.75".

Discus: Weatherly, sixth, 107'1".

High jump: Ward, fourth, 5'4".

The JV boys placed fourth in the meet with 78 points. Rogers won the meet with 127 points.

## Lady Eagles earn district crown with dominant team performance

The Lady Eagle tracksters continued what has been a season-long dominance over the competition at the District 25AA meet, held April 10 in Florence. Salado steamrolled to the win, compiling 194 points over the day to finish 65 points ahead of second place Academy. Troy was third with 125 points.

Individual results are as follows.

1600m relay: Salado (Lupe Perez, Tamra Stanish, Amanda Mattson, Molly Rooney), second, 4:13.68.

1600m run: Chelsea Ervi, first, 5:14.61; Lindsay Martin, fourth, 5:42.43.

200m dash: Caroline Payne, third, 27.30.

300m hurdles: Rooney, first, 46.27; Danielle Hazzard, fourth, 50.78; Kaley Boaz, sixth, 53.44.

400m dash: Lupe Perez, sixth, 1:04.50.

800m relay: Salado (Payne, Mattson, Cortney Dunnahoo, Keelie Mims), third, 1:50.22.

100m dash: Cortney Dunnahoo, sixth, 13.07; Para, seventh, 13.59.

100m hurdles: Rooney, first, 14.72; Hazzard, fourth, 16.83; Boaz, sixth, 17.18.

800m run: Perez, first, 2:30.82; Tiffany Quesberry, fourth, 2:42.07; Abby Frazier, fifth, 2:42.55.

400m relay: Salado



Chelsea Ervi outdistances the field in the 1600m run, an event which she won by almost 14 seconds.



Molly Rooney leaps a hurdle in the 300m hurdles, which she won.

(Payne, Mattson, Dunnahoo, Mims), third, 51.27.

Triple jump: Rooney, first, 35'2"; Lindsey Coffey, sixth, 32'7.75".

High jump: Lauren Haire, first, 5'; Para, second, 4'10".

Pole vault: Stanish, first, 10'; Denise Jasso, third, 9'; Martin, fourth, 8'6".

3200m run: Chelsea Ervi, first, 11:51.19; Mar-

tin, fourth, 12:54.23.

Long jump: Rooney, first, 16'2"; Boaz, fifth, 14'10.5".

Shot put: Taylor Johnson, sixth, 30'10.5".

Discus: Kaylan Hearne, second, 99'1.5"; Haire, fifth, 93'9".

The Region IV Track and Field Meet will be held at Texas State University in San Marcos.



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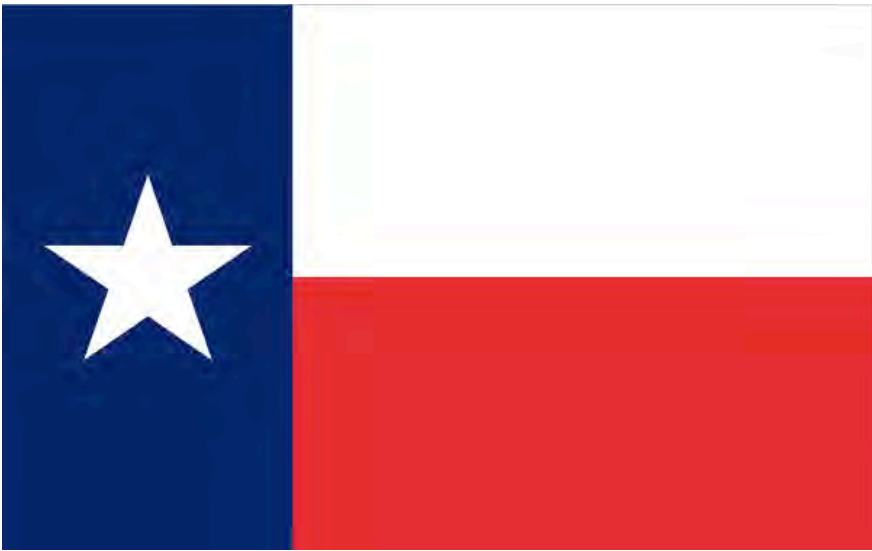
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Proceeds from this event will be used for repair and re-modeling of a home that will provide temporary shelter for women and children in Central Texas. The Temple Domestic Violence Shelter will be run by *Families in Crisis* and is scheduled to open in mid-2007.

**Jack's Barn, Salado, TX**  
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**Chili Cook-off**

**Live Band Burnett-Jones From Austin**

**Auction & Raffle**



# District foes no match for Eagles

## Lady Eagles win tourney by 118 shots; boys by 51

Heading into the second and final round of play at the District 25AA golf tournament, all the Eagle squads needed to do was avert catastrophe to win the tournament and move on to the Regional round of play.

The Eagles did that and a little more. Leading by over 50 strokes over the second place Lago Vista team after one round, the Lady Eagles increased that advantage in round two, to the point where Salado finished the tourney 118 shots in front of the pack.

The boys team also cruised to victory, posting back-to-back rounds of 333 to close out the tourney 51 strokes in front of an also-ran Lago Vista team.

Individually, Salado had four golfers finish in the top five, led by Katie Harris and Sarah Dowell who were gold and silver medalists, respectively. Harris compiled a two-round total of 174, while Dowell recorded a 183. Haley Kemp shot a 207 over two rounds to finish as the fourth place finisher, while Rachel Van



The district champion Salado Eagle golf teams, along with Coach Bobby Peschel.

Hoozer was fifth with a 209. Stephanie Hoernis posted a 274 for the Lady Eagles.

The Eagles also went first and second on the boys side, with Ryan O'Rear taking gold with a 160 and Jared Hahn close behind at 163 to earn the silver. Just out of medal contention was Salado's Tyler Pines, who shot rounds of 85 and 89 at Mill Creek to register a

174, good enough for fifth place. Tom Baine shaved a full 20 strokes off his first round score to close out the tournament with a 178 and a seventh place finish, while Blake Newman shot identical rounds of 88 to finish sixth and qualify for Regionals as an individual.

The JV boys also won their tournament, posting a team total of 834 to outpace Lago Vista by 36

strokes.

James Ervi had a two-round total of 199 to finish in third, while teammate Caleb Little recorded a 203 to earn fourth place. Also shooting were Colby Montgomery (215), Greg Tischler (221) and Brandon Heller (231).

The Varsity teams will tee-off at Regionals April 23 and 24 at Quail Creek Country Club in San Marcos.

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# Van Hoozer tosses three-hit gem as Eagles edge Troy Trojans 2-0

Sam Van Hoozer took the mound April 9 for the Eagle baseball team against district foe Troy, and he was almost all the Eagles needed. Van Hoozer tossed a complete game shutout, allowing only three hits and strik-

ing out four as Salado won by a 2-0 final.

Johnny Nix and Tanner Myers led an airtight defense, combining for two double plays on the night.

Salado took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first, with Seth Collins leading off with a walk. He then stole second, and moved to third on a fielder's choice. Collins eventually scored on a passed ball.

That was the game's lone run until the bottom of the sixth. Matt Fritsch drew a walk to start the inning. Justin Schiller then laid down a sacrifice bunt

to move Fritsch to second. Nix then followed with a double down the left field line to drive Fritsch home.

The 2-0 lead was plenty as Van Hoozer set Troy down with the aid of one of Myers' and Nix's double plays.

Besides the double from Nix, Kevin Jackson collected the Eagles' only other hit by doubling in the fourth.

On April 13 the Eagles took the field against the Florence Buffaloes. Salado used a totally different approach in its victory over the Buffs, as they pounded

out 17 hits in a 22-1 victory.

The Eagles plated multiple runs in every inning. Salado started with a pair of runs in the first inning. Tanner Myers was hit by a pitch, and stole second and third while Fritsch was drawing a walk. Myers scored on a passed ball and Fritsch on a single by Nix.

The Eagles put the game away for all intents and purposes by scoring eight runs with two outs in the second inning. Fritsch and Kevin Jackson both had hits that drove home two runs in the frame.

In the third inning, Justin Harvell and Justin Pruitt both produced RBI's as the Eagles pushed across three more runs and increased the lead to 13-0.

A big fourth inning (nine runs) finished the game. Salado sent 15 batters to the plate in the inning. Myers and Colin Smith both had two hits; Myers' second was a three-run, bases-clearing double.

Eleven different Eagles registered hits in the game. Myers, Fritsch, Smith, Nix, Pruitt and Tyler Wright all had two hits each. Myers and Pruitt also had three RBI's apiece in the game.

It was not all offense for the Eagles, though. Kevin Jackson turned in one of his best performances of the year on the mound for Salado. Jackson allowed just one hit and struck out six in shutting Florence out over four innings. Schiller pitched the fifth and did not allow a hit, though the Buffs did score one unearned run in the inning.

--REPORTED BY MELVIN BATES



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The Salado River Dawgs place second in the championship game of the Bartlett Preseason Baseball Tournament. Team members are, l-r: Cade DePoy, Cortney Howerton, Ryan Oakes, Drew Dobbins, Lane Reinro, and Ryan Kyburz. Second Row: Tris Sebesta, Tannor Fischer, Kade Maedgen, Tyler Barrett, Zachary Wright, and Jonah Bassa. Coaches: Stacey Sebesta, Keith Fischer, Marshall Maedgen and Andy Dobbins.



Two Salado little league team teams, the Salado White Sox and the Salado Rough Riders, placed first and second, respectively, in the Bartlett Preseason Baseball Tournament. Members of the White Sox (light uniforms) are: Peyton Kyburz, Tyler Fischer, Ty Sebesta, Ryan Shilling, Haigon Shine, Garrett Parsons, Barrett Snyder, Kole Hearne, Kyle King, Ryan Dunnahoo, Tanner Montgomery, Jacob Quick. Coaches: Kirt Hearne and Robert Kyburz. Members of the



Rough Riders (dark uniforms) are: Grant Taylor - not pictured, Mason Taylor, Chase Basham, Brady

Alexander, Dylan Bradley, Colby Medlin, John Paul Michael, Jacob Little, Marcos Gandara, Pres-

ton Payne, Colton Bolton, and Cameron Markham. Coaches: Trey Little and Keith Markham.

## Softballers seek to finish .500

The Lady Eagle softballers earned their 10th win of the season - the fourth in district - with an 8-1 triumph over Florence April 13. With wins in their final two games of the season, Salado has a chance to close out the campaign with a .500 record overall.

The Lady Eagles went on top by plating a single run in the second. Danielle Hazzard reached on a walk and scored on a Larissa Ingalsbe triple.

In the third, Keelie Mims led off with a single and Shawna McPherson then reached on an error. Both would eventually score, with the inning being punctuated by a Hazzard double.

Florence tacked on a run in the top of the fourth,

but Salado responded with two in the bottom of the fourth, and three more in the bottom of the fifth inning to put the game away. Mims, Ingalsbe, Hazzard and Jenna Ferrell-Raborn all scored runs in the two innings, with Ingalsbe scoring twice and also slapping a pair of singles.

Hazzard picked up the win for Salado, moving to 2-3 on the season. She allowed one hit while striking out 11 in seven innings of work. Florence's lone run was unearned.

Ingalsbe and Hazzard paced the offense, each collecting three hits. Mims had two hits. The top five hitters for Salado recorded a combined eight hits.

Prior to the win over

Florence the Lady Eagles were blanked by Troy by a 10-0 final.

Troy scored one in the first and seven in the second off starter Shawna McPherson, aided by six Salado errors. Troy would push across additional runs in third and fourth due to the mercy rule.

Salado managed only two hits on the night, and

did not have a runner advance beyond second base.

McPherson absorbed the loss, going four innings and giving up five hits and three earned runs. She walked two and struck out one in falling to 3-6 on the season.

Lindsey Coffey and Karleigh Goodnight had Salado's only hits, both singles.

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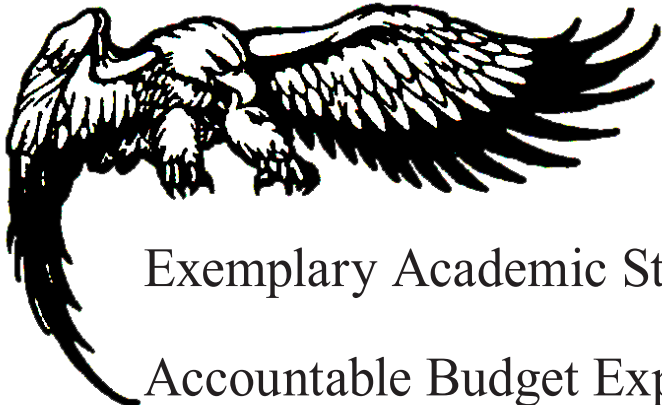
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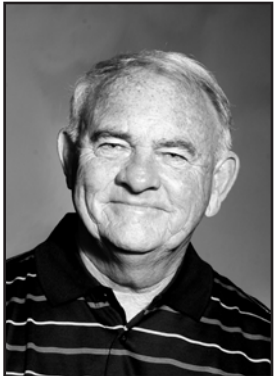
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# Meet your Library board candidates

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Two spots on the Salado Public Library District board of directors will be filled from the field of four candidates in the May 12 election. Those hopefuls -- Patty Campbell, Susan Krals, Taylor Will-

ingham and Thad Willson -- met with voters during the April 12 Candidate Forum at the Salado Civic Center.

### Patty Campbell

Patty Campbell has had a long association with the local library. She was the first employee of the Library, working as a part-time director.

Campbell was the librarian at Salado ISD before retiring from full-time employment and has 30 years of experience working in libraries.

She has a master's degree in Library science.

"It has been a great pleasure to watch the Library grow," Campbell said, adding that she was not involved in its earliest years and thanking the McConnells for their work to found the library.

"I was so happy and proud when we made the move into our new building," she said.

Campbell serves as President of the library board and is completing her first term on the board.

She said she is proud that during her term "a new Friends of the Library organization was reformed and is now very active."

She said that the library has a "wonderful collection of books, videos and books on tape."

The board is in the early stages of discussing an expansion program, she said. The directors, she said, will take into consideration the recommendations of the Long Range Planning committee.

### Dr. Susan Krals

Dr. Susan Krals is seeking her second term on the Library board. She retired in 2004 from Killeen Independent School District. She has lived for 12 years in Salado.

She is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University, with a master's degree from Texas Tech and a doctorate from Texas A&M.

After a 30 year career in education, including a stint in education public relations, Dr. Krals said that the day she retired from Killeen schools, she began volunteering at the Library.

"Working at the Library has been something I have enjoyed immensely," she said, adding that, "You'll probably see me there tomorrow."

### Taylor Willingham

Taylor Willingham said that she is running for the Library board because she wanted to do something that would have a long and lasting impression in her own community.

"I have the skill, talent and expertise to put me in the position to contribute to the causes of the library," she said.

She is a member of the Texas State Library, has worked on public television programming for Bill Moyers and is the treasurer of the National Literacy Coalition.

Willingham serves on the Salado Education Foundation board and is active in literacy programs around the state and nation.

The library, she says, is vital to a community. It is a place people can go to "feel connected to others."

"At the library, you can see a single mother go on-line to pursue a degree while her child does homework next to her or reads in the children's section," she said, adding that the library gives opportunities for people to expand their knowledge and expertise.

Willingham is a professor of library sciences. "I spend a lot of time thinking of the library of the future and how it will continue to be an important part of the community," she said.

Willingham said that because she believes that "An informed citizenry is the most important prerequisite for a democracy to function," she will, if elected, "have a passion that I will bring to the position."

### Thad Willson

Thad Willson has lived in Salado for three years after 35 years as a pharmacist with the Veterans Administration.

He is a 1969 graduate from the University of Georgia. Willson was director of pharmacy services for the VA. In that position, he oversaw very large budgets.

He said he would "bring that experience and skill to the Library Board."

"I use this Library," Willson said. "It needs as much as we can give it to keep it the best it can be."

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p.m. April 19 at the Salado Civic Center on Main St.

Among other business, homeowners will elect the Vice President and Treasurer of the association.

Other possible topics for discussion include Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), such as the impact on the Woods of Salado if they are released from Salado's ETJ in the future.

Another topic for discussion of the proposed State Highway 201. Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) announced a study area for a possible highway that would connect the Killeen Regional Airport to I-35. The study area includes FM 2484, which runs in front of Woods of Salado and FM 2843 which runs southwest of Salado.

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# Candidates

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Texas.

After five years as a classroom teacher, Dr. McDougal said he has served as an elementary school principal, a middle school principal, a high school principal, an assistant superintendent and finally a superintendent in Sherman I.S.D., retiring from education in 1992.

During his years as superintendent of Sherman schools, McDougal said that he oversaw \$26 million budgets. As a Major General in the Reserves, he oversaw \$300 million budgets.

“I want Salado to have the finest education system for the limited amount of tax dollars available,” he said.

“I am a long-time supporter of public education,” he said. “I have deep respect for education leaders because they are in a tough job. I support classroom teachers, having been one.”

McDougal said that for Salado schools “being academically acceptable is not acceptable. We can do better than that. I will support academic excellence at all levels.”

Chris Seaton

Chris Seaton has lived with his family in Salado for eight years. He is completing his first term on the SISD board of trustees, having served as its president his second year on the board.

He is married to Terry, an eighth grade teacher

at Salado Intermediate School. They have a child on each of the three campuses: Megan in high school, Hannah in intermediate and Christopher in elementary.

He pointed to several accomplishments during his tenure on the board, including the district’s being a finalist in the HEB Excellence in Education award and receiving superior ratings for the district’s financial status.

“I can’t take credit for it,” Seaton said, adding that “We have an outstanding administration and leadership staff in our schools.”

When first elected to the board, Seaton said that one of his objectives was to help pass a bond for new construction.

“We have an excellent architect and a trusted construction manager who are going to build an outstanding and practical high school,” Seaton said.

He pointed to some new approaches for the coming school year, including a sunset review process to

look at the effectiveness of school programs.

Seaton said that as a trustee he would do what is “right, fair and honest for the taxpayers and the students.”

Darrell Street

Darrell Street has lived in Salado for 18 years, moving here from Boerne, where he served on the city council. Both of his sons attended Salado schools and “consider Salado their hometown,” he said.

He and wife Maudie have retired from their corporate jobs and now work part of the time at The Salado Mansion.

“I don’t hunt. I don’t fish. I don’t have any hobbies,” Street said. “Community service is very important to me, though, and that is why I am running for the board.”

He served on the board one term, but chose not to seek re-election at that time because the territory for his job expanded greatly and would keep him from attending special meetings and other

functions.

“I enjoyed those three years and formed a great relationship with the administration and teachers,” he said, “but the most important relationships I formed were with the students... like Tessa Schreiner who is here in the audience tonight.”

Street said that he has had a long association with Salado ISD, pointing out that his mother Billye Fuller was a 1937 graduate here.

“I think I was a good school board member,” he said, adding that voters should decide “who do you trust with your money and who do you trust with the most valuable commodity there is, your children?”

Candidates then faced questions ranging from whether they knew the statistics of the school to teaching the Holy Bible as literature to addressing safety -- particularly with child molesters -- to whether the candidates voted for either of the past two bond elections.



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Salado aldermen will meet 6:30 p.m. April 19 in the Municipal Building at 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. to discuss several items of business.

Among the agenda items are a legislative committee report on Senate Bill 1537 and Senate

Bill 111, a decision on the Twelve Oaks Subdivision plat and a decision on the policy of the Village for the responsibility of cleaning up Salado Creek.

Other items on the business agenda include these new business topics: Aging Central Texas Health

Fair, Citizen presentation of a new book on Salado, year-to-date financials and quarterly report, policy on Village responsibility for water drainage and Pace Park policy and village key policy.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Tuesday 24	French Toast	Fried Chicken, Peas, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Roll, Fresh Fruit	Chef Salad Hoagie	Fried Chicken, Peas, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Roll, Fresh Fruit	Hamburger Frito Lay
Wednesday 25	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 26	Breakfast Bagel w/Sausage	Nachos, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit	Chef Salad Hoagie	Lasagna, Carrots, Corn, mixed Fruit, Texas Toast, Fries	Nachos
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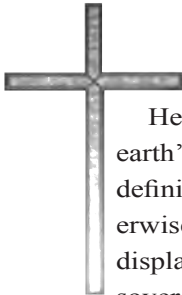
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He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth'" (Job 37:6). Easter weekend was definitely one for the books, weatherwise, wasn't it? Yet such a strange display gives us a great picture of the sovereignty and majesty of God, the one who ultimately is in full control of his world and what goes on in it. Join us in worship as we praise our amazing God.

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# Church Briefs



Kristen King to marry Matthew Von Gonten

## Kristen King to wed Matthew Von Gonten June 9 in Belton

Charles and Laura King of Deer Park are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Kristen of Temple to Matthew Von Gonten of Salado, son of Kenneth and Debra Von Gonten, also of Salado.

The bride-to-be is a teacher at Nolanville Elementary School. The prospective groom, a 2002 graduate of Salado High School, is an aviation mechanic at Jet Black Flight Services in Georgetown. The couple plans a June 9 ceremony at Miller Heights Baptist Church in Belton.

On Nov. 3, 2006, Matthew made arrangements to be flown by helicopter and land on the campus of UMHB, where Kristen attended college. To her surprise, they picked her up and took her for a ride, circling Stillhouse Hollow Lake at sunset.

While in the air, Matt pulled out the ring and asked her to marry him! She said "yes", and shortly thereafter they landed in the pasture behind his parents' house, where both families were waiting to greet them.



Rick and Rhonda Daves and Lynn Lakey, all of Dallas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Renee to Tyler Bittner, of Flower Mound. The groom is the son of Kevin and Connie Bittner, of Flower Mound, and the grandson of Vera Clinard, of Salado, and Wayne and Elaine Randolph, of Troy. The couple plan a June 23 wedding at Liberty Baptist Church in Lewisville.

## Methodist fundraiser planned for Cinco de Mayo to benefit a new domestic violence shelter

Members of the Women's Ministry Group at Salado United Methodist Church are making plans for their second annual fund-raising event scheduled for May 5 at Jack's Barn. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Temple Domestic Violence Shelter, scheduled to open in mid-2007.

"Texas not Tuscany" is the theme for Celebration 2007.

Activities begin at 6:30 p.m. with a Chili Cook-off, Live Auction and Raffle. Guests will dine on Texas and Tex-Mex food items.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Burnett-Jones Band from Austin beginning at 8:30 p.m. This event is open to members of the community. Tickets are \$27 and can be purchased by calling 947-5482 or sending an email to marilyn.griffin@medtronic.com.

Thanks to the efforts of a group of Leadership Temple participants, Families In Crisis, Inc. will be opening a satellite shelter for victims of domestic violence in Temple.

The facility will be centrally located and will offer emergency assistance, crisis intervention counseling, case management, support groups, transportation, medical and legal accompaniment, and referrals to other resources in the community.

The anticipated opening for the satellite shelter is May 2007.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Paula Conti at 254-721-2085.

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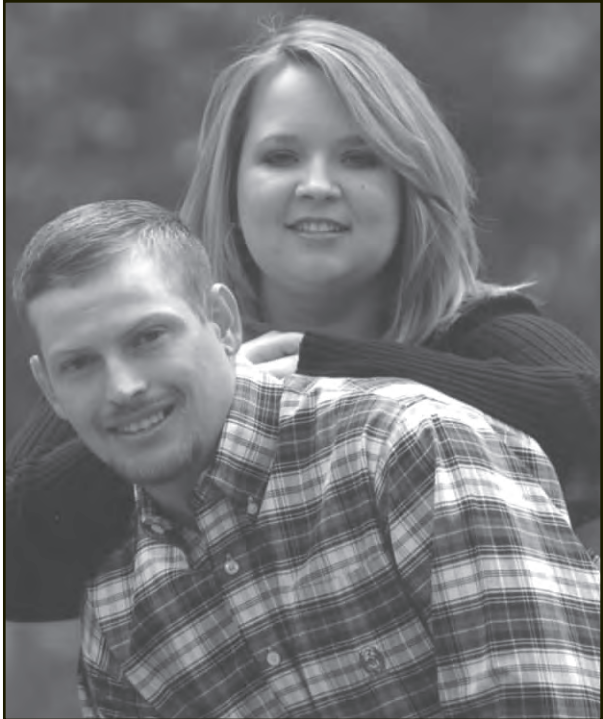


# Erin Schneider to marry James Whitley June 23

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Schneider of Reagan are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Erin Michele to James Patrick Whitley of Salado, son of Mr. and Mrs. TP Whitley, Jr.

Grandparents of the bride-to-be are Mr. and Mrs. CC Kasner of Marlin and Mrs. Jean Schneider of Reagan and the late Roy Schneider. Grandparents of the groom-to-be are Mr. and Mrs. Rolan Cottle of Briggs and the late Mr. and Mrs. TP Whitley.

Erin is a 2002 graduate of Marlin High School and a 2006 graduate of Tarleton State University, where she earned a Bach-



Erin Michele Schneider and James Patrick Whitley

elor of Science degree in Agricultural Services and Development as well as teaching certificates in Agriculture and Special Education. She is currently employed at Falls Education Cooperative as a teacher.

James is a 1997 graduate of Salado High School and a 2005 graduate of Tarleton State University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Management. He is currently employed at Equipment Transport, Inc. in Belton.

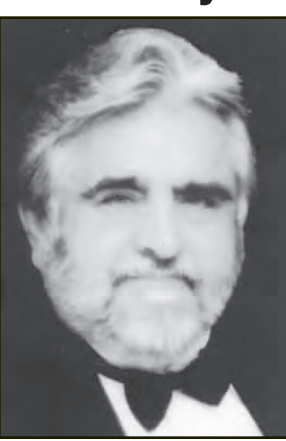
The couple is planning a June 23 wedding at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Marlin.

# Texas Historical Commission awards David Evans outstanding volunteer of year award

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recognized Saladoan David Evans with the George Christian Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award. The award recognizes outstanding volunteer service to historic preservation efforts in Texas. The award was presented at a special luncheon during the THC's Annual Historic Preservation Conference held recently in Lakeway.

Evans was acknowledged for his dedication during his 20 years of service as a member of the Bell County Histori-

cal Commission, where he served as chairman of the Historical Research and Marker Committee. He has contributed to an increase in volunteerism throughout Bell County by promoting appreciation for Texas and local history. During his 45 years as a social studies teacher for the Killeen Independent School District, Evans has brought history to life for his students by exposing them to numerous historic places throughout Texas. His other accomplishments include assisting with Scott and White



David Evans

Hospital's Centennial Celebration in 1999 and with Bell County's year-long Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2000.

The award is named after Austin political consultant and former THC Chair George Christian who served as White House press secretary to President Lyndon B. Johnson from 1966-69. Prior to that, Christian was press secretary to two Texas governors — John Connally and Price Daniel.

"David Evans exemplifies volunteerism in Texas," said THC Executive Director Larry Oaks. "His work serves as an inspiration for others to follow."

For information about THC's awards visit [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us).

## Monday Club visits Bullock Museum

The Monday Club will meet 11 a.m. May 7 at the Salado United Methodist Church to car pool to the Bob Bullock Museum in Austin.

The group will have lunch at the restaurant in the museum.

# I-35 expansion through Salado topic of May 3 public meeting

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public meeting 6:30 p.m. May 3 at the Salado Intermediate School cafeteria to discuss improvements

to Interstate (IH) 35 in Bell County.

This construction project would begin at FM 2843 south of Salado and end at FM 2484 at the northern edge of Salado. The pur-

pose 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.

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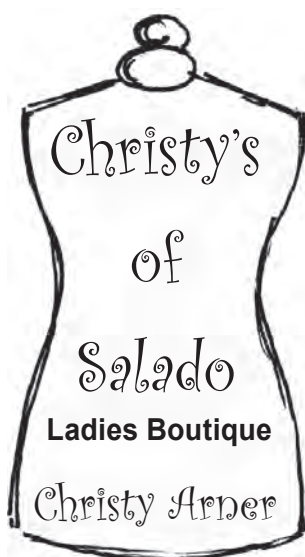
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## Reception honors Darwin Britt

By DR. RAYMOND CARVER

The Public Arts League of Salado (PALS), Mayor Ashe and the Village Aldermen, along with family and friends, honored Darwin Britt, "folk builder," with a reception April 14, in one of the homes he designed and built, now the home of Chuck McCarter and Martha Frances. At the event, Darwin was presented with a Proclamation declaring March 19, (his birth date) Darwin Britt Day in Salado.

Darwin Britt, a corporate dropout, moved to Salado on a balmy day in January, 1974, from Washington, D.C. where he had worked 13 years for IBM. He and his wife, Carolyn, had been persuaded to come to Salado by long time college friend, Bryant Reeves, who knew that Darwin wanted to reinvent himself while prudently maintaining ties with IBM as a consultant. The Britt's bought The Barton House – now The Range – and 14 acres that fronted on Main Street and extended to Salado Creek. There the couple, with daughters Heather, Kendall and Paige, settled in to make Salado their home.

Within the next few years, Bryant Reeves, Lonnie Edwards and Darwin decided to move some old, abandoned buildings from Santa Anna, Texas, to construct a complex of retail shops on Main Street. In spite of naysayers who warned that no one would walk all the way from The Stagecoach Inn to a shopping area across Salado creek, the enterprise succeeded. When completed, the shopping center, Salado Square, received an award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, illustrating "Preservation is good business."

In the process of constructing the shopping center, Darwin found his calling as a designer and builder. So he and Carolyn decided to invest their nest egg in building a spec home using passive solar design concepts, pier and beam foundation with post and beam construction, old bridge timbers and lots of antique architectural materials and limestone.

One of his bankers asked how old would the building materials be, and Darwin responded, "Old? How old is rock?" He built his first house on DeGrummond Way – where Betsy and Knox Tyson now call home – and local folks came to watch the progress. When the house was finished, Carolyn suggested that Darwin have an open house featuring the art of Bryant Reeves and furnishings from Salado retailers. The house sold and new clients became interested, sealing Darwin's fate as Salado's "folk builder." Over a period of time, he built over 25 buildings both residential and commercial in Salado, most of which bear his mark.

In 1987, he formed a company to design and construct furniture and accessories using antique materials with traditional joinery. The retail shop was located in Salado Square. The new business allowed the Britt's to transition from an ailing housing market into a special retail niche, which they built into a thriving small business. Darwin eventually sold the business to John Barnhill, an Austinite, who produced furniture using Darwin's designs and templates.

Today, Darwin manages properties and enjoys a life with his family, especially his Georgetown grandchildren, Tanner and



Darwin Britt

Carolyn Bray. A two-time president of the Salado Chamber of Commerce, he is an active participant in civic activities, study groups and classes in the Austin Graduate School of Theology and is an inveterate supporter of the

arts in Salado. He reads, listens to music, attends concerts and opera. And he's traveled widely from Egypt's Nile River to the "Ultimate source of the Missouri River," discovering new and old worlds.

## Gerhart paintings shown in Salado in April, May

Paintings from long time resident of Salado, Helen Gerhart will grace the Salado Library and the two downtown bank lobbies during the months of April and May.

Gerhart has been a member of the Salado Village Artists for several years and enjoys the sessions on Tuesdays when the group meets to paint. She likes to paint with oils mainly, but can do pastels as well as acrylics. "I really love the classes and workshops that I take with the SVA," she stated. The club offers three or four major painting classes a year as fundraisers. Information about these classes can be obtained by calling Vanne Stowell at 771-5624, or Kathleen LeTourneau at 947-0348.

Gerhart gets most of her ideas for paintings while traveling to places like Yellowstone park, the Grand Canyon and national parks from California to Maine. She and husband Chuck also love to travel small roads in Texas with



Helen Gerhart

no particular destination in mind, except to enjoy the scenery. Her memories turn in to stunning landscapes.

Being an award winning artist is great fun for Helen. She received an Award of Excellence for oils in the recent Barkley Visual Arts Contest, and second place in the animal category.

"Everything around me inspires me," says Helen, "Whether it be wildlife, mountains, or the desert; painting is what I love to do."

Helen's creations will be on display throughout April and May, during business hours.

  
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**APRIL 19**

**Salado Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting**, 5:30 p.m. at The Baines House Spa.

**APRIL 19**

**Fifth Annual Salado Athletic Booster Club Golf Classic** at Mill Creek Golf Club. Registration and chipping contest begin at 11:30 a.m.; shotgun start at 1 p.m. Funds raised go to scholarships for graduating seniors. Registration forms available at all

Salado campuses.

**APRIL 19**

**Salado Public Library presents a Thursday Night at the Salado Civic Center**, 6:30 p.m. featuring Peter Dillilo. Dillilo is the director of the City of Killeen Recycling Center and a Master Gardener. He will speak on "Composting: Easy and Simple." A supply of composting bins will be available for purchase that night, as well as the discussion. Call the Library

for more information, 947-9191.

**APRIL 19**

**Woods of Salado Association Annual Meeting**, 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

**APRIL 20-21**

**The Living Room Theatre of Salado presents "Mo Cutler's Magic,"** featuring Mary Helen Schreiner and Ann Faber, 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Reception following. Call 947-8300 for info.

**APRIL 20-22**

**Salado Silver Spur Theater presents its season opener "LUV,"** a romantic farce comedy. Show times: 7:30 p.m. April 20 and 21, and 2 p.m. April 22. Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$8 for children with military and senior citizen discounts available. Reservations and info: 947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

**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 21**

**The shops of Midtown Salado host an Open House**, will feature extended shopping hours from 5-8 p.m.

**APRIL 23-27**

**New elementary student registration**, 8-11 a.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary. For Pre-K children must be four years old before Sept. 1, five for kindergarten. Parents must bring current shot records, birth certificate and Social Security number. Info: 947-5191. In addition, the PTO will conduct guided tours of the school and will provide gift bags to registering students from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**APRIL 24**

**Cooking classes at The Range**. Theme: Grill-ing on the Patio. Time:

6-8 p.m. Info: 947-3828 or www.threrangerestaurant.com.

**APRIL 26**

**Mill Creek Community Association 'Mexican Fiesta'** 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sam and Dalena Kanouse, 2513 Hester Way. Cost: \$20 for members and their guests; \$25 for non-members and \$5 for children under 12. Info: Judy Fulfer, 254-368-1802.

**APRIL 27-29**

**Salado Silver Spur Theater presents its season opener "LUV,"** a romantic farce comedy. Show times: 7:30 p.m. April 27 and 28, and 2 p.m. April 29. Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$8 for children with military and senior citizen discounts available. Reservations and info: 947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

**APRIL 28**

**Cooking classes at The Range**. Theme: Simple, Fast and Delicious. Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Info: 947-3828 or www.threrangerestaurant.com.

**APRIL 30**

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

**APRIL 30-MAY 8**

**Early voting** for Board of Aldermen, School Board Trustees, and Salado Public Library Directors, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays at Salado Civic Center, except for May 1 and May 8, when extended hours will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

**MAY 3**

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

**MAY 4**

**Local Farmers Market**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

**MAY 4**

**Salado Community Chorus Spring Concert**, 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Free and open to the public.

**MAY 4**

**Masonic Lodges of District 48 Grand Master's Banquet**, honoring Grand Master Donny Broughton and wife Susie, 7 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn Restaurant. Cost: \$23 per person. Reservation required. Dress is business casual. Open to Masons and non-Masons. Info and reservations: George Bushee, 939-5519.

**MAY 4**

**Salado High School's Business Professionals of America (BPA) 1st Annual Dodgecall Tournament**, 4 p.m. at the school. All students, as well as faculty, staff and parents can participate. Teams will consist of seven people, and there will be two divisions, to separate younger players from older players. Cost is \$10 per person. Info: Rocky Boaz, BPA Advisor, rocky.boaz@saladoisd.org.

**MAY 5**

**Salado United Methodist Church Women's Ministry Second Annual Fundraiser, "Celebration 2007: Texas not Tuscany,"** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Chili Cookoff, social, live auction, 8:30-11 p.m.: live music from Burnett-Jones, at Jack's Barn.

**MAY 6**

**Institute for the Humanities Spring Lecture Series - "Privacy Versus Terrorism"** 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 10-13**

**Texas MG Register annual Spring GoF**

**(Gathering of the Faithful) in Salado**. Activities include a picnic at the Stagecoach Inn May 11 and a car show at Pace Park, 11 a.m. May 12. Info: visit the TMGR website at www.tmgr.org or contact TMGR President Russell H. Read at 214-577-2226 or call the Stagecoach Inn any day of the gathering.

**MAY 12**

**Election Day**, for races for Board of Aldermen, School Board of Trustees, and Salado Public Library Directors, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

**MAY 12**

**Salado Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast**, at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center. Details TBA.

**MAY 12**

**Salado Fine Art Trail**. Details TBA.

**MAY 12-13**

**Annual Salado Yard and Garden Tour**, sponsored by the Salado Garden Club and Public Arts League of Salado (PALS). Times: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 12 and 1-4 p.m. May 13. Tickets are priced at \$15. Info: 947-8300 or www.salado.com.

**MAY 15**

**Salado Schools Alumni Association meeting**, 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Anyone who attended any Salado school is welcome.

**MAY 19**

**Mill Creek Community Association Neighborhood Cleanup Day**. Details TBA.

**MAY 22**

**Cooking classes at The Range**. Theme: Party Planner. Time: 6-8 p.m. Info: 947-3828 or www.threrangerestaurant.com.

**MAY 24**

**Cooking classes at The Range**. Theme: Spring and Summer Hors d'oeuvres. Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Info: 947-3828 or www.threrangerestaurant.com.

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**MAY 24**  
**Salado High School Class of 2006-07 commencement ceremony**, at the Mayborn Center on the campus of the University of Mary Hardin Baylor.  
**MAY 25-27**  
**Mill Creek Men's Golf Association** Member/Member Tournament. Details TBA.  
**MAY 26**  
**Manx Car Show** at the Salado Civic Center. Details TBA.  
**MAY 26 AND 27**  
**Wildfire Ranch hosts the Wildfire Truck Explosion Team Roping event.** Info: 947-0291.  
**MAY 28**  
**Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting**, 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Building on Church Street.  
**JUNE 4-7**  
**Summer tennis camp**, for incoming kindergartners through seniors, at the Stagecoach Courts. Times: 8-9 a.m. for K-4th graders; 9-10:30 a.m. for 5th-12th graders. Register with Coach Melissa Hyer. Info: 947-6900 or email mhyer@saladoisd.org.  
**JUNE 4-8**  
**Boys basketball camp** for incoming third-through-ninth graders, at the school. Morning session, for third-sixth graders, will be 8-11:30 a.m. Afternoon session, for seventh-ninth graders, will be in the afternoon. Contact Coach Kenny Mann at kenny.mann@saladoisd.org for registration info.  
**JUNE 9**  
**Annual Salado Reunion**, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School Commons area. Reunion is open to Salado alumni, as well as the general public. A lunch will be served. Info: 254-939-3187 or 254-947-5783.  
**JUNE 11-14**  
**Girls basketball**

**camp**, for incoming fourth through ninth graders, at the school. Morning session, for fourth through sixth graders, will be 9-11 a.m. Afternoon session, for seventh through ninth graders, noon-2 p.m. Cost is \$50, which includes a t-shirt. Contact Coach Beth Moses at beth.moses@saladoisd.org for registration info.  
**JUNE 11-JULY 19**  
**Boys and Girls Strength and Conditioning camp**, for incoming freshmen-seniors, at the Salado High School Track and weight room. Times: 7:30-9 a.m. Cost: \$60. Camp will be held Mondays-Thursdays. Register at Coach Cheatham's office, or call 947-6977 or email jlcheatham@saladoisd.org.  
**JUNE 12**  
**Salado Garden Club meeting**, 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. All gardeners invited.  
**JUNE 20-21**  
**No Short Cuts Volleyball Camp**, for incoming freshmen-seniors, at the Salado Intermediate School gym. Times: 9 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Cost: \$90. To register call Coach Bree Holz at 947-6900 ext. 1304 or email bree.holz@saladoisd.org.

**JUNE 21**  
**Cooking classes at The Range.** Theme: Spring and Summer Brunch Party Ideas. Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Info: 947-3828 or www.therangerestaurant.com.  
**JUNE 23 AND 24**  
**Auditions for Tablerock's production of "Taming of the Shrew,"** 3 p.m. both days at Tablerock's backstage room. Info: David Dunlap, 254-247-0220 or email ddunlap@tablerock.org.  
**JUNE 25**  
**Salado Masonic Lodge #296 meeting**,

7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Building on Church Street.  
**JUNE 28**  
**Cooking classes at The Range.** Theme: Cooking with the Kiddo's. Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Info: 947-3828 or www.therangerestaurant.com.  
**JULY 9-13**  
**Jerry English's Girls' Basketball Camp**, for incoming freshmen-seniors, at the Salado Intermediate School gym. Times: 9 a.m.-noon. Cost: \$100. Registration and info: Coach Beth Moses, 947-6900 ext. 1305 or email bmoses@saladoisd.org.

**JULY 21, 28 AND AUG. 4**  
**15th Annual production of "Salado Legends" outdoor musical drama at Tablerock Amphitheater.** Show times: 8:15 p.m. for each show. Dinner at 7:15 p.m.

Cost for dinner is \$8 for adult or child, and reservations are required. Cost for the performance is \$17 for adults and \$5 for children. Info: 254-947-9205 or www.tablerock.org.  
**JULY 23-26**  
**Football Camp**, for incoming third-ninth graders, at the Salado High School football field. Times: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Cost: \$40. Register with Coach Cheatham or call 947-6977 or email jlcheatham@saladoisd.org.

**JULY 25-27**  
**Salado Village Artists workshop**, led by Garnet Buster. Medium: oil. Info: VeAnn Stowel, 771-5624.  
**JULY 30-AUG. 2**  
**Volleyball Camp**, for incoming sixth-ninth graders, at the SIS gym. Time: 9 a.m.-noon (6th-8th) and 1:30-4:30 p.m. (freshmen).

Cost: \$40. Register with Coach Bree Holz or call 947-6900 ext. 1304 or email bree.holz@saladoisd.org.

**AUGUST 4-5**  
**41st Annual Salado Art Fair, on the grounds**

**of Pace Memorial Park.** Featuring over 100 artists and artisans from Texas and throughout the Southwest. Hours: 8 a.m.-5p.m. Aug. 4 and 8 a.m.-4

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p.m. Aug. 5. Free parking throughout the village. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.

**AUGUST 16**  
**Salado High School Freshmen Orientation Camp**, for all incoming SHS freshmen, 9 a.m.-noon at the High School Library. Attendance strongly recommended. No registration is necessary.

**SEPTEMBER 11**  
**Salado Garden Club meeting**, 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. Program will focus on herbs. All gardeners invited to attend.

**SEPTEMBER 14-16**  
**Mill Creek Men's Golf Association Member/Guest Tournament**. Details TBA.

**SEPTEMBER 15 AND 16**  
**Fantasy Faire at Tablerock**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Characters from history, literature, mythology and imagination invite you to a world of Medieval magic. Music, storytelling, archery tournament, vendors and more. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, seniors, and military with ID. Info: Stephanie Hood, shood@tablerock.org or www.tablerock.org.

**SEPTEMBER 22**  
**Salado Area Republican Women Fine China Luncheon**, 11 a.m. in the

Longhorn Room of the Stagecoach Inn. Info: 939-7085.

**OCTOBER 6-7**  
**Auditions for A Christmas Carol**, 3 p.m. each day at Tablerock. Info: 947-9205.

**OCTOBER 7**  
**Tablerock's Fright Trail auditions**, 5 p.m. at Tablerock. Info: 947-9205 or email tablerock1@aol.com.

**OCTOBER 6, 13 AND 20**  
**Fifth Annual Fall Shakespeare Festival at Tablerock Amphitheater**. The Bard's Taming of the Shrew will be presented under the stars, 7:30 p.m. each performance date. Tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 children 12 and under, student or military; available at the gate or on-line at www.tablerock.org. Info: David Dunlap, director, 254-247-0220 or email ddunlap@tablerock.org.

**OCTOBER 9**  
**Salado Garden Club meeting**, 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. All gardeners invited.

**OCTOBER 12-13**  
**Annual Christmas in October event**, sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. More info TBA.

**OCTOBER 27 AND 28**  
**Tablerock's Halloween Fright Trail**, featur-

ing thrills and chills for young and old. Open 7:30-10:30 p.m. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Concessions will be available. Info: Jackie Mills, 947-9205 or email tablerock1@aol.com.

**OCTOBER 28**  
**Thomas Arnold Elementary PTO "Family County Fair,"** 1-4 p.m. at the Intermediate School. Free admission, and games and food will be available. All ages are welcome, and are invited to arrive in Halloween costumes.

**NOVEMBER 13**  
**Salado Garden Club meeting**, 10 a.m. at the Salado Presbyterian Church. 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Program will be given by Norm Arnold of Houston, designer of gardens, discussing his new garden book on Glorious Texas Gardens. All gardeners invited to attend.

**Nov. 30-DEC. 2**  
**Annual Salado Christmas Stroll week-end**. Details announced at later date. Visit saladovillagevoice.com for information as the days draw closer.

**Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 7 & 8**  
**Tablerock's 15th Annual production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol,"** adapted and directed by

Harry Sweet. Performances set for 7 p.m. each night. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets available at the gate beginning at 6:30 p.m. Concessions open at 6:30 p.m. Info: 947-9205 or email tablerock1@aol.com.

**DECEMBER 7-9**  
**Annual Salado Christmas Stroll week-end**. Details announced at later date. Visit saladovillagevoice.com for information as the days draw closer.

**DECEMBER 11**  
**Salado Garden Club meeting**, location to be announced.

## Gen. Sullivan will address local AUSA on June 20

General (Retired) Gordon R. Sullivan, the Army's 32nd Chief of Staff and, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA), will be the special guest and principal speaker on June 20 at this Central Texas chapter's final General Membership meeting of Program Year 2006-2007. The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. June 20 at the Killeen Civic and Conference Center. For nearly 10 years, General Sullivan has led our association's fight on behalf of America's Army - the entire Army - Active, Reserve, National Guard, Officer, NCO, Enlisted and Retired, plus our Army's family members and civilian employees.



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# Why some diets fail

Why do conventional diets fail? I mean, if any of these supposed "mainstream" diets worked, do you think we would find ourselves in the middle of this American health crisis today?

It would be a moot point to break down each and every diet being implemented in America today, as not only would that information be novel sized, but there are common challenges with the theories behind these supposed nutritional programs.

I will list three philosophies that your nutritional program should follow. If the diet you are following today does not take into account all of the concepts, then you are surely creating a damaged metabolism and accelerating your aging process!

The word diet will now be spelled in capital letters for a four letter effect! We should begin to use the word "regimen" as it implies; daily, achievable and lifestyle.

1) Does your diet focus on the "Law of Thermodynamics," creating a pro-

## LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By KEVIN McCauley



gram of reduced calories, low-calorie and non-fat foods? If so, that is a huge problem, as the first thing all of us should do is make an effort to improve the quality of our foods and develop a daily regimen of highly nutritious foods with low calories. This supposed "Law" does not speak to your issues with blood sugar and hormone levels, which are two variables within losing weight that I believe that are more important to your health than reducing caloric intake.

2) Is your diet a one-size-fits-all kind of program? There is no such diet! What works for you, may do nothing for your spouse and may actually destroy your children's health. Your nutritional regimen should base itself specifically on two things: your ancestry and your environment. Even if you have an identical twin, the environment can change

your individual bio-chemistry slightly from theirs. Don't fall into the trap of just doing what's popular, it could be a killer!

3) Does your diet limit the types of foods you can consume? Now, there is truth in that a protein type needs to cut down on their starches and a carbohydrate type may not metabolize fattier proteins as well, but to just restrict specific macronutrients from your daily regimen because they are considered "bad" is a huge mistake. Once again, what may be very beneficial for you may be detrimental for your friend.

In summation, here are three Progressive Wellness points:

1. Your nutritional regimen should focus on the quality of real whole food you consume, then and only then, the quantity.
2. Pay attention to how your nutritional regimen

is making you feel from meal to meal.

3. If you have fallen into the trap of thinking that some foods are better for you because they are high in fat or low in fat, you need to reassess your thought process.

This week, take a look at your nutritional regimen, and make the appropriate changes. Just a small consistent effort can make a huge change in your overall health.

Kevin is a Lifestyle and Wellness Coach/Certified Clinical Nutritionist in Salado. He is the owner/operator of Progressive Wellness Services, a Total Wellness Company. Kevin helps families instill positive lifestyle habits into their lives, including: proper nutrition, smart exercise and understanding hormonal responses. If you have any questions e-mail Kevin at yoube-well@earthlink.net.

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## Southwestern Watercolor Society coming

The Southwestern Watercolor Society will be painting their way around Salado April 28 with more than a dozen painters coming to the village for the weekend.

The group will eat dinner and register at the Stagecoach Inn on April 27.

In the morning April 28, artists will set up at various locations throughout the village for the first of two three-hour painting sessions. Some of the places to look for these Artists

in Action include Stonecreek Settlement, Sirena, Salado United Methodist Church chapel, Pace Park and Tenroc Ranch.

Artist in Action signs will designate the painters as they work.

Salado Village Artists will play host to the visiting painters for a light lunch at the Salado Village Art Center on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center.

Following lunch, the painters will return to their work throughout the

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With members from all parts of the nation and many foreign countries, the Southwestern Watercolor Society has become one of the largest watercolor societies in America.

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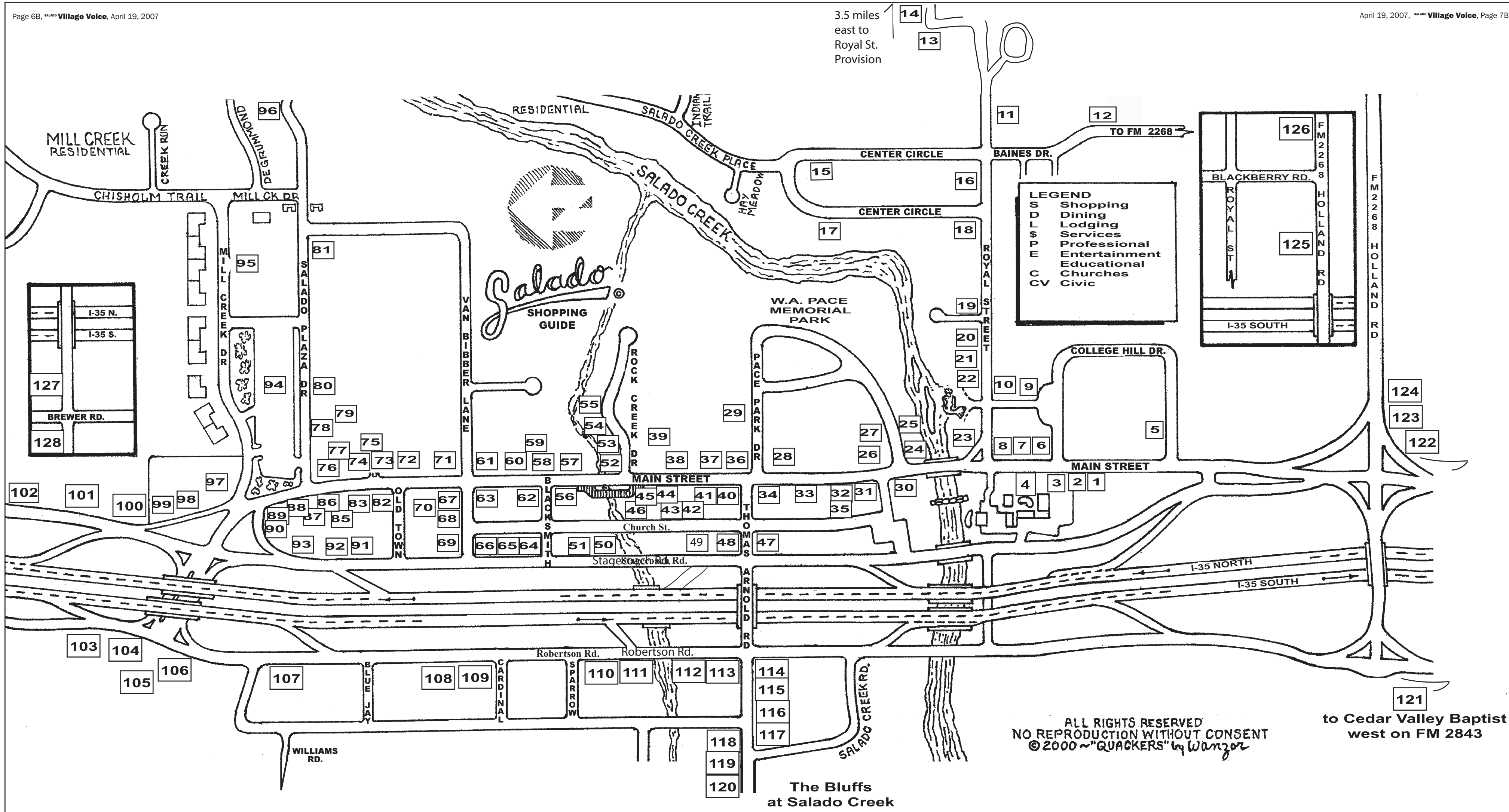
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## Hoffman will teach free watercolor class

Have you ever wanted to learn to paint? Would you like to unlock some of the secrets of watercolor? Now is your chance. Joan Hoffman, award winning artist from Salado

and charter member of the Salado Village Artists, will teach a beginner class all about watercolors May 1. This class is free to members and guests. You must register however as the class is limited to 15 people.

Hoffman hopes to open the world of watercolor up for those folks who have always wanted to try it but lacked the knowledge of how to start. There is a supply list at the Village

art center located behind the Civic Center on Main Street. Any one who is interested may come by on Tuesday morning, or for a supply list call VeAnn Stowell 771-5624.

This is a first time event for the Art Group. Usually, the workshops are the fund raisers for the club, but Joan is opening a rare occasion by offering the one day class for free. The class will be offered 1-4 p.m.



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## Style Show April 21

Shown at left is Christy Arner of Christy's and (at right) Susan Kelder, co-owner of Alice's, with fashions they will be giving away at the style show and benefit luncheon held by the Chisholm Trail Chapter of American Business Women's Association April 21 in the Longhorn Room of the Stagecoach Inn. A sell-out crowd is expected. All proceeds go toward scholarships.

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# Library presents gardening program

## April 19 at the Civic Center

BY KAREN KINNISON

I know everyone is busy looking at the gorgeous bluebonnets popping up all over, and of course, mowing their yards, cleaning out the gutters, raking up the oak leaves, waiting for the "oak worms" to fall and all that a Texas spring brings with it. And, your Salado Public Library is marching in to spring with a full slate of events and happenings.

For the up-coming elections in May the library will have four candidates for the board running in this election. The four candidates running for election will be: Patty Campbell, Taylor Willingham, Thad Willson, and Susan Krals. Patty and Susan are current board members. Taylor and Thad are challengers. There are two seats to fill this year.

Also, the library is presenting "Thursday Night at the Salado Civic Cen-

## Check It Out



News & Notes from  
Salado Public Library

ter" featuring Peter Dillilo, Master Gardener and Director of the City of Killeen Recycling Center. Dillilo will be speaking on "Composting, Easy and Simple for One and All," 6:30-8 p.m. April 19. Compost bins will be for sale. This is open to the public and is free. For further information, call Alayne Fuller-Ramsden at 947-9191.

And mark your calendar for another movie "event"-- the Movie Night will continue to be held but, in April, it will be 7 p.m. April 30, at the Civic Center. This month's fea-

ture will be about sharks and there will be a guest speaker. More about that later in the month. Also, the movie will be shown to school children that afternoon at 1 p.m. And...of course, there will be popcorn.

And naturally, there are always new books and DVD's to discover at the library. One that you must "check out" is the new book about Salado by Charlie Turnbo.

We now have a just-published copy of -- **Salado Texas: Frontier College Town.** It's a large, handsome book with a lot of wonderful photos of old Salado and an extensive history of the college which for so long defined Salado. Charlie is a life-long student of Texas history and a freelance writer specializing in Central

## Dodge Ball!

Salado High School's Business Professionals of America (BPA) will be hosting a Dodgeball Tournament as a fund raiser beginning at 4 p.m. on campus May 4. All students K-12 as well as faculty, staff, and parents are invited to participate.

The entry fee is \$10 per person with a seven person team format. Each team is required to have a least two females. There will be two divisions: Small Kids and Big Kids.

Any questions can be directed to, Rocky Boaz, BPA advisor. Email is: rocky.boaz@saladoisd.org

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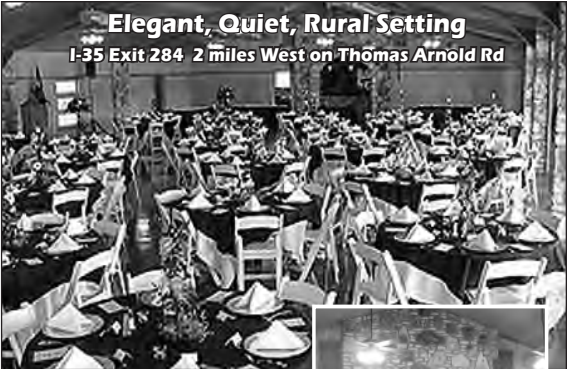
Here are some new books coming up soon by your favorite authors - **The Alibi Man** by Tami Hoag; **Hunter's Moon** by Randy Wayne White; two new mysteries by the Clarks--Mary Higgins and Carol Higgins; a new Alex Delaware novel; Ian Rankin's **The Naming of the Dead**; and a new Texas herbal mystery by Susan Wittig Albert called **Spanish Dagger**.

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# Krals' dry creek farm open May 12-13 for annual Salado Yard and Garden Tour

By MARGARET WILLIAMSON

The garden and home of Susan and Len Krals is tucked discreetly away from the outside gaze – a hidden gem of Salado. Traveling past a grove of trees and over a dry creek bed (as of late, it has been wet), you come upon a lovely meadow setting with the home nestled within a large wooded area and the gardens located on the perimeter.

Lavender plants border the path to the largest garden (8100 square feet) where lavender dominates. With the border plants and the plants in the garden, Susan has between 300 and 400 lavender plants. Lavender is a small shrubby herb with silvery blue-grey leaves and very fragrant flowers ranging from light to dark purple in color. It is planted in rows of small hills because it does not like wet feet. It has been a prized herb for hundreds of years, used in perfumes, medicines and in cooking recipes. Testimonials have been made over its cure of cold distempers of the head, against palsy, convulsions, dimness of sight and swooning fits among others.

A beautiful quote on the merits of lavender is, "used not only to make life smell richer and more tolerable, but also a medicinal relief for ailments from headaches to insomnia, lavender oil has always been a prize." We should all have a little lavender in our life. Brush up next to it or run your fingers through the shrub and you will enjoy the aromatic fragrance it produces.

Companion plants in this garden include antique roses, a variety of herbs (wormwood, santolina, lemon balm, Jerusalem sage, fennel, basil, etc), vegetables, perennials (there are a number of pelargoniums, or scented geraniums that are delight-



(PHOTO BY MARGARET WILLIAMSON)

*A magnificent and delicious looking artichoke found in the garden of Susan and Len Krals.*

ful and drought tolerant additions to a garden and can be cultivated for their scents), Texas natives and reseeding annuals. Around the edge of this garden is a row of rosemary, a new planting of grape vines under a rustic cedar arbor and cedar teepees, standing tall that have gourd plants mixed with morning glories and climbing old roses. Walk up and down the rows of assorted mixture of plantings and take in the wonderful aroma that surrounds.

Stroll the paths and discover experimental scatter gardens along the way: a water tank brimming with succulents, sedums and a stunning artichoke agave displaying the garden as another form of art. Enjoy the beautiful and structural blue agaves that came from Susan's mother's place in Hunt, Texas. Blue agaves were cultivated by the Aztecs around 9000 years ago and the distilled sap of the heart of the agave is

used to make tequila.

The plant is related to the lily and amaryllis. Interlaced within this garden is lantana, rosemary, autumn sage and native grasses that give differing color and texture. Adding height to the space is the Afghan pine that is about the only pine that will grow in Central Texas. Nearby this corner garden is an asparagus patch with the tall asparagus spikes reaching upward and displaying their airy and delicate blossoms. Walk a little further and discover a charming enclosed vegetable garden with its cedar archway draped with old roses and gate focusing ones attention on the interior with the mixed group of vegetables (beets, tomatoes, Swiss chard, peppers, etc), reseeding poppies and other annuals. There are benches and swings where one can stop and enjoy the view of the gardens, the interesting garden ornaments and the unique bottle tree with its varied color bottles. Folk lore of the bottle tree is that it will protect one's home from evil spir-

its by capturing the spirits in the bottles and when the wind blows, the low sound emitted from the bottles are from the spirits captured inside.

Other yards and gardens on the tour are the courtyard garden of St Joseph's Chapel featuring antiques and art objects among the colorful container plantings and shade filled intimate and serene space; the engaging garden of Teresa and Al Tolbert that showcases Teresa's love of roses, daylilies, iris and perennials along with a rock garden where one can stroll among sages, rosemary, elephant garlic and the many sedums; the lovely landscaped yard of Marilyn and Robbie Griffin with a wide variety of plantings and an inviting terrace overlooking the Mill Creek Golf Course; the impressive and beautiful Tenroc Ranch of Mike Cornett that exudes a spirit of place with an abundance of limestone, cacti, majestic live oaks and native flora; and the public Green Bridge garden featuring flowering Texas natives, sculpture by artist Troy Kelley and the historical lenticular iron truss bridge.

The tour, sponsored by the Salado Garden Club and the Public Arts League of Salado, will be held on May 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on May 13 from 1-4 p.m.. Gardens will be self guided with volunteers helping to answer questions when needed. Tickets are priced at \$15 and are good for both days. Maps will be available leading to each location with a description of each garden. Tours will be conducted rain or shine. Due to the terrain of most of the gardens wheelchair accessibility is limited and strollers and pets are not permitted. Further information can be found on the Salado Chamber website, [www.salado.com](http://www.salado.com) or by calling 254-947-8300. Proceeds will go to the beautification and promotion of the arts in the Village of Salado. To view other articles on the gardens or photos of the different gardens visit the *Salado Village Voice* website, [www.saladovillagevoice.com](http://www.saladovillagevoice.com) and click on the calendar.

In addition to the garden tour on May 12, the Salado art galleries will host the annual Art Trail from 5-9 p.m. with receptions showcasing their gallery artists and a number of Salado shops will extend their business hours so people can visit their shops after the tour.



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*A beautiful display of art in the garden – a combination of sedums, succulents and native grasses - can be seen during the Salado Yard and Garden Tour May 12-13.*

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by

## Tumbleweed Smith



offer from Blue Bell. He didn't cash any of the checks from Blue Bell for six months because he didn't want the company to go into the red. In 1930 he changed the name of the company to Blue Bell Creameries, named for a flower that blooms in July. Blue Bell's growth has been slow and steady. Its ice cream entered the Houston market in 1959, the Austin market in 1965

and the Dallas market in 1978. Waco felt slighted and put up a billboard with the words "YOU CAN'T GET BLUEBELL ICE CREAM IN WACO." Soon Blue Bell entered Waco. When the distribution center for West Texas opened in Big Spring, Blue Bell had its biggest sales week in the company's history up to that time. Blue Bell is now in 16 states, from Arizona to North Carolina and is the third largest ice cream company in the country. Two thousand eight hundred people work at Blue Bell, 800 of them in Brenham. The employees own 40 percent of the company. E.F. Kruse managed the company until he passed away in 1951. At that time his son Ed Kruse took over as manager. Ed's brother Howard followed him and now Ed's son Paul is president and CEO of Blue Bell. The Kruse family has run the company for 88 years. Milk for Blue Bell ice

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## SARW slates meeting

The monthly meeting of the Salado Area Republican Women will be held at Stonecreek Settlement Bed & Breakfast, 714 College Hill Drive, on April 26. The luncheon will commence at noon and will feature Col. (ret.) John Mayer, United States Army, who will present a program entitled "The Differences between Democrats and Republicans."

Mayer serves as vice-chair of the Bell County Republican Party and has been very active in local Republican activities. He and his wife, Nancy, reside in Killeen. Those wishing to attend need to mail a \$12.50 check to SARW; P.O. Box 373; Salado, TX 76571 by April 23. Nancy Healey, first vice president, may be called at 947-5003 for questions regarding the meeting.

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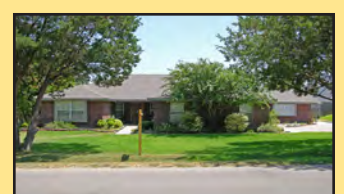
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\$229,500: 104 Chelsea Circle, Salado. Texas Stone home with metal roof. Two living areas, plus study or formal dining. Den has rock fireplace.



\$237,500: 1236 Crystal Springs, Salado. 3 BR, 2 BA on 4.34 acres in Hidden Springs. Heavily wooded.



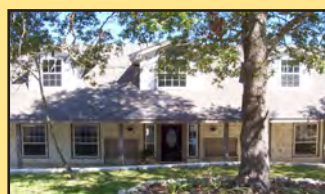
\$239,900: 3416 Chisholm Tr., Salado. Great floor plan. Private wing with 4th BR & 3rd BA. Covered back patio.



\$274,900: 6082 FM 2484, Salado. Rock home on almost 5 acres nestled among oak trees. 2 car carport with storage and office.



\$289,700: 513 Royal View, Salado. 4 BR home in great neighborhood close to downtown Salado.



\$329,000: 818 Hillcrest Dr., Salado. Early Texas architecture design. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 bonus rooms, granite countertops.



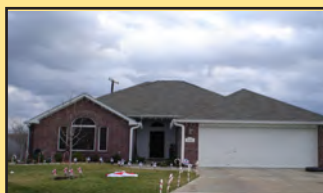
\$335,000: 206 Royal View, Salado. Great views from the back covered porch of this new construction. Sitting area in Master bedroom.



\$335,900: 200 Carriage House, Salado. Backs up to a wet weather creek just minutes from downtown Salado. Tile throughout living, dining, & kitchen.



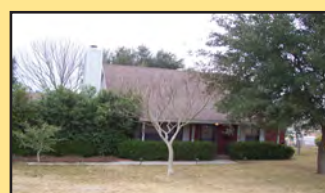
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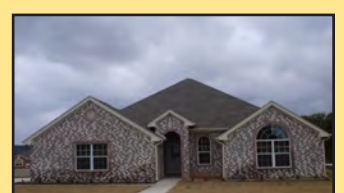
\$149,300: 1017 Neuberry Cliffe, Temple. Nice 3 BR, 2 BA with large back yard in gated community. Belton schools.



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Thanks to forward-thinking action by the European Union (EU), people around the world are beginning to recognize that wasteful packaging puts unnecessary stress on the environment. In 1994 the EU issued a "Directive on Packaging and Packaging Waste," putting the responsibility of waste reduction and reclamation on manufacturers instead of on retailers, consumers and local governments.

The program, popularly known as "Producer Pays" or "Extended Producer Responsibility," requires product makers to either take back their packaging (consumers can leave it behind in the store or send it back in the mail at the producers' expense), or pay a fee to an organization called "Green Dot" that will handle it for them. "Green Dot" is now the standard take-back program in two-dozen European countries.

According to Bette Fishbein of INFORM, Inc., a nonprofit environmental research organization based in the U.S., the concept has "spread like wildfire" and has been adopted by many industrialized nations—including Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Japan, Korea and Taiwan—but not yet by the United States, which could certainly benefit. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) annual generation of municipal

solid waste in the U.S. increased from 88 million tons in 1960 to 229 million tons in 2001, with containers and packaging making up almost a third of the weight.

Some U.S. companies are also taking initiative. Microsoft worked with Packaging 2.0, a packaging solutions company that recycles used materials into new packaging, to develop an environmentally responsible and reusable package for its line of GPS consumer electronics products. In 2008 Wal-Mart will implement a "packaging scorecard" to measure and evaluate its entire supply chain.



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