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Trustees set May 10 workshop on future school bond issue

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado trustees set a workshop meeting on a future bond issue for May 10, three days after the local school board election.

The board will meet at the Salado Civic Center 6 p.m. May 10 to discuss what proposal or proposals to bring to voters and when to bring them. The first uniform election date that the board can set a referendum is Sept. 10.

"We're going to need to have two or three meetings before we get to the point of having a proposal," said Trey Little, who chairs the Capital Improvements and Planning (CIP) committee of the board, during the April 18 meeting of the SISD board of trustees.

"There are going to be several meetings," said Superintendent Robin Battershell, "to see where the waters rumble on this."

"We need to rethink the proposition," said school board president John Konzen, adding that with the budgets and conceptual plans by the architect and the work of the community committee, "there's not a lot to reinvent."

"We need to have some new, creative ideas," he added, including some "alternative financing methods for part of

it." The board may examine renovations of current facilities through measures other than long-term bond financing. Those measures could include paying for renovations from fund balance or utilizing Delinquent Tax Anticipatory Notes (DTANs).

In other business, trustees approved the contracts of three teachers. Amanda Silkett completed her degree and will serve as behavior management teacher; she was hired as an aide until she got her degree. Anna Kate Mackie began in January and the board approved her contract as a certified English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher. Leslie Allen was approved for 2005-06; she is an elementary special education teacher left off the contract renewals in March.

Trustees approved two local policies: one applies the Standards of Conduct that currently applies to administrators and trustees for the district to all employees; the other policy establishes rules and contacts for dealing with news media.

The board also accepted a donation of renovated bleachers by Jake Bradshaw. Bradshaw is renovating the bleachers as part of an Eagle Scout project.

"Thank you," Dr. Battershell said, "We can always use more bleachers."

"Think you could build us a new school?" trustee Chris Seaton asked.



Gaylene Gidley prepares to draw blood from Mel Curtis during an April 18 blood drive at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

School board, aldermen races contested

Local early voting starts

Early voting began April 20 in two local elections and will continue weekdays through May 3 at the Salado Civic Center. Early voting hours are 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Six candidates have filed for three full three-year terms on the Salado

I.S.D. Board of Trustees. They are the following: Laura DiPette, Trey Little, Frank Carlson, Deborah Aldridge, John Konzen, and Jackie Burson.

Four candidates have filed for three full two-year terms on the Village of Salado Board of Al-

dermen. Candidates are Danney V. McCort, Curt Strong, Jackie Mills and Merle L. Stalcup.

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

Candidate interviews begin on page 8B.

Symbols & caricatures dominate editorial cartoonist's work

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Journalists are obligated to be fair, accurate, complete and objective.

The editorial cartoonist, in contrast, has to be the first three, but "is relieved of the obligation to be objective," according to Ben Sargent, editorial cartoonist for the *Austin American Statesman* newspaper.

And he should know.

Sargent has been drawing editorial cartoons that inflame Republicans and enrage Democrats for more than three decades. He is a Pulitzer prize winner and was a finalist two other times. He shared his experience, as well as some of the history of the editorial cartoon and the cartoonists behind them with the Bell County Texas Democratic Women. More than

150 people attended the April 16 luncheon at Stagecoach Inn, including a handful from Williamson County. "I see we have every living Democrat from Williamson County here with us today," Sargent said of the table from our southern sister county.

Sargent told the audience that the cartoonist expresses in one image what the editorial writer may take 500 words to explain.

The cartoonist has several tools at his fingertips, besides ink and paper. Symbols are at the top of the list, according to Sargent, who showed cartoons spanning his career as he brushed each topic.

He explained how Thomas Nast's drawings of the elephant and the donkey came to represent the two prevailing political parties in America in the 19th Century.

Nast's drawings and cartoons

carried such weight that they were successful in bringing down the corrupt Boss Tweed political machine. In fact, Tweed, who had fled the country for Spain, was captured by an illiterate Spanish policeman who had recognized him from one of Nast's caricatures.

The caricature is one of the most powerful tools of the cartoonist because it takes the recognizable features of a famous person and exaggerates them to the point of the comical: think of Ann Richards' wall of hair, Bill Clinton's bulbous nose and bad boy grin or George W. Bush's close set eyes and features that closely resemble a monkey.

President Bush is clearly Sargent's favorite target and caricature. For one thing, Sargent has had years of practice at it, going back to the days when Bush first announced that he was running



Ben Sargent, editorial cartoonist for the *Austin American Statesman*, spoke in Salado April 16. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

for Texas Governor.

The newspaper gets plenty of angry letters about Sargent's monkey-like drawings of Bush. "I didn't make him look like

that. God made him look like a chimp and I'm not going to quarrel with that."

Especially not in front of a room full of Democrats.



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Candidate Forum

Candidates in both the school and aldermen race were invited to participate in the Candidates' Forum 7 p.m. April 19 at the Salado Civic Center.

The Candidate Forum was after this week's issue of *Salado Village Voice* went to press. Click on www.saladovillagevoice.com for coverage of the Forum.

Candidate Q&As begin on page 8B of this issue.

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



For Boys and Girls, Go Single-Sex

Your 8-year-old son who has trouble reading or little interest in picking up a book could benefit from the Larry Summers controversy.

The Harvard president, as everyone now knows, speculated at a seminar that men might be overrepresented for genetic reasons in the top jobs in science and engineering at universities. While Summers surely would now retract his comments, if nothing else, he struck a blow against the dreary orthodoxy of gender sameness.

In response to the flap, Time magazine ran a cover story featuring the work of Leonard Sax, author of the new book "Why Gender Matters: What Parents and Teachers Need to Know About the Emerging Science of Sex Differences." Sax might simply have been dismissed as a Neanderthal not too long ago.

In a piece in The Washington Post exploring the different ways boys and girls learn to read, Sax explained that at the heart of the debate about gender is a paradox: To ignore the hard-wired differences between boys and girls is to perpetuate gender stereotypes. That's because ignoring those differences means we will continue to fail to teach many boys how to read and many girls how to do math and science.

As it happens, the gender-insensitive American education system hurts everyone. Take boys and reading. According to a National Endowment for the Arts survey, between 1992 and 2002 the gap between young women and young men in reading widened considerably. High-school seniors who are girls score on average 16 points higher than boys on a reading test given by the National Assessment of Educational Progress. As an NEA official wrote recently, "What was formerly a modest difference is fast becoming a marker of gender identity."

Do boys not have an intrinsic aptitude for reading? No. But those parts of the

Rich Lowry



brain involved in language develop more slowly in boys than in girls. According to Sax, the average 5-year-old boy is two to three years behind his female counterpart, and the average 14-year-old is four to five years behind. Eventually it evens out, but the danger is that by pushing a boy to read too soon, or to keep pace with the girls when he can't, you turn him off reading forever. Also, boys have different reading interests than girls (and their largely women teachers): war stories, technical information, potty humor. There is no better way to turn a generation of boys against reading than to assign them "Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret."

The flip side of this is girls when it comes to math and science -- they develop more slowly. They will suffer the same discouragement as boys if they are pushed too soon, or in the wrong way.

The institution of single-sex education, long ago tossed in the ashbin of history, would better serve both genders. Girls who go to all-girl schools are six times more likely than girls in coed schools to major in math or science in college.

The first step to overcoming gender, it turns out, is admitting how much it matters.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Perry could face two campaign savvy opponents - Hutchison and Strayhorn! GOP primary likely "down and dirty"

News from the training camps of at least three top Republican contenders for the upcoming Texas gubernatorial fight is sketchy at best, but from what little is known, there's a massive round-up of campaign dollars underway by reigning champ Rick (crazy hair) Perry. Included in this cash-grab is two-time loser for Governor - Claytie (the mouth) Williams, who has (as we noted recently) pledged his wealth and "campaign style" to help Perry retain his crown. **Perry's handlers will gladly accept the money, and pray the other never surfaces.**

Greatly hampering Perry's reelection effort is the fact he's trying to ride herd on a hapless legislature, with much of his future riding on several legislative items. Bills that thus far are sinking in a morass of dislike by his own party; not to mention a wide variety of lobbyists. First of the pending failures is his plan to cap the percentages used to increase property values each year.

Schools, counties, cities, special tax districts - as well as rural GOPers, are howling about this "cap" and managed to plant a potential kiss-of-death on the idea through a preliminary House vote that scuttled debate.

The Education Finance Reform package, that Perry termed his "Number One" objective this session, is also expected to face problems when it reaches the conference committee later this month - especially the section that includes a proposed Statewide Property Tax.

Basic education "reform" problem facing Top-GOP-Perry is not having enough money to finance the plan. Guv's against any tax not "fiscally neutral" meaning a new tax "added here" has to be coupled with an equal tax "cut there." No "true" equalization idea has, as yet, been unveiled.

HUTCHISON - TOP CONTENDER

Senator Kay Hutchison - the number one contender for the "championship," is training diligently to land a "knockout blow" next year that will let her come home to a new address - the Governor's Mansion - complete with a large staff; political power to spare; unlimited contributions and eight years of prestigious Governorship.

Hutchison is a resolute, untiring and clean campaigner, as compared to Perry whose politicking has been described (at times) as vicious, dirty, carping, and legally "borderline."

The GOP Senator has amassed a war chest in the millions with money pouring in daily. Conservative lobby groups are hedging bets and sending the "long green" to both candidates.

NOT-SO-SECRET WEAPON

Hutchison may not realize it, but she's got a not-so-secret "weapon" that will be trained on Perry throughout the year-long GOP primary battles. This powerful "WPD" (Weapon of Political Destruction) is Grandma Carole Strayhorn - the indomitable Comptroller of Public Accounts who considers Governor Perry just one step above a perfect failure (no one's "perfect" she charitably opined); and three chapters short in the revised "Idiocy Handbook."

It all started after Governor Perry's 2003 legislative session. You may recall Strayhorn had stymied the State budget by refusing to certify it - saying the Guv's fuzzy math projections failed to match income with expenditures. This forced an angry Perry to amend the entire

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



spending plan.

He felt Strayhorn made him look silly (not difficult) and as a result she was dropped from the Guv's weekly (social and planning) breakfast at the Mansion (other invitees - Lt. Governor; Speaker of the House; Attorney General) But no grandma! Thus compelling her to eat her wheaties alone on Monday mornings.

Since the breakfast snub, (plus an all-purpose aversion), Strayhorn has become an effective road block to old Rick's best laid political plans and now the feisty grandma wants to run for Governor. **If she does, Perry will be forced to divert way too much campaign time watching his backside that Strayhorn will be happily jabbing & snapping at,** leaving Hutchison free to take the high road and talk about "the Future of Texas" and other lofty goals.

NEED ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

There appears to be a profound need for some basic, elementary education by at least two rather dumb thugs, who are current guests of the State prison system. Both cases (apparently documented) brought this "need" to our attention from news reports. First involved a guy who sauntered into a Texas bank, flashed a gun, handed the teller a paper sack, and demanded cash ("Money or your life" he growled).

The unflappable employee took one look at the robber, his gun, the empty sack and calmly told the "would-be" Jessie James that she couldn't give him the money unless he showed her some form of identification!

"It's bank policy" the matronly type money-changer explained, as if it were nothing out of the ordinary to deal with a law-breaker of this type.

What happened next proves a complete lack of know-how, if one plans to become a professional bank-robber (or general malefactor). "This not-so-sparkling "goof-ball," politely handed over his driver's license, took the money and fled.

Police were waiting for him at his home when he arrived to count his booty. **He actually seemed surprised!**

FOOL FOR A LAWYER

The second case before today's "Justice Bar" deals with another Texan - this one being tried for rape. He artlessly decided not to accept services of a court appointed attorney. Said he would represent himself. Which he proceeded to do with gusto (but no apparent skill).

When the jury returned their verdict - the not-so-bright fellow was given - **not one life sentence as expected. But two life sentences!**

The moral of these two "true" stories would seem to be that crime not only does not pay; but for those whose elevators never quite reach the top floor - it's a perfect way to win a free ride to the calaboose.

One can not help but wonder what these two ill-fitted-for-crime fellows had to put up with when they reached the "big-house." Laughter must have been raucous - to say the least!

That's -30-

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Good sportsmanship brings congrats

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

The following letter was sent to me. The author agreed to it being published.

Dr. Robin Battershell
Superintendent
Salado ISD

Dr. Battershell,

I just wanted to let you know that I happened to be in Austin last month attending a seminar when boredom forced me to the Erwin Center. I also just happened to see your team play in the state semifinals against Kountze. I also saw several other teams including Diboll, Graham, and Jim Ned. Prior to those games, I had not seen a high school basketball game in twenty years. At the same time, I am raising two little girls of my own (ages 6 and 10).

In the midst of all the excitement (and disappointment) that accompanies a state championship competition, I was absolutely stunned by the conduct of your students. One, in particular, was (if memory serves correctly) Matt Cooley. This young man did everything that he could to help his team win. He left absolutely everything that he had on the court. Even more importantly, when he left the court late in the fourth quarter he was the epitome of sportsmanship. When called for his fifth foul, rather than simply slink off the court (as many, many kids did that weekend), he jogged directly to the opponent's bench and shook their coach's hand. He then jogged past the scorer's table and received his congratulations from his own coach and teammates before taking his seat at the end of the bench. A second member of your team fouled out shortly thereafter and followed the same routine.

Having been away from high school basketball for so long, I was very disappointed in much of what I saw at the tournament. Far too many teams were poorly disciplined and seemed only marginally committed. Your team was a glaring exception. If these young men perform in the classroom the

way they performed on the court, they are destined for success. They are a credit to your program and your community.

Please extend my congratulations to your entire administration and athletic program.

Sincerely,
James A. Holmes, Esq.
Henderson, Texas

Dear Editor:

As President of the Chisholm Trail Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA), I want to express appreciation on behalf of our chapter members for the support of the Style Show and Luncheon held April 9. Area merchants and members of the chapter were most generous in providing contributions to the Silent Auction and the Raffle Packages. The quality and quantity of these enhanced the excitement associated with this marvelous event.

The style show fashions were provided by Christy Arner of Christy's on Main Street, and Alice's in Old Town. The narration, models and the fashions were enjoyed by all attendees. These merchants were most generous to make this even possible, and thus to generate revenue from ticket sales for the Chisholm Trail Chapter's Scholarship fund. Thanks to both!

Additionally, I would like to thank all the attendees who came and who participated in the auctions and raffles. As Chapter President, I also want to thank the members of our chapter who expended much time and effort to orchestrate this event. To Becca Korte as coordinator, Dorothy Dentry for decorations; and others who assisted in obtaining the support of the merchants and individuals who generously assisted us. Additionally, thanks to the Mill Creek Country Club staff who worked with us to have menu and ambience conducive to the event.

Sincerely,
L. Joyce Goza
President, Chisholm Trail Chapter of ABWA.



Flim-flamming CEOs walkfree



Jim Hightower

There's a word for people who take money from others under false pretenses. The word is: Criminal.

But this word does not apply to corporate CEOs, even if they are guilty of the kind of flimflam that would send common hucksters to prison. Instead of bilking people in Ponzi schemes, some CEOs fleece investors by claiming to have achieved enormous profits in the previous year, when the company actually made much less or even suffered a loss. These executives cook the books to make the corporation's performance (and theirs) look far better than it is, thus artificially jacking up the company's stock price and duping investors into putting more money into the scam. The executives, who get rewarded based on meeting profit goals, walk away with millions.

Take William Wise, honcho of El Paso Corporation. In 2001, the energy giant reported a \$93 million profit - and Wise cashed in with a \$3.4 million bonus plus \$6 million in other incentive pay, on top of his \$1.3 million regular salary. Two years later - oopsie-doopsie - El Paso admitted that instead of making a \$93 million profit that year, it actually had lost \$447 million.

This got Wise booted from his job, but what about that \$10 million or so he looted from stockholders by falsely claiming to have made a profit? Not only has he avoided any prosecution, but he has not paid back a dime of his ill-gotten gain - nor has the corporation even asked for repayment.

Wise is not alone in profiting, rather than being prosecuted, from this kind of high-class hucksterism. Time Warner, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Xerox, and Qwest are among the corporations that paid fat bonuses in the past couple of years to CEOs based on false claims of profits. They let the CEOs walk, they say, because they don't want more bad publicity, or because they fear it'll be too costly to sue the CEOs for repayment.

Who says crime doesn't pay? It can pay very nicely... if the crime is in the suites.

Texas history always provides new surprises

No matter how often I visit Texas historical sites, I am struck by the fact that I never fail to come away with a new piece of information or insight.

We have such a rich past that there is always something else to learn. This was reaffirmed when I recently traveled the length of El Camino Real to celebrate its designation as a National Historic Trail from Milan to Eagle Pass.

El Camino Real de Los Tejas was the "royal road" established by Spain on the paths established by native Americans centuries earlier. The trail runs over 1,600 miles, from the Louisiana border through San Augustine, the Caddo Mounds, Crockett, Madison, Bryan, Caldwell, Lee County, Bastrop, San Marcos, New Braunfels, San Antonio, the San Jose Mission, Atascosa, Pearsoll, Carrizo Springs, Eagle Pass, and, finally, to Mexico. Five hundred fifty miles of the trail run through Texas. Because so much of our history took place on this trail and I did not want this heritage to be lost, I worked long and hard to secure its National Historic Trail designation.

When I returned to the trail to celebrate its historic designation, I learned again that every visit to one of these historic sites yields something new. In Nacogdoches and San Augustine where I have often visited, I learned new facts about my great-great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Taylor and Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sharp as well as those charming towns.

In Bryan, we had breakfast at the Lucky B Bison Ranch, founded by former Texas Agriculture Commissioner Reagan Brown. By raising Bison and Bison hybrids, called "beefalo," the ranch keeps alive an animal which has been an integral part of America's history.

At San Marcos'

Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



Aquarena Springs, I learned new details of this beautiful location. These springs, which have provided fresh water for weary travelers from the dawn of history, lie on an intersection of not one, but two famous trails - El Camino Real and the Chisholm Trail on which cowboys drove herds of Texas longhorns north to Kansas. Information centers at the springs provide a lot of information on Texas wildlife and vegetation.

New Braunfels is on the trail. I was always aware of the town's German heritage. It was founded on March 21, 1845, when Nicolaus Zink led a German immigrant wagon train up the Guadalupe River to the ford of the San Antonio-Nacogdoches road, as that part of El Camino Real was called at the time. What I did not know was that, with over 5,000 German immigrants, New Braunfels was Texas' fourth-largest town in 1850.

New Braunfels' 127-year-old Gruene historic district has played a role in preserving Texas' distinctive music. The Gruene Music Hall holds the distinction of being the oldest continually operating dance hall in Texas. This 6,000-square-foot structure and its high-pitched tin roof was revitalized in the mid-1970s and has attracted musical acts including George Strait, Garth Brooks, Willie Nelson, Bo Diddley and Lyle Lovett.

Returning to the Alamo was like visiting an old friend. Almost 290 years ago, the viceroy of Mexico authorized construction of a mission on El Camino Real. The structure was designed to be both a

spiritual and physical refuge in the wilderness north of the Rio Grande and, over time, its strong walls took on the character of a fort.

On February 23, 1836, Col. William B. Travis entered the Alamo with a force that later totaled approximately 187 men. Gen. Antonio López de Santa Anna brought 5,000 men up against the old mission and laid siege. Their heroic last stand has fired the imaginations of men and women ever since. It was thanks to the dedication of two far-sighted women, Adina de Zavala and Clara Driscoll, that the Alamo was saved for future generations.

The Mission San Jose with its operating water-powered grist mill is another wonderful historic place; it has been there since the 1700s.

In Eagle Pass, where El Camino Real crosses into Mexico, we had an opportunity to meet with Mexican officials and celebrate Texas and Mexico's shared heritage. This crossing of the Rio Grande took its name from the flights of eagles that made their aeries in the ancient pecan trees along the Escondido Creek.

The three-day trip allowed me to meet old friends and make new ones. It was a vivid reminder that Texans who want to explore history can have an enriching and relaxing vacation without leaving the state. It is very rewarding to reacquire ourselves with our heritage and the historic sites which played a role in the creation of Texas. I urge everyone to take your families on Texas' royal road and rediscover our colorful past

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John Jairo Posada M.D. and Clara Ines Colavizza de Posada, and Armando Lenis M.D. and Barbara Ann Lenis, of Salado, have announced the marriage of their children, Ana Lusía Posada and Allen Stewart Lenis. The wedding is scheduled for June 8 in Salado.

Wade Daniel performs at First Baptist April 24

Christian concert pianist and recording artist Wade Daniel will appear in concert 6 p.m. April 24 at First Baptist Church of Salado.

The performance is free and open to the public, and Daniel's recording products will be available for purchase. A love offering will be taken to help defray his expenses.

Daniel is an artist who shares stories from his own life, whether they be serious or comical, but all with a strong message of God's love.

Daniel is the Minister of Music at North Orange Baptist Church, a vocalist with the Grammy and Dove Award nominated CenturyMen Choir and piano accompanist for the "Singing Men of South East Texas." Active as a concert artist and banquet entertainer,

Daniel's versatility and adaptability combine to ensure an inspirational and entertaining concert for all ages. He holds degrees in music from Lamar University and from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He, his wife, Becky and daughter Ashley reside in Orange, TX.

Daniel has shared his music in more than 160 cities across the United States, and has performed concerts in British Columbia, Wales, England, Romania, Hungary, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Poland and Russia.

He has six recordings to his credit and is soon to come out with two additional recordings.

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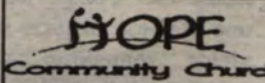
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Community Chorus performs May 6

The Salado Community Chorus will perform its Spring Concert 7 p.m. May 6 at the Salado Civic Center.

The Chorus, under the direction of Mike Bergman, and accompanied by Dr. Kim Van Cura, will perform a set of Broadway show tunes.

The concert is free of charge and refreshments will be served.

Salado one game out of 3rd place Playoffs still a possibility

For the first time this season the Salado Eagles swept a week of district contests, first in a see-saw, come-from-behind 9-8 win over Lexington, followed by an 11-2 pounding of Florence.

The Eagles have now fought their way to a 5-5 district mark, and now are only game out of the third and final playoff spot.

Against Lexington April 11, the score was tied 4-4 after two innings. Tanner Meyers had two hits in the first two innings, while Kevin Jackson collected three RBI's.

Salado took the lead in the third with two runs. Wesley Ruth singled and stole second to start the rally. Tucker Wilhite then doubled to bring Ruth home. Wilhite later scored on a Jesse Rodriguez triple.

Lexington then retook the lead in the top of the fourth, scoring three runs. With a single run in the sixth, Salado tied the game back up.

In the top of the seventh, Lexington pushed across a run to give them a 8-7 lead. With Salado down

to its final three outs, Josh Shaw drew a leadoff walk. Rodriguez followed with a single, while Tanner Myers moved the runners to second and third with a sacrifice bunt. Johnny Nix was then intentionally walked to load the bases and set up a force. With the bases juiced, Jackson stayed patient at the plate, drawing a walk to tie the game. Rodriguez then raced home on a passed ball for the winning run.

Rodriguez was 3-5 in the game, leading the Eagle offense. Myers chipped in two hits.

Justin Pruitt pitched the first three innings of the game. He allowed four hits and four runs. Nix came on in relief, picking up the win.

On April 15 versus Florence, Salado held a slim, 1-0 lead through three innings, but blew the game open with eight runs in the fourth. Tanner Myers, Johnny Nix, Matt Fritsch, Justin Schiller and Josh Shaw all had singles in the big inning. Florence also committed two errors in the frame, but the major blow came

from Nix, who clubbed a grand slam homerun.

Salado added two more runs in the seventh. Schiller singled again to start the inning. Wesley Ruth followed with his first homerun of the season, which accounted for the last of Salado's scoring.

Nix had a big game, going 3-5 and knocking

in five runs. Schiller contributed two hits and drove in two.

Kevin Jackson earned his fifth win on the mound for the Eagles. He went five innings, allowing five hits and striking out four. Matt Fritsch pitched the final two innings.

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District golf - continued from Page 6A

rounds of 79 placed he and Wes Dowell in a tie for the third place individual medal, while Bartlett (176), Harris (186) and Sarah Dowell (189) took first, second and third place individual medals, respectively, on the ladies side. Bartlett first picked up a golf club just two years ago.

Other individual scores in the boys draw include Matt Jennings (160), Lucas Martin (161), Travis Kemp (163), Clint Permenter (166), Tyler Burden (184), Jonas Goode (185), Denny Jordan (209) and Blake Newman (209).

Although Jennings competed on the Salado 2 team - which placed fourth - his 160 was good enough for a regional berth.

Also competing for the Lady Eagles were Nicole Weatherly, who put together a two-round total of 207, and Julie Hajda, who shot 233.

The golfers will now move on to the regional tournament, scheduled for April 25 and 26 in San Marcos. There they will again face, among other schools, Lago Vista, coached by SHS grad and one-time Salado coach, Kurt Salisbury.

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Salado track shows well in District Meet

The Varsity Eagle track team had athletes qualify for the regional meet in nine different events. Not to be outdone, the Lady Eagles nearly duplicated that number, qualifying in eight events, with all three Salado pole vaulters earning a spot in regionals, and Chelsea Ervi winning district in the both the mile and two-mile.

At the District 25AA meet, held April 12 in Florence, the Salado boys placed second as a team with 127 points, finishing 22 points behind Lexington. The Lady Eagles also took the team silver, totaling 128 points in the meet, which was some distance behind Academy's 183. The regional meet will be held at Texas State University in San Marcos.

Senior Nick Everett will represent Salado in the 1600m run and 3200m run, having won district gold in both events. Everett clocked a time of 4:43.54 in the mile, and 10:05.72 in the two-mile.

In addition, all three Eagle relay teams will

make the trip to regionals. Salado's 400m relay team of Josh Jacobsen, Devon Dunn, Adam Patton and Chance Coe finished second in district with a time of 43.85, while the 800m relay team of Jacobsen, Dunn, Patton and Tucker Wilhite came in third with a time of 1:33.18. The mile relay team of Coe, Dunn, Justin Konzen and Everett took the gold, coming in at 3:27.07.

Individually, Jacobsen will compete at regionals in the 100m dash, where he came in the third at 11.40, and pole vault, where his top vault of 12'6" landed him a second place finish. Josh Shaw also cleared 12'6" in the pole vault, meaning he too will compete at regionals.

And with a first place finish in the discus (140'10") and a second in the shot put (47'8.5"), Jacob Williams will be a two-event competitor at the regional meet.

On the girls side, the Salado 400m relay team of Shae Janda, Kelsey Smith, Brittani Goodnight and Valerie Clark crossed the line in third place with a time of 51.41, good enough for a regional spot. The mile relay team of Goodnight, Molly Rooney, Kathryn Holdampf and Leigh Martin are also heading to regionals, thanks to a time of 4:



Denise Jasso finished third in pole vault at the District 25AA meet, and will now advance to regionals, along with two other Lady Eagle vaulters: Leigh Martin and Jenny Ewton. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

12.05 which placed them in third.

Continuing a strong sophomore season, Chelsea Ervi won first in the 3200m, finishing at 12:10.12. In the 1600m, Ervi took gold at 5:22.65.

Leigh Martin and Tamara Stanish both qualified for regionals in the 800m, with Martin taking second at 2:30.09 and Stanish finishing third at 2:31.03. In the 200m, the Lady Eagles will be represented by Valerie Clark, who finished second at 26.43.

Molly Rooney won district gold in the 300m hurdles, and will now move on to regionals thanks to a time of 47.12. In the pole vault Leigh Martin, Jenny Ewton and Denise Jasso took first, second

and third, respectively, sweeping the district medals. All three will advance to regionals.

Individual results for those that medaled on the junior varsity teams are as follows:

JV Boys

100m dash: Seth Collins, first, 11.49; Blake Hancock, third, 11.88;

200 dash: Collins, first, 23.78;

400m dash: Brandon Peters, second, 56.33;

800m run: Casey Cockrell, third, 2:16.88;

400m relay: Salado (Bryan Corbitt, Leo Galvan, Misa Jaimes, Hancock), third, 47.31.

800m relay: Salado (Corbitt, Jaimes, Galvan, Hancock), third, 1:40.99;

110m hurdles: David Rosenau, first, 17.50;

300m hurdles: Rosenau, first, 45.34;

Long jump: Robbie Castancio, third, 17'1.75";

Shot put: Galvan, third, 38'7";

Pole vault: Collin Smith, first, 10'.

JV Girls

100m dash: Brittany Dixon, first, 14.04;

200m dash: Brittany Gilchrest, second, 28.79;

800m run: Kesley Gobin, second, 2:52.21;

1600m: Holdampf, first, 6:27.88; Gobin, third, 6:32.89;

3200m run: Holdampf, first, 14:25.73;

400m relay: Salado (Kristen Smith, Brittany Gilchrest, Brittany Dixon, Sara Moffatt), third, 56.19.

1600m relay: Salado (Holdampf, Kamyille Palamino, Gobin, Sarah Dowell), second, 4:45.26;

100m hurdles: Amanda Hoffman, third, 20.31;

300m hurdles: Hoffman, second, 56.97;

Pole vault: Palamino, first, 7'.

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Big turnout for Rabbit Run

The Salado 5K Rabbit Run Walk, jointly benefiting the Peacable Kingdom Retreat for children and the Salado United Methodist Church's playground building fund, was held April 9 at Tenroc Ranch in Salado.

Awards were presented in each of the eight age categories, as well as for best overall female and male runner, and most experienced runner.

Bess Hilpert was the top female runner, while Steve Allen took the title of top male runner. Most experienced runner was Sam McCuskey.



Children gather at the starting line of April 9 Rabbit Run/Walk, held at Tenroc Ranch. (PHOTO COURTESY SALADO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH)

Preston addresses Salado Lions Club

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

At its inception, Salado Water Supply Corporation served a base of 485 customers. The corporation had one tower, on Royal Street, built with a \$119,000 loan. That was 1967.

"Today, you can hardly do anything with \$100,000, but back then that was enough to get things going," said Ricky Preston, who has served as director of SWSC since 1989.

The Salado native and Southwestern University graduate spoke to the Salado Lions Club April 13 about the SWSC, past and future.

Governed by a board of nine directors and owned by shareholders - "anyone who has a meter owns a share," says Preston - Salado Water Supply has grown along with the community it serves. According to Preston, approximately 1,830 customers now get their water from SWSC, coming from seven water wells, of which five are owned and two are leased. Aside from that, Salado Water Supply also owns rights to 1,600 acre feet of water in Stillhouse Hollow Lake, which are held in reserve.

All told, SWSC has a pump capacity of 2,500 gallons per minute - more than double the capacity of 1,100 gpm required.

And with an average absorption of 80-110 customers a year, SWSC faces the same sort of growth demands as other communities on the rapidly-developing I-35 corridor. Namely, how to satisfy a dense, actively-growing customer base.

For that, says Preston - who also serves as one of the five directors of the Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) - Salado Water Supply has embarked on an aggressive

Other award winners included: Adam Brixius (12 and under boys), Arthur Leawell (13-19), Scott Ruplinger (20-29), Jason Herring (30-39), Steve Allen (40-49), Charlie Lowe (50-59), Maurice Carson (60-69), Henry Stewart (70-plus).

Royal (12 and under), Pam Kisely (13-19), Amber Thiele (20-29), Ruth Mal-lory (30-39), Bess Hilpert (40-49), Angie Wilson (50-59), and Gretel Davis (60-69).

Awards were given to the top three finishers in each of the different age categories. In the female draw, winners included: Austin

construction effort to meet demand. Already completed are a host upgrades (paid for by reserve SWSC funds), such as a new \$300,000 water storage tank on Blackberry Road and another to serve the Woods of Salado subdivision. And, explains Preston, SWSC is "in the process of borrowing \$1.9 million to complete [SWSC] projects."

The loan came compliments of the Rural Development office of the USDA, and will be used toward projects in the southwest portion of the SWSC service area, where residential development is high. A total of 15 sq. miles is covered by SWSC, advancing as far north as FM 2484, west to the Long Bridge over Stillhouse Hollow, east to Blackberry Road and south to the I-35 rest stops.

It is that southernmost area that is the site of another SWSC project. The State of Texas is footing the bill for \$370K to construct a new pump station which will serve the new rest areas that are currently being built. Given that a new pump station in that area was on Salado Water Supply's to-do list anyway, Preston considers the agreement a win-win.

"Basically," Preston explained, "the State is taking care of that one for us."



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Lunch Thomas Arnold Elementary

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April 26: Salisbury steak, chef salad, hoagie, mashed potatoes w/gravy, garlic bread, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, milk.

April 27: Pizza, yogurt and fruit plate, hoagie, corn, breadstick, peaches, milk.

April 28: Corn dogs, pinto beans, chef salad, hoagie carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

April 29: Cheeseburger, chef salad, hoagie, burger salad, oven fries, fruity freeze, milk.

Lunch Salado Intermediate & High Schools

April 25: No school.

April 26: Chicken nuggets, hamburger, pizza, chef salad, frito lay, rolls, corn, mashed potatoes w/gravy, burger salad, fresh fruit, pineapple tidbits, milk.

April 27: Pizza, chicken fillet on roll, chef salad, roasted red potatoes, baked potato, burger salad, corn, breadstick, fresh fruit, peaches, milk.

April 28: Loaded baked potato, nachos, pizza, chef salad, baked potato, oven fries, oatmeal cookies, frozen carrots, fresh fruit, applesauce, garlic bread, milk.

April 29: Cheeseburger, fish on bun, pizza, chef salad, pinto beans, fresh fruit, apple slices, burger salad, oven fries, milk.

Breakfast Menu Both Campuses:

April 25: No school

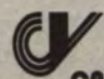
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Which types of financial moves should you make at this stage of your life? You could, of course, immediately get on e-Bay and sell all the possessions your children have left behind - but that could lead to a few awkward moments at your next family gathering. Instead, consider these suggestions:

* Assess your level of disposable income - If your children have left home for college, you obviously may be incurring some big expenses. But if they're done with school, and truly out on their own, you might find yourself with some additional disposable income. Try to

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



estimate about how much more money you now have each month.

* Pay down debts - Assuming you have "freed up" some income, you may want to use some of it to pay off some debts, especially if you have high-rate credit cards. The lower your debt payments, the more you'll have available to invest.

* Build your retirement savings - The departure of your grown children may well coincide with some of the highest earning years of your life. If so, you may have the means to significantly increase the amount of money you put away for retirement. If you haven't already "maxed out" on your IRA and 401(k), now may be the time to do so. And if you are already putting in the maximum

to these tax-advantaged plans, consider investing in a fixed annuity, which offers tax-deferred earnings and allows you to contribute virtually as much as you want.

* Review your investment mix - Once you are through paying for college, you may want to scrutinize your investment mix to see if it still meets your needs. You might want to consider rebalancing your portfolio and taking a somewhat more conservative approach to investing, especially in the years immediately preceding your retirement. However, keep in mind that you will still need to diversify your holdings - and, even when you retire, you'll need to have some growth-oriented vehicles in your portfolio.

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Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

Everyone wants to avoid paying more than they have to for goods and services. When you're talking about real estate, the figures reach levels where a couple percentage points make a big difference. This is where some sellers consider trying it on their own, or letting "a friend in the business" handle the sale.

While your "friend in the business" may be willing to provide services at a reduced cost,

it's a suspicious proposal. Professional agents aren't normally capable of reducing their fees, since half of those fees go to the buyer's company, and most of what's left goes to the selling agent's office and paying for marketing.

Ignore the fees and ask this question: How close is your friendship and what do you want your friend to know about your finances? Yes, even sellers may need to divulge mortgage details, financial background, etc.

Even if you're comfortable discussing these details with your friend, be prepared for the unexpected. The stress and anxiety of selling can make anyone edgy and irritated. Would you rather take that out on your friend, or a neutral expert who understands what you're going through?

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The latest houseplant rage is Orchids

By **DEBBIE LAUER**
MASTER GARDENER

It happened to me over five years ago. There I was shopping for plants and looking for something different to grow as a house plant. There on the bargain table was this little mesh bag containing a dried up and shriveled looking thing that was labeled as an orange colored orchid. Best of all it was only 50 cents! Well I thought why not? I had reasonable luck with other house plants; why not orchids?

So I bought it along with some Orchid potting mix, orchid fertilizer, and brought it home. Needless to say I am now hooked on growing orchids and that is the reason for writing this article. I have six plants and three different kinds of orchids, so far. I find myself searching the internet and trying not to buy one of everything.

Now before you think to yourself that orchids need a special greenhouse and lots of "extra" attention I want to tell you that the exact opposite is true. Of course I found this out the hard way. I dutifully pampered, watered, fertilized, changed potting mix, and put them in larger pots every year.

Wanting to have perfect-looking plants I even snipped off the wandering roots that often crawl out over the top of the pot! My orchids lived and grew but did not thrive and did not bloom; that is until last year. I must warn you, when the first one blooms for you the orchid habit starts to become addicting!

My husband and I do a lot of RVing and I frequently entrust all my house plants to a friend who comes in to water them. I started noticing that when I got home from an extended trip that the orchids actually looked better than when I was home lavishing them with all kinds of attention! That is when I started to ask questions and did some research to find out what it was that I should be doing!

Obviously there are some orchids that are easier to grow than others; otherwise they would not have their temperamental reputation. I suggest that you start with an easy one. The easiest to grow is a Phalaenopsis (fal-en-OP-sis) orchid. If you can grow African Violets you can grow this type of orchid. It is also called a Moth orchid and they are widely available at a variety of colors and prices. The older and larger the orchid the more money you will spend.

They generally start to bloom their third year of growth.

Orchids can be grown in any type of pot. That said, you need to know that they naturally grow as epiphytes (attached to other things like tree bark) with their roots mostly exposed to air. That makes it very important that you do not to over water them and to be sure that they do not stand in water. Any pot selected should drain quickly. Roots should look white or green and should be smooth and turgid. Brown and black roots are not a good thing and should tell you to ease up on the water, as the roots are probably rotting.

To keep your orchid from developing root rot, you should use a special orchid potting mix. Bark chips are the easiest to find, for Phalaenopsis use a medium coarse bark. Repot your orchids every two or more years. You will know it is time to repot when the bark starts to break down and or the plant starts to out-grow the pot. Wait to repot until after they bloom in the spring. When you change the potting mix you can often put them back into the same pot. As long as the roots fit into the pot don't go to a larger size.

To repot, remove the plant from the pot and wash off all the bark from the roots, use slightly warm water. This will make roots more elastic and they will be easier to work with. Snip off any black, brown, or mushy roots. Return the roots to the pot and add bark. Not as easy as it sounds but it does not have to be done very often and it is not as bad as using dirt. Be sure to keep the base of the plant on top of the bark, don't bury it.

Watering your orchid is the most important thing you need to learn to keep them healthy. Over water them and the roots will rot and the orchid will die. When in doubt don't water. When you do water, give them a good soaking. I put mine in the kitchen sink and let the water run through for a several minutes. I make sure the excess has drained out and then do it again. As you water you may notice the roots turn from white to green, which is fine, it just means that the roots are absorbing water.

When to water is the hardest thing to figure out, I generally let them go a couple of weeks and then just to make sure I will dig gently around the potting mix to see how dry it is below the surface. Orchids will not wilt until extremely in need of water,

but they will wrinkle or shrink a little as the reserve of water in the plant is used up. Again, if in doubt don't water.

Phalaenopsis like humidity of 50 percent or higher this is more than normally found in a home with a heating and cooling system. To help them, fill a shallow waterproof tray with pea gravel or decorative glass beads and then fill it half way to the top with water. Place your orchid on top making sure the water does not touch the bottom of the pot. Add water to the tray every few days as needed.

Fertilize your Phalaenopsis every other week with a half strength fertilizer. Use a 3:1:1 ratio fertilizer. During the winter, orchids need less fertilizer so dilute even further. The only exception is November during that month use a 1:3:1 fertilizer. November is when the flower buds are forming. When you see a flower spike or new growth go back to normal

fertilizing.

Phalaenopsis grow well in normal household temperatures, their temperature range is 60 to 85 degrees. Place them in a south or east window. The leaves should be a yellow green color; if the leaves are dark green they need more light. Another sign that more light is needed is evident when a new leaf grows longer and narrower than an older leaf.

When you have done everything right you should be rewarded with a flower spike that usually shows up in February. The spike will grow toward the strongest light. Don't turn the plant after a spike has emerged, let that spike grow straight toward the light for best results! Then enjoy. The flowers can last up to two months.

One last thing, let those roots wander. They may look messy to you at first but they help the plant absorb water and nutrients from the air.

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2005-2006 Eagle Cheerleading Squad: Top row: Brittany Dixon, Maddie Billington, LeeAnne Ingalsbe, Kelsey Smith; middle row, from left: Ksee Ashcraft, Taylor Johnson, Julie Hajda, Cortney Dunnahoo; bottom: New mascot, Kelsey Gobin. Not pictured: Brandi Warren, Lacey Bartlett.

UIL returns to Regionals

(Clockwise, from top left): #1. Erin Brackin smiles as she learns that the literary criticism team made a clean sweep -- first, second, third, and fourth -- at the district meet. The "Lit Critters" are coached by Claudia Cabaniss. #2. Magan Bradshaw is determined to do well at the SHS Debate Team's debut at the regional contest this year. Joining her will be junior, Travis Cook. The debate team is coached by Tim Cook. #3. Garrett Askins and Dixie Darling head to the UIL Regional Poetry Interpretation Contest in San Marcos again this year. Askins was the 2A state champion last year. The interpretation team is coached by J. J. Jonas. #4. Scott Williams returns to regionals this year on the calculator team. The math teams are coached by Dennis Cabaniss.

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Salado Varsity Cheerleader Captain Maddie Billington (left) with her co-captain, Brittany Dixon.

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April 21, 2005

12 Pages Shopping, Dining, Overnight, Events

Fine Art Trail showcases array of Salado talent

Art lovers are invited to Salado's Fine Art Trail 5-9 p.m. May 14 showcasing the work of artists in the eight galleries found throughout the village.

The galleries will be open late for the special viewings. Free carriage rides will take art lovers to each of the galleries. Each gallery will have special guest artists showing their works during the Art Trail. Wine and cheese will be served by the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS), who will greet visitors to each of the galleries participating in this first-ever event.

Each gallery will have drawings for artwork offered by their artists. Galleries.

A great weekend getaway will also be given away. The weekend will include lodging in a Salado bed and breakfast inn, dining in Salado restaurants and rounds of golf at Salado's Mill Creek Golf Club.

will participate in the Art Trail.

Wells Gallery, featuring limited edition prints, original paintings and bronze sculptures by famed wildlife artist Ronnie Wells. Wells Gallery is located on South Main St., just south of Stagecoach Inn, 254-947-0311, 1-800-995-0311, www.ronniewells.com.

Salado Galleries of-



Ronnie Wells of Wells Gallery

fers fine art originals and prints, Waterford crystal, antiques, decorative china and Oriental accents to those of discriminating taste. It is the oldest gallery in Salado, located at #1 Main Street, 254-947-5110, www.saladogallery.com.

Thomas Kinkade Stagecoach Gallery exclusively represents the art of Thomas Kinkade, the Painter of Light. The Gallery is located at 229 N. Main St., 254-947-3177. Click on www.griffithfineartgallery.com.

Prelop Fine Art Gallery is owned and operated by Texas artist Larry Prelop. He has one of the largest selections of G. Harvey prints in Texas and represents more than 20 Texas artists and sculptors. Prelop Fine Art Gallery is located on Main Street, across from Salado Mansion, 254-947-3930, 1-888-461-2605, www.prelopfineartgallery.com.

Griffith Fine Art Gallery, located at The Colony on N. Main St., represents more than 30 artists. You can find a variety of subjects and wide range of prices. Owned and operated by artist Kay Griffith, the gallery is located at 229 N. Main St., 254-947-3177. Click on www.griffithfineartgallery.com.

Miller Fine Art Gallery, exclusively representing the work of Warren and Jim Eppler, among other artists. It is located at The Colony, 227 N. Main St., 254-947-0771, www.cmillergallery.com.

Southern Image is the newest gallery to open in Salado, opening this spring at 560 N. Main St. in The Stage Stop Retail Center across from the Salado Civic Center. Southern Image carries paintings by Texas artist

Jack Terry, among other artists.

B. Herd Gallery is located at #12 Old Town Salado, across from the Salado Civic Center. Sharp detail, vividness of color and unique unmistakable style describe clearly the oil paintings of B. Herd. You can reach B. Herd at 254-947-4373 or 1-800-982-8405 or click on bherdgallery.com.

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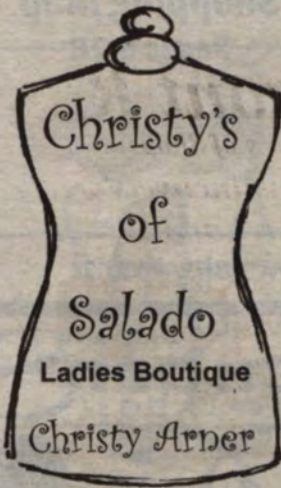


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APRIL 23
Storybook Saturdays, 11 a.m. at Salado Public Library. Featuring Salado High School Theater Arts students reading to local children from their favorite children's books. Free and open to the public.

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 CVMUSIC-MINISTRY@aol.com, or 254-947-9205. Tablerock amphitheater is located on Royal St.

APRIL 24
Christian concert pianist and recording artist Wade Daniel in concert at FBC of Salado, 6 p.m. Free and open to the public. An offering will be taken. Info: 947-5465 or visit www.fbcshalado.org.

APRIL 25
First meeting of the Bell County Basketmakers, 10 a.m. at The 1860 Shop in Salado. Info:

Karen Kinnison, 947-8195.

APRIL 25
Salado Independent School District Teacher Professional Development Day. No school for students.

APRIL 28
Salado Area Republican Women meeting, 11:30 a.m. at Mill Creek Restaurant. Program: Weight Management and Diabetes, by Dr. Shelley Giebel. Info: 947-3617 or bam002@earthlink.net.

APRIL 28
Bowl making class at Mud Pies pottery, benefiting the Empty Bowl Project. Classes are free, but limited to 10 participants. Call 947-0281.

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.

APRIL 30
Salado High School Drama Department presents its one-act play, "A Company of Wayward Saints," 7:30 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. Open to the

public.
MAY 6-7

Lifespan Program, sponsored by SUMC, featuring a presentation of "Strong Girls, Strong Women" by Diane Pascoe, Phd, LMFT, LPC, 7-9 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. A 6:15 p.m. dinner for parents and children 12 and up will precede the program. May 7: Methodist men host breakfast; 8:30-11 a.m. - presentation of "Strong Boys, Strong Men," by Jerry Herrick, Ed.D., and "The Role of Men According to Luke," by Dr. Robert Holbert from 11 a.m.-noon. Open to the public. Info: 947-5482.

MAY 6
Salado Community Chorus Spring Concert, 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Chorus will perform Broadway show tunes. Free to the public. Refreshments will be served.

MAY 6-8
MG Car Club gathering at the Stagecoach Inn.

MAY 7
Election Day for board of aldermen, school board, polls open at Salado Civic Center 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

MAY 9
District holiday for Salado students and teachers.

MAY 9-10
Wildfire Truck Explosion at Wildfire Ranch (tentative). Info: 947-8080.

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 Cosper, 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 Kinkadee Stagecoach Gallery, Prellow 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: Hulda Horton, 947-8300.

MAY 14
Mill Creek Community Association litter clean-up morning, 8:30 a.m.: coffee and doughnuts; 11:30 a.m.: hotdog lunch.

MAY 16
18th Annual Bob Lilly/Randy White Celebrity Golf Classic, benefitting the Temple Ronald McDonald House, at Mill Creek Golf Club. Info: Susan Bolton, 254-770-0910.

MAY 17
Salado High School Spring Athletic Banquet at Salado Intermediate School.

MAY 17
Women's Ministry of FBC of Salado "Tea Cup Tuesday" series, 9:30 a.m. in the church's fellowship hall. Charlotte Douglass will give a program titled "Making Decorating Work For You." Info: 947-8346.

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MAY 21

Diabetes Screening, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church and Temple Free Clinic, 10 a.m.-noon at the church, 105 Salado Plaza. Info: 947-3617.

MAY 24

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

MAY 26

Salado Area Republican Women meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Mill Creek Restaurant. Program: History of Texas Rangers. Info: 947-3617 or bam002@earthlink.net.

MAY 26

Bowl making class at Mud Pies pottery, benefitting the Empty Bowl Project. Classes are free, but limited to 10 participants. Call 947-0281.

JUNE 6-9

Summer Tennis Clinic, led by Salado tennis coach Melissa Hyer, for first graders through incoming seniors, at the Stagecoach Inn courts. Grades 1-5: 8-9 a.m. daily. Cost: \$35. Grades 6-12: 9-10:30 a.m. Cost: \$45. Info: Melissa Hyer, 947-6900 ext. 2075.

JUNE 9-11

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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 18

Town Hall meeting, sponsored by SUMC Family Life Ministries Committee, focusing on an open discussion on the topics of "Modern Marriage" and "Modern Family," led by a panel of five experts in the field. Time: 9 a.m.-noon. Location: New SUMC fellow-

ship hall. Open to public. Info: 947-5482.

JUNE 21

Women's Ministry of FBC of Salado "Tea Cup Tuesday" series, 9:30 a.m. in the church's fellowship hall. Carol Hadja will give a program titled "Making Floral Arrangements." Info: 947-8346

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 11-15

Series of five coffee talks on various parenting issues, 9-11 a.m. daily at SUMC's new fellowship hall. Talks will be held in conjunction with Vacation Bible School. Led by Becky Butscher. Open to the public. Info: 947-5482.

JULY 19

Women's Ministry of FBC of Salado "Tea Cup Tuesday" series, 9:30 a.m. in the church's fellowship hall. Colleen Palmer will give a program on "Planning and Cooking Meals Ahead of Time." Info: 947-8346.

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.

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AUGUST 6-7

39th Annual Salado Art Fair on the grounds of Pace Park. Artists and artisans from across Texas and the Southwest on hand. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 947-5040.

AUGUST 19

Mill Creek Community Association Fall Fling at Mill Creek Inn Restaurant. Cash happy hour: 6 p.m., dinner: 7 p.m.

AUGUST 28

Salado United Methodist Church picnic at Peacable Kingdom, following Sunday services. **SEPTEMBER 10, 17 & 24**

Tablerock's production of Shakespeare's "Hamlet." Performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 child. Info: 254-947-8933.

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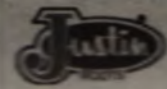
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SEPTEMBER 17-18

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SEPTEMBER 24-

Couples Workshop for relationship enrichment, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at SUMC fellowship hall. Sponsored by the church's Family Life Ministries Committee. Space limited to church members. Info:

947-5482.

SEPTEMBER 24

Bell County Chambers of Commerce Golf Challenge, at Mill Creek Golf Club. 8 a.m. start. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 947-5040 or email saladochamber@vvm.com.

OCTOBER 1-2

Tablerock's - A Christmas Carol auditions Sat.-Sun.: 3 p.m. Information: 254-947-9205. Directed by Harry Sweet.

OCTOBER 14-15

Christmas in October, sponsored by Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. each day at the Salado Civic Center. Features Christmas shopping, bake sale, style show, music, entertainment and



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OCTOBER 22

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OCTOBER 29, 30 & 31

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NOVEMBER 13

St. Stephen Catholic Church Turkey Bingo.

NOVEMBER 15

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

NOVEMBER 13

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DECEMBER 16

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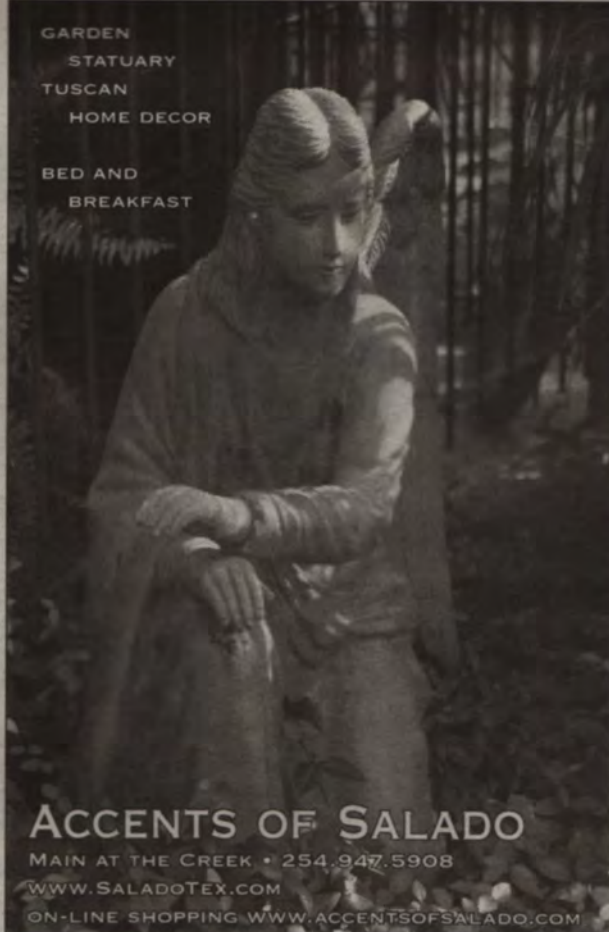
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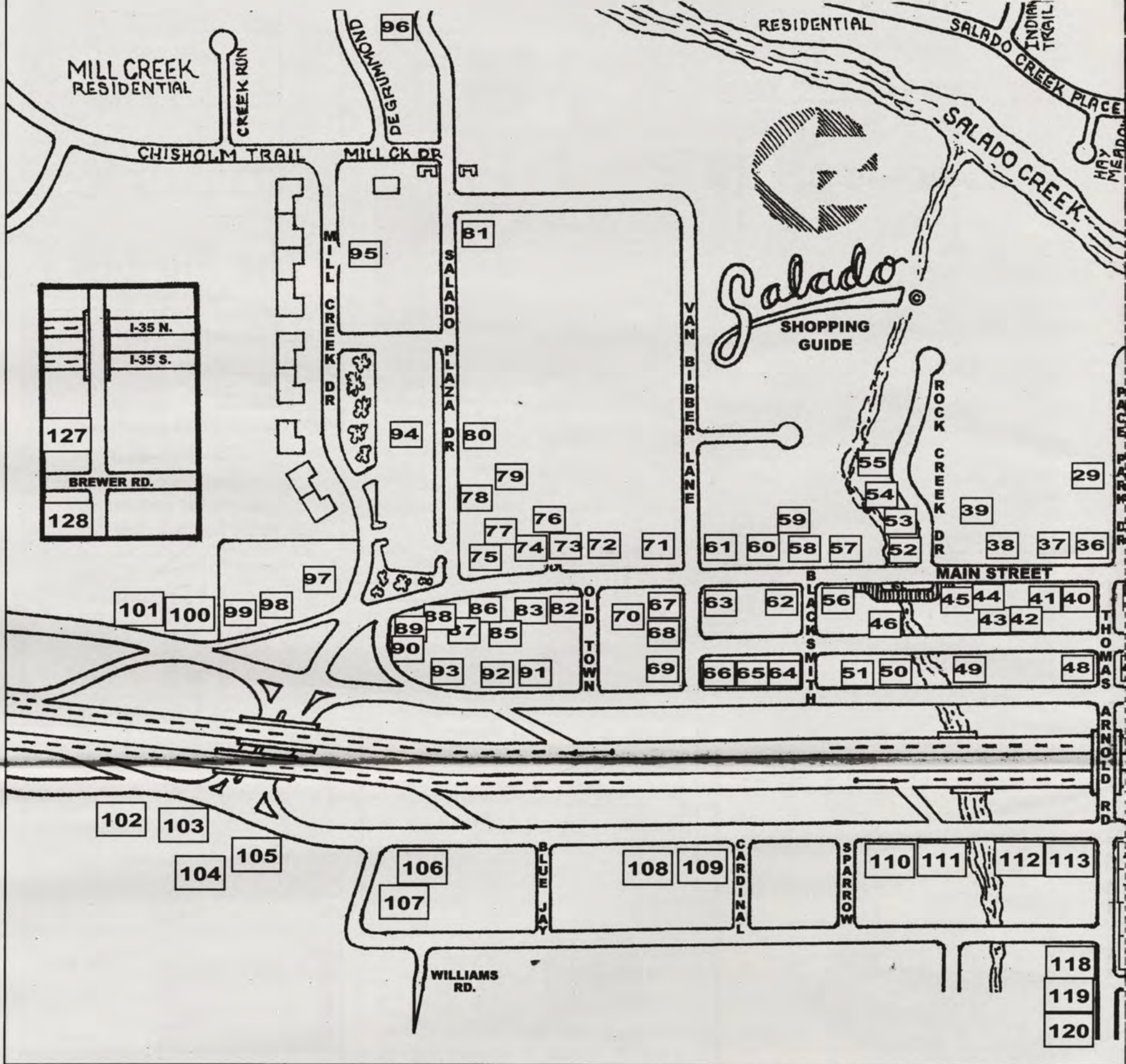
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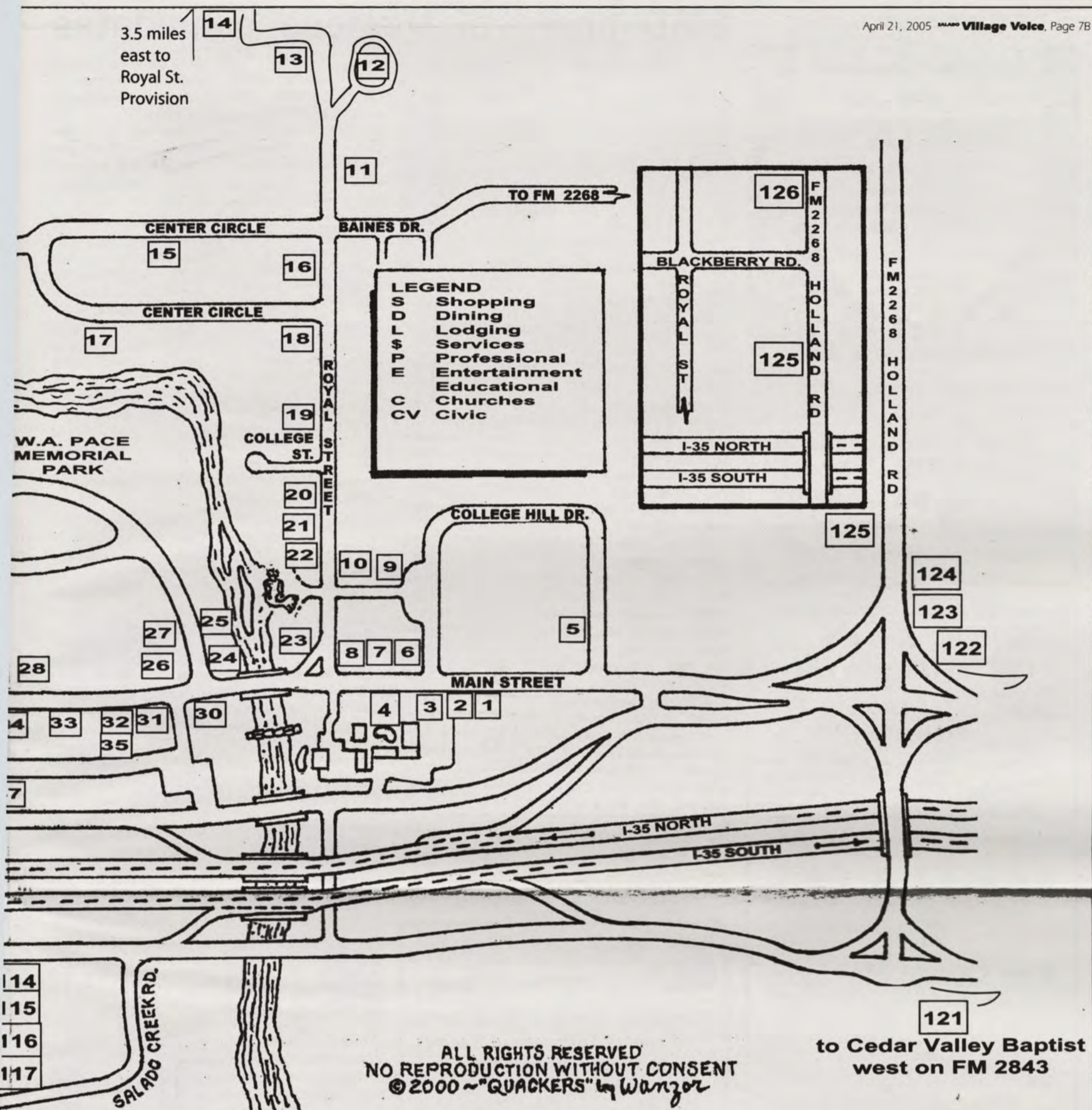
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Laura DiPette

Question 1

Despite the importance of an excellent school system with the necessary infrastructure, our citizens have spoken loudly against the previous proposal. I absolutely support the need for new high school facilities. I have two children in the present facility. However, any bond, accompanied by an increase in taxes, even issued for the noblest reason, must be fiscally responsible and defensible. The previous bond was too expansive in scope and expense. Combining expanding academics, our primary priority, with athletics, even though important, resulted in an expense that the majority of our community could not support nor defend.

Question 2

Although the sooner the new facilities are funded the better, a date of September 10th is not

Three full three-year terms on the Salado Independent School District Board of Trustees come up for election on May 7 at the Salado Civic Center.

The following are Questions and Answers sessions with the candidates for the board.

Each week until the May 7 election will have questions for all of the candidates. If you would like to submit a question for consideration, e-mail it to tfleischer@saladovillagevoice.com.

1. A \$17 million bond proposition to build a new high school complex with accompanying athletic facilities failed April 2 by a margin of 844 against, 630 for. Were you in favor of the bond? Why or why not? Why do you think it failed? (100 word limit)

2. The earliest that another bond election could be held is Sept. 10th. Do you think the school board should call for another bond election for that date? Why or why not? (75 word limit)

3. What proposal (high school, middle school, elementary), if any, would you support as a trustee? What total price, if any, would you support? How much of a tax increase would you support, if any? Why would you support these, if at all? (100 word limit)

what is important.

The processes of pooling the opinions of our citizens, developing a consensus, exploring alternatives that are financially sound, are now needed. If elected, I will work to put in motion the above processes. If the needed work can be accomplished by September 10th, obviously that would be welcomed but that is only of secondary importance.

Question 3

Salado ISD needs to insure that the children of Salado are receiving the best possible education -- that takes money. With the proper approach and presentation, the community will bear the financial needs of the school. If elected, I would immediately review with the board all information available, assess the situation and make decisions that allow for choices. I would support a tax increase when it is demonstrated to our community that the funds were absolutely necessary for a quality education. The information disseminated leading up to the recent bond election did not convince me of that.

have a net across the court or attached to a rim, might contain lab equipment, or livestock.

What we need, and what taxpayers will agree to pay for are different and led to a failed bond election.

Question 2

We have an overcrowded situation. A class of 75 is soon departing the High School as a class of 120 enters. I don't think taxpayers want us to spend their dollars purchasing portable buildings. There is no doubt we all want permanent facilities. Just as in running a business, timing is important. As interest rates continue to increase, we need to move quickly to satisfy taxpayers and educate students to benefit our community.

Question 3

I want to support a new bond proposal that is not as contentious to as many special interests as we saw in the recent election. This could include a list of propositions for voters to decide. We need a proposal that will rally our community rather than divide it. Considering facts of attendance growth, and student participation in various activities requiring all types of facilities, I estimate the price tag will be in excess of \$15 million.

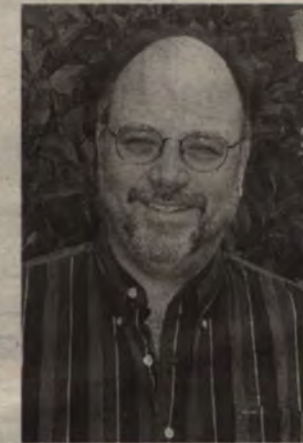
Previous tax rate projections did not consider population growth and property appraisal increases for more than one year. Determining acceptable increase will require further study.



Trey Little

Question 1

There was diligent effort in analysis of facts by board members leading to the last bond proposal. Having put forth this effort, I was for the bond's passage. I am passionate about getting all our students what they need. Many could disagree, but I believe that classrooms have many different appearances. They could be filled with desks and computers, musical instruments, paintbrushes,



Frank Carlson

Question 1

I was not in favor of this bond and feel that it failed because 1) it was way too big, 2) it was only building the same number of classrooms that we currently have at the High School, 3) it had no improvements to current facilities, and 4) it was duplicating the athletic facilities.

Question 2

No. We still don't know what the 844 who voted against are willing to support. Anyone can only speculate as to why the bond failed. Salado spoke and we know what the yes voters want. It's time to listen and find out

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what the no voters want to avoid another costly election defeat. Repackaging the same bond is not a solution and September 10 is way too early. A bond is a 25-30 year commitment, nothing to rush into.

Question 3

Classrooms. I support classrooms. The Marrs Study in 2003 gave 3 options building classrooms and upgrading current facilities for as low as \$8 million. It costs \$17+ million for a High school/athletic complex. How much to build a new elementary? Upgrading our current facilities and adding classrooms allows time to make the right decision about which facility to build. Also, before building on the 50 acres, we must, by law, pay off the debt which is currently on a 1 year balloon note due this summer.

By renovating, we can continue to keep our tax rate in check by utilizing shared facilities, staff/administration, cafeteria and buses.



Deborah Aldridge

Question 1

Yes, I favored the bond. Before the Board made its final decision on packaging the bond as we did, numerous respected Village citizens voiced their support of it to me person-

ally, and I also conducted a random phone survey of voters that included parents of students, retired people, and citizens with no children in school. Eighty percent of them said they'd support the bond, so you can imagine my shock when it didn't pass. There is no one simple answer as to why it failed.

Question 2

The growth will continue and the needs in the District will only increase. While I don't advocate haste, the clock ticks away and our students and staff work in crowded, inadequate facilities that do not provide for quality instruction yet the demand for an exemplary District rating echoes in the background. I'd like to hear from the Citizens Committee as to their willingness to serve again before calling a Bond date.

Question 3

Concerning taxes-the current Board is largely self-employed people and all are property owners; we have NEVER casually discussed raising taxes as has been insinuated. I'd like the community to realize that the entire two year process was agonizingly difficult on many levels, because even last week we were receiving many different messages concerning "choices", etc. We need a new High School, but I am basically undecided now on specifics of a proposal. Whatever we do will require compromise on the part of the Board, Staff, Administration, the parents, and the community. Easy to say, difficult to do.



John Konzen

Question 1:

I was in favor of the bond because it would have met the immediate and future needs of the school district. In my opinion the proposed referendum was presented to the voters in this community in such a way that expressed our needs at a cost and interest rate that was affordable. The board considered everything that was expressed from the community and based its decision on what was financially responsible and practical for the district. It failed because of a wide range of issues ranging from resistance to growth or tax rate increase to personal agendas against certain Athletic Programs.

Question 2

The next bond can be as early as September 1, 2005 and can be called no later July 1, 2005, which is 62 days prior to the election date. I am in favor in holding another election as to not prolong the completion of construction. The High School will have an estimated 40 more students for the start of the 2005-2006 school year. Campus administrators have exhausted almost all their options for accommodating the students.

Question 3

I will support a complete High School Education Complex which includes everything that was on the first proposition. The total price will depend on what the new budget estimates and interest rates will be at the time the bond is called. My decision will be made at that time when a review with the Architect and Contractor can be held. Almost nine months will have lapsed since the first bond was budgeted and I will expect some increase in budget costs.



Jackie W. Burson

Question 1

No, I was not in favor of the bond because it did not give the taxpayers choices. I also think this is why it failed.

Question 2

No, I do not think September is a good time for another bond election. The Texas Legislature is still in session, and we still do not know what kind of unfunded mandates they will require. Also, we have time to pass another bond at a time where a new school would not be opening in the middle of a school year.

Question 3

I would take the Superintendent's recommendation and work with the board to come up with better choices for the taxpayers. Not having a plan makes it hard to commit to any dollar figure or tax increase amount.



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Aldermen hopefuls discuss

Four candidates have filed for three full two-year terms on the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen. The election is May 7 at the Salado Civic Center with early voting on weekdays beginning April 20.

The following are brief questions and answers with the candidates.

1. The Village of Salado recently agreed to purchase the Salado Funeral Home building for expansion. What do you think the best use of the new space will be for the Village? (50 word limit)

2. Do you think the Tourism office, which is currently housed in the Salado Civic Center, should be moved to the Municipal Building? Why or why not? (50 word limit)

3. Does the Village of Salado do enough to promote tourism? What else can/should be done? (50 word limit)



Danney V. McCort
 Question 1

I would need to see the new building layout to determine the best use of the approx. 3000 sq. ft. The housing of the Municipal Judge's Office,

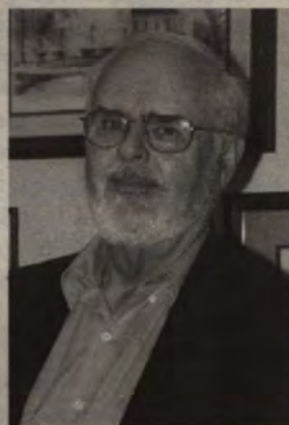
Mayor's Office, City Secretary's office and Aldermen's meeting space should accommodate the needs of the staff. The added space would accommodate residents who wish to attend the Aldermen's meeting. It would be more advantageous to leave the Police and EMS in the existing building.

Question 2

While it sounds beneficial to have all the employees in one area it would not benefit the visitors as much for the Tourism Office to be housed separately from the Chamber Office. Most visitors stop at the Civic Center to check on community activities and since some of the activities are sponsored by the Chamber it is easy for visitors to find all the information in one area if both the Chamber and Tourism offices are housed together.

Question 3

The Ambassadors Group of Salado and Debbie of the Tourism Office are currently looking for ways to promote holding meetings and seminars for out-of-town small to medium-sized companies. I support the effort of the Tourism Office and believe Debbie is a real asset with her knowledge and skills. However, I suggest a larger sign be placed outside the Civic Center to identify the Tourism Office.



Curt Strong
 Question 1

The old funeral home should be used for the Village management offices leaving the police and safety operations in the current building. Police business would be more private. The Alderman open meeting could be held there with in the old funeral home, with minimal modifications. We seem to be growing in attendance and need more space for these meetings. The city municipal court hearings could also use the new space.

Question 2

Interesting question. Tourism is more external while the Chamber office is internal. Good efficiency states that these functions have overlap and sharing or backing works somewhat. As the two functions grow, even sharing of any volunteers or additional staff would be interesting. When people visit, it is mostly along Main Street and they don't have to hunt for these services. Most cities keep these functions in the limelight if possible. Tourism on the other hand being external, may need the quietness and focus being over on the access road. I would try to work

the details where they are for the time being.

Question 3

One probably never has enough exposure for retail business. I have definitely seen a tremendous amount of interesting signage along I-35 that were not there only 2 years ago. I am not a marketing expert, but it does appear that short of "sticking a hook out" to catch the tourist we are going in the right direction.



Merle Stalcup
 Question 1

With the information that I have available, I believe it is a good idea and a good purchase. The reason for this is: the useful life of the building for this purpose will be 10 to 15 years. The location, price, and size are the best available on the market and have been for some time. The Village will have the courtroom for municipal judge, village meetings, offices for the staff, police chief, and additional offices and storage space. The current building will be for EMS operations. We must keep in mind that the Village government operation is funded from sales tax and franchise tax and the Alderman are very conscious of this fact and are we as citizen expect them to remain so.

Question 2

I believe that the Tourist Office should remain at the current location. Visitors that come to the Village go by the Chamber of Commerce office to pick up information about the Village, as well as discussion future events with the Ch of Com staff. This is an excellent time for the Tourist department to discuss the opportunity for future events/club activities that the visitor personally is a member of and possible schedule appointments or events. The Tourist Department is the marketing branch of the Village of Salado and should be located where it will have direct contact with the buyer (tourist).

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Question 3

In the last six months the marketing effort of the Tourism department has greatly increase and the results will tell in the next six months. The Village has been in *Southern Living* with 250 leads, *Texas Highways* with 96 leads, and it has been in the *Texas Travel Magazine* Spring Issue of See Texas First, it is an insert to newspapers throughout Texas. This week there have been three groups that have come to Salado with a minimum of 35 people. Each of these people belongs to at least two civic organizations that have some type of two- or three-day event that Salado has a potential to acquire. Last week there were two small conven-

tions that have committed to return next year. The voice recording at the Ch of Commerce refers calls to the Tourist department. The results of these efforts will be shown in the sales tax receipts. There are additional efforts by the department to increase the tourist activities in Salado.



Jackie Mills

Question 1

No decision has been made as to who will office in the new Salado Village space, other than the Village and perhaps the Salado Village Police Department. Input has been requested from several offices who are interested in officing with the Village, including, Bell County, Chamber of Commerce and others. We need to close on the building before we make a decision.

Question 2

Yes, because it is fiscally sound. No, because the Tourism Director and the Chamber Secretary work together very closely. This will be a tough decision that needs time, thought, prayer and a lot

of planning.

Question 3

The Tourism Director, the Tourism Council, every shop owner, merchant, B & B owner, the newly formed Ambassadors, every Alderman, the Mayor, churches, organizations, nonprofit organizations, citizensALL promote tourism and work hard to make this little Village of Salado the jewel that it is. New ways of advertising our Village are being explored daily. Any and all new ideas are welcome. Tourism is our industry!

If you would like to submit a question for aldermen candidates, please send it to tfleisch@saladovillagevoice.com



Chester Critchfield is shown above with a 40 pound catfish he caught in his secret fishing hole south of Salado

Adventures of a Postman

Butch Hallmark has delivered mail in Crockett for 33 years. He could have retired two years ago, but he sees no reason to quit.

"I love my job," says Butch. "I just don't feel like giving it up. I don't see any reason to. I like the people on my route and we have a good time together."

Butch figures he has walked nearly 70,000 miles during the 25 years he delivered mail on foot. Now he uses a truck. He has had the same route 27 years.

Among the people who went to work at the post office the same time he did, he is the only one left.

"They've either moved or died. I'm the last of the Mohicans."

Butch has a full life. He has been to nearly every state, gave his kids a good education and does things beyond the normal duties of a postman. At Thanksgiving and Christmas he delivers meals

by Tumbleweed Smith



to several people on his route. The meals come from food prepared in his house. "We've always got lots of leftovers."

One Christmas Eve he delivered mail to a woman who was sitting on her front porch. She gave Butch a Christmas present: three pecans wrapped in a paper napkin and tied with a bow. He considers that the best present he ever got because it was all she had to give. He still has that present.

Butch has scars all over his body where dogs have bitten him. He's had 15 or 20 encounters with them.

"The most serious was when a German Shepard got me down. If it hadn't been on a leash it would

have killed me. He got on top of me and was trying to get my throat. I knocked him off and scooted away, but he grabbed my knee and did some damage. I had to go to the hospital and get sewed up."

He saw a murder once. "A woman came running out of a housing project. Right behind her was another woman

with a butcher knife. She stabbed that first woman to death. I was sitting in the truck and watched the whole thing. Police came right after that and took her away. They were fighting over a man."

One of his customers got some false teeth in the mail and asked Butch to help her put them in her mouth.

"It was terrible. She probably hadn't washed her teeth in 20 years. I helped put her uppers in, then when I put the lowers in I had to reach in her mouth and take them out because she hadn't taken her old ones out. I finally got them settled in and went on my way."

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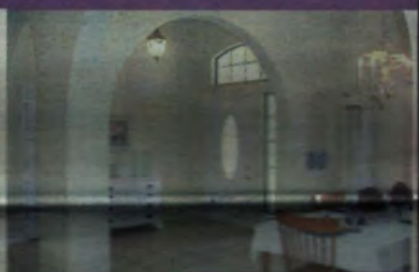
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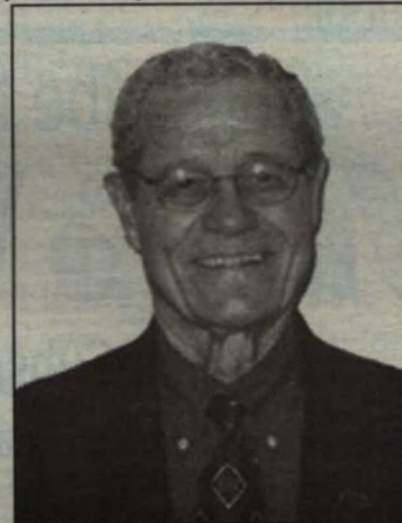
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The hosts, Robert Cottle, Mike Cornett, David Matthews, William Neinast and Lloyd Parks, recognized the 55 members for their academic excellence and acceptance into NHS.

Others attending the luncheon were Kay Matthews, High School principal, Dennis Cabaniss and Susan Shobe, advisors of NHS.

The officers of NHS for 2004-2005 at Jenny Goode, President; Lauralee Young, Vice-President; Kristi Billington, Secretary; Joseph Shumate, Treasurer; and Rebekah Quick, Reporter.

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**NOTICE OF ELECTION
 (AVISO DE ELECCION)**

To the registered voters of Salado Independent School District and the Village of Salado, Salado, Texas:
 (a los votantes registrados del Escuela Independiente Distric de Salado y la Villa de Salado Salado, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on **May 7, 2005**, for voting in an election to elect three (3) trustees for full three-year terms for Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees and three (3) Aldermen for full two-year terms for the Village of Salado.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7 de mayo, 2005, para votar en una elección a elegir tres (3) administradores para los tres términos completos del año para Tablero de administradores del distrito independiente de la escuela de Salado y tres (3) concejales para los términos de dos años completos para la Villa de Salado.)

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(entre las 7:30 a.m. de la mañana y las 4:30 p.m. de la tarde empezando el 20 de abril, 2005

y terminando el 3 de mayo, 2005.)

Additional early voting will be held at the following dates and locations:

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\$229,000: Quiet cul-de-sac. This home is located on a great street in Mill Creek. This two-story home features the Master BR downstairs, while the other 3 BRs/2 BAs are upstairs. Oversized dining room. Spacious deck has been recently replaced.



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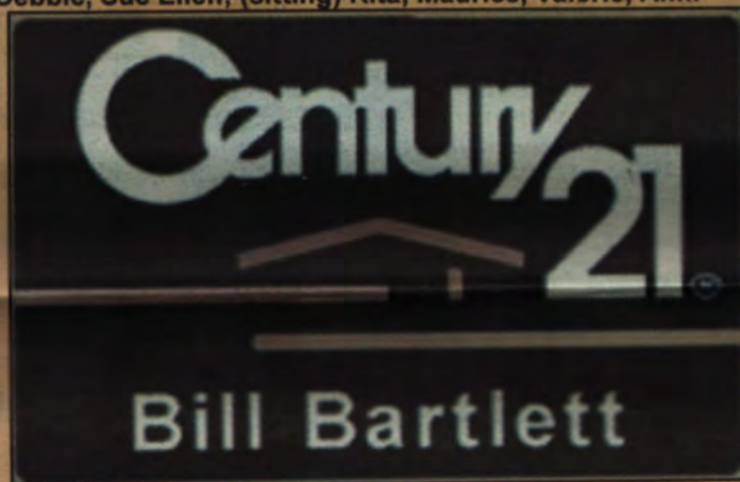
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Woods of Salado Lots

- Mountain Dr. - 5A & 5B - \$65,000.

Other Lots

- Windy Hill Ranch - 2 acre lots - \$55,000 to \$90,000. Lot 20: \$125,000
- Heritage - 1 to 3 acre wooded, near Salado. Restricted.
- Hidden Springs, Lot 110, Lot 116.
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- Denman's Loop: Lot 8, B 19, Sec. 2, \$18,000.

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More than 1,000 women from across Texas, including a Salado Area Republican Women contingent, toured the State Capitol and visited State Representatives and Senators at the Texas Federation of Republican Women Biennial Legislative Day in Austin April 14.

Both the Texas Senate and Texas House recognized the women observing from the galleries by reading proclamations. Salado Area Republican Women were represented at this event by Dorothy Dentry, Jackie Gipson, Freddie Heuss, Marie Jackson, Deni Johnson, Barclay McCort, LaNora Miller, 'Borah Van Dornmolen and Carol Walls.

In addition, the ladies attended a luncheon at the Convention Center, where the guest speakers were Elizabeth Ames Jones (Railroad Commissioner), David Dewhurst (Lt.

Governor), Susan Combs (Agricultural Commissioner), Chaplain Gregory J. Schanep (Col. U.S. Army, Retired), and Tina Benkiser, Republican Party of Texas Chairman.

More than 60 elected officials and over 30 soldiers from Fort Hood were in attendance and were recognized. Salado Area Republican Women invited Representative Dianne White Delisi and SSg. Shawn Sitrler to attend as their guests.

After the luncheon, Deni Johnson and Carol Walls joined other Patrons to attend a tour and tea at the Governors' Mansion. They also had their picture taken with Governor Rick Perry. The other ladies attended informational and educational workshops organized for Legislative Day. Topics included Grassroots Lobbying and Club Leadership.



Pictured in the front row, l-r: LaNora Miller, State Representative Dianne White Delisi, Dorothy Dentry, Jackie Gipson. Back row, l-r: Carol Walls, Barclay McCort, Freddie Heuss, Marie Jackson, and special guest SSg. Shawn Sitrler.

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TRA schedules golf tournament April 25

The Centex chapter of the Texas Restaurant Association (TRA), is hosting its annual golf tournament April 25 at Wildflower Country Club in Temple. This tournament benefits the TRA Education Foundation.

The Texas Scramble tournament begins with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Registration is from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and lunch will be provided by Outback Steakhouse. The Hole in One Contest is sponsored by Don Ringler Chevrolet.

"This is a great opportunity for members

of the restaurant industry in Central Texas to get together for some fun and raise money for a great cause," said Dave Hermann, of The Range at Barton House and Centex president. "The foundation provides continuing education and certification programs for the industry and also helps to prepare the next generation of foodservice professionals."

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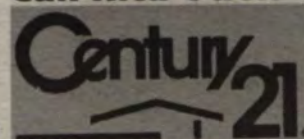
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Great for first time homebuyer or for investment. This 2/2 is in good condition for just **\$74,900.**



Absolutely beautiful house on over 17 acres with small creek. Tons of Pecan Trees and Live Oak Trees. It is a must-see! ~~\$359,900~~ Reduced to **\$349,900.** House and 6 acres, just **\$269,900**



New Austin stone home on 3 tree-covered acres: 4/3/3. Must see to appreciate this Builder's Detail! Granite Counter Tops, Raised Ceiling, Exposed Beams, etc. **\$369,900.**



UNDER CONTRACT
New Listing: 3/2/2 - Austin Stone Home with open floor plan. Relax on you covered front porch all for just **\$129,900.**



Within walking distance to park at Salado Creek in Hidden Springs. This new Austin stone home has it all: engineered slab, security system, granite countertops, open floorplan, gas range, gas dryer, gas fireplace, custom cabinetry, covered patio. **\$255,000.**



Great location near Salado. This 3/2/2 has an open floor plan on 1/2 acre with yard. **\$134,900.**



Take a step out of the city and enjoy the peaceful 2 acre setting! Granite countertops. Huge family room and bonus room with great location. Convenient to Georgetown, Temple or Killeen. Under Construction to be completed in March 2005. **\$315,000.**



Come Experience your very own Texas Estate located just southwest of Salado. This 4/2/2 sits on over 6 Acres. Amenities included: Granite Countertops, Custom Wood Work, Barn, Master Suite, & Native Limestone. **\$344,900.**



UNDER CONTRACT
House on large tree-covered lot in Mill Creek. 4/2/2, 14 ft. ceilings, formal living, crown mouldings and formal dining. Large master suite with private porch. **\$186,000.**



Austin Stone Home: 4/2/2 with large back porch on over 4 acres. **\$182,900**



Great Location, close to Pro Shop in Mill Creek. This 2/2/1 newly renovated condominium has it all for just **\$159,900.**



Spacious Home on Quiet Street: 6/6/1, the possibilities are endless with over 3,500 sq. ft. on approximately 1.4 acres. Home or business. **\$269,900.**



550 Acres with ranch style house west of Jarrell. Call today for more details!

Acreage/Lots

55 acres Hill Country with house west of Jarrell. Excellent commercial rock property.
Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane.
Lot in Hidden Springs. Excellent location. **\$32,000.**
145 acres located northwest of Salado. Backs up to Corps of Engineers property. **\$3,500 per acre.**
7 acres with oak trees, electricity & well at site, **\$85,000.**
2 acres with great trees in Hidden Springs. **\$33,900.**

5 acres in Hidden Springs, lot #271, **\$49,900.**
5 acres in Hidden Springs, lot #265, **\$49,900.**
2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900.**
3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large pecans & live water. **\$39,900.**
44 acres off of Firefly Road between Salado and Florence. Great Trees with typical hill country topography. Will divide.
Over 3 Acres with oak and elm Trees **\$39,900**
\$1,750 per acre.
Great 2 acre lot in Hidden Springs! Ready to build! **\$33,900**
One of the best lots in Mill Creek. Private

with trees. **\$59,900.**
Lot overlooking Salado Creek. **\$50,000.**
Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - **\$40,000.**
Indian Trail - 90x188 - \$38,000.

Commercial

30 acres fronting I-35, 1 mile south of Stagecoach Inn. Additional 30 acres available
.87 acres off N. Stagecoach Rd. **\$147,408.**
3 acres fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$120,000.**
Approx 3.5 acres off College Hill with small

home for **\$300,000.**
Bed & Breakfast Great chance to live in Salado.

Belton

Large lot with trees in gated Southlake Subdivision. **\$55,000.**
5+ acres fronting SH 190 and Boxer Road. Great commercial location. City water available. **\$299,000.**
2+ acres at corner of FM 1670 and Highway 190. High traffic count.
Exit 305 North of Temple. .54 acres with existing station. Excellent business opportunity.