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(PHOTOS BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Cowgirls watch cowboys rope from the Turnout Tavern during the Wildfire ranch Open to the World Feb. 7.

## \$50,000 paid for 43 seconds

For 43.08 seconds of work, the pay-out was \$50,000 to Matt Tyler and Kory Kountz at the Wildfire Ranch Open to the World Roping Feb. 7 at the Wildfire Arena in Salado.

For the third straight year, the two won the top prize of the weekend roping. Also winning money in the Men's Open Average were Turtle Powell and Monte Joe Petska, \$19,440; Charly Crawford and Mike Beers, \$14,580; Justin Davis and Twister Cain, \$9,720 and Wade Weatherly and Martin Lucero, \$4,860. The Open paid out a total of \$110,720.

On the Ladies Open top average, Barrie Smith and Tibba Smith took home

\$10,000. Also, Londa Pogue and Lari Dee Guy, \$5,840; Jacque Woolman and Jessica Cullen, \$5,000; Shelby Smith and Barrie Smith, \$4,180; Jean Poythress and Tammy West, \$3,340 and Chris Darger and Sha Dee Langston, \$2,500.

The Wildfire Invitation Roping Feb. 8 paid out \$76,900, including these average winners: John Debord and Dee Halderman, \$14,600; Shannon Bidy and Jim Bynum, \$12,200; Buddy Reed and Troy Tubbs, \$11,000; Travis Sargent and Todd Smith, \$9,200; Wayne Churchill and Jerry Almond, \$7,300 and Wayne Smith and Butch Jacobs, \$6,700.



Wildfire Open to the World winners Matt Tyler and Kory Kountz shown with their suitcases full of cash.

Roping for the sponsors, the Duster Conversions team of Sam Early

and Judd Wall took home the handmade saddles and buckles.

## Mayor won't seek another term; filings to begin

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As the first day of filing looms in local elections, Salado mayor Charlotte Douglass and alderman Rick Ashe will make a joint announcement 4:30 p.m. Feb. 14 at Salado Wedding Wishes on Royal Street.

Douglass is expected to officially announce that she will not seek another term as Mayor of Salado.

At the same time, Ashe will formally announce his intention to file election to the office.

The first day to file for election is Feb. 16. The last day to file for election is March 15. Applications for election as Mayor or Alderman can be picked up at the Salado Municipal Building at 317 Stagecoach Rd.

To run for election, a person must be 18 years of age and have resided in the Village of Salado for no less than six months before the date of the election and resided in Texas no less than 12 months.

In addition to a two-year Mayoral term, three two-year terms on the board of aldermen will be decided in the May 15 election.

Michael Cooper and Suzi Epps come to the end of their terms this year. Cooper told *Salado Village Voice* last week that he would file for re-election to the Board of Aldermen. Epps told *Salado Village Voice* that she has not decided yet whether to seek re-election to the

board.

The Village will conduct its election in conjunction with Salado ISD Board of Trustees and Salado Public Library District elections.

Two three-year terms on the Salado ISD Board will be decided. They are currently filled by Jackie Burson, who announced that he would not seek re-election, and Frank Carlson, who has not decided whether he will seek a third term. The filing period is Feb. 16-March 15. Applications can be picked up and filed at the Superintendent's Office in the Salado Civic Center. The office is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

Three two-year terms on the Salado Public Library District will be decided. They are currently filled by Dr. Luther Brewer, Carolyn Britt and Hulda Horton. Brewer and Britt told *Salado Village Voice* that they were undecided whether they would seek another term on the board. Horton told *Salado Village Voice* that she will file for re-election to the board. Filing will be Feb. 16-March 15 with applications available at the Library, 1151 N. Main St. The Library is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays.

Election day will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m. May 15. Voting will be held at the Civic Center.

The last day for a resident to register to vote before the May 11 election is April 15.

## Institute to turn its attention to the cosmos this spring

Having examined our earthly surroundings during the fall lecture series entitled "The Importance of Place," the Institute for the Humanities at Salado, for its spring season, turns its attention to space to explore our place in the cosmos.

The Institute, in a series of three lectures this spring will examine the relationship of humanity to the cosmos, and contemplate our fascination with space and the search for other life in the universe.

Three renowned scientists -- two astronomers and an astronaut -- will

present programs during the series entitled "Science and Spirit—Our Place in the Cosmos."

The series will look at the nature of the universe, its origins, and the individual's place in it. Those attending will hear about the search for extraterrestrial life, and ponder the consequences for mankind should that life be found; and will learn about the importance of space to humanity from both a technological and an esthetic perspective.

In addition, there will be a trip to the Central Texas Observatory for star-

gazing and to the Mayborn Planetarium for a special photographic tour of space. "We hope you will join us for these exciting programs as we explore our place in the cosmos," Institute president Sara Mackie said.

Dr. Seth Shostak, senior astronomer for the Center for SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) Research will present a seminar and then lecture March 13-14.

Seminar and luncheon: March 13, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., The Range, Salado; "The Search for Intelligent Alien Life."

Lecture and optional dinner, 4 p.m. March 14 at the Salado Civic Center; "Consequences for Humanity of Finding Extraterrestrial Life." Dinner will follow at Mill Creek Dining Room.

The Institute will sponsor a tour and demonstration at the Central Texas Observatory facility in Coryell County 7 p.m. March 27.

Members of the Central Texas Astronomical Society will host and present a program that will include stargazing through their new telescope and demonstration of the automated

computer viewing system.

Dr. Frank Bash, Astronomy professor at the University of Texas and immediate past director of McDonald Observatory, will lecture on "Finding our Place in the Cosmos," 4 p.m. March 28 at the Salado Civic Center. An optional dinner will follow at Mill Creek.

The final weekend of the series will be April 24-25, featuring Dr. Story Musgrave, Astronaut, engineer, pilot, surgeon, mechanic, artist, and philosopher

Seminar and luncheon: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. April 24 at

the Mayborn Planetarium, Killeen; "A Photographic Tour of Space."

Lecture and optional dinner: 4 p.m. April 25 at the Salado Civic Center; "Beauty, Space and the Human Spirit." Dinner will follow at Mill Creek.

To attend the Spring Lectures, one must join the Institute for the Humanities at Salado. Memberships for the spring are \$25 per person. For more information about the Institute for Humanities at Salado, call 254/947-5729 or e-mail ifh@vvm.com.



# FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



## Kerry vs. Kerry

John Kerry's surge into first place after the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary proves his oft-repeated contention that he is a "good closer." Kerry has long said that he is a great fighter. If he completes his miraculous comeback to win the Democratic presidential nomination, he will indeed have the fight of his life on his hands -- against his own legislative record.

Kerry, of course, has struggled with his vote in 2002 to authorize the Iraq War. "We did not empower the president to do regime change," Kerry said of the resolution on "Meet the Press" last summer. Actually, the Kerry-supported resolution specifically cited regime change as a goal, and Kerry also voted to make regime change U.S. policy in 1998. That's two Kerry votes in favor of regime change, but who's counting?

The Massachusetts senator has similar trouble with other prior votes, making him the first candidate in U.S. history to run a presidential campaign against himself.

Today's Kerry excoriates Attorney General John Ashcroft for violating American civil liberties with his evil tool, the Patriot Act. "We are a nation of laws and liberties, not of a knock in the night," Kerry huffs. Maybe Kerry should have thought about that before voting for the Patriot Act in 2001 -- since laws and liberties are pretty important and all.

Kerry attacks President Bush's No Child Left Behind Act as "one-size-fits-all testing mania." Worse, according to Kerry, "By signing the No Child Left Behind Act and then breaking his promise by not giving schools the resources to help meet new standards, George Bush has undermined public education and left millions of children behind." The funding charge is a canard -- overall spending

## Rich Lowry



on education under Bush is up 65 percent -- but it gives Kerry a way to join the Howard Dean-led assault on the act, which he voted for -- enthusiastically.

"This is groundbreaking legislation," Kerry gushed on the Senate floor, "that enhances the federal government's commitment to our nation's public education system ... and embraces many of the principles and programs that I believe are critical to improving the public education system."

As for the North American Free Trade Agreement, the target of Dean and other liberal critics, Kerry promises to "fix it." The agreement supposedly doesn't do enough to keep Mexico from employing low-wage workers, thus encouraging jobs to leave the United States and depressing wages here. True to form, he used to love the trade deal. "NAFTA is not the problem," he explained in 1993. "Job loss is taking place without NAFTA."

And so, if the senator grabs his party's nomination, it will make for the fight of the century, a brawl to the finish -- Kerry vs. Kerry. No wonder he wants to get himself out of the Senate. By his own lights, Kerry's votes there were simply too dangerous and shortsighted for the nation to tolerate any longer.

RICH LOWRY IS EDITOR OF THE NATIONAL REVIEW.

## Three GOPers gunning for Governor Perry's job; School finance and base closings are first issues to surface

Governor Rick Perry has a problem, whether he knows it or not, and from watching his performance over the years - we doubt his quandary has hit home yet. However, we would wager his aides both on the staff and campaign sides, along with those who actually jerk Guy Goodhair's chain, are seriously worried (talking here about the Texas Association of Business and others of the same anti-everything-but-profits ilk).

The problem? It starts with Perry's basic notion that solving state problems, that desperately need additional funds from new or additional taxes, is anathema. He is one of the group-anointed (brain-washed) GOPers who believe that government can be run on a shoestring and that taxes are the "Devil's Disciples."

This shaky sort of financial thinking is about to jump up and bite the Guv now that so many are taking long looks at how best to resolve the horrific mish-mash that the public school finances are in, thanks to a growing student population, hamstrung with fewer state dollars appropriated each biennium, and the resultant demand for more local property taxes.

Here's the deal. If Perry cannot resolve the school's current money problems, without a massive infusion of new tax dollars, then it is fairly certain he will not call a special session as promised (sort of) and simply walk away from the problem - thus giving ammunition not only to Democrats, who want the governor's office back in 2006, but also to three members of his own party who are gunning for him and his job - with gusto.

### THREE CHALLENGERS

Perry's challengers are Texas' senior Senator Kay Hutchison, State Comptroller Carole Strayhorn, and Lt. Governor David Dewhurst. In recent days the trio have taken aim at the hapless Governor and scored early in a campaign that still has two years to simmer.

Hutchison scored a bull's-eye when she repudiated Perry's approval of the guidelines for next year's round of military base closings as outlined by the current Base Realignment and Closure Commission. Perry gave an unconditional OK in a letter to SecDef Donald Rumsfeld and set the stage for an immediate problem with Hutchison since she had previously denounced the BRAC criteria, claiming it does not allow for changing strategies in the new homeland and global commitments against terrorism.

Incidentally, Texas has 17 major military bases at this time.

### NO BREAKFAST FOR GRANDMA

Closer to home we find Grandma Strayhorn needling the Guv for wanting to solve the school finance problem without new tax dollars. The Comptroller is *persona non grata* to Perry who didn't like the way she handled last year's budget certification process and as a result won't invite her to the Mansion, with the other state leaders, for their regularly scheduled breakfasts.

Then there's Dewhurst who has already fired one salvo at Perry's educational "incentive" ideas. The Lt. Guv is touting the Senate "plan" to increase funding for schools through a dedicated sales tax. A plan that was approved by the upper house last year. It is one that Perry doesn't like, and Dewhurst won't give up. This tussle has all the earmarks of a real political dust-up between the two top Republican leaders, in the days

## Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



**Best way to stop Super Bowl type "Porn Shows" is boycott advertiser's products. Cutting sales and profits only road to decency in this day and time.**

ahead.

Keep a watchful eye on how all this plays out because whatever happens it would appear we will be bidding "Adios" to Perry in 2006, and no matter who replaces him - Hutchison, Strayhorn, Dewhurst or some unknown Democrat - things are bound to improve.

### TV PORNO WASTELAND

The nationwide roar of disapproval over the halftime porno show during the 38th Super Bowl on February 1, should not come as a surprise even to those "peeping Toms" of all ages and sexes, who remain glued to the "wasteland's" sordid TV and cable fare on a regular basis.

We blame everyone who had anything to do with the Super Bowl mid-game smut, starting at the top of the football administrative ladder and going on to CBS - parent of the illegitimate and misbegotten progeny - MTV, or what Cal Thomas properly describes as - the "raunch and roll" cable network.

And how about the other culprit of long standing - the Federal Communication Commission and its suddenly awakened Chairman Michael Powell, who has promised to "investigate" the matter? Where has he and the FCC been hibernating during the eons of time that has seen an increase in partially naked performers and their potty-mouthed comments; tasteless programming; and unnecessary violence, all created with complete abandonment of decency?

The only thing that will stop this nasty intrusion into our lives, is to let advertisers know that we don't like it - even if many younger; boomer; and some older generational types are enthralled with such things as erectile dysfunction problems and their viagric solutions; bed hopping; and near nude couples writhing to the tune of filthy lyrics and senseless music.

You name it and some third rate "entertainer" will do it - or has done it - in public and for a price.

### BOYCOTT PRODUCTS

It all comes down to greed and unless we can convince the TV moguls and their advertisers, that we will neither watch nor buy their goods, and proceed to boycott those products at the Main Street level - we are never going to put a stop to such rampant drivel that leads to sick relationships and unhappy marriages.

We are not promoting censorship here or abridging free speech - just supporting the belief that most parents want TV (and the internet) to clean up their acts so our young people will have a shot at growing up along the lines of the Boy Scout Oath to keep them and by extension - all boys and girls: "Physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

Now - all you free thinkers and ACLUers - find fault with that!

That's -30-

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## Fourth and goal to go for small businesses

By JACK FARIS

It's unfortunate that the contact sport of government has no stripe-shirted referees with whistles and yellow flags to toss like they do in professional football games. Wouldn't it be great to have referees at the line of legislative scrimmage that could stop the game between lawmakers and small-business owners, announce violations of fairness and penalize the rule-breakers?

Instead of calling clipping violations, the refs could penalize politicians when they sneak last-minute taxes or hidden costs into bills, deliberately blind-siding entrepreneurs who were headed toward their goals, but then brought down from behind by foul play.

Yellow flags could also mark wrongful acts by legislators who pile on burdensome regulations or unfairly interfere in the business practices of those struggling against the odds to achieve the American Dream.

Unnecessary roughness at the hands of bureaucratic regulators ought to draw screeching whistles of enforcement from the officials, as should unsportsmanlike conduct against those who use power and position for unfair advantage.

And as the clock winds down towards Election Day, the noticeable intentional delays, illegal motions and partisan off sides could be stopped before irreparable harm was inflicted on Team Free Enterprise.

Fairness has always been a hallmark of small-business owners. They know that to compete in the marketplace, they must meet society's standards of honesty, decency and fair treatment of all who visit their places of business.

They would be happy if their only competition were other enterprises that challenged them for their customers. But they face an even stronger competitor, one that not

only fails to play by the rules, but also changes or even makes up the rules as the game goes along.

Two clear examples of legislative unfairness are evident in the federal lawmakers' handling of health insurance and taxes. Small-business owners, who can least afford to pay for medical benefits for their employees, are refused the advantages offered to large corporations and labor unions.

Yet when they make a clear case for small-business health plans (also called Association Health Plans) that would enable them to provide affordable health plans for their employees, many elected officials who could aid in achieving that goal fumble around and take excessive time-outs to go home and campaign, blocking progress at every turn.

Repeal of the death tax also suffers from this same defensive strategy by Capitol Hill lawmakers, who have punted more than once when the time came to tough it out and make the repeal permanent.

There are no more eligible receivers due fairness and honest treatment than those who have, through their toil, sweat and sacrifice, raised the United States to its global economic championship status. Lawmakers who block small business must be ejected from the game.

With the Super Bowl of politics just nine months away, America's entrepreneurs will view the Nov. 2 election as a fourth-and-goal opportunity to score points on these vital issues. They can do it through grassroots teamwork-getting other small-business owners, their employees and their families registered and to the polls on Election Day.

*Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group.*

# FORUM

## Some of what I learned from serving on the school board

By DR. ROBERT MERRILL  
FORMER SISD BOARD MEMBER

As a member of the Salado school board for six years, I have learned (or think I have learned) quite a bit. The following is a highly opinionated version of those lessons along with some possible solutions. Good public school education is a critical need throughout the country. Money will not fix all of the problems, but a review of the present status of school boards may be a good first step.

### Meetings

The only officer who is important is the president, who must be selected very carefully. The president must avoid micro-interference, must establish virtually perfect rapport with the superintendent and must preside over board meetings with a fair but very firm hand. The president does not run the district, must work with the superintendent and should be subject to a term limit.

It is easy for board meetings to degenerate into tense confrontations or into social hours. Good trustees will be willing to serve and continue to serve if the board agenda is tightly constructed and the meeting is briskly concluded. Adequate information and clearly defined issues to be decided must be provided before the meeting begins. Surprises, either from the superintendent or from a board member, must be avoided. Visitors or trustees who ramble must be firmly limited (with a timer if necessary). All routine pre-ordained matters should be included with the consent items. Ideally, the president should have a good idea how each vote will turn out. Precise committee recommendations can facilitate intelligent decisions.

### State funding

In Texas, the state contribution to the budget is calculated in such an arcane way that some superintendents do not understand it. And because it is so complicated and uncertain and because both the budget and tax rate are based on it, every superintendent should understand it. Mandates without financial support are also regularly leg-

islated. Apparently, the appropriations method has been built and modified through the years much as the federal income tax structure has evolved. It is a mess. A legislator who would discard the entire plan, build a new one that is simple and fair, get it passed and signed into law should then become governor and eventually president of the United States. It is that important.

### Teacher Salaries

The success of a district will always be related to the skills of the teachers. Texas teachers are poorly paid and have too many duties expected of them. Good certified teachers are increasingly hard to find and retain; true locally and nationwide. Curriculum changes, computers, so-called distance learning and other efforts are possibly worthwhile, but until teachers are paid and treated as professionals, our students will know when the War of 1812 started, but will never know why. A program to handsomely reward good teachers and to weed out the bad ones is badly needed. Many first-class universities have effective methods that could be adapted to public schools.

No one will argue that an athletic program is a valuable adjunct to public education. This attitude is widespread among educators worldwide. But in some districts (possibly all districts in Texas) the practice is exactly otherwise. The English department (or the mathematics department) seems to become the adjunct.

When a district with 1,000 students has 12 coaches and two high school English teachers, an observer might question the priorities of the district. A look at the relative expenditures in athletics might generate the same question. It is dangerous to ask the question, because the emphasis has become a religion.

Questions that are unacceptable include: Do we need interscholastic seventh grade football? Do we need a tennis team? Questions that may be asked are: When are we going to build our own lighted tennis courts? When are we going to field varsity and junior varsity boys and girls soccer teams? Do

we need an Olympic-sized swimming pool?

One of the good arguments for a large number of organized teams is that the students need supervised recreation, because the parents are working and not at home. This is correct, but the more basic question is whether taxpayers should subsidize parenting. Do we need good teachers who can coach or good coaches who cannot teach?

### Micro-Management

Very important is the assumption by new board members that they are elected to actually run the schools. This problem is widespread. We have had debates about the cheerleader uniforms (an issue for the principal to resolve), the best calculus book (best decided by the calculus teacher), and whether a certain teacher should teach second or third grade (another matter for the principal). All complaints involving grades, playing time in athletics, dress code, behavior, and similar matters are best handled by the professional staff. Individual trustees should never intervene in these matters. On extremely rare occasions, when an impasse is reached, a difference may come to the board corporately.

The board is supposed to set policy and the administration should proceed based on policy. If the trustees would, when contemplating some action, stop and consider whether that action is administrative, often no action would result and that would be correct in 98 percent of the cases. The other two percent can be resolved by a discussion with the superintendent. The need for a complicated diagram to explain all of this is doubtful.

It follows that all boards must function according to a set of ground rules. For example, should each trustee be entitled to relate to the news media? Should trustees be encouraged to visit classrooms to evaluate teacher competency? Without self-imposed guidelines, that are concerned with many issues such as these, significant efficiency and good relationships will never be attained.

NEXT WEEK: THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT.

## Global co.'s grab water



Jim Hightower

An old English nursery rhyme goes: "They hang the man and flog the woman/ That steal the goose from off the common/ But let the greater villain loose/ That steals the common from the goose."

It's receiving remarkably little media attention, but the corporate villains are loose, stealing the commons from you and me - and now they're trying to plunder the most essential public resource we have: Our water.

There's an ignoble, global water grab underway. In our country and throughout the world, a handful of conglomerates are moving rapidly to turn this necessity of life into just another commodity for traders and speculators - a private plaything for personal profiteering.

And if you're xenophobic, get ready to have your brain explode: The Big Three water grabbers are foreigners! Mon dieux, bubba, two are French conglomerates and the other is German, and they've already grabbed the water systems of Houston, Indianapolis, Lexington, Jersey City, Milwaukee, Washington, D.C., and dozens of other cities.

While the promise of water privatization has been golden, the delivery has been leaden. In city after city that has succumbed to the corporate promises, locals have seen their monthly bills skyrocket, service sink, water quality stink, and democratic control evaporate. As a result, water wars have broken out all across America as folks are organizing, petitioning, and holding referendums to stop the corporate heist of their water supply. And Atlanta, Jacksonville, and other places that had previously privatized, have gotten so fed up with the result that they've dumped the corporate hustlers and taken back public control of their water.

But, beware, for the corporations are trying to get Congress to force your city to consider privatizing your water supply, or be denied federal funding for water improvements.

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The first responsibility of the federal government is preserving our national security. A strong defense is also critically important to Texas and our economy.

So as we launch a periodic review of our national system of defense facilities, we must take into account the changing nature of our security challenges, particularly the new threat posed by terrorism. Decisions on troop strength, training, deployment and facilities should be based on conditions that

### Capitol Comment



**Kay Bailey Hutchison**  
U.S. Senator



criteria do not.

Let's be clear: the ultimate goal should be the strongest national defense and the most effective homeland security our tax dollars can buy. If all relevant factors are considered, I'm confident that Texas will fare very well in the BRAC process.

Our military men and women enjoy serving in Texas. They benefit both personally and professionally from our wide-open spaces, our weather, our reasonable cost of living and our facilities. The Texas Congressional delegation, Republicans and Democrats alike, have worked closely over the past decade to ensure that Texas bases are modernized and fully tasked. Over the past five-years alone, we've been able to secure \$1.2 billion in federal appropriations for Texas base military construction to improve the daily lives of our service families.

I voted against starting the 2005 BRAC because I don't believe we've had sufficient experience in the terrorism war to evaluate all threats we may be facing. But now that it's underway, we have an obligation to make certain the criteria used in the base evaluation process are themselves updated and modernized.

Defense is important to Texas, and Texas is vital to our national defense. It's been said that "Texas defends America." That's true - Texas has more active duty than any state - and we're superb at it. Texans should welcome a thoughtful and politics-free BRAC process.

As Americans, we all have a stake in ensuring that our force structure and facilities are as efficient and effective as possible - and that the criteria used to judge those conditions reflect the changing threat we face at home and abroad.

fully assess current security needs.

The Pentagon has begun the 2005 Base Closing and Realignment Commission (BRAC), charged with adjusting our military capacity to meet realities of the 21st Century. The Defense Department started the process by publishing a set of draft criteria, seeking comment on the ground rules to be used in judging whether military facilities across the country are to be maintained or closed.

The Pentagon's draft criteria are very similar - almost identical - to standards employed by the 1991, 1993 and 1995 BRAC rounds. These are Cold War criteria. I believe that using old standards to face a new enemy is a mistake. The criteria should be improved, enhanced and updated to reflect the lessons we've learned after 9/11.

The current draft does not direct BRAC commissioners to take into account contributions a military


base might make to our overall homeland security effort. Nor does it require our extensive network of overseas facilities be included in the planning. I am urging that both omissions be corrected.

In the new war on terrorism, homeland security is the ultimate goal. They may be two separate federal departments, but Homeland Security and Defense are already working in tandem on numerous measures, from biochemical threats to port security. For example, if a military base such as Brooks City-Base in San Antonio can play an important role in medical and biological research that's vital to both homeland and national defense, that contribution ought to be weighed as part of the BRAC process. If Corpus Christi's Naval Station Ingleside can host Coast Guard infrastructure to help patrol the Gulf of Mexico, that should be considered as well.

Most of our overseas bases were established during or after World War II, and maintained to meet conventional Cold War threats. Even the Department of Defense (DoD) has acknowledged that several are poorly located to meet today's military needs. Some bases, particularly those in Europe and Asia, lack the land area and flying space to allow first-class training for our forces.

If an overseas training mission can be accomplished more efficiently, and at less expense, in the vast expanses of Ft. Hood or Ft. Bliss/White Sands, then BRAC commissioners should factor that into the equation. The current

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# Taste of Salado, PALS event, to be held Feb. 24 at Jack's Barn

Silent auction items at the forthcoming "A Taste of Salado," on Feb. 24, include the original work of over 30 local artists. Every item is hand-made and original by Salado-ans.

The Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) has already made over 100 reservations at \$25 each for admission to this second annual food tasting event to be held on one night only in Jack's Barn at Pace Park in Salado, a fundraiser for PALS, showcasing Salado Artists and Restaurants & Caterers.

Over 20 home-owned restaurants have presented PALS with silent auction items. Food for the event will be provided by Angelita Catering Co., Cathy's Boardwalk Café, Charlotte's of Salado, Mud Pies Pottery Home-made Fudge, Old Mill Pizza Co., The Salado Mansion, The Range at



Pictured above are "Jack's Barn" owners, Pat and Jack Herrington, who have donated use of their party barn to PALS for the second year of "A Taste of Salado." (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

the Barton House, Royal Street Provision, The Stagecoach Inn, Sweet Smells of Salado, and Uncommon Grounds Café.

The only downside to "A Taste of Salado" is limitations to the number of persons who may be allowed at the event. Only 225 reservations

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Feb. 13: No School

Feb. 16: Breakfast on a Stick, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Feb. 17: French Toast, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

### Lunch Menu

Feb. 11: Pizza, Breadstick, Corn, Peaches, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk

Feb. 12: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Rolls, Mixed Fruit, Sugar Cookies, Hoagie, Milk

Feb. 13: No School

Feb. 16: Beef Taco, Mexicali Corn, Pineapple Tidbits, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk

Feb. 17: Chicken Fillet on a Bun, Burger Salad, Peas, Mixed Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Hoagie, Milk

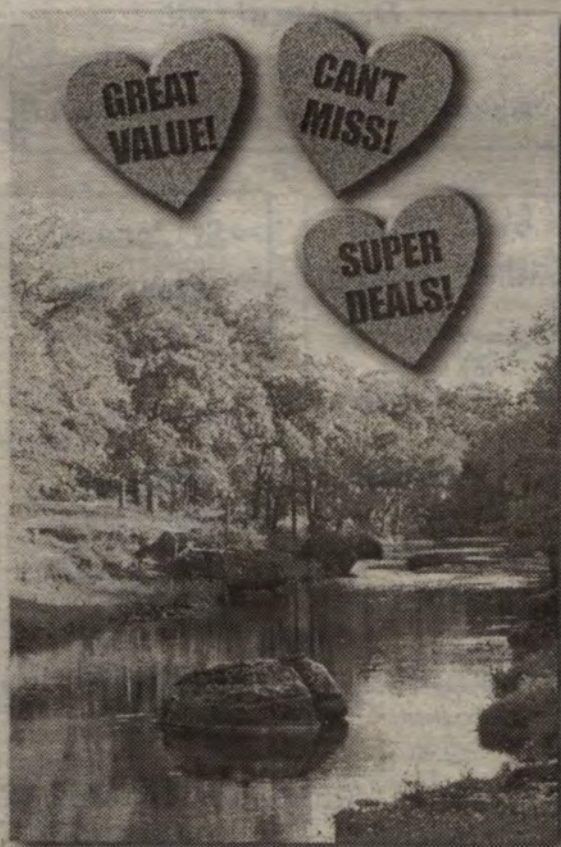


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Traditional Worship/Bible Study	10:30 a.m.	Jr. High Halftime	5:15 p.m.
Orchestra Rehearsal	4:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	5:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Service	6:15 p.m.
		Team Kid (Age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

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Worship • 11 a.m.  
Bible Study • 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Praise & Prayer • 7:00 p.m.



## Presbyterian Church of Salado

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Bible Class • 9 a.m. Worship • 10 a.m.  
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## Salado United Methodist Church holds Freedom Tour Feb. 28 at new building site

The Freedom Tour will make a stop in Salado noon-2 p.m. Feb. 28 at the new building site for the Salado United Methodist Church on Royal Lane.

The public is invited to bring lawn chairs and hear "Soldiers in the Sandbox" - a radio-released single performed live by the Herring, Bluegrass and Snow band - along with several other grassroots songs.

Admission is free. There will also be an opportunity to purchase individual copies of the "Soldiers in the Sandbox" album for \$9.95 plus tax. Fifty percent of all proceeds from CD sales will go to the families of the soldiers who have given their lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The performance's feature song, "Soldiers in the

Sandbox," was inspired by a poem Bell County resident Jim Bounds composed in honor of his son. Pfc. Tom Bounds of the 720th MP, attached to the 4th Infantry Division in Fort Hood, is pictured on the cover of the cd.

The concert rally is one of a 21-stop tour scheduled in Central Texas, and is host-sponsored by Hidden

Springs. Other event sponsors are RMK Gallery; Temple Area Builders Association and Central Texas Online.

In case of inclement weather, the concert will moved to the Salado United Methodist Church Sanctuary.

For more information call SUMC at (254) 947-5482.

## "Move On For Democracy" dinner party scheduled at Expo Center

The Bell County Democratic Party will sponsor a "Move On For Democracy" dinner at the Bell County Expo Center, 7 p.m. Feb. 19.

Charles Soechting, State Democratic Party Chairman, and Jon E. Porter, Democratic candidate for Representative from the new Congressional District 31, will speak at the event.

Cost for the barbecue is \$25 per person. A silent auction will also be held.

If you have items to donate, bring them to the Party Headquarters at 121-A North East St. in Belton by Feb. 19.

Reservations need to be made by Feb. 17. For tickets or questions call (254) 634-6461, (254) 634-8830 or (254) 939-8178.



Stephanie Truett and Eric Allen Petersen

## Truett to wed Petersen

Don and Susan Fleming, of Belton and Paul and Jan Truett, of Kennard have announced the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Elizabeth Truett to Eric Allen Petersen, both of Salado.

He is the son of Mark and Jeannette Petersen, of Antioch, CA.

The couple plans a April 17 wedding at the Foundation United Methodist Church in Temple.

## St. Stephen Women's Society holds Valentine bake sale Feb. 15

The St. Stephen Women's Society will host a Valentine Bake Sale on the grounds of the church, located on Holland Road, just east of Wildfire Ranch Roping Arena.

Hours for the Bake Sale will be 5:30-6:30 p.m. Feb.

14 and 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Feb. 15. All baked goods will be prepared and donated by women of the Parish.

For more information call Bobbie Reihsen at 947-3901.

## SARW forum lined up Feb. 18 at Wildflower Country Club

The Salado Area Republican Women and Central Texas Republican Women will be sponsoring a candidates forum 11:30 a.m. Feb. 18 at Wildflower Country Club in Temple.

Republican candidates for the new U.S. Congressional District 31, Dirk Armbrust of Rosebud; Wes Riddle from Killeen; and John Carter from Round

Rock will be speaking. Also, six of the judicial candidates running for statewide offices will be afforded the opportunity to speak.

Reservations with \$11 are due by Feb. 13 to Wilma Butler, 3610 Wolverine Trail; Temple, TX 76502. For more information contact Barclay McCort at 947-3617.

## Salado Public Library hosts Gary Holthaus

The Salado Public Library will host "An Evening at the Library" with Gary Holthaus, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16. Holthaus, who is a former director of the Institute for the Humanities at Salado, will be reading from his new book about farming in Minnesota.

The book is composed of interviews with owners of small farms. It touches on the ideas and ideals of

sustained farming and on concerns about large corporate farms coming into Minnesota. This topic has larger concerns for all of us. Holthaus may read also from his other published works of essays and poetry.

Seating at the library is limited to 25-30 people. Reserve your space by calling the library at 947-9191.

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# Roads assessment positive

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

An extensive analysis by SBI, Inc. showed county commissioners that the Road and Bridge Department is the most cost-efficient method of maintaining and improving county roads, weighing all aspects of the infrastructure needs.

The analysis is one part of the contract with SBI, Inc. assure the county that it meets Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) recommendations, particularly GASB-34. GASB-34 makes an impact on many areas of county government as it redefines financial reporting for government agencies, especially in areas of infrastructure capital costs, infrastructure asset maintenance and considering different perspectives for funding needs and priorities.

One of the issues concerning the county commissioners is whether it is more cost-effective to hire private companies to do road projects in the county or to continue using Road and Bridge Department for the work.

"Before you did this," Commissioner Tim Brown told Phil Goodwill, of SBI, "I convinced going to that it would be cheaper to use the private sector for this kind of work. Surprisingly, this analysis proves that the county department is cheaper."

The analysis of county costs such as personnel, materials, equipment and depreciation, showed that the county is able to do the work at a lower cost than if it hired private contractors for the same work. For taxpayers, this means the county is getting the most for its tax dollars.

The analysis not only proved to county commissioners that they were doing the work cheaper, but provides an inventory of the roads and bridges, right-of-ways and their conditions. A condition assessment of county paved roads was conducted by Fugro-BRE, Inc., involving driving all of the roads, photographing their condition every half-mile and inventorying that information into useful data for county officials to determine which roads need work and which roads are in good condition.

"Your roads are in remarkably good condition," Goodwill said. "The analysis shows that the are at 89 percent of 100 percent in terms of condition."

The assessment segmented all paved roads so that county engineer Richard Macchi and the Road and Bride Department could assess and concentrate efforts on particular portions of roads in their planning processes.

SBI took the analysis instrument and applied it to six different projects ranging in size from small to very large in order to determine a the hauling cost per ton. With these six individual projects, Goodwill said that the county could ascertain an average cost of \$6.37 per ton hauled for spec base. This estimate is useful for future budgeting and planning and provides a benchmark for cost benefit analysis.

The report was part of a nuts-and-bolts agenda commissioners faced Feb. 9. Action taken by the court included the following items:

Renewed a law enforcement cooperative agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers for the 2004 Lake Patrol Program.

In the agreement, Bell County Sheriff's Office will provide 4,724 patrol hours during the year for a payment of \$96,133.40. This has been a successful partnership since its beginning in 1981, according to Sheriff Dan Smith. Last year, the patrol program resulted in 191 requests for assistance, 30 arrests, 20 citations, 538 warnings and 6,650 visitor contacts. Last year, Lakes Belton and Stillhouse had more than 2.6 million visitors, a record year.

Approved an amendment to the COPO, Inc. Management Agreement in which COPO, INC. will reimburse the county for providing one full-time maintenance employee and supplies. COPO, Inc. provides management services at the Juvenile Detention Center and Juvenile Facility.

Renewed an agreement with Vertex for services. Vertex provides services to the county in applying for and receiving grants or funds from the federal government for programs including the National School Lunch Program, Juvenile Services? Enhanced Title IV-E Administration and Legal Support and the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program. According to the

agreement, Vertex is paid 15.5 percent of all federal funds that it helps the county acquire. Last year, this agreement resulted in an approximate payment of \$97,000 to Vertex.

Accepted a grant of \$102,081.00 from the Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense. The county spends about \$300,000 per year on this program, according to Judge Jon Burrows. "So any amount helps."

Approved an agreement with Legetee Actuaries/Consultants for actuarial services of post employment benefit to comply with GASB-34 requirements for approximately \$3,200 to \$3,700.

Awarded bids for haul trailer and four shredders. Continental Equipment was awarded the haul trailer bid for \$41,895.41. Farm Equipment of Temple earned the four shredder bids for \$6,600 each.

Awarded annual bids for hot mix, cold mix, liquid asphalt, concrete and pit gravel. Receiving bid awards were Heart of Texas mix, Martin Marietta Mix, Vulcan Constructional Mix, Cleveland Asphalt, Belcrete, Billy Fleming, Johnny Kelly, Sunshine and Cynthia Ross.

## Mobility 2030 hearings slated for this area

The Killeen-Temple Urban Transportation Study (K-TUTS) will hold a series of public hearings regarding Mobility 2030, the 25-year Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

- Feb. 11 - Harker Heights City Hall, 305 Miller's Crossing, Kitty Young Council Chambers, 6 p.m.;
- Feb. 12 - Copperas

Cove City Hall, 507 South Main, Council Chambers, 6 p.m.;

- Feb. 18 - Belton City Hall, 333 Water Street, Conference Room, 6 p.m.;
- Feb. 19 - Killeen City Hall, 101 North College Street, Council Chambers, noon and 6 p.m.

For additional information on the public hearings contact K-TUTS at 254-933-7075.

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## DoD releases name of fallen Fort Hood soldier

The Department of Defense Feb. 3 released the name of a 4th Infantry Division soldier who was killed in a mortar attack on an American base in Iraq on Feb. 1.

Staff Sgt. Roger C. Turner Jr., 37, a native of Elgin, IL, who listed Parkersburg, WV, as his home of record, was in his sleeping area when Logistical Support Area Anaconda came under mortar attack.

He died of his injuries after being evacuated to the 31st Combat Support Hospital in Balad.

Turner, a vehicle mechanic with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st, 10th Cavalry Regiment, entered the military in July 1988 and had been assigned at Fort Hood since Sept. 1999.

The incident is under investigation.

## Loftus receives Purple Heart

In a Feb. 4 morning ceremony at Fort Hood's Sadowksi Field, Pfc. Michelle Loftus received a Purple Heart in recognition of wounds she received in Iraq in July 2003.

Pfc. Loftus, 19, was wounded July 23, while she was providing security as part of a two-vehicle

convoy near the Baghdad International Airport. At that time, the vehicle in which she was riding came under attack from an improvised explosive device and small arms fire. Loftus received fragment injuries to her face and upper lip during the attack.

A native of Dover, MN, Loftus is a medic currently assigned to the 581st Area Support Medical Company, part of the 61st Area Support Medical Battalion within the 13th Corps Support Command.



Andy Anderson, President of the Bell County Cowboy Ring of Honor, gave a brief history of the cowboy to the Rotary Club of Salado, Feb. 3. Anderson told of his days as a stuntman in movies for stars such as Gene Autry and Roy Rogers. PHOTO BY SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL

## It's all about Spring: MCCA readying for March 6 event

The Mill Creek Community Association will hold its Annual Member-

ship Spring Fling dinner March 6 at Mill Creek.

The evening will begin with a 6 p.m. cash bar happy hour, with dinner following at 7 p.m.

Dinner menu will feature roast pork, twice baked potatoes, green beans, spring green salad, rolls, lime sherbet, coffee and tea.

Price is \$13.95 per person, or \$27.90 a couple, including tax and gratuity.

All MCCA members are invited. Memberships to the MCCA are \$20 per family.

Checks for the Spring Fling, or MCCA membership dues, may be sent to MCCA, P.O. Box 562, Salado, TX 76571. Your check is your reservation.

Salado Youth Baseball Softball Sign-ups

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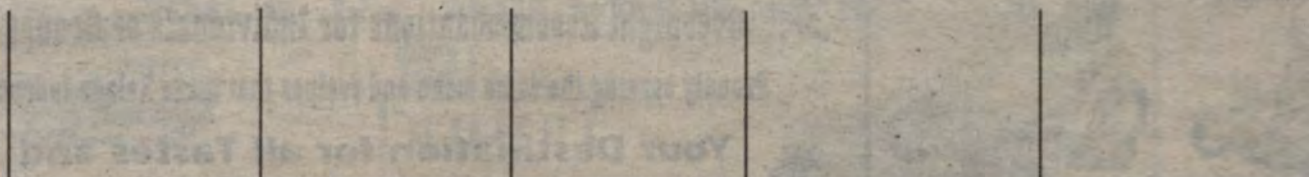
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# SPORTS

## What's new?

Eagle hardballers have eyes set on yet another playoff trip

By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
STAFF WRITER

It's February, and while it's not exactly frigid outside, it's certainly not spring yet. But it will be warm and green again soon enough, and the outdoor sports will jumpstart into life.

And even though the second season has yet to blow in, it should also be said that it's never too early to start talking baseball.

The Salado Eagles began their soggy, late-winter practices last week, loosening unlimbered arms and lacing their spikes in anticipation of the fast approaching 2004 campaign.

As far as expectations go, it's more of the same this season for Coach Melvin Bates' squad. Most every year since 1986 Bates has led his Eagle team to the playoffs, coming up short on a state championship once, but historically making it at least a few rounds deep.

In the season's early stages, with even the batting lineup unconfirmed, Bates assesses his initial goals. "As always, we expect to get into the playoffs. But the top goal is to advance further than we did last year," says Bates.

That would mean making it out of the area round of the playoffs. The 2003 Eagles (15-10 overall, district runner-up) might have hit .338 as a team - very good at any level - but at times they were prone to defensive mis-



With the sun making an appearance last week, the Eagle baseball team got to work. District runners-up a year ago, Coach Melvin Bates sees no reason why they can't make another run in 2004. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

steps and blunders, a bane Bates hopes to remedy. He figures defensive meltdowns cost the Eagles four or five games last year.

That was certainly the case against eventual state champ Weimar, who bounced Salado out of the playoffs. In that game alone, which ended with a lopsided score of 11-1, the Eagles committed eight errors, allowing Weimar seven unearned runs.

But 2004 is a new year, and Bates sees his defense being stronger this season. Losing Lane Wolff's bat (.405 average) and glove to graduation will hurt, but the Eagles do have five starters returning, led by two-time all-stater Scott Bates.

Over the years, there have been many stand-

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### Salado Eagles 2004 Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Teams	Time
2/14	at Hendrickson(s)	JV-V	1:00
2/19	at Moody (s)	JV-V	4:30
2/24	Moody	JV-V	4:30-7:00
2/26-28	Franklin Tourney	V	TBA
3/2	at Bartlett	JV-V	5:00-7:00
3/4-3/6	Hamilton Tourney	V	TBA
3/6	Clifton Tourney	JV	TBA
3/9	*Rogers	JV-V	4:30-7:00
3/13	Hamilton	V	1:30
3/16	*at Lexington	JV-V	4:30-7:00
3/19	*Academy	JV-V	4:30-7:00
3/20	Alumni Game		1:00
3/23	*at Florence	JV-V	4:30-7:00
3/26	*Jarrell	JV-V	4:30-7:00
3/30	Hill Country Christian	V	7:00
4/2	*at Somerville	JV-V	4:30-7:00
4/3	Salado Tourney	JV	TBA
4/5	*at Rogers	JV-V	4:30-7:00
4/8	*Lexington	JV-V	4:30-7:00
4/12	*at Academy	JV-V	4:30-7:00
4/17	Round Rock Christian	V	1:30
4/20	*at Jarrell	JV-V	4:30-7:00
4/26	*Somerville	JV-V	4:30-7:00

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# Powerlifters rock-solid Feb. 7, girls place second overall

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Both boys and girls Salado powerlifting teams traveled to Florence Feb. 7. A total of 22 Salado students, 11 boys and 11 girls, made the trip. Of those 22 competitors, 17 placed in the top five in their class, thereby earning points for the team.

All 11 girls that participated placed in the top five. The girls team finished in second place out of 11 teams, trailing Lago Vista by two points. Salado finished with 41 points, Lago Vista 43, while Florence, in third place, finished with 21 points.

Individually, Brittany Dixon placed third with a total of 510 lbs. Johnna Konzen placed second with 575 lbs., including a personal record 215 lb. squat. In the same class, Jamie Burson finished third with 545 lbs., an increase of 20 lbs. from the previous week. She set personal records in squat and deadlift.

Shae Janda won her class for the third consecutive meet, totaling 665 lbs. Kristen Womac continued to make strides with a total of 590 lbs. "This is an increase of 25 lbs. from last week, including personal

records in squat (215), bench (115) and deadlift (260)," said Coach Travis Ling. Womac finished second in the same class as Janda.

Denise Jasso placed fifth in the same class, finishing with 555 lbs., a 15-pound improvement over her last meet. Jasso also set personal records in all three lifts.

LauraLee Young placed first in her class, topping out at a season best 720 lbs. In the same class, Jackie Welsh, with a 15-pound improvement, finished with 580 lbs. Welsh placed fourth. Stella Butts placed fifth in the same class with a 555 lb. total.

Larissa Ingalsbe competed in what Ling described as a very tough weight class, finishing in third. She posted a total of 585 lbs., an improvement of 20 lbs. from her previous best. This included personal records in squat (235) and deadlift (245).

Jessica Roberts placed second in her class with a total of 675 lbs., which marked a 30-pound improvement from her previous best. This included personal records in squat

(250) and deadlift (280).

### Boys results

The boys team finished third place out of 11 teams. Individually, Mark Gentry won his class with a total of 725 lbs., a 30-pound improvement over his previous best. He set personal records in squat (250), bench (155) and deadlift (320). Kevin Goodman placed sixth in his class with a total of 805 lbs, which marked a 30-pound improvement. Goodman also set personal records in squat and deadlift.

Josh Jacobson finished fifth in what Ling said was the toughest class of the meet. Jacobson posted a career high total of 915 lbs., highlighted by a personal best 350 lb. squat. Austin Smith also set a personal record with a total of 895 lbs., good enough for sixth place. Smith set personal records in bench and deadlift.

Also in the same class, Bryan Corbitt lifted 810 lbs, including personal records in squat (300) and bench (155):

Chance Coe placed first in his weight class with a 1,055 lb. total, highlighted by a 260 lb. bench press. That lift represented a 15-pound improvement over his previous best. Alonso Galvan placed third in the same class with a total of 955 lbs., an increase of 75 lbs. over the last meet.

Michael Tracy grabbed

a fifth place finish with a personal best total of 905 lbs., including personal records in squat (310) and bench (220).

Jesse Rodriguez won his weight class with an impressive total of 1,135 lbs., an increase of 70 lbs. over his previous best. He set personal records in all three lifts: squat (405), bench (230) and a monstrous 500 lb. deadlift. "This was the highest lift of the day in any weight class," said Ling.

Jerod Quirk finished fifth in the same class, topping out at 930 lbs., a 40-pound increase over his previous meet. Quirk's total was highlighted by a 400-pound deadlift.

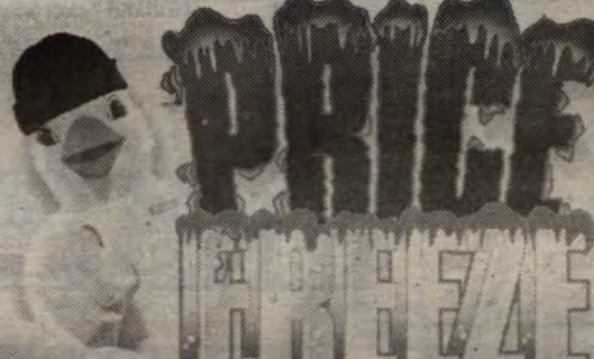
"We were very proud of both the boys and girls for the way they competed and how they continue to improve each week," Ling commented. "The kids are really seeing the dividends of a lot of hard work and time put into this. It is really hard to explain the level of improvement all of these kids are making. They know it and it should really show in all the other sports they are involved with."

The next scheduled powerlifting meet will take place Feb. 14 in Lago Vista. At press time, only the girls team was scheduled to compete, however, scheduling is subject to change. For more information contact Coach Ling at 947-5429 ext. 1410.

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# Eagle alumni take the field March 20

The Third Annual Salado Eagle Alumni Baseball Game is scheduled for the afternoon of March 20 at the high school field.

Despite inclement weather in 2003, which resulted in the game being postponed and rescheduled, a strong number of Salado alumni showed up for the game, which saw the even-numbered grads defeat the odd-numbered grads in a 7-6, come-from-

behind win.

The format for this year's game will be the same, with the rivalry between evens and odds carrying on for a second year.

Coach Melvin Bates would like to see an even bigger alumni turnout in 2004, if for no other reason than to give old players a chance to reminisce and catch up on old times. "But believe me, no one is too out of shape to play," says

Bates.

Preceding the game itself will be the noon homerun contests, divided in two classes. Those over-30 will compete in one division, while the younger guys will be divided into their own class. Prizes will be awarded in both divisions.

Cost to play in the alumni game is \$10, which includes a t-shirt. The fee for the homerun contest is \$5. Players are asked

to arrive sometime before noon to register.

Any Salado Eagle baseball alumni is encouraged to attend, and to bring their families. Concessions will be available.

The game will begin at approximately 1 p.m.

For more information or to register, contact Coach Bates at the High School, 947-5429 ext. 1100, or e-mail mbates@saladoisd.org.

## Baseball preview

baseball players to come through Salado, and when it comes to hitting, Bates is right up there with the best of them. He currently holds the career batting average record for Salado at .496, spiked by a monstrous .535 average a season ago that also included 36 runs scored and 29 RBI. He's 35 hits shy of the all-time Salado record, and five doubles short of the career lead in that category. Bates, named in January to the Louisville Slugger All-American Team, is also the career leader in on-base percentage, at .651. With another strong year, the senior could go out holding career records in six, maybe seven, offensive categories.

And he'll be Salado's primary pitcher, as well. He carried the bulk of the hurling duties in 2003, amassing 55 1/3 innings

pitched, compiling a 7-3 record with a 2.27 ERA and 79 strikeouts along the way.

But Salado, as Coach Bates is quick to point out, is far from a one-man show. Returning first team all-district selections Jesse Rodriguez, a sophomore, and senior Ben Marsh bring punch to the lineup, and Marsh's nimble glove work at first base will help solidify the infield.

As Salado's lead-off hitter, Rodriguez hit for a .431 average in 2003, however, Bates would like to see his walk total go up from last year's number of seven. He did strike out only four times, though, second lowest on the team. "Rodriguez is a real aggressive hitter, and defensively he'll keep everything in front of him," Bates says.

Marsh, for a big man, is surprisingly agile at the

plate. More prone to slap a line drive than belt a homer, Marsh had a .338 average with 21 RBI last season. Bates says he will probably hit out of the clean-up spot this season.

Senior Bill Tubbs, coming off a .307 season, will round out the middle of the lineup.

Wes Ruth, a sophomore who started a few games on varsity a year ago, will get a crack at short stop this season. Bates describes Ruth as a good athlete with great quickness, who despite weighing around 130 lbs., has a strong arm from the middle infield. Ruth could also see time behind the plate.

Shane Pipes, a senior letterman, will likely find

a starting position in the outfield, and junior Devon Dunn, with speed to burn, will range in centerfield. "There's no doubt that Dunn has the skills and potential to be a .400 hitter," Bates said. "He's got speed and a great arm. He's the hardest thrower on the team."

District 25AA, always competitive, will be so again in 2004. Jarrell, defending district champs, returns all nine starters. Academy and Lexington will be formidable again, and Rogers, with a new coach, is capable of surprising some teams.

Salado's regular season opens up at home Feb. 24 versus Moody. Varsity games begin at 7 p.m.

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# Boys lead district with 3 left

The Varsity Eagles moved one step closer to a district title with a double-digit win on the road over Jarrell. The victory gave Coach Tom Long and his team a 26-3 season record, with a blemish-free 9-0 district mark with three regular season games remaining.

Salado nurses a slim one game lead in District 25AA, with Lexington close behind. With games against Somerville at home Feb. 10 and on the road against Rogers Feb. 13, the Eagles will close out the

season against Lexington Feb. 17, in a game that could decide the district championship.

Salado	48
Jarrell	32

Playing on a court where Salado has had trouble winning in the past, the Eagles put together a strong defensive effort to gain Coach Long his first victory in Jarrell.

"We've never shot the ball well on that court," said Long. "And we didn't in this game either. We played sluggishly all night."

Salado jumped out to an early lead, posting 10 points before Jarrell had a chance to get on the board.

The Eagles struggled offensively much of the game, as three-point specialist Josh Wright was held scoreless on the evening. Only four Salado players scored in the game, led by Matt Caskey's 19 point effort.

Close behind was Travis Clark, who dropped in 16 points. Devon Dunn scored eight points, and Matt Jennings contributed

five. Jennings also had a strong game rebounding.

If Salado gains wins against Somerville and Rogers, then the team will finish no worse than district co-champs. In the event of a loss to Lexington, the district championship will be decided by a coin-flip or a one-game playoff.

In the Feb. 9 Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll, Salado dropped a spot to number nine in the state rankings after recently cracking the top 10 at number eight.

## Freshmen win third tourney of season

The following are results from recent freshmen boys basketball action.

Salado	43
Rogers	18

Justin Pruitt carried the offensive load in the blow-out win over Rogers. Pruitt had 14 points on the game, scoring in all four periods.

Clayton Sharum totaled nine points, and Tanner Myers dropped in seven. Also scoring were Blake Newman, five; John Cornelius, four; Chad Tumey, two; and Tanner Johnson, two. No Rogers player scored more than five



Pictured are the Salado Eagle freshmen boys basketball team after their tournament win in Waco Vanguard. Back row, l-r: Blake Newman, Jon Cornelius, Justin Pruitt, Clay Sharum, Stephen Quick, Coach Jarrod Womack. Front row, l-r: Tanner Johnson, Chad Tumey, Tanner Meyers. Not pictured: Josh Caldwell. In addition to their tournament win at Vanguard, the freshmen boys also won tourneys in Academy and Troy.

Salado	61
Valley Mills	28

In the first round of a tournament in Waco Vanguard, the freshmen boys,

on the strength of 19 points from Newman, thrashed the Eagles from Valley Mills.

Salado led 26-14 at halftime, but held Valley

Mills scoreless in the third period, which allowed them to expand the lead to 44-14.

Behind Newman's strong performance, Pruitt reached double-digits in points again, this time finishing the game with 14.

Also scoring were Johnson, seven; Sharum, seven; Myers, six; Tumey, four; and Cornelius, four.

Salado	36
Bosqueville	28

The Eagles had a much tougher time dispatching Bosqueville in the tournament's second round. It wasn't until the fourth, when Myers hit five free throws down the stretch, that Salado put the game away.

Newman led all scorers for the second straight game, finishing with 16.

Myers totaled nine

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# One left; girls win, they're in

With one game remaining in the regular season, the Varsity Lady Eagles helped their cause last week by picking up a crucial district win over Jarrell Feb. 3. They also defeated a non-district opponent, Round Top, at home Feb. 6.

At 18-12 overall, and 7-4 in district play, the scenario for Coach Larry Salisbury's squad making the playoffs for the 11th straight year is simple heading into the Feb. 10 showdown versus Somerville: win and they're in. A loss would result in a

one game playoff between Salado and the Lady Yeguas to determine who makes the postseason.

**Salado 48**  
**Jarrell 25**

The win in Jarrell could not have come at a better time for the Lady Eagles. After starting the season slow, Salado has shown consistency in the last few weeks, both offensively and defensively, which has put Salado in a position where the team controls its own playoff destiny.

Jenny Goode continued her hot shooting against the Lady Cougars, drain-

ing two three pointers in the first period on her way to five for the evening and a game-high 19 points.

With the score 9-5 after the first, Salado opened the game up by scoring 16 points in the second, to Jarrell's four, giving the Lady Eagles a 25-9 lead at the half.

It was more of the same in the third, as Salado expanded its lead to 37-18. Eleven more points in the fourth brought the game to its 48-25 final.

Behind Goode's 19 points was Laramie Jackson, who accounted for 12 points. Amanda Tumey contributed nine, Elizabeth Dunlap had four, while Kate Marshall and Lauren Hogwood each scored two points.

**Salado 50**  
**Round Top 30**

In a non-district game at home Feb. 6, the Lady Eagles jumped on top of Round Top in the first period and cruised to a 20-point win.

Leading 21-2 after one

- highlighted by Goode's nine points - and 28-10 at the half, the Lady Eagles slowed down the game in the second, winning comfortably.

Goode paced the offense again, this time pumping in a game-high 20 points - the only Lady Eagle to reach double-figures in scoring.

Brittany Boydston, who had six points in Salado's big first period, finished with nine points on the game. Jackson scored eight points, Kelsey Smith had six and Dunlap scored four. Also scoring were Jo Washburn, two; and Marshall, one.

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points on the game, while Tumey scored eight, Pruitt had two and Johnson dropped in one point.

**Salado 39**

**Waco Vanguard 25**

The championship game was never really in question, as Salado went on top of the host team 27-11 in the first half and hung on for the 14-point

win.

Newman led Salado with his 12-point effort. Pruitt scored 10 points and Tumey had eight.

Also scoring were Cornelius, four; Sharum, three; and Myers, two.

The freshmen boys, coached by Jarrod Womack, have a record of 18-4.

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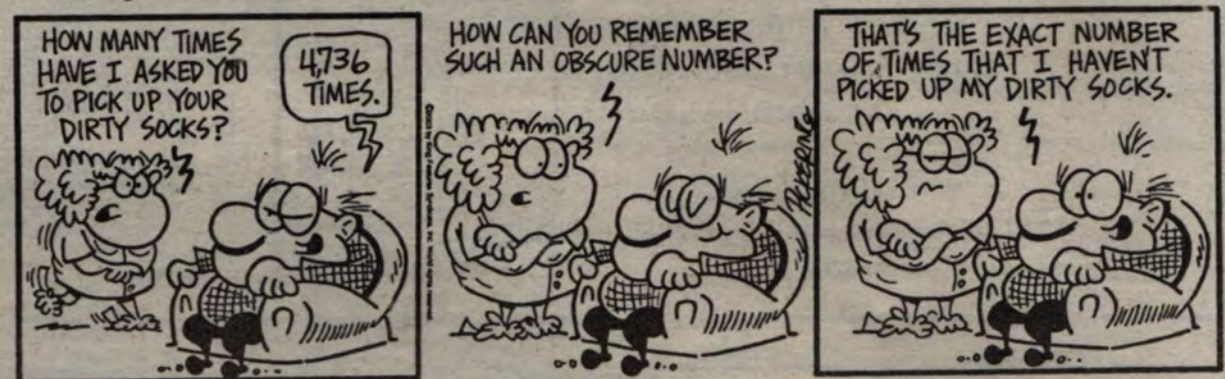


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## Letter lovers land in Salado for Scrabble State Championship

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Competitive Scrabble players are not so different from me and you. You'll find business owners, housewives, doctors, students, and unemployed people among their ranks. Only they really, really like Scrabble.

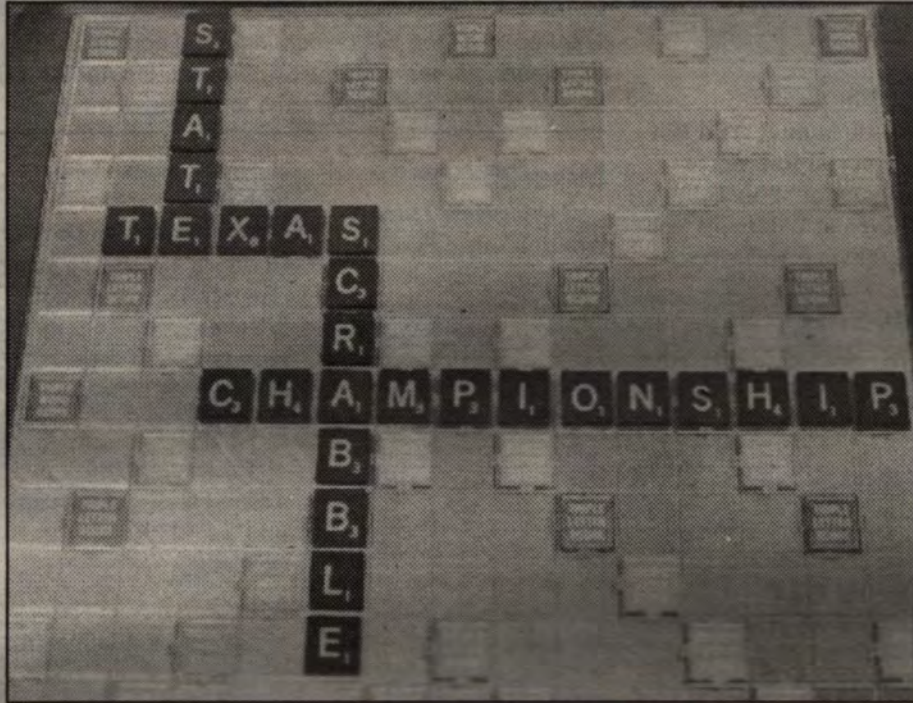
And they are really, really good at it.

Where you and I would be happy to score 20 points on a turn, these folks go for much higher yields. Take six-time State Champion Chris Cree. He recently scored 338 points playing Scrabble. Not in a game. On one turn.

"I was playing a friend from Phoenix," Cree explained shortly before the first of 13 rounds of Scrabble here in Salado. "I was really hoping he would play a word with an L or an O in it so I could lay down my word and play my Z."

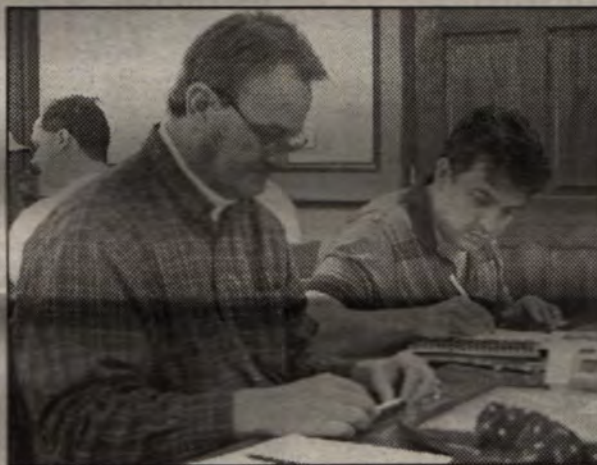
His opponent laid out the word "obligee," no small feat in itself. But this opened the door to Cree's "blowzier." He hit both triples across the top of the board and the Z was a double letter, adding up to the 338 points on one turn.

Scrabble players love words like blowzier, which allow them to play all seven of the tiles you get on each turn and reach



for an entirely new set of tiles. They have a word for it when you play all seven tiles: "Bingo!" The word's origin as it applies to Scrabble is not so clear. While the board game seems to have always been in the living rooms of Americans, Scrabble's origins can only be traced to 1948.

According to the Hasbro homepage, an out-of-work architect named Alfred Moshier Butts decided to invent a board game. He did some market research and concluded that games fall into three categories: number games, such as dice and bingo; move games, such as chess and checkers; and word games, such as anagrams.



Chris Cree, six-time Texas State Scrabble Champion, checks out his rack in the first round of the Championship Feb. 7. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Butts' first attempts to sell his game to established game manufacturers were failures, but he didn't give up. He and his partner, game-loving entrepreneur James Brunot, refined the rules and design of the game, and renamed it SCRABBLE. The name, which means "to grope frantically," was trademarked in 1948.

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**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**  
SHS Sophomore Class Parents' Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the SHS Library. Topics include fund raising ideas and events for the sophomore class.

**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.

**FEBRUARY 28**  
Freedom Tour concert at new building site for Salado United Methodist Church. Noon-2 p.m. Info: 947-5482.

**MARCH 2**  
Salado Public Library hosts lecture on Birds of Bell County, 7 p.m., given by Dr. Randy Pinkston. Birdwatching field trip will follow March 6. Attendance limited to 25. Free admission, all ages. Info: 947-9191.

**MARCH 4**  
Salado PTO Open House hot dog/ice cream social, annual basket sale and "Dodge Drive" fundraiser, 5:30-7 p.m.

**MARCH 5**  
Salado Masonic Lodge Annual Catfish Dinner, 5-7 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$6 per person with proceeds benefiting Salado students through scholarships and Salado school programs. Tickets on sale at First State

Bank, Village Pharmacy or Salado Village Voice.  
**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 7**  
4th Annual Wild Bill Memorial Roping, in memory of "Wild Bill" Culver, at Wildfire Arena. \$2,000 in scholarships to be awarded.  
**MARCH 11**  
"Brunch Party Ideas with Chris Morton" cooking class at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

**MARCH 11**  
Central Texas Poetry and Prose Readings at Tablerock. Info: 947-9205.

**MARCH 15**  
Final Day to File in local races, including Salado ISD Board of Trustees, Salado Public Library District Board of Trustees and Village of Salado Board of Aldermen and Mayor.

**MARCH 18**  
"Vegetarian" cooking class with Dave Hermann at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

**MARCH 18**  
7 p.m. Salado Historical Society General Public Meeting at the Salado Civic Center



The Packard Club will be coming to Salado this spring, as they have done for several years, gathering at the Stagecoach Inn April 2-3. There will be a display of the cars in front of the Stagecoach Inn Lobby April 3.

**MARCH 20**  
Tablerock's Third Annual Music Festival, 4-10 p.m. \$3/adults, \$1/children 12 and under. Info: 947-9205.

**MARCH 20**  
Annual Salado Eagle Alumni baseball game and fundraiser. Home-run contest, noon, game to follow. Open to any former Salado baseball players. \$10 for game and t-shirt, \$5 for homerun contest. Info: Coach Melvin Bates, 947-5429, ext. 1110, or mbates@saladoisd.org.

**MARCH 21**  
"An Elegant Dinner Party with Andy Locklear" at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more info.

**MARCH 25**  
"Spring and Summer Desserts" cooking class with Dave Hermann at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

**MARCH 26**  
Salado PTO Dads and Donuts morning, 7-7:45 a.m. at TAE cafeteria.

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"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**  
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**APRIL 10**  
Music in Salado concert, 7 p.m. at the residence of Dr. Doug Willingham. Info: 947-5592.

**APRIL 15**  
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**APRIL 24**  
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**MAY 3**  
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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.

**MAY 31**  
Salado Cemetery Association Memorial Day Service, 9:30 a.m. Info: 947-5402.

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# Calendar of Events for Salado

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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 12 th 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 12 th 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**  
**Deadline for ad copy to be published in Fall 2004 Jewel in the Crown publication**

**AUGUST 7-8**  
**8th Annual Salado Art Fair** in Pace Park For more information call the Salado Chamber of Commerce 947-5040

**SEPTEMBER 4-5-6**  
**Salado Businesses Salute Educators** More information TBA

**SEPT. 10-12 & 17-19**  
**World Team Roping Association Finals** at Wildfire Ranch. Info: 947-0291 or 947-8080.

**SEPTEMBER 11**  
**Mill Creek Community Association Fall Social** at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6-7 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner. Info: 947-3901.

**SEPTEMBER 18-19**  
10 a.m.- 6 p.m.  
**Tablerock's Fantasy Faire & Shakespeare Play** 8: 15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater for more Faire information call 254-947-1339  
**Faire Tickets** adults \$5, children \$3 Shakespeare tickets \$10 adult, \$5 child. For more information on play call 254-947-8933

**SEPTEMBER 20**  
**Wine & Wildflower Festival** sponsored by Pubic 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

**OCTOBER 30-31**  
7 p.m.- 11 p.m. **Fright Nights Family Halloween Fun** at Tablerock's Trail. Adults \$5 Children \$3

**NOVEMBER 1**  
**Deadline for ad copy to be published in Winter 2004 Jewel in the Crown publication**

**NOVEMBER 5-6-7**  
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.



The Wildflower Art Show will be on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center, sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce, April 3. For more information, contact the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 254/947-5040.

**NOVEMBER 18**  
7 p.m. **Salado Historical Society Annual Chili Supper**, Salado Civic Center

**NOVEMBER 23**  
Noon deadline for Salado Village Voice newspaper Dec. 1 publication

**NOVEMBER 25-26**  
**Salado Village Voice office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday**

**DECEMBER 3-4**  
**A Christmas Carol** 7 p.m at Tablerock Amphitheater Tickets Adults \$5 children \$3 6:30 p.m. Sandwiches and drinks available For more information call 254-947-9205

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

**DECEMBER 10-11-12**  
**Salado Christmas Stroll**  
**DECEMBER 10-11**  
A Christmas Carol 7 p.m at Tablerock Amphitheater Tickets Adults \$5 children \$3 6:30 p.m. Sandwiches and drinks available For more information call 254-947-9205

**DECEMBER 14**  
**Mill Creek Commu-**

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

**DECEMBER 24**  
**Salado Village Voice office closes at Noon**

To post your Salado event in our calendar, call Salado Village Voice at 254/947-5321, mail information to Salado Village Voice, PO Box 587, Salado, TX 76571 or e-mail saladovillagevoice@earthlink.net The fax number is 254/947-9479. There is no charge for local events to be listed here.

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**Salado Community Chorus:** 5:00 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.  
**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.  
**Salado Masonic Lodge #296:** 8 p.m. on the Mon. on or before the full

  
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**Salado Village Artist Quilters:** 1-4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mon. in the Salado Village Artist Building.  
**Storytime:** 11-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Salado Public Library (ages 3-5).  
**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,** play-group, contact Amanda at 947-5507.

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

**ATTENTION: Churches, Civic Organizations, Secretaries**  
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"We decided to see who could get the most pops during the school year. I got 278 pops that year with a paddle. Every time you did something wrong you got three pops. We kept up with the count to see who could get the most pops."

Tommy says they did everything they could to be hauled off to the assistant principal's office to get a paddling.

"We just did different things. We would walk into school with our shirt-tail out or unbutton our shirt in the front. Just goof-off things. We did it for the fun of it. It was a contest. I'll never forget that number. Two hundred and seventy-eight pops in one year. And I

by:  
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came in second place."

He shined shoes around the stock yards area.

"I'd go into these bars and pool halls and shine cowboy boots. I got to be pretty good at playing pool.

As an adult he opened a pool hall and lounge on Jacksboro Highway in Fort Worth.

"I sold beer by the pitcher. You have no idea how fast some guys can drink a pitcher of beer."

Tommy Hutto spent the first part of his life in Houston County. He moved back there when his sons were young and started a pulpwood business.

"I guess I worked harder and made less money at that than anything I've ever done. One week we worked from daylight to dark all week and when we paid our gas bill and everything we had two dollars."

Twenty seven years ago Tommy started hauling off garbage for people who lived in the country. Then, his only vehicle was a pickup truck. His business has grown.

"We're hauling about two hundred thousand pounds of garbage a week away from Houston County. We're running three packer trucks and dumping everything in a

landfill in Angelina County. We have a contract with the commissioner's court to pick up everything outside the city limits of Crockett, Grape-land and Lovelady."

Some years ago, Tommy started a clown ministry. "I was Sheriff Stumpy. I would go into the neighborhoods with my stick horse. My pockets were always full of bubble gum. I'd have kids following me and I'd get them all in one spot and I would start telling them about how much Jesus loved them."

Tommy carried a bull whip with him. "That's the way I got their attention. I'd take my whip and crack it and it'd sound like a 22 shot."

Tommy started a program to give food and clothing to needy families around Crockett. He is a lay preacher.

## Jorgenson's country music sets tone for Valentine Dance at Bo's Barn

Dave Jorgenson, a traditional country music artist, will be at Bo's Barn Dancehall and Club for a special Valentine's dance Feb. 14.

Jorgenson, a Kansas native, relocated to Austin a few years ago, rather than Nashville, to immerse himself in an environment away from the commerciality of popular country music.

His songs reflect his rural, blue collar upbringing, and seek to set to music the country way of life, its traditions, and his own experiences.

According to Jorgenson, his stylistic influences include country luminaries such as Hank Williams, Merle Haggard, George Strait and Buck Owens, all of whom have left a lasting impression on him.

Over his career, he has performed with talents like Chris LeDoux and Patti Loveless, among many others.

His debut cd, *Then and Now*, was released in 2002 to acclaim. It was produced by Benny McArthur, guitarist for George Strait's Ace In the Hole Band. McArthur appears on several tracks, as does Austin fiddle virtuoso Haydn Vitera.

Jorgenson is a fixture on the Texas honky tonk scene, and will bring his brand of country to Bo's Barn Valentine's Day.

Bo's Barn is a private club, with memberships available at the door. To reserve a table for the Jorgenson performance, call 254-947-8111.

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## Scrabble

The first SCRABBLE "factory" was an abandoned schoolhouse in Dodginton, Connecticut, where Brunot and friends turned out 12 games an hour. The letters were stamped on wooden tiles one at a time. Later, boards, boxes and tiles were made elsewhere and sent to the factory for assembly and shipping.

From that beginning, the popularity of the game has grown such that Scrabble is in one of every three households.

The National SCRABBLE Association (N.S.A.) sanctions over 175 SCRABBLE tournaments, including the Texas State Scrabble Championship in Salado, and more than 200 clubs in the U.S. and Canada every year.

### State Championship in Salado

Salado's Stagecoach Inn was once again host to the Texas State Scrabble Championship, as it has been since 1991. About five dozen players from around the state (and a couple of native Texans from Oklahoma) gathered for the weekend to determine who was the best player in the state.

Several of the best players in the state were there, including six-time champion Cree, who calls the Dallas area home and



Former state champion Pat Barton, of Houston.

three-time champion Pat Barton, who calls Houston home. Past and future champions faced off in 13 rounds of play over the weekend. The first seven rounds were played Feb. 7 and the final six played Feb. 8 in a round robin format where every player plays 13 rounds. This year, Thelma Litton, of Austin, took first place in Division III.

The champion is chosen based on his overall win-loss record. In the case of a tie, then point spreads in games become important, according to organizers.

Which is where words like blowzier are helpful to know. By the way, blowzier is among the 130,000 words on the short word list of two- to nine-letter words. A book containing that official list has aa as its first entry and zyzyvas as its last entry. How do you get zyzyvas when the game has only one Z in it? Using the two blanks in each game.

Competitive Scrabble

players adore those blanks. Now those 130,000 words are just the short list words, meaning that there is a long-word list of words that are 10-15 letters long. That's a completely separate volume that starts out with Abacterial and ends with Zygomorphy.

Even if you can't remember words such as zygomorphy, you might find a place in competitive Scrabble playing a tournament like the one at Stagecoach are broken into Divisions. These divisions are based on your individual rating, which you get by competing.

The best-of-the-best are in the Division I, where you'll find Cree and Barton and others competing against each other. To get to that level, your rating has to be above 1600. Division II is for those rated at 1250-1600 and Division III is for anyone new to competitive Scrabble rated at 1250 or below.

While competitive Scrabble players are serious

about their games - Cree says every day he either studies or plays. Tournaments like the Salado gathering also give them a chance to catch up with each other and make new friends.

"We like this game so much and coming to Salado so much," April McCarley said of herself and husband, "that we got married here."

You may not find a spouse in Scrabble, but you may make lots of friends. Scrabble players form bonds with others through local Scrabble clubs and across the state or nation through tournaments and internet play. Mary Rhoades, of Bedford, a long-time Scrabble player said that the first words out of one of their new members upon finding the local club were "I didn't know their were other people out there like me!"

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Date	Time	Incident
01/01	12:12 p.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
01/01	12:50 p.m.	False alarm, false call, other
01/01	3:47 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
01/01	4:31 a.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
01/01	7:14 a.m.	False alarm, false call, other
01/02	2:35 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
01/04	3:58 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
01/04	4:07 p.m.	Smoke detector activation - no fire
01/05	6:36 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
01/06	2:15 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
01/07	3:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
01/10	7:53 a.m.	Building fire
01/10	6:30 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
01/11	4:06 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
01/12	8:58 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
01/14	11:34 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
01/15	3:38 p.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
01/15	6:21 p.m.	False alarm, false call, other
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01/16	8:18 p.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
01/17	1:11 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
01/17	9:02 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
01/18	4:09 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
01/19	3:52 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
01/19	8:08 p.m.	Authorized controlled burning
01/19	9:59 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
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## Bell County Sheriff's January Office Reports

Date	Incident Reported	Location
01/03	Criminal Mischief over \$500, under \$1,500	N. Stagecoach Rd.
01/05	Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	N. Robertson Rd.
01/05	Assault with Bodily Injury (suspect arrested)	W. Village Rd.
01/11	Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	Hackberry Rd.
01/11	Burglary of a Building	Salado School Rd.
01/13	Burglary of a Habitation	O.W. Lowery Rd.
01/13	Theft Under \$50	N. Robertson Rd.
01/14	Criminal Mischief and Theft (late report)	W. Village Rd.
01/17	Runaway	Hodge Canyon
01/19	Criminal Mischief	S. 1-35
01/21	Assault by contact	Thomas Arnold
01/22	Assault with Bodily Injury	FM 2484
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01/25	Accidental Death	Trusting Lane
01/27	Theft of service over \$500 under \$1,500	Atkins Rd.
01/29	Illegal Dumping	Gooseneck Rd.

## Steinbauer to be inducted into Gilewicz Hall of Fame

Dr. Robert Steinbauer, UMHB, will be inducted into the Gilewicz Hall of Fame at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor 3 p.m. March 7, in Hughes Recital Hall. The concert and ceremony is open to the public at no charge.

Dr. Steinbauer will be the 27th Honoree of the Gilewicz Hall of Fame. He is currently teaching piano at UMHB and adjudicating piano contests in Texas and the other states. The Honoree is retired from a highly distinguished career and is an adjunct music faculty instructor at UMHB.

His credentials include being named Professor Emeritus at Kansas State University, Adjudicator for the American College of Musicians for 40 years, and Teacher of the Year Award from the Kansas Music Teachers Association and the Kansas Federated Music Clubs.

He has received the Lifetime Master Teacher Certificate from the Music Teachers National Association and has been named for the Steinbauer Music Scholarship by the same organization.

Teaching appointments for Dr. Steinbauer have included staff appointments in Michigan University and Indiana University, instructor and chair positions at the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind, Drury University, Wichita State University, and the University of Nevada. He has also served as head of the Kansas State University Department of Music and as dean for the Visual and Performing Arts.

For more information, contact the School of Fine Arts at 254-295-4678.



# IRS offers tips to choosing a tax professional to prepare your return

Most tax return preparers are professional and honest and provide excellent service to their clients. But taxpayers should choose carefully when hiring an individual or firm to prepare their return, advises the IRS, since taxpayers are legally responsible for what's on their own tax returns.

Here are some suggestions when considering hiring a tax professional:

- Avoid preparers who claim they can obtain larger refunds than other preparers.

- Avoid preparers who base their fee on a percentage of the amount of the refund.

- Ask questions and get references from clients who have used the tax professional before. Were they satisfied with the service received?

- Use a reputable tax professional who signs the tax return and provides a copy for the client's records.

- Consider whether the individual or firm will be around to answer questions about the return months, even years, after the return is filed.

- Find out the person's credentials. Is he or she an Accredited Tax Preparer, Enrolled Agent, Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Licensed Public Account or Tax Attorney? Only attorneys, CPAs and enrolled agents can represent taxpayers before the IRS in all matters including audits, collection and appeals. Other return preparers may only represent taxpayers for audits.

- Find out if the preparer is affiliated with a professional organization that provides its members with continuing education and resources and holds them to a code of ethics. And never, ever sign a blank tax form or sign a completed form without reviewing it and making sure you understand the entries.

Unfortunately, unscrupulous tax return preparers do exist and can cause considerable financial and legal problems for their clients. Examples of improper actions by unscrupulous preparers include the preparation and filing of false income tax returns (in either paper or electronic form) that claim inflated personal or business expenses, false deductions, unallowable credits or excessive exemptions. Some preparers even manipulate income figures to obtain fraudulent tax credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Tax evasion is both risky and a felony crime punishable by up to five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. Remember - no matter who prepares a tax return, the taxpayer is legally responsible for all of the information on that tax return.

So, when in doubt, check it out! Taxpayers hearing unusual claims

from return preparers are encouraged to check it out with a trusted tax professional or the IRS before getting involved.

Report suspected tax fraud and abusive return preparers to the nearest IRS office, either by telephone at toll-free 1-800-829-0433 or in writing to the local IRS office. Find the local IRS offices on the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov/localcontacts](http://www.irs.gov/localcontacts).

## Masonic Lodge serves catfish March 5

Salado Masonic Lodge is offering baked or fried catfish at the annual Fabulous Catfish dinner to be held at the Intermediate School 5-7 p.m. March 5.

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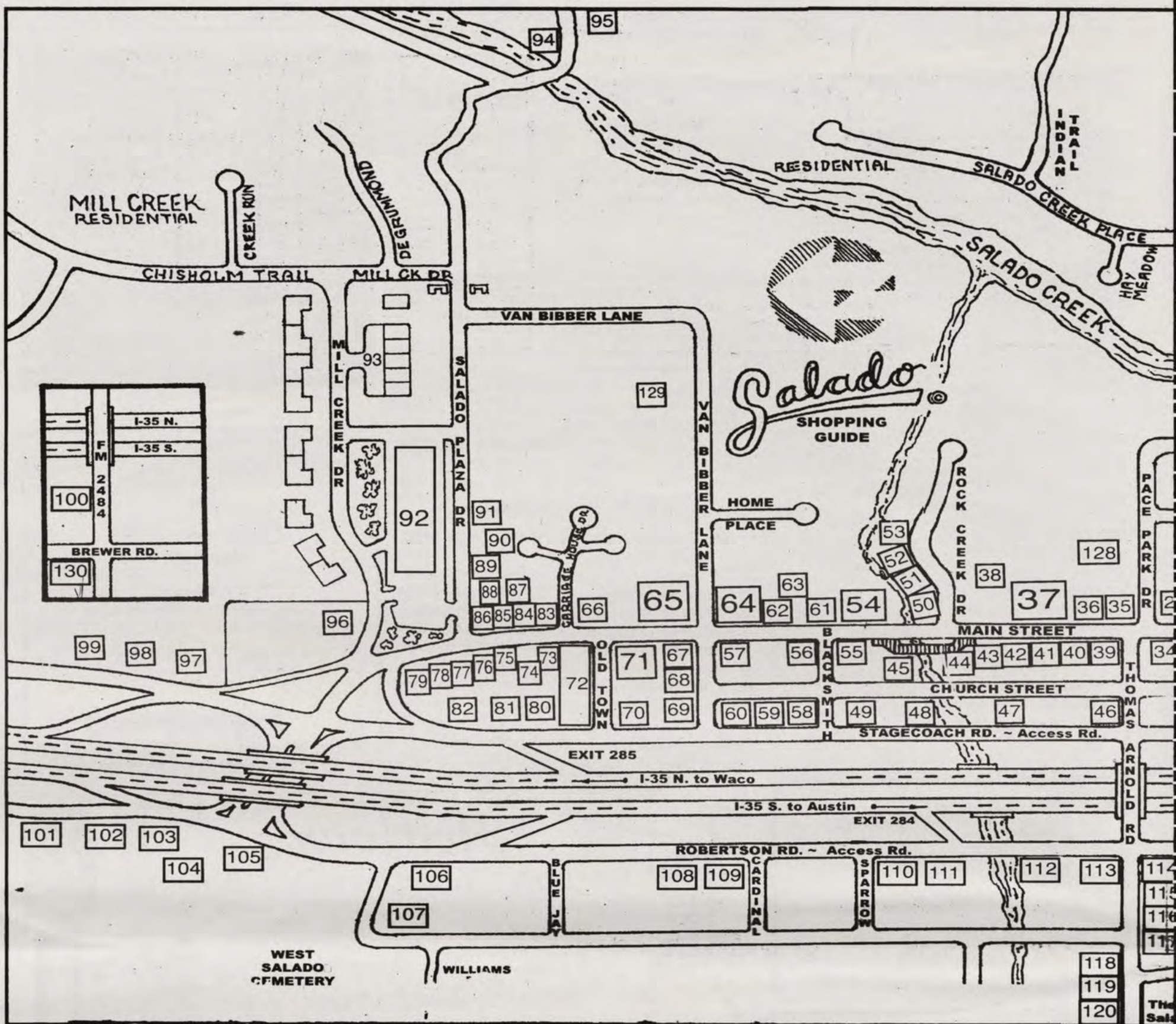
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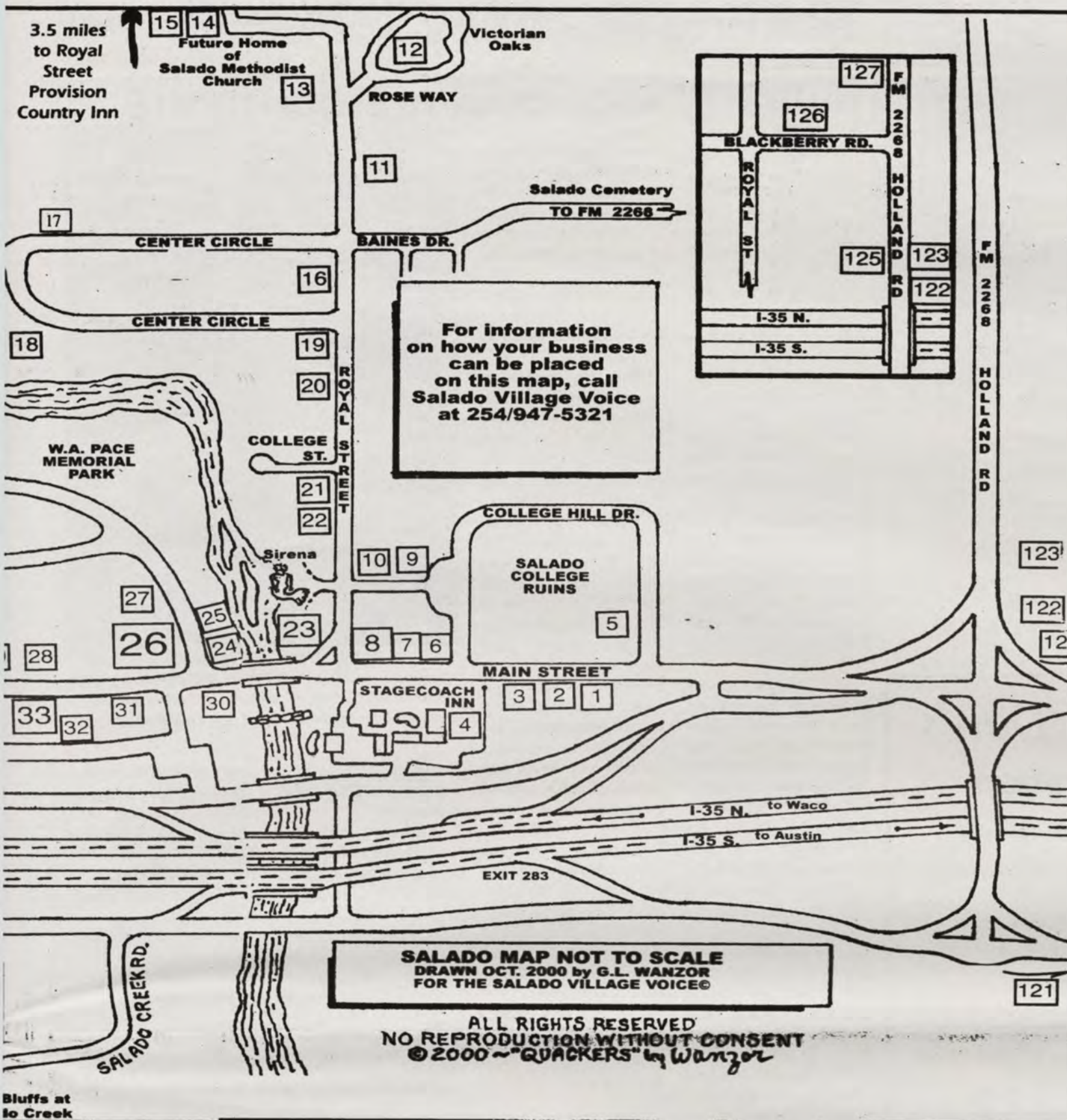
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# TRA Prez discusses \$27 billion industry with local restaurateurs

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In Texas, it's a \$27 billion per year industry. It employs more than 650,000 people. In fact, one in 10 workers in the state are associated with the industry in some way.

"And in most cases, the customers are happy to see you," Tom Kenney, President of the Texas Restaurant Association told the local chapter members at a meeting at Mill Creek Feb. 2. "That is, unless you don't cook their steak right. Then they aren't so happy to see you."

Those gathered at Mill Creek didn't have that complaint as the meal preceding Kenney's comments included tender ribeyes and delectable desserts.

Joe Czaus is President of the local chapter of the Texas Restaurant Association (TRA), which represents restaurant industry in legislative and lobbying matters. Czaus invited Kenney to address the local chapter at its meeting last week in Salado.

Some of those matters include wet-dry issues like the upcoming vote in Killeen and the recently approved issue in Temple that allows restaurants to sell alcohol by the drink without being a private club.

The industry has concerns on labor laws, as it is the entry-level employer for many young people. "This is their first job," Kenney said. "This is

where they learn to be responsible, learn to show up to work on time, and learn how they are held accountable for results."

"Just think of how many people have worked for McDonald's," Kenney implored the group to consider. "While that job may not be a career, you learn a great deal at it."

But for many, the restaurant industry does become a career, whether it is at the management level or as owners of a restaurant.

"It's not as easy as it seems from the outside," Kenney said. "You don't just open the doors and invited people in for the party." In addition to inventory, location, cleanliness, employees, courtesy and taste issues, restaurateurs face legal issues, like alcohol, smoking and now obesity.

Obesity is apparently the new tobacco for trial lawyers. Kenney told the group that there were more than 180 bills before the Texas legislature at its last session dealing with obesity issues. "There was even a proposed bill to list on the menu warning that if you order items on this menu you could become obese," Kenney said.



Texas Restaurant Association President Tom Kenney spoke to the Centex Chapter of the TRA at a recent dinner at Mill Creek in Salado. The local chapter is presided over by Joe Czaus of Salado Mansion.

"When did we give up common sense?" he asked rhetorically.

Apparently on the West Coast it is a rare commodity as California has a fountain drink tax because of obesity issues.

In Texas, where there are more than 40,000 restaurants, TRA and its members believe that the

free market and competition should determine such issues as smoking, alcohol, and menu choices. The legislature should not be the arbiter of these issues.

"The consumer should have choices," Kenney said, adding that when the consumer makes those choices, the industry responds quickly.

## 4-H's extra busy this week

By COURTNEY L. FELDER,  
CEA - 4-H & YD

Bell County 4-H members work hard throughout the year on their 4-H projects. However, this time of the year is when you will find most 4-H members working over time.

They are getting ready for the big event of the year - the Bell County Youth Fair & Livestock Show. 4-H is not always filled with competitive activities. However, livestock projects do involve a lot of hard work and competition. In

addition to livestock projects, 4-H members are also gearing up to exhibit their projects, talents, and skills in the Family & Consumer Sciences Division at the upcoming Bell County Youth Fair & Livestock Show. Youth will compete in various divisions, such as photography, wood-working, clothing, foods, art, textile crafts, and creative arts.

Here are some important events that will occur in the Family & Consumer Science Division this week during the Bell County

- Youth Fair:
  - February 11, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. - All Family & Consumer Sciences Division Entries will be on display in the Assembly Hall.
  - February 12, Presentation of Outstanding Junior and Senior FCS Awards, along with Junior and Senior Clothing Awards, will be presented in the Assembly Hall.
  - Country Store, this year, all baked good items will be sold in the Country Store. The Country Store hours are: 5-8 p.m. Feb. 12, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 13.
  - Feb. 13, 4-6 p.m. - Entries in the Family & Consumer Science Division will be released.

Bell County 4-H members are selling tickets for a drawing, which will be held Feb. 14. The prizes in the drawing are: (1) John Deere 150 LT Mower, (2) Laptop Computer, and (3) BBQ Grill. You may contact any 4-H member or the County Extension Officer if you are interested in purchasing a ticket. All money will go to support the Bell County 4-H Program and its activities.

All 4-H club managers and 4-H members are asked to have their tickets turned in no later than Feb. 13, in order to be entered in the drawing.

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# How You Invest May Depend on When You Were Born

Are you a Baby Boomer or a "Gen Xer"? Your age helps determine your tastes in music, food and culture, and your attitudes toward a variety of social and political issues. And when you're talking about your generation, you also need to be aware that it can influence the way you save and invest.

## Financial Focus

by: Allen Mantanona



To understand the financial implications of belonging to a particular age group, consider the following generational characteristics:

- Many baby boomers:
- Have postponed retirement saving well into their 40s and 50s;
  - Use their home as their "bank;"
  - Have given their children's college education precedence over saving for retirement.

- While Gen Xers:
- Have student loans to repay, along with heavy credit card debt;
  - Have little "cash cushion" to fall back on;
  - Haven't focused on saving for retirement.

Let's take a look at some ways that Gen Xers and baby boomers can address these needs.

- If you're a Gen Xer:
- Pay off those student loans - If you still owe money on your student

loans, you're not alone. Since 1997, the median in undergraduate student loan debt has risen 74 percent, to \$16,500, according to the 2002 National Student Loan Survey conducted by Nellie Mae, a national student loan provider. By paying off your student loans as quickly as possible, you'll free up money for your short- and long-term savings and investment goals.

- Avoid the credit card trap - Keep one credit card for emergencies, and pay off your balance each month. Responsible credit card management is a great habit to learn early.

- Build a cash cushion - Even if you aren't earning much, strive to put away \$50 or \$100 a month in a money market account, until you have built a cash cushion of about three to six months' worth of living expenses.

- Contribute to your 401(k) - Start investing in your 401(k) or other

employer-sponsored retirement plan as soon as you can. If you can't afford to put in the maximum, at least contribute enough to earn the employer match, if one is offered.

If you're a baby boomer:

- Accelerate retirement savings - If you aren't "maxing out" on your 401(k) and IRA, now is definitely the time to start. If you haven't saved much for retirement, you may need to weight your retirement plan more heavily toward growth-oriented investments, although you'll still need to feel comfortable with what you're doing, given your individual risk tolerance.

- Use home equity wisely - At this stage of your life, you may have built up considerable home equity. If so, you might be tempted to take out a home equity loan to consolidate other debts, make home improvements

or accomplish some other goal. Your home equity loan may be tax deductible, and you can probably find a competitive interest rate - but you'll still want to use this debt wisely. Remember, you're putting your house up as collateral, so you don't want to get in over your head.

- Don't bankrupt yourself to pay for college - If you want to help your kids pay for school, try to avoid dipping into your retirement savings. Instead, consider contributing to a tax-advantaged Section 529 Plan or a Coverdell Education Savings Account. Also, encourage your child to apply for grants and scholarships. And shop around for good, reasonably priced schools - they're still out there, if you look for them.

Make the right moves - at every stage.

As you can see, you'll need to make different types of financial decisions over time. To make your job easier, consult with a qualified financial professional who understand your individual needs and goals - and who can help you develop a strategy for each stage of your life.

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# Edward Jones to host free seminar "Smart Women Finish Rich"

Allen Mantanona, an Edward Jones representative in Salado, will be hosting a free seminar "Smart Women Finish Rich," 6 p.m. Feb. 24 at 213 Mill Creek Dr., St. 120, Salado.

"This motivational seminar is for women who want to learn how to improve the quality of their financial lives right away," Mantanona said. "Specific tools are introduced to help women understand how to

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# Why are gas prices so much higher in Europe than in U.S.?

Dear EarthTalk: Why is gasoline so much more expensive in Europe than in the U.S.?

—Bo White, Chicago, IL

There are multiple components to gasoline prices, according to the Energy Information Administration, an independent statistical agency within the U.S. Department of Energy: the cost of production and delivery, including the cost of crude oil to refiners and refinery processing costs; marketing and distribution costs; retail station costs; and taxes.

In 2002, crude oil accounted for about 43 percent of the cost of a gallon of regular grade gasoline; refining costs and profits comprised about 13 percent; distribution, marketing and retail dealer costs and profits made up 13 percent; and federal, state,

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and local taxes accounted for approximately 31 percent of the cost.

Gasoline prices in countries such as the United Kingdom and Norway can sometimes reach \$5 per gallon—because of high taxes. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, taxes in the United Kingdom account for 80 percent of the pump price, while the European average is between 60 and 70 percent.

In Germany, gasoline taxes account for a whopping 20 percent of all government revenues. Across Europe, such taxes have resulted in more fuel-efficient vehicles. According to John DeCicco, a policy analyst at Environmental Defense and author

of *Automakers' Corporate Carbon Burdens: Reframing Public Policy on Automobiles, Oil and Climate*, "The higher taxes have contributed to fuel efficiency that averages 30 percent higher [than U.S. levels]. However, they have not motivated ongoing conservation."

If gasoline taxes in the U.S. had the same effect on driving that cigarette taxes have had on some smokers, higher gas prices could provide the motivation for some consumers to switch from, say, large SUVs to smaller more fuel-efficient cars. According to a study published in the *American Journal of Public Health*, every 10 percent increase in the price of cigarettes

reduces smoking among pregnant women by seven percent. The average American driver is certainly not as motivated to "do the right thing" as a mother-to-be, but it stands to reason that, like the effect of cigarette taxes, increased gas taxes might drive motorists to drive more fuel-efficient cars—and those tax revenues could be used to further promote fuel-efficiency and develop alternative fuels.

**CONTACT:** Energy Information Administration, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586.8800, www.eia.doe.gov/pub/oil\_gas/petroleum/analysis\_publications/primer\_on\_gasoline\_prices/html/petbro.html; Environmental Defense, 257 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10010, (212) 505-2100, www.edf.org.

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# Symphony Society presents Cliburn Gold Medalist

The Georgetown Symphony Society has truly struck gold with its upcoming concert on Sunday, February 22!

Stanislav Ioudenitch, the Gold Medalist in the Eleventh Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, will appear in recital at 4 p.m. at Georgetown High School's Center for the Performing Arts.

This is the third season in which the Symphony Society has presented finalists from the most recent Cliburn competition, which was held in 2001, but the first with a winner of the gold medal!

Mr. Ioudenitch will perform Mozart's Sonata in A minor, the Bach Partita No. 2 in C minor, the Hungarian Rhapsody No. 6 by Liszt, Chopin's Polonaise-Fantaisie in A-flat, and Rachmaninov's Sonata No. 2 in B-flat minor.

Born in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Mr. Ioudenitch is one of the music world's most promising young pianists. By the time he won the Cliburn Competition, he had already established a name for himself with awards

and concerts throughout Europe, the United States and the former Soviet Republics. Since his 2001 win, he has performed orchestral and solo engagements worldwide.

Concert-goers may remember seeing Mr. Ioudenitch in the PBS documentary *Playing on the Edge*, the Peabody Award-winning program about the Eleventh Van Cliburn Competition. In addition, his final round performances with Maestro James Conlon and the Fort



Worth Symphony Orchestra are the highlights of the PBS series *Concerto*.

Tickets for this not-to-be-missed event are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students. They are available the Williamson County Sun, the Hill Country Bookstore, both H-E-Bs, and the Sun City Community Association office.

You may also call the Georgetown Symphony Society at (512) 864-9591 for tickets or more information.



## Lynn Woolley reviews book at luncheon Feb 16

The Central Texas Republican Women (CTRW) Scholarship Endowment Foundation will celebrate President's Day with a 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 16 luncheon at Wildflower Country Club in Temple.

As part of the program, KTEM talk radio host Lynn Woolley will review his latest book, **Clear Moral Objectives**.

The event will benefit the Kitty Pope Memorial Scholarship Fund. The luncheon is \$30 per person. Reservations can be made by contacting Jeanne Hewitt at (254) 698-4637. Deadline for reservations is Feb. 12.

Woolley will discuss the book's 12 objectives, explaining where and why the nation is off course and his views of how to get back on track.

The educational programs supported by CTRW benefit various age groups. In addition to tutoring in schools, CTRW recently worked with the Salado Area Republican Women to provide dictionaries to all third graders in Bell County.

Through the CTRW Scholarship Endowment Fund, established in May 2001, Bell County women attending college have received Kitty Pope Memorial Scholarships in both 2002 and 2003. The scholarship fund was named as a memorial tribute to the dedication of long-time CTRW member Kathryn "Kitty" Pope who died Jan. 2002.

Central Texas Republican Women is a volunteer organization.



Kindergarten class performs Feb. 3 at Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting held at Salado Intermediate School

## Scott & White teams up with Saturn retailers to promote 7th annual National Donor Day

Scott and White Hospital is partnering with three Central Texas Saturn retailers to host the seventh annual National Donor Day, Feb. 14.

Saturn of Temple is asking people to incorporate donating into their last minute Valentine's Day shopping by visiting Scott and White donation sites set up in the parking lot of the Temple Wal-Mart, located at 3401 S. 31st St. The Waco drive is being held at Saturn of Waco, 4824 W. Waco Dr. Both the Temple and Waco drives are from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The Saturn of Bryan/College Station drive is at the dealership, located on 197 N. Earl Rudder Freeway, from 1-5 p.m.

National Donor Day is the largest annual one-day blood, marrow, organ, and tissue drive in America.

This year's drive will draw or pledge the 50,000th unit of blood since the effort began in 1998. To date, more than 8,000 people have registered with the National Marrow Donor Registry in conjunction with National Donor Day.

Ten potentially lifesaving marrow matches have already occurred. Of those 10, Central Texas is responsible for locating two of the donors; one registered in Temple on Donor Day 2000, and one registered in Waco on Donor Day 2003.

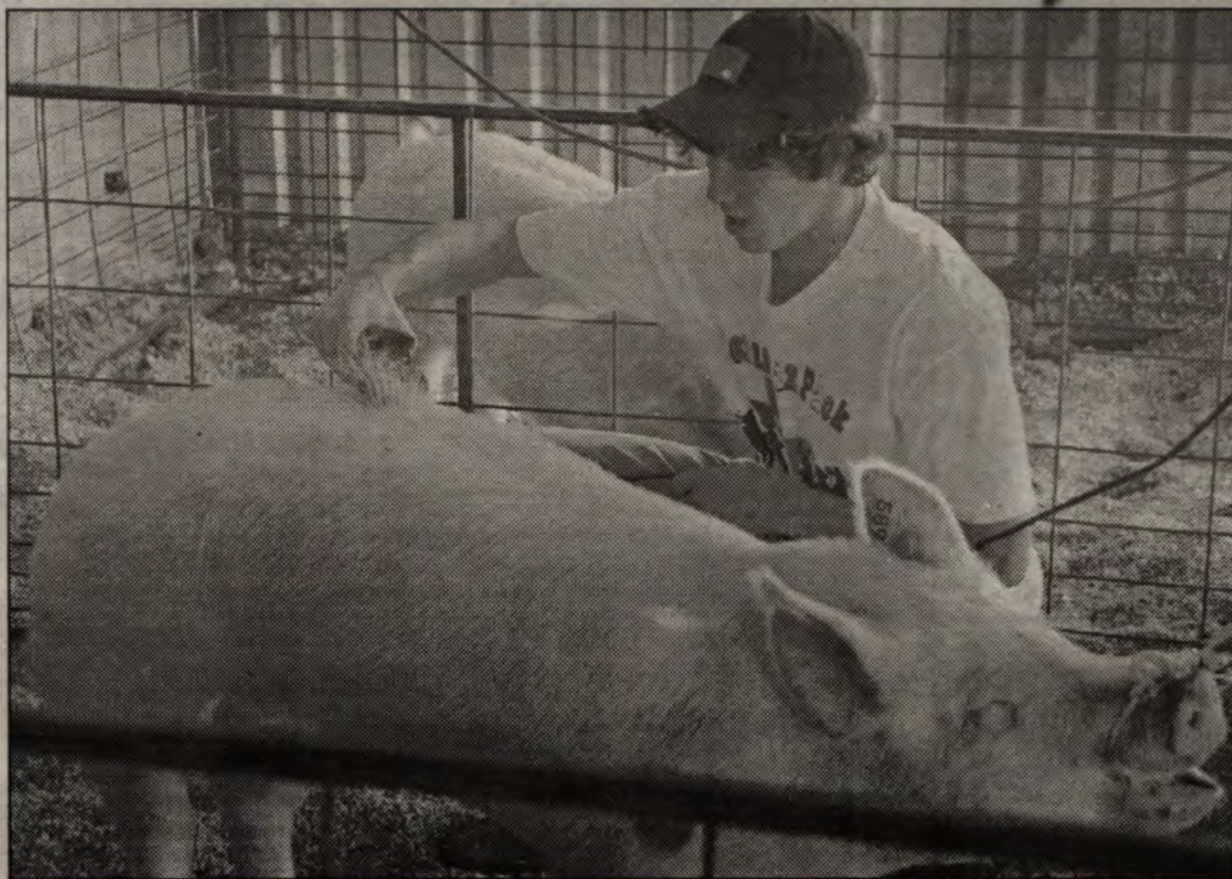
"Each year we have had more and more Central Texans participate in National Donor Day," said Debbie Mabry, manager of the Scott and White Marrow Donor Program. "National Donor Day gives the public a genuine opportunity to make a difference and save lives."

### Vital Statistics:

- Over 80,000 patients currently await a life-saving organ transplant. An average of 17 people die every day because not enough organs are available to meet the need.

- Each year, approximately 30,000 patients in the U.S. will be diagnosed with life-threatening diseases, like leukemia, which are potentially treatable by marrow or blood stem cell transplant. Just one in three will find a donor match within their family.

- Blood transfusions save approximately 10,000 Americans every day. The nation's blood supply is often critically short during the winter. Although 60 percent of Americans are eligible to give blood, only five percent donate.



Salado High sophomore Nathan Houston shears his Cheshire to get it ready for the Bell County Youth Fair this week at the Bell County Expo Center.

Ag instructor Robert Daniell estimates that Salado students will have more than 100 pigs in this year's show.

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Christy Arner, shown left, and Becky McAulay, shown right, were recognized at the February 5th meeting of the Chisholm Trail Chapter of American Business Women's Association. Both women have been instrumental in the fundraising activities for local scholarships for almost 10 years. Arner is owner of Christy's of Salado at Main St. and Pace Park Dr. McAulay owned The Store at Old Town Salado for several years. Also in attendance at the meeting was Jennifer Berumen, one of the two current scholarship recipients.

## Cooking classes heat up The Range

The Range will have two cooking classes in February taught by Executive Chef Dave Hermann.

The first class begins 9:30 a.m. Feb. 19 and will include lunch for \$45 per person.

It will focus on Spring and Summer Hors D'Oeuvres. The class menu will include roasted garlic/goat cheese wontons with roasted red pepper drizzle; mozzarella, tomato and basil; eggplant 'caviar' on pita chips and charred figs on brioche toast with sun dried cherry butter.

Also this month, Hermann will teach a course on "Pasta, Pasta, Pasta" beginning at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 26. Lunch is included for \$45 per person.

The class will include the following dishes: fresh pasta dough, agnolotti; garden vegetable lasagna and rigatoni with wild

mushrooms and prosciutto.

Other classes in the Spring series include:

Brunch Ideas with Chris Morton on March 11.

Vegetarian March 18. An Elegant Dinner Party with Andy Locklear on March 21.

Spring and Summer Desserts on March 25.

Party Items -- Take it with you to the party on April 1.

From the Sea: Seafood Cookery on April 8.

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Spring and Summer Soups on April 22.

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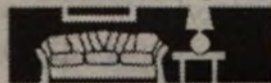
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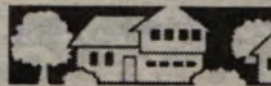
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## Rent or Lease



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**\$219,000** - Located on a beautiful street in Mill Creek. Directly across from Salado Creek & Mill Creek Golf Course. The large kitchen opens into the formal dining & den, the formal living area in the rear of the home is accessible through the den to 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.



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- \$267,900 - New 4 BR, 2-1/2 BA overlooking golf course.

- \$309,900 - 1 year old home on #3 Fairway. Landscaped - UC
- \$324,900 - 4 BR, 3-1/2 BA home overlooking golf course.
- \$324,900 - New 4 BR home with hillside lake view.
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- \$389,000 - Wrap around porch, oak trees, 14.5 acres & pond.
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- 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 5A, 5B, 6A - \$45,000 each.
- Hodge Canyon Dr. - \$47,500

#### 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
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Close to the village...This midsize 3/2/2 has a great open floor plan with split bedrooms. One acre lot. **\$159,900.**



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**Salado Lots**

- New Listing - one of the best locations in Mill Creek. Near golf course, pool, tennis courts. Priced to sell at **\$45,000.**
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- Indian Trail - 90x188 - **\$34,000.**
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**Commercial**

- 3 acres commercial property fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$89,900.**
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