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## Salado aldermen to consider ETJ requests July 7

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen will consider the request of property owners formerly in the extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of Belton to be brought into the ETJ of the Village of Salado following a public hearing July 7 at the Municipal Building at 313 N. Stagecoach Rd.

The property owners making the request to the Village were released by the City of Belton last month with the under-

standing that they would be brought into the ETJ of Salado. The property includes homes in the Wild Rose Subdivision (Yellow Rose Rd.) and on Stinnett Mill Rd. and Rose Lane. The northern half of the Wild Rose Subdivision was in the ETJ of Belton, while the southern half of it was in the ETJ of Salado.

If approved by aldermen, the total number of requests accepted by the Village would top 500.

The Village accepted the majority of requests in

the fall of 2004. Residents northwest of the Village organized a drive to bring themselves into the ETJ of Salado last year after learning of Belton's plans to annex in their direction. Property owners along FM 2484 became alarmed when they realized that Killeen's five-mile ETJ extended as far as Crow's Ranch Rd.

While most of the requests for inclusion in Salado's ETJ have been addressed by the board of aldermen, this latest group could not be addressed

until Belton took action on releasing them from their ETJ.

A municipality exercises some controls in its ETJ -- chiefly subdivision and sign regulations. A municipality cannot tax property or collect sales tax in its ETJ and provides no services (police, streets, etc.) to properties in the ETJ.

Within the city limits, however, a property falls under all regulatory and tax assessment authority of the local municipality. Salado collects a one-cent

sales tax and a four-percent hotel and motel occupancy tax, but no property tax.

Aldermen will also discuss the following business items during the regular meeting:

- Regulations regarding the trimming of trees above roadways.

- Recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission on 716 Center Circle and 619 Baines Street for operation of bed and breakfast inns.

- Development agreement between Weldon

Whitis (Lone Star Trailers) and the Village of Salado for property that is between Mill Creek Springs I and Mill Creek Springs II subdivision.

- TxU Electric company proposed power lines.

- Review of village finances by Village Auditor.

- Mid-census population estimates.

- Report from legislative wrap-up conference.

- Report from TxDOT Meeting on I-35.

- Funeral Home building renovation plans.

## Salado Legends returns in July, Aug. for 13th season

Tablerock's outdoor musical drama, **Salado Legends**, has announced its 13th presentation, scheduled for July 23, July 30 and Aug. 6. Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater is located on Royal Street, three blocks east from downtown Salado.

Brandon Baca, a Copperas Cove graduate who attends UT Arlington, will play the lead role of Andrew McIver. This is Baca's third year to play Andrew, though he has appeared in **Salado Legends** in other roles for six years. Sarah Sanderford, a 2004 graduate of Belton High School now attending UMHB, will again play the lead role of Lucy McDougal. Sanderford has filled other roles in "Legends" in her past four years with the production. Dale and Anita Allen of Waco, will appear in the roles of Angus and Dora McDougal for a third season.

Charles Clark from Kempner, and a UT Arlington student, will appear as Cam McDougal for his third year. Newcomers to Legends, Chris Hitt and George Mobley, both from Belton, will share the role

of Douglas McDougal. Kasie Meek, 10 years old from Hewitt, will portray Emmaline McDougal. Hillary Mighell, a Copperas Cove High graduate will play the role of Sadie Lou Chalk. This is Mighell's third year in "Legends."

Megan Seaton, a 13 year-old Salado eighth-grader, will play the part of Miss Orgaine. Seaton is a 4 year veteran in "Legends." Jon McHaney, from Salado and a recent graduate of the University of North Texas in Denton, will play Tonweya for the third season. McHaney has been in "Legends" for 11 years.

Howard Horton, from Bartlett, will appear as Sam Houston for this his eighth season in that role. Jessica Lynch, from Copperas Cove, will play the role of Bonnie Bell Posey. Lynch is a four year veteran of "Legends." Tony Blisard, appearing in "Legends" for the past three years, lives in Temple and will play the role of Malcolm Ross. Melissa Hoernis, who lives in Salado and attends Texas A&M, will make her debut as "Texas."

Elizabeth Vining, from

Copperas Cove, Erin Sanderford and Luahi Mobley, from Belton, and Samantha Horton, from Temple, will play the Singing Griffith Girls and sing a new song written by Jackie Mills. Bob Baker from Belton is back in the role of Levi Tenney for his second year. Ashley Lummus, from Salado, will play Sirena for her third year. Miles Ellis, from Holland, will portray the Tonkawa Chief for his 10th year. Arnie Biels is back with "Legends" and this year portrays Major Halley. Arnie and Tim Wilson are in charge of the battle scene. Rebecca Petro, who attends Salado Middle School, will be the Children's Director. She has had many roles in "Legends" for the past five years and will be attending a work shop in Hollywood part of the summer.

Understudy roles are as follows: Liz Gotay-Perez - Sirena; Chris Benson - Andrew McIver and Cam McDougal; Ciara Bamsch and Cassidy Carpenter - Emmaline McDougal; Chandler Carpenter and Parker Seaton - Douglas McDougal.

Adult show tickets are \$15, children 12 and under



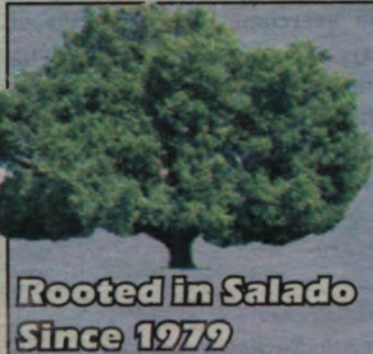
Salado Legends returns for its 13th season this summer. Above, is a scene from last year's performance.

\$5. Dinner is optional for \$8 per child or adult. You may purchase tickets to **Salado Legends** in Salado at First State Bank, Fletcher's Books and Antiques, Compass Bank or The Salado

Mansion. In Belton and Temple you may purchase tickets at Compass Bank. Tickets may be charged with a credit card at www.tablerock.org.

In Fort Hood, ITR, tickets may be purchased

by cash or credit card. For tour or church group rates contact Jackie Mills/Tablerock at 254-947-9205 or email tablerock1@aol.com. For more information visit the Tablerock website.



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### Photography show slated July 16-17



Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) will present a collection of work by Houston-based photographer James Sage July 16-17 at Salado Square. See story, page 8B

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# FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



## Abandoning Central America

Back during the Reagan years, few things so exercised self-styled idealists of the left as the fate of Central America. They bewailed its civil wars, and the way its governments allied with the U.S. were supposedly autocratic and abusive. When "Sandalistas" -- the archetypal Birkenstock-wearing friends of Nicaragua's left-wing government -- urged people to "think globally, act locally," they were mostly thinking of Central America.

Flash-forward two decades and a fragile democratic revolution in the region later. That old (misplaced) idealism has transformed into a genuflection to the protectionism of American labor: "Think globally, act however AFL-CIO head John Sweeney dictates." And so almost all of the House Democratic caucus has lined up in opposition to the U.S.-Central American-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA).

It is the most important Central America-related initiative Congress will take up for decades, and on its passage hinges the future of the region.

The agreement is a win-win. The University of Michigan estimates that it would boost U.S. income by \$17 billion and Central American income by \$5 billion. Forward-looking leaders in the region have made CAFTA a centerpiece of their development strategies, hoping to create a virtuous circle of economic growth feeding and building on political and economic reform.

So why not CAFTA? Bipartisan majorities support programs to give developing nations tariff-free access to the U.S. market. Democrats in particular support these programs on humanitarian grounds, including the Caribbean Basin Initiative, which has helped make 80 percent of exports from CAFTA countries already tariff-free. But when it comes to a free-trade agreement that will benefit U.S. exporters by giving them, in return, tariff-free access to foreign markets, then

### Rich Lowry



the Democrats find reasons to be oddly opposed.

They point to what they say are CAFTA's insufficient labor and environmental standards. But those standards are more far-reaching than those in the U.S. agreement with Jordan, negotiated by the Clinton administration and approved by Congress in 2001, and roughly equivalent to those in the agreement with Morocco, approved by a wide margin last year.

The fact is that unions simply don't like free-trade agreements. They opposed last year's free-trade agreement with Australia, even though the Aussies have roughly a \$9-an-hour minimum wage (U.S. dollars) and we run a \$9 billion trade surplus with them. The unions gave Democrats a pass on that agreement, so they felt liberated to vote for it. The unions won't be so forgiving on CAFTA, so nearly all House Democrats -- even moderate "New Democrats" -- are lining up to try to defeat it.

The agreement isn't perfect. It unfairly protects the U.S. sugar and textile industries. But it will foster growth here and in Central America, and help cement the region's progress. Its uncertain political prospects would be helped immeasurably if the left mustered on its behalf a spasm of its former Central American altruism.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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## Legislature groping its way through special session's "Day 18". Graham's warning. And the value of all ideas.

The Texas Legislature, currently operating under the guise of a "special session," is not exactly back to "square one" but almost. Fact is they've been slowly groping their way through "Day-18" of a 30 day nightmare, trying to breathe life back into the recently vetoed 2005-7 school budget bill; equitably finance the public schools; give teachers a pay raise; cut the M&O school property tax; and discover a way to pay the entire bill - that's hovering close to \$38 billion.

The "sticker" in this grand adventure is what tax or taxes will be hiked (and on what) and which taxpayers will continue to be protected. This is the problem lawmakers faced during two regular and now a second special session.

Simply put - lawmakers (from both chambers) remain embroiled in a fiscal conflict created by the lower House, that is promoting a major sales tax increase - from 6.25 to 7.25 cents on the dollar. They are only willing to cosmetically change the state franchise tax (four out of five escape this levy through cleverly designed loopholes).

**The House idea would create the highest sales tax rate in the nation and when local entities add their "two cents worth," consumers would be paying a fiscally debilitating 9.25 percent!**

### SENATE VERSION DIFFERENT

The Senate wants everyone doing business in Texas to pay either the franchise tax or a payroll tax - without escape clauses or exemptions. Senators might allow a midget-sized sales tax increase **but never the full one percent.**

That's how things stood (at deadline) earlier this week. Both Houses will send their ideas to a conference committee and the Governor will be standing by (stubbornly) with his ideas in hand (along with a veto pen). The rest of us will again view the ebb and flow of special interests, that generally results in either total failure (and another called session), or a tax that unfairly hits the less affluent by taking a higher percentage of their wages for sales taxes. A tax that naturally leaves the wealthy and their pals in the business community alone (and happy).

It's the same song - fourth verse. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court is standing by to take up the matter later this month. They will be the final arbitrator of what lawmakers come up with this session (if anything), and should things go really wrong - the court will take over the entire Texas school system!

That will give the Governor and the Legislature **another big fat "F" grade**, thanks to their non productive finance reform work over the past two years. A matter to be remembered next year when most of these folks run for reelection.

### BILLY GRAHAM'S WARNING

Billy Graham may have preached his last "crusade" sermon on June 20 in New York City, but this great icon will remain in the hearts, minds, and souls of literally millions throughout America and the world, for decades to come.

He has been guide and counselor (both spiritual and secular) to numerous presidents, Democratic and Republican, and to international leaders of all shapes and sizes across the globe.

Many of us, who have participated in the fascinating world of politics, (either professionally or as an avocation), have come to believe that Billy Graham has given our nation the most cogent advice yet offered publicly - to those with even

### Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



a passing interest in the political side of life - either as active, or dilettantish conservatives, moderates, independents, libertarians.

Graham's thoughtful words came years ago when he addressed the matter of government, religion and the elective process - with the dire warning that **"Bringing politics into religion does only one thing - it dilutes religion."**

Wise observers of today's strident partisanship, have urged those pandering to the politically motivated "religionists" to keep Graham's admonition in mind; and to guard against those who use their particular belief system as a bargaining chip for what they want morally and statutorily engraved in our laws.

**When there is no room for diversity of thought in a free country, and no separation between politics and religion then, as Graham noted - religion suffers. As does the political system.**

### HURRAY FOR ALL SIDES

Most newspaper readers grade their daily run through the news with a happy smile after perusing the front pages (on through the funnies) of papers meeting their political philosophy.

Our conservative friends read the Wall Street Journal; National Spectator; National Review; and Heritage Reports and consider the day worthwhile. Anything else (they claim) is **pure liberal media poppycock that should be censored or just not be printed at all.**

Liberals likewise feel the same - only in reverse. Fortunately the bulk of Americans, with moderate and independent political leanings, try to learn from studying both sides, add a smidgen of common sense, and normally make the best judgements of all.

Readers of the Salado Village Voice - are fortunate to have an editorial and op-ed section that presents at least four views of the political equation each week. Case in point - the June 30 edition. Featured Rick Lowry and his conservative perspective; "Off The Record" an "equal opportunity scold," admittedly with left of center leanings; Jim Hightower, a full blown liberal with both fact and fun in his offerings; and a report from the hard core, head-zealot of the Heritage Foundation.

The fact that ideas ranging from Heritage to Moveon.org; Molly Ivins vs. Carl Rove; and the Jim Hightower-Rush Limbaugh point-counterpointing views; along with unbiased news reports; all presented daily to a national audience creates, we firmly believe, knowledgeable citizens capable of thinking for themselves.

So - more power to those who present all shades and sides of our political spectrum, from right to left, plus the moderate center. **Our people have proven they can overcome large helpings of "poli-psycho babble," and humbug, and eventually make correct decisions - as they have done for the past 229 years.**

And for these blessings (and without trying to enter today's church-state separation debate) we say "Thank God!"

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## Supreme Court ruling hits home, Texans also vulnerable to economic development seizures

By BILL PEACOCK

Acie Frizzell owns a couple of vacant lots in the City of Freeport. The city attorney has told her that if she won't sell her lots as part of a planned economic development project, the city will condemn her land at the price of \$100 per lot. The lots might then be turned over to a private developer.

On the other side of town, Wright Gore is the owner of Western Seafood Company. The city also wants to condemn part of his property — 330 feet along the old Brazos River — and turn it over to his next door neighbor to build a marina. Gore says the condemnation threatens the viability of his \$40 million-a-year business.

Now that the U.S. Supreme Court has issued its decision in the Kelo case, the city says it will move "aggressively" to condemn this and other property necessary for the development.

"This is the last little piece of the puzzle to put the project together," said Freeport Mayor Jim Phillips.

This "last little piece" is the ability of governments to ignore the U. S. Constitution's plain language referring to "public use" and transfer the private property of one landowner to another for a "public purpose" using eminent domain.

The Kelo decision was rightly decried in dissent by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor as hanging "the specter of condemnation ... over all property." The decision produced similar reaction and surprise across the country.

Yet the decision should not be so much a surprise as a wakeup call. Kelo is really the logical conclusion to recent jurisprudence on the Constitution's Public Use Clause.

The reaction could be a silver lining in the otherwise dark clouds. Just like the closeness of the 2000 presidential race led to a dramatic increase in voter turnout in the 2004 elections, Kelo could produce a resurgence of interest in the debate over private property rights.

The increased interest doesn't come a minute too soon for property owners like Frizzell and Gore. Without the protection of the Public Use Clause, Texans are quite vulnerable to economic development takings of private property.

The Texas Constitution has a Public Use Clause very similar to its federal counterpart, and Chapter 21 of the Texas Government Code regulating eminent domain contains the same reference to public use as contained in both

constitutions. However, other parts of Texas law appear to alter the definition of public use much like the Supreme Court has.

The Development Corporation Act of 1979 allows cities like Freeport to create economic development corporations that can exercise eminent domain powers for public purposes, including "the promotion and development of new and expanded business enterprises."

Likewise, the Texas Urban Renewal Law allows cities to seize land for "urban renewal activities" such as "slum clearance, redevelopment, rehabilitation, and conservation activities" and then be sold to private investors.

Fortunately, there are constitutional and legislative solutions to this problem at the federal and state level. U.S. Senator John Cornyn has proposed legislation to make clear that public use does not include economic development. State Rep. Frank Corte has proposed an amendment to the Texas Constitution that would prohibit the taking of private property for the primary purpose of economic development.

It is unfortunate that such effort must be expended toward restoring adherence by government to the bedrock constitutional principle that personal freedom is grounded in economic freedom, i.e., the ability to control one's own property and labor.

The Michigan Supreme Court displayed an understanding of this last year when it unanimously overturned a 1981 case that had allowed Detroit's Poletown neighborhood to be condemned and converted into a General Motors plant.

"We overrule Poletown," wrote Justice Robert Young, "in order to vindicate our constitution, protect the people's property rights and preserve the legitimacy of the judicial branch as the expositor, not creator, of fundamental law."

Economic freedom did not come easy for the American colonists, and it has not proven easy to maintain for American citizens. While we may feel burdened having to explain to politicians that 'use' means 'use' and not 'purpose,' 'intent' or 'benefit,' we should be grateful for this opportunity to participate in a revival of our most basic freedom.

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# FORUM



## Independence and security fostered by Energy Bill

### Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison  
U.S. Senator



With oil prices hovering around \$60 a barrel, the price for petroleum is over 50 percent higher now than it was last year. Energy affects every part of an industrial economy, from manufacturing and transportation to services. Petroleum is also the source from which we create plastics, adhesives and light-weight composite materials.

High oil prices have occurred in large part because of a tightening supply and increasing demand. China and India alone account for the majority of the increase in world demand. Consumers in the United States are feeling the effect of higher energy prices worldwide because we are increasingly dependent upon imports. The American Petroleum Institute's latest data shows we depend on imports for 64.3 percent of our petroleum needs. In 1973, when an OPEC oil embargo hammered the U.S. economy, we were importing 28 percent of our oil.

Petroleum imports are rising because our domestic production is declining. New fields are no longer being drilled, existing fields are aging and consumption is rising. Helping offset these trends has been increased energy efficiency in the United States. According to various sources, including the Energy Information Agency, the U.S. Gross Domestic Product rose 32.2 percent in the 10-year period from 1994 through 2003 and our population rose 13.1 percent, yet our total energy consumption rose by only 9.6 percent.

While most regions of the world show an upward trend in per-capita energy consumption, in the United States, it has declined slightly since 1980.

Although America is becoming more efficient, we are facing growing exposure to changes and disruptions in the international energy markets, particularly involving petroleum. This is why our passage of the energy bill is vital for our national security.

The importance of a comprehensive energy bill cannot be overstated. It provides us a roadmap for achieving greater energy independence which will make us less vulnerable to price swings. The bill encourages domestic production, improves conservation efforts and promotes renewable sources of energy. This is good for consumers, for businesses and for the environment.

To boost domestic production, the bill streamlines oil and gas development on existing federal lease sites to bring fuel to market sooner. It seeks to diversify our sources of energy to give us flexibility and adaptability. It does this by stimulating use of clean nuclear power, providing incentives for solar, wind and geothermal energy. It establishes a federal loan guarantee program to encourage the design and development of clean innovative technology and new energy sources.

The bill requires fuel manufacturers to use eight billion gallons of ethanol in gasoline by 2012.

An ambitious program to design and use clean coal burning technologies will help America use its 250-year supply of coal in environmentally safe power plants. A program researching the use of clean-burning hydrogen in cars is included in the legislation as well as provisions and mandates to encourage utilities to expand, modernize and improve the reliability of the electric power grid.

The energy bill is strong on conservation, too. It requires the federal government to devise a plan to save one million barrels of oil a day by 2015.

This legislation also provides help in dealing with environmental problems. The bill included the Coastal Impact Assistance amendment which I co-sponsored to ensure that Texas will get federal assistance for handling energy problems which may occur in areas with offshore oil exploration. The bill will provide funding for wetland restoration and coastal restoration.

I have long argued that our nation needs a coherent energy policy. I am gratified that the Senate has, at long last, passed this important and necessary bill.

## Media asleep on Bush's war lies



Jim Hightower

Thank goodness, the establishment media barons in our country are not in charge of the fire department. They wouldn't ring the alarm if their own firehouse were in flames.

A case in point is the "Downing Street Memo." This transcript of minutes from a secret meeting chaired by Tony Blair in July 2002 is an official acknowledgement of what President Bush and his neocon ideologues have long denied: They deliberately lied to Congress and the American people about the need to go to war in Iraq—where more than 1,700 of our troops have now died. These minutes, written by Britain's top intelligence chief seven months prior to the war, tell of Mr. Bush's determination to invade Iraq and to use weapons of mass destruction as his rationale—whether they existed or not. The minutes flatly say that: "intelligence and facts were being fixed around the policy."

You'd think this would be serious news here in the USA, as it has been in England and elsewhere around the world. Here is credible evidence from Mr. Bush's top ally that our president was engaged in a conspiracy to deceive and mislead the American people in order to shove our nation into a deadly war. But our media establishment simply yawned at it...and failed to bring the story to us.

Now, thanks to a grassroots Internet effort and persistent questioning by such uncowed Congress members as John Conyers, the American press is beginning to play catch up. Of course, the White House is trying to dismiss the Downing Street story, but just as they got started, another flame flared up in the form of more secret memos called the "British Briefing Papers." These six top-level briefings for Blair confirm and extend the point that there was no threat from WMDs in Iraq and that there was no evidence that Saddam had an Al Qaida connection.

The British media covered this last fall—but our media ignored it.

This is Jim Hightower saying...To get the news that Bush and the U.S. media don't want you to have, go to this website: [www.afterdowningstreet.org](http://www.afterdowningstreet.org).

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# Is it time to consolidate your assets?

If you're like many people, you keep investment vehicles in different places. You might have started traditional IRAs with two or three financial-services providers while buying some stocks from still another. And you may also have purchased a fixed annuity from an insurance company. As long as you keep track of all these accounts, you might think it doesn't matter where they are "housed." However, if you scatter your investments here, there and everywhere, you could end up in uncharted territory when it's time to pull everything together.

What are some of the potential problems of keeping your investments at a variety of different institutions? For one thing, despite your best intentions, you could actually forget about one or more of your holdings. State treasurers' offices regularly advertise "unclaimed" property, including investments. People move, change jobs, divorce and undergo all

## Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



sorts of changes in their lives - and sometimes, they leave their investment dollars behind. But if you consolidate all your holdings with one financial services provider, you can keep tabs on your investments without much trouble.

Of course, you could be a highly organized person - someone who would never "misplace" financial assets, no matter how dispersed. But, even so, your far-flung investments could slow your progress toward your important financial goals. If you maintain several different accounts, without a central focus or unifying philosophy, you could end up with redundant or inappropriate investments - a costly mistake.

On the other hand, consider keeping your

investments with one firm and work with one financial professional - someone who knows your family situation, risk tolerance and investment preferences. - Doing this may help you make steady progress toward your long-term objectives. A qualified professional can look at how all your investments work together, and make recommendations, as needed, to help improve your portfolio's performance within your stated level of risk.

### Required Minimum Distributions Issues

Consolidating your various investment accounts can also help you in the area of required minimum distributions (RMDs). As you may know, you need to begin taking RMDs - from traditional IRAs and 401(k)s or other employer-sponsored retirement plans - in the year in which you turn 70-1/2.

You can withdraw more than the RMD, but, as the word "required" suggests, you can't withdraw less - and you could face tax penalties for taking less than the minimum or failing to take the RMD on time. Consequently, if you have multiple IRAs and employer-backed plans, you'll have to "reel them in" at the right times to make sure you're making the proper RMD moves.

If you do have several IRAs, from various providers, you'll need to determine the RMD for each IRA separately. You may, however, choose to aggregate your RMDs for any given year from a single account. Again, though, you will find it much easier to track your RMD options if all your IRAs are "under the same roof." Plus, your financial professional can help you decide if the aggregate RMD route is the one to take. (Your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan cannot be aggregated with your IRAs to determine your RMD.)

There you have it - some reasons to consolidate your investment accounts. Consider taking this step soon to simplify your life.



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## It's no secret Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

What's the secret to selling your home and receiving the very best price possible? Well, there is no secret - only research and hard work.

Some sellers price their home based on their own purchase cost, expecting appreciation for each year they occupied the property (say 3 percent, 5

percent or 10 percent per year, plus their original investment).

Others base their price on need. If they plan to build a new home, they take into account the cash needed to complete their construction plus a little extra. Others may need money for college tuition or medical bills.

No matter the motivation, it is important to understand that the right selling price is the one that buyers are willing to pay. It's really the buyers who set the final sale price, because until buyers agree to pay some amount for a home, there is no sale.

Of course, buyers cannot simply offer a low price and automatically buy the house. The sellers must agree, too. The sale price will be that amount that is both offered... and accepted.

Consult a real estate agent with detailed information about the prices buyers are currently paying for homes. With that information, you have the in-depth knowledge needed to arrive at the right price for your home. Price your home correctly from the beginning, and you can start packing!

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## Planetarium debuts new laser shows

The Mayborn Planetarium and Space Theater has premiered two new laser shows, along with new show times, running through July 30.

Laser Metallica is a visual interpretation of some of the heavy metal band's featured works, including the title track from the album Master of Puppets. Laser Metallica also features several tracks from the band's Black album, including Nothing Else Matters, Sad But True, and Enter Sandman. Show times are Friday and Saturday evenings at 9 p.m. through July 30.

LaserX-The Alternative Experience, is a fusion of influences from alternative and hard rock. Artists include Rage Against the Machine, Smashing Pumpkins, Foo Fighters, Alice in Chains, White Zombie and others. Show times are Friday and Saturday nights at 10 p.m. through July 30.

Parents should be aware that Laser Metallica and LaserX are loud and may contain lyrics or visuals that may not be appropriate for all ages. Their matinee laser show, Laser Spirit, is better for families with small children.

### GOP Women break for summer, return August 25

After a summer hiatus the Salado Area Republican Women will resume their monthly meetings at lunchtime on Aug. 25 at Mill Creek Restaurant.

Education will be the topic with two speakers featured: Maurine Nathanson speaking about the local Adult Literacy Council and Dr. Robin Battershell, Superintendent of Salado Schools, reporting on the "No Child Left Behind" Act. Dr. Battershell will report on the status of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Also planned for that day is an orientation program for new members starting at 10:30 a.m. Marie Martch, who has served in various capacities on the Texas Federation of Republican Women Board, will do the orientation. All members are welcome to attend.

The general meeting will commence at 11:30 a.m., being called to order by President Carol Walls. Persons interested in attending the meeting need to make a reservation to Barclay McCort at 947-3617 or bam002@earthlink.net by Aug. 19. With a reservation payment may be made at the door.

Laser Spirit features an eclectic blend of music from orchestral to country and some old rock roll—great for the whole family. Artists include Academy Award winning soundtrack composer John Williams, U2 and Madonna. Show times are Saturday afternoons at 4 p.m.

Admission for all laser shows is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children ages 12 and under.

Also showing is the large format film Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk, which looks at the world of skydiving, base jumping and other extreme sports. Show times are Friday and Saturday evenings at 7 p.m. and Saturday afternoons at 2 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under.

For more information about the Mayborn Planetarium and Space Theater, located on the campus of Central Texas College, call (254) 526-1224 or visit [www.starsatnight.org](http://www.starsatnight.org).

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By Robin Battershell

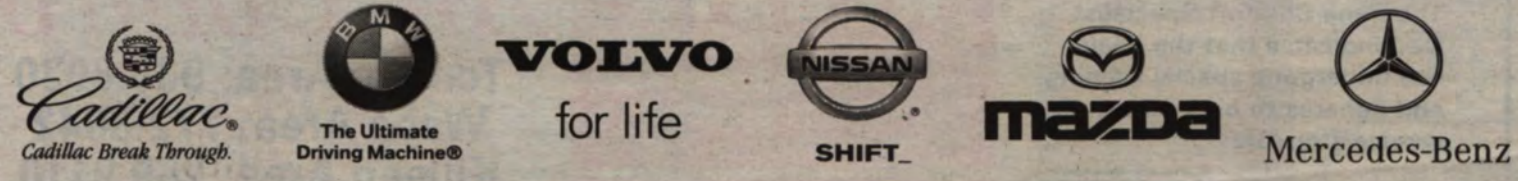
As you have heard, a special session was called by Gov. Perry. It began June 21 and will run 30 days. Perry was quoted as saying, "Make no mistake about my message today: While I respect the deliberative process and will continue to welcome and engage in negotiations, this issue has been studied and debated long enough and now it is time to act...I recognize this is a bold step, and frankly one I wrestled with. Ultimately I determined this action was necessary to ensure we fully fund our schools, provide needed reforms in the classroom, and pass real and sustainable property tax relief." Perry said his veto will, "deliver more, not less, for our children: more money for their teachers, more money directed to the classroom, and more results in their schools."

veto truly has this affect. Perry said that without a special session \$2 billion intended for teacher pay raises, education reforms and other school priorities, would have gone unused instead of going to schools. Although the House touted their legislation as allocating \$3.2 billion in reality the \$3.2 had been reduced to the low \$2 billions. If \$2 billion is all that is available, then accountability and other requirements must be reduced accordingly. There are several finance plans floating around. One of these plans was formulated by the Governor's office, another by the House, and yet another is based upon the Senate plan. As of this writing, the Senate version better meets Judge Dietz's requirements of providing an adequate (enough money) and equitable (fair to all districts) system. The Senate version uses a weighted formula to account for differences in students' educational needs, i.e. special education, and it provides a higher degree of equity. The house plan is said to be more flexible except there is no money left for flexibility after all of the new requirements are funded.

Let's hope that the You should expect your representatives to make a vote that has a positive impact on the school districts in their area and not make a vote based upon party affiliation. Please make this known to our representative, Dianne White Delisi, Austin phone number (512) 463-0630 or local number (254) 774-9888 or e-mail her at www.house.state.tx.us.

Local author seeking info Local writer Charlie Turnbo is currently researching Salado College with plans to publish a book on the subject. He would like make to make contact with anyone having information on the subject. His years of interest are Salado College, 1860-1924; and Thomas Arnold High School, 1890-1913. The areas he is most interested in include names of faculty and students, photos of the school, stories and publications, as well as interviewing people with first hand information. "The Salado College/Thomas Arnold story is an important piece of the Village's history and we would like to have as complete coverage as possible," says Turnbo. Turnbo can be contacted at 254-947-8329, email at cturnbo@aol.com, or by mail at 700 Ashley Court, Salado, TX 76571.

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## Athletic Boosters plan fundraiser

Shortly after students return to school in August, the Salado Athletic Booster Club will hold its largest fund raiser of the year.

Reserved tickets to the Booster Club's Third Annual Reverse Raffle are now available for \$150 each.

The ticket will admit four people for dinner prior to the Aug. 20 Reverse Raffle. Dinner will be 5-6 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School with the Reverse Raffle beginning at 6 p.m.

Only 200 tickets will be sold for the Grand Prize, a \$10,000 shopping spree at Home Depot in Killeen.

The last name drawn will win the prize.

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ing. Ticket holders can purchase a \$50 Second Chance Mulligan (prior to the start of the drawing at 6 p.m.).

The Athletic Booster Club has over 90 members and meets on the first Monday of each month. Dues are \$35 for individuals, \$50 for families. You can mail dues to Salado Athletic Booster Club, PO Box 813, Salado, TX 76513.

In addition to the Reverse Raffle, which raised more than \$25,000 last year, the Booster Club hosts a Spring Golf Tournament and mans concession stands for home football, basketball, baseball and softball games and track meets. Money raised from the concession stands benefits the specific sports programs, as well as the Athletic

Booster Club.

The Booster Club supports all sports programs in Salado High School. Among the donations it has given from its fund raisers are scholarships to graduating athletes (\$16,000 in three years), backpacks and tents for track participants, new seats and scorer's box for basketball and volleyball, club bags for golfers, wind screens for softball, pitching machine for baseball improvements to concession stand equipment, and video equipment.

To purchase your ticket to the Reverse Raffle or for information about joining and supporting the Salado Athletic Booster Club, call 2005-06 President Ronnie Heller at 947-9090 or 2004-05 President Jerry Smith at 947-1093.

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Traditional Worship/Bible Study	10:30 a.m.	Jr. High Halftime	5:15 p.m.
Orchestra Rehearsal	4:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	5:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Service	6:15 p.m.
		Team Kid (Age 3 - 6th grade)	6:00 p.m.
		Bible Drill (4th - 6th)	7:00 p.m.
		High School Halftime	7:00 p.m.



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Christian acappella artists Escape.

## Church of Christ hosts concert July 17, free to public

Saladoans are invited to a free concert July 17 by the a cappella singing group "Escape" who will be performing at the Salado Church of Christ's new Activity Center, starting at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the one hour concert.

Escape is an all male vocal group originally from Fort Worth. The quartet has performed for communities across the nation from Tennessee, to Colorado, to Louisiana. Escape has also been a featured singing group at Abilene Christian University's Bible Lectureship; Tulsa's Soul-Winning Workshop; and the Zenith Youth Camp at Oklahoma Christian University.

The quartet includes Ben Lazcano, the new Youth Minister at the Salado Church and a 2005 graduate of ACU, as well as Brian Roe, Chris Falcon and Marcus Davis.

Joe Keyes, minister of the Salado congregation, noted that invitations have been sent to area churches and to the entire Village of Salado. "We hope to have a large crowd on July 17, to hear this great vocal group perform before an ecumenical gathering of young and old who love to hear God praised through singing."

The group's newest album is called "Jesus Prays" and will be available at the event.

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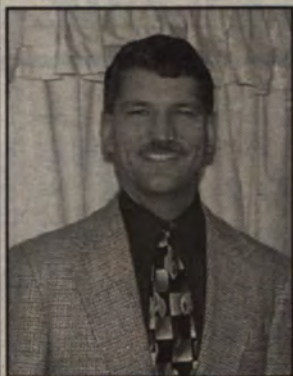
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# Local Vacation Bible School camps upcoming in July

Salado United Methodist Church invites all children to participate in this summer's Vacation Bible School, "Serengeti Trek: Where Kids are Wild About God's Love." Serengeti Trek will run 9 a.m.-noon July 11-15, and will be held at the new church site on Royal Street.

The program will provide fun, memorable

Bible-learning activities. Children will sing songs, play teamwork-building games, enjoy Watering Hole snacks, take on daily challenges, experience Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies and create Bible point crafts.

All children who are four years old as of Jan. 1 through those that have

completed fifth grade are invited to attend.

Registration forms are available from the church office or by calling 947-5482.

The Salado Church of Christ has announced its Vacation Bible School for this summer, scheduled for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 9.

The camp, an "All-Day Safari," is open to children ages four to those who

have completed the fifth grade, and will be held in the church's newly-built Activity Center. Children will explore the Lord's Prayer using various centers, including special crafts and upbeat songs set to a safari theme. A complimentary lunch will be provided to all campers.

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### A Birthday Celebration for Oscar Arnold

The Family of Oscar Arnold, Jr. invites you to join them as they celebrate the occasion of their Dad's eightieth birthday. The celebration will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 16, 2005 at the Commons Area of Holland High School in Holland, TX. Please stop by and share a memory with Oscar as we honor this milestone in his life.

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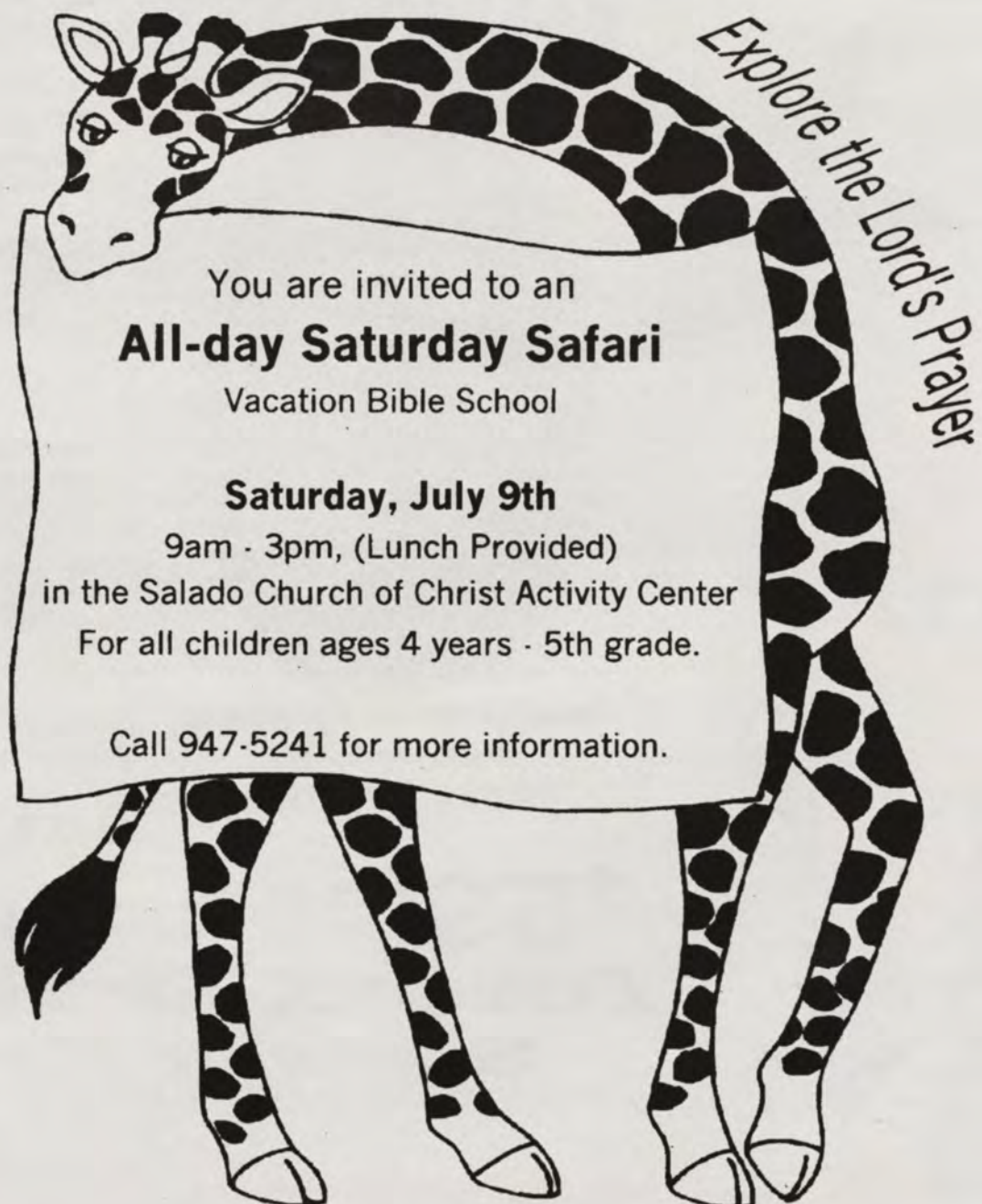
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# Parks is Artist of the Month

The Salado Village Artists have chosen Mary Ellen Parks as "Artist of the Month" for July. Parks says she has loved art all her life. While her husband traveled the world taking care of work responsibilities, Mary Ellen took advantage of the many art museums and wonderful historic places she visited.

"I've gone around the world many times," she said, "and it only makes me appreciate this world more. I look around at the wonders God created and it makes me want to paint and create beauty."

Parks is talented in many fields, being an accomplished needle artist as well as a brush artist. These talents have allowed her to expand her unique collection of clowns in thread, sculpture, and paint. "There is one that

is two faced," Parks said. "When my girls were little, I used him as a barometer to my family. One side says, "I'M GLAD" while the other side says "I'M SAD," and they knew better than to push me when Old Sour Face was out on the kitchen counter."

Although she has tried all mediums, Parks enjoys watercolor painting best, flowers in particular. Most of the items she will show are florals. She has studied with many art teachers, including Salado's own, Ronnie Wells and Joan Hoffman. She credits her membership in the Village Artists for pushing her to achieve more and better creations. "The artists encourage each other," states Parks. "It makes you want to do better and more."

She and her husband



Mary Ellen Parks

Lloyd have lived in this area since 1994. Mary Ellen's three daughters share her artistic talents. One designs and sells her own line of jewelry, another is a geophysicist, and the

other designed and drew the plans for the Parks' house.

The Artist of the Month works are on display at both Salado banks on Main Street and at the Salado Public Library.

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## Fine art photographer to show at 39th Annual Salado Art Fair Aug. 6-7

After raising a family, Vicki Couch spent most of the mid 1990s earning a fine art degree from Southwest Texas State University. She then put her education to use, traveling with her husband, taking photographs of everything that stirred her creative instincts. That eventually led to the opening of her own studio, which she operates in San Marcos.

An accomplished fine art photographer, Couch will be among 100-plus artists and artisans displaying and selling their work at the upcoming 39th Annual Salado Art Fair. The Art Fair will take place on the grounds of Pace Memorial Park, Aug. 6-7. Times for the fair are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 6 and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 7.

Couch considers herself a traditionalist in terms of her equipment. She uses Agfa film, and her cameras consist of a



An example of the photography of Vicki Couch.

Bronica medium format images are processed and a Nikon 35mm. The film is developed and the

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## JULY 8-10

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents a Star-Spangled Salute, with live entertainment on stage and Harold Lloyd in "Grandma's Boy" on screen. Show times: 7:30 p.m. July 8-9 and 2 p.m. July 9-10. Info: 254-947-3456 or visit [www.saladosilverspur.com](http://www.saladosilverspur.com).

## JULY 9

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## JULY 11-12

Mill Creek Golf Club junior golf camp, for ages six-through-17. Cost: \$90. Info: Mill Creek Golf Club, 947-5144.

## JULY 11-15

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

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.

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, featuring a program from Dr. Raymond Carver titled "Writing Your Own Life Story." Fellowship: 9:30 a.m.; Program: 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents a Star-Spangled Salute, with live entertainment on stage and Harold Lloyd in "Grandma's Boy" on screen. Show times: 7:30 p.m. July 15-16 and 2 p.m. July 16-17. Info: 254-947-3456 or visit [www.saladosilverspur.com](http://www.saladosilverspur.com).

Cooking Class at the Friendship House, taught by Chef Denise Woods: Great Summer Salads. Time: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$60. Info: 947-3136.

Photography by Jim Sage, sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS). Salado Square. 6-7:30 p.m. July 16 in the courtyard, 2-4 p.m. July 17 in the shops.

Salado Football Camp. The camp is open to incoming third-through-ninth graders and will be held 8:30-11:30 a.m. daily at the football field. Cost is \$40. For more information contact

Jeff Cheatham at 947-6977.

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 22-24

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents a Star-Spangled Salute, with live entertainment on stage and Harold Lloyd in "Grandma's Boy" on screen. Show times: 7:30 p.m. July 22-23 and 2 p.m. July 23-24. Info: 254-947-3456 or visit [www.saladosilverspur.com](http://www.saladosilverspur.com).

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](http://www.allcentex.com/tablerock). Email: [tablerock1@aol.com](mailto:tablerock1@aol.com).

Salado Lady Eagles Summer Basketball Camp, for girls entering seventh through ninth grades. Instruction will focus on fundamentals, team competition, individual competition, as well as team drills, and offensive and defensive schemes. Cost: \$40. Info: Lady Eagle Head Basketball Coach Scott Copeland, 939-7805.

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

Mill Creek "Summer Nights" live music and dance, featuring the local band, A Touch of Class. 8-11 p.m. at Mill Creek Creekside Room. Tickets: \$15 per person, or \$25 for two. Available at Village Realty of Salado, 947-0342, or TBC International, 947-4717. Cash bar available.

Kevin Yeoman and The Blue Crowns "Oldies Rock N' Roll Benefit" at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. Proceeds to benefit new choir robes for Salado United Methodist Church. 7-9 p.m. Tickets: \$10 adults; \$5 children under 12. Fifties attire optional. Info: 254-947-3456 or visit [www.saladosilverspur.com](http://www.saladosilverspur.com).

Salado Civic Center

Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m. at the Civic Center. Meeting is open to the public.

Cooking Class at the Friendship House, taught by Chef Denise Woods: Sauces 101. Students will learn the traditional methods of preparing some of the classic sauces such as hollandaise, béchamel and more. Time: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$60. Info: 947-3136.

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.

St. Stephen Women's Society meeting, featuring a program titled "Spiritual Gifts," presented by Barbara Burleson, 6:30 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall.

SIS student registration, 4-6 p.m. daily at Salado Intermediate School Commons. Aug. 8: new students; Aug. 9: returning 5th and 6th graders; Aug. 10: returning 7th and 8th grade students. Class schedules, supply lists and locker assignments will be available Aug. 11.

Second Annual PALS Arts Awards, noon-1 p.m. at the Mill Creek Dining Room. Featuring Chuck McCarter and Leslie Hyland honoring Jackie Mills and Tablerock Amphitheater. Admission: \$10. Reservations available after Aug. 1 at 254-947-8300.

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, featuring a program by Sandi Wicker, of Habitat for Humanity. Fellowship: 9:30 a.m.; Program: 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

Cooking Class at the Friendship House, taught by Chef Denise Woods: Pastry Basics - Dessert Sauces. Students will learn the differences between crème anglaise, pastry cream, and crème brûlée. Time: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$60. Info: 947-3136.

Meet your teacher and stash your stuff night, at Thomas Arnold Elementary School, 4-6 p.m. Parents

and students can bring school supplies and visit with teachers.

First day of school for SIS campuses. Mill Creek Community Association Fall Fling at Mill Creek Inn Restaurant. Cash happy hour: 6 p.m., dinner: 7 p.m.

Cooking Class at the Friendship House, taught by Chef Denise Woods: Basics of Pasta and Sauces. Students will learn to make a variety of sauces that can be used to top pasta and the importance of pairing the proper pasta with the appropriate sauce. Time: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$60. Info: 947-3136.

Salado Eagle football season opener, versus Liberty Hill Panthers, 7:30 p.m. in Liberty Hill.

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Salado Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry, 6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. More details TBA.

Third Annual Salado Salutes Texas Educators Week, featuring door prizes and special shopping and dining opportunities for aa Texas public and private school educators. All door prizes have a value of no less than \$100. No purchase necessary to register for prizes. Info: 254-947-5040, email [saladochamber@vvm.com](mailto:saladochamber@vvm.com), or visit [www.salado.com](http://www.salado.com).

Salado United Methodist Church picnic at Peacable Kingdom, following Sunday services.

Salado Eagle football versus Clifton Cubs, 7:30 p.m. at Salado Eagle Stadium.

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](http://www.allcentex.com/tablerock) or email [tablerock1@aol.com](mailto:tablerock1@aol.com).



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**SEPTEMBER 10**

**Cooking Class at the Friendship House, taught by Chef Denise Woods:** Italian Basics: Pizza and Focaccia. Students will learn the basics of pizza and focaccia dough. Time: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$60. Info: 947-3136.  
**SEP. 10-11, 14-18**

**Team Ropers Association Finals at Wildfire Ranch.** Info: 947-8080.  
**SEPTEMBER 12**

**St. Stephen Women's Society "Women's Spiritual Retreat."** Members will meet at the St. Stephen Parish parking lot to car pool. An evening of prayer, meditation and fellowship.  
**SEPTEMBER 16**

**Salado Eagle football, versus Troy Trojans, 7:30 p.m. at Troy.**  
**SEPTEMBER 17**

**Cooking Class at the Friendship House, taught by Chef Denise Woods:** Barbeque Basics and More. Students will learn grilling techniques along with some recipes like Grilled Portobello Mushrooms with Red Pepper Hummus and Szechwan Sirloin Steak with Green Bean Salad. Time: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$60. Info: 947-3136.  
**SEPTEMBER 17-18**

**Tablerock's Fantasy Faire,** featuring music, dance and historical demonstrations. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, seniors and military personnel. Info: 254-947-1339 or email pangea@vvm.com, or tablerock1@aol.com.  
**SEPTEMBER 23**

**Salado Eagle football district opener** versus Somerville Yeguas, 7:30 p.m. in Somerville.  
**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.  
**SEPTEMBER 26**

**Third Annual End of Summer Celebration (formerly PALS Wine Tasting Festival)** produced by the Public Arts League of Salado, 6-8 p.m. in the Yellow Rose of Texas room at Summers Mill. Reservations available after Sep. 14 at 254-947-8300.  
**SEPTEMBER 30**

**Salado Eagle football homecoming game, 7:30 p.m. versus Lago Vista Vikings.**  
**OCTOBER 1-2**

**Tablerock's - A Christmas Carol auditions** Sat.-Sun.: 3 p.m. Information: 254-947-9205. Directed by Harry Sweet.  
**OCTOBER 1-2**

**Photography Show and Sale,** featuring works by M. L. Bolton, Shauna Mora, and Will Bolton. Opening Reception on Saturday from 6-9 p.m., Sunday from 1-4 p.m. at Royal Street Provision, 4490 Royal Street (3.5 miles east of Main St), Salado. Info: Alice Wells, 254-947-3350.  
**OCTOBER 7**

**Salado Eagle football, versus Academy Bumblebees, 7:30 p.m. in Academy.**  
**OCTOBER 10**

**St. Stephen Women's Society meeting,** with a program by Salado Tourism Director Debbie Charbonneau on "Main Street Preservation USA," 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.  
**OCTOBER 14**

**Salado Eagle football, versus Lexington Eagles, 7:30 p.m. at Salado Eagle Stadium.**  
**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.** Auctions, food booths, games. Noon-4 p.m. on St. Stephen church grounds.  
**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 21**

**Salado Eagle football, versus Florence Buffaloes, 7:30 p.m. in Florence.**  
**OCTOBER 22**

**Salado Education Foundation Chisholm Trail Cattleman's Ball,** at Tenroc Ranch. Details TBA.  
**OCTOBER 28**

**Salado Eagle football senior night,** versus Rogers Eagles, 7:30 p.m. at Salado Eagle Stadium.  
**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 4**

**Salado Eagle football regular season finale,** versus Jarrell Cougars, 7:30 p.m. in Jarrell.  
**NOVEMBER 11-13**

**44th Annual Gathering of the Scottish Clans.** First full day Nov. 12 at Robertson Ranch. More info TBA.  
**NOVEMBER 13**

**St. Stephen Catholic Church Turkey Bingo.**  
**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 15**

**Salado Historical Society Annual Chili Supper and General Meeting,** 6:15 p.m. at Salado Civic Center.  
**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 and Historical Log Cabins;** 5-8 p.m. Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 3 and 1-5 p.m. Dec. 4. Info: 947-8300.  
**DECEMBER 2-4 & 9-11**

**Annual Christmas Stroll celebration in the Village Salado.**  
**DECEMBER 13**

**Mill Creek Community Association Christmas Party and Annual Meeting,** at Mill Creek Inn Restaurant.

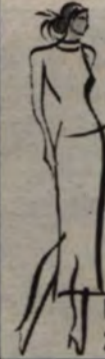
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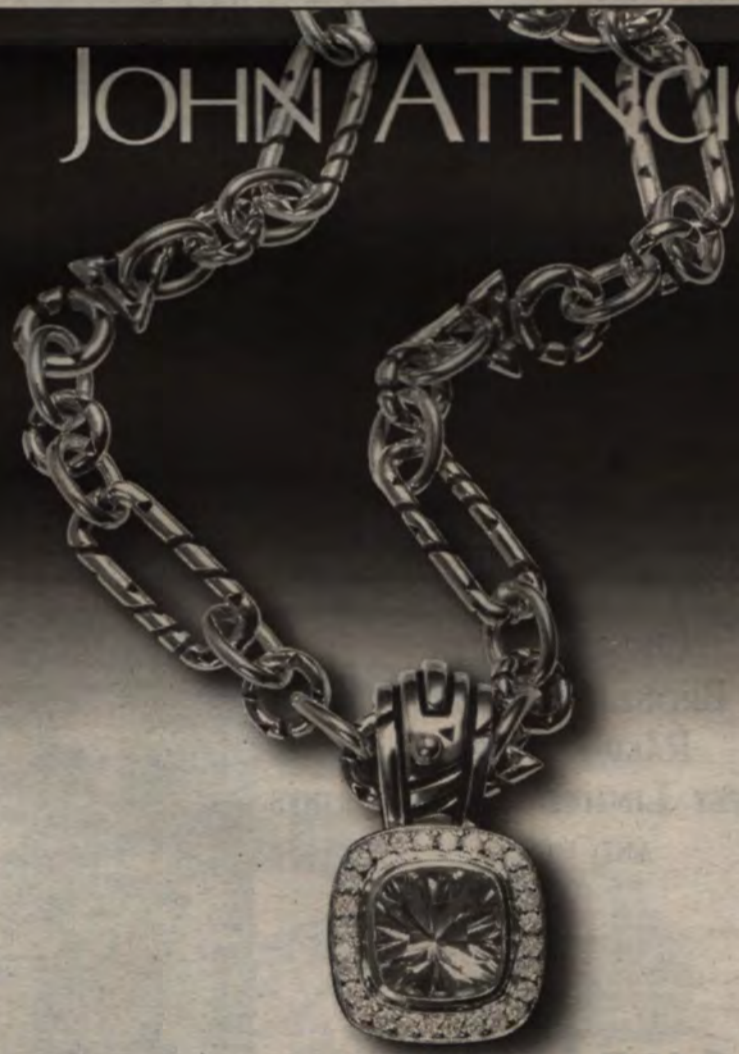
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About her work, Couch says, "when I look through the lens of my camera, I see a canvas that has to have composition, light, line, color and depth. Anyone can take a photograph - it takes an artist to transform the film into a work of art."

Parking for the Salado Art Fair is free throughout the village with shuttle rides to the park.

Admission is \$3 with children 12 and under admitted free of charge.

In addition, this year's art fair will also include a duck race, with prizes for the first-through-third finishes, as well as a "lame duck" award. The duck race will be held 3 p.m. Aug. 7. Ducks can be purchased for \$5 apiece, or five for \$20, at the Chamber of Commerce office in the Civic Center, or from

the Salado Silver Spur Theater, Sweet Dreams, the Stagecoach Inn, the Salado Mansion, The Baines House and Rock Creek Treasures. Planned prizes include a stay and play package, as well as shopping extravaganzas.

For more information about the upcoming Art Fair call the Salado Chamber of Commerce at (254) 947-5040 or visit [www.salado.com](http://www.salado.com).

## "Write Your Own Life Story" at July 14 Salado Ladies Auxiliary meeting

Dr. Raymond Carver will be the featured speaker at the July 14 meeting of the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. Social

will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting and program following at 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Guests are always welcome.

Dr. Carver will speak on "Writing Your Own Life Story." A popular speaker, Dr. Carver has authored, produced and published a variety of plays and received many honors and awards.

Carver received his Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts from Yale School of Drama and a Ph.D in Theatre from Denver University. He was a teacher at Salem College, Auburn University and a Professor at Angelo State University.

He is active in Salado as the Producer/Director of the Living Room Theatre, Public Arts League of Salado and the manager of the Judy and A.C. Greene Literary Festival. He has also served on the Boards of the Institute for Humanities and the Bell County Museum. In addition, Carver served two terms as Alderman for the Village of Salado.

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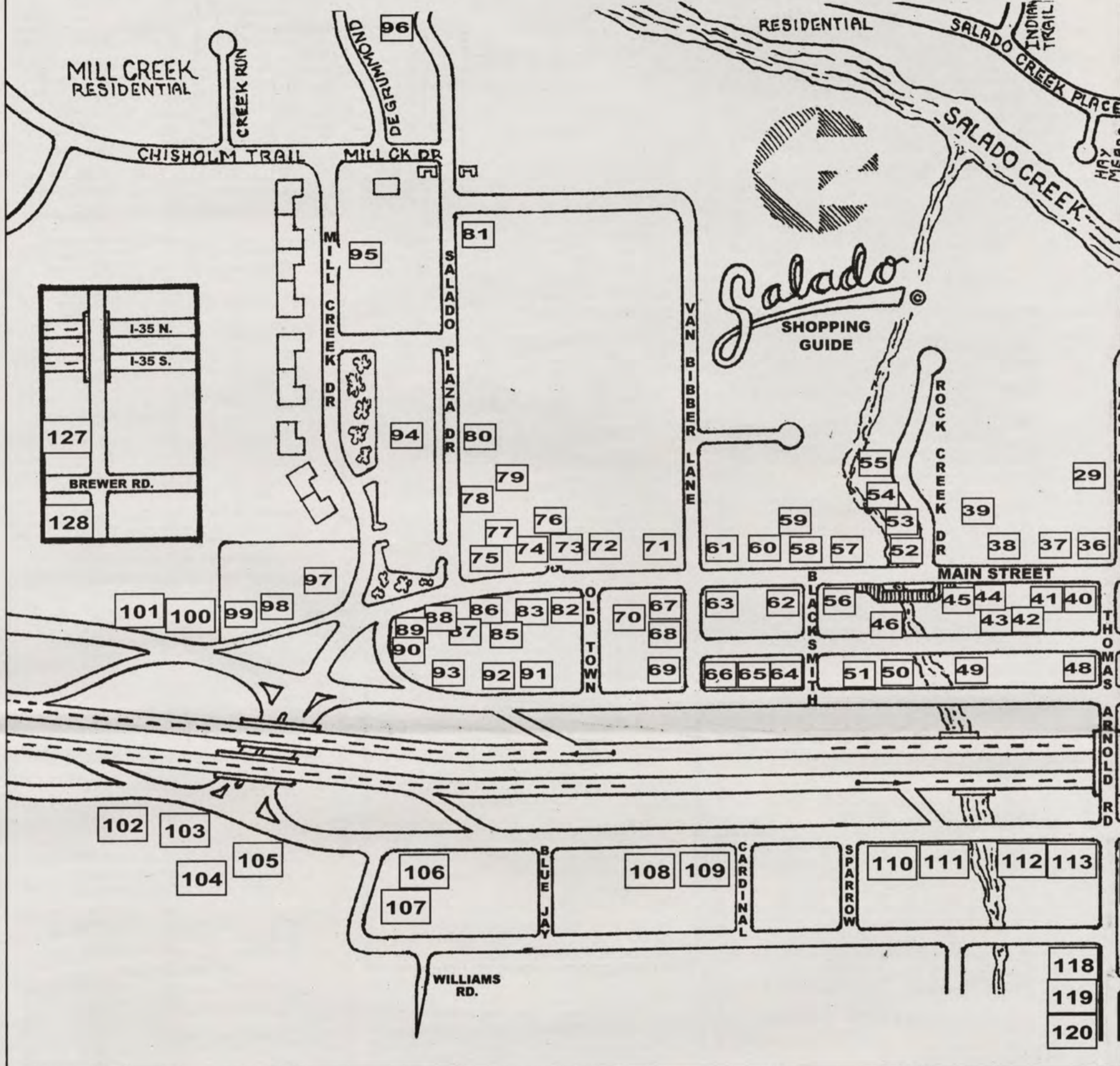
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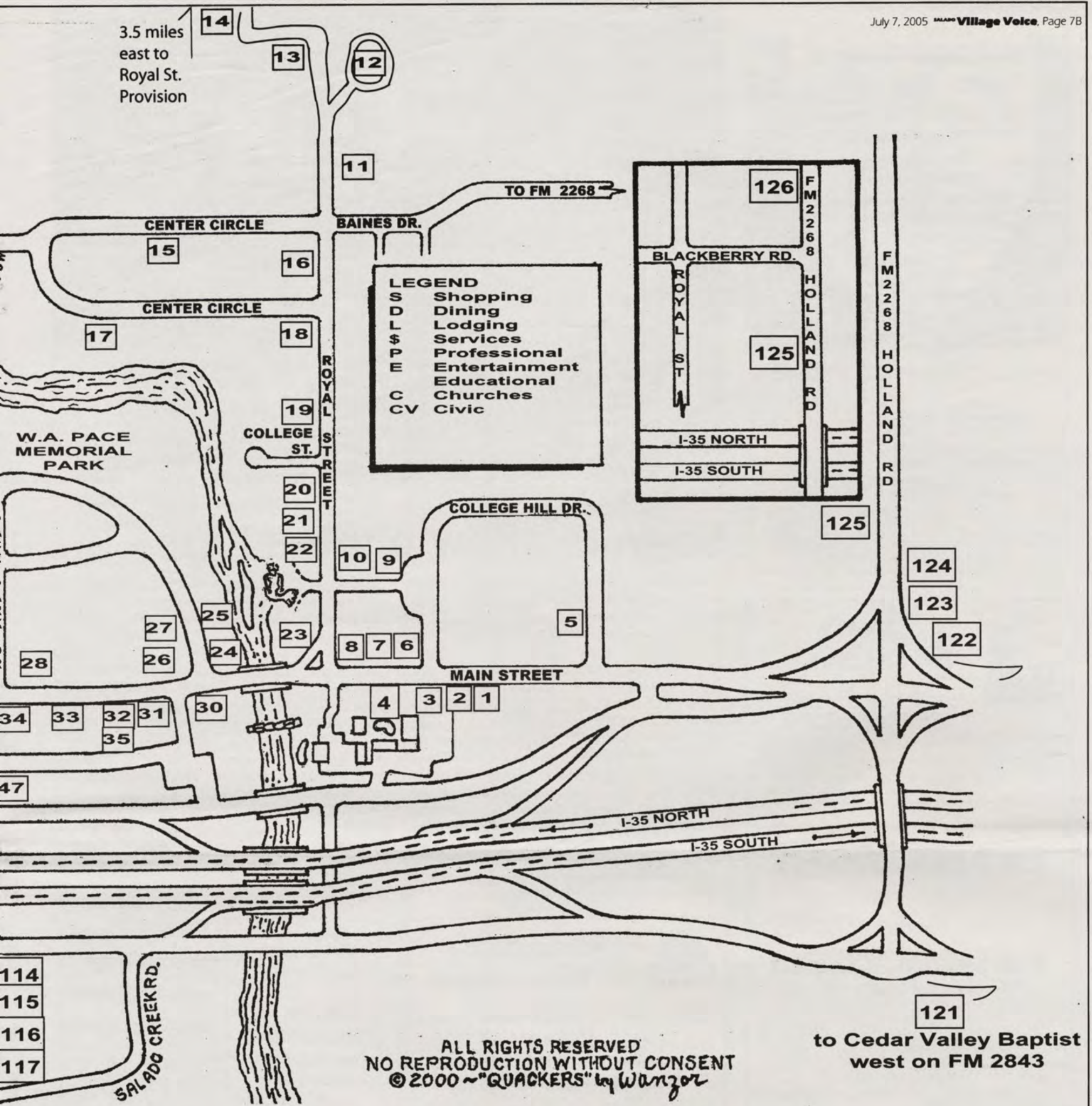
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"Home" by Houston-based photographer James Sage.

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Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) will present a collection of work by Houston-based photographer James Sage July 16-17 at Salado Square.

The works will be shown in the courtyard of Salado Square 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. July 16 and inside the shops at Salado Square 2-4 p.m. July 17.

Sage has extensive experience in all aspects of photography and digital imaging - from shooting in many different formats and subject matter, to editing

and managing images.

Sage will show collector-quality photographs from his "Unnatural View" collection, as well as other photographs. These photographs are part of a growing collection that documents flowers from a macro view. Each photograph is hand-printed on archival, fiber-based paper. Signed on verso and available in a limited edition of 300. Jim's photographs and digital prints reside in numerous private collections

Sage began his

photography studio in 1996, moving it to Houston from Bakersfield, California. He specializes in a wide range of commercial photography and digital imaging services for small businesses, corporations, non-profits, and individuals. Sage Photography is an active, participating member of Kodak Promise of Excellence and Fuji's Pronet Photography program.

A versatile photographer, Sage has shot many kinds of photos,

including portraiture, headshots, fashion photography, product photography, copy work from flat art, architectural photography, weddings, public events, landscape photography, animal/pet photography, and lifestyle photography.

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### Dave Hermann to cook it up with Chef Alton Brown in Austin

Local chef and restaurateur Dave Hermann, of The Range at the Barton House, will join popular Food Network celebrity Chef Alton Brown and Chef Jeff Blank from Hudson's on the Bend for a public celebration of food, wine, cooking and shopping, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. July 9 at Austin's Barton Creek Square Mall.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will combine live cooking demonstrations by the three chefs, and attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy a meet-and-greet with the chefs. In addition, members of the audience will be selected to serve as sous chefs during a live-action, on-stage cookoff to close out the event.

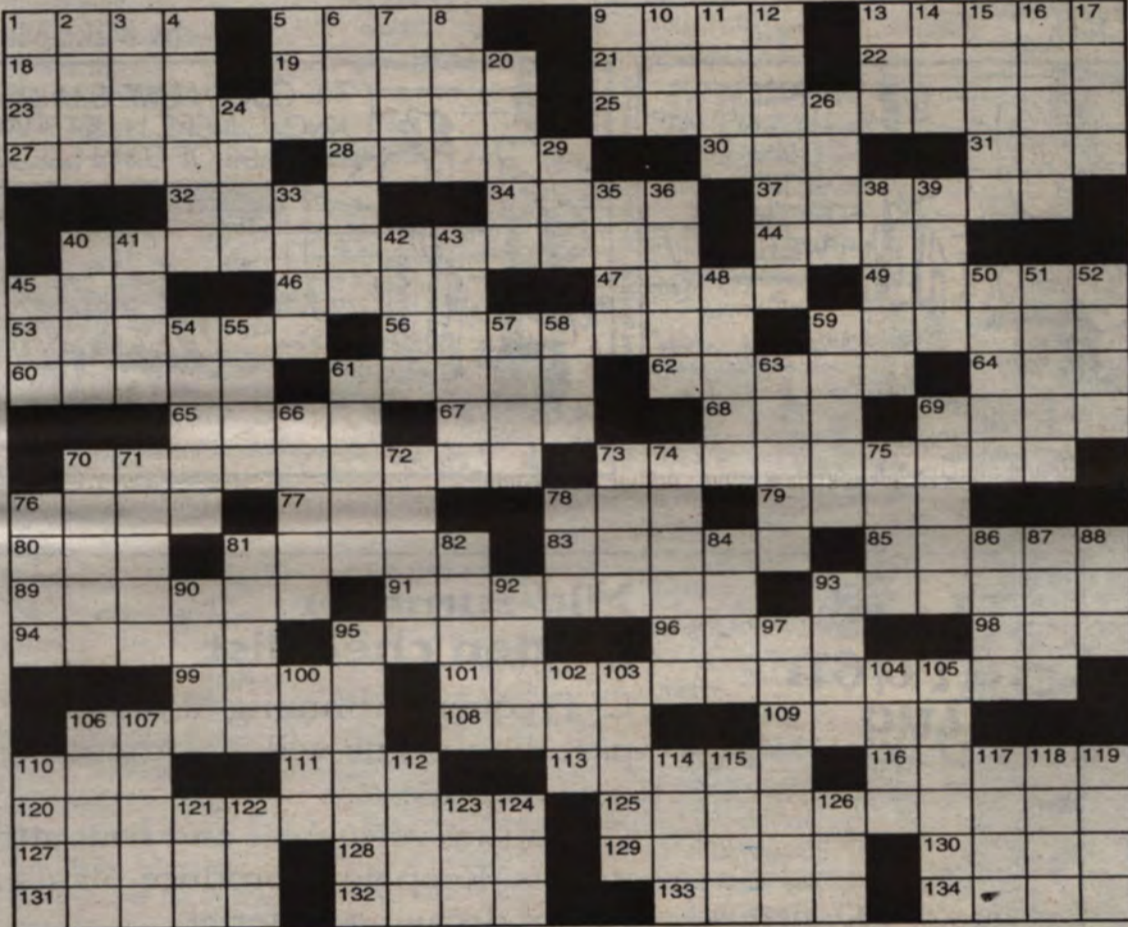
The Austin event is part of the Simon Super Chefs Live! national tour, which features noted celebrity chefs such as Brown, along with popular local chefs.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Kite or coot
  - 5 Chihuahua snack
  - 9 "Goodbye, Columbus" author
  - 13 Egyptian Nobelist
  - 18 Sore
  - 19 Addis —
  - 21 Merrill melody
  - 22 Menander's marketplace
  - 23 6' actress
  - 25 6' comedian
  - 27 Cook clams
  - 28 Trickles
  - 30 Clean-air org.
  - 31 Cartoon cry
  - 32 Wool gatherer?
  - 34 Not — many words
  - 37 "Animal Farm" author
  - 40 6' actor
  - 44 Garfield's pal
  - 45 Tie the knot
  - 46 38 Down, — for one
  - 47 — impasse
  - 49 Sour sort
  - 53 Swallow up
  - 56 Undergoes
  - 59 Make a pile?
  - 60 Pool person
  - 61 Puzzling problem
  - 62 Scarlett's sweetheart
  - 64 Actress Hagen
  - 65 Potter's need
  - 67 Browning's bedtime?
  - 68 Diva Marton
  - 69 Young or King
  - 70 6' designer
  - 73 6' author
  - 76 Art deco figure
  - 77 Marsh
  - 78 Parenthesis shape
  - 79 Melodious McEntire
  - 80 Deli loaf
  - 81 Robert of "The Citadel"
  - 83 Feline, familiarly
  - 85 Force
  - 89 '66 Michael Caine movie
  - 91 Supervise
  - 93 Take for granted
  - 94 Attack
  - 95 They may get cold
  - 96 Ring out
  - 98 Fix a fight
  - 99 And others
  - 101 6' singer
  - 106 Paraguayan title
  - 108 Mediocre
  - 109 When pigs whistle, to Tennyson
  - 110 Mongrel
  - 111 Address abbr.
  - 113 Actress Hedren
  - 116 Gettysburg commander
  - 120 6' trumpeter
  - 125 6' anthropologist
  - 127 Doll up
  - 128 Ireland
  - 129 County in 128 Across
  - 130 Scorch
  - 131 Pass on
  - 132 Crowd-burst?
  - 133 Part of a threat
  - 134 Connecticut campus
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Supermarket supplies
  - 2 "New Jack City" actor
  - 3 Korean statesman
  - 4 Go-getter
  - 5 Lincoln son
  - 6 Disconcerts
  - 7 Spelunker's spot
  - 8 Tony's cousin
  - 9 Scott's "The — Quartet"
  - 10 Mispickel, e.g.
  - 11 Become winded
  - 12 Queequeg's weapon
  - 13 Mr. Mineo
  - 14 Season firewood
  - 15 Peg
  - 16 Shake-spearean sprite
  - 17 Chore
  - 20 Clear jelly
  - 24 Love, to Livy
  - 26 Grounds
  - 29 — -Cat (winter transport)
  - 33 Relief initials?
  - 35 Constellation component
  - 36 Furry fisherman
  - 38 Cowes' locale
  - 39 First name in architecture
  - 40 Fellow
  - 41 Brink
  - 42 Role for Liz
  - 43 Has a hunch
  - 45 Craven or Unseld
  - 48 Peter of Peter and Gordon
  - 50 It's down in the mouth
  - 51 Copper or cobalt
  - 52 Mastermind
  - 54 Quitter's cry
  - 55 Vegetate
  - 57 "Disco Duck" singer
  - 58 Keatsian crock
  - 59 Barrel part
  - 61 Tower
  - 63 Each's partner
  - 66 Head monk
  - 69 See 70 Down
  - 70 With 69 Down, "Heaven" singer
  - 71 Stuff
  - 72 Dumbstruck
  - 73 "True —" ('69 film)
  - 74 Arm-y types?
  - 75 Wading bird
  - 76 Therefore
  - 78 Canine grp.
  - 81 "Same here!"
  - 82 Lock
  - 84 "Lemon —" ('65 hit)
  - 86 Immaculate
  - 87 Kuwaiti kingpin
  - 88 Turkey serving
  - 90 "I've — had!"
  - 92 Conductor Klemperer
  - 93 — vera
  - 95 Roaring Twenties figure
  - 97 Canvas shades
  - 100 Inland sea
  - 102 Superlative suffix
  - 103 Nullifies
  - 104 "Nautilus" captain
  - 105 Formal
  - 106 Kid stuff?
  - 107 Comic Leon
  - 110 Canterbury cleaner
  - 112 Austin or Copley
  - 114 Velvet feature
  - 115 Bucket
  - 117 On the briny
  - 118 Distribute the deck
  - 119 Rochester's missus
  - 121 It may be strapless
  - 122 Whichever
  - 123 Carnival site
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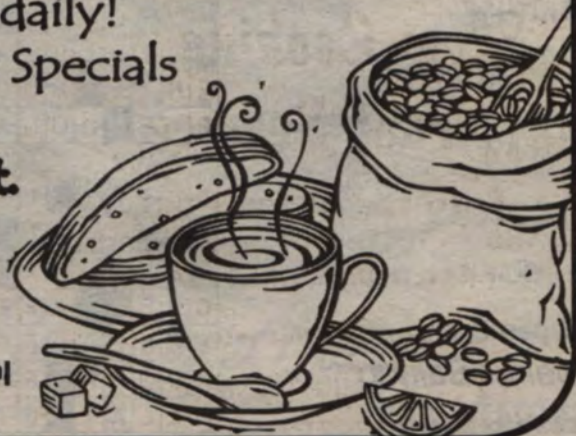
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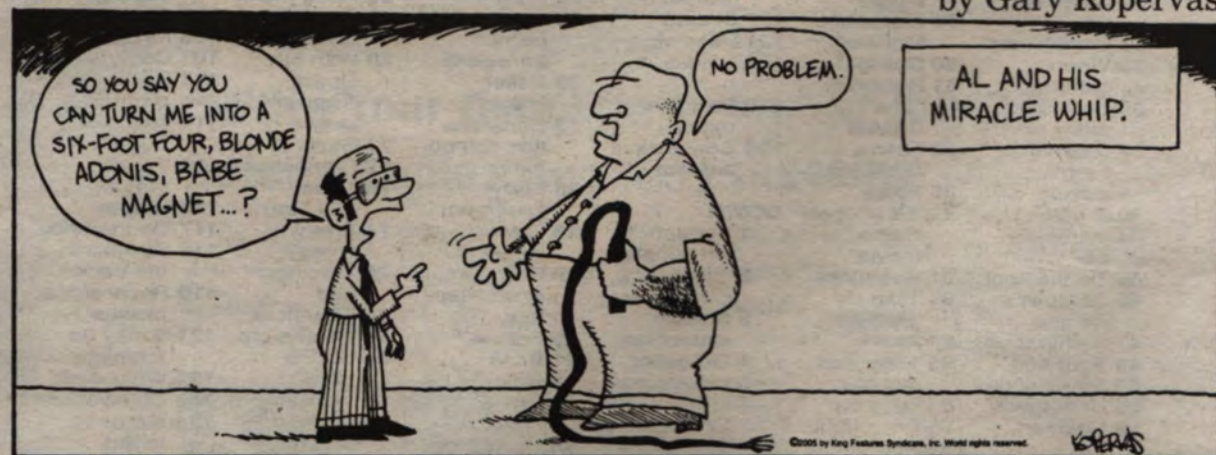
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- Rotting vegetables and fruit attract insects. Keep your produce plants free of decaying material.
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# Golf season heating up

Sorry you haven't heard from me for a while. Buffet is right: Time passes too quickly the longer you've been on your own.

We are deep into Golf Season now and the two recent U.S. Opens - Men's and Women's - are incredible examples.

I was so proud for Michael Campbell, he has gone through so much in this frustrating game and worked and gotten to the very highest level. He will be a King in his homeland of New Zealand, and rightfully so, he appears to be such a genuinely good man; values his ancestry and his family. It's a great win for him and golf. The golf course was incredibly tough but was not as bad as last year; this one seemed to be fair.

I thought Jason Gore was great, sad he could not finish better. And Retief Goosen's meltdown was epic stuff. Maybe he

## Clubhouse Commentary

By Bill Harris



is not so unflappable. Three U.S. Open wins is very heady territory - Tiger or Vijay should have won if you look at all stats except putting, but the putter can cause or cure lots of problems. The USGA looks for a complete test and they found one in Pinehurst.

The Women's Open was just about as amazing, from a different perspective. There were several young up-and-comers that were in the fight, and the most improbable one came up winner on the most improbably shot. We will definitely hear from Morgan Pressel,

Brittany Lang and Paula Creamer again.

Michelle Wie struggled, but she is probably the biggest talent in Women's Golf today, and you may recall, a couple of months ago I said if Lorena Ochoa wants to contend in Majors she has to fix the heave in her golf swing. That could not have been more evident when she lost in playoff to Annika and the 18th tee at the Women's Open. Watch the women's events for those young ones. The state of American women's golf is not good right now, but help is on the way.

Lastly, a little sidebar. Maybe you have seen the

advertising for NCAA athletes that are going pro in something else. We have a great example in Salado. Blake Cameron, Mike and Ruby's son (known them a long time, played a high school golf tournament in Gatesville paired with Mike in 1968). I believe Blake got a great college education with a very high grade point average playing golf; I believe he as All American one or two years. He has finished his degree and is now going to work in New York, in Big Time Financial District. Great story, really good family. Blake will be successful in life like he was in golf. He has all the tools.

I won a nice event at Wildflower a couple weeks ago against North Texan Seniors. Even beat the local club pro, Greg Antunes, Joe Black Cup Player. Always nice to win.

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# I got to interview one of my heroes

I interviewed Cotton Davidson in the lobby of the Gatesville newspaper building. Before sitting down with him face to face, I saw him talking to a couple of men soon after he came in the front door. He stood tall and straight and had the same stance he had 50 years ago when he played quarterback for Baylor. In my mind I saw him in a huddle during an important game, planning strategy for a crucial play. I was a freshman at Baylor when he was a senior.

Baylor had quite a football team in the 50s. During my freshman year, Baylor was ranked third in the nation. In my senior year Baylor beat Tennessee in the Sugar Bowl.

Cotton was born Francis Marion Davidson. He didn't particularly like his name and welcomed the nickname Cotton, given to him because of his white hair. Nobody calls him Francis or Marion. He started playing football in elementary school. When it came time to go to college, he seriously considered enrolling in Rice, but a preacher friend talked him into going to Baylor.

"It made good sense," says Cotton. "Baylor was close to my home here in Gatesville and I didn't want to get too far away from my family and friends."

After his football success at Baylor, he went to the Pros. He was the number one draft choice of the Baltimore Colts. After a year there, he was drafted into the Army and spent his military years playing football. He was selected

## by Tumbleweed Smith



quarterback of the All-Army team. After the Army, Cotton played for the Colts, the Dallas Texans and the Oakland Raiders. While playing for the Raiders, he set a record for throwing the most yardage in a game. For the Colts he not only played quarterback, he was also the punter and kickoff return man. He thinks there's too much specialization in pro football today and players move from team to team too much.

Cotton has a roomful of trophies, plaques and awards. He was voted the most valuable player in the first AFL All-Star Game. He is in the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

When he stopped playing, he started coaching. He was a Baylor football coach 22 years. Now he holds a summer clinic for high school quarterbacks and receivers.

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Cotton lives on a ranch, has been in the oil business and is partner in a funeral home. His son and grandson are football players.



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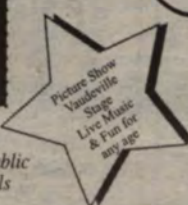
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**Salado Rotary installs president at June 28 meeting**

At the June 28 meeting of the Salado Rotary Club meeting, Jake McClure (at right) was installed as the incoming President for the 2005-2006 year. Carmen Berrier (left), 2004-2005 President, presided over the meeting and was honored for her service for the past year. She had just returned from the 100 year Anniversary Rotary International Convention in Chicago and briefed attendees on the meeting and the future of Rotary. Berrier is seen receiving a plaque of appreciation for her service on behalf of the club. The Salado Rotary Club meets 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday at the Stagecoach Inn.

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This year's salute to Texas teachers is scheduled to begin Aug. 27 and continue through Labor Day, Sep. 5.

In addition to the many door prizes given by Salado business owners, this year's visiting teachers will find a surprise gift made possible by First Texas Brokerage and Century 21 Bill Bartlett. The two local real estate companies are joining efforts to give a grand cash gift of \$500 to a lucky Texas educator.

In the event's first two years, more than 800 Texas teachers attended where Salado's generous business community gave more than \$15,000 in gifts to Texas educators with many local Salado

teachers being recipients. Each year, Texas teachers are invited to spend a day or a weekend in Salado registering for thousands of dollars in free door prizes at business locations throughout Salado.

Registration is free to all Texas public and private school educators and absolutely no purchase is necessary to register for the numerous gift drawings. Door prizes have a value of no less than \$100 and included in the list are rounds of golf, bed and breakfast stays, spa treatments, pottery lessons, fine art donated by local art galleries and gift certificates donated by Salado restaurants and shops.

The Third Annual Salado Salutes Texas Educators is sponsored by First State Bank Central Texas, the Salado Business Association, The Salado Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Salado Tourism Council. Event details can be found at [www.salado.com](http://www.salado.com), or by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 254-947-5040.

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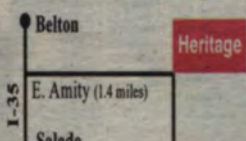
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A University of Michigan study estimates that the average American household could reduce its energy bills by 65 percent and, over the home's lifetime, save \$52,000 if it maximized energy efficiency.

One place to start is household appliances. Washers and dryers generate lots of heat, so in a warm climate they should be in sealed-off rooms so as not to exacerbate air conditioning needs. Likewise, dishwashers and ovens should be run in the morning or evening to minimize heat buildup. On older refrigerators, vacuum the coils at the back of the unit regularly to keep them clean and free of dirt and dust. When they become covered in dust their efficiency is dramatically reduced.

While repairing old appliances can improve energy efficiency somewhat, replacing them with new models that comply with the federal government's Energy Star standards can reduce household energy costs by 20 percent. Consumers should remember that getting the right size unit installed professionally is essential to getting the most from new appliances.

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Many older homes are poorly sealed and lack insulation, sending energy bills skyrocketing. Also, it is common to find gaps between duct joints, whether a home is new or old. Seal and insulate ducts that are exposed in areas such as your attic or crawlspace to improve your system's efficiency. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, by properly sealing air leaks and adding insulation, you can improve comfort and cut your energy bills by up to 10 percent.

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