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Salado Methodists marched to their new home on Royal Street May 15. Pastor Grady Brittain is shown at right leading the congregation from their old sanctuary and (above) across Salado Creek. Turn to page 9A for more photos of the event. (PHOTOS BY TIM FLEISCHER)



Tourism office will stay put - for now

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado's tourism office will stay at the Salado Civic Center, if the unanimous vote of the Tourism Council stands. After a discussion of pros and cons of moving the Tourism Office to the newly-purchased building at 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. (the former Salado Funeral Home), the Council voted unanimously to remain at the Civic Center.

The building is directly south of the current Municipal Building (313 N. Stagecoach Rd.) and will be renovated for expansion of municipal offices. The Village may also rent space in the building to other entities. One of those other entities may be the Salado Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber will again discuss the issue with the new information on the intentions of the Tourism Office to stay put.

If the Chamber of Commerce should move, it could realize savings from the \$3,000 grant it gives the Salado Civic Center Foundation. However, the Chamber would have to pay

rent at the new location. Its current rent is about \$6,000 per year. Much of the incentive for the Chamber to move is diminished however because the Tourism Office will remain at the Civic Center. The majority of Chamber directors, as well as the Tourism Council, want the offices nearby so that Tourism Director Debbie Charbonneau and Chamber Administrative Officer Dawn Orange can continue to support each other's work.

Chief reasons Tourism Council members expressed for staying at the Civic Center centered on the visibility of the old red school house, ample restroom facilities and parking and the "historic nature" of the Civic Center.

"It's the hub of the village," Tourism Council member Suzanne Petro said. Other Council members, including John Anderson, David Apichino and Charlotte Douglass echoed the sentiments.

Voting to keep the Tourism Office in the Civic Center were Anderson, Apichino, Douglass, Jackie Mills and Petro.

School trustees elect new officers, slate workshops on budget, bond

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado ISD board of trustees elected Chris Seaton as its president and Jeff Kelley as its vice-president during their regular meeting May 16, shortly after Jackie Burson and Frank Carlson took their seats on the board. Debby Aldridge was re-elected as secretary of the board.

Seaton will appoint chairs of the standing committees: Policy and Capital Improvements. Members will take their positions on those committees during the summer.

One of Seaton's first acts as president of the board was to call for a workshop session of the board to discuss a bond issue. The board will meet on both June 9 and June 16. One meeting will be a workshop

on the bond issue. The other will be a team building workshop, during which board members will qualify for three hours of continuing education credit. The agenda for the workshops and the times and locations will be announced at a later date.

In addition to the bond and team building workshops, trustees will meet for an expenditures workshop on June 20. The board will discuss revenues during a July workshop, which may give administrators the opportunity to have a better idea of state funding.

"We still aren't sure what the state is going to do on funding," Superintendent Robin Battershell said. "Hopefully, we'll know by July."

In other business, trustees approved the addition of a secondary English as

a Second Language teacher, hired Josh White as a social studies teacher/head basketball coach and approved budget amendments for donations from the Athletic Booster Club.

Prior to the business portion of the meeting, outgoing trustees Trey Little and John Konzen gave remarks to the board.

"I don't think there is another district in the state that could challenge this administration's professional conduct, nor this Board's ability to work together," Little said.

"We have laid much of the groundwork even with a failed election, done the homework and collected any of the raw data necessary for the new board to propose a new bond," he continued. "I hope it will be at the soonest possible time for the sake of our

children.... It will be so important that your new proposal be one that unites our community rather than divides it. Please keep this as a top priority in your deliberations."

"I challenge you all to stay the course and remember to serve with your heart and a clear conscious," Konzen told the board. "We have a wonderful Superintendent and administration that wants what is best for the students and faculty. Please trust and give them the support and resources they need to do their jobs."

"Remember that a complete education is one that provides the student not only the core curriculum but also the experience in athletics and extra-curricular activities," Konzen added. "We have made great strides, so let's keep up the pace."

Free diabetes screening May 21

The Presbyterian Church of Salado, in conjunction with the Temple Free Clinic, will hold a free diabetes screening at the church 10 a.m.-noon May 21. The screening will consist of a simple blood test and counseling if medical care is indicated.

Along with the counseling there will be a video on diabetes as well as handouts for participants. Handouts in Spanish will be available

also. No appointment is necessary. The church is located at 105 Salado Plaza, across from the Brookshire Brothers parking lot. For more information call Barclay McCort at 947-3617.

Board members and staff from the Temple Free Clinic are offering this service as part of a grant they received. They have provided screening clinics in other nearby communities.



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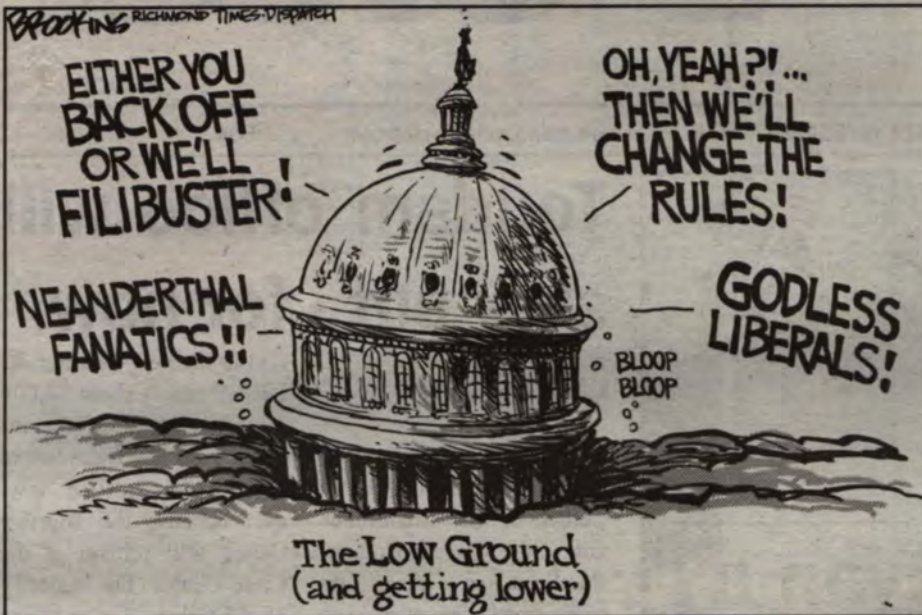
Salado High School graduation will be 7:30 p.m. May 24 at the Bell County Expo Center. Baccalaureate services will be 7:30 p.m. May 20 at the First Baptist Church of Salado. Salado will graduate 75 seniors this year. Look for the special salute to graduates in next week's issue of Salado Village Voice.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Sgt. Rafael Peralta, American Hero

You probably don't know Rafael Peralta's name. If we lived in a country that more fully celebrated the heroics of its men in uniform, you would. He was a sergeant in Company A, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment for Operation Dawn, the November offensive to retake the Iraqi city of Fallujah, which had become a haven for terrorists. What he did on the day of Nov. 15 was an awe-inspiring act of selfless sacrifice and faithfulness to his fellow Marines.

The only way we can honor Sgt. Peralta's heroism is to tell his story and remember his name. What follows is mostly drawn from the reporting of Marine combat correspondent Lance Cpl. T.J. Kaemmerer, who witnessed the events on that day.

Sgt. Peralta, 25, was a Mexican-American. He joined the Marines the day after he got his green card and earned his citizenship while in uniform. He was fiercely loyal to the Corps. A week into the battle for Fallujah, the Marines were still doing the deadly work of clearing the city, house by house. As a platoon scout, Peralta didn't have to go out with the assault team that day. He volunteered to go.

According to Kaemmerer, the Marines entered a house and kicked in the doors of two rooms that proved empty. But there was another closed door to an adjoining room. It was unlocked, and Peralta, in the lead, opened it. He was immediately hit with AK-47 fire in his face and upper torso by three insurgents. He fell out of the way into one of the cleared rooms to give his fellow Marines a clear shot at the enemy.

During the firefight, a yellow fragmentation grenade flew out of the room, landing near Peralta and several fellow Marines. The uninjured Marines tried to scatter out of the way, two of them trying to escape the room, but were blocked by a locked door. At that point, barely alive, Peralta

Rich Lowry



grabbed the grenade and cradled it to his body.

His body took most of the blast. One Marine was seriously injured, but the rest sustained only minor shrapnel wounds. Cpl. Brannon Dyer told a reporter from the Army Times, "He saved half my fire team."

Peralta's sacrifice should be a legend in the making. But somehow heroism doesn't get the same traction in our media environment as being a victim or villain, categories that encompass the truly famous Jessica Lynch and Lynndie England respectively. Peralta's story has been covered in military publications, a smattering of papers and ABC News. But The Washington Post and The New York Times only mentioned Peralta's name in their lists of the dead.

Scandalously, the "heroism" of Spc. Thomas Wilson -- the national guardman who asked a tough question of Secretary of Defense Don Rumsfeld -- has been more celebrated in the press than that of Peralta.

Kaemmerer recounts how later on the night of Nov. 15, a friend approached him and said: "You're still here; don't forget that. Tell your kids, your grandkids, what Sgt. Peralta did for you and the other Marines today."

Don't forget. Good advice for all of us.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Political "Flotsam-Jetsam" offered as session dwindles to eleven days

With lawmakers a scant eleven days away from concluding their 79th Legislative session, Texans can't help but hold their collective breath to see just what lawmakers will come up with in the way of new statutes - the most important of which deals with the reformation of our system of financing public education.

That matter is in the hands of a conference committee, with the paramount question being the degree of taxation solons feel they can hit voters and the business community with, before reaction kicks-in and "throw the bums out" becomes the rallying cry in the next election.

The '06 election incidentally not only includes all members of the House and a fourth of the Senate; but all statewide elected officials - including the expected donneybrook for Governor between Senator Hutchison, Comptroller Strayhorn and incumbent Rick (Crazy Hair) Perry.

With so little time on our hands until legislators complete their traditional last minute lawmaking gyrations, and rather than chronicle what these folks should, or should not, be doing - we offer this week a few snippets of political "flotsam and jetsam" that have nauseatingly emerged both in Austin, as well as the pinnacle of all lawmaking foolishness - Congress!

LEGISLATIVE ANTICS

During each legislative session, members of the Texas House and Senate introduce thousands of prospective laws. A few of which have merit. Fact is with all of the important matters before this legislative term - we wondered what lawmakers have "obtusely" considered thus far in the lower chamber?

We picked two prime examples of time-wasters. First by Al Edwards (D-Houston) which took on the business of how cheerleaders were to perform at high school sport events. We'll avoid the "bumpy-grinding" details and suggest this subject should more properly be handled by parents and school officials and not legislators - whose record of solving problems leaves much to be desired.

Regardless - the House took a long look at the "shaky" problem and passed HB 1476. It will be buried in the Senate.

USURY ALIVE AND WELL - 391% INTEREST!

A second bill in the "cuckoo category" is a stunner. We're all aware of legal loan-sharking that takes place throughout Texas via the short term, high fee (and very profitable) businesses that provide small loans to folks who are short of cash close to payday.

Talking here about **HB 846 by Dan Flynn (R-Van)** that, had it passed, would have given hundreds of "easy loan" storefronts in the State permission to hike their interest up to an unconscionable annualized rate of 391 percent!

The interest we allow these outfits to currently charge is 114 percent which is bad enough. Three times that amount is scandalous. Thankfully, this measure died aborning.

DEMOS:

"FAITHLESS AND CLASSLESS"

It's tough being a Democrat these days - not only here at home, in what has been described as a nearly solid "Preserve for right-wing birds-of-a-feather," but in Washington as well.

First, those to the left of the conservative coalition were targeted as being "of little faith" because they insist on using the filibuster against certain judicial (and other presidential) appointments.

These same folks are now being

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



Will U.S. Senate Leaders Drop "A-Bomb" on Demos Over Judicial Appointments This Week? Will Common Sense Prevail? Answer: "No!"

castigated by a top-GOP as having no "class," thus adding another stigmatic charge against the "loyal opposition."

The "no class" charge came from Tom "Bugsy" DeLay (R-Sugarland), the GOP House majority leader. He was feted at a \$250-a-plate Washington ego-trip (ethically permissible), and allowed as how he was being maltreated not only by the liberal press (apparently the Wall Street Journal has joined the ranks of "liberalism" since they recently blasted him editorially) but also by bad old Democrats, who DeLay claimed have: "No ideas. No leadership. No agenda. And just in the last week, we can add to that list, no class."

This blanket indictment against all Democrats was in reference to Senate minority leader Harry Reid's reference to President Bush as "a loser." Reid later apologized.

The GOP must also believe Democrats have "no memories" because this foolish name calling will be remembered when leadership changes hands - as it always does in a Democracy.

NEWT VS HILLARY?

Much ado has been made in recent days concerning the rounding up of the usual suspects who want to run for President and parading them across the nation via the print and electronic media. Here's two of these wannabees.

Newton LeRoy Gingrich (born-McPherson), former Republican House Speaker, is out hustling his most recent book and button-holing the unwary about the need for a conservative economist for president in 2008 (like himself, of course). Newt remains armed with the same old GOP ideology - cut taxes and "trickle-down" the economic goodies.

The second most used (or abused) name bandied about for President is the Senator from New York - Democrat **Hillary Rodham Clinton**. Just her name (first, last or all three) invokes instant reaction from loyal GOPers ranging from Bronx-cheers to nasty hand signals or a dead faint.

Shouts of "Hallelujah" of course from her party's faithful. And casual nonchalance towards both - from the rest of the nation.

REACTION?

General reactions to a 2008 lineup featuring Newt and Hillary: "That match-up will never happen," or "I just won't vote" (the "take my ball and go home" attitude).

Similar responses were gleaned not long ago from the Salado Branch of the International Society of Do-No-Gooders, particularly those who lean to the right of Attila the Hun. After chomping at their bits about such untoward questioning these growlers decided: "It's just the bad old liberal press at it again."

DNGers who favor the Demo end of the political stick were hard pressed for an answer and opted for a third party candidate ("anyone else" - they pleaded). The rest of this worthy gang, just gave up and planned to do what Claytie Williams suggested about bad weather.

That's -30-

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Tax relief has worked for Texans and U.S.

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



Nobody likes someone who says "I told you so," but I have to admit I am mighty tempted to say it anyway after hearing the latest economic news. Government revenues for April 2005 were 29 percent higher than they were a year ago. As a result, the Department of Treasury will be paying down \$42 billion in debt in the April-June quarter.

The good news was compounded with the news that 274,000 jobs were added in April, reducing the unemployment level from 5.5 percent a year ago to 5.2 percent. These Department of Labor statistics showed stronger-than-expected employment growth.

This news is welcome vindication of tax relief passed by Congress and signed by President Bush starting in 2001. When I joined my colleagues in passing tax relief for hard-working Americans, we were accused of busting the budget. Many critics painted a rather dark picture of our economic prospects, even though we had based our legislation on America's long experience of seeing tax reductions spur economic growth and higher government revenues. In fact, according to data collected by the Congressional Budget Office, total federal revenues in 2004 were higher than those for 2002.

The first modern example was the tax relief passed by Congress under President John F. Kennedy in the 1960s. That tax relief sparked a long economic boom. President Ronald Reagan passed substantial tax relief which started an economic expansion which lasted, with one interruption, into the presidency of William Clinton, who signed increases in taxes. President George W. Bush inherited a stalled economy which he believed would benefit from tax reductions.

I supported the tax relief packages because they removed many unfair provisions in the code. I led the fight and authored the legislation to eliminate the Marriage Penalty, which taxed married couples at a higher rate than unmarried couples. We increased the tax deduction for children. Perhaps the most important

part of the relief package is that it reduced marginal rates, so every American who pays income taxes got relief.

Economists report that the Gross Domestic Product measurement of the economy has improved as a result of the tax relief. GDP in 2002, the first year relief took hold, increased by 1.9 percent. In 2003 growth accelerated to 3 percent. By 2004, the economy averaged an extremely high annual growth rate of 4.4 percent. The preliminary growth figures for the first quarter of 2005 shows a healthy growth rate of 3.1 percent despite sharply higher energy prices.

President Reagan was fond of saying that a rising tide lifts all boats to illustrate the fact that economic growth provides better jobs, a higher standard of living and more government revenue. He was right. Economic growth, spurred by lower taxes, increases the total government revenues even when taxes have been decreased.

Some may wonder how it can be that the U.S. deficit has increased even though tax relief boosted the economy and thereby raised revenue. The answer is government spending has increased at an even faster rate. After the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, our nation has had to invest heavily in improved security as well as prosecute a war against terrorists in Afghanistan and Iraq. I do not begrudge these expenditures. They were necessary to make the United States safer. But we must work to rein in unnecessary spending.

The recent good financial news strengthens my resolve to work to make our tax relief permanent. Much of the tax relief we passed was scheduled to sunset, or end, in 2010. I would like to see tax relief, particularly marginal rate reductions, capital gains tax reductions, abolition of the Death Tax on inheritance and Marriage Penalty tax relief made permanent.

You have heard the old expression, if it ain't broke, don't fix it. I would like to add, when it comes to tax relief, if it ain't broke, and it is working great, then don't end it.

FORUM



Nolan Ryan a "class act"

To the Editor:

In light of the recent scandals that have plagued baseball, fans oftentimes forget the good that happens because of outstanding players who live up to their role model status.

On May 13, 2005, I briefly ran into Nolan Ryan, who was eating lunch in Salado at the Salado Mansion. As the General Manager, I asked that the employees hold back their enthusiasm and respect the rights of Mr. Ryan. Let him eat lunch in peace and after he is finished we will see about asking him for photos, autographs and the like.

So, reluctantly the staff went about their job and did not make a big commotion when Nolan Ryan was eating. They did a great job making sure that it was business as usual. After the bill was paid and as Mr. Ryan was leaving, everyone scurried to see him leave with the hopes of maybe having a chance to meet with him.

Much to our amazement, Mr. Ryan, on his way out, stopped and turned to the staff and asked where we could have this done. Mr. Ryan was guessing that we wanted to meet with him and take a picture since a server had a camera in hand.

Wow, in a day and age where no one has time for anything, Mr. Ryan established himself as a "class act" in the eyes of all present. Furthermore, Nolan Ryan took the time to sign some baseballs, autographs and briefly chat with those who were gathered there.

The really beautiful part of the story is that this man was not put out and was truly a role model for those who experienced him: kind, gentle and looking out for others! For all of us, Friday May 13 was a lucky day. It was one we all remembered why we loved baseball so much.

Thank you Nolan Ryan for enkindling the true spirit of baseball. You

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

are a "class act" which all professional players should imitate.
Joe Czaus,
Salado

To the Editor:

Do you know how fortunate you are to live in Salado? The women who attended the Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary luncheon were women from here as well as surrounding towns. We were party to a style show few ever get to see - clothes owned by a former top model for Neiman Marcus and who was the step daughter of Jennifer Jones, wife of David O. Selznick, director of "Gone with the Wind."

Many of her experiences involved former movie stars of the day. Micki Ellis is owner of Etrulia's, an upscale shop of gently worn beautiful clothing. We also saw styles of the 40s and 50s. Virginia Cospoer was the fashion commentator and she gave a number of great extra bits of information, moving the show, while the models changed, all on time and all parts put together.

More events over the weekend were the beautiful gardens opened by homeowners who let us enjoy the hard work, the vegetable gardens, foun-

tains, the baby ducks and flowers in abundance. Everyone was so warm to visitors and made us feel welcome.

The fourth graders had their play at Tablerock and Silver Spur Theater entertained in the evening.

The wonderful art galleries of Salado opened their doors in the late evening and night to enjoy the great number of pieces of art that we have in our Village: sculpture, fragile metal work, jewelry, paintings, real treasures from so many gifted people. Each place shared lovely food to make it a perfect evening.

Volunteers were working all day - the "Ambassadors" were greeters at the Civic Center and all over Salado. I met so many people who are new to Salado and already feel a part of us. They said, "we have only lived here a month, a year, three years," but we love it and plan to be here from now on.

If you really want to feel at home, come on join in and take on a job you can handle and help make it even better.

Just be thankful to live in such a blessed place. After 28 years here, I love it even more.

Doris Denman,
Salado

Call India to find your old job



Jim Hightower

One of the worst aspects of the global corporate culture is that it routinely pits one group of workers against another in the corporate pursuit of dirt-cheap labor.

This has come to an ugly head in recent years with the mass offshoring of U.S. call center jobs. These workers answer questions that American consumers have about their phone bills, computers, credit cards, insurance policies, etc.

Curious about a long-distance charge on your phone bill? If you call your company's toll-free service number, you're likely to reach someone like Rahail Manzoor in India.

An Indian trade group says there are 350,000 people there working in such back-office service jobs for U.S. corporations, and the number is expected to grow by 40 percent this year alone. The corporations are tapping India's vast pool of workers who are English-speaking, tech-savvy... and cheap.

But these workers are also nervous wrecks, for they know that Americans are very angry about the offshoring of middle-class jobs - and American callers often take out their anger on them, using creative combinations of four-letter words.

The Indian call centers try deception to deflect this anger. Rahail Manzoor, for example, is told to call himself "Jim" on the phone, and he has undergone lessons in how to speak "American." Some call centers have giant TV screens showing the current weather in U.S. cities, the latest sports scores, and such, so workers can make small talk and pretend to be in the U.S.

But many callers know better and berate the poor operators, who are under such stress that they suffer all sorts of debilitating illnesses. It's "psychologically disturbing," says Manzoor.

It's also psychologically disturbing for Americans to see our middle-class future exported, while CEOs calmly count the billions of dollars that they rake in by pitting us against the Indians. To help unite workers here and there, call the AFL-CIO's international department: 202-637-5050.



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Sales tax rebates to Salado dip in May

For the first time this year, Salado's monthly sales tax rebate was lower than last year's payment. The Village of Salado received a check May 13 for \$31,374.65, which was 3.75 percent less than last year's payment of \$32,598.11.

Across the state, the trend was similar. According to the State Comptroller's office, rebates were down 8.1 percent compared to last year. Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn attributes this dip to a tax amnesty program in 2004 that caused a 26.4 spike in sales tax revenues last spring.

Other Bell County cities saw considerable growth in their sales tax rebates. Killeen, which collects a 1.5 cent local sales tax, received \$1.8 million this year, more than eight percent more than last May's payment of \$1.6 million. For the year, Killeen is running eight percent more. Temple's payment of \$1.4

million was seven percent more than last May's \$1.3 million payment. For the year, Temple is running almost six percent ahead of last year.

While Salado's rebate check in May was lower than last year, Salado is still ahead of 2004 payments. So far, Salado has received \$136,421.09 in sales tax rebates for the one cent local sales tax it levies, which is seven percent more than payments through May 2004 of \$127,576.51.

Salado Public Library District, which levies a half-cent sales tax, mirrors the Village of Salado rebates. The Library District received \$19,473.32 in May, which was a percent less than last May's payment of \$19,682.63. For the year, the Library District has received \$84,232.07, running six percent more than last year's payments of \$79,083.17 through May 2004.

Bell County, which

levies a half-cent sales tax, received \$1.2 million this month, which was almost 19 percent more than last year's payment of \$984,043.40. For the year, the county is running almost 13 percent ahead, with rebates of \$4.7 million through May.

Comptroller Strayhorn said May 13 that state sales tax revenue totaled \$1.34 billion in April, down 8.1 percent compared to April 2004, when a tax amnesty recommended by the Comptroller caused a 26.4 percent spike in monthly sales tax revenue.

"Last year's tax amnesty program brought in \$256.5 million in sales tax that might not have been collected otherwise from delinquent taxpayers," Strayhorn said. "Adjusting for my successful tax amnesty program, state sales tax revenue in April 2005 increased 3.6 percent compared to April 2004."

Strayhorn said local governments will receive

\$455.7 million in May sales tax allocations, up 8.4 percent compared to May 2004. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts are up 6.9 percent compared to a year ago.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent May sales tax allocations of \$312.4 million to Texas cities, up 8.6 percent compared to May 2004. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 7.3 percent compared to the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$26.5 million, up 13.8 percent compared to one year ago.

May's sales tax allocations to local governments represent March sales that were reported to the Comptroller in April by monthly tax filers, and January, February and March sales reported to the Comptroller in April by quarterly tax filers.

New aldermen to be sworn in May 19

Salado aldermen will swear-in new members Merle Stalcup and Curt Strong at the beginning of the May 19 meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center on Main St. Jackie Mills will continue in her

second full two year term.

Among the other business items on the regular meeting are International Fire Code Ordinance with National Fire Protection Association; discussion of the Trans Texas

Corridor, request from Lone Star Storage to be released from the Village; Year-to-Financials and a possible tourism department move (see related story this issue).

The board will also hear the April crime report from the police chief and an advertising report from the tourism director. The meeting is open to the public.

Wednesdays in the Park slated

Salado ISD and the Salado Chamber of Commerce will once again sponsor Wednesdays in the Park.

These will begin on June 8, and end on June 29. The hands-on activities will be 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Pace Park. Admission is free.

Topics are the following: Egyptian Things, Art Make and Take, Things That Fly and Petting Zoo.

Volunteers are needed to work with the children in the park.

For more information about Wednesdays in the Park or to volunteer, call the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 947-5040 or

MOAA meets May 20

The Central Texas Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, MOAA, will meet 11:30 a.m. May 20 at the Ft. Hood "O" Club. A no-host luncheon will be served at the Club for members and guests.

A chapter MOAA board meeting will be held at 11 a.m. prior to lunch. The program will begin at noon.

The program will be a presentation by the 1st Cavalry Division Command on their recent Iraq operations.

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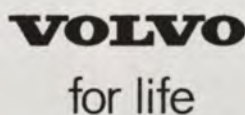
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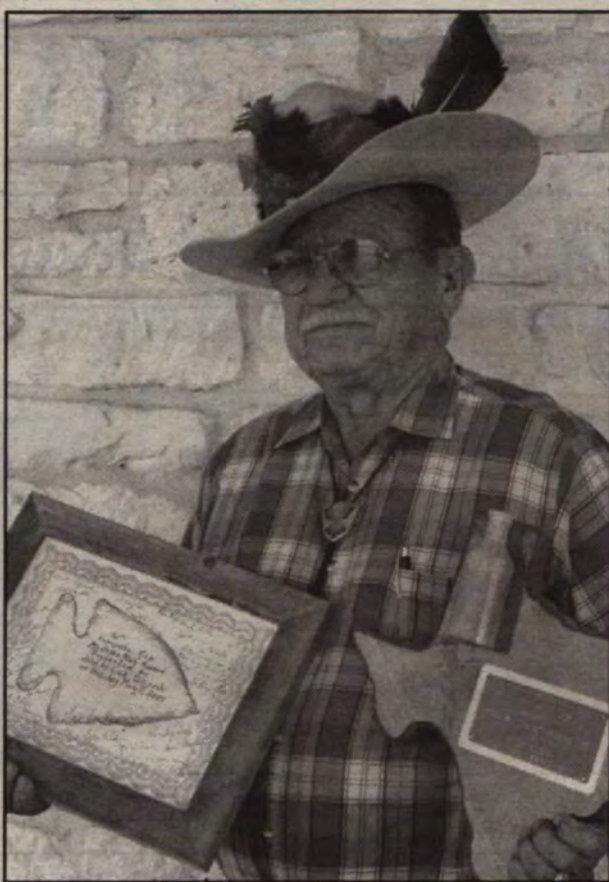
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Jack Oliver named 2005 Comanche Gap Medicine Man

John W. "Jack" Oliver was recently named Comanche Gap Medicine Man for 2005.

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Each year, the group selects one of its own to serve as an example of civic dedication, as well as one who reflects the group's commitment to history and the natural world.

Oliver was born near Belton, in the Three Forks community. His family traces its Bell County roots to the 19th century.

He graduated from Belton High School and enlisted as a private in the Army Air Corps in WWII. He went on to complete 50 missions in B-24 bombers and earned many decorations for his service, including two Purple Hearts. Oliver was one of the first 10 men selected to fly jets in advanced pilot training, and continued to fly during his 30-year military career.

He retired from Fort Monmouth, NJ, where he served three years as a full Colonel and Chief of the East Coast Field Office for the Defense Communications Agency.

His civic contributions include serving on the Bell County Commissioners Court, secretary/treasurer of the Darrs Creek Watershed, secretary/treasurer of the Heart of Texas Salado Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

He currently serves as president of the HOT Salado Chapter of the

SAR, is on the board of the Salado United Methodist Church and is active in Salado Lions Club.

Oliver belongs to the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Fort Hood National Sojourners, the AUSA, and AF Associations, and is also a Mason, Scottish Rite Mason, Shriner and Eastern Star.

He and his wife Miriam have been married for 61 years, and reside in Salado.

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May 25: Pizza, yogurt and fruit plate, hoagie, corn, breadstick, peaches, milk.

May 26: Macaroni and cheese, green beans, chef salad, garlic bread, hoagie, fresh fruit, milk.

May 27: No lunch.

Lunch Salado Intermediate & High Schools

May 23: Chicken fried steak sandwich, corn dogs, pizza, chef salad, baked potato, tater tots, frozen carrots, burger salad, fresh fruit, pears, milk.

May 24: Chicken nuggets, hamburger, pizza, chef salad, frito lay, rolls, corn, green beans, oven fries, burger salad, fresh fruit, pineapple tidbits.

May 25: Pizza, chicken fillet on roll, chef salad, roasted red potatoes, baked potato, burger salad, corn, breadstick, fresh fruit.

May 26: Loaded baked potato, nachos, pizza, chef salad, baked potato, oven fries, oatmeal cookies, frozen carrots, fresh fruit, applesauce, garlic bread.

May 27: No lunch.

Breakfast Menu Both Campuses:

May 23: Breakfast on a stick

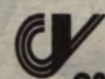
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SPORTS

Low scores still land Eagles in last at State

As it turned out, the Class AA State Golf Tournament was not Region IV's strongest showing. On the boys side anyway.

After winning gold at Regionals over district-rival Lago Vista, the Salado boys struggled, finishing eighth out of eight teams at the tournament, held May 9-10 in Austin. Lago Vista - the other Region IV qualifier - finished seventh, five strokes better than the Eagles.

In their second trip in as many years to State, the boys have not finished better than next-to-last. This time around, they were 30 strokes behind first place Jacksboro, which closed out the two-round tournament with a score of 631. Coleman (639) took the silver and Warren (640) the bronze, rounding out the top three.

Overall scores were fairly low throughout the



Pictured, from left: Lacey Bartlett, Jake Mewhinney, Travis Kemp, Matt Jennings, Clint Permenter, Coach Bobby Peschel, Wes Dowell.

field in both rounds of play, with Salado shooting respectably, just not well enough to keep pace with the frontrunners.

Wes Dowell, in fact, registered a round one 77 - the sixth lowest score from the first day. Dowell would go on to record a 79 in round two, giving him a 12th-place finish individually. He was the lone Eagle to rank in the top 25

individually.

Clint Permenter logged rounds of 84 and 81 for a 165, while Travis Kemp shot 88 and 83 (171), Jake Mewhinney shot 85 and 89 (174) and Matt Jennings put together rounds of 90 and 84 (174).

As the sole Lady Eagle making the trip to State, junior Lacey Bartlett rebounded after a round

one 96 to finish in a tie for ninth place. Bartlett shot an 89 in the second round to close with a 185, creating a three-way tie between her, Lago Vista's Amanda Casey and Noco-na's Brandi Womack.

As for the Region IV representatives in the ladies draw, Refugio won the gold and Lago Vista took fourth.

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In the 1600m, Nick Everett (left) didn't stay in third very long. (PHOTOS BY TIM FLEISCHER)



Chelsea Ervi battles with Loren Hodges in the 1600m.

Salado runners net 3 medals at State meet

For the coda of his high school athletic career, Nick Everett made it a point to go out in style. The senior took gold medals in both the 3200m and 1600m runs over the course of two days in Austin, adding to the golds he won as a junior in the 3200m and in cross country.

All told, Everett now has six state long-distance medals to his credit, counting the silver he won in the 1600m in 2004 and the silver he earned in cross country this past fall.

His title in the 1600m didn't come easy, though. Everett trailed early on, and was stride-for-stride with Krum's Logan Bowman before edging out Bowman by two-tenths of a second with a time of 4:27.73. Everett and Bowman also found themselves in a close race a year ago, when Everett bested him by two seconds in the 3200m.

In this year's two-mile, Everett had a bit of an easier time, crossing the line at 9:58.70 and winning by three seconds. Argyle's Brett Shepherd - who defeated Everett for the cross country gold in 2004 - finished second with a time of 10:01.63.

Junior golf camp coming to Salado

Mill Creek Golf Club will hold a junior golf camp in four different sessions beginning May 31.

The camp will be divided into instruction for campers ages six-10 and another for campers age 11-17.

Session dates are: May 31-June 3, June 13-16, June 27-30 and July 11-12. Cost is set at \$90 and includes six hours of instruction, a t-shirt, USGA rule book, beverages and snacks each day, hotdogs and pool party and awards. For more information contact Mill Creek at 947-5144.

Everett wasn't the only Salado runner to shine at state. Sophomore Chelsea Ervi, running in her second state meet, broke Lauren Mewhinney's Salado school record in the 1600m but lost out to Paradise's Loren Hodges by a tenth of a second for the gold medal. Ervi's time of 5:10.36 represented a 14-second improvement over her silver medal-winning run of a year ago.

Ervi also competed in the 3200m run, coming in fourth with a time of 11:55.86.

In the 1600m relay, the Salado girls placed sixth at 4:03.89. The quartet of Brittani Goodnight, Molly Rooney, Leigh Martin and Valerie Clark ran their fastest time of the year at state.

The Salado boys also ran in the 1600m relay, coming in eighth place at 4:45.23. Team members were Everett, Justin Konzen, Devon Dunn and Chance Coe.

Lexington, Salado's District 25AA rival, won the team gold on the boys side. Alto was the girls champion. The Salado boys concluded the meet in a tie for eighth (20 points), while the Lady Eagles tied for ninth with five other schools.



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Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Service	6:15 p.m.
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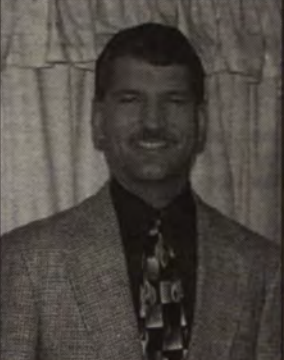
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Glory Choir performs at First Baptist Church on May 20

The Glory Choir of First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls will appear in concert at First Baptist Church of Salado 7 p.m. May 20. Admission to the concert is free and the performance is open to the public.

This 130-voice choir is

made up entirely of Senior Adults, who meet weekly to rehearse and prepare for ministry around the city and around the country. Although most are members of First Baptist Church, several come from other churches in the city to be a part of this

group.

Having sung as guest choir for various events and conventions around the country, they travel extensively, sharing their music and their testimony.

They have sung in Vancouver and Victoria, B.C., many times at

Glorieta, NM, Lancaster, PA, Washington, D.C., Williamsburg, VA, Nashville, TN, Cape Cod and Boston, MA, New York City, and all around Texas. They have sung for citywide patriotic celebrations, for a rodeo, in many other public venues, and most recently for David Wilkerson's Time Square Church in New York City, and for a soccer game at Boston University.

After singing at First Baptist Church, Salado, and the State Capitol Rotunda in Austin, the group plans to travel to San Francisco to sing at Golden Gate Seminary and several churches in the Bay Area.

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If you follow the news - or even if you don't - you're probably aware that the country is debating the future of Social Security. However, this discussion, while important, may be obscuring another key issue - namely, that many people are finding their employer-sponsored retirement plans are falling short of providing the expected level of benefits. Clearly, this is a huge problem for retirees - and a scary prospect for workers. Consequently, if you are in this second group, you will want to act now to bolster your retirement savings. Before we look at some moves you can make, let's review two factors behind the current concerns in company-funded plans:

- Economic pressures - For a variety of reasons, pension plans are becoming more expensive for companies to fund; consequently, some plans go underfunded. As long as a company remains solvent, its pension plan - even an underfunded one - will pay out full benefits, but the financial pressure on the company to fully fund the plan is enormous, and can cause a drag on earnings. If companies are in danger

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



of insolvency, they may not fund their pensions at all. When a company terminates its plan, participants still won't lose their benefits, but they will lose out on potentially valuable future accruals, which typically correspond with age and length of service.

- Switch from "defined-benefit" to "defined contribution" - In 1979, more than 80 percent of workers covered by a company retirement plan had a "defined-benefit" plan - that is, a traditional pension that paid monthly benefits based on years of service. But by 2001, this percentage had dropped to just over 40 percent, according to the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, as companies began offering "defined contribution" plans, such as 401(k)s. This shift from "defined benefit" to "defined contribution" means that employees are now

much more responsible for planning and saving for their own retirements.

What you can do: You cannot control "big-picture" events, such as a plan termination or a switch to another type of retirement plan. You can take steps to boost your retirement savings inside and outside your plan. Here are a few ideas:

- Prioritize and quantify retirement goals - Whether you plan to spend your retirement years traveling, volunteering, pursuing hobbies or even opening a small business, rank your retirement goals in order of importance and determine how much they are likely to cost. You may want to get help from a financial professional.

- "Max out" on your IRA - Try to fully fund your Roth or traditional IRA every year. A Roth IRA grows tax-free, provided you meet certain

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- Consider delaying early retirement - If you enjoy your work, consider extending your career by a couple of years, or take advantage of "phased retirement." You'll be able to contribute more money to your employer-sponsored retirement plan.

- Increase 401(k) contributions annually - Try to increase your 401(k) contributions each year, especially if you get annual raises.

- Don't "overload" on company stock - Avoid putting too much company stock into your employer's retirement plan; you could incur significant risk if your company goes through some ups and downs. Most financial experts recommend limiting company stock to 10 percent of your retirement plan assets.

You can't always predict what will happen with your employer-sponsored retirement plan. But by following your own savings and investment strategies, you can go a long way toward achieving the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

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Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

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Bell County Blaze, a 9 & under select baseball team went undefeated (5-0) en route to the Texas Rangers/Dr.Pepper 9 and under tournament last weekend at the Dr. Pepper Youth Ballpark next to the Amerquest Field in Arlington.

Drew Van Winkle of Salado pitched an outstanding game versus the Texas Rattlers in the final pool game. He had eight strikeouts in four innings to enable the Blaze to obtain the top seed going into the semi-finals.

Kyle Heiner of Salado pitched four innings during the semi-final game and recorded four strikeouts allowing just two walks in four innings to propel the Blaze to a 4-3 win over the Rockwall Angels.

The Blaze then defeat-



Bell County Blaze are shown in Arlington after their tournament win there.

ed the Mid-Cities Texans, a Dallas/Fort Worth team, 11-3 in the Championship game behind the pitching of Belton southpaw Andrew Paysse.

The players from Salado are Kyle Heiner,

Dane Hankamer, and Drew Van Winkle. Players from Temple include Mason Marinik and Braden Pearson. Belton players are Coby Potvin, Andrew Paysse, Chase Cryer, Mark Herrington,

and Carlton Rice.

The Head Coach of the Blaze is Ty Hankamer. Assistant Coaches are Max Heiner, Ron Van Winkle, and Jeff Potvin.

Fourth and Fifth grade basketball team takes second place at River Classic Tournament

Salado's fourth and fifth grade boys basketball squad took second place in the recent River City Classic Tournament in Austin, sponsored by Texas Basketball, Inc.

The team played "Austin and 2" boys team in

the first round of play and beat them in a close game, 36-32. Next came the Pflugerville Titans where Salado also won. In the third game the boys were completely flat and lost to TC Hoops by more than 15 points.

This set up a rematch between Salado and Austin and 2 in the final round. It was an evenly matched game and the boys played well on defense. At the end of regulation time, the game was tied 31-31. The Salado

boys could not manage to out score Austin in overtime and lost 33-34 to come out with second place.

The team is sponsored by Century 21 Bill Bartlett Real Estate, of Salado.

Lady Eagles softball place 8 on All-District

The Salado Lady Eagles softball team might have come up just short in its bid for a postseason spot, but the squad did place eight of its members on the all-district squad.

Three Lady Eagles were named to the first team, three to the second

team and two were listed as honorable mention.

Representing Salado on the first team were juniors Shae Janda and Heather Winters, and freshman Lauren Culver. Senior Rachel Blodgett, junior Rachel Stemmer and freshman Brandi Lott

all landed on the second team, while senior Jessica Roberts and sophomore Justine Ferrell-Raborn were honorable mention selections.

The Lady Eagles, coached by Doug Harrigan, finished the season with a 13-12 overall record, but came in fifth in District 25AA.



Above, Richard Paul Thomas and TerryLynn Schrimsher, members of the new band A Touch of Class, perform classic country during a benefit dance and concert May 14 at Mill Creek's Creekside Banquet Hall. Diane and Bob Pascoe are shown at right enjoying the dance music.



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Ladies Auxiliary luncheon and style show featured vintage clothes of the 40's and 50's Neiman Marcus model Anna Marie Olsen Pylant collection acquired by Etrulia's. Olsen was the daughter of actress Jennifer Jones. She spent much of her time traveling between L.A. and Dallas. Lined up for the runway above are: Miriam Oliver Ann Gardner, Wylene Williams, Cathy Sands, and Deborah Shafer. Barclay McCort is shown wearing a vintage Nardis of Dallas for Neiman Marcus in black and white. Deborah Shafer wearing the red and white polka dot skirt, white blouse with red scarf and earring accessories gives a little fling of the skirt to reveal the popular petticoat of days gone by. The make up artistry was done by Merle Norman Cosmetics of Salado Debbie Hill Van Kleef.



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Neighborhoods reap benefits of MCCA clean up day

About 25 Mill Creek residents came out for the annual MCCA Litter Clean-up May 14.

The bright sunshine and clean air was beautiful after the early morning rain.

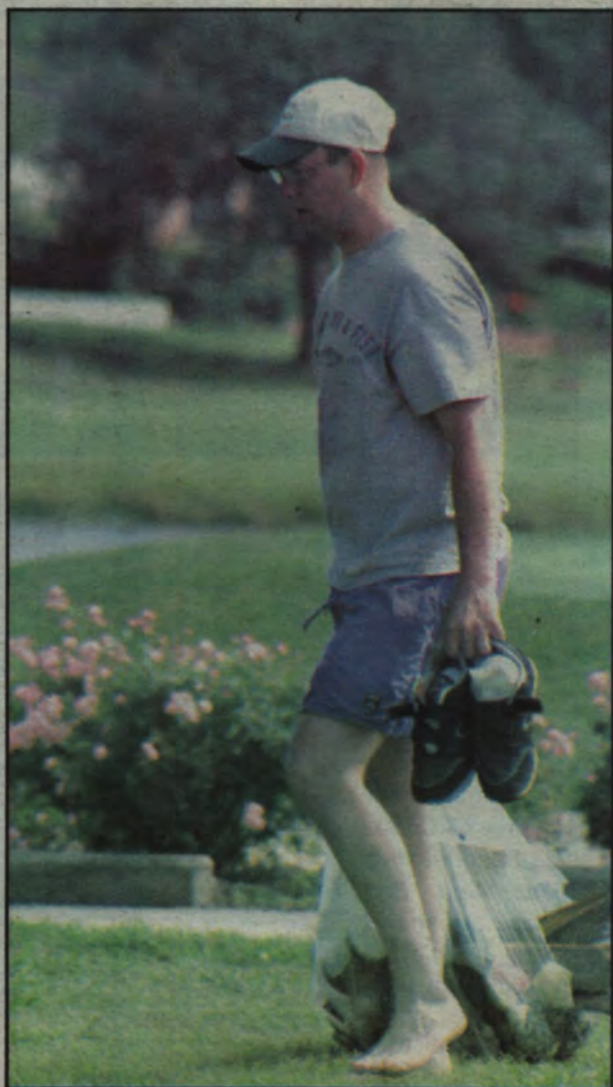
Following a breakfast snack, 13 job description tickets were chosen and crews went out to clean out litter everywhere.

Crews went from the bridge all the way to Main St and back on Salado Plaza, Smith Branch, to Royal to Main St. was really in need of care by the group that cleaned up there.

Weed whacking and cleaning up low water areas, even wading in the creek to clean up litter there was chosen by our Mike Dusek.

Everyone returned for hot dogs lunch and soft drinks.

Lots of large garbage bags and a couple pick-up loads of trash were collected during this annual spring clean up.



Mike Dusek

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JUNE 25

Dog Daze comes to Pace Park

Salado Dog Daze, sponsored by the Salado Business Association, will return for its second year June 25. Held in Pace Park on the banks of the Salado Creek, Dog Daze will begin with registration for games and competitions at 9 a.m., with events beginning shortly thereafter.



Many of the canines attend wearing their best outfits. (photo by Marilyn Fleischer)

Though the first Dog Daze was held under rainy skies, a large crowd turned out, with their pets, and an even bigger crowd is expected this year. Admission to Dog Daze is free, as is participation in scheduled competitions.

A grand "Dog Stroll" will kick off the day's events, and prizes will be awarded for best-dressed dog, most

unique name and most heart-warming smile. Talented dogs will also compete for recognition in "Stupid Dog Tricks" and other games, such as the obstacle course, best singer, ugliest dog,

and the dog that most resembles its owner. Also in attendance will be "Puggy," who has appeared on America's Funniest Home Videos and other programs.

Other scheduled speakers and organizations include: a storytelling corner with Alayne Fuller-Ramsden, a puppet show, a pet adoption center, veterinarian information booth, raffles for pet-related items from Salado shops; Cen-Tex Humane Society; Bell County SPCA; and Greyhound Pets of America/Central Texas. In addition, several Central Texas rescue organizations will be on-hand offering educational information and advice to current and prospective pet owners throughout the day.

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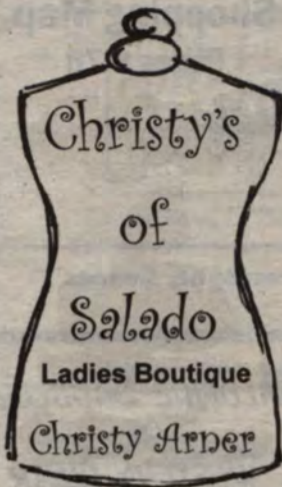
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MAY 19
Salado High School Academic Banquet, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School.

MAY 19
The Village of Salado Board of Aldermen public hearing to hear arguments for and against voluntary ETJ expansion to include properties in Yellow Rose subdivision, Stinnett Mill and

acreage on FM 2484 owned by Salado ISD. 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

MAY 20
Glory Choir of First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls in concert at FBC of Salado, 7 p.m. Concert is free and open to the public. Info: FBC office, 947-5465.

MAY 20-22
Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Westward, Show!" with the Howdy Duo onstage and Gene Autry on screen. Live music and entertainment with performance. Show times: 7:30 p.m. May 20-21 and 2 p.m. May 21-22. Info: 254-947-3456 or visit www.saladosilverspur.com.

MAY 21
Free Diabetes Screening, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church and Temple Free Clinic, 10 a.m.-noon at the church, 105 Salado Plaza. No fasting required. Info: 947-3617.

MAY 22
Salado High School Baccalaureate services, 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Salado.

MAY 24
Salado High School graduation ceremony at the Bell County Expo Center. 7:30 p.m.

MAY 25
Salado Lions Club meeting, 11:30 a.m. at Salado Civic Center. Speaker: Justice of the Peace Don Engleking.

MAY 25-26
Grant Workshops conducted by Village of Salado Tourism Director Debbie Charboneau, 10 a.m. both days at the Salado Civic Center. Any organization applying for a grant must have a representative at one of the workshops. Info: 947-8634.

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, benefiting the Empty Bowl Project. Classes are free, but limited to 10 participants. Call 947-0281.

JUNE 3-5
Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Up the Creek" with live entertainment on stage and Buster Keaton in "Steamboat Bill, Jr." on screen. Show times: 7:30 p.m. June 3-4 and 2 p.m. June 4-5. Info: 254-947-3456 or visit www.saladosilverspur.com.

JUNE 6
Salado Public Library Summer Reading Pro-

gram, featuring "The Telephone Company," 11 a.m. at the library. Free to the children of the community. Children will also make crafts. Info: 947-9191.

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 8
Salado Lions Club meeting, 11:30 a.m. at Salado Civic Center. Speaker: County Commissioner Tim Brown.

JUNE 9-11
Seventh Annual Judy and A.C. Greene Literary Festival. June 9 - "The Girl at Cabe Ranch," adapted from a short story by A.C. Greene; June 10 - event will feature the work of David Lindsey, with the author discussing his work with scenes performed from "The Color of Night"; June 11 - works by authors participating in the Texas Writers League Dialogue Workshop. All shows will be held 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. For more info and for admission to the Festival, call 254-947-3104.

JUNE 10-12
Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Up the Creek" with live entertainment on stage and Buster Keaton in "Steamboat Bill, Jr." on screen. Show times: 7:30 p.m. June 10-11 and 2 p.m. June 11-12. Info: 254-947-3456 or visit www.saladosilverspur.com.

JUNE 11
Sewing class at the Sewing Basket. Class title: Stack'n Whack, taught by Barbara Miller. Class will focus on eight-pointed star pattern. Cost: \$45. Time: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: 947-5423.

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
Salado Public Library Summer Reading Program, featuring entertainment from "Mr. Johnny and Sharon," 11 a.m. at the library. Free to the children of the community. Children will also make crafts. Info: 947-9191.

JUNE 13
Tablerock's Salado Legends rehearsals begin.

JUNE 13-17
First Baptist Church of Salado Vacation Bible School, "Ramblin' Road Trip: Which Way Do I Go?" 9 a.m.-noon daily. For children who have completed kindergarten through those who have finished sixth grade. Free of charge. Info: 947-5465.

JUNE 17-19
Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "Up the Creek" with live entertainment on stage and Buster Keaton in "Steamboat Bill, Jr." on screen. Show times: 7:30 p.m. June 17-18 and 2 p.m. June 18-19. Info: 254-947-3456 or visit www.saladosilverspur.com.

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

JUNE 20
Salado Lions Club Annual Awards Banquet, 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

JUNE 20
Salado Public Library Summer Reading Program, featuring entertainment from "Chicken Dog," 11 a.m. at the library. Free to the children of the community. Children will also make crafts. Info: 947-9191.

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 23
Bowl making class at Mud Pies pottery, benefiting the Empty Bowl Project. Classes are free, but limited to 10 participants. Call 947-0281.

JUNE 25
Second Annual Salado Dog Daze, at Pace Park Pavilion. More info TBA.

JUNE 25
Sewing class at the Sewing Basket. Class title: Just Can't Cut It. Class is designed for beginners, and will take students through the process of beginning and completing a quilt. Cost: \$25. Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: 947-5423.

JUNE 30
Bowl making class at

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

JULY 4
Salado Historical Society Annual Fourth of July picnic, 6:15 p.m. in Pace Park.

JULY 11-15
Vacation Bible School at Salado United Methodist Church. Theme: "Serengeti Track." Info: SUMC office, 947-5482.

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.

Tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 children 12 and under. Call 254-947-9205 for group rates and further information, or visit www.allcentex.com/tablerock. Email: tablerock1@aol.com.

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

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, www.allcentex.com/tablerock or email

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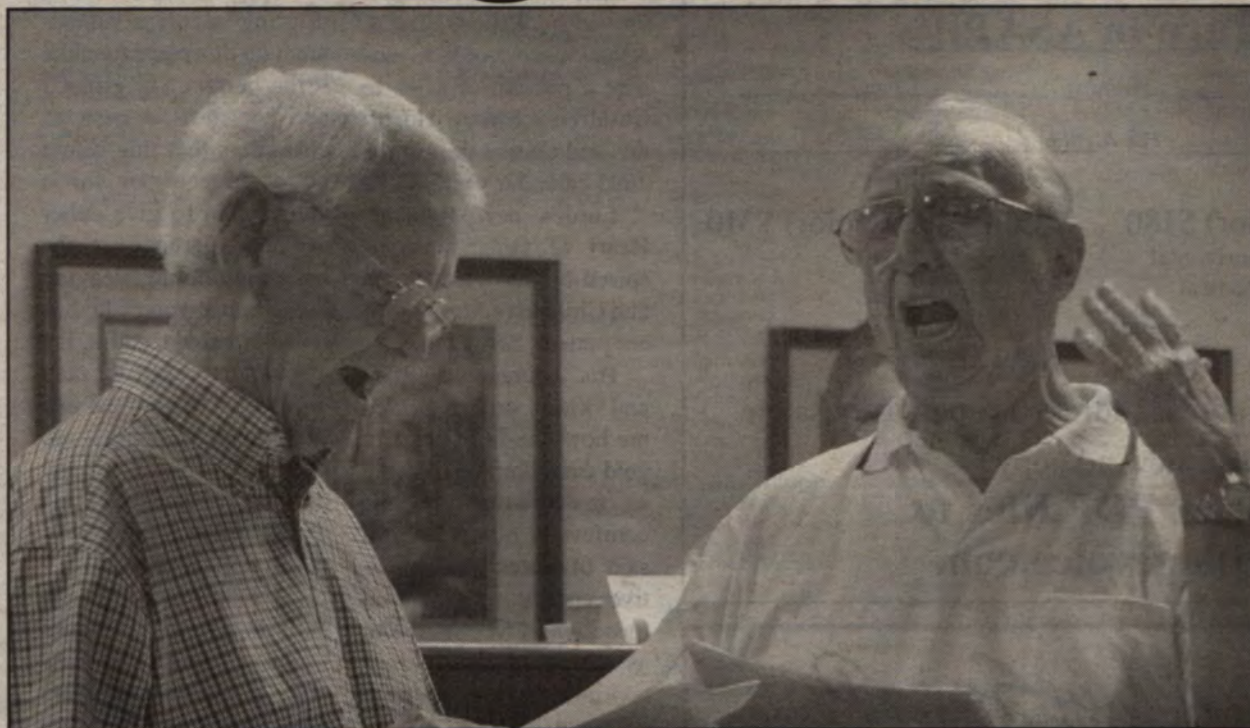
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SEPTEMBER 10

Salado High School Class of 1995 10-year reunion. Reunion will include daytime lunch in Salado and evening dinner in Walburg. More details TBA. Info: April Renfro, 512-656-7835.

SEP. 10-11, 14-18

Team Ropers Association Finals at Wildfire Ranch. Info: 947-8080.

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 vintage car show. Admission is free. Info: 254-947-5040.

OCTOBER 16

St. Stephen Catholic Church Fall Fest.

OCTOBER 16

Seniors Appreciation Day. Various organizations of Salado United Methodist Church honor the seniors of the church with a special dinner and presentation. 12:15-2:30 p.m. at the SUMC fellowship hall.

OCTOBER 22

Salado Education Foundation Chisholm Trail Cattleman's Ball, at Tenroc Ranch. Details TBA.

OCTOBER 29, 30 & 31

Tablerock's Fright Trail, 7 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Admission: \$5 adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

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

Annual Empty Bowl Project and Pots O' Plenty Show and Sale, benefitting the Salado Family Relief Fund, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School.

NOVEMBER 26-27

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

DECEMBER 2-3

Tablerock's 13th Annual presentation of A Christmas Carol, 7 p.m. each night. Tickets: adults \$5, children 12 and under, \$3. Sandwiches and drinks available beginning 6:30 p.m. Info: 947-9205 or www.allcentex.com/tablerock. Email: tablerock1@aol.com.

DECEMBER 2-4

Salado Historical Society Annual Christmas Tour of Homes.

DECEMBER 2-4 & 9-11

Annual Christmas Stroll celebration in the Village Salado.

DECEMBER 13

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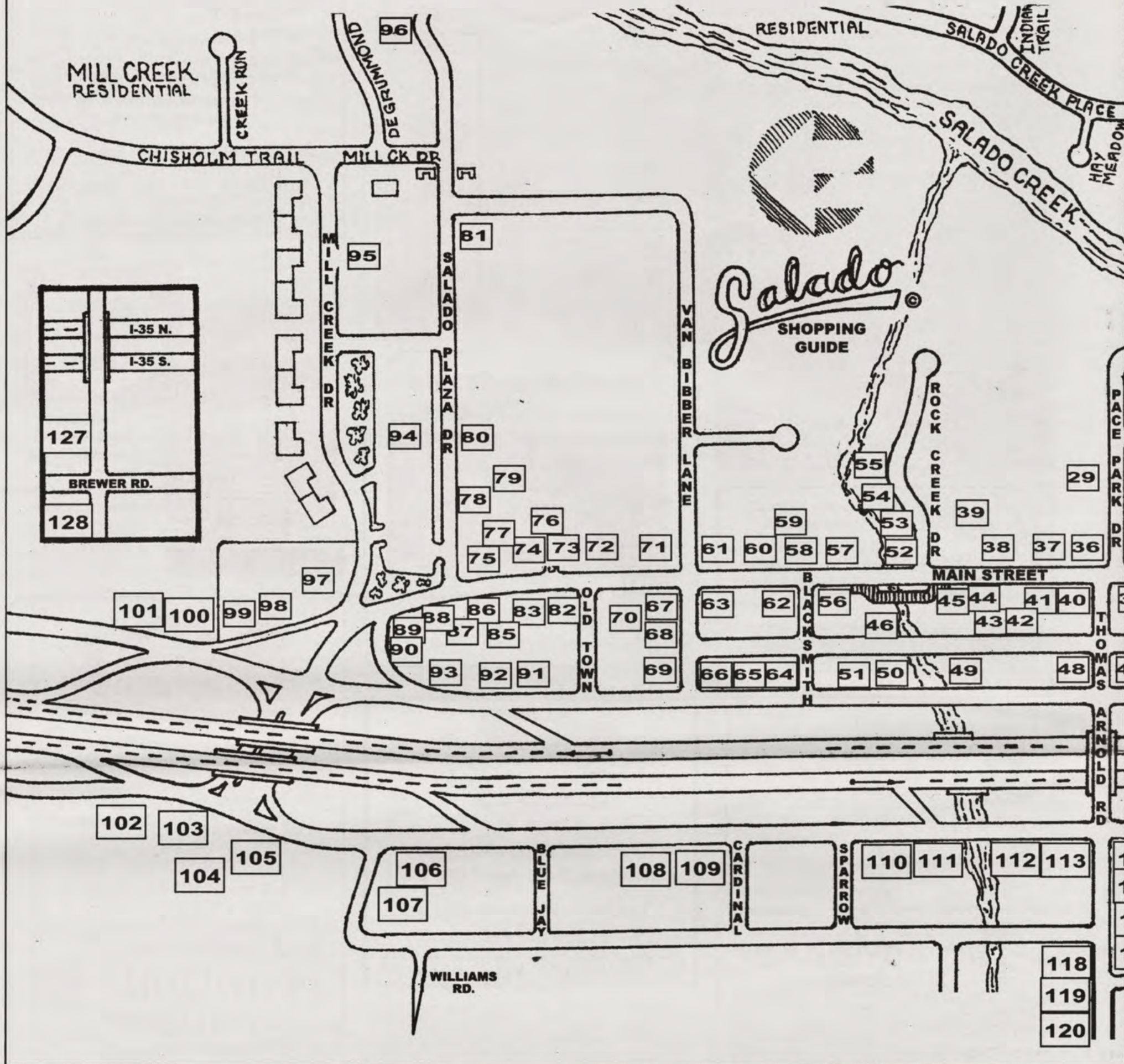
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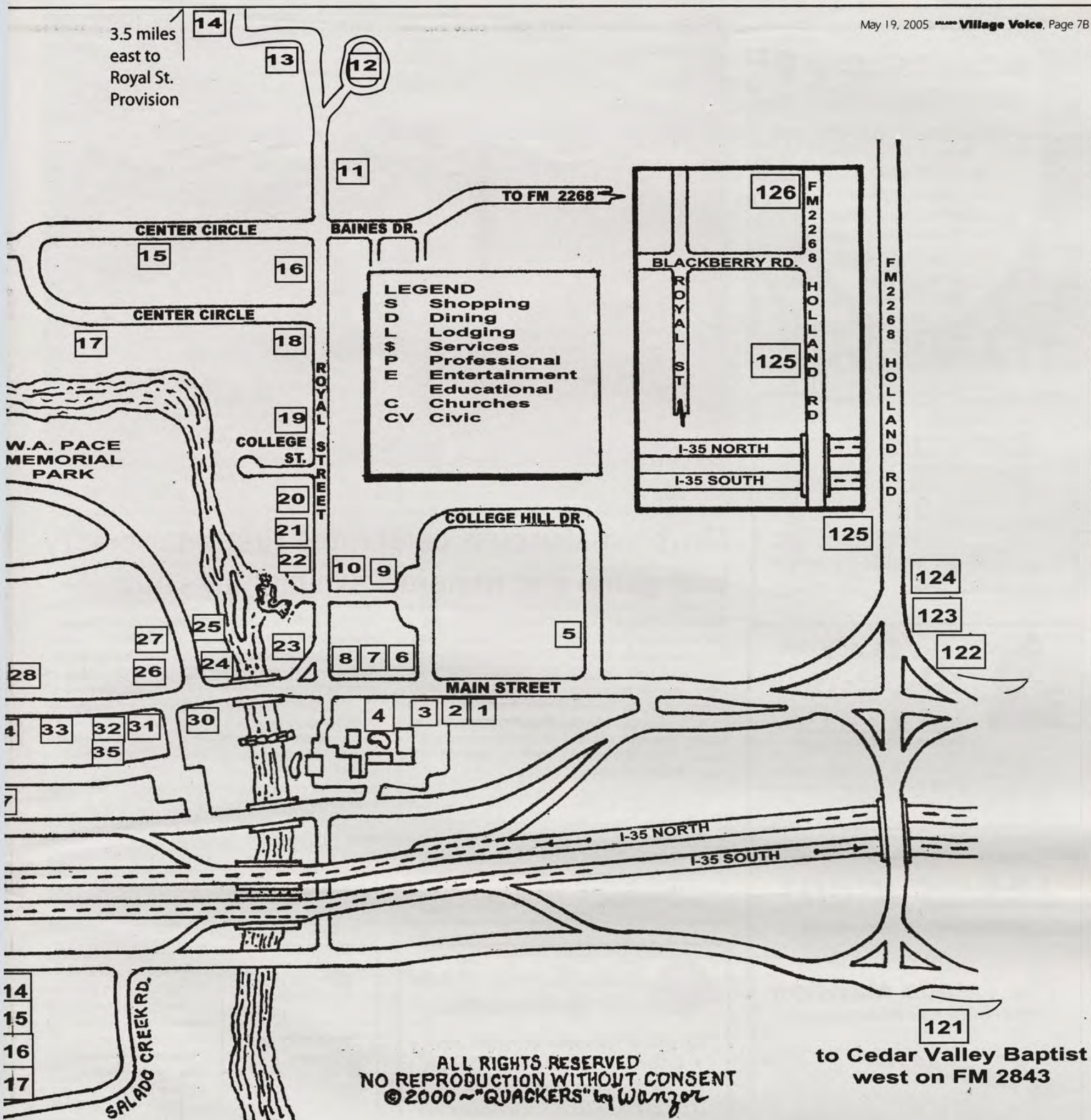
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Mayborn Museum celebrates first anniversary with gems and minerals exhibit May - Aug.

Baylor University's Mayborn Museum Complex will commemorate its first anniversary by hosting the Duval Collection of Gems and Minerals May 22-Aug. 14 in the Thomas E. and Emilyne Weed Anding Traveling Exhibit Gallery of the Harry and Anna Jeanes Discovery Center.

The display includes 38 specimens from the world's largest "gem quality" turquoise nugget to a spectacular 2,200-pound transparent quartz crystal cluster. The exhibit is organized by the Houston

Museum of Natural Science through a gift from the Pennzoil-Quaker State Co. with the support of Shell Oil Products U.S.

The opening of the Duval Collection of Gems and Minerals coincides with the first anniversary of the Mayborn Museum Complex.

"We are delighted to have such a wonderful exhibit for this important milestone," said Dr. Elie Caston, director of the Mayborn Museum Complex. "Not only is the Duval Collection sparkling and a fitting arrival for our anni-

versary, it is also an exhibit that we believe visitors of all ages will enjoy."

The 5,000-square-foot Anding Gallery will be the venue for the rare collection of specimens assembled under the direction of S.H. Martin, general manager of Duval's Battle Mountain in Nevada and Mineral Park in Arizona. Native copper, azurite, citrine quartz and an 820-pound amethyst geode will be among the pieces.

The Duval Collection was housed atop the Pennzoil Building for more than three decades before being

donated to the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

To enhance the visitors' experience during the exhibit, the Mayborn Museum Complex will offer special programming during the summer. The museum's popular children's summer programs will be planned around the exhibit. "Summer Rocks" will offer classes for children from age two through sixth grade. Adult programming will include presentations on the traditions of birthstones, lectures by Baylor professors and demonstrations on the tumbling process. Visitors also will get an up-close look at how raw gems become jewelry in the "Gems to Jewels" program.

The exhibit also will include two computer stations where visitors can learn the dynamics of crystal formation, what is a rock or mineral and how geodes form.

Guests may purchase geodes in the Museum Store and crack them to reveal the crystals inside. The Museum Store also will sell semiprecious handset jewelry, faux gem paperweights, gemstone bracelets, flashing birthstone rings, tumbled stones on necklace chains and mineral and gemstone specimens in assorted sizes. Younger guests can enjoy filling pouches with pyrite and tumbled stones.

Special joint admission packages for the Mayborn Museum Complex and Duval Collection are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children. Tickets for the Duval Collection only are \$4 for adults and seniors and \$2 for children. Mayborn Museum Members are admitted free of charge.

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- 75 Big name in kids' music
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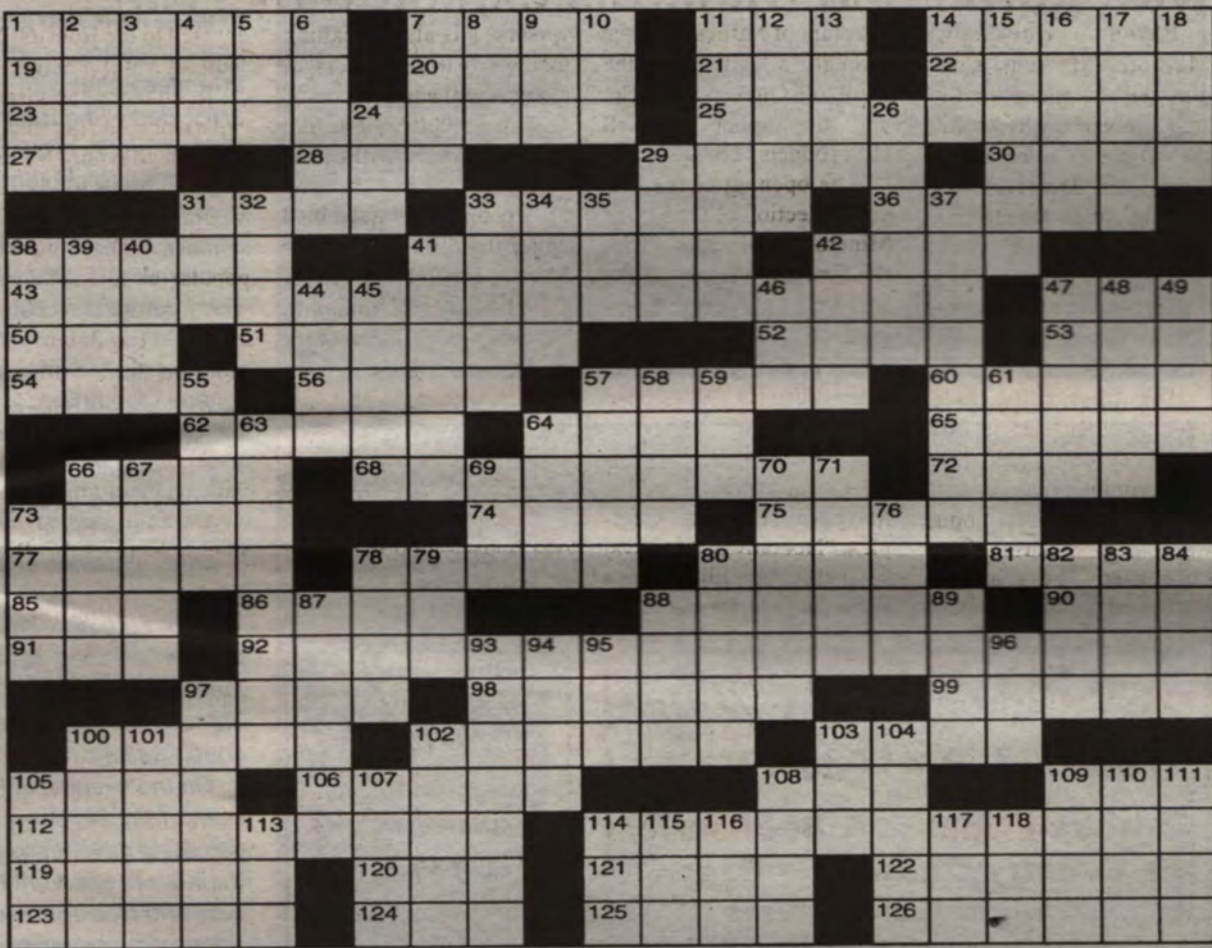
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- 84 Tramp's tootsie

- 87 Pieceful pursuit?
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- 89 Finish the lawn
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- 94 Knitter's need
- 95 Monk's title
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Crowds descended in force for the first-ever Salado Fine Art Trail, which had eight of Salado's art galleries combining for an evening of artist meet and greets and socializing. Above, attendees chat with artist Barry Shadrock at Prellop Fine Art Gallery. At left, a couple scrutinizes a piece on display at Wells Gallery. At bottom left, artist Jack Terry (left of picture) chats in the newly-opened Southern Image gallery. At bottom, local artist and gallery owner Kay Griffith, of Griffith Fine Art Gallery talks with a fellow artist.

Other galleries on the Fine Art Trail included B. Herd Fine Art Gallery, Salado Galleries, Miller Fine Art Gallery and the Thomas Kinkade Stagecoach Gallery. On the evening of the event, May 14, participating galleries kept their doors open until 9 p.m. and free carriage rides were offered to transport visitors from gallery to gallery. The Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) provided wine and cheese.

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Shirley Pinkston (far right) and Jeanne Moran (second from right) are seen presenting books on behalf of the Presbyterian Church of Salado to the first graders of Thomas Arnold Elementary. The books are presented each year in order to encourage reading among Salado's children. All first graders receive their own personal hardcover storybooks to read to each other and to take home to family members. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)



Salado Lions Club president Allen Mantanona recently presented Salado Family Relief Fund president Leigh Drake with a check from the club in the amount of \$250. The Family Relief Fund helps provide local families with basic needs, and also provides back to school vouchers and Christmas gifts, among other efforts.

A university course in rock & roll

"It's just amazing to watch kids grow musically. And they do it so quickly."

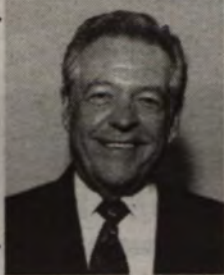
Dr. Dan Keast teaches music at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa. He has been involved with music a long time.

"I started in Elementary School playing clarinet and pretty soon I became a tuba player because the school needed a tuba player. And from there I just enjoyed every weekend going somewhere to perform a solo, to march, to play in a band. I just found a home in music."

Dr. Keast is new to the University. He's just finishing his first year. The school had a music program years ago, but it was discontinued.

"I've been working with the University administration and looking over the cultural opportunities here in Odessa. It's really amazing what's here. It's quite a lot. I think we're going to offer a wide range of music courses and focus on Mariachi music and Jazz music."

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The University has 15 courses in music now.

"A lot of them are individual classes. I'm the only fulltime music professor here, so if a student comes in and wants to play guitar, I'll place that student with a person who is extremely competent on that instrument. Our music appreciation course is quite popular. We've got a band now at the University and we're working on some ensemble singing groups."

Since UTPB has no practice rooms, Dan will play a variety of instruments in his classroom. The doors to the classroom are open, so people nearby hear music from a piano, trumpet or drum. Dr. Keast says plans are underway to get some state of the art practice

rooms.

One course being offered this summer is titled Jazz, Pop and Rock and Roll.

"I put it on the course docket hoping it would fill up," says Dan. "I taught it back in Nebraska a few years when I was teaching in public school and I taught it at the University of Missouri while I was working on my doctorate."

"We start off with jazz

history and we do it the same way we do music history. We start at the very roots of it, Ragtime, and we trace it to New Orleans, to swing bands, bop music, cool music and then all of a sudden we have the splinters of jazz, going into jazz fusion and jazz rock and all these other little splinters, then into the neo-classic stuff that we're enduring today. We spend the third week of the course in popular songs, such as Tin Pan Alley, and how that music exploded into Rock and Roll in the 1950s.

"I like to cover how society reacted to Rock and Roll. *Time* magazine referred to it as the most hideous form of music ever conceived by the mind of man."



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One of the most important of these, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), is a child's immunization record.

"Children need various vaccinations at 2,4,6, 12-15 and 15-19 months of age and at 2 and 4 years," said Lupe Mandujano-Garcia of the DSHS Immunization Branch.

The job of keeping track of these immunizations schedules can seem almost overwhelming to parents. For help in avoiding papering the house

with charts and graphs, parents can get assistance by using ImmTrac, the states immunization registry.

Parents can complete a consent form to voluntarily enroll their Texas born children as part of the birth registration process. Parents whose children were born in another state also may enroll them in ImmTrac by completing a consent form and sending it, along with copies of immunization records, to the ImmTrac office or their provider. The ImmTrac service is free.

"ImmTrac provides parents with an official immunization history that can be used to meet school and child-care enrollment requirements," Mandujano-Garcia said. The system is designed to offer complete immunization records for each participating child.

"Providers authorized to use ImmTrac can see what immunizations a child already has had, even those given in another city or county," Mandujano-Garcia said. "With this information readily available, a provider can see that a child received only those shots that are needed and reduced the changes that a child will be under-vaccinated or over-vaccinated."

With ImmTrac, im-

munization providers also can remind parents when their children's shots are needed.

"As a courtesy, DSHS now sends a vaccination reminder card to parents of ImmTrac participating children who are 15 months old," Mandujano-Garcia said. "This helps parents remember to vaccinate their children in a timely manner, especially as they get older."

With parental consent, vaccination information on participating children is added through avenues such as private and public health care providers; payors, the DSHS bureau of Vital Statistics; Medicaid; and Women, Infant and Children (WIC) clinics. Texas law authorizes only doctors, schools, child-care centers, public health districts, local health departments, payors such as HMO's and insurance companies and state agencies having legal custody of a child to access registry information.

Parents may request removal of their children's immunization records from ImmTrac at any time by withdrawing consent in writing.

"Beginning at birth with the hepatitis B vaccine, children need to be vaccinated against 11 vaccine-preventable diseases by age 2," Mandujano-

Garcia said. "Then in a specific, carefully-timed succession children should receive diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), haemophilus influenzae type B, polio, pneumococcal, measles, mumps, rubella (German measles) and varicella (chicken pox) vaccines.

Starting at 6 months, children also should receive an influenza shot yearly.

And children living in 39 counties that have high incidence rates of hepatitis A should receive that protective vaccination as well.

"Vaccines work," said Dr. Eduardo Sanchez DSHS Commissioner. "They are one of the great public health achievements of the last century."

Low immunization rates affect children, families, schools and entire communities. "One unvaccinated child can pass a serious disease on to a younger child, to a pregnant woman, an elderly relative or others likely to suffer serious consequences from the illness," Sanchez said.

To register a child in ImmTrac or find out more information, talk to your health care provider or call the DSHS Immunization Branch toll free at 1-800-252-9152.

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Pascoe uses traditional construction techniques, using only solid woods. "There is no press board or fiber board in my work," Pascoe says. "I use mortise and tenon glue joints and a minimum of mechanical fasteners." The General Store design is very flexible, allowing for the creation of cabinet bases, tables, bookcases and the breakfront pictured here. The entire collection can be seen at saladosawmill.com/generalstore.html.

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Jessica Marie Marek graduated from Tarleton State University in Stephenville on May 7 with a degree in Agricultural Services and Development and Wildlife Management. She is pictured with John R. Carter, U.S. House of Representatives, District 31. Jessica is the daughter of Victor and Modene Marek, of Schwertner.

U.S. Representative John Carter of Round Rock, representing Congressional District 31, was commencement speaker at the May ceremonies. A graduate of Texas Tech University and the University of Texas Law School, Carter was appointed the judge of the 277th District Court of Williamson County in 1981 and was elected District Judge in 1982. Successfully re-elected four times, he resigned after 20 years on the bench to run for Congress in 2002.

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Coral reef health; spray insulation

Dear EarthTalk: How are coral reefs faring around the world? — Debby Greco, Canton, CT

Not so well, unfortunately. Research experts from the World Resources Institute, a Washington, DC-based organization of scientists, economists and policy experts, report that coral reefs around the world are dying at an alarming rate.

Lining 60,000 miles of shoreline along 109 countries, reefs and their related fisheries, marshlands and lagoons are home to more than a quarter of all fish species on Earth. An estimated 25 percent of coral reefs have already disappeared and an estimated 67 percent of all remaining coral reefs are endangered today. In Southeast Asia, 88 percent of the reefs are at risk. In the U.S. Florida Keys, more than 90 percent of the reefs have lost their living coral cover since 1975.

According to the Planetary Coral Reef Foundation, which monitors the health of coral reefs worldwide and coordinates an international "Save the Reefs Campaign," the greatest threat to coral reefs thus far has been the coastal development resulting from human population expansion. Over

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the last 30 years, this trend has profoundly increased the amount of freshwater "runoff" into coastal areas. Known collectively as "non-point source pollution," this runoff has carried with it large amounts of sediment, sewage and chemicals from land-clearing areas, agricultural areas and septic systems into the reefs. The resulting pollution of the water thus decreases the light reaching the corals, choking the life out of these fragile structures.

Meanwhile, increases in both commercial and sport fishing, enhanced by ever-improving technologies, have also taken a toll on reef health by removing so many of the large fish, which when healthy and plentiful keep fragile reef ecosystems in balance.

Moving forward, scientists studying coral health are most concerned about the impacts of a somewhat newer threat: climate change. Indeed, global warming is changing the surface temperatures of ocean waters faster than

corals can adapt. "Coral reefs are so sensitive to temperature change that it seems inevitable that many will die as a result of global warming as well as all the other terrible things that are happening to them," says Rod Fujita, a marine biologist with Environmental Defense, a non-profit advocacy group. Furthermore, coral reefs' very sensitivity to environmental changes makes them a "canary in a coal mine" early warning system with regard to the overall declining health of the world's oceans.

Meanwhile, the non-profit Coral Reef Alliance is working toward the establishment of a comprehensive global map of living coral reefs to serve as a baseline for learning how fast we are losing them and how we can stem the decline. Also, a new program by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is monitoring coral reefs by satellite to try to put some of the pieces together.

CONTACTS: World Resources Institute, www.wri.org; Planetary Coral Reef Foundation, www.pcrf.org; Environmental Defense, www.environmentaldefense.org; Coral Reef Alliance, www.coralreefalliance.org; National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), www.nasa.gov.

chemical sensitivities. Meanwhile, open-cell insulation such as Icynene requires no ozone-depleting chemicals in its manufacture, and is usually blown into place with water. Also, it emits no harmful or irritating chemicals, yet provides a thermal barrier said to be more than 30 times as effective as traditional fiberglass insulation. In Canada, where the product originates, Icynene is endorsed by the Envirosodic Certification Program, which certifies eco-friendly construction materials and is endorsed by Canada's Lung Association. The downside of open-cell foam is that it is derived from petroleum products and, as such, requires the extraction of finite fossil fuels.

While newer and less well known, Air Krete is a thermally efficient and non-toxic spray insulation that is easily foamed into open or closed cavities in walls, roofs and ceilings. The product's basic raw material components are air, water and cement which, when combined, create a cost-effective, safe and high performance product. The National Audubon Society installed Air Krete in its New York City headquarters as part of an overhaul designed to "green up" that organization's entire operation.

Dear EarthTalk: Which spray insulation products are safest to use? — Malcolm Greeley, Evanston, IL

Spray insulation is commonly used to fill spaces in unfinished walls, attics and floors. Most of it is made from polyurethane and "closed foam cells," which means it forms a nearly impenetrable barrier. The material is widely recognized as a highly efficient insulator, reducing heat transfer.

Despite the practical benefits, however, there are some environmental and health drawbacks. Although chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) were phased out by the insulation industry because of the damage they were shown to inflict on the Earth's ozone layer, spray insulation is today typically blown into place with hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), CFC alternatives that are still not completely ozone-friendly (they, too, are set to be phased out completely by 2030). Also, polyurethane can "off-gas" formaldehyde and other irritants once installed, potentially jeopardizing indoor air quality and causing discomfort to those with

Beyond sprays, there are many other forms of healthy and environmentally responsible insulation, such as cellulose, cotton, radiant metal barriers, and plastic PET batting. Some such products can be found on the shelves of local building supply stores, or at Home Depot. But for the widest selection, green building specialty stores such as the Environmental Home Center in Seattle, which sells online, are a good bet. Others can be found by searching for local retailers, by product desired, at greenerbuilding.org, a service of the non-profit Center for ReSource Conservation, based in Boulder, Colorado.

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