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Leader, bank founder Greenwood passes away

Community leader and bank founder Samuel Ross (S.R.) Greenwood, died April 10, 2004 at the age of 82.

Funeral services will be at First United Methodist Church in Temple at noon April 14. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. April 13 at Harper-Talasek Funeral Home of Temple.

He was born September 1, 1921 at Speegleville, Texas, the son of Samuel Tillian Greenwood and Rosa Oliver Greenwood.

S.R. was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Lawrence Lee Greenwood, Roy Greenwood and Marion Wes Greenwood, his sister, Mary Lois Greenwood, his son, Samuel Tillian Greenwood II, and the mother of his children Clara Ann Hejl Greenwood.

He is survived by his beloved wife Sindy Jaster Greenwood, of Salado; his daughter Gayle Greenwood Pitts, of Houston, and his son Fletcher Hejl Greenwood, of Austin.

He is also survived by his grandchildren, whom he considered his pride and joy: Samuel Greenwood Pitts and wife Missy, of Dallas; Christopher Rowan Pitts, of Houston; Emily Claire Greenwood-Kuykendall, of Temple; Sydney Schuyler Greenwood-Kuykendall, of Belton; Allie Ann Morgan Greenwood and Mason Douglas Ross Greenwood of Round Rock. Also, the newest joys in his life, great grandchildren: Chloe Nicole Rodocker, of Belton and Samel Greenwood Pitts, Jr., of Dallas.

Ross served in the Air Force during World War II, but his lifetime career was in the banking industry.

He was past president of Temple National Bank, Inter First Bank and founding chairman of Salado National Bank in 1979. He was a director of Ennis State Bank, Texas Independent Bank in Dallas and Commercial State Bank in Palmer.

In 1976, he was elected president of the Texas Bankers Association. He had served on the Administrative Council, Historical Committee, and chairman of the New Facilities Committee. He was a member of the Governing Council of the American Bankers Association, as well as serving on the ABA's Government Relations Committee, Communication Council, National Mortgage Finance Committee



Samuel Ross Greenwood

and chairing the ABA subcommittee of Housing and Urban Development.

Greenwood was chairman and past president of the Salado Chamber of Commerce, Temple Chamber of Commerce, Salado Lions Club, Temple Lions Club, Temple USO, Governor's Committee on Aging in Austin and the board of trustees of the Central Texas Regional Medical Education Foundation. He also was a director of the Texas Independent Bankers Association in Austin, the Independent Brokerage Corporation of America in Dallas, American Income Life Insurance Corporation in Waco, the Texas Society on Aging in Austin, the National Advisory Committee of the White House Conference on Aging in Washington DC, the American Digestive Disease Society in Washington, the Texas United Community Services of Austin, the Temple Law Enforcement Board and Paul Quinn College in Waco.

A lifelong Methodist, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Temple. He served as Chairman of the Board of Stewards of the First United Methodist Foundation in Ft. Worth, chairman of Wesleyan Homes, Inc. and its Finance Committee in Georgetown. He was a Lay Leader for the Temple District and served five terms as First United Methodist Finance Chairman.

Greenwood was the recipient of many awards over his lifetime. To name a few: The State of Israel "Jerusalem Peace Award," the Temple Jaycees Outstanding Citizen Award and its Boss of the Year Award, and the Texas Society on Aging's Distinguished Service Award.

He was also proud to be a Mason, Shriner and members of Scottish Rite, Knights Templar, VFW and American Legion.



Salado firefighters battled a house fire in Woods of Salado April 9. The home of Ben and Grace Lavadia was lost in the blaze. There were no injuries nor loss of life in the fire. The Lavadias are staying with family nearby on a short term basis. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Sales tax rebates up for Salado

Perhaps feeling the effect of the state's "Project: Pay Up" amnesty period, sales tax rebates to the Village of Salado and the Salado Public Library were up for April. This is the second month in a row that sales tax rebates to local entities has been higher than 2003 payments.

Payment to the Village of Salado is considerably higher this April than last year: \$16,237.22 compared to 2003's \$14,247.03, an increase of almost 14 percent. For the year, however, payments to the Village trail last year's payments: \$94,978.40 through April, which is 2.41 percent less than the \$97,332.39 in payments last year. The Village levies a one cent sales tax within its two square mile boundaries.

Altogether, Bell County cities received just over three percent more this April than last year: \$2.1 million compared to \$2.0 million. For the year, Bell County cities have

received 8.36 percent more than last year: \$10 million compared to \$9.3 million.

Salado Public Library District received \$10,554.08, which is two percent more than last year's \$10,331.42 April payment. For the year, the Library District is still trailing last year's payments through April: \$59,400.54 is almost one percent less than the \$59,808.27 paid through April 2003. The Library District levies a half-cent sales tax in its boundaries which are the same as the Salado Independent School District.

Bell County levies a half-cent sales tax and received a payment of \$679,640.76, which was 1.75 percent less than the April 2003 payment of \$691,815.95. For the year, however, the county is running 8.42 percent ahead of payments made in 2003: \$3.2 million compared to \$3 million paid in 2003.

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn

said April 9 that the state received \$1.18 billion in sales tax revenue in March, a 17.2 percent increase compared to March 2003.

"This tremendous jump is a direct result of my recommendation to the legislature to have a tax amnesty plan to bring dollars into our state coffers," Strayhorn said.

Early returns from "Project: Pay Up," a tax amnesty period from March 11-31, helped boost sales tax revenue. The final results of "Project: Pay Up" are still being tallied. During the amnesty period authorized by the 78th Legislature, businesses owing delinquent taxes had an opportunity to pay their tax debt without facing penalties and interest normally assessed against delinquent taxpayers.

Strayhorn sent \$295.1 million in April sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, an 11.4 percent increase compared to April

2003. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are up 8.2 percent as the Texas economy continues to gain momentum.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent April sales tax allocations of \$199.1 million to Texas cities, are up 11.2 percent compared to April 2003. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 8.7 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$16.7 million, up 7.3 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 6.7 percent higher than last year.

Another \$7.4 million went to 81 special purpose taxing districts around the state, down 0.2 percent compared to last April. Nine local transit systems received \$71.8 million in sales tax rebates, up 14.4 percent over last year.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on May 14.

Aldermen to adopt Comp Plan

Salado aldermen are set to formally adopt the Comprehensive Plan following a public hearing on it 6:30 p.m. April 15 at the Municipal Building on Stagecoach Rd.

The Village has already adopted the bulk of the

Comprehensive Plan in separate actions, including the Transportation Plan, Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance.

In addition to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances, the Com-

prehensive Plan includes sections on Guiding Principles, Parks and Recreation, Land Usage and an inventory of current land uses.

The Public Hearing and Passage of the Comprehensive Plan are the chief

components of the board's agenda for the night.

Other items on the business agenda include reports from the chief of police and the tourism director, a report on the Salado Creek committee and an examination of year-to-date financials.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Deity Reference Deleted

Excerpted from a public-school history textbook sometime in the future:

... so the Pilgrims came to America, motivated by a religious vision. As the Mayflower Compact put it, they undertook their voyage "for the glory of [deity reference deleted], and advancement of the Christian faith." They agreed to "solemnly and mutually in the presence of [deity reference deleted], and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic."

Later, the Great Awakening in the first half of the 18th century was, in the words of historian Paul Johnson, a "proto-revolutionary event," helping to create an American national consciousness. The minister Jonathan Edwards was a seminal figure in the awakening. He could preach fire and brimstone, as in his famous sermon "Sinners in the Hands of an [angry deity reference deleted]."

In the revolutionary generation, America had such gifted leaders and events transpired in such a felicitous way that one writer concluded "an [heavenly body reference deleted] rides in the whirlwind and directs this storm." At Valley Forge, George Washington exhorted his troops: "The signal instances of providential [word deleted, due to unnecessary capitalization] which we have experienced and which have now almost crowned our labors with complete success, demand from us in a peculiar manner the warmest returns of gratitude and piety to the [indirect deity reference deleted] of all Good."

In a classic expression of religiosity, Abraham Lincoln said in his second inaugural address, "If we shall suppose that American slavery is one of those offenses which, in the providence of [deity reference deleted], must needs come, but which, having continued through [third person possessive deleted] appointed time, [third person pronoun deleted] now wills to remove, and that [third person pronoun

Rich Lowry



deleted] gives to both North and South, this terrible war, as the woe due to those by whom the offense came, shall we discern therein any departure from those divine attributes which the believers in a Living [deity reference deleted] always ascribe to [indirect object deleted]?"

American presidents continued to make such references, even as late as the presidency of George W. Bush. Bush told the nation after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, "Freedom and fear, justice and cruelty, have always been at war, and we know that [deity reference deleted] is not neutral between them."

A sea change occurred in 2002 when the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the phrase "under [deity reference deleted]" in the Pledge of Allegiance was an unconstitutional establishment of religion. Eventually it became impermissible to mention [deity reference deleted] in publicly funded schoolbooks, since such references might unconstitutionally make atheist students feel uncomfortable by confronting them with the benign influence of religion on American history and with the fact that many admirable American historical figures had believed in [deity reference deleted].

Where the aggressive secularist trend will end is impossible to predict, or, as the expression used to go, "[deity reference deleted] only knows."

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Governor announces school reform plan to be financed by "sin" and "loophole" taxes plus hazy treasury "surpluses"

Now that the November 2, general election ballots are set in concrete, other than the possible addition of Ralph Nader's Independent candidacy, that hangs on collecting petitions from millions of Texans (Note "Nader Rumor" commentary below), we now have only one remaining mystery to unravel this week - that being what weird instructions will be in Governor Rick Perry's special session "Call."

"Weird" because of his "final & official" plan reported in San Antonio last week, that calls for major education reforms to be funded in large measure on millions of pure "guess-work" bucks!

On April 8, Governor Goodhair told an Alamo City audience, that his Educational Excellence-Equity Plan would: "Cut school property taxes by \$6 billion while pumping \$2.5 billion new dollars into the public schools; increase funding equity; and preserve Texas' strong job creation climate."

The Governor will soon proclaim the starting date of the 30 day session and outline what subjects lawmakers can tackle - beyond which the House and Senate may not stray (without special permission from Perry).

CHECK THE FINE PRINT

The fine print in the Governor's plan uncovers the fact that some of the property tax cuts go "on line" slowly over a number of years, as do many of the school funding ideas. The actual amount that schools will receive this coming year is "hopeful" at best. Some categorize most of the ideas as "political chicanery!"

New dollars come from combining a mixed bag of sin, franchise and auto sales "loophole" taxes. Also, if voters approve, video lottery gambling. The "sin" revenues will require increasing cigarette taxes to a "buck-a-pack" plus a five dollar add-on admission fee to live nude entertainment presentations.

Other State revenues will come from "voodoo" accounting tricks; accelerating tax time lags; and even collecting overdue taxes (something new?).

SHARE FUTURE SURPLUSES?

The most nebulous of the Governor's income enhancers is a "Constitutional mandate that would require dedicating two-thirds of all "future surplus treasury funds" to the property tax cuts and an increased funding of schools."

The amount of "surplus" to be dedicated would be a mystery until the end of each biennial budget spending cycle, so planning would be almost impossible and undoubtedly minuscule, if the "no new tax" joke continues to be sacrosanct.

TEXAS' TAX BURDEN LIGHT

The inviolability of never enacting new general taxes simply to attract new businesses to Texas, in addition to all the other bribery schemes we use - (lengthy tax shelters; free roads-utilities; and cash, like the millions of tax dollars given to keep Sematech in Austin) - is a ridiculous exercise in traditional Republicanism that leans towards protection of wealth and away from general public needs.

This is especially true in a State like Texas that ranks fifth from the bottom (nationwide) in the percentage (8.7%) of income paid in taxes to state-county-local governments. These stats provided by the respected conservative "Tax Foundation" and are most likely accurate.

LAWMAKERS UNEASY

Legislators expressed deep reservations when queried about Perry's plan that promises great educational reforms but creates a hazy method of paying the bill. Perry's two colleagues in the House and Senate - Speaker Tom Craddick and

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



Lt. Governor David Dewhurst complimented their "boss" for finally coming up with a plan, but Craddick noted once again that "the problem of properly funding public education has eluded our state's leadership since the days of the Republic."

Dewhurst has been busily promoting the Senate plan that includes "broadening the sales tax." A real "downer" if you subscribe to the "no-new-tax" shibboleth.

Should be an interesting 30 day session, but even the most optimistic followers of the GOP party line should be prepared for failure - at least during the first called session. This, because only Dewhurst and his Senators are willing to discuss openly a sales tax that can raise billions, but which violates the "new or added tax" prohibition - and could very well create an unbreachable impasse between the two Houses.

NADER RUMOR INVESTIGATED

Once again, we have gone to great lengths, in an effort to discover the source of rampant rumors that our Republican gentry are plotting to secure volunteers (from their ranks), to sign Ralph Nader's petition to get him on Texas' November 2 ballot, as an Independent!

We ran this matter past the local "Do-No-Gooders" (these reactionaries were as usual, spending more than their share of time at the Stagecoach Coffee Shop) and with shocked, shocked looks, they allowed as how no true-blue GPer would stoop to such a trick!

The "trick" of course would be to get old Ralph on the ballot; suck away enough votes from the Democrats in what is expected to be another cliff-hanging presidential election; and reelect George W. Bush for another four years of.....well, whatever it's been!

Despite the arched eyebrows and straight-faced denials, (by Salado's rascally DNGers) there may just be a kernel of truth about GPer's (state-wide) signing Nader's third party petition.

They well remember what Democratic mischief makers contrived (successfully) in 1992, as they unofficially joined Republicans in the massive sign-up that put Ross Perot on the ballot throughout America. Result was the election of William Jefferson Clinton and destruction of Bush-the-elder's reelection bid.

LOCAL PEROT FAN

For a local reference, about Republican Perot's run as an Independent, (while railing about NAFTA and the "great sucking sound") we recommend you contact DNGer and former Perot "booster" Woodie Grisham!

Reportedly, his sweet wife still hasn't forgiven him. She apparently backed Bush-Senior and no doubt reminds Woodie on a regular basis that Perot ended up stealing nearly 20 million votes that probably would have gone to Bush. Bush's total was a disappointing 39 million.

Clinton's win came from a minority (albeit plurality) vote of the nearly 104 million ballots cast. He drew 45 million votes (43%) which underscores the potential impact of a third party candidate - especially one that has a "popular" message (unlike Nader).

That's -30-

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Heritage Forum

by Edwin Feulner

Richard Clarke says he warned us.

The former anti-terrorism adviser worked for four presidents before becoming a media darling and best-selling author.

During a recent interview with 60 Minutes, Clarke promoted his new book by pinning the blame for the Sept. 11 attacks on the current Bush administration. "(President Bush) ignored terrorism for months, when maybe we could have done something to stop Sept. 11. Maybe. We'll never know," he told Lesley Stahl.

Clarke says he had a plan in place. About a week before the attacks, he says he encouraged the president to bomb al Qaeda's sanctuary in Afghanistan and to kill bin Laden. Even so, Clarke admits that, had his plan been adopted in Jan. 2001, it still wouldn't have prevented Sept. 11.

It's never polite to say, "we told you so." But since that's what Clarke's trying to do, let's recall what Heritage Foundation Middle East expert James Phillips had to say about terrorism in Oct. 2000:

"Washington ... should look beyond the terrorist pawns deployed by bin Laden and take action against the states that support him: the Taliban regime in Afghanistan that gives him sanctuary and possibly Saddam Hussein's Iraqi dictatorship. The U.S. goal should be to oust these regimes, not merely to contain them, because as long as they remain in power the United States and its allies face a heightened threat from international terrorism."

That is exactly what the Bush administration has done since Sept. 11. And it's working. We're taking the fight to the terrorists. That's a key reason there hasn't been a terrorist attack on U.S. soil in two-and-a-half years.

Clarke would not have supported such strong measures, though. He told Stahl: "So what did we do after Sept. 11? We invade and occupy an oil-rich Arab country, which was doing nothing to threaten us. In other words, we stepped right into bin Laden's propaganda."

It's like the old Chinese finger prison -- President Bush is stuck no matter what he does. Clarke says Sept. 11 was his fault because he wasn't aggressive enough before we were attacked. But Clarke also would blame the president for any future attack,

because it would result from Bush's aggressive leadership since Sept. 11.

Yet Clarke is surprisingly reluctant to criticize President Clinton, who also ignored Clarke's advice to kill bin Laden. In 2002, Clarke told PBS' "Frontline" it was almost impossible for Clinton to bunt him down. After all, "there was the Middle East peace process going on. There was the war in Yugoslavia going on. People above my rank had to judge what could be done in the counter-terrorism world at a time when they were also pursuing other national goals."

Oh. So in Clarke's mind, President Clinton gets a pass for ranking Yugoslavia ahead of al Qaeda, but Sept. 11 is President Bush's fault.

Just for the sake of argument, let's assume Bush had aggressively targeted bin Laden in the spring of 2001. What would international reaction have been?

Consider the outcry when Israel assassinated Hamas founder Ahmed Yassin. Yassin was a terrorist, directly responsible for the deaths of hundreds of people. One might expect his passing would be celebrated.

Instead, British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said Israel's act "is unacceptable, it is unjustified, and it is very unlikely to achieve its objectives." Straw called Yassin "an 80-year-old in a wheelchair." And he added Israel "is not entitled (to) this kind of unlawful killing, and we therefore condemn it."

All that from our staunchest ally in the war on terrorism. Now imagine the international outcry if we had killed bin Laden in early 2001.

That doesn't mean it shouldn't have been done. In fact, it could have been done long before 2001 by another president that Richard Clarke served. Would that have prevented 9/11? As Clarke himself might say: "Maybe. We'll never know."

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Your Voice

Readers Opinion

Dear Editor:

Why do I not feel comfortable when Ted Kennedy is on national T.V. supporting senator John

FORUM



Congress in review

This week, Senator Hutchison's column provides Texans with an update on Congress and a look ahead at the legislative agenda for the coming months.

Congress' Report Card

One of the things I enjoy most about being your United States Senator is the opportunity I get to visit with you as I travel around our great state. Every April, during the legislative break in Washington, I like to update Texans on what Congress has done during the first quarter of the year. While I make stops across the state, I wanted to also take a moment and update you in this column.

The Budget

One of our chief accomplishments thus far was the passage of the 2005 Budget. It has passed the Senate and provides a roadmap to win the war on terrorism, defend the homeland, promote economic growth and create new jobs. The budget clearly reflects our top priority of protecting Americans at home and abroad, while moving to cut the federal deficit in half, in just a few years. It is pending in the House of Representatives.

The Economy

We've also made great strides toward improving our nation's economy. Americans are still reaping the benefits of last year's tax relief. The service industry remains rel-

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



atively strong, profits and cash flows continue to improve, business confidence and spending have been on the rise and job growth is accelerating. We received the good news that 308,000 jobs had been created in March, bringing the seven-month total to 759,000 jobs.

An editorial in the *Wall Street Journal* responded to that news by stating, "The U.S. employment situation is strong, improving and still the envy of the economic world."

To continue that trend of job creation, we are working on the JOBS Act to preserve work for thousands of Americans, alleviate the tax burden on manufacturing companies and allow U.S. businesses to compete fairly with their European counterparts. Unfortunately, it has not passed the Senate, but we will continue to work to lower unemployment and make sure every American looking for work can find it.

Transportation

We did pass highway legislation in the Senate, but it was a bill I did not support because it continues to substantially short-change Texas. One of my top priorities in reauthorizing the highway bill, which funds our national Interstate highway system, was to ensure Texas receives a greater return on every gas tax dollar we send to Washington. Currently we receive 90.5 cents back for every dollar sent, while other states receive 100 percent -- and in some cases even more.

We have contributed more than \$5 billion to

enable other states to build their highway networks over the last 47 years and unfortunately this year's bill did not lessen this disparity. I will continue to fight for an equitable formula that treats Texas fairly.

The Months Ahead

While we've worked on some major initiatives this year, there are many issues still on our plate on which we must make progress. Medical malpractice, asbestos litigation and class action reform are important issues that must move forward. Passage of a comprehensive energy policy remains a burning issue for Congress, particularly as we suffer through record gas prices at the pump.

I'm hopeful we'll be able to produce a bill that will lower costs, promote conservation, reduce our reliance on foreign sources of oil, and create jobs and opportunities for Americans.

But overriding everything we do in Congress is the war on terror our men and women in uniform are waging everyday. We know we are up against a vicious enemy who values nothing, not even their own lives, as they seek to destroy freedom and democracy.

The United States of America will stay the course and we will see this battle through. In Washington, we'll continue to give our soldiers the resources, support and encouragement they need to defend our freedom and way of life.

Grocery workers put up fight for middle class



Jim Hightower

The long grocery strike in Southern California has ended, but the energy and awareness that it unleashed will roll across our land for years to come.

This was a strike forced by Safeway's CEO Steven Burd, who targeted his corporation's middle-class pay scale and benefits for elimination, seeking to Wal-Martize the entire industry's workforce. He was joined by Albertson's and Kroger's, which locked out their Southern California workers the very day after Safeway workers were forced to strike. Some 70,000 people suddenly were jobless, thanks to this collusive power play.

With no paychecks, no unemployment comp, no health coverage, and union strike benefits of only \$125 a week, the economic and emotional stress on the workers was enormous. Yet, they hung in through the longest grocery strike in U.S. history, twice as long as the chain CEOs had assumed they could last. (The CEOs, of course, kept drawing their multi-million-dollar salaries and Rolls Royce health coverage, so they endured no personal sacrifice.)

At the end, the chains had lost \$1.5 billion in revenues (and much more in good will), but the CEOs had the still-deep pockets of their national companies going for them and a brutish, driving determination to crush the industry's pay scale so they and other top stockholders could take more for themselves.

The end came last month, when union members accepted a new company offer. The union took some big hits, but current workers did not take a pay cut or have to slash their healthcare coverage, which was one of the chains' two top goals. By taking a stand, these workers staved off a knockout blow to middle-class grocery jobs.

This is a class war that has only begun. The Steven Burds will keep attacking, but, as a result of this grocery fight, a growing majority of working folks all across the country now know that all of us are targeted and that the assault is not about some jobs here and some benefits there -- but about whether America will be a middle-class country.

Storytelling in Salado open to public

A nationally recognized storyteller will weave the magic of stories for school-children and the general public during two days of events held in Salado, May 3-4.

Elizabeth Ellis, of Dallas, has spent 25 years storytelling across Texas, the United States and abroad. Recognizing her talent, The National Storytelling Association awarded her the Circle of Excellence. She was

the first recipient of the John Henry Faulk Award from the Texas Storytelling Association, and she is a founding member of the Dallas Storytelling Guild.

Ellis will make several stops in town, May 3-4, sponsored by the Salado Public Library.

Her first performance will be at Thomas Arnold Elementary School, where she will spend the day telling stories to children. That evening at 7 p.m.,

the public is welcome to hear Ellis at the Salado Civic Center for family story time.

On May 4, Ellis will entertain pre-school children at the Salado Public Library, 11-11:30 a.m.

Finally, renowned storytellers Tim Tingle and Doc Moore, both of Austin, will join Ellis at a two-hour story concert for adults at the Salado Civic Center, 7 p.m., May 4.

All events are free. For



information, call the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 947-5040.

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Homeland Security Topic for Republican Women

David B. Hall, Deputy City Manager of Killeen, will be speaking on Homeland Security to Salado Area Republican Women 6:30 p.m. April 22 at the McClure Financial Building, 918 N. Main Street.

The meeting will be a potluck dinner, and there will be no charge for the meal. Reservations are needed by April 20 to Barclay McCort, 947-3617 or bam002@earthlink.net.

Hall was appointed Deputy City Manager in July 2001 after serving in several top positions in the Army. He graduated from Virginia Mil-

itary Institute (VMI) in 1972 receiving a commission as Second Lieutenant of Armor. He later returned to VMI as an assistant professor of Military Science.

Hall served in Germany and in 1991 he assumed command of the 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry at Fort Polk. He left that post in 1993 to attend the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. In 1995 he was selected to serve as the Military Attache to the Republic of the Philippines.

Hall was assigned as the Garrison Commander, III Corps

at Fort Hood in 1998. He served in this capacity until his retirement in 2001, at which time he was selected for the Deputy City Manager's job. As Deputy City

Manager, Hall is responsible for the department of Police, Fire, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Information Technology, Code Enforcement and Animal Control.

MCCA hosts Annual Clean-Up, May 15

The Mill Creek Community Association is planning the annual Mill Creek Clean-up Morning for May 15. An 8:30 a.m. meeting time at Sherrill Park with donuts and

coffee and juice will start the activity. After a morning of working together to clean up all the litter in the area, a hot dog lunch with chips etc. will be available at 11:30 a.m.

Congratulations Alyssa!



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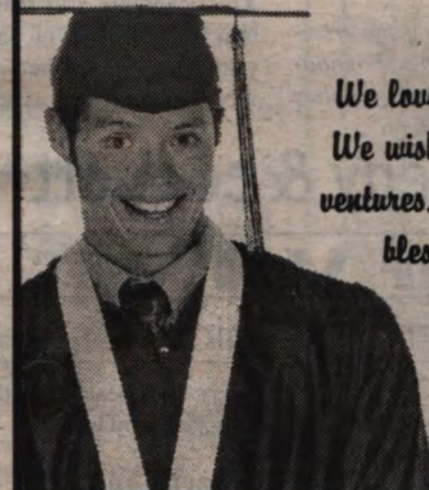
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Congratulations You did it!



Congratulations Alex!

We love you and are so proud of you. We wish you the very best at your new ventures. May God watch over you and bless you in everything you do!

Love,
 Mom, Dad & John

Class of 2004!

One Act Play "Amazing Grace" advances to Regional Finals

The Salado High School dramatic presentation of Michael Cristofer's "Amazing Grace" advanced out of the University Interscholastic League Area One Act Play contest on April 6.

The contest was held in Fredericksburg and the critic judge Dr. Charles Hukill from McMurry University lauded the Salado presentation as "One of the best ensemble productions I have seen. Every member of the cast gave a memorable and well thought out characterization. The entire production was enjoyable and a distinct pleasure to witness. Thank you for sharing this story with me."

The judge singled out three Salado actors for their outstanding work by naming Rebekah Quick, Brandi Warren and Garrett Askins to the All-Star Cast.

Other performers receiving accolades were Taylor Jones and Ariel Simpson who were named to the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.

The entire cast and crew were cited for their artistic and compelling group work.

The technical crew -- led by Clayton Cook, Ben Carder, Cheli Urquiza and Robert Lott -- was also cited for its expertise in sound, lights and sets.

The judge mentioned each cast member in his critique and complimented their "unselfish choral work." These cast mem-

bers are Tim Hodgin, Douglas Mackie, Laura-lee Young, Dixie McCollough, Travis Turk, Scott Williams, Colby Cox, Jenny Ewton, and Crystal Schoellmann.

The Regional Finals will be held at San Marcos High School on April 22 with the first of six high school one act plays beginning at 1 p.m. There will be five other schools competing with Salado for the coveted two slots to the state finals.

"The level of dramatic production gets progressively more competitive as you advance to each level but I feel that this group of students are capable of creating real theatrical magic," said faculty director Gary Askins. "They have selected a fine dramatic piece and have really worked to bring it to the stage because we all felt it is a story worth telling."

The Salado High School Drama Team received special permission from both the publisher and the UIL to present this drama about the troubled life of an abused child who is tried and convicted of murder and finds salvation on death row.

There will be a special community performance of the play "Amazing Grace" April 17 at the Salado Intermediate School at 7 p.m. Admission is free and family, friends and the community are encouraged to attend and support the efforts of their students.

Works of Village of Salado Student Art Competition on display April 17

Over 150 entries from three divisions, pre-kindergarten through fourth grade, 5th through 8th grade, and high school, have entered the First Annual Village of Salado Student Art Competition and Exhibition. Sponsors for the event are the Salado Education Foundation, The Village Artists, Salado ISD and the Public Arts League of Salado.

Sixty of the 150 entries have been selected for the final competition. Awards

will be made at 1 p.m. and the exhibits will show from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 17 at the Mill Creek Dining Room.

Local professional artists have juried the art. Entries were in original paintings, photography, ceramics, sculpture, drawings, prints, textiles and other mediums.

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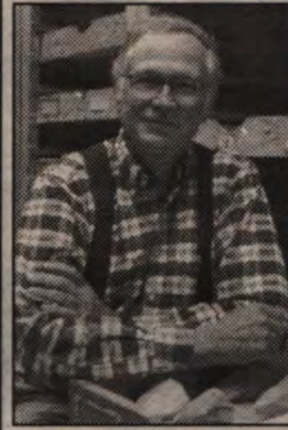


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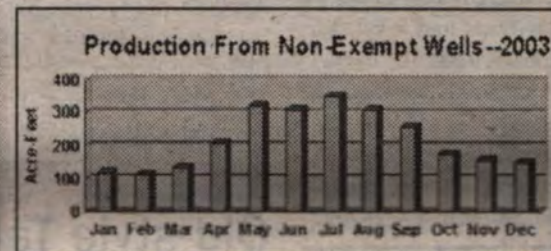
Clearwater 2004 Spring Report

THE CLEARWATER UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

DISTRICT INFORMATION

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD or District) is responsible for managing the groundwater in Bell County. There are two major aquifers within the District - the Edwards (Balcones Fault Zone-BFZ) and the Trinity. The Edwards (BFZ) is located in the southern portion of the county and the Trinity underlies all of Bell County.

During 2003, production figures were recorded for 43 non-exempt wells in Bell County. Production from these wells is shown in the chart below. A total of 849.7 million gallons, or 2,607.61 acre/feet of groundwater was produced.



One acre foot is the amount of water needed to cover one acre of land, a depth of one foot.

News/Upcoming Events

- Revised rules effective March 1, 2004. Copies are available on District web site.
- May 2004 CUWCD Election to be cancelled due to unopposed candidates.
- District providing free water quality testing for registered well owners.
- Additional aquifer monitoring sites needed-please contact the District office.
- Earth Day Celebration-Colonial Mall in Temple, April 17th from 1-6pm. District's essay/poster contest winners will be recognized.



Trinity, Edwards (BFZ), Outcrop, Overlap. The part of a water-bearing rock layer that appears at the land surface. Overlap, The part of a water-bearing rock layer that dips below other rock layers.

The District measures water levels from selected wells twice annually. This data supplements water level measurements taken annually by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Water levels for the ten TWDB monitor wells are shown in the table below.

Change in Aquifer Levels 1993 - 2004

State Well No.	Location	Aquifer	Depth From Land Surface (ft)		
			Jan/Feb 1993	Jan 2003	Jan/Feb 2004
58-04-623	Salado	Edwards (BFZ)	*85.39	85.00	89.69
58-04-702	SW of Salado	Edwards (BFZ)	75.00	78.25	72.72
58-04-801	S of Salado	Edwards (BFZ)	139.70	144.15	141.34
40-45-701	NW of Moffat	Trinity	*630.00	646.00	669.00
40-53-102	NW of Moffat	Trinity	*55.14	68.35	71.28
40-53-505	E of Moffat	Trinity	**331.00	335.00	336.00
58-03-805	E of Youngsport	Trinity	+350.10	389.40	393.72
58-04-103	W of Salado	Trinity	301.70	310.80	304.70
58-05-403	E of Salado	Trinity	**205.60	248.30	249.87
58-05-901	Holland	Trinity	**Flowing at Surface	23.70	26.19

NOTE: larger numbers represent greater depth to reach the water surface, i.e. a decline in the aquifer level. *Measurement taken in October 1993. **Measurement taken in Jan/Feb 1995. +Measurement taken in August 1997

THE WATER CYCLE

The hydrologic cycle describes the pilgrimage of water as water molecules make their way from the Earth's surface to the atmosphere, and back again. This gigantic system, powered by energy from the sun, is a continuous exchange of moisture between the oceans, the atmosphere, and the land.

Studies have revealed that the oceans, seas, and other bodies of water (lakes, rivers, streams) provide nearly 90% of the moisture in our atmosphere. Liquid water leaves these sources as a result of evaporation, the process by which water changes from a liquid to a gas. In addition, a very small portion of water vapor enters the atmosphere through sublimation, the process by which water changes from a solid (ice or snow) to a gas. (The gradual shrinking of snow banks, even though the temperature remains below the freezing point, results from sublimation.)

The remaining 10% of the moisture found in the atmosphere is released by plants through transpiration. Plants take in water through their root systems to deliver nutrients to their leaves, then release it through small pores, called stomates, found on the undersides of their leaves.

DID YOU KNOW...

- Water covers approximately 75% of the Earth's surface.
- Water is necessary for life and sets the Earth apart from the rest of the planets in our solar system.
- Water is the only known substance that can naturally exist as a gas, liquid, and solid at the earth's surface.
- Roughly 1/3 of the Earth's annual precipitation that falls on the continents runs off into the oceans.
- The Earth's water content is about 331 million cubic miles and about 96.5% is in the global oceans.
- Approximately 1.7% of the earth's water is stored in the polar icecaps, glaciers, and permanent snow, and another 1.7% is stored in groundwater, lakes, rivers, streams, and soil. Finally, a thousandth of 1% exists as water vapor in the earth's atmosphere.

Together, evaporation, sublimation, and transpiration, plus volcanic emissions, account for all the water vapor in the atmosphere. While evaporation from the oceans is the primary vehicle for driving the surface-to-atmosphere portion of the hydrologic cycle, transpiration is also significant. For example, a cornfield 1 acre in size can transpire as much as 4000 gallons of water every day.

After the water enters the lower atmosphere, rising air currents carry it upward, often high into the atmosphere, where the air cools and loses its capacity to support water vapor. As a result, the excess water vapor condenses (i.e., changes from a gas to a liquid) to form cloud droplets, which can eventually grow and produce precipitation (including rain, snow, sleet, freezing rain, and hail), the primary mechanism for transporting water from the atmosphere back to the Earth's surface.

When precipitation falls over the land surface, it follows various routes. Some of it evaporates, returning to the atmosphere, and some seeps into the ground (as soil moisture or groundwater). Groundwater is found in two layers of the soil, the "zone of aeration," where gaps in the soil are filled with both air and water, and, further down, the "zone of saturation," where the gaps are completely filled with water. The boundary between the two zones is known as the water table, which rises or falls as the amount of groundwater increases or decreases.

The rest of the water runs off into rivers and streams, and almost all of this water eventually flows into the oceans or other bodies of water, where the cycle begins anew (or, more accurately, continues). At different stages of the cycle, some of the water is intercepted by humans or other life forms. Throughout the hydrologic cycle, there are an endless number of paths that a water molecule might follow. Water molecules can take an immense variety of routes and branching trails that lead them again and again through the three phases of ice, liquid water, and water vapor.

Source: "Earth Observatory: The Water Cycle" by Steve Graham, Claire Parkinson, and Mous Chahine; <http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov>

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Bell County Sheriff's Office Incident Report, March 2004

Date	Incident	Location
3/02	Disorderly Conduct	West Amity
3/02	Criminal Trespass	Rose Lane
3/04	Natural Death	Rita Bend
3/05	Domestic Disturbance	Thomas Arnold
3/08	Attempted Suicide	Salado Springs
3/10	Criminal Trespass	Settlements Rd
3/12	Theft Over \$500 Under \$1500	Lark Trail
3/15	Harassment by Communications	Horned Frog Rd
3/16	Theft Over \$500 Under \$1500	Eagle Nest
3/21	Domestic Disturbance	Bass Rd
3/22	Welfare Concern	South IH-35
3/23	Natural Death	FM 2268

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Lankford passes away April 9

Funeral services for Doyle Dean Lankford, 71, of Salado, were held April 12, 2004 at Dossman Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Bobby Ellis officiated. Burial followed in Resthaven Cemetery.

He passed away April 9, 2004 in Austin.

He was born to Rev. Tommy and Ima Brown Lankford on July 17, 1932 in Salado. He married Carolyn Boales on Sept. 9, 1960 in Killeen. He was a lifelong resident of Bell County. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and served during the Korean War. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Lankford; daughter and son-in-law, Regina Lankford Beam and Kevin; son, Gregory Lankford; and six grandchildren, all of Salado. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, T.J. Lankford.

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St. Stephen Women to hear from antique appraiser

The April 19 meeting of the St. Stephen Women's Society will be "Antiques and Collectibles" by Jane Buggs of "As Time Goes By." It should be especially interesting, with members bringing some of their items for appraisals. The business meeting starts at 6:30 pm with the program at 7:10 pm. at the St. Stephen Parish Hall.

The work continues on the Landscape project, with a stone bench on order and more plants coming. Thanks to husbands, Brian Johnson, Gerry Reihsen,

Gene Hoelscher and M.H. Cowan, the most difficult part: muscle power for tilling the rocky soil and shoveling in growers mix, is finished. The rest of the planting will be the easy part for the Women's Group. Donations of plants that thrive in hot western sun would be appreciated.

All women of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend the Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention April 26-27, at the Austin North Hilton near Highland Mall in Austin. For information on 8 a.m. reg-

istration and banquet tickets call 947-3901. Order your tickets in advance. Items are being collected for the Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown. Items are also being requested for a silent auction to be held on April 26.

The next Temple Deanery meeting is on May 19 at St. Joseph Church in Cyclone. The theme is "The Family." All St. Stephen women are invited to attend. They will meet at St. Stephen Parking lot to car pool at 9:15 am.

Heritage Club dinner slated for April 15

The Heritage Club of Compass Bank will hold its annual Potluck Dinner, April 15 in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Belton.

Registration and fellowship will start at 5 p.m. A representative from Mayflower Tours will

attend the meeting to discuss the group's Southern Charms trip, which is scheduled in October.

Billy Hall will furnish a musical program. All members and any prospective members are invited to attend.

Old-style Tabernacle set for day of April 17

Willingham Spring Baptist Church will hold an Old Fashioned Tabernacle Meeting, 10 a.m. April 17. The church is located on FM 2843 south of Salado.

Bro. Billy Barho, of

Victory Baptist Church, Salado will be among those preaching. Dinner will be served.

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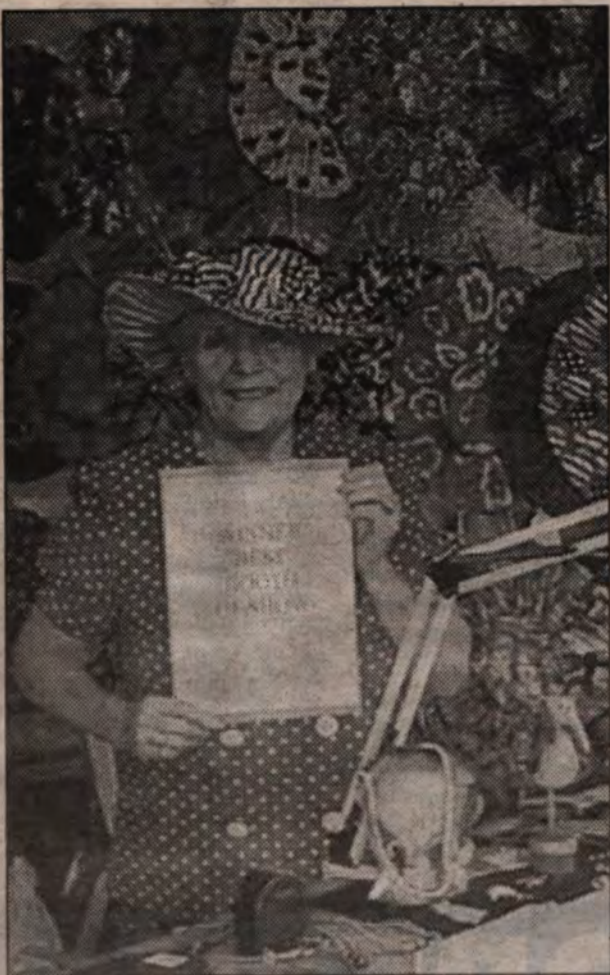
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Pictured is Sue Coe, of Salado, who along with her husband Bill, recently took Best of Show at the Blue-bonnet Festival, in Kingsland. The Coe's make and sell sun hats, along with handmade jewelry and wood crafts.

"Bill and I have been making these washable sun hats for over 10 years now. We have sold them to people all over the world. I am so thrilled to have won this award. It's nice to be acknowledged so close to home," said Sue.



Virginia Cospo, (l-r) Sherry Petty, and Jack Husung, of Sassi Jack's at Magnolia's, presents a check for \$296 to Adelle Johnson and Mary Catherine Ervin, Salado Family Relief Fund board members.

The money was raised from tickets sold to the first annual Sassi Jack's Style Show held April 3 at Royal Street Provision.

"A special thanks go to Alice Wells and Chris Hale, owners of Royal Street Provision, for donating the facility for this event," said Petty.

(PHOTO BY SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL)

Demo women meet April 17 at County Court of Law #2

The Bell County Texas Democratic Women will hold their monthly meeting April 17 in the courtroom of County Court at Law #2, 550 E. 2nd Ave. in Belton.

Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Speaker for the meeting will be Robert

Carpenter, of Killeen, who will give a program entitled "Autism - And the Help the Government Has Provided to Autism Victims."

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Rotarians learn history of Temple Railroad Museum

By SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL
STAFF WRITER

Mary Irving, curator for the Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, gave a history of the station and the museum to the Rotary Club of Salado, April 6. Irving has been with the Museum for 19 years.

A couple of years ago all of the personnel jobs were cut after spending \$4 million on a new building. "Jack Morris and several others decided they were not going to let the museum close," said Irving. "He worked with the City of Temple and came up with a task force to turn the museum into a private, non-profit organization."

The museum is run by a private board and is funded through fundraisers and donations.

Irving spoke on railroads and how over the years they have changed the face of Texas. "Before the railroad was built, people came on horseback and covered wagons," she says.

The Gulf, Colorado, and Santa Fe (GC&SF), Missouri, Kansas and Texas (MK&T) Railroads crossed in Temple in the late 1880s. This allowed farmers to get back and forth to market and ship things to other communities. "You could get anything or go anywhere by train," Irving said. "People started taking trains when going on vaca-

tion."

The Santa Fe and Scott and White Hospitals were started due to the growing population of Temple. The first Scott and White office was located in the Temple First National Bank building, which now houses the Temple Public Library.

The museum is housed in a still working train station, according to Irving. The train passes through at 11:30 a.m. going north and 6:25 p.m., going south. "Give or take 10 hours," she says.

The museum also houses locomotive 2301, the oldest surviving Santa Fe Railroad locomotive.

The museum is located



Mary Irving

at 315 W. Ave B., Temple. Hours of operation are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Sat. and noon-4 p.m. Sun.

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SPORTS

Baseball playoff race heating up

That ugly demon that has plagued the Salado Eagles baseball team several times this season (defense), showed its face again April 5 against district-leading Rogers.

The nightmare had the hometown Eagles committing six errors and allowing seven unearned runs in a 10-7 loss.

The Eagles got off to a good start with two runs in the top of the first inning. Jesse Rodriguez and Scott Bates both scored on a double by Bill Tubbs.

It didn't take long for errors to haunt the Eagles. Rogers scored five runs in the bottom of the first on one hit.

Salado cut the lead to 5-4 with two runs in the top of the third. Rodriguez led off with a single. Tanner Myers then followed with a double to score Rodriguez. Myers scored on a sacrifice fly by Bates.

Rogers scored three more runs in the bottom of the third. All of the runs were unearned and came with only one base hit.

The Eagles scored single runs in the fourth, fifth and seventh, but it was not enough. Rogers scored a run in both the fourth and fifth.

In the fourth inning, singles by Blake Spence, Josh Shaw and Rodriguez produced the run. Bates and Ben Marsh smashed back-to-back doubles for the fifth inning run. Bates accounted for the final run, driving a pitch over the rightfield wall for a homerun.

A fine pitching performance by Brian Bates was wasted on the night. He pitched the complete game, allowing five hits and striking out six.

Offensively, Rodriguez led the way, going 3-4. Scott Bates was 2-2 and Marsh was 2-4.

Following the loss to Rogers, Salado hosted Lexington April 8 in a do-or-die battle for District 25AA's third playoff spot.

Salado actually played a complete game for the first time this season. They received clutch hitting, fine pitching, and committed

only one harmless error. The performance enabled them to beat Lexington 5-2 and move into a tie for third with their counterparts from Lexington.

The visiting Eagles got on the scoreboard first, plating two runs in the top of the second. Salado scratched out a run in the bottom half.

Marsh walked to start the inning. He moved up on Spence's single and scored on a single by Wesley Ruth.

Neither team scored in the third or fourth inning. The opposing pitchers matched each other out for out. Only seven batters came to the plate for each team in the two innings.

In the bottom of the fifth, Salado's Josh Shaw lined a one-out single. After he stole second, Shaw was driven in by Rodriguez, who clubbed a double to tie the game.

After the second out was recorded, Scott Bates pulled a double down the rightfield line that scored Rodriguez and gave the

Eagles their first lead. Marsh stepped to the plate next, and promptly smashed a homer over the right-centerfield fence to seal Salado's 5-2 victory - the team's biggest win of the season.

Salado collected seven hits on the night, with Rodriguez again leading the way with two hits.

Scott Bates turned in a brilliant performance on the mound, allowing runners to reach second base in only the second and seventh innings. He allowed five hits and struck out eight in the complete game victory.

The Eagles are 10-6 on the year, and 4-4 in district play. As mentioned earlier, they are currently tied with Lexington for third. Every remaining game is now critical for the Eagles' playoff chances.

Salado will host district-foe Florence April 16. JV will begin at 4:30 p.m., and the Varsity will take the field at 7 p.m.

--REPORTED BY MELVIN BATES



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Newman clears 11'6" vault

Although the Lady Eagles tracksters couldn't quite catch Class AAA Robinson in the April 8 Hutto Relays, Salado's second place finish did include two personal records for Chelsea Ervi in the mile and two-mile, as well as an 11'6" pole vault from Brinn Newman.

Salado totaled 82 points

on the day, some distance behind Robinson's 109. Third place Hutto finished with 46 points.

Results are as follows:

200m Dash: Valerie Clark, fourth, 26.97;

400m Dash: Leigh Martin, third, 1:04.08;

Brittani Goodnight, sixth, 1:05.41;

800m Run: Molly

Rooney, third, 2:37.07;

1600m Run: Chelsea Ervi, first, 5:40.80;

3200m Run: Ervi, first, 12:19.07; Martin, second, 13.23.38;

100m Hurdles: Lauren Hogwood, second, 16.58;

300m Hurdles: Hogwood, sixth, 53.32;

400m Relay: Staci York,

Micah Malone, Brittany Boydston, Goodnight, fifth, 52.61;

800m Relay: Malone, Boydston, York, Clark, third, 1:50.18;

1600m Relay: Rooney, Goodnight, Martin, Clark, third, 4:18.25.

Complete results on field events were not available.

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Boys tracksters win in Hutto

The Varsity boys track team took on a parade of larger schools at the Hutto Relays April 8 and played the role of David, taking down the field of Goliaths to leave with the gold medal. The team also set a school record in the 800m Relay.

Results are as follows:
100m Dash: Josh Jacobson, first, 11.28;
200m Dash: Chance Coe, third, 22.77;

400m Dash: Justin Konzen, sixth, 55.10;
800m Run: Kris Stine-man, sixth, 2:14.23;
1600m Run: Nick Everett, first, 4:33.64;
3200m Run: Everett, first, 10:09.98;
110m Hurdles: Alex Butts, third, 16.57;
300m Hurdles: Butts, first, 42.37;
400m Relay: Josh Jacobson, Matt Brown,

Tucker Wilhite, first, Coe, fourth, 44.63;
800m Relay: Jacobson, Brown, Coe, Devon Dunn, second 1:31.63 (school record);
1600m Relay: Brown, Dunn, Konzen, Everett, second, 3:31.58.

JV Results

100m Dash: Stephen Fry, sixth, 11.95;
400m Dash: Austin Smith, sixth, 57.00;

3200m Run: Johnny Kendall, sixth, 11:39.93;
300m Hurdles: Blake Newman, sixth, 45.71;
400m Relay: Fry, Hampton, Nathan Sitz, Rogers, sixth, 47.49;
800m Relay: Fry, Hampton, Sitz, Rogers, sixth, 1:40.60;
1600m Relay: Smith, Bryan Corbitt, Blake Newman, Brandon Peters, sixth, 3:53.80.

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Commissioners seek construction manager for group of small renovation projects

BY TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In a short meeting April 12, Bell County commissioners approved a request for qualifications from construction managers for three small projects within the county. The county has already hired an architectural firm, Lewis Design Group, of Temple, for architectural services on expansion of the tax assessor-collector's office, the county and district clerks' document storage building

and the expansion of the communications center.

The county is renovating the county tax assessor-collector's office after the informational management personnel moved out of the leased space there. "Sharon (Long, tax assessor) is just wall-to-wall in the current space," County Judge Jon Burrows said.

Also on the slate for renovation is the 5,000 square foot building at 120 N. Penelope in Belton. The old Lewelling garage

building will be renovated and climate-controlled for the county's document storage needs. Currently, documents are stored in several different places and the facility will bring those documents under one roof.

The county will also finish the interior work on the west wing of the Bell County Communications Center. The area will be used for training employees, as well as expansion of county emergency management offices, according

to Judge Burrows.

While the projects are small, they meet the \$25,000 threshold to require an architect. The county is considering a construction manager on the projects in order to get the "best value" for its dollars.

With the time required to advertise its request for qualifications, the county may be able to hire a construction manager firm within a month.

Bell County Jamboree hits the road again

The Bell County Jamboree is hitting the road in the months of April and May. Upcoming shows will be held April 17 at Tablerock Amphitheater and May 22 at the Cultural Activities Center, in Temple.

Bring a lawn chair or enjoy the new permanent stadium seating at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater in the heart of downtown Salado.

The April Bell County Jamboree will feature the following performers: Brian Gowan, of Temple; Crystal York, of Granbury; TerryLynn Schrimsher, of Belton; and Sharon Murrah, of Belton.

Also performing will be Christian country singer, Jackie Cox, of Killeen. A seasoned performer and an accomplished songwriter as well, Cox has penned several charted singles. He has appeared on numerous television shows including *Trinity Broadcast Network*, *Texas Country Gospel*, *Gospel Country Network-Nashville* and currently hosts *Gospel Saturday Night* on KPLE-TV.

The vocal performers will be backed by the Bell Jam Band, with Ter-

ryLynn Schrimsher on guitar and vocals, Roy Robbins on lead guitar and vocals, LaRon Tubb on keyboards and vocals, Don George on fiddle, Richard Schrimsher on drums and vocals, Don Sowersby on steel guitar, Shorty Grisham on bass and Freddie Fuller on guitar and vocals.

Local sponsors for the event are Village Steakhouse, Village Realty, Charlotte's of Salado and Garlyn Shelton Autos.

Gates to the performance will open at 6 p.m., with music starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$8 for adults and children under 12 are admitted free. Senior citizen, student and group discounts are available.

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Gregory's welcomes designer John Atencio to Salado April 24

World renowned jewelry artist John Atencio will make a personal appearance at Gregory's in Salado April 24 as part of a benefit sponsored by the local gallery for the Temple Community Free Clinic.

Atencio will personally sign pieces of jewelry purchased during a special after-hours showing and party April 24.

His work will also be the center of attention during a trunk show of Atencio's extensive lines of jewelry designs 11 a.m.-4 p.m. that same day.

"We will have all of his work here," said owner Carolyn Dachs. "Lines that we don't carry in the store."

This is the second year for Gregory's to sponsor the special sale and exhibit of Atencio's jewelry designs. A percentage of all sales of Atencio's jewelry on April 24 will be donated by Gregory's to the Temple Community Free Clinic. Last year, Gregory's donated over \$4,000 from the day-long event, as well as donating a John Atencio design that

brought more than \$4,000 at the Clinic's February Caring Ball.

Atencio is a much sought-after jewelry artist, well-known throughout the country for his Signature Gold and Elements Silver Collections that combine casual elegance and contemporary styling to compliment the wearer's discriminating taste. From classic to unique, John's designs are timeless collectibles, including engagement rings and wedding bands to create a look as special as your love. Each collection incorporates fluid geometric shapes and vibrant gemstones to celebrate life's events in pieces that John says are "functional and meant to be worn, not locked in a safe" and can be passed down from generation to generation. If you love the look of sterling silver with a hint of 18K gold, you'll love the life-inspired Elements Collection.

Atencio began his extraordinary career as a jewelry designer in 1968 while attending Colorado State University in Fort

Collins. In 1976 he opened his first store in Fort Collins, selling one-of-a-kind silver and gold creations. Now with seven retail boutiques in Colorado and Arizona and a flourishing wholesale division that sells to more than 200 accounts worldwide, John continues to design each piece, creating wearable art hand-crafted from gold, silver, or platinum and vibrant gemstones that appeal to customers of all ages.

His latest focus is on new collections that are symbolic of the times, incorporating such ideas as Unity, Liberty, Endearment, and Adore in the Signature Gold Collection. John's attention to detail in his award-winning designs, along with his generous contributions to charities, have made his



John Atencio name highly recognizable.

In 1988, he was accepted as one of 10 jewelry designers selected annually to become a member of the Jewelers of America Organization.

For more information about the special trunk showing, contact Gregory's at 947-5703.

Gregory's is located on Main Street Salado in the shady Villa Shopping Center.

Taylor Festival blooms April 24

With Taylor's Bloomin' Festival less than two weeks away the organizing committee is busy preparing for the best festival yet according to Susan Komandosky, publicity chairman for the event.

Admission to the festival is free and starting at 10 a.m. April 24, activities will get underway in downtown Taylor. The main stage will be set up in front of City Hall and the children's play area will be in Heritage Square. More than 60 arts and crafts vendors will be set up along Porter Street and in the City Hall parking lot. Food vendors will be set up along Fifth Street between Porter and Washburn. A display of antique and classic tractors will be set up along the east side of Fifth Street between Main and Porter streets. Another display, this one of antique

and classic cars will be set up along the west side of Fifth between Main and Porter and in the Temple College at Taylor parking area.

In an attempt to involve more of the community in the festivities this year the stage will feature performances by local singers, dancers and bands. Performers will include the Harvesting Ministries youth and adult choirs, the St. Mary's folk choir, a square dancers group and students from Melissa's Dance Academy. A high school band, the Gnomes, will also perform.

During the 1-2 p.m. time slot the annual Red Weenie eating contest sponsored by Taylor Meat Co. will be held on the stage. The competition is open to anyone age 16 or over and the person who stuffs down the largest number of red weenies in the given time span will receive a prize.

"We hope that all of Taylor will come out, have fun and support this year's festival," Komandosky said. The festival, previously called the Cotton Pickin' Festival, is hosted by the Taylor Main Street Committee.

Festival activities will continue until 5 p.m. and then starting at 8 p.m. that night a street dance will be held featuring music by Somewhere in Texas. The street dance is hosted by the Taylor Jaycees and admission is \$6 for those 21 and over, \$10 for those between 13-21 and free for anyone 12 and younger.

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Tax-smart Investment Tips for 2004

In just a few days, millions of Americans will scramble to file their tax returns. And many of them will wonder if they could have done anything to lower the taxes resulting from their investments. Of course, by then it will be too late for 2003 - but there's plenty of time to make "tax-smart" moves for 2004.

Are investment taxes an issue for you? If so, then you, too, will want to take action. Here are a few steps to think about:

- Boost your 401(k) contributions: If you're under 50, you can put in up to \$13,000 to your 401(k) in 2004 - up from \$12,000 in 2003. If you're 50 or over, you can put in \$16,000 this year - up from \$14,000. Of course, your 401(k) provides you with two major tax benefits. First, you generally contribute "pre-tax" dollars, so, the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. And second, your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis, so they have the opportunity to accumulate faster than if they were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year.

- Consider adding dividend-paying stocks: In 2003, new legislation lowered the taxes for qualified stock dividends. Previously, when you received these dividends, you were taxed at your individual income tax rate. But now, if you're at the 25 percent tax bracket or above, your dividends will only be taxed at 15 percent. On the other hand, your interest payments will continue to be taxed at your individual rate. Consequently, for the income portion of your portfolio, you may want to shift some assets from bonds and certificates of deposit to dividend-paying stocks. (Keep in mind, however, that, by doing so, you will increase your investment risk,

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including the risk of loss of principal. Also, stocks are not fixed-income investments, and they may not pay out dividends.)

- Invest in municipal bonds: If you're in one of the top tax brackets, you may be able to benefit from investing in municipal bonds. When you own municipal bonds, or "munis," your interest payments will be free from federal income taxes; if the municipality that issues the bond is located in your state, your interest payments also may be exempt from state and local taxes. In fact, the tax advantage of municipal bonds may be so great that you'd have to earn a considerably higher interest rate on a taxable bond - such as a corporate bond - just to get the same after-tax return. (However, some municipal bonds - particularly airport and housing bonds - may be subject to the alternative minimum tax.)

- Open a Roth IRA: If you meet the appropriate income guidelines, you may want to open a Roth IRA. Your Roth IRA earnings grow tax-free,

provided you've had your account at least five years and you don't begin taking withdrawals until you're 59 1/2. For 2004, you can put in \$3,000 to your Roth IRA, or \$3,500 if you're 50 or older.

- See your investment professional:

Not all the suggestions described above may be suitable for your individual needs. To find out which ones may work for you, and what other tax-advantaged opportunities exists, see your investment professional and your tax adviser.

Also, remember that taxes, while important, are just one component of your investment strategy. So, while you're thinking "tax-smart," don't forget other key elements, such as diversification and quality. By putting all these pieces together, you'll have a pretty complete picture.

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Coinciding with the release of "The Alamo," the Texas General Land Office unveiled an on-line display of documents that help tell the story of the Texas Revolution in the actual words of those who experienced it.

"Letters of the Texas Revolution" is an online display of letters from Alamo and Goliad heroes kept safe at the Land Office. It's the latest exhibit at the Texas General Land Office's virtual museum, which features selections from 35 million historic documents in the agency's care.

The Texas Revolution has been the subject of countless articles, books, songs, and films. It is one of the foundations of our history and heritage as Texans. It is part of our national story as Americans. Names like Travis, Bowie, Seguin and Crockett and places like the Alamo, Goliad and San Jacinto resonate with all of us, serving to shape our

personal relationship with our collective history. Yet there are actually very few original documents - primary sources - that have survived to tell us this story.

A major repository for documents relating to the Texas Revolution, the Texas Adjutant General's Office, was destroyed by fire in 1855. As a result, few documents detailing this important event in history remain. The Texas General Land Office is one such place where these rare materials can be found and are available for public study. This exhibit contains not only actual letters, but also testimony from our court of claims files.

The Alamo-Goliad exhibit can be seen at the following Internet address: www.savetexashistory.org.

"Source documents like these letters offer the very best glimpse into the past," said Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land

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The historic letters by legendary Texans were scanned as part of the Land Office's award-winning Digital Preservation Project. This allows the letters to be seen in their true colors and condition. To spare viewers from deciphering flamboyant 1830s penmanship, a transcript of each letter is provided.

The Land Office recently opened an online database with names of original land grantees, allowing anyone to access grants of land issued by Spain, Mexico, and the Republic and State of Texas. The Archives and Records Division is also scanning documents in its Scrap File collection,

converting them to PDF format for the database. This enables genealogists, title companies, petroleum landmen, historians, academics, attorneys and Land Office staff to view data and images over computers.

A complete index to records in the Land Office's Spanish Archives and Special Collection was added late last year.

The Digital Preservation Project, along with the former Adopt-A-Map/Adopt-A-Document program for conserving historic maps at the Land Office, were recently combined in the Save Texas History program. So far, more than 400 maps have been conserved more than 300,000 documents scanned.

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April 14: Glazed Doughnut, Cereal, Toast, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

April 15: Sausage Rolls, Cereal, Toast, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

April 16: Biscuit, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Toast, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

April 19: Breakfast on a Stick, Cereal, Toast, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

April 20: French Toast, Cereal, Toast, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

April 14: Pizza, Corn, Breadstick, Peaches, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk

April 15: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Roll, Mixed Vegetables, Pears, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk

April 16: Cheeseburger, Burger Salad, Oven Fries, Pineapple Tidbits, Fruity Freeze, Milk

April 19: Sloppy Joe, Ranch Style Beans, Mixed Fruit, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk

April 20: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Peas, Roll, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk

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- 75 Baseball family name
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- 101 Porgy and bass
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- 13 Actor Amaz
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- 17 Deep red
- 18 Volleyball divider
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- 41 Errs
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- 50 2001, to Tiberius
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- 56 Brewer or Wright
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- 82 Coq au —
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- 87 "— la vie"
- 89 Supportive of
- 90 Princess bruiser
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- 92 Plastic — Band
- 95 Bill of Rights grp.
- 96 Interoffice communique
- 99 Honda competitor
- 101 Wimsey's creator
- 102 From C to shining C?
- 103 TV's "Scooby- —"
- 106 '81 John Lennon hit
- 107 Senator Thurmond
- 109 Borg of tennis
- 110 Actress Skye
- 111 Bank's backup org.
- 112 Clammy
- 113 "Typee" sequel
- 114 A bit of Beethoven
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APAC house party April 17

Join the Association for a Pet Adoption Center (APAC) for a House Warming Party and "Sneak Peek" of the new Temple Animal Shelter, 1-6 p.m. April 17 in the JCPenny Court in Colonial Mall - Temple.

This "party" is to help the Temple Animal Services department prepare for moving into the new animal services facility later this spring. Donations of dog and cat food as well as cat litter are requested. "Throw in the Towel" or other old blankets for use as bedding at the new shelter. Bring food or bedding items and receive a Waldenbooks discount coupon. As coupons are used, Waldenbooks will then return the same discounted amount as a donation to APAC.

This event is in conjunction with the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG), city of Temple and city of Copperas Cove annual Earth Day activities. As part of the Earth Day 2004 program, APAC members will present a special story time for children of all ages at 3 p.m. in the Dillard's court.

APAC is a non-profit organization formed to improve the lives and life chances of the abandoned and discarded animal population in the Greater Temple/Belton area.

APAC may be contacted at P.O. Box 1358, Temple, TX 76503, by calling (254) 899-8830 or visiting www.MyHappyTails.org.

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Larson presents floral and still life workshop May 5 - 7

The Salado Village Artists have arranged for Eve Larson, artist and teacher, on the faculty of Austin Museum of Art School for 10 years, to present a floral/ still life workshop in acrylics and oils. The workshop will be held May 5-7 at the SVA building behind the Salado Civic Center. Non-member registration is \$150 and enrollment will be limited.

Eve Larson teaches drawing, pastels and painting in watercolor, acrylics and oils at Laguna Gloria art center and museum. Her work has been exhibited since 1985 in many Austin gal-

eries, and she has been accepted in many juried shows. She believes that sound principles of painting applies to all subjects.

Larson has studied with many distinguished artists, including David Leffel, Scott Christensen, Milt Kobayshi and Gregg Kreutz. As a young artist she was selected to participate in a University of Texas class for gifted students. Painting and drawing have been her life's passion. She says she loves to share her excitement knowledge and inspiration through teaching.

For more information,



Still life by Eve Larson

call Heidi at (254) (254) 947-1083, 939-9933 or Helen at

KLRU's Central Texas gardener visits Salado

KLRU-TV's *Central Texas Gardener* recently visited Shirley and Bill Pinkston's garden to promote the Salado Home and Garden Tour. Producer Linda Lehmusvirta and the camera crew, Dutch Rail and Marcos Chase, were impressed to find this hidden gem set along a creek naturalized with seasonally-blooming and evergreen Texas natives.

Bill designed his formal garden near the house to blend with the natural setting. He chose low-maintenance plants that flower or berry for continual pleasure as he and Shirley relax on their shady verandas front and back.

Shirley and Bill's garden will be featured on *Central Texas Gardener* on KLRU-TV noon and 4 p.m. April 17 and 12:30



Linda Lehmusvirta and Bill Pinkston discussing photos of flowers that are featured in his garden.

p.m. April 22.

Other gardens on the April 24 tour sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) will be Johnnie and Jill Shipman's StoneCreek Settlement, located on historic College Hill, Dr. Raymond

and Barbara Carver's private yard and garden featuring a hill country wet weather creek, Dr. Ludvik and Vera Donner's garden which showcases succulents and exotic plantings, and Troy and Vickie Kelley's private garden and

artist's studio.

Tickets can be purchased at the Salado Civic Center or on the day of the tour at each of the featured gardens. Cost of the tour is \$10. Maps will be available leading to each location. Bell County Master Gardeners will be at the gardens to help answer questions.

For more information about the tour call the Salado Civic Center at 947-8300.

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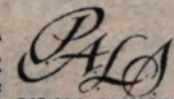
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- Stone Creek Settlement - Johnny and Jill Shipman's Bed & Breakfast on College Drive at Main Street, also headquarters for the Tour.
- 100 Rock Creek Drive - Raymond and Barbara Carver's Wet Weather Creek.
- 1018 Indian Trail Drive - Dr. Ludvik and Vera Donner's Yard and Garden.
- 601 Quail Hollow Drive - Bill and Shirley Pinkston's Yard and Garden.
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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 17

Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas meeting, 10 a.m. at Robertson Ranch. Info: 933-0240 or 947-5232.

APRIL 19

St. Stephen Women's Society program on antiques, given by Jane Buggs. 7:15 p.m. at the Parish Hall.

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.

APRIL 22

Mud Pies Pottery make a bowl for the Salado Family Relief Fund. Dinner is provided. Bring your own drink. Free, but limited to 10 people. Reservations accepted. For reservations call 947-0281.

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.

APRIL 27

Salado Chamber of Commerce Candidates Forum, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. Featuring candidates for board of aldermen, school board and public library board. Info:



MAY 8 - Tablerock's 10th Annual 4th Grade Play. Proceeds benefit 4th grade class senior trip. Adults/\$5, children/\$3. Info: 947-9205.

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MAY 3-4

Professional storyteller Elizabeth Ellis performs at TAE, Civic Center and Salado Public Library. Events are free. Info on times: 947-5040.

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MAY 8

Open Team Bass tournament benefitting SHS senior class at Rivers Bend Park, Stillhouse Hollow Lake. Entry fee: \$125 per team. Info: 947-5148 or 832-236-3474.

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, Village of Salado Board of Aldermen/Mayor. Salado Civic Center.

MAY 22-23

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

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.

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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.

JUNE 23

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JULY 3

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

JULY 22

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JULY 24

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

JULY 26-31

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

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AUGUST 7-8

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

SEPTEMBER 4-5-6

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SEPT. 10-12 & 17-19

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

SEPTEMBER 11

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

SEPTEMBER 18-19

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

SEPTEMBER 20

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

SEPTEMBER 25-26

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

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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

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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



JULY 24 & 31 - Salado Legends 12th Annual Performance dinner 7:15 p.m., Theater 8:15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater For more information call 254-947-9205 or www.allcentex.com/tablerock Tickets adult \$15, child 12 and under \$5

NOVEMBER 23

Noon deadline for Salado Village Voice newspaper Dec. 1 publication

NOVEMBER 25-26

Salado Village Voice office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

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When it comes to indecent language, I don't care how bad radio gets, it's still not as bad as some of the stuff you hear on TV. To say nothing of the stuff you see.

I cut my teeth on news. At Arlington Heights High School in Fort Worth, I worked on the *Jacket Journal* and was on the annual staff. I had a paper route and threw Amon Carter's paper. Except I didn't throw it. I handed him two copies of the *Star-Telegram* every morning at a quarter to six.

In college, I studied writing. When I got out of the Army I wanted to do newspaper work. I wanted to do it in Corpus Christi because an Army buddy from there told me how pretty the city was.

When I went there looking for work, I didn't find any. I ended up in broadcast newsrooms in Big Spring, Houston, Columbia, MO and Des Moines, IA.

I went to graduate school at the University of Missouri and earned a Master's degree in journalism. My major field of study was communications law. I later enrolled in Drake University law school to study criminal and constitutional law as they would apply to broadcasting. The reason I chose that field of study is because I wanted to find out what you could get away with while speaking on the radio. At the time, in the 1960's, the Federal Communications Commission was a looming figure in the broadcast world. It had clout and respect. Newton Minow was chairman of the FCC. I did my Master's thesis on him and his thoughts on broadcasting. He called TV a "Vast Wasteland."

A few weeks ago the House of Representatives

by **Tumbleweed Smith**



called leaders of the broadcasting industry on the carpet and scolded them for putting such trash on the air. Maybe, just maybe, the FCC will get back in the saddle and start riding herd on some of the language being broadcast today.

On the eve of the House hearing on broadcast indecency the nation's largest radio station chain, Clear Channel Radio, suspended Shock Jock Howard Stern's show, saying it did not meet the company's newly revised programming standards.

Although Stern's show was carried by only a handful of Clear Channel Stations (his show is distributed by VIA-COM's Infinity Broadcasting which has 120 stations) the company made a strong statement.

The day before Clear Channel took Stern off the air, the company gave

the heave-ho to the DJ known as "Bubba the love Sponge," whose show drew a record fine of \$755,000 from the FCC. The show aired in four Florida markets and the DJ, according to the FCC, designed his show to pander, titillate and shock listeners. A couple of weeks ago a DJ in Washington, D.C. was fired for his inappropriate remarks about drugs and sex.

Under pressure from legislators and federal regulators, broadcasters are revising their indecency standards - and delaying live broadcasts so they can delete offensive material. A house subcommittee has voted to increase the fine for indecency from \$27,500 to \$275,000. In 1995, Infinity paid \$1.7 million in fines for Stern's show, the largest cumulative fine to date.

Perhaps what has brought about all this attention to broadcast standards is the public outrage about what happened during half-time at the Super Bowl.

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Movies, Music, Books

"Alamo" less than legendary

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This is not your father's Alamo movie.

For one, John Wayne's Davy Crockett has been replaced by an introspective Billy Bob Thornton as the famous bear and Indian fighter who came to Texas after losing his race for Congress. "I am going to Texas. The rest of you can go to hell."

Truth is, the movie quickly goes to hell. Opening with a pan of the dead and dying following the fall of the little mission in San Antonio de Bexar, the film jumps back and forth in time, leaping back a year to a meeting of Sam Houston (Dennis Quaid) and Davy Crockett (Thornton) in Washington D.C. in which Houston tries to convince the Congressman that Texas is the Promised Land.

Quaid's Houston is less than the heroic leader of the Texan army that all Texas seventh-graders are taught that he was. Instead, Quaid convincingly portrays him as a drunk who has difficulty in holding



Patrick Wilson, Billy Bob Thornton and Jason Patric in *The Alamo*. (BOWEN VISTA PICTURES)

together the Texians who are fighting for Independence from Mexico.

As he leads Santa Anna on a chase through the Texas countryside following the fall of the Alamo, Houston must fight an uprising within his own ranks, men who consider his tactics as motivated by fear. Quaid's portrayal of the young, brash and brilliant Houston is perhaps the strongest performance in the two-and-half hour movie, but it is not enough to save this supposed epic from being boring.

With the exception of Santa Anna, all of the main characters are portrayed as being deeply flawed and human. Too human, in fact. Particularly Jason Patric's Jim Bowie, who is little more than a mix of Crockett's

rough-neck legend and Houston's two-fisted-drunk. The conflict between Bowie and Travis is hinted at, but hardly explored and comes across as little more than two banty roosters clawing at the dust, rather than two men who saw themselves and each other very differently.

The Alamo would have been much better had the film editors cut 30 minutes from it. Superfluous to the essential story were flashbacks of Bowie and his dead wife, Santa Anna's preening and arrogance shown in the delivery of his crystal to the battle site, Travis signing divorce papers and Houston recruiting to bring adventurers to Texas.

Writer-director John Lee Hancock's first effort

at a historical epic is, to be painfully truthful, much less than epic. Certainly the scenery, costuming, staging and filming all have the ingredients of an epic movie, but they just don't have the flavor. Instead of being a story of heroes, *The Alamo* is mired in the doldrums of being nothing more than a Texas history lesson taught by an instructor who would rather be coaching. It is unfortunate, because the story of the Alamo was anything but blasé.

The Alamo
Rated PG-13
My rating: C
Billy Bob Thornton - Davy Crockett
Patrick Wilson - William Travis
Jason Patric - Jim Bowie
Dennis Quaid - Sam Houston
Emilio Echevarria - Santa Anna
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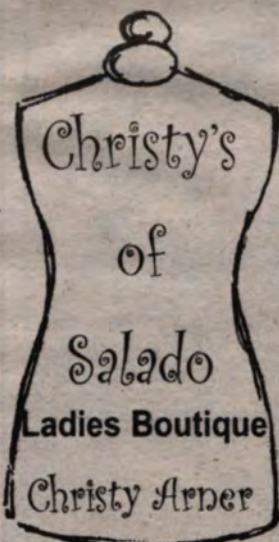
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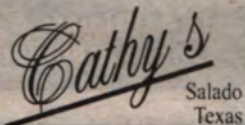


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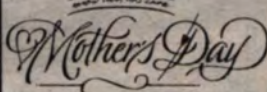
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21 Grams delivers weighty subject matter, fine cast drives film

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

If you enjoy films that follow a narrow, linear pattern and never stray from formulaic plot development, all the while skirting the more troubling aspects of reality, then stay the heck away from *21 Grams*, because you won't like it.

If you watch movies to be uplifted and feel more assured of man's fidelity to his fellow man, again, this is one to avoid.

Gritty, clever and boasting solid performances from its fine cast of Sean Penn, Naomi Watts and Benicio Del Toro, *21 Grams*, when the end credits roll, leaves you somewhat disturbed and vacant, not unlike *American History X* or *The Thin Red Line*.

Filmed with a technique that indicates director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu learned some lessons from novelist William S. Burroughs, *21 Grams* abandons chronology in its first scene and never attempts to follow straight to the tracks. Instead, it crisscrosses them several times, all before reaching a satisfying but slightly predict-

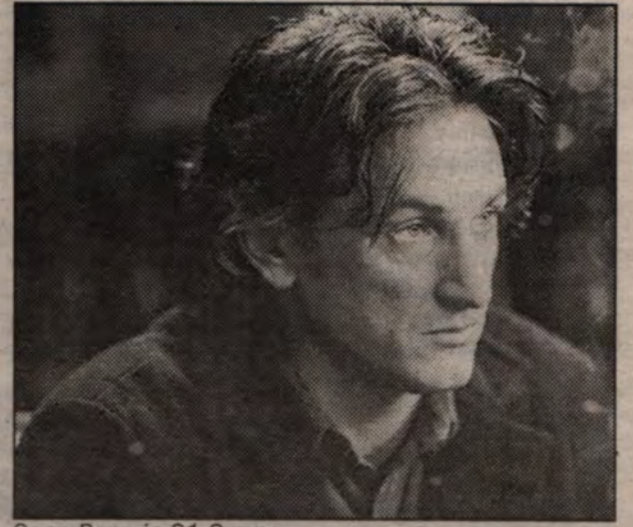
able conclusion.

The story itself is simple; tragedy compels together three disparate strangers - all of them flawed, incomplete people that are drifting through their own personal voids, flailing for equilibrium.

Paul Rivers (Penn) is a terminally ill mathematics professor living a sham of a marriage with wife Mary (Charlotte Gainsbourg), herself bent on bearing a child by Paul, by any means necessary. Paul's only chance of survival is through a heart transplant, which brings born-again ex-convict Jack Jordan (Del Toro) and recovering drug addict Cristina Peck (Watts) into the picture.

Without giving away too much of the plot, the aforementioned tragedy forms the points of an impromptu triangle destined to collapse under its own leaden weight.

Say what you will of his political leanings, Penn is a first-rate actor, and proves as much in this film, recently released on video and DVD. The impeccably beautiful Watts handles a difficult role with certitude, playing a woman gutted by the dual calamities of addiction and



Sean Penn in *21 Grams*.

regret - which feed off one another like piranhas.

His character sodden with doubt and spiritual suspicion, the always enigmatic Del Toro continues his knack for conveying more emotion in a subtle narrowing of the eyes than most actors could muster in an entire movie.

Brandishing a very well-earned R rating, *21 Grams* is not for the kids. Excepting that they're precociously sharp, they probably wouldn't follow it in the first place, and unless you want them exposed to images of depravity and desperation, you'll want to keep them in the other

room with the Monopoly board and an Olsen twins video.

Which will leave you free to focus your attention on the movie - a startling, ambiguous film that raises a host of questions but leaves the answers free in the fog of interpretation.

Cast

Sean Penn - Paul Rivers
Benicio Del Toro - Jack Jordan
Naomi Watts - Cristina Peck
Charlotte Gainsbourg - Mary Rivers
Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu - Director
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Release of rarities, B-sides not a let-down for Cure fans

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

Since forming in 1976, British rockers The Cure have sold albums in the millions without much in the way of publicity. And despite past comments to the contrary by vocalist/guitarist/songwriter Robert Smith, the band doesn't

seem willing to retire to the quiet life just yet.

While it's true their mainstream popularity has waned like a reluctant tide on this side of the Atlantic, it's difficult to overstate their enduring status in Europe. They are huge, and have been for well over 20 years.

That's not to say they're

forgotten about in America. On their last North American tour in 2000 they played to sell-out crowds, and they will soon headline the megalithic Coachella Festival in California, which will draw around 100,000 people into the desert for two days and close to 50 bands.

Point being, the group is still an impressive draw with a committed fanbase, even though New Wave and post-punk Goth - two genres The Cure was wrongly drafted into - have vanished from the map like a latter-day Atlantis.

But for the large majority of us that can't make it out west, we're left to settle with the recently released *Join the Dots: B-Sides and Rarities*, a collection of tracks that were either mired in the crypt of limited release, or others that are seeing the light of day for the first time.

An expansive four-cd set with 70 songs and five hours of playing time, it

covers the band's evolution from 1978 to 2001, through the lens of their lesser-known material. For the completist, *Join the Dots* also includes a 75-page full color book with extensive photos and liner notes.

With his unmistakable vocal style and poetically existential lyrics - influenced by the writings of Kafka, Camus and Proust - Robert Smith lends definition to what the out-of-place misanthropes of the world have been feeling all along. It gives them identity; a credence beyond society.

The songs are in turns morose, woeful and life-affirming, but are always layered with a cerebral tinge that Smith has never exchanged in the pursuit of high record sales. Always a rallying-cry for their fans, The Cure doesn't make records for slick-suited executives, but rather for the satisfaction of the soul.

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"Emperor of Scent" is a journey of the senses

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

If he is indeed the Emperor of Scent, then Luca Turin came to the crown accidentally. Journalist Chandler Burr traces Turin's rise in the scientific halls of theory in his book *The Emperor of Scent* and takes the reader along for the evocative journey.

Turin is almost a savant in his ability to identify and express scent in words. A scientist in another field altogether, Turin's hobby is scent. He has been a collector of perfumes since he was a young boy. After Turin publishes a compendium of the world's famous and lesser-known perfumes, he becomes sought after by the "Big Boys" in industry.

Burr takes passages from Turin's compendium that fill the reader with a whiff of faraway places. For example, in describing *Paradox* by Jacomo, Turin wrote: "This fruit salad does something that it has no right to do: break hearts. If this were music, it would be Bizet's *Symphony in C*. If it were a car, it would be a Facel-Vega Facellia. If it were an aircraft, it would be a 1959 Caravelle in Air France livery..."

Of Python by Trussardi, he says, "Python is a pov-

erty-stricken sweet-powdery affair, a very distant relative of the wonderful Habanita (Molinard). It belongs in a tree-shaped diffuser dangling from the rearview mirror of a Moscow taxi."

The truth is that Turin's words are better than the journalist Burr's, but Burr tells a compelling story anyway. This comes across not only in the passages from Turin's collection of perfumes, but in Burr's retelling of conversations. In one, Turin is asked what he thinks of a fragrance created for Escada. "Turin inhaled it, said it was wonderful, that it was like one of those silks that has two colors to it, depending on how the light strikes it. Caron gave him a long look. She reached into her desk and pulled out the brief from the people at Escada and handed it to him. She pointed: Read there. He read, "We want it to smell like the silks that have two colors in them, depending on the light."

Turin takes this uncanny ability to identify smell and delves into the biological mystery of scent. He begins peeling away at the layers of mystery of how we smell

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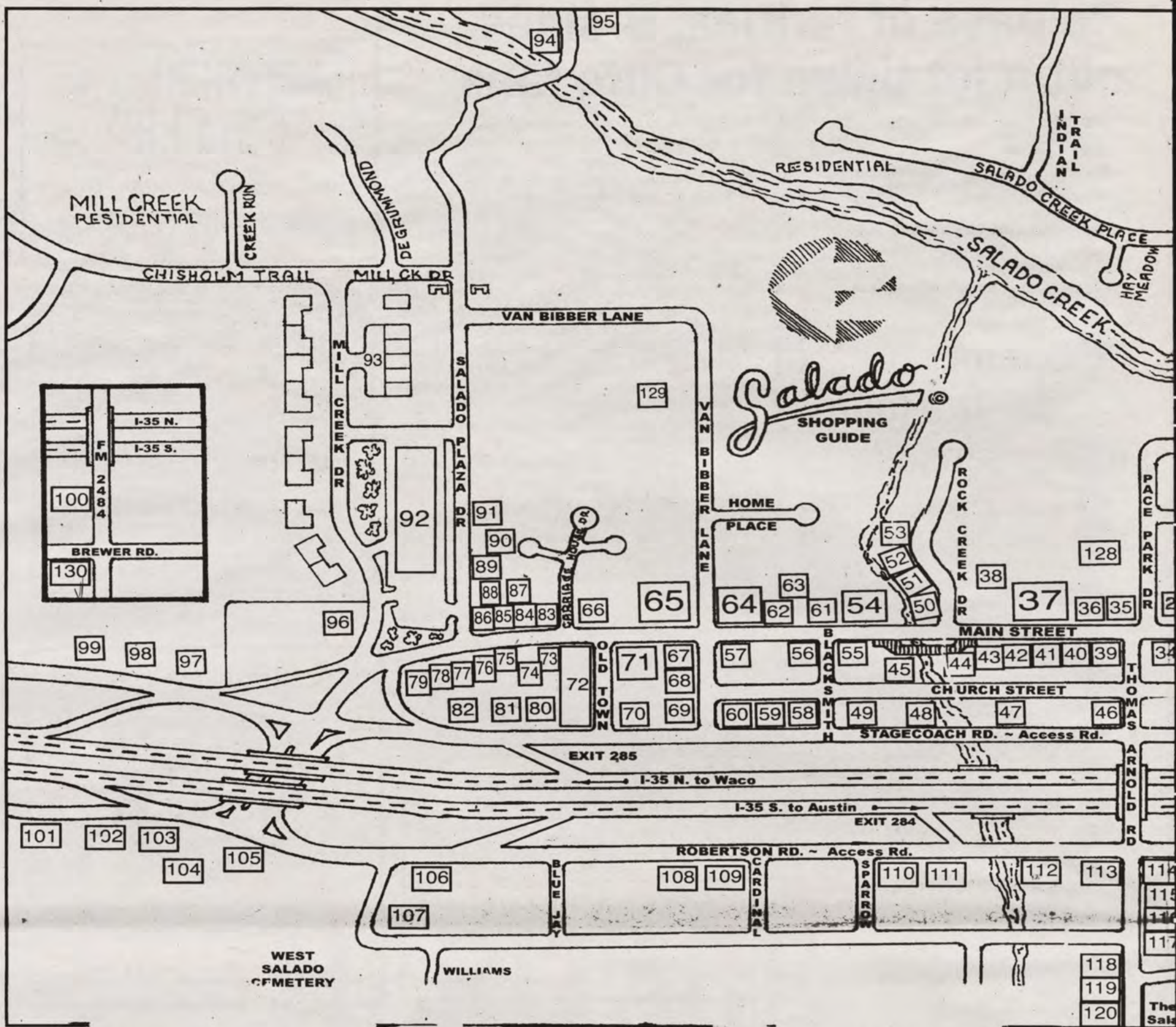
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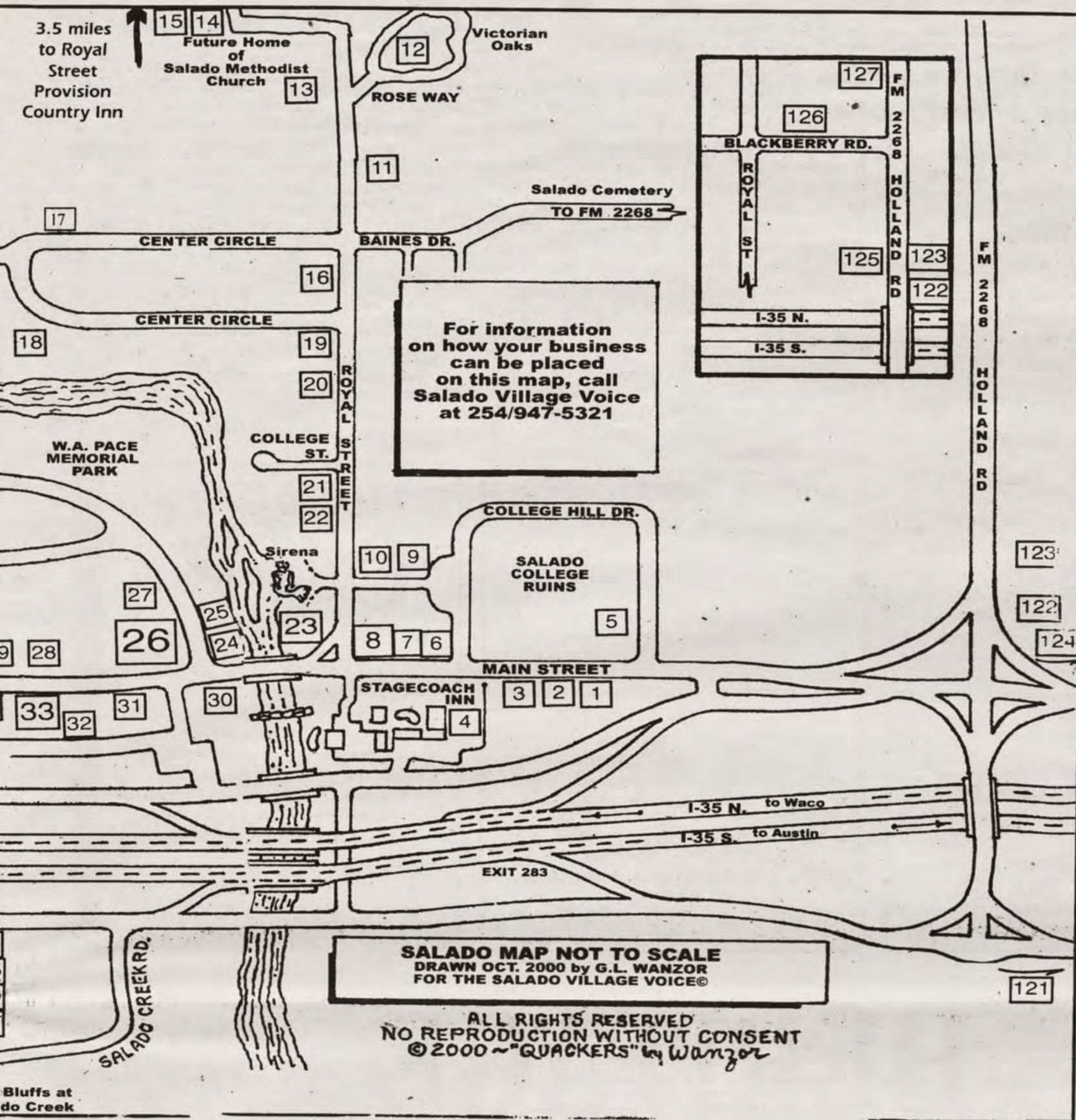
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things. Like an onion, each layer of the mystery is more pungent than the previous.

In Burr's biography of Turin, the reader not only accompanies Turin on his journey into the mystery of scent, but later follows Turin into battle against the scientific establishment. The reader discovers the politics and subterfuge of science, of parties with vested interests who will fight innovation and ideas vehemently. Turin's basic idea pits him against the two camps of scientists at

the time: the Shapists and the Vibrationists. Along comes an upstart with the theory that neither of the dominant ideas are correct.... that instead the nose operates as spectroscope.

This battle is best captured in an e-mail from Turin to a colleague in which he states: "The scramble for career advantage among scientists amounts to a race for the best deck-chair on the Titanic."

Burr's telling of how Turin arrives at his theory is somewhat difficult to

comprehend for the layman, but his fight against the scientific establishment, particularly *Nature* magazine is captured in detail by the journalist who has written for *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Washington Post* and the *Los Angeles Times*.

Burr admits that he loses the journalist's detachment from his subject in the story and then convinces the reader why it is appropriate for him to do so. He rallies behind Turin and causes the reader

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to do so as well, as if the odd, cantankerous, crumpled scientist is a modern day Quixote tilting at the windmills of modern day institutions.

Burr's book reads in many places like a recipe book, a feast of the senses, in other places like a spy novel and in a few places like a science book.

Despite the last, it is a good read, evoking smells and emotions from the reader in its story of a man willing to battle for his beliefs.



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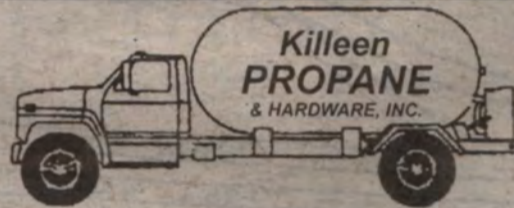
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the satisfaction of the soul. On this particular collection you'll find some of the most forceful tracks in The Cure catalogue, begging the question of why they weren't made available on a large-scale until now.

CD 1, tracing 1978-1987, begins with their first legitimate hit, the acerbic "10:15 Saturday Night," but also includes the playful disco-esque "Do The Hansa" - a jibe at the band's first record label - and the hypnotically beautiful "Lament."

Other notables on the collection are the raucous "The Exploding Boy," remixes of the hits "A Forest" and "Just Like Heaven," as well as covers of David Bowie's "Young Americans," Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze," and three different versions of The Doors' classic "Hello I Love You."

The pearl in these sands, though, has to be the stark and superb "A Chain of Flowers," a stirring emotive on the despondency of loss; it doesn't name names, but it doesn't have to; the welts

resonate just the same.

With more than enough great songs and extras to warrant its \$44 price tag, most Cure fans would happily fork over the bucks for half the goods on these discs. Combine that with reports of the band recording their first album of new material in five years (likely due out in the fall), and the tour that is sure to

follow, and the value of *Join the Dots* is proven even more worthwhile, reinforcing what made you a fan in the first place.

The Cure, to be quite honest, is not for everyone. But if you're ranked in the multitudes that see a rose where others a stalk of thorns, then this release is par excellence - absolutely essential.

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The Long Rider

Texan riding to 48 capitols



By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

There's a few people roaming this world that have a pretty uncomplicated philosophy when it comes to living. You can tell them by their general stoicism and ease of manner, seemingly because they have a good idea what they're here to do.

Gene Glasscock's one of that breed. He's what's termed a Long Rider, someone who saddles up and travels great distances on horseback. Some do it for exploration, others to raise awareness for a cause, and still there are those that - in the most human of all compulsions - push ahead just to prove it can be done.

Glasscock's not new to the game. Now 69, in the mid 80s the Texas native traveled from the Arctic Circle to the Equator on a single horse. It took him a few years, but when he finished, he became the first man on record to have performed the feat.

Currently he's 18 months into a journey that will take him to all 48 state capitols, more than 20,000 miles all told.

So what's his motivation? As he explained while passing through town April 11, he wants to show that a senior citizen can get the job done, while at the same time helping to promote a cause close to his heart: Pensacola Christian College's Philip Scholarship Fund, which,

contractually, brings Paraguayan youngsters to the states to be educated, then sends them back home to better their nation. A former missionary to Paraguay, Glasscock holds a firm admiration for that country and its people.

And in a nutshell, that's Glasscock's simplicity, and his personal Walden Pond is the whole of the continental United States.

With 29 capitols down, he figures he's got another 22 months on the road before he completes his ride. Thus far, he's been well-received. He's been the recipient of letters of support from the governors of Colorado (where he started his ride), Rhode Island, Nebraska, Wyoming and Missouri, among others, and was recently escorted to the Texas Capitol Building under state police escort. Oklahoma is next on his itinerary.

And he says any attention he gets is fine with him, so long as it propels attention toward the plight of Paraguayan children. Personal notoriety is not his driving force; he's in it for something bigger. "I guess what I'm doing is just a way for a single person to make a small difference," he says.

Glasscock's progress can be tracked on his website: www.geneglasscock.org. He can also be contacted through the site for information on how to contribute to the Philip Scholarship Fund.



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Nematodes can help gardeners in battle against soil larval pests

What is a nematode, you ask? A nematode is a microscopic round worm. In nature there are billions of nematodes, each with a different function. Some feed on plants, others on animals or decaying material and some, the beneficial ones for gardeners, feed on insects.

There are literally hundreds of types of nematodes that prey on insects. These small creatures can help control many different types of garden pests to include, fire ants, fleas, grubs, fungus gnats, termites, and cutworms.

Nematodes have a complicated six stage life cycle, including egg, four juvenile stages and the adult stage. It is the third juvenile stage called the dauer that enters the insect body. This happens when the insect is in a larval soil dwelling stage. Dauers live in the film of water that coats soil particles. They do not feed, it is their job to hunt down and infect the insect.

They have two hunting styles; some are "ambushers" while others are "cruisers" actively moving around seeking prey. When the dauer enters the insect body it releases a toxic bacterium that kills the host. This process usually takes a couple of days.

Meanwhile the dauer becomes an adult and the adult nematode uses the dead insect body as food. Over the next couple of weeks the nematodes pass through several generations inside the insect carcass. When the nematodes are about to finish off the insect, the entire population seems to know their food is about to run out and they all, up to 200,000 of them, turn into dauers that can infect another insect larva. Since they do not feed, dauers can last for several weeks in the soil before finding another host, and starting the whole cycle again.

To use nematodes effectively it is important to understand them and their prey. Timing is important. You want to spread the nematodes when the insect pest you are targeting is in the soil dwelling larval stage. After white grubs turn into June bugs would not be the time to treat your turf grass with grub eating nematodes.

You still have some time to treat for grubs as they have not yet become adult beetles and they are still in the soil and therefore vulnerable to nematodes. Other pests that can be targeted such as ants and fleas have multiple life

Master Gardener

by Debbie Lauer

cycles during the year and the nematodes can attack the eggs and larval stages as long conditions are right for them.

When you purchase nematodes, they are packaged several different ways, either impregnated in a moist sponge, gel, or in a granular type of material. They must be kept cool and moist and should not be exposed to heat or sunlight as both can kill them. To keep them cool, store them in your refrigerator. Be careful not to freeze them. You should use them as soon as possible (within two weeks) after you purchase them. Since they are sensitive to UV you should spread them under conditions of lower light; early morning, evening, or even better, on a cloudy cool day.

Usually the directions that come with them call for you to add water to create a "soup" of nematodes. After that you can spread them according to what you want to use them for. You can put them in a hose end sprayer and spray over the yard or put them into a sprinkler can or pump sprayer and go around and douse things like fire ant mounds with the nematode water.

After treating you need to water them in, the extra water helps them to move

deeper into the soil. Be careful not to soak the soil as too much water makes it hard for them to infect their prey.

If soil conditions are especially dry you may want to water a little before treating. Soil needs to be at least 60 degrees and below 93 degrees for them to survive. These nematodes are harmless to humans so no special safety equipment is needed when using them.

After you spread them and water them in, all you have to do is wait. You will not see nematodes at work because all of their work is done in the soil. Also remember that they attack larval stages of insect life; adults will still be running around. Nematodes don't bother them; instead they are busy killing and eating the next generation.

If you want hard evidence that they are working, dig around looking for dead larva. Infected white grubs will turn yellow or brown depending on the type of nematode that infected them.

Repeat applications of nematodes may be necessary, but the impact on the insect population can be just as effective as a chemical pesticide. The trick is to get a high enough population of nematodes to deal with the insect problem.

Nematodes are also sen-

sitive to chemicals you may have treated your yard or garden with. It is a good idea to wait two weeks after using a fertilizer before treating with nematodes. Because they can be sensitive to chemicals, be sure that the containers you mix and spread them with are not contaminated with some type of chemical residue from a prior use. While some pesticides work well with nematodes, others will kill them.

Check labels to find out. Chemicals to avoid are bendiocarb, chlorphrifos, ethoprop, and isazophos. Fungicides anilazine, dimethyl benzy, ammonium chloride, fenarimol, and mercurous chloride should be avoided. Herbicides to avoid are 2-4D, trichlopyr, and nematocide.

Nematodes are a great alternative to fight some insect pests in the yard and garden. They can be just as effective as a pesticide without the possible harmful effects to children, pets and the environment.

Questions for Master Gardeners can be asked on the Bell County Master Gardener Association website, bcmga.org, or you can send them to the Bell County Extension Office at bell-tx@tamu.edu. You can also send in your question with a self addressed, stamped envelope to Master Gardener Questions, Bell County Extension Office, 1605 N. Main Belton, TX 76513.

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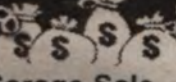
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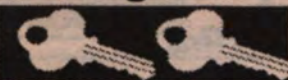
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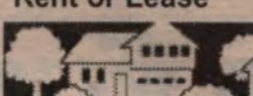
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30-360 acres, 15 mi. N. of Georgetown, 6 mi. S. of Salado. Beautiful land, well located, owner finance. Some restrictions. Call Bill at Century 21-Bill Bartlett, (254) 947-5050 or 800-352-1183. TFNB

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

Back porch view! 4.83 AC - \$50,900. Wonderful 4.83 acre homesite near historic Salado. Back porch view is forever! Large oak trees everywhere! Close to private park. Quality restrictions. Excellent financing, call now 1-254-947-5901, x 1104. B5/5

Commercial Rental




Workshop: currently used as woodworking shop. Large with office space and covered storage racks. Good for shop or warehouse. Call (254) 947-5575. TFN

Main Street, space for rent, retail, studio, workshop or office. 800-1800 sq. ft. (254) 947-5933.

Artist studio/residence: beautiful space with approximately 2,000 sq. ft. plus loft. Lots of light, great combination of living, working and displaying space. Call (254) 947-5575.

Commercial



Retail/office space on Main Street. (254) 947-5025. P4/14

Currently the home of "Wigglesworth Place"

Vintage Oak trees just beside Salado's historic "green bridge", a setting for the most fantastic dream come true. Street frontage on Main and Church. Two darling cottages perfectly suited for guests. Approximately .69 acre with 130' on Main Street. \$375,000.

Great Homesites Available
West Creek Drive.....\$45,000
Indian Trail.....\$52,500
Royal View.....\$48,500



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\$55,000 - Located at the entrance to Mill Creek! 4 BR mobile home convenient to everything - grocery store, shopping and Main Street Salado.



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



\$328,000 - A cabin in the country with creeks, stock tank, hills, pasture, workshop, barn, pool, 3 wells, and RV hookups. Incredible vistas and views. Live on vacation all the time!



\$389,000 - Beautiful live oak trees enhance the view from the wrap-around porch on this home. Large family area opens onto the breakfast room and kitchen. This home contains two living, two dining, three bedrooms, office, three baths, three car garage. Home is completely secluded from neighbors and traffic. Located on 14.5 acres, with a pond and a mixture of heavily treed land and coastal pasture. Only a few minutes from Salado.



\$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.



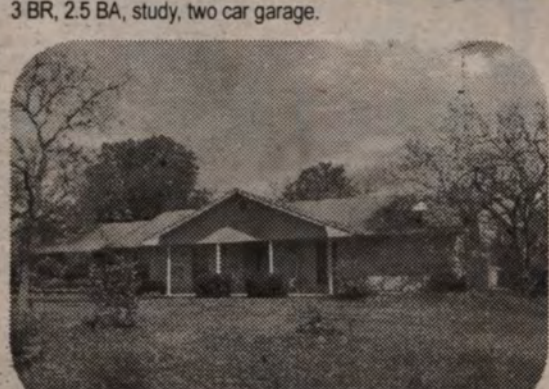
\$219,000 - Located on a beautiful street in Mill Creek. Directly across from Salado Creek & Mill Creek Golf Course. The large kitchen opens into a formal dining & den. The formal living area in the rear of the home is accessible through the den or glass doors which open onto a covered porch overlooking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



\$179,000 - Work out of your home or need additional space for a relative? This home may be for you. Only a few minutes from downtown Salado. Three or four BR home with two living areas & two dining rooms. A separate building close to the main home could be used as an apartment, office or mother-in-law suite. Four car carport, two storage buildings make this home versatile for many uses. Master BR downstairs with two bedrooms, one bath and game room upstairs.



\$338,500 - Room to roam! Over 4,000 SF home on beautiful 2 acre wooded lot in Woods of Salado. Three living areas and game room make this home wonderful for entertaining. Large, open kitchen is accessible from the formal dining and breakfast area. Master bedroom downstairs with two bedrooms and living area upstairs. Enjoy the cool spring breeze on the large deck with hot tub.



\$149,500 - Located in Live Oak Estates, this home has a peaceful setting with a multi-level deck and hot tub. Enjoy the cool breezes from the screened-in porch overlooking the back yard. Open kitchen/living area creates a wonderful place for entertaining. 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 dining and one living. Workshop and garden tool storage in back yard along with a spot fenced for animals.

Residential

- **\$55,000** - Located at entrance to Mill Creek-4BR mobile home.
- **\$94,500** - 3 BR, 2 BA on 2 lots in Morgans Point.
- **\$104,800** - Clean, light & bright! Well maintained 6 yrs old.
- **\$109,500** - Large deck on 2 BR home in country.
- **\$122,800** - 4 BR home w/ 10' ceiling in Livingroom.
- **\$127,800** - 3 BR, 2 BA w/ kitchen island.
- **\$129,800** - 3 BR, 2.5 BA Texas decor, like living in a B&B.
- **\$149,500** - Peaceful setting with deck & hot tub.
- **\$169,900** - Two story 3 BR, 2.5 home with beautiful yard.
- **\$179,000** - 3 or 4 BR, apartment/office. 4 car carport.
- **\$185,000** - Spacious 4BR home backs up to bluff in Mill Creek.
- **\$189,000** - Courtyard entry, 3 BR. Decorating allowance.
- **\$199,000** - Secluded home on 2.3 acres with lake view.
- **\$199,000** - Spacious home overlooks 18th Fairway - UC
- **\$199,000** - 3 BR, 2 BA open living area w/vaulted ceiling.
- **\$199,900** - Comfortable home on 7.7 acres.
- **\$209,800** - 2 story country style home & shop. 3.5 acres.
- **\$219,000** - 3 BR, 2.5 BA across from Salado Creek.
- **\$247,500** - 4 BR home on 60 acres in Rogers.
- **\$259,500** - 3 BR overlooking Salado Creek & #13 Green.

- **\$259,900** - 4 BR home w/ pool & waterfall, landscaped.
- **\$267,900** - 4 BR, 2-1/2 BA overlooking golf course - UC
- **\$279,000** - 4 BR home on 5 acres with covered porch.
- **\$299,900** - 3 or 4 BR home on almost 2 acres - UC
- **\$324,900** - 4 BR, 3-1/2 BA home overlooking golf course.
- **\$325,000** - 4 BR 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.
- **\$338,500** - 4,000 SF home on 2 acres in Woods of Salado.
- **\$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 - UC
- **O.W. Lowrey** - \$70,000
- **1401 Mill Creek Dr.** - \$100,000

Woods of Salado Lots

- **Mountain Dr.** - Lot 5A, 5B, 6A - \$45,000 each.
- **Hodge Canyon Dr.** - \$39,500

Other Lots

- **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 St. - UC
- **\$499,500** - 7.65 acres between Belton - Salado with offices, metal buildings & mini storage.

RESIDENTIAL ★ FARM & RANCH ★ COMMERCIAL



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Charming Country Home on approximately 7 acres with 2 barns. House dates back into the late 1930's and has hardwood floors throughout the home. 4/2/2. Priced at **\$220,000.**



This Texas style home has all the features that you are looking for...large master suite, stained concrete floors, custom kitchen, and alarm & intercom system. Located on approx. 5 secluded acres. **\$335,000.**



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.**

SHOWCASE HOME



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



There is easy access to the golf course from this 3/2/2 on corner lot. The professionally landscaped yard lends to easy care. Large kitchen opens into family room. **\$159,900.**



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



Price Reduced A message of attainment enhances this gorgeous brick Traditional style home on country setting. Space aplenty. Covered patio includes hot tub. **\$295,000.**



REDUCED!!! 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. **\$207,900.**



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.**

GLENN HODGE
254-718-2000

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.**
- 3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large Pecan trees & live water. **\$39,900.**
- 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.

JERRY ROBERTS
254-760-6576

- 44 acres off of Firefly Road between Salado and Florence. Great Trees with typical hill country topography. Will divide.
- 51 acres Buttermilk Creek, great views, tree coverage, sw of Salado.
- Appx. 76 acres with log home. Very secluded. **\$440,000.**
- 245 acres Beautiful rolling hills with large live oak trees and a 3 acre lake. Outstanding development opportunity - UNDER CONTRACT
- View Aerials of all our Acreage Listings at www.salado.net

Salado Lots

- New Listing - one of the best locations in Mill Creek. Near golf course, pool, tennis courts. Priced to sell at **\$45,000. - SOLD**
- Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - **\$36,000.**
- Indian Trail - 90x188 - **\$34,000.**
- Mill Creek Lot - **\$39,900.**

RYAN HODGE
254-541-2255

Commercial

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

Belton

- Nice 2/2 doublewide with large and formal dining. Fenced yard. **\$39,000.**
- Large lot in Belton by Lake. Gated community, many trees. **\$65,000.**
- 5+ acres fronting SH 190 and Boxer Road. Great commercial location. City water available. **\$299,000.**