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Salado scores 10 straight in final minutes for 49-44 win

## Eagles avoid Bees' sting, get to Regionals

By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
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Make no mistake about it. The Academy Bumblebees came to play.

For the better part of the March 1 regional quarterfinal game, the third-place finishers from District 25AA outplayed the second-ranked, district champion Eagles, setting the stage for what would have been an upset of sizable proportions.

But Travis Clark, who was held without a shot in the first half, poured in 18 in the second half, propelling the Eagles to a dramatic 49-44 win over their decades-old rivals in front of a standing-room crowd at Belton High School.

With the win Salado moves on to face Vanderbilt Industrial in the regional semifinals, 8 p.m. March 4 at the Delco Center, in northeast Austin. This marks the farthest advancement ever for a Salado boys basketball team.

Academy, still riding the wave from their upset of number eight Universal City Randolph in the area round, came out aggressive and energetic on offense. But it was

their zone defense, and their blanketing of Travis Clark, that was the story early on. Unable to effectively penetrate the zone and move the ball into the paint, Salado was held to nine points in the first quarter, five of those from Matt Jennings.

Still, though, Salado led by two at the end of one. That advantage would be short-lived, however, as the teams would exchange leads over a dozen times over the course of the game.

Hampered by turnovers and a lack of rebounds in the second quarter, Salado allowed the Bees to stay close, and the teams went to the half knotted at 17.

After being reduced to a non-factor offensively in the first half, Travis Clark - Salado's leading scorer this season - put the team on his back in the third.

While both teams continued to jockey for the lead, Clark sank his first shot attempt of the night, a three pointer at 5:52 in third, pulling Salado within two, 23-21.

Behind a raucous Academy crowd, the Bees seemed to steal the momentum in the middle of the third, opening a 29-23

lead with little more than two minutes remaining in the quarter.

But Salado, who defeated Academy by a combined 34 points in their previous two encounters, showed the resilience of a top-ranked team. Following a pair of free throws from Matt Caskey, Nick Everett popped a baseline jumper, and Travis Clark penetrated the Academy zone, dropping in a two-pointer to tie the score at 29-29.

Another three-pointer from Clark with seconds left in the third put the Eagles on top, but Academy rushed down the court, drew a two-shot foul and hit both free throws to give the Bees a 33-32 lead entering the fourth.

The final quarter saw the two squads trade momentum. With Academy leading 38-34 at 3:45, Caskey knifed into the lane and executed a dynamic finger-roll layup to carve two points off the Academy lead.

But things got much more uncertain for Salado after that. Academy assembled a five-point, 44-39 lead with less than three minutes left on the clock, and looked as

though they would try to stall and run out the clock.

But Clark again rose to the occasion, knocking down another three pointer, this time at 2:18. Clark's shot edged Salado to within two, 44-42. That would be the start of a 10-0 Eagle run to close out the game.

With under a minute to play, Clark took the ball on the wing, drove inside, drew a foul and hit the shot. When he converted his free throw to complete the three point play, the Eagles were up for good, 45-44.

Two free throws from Caskey, and an errant desperation shot from Academy, which led to a breakaway layup for Caskey, iced the five-point Salado win.

Clark's 18 led all scorers, while Caskey closed out the game with 14 points. Jennings and James Gregurek both had five, while Dunn scored three, and Everett and Ryan Clark both had two. Academy's Nathan Ash - a thorn in Salado's side the entire game - had 16 points.

The win improved Salado to 26-7 on the season.



Salado point guard Matt Caskey leaps above the Academy defense during the Eagles' 49-44, comeback win over the Bees. Salado will now face Vanderbilt-Industrial in the regional semifinals, 8 p.m. March 4 in Austin. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

## Facilities tours set for school bond

Salado schools will open their doors to the public during two facilities tours in March, as the school district prepares for a \$17 million bond proposal April 2 for construction of a new high school complex at the corner of FM 2484 and Williams Rd.

Anyone interested in touring the current high school campus and athletic facilities, as well as Thomas Arnold Elementary is invited to gather in front of Salado High School at 1 p.m. March 9

or March 30.

The \$17 million bond proposal calls for the construction of a two-story high school complex with accompanying athletic facilities on the 50-acre property purchased by Salado ISD last fall. The school district is paying interest on a \$500,000 one-year loan for the purchase of the property, at the end of which the district will either refinance the loan or pay it in full from the district's \$1.9 million fund balance.

The school district pro-

poses to build academic core facilities for 750 students and classroom capacity for 550 students, as well as having the following priority checklist of athletic facilities: 1. new football/track stadium, 2. tennis courts, and 3. baseball field and softball field.

Early voting will be 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. March 16-29 at the Salado Civic Center. Additional early voting opportunities will include these: 5:30-8 p.m. March 22, at Salado Intermediate School; 7-8

a.m. March 24 at Thomas Arnold Elementary, 8 a.m.-noon March 26 at Salado Civic Center and 4:30-8:30 p.m. March 29 at Salado Intermediate School.

On Election Day, the polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. April 2 at Salado High School.

Citizens for Excellence and Opportunity, a group endorsing passage of the bond will host a community meeting 7 p.m. March 24 at the Salado Civic Center to discuss the bond package.



Shelley Smith visits with Cynthia and David Apichino, owners of Uncommon Grounds Cafe, during the annual Taste of Salado Feb. 28 at Tenroc Ranch, benefiting the Salado Public Arts League. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)



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### Masons' dinner March 4

The Salado Masonic Lodge #296 Catfish Dinner will be 5-7 p.m. March 4 at Salado Intermediate School. \$6 per plate. Fish can be baked or fried. Cost includes coffee, tea and dessert. Proceeds will benefit the Lodge scholarship fund to Salado students.

Tickets will be available at the door.

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## She Makes Us Proud

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's recent trip to Europe signals that the United States is back in the diplomacy business in earnest again. Part of the reason is that after four years of Colin Powell, the United States now has a secretary of state in full.

Rice was helped in Europe by having a wind at her back from Bush's re-election and the Jan. 30 vote in Iraq, and there will surely be difficult days ahead for her (can you say Pyongyang?). But her tenure, following directly on the heels of Powell's, will probably offer a tale of two secretaries of state.

Rice gets things Powell never did. For instance, that leaking to Bob Woodward and other Washington Post reporters is not the secretary of state's chief responsibility. Or that being known as a dissenter from administration policy only undermines your standing and your credibility as a spokesman for the United States.

Powell was the least-traveled secretary of state in 30 years, for a couple of reasons. One was that he wanted to stay home to be better able to engage in the vicious intramural fighting necessary to undermine the president's policy. The other was that he considered travel an inconvenience. (Shouldn't that have been a sign he was better suited to be secretary of the interior?)

Rice, in contrast, supports the president's policy and is loyal to him, so she has no need to hang around in Washington to indulge in bureaucratic back-stabbing. She is also young and vigorous, a workout obsessive who is up to the rigors of foreign travel.

This is a good thing, because Rice's trip proved the Woody Allen truism that 80 percent of life is showing up. If you are willing to stand before a potentially hostile

## Rich Lowry



foreign audience (in Paris, of all places!) and explain U.S. policy, or stand next to a foreign counterpart and take skeptical questions from reporters, your very act of being there shows a level of attention and caring that wins points. And when you are as winsome as Condi Rice, you might actually move some people.

Indeed, it would take a heart of stone and an utter disregard for symbolism not to be a little moved at the images of Rice shaking hands with foreign dignitaries. Those pictures fairly yelled -- "Look, this is America!"

When Bush is trying to reform a part of the world that has the lowest possible regard for women, Rice implicitly says women are as capable as men. When Bush wants Middle Eastern governments to respect pluralism and people of all faiths and ethnicities, Rice implicitly says race and creed needn't matter. When Bush is extolling the power of freedom and American ideals, Rice implicitly says liberty and respect for human dignity can triumph over injustice, as they did in her 1950s-era Birmingham, Ala.

She, in other words, is a secretary of state to make us proud. Her trip therefore coupled national pride with diplomatic niceties. What a combination.

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## Privatization still first on Bush

### "mandated" agenda; Deficit spending triggers memories of FDR and LBJ

The privatization of Social Security remains a sizzling subject in Washington and across America with both sides of the debate hardening, as seen from wide ranging comments starting with outright denigrations of the plan and its chief architect President Bush - mostly by Democrats, but also from a growing contingent of moderate Republicans, and a strong majority of the age 55+ citizenry.

Negatives are partially offset by loud huzzahs from a wide assortment of conservative loyalists (who believe everything they're told provided it leans to the right of center); the younger generation (age 18-34) who want more retirement bucks (but without risk); and those who profit big-time from the market place - the Wall Street manipulators, financial movers and shakers, theoretical economists, plus hard-liners who believe in fairy tales - from the "trickle down" enthusiasts, to supporters of laissez faire government that's short on rules and long on tax cuts.

There's also an amazingly large cadre of folks out there who appear to be living in a "little world all their own" - as discovered when nearly one-third of those questioned (in most polls) apparently have no interest, opinion or clue as to what the pollster is talking about!

#### FREE LUNCHERS AND RISK

Reputable polls taken recently, produced another surprising result that merits attention. Newsweek found that a staggering 75 percent of voters under 35, believe the SS system is facing a funding crisis and support the partial privatizing of their SS accounts - **with one important reservation.**

These non-adventurous "free lunchers" are more than willing to risk some of their SS tax in Wall Street - **provided the government protects them should their private accounts go broke!**

#### BUSH REVERSAL?

This column has long subscribed to the notion that if just two simple moves by Congress were made, the Social Security program would regain solvency and remain that way well into the next century.

Item one: Force Congress to redeem their worthless IOU's given in exchange for the 2.5 trillion dollars "stolen" from the Social Security Trust Fund.

Item two: Remove the \$90,000 cap on wages that could then be taxed for social security and medicare purposes.

Naturally Congress and the White House are reluctant to exercise either of these options since it would require new taxes to repay the Trust Fund, and increase SS tax coverage, both of which are anathema to right thinking conservatives who have earned (in battle) their zealotite (no tax) combat badges.

However - just two weeks ago President Bush, while out in the hustings (actually New Haven, Connecticut) told reporters that he "remains opposed only to boosting the SS tax rate, but the increase in the amount covered is on the table and open for discussion!"

#### "SKY IS FALLING" REACTION

A public presidential pratfall could not have caused greater furor than that simple statement by "The Man." "Woe betide us" cried the wealthy; "All is lost;" "Man the lifeboats;" and more to their point of view: "Get hold of our congresspersons and tell them to put a stop to this dastardly plot to pass new taxes and take away our "bought and paid for" Bush tax cut bonanza."

The White House is still bumbling

## Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



around trying to explain the Bushspeak as a typical off-the-cuff "gaffe." A few kindly souls termed it a "metaphysical epiphany." Others with a more cynical bent say it was a clever way to kill a good idea - while appearing to be bi-partisan.

#### FEDERAL SPENDING GONE NUTS!

Top nationwide news stories reveal a growing concern over the non-stop budget deficits and our out-of-control national debt, which unfortunately is kept afloat primarily by international banks, and which should be a worrisome economic problem even for a high-dollar global player like the U.S.

With federal spending skyrocketing and tax cuts headed for permanency - the budget is "balanced" through huge loans from flinty-eyed bankers in South Korea, Japan, Indonesia, and a few European financial centers that are still on speaking terms.

Historically, having so many American treasury notes held by foreign nations leads to a weakening dollar (which is happening), and many times is a precursor to worldwide recessions.

#### RUNAWAY SPENDING EXAMPLE

Example of runaway spending? Take a look at the recently passed Prescription Drug Law which initially had a \$400 billion price tag. Today it's romped to \$700 billion and the Congressional Budget Office says it will eventually reach \$1.3 trillion.

No chance of changing this monster that some call the Pharmacy Industry's private financial security blanket. Bush swears he will veto any amendments. Question is "why?"

#### SHADES OF FDR AND LBJ

As we observe the spending frenzy of Congress and our nation's mounting debt, that will worsen by the eventual cost of privatizing social security; the Medicare prescription drug bill; the cost of war, occupation and rebuilding Iraq, Afghanistan; and a pending fight with Iran, North Korea and goodness knows who else - we can certainly understand why conservatives are having sweaty nightmares; daytime vapors; and trembling rigors as they observe "their" Congress acting like Democrats, rather than traditional Republicans whose belief system once included discipline in spending and cutting taxes.

You can hear them muttering: "Shades of FDR's New Deal or horror of horrors - LBJ's Great Society, and their ghoulish spending sprees."

However - Republicans - cannot escape the fact that the GOP is in charge and as they stridently march forward happily slicing off millions in aid for the helpless, while vainly trying to stem the tide of trillion dollar shortfalls. All this leads us to wonder what caused these newfangled "neo-conservatives" to become deficit-addicts?

Did they suddenly fall out of "dumb trees" and hit every branch on the way down? Or simply reconfigured their core conservative belief that by spending more and taxing less - the economy will grow and we'll eventually find ourselves in the cat bird seat.

Probably sitting right next to the "joker" who invited the "trickle down" economic system. You know - the "all-wet" guy with damp trouser legs.

That's -30-

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# Salado ISD Honor Rolls 4th 6 Weeks

**Thomas Arnold Elementary All A Honor Roll Second Grade All As**  
Ashley Beasley  
Cecilia Cantu  
Bethany Cheatham  
Christian Deal  
Breanna Landry  
Cameron Markham  
Cole Morrow  
Kristen Oakes  
Faith Renfro  
Preston Weaver  
Ryan Bradley  
Kaylan Brown  
Sean Clement  
Sabia Colby  
Katy Croftcheck  
Chase Kelly  
Tyler LeGuin  
Branson Long  
Lana Parsons  
Ariana Rangel  
Shelby Tepera  
Hawk Thompson  
Ellis VanSickle  
Taylor Atwood  
Ashley Combs  
Casey Daniell  
Bryant Lisenbe  
Simon Pinkston  
Jacob Quick  
Landry Smith  
Dylen Bradley  
Dakota Cloud  
Marissa DeLeon  
Rachel Evans  
Michaela Fox  
Dalton Hankamer  
Issac Henriquez  
Robin Kelley  
Kyle King  
Jacob Little  
Kandes Ponder  
Kaitlyn White  
Jessica Wolf

**Third Grade All As**  
Dennie Barker  
Kindell Hill  
Savannah Ortiz  
Rachel Ray  
Casey Frazier  
Drew Van Winkle  
Jordan Drake  
Kyle Heiner  
Kase Spears  
Morgan Bassa  
Tristan Bragg  
Clayton Cole  
Dane Hankamer  
Michael Hester  
Daniel Lemus  
Davis Little  
Sierra Armstrong  
Reagan Best  
Robert Cortez  
Elizabeth Franco  
Samantha Laurenson  
Amy Manna  
Tyler Tischler

**4th Grade All As**  
Jessica Armas  
Michael Butts  
Cooper Cox  
Taylor Cromwell  
Billy Golding  
Joshua Oyler  
Cheyenne Pyle  
Jacey Roberts  
Anna Buchele  
Johnny Goode  
Marcene Grimsley  
Kyle Suhling  
Michael Brookbank  
Dale Clement  
Reece Hoflund  
Mattie Price  
Haley Williams  
Todd Bailey  
Madison DePriest  
Bryce Martin  
Paige Merrit  
Taylor Mullins  
Patrick Murray  
Kylie Robinson  
Stephen Sibbitt  
Meredith Ward

**Thomas Arnold**

**Elementary A-B Honor Roll Second Grade A-B Honor Roll All As**  
David Berumen  
Stephen Brookbank  
Magnum Burcham  
Jessica Maughan  
Morgan Nazario  
Oren Wilkerson  
Jessica Bush  
Jacob Hambright  
McKayla Hodge  
Jarrett Hodges  
Joshua Martinez  
Morgan Marburger  
Faith Arnold  
Caleb Briehn  
Rebecca Carroll  
Tori Howerton  
Colby Medlin  
Keaton Mims  
Carmella Perez  
Hunter Haagsma  
Jessica James  
Madison Matsi  
Colby Smith  
Gema Vitolas

**Third Grade A-B Honor Roll All As**  
Lexis Warren  
Jaylee Sebek  
Katie Kyle  
Caden Eary  
Brad Cosper  
Caitlin Stanley  
Vladimir Para  
James Svadlenak  
Alicia Decker  
Mason Price  
Taryn Kornegay  
Josie Norman  
Isaac Hopkins  
Macy Ashford  
Trey Mohler  
Anna Bracken  
Nicholas Cousins  
Lacee Dusek  
Morgan Mattson  
Sommer Sloan  
Brandon Walker  
Taylor West  
Brandon Wilhite  
Jeana Marquez  
Mason Charanza  
Derrick Fitzpatrick  
Chase Manning  
Anissa Peralta  
Daniel Rosenau  
Colby Priest

**Fourth Grade A-B Honor Roll All As**  
Janna Arguellez  
Cody Baxter  
Barton Cheatham  
Emily Hardcastle  
Trey Mohler  
Sean Moore  
Gustavo Ortiz  
Brie Taylor  
Mildred Tonchez  
Brandon Womac  
Kalyn Blair  
Luke Cooper  
Hannah Kelarek  
Madison Kelley  
Tom Kyle  
Amber Monk  
Dillon Passage  
Jose Perez  
Josh Robinson  
Courtney Sloan  
Lani Barton  
Alex DeLeon  
Matthew Holdampf  
Cameron Kirchmeier  
Cody Lankford  
John Pegues  
Liza Spurlock  
Megan Mattson  
Morgan Taylor  
Christian Wilkerson  
Samuel Barrett  
Coby Giniewicz  
William Grace  
Cameron Masson  
Christian Masson  
Eric McGregor  
Kourtney Walker  
Kaci Wells  
Shelby Boniface

**Salado Intermediate**

**School A Honor Roll Fifth Grade All As**  
Armstrong, Austin C  
Austin, Mikayla N  
Dale, James T  
Davidson, Kaycie D  
Eary, Taylor N  
Langford, Cara A  
Limon, Francisco J  
Marburger, Taylor A  
McGillick, Kirsten R  
Meiman, Colton L  
Norman, Kori L  
Palomino, Kelsey L  
Payne, Lorna N  
Pinkerton, Teresa M  
Quesinberry, Dennis R  
Rex, Joseph C  
Sellers, Victoria M  
Smith, Cameron L  
Spears, Koby B

**Sixth Grade All As**  
Bintz, Camryn R  
Boydston, Brennan R  
Brank, Jacob A  
Burden, Ryan A  
Cecil, Shelby D  
Clark, Kathryn M  
Cleveland, William J  
Dale, Schuyler R  
Dunks, Kalyn L  
Frazier, Brittney D  
Goode, Johanna L  
Heiner, Jacob A  
Hojnacki, Raven B  
Lavadia, Courtney N  
Little, Kandace E  
Miles, Audley O  
Ortiz, Kelsey R  
Oyler, Janson R  
Reed, Bailie K  
Schreiner, Tyndal E  
Sebek, Jenna M  
Smetana, Kasey L  
Smith, Connor K  
Spinks, Rachel M  
Suresh, Ryan P  
Tucker, Braxton S  
Van Winkle, Morgan K  
Ward, Hunter J  
Willis, Alexandra R

**Seventh Grade All As**  
Cockrell, Taylor L  
Kemp, Haley N  
Petro, Rebecca E  
Simpson, Zoe B  
Svadlenak, Jordan A  
Wagnon, Trenton J

**Eighth Grade All As**  
Bracken, Heath D  
Buckley, Reta A  
Dunn, Jordan N  
Ferrell-Raborn, Jenna  
Frazier, Abby N  
Heuer, Molly R  
Hofmann, Timothy R  
Kelly, Morgan L  
Mattson, Amanda L  
Sauceda, Marissa  
Schiller, Dara R  
Spinks, Jonathan P  
Ward, Garret G  
Watkins, Preston S

**Seventh Grade A-B Honor Roll All As**  
Arnold, Ashlee J  
Belicek, Ashley E  
Buchele, Grace E

**Salado Intermediate School AB Honor Roll Fifth Grade A-B Honor Roll All As**  
Benoit, Cade P  
Best, Peyton G  
Bradley, Kyle R  
Briggs, Beau G  
Carroll, Helena R  
Castillo, Nicholas R  
Clayton, Eryn E  
Cloud, Chellicee G  
Goodman, Cody S  
Goodrum, Cole A  
Hendrick, Zachary T  
Hopkins, Cai E  
Kornegay, Jada K  
Licea, Valeria  
Magee, Elaina R  
Mendoza, Marcos G  
Moffatt, Rebecca D  
Morales, Triston S  
Piatt, Rachel D  
Rangel, Abigail  
Rank, Chelsea M  
Roemer, Ty D  
Romfh, George C  
Seaton, Hannah N  
Silva, Austin J  
Stark, Ashley N  
Svadlenak, Jacob A

**Sixth Grade A-B Honor Roll All As**  
Barbosa, Dylan R  
Barton, Dustin R  
Bell, Baylee R  
Bracken, Ethan S  
Briggs, Bernard E  
Briscoe, Kelsea N  
Bryant, Jared W  
Cahoon, Jacob M  
Caldwell, Taylor N  
Colacino, Courtney A  
Conver, Jessica V  
Casper, Andrew T  
Eagan, Alaura D  
Farrow, Alyssa M  
Golding, Robert R  
Haire, Logan P  
Harvell, Megan L  
Hill, Callie M  
Hopkins, Rebecca L  
Huckerby, Katrina L  
Jackson, Logan M  
Joiner, Hadley P  
Kendall, Amelia J  
Keys, Garrett L  
Laurenson, Dylan J  
Marburger, Garret C  
McGuffey, Daniel C  
Miller, Shauna P  
Monk, Cody W  
Murphy, Chase A  
Norman, Colton L  
Ortiz, Carlos T  
Pedersen, Zane P  
Pinkerton, Rachel L  
Pipes, Billi L  
Pipes, Hailee M  
Ponder, Shannon K  
Ramos, Kristina C  
Rudduck, Taylor L  
Shepperd, Timothy E  
Sniggs, Stephen B  
Wheeler, Courtney D  
Williams, Kassel S  
Woodruff, Joshua E  
Wooley, Lucas T  
Zulauf, Jennifer P

**Seventh Grade A-B Honor Roll All As**  
Arnold, Ashlee J  
Belicek, Ashley E  
Buchele, Grace E

Dunnahoo, Kristen M  
Dunnahoo, Mindi R  
Finger, Brittany N  
Giniewicz, Lauren L  
Heller, Brandon J  
Lincoln, Alexander R  
Lincoln, Ashley R  
Little, Caleb J  
Noonan, Elena N  
Perez, Maria G  
Pinkston, Paul A  
Quesinberry, Tiffany D  
Roe, Audrey E  
Sierra, Jayni H  
Tischler, Gregory J  
Van Hoozer, Rachel A  
Walker, Jessica L

**Eighth Grade A-B Honor Roll All As**  
Arguellez, Duran  
Benoit, Beau G  
Cantrell, Ashlee E  
Coffey, Lindsey D  
Ervi, James R  
Everett, Kristi E  
Grigsby, Barton L  
Hazzard, Danielle R  
Herrmann, Kasie R  
Hollas, Bradford L  
Kincheloe, Maegan L  
Little, Craig A  
Melde, Nichole L  
Ming, Matthew D  
Oyler, Caitlyn E  
Radebaugh, Gene H  
Rank, Kaleigh A  
Reed, Taylor K  
Rodriguez, Joshua  
Seaton, Megan A  
Silkett, Michael T  
Whitmire, Clayton A  
Young, Kylee E

**Salado High School Honor Rolls Ninth Grade All As**  
Arant, Matthew C  
Bush, Joshua H  
Coleman, Joshua A  
Fritsch, Matthew T  
Goode, Jonas B  
Goodnight, Karleigh R  
Jackson, Kevin M  
Langford, Cory W  
Palomino, Kamyille M  
Stanish, Tamra N  
Suresh, Reena E  
Torres, Biridiana A

**10th Grade All As**  
Barbosa, Evan D  
Burson, Jamie P  
Inocencio-Handorf, Jeanette C  
Johnson, Tanner T  
Kendall, Jonathan A  
Konzen, Justin  
Permenter, Clinton N  
Rooney, Molly M  
Schatte, Thomas C  
Schoellmann, Crystal J  
Simpson, Ariel D

**Grade 11 All As**  
Bartlett, Lacey J  
Boston, Grant P  
Bracken, Erin E  
Califano, Kristopher R  
Cox, Justin C  
Dixon, Brittany J  
Ebeling, Slayton W  
Hale, Seth T  
Hargrove, Rachel L  
Holdampf, Kathryn D

Marshall, Katherine E  
Peters, Brandon A  
Singleton, Kirsten N  
Smith, Kelsey L  
Whitfield, Justin K

**12th Grade All As**  
Blodgett, Rachel E  
Brashier, Barrett P  
Clark, Travis R  
Clark, Valerie L  
Ewton, Virginia L  
Farrow, David C  
Goode, Jennifer E  
Goodnight, Brittani N  
Hodgin, Timothy H  
Hogwood, Lauren M  
Jacobsen, Joshua C  
Johnson, Matthew W  
Lyssy, John T  
Mewhinney, Jacob C  
Powell, Alyssa K  
Quick, Rebekah E  
Sharum, Elise C  
Slagel, Savannah L  
Spence, Jonathan B  
Welsh, Jaclyn B  
Williams, Jacob M  
Willingham, Sofia S  
Womac, Kristen M  
Young, Lauralee

**Salado High School A-B Honor Roll Ninth Grade A-B Honor Roll All As**  
Burden, Tyler M  
Butts, Dallas H  
Collins, Seth M  
Dunn, Emily R  
Faber, Gregory W  
Fisher, Alexandria J  
Hajda, Julie K  
Hernandez, Abigail  
Hoffman, Amanda J  
Hora, Lindsay E  
House, Alex W  
Johnson, Taylor K  
Kincheloe, Brittany S  
Kirchmeier, Kayla D  
Leifester, Jarrod C  
Martin, Sterling N  
Nix, Jonathan D  
Perez, Maria V  
Rangel, Valeria  
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Rosenau, David M  
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Schiller, Justin K  
Simon, Amy L  
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Smith, Colin M  
Smith, Kristen A  
Smith, Ryan W  
Toledo, Adela D  
Willey, Amanda L  
Withee, Carleton D

**10th Grade A-B Honor Roll All As**  
Arias, Shea L  
Arnold, Haley N  
Boydston, Brandi P  
Bradshaw, Magan M  
Byrd, Jessica L  
Chick, Megan R  
Corbitt, Bryan  
Ervi, Chelsea A  
Fry, Sheena R  
Gilchrest, Brittany  
Hancock, Michael B  
Harbison, Noah B  
Harris, Allana K

Hernandez, Elizabeth S  
Hollas, Brandon L  
Hora, Kenneth D  
Ingalsbe, Larissa  
Jaimes, Misael  
Jasso, Denise  
Koiner, Westin R  
Lyssy, Rebecca G  
Martin, Leigh  
McCullough, Dixie D  
Meritt, Jacob M  
Messer, Brandi A  
Moffatt, Sara J  
Murray, Andrew J  
Myers, Tanner D  
Newman, Michael B  
Patton, Adam K  
Powell, Justin R  
Quick, Stephen P  
Rodriguez, Alexander R  
Shafie, Tavonn Y  
Shumate, Jessica L  
Sitz, Nathan A  
Slagel, Madison R  
Smith, Samantha L  
Soirez, Corey M  
Tichenor, Melissa R  
Tucker, Brittany L  
Tumey, Chad G  
Urquiza, Araceli  
Wiggin, Royce E  
Winters, Aaron D  
Yarbrough, Trey N

**11th Grade A-B Honor Roll All As**  
Baltrun, Jason R  
Billington, Mattie D  
Brown, Jacob O  
Cook, Aaron T  
Dowell, Wesley E  
Faircloth, Hollie R  
Flynn, Gerald J  
Gentry, Mark W  
Hartman, Amber E  
Janda, Shae K  
Kemp, Travis L  
Koiner, Amanda J  
Perez, Maria D  
Perry, Rachelle W  
Quirk, Jared M  
Redman, Christopher T  
Rodriguez, Jesse  
Sauceda, Crystal D  
Shaw, Joshua C  
Stevens, Heather  
Warren, Brandi M  
Washburn, Joshanna L  
Weatherly, Sherry N  
Whitmire, Jessica C

**12th Grade A-B Honor Roll All As**  
Billington, Kristi M  
Butts, Stella V  
Carder, Benjamin D  
Ciskey, Matthew S  
Dunn, Devon J  
Easley, James W  
Everett, Nicholas W  
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SUNDAY		WEDNESDAY	
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Traditional Worship/Bible Study	10:30 a.m.	Jr. High Halftime	5:15 p.m.
Orchestra Rehearsal	4:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	5:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Service	6:15 p.m.
		Team Kid (Age 3 - 6th grade)	6:00 p.m.
		Bible Drill (4th - 6th)	7:00 p.m.
		High School Halftime	7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday Praise & Prayer • 7:00 p.m.

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## Stewardship event continues

The St. Stephen Catholic Church is continuing its Stewardship Double weekend event March 5 - 6.

On Feb. 26-27 the Stewardship Time, Talent and Treasure Fair was held after each of the Masses.

The Parish Hall was filled with tables and representatives of the various ministries available to parishioners.

Everyone was invited to share their time and talent and become active in the ministries.

This is the first time that the Stewardship Event of Time, Talent and Treasure has been offered in this form by St. Stephen Church.

## John T. Newman passes away Feb. 23

Graveside services for John T. Newman, of Salado, were Feb. 25 at the Moody Cemetery, Moody, Texas with Rev. Andy Davis officiating. Newman died Feb. 23 in Bryan.

He was born February 4, 1937 in Moody, Texas to Lilburn Norris and Vera Mae (Pierce) Newman. He grew up in Moody and was a 1955 graduate of

Moody High School. He attended the University of Texas in Austin. He married Pat Morris on February 14, 1959 in Moody. He was owner of Thermo Insulation Co. Inc. in Bryan. He lived in Morgan's Point Resort prior to moving to Salado in 1994. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Belton.

Survivors include his wife Pat Newman, of Sal-

ado; one son, John Newman, of Salado, brother and sister-in-law Bill and Ruth Newman, of Moody, sister-in-law, Billie Newman, of Bruceville-Eddy and six nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations to the First Baptist Church of Belton's Building Fund.

Dossman Funeral Home of Belton is in charge.

## Reagan memorial held March 3

Les Anthony "Tony" Reagan, 38, of Giddy Swamp, SC, died Jan. 30.

Reagan was born in Sacramento, CA, to Bertha Mae Bledsoe Reagan, now of Salado, TX, and the late Lester Cecil Reagan. He moved to Giddy Swamp in 1988 and was an arborist. He was a member of Con-

vent Baptist Church.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by a daughter, Jennifer Lynn Reagan, Albuquerque, NM; a son, Joshua Jonathan Reagan, Salado; a sister, Samantha Reagan Phifer, Salado; and a brother, Clarence David Reagan, Giddy Swamp.

Memorials may be directed to Bertha Reagan, 4016 Betty Place, Salado, TX 76571.

A memorial service will be held 3 p.m. March 3, at First Baptist Church in Salado.

Please visit Mr. Reagan's online memorial at <http://shellhousefuneralhome.com>.

## Peaceable Kingdom is topic at Women's Society meeting

Everyone is invited to come to the St. Stephen Women's Society meeting March 14, to hear Scott Simmones presentation about the Peaceable Kingdom, "What We Are All About".

This general meeting starts at 6:30 pm. in the St. Stephen Parish Hall

Refreshments will be served.

All women of the parish and guests as well, are invited and welcomed to come and enjoy hearing

about the Peaceable Kingdom.

Hostesses for the evening will be Anne Cowan, Mary Catherine Ervin and Carolyn Milliser.

## Methodist raise funds for playground March 5

The Salado United Methodist will hold a yard sale, rain or shine, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. March 5.

Items for sale will be arranged in the parking lot next to the Exxon, and in the church's fellowship hall.

Church members have donated items for the sale,

which include: couch, treadmill, microwave, television, Brighton handbags, ostrich boots and much more.

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at halftime.

In the third quarter, both teams' offenses went stagnant, with Comfort managing a single bucket, and Salado dropping in six points, placing the score at 26-12 with one quarter to play.

Clark and Caskey scored five points apiece in the fourth, and, with the game in hand, Coach Tom Long rested his starters for the game's final minutes. Comfort recorded eight basically meaningless points to close the game, but still lost by 16.

Only one Bobcat scored more than two points, that being point guard Diego Castro, who finished with 15 (eight of those in the latter part of the fourth).

Behind Travis Clark's 20 was Caskey, who closed out the game with eight. The typically sure-

shooting seniors were a combined 4-13 from the line, although Clark did knock down four shots from behind the arc.

Devon Dunn finished with four points, while Matt Jennings and Nick Everett both had two, and James Gregurek contributed one point.

The win put Salado at 25-7, and they would go to 26-7 when they defeated rival Academy 49-44 in the regional quarterfinals March 1. The Bees had squeaked into the third round by dispatching eighth-ranked Universal City Randolph 65-61. The Hitchcock Bulldogs, who bounced Salado from the playoffs in overtime last season, were themselves ousted in the area round, losing 58-49 to San Antonio Cole.

The Eagles will face

Vanderbilt Industrial (25-9), the runner-up in District 30AA, March 4 at the Delco Center in Austin. The game time had not been announced as of

press time.

Industrial's path the regional semis was paved with wins over Refugio, Taft and Nixon-Smilely. The Cobras are unranked.

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March 7: Chili mac, chef salad, hoagie, green beans, pears, cornbread, milk.  
 March 8: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, fresh fruit, rolls, chef salad, hoagie, milk.  
 March 9: Pizza, yogurt and fruit plate, hoagie, corn, breadstick, peaches, milk.  
 March 10: Nachos, chef salad, hoagie, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, milk.  
 March 11: Cheeseburger, chef salad, peanut butter & jelly, burger salad, oven fries, fruity freeze, milk.

**Lunch Salado Intermediate & High Schools**

March 7: Salisbury steak, chili dog, chef salad, pizza, tater tots, baked potato, garlic bread, milk, corn, fresh fruit, green beans, pears.  
 March 8: Steak fingers, hamburger, pizza, chef salad, frito lay, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, burger salad, corn, fresh fruit, breadstick, peaches, milk.  
 March 9: Pizza, grilled chicken on bun, pizza, chef salad, roasted red potatoes, baked potato, burger salad, corn, fresh fruit, breadstick, peaches, milk.  
 March 10: Chicken fajitas, nachos, pizza, chef salad, peas and carrots, corn, fresh fruit, mixed fruit, oven fries, milk.  
 March 11: Hamburger, fish on bun, pizza, chef salad, pinto beans, fresh fruit, apple slices, fruity freeze, burger salad, oven fries, milk.

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March 7: Breakfast on a stick  
 March 8: French toast  
 March 9: Biscuit, sausage patty  
 March 10: Sausage rolls  
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## Fourth-ranked Troy handles Lady Eagles

A tough first inning, which had Troy plating three quick runs, set the tone for the Salado Lady Eagle softballers' Feb. 22 game against fourth-ranked Troy, as the girls fell by a final of 8-1.

Troy started the game by slapping a pair of singles and a pair of doubles in the top of the first, which allowed them to charge out to an early 3-0 lead.

After Salado went down in order in both the first and second innings, the girls were able to get on the scoreboard in the bottom of the third, when Jessica Roberts singled and was brought home on a double by Justine Ferrell-Raborn, bringing the score to 3-1.

Troy answered in the top of the fourth, however, pushing across three more runs to move the score to 6-1. Insurance runs in the top of the sixth and seventh innings secured the win for the visitors, dropping Salado to 3-2 overall.

Shae Janda absorbed the loss for the Lady Eagles, going the distance, but giving up 12 hits and six earned runs. She is now 3-2 on the year.

Heather Winters and Jessica Roberts each collected two hits on the game, while Ferrell-Raborn, Janda and Lauren Culver all had one hit.

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## Alumni Game set for March 19

The Fourth Annual Salado High School Alumni Baseball Game will take place March 19 at the SHS baseball field.

The game is scheduled to begin at approximately noon, but the homerun derby will take place at 11 a.m. Participation fee for the alumni game is \$10, which includes a t-shirt, while participation in the homerun derby is set at \$5. Alumni will divide into teams, with those that graduated in even-numbered years on one squad, and those that graduated in odd-numbered years on the other.

The homerun contest will be split into an Over-30 division, and an Under-30 division. Concessions will be offered before and during the game.

For more information about the alumni game call 947-5429, ext. 1201, or email mbates@saladoisd.org.

## Hardballers fall to Franklin in '05 opener

On Feb. 22 the youthful Salado Eagle hardballers took on the wrong opponent to open their season: the Franklin Lions, ranked number one in Class AA.

The Lions quickly showed they deserved their ranking. They collected seven hits in their first at bat. The hits, coupled with two Salado errors, allowed Franklin to score eight first inning runs.

Salado could not handle the high 80's fastballs the Franklin pitchers were throwing. Blake Spence collected the Eagles' only hit on the night, a second inning single.

The final score was 10-0 in five innings.

In the Franklin tournament Feb. 24 and 26, Salado fared a little better. On Feb. 24 Salado dropped a 10-3 decision to the Huntsville JV. Tanner Myers, Matt Fritsch, John Nix and Slayt Ebling picked up hits in the game for Salado.

In their game Feb. 26 versus Rockdale, the Eagles rallied from a 6-2 deficit in the fifth to tie the score and win on tournament tiebreaker rules. Myers, Justin Schiller and Tucker Wilhite all picked up three hits in the game.

Jon Nix pitched four strong innings to open the game. He allowed only two hits and three runs over the four innings.

Salado will next take the field in the Hamilton tournament, scheduled for March 3-5. They will be at home again March 8 to take on Moody.

## Poetry and Prose

### Reading March 10

The 12th Annual Central Texas Poetry and Prose Reading will be held 7-9 p.m. March 10 at Tablerock's inside stage. An open microphone at 9 p.m. encourages new poets and writers to read five minutes of their compositions.

All participants in Central Texas writers of Poets and Prose must read from their original work or have a designated reader. The writer's works may be published or unpublished. A table will be provided for writers to display published works, and sell books or tapes. There is no admission fee. Refreshments are available for purchase.

Tablerock Amphitheater is located in Salado, on Royal Street. The indoor stage is located behind the Amphitheater stage. Call Tablerock 947-9205 for more information.



The Salado Eagles American Legion team is headed to the TAAF State Championship March 18 in Longview. The Eagles went undefeated in league play, at the Ralph Wilson Youth Center in Temple. They are, back row, l-r: Kalyndunks, Jenna Sebek, Hadley Joiner. Front row, l-r: Connor Smith, Tyndal Schreiner, Brennan Boydston, Kelsey Ortiz, Billi Pipes. The team is coached by Gary Boydston, Jerry Smith and Dwain Smith.

## Tablerock golf tourney March 18

The 10th Annual Denver Mills - Tablerock Golf Tournament will be held March 18 at Mill Creek Golf Club. The tourney will begin with a 1 p.m. shotgun start, with sign-in taking place at noon.

Play format will be a best ball scramble, with four players to a team. Cost is \$60 per player, or \$240 per team.

Prizes include \$300 for the first place team, \$200 for the second place team, and two tickets apiece to

Salado Legends 2005 for the third place team. In addition, Fairway Golf Carts will donate a cart on a designated Hole-In-One hole.

All funds raised from the tourney are used for scholarships and the operation of Tablerock Theater productions throughout the year. Tablerock is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, and donations are tax deductible.

Registration for the

tournament can be mailed, along with a check, to Tablerock Festival of Salado, P.O. Box 312, Salado, TX 76571. Player names and handicaps should be included with registration.

For more information contact Bruno Matarazzo, 254-534-3324, or bruno102@vvm.com, or Dave Apichino, 254-624-5647, or belleroma@msn.com.

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## Baptist Church to present "I Stand in Awe" pageant

With more than 100 cast and crewmembers, the Music Ministry of the First Baptist Church in Salado will present its 8<sup>th</sup> annual Easter Pageant, "I Stand in Awe" on March 25, 26 and 27 at 7:15 p.m. at the Tablerock Amphitheater on Royal Street in Salado. Admission is free.

This musical, written by David T. Clydesdale and directed by Minister of Music, Randy Carder is a powerful presentation of the last earthly days of Jesus Christ. This dramatic musical presentation with the cast in biblical period costumes in the setting of the beautiful outdoor Tablerock Amphitheater in Salado traces Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the Last Supper with the 12 disciples, His crucifixion, resurrection and His heavenly ascension. The story is told by the Apostle John, portrayed by Frank Wallace, the Minister of Education and Administration at First Baptist. The role of Jesus is played

by Pastor Brian Dunks.

The opening medley combines two powerful songs of worship and adoration, "I Stand in Awe," with soloist Ferral Quiroz and "Thou Art Worthy." The play features an exciting "Hosanna" with soloist Larry Sands and a lovely song for the Lord's Supper, "At the King's Table," with soloist Ben Willingham. The scene in the Garden of Gethsemane with Christ and a few of his disciples is beautifully portrayed with the background music of "As the Deer."

The presentation progresses to the crucifixion with a Graham Kendrick classic, "Amazing Love." Soloist Melinda Dunna-hoo sings to the crucified Christ, the stirring song, "Lamb of God." A brand new arrangement of the classic hymn, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" with soloist Kathleen Deal brings the impact of the crucifixion to focus. The final section begins with a powerful song of the



Pastor Brian Dunks will portray Jesus Christ.

resurrection "Arise My Love," then moving to the timeless classic, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." We close on a note of celebration and praise with "He is Lord," "Alleluia! Alleluia!" and our powerful theme, "I Stand in Awe."

The play ends with the ascension of Jesus Christ and one final reprise of the bold declaration "He

is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!"

Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and come early to enjoy a beautiful Salado evening. A barbecue sandwich supper is available at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall prior to the performances.



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## Texas Western Swing Showcase comes to area

The music of Texas Western Swing will once again fill the Bell County Expo Assembly Room March 12 for the Ninth Annual Texas Western Swing Fiddling Showcase and Dance. The afternoon entertainment begins at noon and continues until 5 p.m. Doors open at 11

a.m. Dinner, by reservation only, will be served at 5:30 p.m. The dance will follow 8 p.m.-midnight

"The purpose for the event is to promote this "Texas Born" music and assemble extremely talented musicians on our stage. There will be Grammy Award winners, Hall of Fame musicians, World Champion fiddlers and recording artists performing," said Nan Ray, Chairperson of the event.

Music will be provided by world champion fiddler, recording artist and Hall of Fame inductee Randy Elmore and the Boys in the Band. Featured musician will be "Western Swing Entertainer of the Year" Dave Alexander, two-time Grammy Award winner Ricky Turpin, Wes Westmoreland, Bobby Flores, and Wade Stockton.

Admission to the afternoon performance is \$10.00. Dinner tickets must be purchased by March 7 at \$7.50. No dinner tickets will be sold at the door. Dance admission is \$10.00. If you would like to reserve a table for the dinner or dance, you may purchase your tickets now at the Bell County Expo or call 254-939-8390.



# School trustees extend contracts

By **TIM FLEISCHER**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado ISD trustees Feb. 28 unanimously approved one-year contracts for campus administrators, district directors and other administrators. The board will consider teacher contracts in March.

Following a half-hour executive session, trustees voted on the motion by Debby Aldridge to approve the administrators' contracts for one year with Chris Seaton seconding.

Contracts approved are the following:

- Kay Matthews, Salado High School Principal
- Larry Moorhead, Salado High School Assistant Principal.
- Joe Palmer, Salado Intermediate Principal.
- Lisa Nix, Thomas Arnold Principal.
- Jeff Cheatham, Athletic Director.
- Earl Bragg, Technology Director.
- Lyndal Cabaniss, Finance Director.
- Darlene Kirk, PEIMS/Certification Coordinator.
- Tommy Barkley, Maintenance/Transportation Director.
- Gail Valentine, Food Services Director.

In other business, trustees adopted a local policy that would allow Hispanic high school students to test out of up to three years of Spanish courses. The three-year requirement for a foreign language course is part of the recommended diploma awarded by the school district. Allowing Hispanic students who are fluent in Spanish to test out of the courses would give those students the additional opportunity to take other core courses required for graduation. "They can take an additional English or mathematics course," Superintendent Robin Battershell told trustees, who voted unanimously for the new policy.

Trustees also discussed the current legislative session and its potential impact on Salado school finances. "I don't think it will get worse," Supt. Battershell, "but I don't think it will get better."

Under one plan, Dr. Battershell said, Salado ISD would realize a total net gain of \$1,500 in state funding versus state mandated expenditures.

Trustee Trey Little reported that the Facilities Committee had not met recently as the board met frequently in December and January to prepare the \$17 million bond. The

Facilities Committee will resume meeting at 7 a.m. March 8 at the Superintendent's Office.

The school will conduct public tours of the current high school and elementary facilities on March 9 and March 30. Both tours will meet in front of Salado High School at 1 p.m. and should take 90 minutes.

The board also approved judges and clerks for the upcoming May 7 trustee election. The presiding election judge will be Jean Westerberg. Early voting judge will be Pat Barton. Early voting clerk is Lyndal Cabaniss with Jean Westerberg, Alayne Fuller-Ramsden, Diana Zulauf, Bonnie Smith and Darlene Kirk acting as deputy early voting clerks.

The May 7 Salado ISD trustee election will be held concurrently with the Village of Salado aldermen election and the Salado Public Library District election.

The last day to file for election to one of these bodies is March 7.

Early voting in the local May 7 elections will be 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays April 20-May 3 at the Salado Civic Center on Main Street.

Election day, the polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. May 7 at the Civic Center.

In the public input portion of the meeting, trustees heard from resident Charles Porter, who said that he felt the vocational shop of the High School was substandard.

"The teacher is doing the best he can with what he has," Porter said. "Please put some money into the ag shop and do it right with the bond election."

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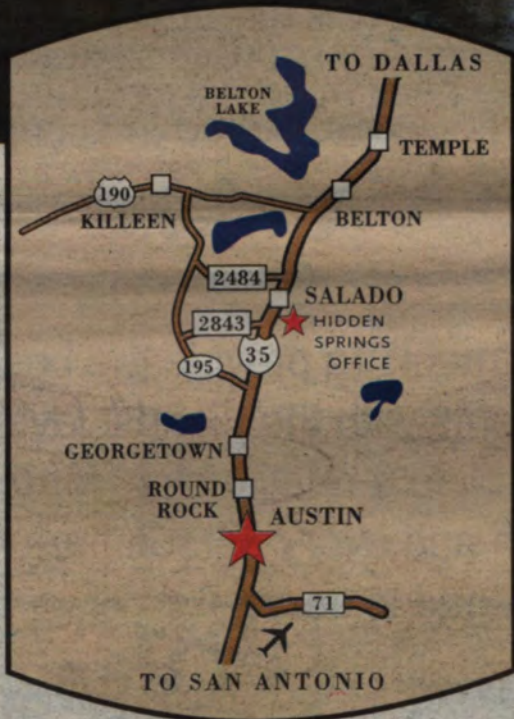


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## Pioneering theoretical physicist launches Institute's Spring Series

Alternate universes, wormholes and alien civilizations will be some of the topics discussed this weekend when renowned theoretical physicist, Dr. Michio Kaku comes to town. His "out of this world" lecture March 5 will launch the Institute for the Humanities' spring lecture series entitled "The Human Edge-Mankind, Technology and the Future."

Dr. Michio Kaku is the co-founder of string field theory and one of a handful of physicists on a quest to find the "theory of everything." His talk is entitled "Parallel Worlds, Hyperspace, Strings and the Mind of God," and will be presented 5-7 p.m. at the Mill Creek dining room in Salado.

Dr. Kaku holds the Henry Semat Professorship in Theoretical Physics at the City University of New York. Dr. Kaku has continued Einstein's quest to find the "theory of everything," an equation that would unify all four fundamental forces of the universe. He is co-founder of string field theory, which is a leading candidate in the search for a "theory of everything."

Dr. Kaku is an internationally recognized authority in theoretical physics and the environment. His most popular and best selling books include his

recently published book, **Parallel Worlds: A Journey Through Creation, Higher Dimensions and the Future of the Cosmos, Hyperspace: A Scientific Odyssey Through Parallel Universes, Time Warps and the Tenth Dimension and Visions: How Science Will Revolutionize the 21st Century**, which have been widely translated in different languages.

Dr. Kaku is not only a best-selling author and university professor, he is also a radio and television personality. In numerous audio and video productions, and broadcasts he explains the most fascinating and complex ideas in science today - superstring theory, supergravity and theoretical physics - in ways easy to understand.

He is the host of Explorations, a weekly science program carried on radio stations around the country. He was featured on NOVA and the PBS documentaries: *Einstein Revealed*, *Stephen Hawking's Universe*, and *Science Odyssey*, and most recently, ABC's documentary on UFO's with Peter Jennings, where he discussed the possibility that aliens might be visiting earth by way of wormholes that connect different, parallel universes.

He graduated from Harvard in 1968, summa



Dr. Michio Kaku

cum laude, and number one in his physics class. He went on to the Berkeley Radiation Laboratory at the University of California in 1972, and in 1973 Dr. Kaku held a lectureship at Princeton University. He has been a professor at City University of New York for the past 25 years.

This lecture series is only available to members of the Institute for the Humanities and their guests. However, membership in the Institute is open, and everyone is invited to join. Contact the Institute office at 947-5729 or ifc@vvm.com for more information on how to become a member.

Dr. Kaku is one of five outstanding and nationally recognized speakers who will participate in the Institute's spring lecture series entitled, "The Human Edge-Technology Mankind and the Future." All presenters are experts in some aspect of the rapidly changing technology that will impact our lives in the 21st century. Each will explore the effects of that technology on mankind.

Besides Dr. Kaku's lecture on the future of the universe, the speaker lineup includes leading experts in the fields of nanotechnology, artificial intelligence and biotechnology who will provide a glimpse of humanity's future.

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**MARCH 5**  
Institute for the Humanities spring series lecture, "Parallel Worlds, Hyperspace, Strings and the Mind of God," by world-renowned theoretical physicist Dr. Michio Kaku - co-founder of the string field theory. 5-7 p.m. at Mill Creek dining room. Info: 947-5729 or ifh@vvm.com.

**MARCH 6**  
Salado United Methodist Church yard sale, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine. Items will be available in the parking lot next to Exxon, and in the church's fellowship hall. All proceeds will go toward purchase of playground equipment at new church site on Royal St.

**MARCH 6**  
5th Annual Wild Bill Memorial Roping at Wildfire Ranch Arena, beginning 10 a.m. Cowboy Church service at 8 a.m. Over \$2,000 in scholarships to be

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**MARCH 9**  
Tour of Salado High School and Thomas Arnold Elementary campuses, 1 p.m. beginning at the High School. Open to the public.

**MARCH 10**  
Central Texas Prose and Poetry Readings, 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheatre. Open mic at 9 p.m. Info: 254-947-9205, or www.allcentex.com/tablerock.

**MARCH 10**  
Ladies Auxiliary meeting. Deborah Martin, master gardener, will discuss the impact Oak Wilt has on homeowners and communities and discuss what everyone can do to help prevent the spread of this deadly tree disease Fellowship at 9:30 a.m., followed by meeting at 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

**MARCH 12**  
45th Annual Readers and Writers Roundtable, 1:30 p.m. at Central Texas Area Museum. Salado native Liz Carpenter will emcee. Admission: \$5. Info: 254-947-5232

**MARCH 14**  
St. Stephen Women's Society meeting. Program: "What We Are All About," by Scott

Simmonds of Peacable Kingdom Retreat. 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish Hall.

**MARCH 14-18**  
Salado schools out for Spring Break.

**MARCH 15**  
Salado Historical Society General Meeting, 6:15 p.m. in the Historical Room at the Salado Civic Center.

**MARCH 18**  
10th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament to benefit Tablerock, at Mill Creek Golf Course. \$60 entry fee. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Directors: Bruno Matarazzo and David Apichino.

**MARCH 18**  
Living Room Theatre presents "Symphony of Soul," featuring Leslie Hyland, 7 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. Directed by Raymond Carver. Reservations available March 7, 254-947-8300.

**MARCH 19**  
Annual Salado Eagle High School Alumni Baseball game at Eagle field. Any former Salado baseball player is welcome to play. Home-run contest, divided into Over-30 and Under-30 divisions, will precede game, which will pit

even-year graduates against odd-year graduates. Series is tied at 1-1. Food and drink concessions will be open, and players are encouraged to bring their families. Any proceeds benefit Salado baseball. Info: Coach Melvin Bates: mbates@saladoisd.org.

**MARCH 20**  
Institute for the Humanities spring series lecture, "The Next, Last Frontier," by Dr. Zvi Yaniv, authority on nanotechnology and President and CEO of Applied Nanotech. Info: 947-5729 or ifh@vvm.com.

**MARCH 21**  
TxDOT Public Hearing, concerning proposed improvements on I-35 from Yankee Road north to FM 2268. 7 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. TxDOT staff will be on hand at 6 p.m. to answer questions, proposed drawings available for view.

**MARCH 22**  
Stars Conference, showcasing talents of outstanding Salado students, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. The conference will help to educate parents district-wide

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## MARCH 24

**Citizens for Excellence and Opportunity community meeting,** 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. Meeting will focus on the upcoming school bond election.

## MARCH 25

**District holiday for Salado students and teachers.**

## MARCH 25-26-27

**Easter Pageant at Tablerock Amphitheatre,** presented by the First Baptist Church of Salado. Free admission. Performance to begin at 8:15 p.m. Director: Randy Carder. Info: 254-947-5465 or www.fbcsalado.org.

## MARCH 27

**Easter Sunrise Service at Pace Park,** multi-denominational. 7 a.m. Bring lawn chairs. Speaker: Rev. Joe Keyes, Salado Church of Christ.

## MARCH 30

**Tour of Salado High School and Thomas Arnold Elementary campuses,** 1 p.m. beginning at the High School. Open to the public.

## APRIL 2

**Third Annual Smokin' Spokes Bike Ride, benefitting the Salado Volunteer Fire Department,** beginning a.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary. Riders may choose from 15, 27, 57,

70, 85, and 102 mile rides. Entry fee: \$25 for pre-registration and \$30 for on-site registration. The first 300 pre-registered riders will be guaranteed a Smokin' Spokes T-Shirt. Info: Kevin Reichert, 254-535-5500.

## APRIL 2-3

**Institute for the Humanities spring series lectures,** April 2: "What Building Robots Can Teach Us About the Mind," by robotics expert Dr. Benjamin Kuipers. April 3: "Computers vs. Common Sense" by Dr. Doug Lenat, speaking on artificial intelligence. Info: 947-5729 or ifh@vvm.com.

## APRIL 2-3

**Annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Wildflower Art Show.** Info: 947-5040.

## APRIL 9

**Chisholm Trail Chapter of the American Business Women's Association Style Show,** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mill Creek Inn and Restaurant. Details TBA.

## APRIL 9

**Salado 5-K Rabbit Run/Walk and Kid's Fun Run, sponsored by the Salado United Methodist Church.** Benefiting Peacable Kingdom Retreat and Methodist Church children's playground. Run begins at Tenroc Ranch. Info: 947-5482 or email clobusiness@aol.com.

## APRIL 9-10

**Wildfire Ranch Shootout.** Info: 947-8080.

## APRIL 11

**St. Stephen's Women's Society meeting.** Mark Klym will present the program "Attracting Hummingbirds to Your Yard." 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish Hall.

## APRIL 14

**Ladies Auxiliary meeting,** featuring a program by Susan Bolton of the Ronald McDonald

House in Temple. Fellowship, 9:30 a.m., meeting to follow at 10 a.m. Public is invited. Info: Carolyn Milliser, 947-0899.

## APRIL 15-16

**Second Annual Salado Student Art Competition and Exhibition,** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Longhorn Room at Stagecoach Inn. Application and instruction forms are available at all Salado campuses and the Central Office. Entries are due at SIS Library 3-6 p.m. April 5-6. Cash prizes of \$10-\$100 for 3D and 2D art with a Best in Show prize of \$250. No late entries accepted. Awards presentation, 1:30 p.m. April 16.

## APRIL 23-24

**Tablerock's 10th Annual Gospel Festival** 10 a.m.-8 p.m. April 23. Gospel singers, bands groups, trios, duets and solo artists. April 24: 10 a.m. singing, 11 a.m.-noon church service. 12:30-6 p.m.: more festivities and musical groups. Food booths, drinks, gift booths, desserts of all kinds. Adults: \$5, children 12 and under: \$3. Info: 254-947-5100, or CVMUSICMINISTRY@aol.com, or 254-947-9205. Tablerock amphitheater is located on Royal St.

## APRIL 25

**Salado Independent School District Teacher Professional Development Day.** No school for students.

## APRIL 30

**Institute for the Humanities spring series lecture, "Stem Cells: The Scientific and Ethical Issues,"** by Dr. John Gearhart, one of America's leading stem cell researchers and biotechnology experts. Info: 947-5729 or ifh@vvm.com.

## MAY 9-10

**Wildfire Truck**

**Explosion at Wildfire Ranch (tentative).** Info: 947-8080.

## MAY 9

**District holiday for Salado students and teachers.**

## MAY 12

**Ladies Auxiliary meeting,** featuring a program by Micki Ellis, owner of Etrulia's Resale Shop. Ellis will present a "Vintage Fashion Show" with Virginia Cospers, fashion coordinator, and Merle Norman makeup by Debbie Hill. Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m., luncheon will follow. Reservations required, call Carolyn Milliser, 947-0899, or Wylene Williams, 947-8610.

## MAY 14

**Salado Fine Art Trail,** 5-9 p.m. featuring seven local fine art galleries. Galleries include Wells Gallery, Salado Galleries, Thomas Kinkade Stagecoach Gallery, Prelop Fine Art Gallery, Griffith Fine Art Gallery, Miller Fine Art Gallery and B. Herd Gallery.

## MAY 14

**10th annual Fourth Grade Play at Tablerock Amphitheatre.** Thomas Arnold Elementary students, under direction of playwright/author Jackie Mills, write, produce, crew and act in their own melodrama. Proceeds banked for the fourth graders senior class trip. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: adults \$5, children \$3.

## MAY 14-15

**Salado Home Garden Tour,** sponsored by Salado Garden Club and PALS. Info: Vickie Kelley 947-9181.

## MAY 14

**Mill Creek Community Association litter clean-up morning,** 8:30 a.m.: coffee and doughnuts; 11:30 a.m.: hotdog lunch.

## MAY 17

**Salado High School Spring Athletic Banquet** at Salado Intermediate School.

## MAY 24

**Salado High School graduation ceremony at the Bell County Expo Center.** Time TBA.

## JUNE 9-11

**Seventh Annual Judy and A.C. Greene Literary Festival.** Info: 947-8300.

## JUNE 11

**Annual Salado Reunion,** 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Catered lunch will be served. Info: Billie Killingsworth, 939-3187.

## JUNE 13

**Tablerock's Salado Legends rehearsals begin.**

## JUNE 25

**Second Annual Salado Dog Daze,** at Pace Park Pavilion. More info TBA.

## JULY 4

**Salado Historical Society Annual Fourth of July picnic,** 6:15 p.m. in Pace Park.

## JULY 23, 30 & AUG. 6

**Tablerock's 13th**

**Annual production of Salado Legends.** Dinner 7:15 p.m. with cost of \$8 (all ages reservations required). Performance begins at 8:15 p.m. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 children 12 and under. Call 254-947-9205 for group rates and further information, or visit www.allcentex.com/tablerock. Email: tablerock1@aol.com.



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# Different take on Al Qaeda

By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
STAFF WRITER

Prior to addressing the Salado Lions Feb. 23, Skip Blancett promised a different perspective on the war on terrorism - Al Qaeda in particular.

Blancett, long-time Navy man, former pastor of Salado United Methodist Church, and currently program manager for college curriculum at Fort Hood, delivered on his word.

Al Qaeda, he said, is not concerned solely with the downfall of the United States. And the point of September 11 stretched well beyond the attacks themselves - though of course these were, in the least, tertiary goals.

Instead, the latter could be taken more as a means to an end, Blancett argued.

So the question then becomes, to what end?

Having spent last summer working with Washington, D.C.'s research think tank, the Brookings Institution, Blancett

says a new vantage of Al Qaeda's motivations was presented.

"Al Qaeda's true interest is in developing a pan-Islamic state, and they're learning quickly how to do it," he stated.

This stance, while not often posited, happens to be corroborated by other Brookings sources.

As stated in an article by Brookings' nonresident senior fellow for foreign policy studies, Shibley Telham, "Al-Qaeda aims not so much to change U.S. policy on specific issues...Ultimately, it would hope to create a puritanical Islamic order in the Muslim world."

There are two key, strategic aspects to fulfilling that goal, according to Blancett. First would be unifying the disparate, typically contentious tribes that compose much of the Arab Middle East. Second, he noted, would be ensuring the faithful that it was possible for their side to triumph.

By luring America,

through the 9/11 attacks, into a conflict with an Arab state - such as Afghanistan or Iraq - Al Qaeda hoped to bond Muslims globally in opposing a common enemy, one whose values were antithetical to their way of life.

"They unified and convinced the Islamic world, particularly the fundamentalist world, that America was out to attack Islam," Blancett explained. "In other words, it was made to look like America was declaring a Christian jihad against Islam."

Blancett said Al Qaeda will continue to actively foment anti-Americanism, all the while continuing to attempt to draw the U.S. into an even larger-scaled conflict with other Arab states.

He also believes the likelihood of another Al Qaeda-backed terrorist attack is high, and could come sooner rather than later, as the organization stages major attacks in

two-year patterns. "And I think there will be a paper trail that will lead to one of two countries: either Yemen or Pakistan," he remarked.

Speaking from the perspective of a former pastor who has lived in many parts of the world, Blancett said he sees a real danger in the U.S. abandoning faith as a unifier for society, and an ethical guiding force for individuals. Without it, he contended, American runs the risk of weakening from the inside out.

He pointed to European models to make his case. "Christianity in western Europe is a has-been religion," said Blancett. "It's for marrying and burying and that's about it."

"So what we have to do is revitalize our own faith, no matter what it is. Because right now we are on the verge of either remaining a great country, or going the way of France, Germany, Britain, or any of the world's other great, former powers."

# Literacy project kicks-off at TAE

On March 2, the "Big Brothers of Salado Intermediate School" kicked off a seven-week literacy service project at Thomas Arnold Elementary.

The group of eighth grade boys - Wesley Buchele, Jose Castillo and Tim Hoffman - formed last fall in response to a request for grant proposals for youth to be involved in a literacy project.

The grant proposal requests were initiated by Youth Service America and the National Education Association, to get youth involved in a seven-

week service project that will stretch from March 2 (Read Across America Day), to April 15 (National Youth Service Day). Although the initial granting process was highly competitive, the group secured grant funding for the proposal earlier this year from the Mayborn Foundation.

The literacy service project is titled "Reading Minutes Madness," and is a reading challenge program for grades kindergarten through fourth. The students will have a project-related activ-

ity once a week for the seven weeks, while they are challenged to increase their recorded minutes of reading done at home.

The grade which surpasses their reading minutes goal by the greatest percentage will get a part-day pizza party at Pace Park April 15. The main aim of the program is to increase the amount of time spent reading and the joy of reading by elementary youth. A secondary goal of the program is to increase the number of bi-lingual books available in the school library

and highlight the need for aids to help this increasing portion of the school population.

Teacher sponsors for the project include Jennifer Berumen and principal Lisa Nix, at Thomas Arnold Elementary. In addition, SIS art instructor, Cassie Lee, had her seventh and eighth grade students design a poster for the project.

For more information on youth service programs, or youth service learning, contact Terri Seaton at SIS, 947-1700.

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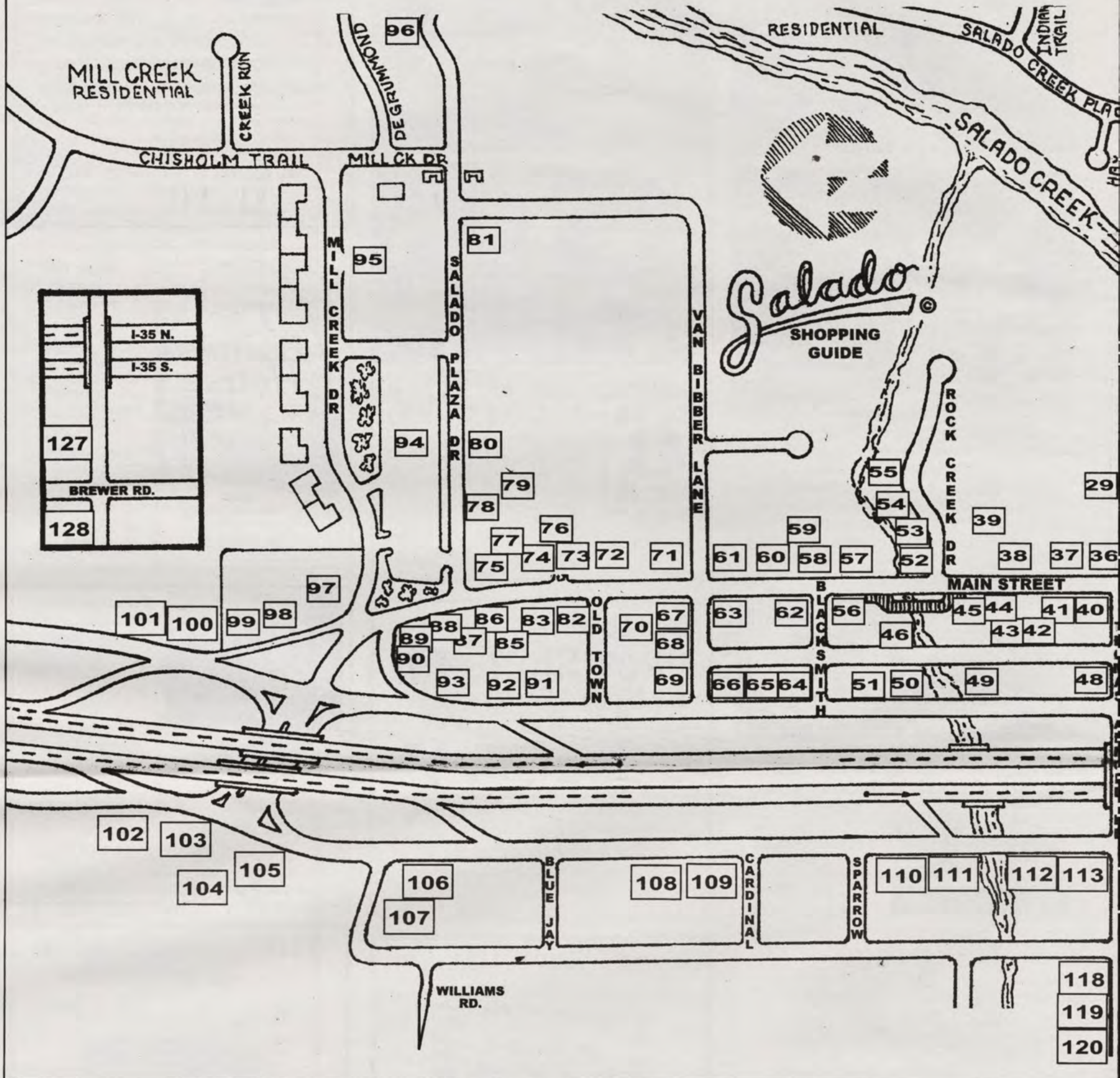
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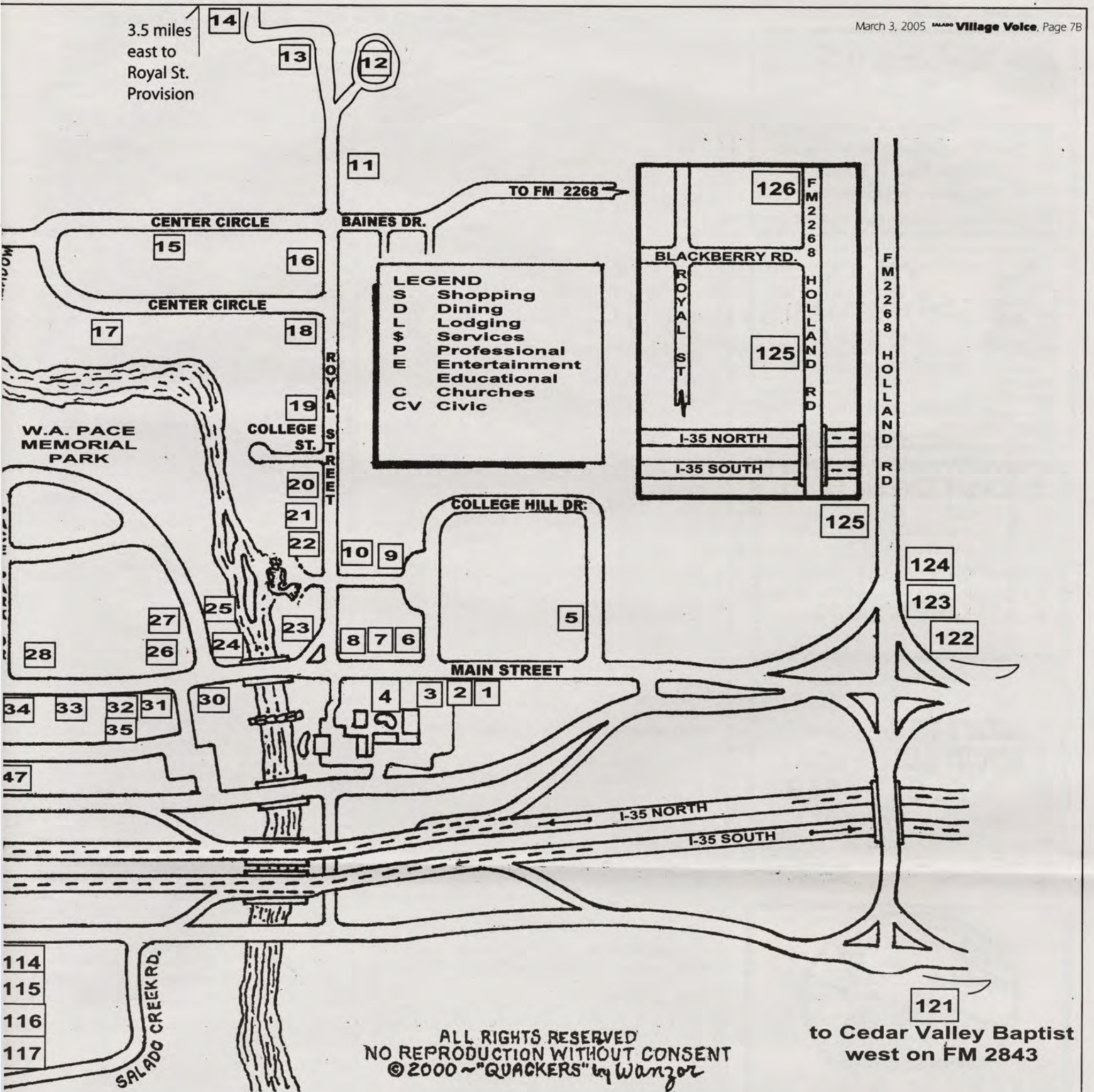
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### Evolution of Salado ISD Bond Budgets

Budget Projection	Dec. 6, 2004 Architect's Budget	Dec. 17 Architect's Revised	Jan. 14 Trustees Proposed
<b>High School Budget</b>			
Administrative Costs			
Municipal & other fees	\$20,000	\$20,000	
Printing Costs	\$35,000	\$35,000	
Total Admin. Costs	\$55,000	\$55,000	
Design & Testing Costs			
Architect & Engineer	\$927,000	\$715,000	\$715,000
Third Party Consultants	\$100,000	\$95,000	\$95,000
Wastewater Design	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Geotech/Testing	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Total Design/Testing	\$1,157,000	\$940,000	\$940,000
Construction Costs			
General Contractor	\$12,650,000 <sup>1</sup>	\$10,450,000 <sup>6</sup>	\$10,450,000 <sup>8</sup>
Site Improvements	\$2,200,000 <sup>2</sup>	\$1,900,000 <sup>7</sup>	\$1,425,000 <sup>9</sup>
Wastewater Facility	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$400,000 <sup>10</sup>
Tennis Courts	\$280,000		
Total Construction	\$15,730,000	\$12,950,000	\$12,275,000
Furnishing, fixtures, equip	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
Technology (cabling)	\$300,000	\$220,000	\$220,000
Contingency (5%)	\$879,600	\$725,750	\$728,304
Pre-Engineering Costs/ (Savings)			
Practice Gym			\$648,000 <sup>11</sup>
Competition Gym			(\$63,910) <sup>12</sup>
Ag Building			(\$28,000) <sup>13</sup>
<b>High School Total</b>	<b>\$18,471,600</b>	<b>\$15,240,750</b>	<b>\$15,030,340</b>
<b>Athletics Budget</b>			
Design & Testing			
Architect & Engineer	\$188,000		
Third Party Consultants	\$25,000		
Geotech/Testing	\$10,000		
Total Design/Testing	\$223,000		\$150,000
Construction Costs			
Football Stadium	\$2,000,000 <sup>3</sup>		\$1,300,000 <sup>14</sup>
Football Concession	\$275,000		\$195,000 <sup>15</sup>
Baseball	\$350,000		\$300,000
Softball	\$325,000		\$275,000
Baseball Concession	\$175,000		
Furnishing, Fixtures, Equip	\$50,000		
Technology	\$10,000		
Contingency (5%)	\$170,400		
<b>Total Athletics</b>	<b>\$3,578,400</b>		<b>\$2,200,000</b>
<b>Athletics Renovation</b>			
Design & Testing	\$118,000		\$100,000
Construction Costs			
ADA/TAS Compliance	\$100,000		\$100,000
Baseball	\$350,000		
Softball	\$325,000		
Baseball concession	\$175,000		
Remodel Con./Toilet	\$100,000		\$100,000
Upgrade field lighting	\$260,000		\$260,000
Angle Frame Bleachers	\$50,000		\$50,000
Add 150 Parking Spaces	\$100,000		\$100,000
FF&E	\$5,000		\$5,000
Contingency (5%)	\$79,150		
<b>Total Athletics Renovation</b>	<b>\$1,662,150</b>		<b>\$715,000</b>
<b>Auditorium Budget</b>			
Design & Testing	\$240,000		
Construction Costs			
General Contractor	\$2,960,000 <sup>4</sup>		
Site Improvements	\$50,000		
Total Construction	\$3,010,000		
Furnish, Fixtures, Equip.	\$50,000		
Technology	\$20,000		
Contingency (5%)	\$166,000		
<b>Total Auditorium Costs</b>	<b>\$3,486,000</b>		
<b>Elementary Renovations</b>			
Administrative Costs			
Municipal & Other Fees	\$11,000		
Printing Costs	\$15,000		
Total Administrative	\$26,000		
Design & Testing Costs			
Architect & Engineering	\$76,000		
Third party consultants	\$35,000		
Geotech/testing	\$15,000		
Total Design	\$126,000		
Construction Costs			
General Contractor	\$730,000 <sup>5</sup>		
Landscape/irrigation	\$20,000		
Gymnasium Roof	\$70,000		
Wall Treatment/windows	\$70,000		
Painting	\$30,000		
HVAC Gymnasium	\$100,000		
FF&E	\$40,000		
Technology	\$25,000		
Contingency (5%)	\$61,850		
<b>Total Elementary</b>	<b>\$1,298,850</b>		

Notes on Architect Budget	Revised Budget	Proposed Budget
1-110,000 SF /\$115 psf	6-95,000 SF-\$115 psf	8 95,000 SF/\$115 psf
2-110,000 SF/\$20 psf	7-95,000 SF-\$20 psf	9 95,000 SF/\$15 psf
3-1,500 Seat Capacity		10 Reduce capacity
4-14,800 SF/\$200 psf		11 6,000 SF/\$108 psf
5-5,000 SF/\$146 psf		12 9,130 SF savings/\$7psf
		13 4,000 SF savings/\$7psf
		14 1,100 seat capacity
		15 1,100 capacity

# Pamphlet answers questions, raises others

By **TIM FLEISCHER**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

An informational pamphlet mailed by Salado I.S.D. last week to residents sought to answer many voters' questions about the upcoming \$17 million bond proposal to build a new high school with accompanying athletic facilities.

The pamphlet addresses questions ranging from the need for the bond, what it will build, the decision making process that the board of trustees went through to arrive at the final proposal and what will happen if the bond fails.

The mail-out points to the recent nine percent surge in enrollment this year. The current enrollment at Salado schools is 1,171, slightly higher than the 1,163 referred to in the mail-out.

In January, school trustees called for the April 2 bond referendum of \$17 million to build a new high school of more than 95,000 sq. ft. and new athletic facilities on the 50-acre site that the school district purchased for \$500,000 last fall.

The pamphlet states that the high school building itself will be the top priority of a checklist of items to be built with \$17 million in bond proceeds.

The high school itself, according to the pamphlet, will include a minimum of 20 content classrooms, two art classrooms with a kiln area, performing arts facilities (band hall, choir room, theater arts lab, cafeteria with stage), and career technology (ag/vocational shop, vocational classroom, biotech laboratory, two home economics classrooms and three other technology labs).

According to architect-

tural firm Fields & Associates, the original plans calling for an 108,000 sq. ft. facility were cut to approximately 95,000 sq. ft. by reducing corridor space and cutting four classrooms, tennis courts and an additional practice gym (approximately 6,000 sq. ft.). The cuts were made to serve a core of 700 students with classroom capacity of 500 students, according to architectural report to the board in December.

Fields and Associates, in December, cut its originally proposed high school budget of \$18.5 million to \$15.2 million in the direction of the board and administration. (See bond evolution graphic on page 8B).

The board further adjusted those numbers in January. According to proposed bond budget numbers presented to trustees by board member John Konzen at the Jan. 10 meeting, the district could realize more than \$760,000 in further savings by reducing the capacity of the water treatment facility (\$200,000), using pre-engineered steel buildings for the competition gym (\$91,910) and anticipating expenditures for site work of \$15 per square foot rather than the \$20 per square foot budgeted by the architect (\$475,000). This would allow the bond proposal to include the 6,000 sq. ft. practice/PE gym that was cut in December and bring the total proposed budget for the high school building to \$15 million.

Trustees also considered the proposed budget numbers for construction of the athletic facilities at a much lower cost than what the architect originally proposed. In discussion of the final bond proposal,

trustees mulled a \$2.2 million budget for a new football/track stadium and concession stand, a new baseball field, a new softball field and a concession stand/restroom facility to serve the fields. The architect's original budget for those items was \$3.6 million.

The architect was directed to budget for a 1,500 seat football/track stadium. Trustees are now planning on a stadium with a capacity of 1,100 seats, which is 400 more than the current stadium.

The two budgets discussed by trustees at their Jan. 10 meeting total \$17.2 million (not including the \$280,000 for tennis courts which were cut by the architect in December).

School trustees have set the following priority list for the \$17 million if approved by voters: 1. a high school with core facilities of 750 and classroom capacity of 550, a competition gym, and a practice/PE gym; 2. a football/track stadium with shared restrooms/concession, tennis courts, and softball/baseball complex.

A bond of \$17 million will generate additional revenue from interest during the two years of the project. How much additional interest revenue is generated will depend on the amount of bonds initially sold, how long that revenue is held and what percent interest is earned. Trustees, at the December town hall meeting on the proposal, mentioned that the district could sell a portion of the bonds to fund the first year of construction and then another portion of the bonds in the second year of construction so that taxpayers would not feel the full impact on their tax rate in

the first year.

On \$100,000 taxable property, the increase would be \$223 per year for the debt service portion of a 25-year bond or \$195 per year for the debt service portion of a 30-year bond. Those projected numbers anticipate a 10 percent increase in property values next year. The Comptroller's office informed Salado ISD in January that it anticipates taxable property values for SISD to increase 11 percent.

While the informational pamphlet refers to a maximum increase of \$195 per year for a \$100,000 home, this does not take into consideration the additional cost of operating a new school.

In January, the board worked with budget documents that anticipated increasing the maintenance and operation portion of the tax rate to the maximum \$1.50 per \$100 evaluation. This would be an increase of 8.8¢ on top of the 19.55¢ increase for the debt service associated with a 30-year bond.

According to the Jan. 13 board document, the anticipated tax rate could increase to a maximum of \$1.89 per \$100 valuation for a 25-year bond program or \$1.86 per \$100 evaluation for a 30-year bond program.

The school district currently pays \$675,000 in debt service annually. If the proposed bond is approved by voters, that annual debt payment will increase to at least \$1.7 million for the lifetime of the new bond. The annual payments for the "maintenance" bond set to retire in 2016 and the intermediate school bond set to retire in 2023 will be applied to the proposed high school bond.



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# Supt. further addresses bond questions

By Dr. Robin Battershell  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

This is an on-going effort to keep the public informed of questions arising from the upcoming bond election.

1. Where did the phrase "SISD cannot further expand at the existing site. Septic systems are at or exceeding capacity and no other land is available on site." come from? This does not appear to be accurate.

This quote is in reference to the question, "Why were athletic facilities included as a need?" Thus any mention of this comment in the flier, which was mailed out, relates only to expansion of athletic facilities on site. However, it could also be deduced that this statement could be applicable to the entire site based upon the information presented on page 8 of the Mike Marrs survey. The pages of the evaluation referenced are 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 23 and unnumbered option drawings.

The community advisory group recommended conducting an existing site survey in Fall 2002. The survey was commissioned to determine only options for the current site. Mike Marrs completed this

survey in May 2003. Mr. Marrs gave three options for expansion. Mr. Marrs stated in the document that the options "are a tool to analyze the potentials and to assist ....(in) the future growth of Salado ISD." All options said that something had to be moved to accommodate expansion.

As delineated on page 8 of the study, the current 3 campuses comprise 39 geographical acres; however, based upon the Council of Educational Facility Planners International guidelines, our campuses (including overlapping space) comprise 50.9 acres. This means that if we didn't share facilities, i.e. gyms, band halls, classrooms, etc. this is the amount of square footage, by acre, that we would currently be using.

The recommended acreage for our current three campuses is 69 acres, thus we are 18.1 acres short without any expansion. It can be ascertained that there is no additional space. This is why the community group advised the board several years ago to pursue the purchase of property.

The District sought to purchase acreage which abutted the current SISD property to no avail; and thus the 50 acre site was purchased. There are four places in the Mike Marrs report that mention the requirement to relocate the baseball and softball fields

in order to expand. This is in each of the three options given by Mike Marrs. In the options, the room vacated by the baseball and softball fields would be needed for classroom expansion or parking.

This study was completed in 2003, based upon a 3.8 percent annual enrollment increase (p. 18), when our enrollment average was at about two percent. Thus the options were based upon a maximum high school student capacity of 450-500 students. The Mike Marrs options only looked at expansion of existing facilities, not at new construction.

With an 11 percent surge in enrollment for 04-05, the community committee recommended building a larger school. Current plans are for 550 students, with core facilities for 750. The minimal expansion cost with no new buildings in the Marrs report was \$8 million. The new high school construction cost proposed for the bond is \$17 million.

On page 23, the report states that the septic system would require additional testing and that a treatment facility could be considered in dealing with increasing sewage demands. In speaking with Mr. Marrs, prior to writing this, he confirmed this information.

The District cannot use district funds to ask for support for the bond.

The District can only disseminate information. Thus the brochure which was mailed out was reviewed and revised by legal to ensure compliance with the law.

I guess you can look at this in many different ways, but the bottom line is stated on page 8. Our current three campuses (including overlapping space) comprise 50.9 acres and the recommended acreage is 69 acres, 18.1 acres short without any expansion. For the sake of brevity suitable for a flier, the following narrative was condensed. Maybe it could have been stated better, but I have included all facts above. Copies of the Marrs report are available at the Central Office.

2. I find it hard to believe that we need more septic systems when we do not fill the stands now. What would the cost be of making all existing toilet facilities ADA compliant, not adding more? Currently one-third of the current school site is septic fields. Septic fields are determined by the number of restrooms and cafeterias, not bleacher space.

ADA compliance i.e. sidewalks and ramps \$100,000; remodeling toilets for ADA compliance and space (because we would lose one-two toilets for the wider stalls) \$100,000; bleacher addition for ADA and space \$50,000; additional parking spaces closer by for easier access \$100,000; A&E fees, etc \$25,000. This does not include the cost of possibly having to add an elevator to the current press box i.e. Mike Marrs report.

Depending on what TX Dpt. of Licensing and Regulations says, we might need to add some type of ramping system or most likely an elevator \$200,000-250,000 to the existing press box. The current football facilities are grandfathered and thus do not have to be ADA compliant however, if sued, generally the cost of complying is less than fighting the suit.

We are not looking at tearing down the old facility if a new one is built. Our junior high players will practice and compete on this field. In the event that a complaint is lodged against SISD for that field, the students can still practice on that field, but their evening competitions would be at the new field. Competition at the new field by junior high students would incur a one time bus transportation route in the evening, as compared with several routes during the day for high school students if new athletic facilities are not built along with the new school.

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# Legislation may give neighbors help in fighting rock crushing operations

By **TIM FLEISCHER**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When you've been fighting the war as long as he has, winning any skirmish feels like a major victory.

For local rancher Kirk Michaux, news of State Senator Troy Fraser filing legislation Feb. 28 to regulate rock quarries was especially welcomed.

Michaux, who owns a 9,000-acre cattle and hunting ranch with Salado Creek running through it, has fought rock crushing and quarry operations that neighbor his ranch for several years.

With little, if any, help from the state or local governing bodies, Michaux' battles with aggregate companies have not always been successful.

"Sometimes, it's just a matter of trying to stall them," he says.

In other words, being a nuisance to them.

Which is how he feels about their operations.

Sen. Fraser, a Horseshoe Bay Republican, filed SB 785, which he called "a major step toward increasing regulations for quarries and rock crushing operations. SB 785 will address public concerns over water protection, blasting safety and traffic control, which are needed to provide greater public safety."

Currently, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TECQ) issues permits that regulate air quality of crushing operations. Emissions into the air can be limited through measures specified in the permit. Water quality issues are addressed only through the issuance of stormwater discharge permits.

Last year, TECQ sent inspectors to quarries around the state. Of the 272 sites visited, more

than half of the sites requiring pollution permits were in violation of those permits or were lacking the minimal required permits, according to an *Austin American-Statesman* report from Jan. 17.

Opponents of the more stringent measures say that making it more difficult to get permits will not necessarily prevent illegal operations from continuing.

But at least neighbors of rock crushing operations will have some legal standing to fight what they consider backyard nuisances.

"Once we started examining the current permitting process, I quickly realized that the issues of most concern to the public -- water, blasting, transportation -- are not considered under current law," Sen. Fraser said.

If approved by legislators, the Fraser plan will require the following for quarry permits:

- A site plan that assesses the environmental soundness of the proposed operation, including a report from an independent hydrologist.

- A blasting plan that would require all blasting to be monitored by a seismograph or vibration monitor.

- A reclamation plan detailing how all affected land a proposed quarry site will be returned to a useful purpose.

- A transportation plan to require quarry operators to properly construct and maintain all access driveways, acceleration/deceleration lanes and turn lanes to make site entrances safe for the public.

Sen. Fraser also filed two other bills to enact other recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Rock Crushers and Quarries. Sen. Fra-

ser chaired the Advisory Committee, which was created through an executive order by Gov. Rick Perry.

The Advisory Committee's own report became a political football when a majority of the nine-member committee refused to sign its report.

Three of the holdouts were House members Dennis Bonnen (R-Arlington), Edmund Kuempel (R-Seguin) and Byron Cook (R-Corsicana). The other two who refused to sign the report were John Lattimore, president and CEO of Lattimore Properties in McKinney, and John Weisman, president of Hunter Industries Ltd. in San Marcos. Lattimore Properties won a 2003 environmental award from Concrete Products News. Hunter Industries manufactures irrigation systems for industry use.

In addition to SB 785, Sen. Fraser filed SB 456, which would require vehicles carrying loads of aggregate to be completely tarped. SB 457 will require that the county judge and commissioners court be notified of air quality permit applica-

tions within their county. County commissioner Tim Brown said that the judge and commissioners are currently informed when an application is filed for air quality permits despite having no authority to regulate the industry.

While the state gave local commissioners courts the authority to adopt nuisance regulations for the unincorporated areas of their counties, few counties have been willing to tackle the sticky issue.

Brown, who heads the Council of Urban Counties, said that he is not aware of any counties in the state that have adopted nuisance ordinances.

For one thing, counties fall under the "takings" provision of state law that would allow a property owner to sue the local governing body for any regulations that might adversely affect his property values.

With little help at the local level, the "not in my backyard" efforts of property owners against rock crushing operations may get some help from the state.

That is, if Fraser's bills ever see the light of day.

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Salado's Log Cabin Chapter of the Children of the Republic of Texas will honor local Heroes 2 p.m. March 6 at the Central Texas Area Museum on Main St.

During the Alamo Heroes Day meeting, the Log Cabin Chapter CRT will honor two essayists, a teacher and a supporter.

Barton Hayden Cheatham won the local Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas essay contest. He wrote about the San Jacinto Monument. He is a student at Thomas Arnold Elementary School and the son of Jeff and Shelley Cheatham, of Salado.

Matthew Alvin Tate placed second in the essay contest. He is a student at Foster Elementary in

Riesel and the son of Thad and Stephanie Tate, of Riesel.

Carey Quick, a teacher at Thomas Arnold Elementary, is the Fourth Grade Teacher of the Year for the Salado Chapter DRT and will go on to the District competition.

Finally, Cile Robertson Ambrose will be honored for her efforts in preserving Texas History at the Central Texas Area Mu-

seum as part of Texas History Month in March.

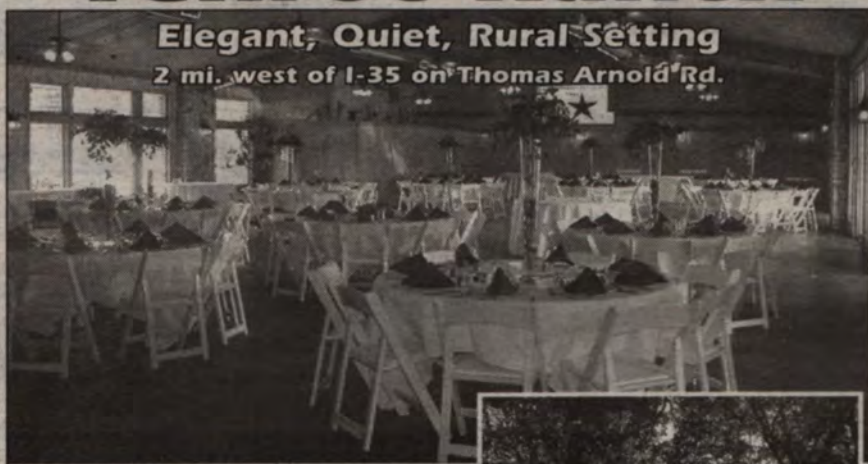
The group will also be gathering items to send to Gil Roberts, of Killeen, own of the DRT members who is now working in the Middle East.

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## Salado Garden Club to discuss environmental issues with specialist Amber Preston on March 8

Amber Preston, a specialist at Ft. Hood, will discuss environmental issues with the Salado Garden Club 10 a.m. March 8 at the Salado Presbyterian Church on Salado Plaza Dr.

Preston is a third-generation Saladoan who is now a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Specialist on Ft. Hood. NEPA was the first federal law to focus environmental concerns within a comprehensive national policy.

UNDER NEPA, agencies are required to prepare environmental analyses with input from state and local governments, Indian tribes, the public and other federal agencies, when consider-

ing a proposal for a major federal action.

Her job includes monitoring endangered species, riparian areas, natural and cultural resources.

Preston graduated in 1998 from Salado High School and attended Texas A&M University, from which she graduated with a B.S. degree in Agricultural Journalism in 2001. She earned an M.S. in Agricultural Education with an emphasis in Adult Leadership and Distance Education from Texas A&M University in 2003.

Preston taught Introduction to Mass Communications and Publication Production to more than 400 undergraduate students while completing her MS degree at Texas



A&M. After earning her M.S., she moved to Temple, where she was an Information Specialist at the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

She is currently enrolled through an environmental distance education program at Duke University in Durham, NC.

The Garden Club meeting will be open to the public meeting.

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## Texas authors attend 45th annual Readers & Writers Roundtable

Salado's favorite daughter will return to act as master of ceremonies for the 45th Annual Readers and Writers Roundtable March 12 at the Central Texas Area Museum. A \$5 donation will gain admission and benefit the Museum's acquisitions for the Library.

Liz Carpenter was born in the Robertson house in Salado, a descendant of the original founder of Salado Col. E.S.C. Robertson. A graduate of Texas University School of Journalism, Carpenter would become press secretary to Lady Bird Johnson.

She will direct the program for the Readers and Writers Roundtable, which begins at 1:30 p.m. March 12 at the Central Area Museum Hall of the Clans.

H.W. Brands, a finalist for the Pulitzer prize, will discuss his latest book, Lone Star Nation, which chronicles Texas' precarious journey to statehood. Brands is also the author of T.R., a biography of Theodore Roosevelt, The

First American, a biography of Benjamin Franklin and The Age of Gold, a history of the California Gold Rush.

Texas history buffs will hear Edward L. Miller's take on the state's battle for independence. Miller, a San Antonio historian, explains in his book New Orleans and the Texas Revolution how \$250,000 in loans from Creole mercantile houses, along with two companies of soldiers -- the New Orleans Greys -- came to support the Texas cause.

Josephine Ella White, a sixth-generation Texan, combined history, folklore and memories of everyday life for Sunbonnet Angels: Hitch Your Wagon to a Star. The book also reflects the history of some of the Scots-Irish in Texas.

"It's not enough to swing at the ball. You've got to loosen your girdle and let 'er fly." These famous words by Texan Babe Zaharias are just a taste of the zingers in Quotable Texas Women

collection by Susan Kelly Flatau and Lou Halsell Rodenberger.

For those who prefer nostalgia to quips, Glenn Dromgoole will talk about his work, A Small Town in Texas, Reflections on Growing Up in the 50's and 60's.

Dromgoole collaborated with Lester Galbreath for Learning from Longhorns. They will share some of those lessons, such as "take care of your children" and "be captain of your own soul." The work contains photographs by Watt M. Casey, Jr. and illustrations by Charles Shaw.

Shaw also illustrated Horned Toad Canyon, written by folklorist Joyce Gibson Roach. She will also discuss another volume of hers out this year, Texas and Christmas, a Collection of Traditions, Memories and Folklore.

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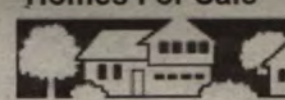


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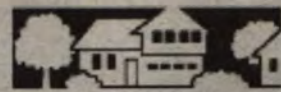
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## Sprint gives Salado Civic Center \$1,000 grant

Sprint telephone company's Texas Public Affairs Manager Steve Hanik recently presented a grant to the Salado Civic Center Foundation, which was accepted by Directors Mike Cornett and David Matthews.

"Sprint is pleased to have a part in the support of the Salado Civic Center through our annual grant," Hanik noted, "and we certainly commend the men and women of the Civic Center Foundation who work tirelessly to

maintain and operate this fine village and area meeting place."

Director Cornett noted that the Civic Center hosted an area-wide general informational meeting of Sprint customers led by officials from the Las Vegas Sprint Communication Center recently. Cornett concluded: "The Sprint officials were high in their praise of our Civic Center staff and facility and plan to hold future area meetings here in Salado at

the center."

Matthews told Sprint's Public Affairs manager that the grant funds will help defray overhead costs of the Civic Center including utilities, cleaning, maintenance, repair, supplies, insurance and the day to day operation needed to keep the facility clean and comfortable for the many visitors and groups that use the building on a daily basis - including public restrooms that are open seven days a week.



Sprint telephone company's Texas Public Affairs Manager Steve Hanik is shown presenting an oversize and very welcome grant to Salado Civic Center Foundation Directors Mike Cornett (left) and David Matthews (right).



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# March is month to plant perennials

By DEBBIE LAUER  
MASTER GARDENER

As I write this article it is a beautiful winter day and thoughts of snow like we had last year are far from my mind. The warm air outside has all but erased thoughts of last year's Valentine's Day dusting of the white stuff.

It has been a strange winter; one that has bounced from extremes several times. Because of this I am not trusting mother nature to play nice, just yet. Again I caution you that a hard freeze can still come, especially during the first two weeks of the month. Once we do get good weather we have lots to do in the garden this month.

The cool season annuals you planted last fall that survived our schizophrenic winter are gearing up for their finale in April or May, depending on temperatures. If you did not fertilize them in February, do so as soon as possible so they can

really put on a show next month. To keep those plants producing flowers, be sure to remove faded flowers before the seed pods form. This will keep them flowering as long as possible. Even though it may still be cool you can direct seed into your garden some warm season plants such as marigold, black-eyed Susan, cleome and cosmos. Once shoots emerge be sure to protect from frost if we get a late season freeze.

Those spring flowering bulbs that you planted late last year should flower this month - that is if they did not come up in the middle of winter. Be sure to note which varieties do well and which did not. Take some notes and think about new locations where they may do better next year. March is the month to buy your summer flowering bulbs for planting in April and May. For established summer blooming bulbs that have outgrown their place, this is the month to

divide them. Share your "extras" with friends and family or make new beds for them.

Get your mower and other lawn care equipment ready for work that will probably begin by the end of the month. March and April is the window for a spring fertilizer application of your turf grass. Do not fertilize your grass to make it break dormancy. Wait until you have mowed at least twice to fertilize your grass, this is usually late March or early April. Note any spots that are thin or where the grass needs to be replaced. New sod or seed should not be put down until night temperatures are warmer, usually late April or early May.

March is the month to plant perennials. There should be a good variety of them available. Be sure to plant varieties that do well in our area. There is an extensive list of perennials that do well here area

available from the County Extension Office. When purchasing perennials be patient! Some take a while to become established and bloom but they are well worth the wait.

If you can't wait, spend the extra money and buy the larger pots of older plants. Be sure to ask what type of conditions the plants do well in and plant them accordingly. Established perennials should be fertilized this month. This is also the month to divide fall blooming perennials such as chrysanthemums, autumn asters, Mexican marigold mint, obedient plant and Mexican bush sage.

Begin regular feeding of your roses this month. Continue to fertilize every four to six weeks until September. If you did not prune around Valentine's Day, you can still prune your roses, they will just

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Bloom later than usual. Spring blooming roses that do not re-bloom should only be pruned after blooming is complete. This is the last month that you can plant trees and shrubs and have them well established before the really hot weather begins. You can plant container grown shrubs and trees anytime of the year; just be aware that after March

they will require much more care to get them through our summer alive. Insect pests can start to show up in numbers that make a difference to your plants. Be on the look out for their first appearance. Treat early for them to minimize damage to your plants. Maybe this is the year to look into beneficial insects to help you out with those bad bugs.

Some local nurseries sell lady bugs and other beneficials to assist you in your endeavor to reduce chemical use. Normally we get enough rain in March so that you don't usually have to water frequently if at all. However, if we get long dry periods you should check both your yard and planting beds to make sure they have sufficient water. If not, water. New plantings especially need to be watched.

fast. Get ahead of weeds by ensuring that all beds are properly mulched with at least three inches of mulch. Get to the weeds before they go to seed. Be especially careful if you decide to use any herbicide for broadleaf weed control this month as trees, shrubs and lawns are especially sensitive to exposure while they are breaking dormancy. The ground should be moist from our spring showers; that makes weeds easy get rid of the old fashioned way: pull them up.

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Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that furniture is a major contributor to indoor air pollution? -- Jon Kaplan, Brooklyn, NY

Many toxic materials are used throughout traditional furniture-making processes. The paints, varnishes and waxes commonly employed can release the volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that are known to decrease indoor air quality. One of the most common VOCs is formaldehyde, which is used in glues for particleboard. It is also added to paints as a preservative and to upholstery to give it a permanent-press quality. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, formaldehyde emissions can cause eye and throat irritation, allergic reactions, and possibly cancer.

In addition to "off-gassing" chemical pollutants, some furnishings are made of absorbent materials that make them "sinks" for other pollutants. For example, textured fabric surfaces such as draperies, upholstered furniture and carpeting can absorb and then re-release pollutants into the air. Besides absorbing the VOCs from adhesives and paints, these furnishings can collect dust mites, bacteria and fungi, especially in areas of high humidity, leading to a wide range of allergic reactions.

Luckily for those sensitive to indoor air pollution, many toxic-free alternatives to traditional furniture exist. For instance, California-based Tamalpais NatureWorks uses toxic-free finishes on its clean-lined furniture. The company uses paints, stains and waxes from BioShield, which makes its products out of citrus peel extracts, essential oils, tree resins, bee waxes and natural pigments.

Meanwhile, Massachusetts-based Furniture is one of a handful of companies using organic upholstery. Online retailer Green Culture offers a wide selection of eco-friendly beds and mattresses, nightstands, tables, dressers and armoires.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is considering regulating products like furniture with regard to indoor air pollution through a pilot program called the Environmental Technology Verification Project. The agency is creating guidelines for manufacturers to follow voluntarily with the hope that more stringent mandatory regulations can be avoided.

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Dear EarthTalk: Are there safe herbal alternatives to common pain and headache medications? -- Dylan Baker, Seattle, WA

From lower back problems and migraines to the stings of cuts, bruises and more serious injuries, persistent pain sends most of us running to the doctor--and then the

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pharmacist--for a quick fix. Often that relief comes in the form of a potent pain pill, such as OxyContin or Percocet.

New research shows that many of these powerful pharmaceuticals are also no friends to the environment. When they are eliminated from our bodies and flushed down the toilet, they make their way into our waterways and dissolve into microscopic particles. Fish and wildlife living in and near streams polluted by these compounds can develop health problems. So can human beings who drink the water from public water supplies whose treatment methods are not sophisticated enough to screen out the particles.

Given those risks, millions of American families have turned to herbal pain remedies. Pain relief patches are among the hot new products on display at natural foods markets. Some, such as the Tiger Balm patch, contain the herbs camphor and oil of clove, which are absorbed through the skin.

Arnica, also known as "leopard's bane," is especially effective in reducing pain from arthritis, burns, ulcers and eczema, and is also

used to treat acne. It has anti-bacterial and anti-inflammatory qualities that reduce pain and swelling and accelerate wound healing. According to the American Botanical Council, arnica is one of the most popular herbs used by homeopathic practitioners for pain.

Meanwhile, several research studies have shown that capsaicin, an extract of cayenne pepper, can offer significant arthritis pain relief when used as a topical cream. Turmeric, a natural anti-inflammatory and immune booster, is also well known as a pain reliever for arthritis pain. And feverfew is a useful herb for reducing migraine headache pain. Herbalists have relied on it since the Middle Ages.

Since herbal remedies are not as strictly regulated as conventional drugs, it is important to consult a reputable naturopath or homeopath before using them. For example, despite its benefits, arnica can raise blood pressure and therefore

may be undesirable for some people. Also, research shows a wide variation in purity and quality among the herbal offerings on the market, so it is also important to choose a reputable manufacturer. Websites such as MotherNature.com and MedicinePlants.com are good sources, as are the herb and supplement sections in Wild Oats, Whole Foods and other natural foods markets.

Regardless of where you obtain herbal medicines, be aware that many herbs can interact with other medicines, so you should check with your medical doctor before using them. Also, as with conventional medicines, it may also be unwise to take herbal treatments if you are pregnant or trying to conceive.

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