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## Bond election called for \$46 mil jail/courts

 BY TIM FLEISCHER  
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Bell County voters will decide May 15 whether to fund construction of a \$46 million Jails and Courts Complex on Loop 121 in Belton, after county commissioners called for the election Feb. 23. Commissioners voted unanimously on Tim Brown's motion to call for the election, which will be held jointly with the City of Killeen, Killeen I.S.D. and Killeen Liquor Proposition elections.

Commissioners certified the Killeen Liquor Proposition petitions Feb. 23. The first petition calls for "the legal sale of beer and wine" within the city limits of Killeen. The petition had 4,217 qualified signatures checked by Tax Assessor-Collector Sharon Long, well above the 35 percent of qualified registered voters who voted in the most recent gubernatorial election that live within the city limits of Killeen. The second petition, which calls for "the legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants of food and beverage certificate holders only," had 4,258 signatures. The number of registered voters in Killeen voting in the last gubernatorial election is 10,973, which means the 35 percent threshold was 3,841.

The May 15 bond election calls for an increase

## Townhome development draws ire of Carriage House Estate residents

 by Tim Fleischer  
 Editor-in-Chief

Not in my back yard! Residents of Carriage House Estates echoed that rallying cry of citizen activists as they expressed their opposition Feb. 19 to a proposed mixed use development on Main St. that would combine multi-family townhouses, loft apartments and retail space on a 4.767 acre tract of land.

The residents filled the room of a planning and zoning committee workshop on the proposed development at Carriage Place Square on Main St.

Construction on four

in local property taxes of about one cent to fund the \$46 million project, which will construct additional jail facilities and district courts on 76 acres of property on Loop 121. The current jail will continue to be used, as well as the more than 400 new beds that will be built if voters approve the proposal May 15. The bond proposal also provides for the current District Courts building at the Bell County Law Enforcement Center to be renovated for use as Sheriff's Department administration offices. Construction of the new District Courts building will make the courts safer for everyone, proponents say. The new construction will provide for security at the courts, as well as meeting Americans with Disabilities Act codes.

A citizens task force last fall examined the need for new facilities and voted overwhelmingly to pursue a scaled-back version of the \$61 million bond proposal that failed last September. The conclusion of the task force was that trying to build downtown would be too cost prohibitive and would further contribute to congestion and overdevelopment of the downtown Belton area.

In addition to calling for the election, commissioners authorized County Auditor Donna Eakin to

second floor apartments in the existing building continues while the developers have applied for a conditional use permit for the second phase of the project. Bell County Health Department has approved the on-site sewage facility expansion for the four two bedroom loft apartments. No application has been made to the Health Department on the proposed townhomes or new retail space.

The proposed development, if approved, would bring a four-unit and two two-unit townhouse buildings onto the 4.767 acre site in the second phase.

advertise a Request for Qualifications for construction management services for the jails/courts project.

"The time to get a construction manager is early in the project," said Judge Jon Burrows, "where he can have an effect on value engineering in the design stages."

The process of considering a construction management firm will push the decision close to the May 15 election as the county will advertise for applicants, conduct a pre-proposal meeting with interested parties, and begin sifting through applicants' qualifications and proposals before interviewing and entering into a contract with a finalist.

### Other business

In other business, county commissioners expressed their concerns over a wastewater application by WCID #1 to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The application has raised some concerns about its potential impact on the waters of Stillhouse Hollow Lake where the wastewater plant will discharge its treated water. The main concern is the proximity of the discharge to the intake structure of the Central Texas Water

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The townhomes would cover 9,651 sq. ft. on the ground.

Architect Donovan Davis, of Danze & Davis Architects, Inc. in Austin, told the planning and zoning commission that the townhomes would be built of native limestone with some siding. "They will fit with the fabric of the area," he said.

A retail building with three loft apartments would be built in Phase III of the development.

Architects estimate the total impervious cover for the total development at



Sharing a laugh with a friend, Ann Gardner was one of the more than 200 people attending the Second Annual Taste of Salado Feb. 23, which benefited the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS). The event featured offerings from many Salado establishments, including Stagecoach Inn (right), which had black Angus beef, pork tenderloin and smoked salmon.



(PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

## Filings limited in local elections

### Races for school board, library open up as incumbents stay out

Three incumbents in local offices announced this week that they would not be seeking re-election May 15, as the filing period for candidates in three local races continues through March 15.

Frank Carlson told Salado Village Voice Feb. 23 that he would not seek a third term on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees. Jackie Burson announced last month that he would not seek re-election to the school board.

This opens both three-year terms on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees. Chris Seaton filed as a candidate for school board and is the only candidate thus far.

Dr. Luther Brewer and Carolyn Britt, who have both served on the Salado Public Library District board since its formation, announced this week that neither would seek another two-year term on the board. Hulda Horton is

the other incumbent whose seat on the board comes up. She told Salado Village Voice that she will seek election to the board, but has not yet filed.

Paul Letourneau is the only candidate to file in the Library Board race, which will fill three seats on the board. Four applications have been picked up.

No one has filed for either mayor or aldermen in the Village of Salado election, although Rick Ashe announced his intention to run for Mayor as Charlotte Douglass will not seek re-election.

Michael Cooper stated that he will seek re-election to the board of aldermen. Suzi Epps has not declared her intentions.

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.

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 313 Stagecoach Rd.

Applications for the school board election 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.

Library Board applications are 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 15 election is April 15.



# Salisbury's square off in playoffs; Lady Eagles three deep in postseason

It was father versus son in the bi-district round of the girl's basketball play-offs Feb. 17, as Salado's Larry Salisbury brought his Lady Eagles into Pflugerville's Henderson High School to take on son Kurt Salisbury's Lago Vista team.

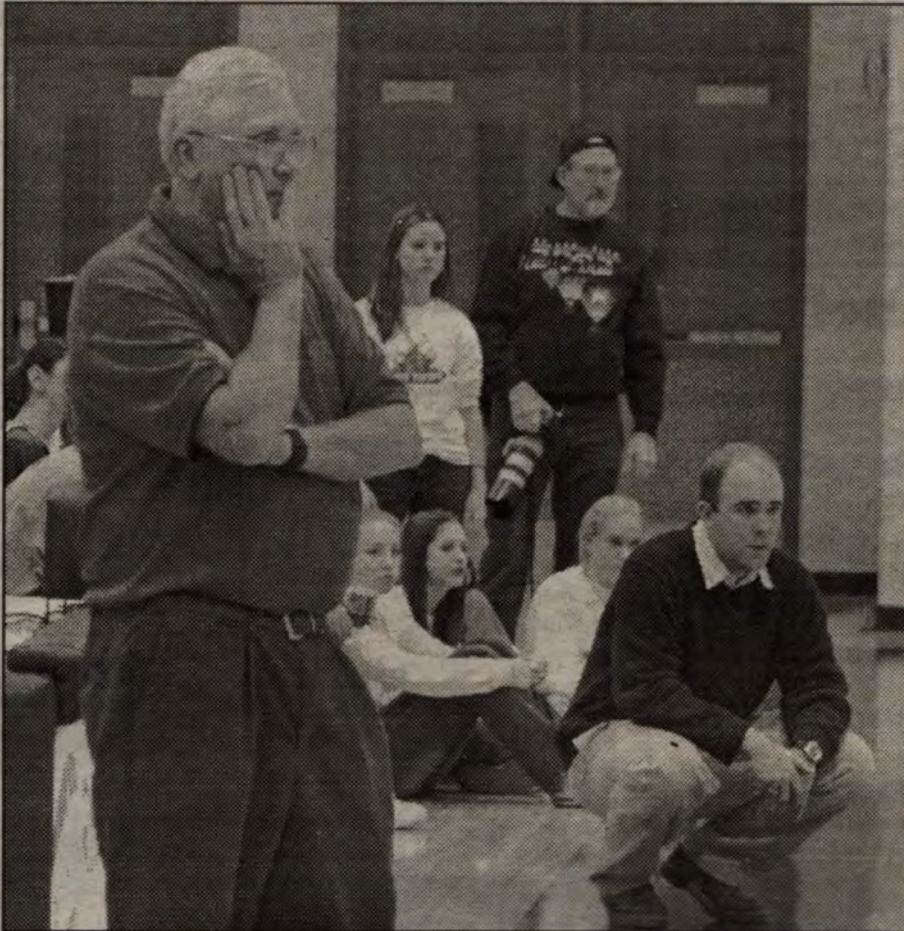
And for the second time this season, it was dad who had the upper hand. In a game that featured six total turnovers in the first three and a half minutes of play, and 10 in the first period, Salado stayed true to a simple strategy: feed post Laramie Jackson the ball in the paint and let her go up strong.

The strategy worked, as Jackson led all scorers with 19 points on the night, all of them coming down low, and most of them in the midst of double-teams.

Salado started the game on the right foot, as Jenny Goode nabbed a steal in the opening seconds and the defense allowed only two field goals in the entire first period.

Trailing 14-4 entering the second, son one-upped dad, setting up a back door cut that put Lago on the board quickly. It seemed as though Salado might forfeit the momentum, but Jenny Goode's three pointer with just over two minutes remaining, which lifted the score to 23-14, solidified Salado's lead. The Lady Eagles continued to play tough, and they led at halftime 27-20.

Lago Vista's offense went anemic again in a third period, which saw Salado expand its lead to 38-24 with one frame remaining. Lago out-rebounded Salado, but SEE LADY EAGLES...10A



Not quite sibling rivalry, but close enough. Proof that family ties are not considered when playoff brackets are drawn up, Larry Salisbury was forced by circumstance to take the court against his son, Lago Vista head coach and SHS Class of '97 grad Kurt Salisbury. Dad bested son 47-37. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)



In a sea of white jerseys, Laramie Jackson scores two of her 19 points against Lago Vista. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

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The Lady Eagle defense gave Lago Vista zero room to breathe, thanks in large part to the effort given by Brittany Boydston, above. Salado followed its bi-district victory over the Lady Vikings by thumping Hitchcock by 43 points.

## Lady Eagles — From 9A

aggressive defense from the Lady Eagles, and Brittany Boydston in particular, kept pressure on the Lago offense.

The Lady Vikings did not go down without a fight, however. A fortuitous three pointer, which banked off the backboard with 4:15 remaining brought Lago Vista within nine, at 41-32. Salado answered right back with a bucket of their own, and a critical rebound by Boydston with three minutes left seemed to dash what life was left in Lago Vista.

Salado held on the final few minutes as the game concluded with a 10-point, 47-37 Lady Eagle win.

Behind Jackson's 19 points was Jenny Goode, who finished the game with 11 points. Also scoring were Amanda Tumey, eight; and Jo Washburn, three. Boydston, Elizabeth Dunlap and Kate Marshall each had two points.

**Salado 70 - Hitchcock 27**

The Lady Eagles made the lengthy trek south to Columbus to take on Houston-area Hitchcock Feb. 19, in the area round of the Region IV playoffs.

This one was all Salado, as Coach Salisbury's girls executed as well as they have all season long, both offensively and defensively.

Sticking to the method employed in the previous game, Jackson put up nine points in the first period as Salado opened up a 18-13 lead after one.

That was as close as Hitchcock would come to catching Salado. Grinding the opposition's offense to almost nothing, the Lady Eagles held Hitchcock to three total points in the second and third periods, while Jackson continued to punish them in the paint, scoring 11 in the second and adding seven more in the third.

At the conclusion of three, Salado sported a 55-16 lead. Salado rested most of the starters in the fourth and cruised to the win.

Jackson led all scorers, finishing with 27 points, all coming in the first three periods. Goode had another double-digit game, contributing 10 points on the night, while Elizabeth Dunlap totaled 12 points.

Tumey and Washburn each had six points, and Kelsey Gobin had two. Rounding out the scorers were Brittani Goodnight and Boydston, who each scored two, and Nicole Weatherly, who had one.

Salado, third place finisher in 25AA, played district rival and ninth ranked Lexington in Hutto in the third round of the playoffs Feb. 24, in a game that took place after press time.



# Powerlifters warm up before regionals

Several Salado powerlifters made the trip to Pflugerville Connally Feb. 21, while others competed in a meet at Academy. The results for the Academy meet were unavailable at press time.

The Pflugerville meet was designed to give some kids an opportunity to increase their totals in relation to the regional standings. The last day to post regional qualifying totals is Feb. 28, so, according to Coach Travis Ling, this could possibly be the final meet before regionals.

"We went to this meet with one thing in mind, to raise our totals, and most all of the athletes were able to do that," Ling said. "Our mindset was not about placing, but rather to take some chances and see where we could get the totals up to."

Brittany Dixon placed fifth in the 123's, with

a total of 540 lbs., a 20-pound increase over her previous best. Dixon set personal records in the squat, with a lift of 220 lbs., the bench at 95 lbs., and the deadlift with 225 lbs.

Johnna Konzen finished third in the 123's with a career best total of 600 lbs., which marked a 20 lb. improvement. She had a personal record in squat (230 lbs.) and recorded a bench of 120 lbs. and a deadlift of 250 lbs. Kristen Womac placed third in the 132's with a 610 lb. total, another 20 lb. increase. Womac had personal records in squat (225) and deadlift (270).

LauraLee Young placed second in her class with a career high total of 740 lbs. This marked a 15-pound of her previous best, performed at last year's state meet. Young set a personal record in squat (300)

and had a 125 lb. bench and 320 lb. deadlift. Jessica Roberts placed fourth in her class, notching a 675 lb. total. Roberts also set a personal high with a 255 lb. squat-lift.

On the boy's side, Kevin Goodman placed third in the 132's with a total of 850 lbs., 20 lbs. more than his previous best. His day featured three personal record lifts: squat (320), bench (180) and deadlift (350). "We couldn't be more proud of the way all the kids have performed this year, but we would be remiss if we didn't point out the fact that Kevin lifted 710 lbs. in his first meet. That is an improvement of 140 lbs. over the course of the season," Ling commented.

Bryan Corbitt, lifting in the 148's and placed 11 out of 25 competitors, posting a total of 820 lbs. This marked a 15 lb. improve-

ment over his previous high. He set personal records in squat (305), bench (150) and deadlift (365). Alonzo Galvan placed eighth out of 27 lifters in the 165 class, finishing with 1,005 lbs. Galvan's efforts were highlighted by a 400 lb. deadlift. Chance Coe placed eighth out of 22 in the 181's with a career-high 1,090 lb. total. Coe posted a 390 lb. squat, and set personal highs in bench (265) and deadlift (435).

Salado took only five girls to the meet, but they placed fourth out of 11 teams, and all five placed in the top five of their classes.

"The kids' commitment and dedication to this sport and to each other is second to none; they really exceeded all our expectations," Ling said.

# Now's the time to check your gear

Felling like Carnac - Phil Mickelson switched back to non-X ball and drove it straighter, played wedges better and won his first event of the year, and contended in every event this year - getting wedges back and hitting more fairways meant much better pay days.

How about John Daly winning? He is golf's everyman - we can all relate to his troubles on some level. He seems to be a regular guy you might sit next to at Johnny's for Saturday night steak for two.

I couldn't be happier for someone to win on the PGA tour. He is his own man (or is he with three ex-wives?). Just proves talent can't be stopped, especially with desire. He had something to prove and did.

High School golf season has begun and I was there with my daughter in Moody at the first event Feb. 16. The girls won the event and had first (by 15 shots) and third place individuals. Boys came in third and had a third place individual. It makes me feel great to see

## Clubhouse Commentary

By Bill Harris



all those kids (seven boys teams and five girls teams) working, walking, playing and competing - weather was great - this is what the game is about.

These kids (both boys and girls) have an excellent chance to win their respective district titles. You can see lots of them everyday at Mill Creek, working at it 'til dark. Give them a word of encouragement when you can, and please be tolerant, some of them aren't 70 shooters yet, but we all started somewhere.

Check out www.cantour.com - The Canadian Pro Tour is going to play two events in Texas at the Barton Creek complex in Austin. They just completed a qualifying school on Feb. 19, and the first event is the 26th at the Foothills Course. The second event is March 4 at the Crenshaw Course.

I am going to try both Monday qualifiers - on

Feb. 23 and March 4 - will be fun if I can get in the event. Mike Weir, the reigning Master's Champion and PGA Tour player played the Canadian Tour, as did several other recognizable names. It would be worth driving to see these guys play.

Lastly, this is the time of year to assess your equipment. Check your grips - do they need replacement? Have you cleaned them lately? I clean mine at least once a week.

A rough wet towel and a scrubbing motion will remove lots of body oil, sweat and sunscreen - this will prolong usefulness and enhance feel. Your gloves can also be washed as can caps and head covers. You should also clean shoes and replace spikes, and put in your cushion inner soles.

Be careful when it comes to golf balls. The newest rage may not be suited to you. Do some

research before you buy.

Go play, go watch the kids play in high school events (the schedule is on the Salado ISD website) and maybe make the trip to Barton Creek for the Canadian Tour.

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Pat Wanzor, Treasurer of the Salado Ladies Auxiliary, is shown (center) preparing a check from the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary for the Salado Civic Center Foundation. The annual grant was presented to Foundation Board Member Patsy Sanford (right) and with it some very kind words for the Foundation Board of Directors from Treasurer Wanzor and Auxiliary President Dorothy Dentry (left). (PHOTO BY SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL)



**Wickersham reviews book with retired officer's wives**

The Fort Hood Retired Officer's Wives' Club will hold its March luncheon March 10 at the Ft. Hood Officers' Club. Beverly Wickersham will be presenting a book review for the group. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at noon.

Reservations are due no later than March 4 and can be made by calling: Sylvia VanDoren at 254-634-1964; Jacque Bergstrom at 254-698-1739; or Mary Scharth 254-771-1667. Permanent reservation list will be in effect for this luncheon.

**Republican Women host luncheon at Wildflower**

The Central Texas Republican Women and the Salado Area Republican Women will host a joint luncheon, 11:30 a.m. March 17 at the Wildflower Country Club in Temple.

The speaker for the luncheon will be Texas based political consultant, Christopher Turner of Murphy, Turner & Associates LP, Dallas, Texas. Turner and his associates have worked on 60 campaigns, produced 11.5 million pieces

of print material for Texas Victory 2002. Among the clients he has represented are Attorney General Greg Abbott, Congressmen Joe Barton, Henry Bonilla, and Kay Granger and Railroad Commission Chairman Victor Carrillo. Reservations must be made by March 12. Make checks for \$11 to CTRW and mail to Wilma Butler, 3610 Wolverine Trail, Temple, TX. 76502-2252.

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If you lose your cell phone, it's an inconvenience. If you lose your keys, it's a problem. But if you lose your identity, it can be a disaster.

And, over the past five years, one in eight adults suffered some type of identity loss, according to the Federal Trade Commission. Victims of identity theft may have their credit cards used illegally, or they may have credit information stolen and used to make costly purchases. In 2002, identity theft cost U.S. businesses and consumers about \$50 billion.

Identity thieves act in a variety of ways, from stealing your mail (especially those "pre-approved" credit card offers) to calling a credit bureau and, under the pretense of being a landlord or prospective employer, asking for your credit information. And, of course, computer-smart thieves can get your private information from the internet.

How can you protect yourself from identity theft? Here are a few tips:

- Don't share your Social Security number - Unless it's truly necessary, as when you're filing official papers, don't give out your Social Security number to anyone. Smart crooks can use your number in a variety of ways - and none of them are good for you.

- Shred those documents - If you're getting rid of old tax returns, investment statements and bank documents, use a shredder. And, as long as you've got the shredder out, use it on pre-approved credit card offers.

- Get your credit report annually - You can call the three main credit bureaus, Equifax (1-800-685-1111), Experian (1-888-397-3742) and Trans Union (1-800-888-4213) to request a copy of your credit report. Check closely for "surprises" or unaccounted activity.

- Opt out of credit card offers - To get

fewer pre-approved credit card offers, call 1-888-5-OPT-OUT and follow the prompts.

### Be alert

Identity theft has been going on ever since someone learned how to forge someone else's signature. Unfortunately, the problem has been exacerbated by our modern age, with its mass mailings, Internet access and impersonal transactions. Still, even with these realities, you shouldn't live in fear of being attacked by identity thieves. First of all, the chances are still good that it will never happen to you. Second, if you follow the suggestions described above, you can further improve your odds. And finally, even if you are victimized, you can almost always straighten matters out, though it will take time and effort.

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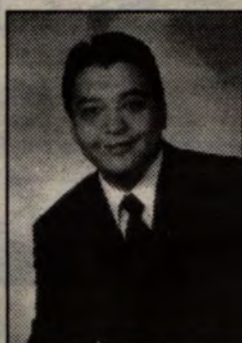
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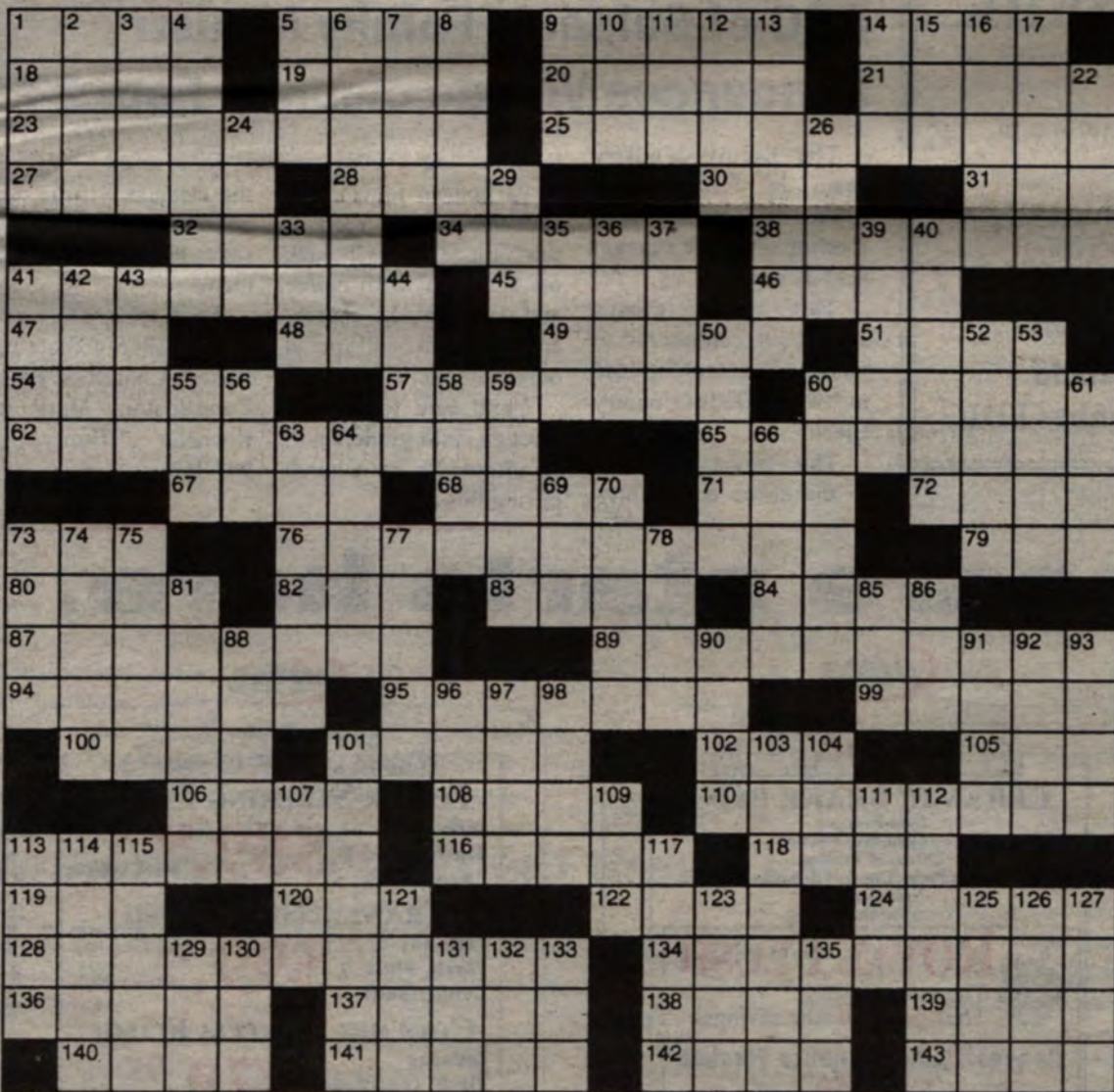


"Won't the Smythes be jealous when they read that burglars picked our house to rob instead of theirs?"



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# Rabies could slide into epidemic

By SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL  
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Rabies is becoming more of an epidemic, Beverlee Nix, Zoonosis Control Veterinarian for the Texas Department of Health - Region 7, told the Rotary Club of Salado, Feb. 17.

Region 7 covers 30 counties in this area. There were 248 cases of rabies reported last year. The most recent case of rabies was seen in a skunk in Rogers, said Nix.

Nix discussed the transmission of rabies from ani-

mals to humans, the risk and prevention.

"Rabies is a viral disease that affects the nervous system and is ultimately fatal," Nix stated. "There were only five cases of survival prior to 1970."

There is a long incubation period, of about three months, for rabies. It acts like a train on train tracks. Once it has attached itself to the nerve, it will stay on that nerve.

Signs to look for in an animal that you suspect may have rabies are abnormal behavior and gait and

jaw abnormalities. Abnormal behavior may include being aggressive, irritable, passive, or subdued.

"You cannot catch rabies out of thin air," say Nix. "Rabies has to be transmitted directly through an open wound or from saliva. Saliva must enter the wound directly. Nor can it be spread in the blood of the animal or skunk spray." Once an animal is dead, rabies cannot be transmitted.

When treating a possible rabies wound, wash it immediately with soap and water. "Using an anti-bac-

terial cleanser will not kill the germs," said Nix. Secondly, contact the Health Department for further instructions. One thing to remember is that no bite is ever no-risk.

Consider post-exposure vaccination on a case-by-case basis. Treatment is a one-month series with five treatment dates.

To find out more about rabies visit [www.tdh.state.tx.us](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us). The Texas Department of Health can be reached by calling (254) 778-6744 or (512) 458-7111 after hours.

## Salado School Menus

Feb. 25 - March 2

### Breakfast Menu

Feb. 25: Glazed Donut, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Feb. 26: Sausage Rolls, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Feb. 27: Biscuit, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

March 1: Breakfast on a Stick, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

March 2: French Toast, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

### Lunch Menu

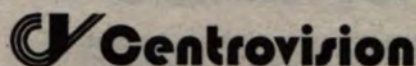
Feb. 25: Pizza, Breadstick, Corn, Apricots, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk

Feb. 26: Nachos, Carrots, Applesauce, Sugar Cookies, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk

Feb. 27: Cheeseburger, Burger Salad, French Fries, Pineapple Tidbits, Fruity Freeze, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk

March 1: Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Pears, Garlic Bread, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk

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## FBC of Salado's Family Ministry announces Village cleanup Feb. 28

The Family Ministry Team of First Baptist Church of Salado will sponsor a Village cleanup 8:30-11 a.m. Feb. 28.

This is the event's second year, sponsored to raise awareness of the need to "Keep God's Country Clean."

This project is open to the entire community.

Families are encouraged to participate together in cleaning up the streets of the Village. It will kick off 8:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts at the church, and then teams will spread out across the Village.

Child care for infants through sixth graders will be offered by the Church during this event.

In case of heavy rain, the cleanup will be postponed to March 6 with the same hours and arrangements.

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## Artists' Studio Tours held Feb. 28

A tour of 16 Salado Artists' Studio will be held 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 28. Tickets are now on sale at the Salado Civic Center for \$5 or may be purchased at the Village Artists' building (behind the Civic Center) on Feb. 28. Tickets will also be available at each studio. Maps will be provided and signs will mark the location of each studio.

A raffle will be held for an original botanical sculpture donated by Salado artist Charles Allen. It is fashioned from metal and painted to imitate Texas wildflowers.

Drawing for the sculpture will be held at the Village Artists building after the tour Feb. 28.

Artists opening studios for the tour are Titia Arledge, potter; Jim Benton, jeweller; Jim Dale, potter; Sandy Edwards, stonecarving; Tim Flanagan, photographer; B. Herd, painter; Joan Hoffman, painter; Troy Kelley, sculptor; Karen Kinnison, basket maker; Bob Pascoe, furniture crafter; Melissa Paxton, glass artist; Larry Prellop, painter; Patty Thomas, painter; Ronnie Wells, painter and sculptor.

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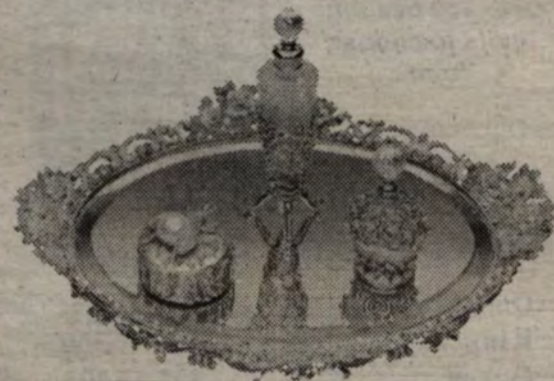
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**FEBRUARY 26**

**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 Meth-**

**odist 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 Williamson. 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, 7 a.m.

**APRIL 15**

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

**APRIL 22**

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

**APRIL 24**

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

**MAY 3**

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

**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

**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/

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**JULY 26-31**

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

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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

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# Calendar of Events for Salado

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## SEPTEMBER 4-5-6

Salado Businesses Salute Educators. More information TBA

## SEPT. 10-12 & 17-19

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

## SEPTEMBER 11

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

## SEPTEMBER 18-19

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

## SEPTEMBER 20

Wine & Wildflower Festival sponsored by Pubic Arts League of Salado. For more information call 9473429

## SEPTEMBER 25-26

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

## OCTOBER 8-9

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

## OCTOBER 23

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

## OCTOBER 30-31

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

## NOVEMBER 1

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## NOVEMBER 5-6-7

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

## NOVEMBER 12-14

Gathering of the Clans at Robertson Plantation & College Hill.

## 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



August 7-8

38th Annual Salado Art Fair in Pace Park. For more information call the Salado Chamber of Commerce 947-5040



September 18-19

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## 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

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**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**  
**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:** 4th Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-3617 or e-mail denisarw@vvm.com, for information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ATTENTION: Churches, Civic Organizations, Secretaries**  
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# Those Radio & TV Public Service Announcements

I had the privilege of addressing the Texas Association of Broadcasters recently during the organization's 50th anniversary. Among the give away items at the meeting was a CD entitled "Tab's Public Service Project." It mentioned the \$500 million in public service time Texas radio and television stations provided in the past year.

For more than 80 years, Texas radio and television stations have been helping their communities, planning food or clothing drives and working with organizations like the Red Cross and United Way.

The PSA's concern issues like education, health care and protecting the environment. By airing more than 15,000 PSA's per day, Texas radio and television stations show their commitment to public service to the tune of half a billion dollars in just one year. This generosity by 429 of the 1,025 Texas radio and television stations set a record unmatched by any other industry.

by  
**Tumbleweed  
Smith**



Examples of just what broadcasters do to help their communities can be found in most any station. In Big Spring, KBST Radio asks people to drop by sacks of dog and cat food for the humane society. The lobby of the station is so filled with the huge bags there's hardly room to get in the front door.

Waco's News Talk 1230 morning host and program director Mack Watson says the TAB's annual research project includes information from 42 percent of stations in Texas about contributions to their communities. Data was analyzed by former University of Texas communication professor Dr. August Grant.

His research showed that each station contributed an average of more than one million dollars in community

service air time. To be exact, \$1,165,592. In addition, Texas stations gave cash donations worth \$18.7 million for scholarships, closed captioning services for the hearing impaired and staffing for public service projects.

Broadcasters also raised millions of dollars for community efforts like re-stocking food banks, providing school supplies for children whose parents couldn't afford them and helping families with terminally ill children. Fifteen thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight public service messages aired daily, informing viewers and listeners about such topics as new opportunities in education, availability of health care, flood relief efforts in San Antonio and programs to address family violence.

Texas stations broadcast 5,828,320 advertisements for an array of community service campaigns including annual efforts such as the Children's Miracle Network, Coats For Kids and a food pantry drive in Waco that brought in more than 450 tons of food.

Each station aired an average of 37 public service announcements a day. The 429 stations participating in the research project aired 1,270 political debates and forums during the reporting period. Some opportunities for debate were refused by political candidates.

TAB's public service chair Jackie Rutledge summed up the effort like this: "From the smallest to the largest market, stations on a daily basis prove their commitment to serving local communities, the great state of Texas and our country by providing extraordinary leadership to help overcome adversity and build a brighter future for all."

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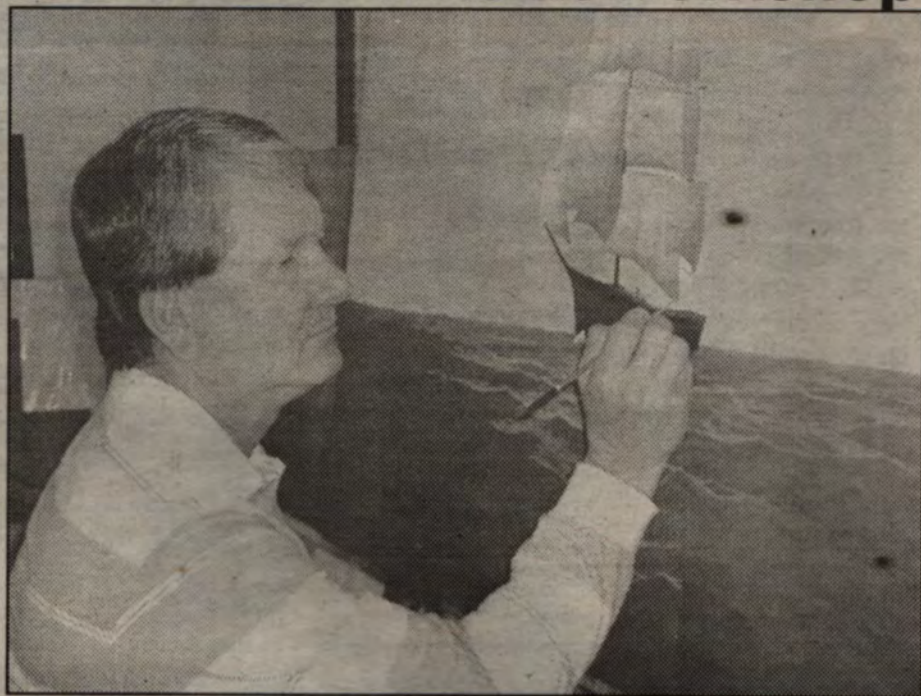
# Prellop instructs students at workshop

Larry Prellop has enrolled 13 students in his oil painting workshop underway this week as a part of the Salado Artist Workshops and Studio Tours. He will be teaching in his Gallery on Main Street. Many of those participating are returning students.

Prellop, who is a native Texan from Austin, has had a keen interest in painting from childhood. He claims to be self-taught although he greatly admires the work of Porfirio Salinas, Robert Wood and A.D. Greer.

Prellop specializes in Texas landscapes and was honored by Keep Texas Beautiful as the premier Texas landscape painter for 2001.

Painting in a realistic style his paintings are often very large and impressive. He specializes in depicting the artistically challeng-



Larry Prellop

ing phenomom called water.

Other workshops already in session in Salado studios this week are water color taught by Joan Hoffman; basketry and caning taught by

Karen Kinnison; and stone carving taught by Sandra Edwards.

A showing of student work will be held at Tenroc Ranch, 5-7 p.m. Feb. 27. The public is invited to attend.

Helen Alexander of Salado will be presenting a program on the life and

work of Georgia O'Keefe.

Shirley and Mike Cornett are hosting the party and refreshments will be served.

To reach the Ranch travel west on Thomas Arnold Road for two and a half miles. The entrance is on the left.

## PALS art show honors patrons this weekend

The first PALS art show of 2004 (following three art shows in 2003) will be held 2-4 p.m. Feb. 29 at 109 West Creek. (From I-35, go west on Thomas Arnold Rd., past the Salado ISD Stadium, turn left, and go one block.). Admission is free; refreshments will be served.

The event will honor Benefactors, Patrons, and "Friends of PALS" at a reception during the show: Mr. and Mrs. Gary Askins, Ms. Anne Broady, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boston, Dr. and Mrs. Glen Couchman, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Falkner, Mr. and Mrs.

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The show features 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 (Me Desen Dientes), Evelyn Foster (Purple Mountain Majesty, Seasons), Brian Garrison (Outlook), David Glanzman (Downpour), Joan Hoffman (Flowers/Ice Cream Bucket), Julie Lynch (Cruzin, Desire, Celestial Bodies), Sharon McGlasson (Poppies, Beginnings), Thomas Runyan (Colorado Plaines, The Hill), and Savannah Thomas (Repose, Figure I, Blue Nude, and Venus).

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Doug Black flanked by his family. Younger son Justin is at left, while wife Joanne and older son J.D. are at right.

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## Doug Black: Local boy made good

By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
STAFF WRITER

When Doug Black was a kid, toiling on his family's farmstead in Prairie Dell, one might gamble the notion that, at the time, he couldn't imagine the paths his life would take.

From Salado High School to West Point cadet; from All-American fullback to landing a tenure with one of the world's top consulting firms.

Sprinkle in a graduation, with a 3.9 GPA, from Duke University's School of Business, and a position as president and CEO in a multi-billion dollar company, and you've got an encapsulated version of what's he's been up to the past 20 years.

How he got there's pretty interesting.

He came to Salado in the second grade when his father, a retired Army officer, decided he'd like to try his hand at small-scale farming.

His parents separated two years later with Doug, his two brothers and one sister, continuing on the farm with their mother, Mary Lee, who worked as a teacher at Salado. That meant there wasn't much money to go around, which, stated plainly, translated into an uncomplicated missive: if you wanted something, you'd better be prepared to work hard for it. Instilled at an early age, that outlook was to reap dividends in later years.

By the time Black hit his sophomore year, Salado, in its first few seasons playing 11-man football, was able to field a rather salty crew on the gridiron. They were the best team this town's ever seen, actually.

That year, Salado advanced as far as the state semifinals, bowing out to High Island. Black, a two-way starter at linebacker and running back, was a team standout. "We were the first really successful



Doug Black in graduation finery, 1982.

football team in Salado," says Black from his office in Atlanta, Georgia, headquarters of Oldcastle Architectural, Inc.

Black, president and CEO of the architectural division of Oldcastle Inc., oversees around 6,300 employees operating in 34 U.S. states and two Canadian provinces. His division's sales exceed \$1.6 billion annually. Not bad for a farm boy.

But, for the moment, let's return to football. Salado was strong again in '80, and returned to the playoffs in '81, Black's senior year. He's fairly sure he had over 1,000 yards rushing that season, but can't quite recall how many tackles he racked up. Perhaps that's misstating it, though. He probably never knew in the first place. "We didn't keep them (statistics) very well back then. But I know I made a lot," Black remembers with a chuckle.

After being named first team all-region as a linebacker and second team as a running back, Black graduated Salado as class valedictorian in 1982 and was voted Mr. SHS.

In relation to his future, there were two things of which he was certain: he wanted to play big-time college football, and he didn't want to be a farmer.

Coming from a Class A school that had only recently moved up from six-man ball, Black, to say the least, had limited expo-

sure to college scouts.

"I was set on playing Division I football, and there were some small schools around Texas that had been calling me, but nobody big," Black said. "So that left West Point."

Black says that, despite his father being a former military man, he'd never had more than a passing interest in joining the service. "But I didn't have the money to pay my way through another large school, and I wasn't recruited, so I figured 'what the heck,'" he said.

Having passed the application deadline, Black nonetheless submitted a request to then U.S. Congressman Marvin Leath for an appointment to the Academy. Leath was impressed by what he saw (Black was involved in NHS and FFA as well as athletics), and gave the Saladoan his nod of approval. To this day, Black seems surprised and flattered that he was accepted. "I still don't think he realized how small Salado was," he says half-jokingly.

Intent on making his name at West Point, the 5'11" 185 lb. Black wasted no time in pursuing his gridiron goals. "I figured I would just go up there and walk on," he states succinctly. But, as it turned out, the fates were not with him his freshman year. "I got lost in the crowd and didn't make the cut," said Black.

The fact that his coaches wanted linebackers that weighed around 220 lbs., and fullbacks that carried 240 lbs., one can understand why he didn't rise to the top.

So he did the only logical thing left to do. He tried out a second time. And how did that turn out? A success? Not exactly.

Black was cut again, so he turned to intramural.

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# Black From 8B

eight-on-eight, full-contact football, and quickly established himself as League MVP.

He put on weight, bulking up to a solid 215, laced up some boxing gloves and became the undefeated champ of the Academy's heavyweight division.

These feats in tandem captured the eye of a commander, who put in a good word for Doug with West Point's newly arrived coach, a man who was willing to afford the ascending pugilist another crack at football glory.

But it was only a small crack; one with very little light peeking through. Black entered spring workouts in his sophomore year slated ninth of nine on the fullback depth chart. "I wasn't the type to give up, but it was either make it or go back to Texas," he said.

So he decided to make it. And he finally caught a break. Under the new coach, Army had switched from an I-formation offense to the Wishbone, one more suited to Black's size and style. He impressed the coaching staff so much that, "by the end of spring I was tied with the number one back."

Then he sealed the deal. During one of the final off-season scrimmages, Black took a handoff through the line and levelled Army's All-American linebacker, helmet-to-helmet. The starting job was his.

"With that kind of tryout, it comes down to one or two plays, and mine came at the right time," he said. "But I was a pretty aggressive guy."

In the first game of his collegiate career, against Colgate, Black rushed for over 100 yards and scored three touchdowns in a 45-10 blowout win.

He says it almost came easy. That perception of

college football was to be short-lived, however. The next week, Army faced off against Tennessee, a national powerhouse, on the Volunteer's home turf.

Battling to a tie, Black again had 120 yards on the ground, but it came at a price, as the hard-hitting Vol's gave the confident junior a rude-awakening. "I remember waking up in the middle of the huddle twice. I couldn't remember anything afterwards," he said.

That season was to mark a renaissance for Army. They fought to a 8-3-1 record, swept the military academies, defeated Michigan St. in their bowl game and finished ranked in the top 25. Black put together a 1,148 yard campaign, breaking Army's single-season rushing record.

Later on, he was voted to the All-American team, as honorable mention. Sporting a 3.5 GPA, he was also named a NCAA scholar athlete, one of only 11 selected in the country each season. "It was an honor to be placed in that category with all those people," Black said.

The next season, Army bettered their win total by one, finishing 9-3, capped by a Peach Bowl victory over Illinois. For the second consecutive year, Black rushed for over 1,000 yards.

With his eligibility expired, Black fulfilled his commitment to Uncle Sam. He served as an officer in an engineering and construction battalion, stationed in Virginia and Georgia. After four years, he left the service to pursue a career in business.

Having a wife and kids to care for, Black applied and was accepted to Duke University, where he earned a master's degree

in business, graduating at the top of his class.

It was now the early 90s and Black was feeling the pang of family responsibilities. His tuition at Duke had been paid for, but living expenses in that neck of the woods don't come cheap. "Frankly, I had debts to pay," he says.

In a coup of sorts, he was hired out of Duke by McKinsey Consulting, one of the most sizable consulting outfits in the world. Typically, Black explained, McKinsey focused their recruiting on the Ivy Leagues, rarely venturing outside the northeast, so his gaining their favor was yet another surprise. "I was the only one hired out of Duke that year. That, too, was quite an honor," he said.

On the McKinsey payroll, Black helped develop business strategy for big players like Georgia Pacific and BellSouth, and while the pay was good, he knew consulting wasn't the type of career he had in mind.

"I'd gotten to the point where I'd had enough of consulting. My personal goal was to run a business," he said.

After he abandoned consulting, Black began his career with Oldcastle Inc., a large subsidiary of Dublin-based building materials company, CRH. Formed in 1978, Oldcastle employs over 20,500 workers in U.S. and Canada and has yearly sales in the neighborhood of \$5 billion. According to Black, they provide most of the concrete products you use to decorate your home, but they also have involvement with glass and distribution, as well as other types of architectural work.

Black moved through the ranks quickly. After a year as vice president of acquisitions, he became

president and CEO of the pre-cast materials group in the Southeast, and in a few short years, took the \$60 million business with 12 factories and doubled it in size.

A little over a year ago, Black, on the strength of his previous success within Oldcastle, was named president and CEO of the Architectural Division, a position which allows him to operate with basic autonomy - an arrangement that's perfectly fine with him.

He says he tries to make it back to Salado with his family - wife Joanne and sons J.D. (16) and Justin (13), both, incidentally, football players - almost every summer.

As an athlete who didn't truly come into his own until after graduation, Black is understandably caught off guard when informed that a framed photo of him from his West Point football days was displayed in Salado High for many years. He was under the impression that no one really remembered people from that long ago.

"It's nice to know you're part of the Salado family. One way to put it is that you're always part of a team," he says. "And it's a nice thing to be remembered. It's something that's a big part of my heritage."

In a strict sense, Doug Black might not have taken the road less traveled, but his has been no easy hike, forging a place for himself through strength of will and old-fashioned work ethic, gleaned from a mother who supported four children on teacher's wages.

But perhaps that's what Robert Frost was getting at all along. Hard work is the path less taken. And from Doug's perspective, it's made all the difference.

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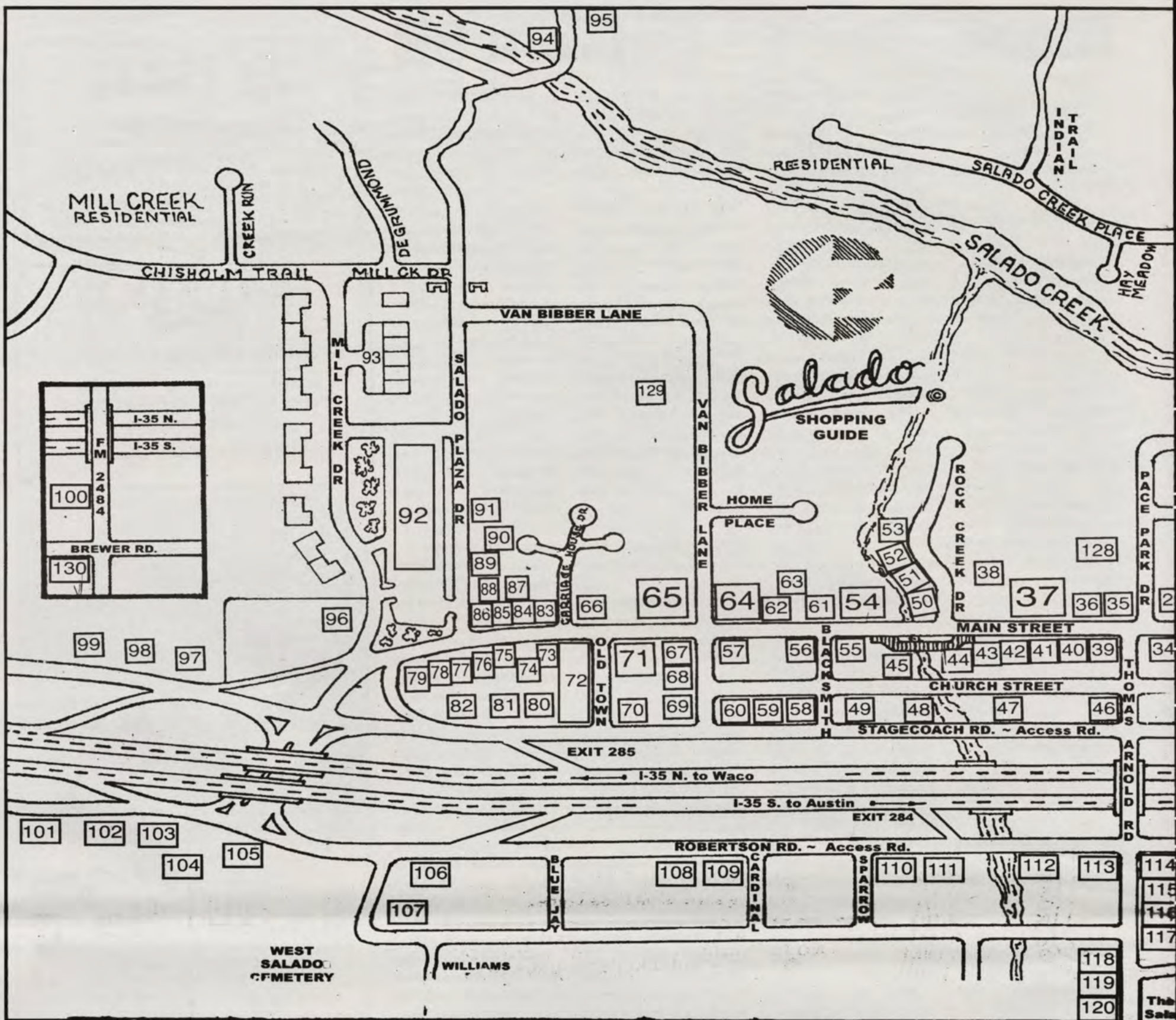
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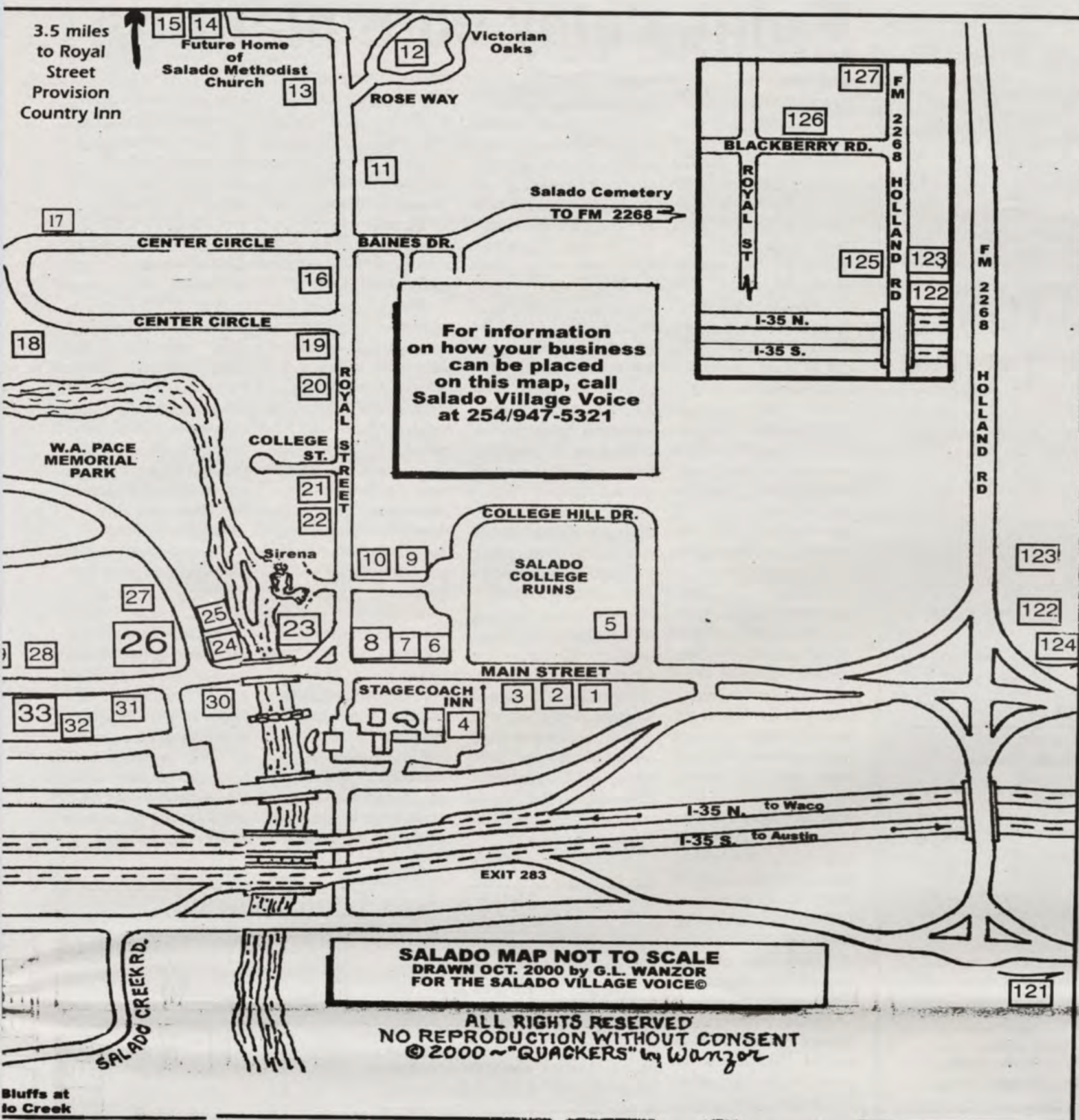






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# Rains delay corn planting

BY DIRK AARON,  
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT -AG.

The rain that fell in early February delayed corn planting; some farmers had planned to start planting by mid February. If we can get 3-4 weeks of good planting weather we should have all our corn planted by March 15, our traditional end of corn planting season. Now, as always, we are at the mercy of the weather.

Corn and sorghum growers need to be prepared for Southern Corn Rootworm (SCR) problems this year. The best way to avoid SCR problems is to apply a soil insecticide at planting of corn or sorghum.

Southern corn rootworms are the larval stage of the twelve-spotted cucumber beetle. The beetles will fly out of wheat fields or other vegetative areas and lay eggs at the base of emerging corn or sorghum plants. The eggs hatch and the small, brown-headed, creamy, white larvae burrows into the roots and crowns of corn or sorghum plants. Reduced stands and plant vigor, and the occurrence of dead heart in young plants, are characteristics of rootworm damage. Plant lodging may occur later in the season.

Another insect sorghum producers need to keep a close check on is the yellow sugarcane aphid. This lemon-yellow aphid is covered with small spines and has two double rows

of dark spots down the back. This aphid injects a toxin during feeding which causes purple-colored leaves in seedling plants, and stunting and yellowing of more mature leaves. It has caused death of plants in the pre-boot stage. Five to ten aphids per leaf can kill sorghum up to 18 inches high. Treatment should begin at the first sign of damage in seedling sorghum. The yellow sugarcane aphid has a wide, wild host range and is often found in Johnson-grass and Dallis grass in Central and South Texas.

Yellow sugarcane aphid damage will severely set seedling sorghum plants back and the plants never seem to fully recover after aphids are removed. This in turn affects yield. Years in which yellow sugarcane aphid numbers are high always turn out to be low sorghum yield years.

Area homeowners are reminded of the 2004 Home and Garden Show scheduled for Feb. 28-29 at the Bell County Expo Center in Belton.

Bell County Master

Gardeners will be manning a booth at the Show to answer consumer questions about which plants grow best in Bell County. Tips on managing your landscape, vegetable gardening and turf grass will be shared beginning at 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 28 and noon-5 p.m. Feb. 29.

Master Gardeners will also have hundreds of plants for sale at reasonable prices. Antique roses, perennials, native plants, herbs, wildflower seeds and seeds from the salsa garden will be available for purchase during the show. Proceeds from plant sales benefit the greenhouse project currently under construction at the Bell County North Annex.

During the two-day Home and Garden Show, Master Gardeners will be conducting a series of gardening demonstrations and talks on a variety of topics at the gardening seminar pavilion located in the Exhibition Building. Speakers and topics scheduled for Saturday and Sunday sessions include:

"Firewise Landscaping" by Belton Master Gar-

deners Charles and Gladys Newsom will recommend foundation and landscape plantings which are the least combustible. If you live in a wooded area or out in the country where grass fires are a possibility, this is an important session for you.

"Plant Propagation" will be demonstrated by Georgetown Master Gardener Neil Cochran and Salado Master Gardener Dana Miller. These volunteers attended a special training to become certified as specialists in plant propagation and will share tips to help you successfully start your own cuttings and seedlings.

"Backyard Composting" will be taught by Peter DiLillo, a Killeen Master Gardener and Master Composter. Peter is also the Recycling Coordinator for the City of Killeen and he will demonstrate how to set up your own compost bins and the benefits of using compost in the yard and garden. Learn how to improve our problem soils with the addition of your own compost.

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### 2004 Salado Tennis Schedule

Date	Place	Teams	Time
Feb. 27	Florence Tournament	V	8:00
Feb. 28	Florence Tournament	V	8:00
March 3	Moody Tournament	V	8:00
March 8	Florence Dual Match	JV	4:00
March 11	Florence Dual Match	V	4:00
March 12	Round Robin in Temple	V & JV	8:30
March 25	Florence Tournament	JV	12:00
March 31	Academy Tournament	JV	8:00
April 1	Moody Dual Match	V & JV	1:00
April 3	District Tournament (Somerville)	JV	8:00
April 8	District Tournament (Somerville)	V	8:00
April 16	District Tournament (Somerville)	V	8:00
April 19-20	Regionals- San Marcos		TBA

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## MCCA details 2004 plans

Mill Creek Community Association Board Members met Feb. 18, discussing the organization's plans for 2004.

The MCCA Board meetings are held at 5 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. Mill Creek residents are invited to attend meetings and share their views and suggestions. Membership is \$20 a year - per family, and open to all Mill Creek homeowners with planned dinners and activities welcoming all members of MCCA.

This year's schedule includes three member dinners, the first one being the Spring Fling Dinner.

The dinner will be held 6 p.m. March 6 at Mill Creek. Reservations are \$13.95 per person including tax and gratuity.

All checks for membership and/or dinners are to be sent to MCCA, P.O. Box 562, Salado, TX 76571. Reservations are requested by Feb. 29.

On May 15, the MCCA annual litter clean-up morning will be held starting at 8:30 a.m., with coffee and doughnuts followed by teams working to clean up neighborhoods and streets until 11:30 a.m. when a free hotdogs, chips, etc. lunch will be offered.

The last two dinners will be the Fall Fun Dinner

on Sept. 11, followed by the Christmas Party and Annual Meeting on Dec. 14. All dinners are held at the Mill Creek Country Club Inn.

The Mill Creek Phone Directory is about ready for printing. If you are new to Mill Creek or need to change your data, please contact MCCA at 947-3901.

Keep these dates for activities and dinners on your calendars. Refer to The "What's Happening" section of the *Salado Village Voice* for convenient reminders of area activities.

**2100 Smith Bluff** - Walk onto a large open living area with a vaulted ceiling that is enhanced with a wood burning rock fireplace. The kitchen in this home has custom made cabinets with an eat-in bar. A dining room opens into kitchen and living area providing a wonderful place to entertain friends. A large master bedroom allows enough room for a sitting area or office. The other two bedrooms are separate from master to allow for privacy.. **\$199,000**



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# New exhibits featured in CAC Galleries

Three new gallery exhibits will hang in Cultural Activities Center galleries beginning Feb. 29, featuring a variety of artists. Most works are available for sale. The Opening Night Artist's Reception will be held 7-9 p.m. Feb. 29, giving an opportunity to meet the artists and view their works.

What's all in the family from Salado comes to the galleries of the CAC from one especially talented group of artists. Works by sculptor/painter Forrest Gist, and his sons, Brooks, Stephen, and Aaron will be displayed in the Howard and Saulsbury Galleries through March. "Gist-X 4" will open with an introduction by special guest Dr. Jeff Rome, of Virginia.

Family patriarch Forrest Gist has exhibited works in galleries and museums around the country, including a one man show commissioned by Congress in Washington, D.C., in addition to venues and shows in New York, New Mexico, New Orleans and Chicago.

He designs many large public works, sculptural in nature, including the Fountain Wall at Scott & White Hospital, and a permanent

display at the University of Chicago. Together with his sons, Gist organized Horizon Artists, an agency dedicated to fostering talent and accelerating the careers of promising artists, emphasizing the importance of producing original, unique and archival works of art. He is also employed as a creative therapist at Scott & White Hospital.

Brooks is the first-born son of the Gist brothers. Citing his father, "Star Trek," and actor Lee Marvin as role models, he majored in art because "my father discouraged me." He earned a BFA in Design and Photography from what is now Texas State University. His work has been featured in several Texas exhibitions and in private collections nationally.

Aaron Gist works primarily in sculpture and printmaking. His works have been selected for several juried exhibits around the state. He is an instructor of fine art at Bellaire High School, in Houston.

The youngest Gist brother, Stephen, earned a degree in architecture at The University of Houston, and has continued

studies in France, and Australia. He has designed and built large-scale sculptural works with Forrest and Aaron, but is also a craftsman, designing and fabricating furniture.

"Furniture is scaled directly to the human proportion [which] is of great interest to me," notes Stephen. "The guidelines and standards are often universal, so working within them or stretching them...often proves to be a good exercise in design. I often attempt to distill elements and simplify. Modern works have the most interest to me because of the direct, honest manner in which they attempt to solve a design issue."

As a child, Stephen used trash, or scrap material to fabricate structures in the woods along creeks and hills. He chose a career in architecture as the natural marriage of construction and art.

His work is focused on ideas and issues directly related to site and place. The particular details of locations such as patterns, boundaries, edge conditions, and movement into and within the prescribed area, provide direction.

Emphasizing materiality of components, the order of assembly through transparency, and exposure of elements, the tenants of sustainability and environmental responsibility direct his work throughout design and construction.

In the McCreary Gallery, visitors can enjoy a multi media collection of art by winners of the 2003 Barclay Arts Competition. On March 15, these pieces will be replaced by winning entries of the 2004 competition, sponsored by the City Federation of Women's Clubs. A concurrent exhibit of winning artists' work will be on display Feb. 28 at the Salado Artist Studio Tours arranged by the Public Arts League of Salado.

In the Upstairs Galleries, works by Baylor University senior exhibitors Lauren Beth Smith and Jennifer Dunlap will be featured.

These exhibits may be viewed 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Sat. For more information, contact CAC Visual Arts Coordinator Marilyn Ritchie at (254) 773-9926, or visit [www.cacARTS.org](http://www.cacARTS.org).



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## Salado students receive medals for artwork

The following students received medals for the highest rating on their artwork during the Texas Art Education Association's Visual Art Scholastic Event on Feb. 21:

- Scott Bates
- Kristi Billington
- Victoria Castillo
- Tiffany Dixon
- Jackie Drake- 2 medals for 2 entries
- Nathan Grigsby- 2 medals for 2 entries

- Ken Hora
- Hannah Landrum
- Micah Malone- 2 medals for 2 entries
- Ines Min- 2 medals for 2 entries
- Rachael Oaks- 2 medals for 2 entries
- Crystal Schaefer
- Joseph Shumate
- Kelsey Smith
- Heather Stevens

Two students will move on to the State Event in Houston, which represents

student artwork from the entire state of Texas: Ines Min and Tiffany Dixon. Winners from the state event will have their artwork published on the Texas Commission on the Arts website after the April event.

"Congratulations to these art students who worked very hard to achieve this goal!" said art teacher Cindy Dale.

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# Mill Creek Springs IV approved

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen approved a 27 lot subdivision within its extra territorial jurisdiction Feb. 19 after sending it back to the planning and zoning commission earlier this month for reconsideration.

The planning and zoning committee originally recommended that aldermen not approve the subdivision plat for the Mill Creek Springs Phase IV because its street was only 31 feet in width. The Transportation Plan and Subdivision Ordinance require that neighborhood collector streets be 41 feet in width to allow for parking on street.

After the recommendation came from the planning and zoning committee, Mill Creek developers showed aldermen that the street in question is connected to a 31-foot city street and that the county requirements outside of the ETJ of Salado call for 31-foot wide streets. In essence, if Mill Creek developers built the street according to Salado's Subdivision Ordinance, it would be a 41-foot wide portion of a street connected on both ends by 31-foot extensions of the street.

With this additional information, aldermen kicked the subdivision plat back to the planning and zoning commission for reconsideration. The planning and zoning commission then recommended approval with the variance

for the 31-foot wide street.

Alderman Suzi Epps made the motion to approve the subdivision ordinance contingent upon further subgrade geo-technical information being given to the village. If parking along the 31-foot wide street becomes a problem in the future, then the Village of Salado could limit parking on the street. Further, the motion will require the developers to include the Bell County requirements for wastewater treatment as an attachment to the deed restrictions as a way of informing property owners of their responsibility.

The subdivision will have 27 lots of one-half to three-quarter acre extending the expansion of Mill Creek along the new nine holes of the golf course.

Alderman Jackie Mills asked if there were a way to speed the subdivision approval process along, because the process had cost the developer two months' time. These issues will come up, alderman Vic Means said, because Salado is a new city.

Alderman Michael Cooper reported to the board that he is adding one more member to the Salado Creek committee that he chairs and that it will begin meeting in the near future to discuss the issues of water quality in Salado Creek.

Aldermen also discussed the issue of filling vacancies on the board of aldermen. Since alder-

men and the mayor serve two-year terms, vacancies can be filled by appointment. This may be the case following the May 15 election as alderman Rick Ashe, who is midway through his term, has announced that he will file for election as mayor. He cannot serve both offices concurrently, so if he is elected mayor, he will have to resign his seat on the board of aldermen. The board of aldermen can then fill his position, rather than requiring a special election.

Aldermen reviewed the books for the Village to find them in good health through January. While income for the city through January is almost \$8,000 less than budgeted, expenses are more than \$57,000 less than budgeted.

The Village anticipated revenues of \$128,224 through January, but received \$119,738.64 in income. The total income budgeted for the fiscal year is \$475,900. The majority of the shortfall in income is in the telephone franchise fees, which totaled \$11,820.22 of the \$20,500 budgeted through January. Mayor Charlotte Douglass said that this shortfall is because the Village had not yet received the quarterly payment.

The Village budgeted expenses of \$185,997 through January, with a total budget of \$475,344 in expenditures. Actual expenses through January were \$128,251.57. Of that,

the city has spent \$16,464.39 less on administrative expenses than budgeted: \$49,283.61 versus \$65,748 budgeted. Also, the Village has not paid its \$12,800 contract payment to the Salado Volunteer Fire Department for the time period through January, nor has it paid \$15,000 of its contract with the Salado Chamber of Commerce for operation and management of Pace Park. The Village has also spent \$11,810.86 less than budgeted for police department expenses, approximately \$4,000 less for office equipment and forms and \$2,000 less in officer equipment and travel and training.

The balance sheet for the Village shows \$439,137.22 in total assets, including \$59,620.61 in vehicles, \$28,829 in park equipment, \$125,262 in buildings and \$118,866.29 in TexPool investments. Other assets include \$38,030.97 in certificates of deposit and \$63,546.10 in accounts receivable.

The hotel/motel tax budget shows that the Village has spent \$33,738.50 less than budgeted through January. Income for occupancy taxes paid is \$3,462.06 less than budgeted through January, however. The Village has spent \$12,040.01 less on marketing and sales than budgeted and \$19,000 less on grants than budgeted. The chief expenses in grants of \$15,000 for billboards have not been spent yet.

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## Salado student art contest April 17

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Students will compete against students in their grade level group. There are three divisions:

elementary (pre-k-fourth grade), middle school (fifth-eighth grade), high school (ninth-twelfth). Each student can submit up to two entries.

Original paintings, photography, ceramics, sculpture, drawings, prints, and textiles may be submit-

ted. Drawings and prints must be mounted or matted on black or white board. Boards are available at all school offices.

Entries need to be delivered to one of the Salado ISD libraries 8 a.m.-4 p.m. April 5-6.

This event is sponsored

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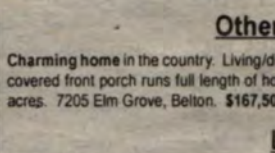
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## Thinking about starting a business?

BY SHERYL CRAWFORD -  
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Thinking of starting a business? Well, you are not alone. More people are starting their own businesses than ever before. Reasons may include being their own boss, desiring a more flexible work style, being more creative or increasing income. Whatever your reasons may be, take the time to decide if entrepreneurship is right for you. The United States Small Business Association says you can improve your chances of success with good planning, preparation and insight.

Preparation includes recognizing your strengths and weaknesses. Ask yourself: Am I a self-starter? Am I motivated enough to work hard and make sacrifices? How well do I work with others? How well do I plan and organize? Am I good at making decisions? Attributes such as vision, self-determination, focused decision-making, initiative, courage and discipline are necessary skills to have. If you are weak in some of these areas, remember skills can be learned.

Start with a clear picture in your mind of what you want to achieve. These are your goals and goals

guide the direction of the business. To be reached, goals must be specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely. Provide as many details as possible. Establish a time frame. Decide if you have the necessary resources and skills to make it happen.

Make sure you do your homework. Local resources are available in your community, such as

the library, the county extension office, and on the internet. Check out the website of the Small Business Administration at <http://www.sba.gov/>. Look for classes that may be offered on starting a new business in your area. Network with other professionals in your desired business for expert advice, and read something every day about your industry.

Above all, never lose

hope and remain patient. It will not happen overnight. Starting a business is risky, but the rewards can be great.

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# Texas Western Swing 8th annual Fiddling Showcase will be held March 20

The music of Texas Western Swing will once again fill the Bell County Expo Assemble Room on March 20 for the eighth annual Texas Western Swing Fiddling Showcase. The afternoon entertainment begins at noon and continues until 5 p.m. The dance will follow from 8 p.m.-midnight. Deadline to reserve a table for the dance or dinner is March 16.

The Texas Western Swing Heritage Association of Bell County, a non-profit organization, composed of local and area volunteers with Nan Ray as Events Chairperson, sponsors the event. "The purpose for the event is to promote this 'Texas Born' music and assemble extremely talented musicians, World Champion fiddlers and recording artists performing," said Ray.

Music will be provided by World Champion fiddler, recording artist and Hall of Fame inductee, Randy Elmore and the Boys in the Band. Featured musicians will be "Western Swing Entertainer of the Year," Dave Alexander, two-time Grammy



World Champion fiddler Randy Elmore will be performing

Award winner, Ricky Turpin, Wes Westmoreland, Bobby Flores, and Rich and Valerie O'Brien.

Admission to the afternoon performance is \$10 and dance admission is \$10. Dinner tickets are \$7.50. Tickets are available

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## Bell County WCID No. 1 gets \$10,000,000 loan for water sytem improvements

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Feb. 17 approved financial assistance in the amount of \$10 million to the Bell County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 (District) from the Texas Water Development Funds to finance improvements to its water system, utilizing the pre-design funding

option. The project includes the replacement of 10 miles of the existing 24-inch transmission line currently unsuited for service due to age deterioration and insufficient capacity for future required flow. The District plans to install 51,000 linear feet of 30-inch ductile iron pipe.

"This project will allow us to meet our contractual obligations for water distribution to all the entities we serve," said Jerry Atkinson, General Manager for the District. "We have had problems with interruptions of service. This project will help us meet the supply needs of all of our customers." According to Atkinson, "We have a great relationship with the Texas Water Development Board and they have helped us in the past. We look forward to our continued relationship with the staff at the TWDB."

The Bell County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 is located in Bell County and covers approximately 18,589 acres, including the City of Killeen and Fort Hood. The District serves an estimated 75 water customers, including seven wholesale customers.

The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional planning, preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources, and administering cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control and agricultural water conservation projects.



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**\$119,000** - Home on 1.62 acres in Live Oak Estates. Beautiful trees cover the front & back yard. Large workshop in back yard for workshop, extra garage, or storage. Two living areas, one dining area, 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Half bath in garage.



**\$324,900** - Another custom home by Westerfield Homes. Walk into elegance with wood flooring throughout breakfast, kitchen, living room, dining room, entry & study. Double crown molding in main living areas and beautiful custom cabinets in kitchen. Granite kitchen countertops provide an inviting atmosphere for entertaining friends. Spacious front porch overlooks Mill Creek golf course. This home is positioned on a corner lot to enhance privacy.



**\$199,000** - Walk into a large open living area with a vaulted ceiling that is enhanced with a wood burning rock fireplace. The kitchen in this home has custom made cabinets with an eat-in bar. A dining room opens into the kitchen and living area providing a wonderful place to entertain friends. A large master BR allows enough room for a sitting area or office. The other two bedrooms are separate from the master to allow for privacy.



**\$169,900** - Entertain your friends in the back yard of a beautiful lot in Mill Creek just minutes from the golf course. Large trees provide shade from the warm summer sun. This 3 BR, 2.5 BA two story home is made complete with a formal living room & dining room, a family room with a beautiful fireplace, & a large open kitchen.

### Residential

- \$60,000 - Mill Creek Townhouse - investment - UC
- \$94,500 - 3 BR, 2 BA on 2 lots in Morgans Point.
- \$104,800 - Clean, light & bright! Well maintained 6 yrs old.
- \$111,900 - Large deck on 2 BR home in country.
- \$119,000 - Home on 1.62 acres in Live Oak Estates.
- \$122,800 - 4 BR home w/ 10' ceiling in Livingroom.
- \$124,900 - New construction on W. Amity. 3 BR/2 BA - UC
- \$127,800 - 3 BR, 2 BA w/ kitchen island.
- \$128,800 - Jimmy Wilson home on 1 acre, covered patio.
- \$129,800 - 3 BR, 2.5 BA Texas decor, like living in a B&B.
- \$131,800 - Mid-size home, great finishing touches.
- \$139,900 - Mobile home & barn on 10 acres. Beautiful trees.
- \$169,900 - Two story 3 BR, 2.5 home with beautiful yard.
- \$179,000 - 3 or 4 BR, apartment/office. 4 car carport.
- \$189,000 - Courtyard enhances the front walkway, lush yard.
- \$194,000 - Southern Living style home, 4.80 ac. w/lake view.
- \$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 - UC.
- \$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 - UC
- \$267,900 - 4 BR, 2-1/2 BA overlooking golf course.
- \$324,900 - 4 BR, 3-1/2 BA home overlooking golf course.
- \$324,900 - 4 BR home with hillside lake view - UC
- \$325,000 - Home overlooking Mill Creek #4 hole.
- \$328,000 - 73.98 acres with cabin, pool & RV hookups.
- \$330,000 - 15 acres, 3 BR, 2 BA, gameroom, RV garage.
- \$389,000 - Wrap around porch, oak trees, 14.5 acres & pond.
- \$549,000 - Country living, pool, 7 acres, barn, workshop.
- \$1,249,000 - Executive 4 BR home on Salado Creek.

### Acreage Available

- 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

- 700 Indian Trail. - \$30,000
- 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.
- The Overlook - 1+ acre prime lots \$99,000 - \$129,000.

### Commercial Property

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



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A large fireplace enhances the family room of this 3/2/2 located on approx. 4 acres. Many trees provide a peaceful setting. House has updated features including new cabinets and flooring. **\$217,900.**



PRIVATE, PRIVATE, PRIVATE. Many trees surround this large 3/2 log cabin home on approximately 76 acres. **\$440,000.**



Ready to move? This custom 3/2-1/2/2 contemporary is available for closing. Beautiful upgrades such as tile flooring, plantation shutters, butlers pantry and decorator colors. Split bedrooms with large master suite. **\$245,000.**



New Listing A message of attainment enhances this gorgeous brick Traditional style home on country setting. Space aplenty. Covered patio includes hot tub. **\$305,000.**



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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Acreage

Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. **\$10,000/lot.**  
 Appx. 1 acre ready for mobile home, water meter and septic included. **\$20,000.**  
 Approx. 2 acres near golf course in Mill Creek. Beautiful trees. **\$38,995.**  
 2 acre wooded lot in Hidden Springs with a great view. Walking distance to tennis court & the park on Salado Creek. Excellent Homesite. **\$32,900.**  
 2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900** or 1.35 acres for **\$20,000.**  
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 10+ acres in Bell Meadows off FM 1123. Unbelievable views. **\$89,000.**  
 20 acres sw of Salado on Buttermilk Creek. Heavily wooded. **\$125,000.**

41 acres with hill country view \$3,500 per acre.  
 51 acres Buttermilk Creek, great views, tree coverage, sw of Salado.  
 Appx. 76 acres with log home. Very secluded. **\$440,000.**  
 130 acres Rolling hills with great views. **\$4,500/acre.**  
 245 acres Beautiful rolling hills with large live oak trees and a 3 acre lake. Outstanding development opportunity.

Salado Lots

New Listing - one of the best locations in Mill Creek. Near golf course, pool, tennis courts. Priced to sell at **\$45,000.** - Under Contract.  
 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.  
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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.**



# FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



## John Kerry on the Issues

As his campaign rolls on, Sen. John Kerry sat down the other day for a brief (and entirely fictional) interview about the issues. Sitting on his campaign plane tightly wedged between Vietnam veterans, the senator was at the top of his game and turned in an utterly characteristic performance. The transcript appears here exclusively:

**Q:** Senator, the Bush administration is advocating significant savings to try to rein in the federal budget. Is that a good idea?

**A:** This is a phony budget that doesn't make any real tough choices. And let me tell you, I know something about "savings." I saved Jim Rassmann's life in Vietnam. When he fell out of my Swift Boat, I single-handedly pulled him from the water, under fire, in an act that has forevermore stood -- at least in my own supple and quite impressive mind -- as a metaphor for my long career of making sacrifices and tough choices.

**Q:** Obviously, a key domestic issue this year is health care. Why are you the best candidate on this issue?

**A:** Look -- health care is very personal for me. The third time I was wounded in Vietnam, as I felt the hot metal coursing through my flesh, I realized then and there that the only solution to America's health care problem was a system that would allow ordinary people to have the same benefits as members of Congress, and give refundable tax credits for 50 percent of the cost of health coverage for small businesses and their employees.

**Q:** Senator, the Vietnam War is often a subtle undercurrent to your campaign, and some Democrats have been criticizing President Bush for serving in the Texas Air National Guard. Are you making Vietnam an issue?

**A:** No. I have always said, across my long, distinguished career of public ser-

## Rich Lowry



**"We do not need to divide America over who served and how." -- John Kerry, Feb. 27, 1992**

vice, that I would never judge the choices of anyone during the Vietnam War. Not those who chose to burn their draft cards. Not those who chose to flee to Canada. Not those who chose to drop acid and commit public sex acts. Not even those cowardly weasels who chose to serve in the National Guard.

When I was maneuvering through the Mekong Delta, and the jungle heat was nearly intolerable, some of my comrades in arms would say, "I hate those cowardly pantywaists who stayed home to serve in the National Guard." And I would say to my men as we dodged incoming fire: "No. No! We are here risking our lives every single hour of every single day in order to defend the freedom and security of even those cowardly weasels back home in the National Guard."

**Q:** On a lighter note. Everyone is still talking about the "wardrobe malfunction" during the Super Bowl.

**A:** Well, I'm not the best one to ask. [Chuckles] As you know, for a brief, but significant part of my life, the only wardrobe I had was a khaki uniform and a machine gun at the ready.

**Q:** Thank you, Senator.

**A:** Funny you say that. Jim Rassmann told me exactly the same thing.

## Bill to force offshore corporations to pay their income taxes bottled up for year. Question - whodunit?

This column has long bemoaned the subject of legally allowing America's corporate giants to move their headquarters offshore in order to avoid paying income taxes. You know - taxes the rest of us are worrying about today, with an eye towards April 15.

Question arises - what happened to the proposed law that Congress has kept hidden in committee for over a year that would have closed the loophole in the tax code that permits such unjust actions by the greediest and most disloyal of our corporate citizens?

HR 737, introduced a year ago this month by 155 co-sponsors, would have amended the IRS Code and stopped the nefarious, albeit legal, practice that allows US corporations to stop paying income taxes by claiming they are a foreign company with a Caribbean address.

Senate bills with the same thrust were also filed last year in February (S 384) and March (S 513), and in all three cases - the proposals were referred to committees - Senate Finance and House Ways and Means. **And there they have languished for the past 12 months!**

Questions naturally arise. Why (and by whom) were these important pieces of legislation so effectively bottled up - so quickly and for so long? Why don't US corporations, who are paying their taxes, complain? And, why aren't taxpayers raising hell, since the dollars these offshore American companies fail to pay, must be ponied up by the rest of us?

### RELATED SUBJECT SECOND VERSE

Know anyone who is out of work through no fault of their own? Did they lose their job because it was sent overseas to be done with cheap labor costs? Great! Be sure to give these unemployed folks - when you see them, a "glad hand" coupled with a hearty cheer of "congratulations."

Why, you naturally inquire? **Because it's good for the economy - that's why!** That's right - losing a job because it's sent overseas is good for the American economy!

**And what idiot, you ask - said that?**

It was publicly stated last week by President Bush's top White House economist, a Mr. N. Gregory Mankiw, who later apologized for his cruel gaffe - calling it a "lack of clarity."

Associated with the insensitive nature of such a blunder, is that during Bush's two-plus years in office - 2.2 million workers have lost their jobs and the unemployment rate has jumped from 3.9 to 6.0 percent. Many of the jobs went to Mexico and Asia. Lets hope this is somehow clarified later in the presidential debates.

### WHO REALLY RUNS STATE GOVERNMENT?

If you have been wondering who is calling most of the political shots in Austin - wonder no more. If we accept only some of the disquieting news concerning the activities of several State leaders - we come to the inescapable conclusion that we are in the hands of the State's corporate leaders and their toady-type lobbyists who contribute big bucks to elect as many "anti-tax" Republicans as possible.

Too harsh? OK - take a look at the record since the 2002 election, including the 78th Legislative Session's products plus all that has transpired since. First off - we note the influence exerted by the State's business leaders and its powerful lobby the Texas Association of Business, who spent millions to elect Republicans who foreswore new taxes - even though there was great need to prop up the State's negative treasury numbers, thanks to former Governor Bush's pilfering of

## Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



**White House: "Sending American jobs overseas is good for our economy."**

**Democrats: "Tell that to the millions of unemployed whose jobs were shipped to low paid foreign workers."**

the State's surplus through tax refunds - that never got to the people!

Then add Rick the Reluctant's promise to call a special session to fix the school finance problem "once and for all" with the caveat: "we will not support new funding by taxing the business community."

### TRAVIS DA ON PROWL

Incidentally, Travis County DA Ronnie Earle has been investigating TAB's involvement in the 2002 campaign, and last week subpoenaed records from Tom Craddick's office concerning use of Texans For a Republican Majority PAC money in the race for Speaker. The DA is seeking to uncover links between the two PACs to see if monies funneled to "safe" GOP legislative candidates (read that "no new tax" GOP candidates), as well as to those willing to support Craddick's election as Speaker and also to Governor Rick "Goodhair" Perry, were from corporate sources - which is a legal no-no.

### IN BED WITH THE PACS?

If all this sounds like the Guv is firmly in bed with the business lobby - don't pull up the covers just yet, or at least until Speaker Tom Craddick and House Majority Leader Tom "Bugsy" DeLay are comfortably placed under the same blankets.

These guys are the epitome of what happens when one party (after wandering in the political wilderness) comes to power with a vengeance. DeLay, the former jug exterminator from Sugarland, set up the pre-2002 TRMPAC with money from friends in Washington and parceled the dough to the same "safe" TAB candidates especially, it is alleged, those who promised to support Craddick for Speaker and a redistricting plan that would give DeLay more stroke in Congress.

**And guess which "bag-man" was handing out the PAC dollars? You got it - Speaker candidate Tom Craddick from Midland!** Much of the DeLay, Craddick, TAB and TRM Pac actions come dangerously close - public "watchdog" experts claim, to being illegal.

DA Earle and his prosecutorial team are trying to discover if there was a conspiracy between the two PACs to circumvent the prohibition against using corporate funds to elect candidates.

Best quote (thus far), was reported by an old friend, Laylan Copelin, in the Austin American, and came from Craig McDonald with "Texans for Public Justice" - a group that monitors campaign finances.

McDonald's quip about the activities of Delay and Craddick was absolutely correct: "They both got what they wanted. Craddick got to be speaker and DeLay got a new (GOP-controlled) congressional map."

That's -30-

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Superintendent's Corner

By Robin Battershell

I am thinking of running for the school board in the future. How can I find out more?

Monday, February 16 was the first day to file. The last day to file is Wednesday, March 17. Information packets for individuals thinking of running are available at the Salado ISD Administrative Offices, at 602 North Main.

A person may not be elected trustee of an independent school district unless the person is a qualified voter. To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, the office of school Board Trustee, a person must:

- 1. Be a United States citizen.
2. Be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at

the election or on the date of appointment, as applicable.

3. Have not been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court.

4. Have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities. Atty. Gen. Op. LO 96-114 (1996)

5. Be a resident of Texas and the District for the period of time described at candidate's residency term.

Questions may be addressed to Dr. Battershell at P.O. Box 98, Salado, TX 76571 or rbattershell@saladoisd.org or 947-5479, Ext. 7000.

FORUM



CONCLUSION

What I learned serving on the school board

In this final part of Dr. Robert Merrill's essay, Dr. Merrill discusses the Texas Association of School Boards, Grades and School Board in general.

Dr. Merrill served six years on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees.

By Dr. ROBERT MERRILL FORMER SALADO ISD BOARD MEMBER

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) is a mixed blessing. Membership is worthwhile because of benefits that include vital information regarding laws and potential laws. Interpretation of those laws that are recently passed can be vital. Thus, a superintendent may be able to acquire up-to-date information on a wide variety of matters, many of them legal. Most of the advice is accurate and useful; but sometimes not, as illustrated by a recent TASB bulletin designed to explain the open meetings act. Based on one interpretation, if one trustee even spoke privately to another about anything remotely related to the school district, it would be illegal. Note that the United States Congress and the Texas Legislature pay no attention to such restrictions. In some cases, when a president of the board is to be elected, private conversations are essential. The intent of the law is admirable, but the rigid application can be counter productive and often ridiculous.

Another function of TASB is the effort to train (not educate) board members. State meetings at which various topics are discussed have great potential, but the results are mixed. Some of the sessions are well run and

designed for intelligent adults. Others are run by ex-first grade teachers who treat the participants like first grade children. They may include a time to "get up and stretch" or similar infantile behavior. What is worse is that the leader at the end of the session gives out a secret number, which allows the participant to record credit for attendance. The illusion perpetuated by this and other rules is that each trustee must record a certain number of training hours each year. There is no law which says this must be done, and there is no way to enforce it anyway.

Other pronouncements aside, the other major illusion created by TASB is that, when the legislature meets, the opinions advocated by the TASB lobbyists represent the opinions of the majority of the school boards across the state. This is a lie. Because of the methods used (including the so-called grassroots meetings), there is no way that individual boards, much less most of the trustees, can register any kind of an opinion. For example, the issue of vouchers is widely debated nationwide. The usefulness of vouchers could be much different in small rural district versus those in very large cities, and there are data extant on the topic. The TASB attitude on the point is a closed issue. It may be that vouchers are very bad, but that does not mean that the opinion should be imposed on all school boards. That policy did not arise from the grassroots. Presently, TASB cannot and does not represent local school board opinions. To indicate otherwise to the legislators is a fraud.

Grades

Grade inflation has emerged in excellent universities and in our first grade. It seems that almost everyone in the first grade is included on the honor roll (all As or all As and Bs) and that almost everyone graduates from Harvard today either cum laude or summa cum laude. While positive reinforcement is valid, it could be argued that universal praise is counterproductive. However, all of the children in our district are above average, as in Lake Wobegone, as every parent knows; so we are in good shape.

School Boards

Do we really need an elected school board? Trustees have a considerable amount of fiscal power, both in regard to the tax rate and also the annual budget. Given that a superintendent must be subject to restraint and supervision, is an elected board of non-educators the best way to provide these elements? Should there be some basic requirements, such as a college degree? Should trustees' children be presently enrolled in the school district? Should the trustees have experience in education or experience in finance? Or would an appointed advisory panel of experts be better? Perhaps it is time to view the entire structure and decide if a better way could be found.

Conclusion

Good public school education is a critical need. Money will not fix all of the problems; but to envision the ideal program without adequate funds, especially for teacher salaries, is a cruel illusion.

POLLUTER WRITES ANTI-POLLUTION RULES



Jim Hightower

Instead of following America's environmental rules, polluters have found a better deal: Bush and Company lets polluters write the rules for their own fun and profit!

At issue are long-delayed Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rules to regulate the amount of toxic mercury spewing from the smokestacks of some 1,100 coal-fired power plants across America. This airborne mercury is grotesque --- it's a neurotoxin that causes brain damage in unborn children and infants. Power plants produce 41 percent of all industrial mercury contamination --- 48 tons a year --- and they're presently the only unregulated source of this pollution.

So the Bushites have boldly stepped into the breach with new regs that they say will eliminate 70 percent of mercury emissions by 2018. Progress, right? Hardly.

Why 2018? That's 12 years and untold numbers of brain-damaged children down the road. The technology exists today to eliminate 90 percent of these emissions.

But utility lobbyists balked at a more stringent rule, saying that the companies didn't want to incur the expense of the more effective technology. Bush's EPA not only went along, but actually let a top industry lobbying firm, Latham and Watkins, write much of the language used in the agency's proposed rule, lifting many of the paragraphs verbatim from Latham and Watkins' memos.

The head of the EPA's air policy office, Jeffrey Holmstead, said the use of the lobbying firm's language was merely the result of an interagency mix-up. "That's not typically the way we do things, borrowing language from other people," Holmstead said.

What Jeffrey didn't say is that he came to the EPA from -- guess where? --- Latham and Watkins. There's more; the chief counsel of the air policy office also came from Latham and Watkins.

To fight this corrupt rule-making process, call the Clean the Rain campaign: 202-797-6692 or contact www.nfw.org/cleantherain.

Your Voice

Readers Opinion

Up with cats, down with dogs

Dear Editor:

On Feb. 15, my calico cat was killed when two dogs wandered into our neighborhood and attacked her. Although a neighbor who saw the attack said that the larger of the two dogs was the actual killer, the smaller dog was there with him. Not only was I terribly upset by the loss of my beloved pet, I was frantic to find the dogs before another animal was killed or some child was attacked.

I sent out more than 50 flyers and talked with dozens of people, alerting them about these dogs and asking for their help in locating them. Many people called or came by to give me information. From the things that they told me, I suddenly realized that this was no longer my personal problem. I was dealing with something that involves everyone in Salado.

It was alleged by a number of people that there are two dogs in this area

whose owners allow them to run free, and for some time these dogs have been running together. Salado has an Animal Control Ordinance that states that dogs must be kept in a fenced yard or must be under voice command. Canine experts tell us that when dogs travel in pairs or in packs they often become killers and that when dogs kill once, they will kill again.

The Salado Police Department has been extremely efficient, helpful, and kind in all of this. But they can't possibly enforce the Animal Control Ordinance without the help of the entire community. When we see dogs that are running loose, we must report them to the police immediately. These dogs may be strays; they may be rabid; they may be killers. And remember that owners who allow their dogs to run free are breaking the law; so they, too, need to be reported.

Judy Greene Salado

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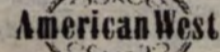
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## Bell County 2003 Road & Bridge Report

Activity	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Total
Seal Coat (mi)	33.1	24.6	41.7	17.6	117
Reconstruction (mi)	2	1.2	4.65	0	7.8
New construction (mi)	2.40	5.3	1.5	0	9.2
Structures (ea)	1	2	3	0	6
Level-Up (tons)	2,031	2,028	3,411	970	8,440

Precinct 2 Commissioner is Tim Brown

## Commissioners

FROM PAGE 1A

Supply Corporation, which is a wholesaler of water to several small water suppliers in the area.

Commissioner Brown said that the design of the treatment plant would address containment issues, but that those plans have not been presented yet. Commissioners expressed that the plant is necessary and good for the Harker Heights area, but the concerns about its potential impact on the water quality near the CTWSC intake structure should be addressed.

The court also authorized County Judge Burrows to bid on the purchase of Lot 3, Block 7, Original Town, City of Belton, 201 N. Main St., which is the Carnegie library building that houses the Bell County Museum. The county has a 75-year lease with the City of Belton on the property, but would

like outright ownership of it as it begins the expansion of the Museum. Owning the property outright would help to level several issues that have crept up during the expansion of the Museum. Bell County Museum raised approximately \$1 million for a 10,000 sq. ft. expansion north of the Carnegie library building.

County engineer Richard Macchi presented commissioners with an annual report on the Road and Bridge Department, broken down by precinct. In addition to the 117 miles countywide of seal coating, the county also seal coated two miles within the Village of Salado under an interlocal agreement. The county also striped 57.1 miles of roadway and replaced reflective buttons on 5.5 miles of road.

The court also amended the county's contract with Scott & White Hospital to

provide emergency medical services and amended the budget to include \$100,000 in additional expenses under the agreement with Scott & White for services such as airlift ambulance that were not outlined in the original agreement. Under the agreement, Scott & White will provide emergency response in the county, seeking payment first from the patient (through insurance or other payment methods) and then from the county as a last resort.

Commissioners agreed to set in escrow the \$15 Family Protection Fee paid in divorce cases until an opinion from the Attorney General concerning the constitutionality of the fee is determined. Harris County has questioned the constitutionality of the \$15 Family Protection, because the funds generated from the fee may be used for programs other than court-related programs.

Commissioners authorized a \$2,500 contribution from the County to the Fourth Infantry Division Welcome Home Ceremony at Ft. Hood on April 22. The Ceremony and celebration is expected to cost more than \$50,000 from local governments and attract more than 50,000 people to Ft. Hood for the day. As the majority of the Fourth ID is expected to return from duty in Iraq, local citizens are encouraged to tie yellow ribbons around tree trunks to express thanks to the soldiers for their service.

Commissioners also approved a final amended plan for Lots 16-19, Block 2, Mill Creek Springs Phase III to show the utility easement and its effect on the property boundaries of those lots. The court also awarded bids for the sale of four railroad flat cars: \$2,553 for two cars to Dick Heights, and \$627.75 per car to Harold Frank.

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## On a stool, at the school: Readers wanted to celebrate Seuss' 100th

In honor of the 100th birthday of Theodore Geisel - better known as Dr. Seuss - Thomas Arnold Elementary is asking for guest readers to volunteer to read stories the morning of March 2. Salado is joining school's from across the nation to celebrate the

occasion, officially titled "Read Across America."

Readings should take approximately 30 minutes, and volunteers are encouraged to share with the students why they believe reading is important, both professionally and personally.

The goal is to have, at 8:15 a.m., guest readers in every classroom in the elementary school.

If you would like to participate as a guest reader, e-mail Sandi Tucker at: [stucker@saladoisd.org](mailto:stucker@saladoisd.org), or call TAE at 947-5191.

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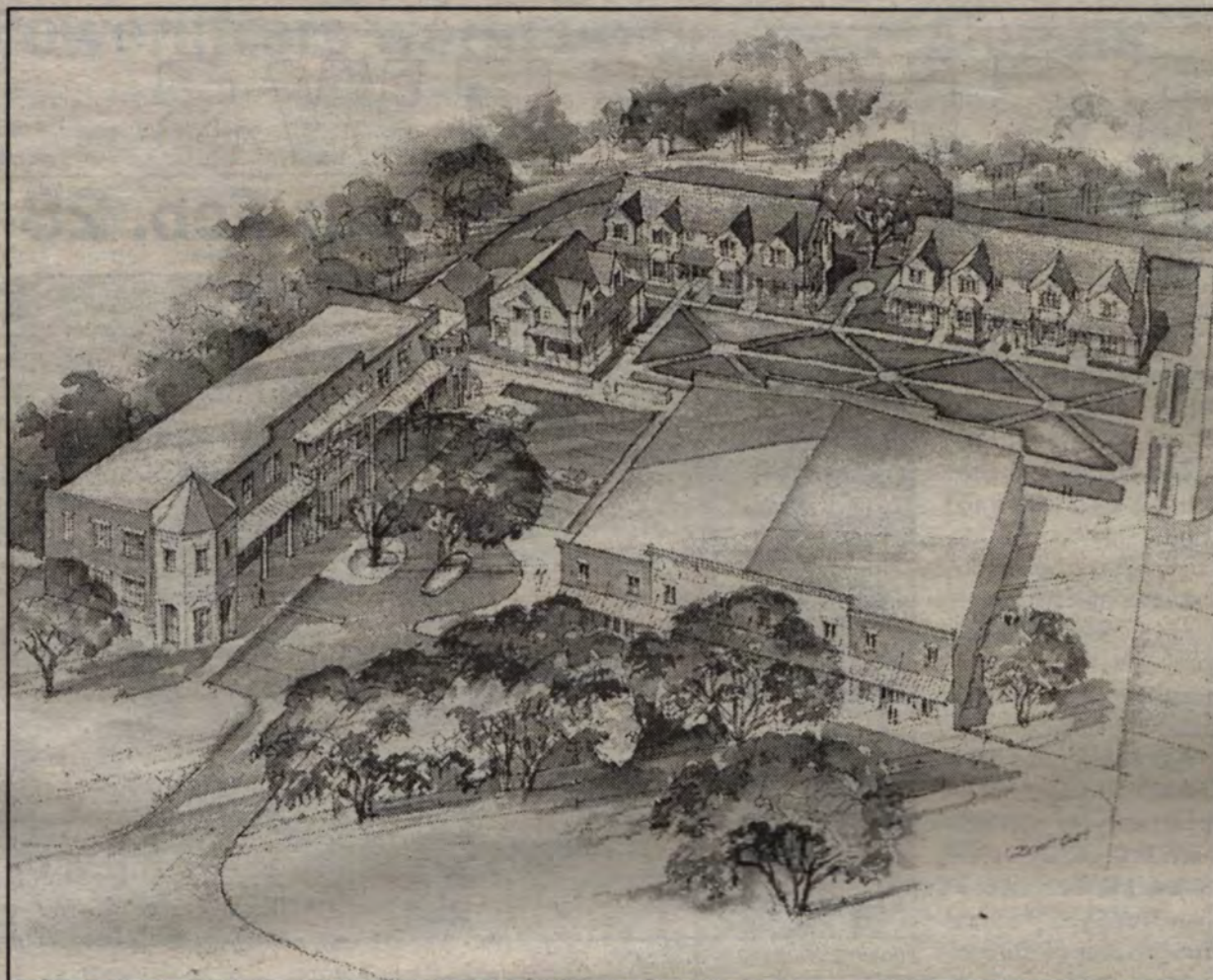
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Conceptual drawing of additional construction at Carriage Place Square.

## Carriage Place

53 percent, well below the limit of 75 percent impervious cover set out in the zoning ordinance.

Project planners claim that the total project will have 67 parking spaces, which is below the 78 necessary spaces calculated in the zoning ordinance for the square footage and use of the buildings. However, architects point to a shared parking provision in the ordinance that they claim would allow joint use of parking spaces on the property.

Historic District regulations state that "the required number of parking spaces may be reduced if parking can be shared with an adjacent development(s) or use(s)."

In the parking requirements section, the Zoning Ordinance states: "Shared parking may be allowed in the case of mixed uses in different buildings under the following conditions. up to 50 percent of the parking spaces required for a theater or other place

of evening entertainment (after 6 p.m.) or for a church, may be provided and used jointly by banks, offices and similar uses not normally open, used, or operated during evening hours. Shared parking must be on the same parking lot. Reduction due to shared parking shall be determined by the Board of Aldermen."

The opponents claim that the design does not provide adequate fire lanes. Architects claim that Salado Volunteer Fire Department chief Wayne Rutherford viewed the site plan and approved it for fire safety.

Rutherford told *Salado Village Voice* that he had seen plans for the renovation of the upstairs in apartment units, but that he had not seen plans to approve the townhouse units or the additional retail building.

Residents also voiced concerns with drainage onto their properties from the new development.

Before the conditional use permit is issued by the Village of Salado, architects will have to address these concerns and issues.

"We're here to gather information," Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Jack Herrington told those gathered Feb. 19. "No decision will be made today. We will address these concerns."

"The proposed dense development of the referenced property will certainly compound the problems of traffic, parking, noise and refuse; and without proper water retention measures, could create a hazardous water runoff problem for resi-

dents of Carriage House Estates. An additional concern is whether there is enough open area on this property to accommodate adequate septic fields for the number of living units and commercial space currently planned," according to a statement signed by 19 residents of Carriage House Estates.

With these concerns in mind, residents will continue to fight the townhome and retail space development as it is now proposed.

Whether it is built in their back yard is up to the planning and zoning commission and the Village of Salado board of aldermen.

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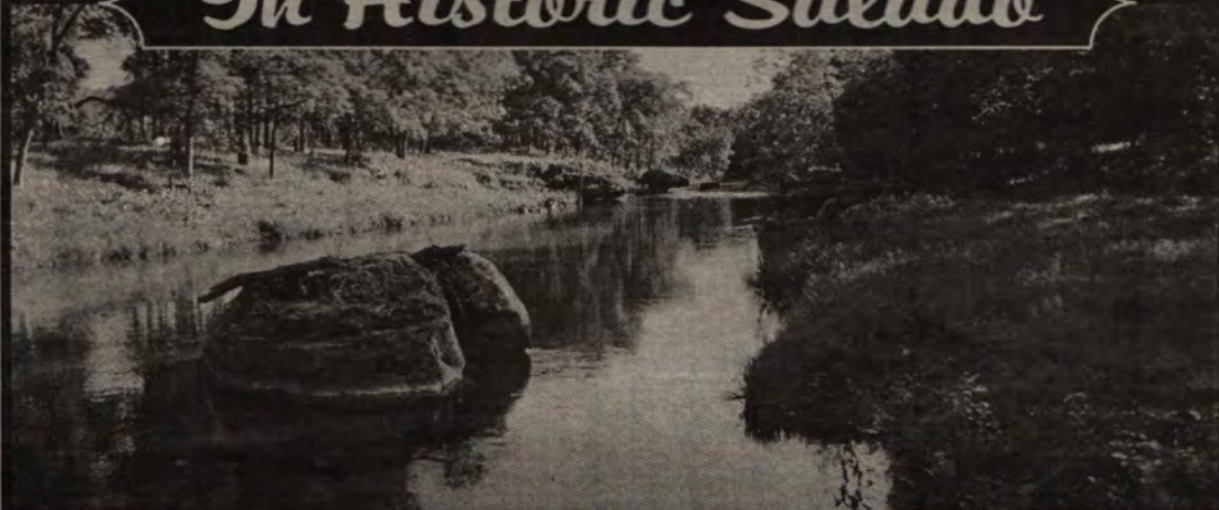
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# CHURCH NEWS

## SUMC to host Freedom Tour Feb. 28

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

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Wednesday Praise & Prayer • 7:00 p.m.

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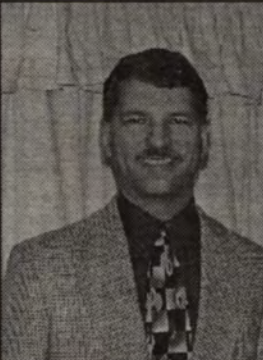
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Sunday Morning Worship	8:00
(8am service is 30 minutes)	9:00
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Sunday School	10:00
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Sunday Morning Service • Feb. 29, 2004



**Joe Keyes**  
Minister

Certainly if there are any of God's Ten Commandments that we think no longer have a claim on us, it would be the fourth commandment: "Remember the Sabbath by keeping it holy" (Ex. 20:8). As Christians we may discount this one, but the principle behind it still remains. Come join us for worship as we explore the truth of this claim.

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Evening Worship • 6 p.m.

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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 Street.

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 pro-



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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 hosted in honor of his son.

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

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

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**Masonic Lodge serves catfish March 5**

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Tickets are \$6 each and can be purchased at First State Bank, Village Pharmacy and the Salado Village Voice. Proceeds will benefit Salado School Programs. Coffee, tea and dessert is included.

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## SUMC to host Renewal Weekend Feb. 28-29

The Salado United Methodist Church will host Renewal Weekend, Feb. 28-29. All men in the community 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."

A lunch of Texas Fried Fish with all the trimmings will be served at noon.

Dr. Holbert will also preach at 6 p.m. Feb. 28 in the Sanctuary and at 11 a.m. Feb. 29 at the new building site on Royal Street. A Ground Breaking Service for Salado United Methodist Church's new complex will be part of this service. A lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall at noon.

## St. Joseph's Chapel to begin Lent

St. Joseph's Episcopal Chapel will begin its Lenten observance, 6 p.m. Feb. 25 with a Holy Eucharist and the Proper Liturgy for Ash Wednesday. This begins the 40-day period of self-examination and sacrifice which leads to Holy Week and Easter.

As part of St. Joseph's Episcopal Chapel Lenten observance, a Mexican meat-free meal will be served after the 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday Eucharist each week during Lent. Sylvia Villarreal will be preparing the food. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per plate. The meal will be served at Fletcher's Bookstore, 945 N. Main St., Salado. No reservations are required.

St. Joseph's celebrates Holy Eucharist every Saturday at 5 p.m. and Morning Prayer, 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

## Califano on Dean's Honor Roll

Joseph Califano of Salado earned a place on the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester at Texas State Technical College Waco.

Califano is a student in Welding Technology.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes the scholastic achievement of students with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99 for the semester.

## Monday Club to meet March 1

The Monday Club will meet 2 p.m. March 1 at the Salado United Methodist Church.

Richard McGhee will present a program titled "Agency on Aging." All ladies are invited.

Texas State Technical College, the only state-supported technical college system in Texas, offers specialized, hands-on instructional courses at campuses in Harlingen, Marshall, Waco and West Texas.

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## St. Stephen Women's Society members attend Deanery Council

St. Stephen Women's Society were represented by several members attending the Temple Deanery Council of Catholic Women Feb. 18 at Coperas Cove, Holy Family Catholic Church.

The SSWS wishes to express gratitude to all those helping to make their recent bake sale a great success. Women who baked items, worked at the sale and everyone who purchased goodies all helped us make a good offering

toward the Parish Hall Fund.

A new project, "Adopt a Tree" Fund for landscaping the Parish and Rectory grounds has begun with Heller Landscaping commissioned for trees and labor.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month, followed by a program and fellowship. All Catholic women in the Salado area are welcome to become members.

## Dr. Pinkston lectures on Birds of Bell County at public library

The Salado Public Library will host a free lecture presented by Dr. Randy Pinkston on the Birds of Bell County, 7 p.m. March 2 at the library.

Slides will be included with the lecture. Tying in with the March 2 pre-

sentation, a birdwatching field trip will also be held March 6 at Lions Park in Temple. Material is appropriate for all ages, but attendance is limited to 25.

For more information or to register, call the library at 947-9191.

## "Cold Mountain" discussed at book club meeting at UMHB

Members of the Central Texas Book Club at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor are currently reading **Cold Mountain** by Charles Frazier. The discussion of **Cold Mountain** will be 7 p.m. April 15 in Lucile Capt Amphitheater on campus. This event is open to the public.

**Cold Mountain** is the book from which the current Oscar nominated movie starring Jude Law, Nichole Kidman and Renee Zellweger is based. It is a story of a soldier's journey back from war to the mountains of his home and the woman waiting for him there. It is also the

story of a woman's struggle to work her father's farm while she is waiting for the war to end.

The panelists include Dr. David Chrisman, UMHB assistant professor of history and political science; Dr. Brent Gibson, UMHB assistant professor of English; and Dr. Joey Tabarlet, UMHB associate professor of communications.

**Cold Mountain** is available at the UMHB bookstore for \$14.95. The club is open to the community. For more information, contact Audell Shelburne at [ashelburne@umhb.edu](mailto:ashelburne@umhb.edu).

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## Boys take title with 12-0 mark; still a lot of work to be done

The Varsity Eagle cagers made it official Feb. 17, capturing the district title outright on the road versus Lexington. Entering the final regular season game, Salado was a perfect 11-0 in district, while Lexington sported a formidable 10-1 mark.

**Salado 46**  
**Lexington 41**

The Eagle team that showed up in Lexington wasn't the one Coach Tom Long was used to putting on the court. They came out uncharacteristically tight, and made their share of mental errors.

Salado's talent, though, was still too much for Lexington to overcome, as Salado was able to survive a second period injury to three point specialist Josh Wright, who rolled his ankle severely.

Lexington came out ready to play. With the district title on the line, the two district powers slugged it out to 26-all halftime tie, a fairly low offensive total for a potent Salado offense. Long says the low-scoring was indicative of impatient offense, putting up shots too quickly, and lack of rebounding.

Things stayed close well into the third, with Salado opening up a slim 38-33 lead entering the



Pictured above are the slightly distracted members of the Varsity Eagles basketball team, moments before the nets were cut down in the gym in celebration of the district championship they gained earlier in the evening. The Eagles will take on the winner of Shulenberg/Boling in the area playoffs Feb. 27.

fourth. The Eagles went into clock-killing mode with approximately three minutes remaining, seemingly with the lead safe in tow. Turnovers allowed Lexington to close the gap, but two set isolation plays to Travis Clark down the stretch sealed Salado's victory.

The win gave Salado a 29-3 regular season mark, the best in Salado history for a boy's team. Clark had 15 points on the night to lead Salado. Matt Caskey scored 10 points, the only other Eagle in double-digits.

Matt Jennings scored

eight points, Devon Dunn had six, Wright had five before going down with injury and Ben Marsh scored two points.

By securing the district title, Salado gained a first round bye in the playoffs. They will take the court Feb. 27 against a yet-to-be-determined opponent.

Salado will play the winner of Schulenberg, the runner up of District 28AA, and Boling, third place in 27AA. Details on game time, location and opponent, will be available at the High School Feb. 25. Long believes that Wright's injury is not seri-

ous enough to keep him out of the starting lineup in the upcoming playoff game. Long believes that Salado matches up well against either potential opponent, and the Eagles should be favored.

Despite that fact that Salado hasn't lost since December, the team dropped two spots in the Feb. 23 Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll, to number nine.

**Salado JV 45**  
**Lexington JV 47**

The Salado JV closed their season with a hard-fought overtime loss to Lexington. James Gregurek had 18 points, and Ryan Clark had 16, but no other Eagle scored more than five on the game.

Behind Gregurek and Clark were Garrett, Askins, who had five; Slayt Ebling, with four points; and Justin Konzen, who scored two.

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