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Van Curas share their love of music

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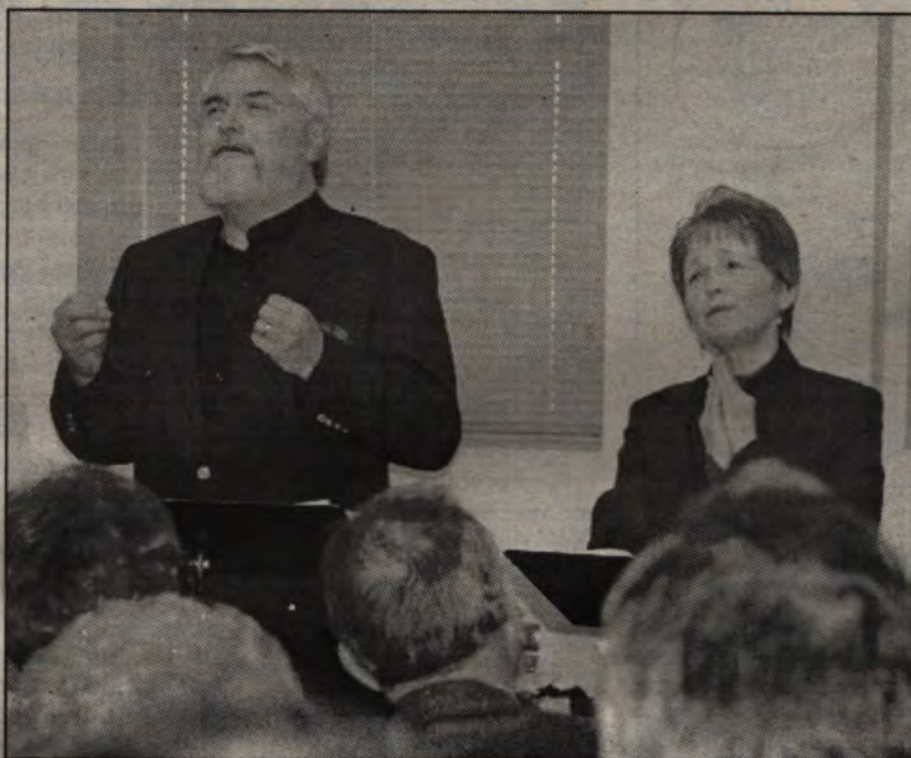
Drs. John and Kim Van Cura offered a repast of musical memories as a tribute honoring the accomplishments of Harry and Jane Wilmer.

Invoking the spirit of Orfeo's, John and Kim VanCura performed and recited their loving memories of becoming the teachers they are today.

John grew up in Baltimore, Maryland where there was always music in the house. His pianist mother who studied at the Peabody Institute spent time with him at the piano singing hits of the day, Irish tunes, Perry Como songs and one of his father's favorites "Roll out the Barrell." John describes his prize fighter father as possessing a hard drinking, hard fighting nature.

John studied piano but in junior high while performing in a Demolay variety show his grandparents became aware of his outstanding voice and encouraged him to sing for the Peabody. At Peabody he and Kim took note from loving caring teachers the importance of being "dedicated to teaching the whole person."

Kim grew up in a small mountain town living with her grandparents. Playing the piano at church, singing conventions, and ice cream suppers "with music



Drs. John and Kim Van Cura

raising the roof." Her brother Dennis deciding at some point that music was not just for the girls in the family, took a pistol to threaten the piano teacher into giving him lessons. He soon caught up to Kim's advanced level and they began playing duets.

She began her college years at St. Louis Institute for Music later transferring to Peabody where she and John ended up with the same voice teacher, and in the same Presbyterian church choir. The courting commenced shortly thereafter, with John standing on the snowy streets below her room singing love songs. The tradition car-

ried into their wedding ceremony where he sang "My Love is like a Red Rose." And they have been collaborating ever since.

John said, "We find that we define our lives through music." "It attends our sadness and invokes the memories of childhood," says Kim.

After years of performing "the couple chose the path of teachers honoring teaching as a calling where unexpected rewards are reaped from students that go on to perform and teach and pass on the love. Reciting a plaque hanging in Harry Wilmer's office Kim says, "Most of all let love guide your life."

John, is a professor at Baylor University and Kim is a private piano and voice teacher. The couple founded Music in Salado in 2001 and each summer conduct the Institute for Voice in Salado.

This was the first installment of the annual Harry A Wilmer, II Lectureship. Created as an endowment the lectureship was established to honor the insightful founding of the Institute for the Humanities 25 years ago and the 17 years that Harry Wilmer served as its director bringing scores of famous writers, poets and doctors to speak in Salado.



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Salado Water Supply Corporation workers repair a water line that sprung a leak Jan. 25.

Water members to meet

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 members 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.

Bill Lancaster will present the treasurer's report and 2004 budget.



State Rep. Dianne White Delisi addressed audience during Candidate Forum Jan. 22.

Local Republicans hear from slate of hopefuls

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

A large crowd numbering around 165 packed into the Mill Creek Country Club Jan. 22 to see the GOP parade its candidates vying for local, state and national elections. Voting day is March 9.

The dinner event, sponsored by the Salado Area Republican Women, was intended to give party members an opportunity to meet, and hear the positions of new candidates, as well as reacquaint themselves with incumbents.

Adhering to a strict time limit for each speaker, the majority of what was said, from District 55 State Representative Dianne White Delisi, to Bell County Sheriff Dan Smith to Bell County District Attorney Henry Garza consisted of the positive, motivational comments one would expect from a political gathering.

Despite the fact that in some races pitting as many as four Republicans against one another - such as the contest for County Commissioner Precinct 3, where 12-year Justice of the Peace Eddie Lange, along with Mary Krcha and David Leigh, try to unseat incumbent two-term commissioner Leroy Schiller - the customary Republican solidarity remained very much in tact, with one exception.

Lloyd Charming, running to win back the office of Constable Precinct 1 which he lost to now incumbent Luis Cortez,

accused his opponent of making false claims as to the amount of revenue he has generated for the county. Precinct 1 covers areas of Belton, Morgan's Point, Moffat, Whitehall and some parts of Temple.

In a statement made available to the press, Charming stated that Cortez "inherited the office from me with \$250,000 in uncollected fines and revenues. This is not the truth...He also said he has generated \$250,000 since being in office...The best calculations the auditor and treasurers office can verify is \$43,000."

He went on to say that Cortez' budget has risen almost \$45,000 in three years, and concluded by stating "if you do not tell the truth in this job, you don't deserve the job."

Taking the podium to a round of cheers, Cortez defended the amount of revenue he has generated since taking office, and explained that his recent budget spiked \$16,000 for the purchase of a car, which he said was needed.

Roger Laird, owner of Salado Mirror and Glass Works and challenger to the office of Precinct 2 Constable stated that he is no stranger to law enforcement, having 15 years experience in the field, and assured that if elected he would "use his talents to run the office in an efficient way."

Laird is running against long-time incumbent and Holland resident Coleman Benner, who is currently serving his fifth term as constable.

Clarification given on report on Salado ISD teachers certification

Last week, we reported that Salado ISD has 10 teachers who were given contracts despite not being fully certified. This is not correct. The teachers are on alternative certification programs or other permits.

There are several types of teacher certification programs approved by the State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC).

Three of these teachers are on emergency permits with two of them hired at mid-semester (both having degrees in their areas taught) and one on a university internship.

Five teachers are on alternative certification programs with probation-

ary certificates. They have all passed the ExCet professional development exam and are completing their internship.

One of the ten was a teacher we reassigned to his certification area.

The last teacher is our technology director who does an independent study course in networking each semester with four to five students.

The state recognizes all of these as eligible teachers and they all meet the federal requirements for "Highly Qualified" put forth through No Child Left Behind. Certification has changed in Texas. There are many avenues by which someone can become certified.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



The Rise of Worker-Investors

"To the workers the means of production," goes the old Marxist rallying cry. To which any good capitalist these days can only say, "Amen -- and the sooner the better." During the past two decades, America has undergone a revolution, as ordinary workers have become the owners of "the means of production" through mass stock ownership. The rise of this "investor class" will help define politics in 2004 and beyond, undercutting the premises of the New Deal and contributing to a free-market-friendly culture of self-reliance.

Journalist Richard Nadler has been heralding the advent of the investor class for years, and the broader political culture has finally begun to take notice. Nadler surveyed the data in a recent speech. In 1983, when the explosion in stock ownership began, 19 percent of U.S. households owned equities -- stocks or mutual funds. By 2002, 52 percent of households owned equities.

Meanwhile, the Securities Industry Association found that in 1983, 24 percent of households benefited from "defined contribution" retirement plans -- 401(k)s and the like. By 2001, 52 percent of households had such plans.

What does this mean? Fundamentally, that the age-old opposition between capital and labor begins to abate. Worker-investors become much more favorably disposed to policies likely to increase corporate profits, since they will share them. According to Nadler, the rise of mass investment "arguably explains the rightward drift of the U.S. electorate over the past generation."

Evidence for this thesis is accumulating. Surveys show that investors skew Republican in their voting by 5 to 7 percentage points. This doesn't mean that as soon as a worker has a 401(k) he puts a "re-elect Bush" bumper sticker on his

Rich Lowry



car, but as his assets grow he becomes more aware of them and embraces policies favorable to their growth. The effect of stock ownership is evident even among traditional Democratic constituencies like low-income and union voters.

It is in the interest of Republicans, therefore, to get as many people into the investor class as possible. That is why President Bush is considering proposing this year "lifetime savings accounts" to make it easier for people to save and invest tax-free by liberalizing the rules around 401(k)s and IRAs.

Conservatives and liberals are in a race. Liberals want to extend government programs to make as many people dependent on government as possible, while conservatives want to increase the ranks of those with the assets to care for themselves. As the Left thrived by offering programs to promote education, retirement and health care, the Right hopes to thrive by promoting individual savings for those same needs.

"By attacking the same lifecycle needs through investment policy," Nadler says, "the Right removes the programs, the bureaucracies that administer them and the taxes that pay for them, and restores them to individuals and households."

For Karl Marx, this would be the most hideous of unintended consequences. But so it goes as workers attain "the means of production."

News with a humorist twist

Local Caucus fails to convince its candidate to run for office May 15

The local chapter of the International Society of Do-No-Gooders were "at it" again this past Tuesday following the political news from Iowa. Need we remind readers that the DNGers are the curmudgeons who meet with alarming regularity each morning at the Stagecoach Coffee Shop?

The "it" that the "do-no-gooders" were "at" was their decision (by an almost unanimous vote) to hold an immediate "caucus" to select "one of their own" as a candidate for one of the May 15 vacancies on either the Salado school or library boards, or the city mayoral-council openings.

The group determined that member-in-good-standing Lloyd Parks, would make a great candidate representing the "DNG Caucus" and with all present in agreement, (except the member in question who modestly refrained from voting), the troublemakers decided to draft a petition in favor of Parks.

First problem surfaced immediately - no one had a working pen! Undaunted - the DNGers brushed aside the niceties of a petition and went straight to the all-important matter of financing the Parks' campaign. A vote was called to see who would kick in some bucks to get the bandwagon rolling. At that point complete silence enveloped the group. Nary an offering was volunteered!

All the while - Parks was telling his rowdy friends that he, like his fellow Republican General William Tecumseh Sherman, (back in 1884) - would "Not accept their nomination and even if elected, would not serve!"

It became apparent that the "DNG caucus" had failed to produce a viable candidate - so the group (noting the time) voted to adjourn (that got 100% support) since it was nearing noon and time to check the stock market, have lunch and a nap.

WORD TO THE WISE

If you are planning to run for any local office this Spring, it would be best to shy away from seeking help of any kind from the DNGers. They are without the necessary tools needed to get a campaign juggernaut started much less headed in the right direction.

These guys don't even have a pen. And if they did - would never use it to write a contribution check. They are what they are! Observers of all that goes on around them and when it comes to politics they exhibit a complete inventory of grumbling malcontentism, with a touch of irascibility tossed in for good measure. And proud of it!

CONGRESS SITTING ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE BILL

A nationwide opinion poll was recently mailed, by a group called U.S. English Inc. These folks are lobbying Congress to pass HR 997 which - if approved - would, by law, declare English to be the official language of the United States and require a stronger uniform English language rule for naturalization. The bill was introduced nearly a year ago and had 103 co-sponsors - 98 Republicans and five Democrats. From the Texas Delegation there were five co-sponsors - all Republicans.

Most Americans currently believe that English is the official language of the United States but under Federal law that is not the case nor is there a stringent, uniform rule concerning just how much English a person must know to become a citizen. What most of us don't realize is that there are 329 foreign lan-

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



Bill before Congress would make English our nation's official language and require a stronger English language rule as part of the naturalization process.

languages spoken in our multilingual country today, with at least 45 of them taught to these non English speaking students, as part of the public school curriculum. A huge expansion of the old bilingual education program not dreamed of a few short years ago.

If these non English speaking students are young enough they have a decent chance of learning English starting with pre-school bilingual classes that continue into the primary grades.

However, if older children arrive from foreign lands - they must be taught (actually tutored) in their native language until they know enough English to compete in the regular classroom.

If naturalization laws required a strong grasp of the English language - it might slow the citizenship stream (which many strongly believe is proper), but it would also give newcomers, both young and old, an equal shot at success in school as well as securing a better job in the workforce.

A large number of students, primarily from Asia as well as Europe, quickly learn English and succeed at both public school and university levels. Reason is that kids from these cultures have learned that the route to success in America, and later in the global economic world, is through a strong basic English language education plus knowledge of a second and even third foreign language.

Question has to be raised politically - why are the Republicans leading the charge on this English language proposal and the Democrats dragging their feet? Could it be that the GOPers are trying to slow down immigration and naturalization while the Demos enjoy the political rewards of having a less educated constituency?

The answers to these tough questions are buried in the depths of the current hysteric partisan rhetoric on this subject. Resolve this foolish political chatter concerning our polyglot confusion of languages and we will quickly and successfully dismantle the language barriers that divide our citizens - socially and economically, thereby allowing us to become a stronger and more cohesive nation.

The fact is - if everyone in America (native and foreign born) had an average working knowledge of English, the nation would be more productive; wages could not be kept at minimum levels and with an articulate and educated citizenry - we would demand more leadership and statesmanship from our elective officials and fewer nonsensical special interest laws that enrich only the wealthy at the expense of the rest of us.

And even more importantly, we would be much less likely to allow ourselves to ever be divided into two classes of Americans - the haves and the have-nots!

That's -30-

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The Kinship of Dreams

By JACK FARIS

It was a week of dreams. On Monday (January 19), the nation paused to honor the dreams of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. On Tuesday, in his State of the Union message, President Bush challenged the nation to dream great things—from sharing our economic blessings to extending the benefits of modern medicine to all Americans.

Dreams come easy to American small-business owners. After all, their shops and stores and home-based enterprises began as dreams. Today, more than 24 million of those dreams are realities found in every city, suburb and rural community.

But dreams alone don't build businesses or inspire nations. That also takes courage, determination and a lot of optimism.

There's no shortage of optimism among the small-business community these days. The latest NFIB Small Business Economic Trends report found owners enthused, pushing the survey's optimism index to near-record levels.

Overall, small businesses plan to hire more employees and spend more money to expand their businesses and restock their shelves. Looking at the year ahead, they dream of more job creation, better sales, expanded businesses—all marks of a clear shift to a more positive view of the future of the economy. Small manufacturing is showing signs of improvement, and the retail and service sectors are revving their engines.

Some of the momentum provided for this came from tax cuts, a long-held dream of small-business owners that came true when President Bush challenged Congress to provide the stimulation to make Main Street's cash registers sing. That effort alone instilled courage and determination in those who run small businesses, because they recognized that the president shared their dreams and had the courage to fight for them.

After listening to him stake his ground on Tuesday night, vowing to fight for their key issues of favorable tax treatment and affordable health care, those who own and operate the nation's small firms will be emboldened to enlarge the dreams they already have—dreams of greater growth, increased employment for American workers and broadened horizons of entrepreneurial innovation that can only bolster the underpinning of our nation's economic structure.

Such dreams will help them expand their goals and stretch their imaginations, especially now that the president has reassured them he plans to help slay their primary dream-killer, that fire-breathing dragon that makes health care unaffordable and unavailable to millions of small-business owners and their employees. The president's promise will certainly be seen as a huge boost for their quest to participate in Association Health Plans, which could provide medical care for those who are now blocked by insurance-company turf battles and politicians who fear to dream.

And when the president unveiled his plans for a new job-training program, the dreams of having a more qualified workforce and greater productivity no doubt leapt into the minds of millions of entrepreneurs.

There is a kinship among dreamers. Those who strive to live the American Dream by building small businesses draw inspiration from a president who also dreams, and challenges others to come along.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

FORUM



Getting to Mars by 2020

In January President Bush set forth a bold and far-reaching vision in search of what lies beyond the stars. By 2015 we will again land on the moon. By 2020 we will set our sights on another landing—Mars. Future generations will determine what follows, but it will undoubtedly be beyond the wildest imaginations of today.

Space exploration is more than a science fiction tale—it is our destiny. Americans have expanded frontiers since the first settlers arrived, so it is entirely fitting that the U.S. lead the exploration of space. That spirit challenges today's scientists and researchers to search for cures for cancer, AIDS and diabetes; develop lighter, stronger and more resilient materials; and create new technologies to transform our military, our economy and our health-care industry.

As a Houston reporter in 1969, I had the privilege of covering Neil Armstrong's extraordinary first steps on the moon. Growing up with the Johnson Space Center in my backyard and the first generation to plant a flag on the moon, the mysteries of space have always held a deep fascination for me. I have been awed by the tremendous discoveries our space program has produced, from insulin pumps to hurricane monitoring systems. When the Columbia disintegrated in the skies above North Texas last year, I heard the sonic boom as I was walking in my neighborhood and ached for the loss of those astronauts. But beyond my personal connections, I have come to understand that an ambitious agenda for NASA will help secure America's leadership in the 21st century, and ensure we continuously push the envelope to discover that which remains unknown. No one exemplifies that

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



spirit more than Texans.

The president's plan is threefold. First, the shuttle will return to flight and America will complete its work on the International Space Station by 2010, fulfilling a commitment to our 15 partner countries. Second, we will begin developing a new manned exploration vehicle to explore beyond our orbit to other worlds—the first of its kind since the Apollo Command Module. Finally, the United States will return to the moon as early as 2015, and use it as a stepping-stone for more elaborate missions into space. To achieve this goal, the president is asking for a \$1 billion increase over NASA's current \$86 billion five-year budget, and the reprogramming of \$11 billion already allocated. Funding this vision is a priority, but we must not shortchange or under-fund existing programs within NASA. While the costs may seem staggering, the price of inaction is even higher. Consider that investment in NASA has led to the development of CAT scans, MRIs, kidney dialysis machines and fetal heart monitors, it's a small price to pay for the lives—present and future—saved through these advances.

A renewed vision for our space program will also ensure the continuation of basic research, one of NASA's fundamental tenets. NASA fulfills one of the most critical roles of the federal government. Private industry neither has the financial wherewithal nor the capability to conduct basic research on a mass scale. Industry specializes in applied research—the art of crafting real-world

products from pure research, and keeping the production jobs in America. Everyday applications like satellite television and cellular technology are tangible results of the Agency's activities, but are merely byproducts—of a much greater endeavor. Without their core research, we'd be decades behind in every field.

The mission to Mars will also inspire the next generation of scientists. Those young boys and girls who sat wide-eyed as man first stepped on the moon, grew up to become the scientists, engineers and mathematicians of the digital revolution. Today's youth are more apt to name athletes or actors, rather than astronauts, as their role models. We need to resurrect the explorer's spirit that has lain dormant for too many years.

One year ago, the Columbia disaster renewed questions about the mission of our space program. It also exposed critical flaws within NASA and validated the nagging suspicion the Agency was floundering without clear direction. The Administration's new proposal will help revitalize the Agency with the vision and mission it has lacked for too long. The initiatives offer tremendous potential to further research in energy, geology, and health sciences, keeping us at the forefront of space exploration and maintaining our economic viability and defense prowess. And it will keep the dream of reaching new frontiers alive. Going to space is mankind's destiny and leading that effort is America's.

And now, a word from the sponsors



Jim Hightower

Before we rush full-tilt boogie into the '04 election cycle, let's hear a word from our sponsors.

Yes, the good folks who pay for the campaigns of George W. and most of the Democratic presidential contenders should be acknowledged before next year's vote. I say we should highlight these corporate interests now, just to get a sense of who's buying what in our Land of the Free.

Of course, the corporate big spenders and the politicians they purchase insist that nothing is being bought, that the corporations putting up \$100,000 to a million bucks each want only "Good Government." If you believe that, Pollyanna, you should check out something called "Internal Political Party Documents" at this Web site: www.campaignlegalcenter.org. Here you'll find the smoking quid pro quo between the corporate contributors and the political contributors of both parties.

For example, there's a letter from the Republican Party chairman to the drug giant Bristol-Myers Squibb requesting \$250,000. Does the letter ask for "good government"? Not exactly—it encloses the GOP's health care proposal, asking Bristol-Myers for any changes it'd like to make! The politico says to the CEO, "We must keep the lines of communication open if we want to continue passing legislation that will benefit your industry."

There's another letter from the Republican Party's finance chairman to the chairman of Global Crossing, the corrupt telecommunications giant that, at the time, was pushing for federal OK of a merger. As an ante, Global Crossing had pledged \$100,000 to the party, with a promise to hike it to \$250,000 if the merger went through. Surprise—it did! So, the finance chairman wrote back to the corporate guy: "I am taking the liberty of enclosing an invoice for the additional upgrade."

This corporate money is not buying "good government" and its not buying "access"—it's buying corruption. To stop it, call Public Campaign: 202-293-0222.

Your Voice

Readers Opinion

To the Editor:

Many, many thanks to all of the volunteers who worked so diligently decorating the Community Tree, the Gazebo, and putting the large wreath on the outside wall of the Civic Center.

These volunteers were from the Mill Creek Community Association and the Salado Volunteer Fire

Department. Also helping were Bobbie and Milton Carroll, Bobbie and Gerry Reihisen, Richard Freeman, and Johnny Martone of Double J Tree Service.

What would Salado be like without volunteerism? This Village is indeed blessed.

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"Clear Moral Objectives" explained to Rotary Club

By SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL
STAFF WRITER

Lynn Woolley, radio talk show host and author, addressed the Rotary Club of Salado Jan. 19. Woolley gave an overview of his latest book, **Clear Moral Objectives**, published by Sunbelt Eakin Press in 2003.

Woolley is the host of "Secretary of Logic," 6-9 a.m. weekdays on KTEM Newsradio 1400.

"In 1993, I got the urge to write a book," he says. **Last Great Days of Radio**, a memoir of his days in radio, was published in 1994 by Republic of Texas Press.

Clear Moral Objectives is an expanded version of a column he wrote for the *Dallas Morning News* in December 1999. "The column was originally between 1200-1500 words and discussed the



Lynn Woolley

15 things the U.S. is on the wrong track with," said Woolley. "They wanted to cut it down to 900 words.

I told them that I wanted to be the one to edit the article. They agreed and it ran in December."

"I narrowed it down to 12," he stated. "Reduce the size of government is the largest chapter in the book." Other topics examined in his book include establishing English as the official language of the U.S., respecting the Constitution, respecting the Judeo-Christian ethic, the difference between good and evil, and forming the basis of a moral compass code.

Woolley says the central theme is calling things what they are. **Clear Moral Objectives** is like "doing a Ronald Reagan through a full book," he says.

Woolley currently freelances for the *Dallas Morning News*, the *Waco Tribune-Herald*, the *Killeen Daily Herald* and *NewsMax.com*.

For more information on his book or to view his archive columns visit www.BeLogical.com

Red Priest provides swashbuckling entertainment at CAC

On Friday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m. the Red Priest will descend upon the Cultural Activities Center (CAC). It can't forgive your sins or heal your wounds, but if your penance is to immerse yourself in a modern maelstrom of Baroque music, then this is your altar.

Arrive at 7 p.m. for a pre-show confessional where the Red Priest will divulge its vision, which is shaking up the early-instrument realm with fresh, compelling ideas about programming and presentation.

The performance is part of the Central Texas Orchestral Society's (CTOS) 2003-04 Concert Series. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5/ for students and can be purchased at the CAC Box Office or by calling (254) 773-9926. Present a military ID and receive two complimentary tickets.

The English quartet combines a supremely accomplished level of musicianship with an almost superhuman energy and a sense of showmanship to present a concert that will stand as one of the season's best.

The ensemble brings together four musicians on instruments that were a common grouping in the baroque era (roughly 1600 to 1750) — Julia Bishop, violin; Angela East, cello; Howard Beach, harpsichord; and Piers Adams, recorder — in a range of sizes.

Adams, widely regarded as one of the world's greatest recorder virtuosos, formed the group in 1997. The inspiration for the group's name, "Red Priest," came from the nickname given to Antonio Vivaldi, the 17th-century Italian composer whose



Red Priest to perform at CAC

bright red hair, priest's frock and flamboyant personality earned him exile in one profession and acclaim in another. According to one story, the prolific composer was kicked out of the church after leaving an in-progress Mass to write down a song idea that suddenly struck him.

Like their namesake, Red Priest typically bills itself as "the other side of Baroque music," due to their flamboyant costumes and comedic interaction with the audience. They strive to bring this period back to life by adding swashbuckling virtuosity, heart-on-sleeve emotion and compelling stagecraft to traditional baroque music.

The evening will be "A Baroque Fantasy," a magical, mysterious and fantastical exploration of some of the most extraordinary chamber music of the Baroque era. Many of the works come from the "fantasia" tradition, a loose term that can be applied to a range of free-wheeling, fanciful compositions from the 16th century on. Such pieces are perfect for

the ensemble's spontaneous, improvisatory style.

The group makes it a priority to interact with the audience; therefore virtually all selections are performed by memory to enable the performers to wander around the stage and frolic in the isles, playing all the while.

According to The Virginia Gazette, "Red Priest has quickly proved that Baroque music doesn't have to be stuffy. They are a joy, real iconoclasts, dressed in colorful period clothing, cleverly designed to elicit rapport with an audience that sits enraptured by the wonderful banter and the equally incredible virtuoso performance. They interact with the audience and each other, literally transforming their instruments into talking entities. What with good music, wow-caliber, virtuoso playing, and humor, what's not to like. Bring them back as fast as you can!"

Laura Stewart, a fine arts writer for The News Journal, describes her experience at a Dayton Beach, Florida performance as "more fun than

anyone could have expected and at the same time more provocative. They played their hearts out and brought the venerated era to bawdy, brilliant life."

"Although Red Priest takes an unconventional approach to rejuvenate these conservative works from centuries past, their goal is not to scare away the traditional classical audience," says Alison Hovanec-Luevano, CAC Communications Director. "They strive to retain the music's authenticity while adding a splash of personality to create a magical evening of entertainment. The members of Red Priest are sure to introduce a new audience to baroque music."

"Red Priest has an international reputation for excellence and receives rave reviews and standing ovations at each performance," says Ms. Hovanec-Luevano. "You don't have to be a classical music enthusiast to enjoy this performance. The only requirements are to come with an open mind and an appetite for entertainment!"

Wear red in Febuary for the women in your life

During the month of February, the American Heart Association is launching its national Go Red for Women campaign to raise awareness of heart disease as the number one killer of women. Feb. 6 is National Wear Red Day for Women, and people across the country will wear red to demonstrate their commitment to fighting this killer.

Some of us still think of heart disease as a man's disease. But, almost half of all American women will die from either heart disease or stroke - that's one of every two women and an estimated 500,000 lives each year.

The facts might surprise you. There are eight million American women currently living with heart disease. Heart attacks kill six times as many women as breast cancer. Although many women still perceive cancer to be their greatest health threat, twice as many women will die of heart disease than from all types of cancer. In fact, heart disease kills more women under 45 than any other single disease.

This February, companies around Texas and across the country will be participating in their own National Wear Red Day campaign by allowing employees to wear red attire and jeans on Feb. 6. Employees can "buy" the right to wear jeans for just \$5, and all proceeds will go to the American Heart Association. The money raised through this new initiative will support critical life-saving research and education programs to help stop this killer of women.

More than 260,000 women die each year from heart attacks. The warn-

ing signs of a heart attack for women can be markedly different than those for men. According to a recent study conducted by the American Heart Association, unusual fatigue and sleeplessness are two potential early warning signs for women. In fact, in our research, we found that 95 percent of women in the study who suffered cardiac arrest had experienced unusual fatigue or sleeplessness up to a month before the heart attack. This finding indicates the possibility that acting on early symptoms could help prevent a heart attack.

Although most people would name chest pain as one of the leading symptoms of a heart attack, the study found that 43 percent of the women never reported any discomfort in their chest. Other early warning signs for women may be shortness of breath, indigestion and unexplained anxiety.

Go Red for Women is not just another campaign - it's an emotional and passionate call to action. Too many women are living with heart disease - and far too many women are dying from heart disease. Through increased awareness, we can make a difference in the health and lives of women. We can empower women to take charge of their health and make lifestyle changes to help prevent and manage cardiovascular disease.

When you put on that red dress or red shirt or red pin in February, think of all the women you know. Think of the impact of heart disease on women and their families. Think of what you can do to join the battle against women's number one killer.

To learn more about

women and heart disease, visit www.americanheart.org. Companies interested in participating in National Wear Red Day for Women can call 1-888-MY-HEART.

Myths about Women and Heart Disease

Heart disease is a man's problem. Heart disease is an epidemic in women, as well as in men. The main difference between the sexes is not whether women are as likely to get coronary heart disease, but when it is likely to occur. Heart disease typically takes almost a decade longer to show up in women than in men. In women, it usually occurs after age 50, at a time when they are often concerned with other health problems such as cancer, arthritis or osteoporosis. These diseases tend to draw attention away from the very real threat of heart disease.

Women have an innate protection against heart attacks. As a rule, women have higher HDL ("good") cholesterol levels than men do. Young and middle-aged women tend to have lower total cholesterol levels than men of the same age. However, as women approach menopause, things change. LDL ("bad") cholesterol and total cholesterol levels start to rise. Loss of natural estrogen may contribute to cardiovascular disease risk after menopause.

Women should be more concerned about other health problems, such as cancer or osteoporosis, than heart disease. Cancer and other chronic diseases prevalent in women deserve research and attention. However, cardiovascular disease ranks far

ahead of them as a cause of death. Heart and blood vessel diseases kill almost twice as many females each year as all forms of cancer combined.

If a heart attack doesn't kill you, you'll recover and be fine.

It's true that more men have heart attacks than women and have them earlier in life. But women have lower chances of surviving them because they are older when heart attacks occur. Studies show that 38 percent of women die within a year of a heart attack compared with 25 percent of men.

During the first six years following a heart attack, the rate of having a second attack is 35 percent for women compared with 18 percent for men.

Stroke randomly hits without warning. There's nothing you can do to prevent it. A lifetime's worth of bad habits, such as not controlling your weight, being physically inactive, and not controlling your blood pressure or cholesterol levels, can contribute to the risk of stroke. You can reduce your risk by controlling high blood pressure and cholesterol, not smoking cigarettes, having regular medical checkups and learning the warning signs of stroke so you can recognize a stroke in progress and get prompt medical attention if a stroke occurs. Immediate medical attention can often reduce disability from stroke.

The American Heart Association is the largest community-based voluntary health organization fighting heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases.

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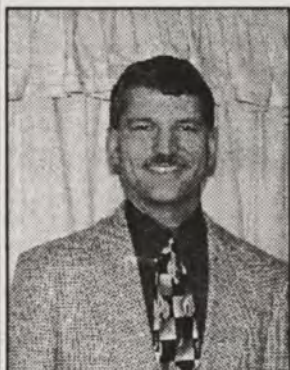


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They've been fodder for many news stories of late, objects of scorn for some, hallowed principles for others. Their claim of authority on man today has been debated in many circles. What am I talking about? The Ten Commandments, of course. This Sunday, we will introduce a sermon series in which we will "return" to the Sinai summit and re-examine the truths and relevance of these 10 words from God to us. We hope you'll join us!

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Seaman Baldwin helps in Navy rescue

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Sean P. Baldwin, a 1986 graduate of Salado High School, and fellow sailors assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Gettysburg, homeported in Mayport, FL, recently answered a distress call from an Iraqi freighter in

the Arabian Gulf.

After responding to the call, members of Baldwin's unit transported an Iraqi seaman, via helicopter, to the USS Enterprise for medical treatment.

While aboard Enterprise, the seaman was treated for a fractured arm

and chest bruises, which were sustained when a cable parted while his ship was towing another vessel. After he was treated, the seaman was taken back to Iraq for further medical attention.

Baldwin's ship is currently on a routine, sched-

uled deployment and serves as a multi-mission platform capable of supporting carrier strike groups and amphibious forces. The cruiser can also operate independently and as a flagship of a surface action group.

UMHB yearbook turns 100, special Chapel scheduled Feb. 4

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will hold its annual Charter Day Chapel 11 a.m. Feb. 4 in the W.W. Walton Chapel on campus. The ceremony is open to the public.

The ceremony will focus on the 100 year anniversary of the university's yearbook, *The Bluebonnet*. Historical moments of the university will be in review "Through The Eye's of a Yearbook."

At the conclusion of chapel, the Senior class will lay flowers on the tomb of the founder, Judge R. E. B. Baylor. Judge Robert Emmett Bledsoe Baylor (1793 - 1873), who contributed to establishing the university, is buried in the center of campus in the historical plaza.

After being chartered in 1845 by the Republic of Texas as the Female Divi-

sion of Baylor University, the school became Baylor Female College in 1866 operating under its own charter and board. The school then moved from Independence to Belton in 1866. In 1925, the name was changed to Baylor College for Women and in 1934, to Mary Hardin-Baylor College in honor of a benefactor. Once the oldest school for women west of the Mississippi, Mary Hardin-Baylor began offering degrees to men in 1968 and in 1971 became fully coeducational. In 1978, Mary Hardin-Baylor College became the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Presidents have included Dr. Horace Clark, Col. W.W. Fontaine, Dr. William Royall, Rev. John Hill Luther, Dr. P.H. Eager, Dr. E.H. Wells, Dr. W.A. Wilson, Dr. E.G. Townsend (acting president), Dr. Gordon S. Singleton, Dr. Albert C. Gettys (acting president), Dr. Arthur K. Tyson, Leonard L. Holloway, Dr. William G. Tanner, Dr. Bobby E. Parker, and currently Dr. Jerry G. Bawcom, who became president in 1991.

Blinn releases top students list

Blinn College Jan. 13 announced its academic honor students for the 2003 fall semester on its Bryan campus.

The college recognizes those students who take a minimum of 12 college credit hours and earn a

grade point average of 3.25 to 3.74 as Distinguished Students and those with at least a 3.75 as President's Scholars.

Waylon Wendler, of Salado, was named a Distinguished student.

SISD band fundraiser

The Salado ISD Bands will hold a Spaghetti Dinner 6-7:30 p.m. Feb. 5 in the Salado Intermediate School Commons area.

Tickets are \$5 with a \$20 limit for families. To

Go orders are available. The meal will include spaghetti, salad, bread, and tea.

The Salado High School Band will provide the entertainment.

Class of 2005 selling jackets, golf shirts

The Salado High School class of 2005 is currently selling Salado Eagles hooded jackets, short sleeve and sleeveless golf shirts and long-sleeve golf shirts as a fundraiser.

Jackets are tailored with a water-repellent and windproof shell made from PU coated toughlan nylon. They are lined with a gray heather jersey, made from poly/rayon/cotton blend

fleece fiber. The suggested retail price on the jackets is \$89, however, they are available for purchase at the High School for \$48.50.

Short sleeve and sleeveless golf shirts are priced at \$25, while the long sleeve golf shirts are priced at \$30. Available colors are red, black, white and ash. The sleeveless is only available in red, white or black.

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Combs child passes away January 25

MiKayla Sara Combs, 18 months, of Salado, died at her residence Jan. 25, 2004.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Jan. 29, 2004 at Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton with Pastor Steve Qualben officiating. Burial will be in North Belton Cemetery.

MiKayla was born to Anthony "Cricket" Combs, Jr. and Stacy Stermer

Combs in Temple on July 25, 2002.

Survivors include her parents, Anthony "Cricket" Combs, Jr. and Stacy Stermer Combs, of Salado; brother, Monte "Trey" Berry, III of Salado; sister, Kylar Combs of Salado; maternal grandparents, George and Brenda Conrad of Moody and Willie and Sharon Stermer of Temple;

paternal grandparents, Craig and Janice Hendricks of Freeport and Peggy Combs of Salado; maternal great-grandparents, Herman and Sonora Stoebner of Temple and Georgie Stermer of Burlington; and paternal great-grandmother, Laurene Hanley of Pacheco, CA. She was preceded in death by a paternal grandfather, Anthony Combs,

Sr. in 2003.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Jan. 28 at the funeral home.

Memorials are requested to the MiKayla Combs Fund c/o Anthony Combs, Jr. at the Extraco Banks in Temple or Belton.

Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton is in charge of arrangements.

MCCA launches membership drive

The Mill Creek Community Association is continuing its 2004 Membership Drive this month in hopes that the Mill Creek directory can be published by the end of February. Everyone in Mill Creek is encouraged to become a member and be a part of the home owners association.

MCCA was organized to benefit the Mill Creek Community home owners and renters with many goals. Some of those include protecting property values, encouraging a welcoming community through the Block Captain program and providing a Mill Creek Phone Direc-

tory. The MCCA also mails out a quarterly bulletin, supports the security of the area through contributions to the Salado Volunteer Fire Department and COPS and offers a Safety Net program.

They seek to cooperate with the Village of Salado government, and also work on landscape and the upkeep of Mill Creek entry sign, provide a Spring Clean-up with free early morning doughnuts and coffee, as well as organizing three evening social events during the year.

All this is provided through the efforts of many volunteers, working

in the elected board, committees and many other individual volunteers.

Special projects include a proposal to work to encourage provision of stone picnic tables and possibly a walking trail at Sherrill Park, and work with the Village at the Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration and program, a float in the Christmas parade, recognition of beautiful trees and possible tree plantings in the area.

Committees that help keep the MCCA vitality are: Beautification, Government, Membership,

Publicity, Social and Welcoming. Everyone is invited to participate and share ideas.

Block Captains will be bringing fliers to new and renewing residents.

Membership is \$20 per family. "Please renew soon, so we can set up the Phone Directory for the printers," says Bobbie Reihsen. Send renewal or membership checks to MCCA, Box 562, Salado, TX 76571.

The Annual Spring Fling has been set for a 6:30 p.m. cash bar happy hour and a 7 p.m. dinner March 6 at the Mill Creek Inn.

Two dramatic performances staged at Southwestern School of Fine Arts Jan. 28-31

The Sarofim School of Fine Arts, Department of Theatre, will present two shows: *Tell Me On a Sunday*, a musical by Andrew Lloyd Weber, and *A Momentary Paralysis* by Christopher Stout, opening 8 p.m. Jan. 28 in the Alma Thomas Theatre on the Southwestern University campus. The shows will run through Jan. 31.

Both shows are entirely produced by Southwestern University students. Act One is Weber's one-woman

musical - *Tell Me On a Sunday* - one-half of a full-length musical titled *Song and Dance*, which opened in London in 1982. It tells the story, through music, of an English girl named Emma who travels to America to find true love and work as a hat designer.

She soon realizes the complications of relationships and has to reevaluate perceptions of herself and others. While unequivocally Weber, this piece is a

bit more intimate than his other shows. The production is directed by BFA directing student Andrew Richey.

Act Two, *A Momentary Paralysis*, is a drama written by SU student, Christopher Stout. Ryan Whitfield has been watching over his younger brother Randy since he was paralyzed from the waist down from a car accident. In addition to his paralysis, Randy does not speak. With the help

of a new girlfriend, Paige, Ryan is able to see his brother for who and what he is, despite his seeming lack of communication abilities. The performance may not be suitable for young audiences, as it contains some offensive language and adult content.

Admission is free, however, seating is by reservation only. For reservations, call Cathy Bencivenga at 512-819-7320 or e-mail capstones04@hotmail.com.

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 Feb. 2: Breakfast on a Stick, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
 Feb. 3: French Toast, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch Menu
 Jan. 28: Pizza, Breadstick, Corn, Peaches, Chef Salad, Hoagic, Milk
 Jan. 29: Nachos, Carrots, Applesauce, Sugar Cookies, Chef Salad, Hoagic, Milk
 Jan. 30: Cheeseburger, Fries, Burger Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Fruity Freeze, Chef Salad, Hoagic, Milk
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Junior League of Bell County Sponsors KidCare Event

The Junior League of Bell County is sponsoring a KidCare event 2-4 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Killeen Mall. The KidCare Identification Program encourages parents to obtain precautionary documents for the personal safety of their children. This information can then be shared with police if a child is reported missing or abducted. This program was created when Polaroid and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) joined forces.

The Department of Justice estimates that over one million children are reported missing each year. No parent wants to think about their child being one of these, but

every parent should be prepared in case of emergency. According to the KidCare Identification Program, nothing improves the chances of finding a missing child more than a current, high-quality photograph. There is not another tool that is considered more important than this in the recovery of a child. The Junior League is pleased to be able to partner with KidCare and offer parents such an important, potentially lifesaving, tool. "The Junior League of Bell County is thrilled to offer this program to the parents of Central Texas children. Many of our members are mothers, and we understand the importance of


taking every step necessary to ensure that our kids are safe," said Jill Boatler, Junior League President.

The KidCare photo ID is the only photo standard approved by the NCMEC. Having a standardized photo such as this allows for computerized age progression. This process digitally enhances the photo of a child who has been missing for some time to provide the most accurate current portrait. One in seven child recoveries are linked directly to the national photo distribution system using photos like these.

The KidCare photo ID also includes the NCMEC's seven basic safety tips that can be

shared with both children and parents. The best way to reduce the number of missing children is to prevent the abductions from ever taking place. In addition to providing safety tips with the identification cards, Polaroid will donate 10 cents for each card purchased to the NCMEC.

The Junior League of Bell County is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.



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UMHB Holds Health Quest 2004 Feb. 20

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will hold its fifth annual health fair, Health Quest 2004, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 20 in Shelton Theater, Mabee Student Center. The health fair is free and open to the public.

Health Quest is a campus and community wide event to showcase over 40 exhibitors from a variety of health and wellness related businesses, including the American Red Cross, Bodyworks Day Spa and Wellness Center, Central Texas Council on Alcoholism, Cox/Bond Dental Group,

Eye Center of Central Texas, Curves for Women, Metroplex Health Systems, Montgomery Chiropractic, Scott and White Hospital, Hope Pregnancy Center, MADD - Mothers Against Drunk Driving, March of Dimes, Relay for Life, and many other local businesses and resources.

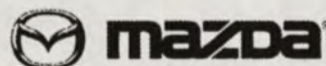
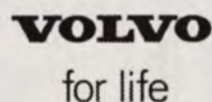
There will be many exhibits offering a wealth of information for all including blood pressure checks, chair massages, trauma care and disaster response information, exercise demonstrations, blood donations, body fat composition analysis, skin

care information, mental health screenings, alcohol, tobacco and drug screenings, chiropractic screenings, eye care information, preventive healthcare and medicine, dental hygiene and health information.

Two 1/2-hour break-out sessions titled "Insurance for Dummies" by Karen Hawley, CLU, LUTCF at 11-11:30 a.m., and "Stress Management 101" by Aaron Ameny, RMT at 12:30-1 p.m.

For more information contact, Debbie Rosenberger, Coordinator of Health Services and Wellness, at (254) 295-4623 or drosenberger@umhb.edu. Information may also be obtained on the Internet at www.umhb.edu/programs/counsel/healthquest/.

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SPORTS

Boys crack in to Top 10

The Varsity boys celebrated cracking into the top 10 in state for the first time in anyone's memory by hammering Rogers and dispatching Lexington by 23 points in last week's games.

Salado 78
Rogers 32

This score is ugly, but had Coach Tom Long pushed the issue, it could have been much more lopsided.

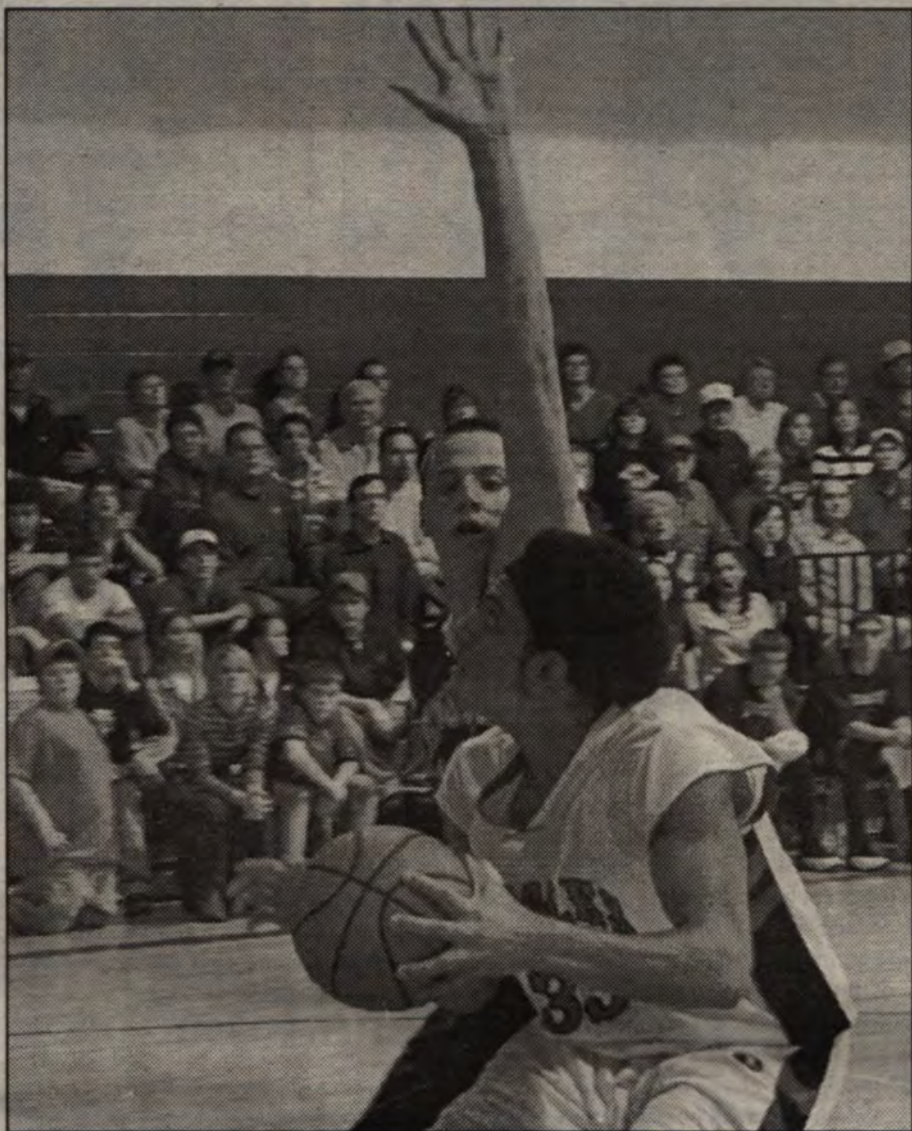
Playing an overmatched opponent on the road, Josh Wright drained a trio of three pointers in the first period as Salado opened up a convincing 24-0 lead in the opening frame. The margin only grew from there.

Rogers did manage to drop in a few buckets in the second, but still trailed Salado by a whopping 39 points at the half, 43-4.

The Eagles expanded the lead again in the third, going up 63-16, and with reserves playing much of the fourth the game closed with the final of 78-32.

All 11 Eagles on the roster contributed points offensively, topped by Travis Clark's 17 and Devon Dunn's 16. Matt Caskey reached double figures again, this time finishing with 11. Wright had all nine of his points in the first, while Scott Williams put in seven points and Nick Everett scored six.

Also scoring were Ben Marsh, four; Nathan Grigsby, two; Kris Stine-man, three; Joseph Shumate, two; and Matt Jennings, one.



Devon Dunn maneuvers under the boards. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Salado 68
Lexington 45

The Eagles approached their Jan. 23 showdown with Lexington with the same district record as their opponent: five wins and no losses.

Salado proceeded to cement the impression that the team is for real by dominating Lexington from the second period on.

The game was tight early, with Salado nursing a 15-13 lead entering the second period. But with

Clark pumping in 10 points, and Caskey knocking down six in the second, Salado enjoyed a 37-26 lead at the break which they would not relinquish.

Clark remained hot offensively through the third period, pumping in seven more points as the Eagles expanded their lead to 54-34.

On cruise control much of the fourth, Salado tacked on 14 more points to close out the scoring 68-45.

Clark finished with a game-high 22 points, followed by Dunn, who had 17 points. Caskey scored 10 points, Jennings had nine and Wright scored eight. Shumate dropped in two points to round out the scoring.

Salado's two wins placed them alone atop the District 25AA standings with a perfect 6-0 record. The team now boasts a 23-3 season record.

Underclassmen win big

The JV boys continued to pick up victories by winning two games last week, while the freshmen boys also notched a win versus Florence Jan. 24

Salado JV 55
Rogers JV 30

Salado opened up a large first half lead over Rogers on the road, which was enough to carry them to a convincing 25-point win.

James Gregurek and Ryan Clark both had 10 points, leading the Eagles in scoring. Justin Konzen finished with nine points, Slayt Ebling had six and Garrett Askins contributed five. Also scoring were Cody Gobin, five; Bran-

don Peters, three; Anthony Pierson, two; and Barrett Brashier, two.

Salado JV 38
Lexington JV 32

Askins led the Eagles with his 15 point performance, which was accentuated by his three long-distance shots. Clark scored 11 points, including four-of-four from the free throw line.

Gregurek finished the game with eight points, Ebling had two and Konzen had two points.

Salado Freshmen 38
Florence 21

In a weekend game in Salado, the freshmen boys dominated the Buffs to win the game by 17 points.

Justin Pruitt paced the Eagle effort with 10 points, including eight in the third.

Clayton Sharum scored eight, and Tanner Myers and Blake Newman had seven each. Chad Tumey scored six points.

Salado Seventh 36
Jarrell 22

Garrett Ward had 15 points in the victory to lead the seventh grade Eagles. Also scoring points for Salado were Matt Ming, six; John Cruz, two; C.J. Little, three; and Bryce Dunks, one.

Salado Seventh 36
Academy Seventh 38

The Eagles very nearly staged an impressive

comeback against the Bees in a Rogers junior high tournament.

Whitmire led Salado scorers with his 12 point game. Lutz contributed eight points. Ward had six, Ming and Dunks had four, and Little finished with two points.

Salado Seventh 50
Bruceville-Eddy 27

Salado rebounded from their loss with a big win over Bruceville-Eddy.

Ward had 12 points, Whitmire scored 11, and Dunks scored seven. Little, Lutz and Barton Grigsby all had six points. Ming finished the game with two points.

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Laramie Jackson goes up strong against Lexington. Jackson had 15 points in the loss.



Ashley Peschel on the defensive end. (PHOTOS BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Lady Eagles still alive, need wins down the stretch

The Varsity Lady Eagles stayed alive in the playoff race by defeating Rogers Jan. 20. A loss to Lexington at home Jan. 23 put Salado in a position where winning the remainder of their games would put them in the playoffs. A loss and the girls are still mathematically alive, but they would then need help to make the post season.

Salado 41
Rogers 34
 Needing a victory to keep their momentum going, the Lady Eagles rode the shoulders of Jenny Goode. By playing confident basketball in the first half and, with the aid of strong defense in the third and fourth, the girls

were able to stay ahead of Rogers the entire game.

Goode finished with a game high 21 points, highlighted by a nine-of-10 effort from the free throw line. Goode also had seven rebounds and four steals on the night.

The only other Lady Eagle to hit double figures in scoring, Laramie Jackson, had 10 points from her post position.

Also scoring for Salado were Amanda Tumey, four; Brittany Boydston, two; Kate Marshall, two; and Lauren Hogwood, two.

Salado 32
Lexington 36

The Lady Eagles failed to parlay a strong, 14-point

first period into further offensive success as they dropped an important district game by four points Jan. 23.

Salado hit two threes in the first period, which helped to open a 14-10 lead after one. The girls, however, managed only 11 points in the game's next two periods of play, but thanks to good defense, enjoyed a narrow 25-24 lead entering the fourth.

It was not to be Salado's game, however. The Lady Eagles put Lexington on the line 12 times in the fourth, and the Eagles in green converted on eight of those tries. Two more buckets by Lexington put the final score at 36-32.

Jackson had a strong game on both ends, scoring 15 points, with four assists and six rebounds.

Goode scored seven points, Smith had five, Brittany Boydston and Jo Washburn both had two points, and Tumey had one.

For the game, the Lady Eagles committed 12 turnovers and shot six-of-12 from the free throw line. Salado's record is now 4-4 in district, 14-12 overall.

After facing Academy Jan. 27, the Lady Eagles will host Florence Jan. 30. Only three district games remain after that.

Salado JV 34
Rogers JV 21

All seven Lady Eagles contributed points in the 13-point win over Rogers, with none finishing with less than three points.

Salado led the entire game, but it wasn't decisive until the fourth, when the girls converted on seven-of-eight free throws to put the game out of reach.

Leading Salado scorers was Nichole Weatherly, who had nine points. Also scoring were Lacey Bartlett, four; Chelsea Ervi, six; Cortney Dunnahoo, three; Natalee Cantrell, six; Kelsey Gobin, three; and Brandi Boydston, four.

Salado JV 29
Lexington JV 21

A 13-point third period put Salado on top for good as they defeated Lexington at home Jan. 23.

Dunnahoo was the top scorer, finishing the game with 10 points. Gobin totaled seven points, Ervi and Boydston both had four points, and Cantrell and Mary-Amber Runyon both scored two.

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Powerlifters compete well in Alvarado

The Salado boys powerlifting team competed in the Alvarado Invitational meet Jan. 24. They were scheduled to compete in Belton, but for the second consecutive year, the meet was canceled. Coach Travis Ling stated that this was a 4A-5A meet, with the exception of Salado, Dawson and Early. There were approximately 22 teams involved altogether.

"All things considered, our guys competed very hard and most all of them improved on their total," commented Ling.

Mark Gentry finished with 690 lbs., including a 240 lb. squat, which represented a 40 lb. improvement from the last meet.

Jack Lucas totaled 760 lbs., including a personal record 290 lb. squat. Bryan Corbitt finished with 775 lbs., an improvement of 70 lbs. from the last meet. Corbitt had an impressive 375 lb. deadlift. "This is very impressive when you start getting close to doing three times your body weight. Bryan only weighs 130 lbs., so this was quite a lift for him," said Ling.

Matt Simon, competing in his first meet, finished with 880 lbs., including a 305 lb. squat. Chance Coe won fifth in his class with

a total of 1,040 lbs., a 15 lb. improvement from last meet. "Chance competed hard, and to finish in the top five at a meet of this caliber is something to be real proud of," Ling said.

Michael Tracy totaled 895 lbs., with personal records in bench (215 lbs.) and squat (305 lbs.). Alonso Galvan, in his first ever meet, finished with 850 lbs., including a 225 lb. bench. Jared Quirk, also in his first meet, finished with 885 lbs., highlighted by a 375 lb. deadlift.

Jesse Rodriguez grabbed a fifth place finish with a total of 1,060 pounds, topping personal bests in all three lifts. Rodriguez had a 385 lb. squat, 225 lb. bench and a 455 lb. deadlift.

"We were proud of all the guys for stepping up and competing at this meet. Our guys were a little uncertain of things at the beginning, but I think this proved to them that they could compete at any meet," Ling said.

Alumni baseball game set for March 20

The date for the third annual Salado Eagle Alumni Baseball Game has been announced. This year's game will take place March 20 at the High School baseball field.

A homerun contest at noon will precede the game. The format will be the same as last year's. Odd-year graduates will

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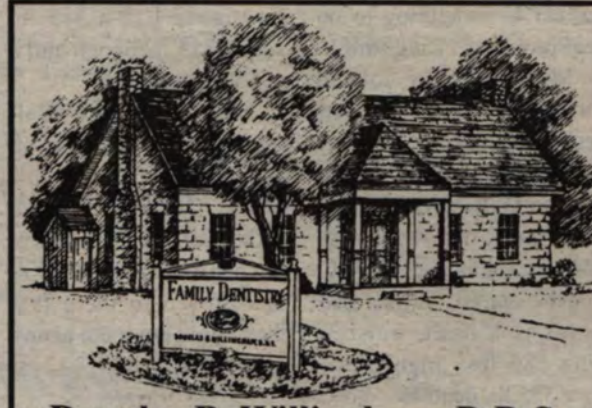
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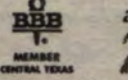
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- Fewer than four in 10 workers say they have calculated how much money they will need to have saved by the time they retire.

- Three in 10 workers say they have not saved for retirement.

- About 33 percent of workers are not confident about having enough money to live comfortably throughout their retirement years.

Unless you're involved in making public policy, the overall impact of these statistics may have little impact on you. But if any of these numbers are telling your story, then you've got something to think about.

Crunch the numbers

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Boost your savings

If you're one of the three in 10 workers who either haven't saved anything for retirement or just haven't saved enough to feel confident about your savings, you need to take action - right away. But even if you're among the two-thirds of workers who

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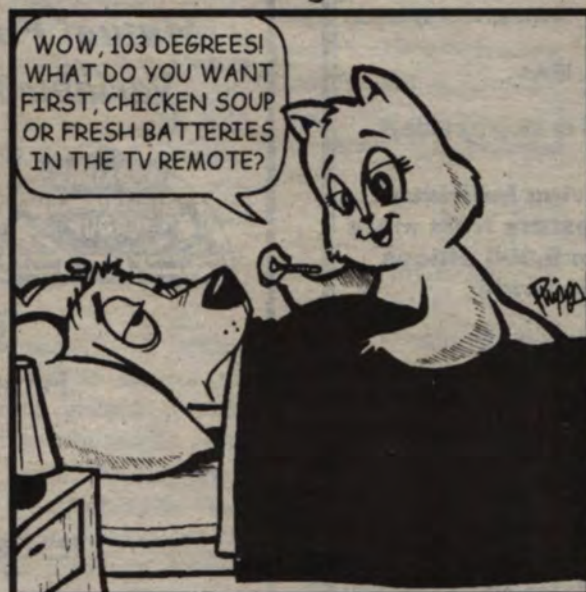


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- 76 "— Rolling Stone" ('65 hit)
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- 91 Joyce's land
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- 104 "Exodus" protagonist
- 105 Plaza Hotel kid
- 106 Get a galley going
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- 2 Restless
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- 9 Drilling site?
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- 11 Yale or Root
- 12 Tic — -toe
- 13 "What?"
- 14 "Farewell, Francois!"
- 15 Big guy
- 16 Austere
- 17 Close the curtains
- 19 Cart
- 26 Postfix
- 27 Exiled dictator
- 28 Mary of "Dodsworth"
- 31 Claire or Balin
- 32 Big revolver?
- 33 Lost
- 34 "The Ramayana" heroine
- 35 Barbie's boyfriend
- 39 Austrian city
- 40 Solemn statement
- 41 "Wait — Dark" ('67 film)
- 42 Ballet company
- 43 Santa —, CA
- 44 Smith or Page
- 45 Like Machu Picchu

- 46 Utmost
- 47 Bizarre
- 48 Nest egg
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- 51 Debra of "Love Me Tender"
- 52 Fountain treats
- 55 Use coupons
- 56 Shampoo ingredient
- 57 Middle Eastern airline
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- 61 "The Addams Family" actor
- 62 Pindaric poetry
- 64 Stop on —
- 65 Delibes opera
- 66 Blackboard support
- 67 Cry uncle
- 71 Cleveland's lake
- 72 Stagger
- 73 English channel?
- 74 Fireworks reaction
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- 96 St. — fire
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Unemployment rate climbs slightly in December

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point over the month from 6.3 percent in November to 6.4 percent in December, according to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). Following four consecutive months of growth, Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment fell by 7,500 jobs over the month.

The December seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 6.4 percent is below the year's high of 6.8 percent in May. The number of unem-

ployed people at 702,900 also is below the year's high of 750,700 in May. This represents a decline in unemployment claims of 11.9 percent.

"While the unemployment rate rose a tenth of a percentage point, we still see some encouraging signs in the Texas labor market," said TWC Chair Diane Rath.

"Unemployment claims in the state continued to decline through the end of December compared to one year ago."

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

showed growth in Construction, Financial Activities, Education and Health Services, and Leisure and Hospitality. "While the labor market is showing mixed signals, employers' comments remain positive," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "Corporate profits are on the rise in most areas, and business activity is growing as employers begin to increase investment in technology and capital improvements."

Construction employment ended the year on a

positive note by gaining 1,500 jobs in December. This industry added 11,300 jobs during 2003, following declines of 4,800 and 1,800 jobs in 2001 and 2002.

"Construction has been a strong point for us this year, with an annual growth rate of 2.5 percent," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "It is heartening that we are now showing job gains over the year in Construction after two consecutive years of losses."

CTC offers non-credit classes

The Central Texas College Continuing Education department is offering the following classes starting in February:

Valentine's Day Dinner for Two - It has been said that the way to a person's heart is through their stomach. Let Chef Len show you how to set the mood for your loved one with several elegant yet simple dishes designed to make your lover's heart flutter. And yes, there will be lots of chocolate! Students are asked to wear pants and shirts with sleeves. Ingredients and recipes will be provided. Bring a hand towel, apron and a container so you can take food home. Len Pawelek is the sous chef for a local restaurant who is a certified culinarian with the American Culinary Federation. Class meets 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 7. Cost is \$46.

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ing How to Communicate Clearly - Clear communication skills enable you to express your needs and give others feedback in a way that enhances rather than damages relationships. Learn the differences between passive, aggressive and assertive communication. Explore ways of developing assertive thinking and behavior. Students will have the opportunity to practice what is learned in class. Bring \$1 for handouts. Certification of Attendance for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available for \$5 to the instructor. Helen Alexander, LPC has taught university courses in psychology and had a private practice with national certification in biofeedback and stress-related disorders. Class meets 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Feb. 7. Cost is \$29.

Beginning Stained Glass - Make beautiful

stained glass projects to brighten your home. Learn the time-honored art and craft of stained glass construction. This class will focus on basic cutting techniques, foiling, soldering and grinding. Students will complete two projects, a picture frame and geometric pattern. Students should wear durable clothing. Plan to spend a minimum of \$45 on supplies, which are available from the instructor. This class meets off campus. Kimberly Boyer is passionate about stained glass and has been making and selling stained glass for more than a year. Class meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Feb. 7-March 6. Cost is \$41.

Budget, Credit & Credit Reports - Take the mystery out of credit and learn how to design a realistic spending plan. Course topics include money management, understanding your credit report, credit scoring, types of credit, credit history and how to clear up bad credit. Bring \$5 to class for a workbook.

Edie Durham is a certified housing, credit and financial counselor with over 20 years of experience in the financial industry and mortgage lending. Class meets 9 a.m.-noon Feb. 7. Cost is \$16.

For more information about these classes, or to request a brochure, contact the Continuing Education office at (254) 526-1586 or visit www.ctcd.edu. Register at least three business days prior to class start date to avoid a \$5 late registration fee.

Harker Heights Fitness Fiesta to be held Feb. 8

The Metroplex Health System will sponsor the Harker Heights Fitness Fiesta 2-5 p.m. Feb. 8.

The event will be held at the Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Center, located at 302 Miller's Crossing.

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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

magazine. Included in the Jewel magazine is a user friendly shopping map of the village. To be listed on the shopping map, a business must have an ad in the Jewel.

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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
Empty Bowl Project bowl making class 6:30 p.m. at Mud Pies Pottery. Dinner provided. Info: 947-0281.

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 26
Empty Bowl Project bowl making class. At Mud Pies on Main Street. Dinner is provided. Come and enjoy company while getting your hands dirty for a good cause.

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 Community 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



Pipe and drum band competitions are part of the Annual Gathering of the Clans and Scottish Games held each November in Salado. The three-day event is held on the grounds of the Robertson Plantation and various other locations in the village. This year's event is Nov. 12-14.

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@saladoisc.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
"You don't need a wok-Asian Cookery" cooking class with Dave Hermann at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

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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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

AUGUST 2
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AUGUST 7-8
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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 9473429

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

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

NOVEMBER 1
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NOVEMBER 5-6-7
10 a.m.- 10 p.m.
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.



Many car clubs make Salado an annual stopping place. The Lincoln car Club will be in Salado at the Stagecoach Inn April 16-17. The owners will have their cars on display in the front of Stagecoach Inn during the day April 16.

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

DECEMBER 3-4-5
Salado Christmas Stroll
Salado Historical Society Annual Christmas Homes Tour TBA

DECEMBER 10-11-12
Salado Christmas Stroll
A Christmas Carol 7 p.m at Tablerock Amphitheater Tickets Adults \$5 children \$3

DECEMBER 14
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DECEMBER 24
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Emerson Ray Fuller of Salado marks 90 years of Texas living on Jan. 28. He and his family invite you to join in marking this important event 2-5 p.m. Jan. 31 in the Gathering Room at the Halley House on Main Street in Salado. All friends and family are invited to come tell a story, listen to stories told or wish him well at this casual affair.

Ray Fuller was born on the Matthews farm outside Salado on Jan. 28, 1914, the beginning of last century. He was delivered by Dr. Ira A. Griffin at 6 pm at home on the family farm. He was the fourth child born to Frank Emerson Fuller and Millie Moore Fuller, both Bell County natives. Ray was welcomed by sisters, Gladys and Estell, and one older brother, Wilburn. Ray was followed over the next several years by five younger siblings, Edith, Irene, Hamblen, Frank and Frances.

Working the Mat-



Emerson Ray Fuller was much younger when this photograph of him was taken. The Salado native celebrates his 90th today. A birthday reception is planned 2-5 Jan. 28 at The Halley House.

thews place was tough in those days, but with the all the children's help picking cotton and harvesting grain, life was actually good for this close-knit Fuller clan. In January of 1929, Frank and Millie made a radical decision to move their family and belongings to some promising cultivated, irrigated farm land outside of Cone, TX. As they headed west, with Ray on top of the family truck with his trusty dog, Snowball, he and the other Fuller kids wondered why they had left the lush green prairies and hill country of Bell County to settle in this rather harsh, copper colored wasteland of West Texas.

They found a small four room home on the Crawford farm outside of Cone, where the older kids attended school. After Ray's older siblings married, and his dad died at the early

age of 45, Ray assumed the role of the "man" of the household. But when time allowed, Ray and his friends would occasionally play a rousing game of tin can hockey on the frozen stock ponds. His friends (Paul Wheeler, Paul Hatley, Blinkey Lott, Don Jam, Codger Pope and Gene Flurry) played short games with Ray, primarily because their lack of hockey skills caused their sticks to strike their shins more often than they hit the cans.

When Ray turned 19, he helped his mother bring the younger siblings back to Bell County to the small, now almost forgotten, community of Gooseneck, south of Salado. While farming in Bell County, Ray and his family traded with a grocer, Marion Carter in Belton and they became friends with his wife and children.

One sunny summer day, two of the Carter sisters, Katie and Pauline

happened to be swimming in Salado Creek and noticed two brothers, Ray and Wilburn washing a car in the creek. Pauline Carter was enamored with this young, stout and handsome farmer. After courting for awhile, Ray and Pauline Carter married in 1938 in Nolanville, Texas. For most of his working career, Ray learned and then honed his skills to become a carpenter and built many houses for friends and other farmers all across Bell County.

Pauline and Ray were blessed with three children, Norman, Sharon and Freddie, who were all born at Belton's Sewell-Long Hospital in the 1940's and were educated at the red brick school house in Salado, where Ray served on the school board for a number of years. They were also blessed with nine grandchildren.

Pauline Carter Fuller died in 1987 after a long battle with cancer, Ray standing by her side the entire time and tending to her needs.

Although he would never admit it and perhaps was not even aware of it, Ray was the most eligible 74 year old bachelor in Bell County. He attended the senior dances and functions on a regular basis where his eye and finally his heart focused on a long time family friend who had recently lost her husband. He and Miss Billye Williams Street were happily married in 1989.

Billye and Ray proudly claim each other's families as their own. Collectively now, as of press time, they have a total of six children, 20 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

So please come by enjoy a glass of tea and some birthday cake and talk to one of the true Salado natives and his lucky family on January 28 from 2-5 p.m. at the Gathering Room at the Halley House on Main Street in Salado, next to the old red brick schoolhouse. Oh, and don't tell Truett Williams, but the family is also celebrating his birthday with a surprise birthday cake with 79 candles..Shhhhhhhh.

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Jim Watson of Fredricksburg has some real treasures in a building behind his garage: some old motorized two-wheelers with brand names I didn't know existed. They're all road worthy. Jim has gathered and restored all of them over a long period of time.

He got his first one while he was in college. He has three BMW's (two from the 1960's) which he doesn't include in his collection. Those are for running around the country. One has more than 100,000 miles on it. Another has 80,000 miles. Jim likes to ride. One has a sidecar on it. He uses that to run local errands.

He lists the items in his collection: "I have two Indian motorcycles, one a 1918 Power Plus that I've had since 1968, the other one is a 1948 Indian Chief, which I've only had about three years. There's also a 1927 Harley Davidson and a 1912 Pierce (which he worked on during his

by:
Tumbleweed Smith



26 years as a petroleum chemist). That's by far the rarest motorcycle I have. It was made by the same people who made the Pierce motor cars in Buffalo, New York back in the 20's and 30's but they only built motorcycles 4 years, from 1909 to 1913. There's probably less than a dozen of those in existence worldwide. Finally I've got a 1922 Cleveland, a brand that was built in Cleveland, Ohio from the mid teens until about 1924. Today it seems like everybody has a Harley Davidson.

That company is over a hundred years old now. Indian was the largest manufacturer up to and through the first world war. They were made in Springfield, Massachusetts. The last Indians were made in 1953. Most

of the other brands of motorcycles went out prior to the great depression of the late 20's. There have been more than 200 manufacturers of motorcycles in the US. I used to have a 1928 Henderson, but I sold that."

The first motorcycle was made of wood, built by Daimler-Benz in 1885. Indian came into existence in 1901. Harley Davidson started in 1903. By 1910, Indian, Harley and Excelsior and others were selling in the tens of thousands a year. In the early days, motorcycles were transportation. They were not sport vehicles. Henry Ford diminished the use of motorcycles. In the early 1900's you could buy a Model T cheaper than you could buy an Indian.

The headlight on his 1918 Indian looks like a train light. It's actually an acetylene lighting system.

Both the headlight and tail light are lighted with a match. At the time, the lighting system was optional.

Swap meets are good places to find parts. The biggest motorcycle swap shop is in Davenport, Iowa over Labor Day.

Jim started riding motorcycles when he sold his 57 Chevy to pay college fees. He had some change left and he bought an old Italian scooter from a guy in the dorm. He's had some sort of motorcycle ever since. He says they tend to accumulate. His cycles are beautiful and attract attention when he rides them.

A sign on his wall reads: WHY SPEND A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY ON A NEW MOTORCYCLE WHEN YOU COULD SPEND AN UNREASONABLE AMOUNT ON A USED ONE.

Jim calls his hobby an addiction. "These old things have intrinsic value. I think we have an obligation to try to preserve some of this stuff for posterity."

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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 Civic Center.

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

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The day the beer truck ran off the Main Street bridge

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

Salado's never really been known as a town that drinks a lot. Or at all. At least that's the common impression. One that's been guarded and perpetuated by generations of teetotaling town-dwellers.

Go ahead, read the old books. You'll not find a mention of alcohol consumption, unless it serves to preach against the evils of the old devil's brew.

To this day, there are no bars in town. Restaurants that choose to serve spirits must do so as private clubs, and the grocery and convenience shops are dry as deserts. Not a drop to be had.

But what's spoken about here is a story that would nary appear in a history book. It's one that's told in domino halls, coffee shops, class reunions and church foyers, when the preacher isn't looking. Any gathering place between friends where the past is kept alive and the coarse tongue of the common man finds voice, in that great colloquial tradition of the American South.

That's when the real stories come out. The ones that make you recline in your seat and shake your head in amusement.

Wilbur Foster is 88 years old and has lived his entire life in this area. He has seen and heard just about everything. Over

his life he has known men that made their homes in Salado over two decades before the turn of the century. That's the 20th century, just to clarify. In short, he's something of an authority on the real deal.

He also happened to be privy to an occurrence back in the early 1940s that seems to knock the uptight perception of Saladoans on its rump. It involves a truck driver, a crook-eyed constable, a traffic accident, and several dozen thirsty townsfolk...and it actually happened.

You see, the narrow spit of a bridge spanning the Salado Creek had a reputation for trickiness, even in good weather. A simple misapplication of the brake, or a grinding of a gear, could send a vehicle careening out of control. Large automobiles were particularly put-out by this crossing. Locals knew to exercise caution.

An anonymous truck driver, hauling a trailer-load of fresh, sudsy beer, neatly boxed and bottled on that day over 60 years ago, apparently did not.

You can imagine where this is going.

"I wasn't there when everything happened. I was working in Fort Hood at the time," Foster remembers. "But I heard everything that same day."

As the young driver dashed his haul north up Highway 81, presently Main Street in Salado, he approached the bridge, which was even narrower in those days. According to the story, he was moving along at a clip which was, from witness accounts, a touch faster than advised.

"For some reason he slammed on the brakes, and jackknifed his truck," says Foster. Ask any trucker, and they'll tell you no jackknife is good. But this one was especially unfortunate for the driver. As the trailer whipped wildly sideways across the road, its back end was sent

off the bridge.

It teetered there like a playground see-saw, but it stayed put, angled slightly toward the water. The contorted rig idled motionless with the driver still inside the cab. He knew he was in a fix, to be sure, but at least the truck, and the cargo, were in one piece.

Then the unbelievable happened.

"The doors to the trailer came flying open, and all the beer came spilling out into the creek," Foster said. You would have thought it was some sort of corrupted Christmas bonanza.

Instead of assisting the driver, the lookers-on rushed to the loot, grabbed armfuls and scampered off.

In response to this increasingly alarming turn of events, the beleaguered man ran to one side of his trailer, scattering off the sticky-fingered locals. "Just as he chased off one group, another would come around the other side, and he'd have to do it all over again. People were carrying that stuff off in every direction," says Foster.

It didn't take long for news to travel. Teenagers, coming from the old red school, raced to the scene, rolling up their pant legs and wading into the creek to fish out what had washed down to them.

The scene was a literal farce. "It had traffic stopped completely," Foster said.

A pitying local, at the driver's insistence, did eventually summon a sheriff. But, not taking the affair very seriously, a constable from Belton was sent instead.

"In those days, just about anybody they pulled out of the weeds was named constable," says Foster. Finally, the man thought, all this madness would come to an end. No such luck.

Cross-eyed, downtrodden, wearing an oversized floppy black cowboy hat and sporting a pair of six shooters at his hip, the constable arrived on the scene in what Foster described

as an old rusted-out 1936 Ford coupe. As the driver pleaded with him, the constable coolly surveyed the situation.

And surveyed, and surveyed. "He just kept looking around, not saying anything," Foster explained. When he did finally decide on a course of action, it was a little unexpected.

"The constable backed his car down, opened his trunk and started filling it with beer like everyone else. When he finished, he got in his car and drove back where he came from." One can almost hear the driver's jaw slamming the asphalt as the lawman sped out of sight. It just wasn't his day.

After some time, though, the man did get some help. His cargo never reached its intended destination, however.

Now fast forward to 1973. Foster, working at the Stagecoach Inn, a job he began in 1968, walks into the Stagecoach Coffee Shop on a break. There's only one other man in the establishment, a nervous looking old fellow nursing a cup of coffee and throwing his eyes in every direction.

"He came up to me, and asked if I remember the beer truck spilling over those years before. I told him I wasn't there, but everybody I knew was," Foster recounts with a laugh. "He said 'I was the man driving that truck, and I've never forgotten about it.'"

As it turned out, in those times of absolute accountability, the driver ended up losing his job for losing his load. But he did gain one heck of a memory.

Said the man to Foster 30 years after the fact: "That was the worst day of my life."

As for the people who toasted misbegotten brews that night in the 1940s. Well, they probably remember it a bit differently.

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Winners of the Salado Lions Club peace Poster Contest are shown with art teacher Betty Gregurek. The winning contestants were honored at the Lions' december luncheon. Winning first place was Maria Sierra, with a check for \$100; Jayne Sierra was second, \$75 and Reta Buckley was third, \$50. Maria's poster was second at the District level held in Waco, where she received another \$100 award.



Local & District Lions Club essay contest rewards young writers

Lions Efforts Against Drugs (LEAD) annual essay contest urges sixth through eighth grade students to participate in the contest to increase awareness and remind them that the war on drugs is their responsibility, too. Salado's first place contest winner at district and local level is 7th grade student Zanna Shafer. Shafer was awarded a total of \$300. Eighth grader Tamra Stanish placed second winning \$100 and eighth grader Kourtney Singleton placed third winning \$75.

The following is the first place essay submitted by Zanna Shafer entitled **How do Drugs Affect the Physical and Mental Health of the Young People Who Use Them?**

The average age of the first use of alcohol and inhalants is around 12 years of age. Studies show that since 1999, drug usage of young people between the ages of 12-17 has gone down, but from ages 17-25 it has risen. It seems that with their newfound freedoms, they are freely making bad choices. I don't think anyone takes drugs or drinks alcohol with the thought in mind of getting hooked. They either

think that it's not possible, or at least can't happen to them, or maybe just not thinking at all. They are sure they can stop any time they want.

Some young people see that their friends have lost weight or that they can stay up all night to study, by taking a certain pill. They, too often, ask where and how they can get their own. What starts out as one pill a day turns into more and more. They need a pill to stay awake and then a pill to sleep and because the brain eventually needs more to get the same effect, use increases... and so do the problems. They might think it's harmless at first, but then they find that they "need" that certain drug to get through the day.

Does every family have a loved one that has fallen into drug or alcohol addiction? I know mine has. Was it the crowd he was running with, stress of work or school, or problems at home? Whatever the reasons, it's a bad deal and doesn't seem to have a happy ending. Even with the drugs out of their system, there remain many problems. No job opportunities, paranoia, and no ambition or will to do better.

Abusing drugs can lead

to lifelong consequences, such as loss of memory, high blood pressure, mental illness, heart failure, stroke, lung damage and coma. Drug abuse can often lead to death of the user. Statistics show that half of all traffic accidents are linked to alcohol and drug abuse. Two out of three murders, half of all fire fatalities and eight of 10 suicides involve drugs and alcohol. More than 70 percent of individuals arrested in the 20 largest cities in the United States had been using illegal drugs. Drugs can destroy an individual's ability to think clearly and act responsibly.

Drug abusers are equal opportunist. Alcoholics and drug abusers come in all colors, ages and gender. They come from the city and from the country. They come from homes of the rich and poor. Drugs are too easily available to all people. As long as there are people willing to buy the drugs, there will be drug suppliers. That is why agencies, such as D.A.R.E., Drug Abuse Resistance Education, have been established. D.A.R. E. tries to give children the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gang as,

and violence.

People do drugs and drink, because, to start, it makes them feel good or erases feelings... but that only the beginning. Research shows that drugs can change the chemical we have naturally in our brains. When the brain starts changing, adding to or subtracting from its own chemical makeup, we have problems. The chemical balance in the brain controls our feelings and actions. When taking or obtaining drugs become more important to the individual than anything else, it can destroy family relationships, friendships and their future.

So, how do we arm ourselves in this war on drugs? By making good, sound Choices, setting and Achieving short and long term goals, Respecting our bodies and minds, and Eliminating negative influences. In short, CARE. Really care. Care about our nation, our state and our neighborhoods. Care about our families and our friends. Care about our own lives. Through our example, others may make their own choices, achieve their goals, learn to respect themselves, and eliminate the negative influences in their lives.

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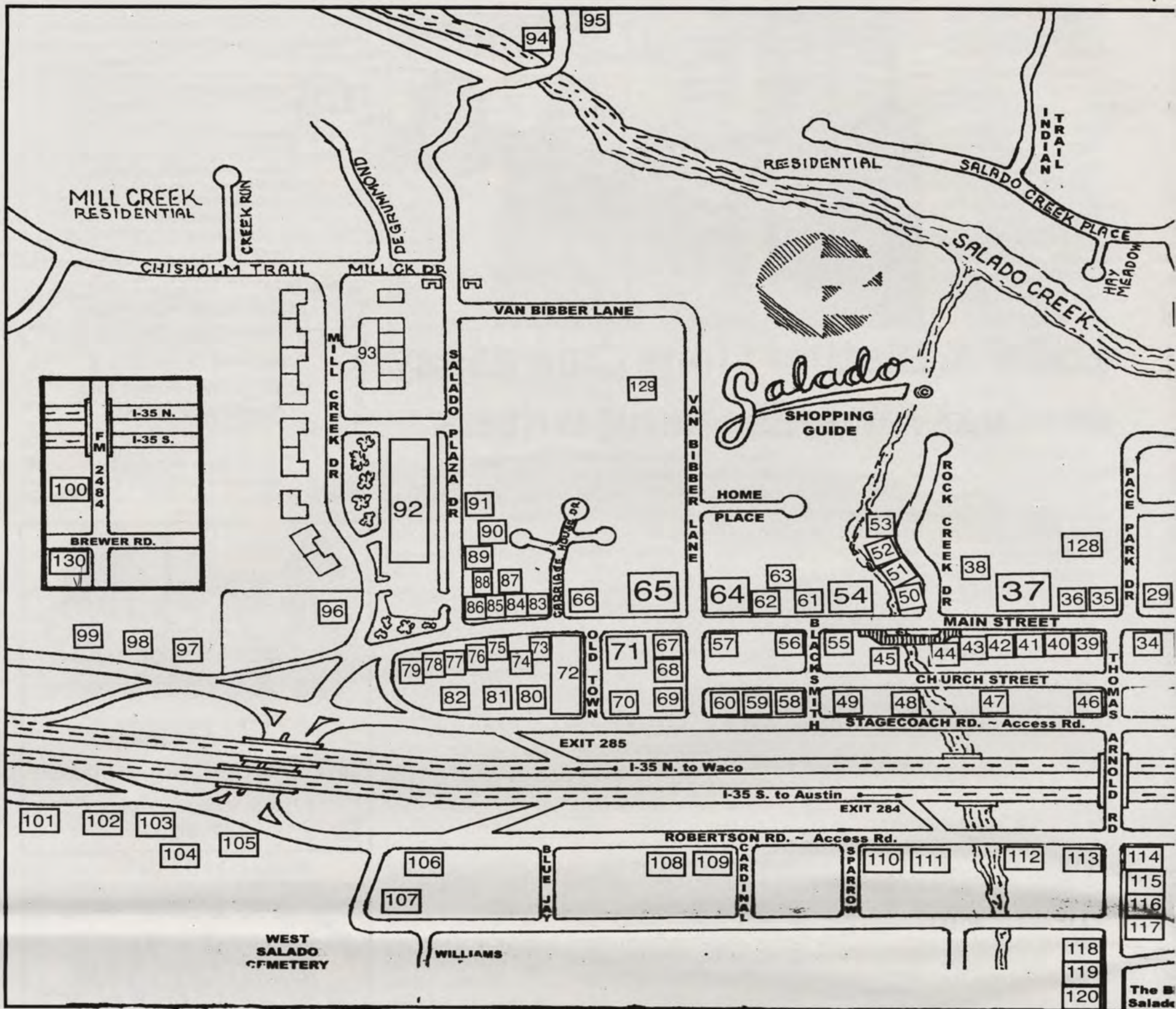
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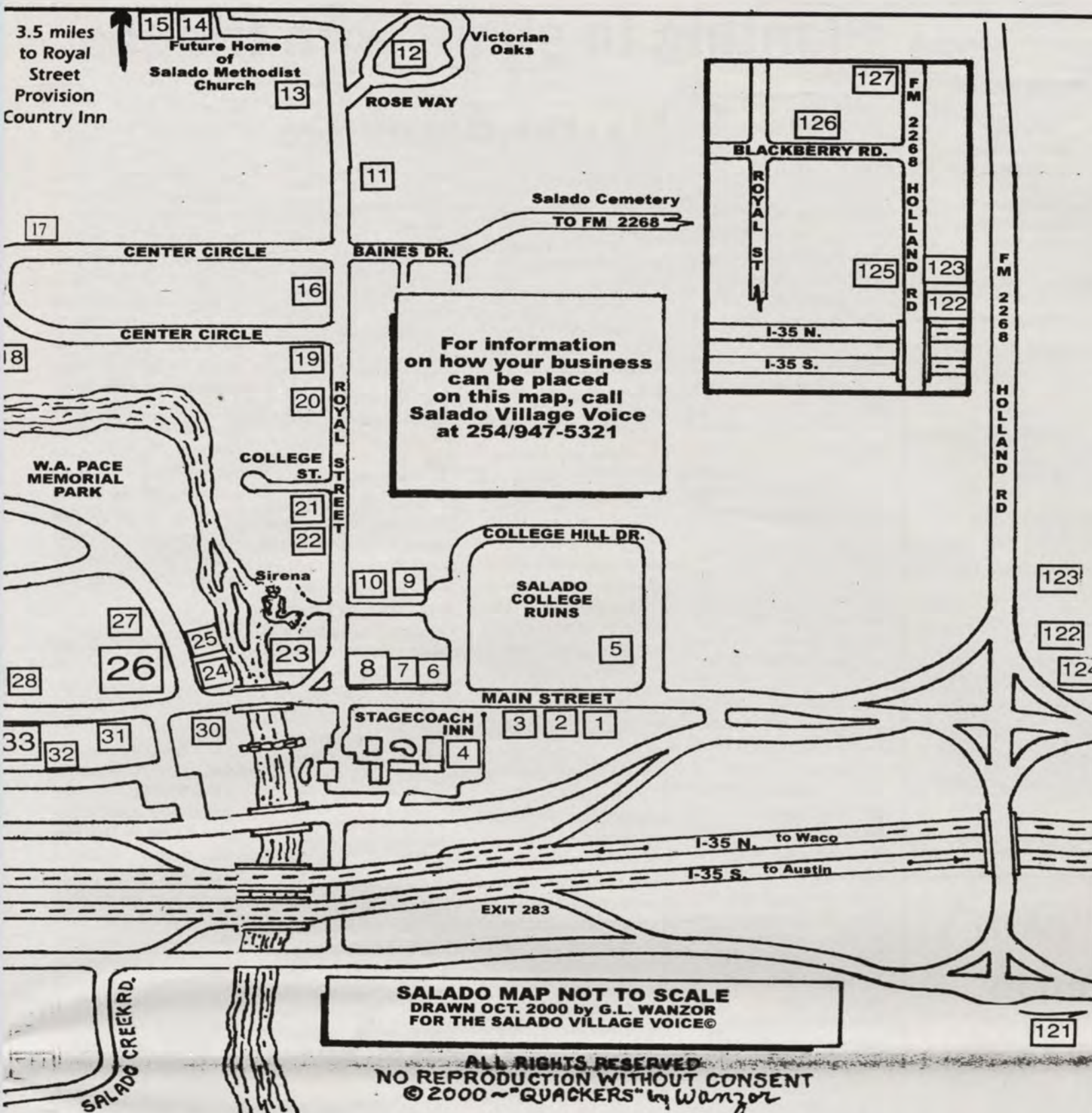
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Planting to share with friends

Master Gardener

by Debbie Lauer

One of the many joys of gardening is sharing your favorite plants with other people. It is also a lot of fun and in some cases challenging to see which of your plants that you can reproduce, or propagate, in order to share them with your friends, family, and neighbors. Plants can be propagated many ways; with seeds, stem cuttings, leaf cuttings, root cuttings, tip layering, simple layering, air layering, by stolons and runners, with offsets, by separation of corms and by division. With so many choices it is hard to decide where to start. Stem cuttings are easily taken from plants that don't develop corms or rhizomes and can be taken with little harm to your "mother" plant.

One of the easiest methods of creating the right conditions for successful propagation of a stem cutting is using the soda bottle propagation method. A lot of the materials needed for this project are easily found around the house. An empty, clean, five or six inch plastic pot, an empty two or three liter clear soda bottle, sharp scissors or pruners, a pencil, rooting hormone (powder, liquid or gel), and rooting media.

Rooting hormones and rooting medias (soils) are not that expensive and can be found just about anywhere you buy plants, potting soils, or fertilizer. Rooting media can be a variety of things, ranging from a peat and perlite mix, straight perlite, perlite and vermiculite mix and others such as potting soil with large additions of perlite and/or vermiculite. You can purchase something labeled rooting media, or buy the ingredi-

ents and make your own. The main thing you are looking for here is a fine, light mix that will hold water without being soggy and is light and airy enough to allow room for the growth of small delicate roots.

Next you need some cuttings from your "mother" plant. Many plants can be reproduced with this method. Antique roses, rosemary, American Beautyberry and many different house plants are some of the plants that we have been successful in rooting stem cuttings and creating new plants. You are only limited by your imagination and willingness to try different plants. Select healthy looking newer growth and snip off approximately 4 to 6 inch long cuttings. Avoid cutting growth that is very new or old, woody growth. These cuttings should have 3 to 6 nodes (bumps on the stem where the leaves are attached) on them. Remove the leaves from the bottom half of the stem. Fill your pot with rooting media and water until it runs out of the bottom of the pot. Put it aside until it quits draining. Rooting media should be damp but not soggy.

Now dip your cuttings in the rooting hormone. To prevent contamination, never dip the cuttings directly into the hormone bottle. Instead, remove some from the bottle and dip your cuttings into that. If you are using rooting powder, dip the cutting into water first then into the powder. Gently tap off excess powder. Now use your pencil to make a hole in the wet rooting media for the cutting. Without touching the sides of the

hole insert the cutting and tap the rooting media in around the stem.

Clean out the soda bottle and remove any labels. Cut off the bottom of the bottle. Before covering the cutting, put a plant label with information such as the type of plant and date planted. Now fit the bottle into the pot over the cutting you just planted without disturbing it. The soda bottle should fit inside the rim of the pot and be pushed down into the rooting media to create a seal and reduce loss of moisture. The cap of the soda bottle should be left on until cutting begins to root. Place your soda bottle propagator in an area with bright light but not in direct sunlight.

You may want to place more than one cutting in the same pot, giving you a greater chance of success. Depending on the plant it may take 4 to 6 weeks or a couple of months for your cuttings to root. Signs that your cuttings have rooted are things like new growth on the cutting or seeing roots growing out the bottom of the pot. While waiting for the roots to appear you need to monitor the soda bottle incubator. Condensation inside the bottle is a sign that there is enough moisture. You should not have to add water for a couple weeks. Remove the soda bottle and add water a little at a time if condensation is totally gone. Cuttings can die from too much or too little moisture. If condensation is heavy open the lid of the soda bottle and let the soil dry out a little. What you want is some condensation, but not heavy enough to wet

leaves.

Some tips for greater success rates include: when propagating a large leaved plant cut the leaves in half before putting on the soda bottle top, remove any flowers or flower buds, and don't let the leaves of your cuttings touch the sides of the soda bottle. If the leaves of the cutting appear to get any moldy looking spots on them, take the cap off the bottle and let some of the moisture evaporate, also remove the infected leaves. If all the leaves fall off the cutting don't give up on it. We have seen roses root after all the leaves fell off the cutting. Above all else be patient!

Once the roots have become established, the new plant needs to be planted into a small pot containing regular potting mix. Careful handling of the plant with its delicate new roots is extremely important. Have the new pot with soil ready before removing plant from the soda bottle incubator. Again insert the pencil to make a hole for the new roots in the potting soil. Gently loosen the roots using that same pencil and carefully remove the plant from its rooting media. Immediately place it into the new pot and tap soil into place. Do not touch the roots with your fingers and do not allow the tender new roots to dry out. Once the plant has begun to grow and is well established, it is ready to be given away or planted in another spot in your garden.

Propagation Seminars and Workshops are available to all civic organizations and schools. Please call the Bell County Extension Office (254-933-5305) to contact the Bell County Master Gardener Propagation Specialists to schedule an event.

THC has resources to help Texans celebrate Black History month

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African Americans in Texas.

In 1803, Spain declared free any slave who escaped to Texas. After this proclamation, African Americans flooded into Texas, shaping the history and culture of the state. Buffalo Soldiers protected frontier forts, black churches motivated social change and everyday people struggled for voting rights, improved education and equal treatment.

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of the Rio Grande, to the 1973 election of Barbara Jordan to the U.S. House of Representatives. It guides the traveler to historic neighborhoods, black folk art museums and festivals celebrating black culture and heritage.

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Flaming Idiots are coming to Temple

It's a bit difficult at times to believe that the idea of people throwing things in the air can still be entertaining, especially since today's pop-culture has left us submerged in a turbulent sea of video games, cinematic special effects and endless entertainment choices.

How lucky, then, that The Flaming Idiots will prove us all wrong with their wild juggling, wacky routines, witty banter and of course zany antics that only idiots would do.

The popular comedy troupe from Austin will be the headlining entertainment for the CAC Contemporaries Gala: A Celebration of the Arts Jan. 31, at the Cultural Activities Center. Tickets for this performance are \$35 per person and include an hors d'oeuvres reception, silent auction, a Showcase of the Arts—featuring the talents and works of local artists, and The Flaming Idiots' performance in the CAC Mayborn Auditorium.

Attendees should make advance reservations by contacting the CAC at (254) 773-9926. The reception begins at 7 p.m. and the Flaming Idiots take the stage at 8:30 p.m. Dress attire is cocktail. All proceeds benefit the CAC to assist with everyday operating and maintenance expenses.

The three Idiots are Gyro (Rob Williams, the smart, sharp, short one), Pyro (Jon O'Connor, the affable everyman) and Walter (Kevin Hunt, topped with what appears to be Robert Plant's hair, circa 1973).

No guess is required to imagine that their parents might have wanted them to grow up to be doctors, lawyers or engineers.

But no, these three men



The Flaming Idiots, a comedy troupe from Austin, will perform at the Cultural Activities Center in Temple Jan. 31 as part of the CAC Contemporaries Gala. For reservations, call 773-9926.

juggle knives, fiery torches and brightly colored bean-bag chairs. One of them can toss six coins from the back of his hand and, after a while, catch them all. Another lies stretched across two low ladders while one of his colleagues leaps from the floor to his unsupported stomach and back again. And a third -- and this is not reading for the squeamish -- makes a bologna sandwich with his bare feet and serves it, too. Jay Leno ate one. Donny Osmond ate one. Roseanne almost ate one, but chickened out at the last minute.

The Flaming Idiots will goggle your eyes as Idiot controlled leaf blowers choreograph an airborne ballet of beach balls. It's a smorgasbord of oddball antics, noisy and mischievous merrymaking, and riotous acrobatics.

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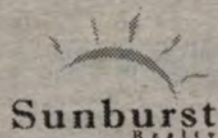


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Bois d'Arc tree stands in sharp contrast to others in Salado area

By CHARLIE TURNBO

Have you ever noticed that little tree near the intersection of Main and Pace Park Streets? Over by the Alien Meeting Hall sign, behind the old rock post next to the telephone pole it stands in stark contrast to the neighboring oaks in that vicinity. Other neighbors include a couple of hackberry and mesquite trees that have started taking over the white fence they all lean against.

While strolling down Main Street, there was something about this little tree that caught my attention: the large lime colored balls covering the ground.

I recall a tree like this from days gone by. When I was a kid those green-yellow balls were a valuable resource any time the girls got too close to our tree house. They were venerable weapons, weighing up to a pound each and would frighten my sister and her pesky friends off with a few well placed projectiles. And they also came in handy when a spontaneous ballgame came together. A large stick and those fruit balls were great for a sand lot ballgame. After a while, replacements would be needed because those things ooze a sticky white juice after a couple of whacks with the bat.

But I didn't think there was any other useful feature to these fruit balls. Certainly they weren't edible. I sampled one and remember that awful, bitter taste to this day!

Upon noticing that little tree here on Main Street, I started asking around to see if anyone knew what it was called. Back home in



Wichita Falls, we used to call them "Bodark trees." There were many around town, some as bushes and others as trees.

The dictionary didn't help me identify that tree, as least under that particular spelling. So off to the internet I went, and after some surfing I found not one but several web sites dedicated to this tree and its unusual fruit.

The Bois d'Arc, Osage Orange, or Bodark, as this tree is variously called, is native to Texas and Oklahoma. It is also called a Bow Wood because the Osage tribe and others found it their tree of choice for making weapons. It grows well in rich limestone clay in the Great Blackland Prairies. Its scientific name is maclura pomifera and its fruit is referred to as hedgeapples, among other names.

Before the invention of barbed wire in the late 1800's, it was frequently planted and used as fencing for livestock. The term "horse high, bull strong, and hog tight" was given to describe the fencing capabilities of the Bodark in its hedge form. Thousands of Bodarks were planted across the plains and trimmed into highly effective fences.

The Bodark is akin to the aardvark of the animal world. It has no direct counterpart in the world of trees, although it is said to be a distant cousin to the mulberry. Only its female variety bears fruit and it loses its lance-shaped leaves in the winter months. Its limbs have sharp, stout thorns which must have been an enhancement to its earlier use as fencing.

These trees grow up to 40 feet tall and can have a width of similar expanse. They require little water and easily handle the hot, dry Texas summers. It's reported that Bodark is top-notch firewood because of its hardness. The Bodark also provides wood for some musical instruments and the fruit sometimes ends up in wreaths and other craft products.

When you see one of these trees, it's the fruit that catches your attention. Bodarks produce an impressive supply of large apple-shaped fruit that tenaciously cling to the tree even after the leaves fall. Eventually however, the fruit will fall in a clump at the tree base. There squirrels love to munch on the 200 or so seeds inside the fruit. Occasionally a cow or

horse will try to swallow a hedgeapple whole and it can lodge in the throat causing death.

In my research, I ran across "Hedgeapple.com" and its colorful owner, "Mr. Hedgeapple." At his web site you can learn a lot about this unusual species. To my amazement hedgeapples can be purchased and shipped throughout the U.S.

Now why in the world would anyone want to pay Mr. Hedgeapple for a case of this fruit? Well, it seems there are some who think the hedgeapple has the ability to keep bugs and spiders out of their homes! While there's still debate about this fact, several web sites tout the mysterious qualities of hedgeapples as a safe, effective, natural pest control agent. The folks in California and other Bodark-free states are ordering them by the cases.

Mr. Hedgeapple's web site warns you that Bodark fruit can damage carpet and wood surfaces, so he ships them with individual containers. Prices start out at \$2 a hedgeapple which doesn't include shipping charges.

Here in Salado we don't appear to be widely utilizing Bodark fruit for pest control or any other purpose. You can drive around the village and find lots of apples lying on the ground. And this year's crop is soon to be history, judging from the fruit on Main Street that is decaying and turning black.

Silly me! I thought that Bokark fruit was a plain nuisance, with only limited childhood applications. As a kid, I had no idea those "hedgeapple cannon balls" I hurled at my sister were worth a thing. Shoot, I should have been selling them instead of the homemade lemonade.

Written for the *Salado Village Voice* with editorial help from Beverly Turnbo, Kim Steck and Robert Cortes.

Nominations taken for incredible kids

Camp Fire USA Texas Council will be hosting the fifth annual Absolutely Incredible Kid Celebration, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. April 13 at the Bell County Expo Assembly Hall.

During the luncheon, 10 area youth selected from nominations will be recognized and honored. Nomination forms have recently been distributed to local schools, organizations, and other inter-

ested parties.

Qualities considered are character traits such as courage, generosity, and heroism, plus overall academic performance.

Anyone wishing to nominate a youth, kindergarten through high school, should contact the Camp Fire office at 2807M W. Adams, Temple or call (254) 773-6614. Both members and nonmembers of Camp Fire may be nominated.

Camp Fire is a non-profit organization serving local youth with a variety of programs including the traditional club program, summer day camp at Camp Mitchell in Belton, summer resident camp at Camp Val Verde near Waco, after-school programs in conjunction with Temple ISD Project Focus, self-reliance courses, a young parent program, and dangers of shaken baby presentations.

Basketry, caning class part of first-ever artists' studios tours in Salado Feb. 23-28

Wouldn't it make you proud to have crafted a large market basket and yucca baskets, and to have caned a foot stool? That's what Karen Kinnison has planned for participants in her workshop to begin at the end of February.

Six other workshops will also take place during Salado's first ever Artist's Workshops slated for Feb. 23-28.

Kinnison works out of The 1860 Shop on Main Street, and the store will serve as the classroom for her students during the week of workshops. Only five students can be accommodated, and registration should be made as soon as possible.

Kinnison's interest in basketry began when she was a child at summer camp in the Texas Hill Country. It has remained a lifelong interest for her. She extended her knowledge of basketry at the Southwest Craft Center in San Antonio, the Basket Guild of Austin, and by taking a course in Mountain View, Arkansas white oak baskets.

For many years Karen has been a demonstrator of basket weaving at San Antonio's annual Folklife Festival.



Karen Kinnison will teach a class on basketry and caning at The 1860 Shop in Main Street as part of the Artists' Studios Tours in February. Her class size is limited to five people so reservations are necessary, 947-8300.

Caning chairs was a natural for Karen, as her father, Col. Paul Kinnison, had taken up the hobby on his retirement to Salado in the 1960s. Karen, however, only began caning after his death around 20 years ago.

Her mother, Virginia Matthews, began The 1860 Shop in what is reputed to be the old saloon building, selling antiques and her own folk art paintings and stitchery.

Presently, the shop continues to offer mostly hand-

crafted items make by family members.

For more information about this and other workshops, or to register, call the Salado Civic Center at 254-947-8300, or visit www.salado.com, or www.texasartist.org.

Auditions for Biloxi Blues Jan. 28-29

The Central Texas College Fine Arts department will present Neil Simon's "Biloxi Blues" this spring.

Auditions for the show are 7-10 p.m. Jan. 28-29 in building 112 in the Fine Arts auditorium. Scripts may be checked out from Nathan Kutch in the Fine Arts office in room 109, building 112.

Neil Simon's play "Biloxi Blues," the sequel

to "Brighton Beach Memoirs," is a semi-autobiographical play. Simon's private memoirs of his duty time in the U.S. Army are made public.

Set in 1943, Eugene Morris Jerome is drafted and sent to boot camp in Biloxi, MS toward the end of World War II. Eugene instantly butts heads with an off-kilter drill sergeant

named Toomey, whose contemptuous attitude toward Eugene does little to help the new recruit.

For further information on this play or other questions, contact the Fine Arts department at (254) 526-1572. For information on Fine Arts degrees and scholarship information, visit the CTC website at www.ctcd.edu.

Quilt Guild sets Feb. 9 meeting

The Crossroads to Texas Quilt Guild of Killeen and West Bell County will hold its business meeting 7 p.m. Feb. 9, in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, Gray and Avenue A in downtown Killeen.

The Spotlight on Quilting will be finishing and binding quilts. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For additional information, call (254) 547-7963.

Yates is Village Artist of Month

The Salado Village Artists have selected Katherine Yates as Artist of the Month for January and February, 2004.

This life-long Central Texas resident tells us, "Art starts with drawing and many children play with sketching before they can write. That's the way it was in our family. In high school and college, it seemed natural to turn in drawings with term papers."

While pursuing her own style, Yates is inspired by Kinkade and Windberg's oil landscapes. Private lessons with Margie Wilson enhanced her interest in oils. She studied at Laguna Gloria School of Art and enjoys the watercolor and acrylic workshops at Salado Village Artists.



Katherine Yates

Her husband of 24 years, Donny Yates is contracted to Clarksville Refrigerated Lines in Temple and recently received an award for driving One-Million Miles Without An Accident. "I love traveling with my husband. It gives me the privacy to write and sketch

the sights," she says.

This local artist and author of "The Tattooist" signs her works under her birth name, Cat Ballew.

Her work is being shown at Salado's banks: First State Bank, the Compass Bank and at the Salado Public Library.

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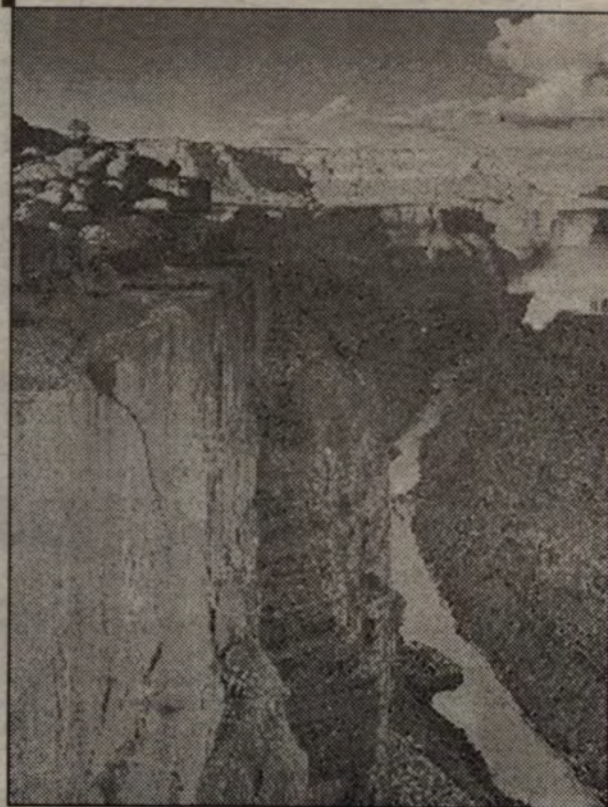
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Position Announcement
Director, Planning and Regional Services Division

Overview
The Central Texas Council of Governments is seeking a proven leader for the position of Director of the Planning and Regional Services Division.

Background
The Central Texas Council of Governments is a seven county regional planning organization based in Belton, Texas. The organization was founded in 1968 and currently employs staff of over 120 professionals managing a budget of over 35 million dollars annually.

The successful applicant will lead a dynamic professional staff and manage a budget of several million dollars. The division operates a wide range of programs in the broad areas of physical planning, environmental planning, emergency management, geographic information systems, and transportation planning.

Required Professional Background
Bachelors degree required, planning certification preferred. Experience in managing a multidisciplinary staff a must. Individual must be a self-starter with the ability to work with limited guidance and oversight.

Compensation Package
Salary will be commensurate with the successful applicants' level of experience. A comprehensive benefits and retirement program is provided.

Selection Process
Resumes should be submitted to:

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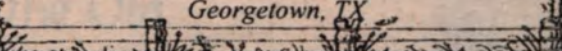


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New home under construction on the golf course overlooking Salado Creek. Absolutely beautiful view. Ten to 14 foot ceilings throughout the home. Priced at \$310,000 Call First Texas Brokerage 947-5577 tfnf

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.

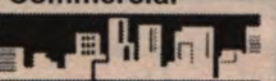
The most beautiful 15 acre tract available in Salado with all kinds of possibilities! A 2336 SF home with 3BR/2BA, loft and game room. Exposed beams and Franklin stove give this home a lodge feel. Also, 960 SF barn with an additional 320 SF heated and cooled guest area, a 1950 SF RV garage, a tractor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

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Commercial



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. TFN

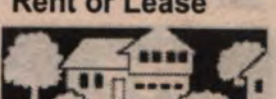
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This beautiful home features a lg. family room w/ fireplace, covered porch, sprinkler system, fenced yard, and too many extras to mention The owner provides professional lawn maintenance and outside water It is located close to the golf course and shopping. No pets accepted. Call John Reider Properties at 254-699-8300 or 254-681-6622 after hours tfnb

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Rent or Lease



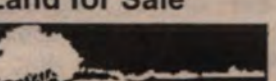
shopping center. Lawn care provided. (254) 338-5083. TFN

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.

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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

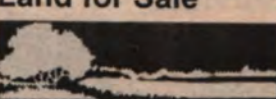
Two acre restricted, wooded, lakeview home sites. Salado schools. Call C-21 Bill Bartlett 254-947-5050 tfn

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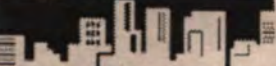
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\$499,500 - 7.2 acres on I-35 between Salado-Belton, with road on 3 sides. 2,000 SF offices, 18,700 SF warehouses, 4,000 SF mini storage. Excellent price, location and condition.



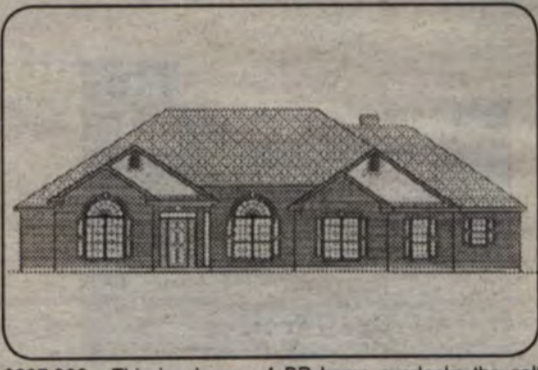
\$219,000 - Located on a beautiful street in Mill Creek. Directly across from Salado Creek and Mill Creek Golf Course. Prepare your favorite meal in the large kitchen which opens into the formal dining and den. The formal living area in the rear of the home is accessible through the den or the glass doors which open onto a covered porch overlooking the backyard. The backyard is large enough for a garden for the outdoor lover. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, study, two car garage.



\$94,500 - Cozy 3 BR, 2 BA home in a great location in Morgan's Point. Located on two lots, this home provides privacy and room to move around.



\$124,900 - New construction on W. Amity. 3 BR, 2 BA. You will love the large living area & oversized kitchen. Master BA has garden tub and separate shower. Nice family room with fireplace. All situated on 1/2 acre.



\$267,900 - This lovely new 4 BR home overlooks the golf course. Two living areas are complemented with 10' and 12' ceilings. The family room has a fireplace. The spacious kitchen has granite cabinet tops, ceramic tile back splash & walk-in pantry. Breakfast nook, crown molding, two tone paint, ceiling fans, covered patio porch, generous master BA & BR.



\$1,249,000 - An executive home on Mill Creek Golf Course with a Salado Creek view. Two story Austin stone, brick & cast stone with traditional charm in pristine condition, offering 4 bedrooms, 4 full baths, 2 half baths, study, formal living, formal dining, home theatre, bonus/exercise room, with in-ground pool & hot tub.



\$259,900 - Beautifully landscaped backyard creates an inviting atmosphere to welcome you into a pool with waterfall. View the pool from the family room, breakfast/kitchen area, and formal living room. Kitchen and family room are open for easy entertaining. Master bedroom/bath is down the hall from a 4th BR/study, other two bedrooms are across from the living areas. Built in bookshelves and fireplace located in the formal living. Located on 1/2 acre lot.

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- **\$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.
- **\$199,000** - Secluded home on 2.3 acres with lake view.
- **\$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.
- **\$219,000** - 3 BR, 2.5 BA across from Salado Creek.
- **\$224,900** - Home overlooking Mill Creek Golf Course.
- **\$241,800** - 3BR home has kitchen skylight - UC.
- **\$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.
- **\$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.
- **\$330,000** - 15 acres, 3 BR, 2 BA, gameroom, RV garage.
- **\$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.
- **5.2 acres** on Salado Creek. Large oaks, good road frontage.

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. - Lot 52,000**

Other Lots

- **Salado Heights** - 2 acre tracts - \$29,000 each - UC.
- **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 \$99,000 - \$129,000.

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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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.**

SHOWCASE HOME



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.**



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.**



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



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.**



REDUCED
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.**