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Salado remembers sacrifices

Braving stifling hot temperatures and next to no breeze, a large crowd of around 125 people attended the Salado Cemetery Association's Annual Memorial Day Service, held the morning of May 31 at the cemetery.

As they do every year, the Cemetery Association, the body responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the historic cemetery, hosted the community to recognize all veterans of military service, but most of all those buried in the Salado Cemetery or in other cemeteries in the Salado area.

Tim Brown, Bell County Commissioner for Precinct 2, served as the master of ceremonies. Invocation was performed by Rev. Greg Davidson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Salado.

Placing the flags at half staff were Salado veterans Col. (ret.) Jean Tarbutton, Col. (ret.) Harley Grimm, Lt. Col. (ret.) Jack Jones and Maj. (ret.) Woody Grisham.

Camp 1250 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans posted the colors, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Leroy Schiller, Precinct 3 County Commissioner. Salado Mayor



Members of Camp 1250, Sons of Confederate Veterans post the colors during the Memorial Day ceremony at Salado Cemetery.

Rick Ashe gave a short address.

Along with the 21-gun salute from the Temple Police Department Honor Guard, the highlight of the event was the Memorial Roll Call, read by Jack Evans and George Bushee. A bagpipes rendition of "Amazing Grace" concluded the service.



Mayor Rick Ashe welcomes the audience.



County Commissioner Leroy Schiller plays Taps.



Col. Harley Grimm, Maj. Woody Grisham, LTC. Jack Hones and Col. Jean Tarbutton lower the flags to half-staff at Salado Cemetery.

PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER

Salisbury steps down, marking end of an era

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

His two slightly overweight Dachshunds sit on their favorite pillows in the study of his home near the golf course. Jenny (the red one) and Mo-Mo (the black and tan) have quieted themselves after welcoming the intruder into their home.

When Larry Salisbury reaches down to pet one of his children -- as his wife Marilyn calls them -- one can't help but notice the affection and kindness that underlies the simple act.

It's quite a difference from the stern stare and intense glare with which most people are familiar watching Coach Salisbury

from the sidelines during his 11 seasons as girls head basketball coach.

But one realizes that this apparent dichotomy -- stone-faced disciplinarian and marshmallowy soft doting father -- make up the man who has mentored the Salado girls to 11 straight play-off appearances, including an unforgettable run to the 2A State Finals.

Salisbury came to Salado in the summer of 1993 to take over a girls basketball program that had not been to the play-offs in three seasons. That last play-off appearance was under Coach Dennis Cabaniss.

Larry was no stranger to girls basketball, or winning for that matter, when he came to Salado. In his 25 years as a head girls

basketball coach, Salisbury has compiled an impressive 620-218 record, taking home 15 District and Bi-District Championships, 11 Area Championship, a Regional Championship and an appearance in the State Finals.

Many of those victories and championships were in Salado, but he also made his mark coaching

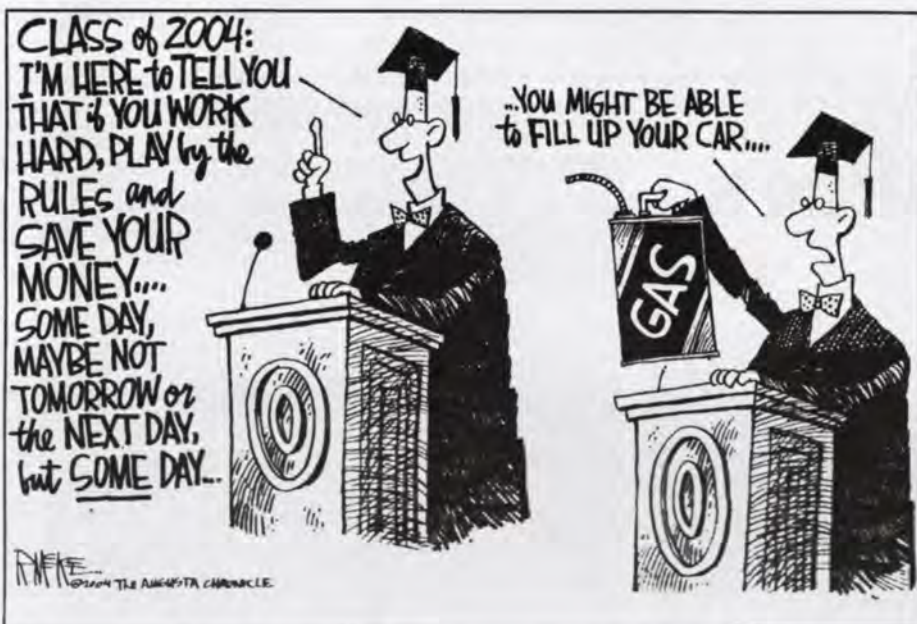
in places such as the dusty little school of Sundown, where he left to come to Salado, Whitney, North Zulch, Rio Hondo, Los Fresnos and Port Aransas.

His 25 year career as a head coach has carried him from Michigan to Texas. He and wife Marilyn arrived in Texas with their six-week-old son Kurt in 1978.

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Abu Ghraib and Us

Donald Rumsfeld assures us that the abuses at Abu Ghraib prison are "un-American." Indeed they are, but the perpetrators of these acts were Americans. That is not an incidental fact. Soldiers always reflect their societies.

In the first weeks of World War I, the story goes, a young British officer in Belgium was reprimanded for not having put a guard at a certain point. His response reflected the genteel assumptions of the time: "Oh, the Germans wouldn't come that way, Sir, it's private property."

So it is that in Abu Ghraib and its aftermath we see some of the seamy undercurrents of America magnified in a horrifying fashion -- in particular, the celebration of cruelty, the ubiquity of pornography and a cult of victimhood.

Consider the iconic film of the 1990s, Quentin Tarantino's "Pulp Fiction." It includes a scene of the rape of a man imprisoned and kept as a sexual slave, which prompted laughs in theaters. Tarantino's latest, the "Kill Bill" movies, present the same romance of power and violence, arbitrarily and stylishly wielded. Cruelty, Tarantino tells us, can be fun.

This is not to say that the filmmaker is in any way responsible for Abu Ghraib. It's just that Tarantino -- and he's not the only one -- touches something within us that enjoys exalting the strong and humiliating the weak.

There was something familiar in the picture of Lynndie England, with a cigarette dangling from her lips, pointing her finger at the genitals of a naked detainee. We know what she's doing in that picture -- she's trying to seem cool. She thinks that cruelty is a game, that the strong engage in it casually.

Then, there is the very fact of the pictures. The American jailers, who live in

Rich Lowry



a country where pornography is a \$10 billion-a-year business, became amateur pornographers. They videotaped themselves having sex with one another. One of the officers disciplined at Abu Ghraib allegedly took pictures of a female soldier showering. The Americans sexually humiliated Iraqi prisoners and captured it on film. If they had done this stateside in different circumstances, they might be very rich and perhaps even up for an Adult Video Award.

Before this scandal is over, the alleged abusers will be portraying themselves as quasi-victims. The officer ultimately in charge of the offending soldiers, Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, has already hit the airwaves explaining she was victimized by circumstances. Get used to it. Don't be surprised if the alleged perpetrators find a reason to sue the military -- that too is part of the American way.

America is much bigger and better than the abuses at Abu Ghraib. We can be proud of the alacrity with which the military began an investigation and acted on it and of the righteous disgust with which the revelations have been greeted here. But into the seam created by the indiscipline and poor command at Abu Ghraib seeped some of the poison of America's civilian culture. It's not pretty.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Electronic voting could produce disaster on November 2

Partisan politicians need to step back a second and stop worrying about "who" is going to be elected our next President, but rather "how" they're going to be elected. The "How" being the type voting machine to be used. Either a tried-and-true piece of equipment similar to that used in Bell County, or the recently created electronic machine that uses a "touch-the-computer-screen" voting system that has more bugs than even Tom DeLay (R-Sugarland) used to fight during his earlier insect exterminating days.

It would take an army of Orkin-ers to rid the often failed electronic ballot boxes of their multitude of "problems." They have proven unsuccessful in States, that have invested millions in the machines, because of inconsistency, i.e. won't work properly "every time" (which is mandatory) and more importantly they do not leave a paper trail to determine if a registered voter actually cast his vote (and had it properly recorded), or if some "hacker" rigged the results. And folks - this vote manipulation has been proven in objective tests - time after time!

COUNTY CLERK HAS ANSWER

As always, our faithful County Clerk - Vada Sutton, has the proper answer to avoid a potential disaster that could happen in any Texas county using electronic voting machines. Simply put - have the Legislature pass a "directive law" ordering our Secretary of State (the Chief Elections Officer) to "decertify all electronic voting devices." Meaning no county could purchase such a computerized machine until such time as the Secretary deems them "reliable," and leaves a paper trail so votes can be verified.

California has already enacted just such voter protective measures and Texas lawmakers should do the same at the next regular session in January, since the new contraptions are not mandated for full use until 2006.

Vada says Bell County will continue using their current voting machines, that have faithfully recorded votes - accurately and verifiably for years.

PROBLEMS GALORE

Washington columnist Jack Anderson, not noted for his conservative approach to politics, had an even tougher view (last week) on the use of computer driven voting. "Massive Electronic Voting Fraud" was the headline he predicted for the day after the November 2 general election.

Biggest problem noted by Vada Sutton, Anderson and others contacted at the county and state levels last week was the lack of accountability provided by the electronic voting machines.

This column will bypass (for now) the questionable connection between the manufacturer of the most popular of the electronic voting tools, and the large amount of contributions made to the GOP. That will no doubt become an issue if the machines, to be used in many States, fail on November 2.

CLOSE ELECTION PREDICTED

The upcoming presidential election is going to be closer than a Republican and his personal tax refund or a Democrat's dream of spending other folks money.

We don't need another breakdown in any future State's recount. Waiting weeks for the results - only to have the supreme court decide who gets the next four year lease on the White House.

That would be a "deja vu" nightmare that must be avoided - especially during this particular year, that is already fraught

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



with war and economic problems, while producing few worry-free moments.

COUNTY TAX FREEZE?

Some of our more fun-loving curmudgeons here in Salado, including several members of the "Do-No-Gooders," (that's right - they're still meeting with alarming regularity at the Stagecoach Coffee Shop) came up with a grand notion dealing with the tax freeze for older citizens and the disabled.

You will recall Proposition 13 that amended our State Constitution on September 13, 2003 and permits counties and cities to freeze taxes on property owned by our seasoned souls (over 65) and the disabled (any age).

The DNGer-types have surmised that voters in Bell County (the few who voted on May 15) don't seem to care about paying higher taxes in the years ahead. They proved this by turning down an immediate one cent tax for Jail-Court bonds, and thus created an "ipso-facto" future tax hike, of from 10 to 12 cents for remodeling the district courthouse and lodging excess prisoners.

So, say the DNGers, why not go ahead and give the old folks the tax freeze and if it costs a few tax-pennies more - who would care? Think of it - a tax without a fuss!

Commissioners could unilaterally put this tax break into action or call an election and give Bell Countians a voice in the matter. However, if they do neither - citizens could petition the Court to call an election to help the disabled-retired face paying ever-growing taxes, from static monthly checks.

DIFFERENT APPROACH

Alternative to giving every person over the age of 65 (or disabled) the tax break, would be to add a reasonable "means test" so that those struggling to live on their retirement checks would receive the tax freeze, while the more fiscally-fortunate would be excluded.

Not a bad idea, but it could create an even greater "class" disjunction, in an already divided populace. At any rate something needs to be decided before older folks get tired waiting and put together a petition forcing an election that Commissioners may not be ready to face financially (or otherwise) at this time.

DEMOCRATS WONDERING

Loyal Democrats (and they are legion) are wondering just when their guy John Kerry will tell Americans - in no uncertain terms - just what "specifics" he has in mind for our nation should he be elected President.

He spent days playing around with the asinine idea of delaying his acceptance of the Presidential nomination so he could match Bush's unlimited campaign spending up through the August GOP conclave.

That was a nonsensical waste of campaign energy. And more importantly, it gave the opposition additional time to court independents, a majority of whom Kerry desperately needs, because their vote may very well tip the closely divided political scales and elect the next President.

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Remember Thatcher 25 years later

Heritage Forum

by Edwin Feulner

The world has turned in the last 25 years. And that's due in large part to the leadership of a woman who wouldn't.

Margaret Thatcher became Britain's first woman prime minister in May of 1979. Any review of her tenure should begin by noting just how bad things had become before she came to power. In the late 1970s, Thatcher's once-proud nation had hit rock bottom.

To pay its bills, Britain had to borrow money from the International Monetary Fund. Protracted labor disputes led to long strikes and the "Winter of Discontent" in 1978.

That year, dead bodies went unburied. Uncollected trash piled up in the streets. More strikes loomed. It was no surprise when the Labor prime minister was ousted in a vote of no confidence and replaced by the Conservative Thatcher.

Thatcher believe the answer to Britain's problems was free enterprise. "I wanted," she said, "to achieve my ambition of a capital-owning democracy. This is a state in which people own houses, shares and have a stake in society, and in which they have wealth to pass on to future generations."

Getting there required stubbornness on Lady Thatcher's part. Unlike previous governments, both Labor and Conservative, she didn't intend to just go along to get along. She truly believed government was doing too much. She launched a plan to get rid of what she called Britain's "nanny state."

That mainly meant breaking the power of trade unions and monopoly nationalized industries. Thatcher also intended to take control of the money supply, shrink the budget deficit, trim state spending, cut taxes and reduce government regulations. Quite an agenda.

But eventually, Thatcher prevailed. The government rode out a violent coal miner's strike in 1984. In the past, miners had brought down governments. Not Thatcher's. She refused to compromise and launched a new era in labor relations.

Meanwhile, she worked to extract the government from industries that could be run more efficiently by private owners. That meant selling off small

businesses, such as gas stations and hotel; as well as allowing people to buy their homes instead of renting them from the government.

Of course, before public companies could be sold off, they had to be repaired. After all, unlike the government, private investors won't buy a pig in a poke. They demand accountability, and public companies such as British Telecom had none. Before privatization, it took months to get a new phone installed. It was virtually impossible to get a broken phone repaired. Customers didn't count.

But they counted after the company was sold off. At first, public complaints rose - but there was a good reason for that. Customers knew the new, private companies would actually respond to them.

Eventually, the government also sold off British Gas, British Airways and British Steel. And even though these companies cut their workforces by 30 percent or more, the introduction of free-market economics opened up other opportunities. Overall unemployment plunged - and has stayed low. In fact, today's Labor government has largely maintained Thatcher's free-market policies, and the current unemployment rate is 4.7 percent.

The British people appreciated Thatcher's leadership and re-elected her government in 1983 and 1987. Before she stepped down in 1990, she'd proven capitalism was superior to socialism and rebuilt the "special relationship" between Britain and the United States.

Through it all, Thatcher's leadership was critical. "Turn if you like," she told her fellow Conservative party members at an especially tense point in 1980. But "the lady's not for turning." It's because she wouldn't that Britain has succeeded over these last 25 years.

All of us, on both sides of "the pond," owe Lady Thatcher a debt of gratitude. And we look forward to enjoying another 25 years of the prosperity her policies have done so much to create.

Feulner is the president of The Heritage Foundation (heritage.org), a Washington-based public policy research institute.

FORUM



Battleship TEXAS

In 1998, the blockbuster film, *Saving Private Ryan*, brought the grim realism and horror of World War II to movie screens around the world. It was the first time many Americans had seen in explicit detail the trauma, violence and bloodshed experienced by their fathers and grandfathers. The film forever etched the dramatic tale of the Greatest Generation on our collective conscience. This year marks the 60th anniversary of D-Day, offering the perfect opportunity to commemorate the heroes of the war and Texas' role in it.

D-DAY
The invasion of Normandy, arguably the most significant battle of World War II, began on the evening of June 5, 1944. More than 150,000 men, a fleet of 5,000 ships and landing craft, 50,000 vehicles, and 11,000 planes sat in southern England, poised to attack secretly across the English Channel along the coast of France. Five beaches, code-named Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword, were selected as invasion sites for the largest amphibious landing in history.

"In the early morning of June 6, thousands of Allied paratroopers landed behind enemy lines, securing key roads and bridges on the flanks of the invasion area. As the sun rose on the Normandy coastline, the soldiers began their invasion, traveling to the beaches in small landing craft lowered from the decks of larger ships anchored in the Channel. The attack on four of the beaches went according to plan, but the battle at Omaha Beach proved to be one of the fiercest battles of the war. Of the more than 9,000 Allied casu-

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



alties on D-Day, Omaha accounted for nearly one-third. The invasion was directed by Texas-born General Dwight D. Eisenhower, as Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force.

Ultimately, Allied soldiers would secure the beach and fight their way inland. The victory was a dazzling display of military strategy and logistical planning that heralded the demise of Nazi tyranny. The battle at Normandy will forever embody the heroism, bravery and sacrifice of our soldiers.

USS TEXAS
Among the ships to support the Normandy invasion was the Battleship TEXAS. The vessel is the only surviving battleship to serve in World War I and World War II and it has proudly rested at the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site in La Porte since 1948.

TEXAS was christened on May 18, 1912, the second battleship to be named for the Lone Star State. The launch was caught on motion-picture, in what was believed to be the first such ceremony to be filmed. The TEXAS served in the Atlantic Fleet during World War I and was present at the surrender of the German Imperial Fleet in 1918. After modernization in 1927 it would serve as the flagship for the commander in chief of the U.S. Fleet. In the early 1940s it accompanied Allied landings in North Africa, and on D-Day it was the flagship for the bombardment group sup-

porting the Allied landings on Omaha Beach. After being damaged by German shore guns, the ship was repaired and continued its support of the war efforts, supporting landings at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. The ship was retired in 1946 after more than 34 years of naval service. It became the nation's first memorial battleship and a national historic landmark.

VISIT HISTORY
After years of being moored off the Houston Ship Channel, the TEXAS was in need of repair. In 1990, after being fully restored it was permanently berthed at La Porte, where it is maintained by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The ship has provided students young and old with the opportunity to experience a part of our nation's history. TEXAS is open for tours at the San Jacinto Battleground Historic Site, located 22 miles east of downtown Houston.

This year, as we commemorate the 60th anniversary of D-Day and celebrate the opening of the National World War II memorial, let all Texans recall the bravery of the Greatest Generation, and how their sacrifice helped secure our freedom.

Visit www.wwiimemorial.com for information about the newest addition to the National Mall, and visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us www.tpwd.state.tx.us/ to find out how your family can make the USS TEXAS a summer destination.

Greenspan's Social Security quackery



Jim Hightower

If Alan Greenspan were a medical doctor he'd be considered a dangerous quack. His license to practice would have been yanked long ago. Instead, he's an economist, the unelected head of America's monetary system, and his quackery is not only tolerated, but lauded by the Powers That Be, who've been using him to bilk the Middle Class.

Greenspan's trail of quackery begins back in 1983, when he chaired a commission that persuaded Congress to raise the Social Security taxes of working folks. This radical surgery was necessary, Alan said, to create a surplus to assure that future retirees would get the benefits they're due. Quaaaack.

But instead of locking these surpluses away for future retirees, Greenspan left them open to raids by any president needing a quick pile of cash for a pet political project. The latest to make the raid is George W, who dove head-first into our Social Security surplus to pull out the billions he needed to pay for his tax giveaways to the rich. Greenspan himself told Congress that such tax cuts were necessary to - believe it or not - prevent the buildup of government surpluses. Even though the bulk of the tax giveaways went to people making \$300,000 or more a year, Greenspan promised that this would not harm working families counting on their Social Security benefits for their retirement. Quack-Quaaaack.

Just recently, the quack was back, urgently telling Congress that, because of out-of-control budget deficits, Congress now must slash Social Security payouts "as soon as possible." He urged that every retiree's benefits be cut and that the retirement age be raised. Quack-quack-quaaaack.

In his 20 years of practicing economic voodoo, here's what the mad doctor has achieved: Working people had their Social Security taxes raised so rich people could have their income taxes slashed, which, he now says, means that working people must have their Social Security payments cut.

This quack has done enough harm - it's time to yank his license.

He who confers a favor should at once forget it, if he is not to show a sordid ungenerous spirit. To remind a man of a kindness conferred and to talk of it, is little different from reproach.

—Demosthenes

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WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Salado seeks to provide for the safe and orderly development of property within its corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds that poorly constructed buildings constitute a nuisance and a threat to the public health, safety and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds it to be in the best interest of the public to provide for the uniform regulation of the construction, design, repair, and maintenance of residential and non-residential buildings within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen is authorized to regulate construction and prohibit nuisances pursuant to the Village's general police powers and Texas Local Government Code Chapters 51, 54, and 217; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 214 the Board of Aldermen is expressly authorized to establish procedures to adopt certain building codes, establish local amendments to such codes, and provide for the administration and enforcement of the codes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen has already adopted some of the authorized building codes and finds it to be in the public interest to adopt other designated codes; and

Passed and adopted at a scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting, Monday, May 24, 2004. Copies of the entire ordinance document are available at the Village office for \$1.90 each, or check the villageofsalado.org website.

Readers on media, mayor, social security

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to the letter writers who deplore the news coverage on the three networks. We must be careful not to kill the messenger because we do not like the message.

No matter how one acquires it, the news is distasteful and threatening. But acquire it, one must. If we believe that this is a nation of the people, by the people, for the people, then all that is alarmingly wrong, is happening on our watch. I suggest pulling the plug on the television set, subscribing to at least two good newspapers and reading the editorial pages for in-depth coverage of the news.

After a week or so, you will realize that the networks serve only those who want a quick headline and who are not concerned

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

with the whole story. (That may be most of us.)

Violet Palmer
Salado

Dear Editor:

I was very pleased to be recognized at the Chamber of Commerce reception for Village officials May 24. Having served two short terms as a Village Alderman, I'm proud that I got to know and value the men and women I stood beside on the Civic Center's Gazebo stage. Those folks have steered the Village from incorporation to the establishment of a local government -- no easy task. No, wait, that's an absurd understatement. It

has been hard work, and they've been diligent hard workers. Rick Ashe, Mike Cooper, Jackie Mills, and lately, Suzi Epps have done right by the Village. Mayor Pro Tem Vic Means is one of my personal heroes and friends.

But the chief reason for the success to date of those folks building from the ground up is our former mayor, Charlotte Douglass, a world-class administrator and an all-around great person.

I've been lucky to meet a few true movers/shakers in life whom I admire without reservation. Charlotte's one of those few truly significant persons and a good friend. I am so proud I didn't miss getting to work with her. Damn, she's good!

I appreciated Monday evening's program even though I had to stand too long. If I had had a chair, I would have liked a longer program because Jack Shrock and his committee really know how to treat a guy. We were treated with affection. In lieu of cash, affection's great.

I treasure every "thank you" and handshake I've gotten for work I've done, and I know that everybody I've cited above does, too.

And so does my wife, Barbara.

Mayor Charlotte deserves hugs and thanks for a job superbly done.

Raymond Carver
Salado

Dear Editor:

I don't think "the rich" (apparently those making in excess of \$88K) would mind paying Social Security tax on amounts over \$88K, IF...we received a proportionately larger payout at retirement age.

Using the SSA's benefits calculator at www.ssa.gov, I calculated the benefits available to two people, both born in 1950, one making \$18,000, the other \$180,000.

The results:

Person making \$18,000 per year: Age 62 - \$553 p/m; Age 66 - \$757 p/m; Age 70 - \$1,027 p/m.

Person making \$180,000 per year: Age 62 - \$1,491 p/m; Age 66 - \$2,015 p/m; Age 70 - \$2,684 p/m.

As you can see, "the rich" contribute five times a much but receive only about 2.5 times the benefit! "The rich" are paying!

P.S. By anyone's count, \$88K per year doesn't qualify one as being "rich."

Further, the limit continues to rise each year and from time-to-time the SSA raises the rate, too.

John McGee
Spring, TX

Funding education

Capitol Update

by State Representative
Dianne White Delisi



On April 20, 2004, Governor Rick Perry called the Texas Legislature to Austin for a special session on public school finance. Both House and Senate select committees spent a number of months researching and evaluating the myriad options for addressing school finance in Texas. While legislators did not agree on the specifics coming in, there was general consensus that our current system has reached maximum capacity and that it must be replaced with a system that can grow with this great state. With only thirty days to create and pass such significant legislation, the Select Committee on Public School Finance quickly began their work.

After a number of hearings and testimony, the House select committee passed out a comprehensive bill that addressed both school finance and reform. However, as the bill reached the House

floor, it was evident that there was still little consensus on the specific funding mechanisms. After debating a host of solutions, the House passed House Bill 1 (HB 1). As the much amended and revised HBI came off the House floor, it provided for \$3 billion in property tax relief for property owners by reducing the school property tax rate by 30 cents, from \$1.50 to \$1.20. My vote on HB 1 reflected my response to our concerns here in Central Texas that property taxes are too high. While HB 1 significantly reduced property taxes, it also guaranteed that Central Texas schools would at a minimum, maintain current levels of funding and took important steps toward providing a well thought-out, long term revenue policy.

As a member of the House Select Committee on Public School Finance,

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I have worked for the past eleven months to further ensure that Texas recruits, retains, and rewards the best teachers in America. For the first time, we produced education legislation that provided results-based awards that are linked to student's academic results. Additionally, this legislation improved the accountability system in Texas with a focus on needed high school reforms, as well as accountability for the quality of bilingual programs. These would be significant and historic changes to further improve the gains in student achievement that our Central Texas students deserve. In addition, I was successful in sponsoring an amendment that would have restored the \$1,000 teacher health insurance pass through. While the legislation made it off the House floor, the bill died in the Senate because the Senate failed to adopt a plan.

We must remember that restructuring the Texas school finance system is a difficult and complex task. In 1991 and 1992, legislators took five sessions (four special and one regular) to pass a school finance plan. In 1997, then-Governor Bush and legislators attempted, but did not ultimately pass a major school finance restructuring plan. While restructuring the system itself is difficult, the Legislature is also feeling pressure by the impending West Orange Cove ISD v. Alanis court case. The plaintiffs, who now include 252 other Texas school dis-

Verghese to give

Wilmer lecture

June 6 here

The Institute for Humanities at Salado will host the Harry A. Wilmer II Memorial Lectureship 3 p.m. June 6 at the Salado Civic Center on Main Street. Abraham Verghese will speak on "The Search for Meaning in a Medical Life" during the free lecture.

Verghese is director of the Center for Medical Humanities and Ethics in the School of Medicine at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio and a Professor of Medicine.

His first book, *My Own Country*, about a doctor's struggle with the new AIDS epidemic was a finalist for the National Book Critic's Circle Award for 1994 and was made into a movie. His second book, *The Tennis Player*, was a *New York Times* notable book and a national best seller.

For more information, call 254/947-5729.

tricts, claim that the state system of funding public education in effect forces the district to impose a state ad valorem tax, which is barred by the Texas Constitution. The constitution allows for a maximum of \$1.50 ad valorem tax per \$100 valuation on property. In efforts to raise funds, these school district have reached this cap and feel that a lack of state funding has forced them to impose this rate.

It is the Legislature's responsibility to address and reform our school finance system and it is important that we take action before the courts mandate the direction. Faced with this reality and that of a failing system, Speaker Craddick and Lt. Governor Dewhurst appointed two joint working groups of Senate and House members. One group will study public

education reform, to which I have been named, and the other group will work on revenue reforms and solutions. These House and Senate work groups will continue the process to develop a plan that will meet the needs of both educators and taxpayers. It is going to be a long, hot difficult summer, but I am up to the task because of great communication that teachers, students, parents and taxpayers have afforded me. This is my top priority and as I have stated before, if we do this well, we will set the course for Texas and her school children for the next decade. I am confident that with our leadership and my participation on this vital committee, we will be able to reach consensus that will pass both House and have the Governor's signature.

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

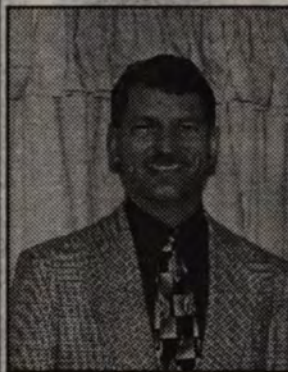


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Sunday Morning Service • June 6, 2004



Joe Keyes
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(Postponed from last week): This Sunday, our focus will be centered on the implications of the ninth commandment (Ex. 20:16) for our lives today in the message: "To Tell the Truth." We hope you will honor us with your presence.

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Smith marries Deaton May 29

Sarah Elizabeth Smith and James Weston Deaton were married May 29 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. The Rev. Mark Dunn officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith of White Oak. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith, of Union Grove, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jimenez, of Alexandria, VA. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Connor, of Belton, and Mr. Kenneth Deaton, of Salado. He is the grandson of Mrs. Hazel Arndell, of Belton, and Mr. James Deaton, of Nolanville.

Serving as maid of honor was Bronwen Anderson. Bridesmaids were Mollie Clower, Betsey Barrow, and Sarah Deaton, sister of the groom. Serving as best man was Kevin Deaton, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Danny Dailey, Bob Curb and John Paul Smith, brother of the bride.

The house party was

composed of Tammy Amos, Leslie Finklea, Amanda Ray, and Shelley Turner.

Musicians for the ceremony were Lou Bass, organist, Paul Neal, tenor, Nicholas Durham, clarinet, Ethan Whitlow, trumpet, Joe Hewitt, horn, and Justin McFaul, trombone. Music for the ceremony included "Ave Maria," Mozart Clarinet Concerto "Adagio," "Trumpet Tune," "The Greatest of These," "The Lord's Prayer," and "Ode to Joy".

A dinner reception was held at the home of Molly Turner, aunt of the bride.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of White Oak High School and has a music education degree from the University of Texas in Arlington and is planning a career in elementary music.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Salado High School and serves in the United States Air Force as a crew chief on an F-16 Fighting Falcon.

Following a honeymoon in Cozumel, Mexico, the couple will reside in Clovis, NM.



Mrs. James W. Deaton

Get-Out-The-Vote Seminar planned for June 19

The Texas Federation of Republican Women will be holding a Get-Out-The-Vote Seminar at the Bell County Annex in Belton Saturday, June 19 as part of a statewide effort to get more Republicans to the polls in November. The seminar will be held in six major areas in Texas and is

a combined county effort. Registration is at 9 a.m. with the seminar starting at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m.

Registration cost is \$10 payable to TFRW/PAC early registration by mail is advised. A form can be obtained calling Barclay McCort at 947-3617.

Promise Keepers ready for trip to Dallas

The First Baptist Church of Salado is currently organizing a group of local men to attend "Uprising: The Revolution of a Man's Soul," to be held June 25-26 at the American Airlines Center, in

Dallas. The Promise Keepers are organized behind the idea of helping men find their true purpose and destiny in the pursuit of the passion and character of God. The Promise Keep-

er's 2004 "Uprising" conference is based on the book of the same name, by Erwin Raphael McManus.

Adult registration for the conference is \$110. This cost covers conference ticket and hotel (double occupancy). Youth registration is \$90.

Registration must be made by June 6. Sign-ups may be completed at the church's Welcome Center. For more information contact Jonathan Phifer at 947-0403, or e-mail at jphifers@aol.com.

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12-step program set to begin June 2

Celebrate Recovery - a Christian 12-step program - will meet weekly 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning June 2, at First Baptist Church of Salado. The program begins after an eight-week message series offered by Pastor Brian Dunks on "The Road to Recovery."

Celebrate Recovery meets at over 3,000 churches worldwide and is a fellowship celebrating God's healing power in peoples' lives. It uses teaching principles from the Beatitudes (Mat. 5:1-12) and the traditional 12 steps of recovery and curriculum developed originally at Saddleback Church, pastored by Rick Warren.

The first Celebrate Recovery group was started by a recovering alcoholic, John Baker, to offer a Christian alternative to Alcoholics Anonymous. Over the past 10-plus years the original program has worked with individuals dealing with many life issues besides addiction to alcohol or drugs. Other 'hurts, habits, and hang-ups' have responded favorably to the Celebrate Recovery program, including loss issues from death or divorce, codependency, abuse, depression, and eating disorders.

In a safe, confidential and caring small group environment, participants experience encourage-

Monday Club meets June 7

The Monday Club will meet 2 p.m. June 7 at the Salado United Methodist Church.

"The program will be "Geriatric Research and Development," presented by a Scott & White representative.

ment and opportunities for growth. By working and applying Biblical principles, individuals grow spiritually and experience change. Participants can become free from addictive, compulsive and crippling behaviors. This freedom creates peace, serenity, joy and most importantly, a stronger

personal relationship with God.

Celebrate Recovery is a forward-looking program emphasizing personal responsibility and day-to-day spiritual growth. Volunteers working in this local Celebrate Recovery program have personally experienced God's healing power in their lives and

now share their experiences with others through words and example.

Free childcare will be provided up to age 12.

First Baptist Church is located at 210 South Main Street. For further information call 947-5465, or the program sponsors - Charlie and Beverly - at 947-8329.

The Children of Bob and Adva Volle would like to thank the community of Salado for all their cards, calls, visits and prayers as their dad, Robert Volle, recovers from open-heart surgery. Your good wishes have been a blessing and comfort to us all.

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JUNE

Puppets with Bob: Friday, June 11, 9 a.m. to noon. For everyone entering 1st through 6th grade. Bob Abdou, master puppeteer from Austin is coming to teach and give a show.

Soccer and the Bible: Tuesday, June 22, 9 a.m. to noon. For everyone entering 2nd through 6th grades. Mike Seiler, soccer trainer and coach, will teach children how the Bible and soccer are related.

JULY

Noah's Ark: Wednesday, July 7, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for ages 3-5 years. Learn the story, play games and make items for the Humane Society.

Fly a Kite: Friday, July 23, 9 a.m. to noon, for everyone entering 1st through 6th grade. Make a kite and see an acrobatic kite demonstration.

AUGUST

Thanks to our Fire Department: Monday, August 2, 4 to 7 p.m. for ages 1st through 6th grade. Learn about fire in the Bible and help prepare dinner for members of Salado Fire Department.

Register by calling the Salado United Methodist Church (947-5482). All events are free of charge. Space is limited, please register early. These programs are open to the community.

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August 4	"More Like Jesus in His Forgiveness"	Jeff Scott
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Mr. Puppet workshop held at Salado Methodist Church

Salado United Methodist Church presents Mr. Puppet 9 a.m.- noon June 11.

Ventriloquism and puppetry have been a part of our history for many years. Puppet friends have entertained us and taught us about our world for years.

Bob Abdou, from Austin, better known as Mr. Puppet has made puppetry and ventriloquism his life work. He uses puppets that work by hand and rods, like Howdy Doody and Oscar the Grouch.

As a visiting member of the Witness Protection Plan at the Salado United Methodist Church, Abdou will be visiting Salado on June 11. Children will be able to learn about puppetry, ventriloquism and marionettes from Mr. Puppet.

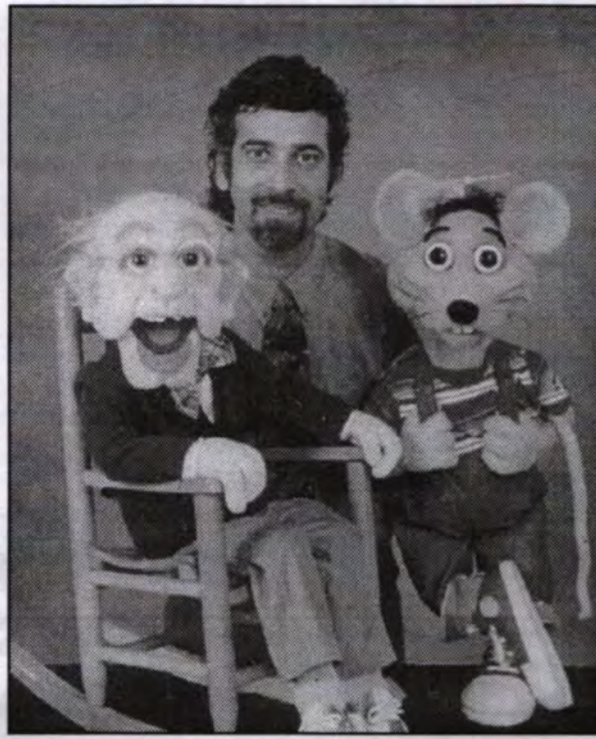
The theme for this Plan activity is Noah and the Ark, so there will be an assortment

of animal marionettes available for children to practice their puppetry skills while learning the Bible.

The grand finale is a performance by Mr. Puppet, "Ventriloquism is not just keeping your lips still, it's using your imagination and magic to bring the puppets to life."

The children that attend will take what they learn about puppetry and the Bible and share it with others in the community. That is part of the Plan.

The program is open to all children entering 1-6 grades. There is no cost. Space is limited to the first 20 children that call to register. The number to call is 947-5482.



Bob Abdou, better known as Mr. Puppet, will perform and offer a workshop on puppetry and ventriloquism at Salado United Methodist Church on 9 a.m.- noon June 11. The workshop is open to children entering 1st-6th grade; please call the church 947-5482 to sign up. There is no charge.

Christ the King holds JuneFest June 5

Belton's Christ the King Catholic Parish will host its annual Junefest, noon-5 p.m. June 5 at the church, located at 310 E. 24th Avenue. The parish will open its doors and cover the grounds with tents for this family-oriented event.

Activities include children's games, with mini train rides, moonwalk, face painting, Kiko the Clown and more. The teen area will feature sport paintball and super soaker maze with basketball toss, a dunk tank and horse-shoe tournament, plus live entertainment including a mariachi band and other local musicians.

Ongoing throughout the day will be the Silent Auction, Book Sale and Garage Sale, Plants and Sweets, Cake Walk and carnival snacks and fare. Fajitas are on the menu for

lunch, with tacos and other trimmings being sold from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Junefest will wind down with a Live Auction from 2-4 p.m. (with a magician for the kids) and conclude with the Silent Auction and drawing for prizes at approximately 5 p.m.

Tickets for prizes are available for a donation of \$1 each, or six for \$5. Prizes this year are an outdoor Cedar Arbor, a Cedar Chest with hand-made quilt, an electric massage chair, an electric piano and an electric scooter. You need not be present to win. Tickets will be available to purchase at the festival, or can be obtained from Tom Sly at 254-939-6478.

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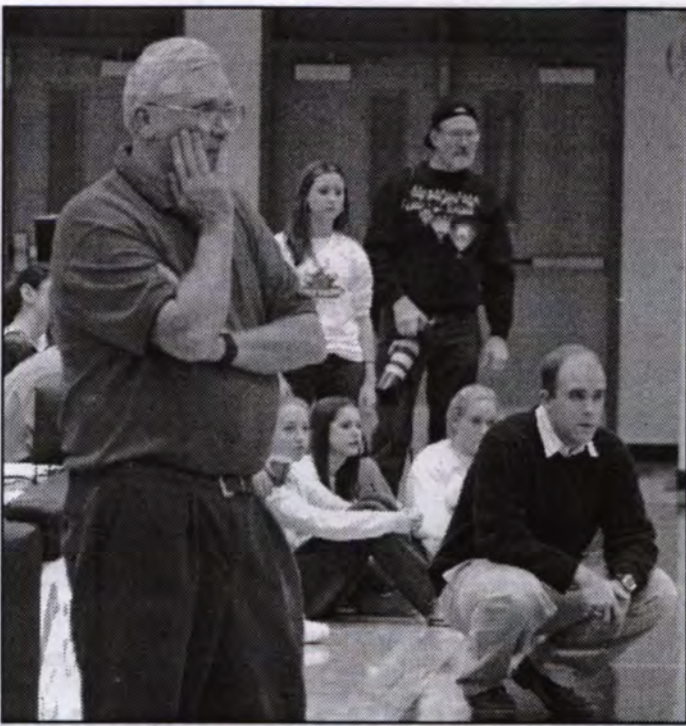
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Larry Salisbury is shown at right coaching in a playoff game pitting the Salado Lady Eagles against Lago Vista, coached by his son Kurt Salisbury. Few thought the match-up between the Salisbury's would be one of Larry's last as head coach for the Lady Eagles.
(FILE PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)



Salisbury

FROM PAGE 1A

That six-week-old is now head girls basketball coach at Lago Vista High School. In fact, the two Salisbury's faced off in the first round of the play-offs this year with the elder Salisbury on the winning side. Kurt was a freshman in high school when the Salisbury's moved to Salado and Kyle, now a sophomore at Texas A&M University, was a third grader.

Watching father and son pace up and down the court in that play-off game, few Salado fans would think that would be one of the last times to watch Larry coach a Salado Lady Eagles basketball squad.

In fact, Salisbury himself did not think that his play-off loss to Lexington in the quarterfinals would be his last game as head girls basketball coach.

But it was. Salisbury tendered his resignation from Salado schools during the final weeks of the school year.

Sitting in his study, he says that he would like to continue coaching. "I would have liked to have stayed here," he says.

He's not alone in that. Fans and parents have expressed a sense of loss and frustration at Salisbury's departure from Salado schools.

And why not? Fans have watched Salisbury take Lady Eagles teams to the play-offs 11 straight years, earning nine consecutive district championships and an impressive 260-100 overall record and stunning 116-15 district record.

His only two seasons without a district championship were, ironically, his first and his last. His first year, the Lady Eagles were second place with an 8-2 district record and this year they were third place with an 8-4 district mark.

The girls have made three appearances in the Regional Finals, winning one of those in 1998-99 to go to the State Tournament.

Salisbury's most memorable game was in The Drum in Austin, the semi-final game against Farwell. With no time left on the clock, Melissa Matthews lined up at the charity stripe with thousands of fans making noise and holding hopes for a miss or a make.

She sank the first shot to tie the game. The second shot won it for Salado, sending the girls to the Finals.

"Those girls loved to compete. They loved to get out there and get after people," Salisbury said of that squad.

Getting after people... competing and winning... are qualities Salisbury has tried to instill in his players. "Basketball has been my tool to teach them,"

he says, "to teach them to work hard, to be respectful and to do their best at all times."

Clearly, he has excelled at this, judged not only by his win-loss record but by the calibre of his players. Some have chosen the profession Salisbury chose more than 36 years ago: teaching and coaching young people. Among those Larry has coached to go into education are Laurelyn Hunter and Debbie Wasik, both members of Larry's first team in Salado and Marie Grigsby.

"I have loved watching these girls grow up, to mature into fine young women, to be successful," he said. "They make me proud."



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Church of Christ plans series on becoming more like Jesus

The Salado Church of Christ will begin a special series of Wednesday night summer lectures beginning June 9. Each Wednesday evening, various speakers from the Central Texas area will address a different topic relating to the overall theme, "Becoming More Like Jesus."

On June 9, Carson Stephens, past president of Austin Graduate School of Theology, will speak on our becoming "More Like Jesus in His Love." Following that on June 16, Loyd Hall, preaching minister for the Ave. T. Church of Christ in Temple, will address "More Like Jesus in His Faithfulness."

Gary Taliaferro, one of the ministers for the Belton Church of Christ, will speak June 23 on "More Like Jesus in His Selflessness." On June 30, Tom Allen, instructor in Bible/Religion at Central Texas College, will address being "More Like Jesus in His Commitment."

Minister Joe Keyes noted that these lectures are free to the public and will begin at 6:30 p.m. on each of the above dates.



JLBC Board Members are pictured along with Karin Hefrin, who will serve as the President's Assistant during the coming year.

Junior League names new board

The Junior League of Bell County has announced its incoming Board Members for the 2004-05 league year.

They are: President - Becky Ralston; President-Elect - Anne Turner; Community Vice-President - Jackie Kallina; Marketing/Communications Vice-President - Heidi Nash; Membership/Training Vice-President - Christy Arner; Finance Vice-President - Michelle LaFlamme; Secretary - Shana Jeter; Nominating/Placement Chair - Maria Posey; and Advisory/Strategic Planning - Susan

Bain. Incoming Board Members were presented at the recent Annual Dinner. Highlights of the Annual Dinner included the presentation of annual awards to league members, recognition of new sustaining members, and introduction of new active members. Jill Boatler, outgoing President, celebrated the accomplishments of the past year with a slide show featuring pictures of JLBC volunteers in action.

During the past year, volunteers worked on projects, including their

Second Hand Rose resale shop, two Stein Mart Style Exchanges, feeding Habitat for Humanity work crews, Polaroid child identification project, Spring Planting at Ronald McDonald House, and the Young Visionary program at local high schools.

JLBC members also partnered with their Signature Project, the Children's Advocacy Center of Central Texas. The Junior League supported the center with volunteer hours and partnership on the spring Casino Night fundraiser.



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Salado Education Foundation received a \$500 donation from St. Stephen Catholic Church, the third year that St. Stephen's has supported the foundation in its pursuit of providing scholarships and teaching grants for Salado ISD. Pictured above is Reverend Charles Davis, presenting the donation to Salado Education Foundation board members (from left): Steven Lastovica, Sandra Lastovica, Jennifer Berumen and Terri Seaton.

D-Day revisited: Saladoan recalls June 6, 1944

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

They follow the sun now, into the night, at the rate of some 1,100 per day. They were men whose generation survived the Great Depression, liberated Europe, defeated Japan and established the world's first thriving middle class. There's a reason they are called the Greatest Generation.

For his part, Saladoan Ted Edens knew something was going on in the spring of 1944. He was at sea, and the gasoline transport ship on which he served as a chief warrant officer wasn't following its normal line.

After picking up the fuel that would power the Allied bombing campaign, he and his shipmates should have gone straight from Aruba back into the Pacific Theatre. But they didn't. They made a beeline north, through the Persian Gulf and up the Atlantic.

Their destination was southern England. It was almost June. Something big was about to happen.

Rumors floated amongst the allied servicemen with rapidity. All they had was conjecture. "I'd never seen so many ships in all my life, tied up one after another," says Edens, a lifelong Central Texan and Saladoan for the past quarter century. "But even at that time, we knew this was maybe the invasion of Europe."

There were so many ships, in fact, that in order for most of the soldiers to make landfall, a gigantic gangway had to be constructed, running from deck to deck, all the way to shore.

And as it turned out, Edens' intuition was spot on. Actually, the brass had been planning the invasion ever since English troops were forced off the continent at Dunkirk. It had taken four years to come to fruition.

After several days in harbor, waiting, twiddling thumbs, playing cards, killing time, the ships - laden with thousands of fighting men, many of whom would shortly fall on Normandy's sandy stretches - began to move to sea.

At first, says Edens, the armada did nothing but circle the waters repetitively. Then, with bad weather beginning to clear on June 6, the order was given; the meticulous plan put in to action. Almost simultaneously, Omaha Beach, Utah Beach, Sword Beach, Gold Beach and Juno Beach were hit by Allied forces over a 60-mile front. Airborne troopers had already dropped behind enemy lines. In disarray and far from their targets, they still managed to complete many of their objectives.

With casualties mounting, especially for the American 1st Division on Omaha, whose men were being cut apart by machine gun fire from Germany's crack 352nd Division, the Allies continued to push forward. Only through singular acts of selflessness and heroism on the part of American, British and Canadian troops, were beachheads able to be established. Approximately 6,600 Americans fell that morning, many in the opening minutes of battle.

But by June 12, the Germans had been driven off the coast and a continuous

beachhead was in place, linking all five Allied landing zones. The invasion was a success.

From his vantage point a few miles from shore, Edens understood the importance of what was happening. "After that, we figured it couldn't be long before the war was over," he says.

Even Hitler himself knew this to be true. Losing the French coast, he once said, was akin to "a mortal blow to Germany's chance for survival."

That singular battle - perhaps this most pivotal in a war-scarred 20th century - came to be known as D-Day, the beginning of the end of World War II.

It took place 60 years ago this week. Edens, now 79, saw his 19th birthday come and go during the invasion. He would see another birthday before it was all over. He says making it that far was an accomplishment; one goal he set for himself during the war. Others, like living long enough to see the 21st century, are also behind him. Now he wants to live as long as he's healthy and happy.

The son of a poor working family, after the war Edens attended Baylor University on the G.I. Bill, graduating in three and a half years. He made a success of himself with his later endeavors, and now enjoys retired life.

Despite the passage of decades, he remembers Normandy - and the American spirit that ultimately triumphed - as vivid as yesterday. Some years ago, he made a trip back to French coast. "I remember standing on the cliffs, and looking out into the sea. I can close my eyes and still see



Images from D-Day, June 6, 1944: Men going into battle and the lines that kept them supplied.

American soldiers took a pounding at Omaha Beach, where they confronted one of Germany's toughest divisions. Especially hard hit were the first waves of men to land, such as those pictured above. Left, supplying a large army was no small task; ships were lashed together to form makeshift harbors and roads.

all those ships," he says.

Those ships are gone now. As are many of the men who disembarked from them. The beaches of Normandy are pristine, the only reminder of battle being the immaculate cemeteries that dot the cliffs, rows of white crosses sealing in time.

The stories survive, though. They are like living memorials. Many years from now, people will look back at that generation, and their sacrifice. Without other sources, they will wonder how they did it.

Yet these men still walk the same ground as us. Their hands can be shaken, their shoulders clasped. You can tell them thank you. Bear that in mind June 6.



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Telling Tales

Importance of story focus for ladies June 10

Judith Helburn, president of Story Circle Network, will present "Telling Our Tales" to the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary 10 a.m. June 10 at the Salado Civic Center.

The program will focus on the importance of telling stories, not only to our families, but also our communities.

The Story Circle Network was founded in 1997, and is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through writing - the type that focuses on personal expe-

riences: in diaries, journals, essays and poetry. They offer classes, workshops, story circles, reading circles, retreats and conferences in the Austin area.

Helburn has been on the Board of Story Circle Network since 1998, and has been leading writing and creativity workshops since that time. She is completing her training to become an Alzheimer's Respite Care Provider.

Hospitality for the meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Scholarship winner

Laramie Jackson, recent graduate, was the recipient of a scholarship from Salado Area Republican Women. Jackson plans to attend Texas A&M Corpus Christi and major in nursing. Jackson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jackson and granddaughter of Marie Jackson.



Fundraiser for Elm Grove Baptist Church at Steakhouse June 5

The Village Steakhouse will host a fundraiser for the Elm Grove Baptist Church 4-8 p.m. June 5.

A home-cooked bar-b-que buffet will be set up, containing chicken, sausage, brisket, beans, potato salad, cole slaw, cobbler,

along with tea or coffee.

All of the event's sales will go the church, to be used in the construction of new Sunday School buildings. Donations will also be accepted, and members of the church will be serving on the patio.

MCCA seeking standout trees to be honored

The Beautification Committee of the Mill Creek Community Association is currently seeking the best of the neighborhood's trees to recognize with a "Tree of the Quarter" award.

Organizers of the award feel that because Mill Creek has a high number of noteworthy trees, whether they be live oak, or other, some sort of recognition should be set up. Ultimately, they would like in the future to make a Beautiful Trees of Salado Tour. A Mill Creek resident may nominate one of their own trees, or those of a neighbor, as long as they have the neighbor's permission.

Other criteria include the trunk being visible from the road, the tree having a single trunk at least 18 inches above the ground before branching, and the tree being in good health.

History of the tree could also be included.

For more information about the "Tree of the Quarter" program, call Sandy Schneider at 947-8086.



Sara Sebti

Sebti inducted into JR NHS

Sara Sebti, of Salado, was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society May 19, at Belton Junior High. Students are awarded this honor for academic success and community service.

Sebti will begin her second year as a counselor in training at Camp Bluebonnet, a week-long camp for diabetic children and their siblings. She will also serve in the summer Junior Volunteer Program at Scott & White Hospital in Temple.

On May 25, Sebti was awarded a Certificate of Merit for maintaining all A's throughout the school year. Of 600 eighth graders, she was one of 28 students that maintained all A's. She also received three Outstanding Student Awards for eighth Grade Pre-AP Science, Year Book and Concert Band. Sebti looks forward to being part of the Belton High School Marching 100 that will perform in the annual 4th of July parade.

Sara is the daughter of Lisa Volle McQueen and grand daughter of Bob and Adva Volle, of Salado.

Johnston accepted to attend Austin Theological Seminary

Brady Johnston has been accepted at Austin Theological Seminary, and will be studying for a Masters of Theology Degree.

He graduated from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in 2002, and from Salado High School

in 1998. Johnston has been Youth Director at Gatesville United Methodist Church the past four years. His home church is Salado United Methodist Church.

He is the son of Terry and Sandy Johnston, of Salado.

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Performances and performers selected for Greene Festival

The sixth annual Judy and A. C. Greene Literary Festival, produced by The Living Room Theatre of Salado, will play June 3-5. Reservations are available at 947-8300, and at the door for each performance.

The Festival has earned national recognition, supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Texas Commission on the Arts, The Writers League of Texas, the Salado Tourism Council, and the Salado Chamber Auxiliary.

Master of Ceremonies for the event is stage and screen actor, Richard Dillard, of Salado. Festival Manager and Artistic Director is Raymond Carver.

The opening nights performance, 7 p.m. June 3 at the Salado Civic Center, features scenes from *Now May You Weep*, a world-class murder mystery set in Scotland. The book was written by Texas author Deborah Crombie. The cast of three will consist of Kathy Reed-Baker, Don Gravink and Pat Roeder. A reception will follow at the home of Joe and Gwen Morrison.



Bonnie Smith buys season tickets from Box office manager Hulda Horton.

The next performance, 7 p.m. June 4 at the Civic Center, will be adaptations of tales told in *Lone Star Literature - A Texas Anthology*. The compilation is done by Don Graham, a frequent contributor to *Texas Monthly*. Stories featured are by Rafael Castillo, Shelby Hearon, Mary Karr, Larry L. King, John A. Lomax, Harryette Mullen and William A. Owens. Performing the adaptations are Mary Jean Boston, Greg Faber, Chuck McCarter, Tom McGlasson, Gwen Morrison, Buzz Rahm and Jack Shrock. A reception will follow at the home of Chuck and Martha McCarter.

The First State Bank of Salado will host scenes performed by authors

attending a Writers League of Texas Retreat, 7 p.m. June 5. The retreat is being directed by Bill Sibley, a seventh generation Texan. The show, "You Said What!" is a response to the retreat's emphasis on writing dialogue: "He Said, She Said - Say What?" Authors of the scenes will be announced at the performance.

Members of the Living Room Theatre's Acting Company featured in the show are Charles Barrier, Paul Boston, Patty Campbell, Charlotte Douglass, Grainger and Penny Esch, Joe Holt, Ruth Howe, Bob Kennedy, Vic Means, Chine and Joan Ray, Jennifer Smith, Stu Smith, Merle Stalcup and Karen Walker, Betsy

Tyson, and Joan Ward.

A Festival Party will be held on June 5 following the event at the Stonecreek Settlement, hosted by LRTS Producers.

Sponsors of the Festival are Cathy's Boardwalk Café, The Salado Mansion and Uncommon Grounds Café.

Living Room Theatre Producers are Richard Dillard, President; Judy Greene, Vice President; Charles Barrier, Secretary; and Raymond Carver, Treasurer. Other Board Members are Paul Boston, Carolyn Britt, Patty Campbell, Shirley Courtney, Mary Hill, Vic Means, Shirley Pinkston and Jane Wilmer. The Festival Advisory Committee is Charles Barrier, Shirley Courtney, Judy Greene, Bill Pinkston, and Merle Stalcup.

Hulda Horton is Box Office Manager. House Managers are Merle Stalcup and Karen Walker-Stalcup. Festival Logo and Posters were designed by Bill Pinkston.

Jane Wilmer and Mary Hill are responsible for distribution of programs; and book sales are managed by Barnes & Noble (Colleen Devine).

Reservations are available at 947-8300 and at the door for each performance, June 3-5.

Writer Sibley shares techniques at League sponsored retreat

Concurrent with Salado's annual Judy and A. C. Greene Festival, this year the Writers' League of Texas is sponsoring a writing retreat featuring author, playwright and screenwriter William Jack (Bill) Sibley entitled "He Said, She Said - Say What?"

The Festival is scheduled for June 3-5 and the Retreat is on June 4-6 in Salado. The attendees will see their work performed before a live audience the night of June 5 at the Festival.

At the festival, Sibley will explain the nuts and bolts of making charac-

ters sound alive, actualized and authentic. Participants will read from their own work and discuss means of giving "vocal character" depth, clarity, conviction and cadence.

Sibley is a former dialogue writer for TV's "The Guiding Light." A member

of the Writer's Guild, The Dramatist Guild and PEN International. His numerous screenplays have been optioned by such directors as John Schlesinger (*Midnight Cowboy*), Arthur Hiller (*Love Story*), Pete Masterson (*The Trip to Bountiful*) and the actress Diane Ladd.

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Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



Of course, you may not require this degree of flexibility — but it's nice to know it exists.

Unfortunately, many people make 401(k) changes only when one or more of their investments has lost value. To compensate, they often switch some of their money into the more conservative choices available to them. This could be a mistake.

Remember, your 401(k) is designed to help you build resources for retirement, so you will want your money to have the opportunity to grow — which means you will need a good percentage of your 401(k) holdings to be in those accounts made up of stocks.

WHEN SHOULD YOU MAKE CHANGES?

So, how often should you review your 401(k)? At least once a year — and every time you experience a significant life event. For example, if you get married, and your new spouse also has a 401(k), you may want to make sure your 401(k) holdings complement, rather than duplicate, those of your spouse.

You also may need to make some changes when you encounter any of the following situations:

- Your money isn't growing fast enough — If you've got a comprehensive financial strategy in place — and if you don't have one, you should — you may have identified a specific rate of return you'll need from the stock-oriented accounts in your 401(k) to help achieve your retirement goals. So, if you determine that your current mix of investments is not on track toward giving you the returns you'll need, you may need to adjust your holdings. As mentioned above, though, it's important not to over-

react to short-term price drops. But, if your 401(k) stock accounts just aren't performing well in the long term, it may be time to make some changes.

You're not diversified enough — By diversifying your 401(k) dollars across a range of accounts — those containing stocks, bonds, money market accounts, Certificates of Deposit, etc. — you can help blunt the impact of market downturns that mostly affect just one type of asset. The diversification that's right for you depends on your individual situation. But if you find that your 401(k) dollars are over-concentrated in one type of investment, it's probably time for an adjustment.

- You're nearing retirement — If you're within a few years of retirement, you may want to shift some — but certainly not all — of your 401(k) dollars from stock accounts to bond accounts. When you had many years left in which to contribute to your 401(k), you had the time to "bounce back" from any down periods, but at this stage of your life, you'll want to focus on locking in any gains and helping to avoid excessive volatility.

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Block captains now have the Mill Creek Phone Directories and are distributing them to members of Mill Creek Community Association. If you have not received yours, call your block captain.

When received, it is suggested that the 2003 phone pages be removed and replaced with the 2004 insert.

The membership committee has worked to make the book as accurate as possible, eliminating all the old addresses in use before the 911 emergency addresses were initiated.

If there are errors in the directory, notify Bobbie, 947-3901, to make corrections for next year.

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Douglass' calendar to remain full even after stepping down as mayor

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Now she can get back to her real job.

After four years as Salado's first mayor in a century, Charlotte Douglass has stepped down from the position. She was overwhelmingly elected the first mayor, after leading a successful incorporation election in August 2000 and was elected without opponents twice more during her almost four years in office.

During that time, the village government was formed, as well as the police department and village offices. Also, emergency medical services in the form of Scott & White Ambulance service was brought to Salado through the Village government.

The Comprehensive Plan, along with regulations and ordinances supporting it, was formulated and approved. The Comprehensive Plan includes the Transportation Plan,

the Subdivision Ordinance, the Zoning Ordinance and Building Permit process.

The Village adopted a sales tax and hotel/motel occupancy tax, which funds the Tourism Office and Visitors Center in the Salado Civic Center.

To say that a lot has been done during her tenure at the helm of the Village Government is an understatement. Aldermen who have worked with her during this time say that they are in awe of her energy and work ethic for the Village.

Those who have known Charlotte since she came to Salado almost a decade ago are not surprised by it. A mother of four grown children with her husband Dale, she is also the owner-operator of Charlotte's of Salado, a shop on Rock Creek Dr. When she opened her shop in Salado, it was called Angel Inn and was squeezed into a building that was small and quickly filled to the brim. She expanded the

shop shortly before running for Mayor of Salado, changing its name to Charlotte's.

Prior to being elected Mayor, Charlotte had served as President of the Salado Business Association, a group in which she remains active. "I will still be going to lots of meetings," she says in between waiting on customers in her shop on a busy Sunday afternoon, "just not as many meetings."

She says she is anxious to get back to her real job being a shopkeeper, a mom and a grandmother, though not necessarily in that order. One senses that time freed up by no longer serving as mayor will be mostly filled with grandkids. Both her grandchildren were born during her tenure as mayor.

She'll also keep busy with her work on Fort Hood, assisting families through the Family Readiness Groups and volunteering with the Susan G. Komen Foundation, which



Charlotte Douglass will have time for her full-time job of shopkeeper, mom and grandma now that she is no longer Mayor of Salado. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

is dedicated to raising money to research and defeat breast cancer.

The Komen Foundation became a personal cause for Douglass two months after she was first elected Mayor of Salado. In January 2001, Douglass was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent chemotherapy in the spring and radiation in the

summer. Following two years of clear tests, the cancer was declared to be in remission in 2003.

Looking back at those months, Charlotte is able to laugh. "I was burning up!" she says of the effects of chemotherapy, radiation, "hot flashes" and an unforgettable Texas summer. She says that the wigs became unbearable, so in

her own fashion she swapped them in for a more comfortable baseball cap.

Just as she shares credit for the progress the Village of Salado has made, she shares her personal victories with those she worked with. At one meeting of the board of aldermen, Charlotte took off the by-then well-known baseball cap and announced that her hair was coming back.

Many people who worked with Charlotte during the past four years will best remember her personal way of bringing people into an inner circle. When she looks back on this time, she says that one of the things she regrets was that she was not able to make everyone happy all of the time. "But there were many times that would have been impossible because people were on completely opposite sides of the issue," she says. "I learned to do what I thought was proper and right."

Doing that in the face of controversy leads to sleepless nights, which is one of the things Charlotte says she will not miss now that Rick Ashe is mayor of the small village.

"I look forward to sleep!" she says with the energy that has defined her service as Salado's first lady Mayor.

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Owner Suzanne Burton officially opens Miz Tillywigger's with Salado Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting. Miz Tillywigger's features antiques and gift items. The store is located #10 Old Town Salado.

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Angelic Herbs & Inspirations' grand opening celebration to be held June 4-5

Angelic Herbs and Inspirations is having a Grand Opening celebration at its new location on June 4-5. The official ribbon cutting will be at 5:30 on Friday followed by a reception.

After having enjoyed more than seven years at the original location, Angelic Herbs & Inspirations has found a new home at Stagestop and is inviting customers, friends and fellow business owners to join in the festivities. Being known as "Salado's Wellness and Relaxation Resource", it is hoped that all who attend will enjoy the serene atmosphere of the new location while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and the piano styling's of Darrell Leverkus on the keyboard.

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What's happening around the Village of Salado?

MAY 31-JUNE 4

Boys basketball camp for incoming third through ninth graders, at SHS gym. Cost: \$60. Registration info: Coach Tom Long at 947-5429 ext. 1304.

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, or 512-499-8914.

JUNE 5

Village Steakhouse fundraiser for Elm Grove Baptist Church. 4-8 p.m. Bar-b-que buffet served. All proceeds to be donated to church for the building fund. Info:

947-3663.

JUNE 6

Dr. Harry A. Wilmer, III Memorial Lecture, Dr. Abraham Vergese on "The Search For Meaning in a Medical Life." 3 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Free and open to the public. Hosted by the Institute for the Humanities in Salado. Info: 947-5729.

JUNE 7-JULY 15

Strength and Conditioning camp for incoming freshmen through senior boys and girls. Mondays-Thursdays at SHS gym. Cost: \$60. Info: 947-6977 or 947-5429 ext. 1410.

JUNE 9

Salado Church of Christ lecture on becoming "More Like Jesus in His Love." Led by Carson Stephens, 6:30 p.m. at the



JUNE 4-6

Writers League of Texas Retreat in conjunction with AC Greene Festival, for more information call 947-3104, or 512-499-8914. Pictured above is author Bill Sibley, who will conduct the Retreat.

Pace Park. Pot Luck.

JULY 12-16

Salado United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School. Theme: "Lava, Lava Island." Open and free to all children of the community. 9 a.m.-noon daily. Registration info: 947-5482.

JULY 14

Tourism grant workshop, free to Salado non-profit organizations. 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. No pre-registration necessary. Info: April Allen, Salado Tourism office, 947-8634.

JULY 19-22

Football camp for incoming third through ninth graders, 8:30-11:30 a.m. daily at the High School field. Cost: \$40. Registration info: 947-6977.

JULY 19

Tourism grant workshop, free to Salado non-profit organizations. 4 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. No pre-registration necessary. Info: April Allen, Salado Tourism office, 947-8634.

JULY 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.

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

Salado Church of Christ lecture on becoming "More Like Jesus in His Selflessness." Led by Gary Taliafeffor, 6:30 p.m. at the Church. Free and open to the public. Info: 947-5241.

JUNE 26

First ever Salado Dog Daze, featuring dog parade, games, contests and prizes. Registration: 9 a.m. in Pace Park. Free admission. Bring your dog(s). Info: www.salado.com.

JUNE 30

Salado Church of Christ lecture on becoming "More Like Jesus in His Commitment." Led by Tom Allen, 6:30 p.m. at the Church. Free and open to the public. Info: 947-5241.

JULY 3

6 p.m. **Salado Historical Society Annual Fourth of July Picnic** at

Church. Free and open to the public. Info: 947-5241.

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 16

Salado Church of Christ lecture on becoming "More Like Jesus in His Faithfulness." Led by Loyd Hall, 6:30 p.m. at the Church. Free and open to the public. Info: 947-5241.

JUNE 23

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Calendar of Events for Salado

JULY 26-29

Girls basketball camp, for incoming fourth through eighth graders, 8:30 a.m.-noon daily at SHS gym. Cost: \$40. Info: 947-5429 ext. 1303.

JULY 26

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

JULY 30

1-4 Aviation Battalion Military Appreciation Day. Participating local businesses offering discounts the entire day to Salado's adopted Ft. Hood battalion. Info: Charlotte's of Salado, 947-0240.

JULY 31

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

AUGUST 2

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

AUGUST 7-8

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

AUGUST 27

Annual Salado Lions Club Lasagna Supper, 5 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School.

SEPTEMBER 4-5-6

Salado Businesses Salute Educators More information TBA

SEPT. 10-12 & 17-19

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

SEPTEMBER 11

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

SEPTEMBER 18-19

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tablerock's Fantasy Faire & Shakespeare Play 8: 15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Tickets adults \$5, children \$3 Shakespeare tickets \$10 adult, \$5 child. Call 254-947-8933

SEPTEMBER 20

Wine & Wildflower Festival sponsored by Pubic 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

OCTOBER 8-9

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

OCTOBER 23

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

information call 254-947-5479.

OCTOBER 30-31

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

NOVEMBER 1

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

NOVEMBER 5-6-7

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

NOVEMBER 12-14

Gathering of the Clans at Robertson Plantation & College Hill.

NOVEMBER 18

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

NOVEMBER 23

Noon deadline for Salado Village Voice newspaper Dec. 1 publication

NOVEMBER 25-26

Salado Village Voice office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER 3-4

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

DECEMBER 3-4-5

Salado Christmas Stroll

Salado Historical Society Annual Christmas Homes Tour TBA

DECEMBER 10-11-12

Salado Christmas Stroll

DECEMBER 10-11

A Christmas Carol 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater Information call 254-947-9205

DECEMBER 14

Mill Creek Community Association Christmas Dinner at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6-7 p.m. happy hour. 7 p.m. dinner.

Info: 947-3901.

DECEMBER 24

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Salado Community Chorus: 5:00 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.
Boy Scouts: Each Monday, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Methodist Church.
Monday Club: 1st Mon., 2 p.m., Salado United Methodist Church.
Salado Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Mon., 6 p.m., at Civic Center.
Salado FFA Meeting: First Monday of the month, 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.
Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees: 3rd Mon. at 6 p.m., at Salado Civic Center.
Salado Library District Board: 4th Mon. at 5:30 p.m., at Salado Public Library Building.
Salado Masonic Lodge #296: 8 p.m. on the Mon. on or before the full moon.
Salado Village Artist Quilters: 1-4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mon. in the Salado Village Artist Building.
Storytime: 11-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Salado Public Library (ages 3-5).
Salado 4-H Club: 1st Mon. through May, 7 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary.
Exercise Class: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. every Monday. Class includes

stretching, strengthening and Pilates. Bring a mat or blanket. Held at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public. No class Memorial Day, May 31.

Salado Democrats: 6:45 p.m., first Monday of each month at the Civic Center.

Salado Youth Fair Boosters: Third Monday of each month, 7 p.m. at the elementary school library.

Tuesdays

Salado Rotary Club: 11:30 a.m., Stagecoach Inn.

Salado Band Boosters: Second Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. in the Band Hall.

Yoga Classes: 6:45 p.m., at the Halley House.

Salado Village Artists: 10 a.m. at Salado Art Center.

Salado Family Relief Fund: 2nd Tues. 1 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

Salado High School Band Boosters: 2nd Tues. of every month 7 p.m. in the Band Hall.

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

Salado Area Republican Women: 3rd Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-8422 or 947-3617 for information.

Wednesdays

Salado Creekside Cloggers: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Salado: Celebrate Recovery, Christian 12-step program, 6-7:30 p.m. Open to everyone dealing with personal hurts, habits or hangups. Free childcare up to age 12. Info: 947-5465.

Salado Youth Baseball Association: meetings 7 p.m. at Civic Center.

Salado Presbyterian Church: Friends meet second and fourth Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon. All women welcome. Info: 947-5982.

Lions Club: 2nd & 4th Wed. at 11:30 a.m., Creekside. Board meets 2nd Wed. 8 a.m.

Mill Creek Community Association Board: 3rd Wed., 5 p.m., at Civic Center.

Scottish Country Dance Lessons: 8-9:30 p.m. at the Scots Hall of the Clans. 947-0325 for info.

Thursdays

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

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen: Regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, 6:30

p.m. at Salado Municipal Building unless otherwise posted.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturdays

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

Salado Church of Christ Ladies Devotional Prayer Breakfast: 3rd Sat. of month, 9 a.m.. Location varies. Info: 947-5241 or 947-3533.

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AN INTERVIEW TRIP TO THE VALLEY

Every week my radio program has a report from East, West, North, South and Central Texas. When I run low on interviews from one part of the state, I go there and replenish my supply.

Last week I went to the Rio Grande Valley, one of my favorite parts of Texas. I love the palm trees, birds, resacas and citrus. The valley is booming. I was told McAllen has five Holiday Inns.

On the way down I made a stop in Kingsland to interview La Von Freydenberg, spokesperson for the Plungettes, who do dance routines using colorful bathroom plungers. Then between Tilden and Three Rivers I stopped in at Choke Canyon, the only state park with a gymnasium.

Tuesday morning, during a light rain, I was in a park in Harlingen watching Rick Hartman practice fly casting. He is a fishing guide who competes in casting contests. Then I visited Mike Dailey who told me about the architects who built much of Harlingen. Gloria Saldivar told me about her

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family business of making tamales and Tony Bennett told me how he has made a living as a bird painter for more than 30 years. His work has appeared in several bird books.

I interviewed Susan and Cavanaugh Francis about their business, Texas Thread. They took an old building with ancient equipment and started making thick thread that is sold all over the world. It is used in awnings, tarpaulins, tents and straps that hold down cargo on trucks.

Ruth Forstner keeps the huge flag that flies over the *Valley Morning Star* newspaper in good shape. The flag gets whipped by the winds and has to be repaired every couple of months.

I interviewed Pappy Martin about his clock collection, Raoul Gonzales about guitar making, Eloise Campbell about salt found on her ranch, Dennis Cole about making fine

knives and Verne Wheelwright about starting work on his Ph.D. when he was 65.

He is studying research at Leeds University in England and hopes to write books about the future. To make a living, he sells paper to printing houses all over the world.

The valley has a bunch of interesting people. Doug Murphy told me about the Palo Alto Battlefield where the first battle of the Mexican-American war took place. The battlefield is now a national historic site near Brownsville.

In Port Isabel I interviewed Ed Meza, who is in charge of two city-operated museums in his town. He is also the coordinator of the famous light house in Port Isabel. It's a state park, but operated by the city. Also in Port Isabel I listened to historian and book writer Rod Bates tell me about some treasures he

has found using a metal detector.

I did a report on Bill Haley, who gave birth to Rock and Roll with Rock Around the Clock. He lived in Harlingen. The city recently unveiled a huge downtown mural of him.

I interviewed Robert Wittenbach, who built brick car washes and started the no-streak washes. In Brownsville I interviewed Rosa and Manuel Mondragon who make unbelievable pinatas which are truly works of art.

In Olmito I met Joe and Rosa Perez who sing traditional Mexican duets and write poetry. In Rio Hondo, Gay Landry told me about making duck decoys. In Sebastian, Rudy Garza showed me why he is the state champion archer. In Sarita, Homero Vera told me about the Kenedy ranching family which played a prominent part in settling the area once known as the wild horse prairie. In San Antonio, I interviewed Joey Kelly, grandson of the famous clown, Emmet Kelly.



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Members of the Salado Ladies Auxiliary placed donated books at the Salado Public Library recently. (PHOTO BY SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL).

Ladies Auxiliary gives books in memory

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Salado Chamber of Commerce, continuing a tradition, recently placed donated books to the Salado Public Library, in memory of auxiliary members who had passed away in 2003.

Books were donated in the names of Louise Graves, Ann Gravink and Maurine Bluntzer.

Louise Graves was known for her beautiful quilts and handwork. She loved color and pastels. She was known for her

blue and white collection of China, and her pride in home and family. She was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Salado.

Ann Gravink was a very active member of the auxiliary. She is remembered for her willingness to help whenever called on. She was a lover of music.

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Salado aldermen will consider filling the vacancy left by Rick Ashe becoming mayor at their 6:30 p.m. June 3 meeting at the Municipal Building on Stagecoach Rd.

Four citizens have applied for consideration: David Barnard, Dr. Robert Cortes, Jr., Joe Czaus and Jack Schrock.

Following an executive session to discuss the applicants, the board will take action in open session.

In other business before the board June 3, aldermen will consider an amend-

ment to the Hotel Occupancy Tax Ordinance, a request to close College Street and a sign request from Merle Norman Cosmetics.

The Future Facilities Committee will meet 11 a.m. June 11 at the Municipal Building to tour possible facilities and further consider possible sites for future city facilities.

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Piano students from the class of Dr. Kim Van Cura, of Salado, were presented in recital last month at the Salado Civic Center. Students received a bust of a classical music composer in recognition of their accomplishment of having attended regular piano lessons, practiced, and presented in recital. PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER

Van Cura's kids qualify for fraternity

Seven piano pupils from the class of Dr. Kim Van Cura, of Salado, qualified for membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians, sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers, Teacher Division of the American College of Musicians, of which Van Cura is a member.

This group of young pianists performed in the

National Piano-Playing Auditions held at UMHB in Belton, and received National, District, and Local certificates. National certificates are earned for playing a ten piece program, District certificates are earned for playing four to six pieces, and Local certificates are earned for playing two or three pieces.

The American College of Musicians evaluated the students' performances

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Berry descendents converge here

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Swapping stories and remembrances about the quiet town they were born and raised in, descendents of E.A. Berry gathered in Salado last weekend, enjoying a Sunday lunch in the Stagecoach Inn.

More than 50 of them spread out in one of the large dining rooms of the Stagecoach Inn June 30, swapping babies back and forth, laughing and catching up on lost time over a muggy Memorial Day weekend. They came from as far away as California and as nearby as the Salado area, where one of the descendents remains.

The dining room in which they gathered Sunday is an addition to the original 1850s building that Charles Wilkins and Mary Evelyn Stevens owned in the first half of the 20th Century, before selling it to the Van Bibbers. Back then it was called the Shady Villa, one of many names and many owners of the most well-known historic building in Salado.

RebaNell Berry-Migues, of Fort Worth, is one of three sisters to travel from around the state to meet for the reunion in Salado. The daughter of Cecil Berry and granddaughter of E.A. Berry, she is also the granddaughter of the Stevenses who owned the Shady Villa for many years before selling it in the early 40s.

She and sisters Martha Berry George, of Corpus Christi, and Lorraine Berry Stevenson, also of Corpus Christi, are natives of old Salado, growing up in a house on Main Street that was moved midway through the 20th Century to Holland Rd. by Wilbur and Jessie Foster. "That giant pecan in front of Strawberry Patch was planted by my father," RebaNell recalls.

Her father, Cecil Berry, was one of four Berry brothers born and raised in Salado's early days. A World War I veteran, Cecil is buried in Salado Cemetery, along with brothers Frank, who was a constable in Salado, and Houston. Robert is buried in Houston.

Joining the sisters in Salado last weekend were cousins Sonny Berry, whose father was Houston, and Clara Berry Dannelly, whose father was Frank.

Sonny lives now in Malakoff, where he opened another Lucye's Place Barbecue restaurant, selling it as well. He speaks fondly of Miss Lucye, particularly of her disciplinarian stance with him as a youngster.

To hear Sonny tell it,

one of his worst whippings came when he participated in a dance upstairs of Roy and Lois Shepperd's store on the corner of Main and Royal.

The Shepperd's store is in the building where Jan's is now located and the couple offered the upstairs portion of the building to the youth of the community, as a place for teens to gather, talk and dance if they so wanted. It was the last part that gave Miss Lucye and many other Baptists in Salado pause at the time. Sonny found his way to the opening of the teen hangout and got one dance out of the way before word reached him that Miss Lucye was on the search for him.

She found him crossing the Main Street bridge back home. "She lit into me the rest of the way home," Sonny says with more than a hint of affection for her.

Sharing their stories, the Berry descendents are clearly proud of the small town where they developed their roots. Of her old home that was moved to Holland Rd., RebaNell says, "It's over by the Cemetery, where we'll all end up one day."

Hopefully that day is many reunions from now.



Pictured above are grandchildren of E.A. Berry: (from left) Martha Berry George, Clara Berry Dannelly, RebaNell Berry Migues, Sonny Berry and Lorraine Berry Stevenson. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

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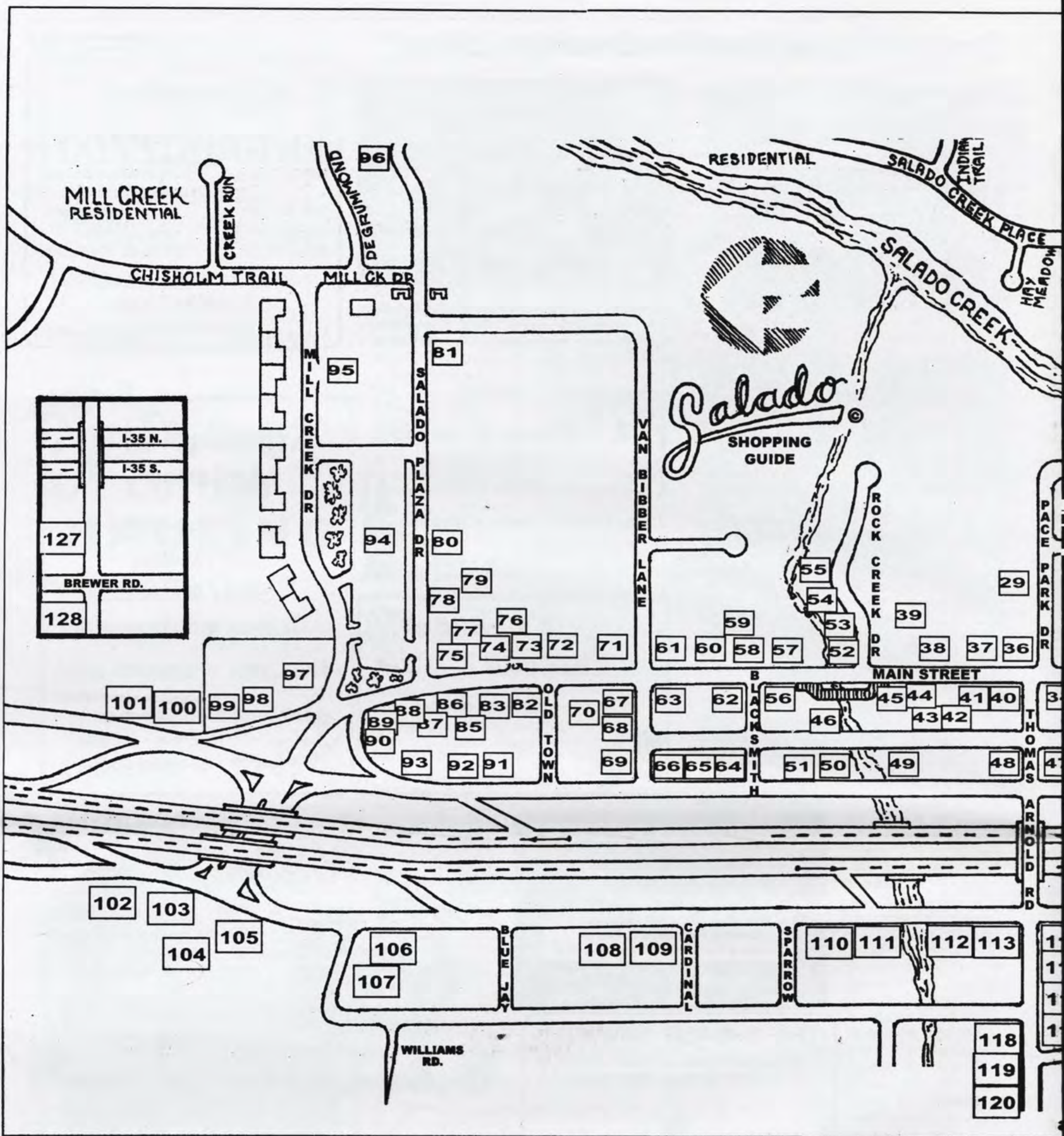
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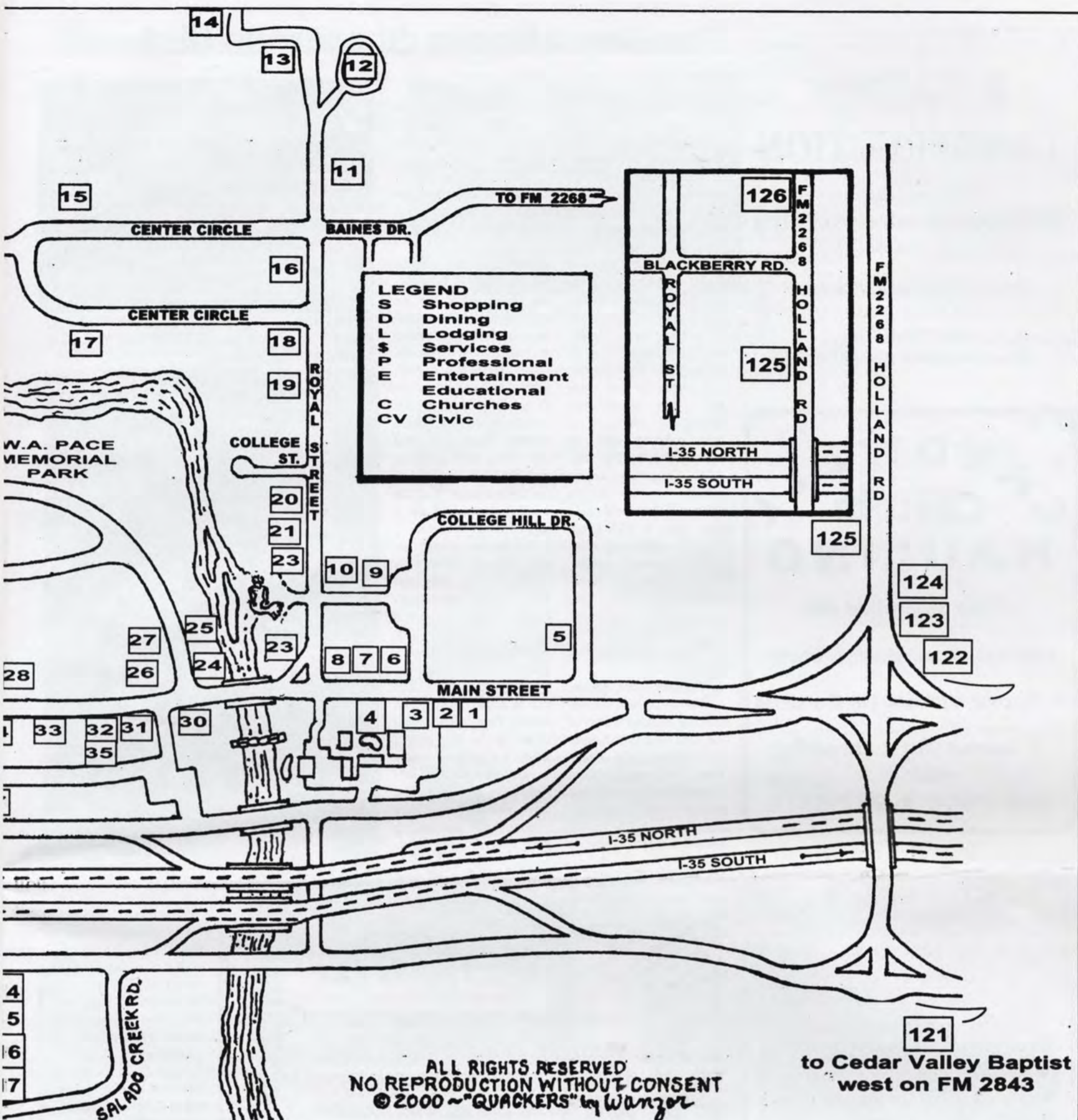
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Return of the King lives up to hype, leaves little room for criticism

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

It is a rare thing for a film bearing tremendous expectations to please everyone. At least half the people will always be disappointed. It is a fact of life. One needn't look farther than the recent unwatchable Star Wars prequels for proof of that.

Not unlike George Lucas in previous efforts, director Peter Jackson set the bar to an Olympic height with his first two adaptations of J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *The Fellowship of the Ring* and *The Two Towers*. So high, in fact, it's almost as though he had nowhere to go but down with the final installment, *The Return of the King*.

In this case, however, Jackson pulled off the all-too-uncommon trifecta, a true cinematic hat trick. The result is that *The Return of the King* is equal to, if not better, than its predecessors. The much-lauded special effects are, of course, without peer. The story, which must sew up all the scenarios left open at the end of *The Two Towers*, comes together seamlessly. The battle scenes of Pellenor Fields, Minis Tirith and the Black

Gates are grandiose and well-orchestrated.

The film itself begins with the story of how the hobbit-like Smeagol is transformed into the wretched Gollum - an important scene which Jackson struggled to find room for in the trilogy - and continues through the final climactic battle for control of Middle Earth.

All the familiar characters from the first two films are back, but Orlando Bloom's career-making role as the elf Legolas is somewhat reduced, as is that of the boastful dwarf Gimli, played to perfection by a terrific John Rhys-Davies, known best for his Shakespearean work.

Eating up much of the screen time are Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen) and hobbits Frodo (Elijah Wood) and Sam (Sean Astin), the latter two acceptable because it is their adventure the final chapter centers on: the completion of Frodo's near-impossible charge of trekking to Mordor to destroy the Ring, without first being consumed by its malevolent lure. If he succeeds, the age of men will begin. If he fails, everyone's up the prover-



Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen) and Gandalf (Ian Mackellan) in *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*.

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Granted, *The Return of the King* is long, nudging four hours in length. Also, there are many scenes of misty-eyed hobbitry, which some might find repellent.

But if you consider the amount of ground the final movie has to cover, it's easy to be impressed by the singularity and skill with which Jackson handles it. And surprisingly, given its prodigious girth, *The Return of the King* is rather fast paced for much of the film. Only when things start to fall into place does the pace slacken. And even then it wraps up tidily. And as you might conjecture, the King does indeed return.

From the get-go of this series, Peter Jackson did things right. First, he chose the greatest fantasy series of all time to base his movies on. Second, he filled it out with a tal-

ented and diverse cast, most of whom were long time fans of the book, such as Ian Mackellan (Gandalf) and Christopher Lee (Sarumon).

The only downside to the entire trilogy is that, with the precedent set at so lofty a height, it might be impossible to top.

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The Salado Area Republican Women have announced the winners of the group's Patriotic Art Contest.

According to organizers, nearly 75 entries were judged by a committee consisting of members of the Salado Village Artists. The winning works will be on display the week of July 4 at the Salado Public Library.

Winners and their selected media are as follows:

Ages 7-9: First place, Sonja Lara - Crayon Drawing; Second place, Josh Celynn Montoya - Crayon Drawing; Third place, Eryn Clayton - Crayon Drawing.

Ages 7-9 (Honorable Mention): Payton Montgomery - Crayon Drawing; Grace Green - Crayon Drawing; Toni Sellers - Crayon Drawing.

Ages 10-12: First place, Brennan Boydston - Mosaic; Second place, Kelsey Ortiz

- Crayon Drawing; Third place (tie), Kandice Little - Crayon Drawing, Ethan Mitchell - Acrylic.

Ages 10-12 (Honorable Mention): Courtney Wheeler - Mixed Media; Braxton Tucker - Chalk or Pastel; Morgan Van Winkle - Collage; Billy Pipes - Mixed Media; Bailie Reed - Colored Pencil Sketch; Baylee Bell - Mixed Media; Shauna Miller - Colored Pencil Sketch; Camryn Bintz, Colored Pencil Sketch;

Hannah Goode - Colored Pencil Sketch; Jessica Guthrie - Crayon Drawing; Jenna Sebek - Colored Pencil Sketch; Kelsea Briscoe - Crayon; Logan Jackson - Colored Pencil Sketch.

Ages 13-15: First place, Rebecca Lyssy - Mixed Media; Second place, Lauren Haire and Reena Suresch - Mixed Media; Third place, Kamyille Palomino - Collage.

Ages 13-15 (Honorable Mention): Ryan South - Woven Collage; Jenessa Passage - Mixed Media; Brittany Gilcrest - Computer Graphics; Joseph Shumate - Acrylic.

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BMW Ultimate Drive stops June 5 in Temple to raise funds for Susan G. Komen Foundation

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This year, the Ultimate Drive will stop at King's Daughters Hospital on H.K. Dodgen Loop 363 in Temple, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. June 5.

The 21-car fleet will set up in the parking lot of King's Daughters Hospital and volunteers will take the BMWs on a 14 mile test drive. For each mile driven, BMW donates \$1 to the Komen Foundation. The Temple Ultimate Drive is one of the more successful stops in the nation, thanks to the work of Ron and Kaye Coleman, of Salado.

The Ultimate Drive is a driving program created by BMW to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research and community outreach programs. The general public is invited to drive the fleet of BMWs at participating dealerships during an Ultimate Drive event.

The Ultimate Drive consists of a 21-car Northern and a 21-car Southern fleet of 2004 Titanium Silver BMWs, each headed by a lead Signature Car, the BMW X3 Sports Activity Vehicle. The X3s are painted, as are the fleet cars, in shimmering Titanium Silver with a sweeping pink ribbon comprised of eight multi-color pink lines that swirl around both sides of the vehicle.

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mate Drive participants and will become mobile representations of the individuals who are making a difference in the fight against breast cancer.

As in years past, there will be an award presentation honoring a Local Hero, a community resident who has made an outstanding personal effort in the fight against breast cancer. A photograph of each hero will be affixed to one of the two BMW X3 Signature Vehicles.

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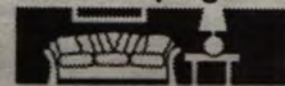
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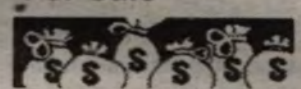
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A cabin in the country with creeks, stock tank, hills, pasture, workshop, barn, pool, 3 wells, and RV hookups. Incredible vistas and views. Live on vacation all the time! \$328,000. Call Century 21-Bill Bartlett, (254) 947-5050.

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Land for Sale

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

For Sale By Owner. Many WOODED LOTS, Woods of Salado on FM 2484 near Lake Stillhouse. Rita Seghers 254-760-9663. tfn

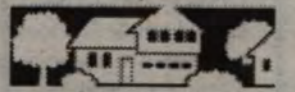
Two acre restricted, wooded, lakeview home sites. Salado Schools. Call C-21 Bill Bartlett 254-947-5050 tfn
30-360 acres, 15 mi. N. of Georgetown, 6 mi. S. of Salado. Beautiful land, well located, owner finance. Some restrictions. Call Bill at Century 21-Bill Bartlett, (254) 947-5050 or 800-352-1183. TFNB
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Creek, 2 blocks from Golf Course, \$40,000. Call (512) 626-0210.

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Awesome Porch View, 4.83 AC - \$50,900. Wonderful 4.83 acre homesite near historic Salado. Gorgeous porch view is forever! Large oak trees everywhere! Close to private park. Quality restrictions. Excellent financing. Call now 1-254-947-5901, x. 1104. B6/16

Georgetown/Jarrell-7 miles north of Georgetown. 50 cultivated acres east side of IH35 approx. 1500 ft. of highway frontage, 4/2 custom built 1999 home with luxury features, separate guest house with 3 car garage. You want to see this property - \$800,000 - mls#4450080 **Jarrell-10+ acre tracts,** 8 miles north of Georgetown facing CR 314, deed restrictions. Great Location- \$4,000 per acre- mls#7003081 Linda Lee Littlefield, Agent 512-769-1388 Keller Williams Realty

Rent or Lease



Apartment in Paradise. Perfect for writer, poet or nature lover. 2 BD/1BA, on Salado Creek at Old Salado Springs, no pets or smokers, \$850/mo. (254) 947-5933

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

Salado Townhouse for lease. 3 BR/2-1/2 BA. 2,000 sq. ft. Golf course view. \$995/mth. No pets. 947-4503.

Charming, spacious 2/2/1 townhome for rent. \$795. 6 closets, vaulted ceilings, w/d closet inside. Walk to shopping center. Lawn care provided. (254) 338-5083. TFN

Beautiful Mill Creek Townhome overlooking Salado Creek and the golf course. 3 BR/2BA, deck, fireplace. \$1,350/mth. Call 760-1890. TFN

Two bedroom, two bath mobile home for lease on 4 acres, storage building, all appliances, fireplace, washer and dryer, \$600/month. Call Village Realty of Salado, (254) 947-0342.TFN

2 BR/2 BA \$795 per month plus \$400 deposit. Automatic garage, filtered water. No pets. 171-A Satch, Salado. (254) 947-5927. Available July 1. 6/30

Salado: Executive 2 BR/2 BA in Mill Creek. Available June 5. Large fireplace, great deck. Must see to appreciate!! Call Leta @ Village Realty, (254) 534-3521. TFNB

Stillhouse Lake Rentals, You'll find the perfect place to call your home. Walking distance from Stillhouse Lake at Union Grove Park, Charming Lake Cottages, ideal location for the bass fisherman, enjoy the serenity of country living, two bedroom homes now available. Professional maintenance provided, fireplace, patio, clothes care center, lawn care provided. Call now and ask about our rent special! (254) 634-0491. TFNB

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.

For rent - Trailer space in city limits. (254) 947-8318. P6/2

Penthouse efficiency apt. Approx. 700 sq. ft. Country setting overlooking Stillhouse Lake. Water and trash included. \$450/mo. Off FM 1670. Call Kathy (254) 721-0138. P6/16

For Rent - 1BR/1BA completely furnished cottage with water, cable, and yard work included. \$750/month plus \$400 deposit. Now available! No pets. (254) 947-7145. TFNB

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Summers Mill area: Very nice, BR, 2 BA doublewide home on over an acre. Carport and storage building. New carpet! \$700 mo. Call Leta @ Veillage Realty 254-534-3521 tfn

Fantastic Executive Home in Mill Creek! This home is great for entertaining. 2 BR, 2 BA, 2 cr garage. Over 2500 sq. ft. with large deck, on corner lot with gorgeous tress. Must see to appreciate! \$1500 mo. Call Leta @ Village Realty 254-534-3521 tfn

Hurry! Won't last long in Salado. 2 BR 2 BA duplex. Immaculate one year old with tile flooring. Available June 12. \$795 mo. Call Leta @ Village Realty 254-534-3521 tfn

For rent- Trailer space in city limits. 947-8318 6/9p

1BR 1 BA Duplex Rent \$400 deposit \$200 No pets 939-6640 6/2 tfn

Commercial Rental



(2) Prime office spaces are available for your Office address in Salado Civic Square at the corner of North Main and Van Bibber Lane. 525 sq. ft. available May 1, 2004. Lovely office it reception or conference room. Private bath. Huge storage with shelves & coffee bar with sink. \$500/mth. 1,000 sq. ft. available July 1, 2004. Lovely office with reception, conference room, large computer work area or secretary area, private bath, large filing room & coffee bar with sink. Prestigious wood floors & crown molding. \$900/mth. Call Properties By Larry Sands 947-5580 or 913-5467. 6/2p

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\$499,500 - 7.65 acres on I-35 between Salado-Belton with road on three sides. 2,000 SF offices, 18,700 SF warehouses, 4,000 SF mini-storage. Excellent price, location and condition.



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



\$1,249,000 - Executive home on Mill Creek Golf Course with a Salado Creek view. Two-story Austin stone, brick and cast stone with traditional charm in pristine condition, offering 4 BR, 4 full baths, 2 half baths. Study, formal LR & DR, home theatre, bonus/exercise room with in-ground pool & hot tub.



\$549,000 - Country living with all the city amenities. Plate glass windows across the back of this home on 7 acres allow the view of the pool, valley and rolling country side. Separate 1 BR apartment is attached to the 3 stall barn.



\$219,900 - Located on the 14th Fairway in Mill Creek, this stately home has much to offer just the right person. Gorgeous view of the golf course and situated on the wooded end of Chisholm Trail. Many areas of the home are handicap-equipped.



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



\$144,900 - Beautifully manicured lawn comes with this 3BR/2BA home in Live Oak Estates. View the vegetable garden in the backyard from the wood deck. Enjoy the view of the backyard from the bay window in the dining room. A wood burning stove accents the corner of the living room. House is located on a cul-de-sac and is surrounded by live oak trees.



\$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.



\$184,900 - Pride of ownership can be seen in the well-manicured lawn of this 4BR/2BA/2DR home. Walk inside from the front door into a living area with large windows overlooking a beautiful backyard. Entire lawn is irrigated. Plantation shutters give this home a warm atmosphere in the dining room and office. Workshop beside the home for easy storage of lawn equipment. Built-in cabinets in garage for additional storage

Residential

- \$54,000 - Great starter home or investment property.
- \$55,000 - Located at entrance to Mill Creek-4BR mobile home.
- \$73,800 - Charming, restored 1901 home in Holland.
- \$94,500 - 3 BR, 2 BA on 2 lots in Morgans Point.
- \$109,500 - Large deck on 2 BR home in country. - UC
- \$119,900 - Secluded home on .90 acre. French doors.
- \$122,800 - 4 BR home w/ 10' ceiling in Livingroom - UC
- \$127,800 - 3 BR, 2 BA w/ kitchen island.
- \$129,800 - 3 BR, 2.5 BA Texas decor, like living in a B&B
- \$144,900 - 3BR/2BA with manicured lawn in Live Oak Estates.
- \$149,000 - Walk to Mill Creek Pro Shop. Private backyard.
- \$149,500 - Peaceful setting with deck & hot tub.
- \$169,900 - Two story 3 BR, 2.5 home with beautiful yard. - UC
- \$184,900 - Lovely 4 BR Mill Creek home. Workshop.
- \$185,000 - Spacious 4BR home backs up to bluff in Mill Creek.
- \$189,000 - Courtyard entry, 3 BR. Decorating allowance - UC
- \$199,000 - 3 BR, 2 BA open living area w/vaulted ceiling.
- \$199,900 - Comfortable home on 7.7 acres - UC
- \$219,000 - 3 BR, 2.5 BA across from Salado Creek.
- \$219,900 - Home on 14th fairway. Handi cap equipped.

- \$224,500 - 4 BR home on 60 acres in Rogers. - UC
- \$224,500 - 4 BR home with deck on 2 Mill Creek lots. - UC
- \$225,800 - 4 BR show place in Wild Rose Subdivision.
- \$259,500 - 3 BR overlooking Salado Creek & #13 Green.
- \$259,900 - 4 BR home w/ pool & waterfall, landscaped. - UC
- \$264,000 - 2 story home on 46 acres of rolling hills.
- \$279,000 - 4 BR home on 5 acres with covered porch.
- \$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. - UC
- \$330,000 - 15 acres, 3 BR, 2 BA, gameroom, RV garage - UC
- \$338,500 - 4,000 SF home on 2 acres in Woods of Salado.
- \$389,000 - Wrap around porch, oaks, 14.5 acres & pond. UC
- \$549,000 - Country living, pool, 7 acres, barn, workshop.
- \$715,000 - 5 BR, 4-1/2 BA home by golf course. Media Room.
- \$1,249,000 - Executive 4 BR home on Salado Creek.

Acreage Available

- 20 to 363 acres 6 mile S. Salado, Lovely view, owner finance.
- 15.796 acres fronting FM 2268 with young trees. \$99,500.
- 5.2 acres on Salado Creek. Large oaks, good road frontage.

Lots

Mill Creek Lots

- 700 Indian Trail. - \$30,000
- Fletcher Ct. - \$68,000
- O.W. Lowrey - \$70,000
- 1401 Mill Creek Dr. - \$100,000

Woods of Salado Lots

- Mountain Dr. - Lot 5A- \$39,500, Lot 5B - \$39,500, Lot 6A - \$42,500.
- 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.

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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.**



Approximately 20 acres with Buttermilk Creek. **\$125,000.**



Price Reduced, 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, large master suite. **\$239,900.**

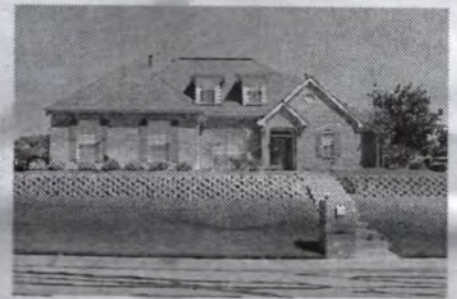
SHOWCASE HOME



Need a Workshop? 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. ~~\$297,900.~~ REDUCED to **\$194,900.**



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



Beautiful home with open floor plan. Huge kitchen with large island that opens up to breakfast area and den with fireplace. Large living room and formal dining room. Great family home in Temple. **\$245,000.**



Great chance to live in Salado and run your own Bed & Breakfast!



Under Contract

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.**

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Acresage

Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. **\$10,000/lot.**
Ready to build. Two lots in Hidden Springs already cleared! Priced at **\$29,900** each or **\$55,000** for both.
Appx. 1 acre ready for mobile home, water meter and septic included. **\$20,000.**
2 acre wooded lot in Hidden Springs with a great view. Walking distance to tennis court & the park on Salado Creek. **\$32,900.** - **Under Contract**
2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900.**
3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large Pecabtrees & live water. **\$39,900.**
5 acres located west of Salado in Hidden Springs. Enjoy the country and your private park. **\$54,900.**
10+ acres in Bell Meadows off FM 1123. Unbelievable views. **\$89,000.**
20 acres southwest of Salado on Buttermilk Creek. Heavily wooded. **\$125,000.**
41 acres with hill country view \$3,500 per acre - **Under Contract**

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.**

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Salado Lots

New Listing - one of the best locations in Mill Creek. Near golf course, pool, tennis courts. Priced to sell at **\$45,000.** - **SOLD**
Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - **\$40,000.**
Indian Trail - 90x188 - **\$38,000.**
Mill Creek Lot - **\$39,900.**

Commercial

3 acres commercial property fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$99,900.**
Excellent Commercial: Corner of West Village Rd. & IH-35 at exit 285 - **UNDER CONTRACT**

Bed & Breakfast - Great chance to live in Salado and run your own Bed & Breakfast.
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 with trees in gated Southlake Subdivision. **\$55,000.**
5+ acres fronting SH 190 and Boxer Road. Great commercial location. City water available. **\$299,000.**
Custom home under construction in Regatta Oaks. Completion 8/04. Huge master bedroom and bathroom **\$369,000.**

Temple

Wildflower - Beautiful 2 story home. 4BR/2-1/2 BA. Huge kitchen w/ island, opens up to den. **\$245,000.**