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Trustees unanimous on extending supt

 By TIM FLEISCHER
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After receiving good news from the school's accountant, and learning about teachers on track for certification, Salado ISD trustees voted unanimously to extend Superintendent Robin Battershell's contract for one year, through June 2005.

The board acted on a motion by John Konzen, which received a second by Trey Little following an executive session in which trustees discussed the superintendent's performance as well as a possible land purchase.

The details of the possible land purchase are protected by the Open Meetings and Open Records Acts.

Fred Shavers, a CPA with Williams, Cunningham, Shavers and Christensen, LLP, gave Salado ISD a clean bill of financial health when he reviewed the district's audit for the 2002-03 school year.

At the end of the 02-03 school year, Salado ISD increased its net assets by \$332,300, about 26 percent. During the year, the

district had net expenses of \$6.7 million and net revenues of \$7.0 million.

According to the 53-page audit, the increase of assets is due to three factors:

- "Removing the 2002 capital outlays and debt payments \$492,056."

- "The net effect of the current year's depreciation result in a decrease of net assets (\$381,174)."

- "Various other reclassifications and eliminations necessary to convert from the modified accrual basis of accounting to accrual basis of accounting: recognizing deferred revenue, reflecting earned revenue from the current year's tax levy, and eliminating inter-fund transactions (\$77,190)."

Shavers told trustees that Salado ISD's financials were well-managed and that conducting the audit was easier than many other districts. He complimented Finance Director Lyndal Cabaniss for this.

The district ended the 02-03 school year with a general fund balance of \$1.3 million and a debt service fund balance of

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The Salado High School cheerleaders took first place at the American Cheer Power competition recently. Pictured are front row (L-R) are Lauren Hogwood, Lacey Bartlett, Brittany Dixon, Micah Malone, Alicia Raley and Coach Charla Kelley. Back row (L-R) Brandi Warren, Brittany Boydston, Rebecca Quick, Mattie Billington, and Savannah Slagel (mascot).

Squad takes first place in Dallas

SHS cheerleaders headed to Nationals in Galveston

Salado High School Varsity cheerleaders won the first place Champion trophy for the division in an American Cheer Power competition at Fair Park in Dallas, Jan. 10-11.

Over 235 teams from Texas and surrounding states competed. The cheerleaders also received the New Group Award 2004 and National Bid

Plaque with an invitation to attend the National Cheer Power competition in Galveston, Jan. 24-25.

Individual competition results were:

- Alicia Raley, first place champion "Cheer" with a national bid.

- Lauren Hogwood, first place champion "Jump" with a national bid.

- Micah Malone, second place "Tumbling" with a national bid.

- Rebeccah Quick, second place "Crowd Pleaser."

This is the first time in over six years that the Salado Varsity cheerleaders have competed at the national level.

Subdivision plat tops agenda

Aldermen will consider the Planning and Zoning commission recommendation on the Mill Creek Springs Phase IV Subdivision during their regular meeting 6:30 p.m. Jan. 22 at the Municipal Building on Stagecoach Rd.

The Planning and Zoning met Jan. 15 to see plans for the proposed Mill Creek Springs Phase IV.

In other business, the board will continue discussion of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC).

The IPMC is an approximately 40-page document that concerns upkeep of buildings and grounds within a municipality. It provides for a condemnation of buildings, demolition of buildings and unsafe structures.

It also provides regulations for property maintenance issues, such as exterior structure, interior structure, handrails and guardrails, rubbish and garbage and extermination.

The IPMC has sections devoted to light, ventilation and occupancy requirements; plumbing facilities and fixture requirements; mechanical and electrical requirements and fire safety requirements.

The board will also discuss these: County Emergency Management Plan, an audit report from the village accountant, year-to-date financials and the Salado Initiative Committee.

Workshop for candidates set

If you are interested in running for the Salado I.S.D. School Board either this year or in the future, the current Board of Trustees and the Salado Administration is sponsoring a Future Board Member Orientation session 6 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Civic Center.

The session will cover the election process and requirements, time requirements, roles and responsibilities and do's and don't's of being a school board member.

Candidates can file for election Feb. 16-March 15. The election is May 15.

Institute hosts new lecture

The Institute for the Humanities at Salado has announced the creation of the Harry A. Wilmer, II Lectureship.

The first installment of this annual lecture will be presented by Saladoans Drs. John and Kim Van Cura, 3-5 p.m. Jan. 25. Drs. Van Cura will speak on the subject of music and its relation to the humanities. Their lecture is entitled "I Remember It Well: A Lifetime of Music, Memories and Meaning."

John, a professor at Baylor University, and Kim, a private piano and voice teacher, founded Music in Salado in 2001. Since that time they have presented more than a dozen chamber and vocal concerts, and one-act play operas to the general public and local school children.

The Van Curas have collaborated in musical endeavors for more than

40 years, since they met as students at the Peabody Conservatory of Music. Their early musical mentors and teachers include such renowned musicians as Rosa Ponselle and Leonard Bernstein.

Over his career, John has performed with Robert Shaw in Atlanta, was a Metropolitan Opera Contest Winner and received a Fulbright Award for Teaching. In her own right, Kim has toured with the Columbia Artist Concert Artist Guild and accompanied numerous professional singers, including Metropolitan Opera star Michele Crider.

"Music is how we connect with the universal themes in our lives that have existed through the ages," say the Van Cura's. "Music can be light and joyous, sweet and tender, heroic, raucous, primitive or tragic--all expressions

of our humanity."

The Harry A. Wilmer, II Lectureship is free and open to the public.

Created as an endowment, the lectureship was established to honor and celebrate the vision of Dr. Harry Wilmer, founder of the Institute for the Humanities.

Wilmer moved to Salado in 1971, joining the Scott & White clinic as senior psychiatrist. He later became a professor of psychiatry at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio.

After founding the Institute, he served as its director for 17 years, retiring in 1997.

Wilmer designed the Institute around a program model consisting of a lecture and seminar series each spring and fall. In his time at the helm, more than 200 of the nation's



Drs. John and Kim Van Cura

leading scholars came to Salado to participate in these programs, including Nobel Laureate Linus Pauling and poet Maya Angelou. Renowned poets such as Gary Snyder and Richard Wilbur have also conducted lectures at the Institute.

"The Institute gained a national reputation for its

work under the direction of Dr. Wilmer," says Institute Board of Trustees President Sara Mackie. "This new lectureship is both a way to say thank you and a way to continue his legacy of excellence."

For more information about the Institute or the upcoming lecture, call 947-5729, or visit www.salado-institute.org.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Questions for Dean

The other Democratic candidates for president are beginning to challenge front-runner Howard Dean daily, asking questions about his positions and fitness for office. Here are some of the questions that they're not asking Dean, but should:

You routinely say that the Berlin Wall came down without a shot. You mean without a shot excluding Korea, Vietnam and small wars throughout Latin America and Africa during four decades, right?

You say Osama bin Laden should be presumed innocent until a jury gets to decide his fate. Who do you think would best represent bin Laden at his trial, Johnnie Cochran or Mark Geragos?

You say the United States shouldn't have fought the Iraq War because Saddam did not present "an imminent threat" to the United States. Yet you supported wars in the 1990s in Bosnia and Kosovo. How exactly did Slobodan Milosevic pose an imminent threat to the United States?

You say that it was a mistake for the United States to go to war without the "permission" of the United Nations. For what other sovereign acts of the United States would you require U.N. "permission"?

You have said at various times that it would be irresponsible not to support President Bush's \$87 billion funding request for the troops and reconstruction in Iraq, and that you opposed the \$87 billion. What is your position right at this moment on the \$87 billion? How about now? And ... now?

You quit the Episcopal Church because you thought its position on a Burlington, Vt., bike path was "not very Godlike." What is God's position on bike paths? Scriptural references would be helpful.

You say that the invocation before congressional sessions makes you uncomfort-

Rich Lowry



able. What phrase or sentiment makes you most uncomfortable from this passage from a recent invocation: "Help each of us to depend upon Your strength as we navigate life's, challenging seas. May we trust the wonderful laws of sowing and reaping, knowing You will bring us an abundant harvest"?

You say that Republicans want to end public education. Education spending under Bush has increased 65 percent. How is that consistent with the alleged goal of ending public education?

Did you have any favorite ski spots during the Vietnam War?

You said recently that the Saudis might have tipped off the Bush administration prior to Sept. 11. Are there any other bizarre theories that you have picked up from the Internet that you would like to share at this time?

You say that Bush doesn't understand the needs of middle-class families. Yet your proposed full repeal of the Bush tax cut could, as some of your opponents point out, result in a \$2,000 tax increase for a middle-class family of four. What do you understand about middle-class families' hunger for higher taxes that the rest of us don't?

Rich Lowry is the editor of the National Review and author of the recently released book Legacy: Paying the Price for the Clinton Years.

March 9 Primary list complete with Three Republicans prepared to battle Demo Jon Porter for new 31st seat

The suspense is over for Congressional District 31 Democrats and Republicans, as to who will be running in their party's primary elections March 9. Shortly before last Friday's 6 p.m. deadline, one lone Democrat filed as a candidate for Congress in the newly hatched 31st. He is Jon Porter, an attorney from the Austin suburb of Cedar Park, who will get a "free pass" in the primary thus giving him time to raise funds and staff to go up against the winner of the Republican Primary. That contest has three candidates including John Carter from Georgetown, a first term Congressman with a million bucks (reportedly) in his war chest plus the power of the incumbency - even if it only amounts to two years. The other Republicans in the primary are neophyte Wes Riddle from Belton and last minute "out of nowhere" filer Dirk Armbrust of Rosebud.

SALADOAN URGED TO RUN

A well known Saladoan and former District Attorney (17th Judicial District) Cappy Eads, was being romanced in recent days by Bell County Democrats to run for Congress once it became known that Chet Edwards planned to remain in District 17.

Cappy told this column he was honored to be considered for the 31st congressional seat by Bell Demo leaders. He went on to note however, that he had estimated the cost of such a run at a million dollars with a relatively short time to raise such a sum and put together a strong campaign staff - even if the chances of winning were viable, which he doubted.

And the former DA is absolutely correct. He knows where the votes in the 31st are located and he also knows that if the race were winnable - Chet would probably have opted to move to Bell County rather than stay in Waco.

Eads' record was outstanding as DA. He retired in 2000, moved to Salado, nailed up a law shingle and worked on his golf game. He has never regretted any of these moves. Problem for Democrats is that Eads is undoubtedly one of only two or three prospective candidates districtwide, with an outside chance against Georgetown's John Carter, who has but one term's experience in D. C.

Carter's lack of tenure however, is offset by a hefty bundle of big bucks plus his Party's blessing. He is considered the "odds-on" favorite to sweep the GOP primary in March, and a better than even shot in November.

THREE IN GOP PRIMARY

Wes Riddle refiled as a GOP candidate for the new 31st district last week. He's a retired Army officer; West Point graduate; and way over on the right side of the GOP slide rule, having embraced "state's rights" while supporting Alabama's Judge Roy Moore who fought against moving the statue of the 10 commandments out of his courthouse's rotunda on orders from the Supreme Court, which Riddle blasted as being "judicial tyranny."

Last-minute filer Dirk Armbrust, a custom trailer and welding company owner, is a resident of Rosebud and former Air Force pilot, who worked for a time at Dell Computer in Round Rock before opening up his own business in Rosebud.

Riddle and Armbrust will face Congressman John Carter (R-Georgetown) in the March 9 GOP primary with the winner to battle political newcomer Democrat Jon Porter of Cedar Park in the

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



November general election with the winner to become District 31's first congressman.

MASSIVE BANK MERGERS DANGEROUS

Prepare for a rash of comments from the vast reservoir of economic pundits who will spare no space, time or words concerning the pending merger of two giant banks - J.P. Morgan Chase and Bank One - that will create the second largest banking institution in the nation, estimated to be worth about \$1.1 trillion. Second only to Citigroup that has 1.19 trillion bucks in assets worldwide.

First rattle out of this "bad news box" concerning the formation of such mastodontic money-changers, is that once in place, they cannot be allowed to fail for fear of bringing down the entire American economy. With that in mind the government's banking watchdogs had best keep a weather-eye on the new bank's top officials, since these worthies "must" (first and foremost) create profit for shareholders and might not be too careful about how they do it (since they are "unofficially" protected by the Feds from failure).

MERGER TO AX 10,000 JOBS

Another item of extreme importance, buried deep in the bank merger announcement, noted some 10,000 workers would be fired (combining jobs, etc), you know the drill that comes with mergers.

Since the entire Bush-driven economic "recovery" created a dismal 1,000 jobs in December and now is facing an immediate loss of 10,000 banking jobs - it would appear we're going backwards and this will never do during an election year, at least from an incumbent's point of view.

UNEMPLOYMENT BAD REELECTION NEWS

Look for some fancy spin-meistering about this one very weak link in the Administration's so called economic success story - that of a workforce that is in terrible shape, with hundreds of thousands having given up even looking for work; millions who have exhausted their unemployment compensation benefits; and the lines growing longer by the day as newly terminated workers file initial claims for unemployment insurance pay.

Between the war in Iraq and the still faltering employment situation in this country - it might be time for someone to raise the question of just where all the good economic news is actually located in our nation - news the Bush reelection juggernaut is heralding daily from the White House and on the campaign trail.

Or are we going to be lulled to sleep about setting up shop on the Moon and Mars - a not-so-bright idea right now, yet one that Bush for some reason has suddenly embraced?

Some say it's just a "feel good" proposal (suggested by his advisors) to take our minds off the really important socio-economic problems facing the nation.

That's -30-

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Writers on building home in Salado, March of Dimes

Your Voice

Readers Opinion

To the editor:

The last eight months have been some of the most pleasant of our lives. My husband and I have just completed the building of a home in Salado. We eagerly await the time that we will be part of your community.

We were directed to Early Bird Construction Company and J.D. Blevins by friends of ours that live in Salado. From the first meeting we held with Blevins we were sold on his sincere dedication to his trade and by his interest in us and what we were attempting to achieve in the building of our home. Each step of the way we were impressed with his knowledge, his care for detail and his attention to the job.

We were also impressed with all of the sub-contractors that Blevins used on our job. All were delightful to deal with, paid attention to our wishes and made us feel as our home was the most special that they had ever worked on. A special thanks to Salado Floors and Walls for their patience with us and Patti Thomas for her special touch.

If all businesses and individuals in Salado are as diligent as those in whom we came in contact, we know that we will love being part of your town.

Sincerely,
Linda Mastin

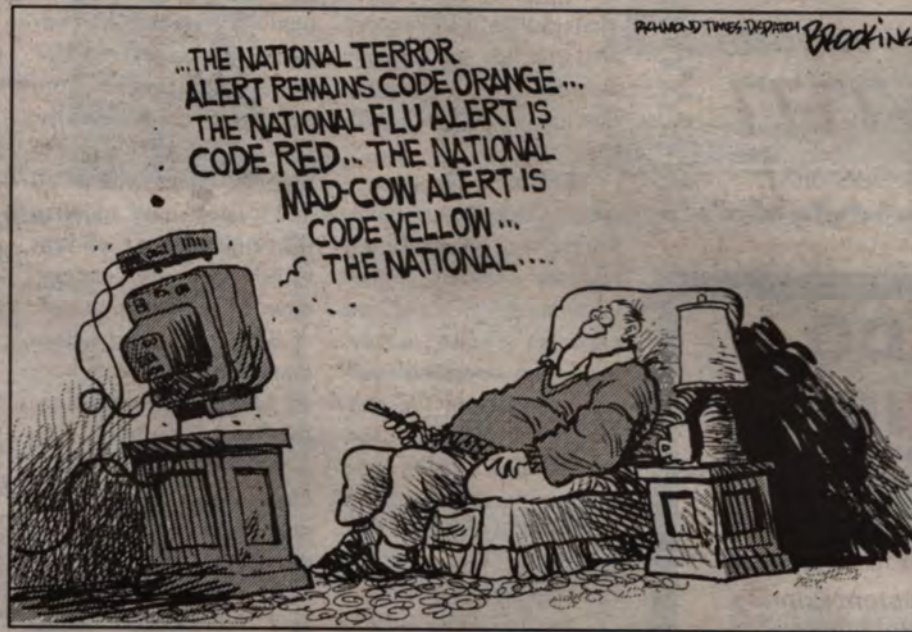
To the editor,

January is Birth Defects Prevention Month. Each year more than 11,000 Texas children are born with a major structural birth defect. Birth defects are the leading cause of disability and infant death. As part of its mission to save babies from death and disability, the March of Dimes has introduced a special license plate benefiting the Texas Birth Defects Registry at the Texas Department of Health. The Registry exists to identify and describe patterns of birth defects in Texas and collaborate with others in finding causes of birth defects, working towards prevention and linking families with support services. For more information about the March of Dimes license plate, visit the Texas Department of Transportation's web site at www.txdot.state.tx.us, contact TxDOT at (512) 374-5010, or contact your local county tax assessor-collector. Join the fight against birth defects and help give every Texas baby the chance at a healthy start in life.

Sincerely,

Megan Walsh, M.D.
Chair, State Public Affairs Committee
March of Dimes, Texas Chapter

FORUM



Texans on domestic issues

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



TORT REFORM, TORT REFORM.

CONFIRMATION OF FEDERAL JUDGES

In 2003, the confirmation of federal judges was a key priority in Washington, D.C. The framers of our Constitution intended to balance power throughout government. For example, federal judges are nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate – a process that ensures each nominee is thoroughly vetted and affirmed an able judge. Unfortunately, many qualified candidates have been stuck on the sidelines because of political games while benches in our nation's courts sit vacant.

Here are your thoughts on the issue:

Confirmation of federal judges is of crucial importance to future for generations. Scott, Houston

President Bush should do a recess appointment of all judges who haven't been given an up/down vote by the full Senate after he's re-elected! Delaney, Georgetown

The confirmation of logical, conservative judges is by far the most important and long-lasting issue. Sean, Houston

REAUTHORIZATION OF HIGHWAY FUNDING LEGISLATION

One issue that wasn't on many Texans' radar screens was the reauthorization of highway funding. As the chair of the Surface Transportation Subcommittee in the Senate, the issue of highway funding is under my purview. And,

with more than 79,513 miles of highway stretching across Texas – more than any other state – I know the importance of a reliable, functioning transportation network. This year, Congress is scheduled to reauthorize legislation to fund our nation's highways – I will continue to fight to ensure Texas gets back its fair share of federal dollars sent to Washington. Here are a few of your comments:

- What we need is a national transportation vision that moves beyond the automobile. Fred, Hewitt

- Transportation infrastructure improvement should be our priority behind the war on terrorism. John, Dallas

- Highway funding should be done at the pump. Morris, Mineola

- I think it is counterproductive to build super highways when we are trying to get people to consume less gas and ride public transportation, which is costing millions and consuming energy. Sue, Irving

MEDICARE REFORM

Shortly after the survey was distributed, Congress enacted Medicare reform legislation that included a prescription drug component. While the bill was not perfect, it is a good first step in providing better health care to our nation's seniors. I appreciate the input of so many Texans on this important issue and will continue to work in Congress toward better health coverage for all Americans.

While our television sets are often tuned to the latest news from around the globe, here on the home front we continue to face a number of challenges. In my annual Listening Post survey I asked Texans' opinions on the important domestic issues facing Congress in 2004. Nearly 85 percent of respondents placed equal on importance on medical liability reform, a prescription drug benefit in Medicare and judicial nominations.

Here's a breakdown of what you had to say:

MEDICAL LIABILITY REFORM

The issue that received the most support – and the strongest opinions – was medical liability reform. Here are a few of your comments:

- We need major tort reform nation wide and especially in the medical field ... we need to start making people responsible for their own actions. Foster, Graham

- Something needs to be done regarding the misuse of our court system. We are being undone by our own legal system. David, Riviera

- Tort reform should not be limited to medical liability reform. Outrageous lawsuits and the threat of unlimited legal liability strangle our economy in many fields. Shelly, Bowie

Shelly, many of my colleagues in Congress and I agree with you – tort reform is high on the agenda for this year. We know that frivolous lawsuits of all kinds clog our legal system and ultimately harm the citizens they are designed to protect. One Texan from Boerne put it simply when replying with their most important issue: "TORT REFORM,

Another huge tax loophole: synfuels



Jim Hightower

Old loopholes never die – they just get loopier and loopier. One such is a special tax break gouged into federal law back in 1980 by corporate lobbyists. In response to the energy crisis of the time, this loophole was ostensibly created to give companies an incentive to devise marketable alternatives to imported oil. But all it really has done is give companies an excuse to dodge paying the taxes they owe to Uncle Sam.

The loophole is the "synfuels" tax credit for companies that reprocess coal to create new synthetic fuels. But the law's provisions are so vague that corporations have been able to claim the tax break even if their reprocessing doesn't work, doesn't reduce our dependence on oil, actually uses oil products in the so-called reprocessing, is never marketed ... or is just plain silly.

How silly? So silly that the IRS has given the synfuels tax credit to companies that have done nothing but spray starch or diesel fuel or even Elmer's glue on coal.

Corporations – ranging from utilities to the Marriott hotel chain – have leapt through this loophole like wolves leaping for a lamb chop. The result is that they have dodged about \$2 billion a year in taxes they owe – a wad that the rest of us ordinary taxpayers have to make up, either in increased taxes or reduced services. This scam will soon grow to \$10 billion a year, for more corporations have spied the lamb chop and are going for it.

Finally, the IRS decided to crack down by reviewing whether the companies' so-called synfuels actually worked. Yet, even this long-overdue step was assailed by synfuel profiteers, their lobbyists, and their puppets in Congress. They went after the IRS, threatening the agency's enforcement budget and hauling the IRS commissioner to the woodshed. Unsurprisingly, the IRS recently succumbed to the corporate pressure.

So the loopiness keeps getting loopier ... and the rich keep getting richer.

Hightower is the author of *Thieves In High Places: They've Stolen Our Country And It's Time To Take It Back*.

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\$278,593. Saying that he was conservative, Shavers told trustees that "I like school districts to have three months' operating expenses in fund balance."

The state legislature sees school finance differently, however, and sets the standard at just one month's operating expenses and amount needed to cover fall cash flow deficits in the general fund. At that standard, Salado ISD's \$1.3 million fund balance is almost \$150,000 more than the state's recommended fund balance.

"You've come a long way in just a few short years," Shavers said, recalling a time when Salado ISD's fund balance dipped below \$100,000. The fund balance reached that critical level during

Dr. Battershell's first several months in Salado. The school board at the time made several out-of-budget expenditures and saw a shortfall of revenue from the state coincidentally, causing the fund balance to plummet. Dr. Battershell and trustees have added to the fund balance each year to raise it to TEA-recommended standards.

Shavers told trustees that a school needs to have an adequate fund balance for the fall months when it faces deficit cash flow. "Your state money may not come in and your taxes do not begin to come in until late fall," Shavers said. Salado ISD's budget is driven by low taxes, which are not due until January.

Shavers told the board that the decision to do away with the three percent early payment of taxes does not impact the district too greatly in terms of cash flow. "If you were

strapped for cash in the fall months, that might be a good idea," he said.

He added that if the board is considering using fund balance to purchase property, it might want to weigh options of funding the purchase or paying a large portion down and funding a smaller portion of the purchase.

Other Business

Darlene Kirk told trustees that 10 teachers were given contracts for this year despite not being fully certified by the state.

Of those 10 teachers, four have completed the training and testing under their emergency permits and are being recommended for state certification. Another three teachers are on emergency permits that extend through the 2004-05 school year. One is on alternative certification through Region XII and is expected to have

his probationary period renewed. One is on a local school district permit. One teacher has been reassigned to teaching within his certification.

In other business, trustees called the Board Election for May 15, 2004 to be held jointly with the Salado Public Library District and Village of Salado elections.

Early voting in the elections will be April 28-May 11, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays at the Salado Civic Center.

Filing for the board will be Feb. 16-March 15 with applications available at the Administration Office in the Salado Civic Center.

Two three-year terms on the board come up for election. Jackie Burson told *Salado Village Voice* that he would not run for re-election. Frank Carlson told *Salado Village Voice* that he was not decided yet on seeking re-election.

Specific Public Notice Requirements:

Upon review and acceptance of the applicant's ER, the ER will serve as RD/RUS's EA and shall be made available for public review and comment for a 30-day review period. The publication frequency shall be 3 consecutive days for daily newspapers or 2 consecutive weeks in weekly newspapers. Public review dates shall be computed from the initial publication date of the notice. This Notice must be published in easily readable type in the "non-legal" section of the newspaper.

Notice of the Availability of an Environmental Assessment

The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from the Salado Water Supply Corporation. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, an Environmental Assessment has been prepared which evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposed project. This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment for public review and comment.

The proposed project consists of the construction of a 0.2 million gallon elevated storage tank, 0.25 million gallon ground storage tank, 10-inch waterline, pump station and 12-inch water line, all along FM 2484. The alternatives considered to the proposed project include installing the pipeline cross-country through multiple properties, as well as a longer route along I35 and around the northern side of the City. To avoid or minimize impacts to environmental resources, the following mitigation is proposed:

1. Prime Farmlands - The WSC will develop a system map which identifies areas that have been designated as planned growth corridors.
2. Floodplains/Wetlands - The WSC will adopt a resolution prohibiting service to be built in 100-year floodplains. Also, requirements of U.S. Corps of Nationwide Permit 12 will be complied with during construction.
3. Cultural Resources - If cultural materials are encountered during construction, work will cease in the immediate area and the State Historical Preservation Officer, the Texas Historical Commission, the Secretary of the Interior and the Rural Development State Environmental Coordinator will be notified.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for review at the USDA Rural Development Office located at Hillsboro, Texas. For further information contact Terri Blevins, Community Development Specialist, 1502 Highway 77 North, Hillsboro, Texas 76645, telephone (254) 582-7328, Ext. 4. Any person interested in commenting on this proposed project should submit comments to the address above by Feb. 12, 2004



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If you ever wanted a chance at having your own high quality diamond, for \$10 a chance, then the banquet is just what you have been waiting for.

Participants in the "Drawing for a Diamond" will draw from a fishbowl containing 199 beautiful laboratory-created cubic zircons, (man-made diamonds) and one beautiful natural faceted 1/2 carat round, brilliant-cut diamond. Ten dollars entitles a person to a chance at one draw for a single stone from the fishbowl. People will draw at the banquet and the diamond and its winner will be identified before the end of the evening by jeweler Jim Sim Benton. Those purchasing two chances and winning two cubic zircons may have them mounted in 14 carat gold stud earrings for \$27.50 per pair.

The Diamond Draw is sponsored by Salado business: First State Bank, Salado Square, Benton's, Tynes Realty, Salado Mansion, Stagecoach Inn and Mill Creek.

If you enjoy having a great meal, catered by The Range, in the company of the best folks for miles around, your Salado neighbors, then make your reservations now for Jan. 27 and plan on being at the new banquet facilities at Tenroc Ranch.

Mike and Shirley Cornett, owners of Tenroc Ranch, have graciously donated the facility for this year's banquet.

There will also be opportunities to salute Salado's Citizen of the Year and Salado's Business of the Year.

Attendees to the banquet will enjoy the chance to win the following door prizes donated by Salado businesses: tapestry wall hanging, Charlotte's of Salado; accent pillow, Horsefeathers; Brighton handbag, Sassy Jacks; picnic for four, Royal Street Provision; two lbs. homemade fudge, Mud

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Flynn is professor emeritus at Trinity University and a native of Chillicothe, Texas.

He is the author of 12 books, including seven novels: *North To Yesterday*; *In the House of the Lord*; *The Sounds of Rescue*, *The Signs of Hope*; *Wanderer Springs*, *The Last Klick*, *The Devil's Tiger*, co-authored with the late Dan Klepper, and *Tie-Fast Country*.

His dramatic adaptation of Faulkner's "As I Lay Dying" was the United States entry at the Theater of Nations in Paris in 1964 and won a Special Jury Award.

North to Yesterday received awards from the Texas Institute of Letters and the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, and was named one of the Best

Books of the Year by the *New York Times*. *Seasonal Rain*, was co-winner of the Texas Literary Festival Award. Flynn is a member of The Texas Institute of Letters, The Writers Guild of America, Marine Corps Combat Correspondents, and P.E.N.

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- Jan. 26: Breakfast on a Stick, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

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- Jan. 23: Cheeseburger, Fries, Burger Salad, Applesauce, Fruity Freeze, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk
- Jan. 26: Sloppy Joe, Ranch Style Beans, Apricots, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk
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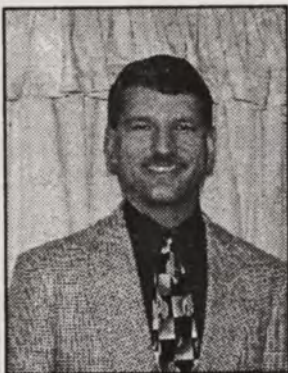


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Southern Baptists to gather in Arlington Feb. 9-10 for emPOWER

The Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC) will host the emPOWER Conference Feb. 9-10 at the Arlington Convention Center. The conference features popular Christian speakers and musicians such as Henry Blackaby, Zig Ziglar and Larnelle Harris. Admission is free.

The conference aims to "uplift, inspire and motivate" Christians to share their faith with others. The

emPOWER name is based on Acts 1:8, which speaks of being empowered by the Holy Spirit to take the gospel to the "uttermost?" parts of the world. This will be the inaugural emPOWER Conference, formerly known as the State Evangelism Conference.

Platform guests include Ziglar, a Dallas-area motivator and author; Blackaby, speaker and author of the popular "Experiencing God" study; Jack

Graham, pastor of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano and president of the Southern Baptist Convention; and Johnny Hunt, pastor of First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Ga. A detailed schedule is located on the web at www.sbtexas.com.

Harris, a Grammy-winning singer, along with songwriter and worship leader Don Moen and gospel trio Greater Vision, will lead the conference in

musical worship. Southern Baptists of Texas Convention doctrinal foundation is based on a belief in the inerrancy of Scripture, the relational aspect of the first person of the Godhead as Father, exclusivity of salvation in Jesus Christ, and the primacy of the local church.

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The reception is designed to allow community members an opportu-

nity to learn more about the new ministry and to meet the leadership team. Dessert will be served at the reception, and it is styled as a "come and go" event.

Mike Bergman, former pastor of FBC of Salado, is leading the new ministry. The congregation will be a part of the Bell Baptist Association and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

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Salado High NHS inducts 20 new members with ceremony Jan. 15

The Salado High School chapter of National Honor Society held the induction ceremony for new members on Jan. 15 in the High School library.

The officers, Tiffany Dixon, Jenny Goode, Matt Brown and Kristi Billington, spoke on the four basic characteristics on which

NHS is founded: scholarship, leadership, character and service.

President Brinn Newman gave the pledge to the 20 new members and presented them with NHS membership card.

The new members are Grant Boston, Brittany Boydston, Jacob Brown,

Kris Califano, Ben Carder, Colby Cox, Brittany Dixon, Wes Dowell, Slayton Ebeling, David Farrow, James Gregurek, Lauren Hogwood, Kathryn Holdampf, LeeAnne Ingalsbe, Laramie Jackson, Taylor Jones, Stephanie Kinsey, Ines Min, Brandon Peters,



David Faber, a 2003 graduate of Salado High School, has been named to Texas Tech University's President's List for the Fall 2003 semester, having achieved a 4.0 grade point average. Dr. Julian Scholl, one of Faber's professors, nominated him to participate in the First Year Raider Leadership Retreat. Faber is a 2003 recipient of scholarships from the Salado Education Foundation and the Salado Lions Club.

Students named to TC Honor Lists

Temple College has announced the President's Honor List and Vice President's Honor List in recognition of high academic achievement for the 2003 fall semester.

Among those named to the President's Honor List from Salado was Janelle L. Holtzclaw. Jacob W. Brizendine, also

of Salado, was named to the Vice President's Honor List.

"These students have distinguished themselves by setting and maintaining high academic goals," Dr. Gwen Hauk, vice president of educational services, said. "We congratulate them for their exemplary performance at TC."

To be named to the President's Honor List a student must be taking at least nine semester hours of work and must have a grade point average of at least 4.0. To be named to Vice President's Honor List a student must be taking nine semester hours and have a grade point average of at least 3.5.

Bible study class begins Feb. 4

A Precept Upon Precept Bible study, a 10-week course focusing on the "Sermon on the Mount" will begin 6-8 p.m. Feb. 4 at First Baptist Church of Salado, or 9-11 a.m. Feb. 5 at StoneCreek Set-

tlements. The organizers of the course arranged for an evening study, and a morning study, both covering the same material, to better accommodate the busy schedules of those interested in attending.

The Precept Upon Precept study method is being used across the U.S. and in over 100 foreign countries by people seeking to know the truths of the Word of God for themselves. These in-depth studies are acclaimed for their practical, personal approach to Bible study. The study includes homework, discussion, and a powerful lecture time.

Precept Bible studies are written by Kay Arthur, well-known speaker,

broadcaster and author. Her in-depth knowledge of the Bible as well as her presentation of biblical truth has made the Precept method and effective study tool for thousands. The study is designed for the serious student with seminary experience as well as for the individual who has never studied the Bible before.

For more information contact Debbie Harrison at 947-1974, or Jill Shipman at 718-2030.

St. Stephen's Women plan Valentine bake sale

By BOBBIE REIHSEN

The January meeting of the St. Stephen Women's Society was a presentation of "Corrie Ten Boom" by noted Salado thespian, Judy Greene. A good crowd of people from Salado and the surrounding area were present, especially for Judy's presentation and they were not disappointed.

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The Women's Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Parish Hall with a program by Tyler Fletcher. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy his presentation.

A Bake Sale is being planned for the Valentines Day weekend, at the church steps, at 6:15 p.m. Feb. 14 and 10-11:30 a.m. Feb. 15.

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Featuring fashions from the Wildfire Saddlery and Western Store and Alice's in Old Town, proceeds will benefit the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame building fund.

The brunch will be catered by Oxbow Steakhouse, and door prizes will be available. Calf and team roping will also be going on simultaneously.

Tickets are priced at \$10, which is considered a tax-exempt donation.

For more information or for table reservations call 939-5272 or 933-0739.

School Bands hold a Spaghetti Dinner

On Feb. 5 the Salado ISD Bands will host its annual fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner.

Spaghetti will be served 6-7:30 p.m. at the Intermediate school commons area.

The High School band performance begins at 6:15 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help set up, sell tickets, cook, serve decorate and clean up. If you are willing to offer assistance call Amanda Silkett 254-793-3794.

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Tickets sell for \$5 each maximum \$20 for a family. Tickets may be purchased from any band student, at the band hall, or at the door.

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The Fort Hood Tax Center will operate through May 26.

Grazier on OU honor list

Students from 48 states and the Virgin Islands were listed on the University of Oklahoma - Norman campus honor roll for the fall 2003 semester.

Among those listed was Kristen Nicole Grazier, of Salado.

In most colleges, stu-

dents must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale to be included on the honor roll. Students in College of Architecture are recognized with a 3.3 or better, and students in the College of Engineering are recognized with a 3.0 or better.

Five Salado students listed on UMHB president's roll

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor announced that 636 students have been listed on the fall 2003 Vice President's Honor Roll.

To receive this recognition a student must achieve a 3.5 grade point average

(GPA) or better on a 4.0 scale.

Students from Salado that are listed on the President's Honor Roll are: Shellie Fellabaum, Cynthia Gonzales, Myrta Hodge, Chelsea Norman and Timothy Thomas.



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Single adults hold Valentine Dance at Frank's Lakeview

The Temple Chapter of the Texas Association of Single Adults will sponsor a Valentine's dance, 6-10 p.m. Feb. 1 at Frank's Lakeview Inn.

Entertainment for the night will be Scooter Dubec and Sterling Country.

Admission is \$3 for TASA members and \$5 for non-members. All single adults 21 years and older are invited to attend.

Married couples who have met and married through TASA are welcome to attend all Chapter dances during the month of February.

A "Silent Auction" will be held at the dance and cake will be served.

The next business meeting of the Temple Chapter of the Texas Association of Single Adults is at Jim's Restaurant in Temple, 7 p.m. Feb. 4.

SPORTS

Eagles undefeated in district, to face Lexington Jan. 23

The Varsity Eagles didn't score many points in their two games last week, notching a combined total of 93; but fortunately, neither did their opponents. Salado used solid free throw shooting and suffocating defense to pick up wins versus Crawford and Somerville, the latter a district contest. The two victories brought Salado's record to 21-3, and a perfect 4-0 in district play.

thanks in large part to near-perfect free throw shooting: the Eagles drained 15-of-16 in the first two periods alone.

Crawford battled back in the third, however, scoring 16 points to Salado's seven, narrowing the deficit to nine points entering the fourth.

The Eagles still had trouble scoring in the game's final frame, while the Pirates kept finding the hoop. What looked to be a second half collapse, however, was averted as Salado clung to a narrow 46-43 lead as time expired.

High man offensively was Matt Caskey, who poured in 15 points, including 9-of-9 from the charity stripe. Close behind was Travis Clark, who scored 13, all in the first half. Rounding out

the scorers were Josh Wright, nine points; Devon Dunn, seven; and Nick Everett, two.

Salado 47
Somerville 28

For the second straight game, Salado didn't make a single three point shot, but that didn't really matter as the Eagles executed well in every other phase of the game, taking an easy victory on the road.

The game was close after one, with Salado nursing a slim 13-12 lead. That's as close as the Yeguas would come to leading, though. Salado sealed the deal in the third period, dropping 15 points on Somerville, while holding the Yeguas to only five.

Five free throws from Caskey and buckets by

Clark and Wright in the fourth brought the game to its 47-28 final.

Clark led all scorers with a dozen points, while Caskey also reached double figures, scoring 10 points.

Dunn had eight points, Matt Jennings scored four and Wright again contributed nine. Ben Marsh and Nick Everett each scored two points.

After traveling to Rogers Jan. 20, the Eagles play host to Lexington Jan. 23. At press time, Lexington and Salado were the only undefeated teams in district 25 AA. "We really need a big crowd to come out and support us against Lexington. This is the biggest game of the year for us so far," said Coach Long.

Salado 46
Crawford 43

The Pirates gave Coach Tom Long's team all they could handle Jan. 13 in Salado, almost staging a second half comeback.

Salado seemed to be in control at halftime, leading comfortably, 33-15. That 18-point margin was

Salado Ladies 3-3 in district after 1st loop with win over Somerville

Salado Lady Eagles finished the first round of district play with a 3-3 record, after scalping the Somerville Lady Yeguas 53-36 on the road Jan. 16. The girls also beat Fayetteville 60-48 last week in earlier non-district play.

win on the road over Somerville Lady Yeguas. The win Jan. 16 improves the girls' record to 13-11 and 3-3 in district play with the first loop of district in the books.

Salado took a 24-17 lead at the half, building on their 12-10 first period gap. The girls expanded that lead with 17 points in the third period, while holding Fayetteville to just eight points. The girls held on down the stretch to win easily 53-36.

Jackson scored six points in the third period, as she led the girls with 14 points overall.

Goode followed with 12 points, half of them from long range.

Boydston added 10 points to the effort.

Also scoring for Salado were Amanda Tumey, nine points, and Washburn,

eight points.

JV Lady Eagles

Salado's JV Lady Eagles continued their winning ways, improving to 14-5 on the year with wins over Jarrell and Somerville last week.

Against Jarrell, the JV girls almost doubled their opponent's score with a 43-22 win Jan. 9.

Salado led at the half 32-6, before calling off the dogs.

Lacey Bartlett led the girls with 11 points, all in the first half.

Also scoring for the girls were these: Courtney Dunnahoo, nine points, Chelsea Ervi and Nicole Weatherly, six points each, Natalee Cantrell and Brandi Boydston, four points each and Kelsey Gobin, three points.

The Lady Eagles held

the Somerville Lady Yeguas to just nine points in the second half to overcome their slim 12-11 first half lead. Salado went on to win 37-21.

Gobin scored about half the girls' points with 18 on the night.

Also scoring for the girls were Nicole Weatherly, five points; Boydston, four points; Bartlett and Dunnahoo, three points; Cantrell, two points and Gilchrest and Jessica Shumate, one point each.

Lady Eagles 60
Fayetteville 48

Leading by just two at the end of the third quarter, the Lady Eagles exploded for 23 points in the fourth quarter and held Fayetteville to 13 points for a 60-48 win at home Jan. 13.

The first half ended in a tie at 23-23, after the Lady Eagles gave up a slim 11-7 lead they held after the first period.

Laramie Jackson led the girls with 18 points, including six from the charity stripe.

Brittany Boydston scored nine of her 14 points in the fourth quarter.

Kelsey Smith hit three from beyond the arc on her way to 11 points.

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Jenny Goode, eight points, Jo Washburn, five points and Elizabeth Dunlap, four points.

Lady Eagles 53
Somerville 36

With 17 points in the third quarter, the Lady Eagles coasted to a 53-36

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Salado girls place 3rd in Llano powerlifting

The Salado girls powerlifting team competed in their first meet of the year in Llano Jan. 17, placing third in a competition featuring 10 schools, most of them larger than Salado.

"This was a high profile meet with several state medalists from last year competing, so the competition was great for our girls," said Coach Travis Ling.

Brittany Dixon placed second in her class with a total of 495 lbs., setting personal records in all three lifts including a 210 lb. deadlift.

Johnna Konzen finished third in her class, lifting a combined total

of 560 lbs., including a personal best 245 lb. deadlift. Jamie Burson, competing in her first meet finished seventh with a 450 lb. total.

Shae Janda took home first in her weight class with a total of 670 lbs. with personal records in squat (260 lbs.), bench (120 lbs.) and deadlift (290 lbs.).

Kristen Womac, also in her first meet, placed fifth, competing in the same class as Janda. Justine Ferrel-Raborn, also in the same class and in her first meet as well, finished with 515 lbs. and a sixth place title. "Justine competed extremely well for her first meet," Ling commented.

LauraLee Young finished second in her weight class with 685 lbs. "LauraLee went toe-to-toe with a girl from Llano that finished in the top five in state last year, so the competition was extremely tough, which is good for our kids," said Ling.

Jackie Welsh finished sixth in the same weight class, competing in her first meet. Welsh finished with 525 lbs. Stella Butts, also competing in the same class, finished seventh. Heather Winters, in the same class, finished eighth.

Larissa Inglesbe, also in her first meet, finished fourth in her class with a

total of 490 lbs. Jessica Roberts ended up fourth in her class with a total of 515 lbs. Roberts set personal records in bench (140 lbs.) and deadlift (245 lbs.).

"The girls did a good job this past weekend in terms of sticking with it and finishing strong," said Ling. "For the most part things did not go real well in the squat, but they rallied at the end and were able to catch quite a few girls in the deadlift. Our totals should only go up from here and that is exciting."

The next girls powerlifting meet is scheduled for Jan. 31 in Wimberley.

Local golfer to begin monthly column, tips

Dear golf enthusiasts,
The Salado Village Voice has honored me by asking that I write a monthly golf column. I will cover the local, state and national golf scene, then maybe a few comments from yours truly about things in the game on my mind, and maybe a suggestion or two to help you with your game in the upcoming days.

The first thing I want to tell you is rather sad. Bill Penn, former executive director of the Texas Golf Association, passed away last fall. The vast number of you will not know his name, but all of us who played TGA events from the early 1980s, knew him well, and many of us had the opportunity to hear some of his golf poetry.

He genuinely loved the game, could really play (won the Texas Senior Am) and when he worked for TGA he added more competitive opportunities to the amateur game for everyone and ran them all fairly, and in great style. He made the player feel welcome--from Mark

Clubhouse Commentary

By Bill Harris



Brooks to Hank and Trip Kuehne to Rick Preston. We lost an icon in the game in Texas and I believe there are a great many players (Tour Pros and amateurs alike) who when they remember their first state amateur will smile and recall Mr. Penn.

The PGA tour season is just now beginning in Hawaii (can you believe how far these guys hit the ball?) with those 10-12 forty-somethings and a 50-something that won a PGA Tour event in 2003. The old guys showed us that it's not necessarily the guy who hits it farthest who wins.

Perfect example--Phil Mickelson added 15-plus yards to his driving distance with the X ball, but lost some control. Thus, no wins and not many great finishes. Plus, just

about everybody out on tour works out in the fitness trailer and at home. Strength and stamina the third and fourth day of any event is very important; you cannot make your best charge in the last few holes if you are tired.

For our discussion here, just a good walk a couple of times a week will help make those last few holes as easy to manage as the first few, especially as the years begin to pass. I play a dozen or so competitive, three or four-day events a year, so I bought a small stair stepper and small hand-held weights and put them where I cannot miss seeing them so they will get used.

Lastly, I've had lots of questions about where I played and how I did after Sedona last summer. The next week I won a STPGA Senior Series event at Tera-

Vista in Georgetown (nice facility, reasonable price). I played in New Mexico's Senior Open in September (tie 10th--tied course record 70 in final round). After that, I won the Senior Pro Division at the San Antonio Open in November, finished around 20th in the Nevada Senior Open in early December (was snowed on), and I will play 10-12 events in 2004. I'll keep you posted.

Playing tips this month--With our Texas winter, a few cold days and overnight freezes, the Bermuda has gone dormant, so choose your club wisely. The ball is running out much farther and there is no fringe or high grass to keep it from running into bunkers, hazards and other difficult spots.

"Til next month, keep it front of you and make a few putts.

Bill Harris is a Bell County native and competitive golfer. He has resided in Salado for a number of years. For golf-related questions or comments, e-mail saladovillagevoice@earthlink.net.

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JV, frosh boys split games

The JV and freshmen boys basketball teams had similar games last week. They both lost close contests to Crawford, and both rebounded to take victories later in the week.

Salado JV 37
Crawford JV 39

Ryan Clark and James Gregurek put up strong offensive numbers, each scoring 11 points, but the Pirates were a little bit too strong, staying off a late Salado rally.

Garrett Askins knocked down a pair of three pointers to finish with six points. Slayt Ebling scored five points, while Nathan Brashier and Curtis Converse both had two points.

Salado JV 47
Somerville JV 38

The Eagles leaned heavily on the offensive tandem of Gregurek and Askins, who scored 17 and 14 points, respectively. For the second consecutive game, Askins drained two three pointers.

The game's outcome was decided early on, when Salado opened up a 14-4 lead. The Eagles expanded

their lead in the second and third periods, holding off a late Yegua charge in the fourth.

In addition to Gregurek and Askins, the Eagles were led by Ebling (four points), and Justin Konzen (four points). Craig Sniggs, Justin Whitfield and Clark all scored two points apiece.

Salado Freshmen 35
Crawford Freshmen 36

Four periods of play were not enough to decide a winner in the Jan. 13 Eagle-Pirate showdown.

The teams were tied 31-all at the end of regulation, but the Pirates bested Salado by a point in the extra frame.

Justin Pruitt scored eight points to lead Salado scorers, while Blake Newman and Chad Tumey each had seven points. Tanner Myers scored five, Tanner Johnson had four and Stephen Quick scored four.

Salado Freshmen 44
Florence Freshmen 33

In the first round of a tournament in Academy, Salado used an offensive

explosion in the second half to pace a victory over the Buffs.

Myers led all scorers with 15 points, including six-of-eight from the free throw line. Close behind was Tumey, who finished with dozen points. Rounding out the scorers were Newman, eight points; Quick, seven points; and Clayton Sharum, two points.

Salado Freshmen 33
Academy Freshmen 26

In the championship game, Salado took advantage of a 15-point outburst in the second period, and stifling defense in the first half to put away the host Bees.

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Two Investment Mistakes: Too Much Risk - and Too Little

Of all the potential investment mistakes - and there are a lot of them - two of the most common are taking on either too much or too little investment risk. To invest successfully, you need to avoid both of these problems.

For starters, you need to be aware that investing always involves some type of risk. When you invest in stocks, and they lose value, you could lose some of your principal. On the other hand, if you purchase investments that are often thought of as "risk-free," such as US Government Securities, you could lose purchasing power if your fixed rate of return doesn't keep up with inflation.

In short, you'll need to find a balance between taking "too much" and "too little" risk. Let's look at both sides of the issue. **Too much risk**

Many people are aware that higher investment returns are related to higher risk, but they somehow feel that they simply won't sustain losses, or that they'll supernaturally know the "right" moment in which to sell. The fact is, however, that no one is immune from losses - and nobody can predict the exact moment that's best for selling. To keep yourself from taking on too much investment risk, consider the following guidelines:

- Know yourself - Make sure you're familiar with your own investment personality. If you know that you really like

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by: Allen Mantanona



to invest aggressively, you may need to "rein yourself in" on occasion, especially if you're considering "hot" investments, whose recent track record may not be supported by solid fundamentals.

- Know what could go wrong with an investment - Before you buy, you need to understand what could go wrong with an investment. For example, if you're buying a stock, you need to realize that the company management could change, or the company's products could become noncompetitive. At the same time, you might want to develop an "exit strategy" for getting out of this stock, in case your "worst-case" scenario comes true.

Too little risk
If you're susceptible to taking too little investment risk, you may want to act on these suggestions:

- Know your time horizon - Many people are frightened away from stocks because of their short-term volatility. And it's certainly true that, on a daily, monthly or even yearly basis, stock prices will move up and down.

However, for the past seven decades, stocks have always trended up.

In fact, from the beginning of 1926 through the end of 2002, the S&P 500 index (this is an unmanaged index and may not be invested into directly) showed a compound annual growth rate of 10.2 percent. So, if you have many years to go until retirement, you should have enough time to "ride out" the ups and downs of the market.

As you near retirement, you may want to lower your investment risk somewhat by moving some dollars out of stocks and into fixed-income vehicles - but, even during retirement, you may need to consider some growth elements in your portfolio.

- Know what your goals will cost - You can probably identify your long-term goals - a comfortable retirement, college for your kids, etc. But do you know how much they'll cost? Once you put a "price tag" on your goals, you'll quickly see that a "low-risk" investment strategy - heavy on Certificates of Deposit, bonds and money market accounts - may not provide the growth you need. Consequently, you can see the importance of adding stocks to the mix.

Ultimately, you must balance low-risk and

high-risk investments according to your personal risk tolerance, your long-term goals and your time horizon. In the end, you don't want high risk or low risk - you want intelligent risk.



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Pastel by Texas artist Denise K. Nichols. Nichols will teach a pastel workshop in Salado Feb. 6.

Village Artists plan pastel workshop Feb. 6

"Introduction to Pastels" workshop will be presented by artist Denise K. Nichols on Feb. 6.

The Salado Village Artists are pleased to present D.K. Nichols as their first Artist's Workshop of 2004.

Nichols began painting portraits professionally in

the early 70s and by the mid 80s, landscape and still life had become her interests. She now works in pastels, oils, and water colors, but considers pastels her favorite and most expressive medium.

Nichols has studied with pastel artist, Lorenzo Chavez of Oregon, the late Walter McCowan, Jo Anna

Arnett of Santa Fe, N.M., Judi Betts and numerous other professional artists. She maintains a studio in Rockdale, Texas where she teaches, paints and sells her art. Her work has been defined as impressionism; and is described as art which stirs the senses.

This one-day workshop

is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Salado Village Artists Art Center on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center. A snack lunch is included with the \$40.00 fee.

For more information and to register, call 939-9933.

Water corp. meeting slated Jan. 29

Salado Water Supply Corporation members will gather for their annual meeting 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29

at the Salado Civic Center on Main St.

Manager Ricky Preston will give a report to mem-

bers on the status of the water system as well as plans for future growth.

John Winkler will report on current and future projects and cost of those projects as part of a public meeting for an upcoming Rural Development Project.

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The Bridal Guide will offer two forms of advertising: a traditional display ad or a story ad that can include pictures. The Bridal Guide will have three sizes of ads available: 1/8 page (3 columns by 4 inches) for \$75; 1/4 page (3 columns by 8 inches) and

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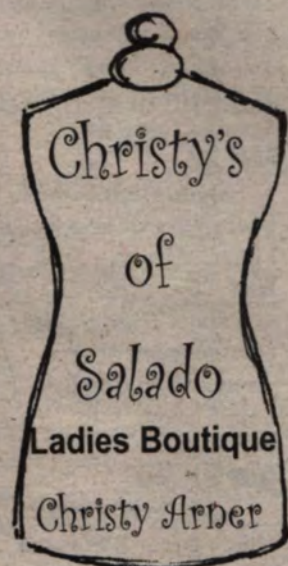
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JANUARY 24 AND 31

ESL classes for adults at the elementary school. 8 a.m.-noon on above dates. Childcare provided. Info: Basilia Tovar at 947-5191.

JANUARY 19

Deadline for ad copy for the **Bridal Guide** to be in the Salado Village Voice office Call 947-5321 for more information.

JANUARY 22

Candidates Forum sponsored by **Salado Area Republican Women**, 6 p.m. buffet dinner at Mill Creek Country Club. Info: 947-3617.

JANUARY 24

Pete Benz performing at **Bo's Barn Dancehall**. Info: 947-8111 or www.bosbarn.com.

JANUARY 25

Institute for the Humanities at Salado **Harry A. Wilmer, II** Lectureship, Drs. John and Kim Van Cura presenting "I Remember It Well: A Lifetime of Music, Memories and Meaning," 3-5 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Civic Center. Free to the public. Info: 947-5729.

JANUARY 27

Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet, 6:30 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. Humorist Robert Flynn speaking, The Range catering. Info: 947-5040.

JANUARY 31

Second Annual Wild West Style Show and Brunch, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Wildfire Ranch. Benefiting Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame. Info: 939-5272 or 933-0739.

FEBRUARY 2

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FEBRUARY 4 OR 5

10-week Precept Upon Precept Bible study course on the "Sermon on the Mount," begins 6-8 p.m. Feb. 4 at FBC of Salado or 9-11 a.m. Feb. 5 at Stone Creek Settlements. Info: 947-1974 or 718-2030.

FEBRUARY 5

Financial Aid Workshop for students and parents, 6:30 p.m. at Salado High School. Info: 947-6973 or e-mail kwhitis@saladoisd.org.

FEBRUARY 5

Spaghetti Supper at Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria. Benefits Salado Band Boosters.

FEBRUARY 5

Future Board Member Orientation workshop sponsored by Salado ISD, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center.

FEBRUARY 6-8

Wildfire Ranch Open to the World. Info: 947-0291 or 947-8080.

FEBRUARY 6

Salado PTO Moms and Muffins morning, 7-7:45 a.m. at TAE elementary.

FEBRUARY 6

Introduction to Pastels, a Salado Village Artists' Workshop featuring Denise K. Nichols.

FEBRUARY 14

Valentine's Day

FEBRUARY 14

Bo's Barn Valentine Dance with Dave Jorgensen. Info: 947-8111 or www.bosbarn.com.

FEBRUARY 14-15

St. Stephen's Women's Society Bake Sale at the Church. 6:15 p.m. Feb. 14 and 10-11:30 a.m. Feb. 15.

FEBRUARY 15

First Day to File in local races, including Salado ISD Board of Trustees, Salado Public

Library District Board of Trustees and Village of Salado Board of Aldermen and Mayor.

FEBRUARY 19

"Spring and Summer Hors d'oeuvres" cooking class with Dave Hermann at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

FEBRUARY 23

7 p.m. **Taste of Salado** sponsored by Public Arts League of Salado. For more information call 947-3771 or 947-5308.

FEBRUARY 23-28

9 a.m.-4 p.m. **Salado Artist Workshops and Studio Tour**. Various locations. For more information call 937-8300 scc@vvm.com.

FEBRUARY 26

Salado Cemetery Association's annual meeting, 10 a.m. at the Civic Center. Info: 947-8230.

FEBRUARY 26

"Pasta, Pasta, Pasta" cooking class with Dave Hermann at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

FEBRUARY 28-29

Teddy Bear Making Class at M.J.'s Country Corner. Artist Linda J teaching class, jointed 10" mohair teddy bears. Info: 947-8885.

MARCH 4

Salado PTO Open House hot dog/ice cream social, annual basket sale and "Dodge Drive" fundraiser, 5:30-7 p.m.

MARCH 6

Texas Senior Pro Rodeo at Wildfire Ranch. Info: 947-0291 or 947-8080.

MARCH 6

Mill Creek Commu-



Salado artist Troy Kelley is one of the art class instructors during the Salado Artist Workshops and Studio Tour. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. February 23-28. For more information call 937-8300 or e-mail scc@vvm.com.

nity Association Spring Fling at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6-7 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner. Info: 947-3901.

MARCH 11

"Brunch Party Ideas with Chris Morton" cooking class at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

MARCH 11

Central Texas Poetry and Prose Readings at Tablerock. Info: 947-9205.

MARCH 15

Final Day to File in local races, including Salado ISD Board of Trustees, Salado Public Library District Board of Trustees and Village of Salado Board of Aldermen and Mayor.

MARCH 18

"Vegetarian" cooking class with Dave Hermann at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

MARCH 18

7 p.m. **Salado Historical Society General Public Meeting** at the Salado Civic Center

MARCH 20

Tablerock's Third Annual Music Festival, 4-10 p.m. \$3/adults, \$1/children 12 and under. Info: 947-9205.

MARCH 20

Annual Salado Eagle Alumni baseball game and fundraiser. Home-run contest, noon, game to follow. Open to any former Salado baseball players. \$10 for game and t-shirt, \$5 for homerun contest. Info: Coach Melvin Bates, 947-5429, ext. 1110, or mbates@saladoisd.org.

MARCH 21

"An Elegant Dinner Party with Andy Locklear" at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more info.

MARCH 25

"Spring and Summer Desserts" cooking class with Dave Hermann at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

MARCH 26

Salado PTO Dads and Donuts morning, 7-7:45 a.m. at TAE cafeteria.

APRIL 1

"Party Items- Take it with you to the Party" cooking class with Dave Hermann at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

APRIL 2-3

Tablerock's 9th Annual Gospel Festival. Info: 947-9205, or 947-5100.

APRIL 3

9-5 p.m. **Salado Wildflower Art Show** at the Salado Civic Center grounds. For more information call 947-5040

APRIL 3

11 a.m. - 9 p.m. **Tablerock's 9th Annual Gospel Festival** at Tablerock Amphitheater. call 254-947-5100

APRIL 8

"From the Sea" cooking class with Dave Hermann at The Range.

Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more info.

APRIL 9-11

Wildfire Ranch "Shoot-Out" Info: 947-0291 or 947-8080.

APRIL 15

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APRIL 22

"Spring and Summer Soups & Salads" cooking class with Dave Hermann at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

APRIL 24

Salado Yard & Garden Tour Tickets \$10 each available at the Salado Civic Center. for more information call 254-947-8300. Sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) for the beautification of Salado.

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MAY 8

Tablerock's 10th Annual 4th Grade Play. Proceeds benefit 4th grade class senior trip. Adults/\$5, children/\$3. Info: 947-9205.

MAY 14 AND 16

First Baptist Church of Salado 140th anniversary celebrations. Info: 947-5465.

MAY 15

Mill Creek Community Association Neighborhood Cleanup Day, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Free donuts and coffee before, hot dogs and chips after. Info: 947-3901.

MAY 15

Local elections, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. for Salado ISD Board of Trustees, Salado Public Library District Board of Trustees and Village of Salado Board of Aldermen and Mayor. Salado Civic Center.

MAY 23

Salado High School baccalaureate service, at FBC of Salado.

MAY 25

Salado High School commencement ceremony at Bell County Expo Center. Info: 947-5429.

MAY 28-30

Antique, Art and Home Decor Show and Sale, presented by MWM Ranch. 9-6 Fri., 9-8 Sat., 9-4 Sun. at Wildfire Arena.

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JUNE 4-6

Writers League of Texas Retreat in conjunction with AC Greene Festival for more information call 947-3104
JULY 3

6 p.m. **Salado Historical Society Annual Fourth of July Picnic** at Pace Park Pot Luck

JULY 24

Salado Legends 12th Annual Performance dinner 7:15 p.m., Theater 8:15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater For more information call 254-947-9205 or www.allcentex.com/ tablerock Tickets adult \$15, child 12 and under \$5
JULY 26-31

Public Arts Lecture Series sponsored by Public Arts League of Salado. For more information call 947-3104.

JULY 31

Salado Legends 12th Annual Performance dinner 7:15 p.m., Theater 8:15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater For more information call 254-947-9205 or www.allcentex.com/ tablerock Tickets adult \$15, child 12 and under \$5
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AUGUST 7-8

8th Annual Salado Art Fair in Pace Park For more information call the Salado Chamber of Commerce 947-5040

SEPTEMBER 4-5-6

Salado Businesses Salute Educators More information TBA
SEPT. 10-12, 17-19

World Team Roping

Association Finals at Wildfire Ranch. Info: 947-0291 or 947-8080.

SEPTEMBER 11

Mill Creek Community Association Fall Social at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6-7 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner. Info: 947-3901.

SEPTEMBER 18-19

10 a.m.- 6 p.m. **Tablerock's Fantasy Faire & Shakespeare Play** 8:15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater for more Faire information call 254-947-1339
Faire Tickets adults \$5, children \$3 Shakespeare tickets \$10 adult, \$5 child. For more information on play call 254-947-8933

SEPTEMBER 20

Wine & Wildflower Festival sponsored by Public Arts League of Salado. For more information call 947-3429

SEPTEMBER 25-26

8:15 p.m. **Shakespeare Play** at Tablerock Amphitheater For more information call 254-947-893

OCTOBER 8-9

Christmas In October at the Salado Civic Center Free. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary.

OCTOBER 23

6 p.m.- 11:30 p.m. **3rd Annual Chisholm Trail Cattleman's Ball** at Tenroc Ranch For more information call 254-947-0827

OCTOBER 30-31

7 p.m.- 11 p.m. **Fright Nights Family Halloween Fun** at Tablerock's Trail. Adults \$5 Children \$3

NOVEMBER 1

Deadline for ad copy to be published in Winter 2004 Jewel in the Crown publication

NOVEMBER 5-7

10 a.m.- 10 p.m.



38th Annual Salado Art Fair will be August 7-8 in Pace Park downtown. For more information call the Salado Chamber of Commerce 947-5040

Chisholm Trail Days

Shops, Shoot Outs, eat at a campfire, cowboy poets and songs. Admission adults \$10 children \$5 For more information call 254-913-0366

NOVEMBER 12-14

Gathering of the Clans at Robertson Plantation & College Hill.

NOVEMBER 18

7 p.m. **Salado Historical Society Annual Chili Supper**, Salado Civic Center

NOVEMBER 23

Noon deadline for Salado Village Voice newspaper Dec. 1 publication

NOVEMBER 25-26

Salado Village Voice office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER 3-4

A Christmas Carol 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater Tickets Adults \$5 children \$3 6:30 p.m. Sandwiches and drinks available For information call 254-947-9205

DECEMBER 3-4-5

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Salado Historical Society Annual Christ-

mas Homes Tour TBA

DECEMBER 10-11-12

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Mill Creek Community Association Christmas Dinner at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6-7 p.m. happy hour. 7 p.m. dinner. Info: 947-3901.

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Establishing paternity gives kids solid start

Your Rights & Responsibilities

By Gregg Abbott
Texas Attorney General



The birth of a child is one of the most joyous events in a couple's life — a wonderful fact of life balanced by the stark reality that about one in every three births in Texas involves parents who aren't married. One of the most important jobs my office's Child Support Division performs is establishing paternity for children born to single mothers, guaranteeing a legal relationship between the father and his child.

Under Texas law, a child born to a man and woman who are not married has no legal father. Voluntary acknowledgment of paternity (AOP) is one way to establish legal fatherhood so that children are eligible for child support and benefits such as Social Security, veteran's survivor benefits and health insurance. Legal paternity also guarantees a father's rights as a parent, such as making it easier to visit his children.

Not long ago, my office was contacted regarding a new, unmarried father who, tragically, was dying from a brain tumor. He hadn't yet completed an AOP, but he wanted to do so before he passed away so that his children could receive his benefits. My office contacted the par-

ents and gave them an explanation of the rights and responsibilities associated with paternity establishment. The father was very ill. Several weeks later, we heard from the child's mother, who said that the father had passed away but had signed an AOP before he died. She said she wanted to thank us because the child's father was comforted to know that as a result of his signed AOP, his child was going to get his Social Security benefits.

This story poignantly illustrates how important an AOP can be in getting children the benefits they need. The best place and time to sign an AOP is usually at the hospital when the baby is born. The child's mother and father are most likely to be present together at that time, and they are willing to do what is necessary for their child's well-being.

Most parents come to the hospital planning to put the father's name on the birth certificate. In Texas, however, a man who isn't married to the child's mother has to sign the AOP before his name can go on the birth certificate. Hospitals are required to provide unmarried parents with the opportunity to establish paternity, and with information about the rights and responsibilities of establishing paternity. Because the Acknowledgment of Paternity becomes a legal finding of paternity when it is filed with the Bureau of Vital Statistics (BVS), it is very important

that parents understand the responsibility to which they are committing. For example, a man should not voluntarily acknowledge paternity unless he is absolutely sure he is the father of the child, and the mother agrees. If the parents are certain of the child's paternity, however, the father can sign the AOP at the hospital at the time of birth and the hospital will file the form with BVS free of charge.

I am committed to seeing as many babies as possible go home from the hospital with their paternity established. My office's Child Support Division has developed a Paternity Opportunity Program (POP) that trains and certifies employees of hospitals and birthing centers to assist parents with the AOP process while the mother and child are still in the hospital. POP provides hospitals with brochures and a video that discuss the benefits and responsibilities of pater-

nity establishment. Hospital staff, in turn, give this information to unmarried parents while they are at the hospital. Parents can also call 1-800-252-8014, option 4, to receive verbal information about paternity establishment in English or Spanish.

When fathers can't be present at the hospital for their child's birth, the Attorney General's office is happy to work with them to facilitate the AOP process. For example, a military father can obtain and sign an AOP from my office during the mother's pregnancy, in case he is deployed before the baby is born. If he is deployed, the mother can take the AOP to the hospital when she delivers the baby, so the father's name can appear on the birth certificate.

Not only does the certified copy of the AOP help set that child on a firm foundation, but both mom and dad also can rest in the knowledge that if the unthinkable happens, the serviceman's child will be entitled to full veteran's benefits.

Together, we are giving the children of Texas a sound start in life. For more information about AOPs, please contact my office at 1-800-252-8014.

POINTS TO REMEMBER ESTABLISHING PATERNITY

The Acknowledgment of Paternity (AOP) form is available at all hospitals, birthing facilities, and child support offices, free of charge. The AOP is for unmarried fathers who voluntarily acknowledge paternity, when the mother agrees. The AOP should be sent to:

The Bureau of Vital Statistics
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Unmarried parents can apply for free child support services by contacting the Office of the Attorney General at:

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Bettye Martin McRae of Sweetwater has written seven books. *Bronc in the Parlor* was her first one.

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"That's about my daddy who pulled all kinds of shenanigans while training horses," says Bettye. "He used to bring horses into our house to show how gentle they were. That turned into a trilogy.

Cow in the Kitchen is about Mama getting back at Daddy. She realized a lifetime dream when she was cast in the movie, *Semi-Tough*.

Bath in a number three Washtub is about my brother and me living on the farm 6 miles east of Sweetwater."

Bettye has lived on that place since 1991.

"I try to live without much money like Mama and Daddy did. I lived for a year on less than \$300 a month just to see if I could do it. I didn't turn on my electric stove or anything. I cut my own wood for my wood-burning

stove, which I cooked on during the winter. Then I cooked on the outside barbeque grill during the summer. I've got chickens and goats and deer. I eat a lot of venison. I bartered and traded everything I needed. And still I had time to go on trail rides with my mules and wagon."

Bettye has been an executive secretary and teacher, but found those jobs boring because they were within four walls. She likes outside work and has washed windows, done yard work and farmed. Although she has written since 1972, she got serious about writing in 1995.

"I ran away from the pioneer life when I was young. I wanted to be a runway model and

wanted to see the world. I was a John Robert Powers model at the Apparel Mart in Dallas, married a military man and saw the world."

She was a displaced housewife living in Garland when she decided to move back to the home place.

"There were things happening in the big city that I didn't like, so I packed up and left. My daughter is living with me now. She's working on her Ph.D."

Bettye does her own book printing and binding. Her latest book, *Wellness Walk ye in it*, is an ebook, which can be read on computers.

It's about her recovery from an illness.

"They wanted to put me in a wheel chair in 1974 and I didn't have

time for that. I had a houseful of kids to raise. I began journaling, writing about how I felt after eating certain things. I started seeing a pattern and discovered that if I ate certain things I got sick. Now I'm 70 years old and have no aches and pains. At 41, they told me it was just my age that was making me feel bad. I thought something was wrong with that. Writing cured me."

Her other books are *Texas Tawlk*, about phrases and witticisms she grew up with, the first version of *Wellness Walk ye in it*, then *The Ladder of Success is strung with Barbed Wire*, containing some of her newspaper columns. Cartoonist Ace Reid illustrated her first four books. She's now working on a book about mules. She uses mules to plow.

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Crossed Timbers, First Baptist Church's Southern Gospel Quartet, graced the Rotary Club of Salado Jan. 13 with an inspirational program. Members of the Quartet are (pictured L-R) Linda Cawthon, Becky Connor, Jim Mohon, and Bill Graves. The group was accompanied by David Kaulfus on keyboard. (PHOTO BY SCHUYLER KUYKEND-ALL)



Village of Salado Chief of Police Alan Rogers (left) is seen awarding a Certificate of Valor to Bell County Sheriff's Deputy Marco Villarreal (center) for his Oct. 31, 2003 capture of an armed bank robber in Salado. Deputy Villarreal chased down the suspect on foot near the northbound I-35 Frontage Road, apprehending him a short time later. Villarreal's family, as well as Bell County Sheriff Dan Smith (right), was present to witness the occasion.

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Boy Scouts: Each Monday, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Methodist Church.

Monday Club: 1st Mon., 2 p.m., Salado United Methodist Church.

Salado Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Mon., 6 p.m., at Civic Center.

Salado FFA Meeting: First Monday of the month, 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees: 3rd Mon. at 6 p.m., at Salado Civic Center.

Salado Library District Board: 4th Mon. at 5:30 p.m., at Salado Public Library Building.

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Salado 4-H Club: 1st Mon. through May, 7 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary.

Exercise Class: Aug. 18-end of school year, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. except first Monday of the month, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. Class includes stretching, strengthening and Pilates. Held at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public.

Salado Democrats: 6:45 p.m., first Monday of each month at the Village Steakhouse.

Salado Youth Fair Boosters: Third Monday of each month, 7 p.m. at the elementary school library.

Tuesdays

Salado Rotary Club: 11:30 a.m., Stagecoach Inn.

Salado Band Boosters: Second Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. in the Band Hall.

Yoga Classes: 6:45 p.m., at the Halley House.

Salado Village Artists: 10 a.m. at Salado Art Center.

Salado Family Relief Fund: 2nd Tues. 1 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

Salado High School Band Boosters: 2nd Tues. of every month 7 p.m. in the Band Hall.

Salado Area Republican Women: 3rd Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-8422 or 947-3617 for information.

Wednesdays

Yoga classes: 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Salado Chiropractic and Massage. 947-2225.

Salado Creekside Cloggers: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Salado Youth Baseball Association: meetings 7 p.m. at Civic Center.

Lions Club: 2nd & 4th Wed. at 11:30 a.m., Creekside. Board meets 2nd Wed. 8 a.m.

Mill Creek Community Association Board: 3rd Wed., 5 p.m., at Civic Center.

Scottish Country Dance Lessons 8-9:30 p.m. at the Scots Hall of the Clans. 947-0325 for info.

Thursdays

Salado Area Republican Women: 3rd Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-8422 or 947-3617 for information.

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen: Regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Municipal Building unless otherwise posted.

Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA: 1st Thurs. 6 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn. 947-0173.

Salado Ladies Auxiliary: 2nd Thurs., 10 a.m., Salado Civic Center

Salado Water Corporation Board of Directors: 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m. Corporation office.

Salado Historical Society: board of directors, 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m. Salado Civic Center.

PTC: (SIS Parent Teacher Co-op) meets the 2nd Thursday 3:45 p.m. in Room 101 at SIS.

Salado Education Foundation: Regular Board meetings, 9 a.m. 2nd Thurs. at Salado Civic Center.

Salado Business Association: General meetings, 3rd Thursday 8:45 a.m. upstairs at the Civic Center.

Salado Neighborhood Group of the American Sewing Guild: 3rd Thurs. of each month 5:30 p.m. at The Sewing Basket.

Salado Moms, playgroup, contact Amanda at 947-5507.

Saturdays

Food Pantry: 2nd and 4th Sat. at First Baptist Church. 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

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The **Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas** is a magazine published four times a year by the *Salado Village Voice* newspaper. The next edition will have 20,000 copies printed on 50 # white offset paper. The heavier

paper stock gives the magazine a longer shelf-life, as well as making it more attractive.

The Jewel is distributed in every store, shop and restaurant advertising in the magazine as well as stand distribution. Hotels, and bed and breakfast inns put the magazine in their rooms for visitors to read and take home. The Chamber of Commerce, real estate agents, bus tours, and groups planning to visit Salado are provided boxes of the

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ABWA meetings changed to first Thursday of the month

The Chisholm Trail Chapter of American Business Women's Association announces its general meetings have changed to the first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn Restaurant.

The next meeting will be held Feb. 5, at which time the chapter will honor two of its members who have been instrumental in sponsoring the annual

scholarship fund-raiser for the past nine years. Christy Arner of Christy's of Salado and Becky McAulay, former owner of The Store in Old Town, both will be honored for their tireless efforts through the years to raise scholarship money for the chapter.

The chapter is very grateful for all the support from the local businesses and especially grateful to

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* The mission of the Salado Family Relief Inc., as a group of religious, school and civic organizations, is to provide assistance, of all sorts, to all families and individuals in Salado in need of assistance and occasional emergency help for people traveling through Salado.

Call put out for entries into Barclay fine arts, literary, music contests

Painters, sculptures, photographers, writers and musicians are in for a special treat this coming Spring when the Barclay Arts Committees sponsor three consecutive contests celebrating fine art, music and literature.

Fine Art Contest

The Barclay Fine Art Contest received a major transformation last spring by the addition of several merit awards in addition to the best of show and first, second, third places in the eight categories. It was also the first juried show. Two additional awards this Spring will be a Student's Grand Prize Award of \$75, as well as a \$100 scholarship to be awarded to a Bell County student who has an entry in the 2004 contest.

Again this year, a Best of Show honor, a \$150 cash award, will be awarded at the judge's discretion. In addition, donations for merit awards in specific categories vary in value from \$50 to \$100 such as the Ann Hester Memo-

rial Fund which has been established by family and friends. Cash prizes, along with ribbons and certificates, will be awarded as First, \$75, Second, \$50 and Third, \$25 in eight categories.

The Categories are: 1) Portraits, all media; 2) Landscapes, all media; 3) Still Life, all media; 4) Drawings, pen and ink, graphite, colored pencil and markers; 5) Mixed media, flat works such as collage; 6) Three-dimensional Works, pottery, sculpture and jewelry; 7) Photography, traditional and digital, 8) Abstract, all media.

No copy work accepted. All work must be original and completed within the past year. Work entered in previous Barclay Contests will not be accepted. No art work portraying nudity will be accepted. All work must be framed in a professional manner and wired for hanging, no saw-tooth hangers will be permitted. No painting larger than 50-inches in either direction and no three-dimen-

sional larger than six ft. by three ft. will be accepted.

Entry fees are \$15 for the first entry and \$10 for each additional entry. No limits on the number of entries. Student entry fee is \$5 per entry with proof of school enrollment.

All entries must be taken to the City Federation of Women's Clubs clubhouse, 201 King Circle in Temple on the following dates: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 2; 10 a.m.-noon March 3; and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 4. Jury choices will occur prior to the decisions finalized by a qualified judge from outside Bell County, but all entries will remain for exhibition.

Mary Ann Morton, chairman of the Art Contest, said all works will be on exhibition for public viewing at the City Federation Clubhouse upon completion of judging through March 14. Awards will be presented at the reception on March 14, which will honor all artists entering the competition.

Literary Competition

All manuscripts for the Barclay Literature Contest must be postmarked by March 1, and mailed to contest chairman, Mary Adams, 3017 Hemlock Circle, Temple, TX 76502.

Original, unpublished works, never before entered in the Barclay competition, are eligible. They should be typed and double-spaced. All entries need to have a cover sheet with the title of the work, the category and the name and address of the author. Do not include the author's name elsewhere in the manuscript.

Categories in this competition are: poetry, fiction, non-fiction, plays and children's literature. Fee is \$15 for the first entry and \$5 for each additional entry. A \$5 one-time flat fee will cover all entries

submitted by full-time students. Checks or money orders should be made to the City Federation Foundation of Temple and attached to the manuscripts.

Prizes in each category will be as follows: First place, \$75, second, \$50 and third, \$25. Winners will be guests at a reception April 25, 2004 at the CFWC Clubhouse.

Music Competition

The two categories for the Barclay Music Competition are vocal and instrumental. Original pieces must have been completed within the past five years and presented in manuscript form, tape or CD by March 20 to Mrs. Sam Farrow, 4212 Stagecoach Trail, Temple, TX 76502. Published music arranged for voice or instruments are eligible. Farrow and Carole McCall are overseeing the project.

Entry fee is \$10 for each entry, and \$5 for each entry for students with student identification. There is no limit on the number of entries from each contestant and entries will be returned at the close of the contest if the entries are accompanied with return postage. Entrant's real name should be placed in a separate sealed envelope, and a pseudonym attached to the entry. Each entry will receive a critique from the judge who is a non-resident of Bell County and engaged in the field of music.

Cash awards of \$100 for first, \$75 for second and \$50 for third place will be presented at a reception April 25 at CFWC Clubhouse honoring all composition entrants.

For more information of the rules and regulations regarding the three contests, go to <http://home.hot.rr.com/barclayarts>.

Artist workshops, tours in Salado Feb. 23-28

The first ever Salado Artist's Workshops and Studio/Gallery Tour will be held the week of Feb. 23-28, combining the local talent of many of Salado's premiere artists.

Workshops taught by Salado artists Sandra Edwards (stone carving), Jim Dale (pottery), Joan Hoffman (water color), Troy Kelley (sculpture), Karen Kinnison (caning/basket weaving), Melissa Paxton (glass art), and Larry Prellop (oil painting) will run Feb. 24-27, with registration Feb. 23.

Class sizes in these instructional courses is limited.

Salado's Tenroc Ranch will host a 5-7 p.m. Feb. 27 student exhibition, which will precede the 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 28 Artist's Studio Tours.

"Visitors will tour the studio/galleries, meet the artist and see the artist at work," stated Debbie Harrison.

Both the student exhibition and studio tour are open to the public, with tickets for the tour are priced at \$5. All ticket holders will be entered into a drawing for a botanical sculpture created by Salado artist Charles Allen. Tickets are available from Hulda Horton at the Salado Civic Center, 947-8300.

Participating artists in the studio tour and their respective media are as follows:

- Titia Arledge, pottery (Mud Pies Pottery);
- Jim Benton, jewelry, oil portrait (Benton's);
- Jim Dale, pottery (Salado Pottery);
- Tim Flanagan, photography (Solas Gallery);
- Kay Griffith, varied (Griffith Fine Art Gallery);
- B. Herd, oil painting (B. Herd Gallery);
- Joan Hoffman, water color;
- Troy Kelley, sculpture;
- Karen Kinnison, caning/basket weaving (1860 House);
- Melissa Paxton, glass art;
- Larry Prellop, oil painting (Prellop Fine Art Gallery);
- Patty Thomas, decorative painting;
- Ronnie Wells, sculpture, painting (Well's Gallery and home studio).

"We hope this will be an annual event that will further Salado as a center for the arts and showcase the talent we have here," Harrison stated.

Tickets for the tour are also available at any of the participating galleries and studios. For more information contact the Salado Civic Center.

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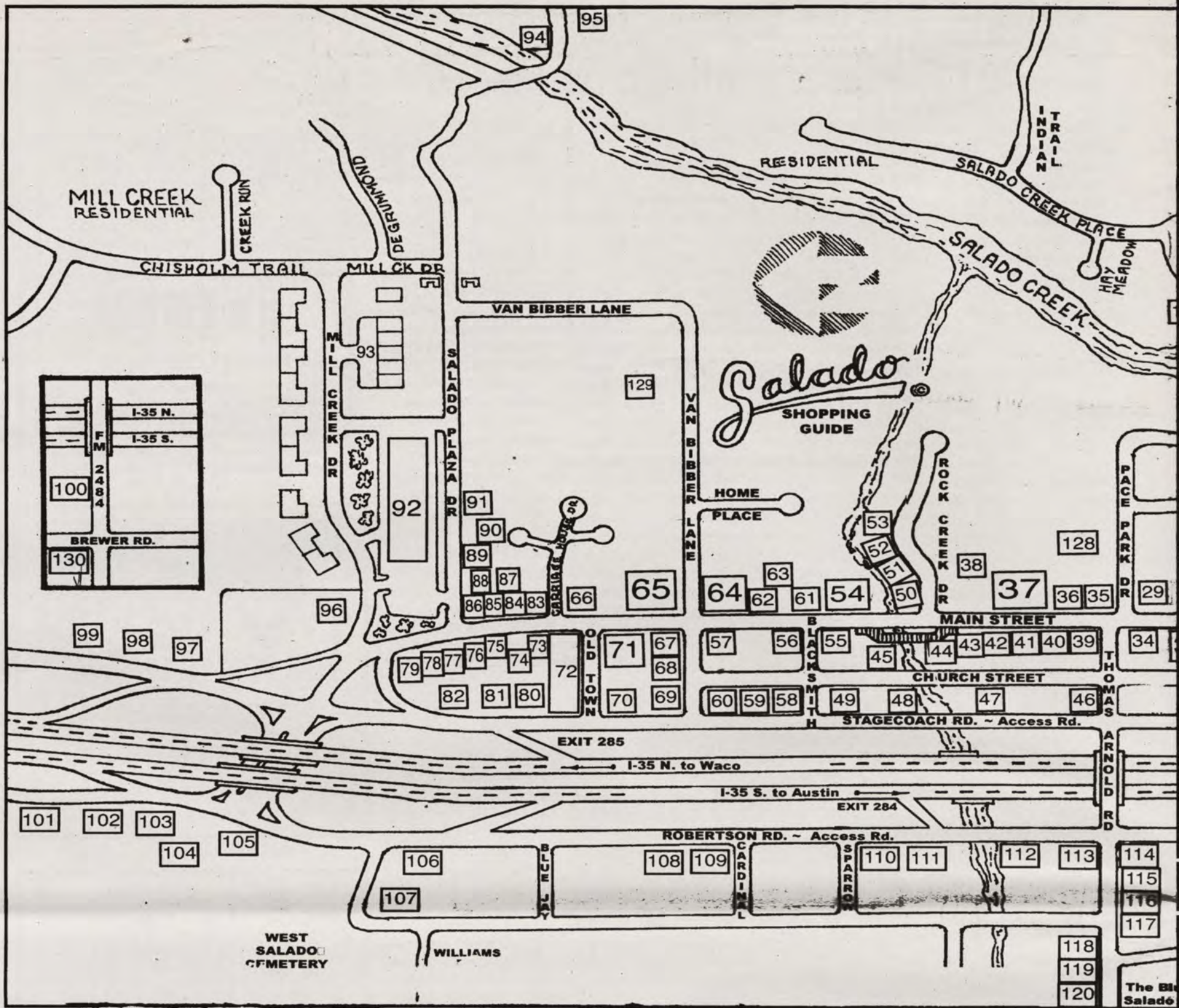
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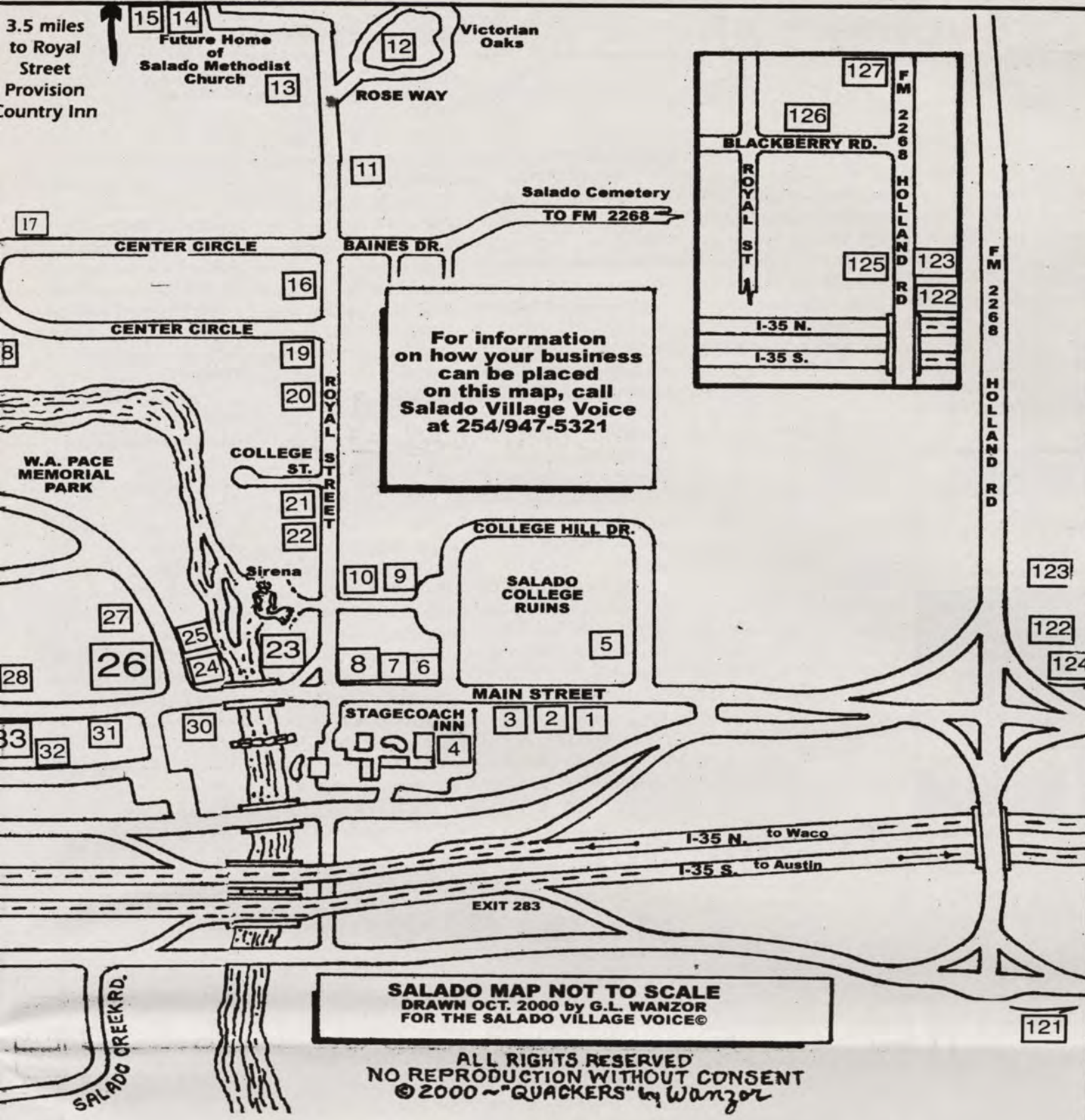
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SBA names chairs of Christmas Stroll

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
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The Salado Business Association announced Jan. 15 that it had volunteers to staff the chairmanship of the heretofore vacant Christmas Stroll committee. Ron Leguin, of Susan Marie's and Scarlett's of Salado, and Fiona Armstrong, of Serenity Spa Services agreed to co-chair the 2004 event; typically the Village's highest

volume draw in terms of tourists.

After heading the committee the previous three years, Shannon Ashe reported at the SBA's December general meeting that she had decided to step aside and let someone else fill the position. Ashe explained at the time that efforts in coordinating the December-scheduled Stroll traditionally begin in January, thus the SBA had spent the previous month scrambling to find a replacement for Ashe.

Cindy Watson, who heads the website end of the joint advertising/website committee, reported to the roughly 20 SBA members gathered for the January meeting, that as of Jan. 14, salado.com had received 2,831 visits in 2004. A visit, or hit, is recorded every time someone accesses the site, although at present there is no method of tracking how

many of the hits were from repeat visitors to the site, and how many of that number were accessing the site for the first time.

Watson reported that on Jan. 13 alone, the site registered 265 visits. "It's really starting to pick up," she said.

She also noted that more pages are being developed on the site, which will be used to add text. She continued by saying that she will be adding business tips to the site, and requested that any business interested should submit to her a short blurb describing their services. The tips will be posted on the site as a link.

"The purpose of the tip is to get people in your business," she said. With the link, she continued, "They (visitors) don't have to go into one of the listings and look you up."

Anthony Land, of Mill Creek and Stagecoach said that he is planning a direct

mail campaign of 15,000 to 20,000 pieces advertising Salado. He projects the cost to be approximately \$6,000, and hopes to get the job done locally, if possible. Land explained that in his experience, success on such campaigns ranges between 10 and 12 percent if the recipient has done business in Salado in the past. He hopes to have the post cards out within the next few weeks.

Land is also considering reserving booth space at the Feb. 28 Fort Hood Travel Expo. He said booth space is \$79 and that he would man the booth, along with Chamber of Commerce secretary Dawn Orange. Land stated that he will present any SBA material at the expo that he is submitted, however, he would like to receive any such material no later than Feb. 16.

In other business, SBA president Ronnie Tynes, responding to an e-mail

he received regarding the membership structure between the SBA and Chamber of Commerce, stated, "We are a committee of the Chamber, we are not a separate entity." Therefore, he continued, in order to become a member of the SBA, a business must also be a member of the Chamber, even though there are separate dues systems.

Tynes said there is an ongoing process of merging the two into one body, explaining that it's "a difficult transition, but not impossible."

The main concern seems to be whether the joint body will be a commerce-driven organization, or a project-driven organization.

The SBA holds its monthly general meeting the third Thursday of each month, 8:45 a.m. upstairs at the Civic Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

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Master Gardener

by Debbie Lauer

elements, nitrogen, potassium, phosphorus, calcium, and magnesium usually do not exist in the soil in sufficient quantities to meet most plants' needs. To make matters worse, the alkalinity of our soils frequently causes some required nutrients already in the soils to be unavailable to plants. In other words, the alkaline property of our soils binds up these nutrients by changing them into chemical compounds that can not be used by plants.

The Bell County Extension Office has the two items that you need in order to get your soil tested. Those items are a Soil Sample Bag and the Soil Sample Information Form. The Extension Office is located at 1605 N. Main Street in Belton. If you have more than one area you want to test or more than one type of crop you may need to pick up more than one Soil Sample Bag. Now the only other things you need are a clean, plastic bucket and a spade or soil probe.

The process of collection for lawns is slightly different than for a vegetable garden or flower beds. The first step is to take multiple samples of dirt from different parts of the lawn. Use a spade to cut a V shaped hole about four inches deep. Now take a slice of soil from one side of the V. Remove the top one half inch of soil to prevent contamination from any fertilizers you may have used on your grass. Remove any grass roots, twigs and rocks from the spade full of dirt and then put that soil into

the plastic bucket. Repeat several times sampling all parts of your yard. Now use your hands to mix the dirt from all the samples thoroughly. To get the best results possible air dry the soil, do not use heat. Do not store soil in any glass, or metal container. Once the soil is dry fill the Soil Sample Bag to the required fill line, this is about one pint of soil.

If you want to sample the soil of your flower beds or a vegetable garden area the only change is the depth at which the sample is taken. This time dig your V shaped hole down to a depth of six to eight inches. Again remove any foreign objects and put sample into a plastic bucket. Mix samples and after air drying soil fill another Soil Sample Bag to the fill line. You should send in a Soil Sample Bag for every type of crop (flowers, grass, vegetables) that you are interested in improving. Put a sample number and your name on each bag.

Now fill out your Soil Sample Information Form. After filling in your address, County, and phone numbers, you have several choices that are critical to your results. First, if you send in more than one Soil Sample Bag be sure to label each bag and to fill in a separate line on the Soil Sample Information Form. For each bag, required information is the sample number (such a 1-of-3, 2-of-3 etc). Now fill in the column asking what are you growing? I.e. turf grass, vegetable garden or flowers. The

last major decision you must make is what type test you want to run on the soil. For most purposes homeowners should select the Routine Analysis or test number 1.

Box up your sample bags and the Soil Sample Information Form and mail them to the address on the back of the form. Be sure to include a check (no cash) paying the fee for the test(s). For routine soil sample (test 1) the fee is \$10 PER Soil Sample Bag. In five to seven days after receiving the sample bags the laboratory will mail the results to both you and to the County Extension Agent. You will get a printout for each sample bag sent in. It will show the amount of nutrients currently in the soil sample you sent in and will give you a fertilization program geared specifically to the condition of your soil based on what you want to grow! Imagine that. Now you know exactly what you need to do for your plants and you do not have to guess or figure it out by trial and error.

Now, before the growing season begins is a great time to take your soil samples. When it is time to plant you will already know how to fertilize and how often to fertilize. If you need clarification on what your printout is telling you, email (Bell-tx@tamu.edu) or call the Extension Office.

For more information on how to take a soil sample visit the <http://aggie-turf.tamu.edu> website. Click on Answers 4 You, then click on Turf Calculators, and then select How to Take a Soil Sample. The Soil Sample Bag and the Soil Sample Information Form also have instructions on them.

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Baylor women honored

The 10th Annual Baylor Women's Brunch was held Jan. 17 at the Wildflower Country Club in Temple. Each year, the Central Texas Chapter of the Baylor Alumni Association hosts the event to raise money for the Endowed Scholarship to be given to a student from this area.

Women from the area are nominated and selected as Distinguished Baylor Women. This honor highlights not only the accomplishments of the women, but also their devotion and efforts on behalf of the Baylor University. The 2004 Distinguished Baylor Women were Jean Raven Brunson and Wynell Gillen Patterson, both of Salado.

Brunson graduated from Sunset High School, attended Baylor University, Southern Methodist University, and Dallas Baptist University, majoring in Elementary Education. While at Baylor, she was a member of Alpha Omega Club, which later became the national sorority, Delta Delta Delta. While attending summer school at University of Hawaii, along with 14 other Baylor girls, she met her husband, Tom and they were married in 1954 in Dallas. Tom graduated with a BBA in 1952 and was Vice President of the Senior Class, in Taurus Society, and athletic dorm director for two years.

Brunson earned diplomas from the ABA National Commercial Lending School and the Installment Lending School from Oklahoma University, Intermediate Banking School at SMU and the American Institute of Banking and Credit Management in Dallas. She served as Office Manager and Bookkeeper for Benton's Jewelers and Salado Santas, Assistant Vice President for consumer loans for Nationsbank in Temple, Secretary/Treasurer and Bookkeeper

for Methodist Apothecary, Inc. and Tom Brunson Prescription Pharmacy, companies owned by the Brunsons. She was Vice President for loans for Northpark National Bank in Dallas, Assistant Vice President for loans at First Republic Bank of Greenville and Assistant Vice President for consumer loans for American Bank and Trust, now Nationsbank Oak Cliff and served as a Banking Officer and representative to the Chamber of Commerce.

They moved to Salado in 1987 where they are members of First Baptist Church and active in choir and Adult Division Director. They became active members of the Central Texas Baylor Chapter of the Baylor Alumni Association in the early 1990s, serving on the Board of Directors. Brunson served as Treasurer for over 10 years, continuing to assist with the Annual Baylor Women's Brunch and Silent Auction. She has been one of the driving forces behind the Central Texas Baylor Golf Tournament, later changed to the Jim Patterson Memorial Golf Tournament, which is a yearly fundraiser for the Endowed Scholarship and will have its fifth tournament in 2004.

Brunson has also served the Baylor Family of Central Texas.

Brunson has three children: Michael Brunson and wife, Lee Ann, of Heber



Wynell Gillen Patterson

City, UT; Karen Landers and husband, Karl, of Choctaw, OK; and David Brunson and wife, Beverly, of Plano. She has one granddaughter and eight grandsons.

Patterson was born in Blooming Grove and received her BA in Elementary Education in 1950 from Baylor. She was active in Baptist Student Activities and pledged PALS social sorority, which later became Chi Omega National Sorority. She married Jim Patterson in 1950.

She taught school for 17 years. She is a Lifetime Member of the Baylor Alumni Association and the Baylor Heritage Club. She holds Life Membership in the Dallas Baptist University Women's Auxiliary and was active in the Dallas Baylor Women's Council while living in that area.

The Pattersons moved to Salado in 1991. She has served as an officer on the Salado Public Library Board and is involved in ministries at First Baptist



Jean Raven Brunson

Church of Salado. Patterson joined the Central Texas Baylor Chapter in 1992 and has continuously been involved with the CTBC Style Show and Brunch and Silent Auction. She helped initiate the Inaugural Central Texas Baylor Golf Tournament as a benefit for the Endowed Scholarship Fund for area-students. In 2001, the tournament became the Jim Patterson Memorial Golf Tournament.

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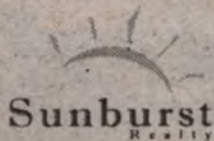


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Gift of sight felt by blind

Manager of Eye Bank of Central Texas talks to Lions Club

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
 STAFF WRITER

Is the sense of sight the mightiest we have? It's hard to say if you have all five. Taste, touch, smell, sight and hearing. Flip a coin. Perhaps that's a question best fielded by one that lacks such a gift.

For example, anyone who's ever toured a cave park appreciates the predictable novelty when the underground lights are dashed, and nothing's left but the dense, unnatural blackness. It only lasts a few mute moments, but they're heavy, tense and unforgettable.

Imagine that one moment stretched across a lifespan. No more sunsets; no more skyscrapers, mountains or oceans. What were once objects become ideas or memories. Sounds somewhat bleak, doesn't it?

When Sandra Ileks, director of the Lions Eye Bank of Central Texas, gives one of her many talks, as she did to the Salado Lions Jan. 15, she likes to illustrate the point of perspective.

Ileks, who has 30 years experience in the nursing profession, has been with the Eye Bank, located in Manor, since 2003. The Bank itself traces its origins to 1974. They now provide eye tissue to 36 Texas counties and over 60 hospitals scattered throughout the world. First priority, however, is given to local candidates.

"We are lucky to have such a great eye bank here in Central Texas," stated Ileks. "In 2003, over 1,000 corneas were transplanted to recipients, and so far in 2004, we've had a very good year."

Ileks explained that one of her chief duties is to educate the general public about the facts of tissue donation, a process that includes a healthy amount of myth-smashing. "There is no age limit for donating," she explained. "And everyone needs to understand that it is absolutely free of cost to the donor's family." She stated that the recipient is responsible for the cost of the tissue harvesting.

"There is a 24-hour window of opportunity to

donate tissue," she continued. "But we take no tissue without permission. Next of kin are always contacted."

That contact appears to work. According to Ileks, the Eye Bank boasts a 90 percent success rate in securing donations, and of those donations, a full 90 percent are in turn transplanted successfully.

Responding to some bad ink the Eye Bank has received in the Austin paper recently, Ileks told the Lions there are some exceptions that allow tissue to be harvested without the consent of the next of kin.

Under the Texas Medical Examiner Law, medical examiners or justices of the peace reserve the right to allow tissue to be removed if there is no chance of its removal interfering with any pathological work that may need to be performed.

In the case of corneas, Ileks said that they have no value in determining cause of death and have no forensic use.

"We have 12 hours to procure the tissue," she said. "If the individual is under age 19, the bank will

try to contact the family until the final hour." Concerning the fraudulent removal of tissue without permission, Ileks stated: "I'm appalled that any human being in this day and time could imagine that happening."

She said that tissue harvesting causes no disfigurement, and that donors can still have open casket viewings and funerals. "If we took your cornea, no one could tell the difference," she said.

Pointing out the demand for donors, Ileks noted that there are 83,000 people currently on waiting lists in America, 2,000 of them here in Central Texas. One donor, she said, can potentially help over 200 people.

"You're never too old...all illnesses or problems you may have had, we can work with," she said. "Never underestimate how much you can help when you're gone."

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History survives in tale of escape

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

The Korean War is often referred to as The Forgotten War. Not lauded with the enthusiasm reserved for the second World War, nor vilified and bewailed as is the case with Vietnam. It's almost as if its participants are vague, unconsidered apparitions from America's prosperous Golden Age of the 1950s.

None of that sits well with James Lee. Or John Fischer, for that matter. Lee and Fischer, kindred spirits of sorts, crossed paths a few years ago, an initial encounter which led to an unplanned collaboration.

Lee, author of the book *Nine Years in the Saddle* and owner of Salado Press, explains their first meeting: "I was in Austin promoting *Nine Years in the Saddle* when John approached me. He told me a little about himself and we got to chewing the fat, and he let me know about his idea for a book."

That idea was pretty simple, but warrants some background. Fischer, a retired Marine combat pilot was also charged during his time in the service with what's referred to in military jargon as collateral duties. An umbrella term, it could mean anything from paper shuffling to filling out mountains of reports. Pilots, in their swaggering manner, hated collateral duties.

Fischer's secondary task was a little bit different. "One of his jobs was to debrief pilots that had been shot down and made it back during the Korean War," said Lee.

He would hear tales of endurance, luck, deter-

mination and all those other things you hear when people try to distill the human spirit into a single word. Fischer filed these stories away, and didn't think of them for over 30 years.

But his family saw it differently. They considered the contents of Fischer's old cardboard carton, the neglected repository of his military effects, to be of somewhat relative importance. The history inside, they said, was too compelling to let die. At their urging Fischer collected the accounts. Although he had authored one book already, Fischer passed on his material to Lee, who spent a year helping collect his stories into book form.

The result is *Escape From Korea*, the fourth book produced by Salado Press, published last month. Those who have read *Nine Years in the Saddle*, or Lee's other collaborative project, *When Surrender Was Not An Option*, will be familiar with the book's style. Written in the first person, it is a chronological narrative of one pilot's life aboard an aircraft, and his capture and eventual escape from the North Korean army.

"My goal is to try to write compelling stories about ordinary people in extraordinary events. I want them to be historically accurate if I'm going to publish them, which is why we did so much research. Telling the story in the first person I think makes it more believable, and easier to understand," Lee noted.

The main character of the book is real enough. He's an amalgam of about five or six different pilots, Fischer included. In fact,



Lee says it's basically autobiographical until midway through. "Nothing in this book is fictitious. Everything in here happened to somebody," Lee explained.

And all that lends an air of credibility to a fast-paced work that seems to concentrate more on a seamless story than that vanilla, step-by-step dryness that plagues many books of an historical nature. Lee even kept all aspects of the book's production local. Saladoan and UMHB student Timothy Thomas designed the book's cover and layout.

The book's production stayed in Central Texas, but Lee did manage a rather well-known outside endorsement: that of Oliver North. The former Pentagon insider turned television host penned his

review of the book not after being pestered incessantly by Lee and Fischer, but because he was asked. He read the book, liked it, and when he discovered Fischer was a former Marine, like himself, the endorsement was as good as done.

And after a few years of work, so is the book. "I do feel very keen about telling these stories before they're lost," Lee said. "For these men, staying alive was a great accomplishment, and it needed to be told."

Escape From Korea, recently released in a hardcover edition as well as paperback, is available at Walden Books in Temple, and various websites such as Barnes and Noble, Borders and Books a Million. Lee's website, saladopress.com, also contains links to purchase the book.

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She is married to Jeff Carroll. Jeff is the Divisional Sales Manager

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Your credit report, simple mistakes that can cost you money

By Linda Fuchs
Co. Ext, Agent

Why should you care about your history of paying debts and other bills? The better your credit record, the better your chances of obtaining a low-cost loan or insurance policy, renting an apartment, or qualifying for a job. Here are some common mistakes that can affect your credit history and ways to avoid these pitfalls.

- Paying bills late. One or two payments on your loans or other obligations over a long period of time may not significantly damage your credit record, but making a habit of this can count against you. Be especially careful with payments in the months before you apply for a loan.

- Not paying the minimum amount required. This can result in addi-

tional fees and in being reported as past due.

- Keeping debt levels too high. Creditors will consider you a higher risk if you owe a lot of money on credit cards and other obligations. This can result in a higher interest rate being charged.

- Owning too many credit cards. A stack of credit cards and department store cards, even if you rarely use them or don't carry a balance on them, represents money that you could borrow. As a result, if you apply for a mortgage, a car loan or some other important loan, you may qualify for only a smaller loan amount or a loan with increased costs or fees. Two or three general-purpose cards and a few if any cards issued by stores or oil companies probably are enough for the average family. Consider keeping the cards you've had for a long

time and handled well because they can show a long history of responsible credit use.

- Not periodically checking on your credit report. Inaccurate or missing information in your credit report could raise your borrowing costs or cause delays when you're in a rush to make a major purchase, such as a home. Many experts say you should review your credit reports at least once a year from each of the three major credit bureaus - Equifax (800-685-1111); (www.equifax.com), Experian (888-397-3742), (www.experian.com) and TransUnion (800-888-4213 or www.transunion.com) - but especially before you apply for a home loan or seek some other benefit where your credit report could affect the outcome.

In an important development, Congress in November passed a new law that can help you ensure the accuracy of your credit information. The law will enable you to obtain a free copy of your credit report once a year from each of the three major credit bureaus. You'll have the right to learn your credit scores, which are designed to predict how likely you are to repay a loan or make payments on time. And merchants must notify you if they plan to report negative information to a credit bureau.

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Homes For Sale



For Sale in Salado: double wide manufactured home approx. 1,800 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 2 living room areas on 1/2 acre. Payments on home and land approx. \$600 per month for buyer with good credit. Will require approx. \$1,000 up front 913-7437 7/16p

Exquisite 4/3/2 on .868 acre lot in one of Salado's choice subdivisions. Formal and informals living and dining areas beautiful view, custom landscaping, green house, garden room hot tub, etc. \$337,000 Call First Texas Brokerage 254-947-5577

New home under construction on the golf course overlooking Salado Creek. Absolutely beautiful view. Ten to 14 foot ceilings throughout the home. Priced at \$310,000 Call First Texas Brokerage 947-5577 tfnf

A beautiful hill top 3/2 home, manicured lawn overlooking 3 acre lake on 13.42 acres. Numerous windows and huge covered deck, outstanding views. Foliage and trees enhance the beauty of the home supplying shade from the hot summer sun \$399,000 Call First Texas Brokerage 254-947-5577 tfnf

New Listing - 502 Mill Creek 3/2/2 all birch, large living area with fireplace, fenced, backyard, new carpet. Walk to shopping center. \$149,700 Ronnie Tynes at Tynes Realty, 947-0044. TFNB

Convenient Mill Creek location. 3BD/2.5BA, 2 living, 2 dining. Fenced yard, spacious deck, great tree covered lot, golf cart garage. 1208 Old Mill Rd. (254) 947-0579.

For Sale - pick up payments of \$308/mo. 1997 mobile home. 15x56 Sonoma by Clayton. (254) 634-2100 or (254) 289-2496. Credit check. Appliances included. Salado area.

If you enjoy country living... this home is for you! 2-story country style home with nice front porch, on 3.5 acres. Outstanding craftsmanship, utilizing 100-year old wood in interior stairs, walls and wainscot. Huge, comfortable den. 36x40 shop, plus

Homes For Sale



more! \$209,800. Call Century 21-Bill Bartlett, 254-947-5050.

The most beautiful 15 acre tract available in Salado with all kinds of possibilities! A 2336 SF home with 3BR/2BA, loft and game room. Exposed beams and Franklin stove give this home a lodge feel. Also, 960 SF barn with an additional 320 SF heated and cooled guest area, a 1950 SF RV garage, a tractor barn, sheds and more. City water plus a well. Private location. \$349,800. Call Century 21-Bill Bartlett at (254) 947-5050.

A new Jimmy Wilson Home in the country on 1 acre. Large living room, open to kitchen/dining, separate office. Master BA with garden tub and separate shower and large walk-in closet. Nice covered patio. \$128,800. Call Century 21-Bill Bartlett at (254) 947-5050.

TOWNHOME - beautifully maintained. 3 BR/2 BA with new tile, carpet, and wood floors. View of the Golf Course. \$159,000. George Felix, RE/Max (254) 771-3633. P2/4

Commercial Bldg. for sale or lease. 1,400 sq. ft., newer CH/AC, electric, roof, \$1,000/month or \$165,000. (254) 947-0405 leave message. TFNB

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This beautiful home features a lg. family room w/ fireplace, covered porch, sprinkler system, fenced yard, and too many extras to

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mention The owner provides professional lawn maintenance and outside water It is located close to the golf course and shopping. No pets accepted. Call John Reider Properties at 254-699-8300 or 254-681-6622 after hours tfnb

Charming, spacious 2/2/1 townhome for rent. \$795. 6 closets, vaulted ceilings, w/d closet inside. Walk to shopping center. Lawn care provided. (254) 338-5083. TFN

Great location on #3 Fairway!! This 2BD, 2.5BA patio home is ready for occupancy! Big 2-car garage and room for golf cart. \$1,250/month. Call Larry Sands (254) 947-5580.

Land for Sale



Beautiful tree covered 12-44 acre tracts in the gated, restricted Spear's Ranch Development between Salado and Georgetown. Contact Ronnie Tynes, Broker, (512) 461-3370.

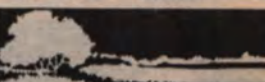
For Sale By Owner. Many WOODED LOTS, Woods of Salado on FM 2484 near Lake Stillhouse. Rita Seghers 254-760-9663. tfnb

Two acre restricted, wooded, lakeview home sites. Salado schools. Call C-21 Bill Bartlett 254-947-5050 tfn

End of Cul-De-Sac 3.2 ac \$43,900 Beautiful tract w large trees near historic Salado. Cul-de-sac backs up to large ranch. County rds, electric telephone, more. Only \$43,900! Call 1-254-947-5901 ext 849

30-360 acres, 15 mi. N. of Georgetown, 6 mi. S. of Salado. Beautiful land, well located, owner

Land for Sale



finance. Some restrictions. Call Bill at Century 21-Bill Bartlett, (254) 947-5050 or 800-352-1183. TFNB


Two adjacent lots 22.21 acres or 17.71 acres for sale, separately or combined. Beautiful rolling landscape, big oak trees. (254) 338-4933. P1/28

2 Acres in Hidden Springs, lots of trees, cleared and home-site ready. \$35,000. (254) 947-9273 or (512) 255-2398. B2/04

Beautiful CREEK-FRONT! Gorgeous 3 acre creekfront parcel near historic Salado. Huge trees, private 10.5 acre park, more. Paved county rds, tel, elec. Only \$66,900. Excellent financing. Call now (254) 947-5901, x. 1010 B2/11

Corner Beauty! 6.72 AC - \$61,900. Outstanding corner tract near historic Salado. Huge, huge trees, beautiful building site & 10.5 acre park on Salado Creek. Paved county rds, tel, elec. Excellent financing. Call now 1-254-947-5901, x. 998

Commercial Rental



Office or retail space on Main Street, Salado. Small retail cottage. \$750/month (254) 947-5933 TFNB

Commercial Space Wanted to Lease: 500-1,000 Sq. Ft. Retail Space on Main St. 800-670-3534.

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\$297,000 - Sip coffee from the back porch & watch Salado Creek flow by. This home sits on 3/4 acre on cul-de-sac in Salado Creek Place. Magnificent views from the Living, Kitchen & Master BR. Open kitchen, living & breakfast area. Heavily wooded lot provides privacy while close to downtown.



\$259,500 - This beautiful home sits on Salado Creek & Mill Creek Golf Course #13 Green. Features include wood floor entry, built-in entertainment center, study with built-in cabinets, bright kitchen with see-through white cabinets, oversized garage, speaker system wired, including deck area.



\$131,800 - Jimmy Wilson Homes presents this new home in Salado Prairies with split BR's, breakfast room & breakfast bar, formal dining room & large family room.



\$189,000 - Wonderful oak trees shade a fully landscaped yard in the heart of Mill Creek. This home has a magnificent sun room that overlooks a lush yard. Welcoming courtyard enhances the front walkway. Large living room accommodates two sitting areas for easy entertaining. Master BR has a view of a wooded back yard with access to a covered porch.



\$194,500 - Work out of your home or need additional space for a relative? This home may be for you. Only a few minutes from downtown Salado. Three or four BR home with two living areas & two dining rooms. A separate building close to the main home could be used as an apartment, office or mother-in-law suite. Four car carport, two storage buildings make this home versatile for many uses. Master BR downstairs with two bedrooms, one bath and game room upstairs.



\$117,900 - Large covered deck makes this home perfect for the backyard barbecue. Located in the country on 3/4 of an acre, this 2 BR, 2 BA, 2 living room home is ideally located for easy access to I-35 or Killeen. Open living, dining and kitchen gives the home a warm atmosphere for entertaining or spending time with the family. Built in 1996.



\$106,800 - Clean, light & bright! Very well maintained home only 6 years old. The owners upgraded the home thinking they would be there forever. Security system, sprinkler system, water softener, fenced back yard, gutters all around, shed and more.



\$139,900 - Beautiful trees on 10 acres with mobile home. Two wells, two septic systems, two storm cellars. Quiet homesite. Ready for occupancy. Tin-roofed barn, hen house, and storage shed. Property is fenced & cross-fenced, ready for cattle or horses. Garden is fenced separately.



\$251,800 - You are invited to view this outstanding new home with formal area, separate office, family room open to breakfast and kitchen. Come see the unique granite table. Master suite has a sitting area. Room for your golf cart!

Residential

- \$83,500 - Nice manufactured home on 5 acres - SOLD.
- \$94,500 - 3 BR, 2 BA on 2 lots in Morgans Point.
- \$106,800 - Clean, light & bright! Well maintained 6 yrs old.
- \$117,900 - Large deck on 2 BR home in country.
- \$124,900 - New construction on W. Amity. 3 BR/2 BA.
- \$128,800 - Jimmy Wilson home on 1 acre, covered patio.
- \$131,800 - New mid-size home, great finishing touches.
- \$139,900 - Mobile home & barn on 10 acres. Beautiful trees.
- \$189,000 - Courtyard enhances the front walkway, lush yard.
- \$194,500 - 3 or 4 BR, apartment/office. 4 car carport.
- \$209,800 - 2 story country style home & shop. 3.5 acres.
- \$214,800 - 4 BR/2-1/2 BA on 1 wooded acre in Mill Creek.
- \$224,900 - Home overlooking Mill Creek Golf Course.
- \$241,800 - Synergy Builders 3BR home has kitchen skylight.
- \$251,800 - New home in Mill Creek. Granite table.
- \$259,500 - 3 BR overlooking Salado Creek & #13 Green.
- \$259,900 - 4 BR home w/ pool & waterfall, landscaped.
- \$267,900 - New 4 BR, 2-1/2 BA overlooking golf course.
- \$297,000 - 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA on Salado Creek Place cul-de-sac.

- \$309,900 - 1 year old home on #3 Fairway. Landscaped.
- \$324,900 - 4 BR, 3-1/2 BA home overlooking golf course.
- \$324,900 - New 4 BR home with hillside lake view.
- \$349,800 - 15 acres, 3 BR, 2 BA, gameroom and loft room.
- \$389,000 - Wrap around porch, oak trees, 14.5 acres & pond.
- \$549,000 - Country living, pool, 7 acres, barn, workshop.
- \$1,249,000 - Executive 4 BR home on Salado Creek.

Acreage Available

- 140 acres 7 miles SE of Belton. Secluded, mostly wooded, great view, river frontage, owner finance. \$2,500 per acre - UC
- 140 acres on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport, all or part.
- 20 to 363 acres 6 mile S. Salado, Lovely view, owner finance.
- 15.796 acres fronting FM 2268 with young trees. \$99,500.

Lots

- Mill Creek Lots**
- Fletcher Ct. - \$68,000
 - O.W. Lowrey - \$70,000

Woods of Salado Lots

- Mountain Dr. - Lot 6A - \$52,000
- Mountain Dr. - Lots 5A & 5B - \$98,000
- Hodge Canyon Dr. - \$52,000

Other Lots

- Salado Heights - 2 acre tracts - \$29,000 each.
- Windy Hill Ranch - 2 acre lots - \$55,000 to \$90,000
- Jeremiah's Well - 10 acre tracts \$50,000 to \$85,000
- Heritage - 1 to 3 acre wooded homesites, near Salado. Well restricted.
- The Overlook - 1+ acre prime lots \$125,000 - \$165,000.

Commercial Property

- \$429,000 - 5.66 acres commercial property off Main Street.
- \$499,500 - 7.65 acres between Belton - Salado with offices, metal buildings & mini storage.

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Picture perfect traditional-style near schools in quiet neighborhood. Great floorplan for entertaining. Built-ins in home office. High ceilings with crown molding, huge master suite and covered patio. 2+ acres. **\$279,000.**



On golf course. This like new 3/2/2 hosts a beautiful stone patio facing Hole 5 Creek 2. Features include hardwood flooring and formal dining. **\$214,000.**



Beautiful Texas Ranch Home on appx. 5 acres. The huge covered front porch is a great place to rest and relax. Features include master suite, alarm system, stained concrete floors (echoed with one Texas Star), custom kitchen & intercom system. **\$350,000.**



Country Home on one acre. The large front porch and screened back porch make country living a pleasure. Breeze way connects the two car carport to the house. 3/2/2 two story stone. **\$114,900.**

SHOWCASE HOME



Lots of room to roam on this appx. four tree covered acres. Large 3/2/2 with many updated features. New carpets and flooring. Large fireplace enhances the family room and house also includes game room and office. 30x40 barn. **\$217,900.**



Many upgrades enhance this 3/2/2 with golf cart storage. Plantation shutters, butlers pantry, tile flooring, decorator colors, large master suite. **\$245,000.**



Easy access to golf course. This 3/2/2 is located on large professionally landscaped corner lot between the old and the new courses. Large kitchen with cabinets galore and oversized serving bar. **\$159,900.**



New Listing: 3/2/2 on more than one acre in beautiful Salado Oaks. Nice open floorplan, split bedrooms. Pretty trees. **\$159,900.**



Completely remodeled home on approximately 2 acre. Lots of privacy! Priced at **\$159,900.**

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Acreage

Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. **\$10,000/lot.**
 Approx. 2 acres near golf course in Mill Creek. Beautiful trees. **\$38,995.**
 2 acre lot sw of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$28,900.**
 2 acre lot sw of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$27,900.**
 2 acre wooded lot with a great view. Walking distance to tennis court & the park on Salado Creek. Excellent Homesite. **\$32,900.**
 2.7 acres fronting FM 2843: **\$29,900** or 1.35 acres for **\$20,000.**
 3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large Pecabtrees & live water. **\$39,900.**
 4 acres SW of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$56,800.**
 10+ acres in Bell Meadows off FM 1123. Unbelievable views. **\$89,000.**

20 acres sw of Salado on Buttermilk Creek. Heavily wooded. **\$125,000.**
 41 acres with hill country view \$3,500 per acre.
 51 acres Buttermilk Creek, great views, tree coverage, sw of Salado.
 130 acres Rolling hills with great views. **\$4,500/acre.**
 245 acres Beautiful rolling hills with large live oak trees and a 3 acre lake. Outstanding development opportunity.

Salado Lots

Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - **\$36,000.**
 Indian Trail - 90x188 - **\$34,000.**
 Mill Creek Lot - **\$39,900.**

Commercial

3 acres commercial property fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$89,900.**
 Excellent Commercial: Corner of West Village Rd. & IH-35 at exit 285.
 Charming B&B Inn: One of the oldest bldgs in the Village of Salado and is listed in the Nat'l Register of Historic Places. It is a Greek Revival.
 For Lease: 1742 sq. ft. commercial property close to Main St. \$700 per month.

Belton

Large lot in Belton near Lake. Gated community, many trees. **\$65,000.**