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## Did the Grinch steal Salado's Christmas?

The Grinch may have stolen Christmas for Salado retailers, as sales tax revenues for December showed a remarkable drop compared to December 2003. Sales tax revenues to Salado bucked the statewide trend by dipping in double digits compared to last year's February rebates.

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn sent Village of Salado a sales tax rebate check of \$38,974.79, which was almost 17 percent less than last February's check of \$46,753.32. For the calendar year, the Village is running more than 10 percent less than last year, with payments of \$62,303.62, compared to \$69,378.84 in 2003.

Only one other city in Bell County showed a larger drop in sales tax, Nolanville, which dipped almost 20 percent in February compared to the previous year. Morgan's Point showed the most gain, with an increase of more than 27 percent. Belton had a healthy gain of more than 15 percent, Killeen's was seven percent higher and Temple's was a little more than one percent higher than last February.

All together, the 11 cities in Bell County that collect sales tax were paid \$3.5 million in February, a five percent increase over last year's payment of \$3.3. For the calendar year, Bell County cities are running almost six percent ahead of 2003.

Salado Public Library District, which levies a half-cent sales tax, received a February payment of \$23,122.88, almost seven percent less than last year's \$ 24,793.93. For

the year, the Library is two percent behind 2003's payments of \$38,815.89 with \$37,951.70 received so far.

Bell County is also running ahead of last year, with a payment of \$1.1 million for February, up four percent from last year's \$1 million payment. To-date, the County has received \$1.8 million for the half-cent it levies, almost six percent higher than the \$1.7 million collected through February 2003.

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn reported last week that the state collected \$1.32 billion in sales tax revenue in January, up 5.9 percent compared to January 2003.

Also, Strayhorn sent Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts February sales tax allocations totaling \$477.8 million, up seven percent compared to a year ago.

January state sales tax revenue and local sales tax allocations for February primarily represent sales made in December, but also include some earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax to the Comptroller on a quarterly or annual basis.

"When I sent local governments their sales tax allocations last November, I promised that 'this year the Grinch isn't going to steal Christmas,' and that was exactly right," Strayhorn said. "With the economic turnaround, sales tax collections have risen for five consecutive months. Like Dr. Seuss said in *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, 'It started in low. Then it started to grow.'



(Photo by Marilyn Fleischer)

Saladoans woke up to a dusting of snow for Valentine's Day Feb. 14. The covering was to be short-lived as temperatures returned to the 40s by midday, melting away the frosting. But for a short while, Texans felt that winter was here and made the best of it by using their fireplaces (you know, the thing in the wall with the floral arrangement in it year-round) and building snowmen (those foreigners from up north). By Feb. 16, temperatures were back to the 60s and almost all evidence of winter was gone.

## Taste of Salado only days away

Reservations and sales continue briskly for "A Taste of Salado" at the Salado Civic Center office. Only 225 reservations will be made in advance for so long as there are reservations available; there will be none sold at the door on the evening of the event. Admission is \$25 per person, and a capacity audience is expected by the organizers at Jack's Barn in Pace Park, 6-8 p.m. Feb. 23.

The Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) will showcase food and silent auctions provided by Salado-based restaurants and caterers - over 20 - and over 30 local, professional Salado artists will contribute their work for sale at the silent auction.

Co-chairs of the event, Rita Rice and Anna Lou

Raney say, "No matter how the weather turns, this is going to be a wonderful food tasting event. Last year, we had the worst weather of the year - it was freezing and slushy - and we had a sold out attendance for this fundraiser."

Hulda Horton is collecting art objects for the silent auction. Nancy Light and Charles Allen are the Silent Auction decorating team, and over 30 volunteers will work the event. Pat and Jack Herrington have provided their party barn for a second year at no charge to PALS for this fundraiser.

All proceeds are used to promote the arts and artists in Salado.

For reservations or more information, call the Salado Civic Center at 254-947-8300.



Ruth Howe and Troy Kelly are two of the Public Arts League of Salado board members who will be hosts during the Taste of Salado Feb. 23.

## First filing day passes with no candidates

No candidates filed in any of the three local races during the first day of filing Feb. 16. However, Rick Ashe announced his intention to run for Mayor as Charlotte Douglass will not seek re-election.

The last day to file for election to the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen, Salado school board, or Salado Public Library

District is March 15. Applications for election as Mayor or Alderman can be picked up at the Salado Municipal Building at 317 Stagecoach Rd.

In addition to a two-year Mayoral term, two 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 is undecided. Applications for the board of aldermen are available at the Municipal Building, 317 Stagecoach Rd.

Two three-year terms on the Salado ISD Board will be decided. They are

currently filled by Jackie Burson, who will not seek re-election, and Frank Carlson, who is undecided. 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 on Main Street. The office is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

Three two-year terms

on the Salado Public Library District. They are currently filled by Dr. Luther Brewer, Carolyn Britt and Hulda Horton. Brewer and Britt are undecided. Horton will file for re-election to the board. Filing for the Library Board 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.

Early voting in the local elections will be April 28-May 11 weekdays at the Salado Civic Center. Election day will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m. May 15.

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



# FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



## Marriage, the Best Welfare

Centuries ago, mankind created the greatest anti-child-poverty program in all of recorded history. It was called marriage.

During the past three decades, the consensus behind this wondrously effective social program has collapsed. The result has harmed countless American children for whom there is no disaster quite like being born out of wedlock and growing up in a single-parent household.

Almost two-thirds of the nation's poor children are in single-parent households. A child raised in a never-married household is roughly seven times more likely to be in poverty and five times more likely to be welfare-dependent. He is at greater risk to have emotional problems, fail academically, abuse drugs -- and experience everything else you hope a child would be spared.

The United States doesn't have a "welfare problem," so much as a marriage problem. We spend \$200 billion a year on various means-tested welfare programs. Seventy-five percent of it goes to single parents. The welfare system as we know it for children would hardly exist if it weren't for widespread single parenthood.

Government has avoided promoting marriage because it feels too "judgmental," and feminists have created a malodor around the institution (patriarchal, repressive, blah, blah, blah). "Over the last 20 years," says Bush administration marriage guru Wade Horn, "there has only been one service that we have not been offering -- marriage education -- because we're afraid of saying the word 'marriage.'"

But without a renaissance in marriage there will be no true welfare reform. "The point of welfare reform was never to have lots and lots of hardworking single mothers," says the Heritage Foundation's Robert Rector, who was a prime architect

## Rich Lowry



of the 1996 welfare bill.

Those excusing the single-motherhood status quo say that there are just no men for low-income mothers to marry. According to a Princeton University survey, however, roughly half of mothers of out-of-wedlock kids are cohabiting with the father at birth. The relationships are there; they just don't last.

Nor is the problem that marriage is held in low esteem. Rector reports that single mothers value marriage, it's just that they consider it a near-utopian state to be achieved in some far-off future when they have made it into the middle class. What they don't realize is that marriage is their ticket into the middle class.

Why not help those young couples -- on a voluntary basis, of course -- interested in getting this ticket? Private-sector programs that teach couples better relationship skills have repeatedly been shown to encourage healthy, sustained marriages. Most of these programs have been tried with middle-class couples, but they would almost certainly work with low-income couples as well.

"What is astounding to me," says Horn, "is that this isn't already being done, because it's so logical." Unfortunately, logic hasn't been the guide to American social policy since the 1960s. Or the most effective anti-child-poverty program ever would never have been abandoned.

## Kerry looms large as Demo's nominee; Pundits like Edwards as running mate; White House uneasy over poll numbers

Democrat John Kerry rolled over his closest rivals in last week's primaries in Virginia and Tennessee and with a total of 507 delegates in the bag, it would appear the Massachusetts Senator is on the road to victory, despite needing 1655 more votes to lock up his party's presidential nomination.

Runner-up Howard Dean (182 delegates) and third placer John Edwards (163) are convinced that only a major screw-up, or the discovery of some inescapable scandal, will keep Kerry from winning in Wisconsin's primary (held yesterday - Feb 17).

And finally nailing most (if not all) of the March 2, "Super-Tuesday" vote, including the biggies - California, New York, Minnesota, Ohio.

### RUNNING MATE?

Natural question follows: "Who will Kerry select as a running mate?" And here again the field is rife with punditry, with Edwards, the North Carolina Senator, the most logical of the known prospects. He would bring a geographic balance to the Democratic ticket, besides being personable and the right age, 51 to Kerry's 61; a great one-on-one campaigner; and indefatigable on the trail.

**Dark Horse - Wes Clark! Worst selection - Howard Dean. Second worst - New Mexico's Governor Bill Richardson!**

### WHITE HOUSE UNEASY?

Meanwhile - back at the White House, we find (via the rumor and fact grapevines) a feeling of uneasiness about their previously planned position of keeping President Bush out of the fray except for an occasional fund raising speech, followed by a trip to the bank, where the rest of his nearly \$200 million is stored - ready for later action on the media reelection front.

"Keep the President being President" directed Carl Rove, as late as early January. Rove is Bush's top political operative who directs the entire reelection effort from inside 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Keep Bush away from the brawling until Democrats select their nominee in July. Then after the GOP's New York conclave in August, swamp the Demos with an overwhelming number of media ads plus carefully selected appearances by The Man himself.

### CHANGE IN TACTICS

All this changed drastically when poll numbers started slipping, to the point that Rove and Company approved the President's appearance on "Meet The Press." This was never in the early script and showed a growing degree of concern by both Bush and his inner circle.

The same day Bush taped his MTP interview with Tim Russert, (Feb 7), a Time/CNN poll was released indicating that if the election for President - between Bush and Kerry - had been held earlier that same week, the results would have been a statistical dead heat!

### BUDGET & OTHER WOES

Bush also has a problem within his own party, at both the congressional and high-dollar-leadership levels, who are incensed at his "out of control" budget for 2005-6 (their words).

This is a budget that doesn't even include the war costs in Iraq, but remains over half a trillion in the red and when added to the near two trillion deficit since Bush took office, and a national debt that is so far in the hole that few even hazard a guesstimate - you have all the makings of a major conservative swivet.

Now add the deadly post-war occur-

## Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



pation and reconstruction of Iraq; the much-too-early mid summer deadline for handing control over to a bunch of religious ragheads, who are intent on sending us home in disgrace; our failure to find any weapons of mass destruction; and the need to respond to critics with a "select" committee to investigate our intelligence failures (pre & post 9-11) and how to correct them. **Results? A political problem in the making.**

### CREDIBILITY

All the President's men (and women), plus the boss himself, understand they cannot lose the basic attribute he won election with and that has sustained his popularity over the years - an honest appearing "down-home" credibility, which leads to trust.

Today that same credibility has been shaken - some by the Iraqi post war problems; more by an economy that looks good on Wall Street but terrible on Main Street's jobless market; and a growing national debt beyond belief - especially by Bush's closest backers.

These problems must be addressed pronto, or the Bush reelection, once considered a shoo-in, could end in disaster.

### RUMSFELD AND POWELL PROBLEM?

Who among Bush's two top cabinet members is speaking for America overseas? Week before last - we saw SecDef Don Rumsfeld addressing a group of European ministers, lawmakers and other officials representing most of Europe and NATO, and in his normal "rough as a cob" manner, blasted them for challenging America and our preemptive strike against Iraq.

Rumsfeld was supposed to have made a conciliatory speech to help rebuild some fences among our European allies. Instead he reignited the blaze and made things worse.

A few miles away in Paris - Secretary of State Colin Powell was meeting with the French President and other top officials. He spoke of friendship and lasting ties. He was well received and made some happy points, which were subsequently lost that same day by "Rumsfeld-the-blunderbuss."

This writer is surprised that Powell has agreed to stay on as long as he has. He's been insulted and back-stabbed by Rumsfeld and other Bushies, but soldiered on like a disciplined gentleman. He does have feelings and one of these days - someone is going to go too far and Powell will tell them to "take the job and shove it" and Bush will have something else to explain.

### POLITICAL POTPOURRI

If you don't like politics then it would be a good idea to turn off your TV and radio; cancel subscriptions to daily papers and magazines and try your hand at hibernating on a south sea island, (not a bad idea, at that), because we are going to be sorely tested with candidates, poll results, charges and counter charges plus dopey left-right-wing commentaries, at least until after the November 2 general election, when things return to what passes for normal in these United States of ours.

That's -30-

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## Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison  
U.S. Senator



Today more than 170 million Americans use the Internet, bringing a virtual world of news, information and entertainment into our homes and workplaces at the click of a button. The average citizen can now access useful data and information previously unavailable, or hard to find. But with so much information to sift through on the World Wide Web, being able to pinpoint your search is critical. Since my offices receive countless letters from Texans inquiring about the services provided by the federal government, I thought I'd share a collection of the best online government resources available.

A subject heavy on people's minds these days is paying for college. One source for useful information is the Department of Education's Web site [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov). This site provides a wealth of information on federal education grants and applications for student financial aid. It also includes helpful tips on how to consolidate and pay off student loans.

If school is no longer on your financial agenda, but you are considering starting your own business, you may want to check out [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov), the Small Business Administration's Web site. This site contains valuable information about becoming an entrepreneur and obtaining small business loans for your new venture. Those of you who already operate businesses might find opportunities or tips on how best to market and grow your business.

It is advisable for consumers to verify their consumer credit reports annually, especially when planning to purchase property or make other financial decisions. There are three major national credit bureaus, Trans Union, Equifax and Experian, from which your credit report can be obtained. Additional consumer credit information can be found on the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) Web site, [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).

Before you leave the FTC Web site, find out how to report unsolicited e-mail, or "spam," as it is commonly known, and how to avoid receiving

it. The FTC is also a great resource for consumer rights information and tips on how to avoid many different types of scams and rip-offs.

Should you happen to be preparing to travel outside the United States, you might want to check out the Department of State's Web site, [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov), to see if any travel warnings have been issued for the country or countries to which you will travel. You can also print out an application for a U.S. passport.

While these resources may provide you with greater peace of mind, you may also want information regarding a healthy body. Through the National Institute of Health's Web site, [www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov), it is possible to search for and obtain prescription and over-the-counter drug information by brand and generic name. You can look up injuries, diseases and illnesses to learn more about prevention, symptoms and treatments.

Texans can also access the state's website, [www.texas.gov](http://www.texas.gov) for a wealth of information on living, working and playing in the Lone Star State. Not only is it possible to renew your drivers' license and obtain hunting and fishing permit applications, in some cases you can even pay your parking tickets. And to explore Texas vacation and travel opportunities, visit [www.traveltexas.com](http://www.traveltexas.com) to learn more about your favorite destinations and discover new and exciting spots throughout the state.

This list is only a small sample of the resources the government provides for consumers. To see a complete list of information available, log on to [www.firstgov.com](http://www.firstgov.com), the federal government's official web portal. Whether you want to grow bigger tomatoes ([www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov)), determine if you need flood insurance ([www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)) or verify your Social Security benefits ([www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)), the federal government is at your fingertips 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

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# FORUM



## EMBARRASSING? STAMP IT SECRET



Jim  
Hightower

Shhhhh. I have to whisper this to you because it's a secret that the Bushites want to keep from you: They have become totally obsessed with secrecy and are spending billions of our tax dollars in an anti-democratic lockdown to keep public information from... well, us-the tax-paying public.

I'm not talking about deep, dark spy stuff affecting national security—I'm talking about everyday materials on what various Bush officials are doing that affect our jobs, liberties, clean air and water, food, and other basics. The Bushites are slap-happy about secrecy, slapping "Top Secret" on any and every document that might reveal what they're doing to us... and who benefits from their backroom, closed-door actions.

Even before the September 11 terrorist attacks gave them a political excuse for shutting out We the People, Bush and Company were removing more than 33 million public documents from public scrutiny—nearly a 50 percent increase over the previous year. They spent about \$5 billion classifying, storing, and guarding documents, a 40 percent increase over the Clinton years.

This autocratic penchant for executive secrecy is so un-American that it has alarmed many conservative Republicans. Rep. Porter Goss, for example, thinks it's ridiculous. Head of the House intelligence committee, Goss says "I read report after report after report all day, and they've got some type of [secret] classification cover on it. I'll say, 'What's classified about that?'"

Sen. Richard Shelby, an Alabama Republican, thinks that the rush to secrecy is not merely ridiculous, but dangerous: "A lot of the documents are classified for the wrong reason—because they're embarrassing, or perhaps because of a cover-up," he says.

Conservative or liberal, we can't let executive power hide behind a secrecy stamp, because next time some president you don't like will use it against you. To battle the stamp of autocracy, call the Federation of American Scientists: 202-546-3300.

### Part II

## What I learned from 6 years on school board

This is the second part of a three-part essay on the duties of a school board member, written by a former Salado ISD board member with six years' experience.

Last week, meetings, state funding, teacher salaries and micro-management were discussed. This week, the topic is the superintendent.

By Dr. Robert Merrill  
Former Salado ISD board member

### The Superintendent

Another major issue is the relationship between a trustee and the superintendent, or the trustees corporately and the superintendent. The board hires the superintendent and may dismiss him or her. This leads to the assumption that the superintendent works for the board. In a sense this is true; but in a practical sense, it is not true. If success is desirable, the trustees individually, and the board corporately will work with the superintendent. It is an essential attitude, one that should prevail until progress becomes impossible. Then, either the superintendent or the trustees must go.

Trustees should be reminded that a superintendent receives advice or pressure from many sources. Thus, administration can be complicated and may even become ineffective. The relationships among the superintendent, the principal, the teachers and the staff are

relatively simple, because the rules are clear. But where parents and self-appointed (but unelected) community leaders and politicians join the fray, it becomes difficult. All of these individuals, and especially the trustees, must realize that the superintendent is a professional educator. If well educated, very experienced and well chosen, he or she is bound to know more about school issues than any other individual and should receive appropriate recognition and acceptance.

The most disruptive point in the year for the superintendent and the school is the annual evaluation of the superintendent by the board corporately. This procedure is mandated by law and is amplified by regulations that include several topics that must be considered. It was surely intended to be useful and constructive, but, in part, may turn out to be personal, vindictive, childish, and destructive. The lack of intelligence that has gone into the design of the procedure is exceeded only by the stupidity of its implementation.

Given that the trustees should be considered with policies, major programs new and old, finance, the tax rate and other major factors, surely these items will be considered during regular activities and special meetings such as so-called retreats and meetings to consider long-range plans. For example, a consideration of all sorts of performance goals,

wherein they are specific may be a legitimate topic for discussion where long- and short-range plans are the focus. What have we accomplished and where do we need to go next year and the years following should be discussed regularly.

The superintendent's appraisal also includes such mandated topics as: "Ensures effective communication of performance expectations to direct staff." Incredibly obscure English is noteworthy. How could a trustee possibly know whether this kind of communication is exceptional, proficient or needs improvement, unless it is very bad or unless the trustee is micro-managing? A major problem in this or similar areas could be a basis for non-renewal. If not, it is not an issue for board concern. In other words, the board sets policy and gets rid of a superintendent who cannot or will not implement that policy. Unless they create major impediments to progress, management style, dress code and all sorts of work habits are not board concerns.

Ideally the appraisal is best discarded, but if that is unacceptable, the exchange of ideas should be completed in open session. Criticisms are offered in closed executive sessions that trustees would surely hesitate to state in public. The entire process needs to be brought into the world of mature adults.

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Pictured are Colten Coe, Rachel Phillips, Courtney Lavadia, Taylor Cockrell, Taylor Marburger, Stephanie Lastovica, Alexis Bloomer, Megan Harvell and Garret Marburger

## Salado 4-H kids compete in Bell Co. Fashion events at Expo Center

Following are the results from the Fashion Show portion of the Bell County Youth Fair. Only

Salado students are listed. Bell County 4-H Fashion Show Contestants: Stephanie Lastovica, Clothing-Buying Category/Dressy, first place; Courtney Lavadia, Clothing-Buying Category/Casual, first place; Garret Marburger, Clothing-Construction Category/Casual, third place; Megan Harvell, Clothing-Construction Category/Casual, first

place; Taylor Marburger, Clothing-Construction/Sportswear, second place. Clover Kid Participants: Morgan Marburger, Clothing Buying Category, Casual Colten Coe, Clothing Buying Category, Sportswear Bell County Youth Fair and Livestock Show Fashion Revue Contestants: 5th place, Alexis Bloomer, One-Piece Sewn, Junior Division

4th place, Taylor Cockrell, One-Piece Sewn, Junior Division 1st place and Champion, Megan Harvell, One-Piece Sewn, Junior Division 2nd place and Reserve Champion, Garret Marburger, One-Piece Sewn, Junior Division 6th place, Taylor Marburger, Two or More Pieces Sewn, Junior Division 7th place, Rachel Phillips, Two or More Pieces Sewn, Junior Division

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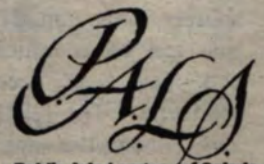
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 The Public Arts League of Salado is a not-for-profit organization. ALL proceeds from this fundraiser are used for Salado beautification projects.



**PALS Feb. 29 Spring Fling plans underway art show will honor friends**

The Public Arts League Of Salado (PALS) will honor Benefactors, Patrons, and "Friends of PALS" at a 2-4 p.m. Feb. 29 reception and art show at 109 West Creek in Salado. (From I-35, go west on Thomas Arnold Road, past the SISD football stadium, and turn left for one block.) Admission is free; refreshments will be served.

At the event, PALS will present an exhibition of art works from the prize-winning collection of The Barclay Visual Arts Competition, 2003, sponsored by The City Federation of Women's Clubs and hosted by the Cultural Activities Center of Temple.

Artists and their works featured in the exhibit are Rebecca Beck, Evelyn Foster, Brian Garrison, David Glanzman, Joan Hoffman, Julie Lynch, Sharon McGlasson, Thomas Runyan, and Savannah Thomas.

Mill Creek Community Members Annual Spring Fling is scheduled for March 6. Time to make your reservations, \$13.95 a person, \$27.90 per couple. Mail payments to MCCA, Box 562, Salado, TX 76571

Your check is your reservation, for a fun evening, getting acquainted with the new folks in Mill Creek and renewing friendships with neighbors. Leprechauns and Shamrocks will be waiting for you.

Folks in Mill Creek are welcome to become members at \$20 a family for the full year of activities.

**Bell County Democrats host dinner, fund raiser Feb. 19**

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, Jon E. Porter,



MCCA members at work on the Spring Fling. Back row (L-R), Pat Freeman, Iris Heid, Bernice Kilpatrick, and Dorothy Dentry. Front: Bobbie Reihesen. Committee members not available were: Miriam Jordan, Carol Walls, Fran Harris, Jackie Gipson, Melonie Stringer, Sylvia Hodges, Sandy Schneider, Joan Ray, Joan Schrock, Rosemary Creasey, Cathy Sands and Gwen McCarthy.

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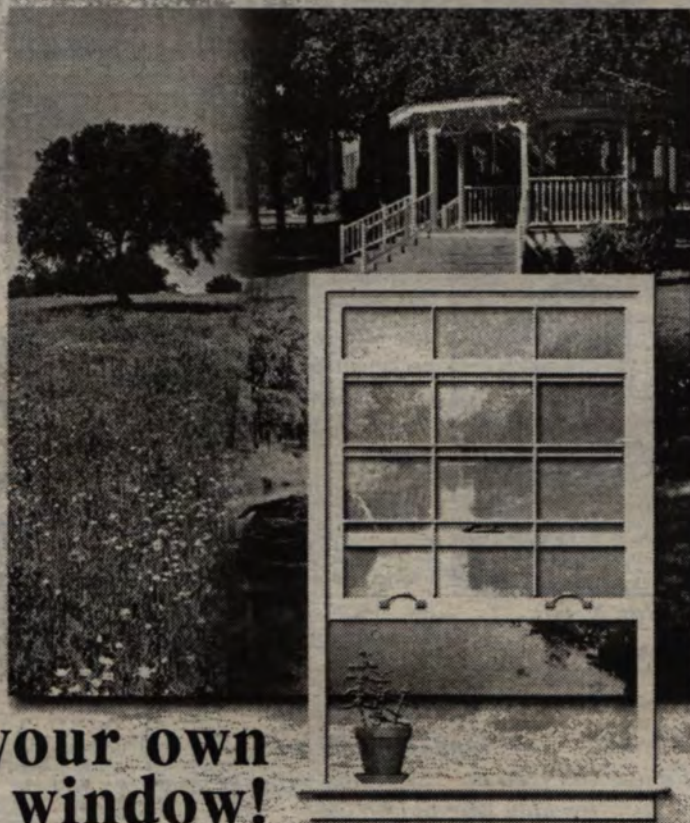
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Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Service	6:15 p.m.
		Team Kid (Age 3 - 6th grade)	6:00 p.m.
		Bible Drill (4th - 6th)	7:00 p.m.
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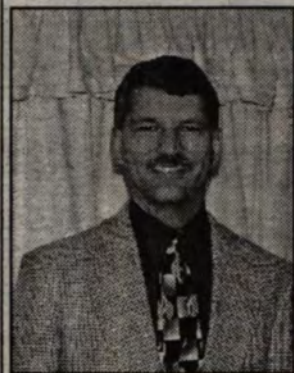
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Sunday Morning Service • Feb. 22, 2004



Joe Keyes  
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# Methodist Lent begins a full schedule of events

Lent is the Christian season of spiritual reflection, repentance, renewal and resolution. Ash Wednesday begins Lent which lasts until Easter Sunday. The word, "Lent," means springtime. Early Christian converts prepared during the spring for baptism on Easter Sunday. Salado United Methodist Church will have three Ash Wednesday services at 6:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 7 p.m. Feb. 25. All persons are invited to attend.

Renewal weekend is Feb. 28-29. All men are invited to breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Following the breakfast at 9:30 a.m., Dr. John Holbert, Professor of Preaching and Old Testament at Southern Methodist University Perkins Seminary,

will teach a men's seminar on "The Man Called David." He will also preach at 6 p.m. Feb. 28 and at the 11 a.m. Feb. 29 worship service. Sunday worship will be at the new site on Royal St. and will feature a Ground Breaking service as well. Following services, a dinner on the grounds will be shared in the Fellowship Hall on Thomas Arnold Rd.

The community is invited to a patriotic concert, 3 p.m. Feb. 28, supporting families of fallen soldiers at the Royal Street site. The concert will be "Soldiers in the Sand" Freedom Tour. In the event of rain or sleet, the events will be held at the Church.

The congregation has reserved 100 tickets for the movie, *The Passion of*

*Christ*, March 4. Prior to viewing the movie, Lyle Radebaugh will lead a two-part seminar, entitled, "The Trial of Jesus," 7 p.m. Feb. 19 and 26.

Rev. Grady Brittain, pastor, will teach a series, "Living the Parables of Jesus," beginning Thursday evenings, 7 p.m. March 11.

Sunday Sermons will focus on the seven self-declarations of Jesus about himself in the Gospel of John - water of life; bread of life; light of the world; the way, the truth, and the life; good shepherd, resurrection and life, and the true vine.

The church will also sponsor the Children's Community Easter Egg Hunt on 3 p.m. April 10.

During Lent, the

church will observe World Day of Prayer on March 5. The church will be open for prayer from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

The church will join other United Methodists in receiving the "One Great Hour of Sharing," Offer for World Hunger, March 21.

The church will begin Holy Week by observing Palm Sunday, April 4 at all three worship services. Holy Thursday Service will be 7 p.m. April 8. Good Friday (Tenebrae) Services will be at 7 p.m. April 9.

Easter Sunday will begin by participating in the Annual Community Easter Sunrise Celebration at Pace Park. Sunday Easter Services will be 8 a.m., 9 a.m., and 11 a.m.

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## Elsie Nell Cromeans services held

Elsie Nell Cromeans, 67, of Belton, died at her residence Feb. 12, 2004. Graveside services were held Feb. 16 at Salado Cemetery with Rev. Tommy Davis officiating.

Cromeans was born to Harvey Herbert Copeland,

Sr. and Bernice McQueen Copeland in Salado on September 6, 1936. She was a lifelong resident of Bell County. She married Raymond Cromeans in Austin on April 7, 1972. She managed Wil-

liamsburg Apartments in Temple for the past 14 years. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond Cromeans of Belton; one son, Rusty Childers of Austin; two daughters, Pamela Jean Mason of Cleburne and Burchelle. Bernice Ellis of Orange; one brother, R.L. Copeland of Salado; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Harvey Copeland, Jr. on Feb. 1, 1978.

Memorials are requested to the First Church of the Nazarene, 802 N. Pearl Street, Belton, TX 76513.

Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton was in charge of arrangements.

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## Ash Wednesday Service

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Small discussion and support groups will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

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For more information call the church office at 947-8106 or call Pastor Davidson at 760-8116

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# Presbyterian Church of Salado observes the beginning of Lent Feb. 25

The Presbyterian Church of Salado will observe the beginning of Lent this year with an Ash Wednesday Service. The service will be held at noon Feb. 25 and will begin a 40-day commitment to purpose and devotion.

Rev. Greg S. Davidson will preside over the service, which will include a brief message, music, prayers, Communion, and the imposition of the palm ashes from Palm Sunday last year.

Traditionally, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, a time of spiritual preparation for Holy Week observances including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Lent is

a 40 day period of time given to pray and fasting. The 40 days reflects the 40-days that Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for the start of his public ministry. Lent has historically been a time for personal devotion and commitment to God through prayer and fasting.

Many members of the Presbyterian Church of Salado will seek to deepen their personal devotion to God by reading through **The Purpose Driven Life** by Rick Warren. The book is a 40-devotional study that focuses on the meaning and purpose of life. Over a third of the Presbyterian congregation has

committed to reading the devotional book every day for each of the 40 days of Lent.

Small discussion groups will meet each week to support and encourage each other in the 40-day program. Non-members and members of other area churches are invited to join this process. Small discussion groups will be held at the Presbyterian Church, 105 E. Salado Plaza Dr., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings, 11:30 a.m. Friday mornings, and 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Participants may purchase their own book or may make arrangements to have a book ready for them at their first meeting by call-

ing the church office at 947-8106.

People of all faiths and denominations are welcome to join in the Ash Wednesday service or the 40-days of devotion studying, **The Purpose Driven Life**.

For more information, contact the Presbyterian Church of Salado at (254) 947-8106 or Pastor Greg Davidson at (254) 760-8116.

## SUMC Mom's Wed. Morning Group begins new study

The Mom's Wednesday Morning Group will begin its new study "The Power of Positive Wife" by Karol Ladd.

The registration fee is \$10, which covers the cost of the book. The group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Salado United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Jill Bradshaw will lead the study.

All ladies in the community are invited, childcare is available.

For more information or to register for the study and childcare contact the SUMC at (254) 947-5482.

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There are several options for independently testing your water:

- A certified laboratory can provide a detailed analysis of your water. Lab services generally are available by mailing in a sample that you take, or a lab employee may come to your home. Check your local Yellow Pages for drinking water certified labs. Such tests range from less than \$50 to about \$150 for more comprehensive testing.

- The county health department may be able to test your water supply for a fee. To contact your

local health department, check the city/county government section in the white pages of your phone book. Cost: about \$30.

- Several do-it-yourself tests are available. You should make sure the test you buy is simple to use, provides results at home (nothing to mail in), and is laboratory certified for accurate and reliable results. You can get results within 48 hours.

You also should make sure the product offers a toll-free number in case you have questions. Cost: from about \$10 for individual tests to \$30 or more for a comprehensive test kit.

There are several home tests available:

- In a bacteria test, you add water to a bottle that is provided in the kit, shake and wait for 48 hours to see what color the water has become, which will indicate if the water is

clean or contaminated.

- In a nitrate/nitrite test, you dip test strips in the water and compare the color change.

- In a lead test, you boil a sample of water and add in a solution. The resulting color change will provide instant results if lead is in the water supply.

- In an iron hardness test, you analyze for eight contaminants and pollutants by using test strips.

A comprehensive test kit includes all the testing products, allowing you to check for bacteria, lead, nitrates, chlorine, iron, copper, pH, total alkalinity, total hardness, iron bacteria and hydrogen sulfide.

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We would like to thank everyone for all your prayers, flowers, cards, food, and memorials.

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# SPORTS

## Softball season might be a four-team race to the finish

By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
STAFF WRITER

Considering it's been around for less than a decade, the Salado softball program isn't doing too bad at all.

Finishing 13-12, and 6-6 in district a year ago, the girls came up just short on the playoff scramble. And they probably would have made it had one of their best players, Laramie Wilson, not gone down with injury, missing the last few weeks of the season.

A close call when it came to the post season - the team's fortunes in 2003, both good and bad, were accomplished by a squad that had not a single senior on the roster.

They return eight starters in 2004, and nine lettermen overall. Their only loss was the aforementioned Wilson, a .548 hitter, who moved away to West Texas.

This has third year coach Doug Harrigan feeling a little optimistic about his team's chances. "I'm excited about this year," said Harrigan. "This is the most talent we've had since I've been here. We've got a lot of girls coming back

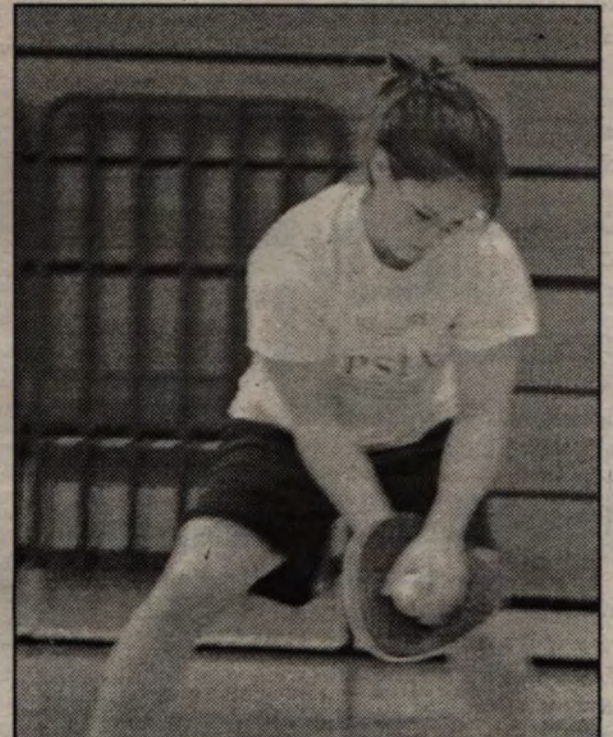
and a good group of freshmen. Three or four of them could make some waves and contend for starting positions."

If you look at the numbers, Harrigan has cause to feel good. Among his returners are two first team all-district selections, one second teamer, one honorable mention selection, and the District 25AA newcomer of the year - pitcher Shae Janda.

The sophomore saw mound action in 22 of Salado's 25 games last season, putting together a 2.20 ERA with 10 wins, 11 losses and 121 strikeouts. Had the defense been a bit more consistent - they committed 82 errors as a team - her won-loss ratio would have peaked far above .500.

And Janda's no slouch at the plate, either. She batted for a team-high .571 average, leading the Lady Eagles in hits (40), doubles (9), RBI (20) and steals (21).

Harrigan says Janda won't bear the entire pitching load in 2004. "This year, we're going to have some pitching help. Rachel Stimmer (a sophomore move-in) and Courtney Dunnahoo should step up.



Snows outside forced softball practice indoors Feb. 13. Here, Shae Janda works on a defensive drill. Janda hit .571 a year ago, and had 11 wins on the mound. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

With Shae having a year under her belt, our pitching should be strong."

Defensively, the Lady Eagles will be improved, as well. With three-time all-district shortstop Michelle Houston, along with second team all-district second baseman Kelsey Smith, Salado, according to Harrigan, "will be solid up the middle." Anchoring the battery will be junior

Rachel Blodgett - another second team selection.

Houston, who hit .371, and Blodgett, who slugged .355, are expected to have productive seasons again. Houston also nabbed 14 bases. That number can be expected to increase.

"Our strength should be speed," Harrigan explains. "We have some girls that can run the bases."

Among those will be three year starter Kim Dillon, who had 16 steals a season ago to go along with a .271 average.

Sophomore Heather Winters, a first team all-district pick, batted .326 and will hold down centerfield. Junior Jessica Roberts, a .294 hitter and honorable mention selection, will likely spend the

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## JV, freshmen pick up wins in basketball

Salado's junior varsity and freshmen boys basketball teams saw action last week, with the JV defeating Somerville and the freshmen taking care of Academy.

**Salado JV 46**  
**Somerville JV 30**

James Gregurek scored 13 points in a game that saw the Eagles blow open a close game in the second half.

The win was due in large part to a 16-point fourth quarter, which saw five different Eagles score points, led by Gregurek's six.

Barrett Brashier and Ryan Clark both scored eight points, while Garrett Askins totaled six.

Also scoring were Justin Whitfield, six; Justin Konzen, two; Brandon Peters, two; and Cody Gobin, two.

**Salado 9th 49**  
**Academy 9th 31**

Similar to the junior varsity, the freshmen Eagles were held in check in the first half, but exploded offensively in the second half.

Salado led by only four points, 18-14, entering the third period, but they came out strong, dropping 21 points in the third to expand the lead and put the contest out of reach.

Blake Newman was the game's top scorer, finishing with a dozen points, the only Eagle in double-figures.

Also scoring were Tanner Myers, nine; Chad Tumey, eight; Josh Caldwell, nine; Tanner Johnson, three; Won Im, three; and Clayton Sharum, three.

The freshmen boys will go for their 20th win of the season Feb. 16.

## Lady Eagles make playoffs

The Salado Lady Eagles did what they had to do Feb. 10, beating the Somerville Yeguas to earn a spot in the post season, which marked the completion of an impressive turnaround in a season that got off to a rocky start.

Salado, the third place team from District 25AA, faces Lago Vista, runner-up in District 26AA in the first round of the playoffs Feb. 17.

The bi-district game will be a father-son showdown. Larry Salisbury, for the second time this season, will match up against his son, Kurt Salisbury, who left Salado in the fall to take over head-coaching duties at Lago Vista. The elder Salisbury won the first contest.

Salado, under Salisbury, has now made the playoffs for 11 consecutive years.

Hendrickson High School in Pflugerville will be the host site. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

**Salado 43**  
**Somerville 34**

Laramie Jackson came up big offensively, scoring seven of her game-high 15 points in the fourth to help Salado pull-away from a pesky Lady Yegua team.

Up until the final frame, the game see-sawed back and forth. Somerville led the Lady Eagles at the end of one, 13-11, but Salado charged back to snag a one point, 21-20 halftime lead.

Competing for a playoff spot, both teams clawed their way to a 28-all tie entering the fourth. It was

Salado that rose to the challenge, limiting Somerville to six fourth period points while posting 15 of their own to bring the game to its 43-34 final.

Behind Jackson's 15 was Brittany Boydston, who finished the game with nine points. Jenny Goode scored seven, Jo Washburn had five and Kelsey Smith contributed three. Amanda Tumey and Kate Marshall both finished with two points.

The Lady Eagles wrapped up the regular season with a 19-12 overall record, and a 8-4 district mark. Lexington finished as district champs, while Academy earned the second playoff spot.

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season at third base.

On the subject of his competition, Harrigan sees District 25AA as the most competitive in the area. "I feel our district is the toughest in Central Texas," he said. The three playoff teams from a year ago, Rogers, Lexington and Jarrell, return the majority of their lineups.

"The district race should be very close. It could go down to the wire," Harrigan said. "But our program has come a long way in two years, and this group seems to have more focus than they did last season. I feel good about our chances."

After opening the regular season at Killeen Shoemaker, the Lady Eagles will compete in the Gatesville tournament Feb. 19-21. They play their first home game Feb. 20 against Lago Vista. Games begin at 5 p.m.

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2/19-21	Gatesville Tourney	V	TBA
2/20	Lago Vista	JV/V	5:00/6:30
2/24	at Hutto	JV/V	5:00/6:30
2/27	at Cameron	JV/V	5:00/6:30
3/2	Rockdale	JV/V	5:00/6:30
3/4-6	Academy JV Tourney	JV	TBA
3/5	*Somerville	V	6:00
3/9	*Rogers	JV/V	5:00/6:30
3/11-13	Academy Tourney	V	TBA
3/12	at Bartlett	V	6:00
3/15	*Academy	JV/V	5:00/6:30
3/16	*at Lexington	JV/V	4:00/5:30
3/23	*at Florence	JV/V	5:00/6:30
3/26	*Jarrell	JV/V	5:00/6:30
3/30	Holland	V	6:00
4/2	*at Somerville	V	4:00
4/5	*at Rogers	JV/V	5:00/6:30
4/8	*Lexington	JV/V	5:00/6:30
4/12	*at Academy	JV/V	5:00/6:30
4/16	*Florence	JV/V	5:00/6:30
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## Eagles eye district championship, looking forward to play-off rounds

Salado inched closer to a district title by roughing up Somerville and Rogers in games played last week.

At 11-0, and sitting in first place in the district standings, Salado traveled to 10-1 Lexington Feb. 17 with the district title on the line. A loss would result in a tie with Lexington, which would mean that either a one-game playoff or a coin toss would be needed to determine the district champion. If Salado defeats Lexington, they will have a first round bye in the playoffs.

Coach Tom Long's team has a 28-3 season record. In the Feb. 16 Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll, Salado crept

up two more spots to number seven.

**Salado 77**  
**Somerville 47**

With five players eclipsing double-figures in points, and a sixth with nine points, the Eagles had little trouble dispatching the Yeguas at home Feb. 10.

Travis Clark was the high-man for Salado, racking up 18 points on the evening. The real story, though, was point guard Matt Caskey, who turned in a triple-double, notching 10 points, with 14 steals and 14 assists.

Josh Wright knocked down a trio of three pointers to finish the game with 14 points, while Devon

Dunn scored 13.

Matt Jennings contributed 11, while Ben Marsh had nine off the bench. Scott Williams had two points to round out the scorers.

**Salado 68**  
**Rogers 33**

In a game that had to be rescheduled due to the weather, Salado had to wait an extra day to beat Rogers by 35 points Feb. 14.

Wright helped ignite the offense in the first period, but surprisingly, not with three point shooting. Instead, Wright shot five-for-five from the charity stripe and scored nine points in the opening frame.

Rogers really had no

answer to the Salado offense, as the Eagles kept the pressure on until the fourth, when Coach Long rested the starters.

Dunn had another strong game in the paint, finishing with a game-high 14 points. Wright had a 13-point game, while Caskey again scored 10 points. All eight of Marsh's points came in the fourth, while Nick Everett contributed six. Jennings and Clark both scored four points, while Williams had three.

Moving up from the JV, Nathan Grigsby, Garrett Askins and Barrett Brasher all had two points.

On the game, Salado shot 12-of-14 from the line.

## Powerlifting take 3rd with 8

The Salado boys powerlifting team competed at Waco Reicher Feb. 14, placing third overall. Originally, a girls meet was scheduled in Lago Vista on the same day, but was canceled due to weather.

Salado brought only eight lifters to the meet, whereas all other squads competed with 11 to a team. "It is a great accomplishment to get in the top three when you do it with as few as eight," said Coach Travis Ling.

Waco Reicher won the meet, followed by Waco Midway with 27 points, then Salado with 25 points.

Kevin Goodman placed second in 132 lb. class with a career high of 830 lbs. He set personal records in all three lifts, picking up a 315 lb. squat-lift, a 175 lb. bench press and a 340 lb. deadlift that vaulted him

into second place. Jack Lucas finished in sixth place in the same class, posting a 765 lb. total.

Austin Smith finished second in the 148's with a career high 920 lbs., including personal records in squat (330) and bench (210). "Austin has been extremely committed to his workouts, and it has showed in his continuous improvement throughout the year," Ling commented.

Matt Simon placed fourth in the same class with a 790 lb. total. Alonso Galvan set personal records in all three lifts while placing second in the 165 lb. class, finishing with 1,015 lbs. In addition to a 400 lb. deadlift, Galvan completed a squat-lift of 380 lbs. and a bench-press of 235 lbs.

Michael Tracy placed fifth in the same class with

a career high total of 935 lbs. Tracy set personal records in all three lifts: squat (315), bench (225) and deadlift (385). Jared Quirk place fourth in the 181's with a 935 lb. total, punctuated by a 400 lb. deadlift. Rounding out the lifters, Trevor Young placed second in the super heavyweight class with 860 lbs., highlighted by

three personal bests in his lifts.

"We were real proud of the way the guys competed. They continue to set personal records and have been very dedicated throughout the entire season," said Ling. "It is a lot of fun to watch the progress these kids have been able to make due to the hard work they have put into it."

## Scott & White first aid classes

The Scott & White Pediatric Education Department will hold a class on First Aid, 6-8 p.m. Feb. 26.

This class is for parents, grandparents, youth coaches, etc. Topics include head injuries,

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# Don't Follow Latest Investment "Fads"

Sometimes, it can be enjoyable to participate in the latest trends in music, food and clothes. But if you regularly follow the latest investment "fads," you might hurt your chances of achieving your long-term financial goals - and that's no fun at all.

Investment fads are nothing new. From the railroad boom of the 19th century to day trading and the Internet "dot-com" frenzy of recent years, we've always had fads. While the specifics of these fads vary, there's been one constant: people lose their skepticism and get swept up in market hype and euphoria.

What causes stock market fads to take off? In general, three factors seem to be responsible:

- The thrill of it all - Some people are risk takers - plain and simple. They want high returns from their investments and they're more than willing to take big risks to achieve these results. They are drawn to new developments in business and new

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ways of packaging investments. While this group might not be in the majority, it may have enough power to get fads going.

- Social acceptance - Once an investment fad has emerged, it attracts more and more people - even some who might not typically be prone to taking risks. Why? Because these investors perceive a fad and think that, if "everyone" else is following it, it must have some validity. In other words, the more people who buy a fad stock, the more acceptable it becomes for others to buy it.

- Fast-rising prices - Almost by definition, fad stocks are those whose prices rise rapidly over a relatively short period of time. And, of course, these rapidly rising prices will, in the short term, reward both the risk takers and the

people who don't want to miss out on a "good thing." Sooner or later, fad stocks run their course, and their prices fall. And if these stocks truly lacked the proper fundamentals for success, they may never again attain their previous highs.

How can you avoid being hurt by stock fads? Here are a few suggestions:

- Look for quality - Instead of hopping after today's hot property or tomorrow's sure thing, you're much better off investing in high-quality stocks that may bear fruit next year - and for years afterward. Look for those companies with strong management, solid business plans, good track records and competitive products. If you're investing in stocks that have historically paid dividends, try to find those

that have consistently increased these payouts over the years. Companies that regularly boost dividends are typically well run, with a strong concern for their investors.

- Look for diversification - Instead of going after the latest fad stocks, try to find others that best fit your need for a diversified portfolio. Remember, your holdings should reflect your individual risk tolerance, your time horizon and your long-term objectives.

- Look for progress - Most successful long-term investors follow a well-planned, personalized strategy, often developed with the assistance of a qualified financial professional. If you've got this type of plan, you generally know what sort of moves you need to make - and when you need to make them. But if you periodically deviate from your financial "road map" by going after investment fads, you could lose your way. And it could be expensive and time-consuming to get back on course.

So, when you're investing, forget about the fads. As an investor, you've got a lot to gain by being a little "old-fashioned."

## FSB presents travel plans for 2004

First State Bank Central Texas will present a preview of its travel plans for the bank's friends and customers in 2004.

The FSB Travelers group will have a wine and cheese reception 7 p.m. Feb. 19 in the Wendland Hall of the Cultural Activities Center in Temple.

For reservations to the reception, call the Salado FSB Branch at 947-5852, or Carol Jones, First State Bank, 771-5550, e-mail carolj@fsbcentex.com.

Three trips are planned in 2004:

- San Francisco Get-away, featuring Monterey and the Napa Valley on

May 24-28.

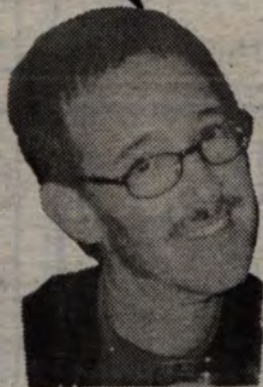
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- Canyon of the Eagles, featuring the Vanishing Texas River Cruise and a Tour of Fall Creek Vineyards.



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# Alumni game set 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. To back up that point, not a single injury was reported in last year's game.

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, contact Coach Bates at the High School, 947-5429.

# Baylor alumni dinner Feb. 26

The Central Texas Chapter of the Baylor Alumni Association will hold its annual winter banquet Feb. 26 at Strasburger Hall of

the Cultural Activities Center in Temple. Dr. Blaine McCormick will be the guest speaker.

The deadline for res-

ervations is Feb. 23. The dinner is \$25 per person.

Dr. McCormick is assistant professor of management of the Hankamer School of Business.

Dr. McCormick teaches negotiation and conflict resolution at the undergraduate, graduate and executive levels. He is the recipient of the 2002-03 Collins Outstanding Professor award and the 2001-02 Teaching Excellence Award in the Hankamer School of Business.

Dr. McCormick has published numerous books and scholarly articles. His most recent book, "Shepherd Leadership: Wisdom for Leaders From Psalm

23," was published by Jossey-Bass in the Fall of 2003. A recognized scholar on the business practices of Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Edison,

Dr. McCormick is frequently interviewed across all forms of media, most recently on CNN and ABC World News Tonight with Peter Jennings.

A. Lloyd Thomas is President of the Central Texas Chapter. Judy Owens is President-Elect; Jean Brunson is Treasurer and Kay Hall Snipes is Secretary.

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**Introduction to Bio-feedback** - Learn basic information about bio-feedback, a therapeutic technique that uses instrumentation to monitor and give feedback about changes in physiological systems of the body. Biofeedback is useful in the treatment of stress-related disorders such as migraine headaches, irritable bowel syndrome and panic attacks. The technique is also useful in neuromuscular rehabilitation and attention disorders. Students will break one hour for lunch; the cost of the workshop does not include lunch. Bring \$3 for handouts. Certification of Attendance for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) is available for \$5 payable to the instructor. Helen Alexander, LPC, has taught university courses in psychology and had a private practice with national certification in biofeedback and stress-related disorders. Class meets 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Feb. 21. Cost is \$46.

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resource handbook.

M. Koleta Thompson, CFRE, has held non-profit management positions and is a consultant in non-profit management, financial development, public relations, marketing, strategic planning and grant proposal writing. Class meets 9 am-5 pm. Feb. 21 Cost is \$99.

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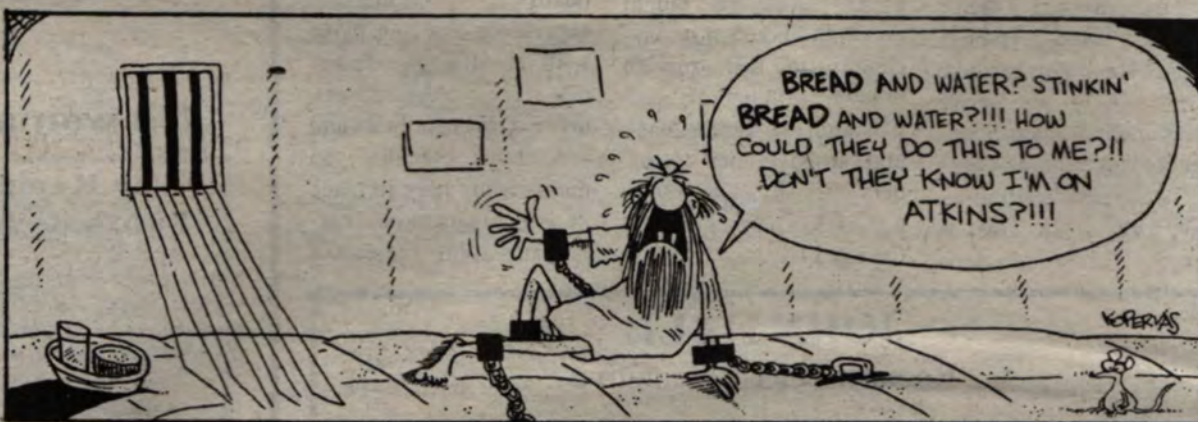
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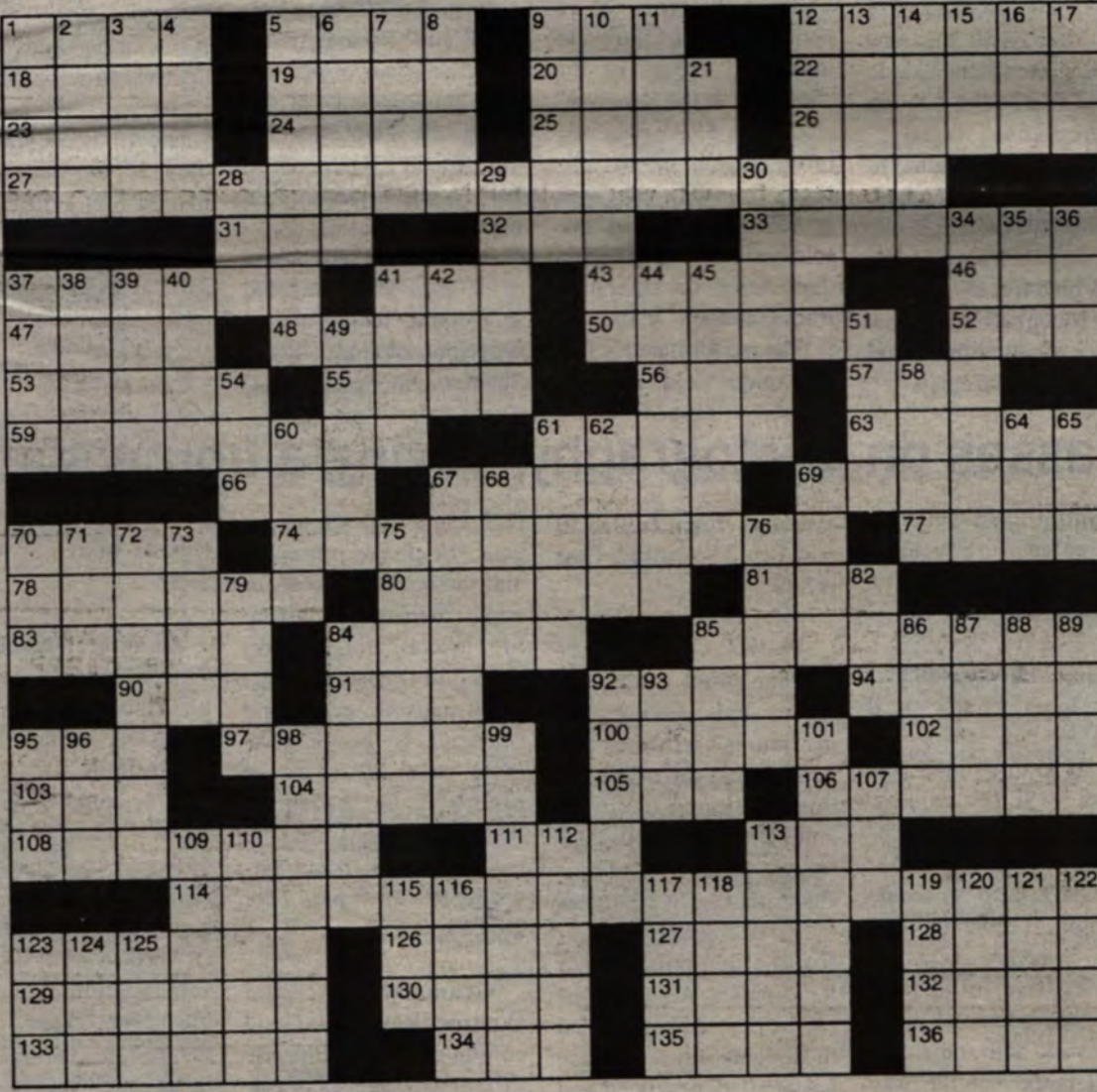
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# Schoolhouse Rocks Temple Feb. 22

Join the H.E.B. Family Fun Series for an afternoon of quality family entertainment as Zachary Scott Theatre's Project InterAct presents a musical review of the Emmy Award-winning animated children's TV series, Schoolhouse Rock.

The program will be held 2:30 p.m. Feb. 22, at the Cultural Activities Center (CAC). Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for

students and can be purchased at the CAC Box Office or by calling (254) 773-9926.

You may recall these three minute cartoons that played for children on Saturday mornings during the 1970s and 1980s. The animated series incorporated catchy songs to teach an entire generation about government, history, grammar, science, and math.

The series was the brainchild of advertising executive David McCall, who in the early 1970s was concerned that his then 11-year-old son was having trouble memorizing his multiplication tables, but knew the words to every rock song on the radio. His solution was to create a program that merged pop music and animation with information kids needed to learn.

From there Schoolhouse Rock was born. McCall worked with his

ad agency's creative directors, George Newall and Tom Yohe, on scripts and storyboards. They hired jazz pianist Bob Dorough to compose a song based on the multiplication tables, and the result was "Three Is a Magic Number." The trio took the concept to head of ABC Children's programming Michael Eisner, now CEO and Chairman of Disney, who snapped it up and asked for more.

Kids soon began singing along to favorites like "Conjunction Junction, What's Your Function?" and "Interplanet Janet," and in the process learned about everything from how a bill becomes a law to how the body's nervous system works.

"Zachary Scott Theatre's Schoolhouse Rock performance focuses on the importance of music in the learning process," says Alison Hovanec-Luevano, CAC Commu-

nications Director. "What makes this program a success is that the children have so much fun they don't realize they're learning."

The stage version of this television classic will bring the animated characters to life with favorites such as "I'm Just a Bill" and "A Noun is a Person, Place or Thing." In addition to the basic subjects of study, children will be introduced to "The Great Melting Pot," a vignette about American immigration; "Circulation," information about the body's circulatory system; and "Sufferin' Till Suffrage," a segment about women's rights.

Directed by Linda Nenno with musical direction by Zachary Scott Theatre's own Allen Robertson, this retro thriller is sure to please parents and children alike.

For almost 30 years, ZACH's Project InterAct

has brought delightful adaptations of classics and original new plays to elementary and middle schools and community centers in Austin and surrounding areas. Featuring some of Austin's finest professional adult actors, designers, and directors, Project InterAct ignites the spark of theatre appreciation for over 46,000 children each year. Through Project InterAct, specially created study guides about each show and on-site workshops with teaching actors are also provided to participating schools.

Mark your calendars for April 4, as Theaterworks USA presents *Just So*, a musical based on Rudyard Kipling's animal tales for children, which explains how individual creatures got their distinguishing characteristics.

For more information or to purchase tickets contact the CAC at (254) 773-9926.



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## Freedom Tour stopping in Salado Feb. 28

The Freedom Tour will make a stop in Salado 2-4 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 spon-

sors 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.

## Classes on photography, buying a home slated

Central Texas College's Continuing Education department is offering the following classes:

**Basic Photography** - This basic course will teach you how to use your manual 35mm single lens reflect (SLR) camera. Learn about lighting, techniques for taking better pictures, how to overcome common problems and more. Students are asked to bring five to 10 photographs, some of your best work and some that didn't come out the way you planned, to the first class.

Be prepared to share your photographs and gain feedback from your peers. Students must bring a manual SLR 35mm camera to class, no point and shoot cameras. Plan to spend a minimum of \$50 on film and developing. This class does not include darkroom instruction. Birgitta Riley is a local art guild member with more than three years of photography experience. Class meets Monday

evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 23-April 12. Cost is \$49.

**Pastels** - The Artist's Delight-Pastel is not only color, but feeling the medium beneath your fingers. Artists can put two or three colors on the paper and blend them with their fingers to create a unique shade, that's why it's called the artist's delight. Plan to spend a minimum of \$25 for supplies. A supply list can be picked up or mailed to students. Joyce Wallace has studied, practiced and taught art for more than 45 years. Class meets Fridays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Feb. 27-April 9. Cost is \$46.

**Buying a House for the First Time** - Approach the home buying process with confidence and knowledge. Explore the step-by-step home ownership process that will help reduce anxieties and transition you from renter to homeowner. The class will focus on budgeting, credit reports, finding a lender,

real estate agents, mortgage, the closing processes and the responsibilities of home ownership. Bring \$15 to class for a workbook. Edi Durham is a certified housing, credit and financial counselor with more than 20 years of experience in the financial industry and mortgage lending. Class meets Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 28. Cost is \$21.

**Grammar and Writing Review** - Good communication skills are essential to succeed in college and the workplace. Discover the basic elements of grammar and writing. Class will cover nouns, pronouns, verbs, modifiers, prepositions, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure and more. Plan to purchase the book *English Made Simple* for approximately \$15 from the CTC bookstore. Marta Grant, a former high school teacher, is an experienced instructor and tutor. Class meets Monday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Feb. 23-March 29. Cost is \$36.

**Computer Concepts** - This beginning class will introduce you to the world of using computers and applications in a business-oriented environment. Course material is designed to expand your understanding of basic computer concepts and strengthen your skills in solving more complex business problems through the use of various computer applications. Students are required to purchase a course book, approximately \$17, from the CTC bookstore. Class meets Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 28-April 3. Cost is \$99.

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



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Pictured above are Thomas Arnold Elementary fourth grade playwrights. Standing, l-r: Kelsey Palomino, Kori Norman, Laurna Payne, Kaycie Davidson, Taylor Marburger and Amandalyn McCall. Seated, l-r are: Kyle Bradley and Nickolas Castillo.

## Fourth graders turn past into play

Nine students have been chosen by their fourth grade teachers to pen Thomas Arnold Elementary's Tenth Annual Fourth Grade Melodrama. They are Kelsey Palomino, Kori Norman, Laurna Payne, Kaycie Davidson, Taylor Marburger, Amandalyn McCall, Kyle Bradley and Nickolas Castillo.

The young playwrights are meeting at school one hour each day with Jackie Mills to write their play. In mid-March the playwrights, cast and crew will

begin rehearsals 3:15-5 p.m. at Tablerock.

The fourth grade students write their play, and make the programs, flyers and posters. They also man the concessions stand and assist in parking, taking tickets and ushering.

The cast and crew learn how to run the lights and sound. The children are instructed in make-up techniques, costuming, directing, back stage management, props, music, dance and acting under the

direction of Mills.

For the past 10 years Tablerock Festival of Salado, Inc. has sponsored the Fourth Grade Melodrama for a writing contest.

This year's historic topic for the melodrama is the story of the Middlebuster Railroad, the rail line that was to pass through Salado, but was never completed.

The students, with the assistance of Mills, have been conducting research on the topic of the railroad. Each year, the basis for the

play is a historical subject related to Salado's past. Mills believes the story of the railroad is an important but little-remembered aspect of Salado's history.

The play will be presented 7 p.m. May 8 at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater on Royal Street. All proceeds derived from the melodrama will be banked for the fourth grader's senior class trip.

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**FEBRUARY 14**  
Valentine's Day

**FEBRUARY 14**  
Bo's Barn Valentine Dance with Dave Jorgensen. Info: 947-8111 or www.bosbarn.com.

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

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

**FEBRUARY 19**  
"Spring and Summer Hors d'oeuvres" cooking class with Dave Hermann at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

**FEBRUARY 19**  
Salado Business Association regular meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

**FEBRUARY 21**  
Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas meeting, 10:30 a.m. at Central Texas Area Museum. Program: author/librarian. Madge Roberts. Info: 933-0240.

**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 25**  
Ash Wednesday services at SUMC. 6:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 7 p.m.

**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 28-29**  
Renewal weekend and groundbreaking at SUMC. Feb. 28, 9:30 a.m. men's seminar "The Man Called David." Feb. 29, groundbreaking at new church site on Royal St.

**FEBRUARY 28**  
Freedom Tour concert at new building site for Salado United Methodist Church. 2-4 p.m. Info: 947-5482.

**FEBRUARY 29**  
Friends of PALS reception and art show,

2-4 p.m. at 109 West Creek Rd. Admission is free.

**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**  
"Living the Parables of Jesus" series taught by Rev. Grady Brittain at SUMC. 7 p.m. on Thursdays.

**MARCH 11**  
"Brunch Party Ideas with Chris Morton" cooking class at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MARCH 21**  
"An Elegant Dinner

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

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

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

**APRIL 1**  
"Party Items- Take it with you to the Party" cooking class with Dave Hermann at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

**APRIL 2-3**  
Tablerock's 9th Annual Gospel Festival. Info: 947-9205, or 947-5100.

**APRIL 3**  
9-5 p.m. Salado Wildflower Art Show at the Salado Civic Center grounds. For more information call 947-5040

**APRIL 3**  
11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Tablerock's 9th Annual Gospel Festival at Tablerock Amphitheater. call 254-947-5100.

**APRIL 8**  
"From the Sea" cooking class with Dave Hermann at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more info.

**APRIL 9-11**  
Wildfire Ranch "Shoot-Out" Info: 947-0291 or 947-8080.

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

**APRIL 10**  
Children's Community Easter Egg Hunt 3 p.m. at SUMC.

**APRIL 11**  
Easter Sunday, annual Community Easter Sunrise Celebration at Pace Park.

**APRIL 15**  
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**APRIL 24**  
Salado Yard & Garden Tour Tickets \$10 each available at the Salado Civic Center. for more information call 254-947-8300. Sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) for the beautification of Salado.

**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.

**JUNE 3-5**  
Judy & A.C. Green Literary Festival for more information call 947-3104

**JUNE 4-6**  
Writers League of Texas Retreat in conjunction with AC Greene Festival for more information call 947-3104

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# Calendar of Events for Salado

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## JUNE 12

**Annual Salado Reunion**, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School cafeteria. All former Salado students, teachers and friends welcome. Catered lunch. Info: 947-5783 or 939-3187.

## JULY 3

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

## JULY 24

**Salado Legends 12th Annual Performance** dinner 7:15 p.m., Theater 8:15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. For more information call 254-947-9205 or [www.allcentex.com/](http://www.allcentex.com/)

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## JULY 26-31

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## JULY 31

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## AUGUST 2

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## AUGUST 7-8

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

## SEPTEMBER 4-5-6

**Salado Businesses Salute Educators**. More information TBA.

## SEPT. 10-12 & 17-19

**World Team Roping Association Finals** at Wildfire Ranch. Info: 947-0291 or 947-8080.

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## SEPTEMBER 11

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

## SEPTEMBER 18-19

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

## SEPTEMBER 20

### Wine & Wildflower Festival

sponsored by Public Arts League of Salado. For more information call 947-3429.

## SEPTEMBER 25-26

8:15 p.m. **Shakespeare Play** at Tablerock Amphitheater. For more information call 254-947-8933.

## 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

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## NOVEMBER 5-6-7

10 a.m.-10 p.m. **Chisholm Trail Days** Shops, Shoot Outs, eat at a campfire, cowboy poets and songs. Admission adults \$10 children



Public Arts League of Salado will again host the Taste of Salado Feb. 23, which will feature food from around the Village.

\$5. For more information call 254-913-0366.

## NOVEMBER 12-14

**Gathering of the Clans** at Robertson Plantation & College Hill.

## NOVEMBER 18

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

## NOVEMBER 23

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

## NOVEMBER 25-26

**Salado Village Voice office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday**

## DECEMBER 3-4

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

## DECEMBER 3-4-5

**Salado Christmas Stroll**

**Salado Historical Society Annual Christmas Homes Tour** TBA

## DECEMBER 10-12

**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 Community 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**

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## Mondays

**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

moon.

**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.



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Louise and Andrew Williams live in an attractive and well-kept home on one of Rotan's main streets. A graceful mesquite tree shades the driveway. Their home looks like a honeymoon cottage. Two sweethearts live inside.

"The reason I fell in love with him was because he bought me a coke," says Louise. "We had nothing much and lived way off out in the country and I went to this little country school. We were out by the football field one day and he asked me could he buy me a coke. I was really impressed. I decided right then and there that's the man I want to marry."

**by:  
Tumbleweed  
Smith**



It is not unusual to see Louise and Andrew Williams holding hands while walking down the street in Rotan.

"We met at school in Hobbs when we were thirteen years old," says Louise. Hobbs is a little place just outside Rotan. There's not much at Hobbs now, but Andrew says it used to be quite a place. "It's unbelievable to drive through out there now. At one time there was actually 350 of us going to school in Hobbs."

Andrew says he and Louise had fun on dates. "We'd come to Rotan to come to the show. Them days, everybody went to the show. There used to be three movie theaters here in Rotan."

Louise says after graduation, Andrew went to college, then was drafted and had to go to the service.

"And I cried so much." Andrew was in Italy during world War Two. They got married when he returned.

"He had to call his mother," says Louise, "to see if it was all right to marry me. After going overseas and fighting for two years, he still asked his mother if he could get married. I tell you, I have had a dream life. He has always been the nicest hus-

band you ever saw. We've been married 58 years."

I asked both of them how they had managed to keep the romance alive and fresh.

"Gosh, that's not hard," says Louise. "When you have somebody so nice to you. I just couldn't ever tell anybody how wonderful he is to me."

We do nearly everything together. It's just always been that way. Even when we were tending some mother cows and had to go see about them at 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. I went with him. He always opens doors for me and everybody laughs about that. I really don't expect it or even want him to especially, but he does it. He really spoils me."

Andrew replied, "I just loved her so much when we married and never got over being in love with her."

"I just wish everybody could have this kind of life," says Louise.

"Every day is exciting and fun and full of love."

## Applications accepted for Kitty Pope Memorial Scholarship

The Central Texas Republican Women's Scholarship Endowment Foundation is accepting applications for its annual Kitty Pope Memorial Scholarship.

The \$500 scholarship is awarded each year to a Bell County woman that has completed or is completing high school within the county or has resided within the county for five years. The recipient may have attended either a private or public school or been home schooled.

The 2001 scholarship recipient, Sandra Garrett, of Belton, will graduate from the University of

Mary Hardin Baylor this spring. Following graduation, she will continue to reside in Bell County and will teach math.

Requests for applications can be made to Hermon (Sonny) Pope, 5112 Sturbridge Dr., Temple, TX 76502. Completed applications must be returned by April 1.

A panel of judges will choose three candidates for interviews. Interviews will be scheduled for the first week of May. The scholarship recipient will be announced at the Central Texas Republican Women's May luncheon.

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Sandra Edwards took up a hammer and chisel to carve limestone for the first time about 12 years ago. She immediately became involved in the art and endeavor of stone carving. Although it is physically demanding to anyone unused to it, stonecarving is rewarding and exciting work to the artist.

She will be teaching techniques of stonecarving at the Salado Artist Workshops, sponsored by Public Arts League of Salado (PALS), Feb. 23-28. The students will produce bookends and design a larger piece for completion at home.

Texas was once underwater hence the beds of limestone that underlie much of the state. It's readily available from local stone quarries and relatively easy to carve.

Edwards usually works on a size she can move around, roughly a cubic foot. She especially likes carving human images and other life forms. The biggest project she has undertaken is a table for her church in Belton. It consists of two angels, pedestals for a retablo behind the altar. She has



also made many crosses. Presently, she is involved in more abstract representations of basic life forms

such as those exemplified in the forms of seashells.

To register, call the Salado Civic Center at (254) 947-8300 or log onto [www.texasartist.org](http://www.texasartist.org).

## Floral design class held at CAC

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The course is scheduled for Wednesdays, 9:45 a.m.-noon March 3-April 14. Cost is \$125 per person. Supplies are included in the price. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required prior to the start of the first class. To register, contact the CAC at (254) 773-9926. Class size is limited to 12.

"I created this class for anyone interested in redecorating the interior of their home with beautiful do-it-yourself

floral arrangements," says Baugh. "Don't let a lack of artistic experience stop you from taking my course because we all have talent, it just hasn't been discovered and cultivated."

Baugh earned a B.A. in Education from Abilene Christian University and served as owner/designer of Precious Memories By Malissa, a floral design shop in Temple, for 21 years.

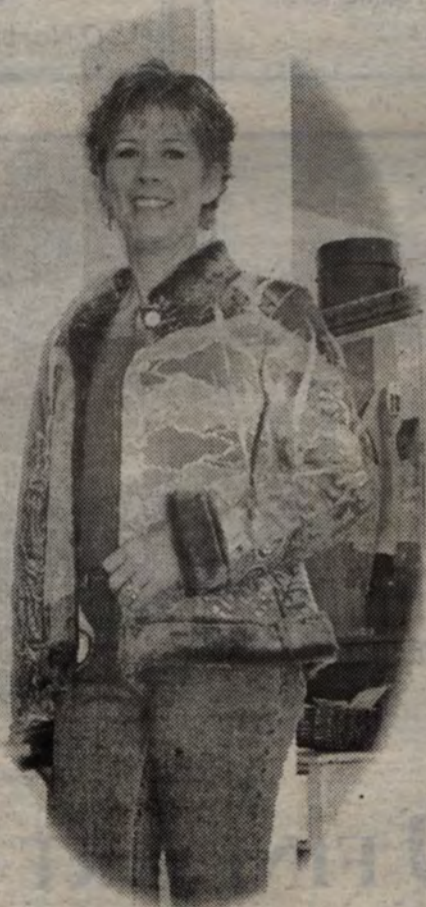
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The Alamo room is set apart from the Houston room by a covered breezeway. Specifically, the Alamo room has a

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## Bluegrass Gospel Concert set for Feb. 21

Bluegrass Gospel Concert presenting The Herrins, The Mears, Three Apart and Homer Belcher will be presented 6 p.m. Feb. 21 at Belton Jr. High auditorium.

Advance tickets are \$6 and \$8 at the door. Tickets are available by calling 947-5100 or 817-448-6680 or 817-455-6726.

The Herrin Family is a Bluegrass Gospel band from Fort Worth that has been playing for 6 years.

The Mears Family coming out of Cleburn, has been singing and playing bluegrass music since 1992.

Three Apart a trio of teenage girls formed as a singing group about a



The Herrins will be performing Bluegrass gospel in addition to three other gospel groups

year ago. They come from Manor and Elgin,

Homer Belcher began his singing career as a youngster with his father and older sister in the west Texas area. He has performed live radio shows

in Seymour, Texas. After trying a variety of singing mediums, he now sings mostly Southern gospel with a bit of Country gospel mixed in.

The Belton Jr. High auditorium is located at 400 N. Wall in Belton.

VAN CLIBURN GOLD MEDALIST

## Stanislav loudenitch performs on night only in Temple Feb. 20

Temple Symphony Orchestra is bringing Van Cliburn Competition Gold Medalist Stanislav loudenitch to Temple audiences for a one-night performance on Feb. 20.

The recital will be held at the Mary Alice Marshall Performing Arts Center at Temple College at 8 p.m. Following the performance, Dr. and Mrs. Al Knight will host a dessert reception honoring loudenitch at their home. This widely-acclaimed "meet the artist" venue that has been so well received in the past two years returns for an "encore performance."

For the evening performance, loudenitch has selected Mozart's *Sonata in A minor, K. 310*, Bach's *Partita No. 2 in C minor, BWV 826*, Liszt's *Hungarian Rhapsody No. 6*, Chopin's *Polonaise-Fantaisie in A-flat major, Op. 61*, and Rachmaninov's *Sonata No. 2 in B-flat minor, Op. 36*.

A native of Uzbekistan, loudenitch has studied with such masters as Leon Fleisher, Murray Perahia, Karl Ulrich Schnabel (son of Artur), Rosalyn Tureek and Sergei Babayan.

According to loudenitch, it is through working with such expert ears that a pianist shapes a personal style. After a pianist learns the notes and dynamics of a composition, the final work is polished with the help of outside opinions. As for his personal style, loudenitch says he attempts to bring out the heart in the music. "I try to bring emo-



tions to the sound, to play with emotions," he said.

The 32 year old pianist has performed across the former Soviet Union, Europe and the United States, finishing first place in the Busoni, Kapel and Maria Callas Competitions as well as the Palm Beach Invitational and the New Orleans International Competitions. In addition to performing, loudenitch serves as artist-in-residence at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory.

The Van Cliburn competition, which is widely regarded at the most preeminent piano competition, began in 1962. Every four years the event brings together approximately 30 young musicians from around the world to celebrate their talent and compete for a wide variety of prizes, including gen-

erous cash awards and numerous concert engagements. loudenitch was a favorite of critics and audiences alike at the 2001 Van Cliburn Competition.

Tickets for both the recital and dessert reception are \$55. Tickets to the concert are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students, and may be purchased at the Cultural Activities Center, Holze Music, Von Music, and the Fine Arts Office at Temple College. Season Ticket holders can purchase tickets to the dessert reception for \$35.

For further information, contact Sandra Wicker, Executive Director of the Temple Symphony Orchestra, (254) 778-NOTE (6683) or the Temple College Department of Fine Arts, (254) 298-8555.



# Bell County Jamboree continues Feb. 21

Freddie Fuller's Slough Creek Productions of Salado begins a new year, on Feb. 21, with another traditional country and gospel musical show for you in a smoke-free, alcohol-free, family environment.

The Bell County Jamboree's new home, The Texas Rose located at 893 East FM 93 immediately adjacent to Oppermann's Gifts, is a relaxed venue for such a warm, family friendly performance.

"We look forward again to providing a fun-filled entertaining evening for our faithful Bell County and surrounding area audience. Once again, we have a great mixture of some incredibly talented young people and some of the best seasoned performers," says producer, Freddie Fuller.

The February Bell County Jamboree will feature the following entertaining performers: Brian Gowan, Temple; Mariah Stanely, Buna; Savannah Low, Arlington; Madlyon Oppermann, Temple and Rick Titus, Copperas Cove.

Also singing this month will be Jade Cienega from College Station. She is 11 years old and started singing approximately 8 months ago. In those 8 months, she has performed at numerous oprys, county festivals, retirement communities, and charity functions. Some of her accomplishments include: Texas Opry Jamboree 2003 Most Promising Young Talent, Featured artist at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship Benefit Dance, Kirbyville Opry - Entertainer of the Month, and Jade was part of the entertainment at the Brazos Valley Annual Food Drive. Jade has been notified that she will be included on the list of singers to open for the 2004 Fightin' Texas Aggie Baseball and Softball season.

While Jade is only 11 years old, she is a fan of new country but traditional country music is her passion. Her two favorite artists are Martina McBride and Patsy Cline. Don't let her small size fool you.



Jade Cienega

Her voice does not match her size. Jade has been compared to a combination of Patsy Cline and Brenda Lee.

The vocal performers will be backed by The Bell Jam Band, with TerryLynn Schrimsher on guitar and vocals, Roy Robbins on lead guitar and vocals, LaRon Tubb on keyboards and vocals, Don George on fiddle, Richard Schrimsher on drums and vocals, Don Sowersby on steel guitar, Shorty Grisham on

bass and Freddie Fuller on guitar and vocals.

Doors open 6 p.m., the performance starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults; Seniors, students and group discounts; and children under 12 are free.

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## Young visionaries participate in Junior League's Career Night

The Young Visionaries recently participated in a Career Night program presented by the Junior League of Bell County. League members and friends representing a variety of careers throughout the community spoke to the high school students about possible career paths.

Speakers included Becky Ralston, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher from Buckholts ISD; Kim Lamberth, McLane Company Buyer; Jessica Lucksinger, Aerotek Commercial Staffing Manager; Heidi York, Licensed Speech Pathologist; Stacia Lusby, Scott & White Psychiatry Resident; Shelli Metcalf, LSSP with Temple ISD; and Betti Gardner, Director of Recruiting and Marketing with

Jaynes, Reitmeier, Boyd and Therrell of Waco.

Career advice was offered from a variety of perspectives including information on the education necessary for each of these careers. Speakers also shared personal advice on career options, encouraging the students to consider a variety of factors when making career choices. An overriding theme from the event was the tremendous opportunities and flexibility available for women today.

"I learned more from this night than I could have at any other career seminar," said Temple High School senior and second year participant in Young Visionaries, Vanessa Martin. She recommended that the Junior League consider making

the Career Night an annual event. Many of the students stayed late after the meeting to visit personally with the speakers and ask specific questions.

The Young Visionaries is composed of over 30 juniors and seniors from Temple, Belton, Rogers and Central Texas Christian Schools. The group is sponsored by the Junior League of Bell County to provide young women with the opportunity to learn the value and reward of volunteer service.

This year the Young Visionaries have provided lunch for Habitat for Humanity volunteers and worked at the Ronald McDonald House to organize the pantry and prepare a meal for families staying there. The group

has also worked to raise money that will fund a scholarship to be presented to one of the participating seniors in May. The Young Visionaries will be working this spring to assist the Junior League's Provisional Class with the spring planting at the Ronald McDonald House. The group meets monthly under the leadership of League members Geri Gowan, Elaine Case, and Kristen Owens.

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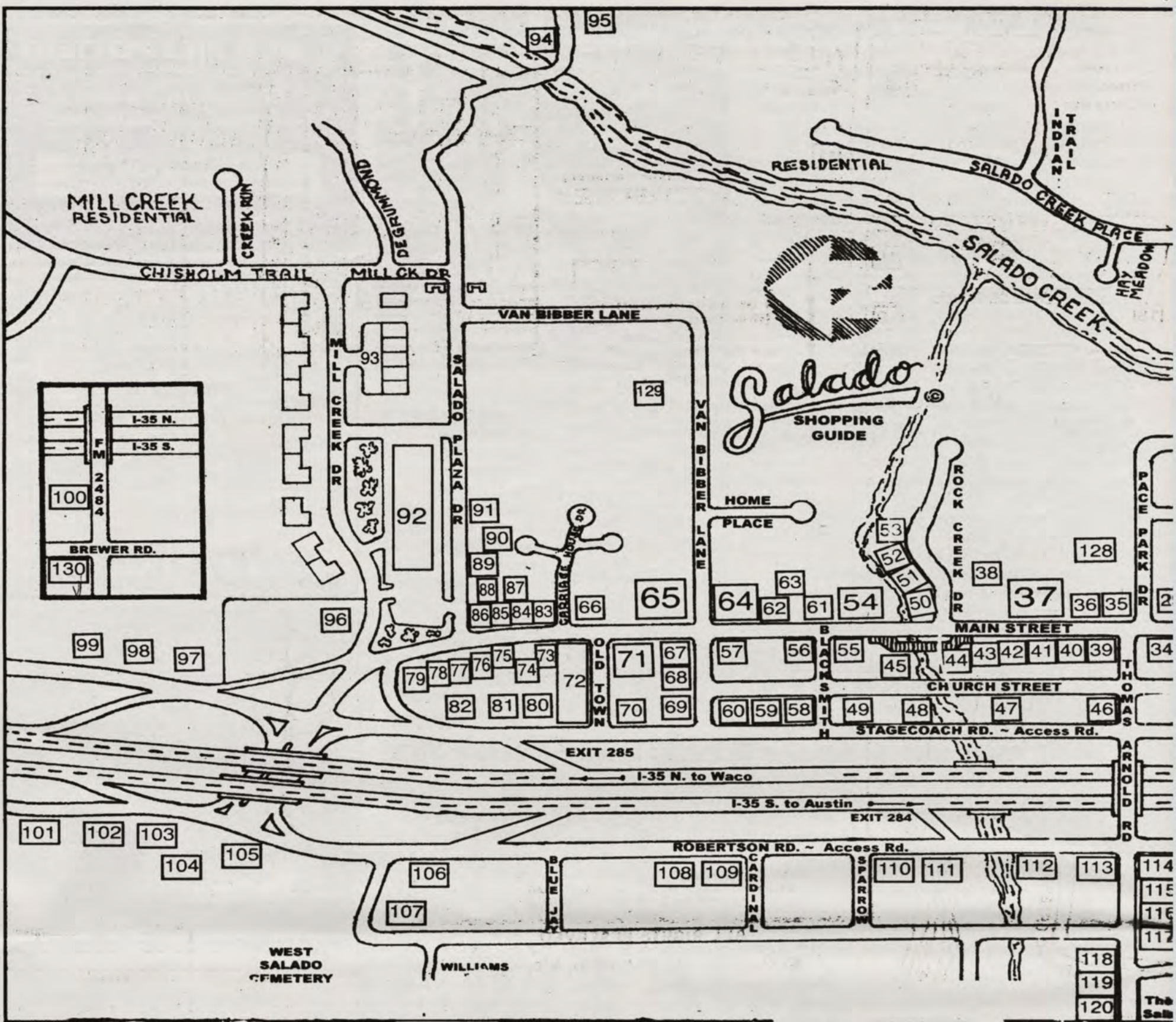
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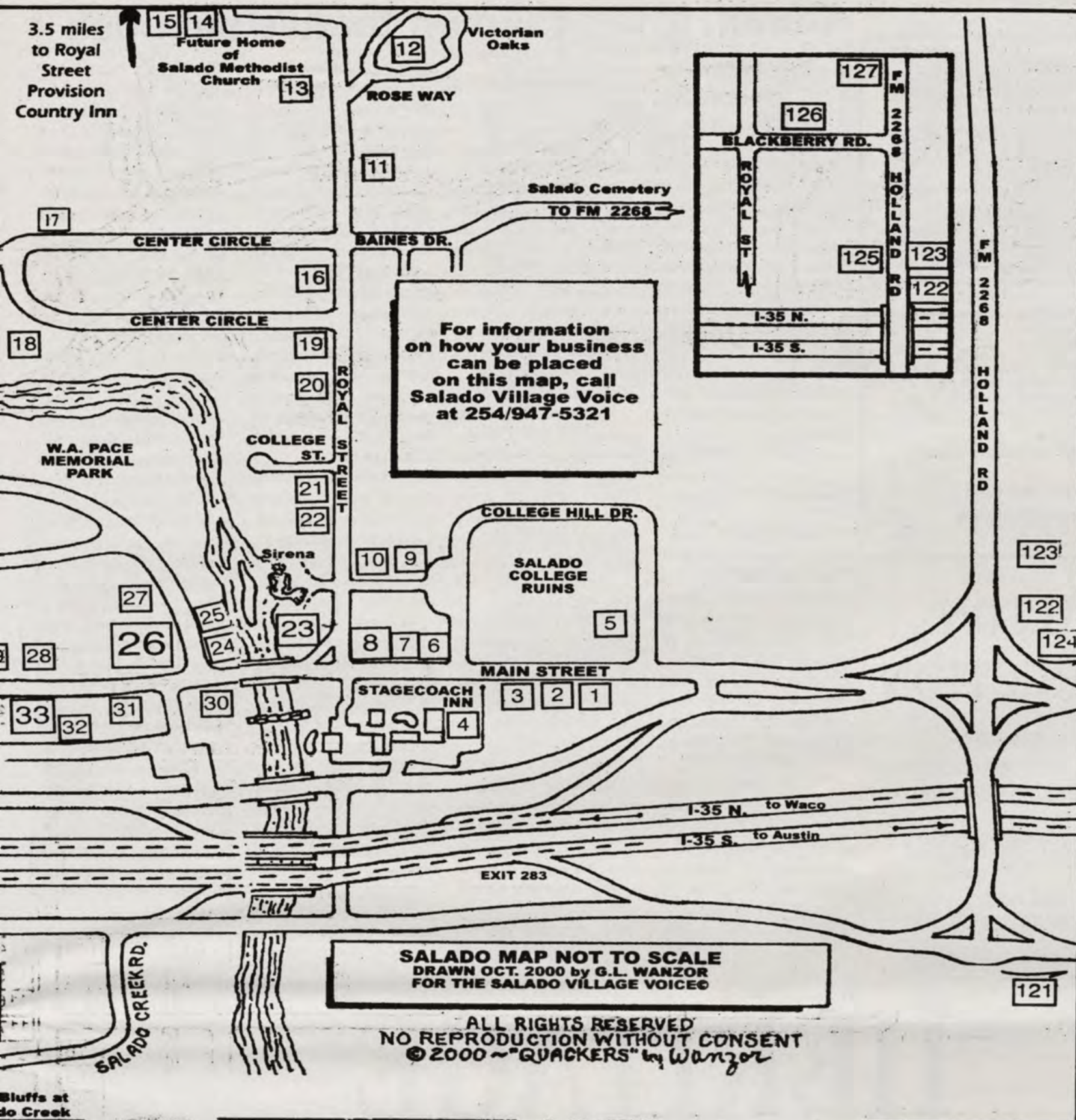
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## Coach gives take on team's success

By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
STAFF WRITER

In the midst of Salado's most successful boys basketball season to date, Head Coach Tom Long Feb. 11 detailed to the Salado Lions Club a few of the intangibles that have led to the Eagles' first state ranking in school history.

"I basically came here today to brag about my team," said Long. "I work with the finest group of young men I've ever been associated with. There's no disrespect; no challenge to my authority - and I've got 11 guys on my basketball team that want to get after it."

Long can say that without a tinge of hyperbole. Not only has the team posted, at the time of this writing, 28 wins against only three losses on the season, they've also performed well off the court, evidenced by more than half the team represented on the rolls of the National Honor Society.

As far back as such things are recorded, Salado - never a hard court powerhouse - has notched a grand total of five district basketball titles, and not a single, solitary playoff win on the boy's side. But Long, having narrowly

missed the playoffs the previous two seasons, contends that times are ripe for change.

The team, which will graduate only one starter, is undefeated thus far in district at 11-0 and currently rests at number seven in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll. They've gone two months since their last loss to 3A Liberty Hill, also a state ranked team. They are riding a 16-game win streak.

"When we began the season, we had a theme, and that was 'climbing the ladder,'" Long explained. "Before we played a game we had our kids practice climbing ladders and cutting down nets."

"Now, our theme is not real subtle, and it can come across as being a little arrogant to people not associated with the program. But if you've ever met our kids, or seen them play, you'll know that they are not arrogant."

Most of that credit rests with parenting and character, but it owes something to coaching philosophy, as well. Speaking a day after his squad defeated a very talented Somerville unit by 30 points, Long shrugged off the high margin of victory as

a hot night for Salado.

"We had five guys in double-digit scoring, and another that finished with nine points," he said. That win also included a basketball rarity performed by junior point guard Matt Caskey - the vaunted triple-double. How's this for a stat line? Caskey had a respectable 10 points, but, and here's where it gets noteworthy, he also rang up a whopping 14 steals, and had 14 assists...all in one game. "I'd put my point guard up against anybody on this level," Long said.

With numbers like that, it's not hard to imagine egos splitting a team into a dozen or so individuals, each vying for one spotlight. But according to the coach, that's not the case. "These guys have bought into the concept of a team. We have no individual stars, though they could be. Our guys are all team players."

Long, in his third year at Salado, came to town after coaching at Irving High School, but traces his roots back to the small West Texas community of Shallowater, near Lubbock.

Being a small-town guy himself, Long claims there was very little in the way

of awkward adjustments when he came to Salado, and with a plus-25 win-loss ratio this season, he's quite comfortable where he's at. "I like the support we get here from the community," he said. "When we take the court we play for our team and for the school, but it's much bigger than that. We play for the community, we play for our family...It's not just about us, it's about everybody."

Long, with the regular season drawing to a close, also touched on possible playoff scenarios. If Salado wins District 25AA, they will be rewarded with a first-round bye. "After that, we could possibly face Schulenberg or Van Vleck," explained Long. Win that one, and a potential showdown with seventh ranked Hitchcock could be in the works.

"A lot of people believe the road to the state tournament goes through them. I wouldn't be so bold as to predict a win, but I think we have kids that can give them problems," the coach concluded. "And who knows, maybe the road to state could go through Salado next year."

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# Central Texas Area Museum set to host 44th Annual Roundtable March 20

Do you relish a good ghost story? Enjoy sinking your teeth into a bit of action and adventure? How about curling up with a juicy bit of well-researched history?

If you love books, you can hear some of Texas' most exciting authors discuss their latest offerings at the 44th Annual Readers and Writers Round Table, 1:30 p.m. March 20 at the Central Texas Area Museum in Salado.

Legendary journalist Liz Carpenter will emcee the program featuring five of this year's most exciting authors. Each writer will discuss his or her book, then field questions.

Guests can savor works covering diverse topics from aging to range of Texas history, folklore and historic fiction, all for a \$5 donation to the museum, located in downtown Salado across the street from the Stagecoach Inn Dining Room.

Jim Comer will review his book, **Parenting Your Parents**, which chronicles what occurs when individuals become caregivers for their aging parents. The work takes a heart-tugging book at Comer's experience after his father suffered a massive stroke and his mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. It provides laugh out loud

moments along with practical advice and useful information.

Comer has written articles that have appeared in *The Reader's Digest*, the *New York Times*, and the *Washington Post*, as well as written jokes for Joan Rivers and Bob Hope.

Civil War buffs can enjoy listening to James Smallwood discuss a post-war feud between two Texas neighbors: one, a Confederate veteran; the other, a staunch Unionist intent on freeing the slaves. The book, **Murder and Mayhem**, co-written by Barry Crouch and Larry Peacock, revisits the deaths of both men and at least 40 others swept up in this divisive feud in northeast Texas.

Smallwood, who lives in Gainsville, is retired from serving as a professor of history at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Those who enjoy hearing old timers recant stories of their childhood, especially when those stories include ghosts, fights, death and burial, can hear Francis Abernathy discuss, **The Family Saga: A Collection of Texas Family Legends**, a book he co-edited with Jerry Bryan Lincecum and Frances B. Vick, after

gathering stories from some of Texas favorite storytellers. Contributors include Elmer Kelton, James Ward Lee, Robert Flynn, Archie McDonald and others.

Abernathy is Distinguished Regents Professor Emeritus of English at Stephen F. Austin State University and has served as executive secretary and editor of the Texas Folklore Society since 1971. In addition to having edited 20 Texas Folklore Society publications, he has written **Singin' Texas, Legends of Texas' Heroic Age**, and all three volumes of the **Texas Folklore Society History**, published by the University of North Texas Press.

Young adults can learn about Texas history by listening to Fort Worth author Judy Alter review her work, **Sam Houston Is My Hero**. The work of fiction is the action-packed story of a young woman's quest to raise support for troops fighting for Texas independence. Based on the true-life adventures of a real woman, the story showcases unique historic personalities she meets riding cross country to locate her missing brother and rally support for the cause, while avoiding cap-

ture by a Mexican brigade. The story culminates as the heroine locates her brother, working with Sam Houston, and participates in events surrounding the battle of San Jacinto.

Alter is the author of nearly 60 books, fiction and nonfiction for both adults and young readers, many dealing with women of the west. Two of her other works have been named Best Juvenile Novel by the Texas Institute of Letters and Best Western Novel from the Western Writers of America. She holds a Ph.D. in English from Texas Christian University, with a special interest in literature of the American West. She joined the TCU Press as editor in 1982 and was named director in 1987.

Grand Old Texas buildings all have a story and author Joan Upton Hall gathered quite a few of them when she and co-author Stacey Hasbrook traveled the state to garner information for their book, **Grand Old Texas Theaters That Won't Quit**. Their book showcases theaters such as Galveston's Grand Opera House, Terlingua's Starlight, El Paso's Plaza, Dalhart's La Rita and more. It also features some real-life ghost stories.

Hall teaches writing technique classes and, along with Hasbrook, runs a private consulting service for writers, providing workshops and speaking at conferences.

To pre-register for the Readers and Writers Round Table or for more information, contact the Central Texas Area Museum at (254) 947-5232.

## Daughters of the Republic of Texas to meet Feb. 21

Continuing plans initiated in their first year, the Village of Salado Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will meet 10:30 a.m. Feb. 21 at the Central Texas Area Museum. State DRT Library Chair Madge Roberts, of San Antonio, will present the program.

With their 2003 theme "Getting to Know Our State Leaders," the organization will hear from past president Helen Bur-

leson Kelso, and then from headquarters office manager Randi Carter, who will give an overview of her responsibilities on behalf of members.


Madge Thornall Roberts, a direct descendant of Sam Houston and the local chapter's first guest of 2004, is the author of several books based on primary sources of her ancestor, which she has previewed for Sala-

do's annual Readers and Writers Roundtable.

Being a career teacher-librarian, Roberts says she is "at home with present duties in service to colleagues," and is looking forward to her presentation, as Salado is one of her favorite communities in Texas.

Guests are welcome. For further information contact chapter president Doris Kemp, at 254-933-0240.

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Dear EarthTalk: I still have asbestos siding on my house and want to remove it. How do I do so and dispose of it properly? -- Marian Masters, Bow-erston, OH

In some cases, the safest thing to do about asbestos siding may well be nothing at all. Before the 1970s, asbestos mineral fiber was frequently used in schools, homes, factories and public buildings as insulation, shingling and other components. Asbestos was popular because of its resistance to corrosion and fire. Health researchers discovered, however, that some forms of asbestos dust, when inhaled and lodged in lung tissue, can foster a variety of lung diseases, including lung cancer. Symptoms usually don't occur until 20 to 30 years after exposure, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Pollution, Prevention and

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Asbestos-containing products were banned in 1989, but that decision was overturned in 1991. However, certain asbestos-containing products--flooring felt, rollboard and corrugated, commercial or specialty paper--remain banned.

Asbestos is dangerous only when the fibers are released into the air, so the EPA recommends checking materials regularly, without touching them, for tears, abrasions or water damage. "Sometimes, the best way to deal with slightly damaged material is to limit access to the area and not touch or disturb it," according to the EPA's website. Check with local health, environmental or other appropriate officials to find out proper handling and disposal procedures for your area. The EPA warns that if asbestos material is more than slightly damaged, or if you are going to make changes in your home that might disturb it, such as remodeling, you need to hire a professional.

CONTACT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Pollution, Prevention and Toxics, (202) 566-0500, www.epa.gov/asbestos/ashome.html#6.

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question at www.emagazine.com; or e-mail us at earthtalk@emagazine.com.

Dear EarthTalk: What ever happened to the Adopt-A-Rainforest programs that were so popular in the early 1990s? -- Chris Marlowe, Scotch Plains, NJ

Several environmental organizations still sponsor programs that allow the conservation-minded to help protect development rights in the rainforest. However, some of these programs have expanded their focus and now combine land purchase with financial support for local community groups promoting sustainable forest management. "The only change in our Adopt-A-Rainforest program has been in the selection of projects we support but not in the philosophy," says Julianne Schrader, education program coordinator at Rainforest Alliance.

The money Rainforest Alliance raises (around \$20,000 each year) supports conservation groups based in tropical countries that are working to stop local rainforest destruction. Sometimes these groups use the funds to purchase land, but if no appropriate forest is available, the money is used to hire, train and equip park rangers, fund environmental education programs, create buffer zones for wildlife and maintain ranger stations and other

park facilities. "In the past, we had our land purchase projects separate from other community conservation projects. The land projects were often more popular, but now many donors let us designate their funds to the projects with the greatest needs," says Schrader.

The Rainforest Action Network's "Protect-an-Acre" program, established in 1993, also donates money it collects to local groups, indigenous tribes, human rights and other organizations, mostly in the Amazon Basin. The grant money is used in a variety of ways, including securing protected areas and land titles, sustainably harvesting medicinal plants and exploring economic alternatives to logging. The Tropical Rainforest Coalition funnels donations to its "Save-an-Acre" program to small preserves in Belize, Ecuador and Trinidad. Fifty dollars will buy--and protect--one acre of rainforest.

Adoption programs aren't for rainforests exclusively: The Nature Conservancy's "Adopt-an-Acre" program is centered on the purchase of 150,000 acres in Chile's Valdivian Temperate Forest that would preserve a corridor of habitat between existing national parks.

CONTACT: Rainforest Alliance, (888) 693-2784, www.rainforest-alliance.org; Rainforest Action Network, (415) 398-4404, www.ran.org; Tropical Rainforest Coalition, www.rainforest.org; The Nature Conservancy, (703) 841-5300, www.tnc.org.

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# Decker's story told to Rotary

By SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL  
STAFF WRITER

For 21 years, Bill Decker served as Dallas County Sheriff. Decker became Sheriff at the age of 52, Jim Gatewood told the Rotary Club of Salado Feb. 10. Gatewood is a Dallas historian and author of **Decker, A Biography of Sheriff Bill Decker of Dallas County**.

"While Elliot Ness and the 'Untouchables' were fighting Al Capone in Chicago, Decker was fighting crime in Dallas," says Gatewood. "But he was fighting in a different manner. He had morals, courage, and determination."

Gatewood retold the story of how Orville Bankston looked to Decker as a "father figure" and his influence in Bankston's life.

Decker and Ralph Ellis were down at the rail yard one frigid evening in 1932 when the West Texas Freight pulled in.

They saw a 16 year old boy, about 5'7", 130 lbs, climb off the train shaking violently.

Decker confronted the young man and told him, "you need to get back on this train, there is nothing here for you in Dallas." Bankston in return replied, "I am Orville Bankston and I have a job here and money in my pocket."

Which in fact, Bankston didn't have but 13 cents in his pocket and no job waiting on him. He was a runaway, trying to get away from a broken-home.

Bankston was checked into the local police station as a "sleeper." Which meant he was given a hot meal, warm bed to sleep in, and breakfast in the morning.

That night Decker went home to wife and told her of Bankston. "I should have brought that kid home," he said. Decker and his wife were never able to have kids of their own.

The next morning Decker went and took Bankston to breakfast. He wrote two names down on a piece of paper - one a foreman at the local Ford dealership and one to a funeral home.

Bankston would walk four miles one way to work everyday and everyday he would vary his route, says Gatewood. He committed to memory the inventory, price, and amenities to every vehicle on the other dealers lots.

He was eyeing a 1932 Packard, guaranteed to do 112 mph when a man asked him how much he would take for the car. He quoted the man the price, the man pulled out the cash and payed Bankston. He informed the man that the owner of the car lot would be in about 10 a.m., that he could come and pick up the car then.

Bankston saw a chair on the porch of a building across the street, so he decided to wait until



Jim Gatewood

the owner arrived in the morning.

That would be the beginning of a career in automotive for Orville Bankston, who would go on to become one of the wealthiest business men in Dallas and own the largest Lincoln-Mercury dealerships at the time of his death, Bankston Lincoln-Mercury. His dealership is still in business today.

"This is a great Rags to Riches story," Gatewood stated.

You will find many other stories like this one in Gatewood's, **Decker**.

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After living away from Texas for many years, she moved back to Salado five years ago with her children, Savannah and Madison. Savannah is a junior at Salado High School and this year's mascot. Madison is a freshman at Salado High School and owner of TX Tractor Construction.

Continuing education is very important to Sue Ellen. She earned her real estate Broker's license in 2000 and has since earned the designations of ABR (Accredited Buyer's Representative) and GRI (Graduate of Real Estate Institute) in real estate.

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Get your birdhouses Ready! Late February is the time to expect the arrival of scouts for the Native American bird the Purple Martin. The scouts come ahead of the migrating flocks to find suitable nesting sites. Scouts are older birds of either sex who have made the journey before and they come to claim old nesting places and to look for new ones. They usually arrive four to six weeks ahead of the rest of the migration.

Martins will fly round-trip about 5,000 miles from South America to Canada using three major routes: through Mexico to the West coast; across the Gulf of Mexico to the west; and from the Yucatan Peninsula through the Caribbean islands to Florida. They move north as the weather warms and the insect populations increase.

Get your boxes and gourds up now. The scouts will first go back to areas where they successfully nested before. The scouts will arrive and begin to

## Master Gardener

by Ursula Nanna

set up house. If you have never put up houses before you can wait until the main flock arrives starting in late March. Last year's juveniles will be looking for new areas to set up their nesting areas.

To attract Purple Martins to your property, the requirement is location, location, location. Martins don't like trees or bushes close to their nesting sites as these may harbor predators. If the Martins don't feel safe, they won't stay around. Martins like to swoop in to their nests. As a rule of thumb the nesting site should be about forty feet from buildings and trees. They also like to drink and bathe "on the wing" so keep some open water near the site. Martins nest in colonies so birdhouses with multiple nest boxes are recommended or you can also hang multiple gourds up on poles for these gregarious birds. Depending on the type of housing offered, a martin nest can be any height from 10 to 20 feet off the ground. Start at

20 feet and lower the poles if they don't attract any birds. These birds have bubbly personality and are a delight to have in the area. They also eat all types of food to include lots of insects, not just mosquitoes. Like many other cavity nesters they have become dependant on humans for housing. When you erect martin housing be sure to have an easy way to raise and lower the nest boxes such as telescoping poles or a pulley system. This is necessary in order to clean out the nest boxes after the birds have left in the fall.

Major Martin pests include the English sparrow and the European Starling. Both these birds compete with the martins for nesting space. These non-native birds will take over martin nests even killing the young and destroying eggs to establish their own nests. Predators to the martins include housecats, raccoons, squirrels, and snakes. Use a metal pole with an inverted cone installed on the poles at

least five feet above the ground and it should discourage these predators. Owls can also be a problem but there is little you can do here except accept nature's selection process. Other threats to the young include mites, lice, and blowflies. When nests are properly cleaned with mild detergent and at intervals treated with five percent Seven dust these parasites should be little problem. What material should the housing be made of? That is truly a matter of preference and requirements. Just remember that Martins are "groupies"; and like to hang out with their own kind and the best way to accomplish this is to offer tenant-type housing with lots of rooms in them like eight-to-12 to start. If choosing a wooden house, or are making your own from wood, use light weather-resistant materials and never use treated wood as the chemical may harm or kill the birds. A good wood is Western Cedar and it has great insulating properties from the heat or cold and the natural resins will protect the house from the elements. The nesting dimensions should be at least 6x6x12 with entry holes 1 3/16 inches wide to try and keep out the starlings. You may pay for a good house now, but they'll give you years of service.

Martins rear only one brood a year with pure white eggs laid shortly after nest completion. Both male and female begin the nest construction; the female puts on the final touches and does most of the incubating. Just prior to hatching the parents bring green leaves to the nest site, perhaps to keep away parasites. After 16 days the young hatch. Both parents feed the young which fledge after about 28-30 days.

Purple Martins are fast and acrobatic flyers. They will put on quite a show while foraging for food for themselves and their young. The hatchlings are not quit as graceful and it is fun to watch as they learn the skills of flying and catching their own supper. Both adults and fledglings form a large pre-migratory roost to prepare for the long trip to South America. After the birds have migrated, take down the houses, clean them, dust them with five percent Seven dust, and store them away until next year. This will keep pest birds and parasites from establishing themselves in the Martin nests. I am getting my houses ready now, and like you, I anxiously waiting for sign of returning Martins.

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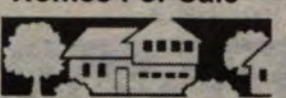
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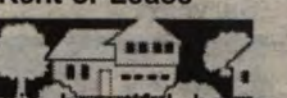
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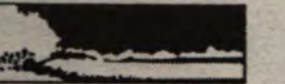
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**\$104,800** - Clean, light & bright! Very well maintained home only 6 years old. The owners upgraded the home thinking they would be there forever. Security system, sprinkler system, water softener, fenced back yard, gutters all around, shed and more.



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



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## Residential

- \$60,000 - Mill Creek Townhouse - getaway or investment.
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- \$189,000 - Courtyard enhances the front walkway, lush yard.
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- \$199,000 - Secluded home on 2.3 acres with lake view.
- \$199,000 - 3 BR, 2 BA open living area w/vaulted ceiling.
- \$209,800 - 2 story country style home & shop. 3.5 acres.
- \$214,800 - 4 BR/2-1/2 BA on 1 wooded acre in Mill Creek.
- \$219,000 - 3 BR, 2.5 BA across from Salado Creek.
- \$224,900 - Home overlooking Mill Creek Golf Course.
- \$241,800 - 3BR home has kitchen skylight - UC.

- \$259,500 - 3 BR overlooking Salado Creek & #13 Green.
- \$259,900 - 4 BR home w/ pool & waterfall, landscaped.
- \$267,900 - New 4 BR, 2-1/2 BA overlooking golf course.
- \$309,900 - 1 year old home on #3 Fairway. SOLD
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- \$324,900 - New 4 BR home with hillside lake view.
- \$325,000 - New home overlooking Mill Creek #4 hole.
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- \$389,000 - Wrap around porch, oak trees, 14.5 acres & pond.
- \$549,000 - Country living, pool, 7 acres, barn, workshop.
- \$1,249,000 - Executive 4 BR home on Salado Creek.

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- 140 acres on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport, all or part.
- 20 to 363 acres 6 mile S. Salado, Lovely view, owner finance.
- 15.796 acres fronting FM 2268 with young trees. \$99,500.
- 5.2 acres on Salado Creek. Large oaks, good road frontage.

## Lots

### Mill Creek Lots

- Fletcher Ct. - \$68,000
- O.W. Lowrey - \$70,000

### Woods of Salado Lots

- Mountain Dr. - Lot 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
- Heritage - 1 to 3 acre wooded homesites, near Salado. Well restricted.
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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.**



Located facing Hole 5 Creek 2 of Mill Creek is this beautiful 3/2/2. Features include hardwood flooring and formal dining. Enjoy outdoor entertaining at the stone fireplace just off the covered patio. **\$214,000.**

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

**Commercial**

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

**Belton**

Nice 2/2 doublewide with large and formal dining. Fenced yard. **\$39,000.**  
 Large lot in Belton by Lake. Gated community, many trees. **\$65,000.**