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## Mobile Home?

This house that sat for more than 50 years at 830 N. Main Street, Salado, was cut apart and moved last week. An historic log cabin will be moved and restored on the property that sits across Main from the Salado Post Office. The house was built in 1952 by Earl and Ruth Guest. It was cut into two pieces by house movers to be taken off the property and relocated.

(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

## Aldermen adopt maintenance code

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen adopted an amended form of the 2003 International Property Maintenance Code during their June 17 meeting at the Salado Civic Center.

The IPMC is a 32 page

document that regulates property maintenance, including exterior property areas, swimming pools, spas and hot tubs, exterior structure, interior structure, handrails and guardrails, rubbish and garbage and extermination in its general requirements.

In other requirements, the IPMC regulates lighting, ventilation and occupancy limits, as well as required plumbing facilities, plumbing systems and fixtures, sanitary water system, drainage system, and storm drainage.

It also regulates

mechanical and electrical facilities: heating facilities, mechanical equipment, electrical facilities, electrical equipment, elevators, escalators and dumbwaiters and duct systems.

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## County to build new district courts complex

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Bell County will fund a \$29 million building project to include a new district courts complex and renovations of the current district courts building and jail through a series of limited tax notes, approved unanimously by county commissioners June 21. The court also approved a tax limitation for homeowners who are disabled or over age 65.

Following the defeat of a \$46.1 million bond issue to build a new district courts and jails complex on Loop 121, commissioners began examining alternatives for renovating the courts building and expanding the county jail.

Judge Jon Burrows said the court kept in mind the defeat of two bond issues by Bell County voters in their discussion of how to come into compliance with federal building codes and meet the needs of the growing jail population.

Facing a Sept. 1, 2005 deadline to come into compliance with federal Americans with Disabilities Act building codes for restrooms, elevators and stairways, as well as fire safety codes, commission-

ers decided that the district courts building was the most pressing issue.

The court has weighed options to include leasing space in Belton for the district courts while the building is brought into code or buying property for a new courts building.

The court voted June 21 to purchase the 76 acres on Loop 121 that was part of both failed bond issues immediately after approving the \$27.73 million in limited tax notes.

Belton attorney John Galligan said that the measure by the court has caused him to "lose faith in the democratic process." Galligan told commissioners that many opponents of the expansion project had told him that their votes did not count, "because they'll do exactly what they originally planned to do."

Galligan, who led a petition drive that eventually resulted in commissioners calling for a \$61.1 million bond election in September 2003 that failed to muster voter approval, told commissioners: "Starting today, there will be a new petition drive to take back Bell County."

"Perhaps the only elec-  
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## Dog Daze will bring canine lovers to Salado June 26

Salado Dog Daze, sponsored by the Salado Business Association, will be held June 26, at historic Pace Park on the banks of Salado Creek. Admission to Salado Dog Daze and the participation in the scheduled events is free. Registration for games and competitions begins at 9 a.m. with events to begin shortly thereafter.

Dog Daze promises a fun-filled day for people and their dogs in Salado. The Salado Business Association is hosting the event in an effort to recognize and generate interest in area animal rescue groups and their efforts in Central Texas.

A Grand Dog Stroll will kick off the day's events. An "all in fun" dog show will last throughout

the event with pets competing in various entertaining events. Puggy, of America's Funniest Home Videos fame, will make a special appearance at the event with an on-stage performance.

Scheduled speakers and organizations include: a storytelling corner with librarian Alayne Fullers-Ramsden, a puppet show, a pet adoptions center, veterinarian information booth, raffles for pet related items from Salado Shops; Cen-Tex Humane Society; Bell county SPCA; and Greyhound Pets of America/Central Texas. Several Central Texas rescue organizations will be on-hand offering educational information and advice to current prospective pet owners.

APAC will offer "Glam-fur" photos for those interested. Photo contest applications for the 2005 APAC Calendar will also be available.

The Salado Volunteer Fire Department will be selling refreshments in order to raise funds for their organization and the Mid-Texas Corvette Club will have their classic corvettes on display along the banks of Salado Creek.

Mud Pies Pottery will make "paw prints in clay" that will be glazed and shipped to owners complete with ribbon tie for hanging on the wall for a small fee.

Pet owners are reminded to keep pets restrained on leashes at all times.

Owners interested in



Schatzi, a golden retriever/Chow mix from Waco Furry Friends, and Sugar, a Sheltie from the Temple Animal Shelter, will be at the Salado Dog Daze in Pace Park.

nominating their dogs for Poster Dog for the 2005 Salado Dog Daze should

bring a photo and a 300-word essay about their friend to the Dog Daze

event. For more information visit [www.salado.com](http://www.salado.com).



# FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



## They Said It Couldn't Be Done

He's alienating Europe! He is too bellicose! He speaks in undiplomatic language! He is motivated by an unrealistic vision of international change!

These charges have been hurled at: a) Ronald Reagan, b) George W. Bush or c) both? The answer, of course, is "c." That tells us something about both "cowboy" presidents and their critics, including Reagan and Bush scourge John Kerry. To change the world requires angering the defenders of the status quo, enunciating a clear vision and taking risks. Doubters will therefore always be able to point to diplomatic upset, to a lack of "nuance" and to the possibility of failure, respectively, when criticizing a transformational foreign policy.

An appropriate epitaph for Reagan's historic accomplishment of winning the Cold War would be: "They said it couldn't be done." If Bush manages to effect his vision in the war on terror, his success will deserve to be similarly memorialized.

It is no accident that Kerry opposed Reagan's policies in terms he uses to criticize Bush now. Reagan was altogether too focused on military solutions. Kerry said the defense buildup was "without any relevancy to the threat this nation is currently facing," and declared, "We don't need expensive and exotic weapons systems." He considered Reagan's foreign policy "arrogant," that of a "bully."

Kerry especially fought Reagan's Latin America policy. Reagan supported muscular U.S. assertion in the region to create a democratic revolution. Kerry counseled timidity. He denounced a U.S. embargo on Nicaragua, meant to pressure the Marxist Sandinista regime there. Kerry wanted to trust the word of the Sandinistas to reform themselves, while Reagan instead pressured them militarily through the Contras.

Reagan's vision was starkly vindicated.

## Rich Lowry



At the beginning of his term, Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay were military dictatorships. Nicaragua had just fallen to a Communist insurrection, and El Salvador seemed set to be next. By the end of or shortly after Reagan's term, Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay had democratized. Nicaragua held elections won by the opposition, and El Salvador became a model in the region.

The Latin American experience is instructive, because it is roughly analogous to what Bush hopes to accomplish over the long term in the Middle East -- taking a region beset by tyranny and violence (and inherently distrustful of the United States), and putting it on a better path, through military means, forceful diplomacy and a rhetoric of morality and freedom. Kerry has dutifully rehearsed his old lines, denouncing the arrogance, the jingoism, the unilateralism and the implausibility of the Bush project.

It is easy to assume that the status quo will always be with us and so must be accommodated. But if prudence is a virtue in international relations, it shouldn't be an excuse for sheer lack of imagination. The world is not infinitely plastic, as we have learned during our difficult year in Iraq. But history does move, especially when determined men give it a push, despite the carping of critics insisting that it just can't be done.

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## Reagan funeral reaffirms what still remains good and caring in America

One day soon the flags will return to full mast and the final farewells will have been written or spoken about the late Ronald Reagan, 40th President of these United States. Most of which, thus far, have been kind, gentle and forthright as was the man himself.

Surprisingly, television outclassed the entire media community by simply letting pictures (rather than commentators) tell the story of a presidential funeral and related celebration of life, that unfolded before our eyes and drew us close to the Reagan family.

Those of us with a few remaining strands of awe left unpummeled from forces not always of our choosing - were struck with images from the past that told the story of a decent man who loved his country; whose optimism was catching; and despite ideas and plans not everyone agreed with - President Reagan never left a doubt in the minds of friends and foes alike, that they were being treated with the very highest degree of civility.

Above all else, this writer was struck with the steadfastness of Nancy Reagan who showed what love for one's spouse is all about. She did this from the day they first entered political life and continued to that last moving scene of a loving wife who just couldn't seem to let go of her husband, as she touched his casket - over and over, until finally resting her head on it - and said goodbye.

### STATE BUDGET WOES CONTINUE

It was just a year ago this month that the 78th Legislature finished its dismal session and approved a \$117 billion budget that slashed Health and Human Services; cut health insurance for impoverished kids; raided the Rainy Day Fund; sliced great chunks from higher education and failed to keep up with the growth needs of the public schools.

A few weeks later Comptroller Carole Strayhorn irresponsibly (and probably illegally) approved the "unbalanced" biennial budget - created without new "direct" taxes, thanks to billions deleted from social programs plus a multitude of state service cuts that lawmakers slyly kicked back to local counties and cities.

Strayhorn's act in signing a spending plan that was \$4 billion bucks short, (despite the State Constitution's deficit spending prohibitions), skirted both "de facto" and "de jure" laws, as jurists would no doubt declare (if given the opportunity).

"From fact and From law" is (we think) the correct translation for those two Latin terms.

### TEXTBOOK SS SHORTAGE

Another prime example of the current State budget's disastrous shortcomings, will hit the public schools late this summer, resulting from the \$70 million cut in the Texas Education Agency's two year budget. This shortfall will curtail TEA's legal mandate to provide textbooks for increased student growth during the 2004-5 academic year.

If necessary, school administrators will take operating funds and buy the needed textbooks direct from publishers - thus reducing dollars needed elsewhere or hike property taxes to cover the shortage created by a thoughtless group of lawmakers.

What will happen when parents discover that some kids won't have textbooks when school opens or that taxes will go up to pay for this outrage - is anyone's guess. Hopefully enough ruckus will be created so the ideologues in charge of the "no tax" idiocy in Austin will develop a severe case of political indigestion. Or

## Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



more importantly, the backlash will carry over to election day.

### BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

Tom DeLay (R-Sugarland) is not only House Majority Leader, but also one of the more consummate actors in Congress. Case in point: Last week after being charged, by "Lame Duck" Democratic House Member Chris Bell (D-Houston), as being "The most corrupt politician in America today," DeLay hopped in front of the TV cameras and with his normal steely eyed (and slightly squinty) look, "sadly" shook his head about the unfortunate Bell (DeLay had redistricted Chris out of his job) and with ersatz tears in his eyes told the world: "I have never liked the politics of personal destruction!"

That doublespeak comment by the former bug exterminator, reminds us of the true story about Chicago White Sox President Jerry Reinsdorf who once paid a \$500 fine assigned by the Baseball Commissioner, for quipping (we think for the first time ever): "How do you know when he's lying? His lips are moving!"

The Chicagoan was talking about fellow team owner George Steinbrenner (NY Yankees).

### "BLIND EYED AGREEMENT"

What is more disturbing, beyond the DeLay-Bell flapperoo, is the fact that shortly after former Speaker Newt Gingrich was reprimanded and fined by the House in 1997 (Committee found that ethics charges against the fiery Newt were true), a "truce" was put in place between Republicans and Democrats to the effect that neither side would again bring charges for a breach of ethics against a member of the opposing party!

This "gentleman's agreement" remained in place until Bell challenged DeLay's alleged lack of ethics for what has been characterized as the improper use of his office and possible misuse of corporate contributions - a matter currently under investigation by the DA in Travis County.

This business of allowing some Congressmen (and women) to openly misuse their offices or otherwise sidestep the rules, and never be challenged by other members (or their leaders), is totally unacceptable and needs to be stopped.

Politicians in general are ranked, by today's citizenry, slightly below lawyers, health insurance accountants, lobbyists, pharmaceutical house officials, and other "Enron-style" commercial rascals.

They rate only slightly above rag-head terrorists, bank robbers, Wall Street stock manipulators, and telephone solicitors.

Failing to police their own ranks in Congress is one more reason that lends credence to lawmaker's low standings. This generally acknowledged complaint applies to each and every one of the elected "see-no-evil" Pooh-Bahs who only tinker with the machinery of law-making, but whose real aim is re-election!

Included in this mix are the worst of the uncompromising, die-hard conservative "bomb makers," and their weak-kneed liberal "bomb throwing" antagonists.

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# Investing in Childhood Education is a Sound Business Decision

By SANDY DOCHEN

Eighty-five percent of a child's core brain structure is formed by age 3, but less than 4 percent of public investments on education and development have occurred by that time. To secure the social and economic future of Texas, we must utilize early education and care as a tool for social and economic development and invest in children during the important early years when a child's brain is forming.

Quality early education and care programs contribute to the overall health and well-being of children and families in Texas. Children who are exposed to quality-learning settings, whether at home or in other arrangements, during the critical first five years of life, experience increased school success. At the same time, parents are able to maintain employment while feeling confident that their children are in a safe, supportive environment.

A 2003 study by Art Rolnick and Rob Grunewald of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis found that communities that invest in education significantly increase their chances for economic growth. Investing in quality early education and care programs can bring an inflation-adjusted public return of 12 percent. It can bring a total adjusted return, including both public and private, of 16 percent.

This evidence proves that early care and education is an economic development initiative that has a high rate of return.

By investing in quality early preschool programs, taxpayers will pay less for welfare and less for remedial education programs. Communities will yield significant returns through savings in the criminal justice system, the public school system, and increased tax revenues.

Another 2003 study conducted by the Waisman Center's Institute for Research on Poverty reports that for every \$1 invested in high quality center-based early education and care, communities save approximately \$7

through the increased likelihood that children will be literate, socially well-adjusted, employed, and enrolled in postsecondary education. As a result, children are less likely to be school dropouts, dependent on welfare, or arrested for criminal activity.

As the research supporting investment in early education and care continues to mount, so does the wide array of sources speaking out on this issue. The Federal Reserve Bank is just one of many new voices communicating the economic benefits of investing in early childhood education. Police chiefs across the country are among the supporters of increased investments to early education and care as a strategy for reducing youth violence and crime and enabling children to reach their full potential.

Here in Texas, the business community is a growing voice of support, viewing early education and care as a public investment. Business leaders recognize the direct connection between early childhood education and a sustainable, productive workforce that will be ready to shape the future of Texas.

Corporate leaders understand the critical need to promote family-friendly practices in order for their employees to accomplish a successful work/life balance. From offering these flexible work policies to advocating improvements in early childhood development programs, the business community is an important partner in helping schools meet increased education expectations.

We must all work to ensure that our communities are investing in the welfare of our children. The social and economic returns of quality early education and care are extraordinary, resulting in a healthier, well-educated workforce.

We must invest our money where they will get the greatest returns. Investing in early education and care will allow us to compete on a national and global scale.

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# FORUM



## Owning the American Dream

In 1954, the median salary was \$3,200. A loaf of bread cost 22 cents. The U.S. population was 163 million. And a gallon of gasoline cost 29 cents. Fifty years later, our population has nearly doubled and the median household income is \$41,000. A trip to the grocery store will reveal that a loaf of bread can cost up to \$4, and if you've filled your car up at the pump lately you've undoubtedly been shocked by the \$2-plus per gallon price. Fortunately, rising right along with the cost of living, has been the number of American homeowners. In the first quarter of this year, homeownership hit a record rate of 68.6 percent, meaning more Americans than ever are pulling up to a driveway they own.

For many people the pinnacle of the American Dream is owning their own home - saying goodbye to a landlord and taking the reins on their own future. Homeownership enables Americans to build credit and create wealth. Perhaps more importantly, it also allows people to put down roots in a community, and develop a sense of pride and establishment.

June is National Home-ownership Month, a time for Texans who've been dreaming about owning a home to take the first steps toward achieving this goal. In this year's proclamation announcing June's designation, the president said, "Homeownership remains an essential part of the American experience and plays a critical role in strengthening families, their communities, and our entire nation. We must not be satisfied until every family that seeks to own a home, gets put on the path

## Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison  
U.S. Senator



to homeownership."

And while most Americans would agree that home ownership is an important part of our nation's foundation, they would also concur that buying a home can be a confusing and complex process, especially for first-time buyers. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has developed a helpful ABC guide to buying a home:

### ABC's of Buying A Home

**A.** - Aim for a home you can really afford. The rule of thumb is that you can afford a house that runs about two-and-one half times your annual salary. If your salary is \$50,000, and your credit is good, you could look at homes selling for \$125,000.

**B.** - Begin by looking at your credit. Since you will most likely need to get a mortgage to buy a house, you must make sure your credit history is as clean as possible. Before you start house hunting, get copies of your credit report. Make sure the facts are correct and fix any problems you discover. The three major credit-reporting agencies are:

Equifax, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com), 888-202-4025; Experian, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com), 888-397-3742; and, Trans Union, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com), 800-916-8800. Start by calling them, getting a copy of your credit report and examining it closely.

**C.** - Consult with the experts. HUD is a great

resource for helping you through this process. HUD has a list of approved housing counselors who can walk you through this process step-by-step. You can find a counselor near you by visiting [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov).

With our nation's economy continuing to strengthen and more Americans finding work, now may be the time for you to consider buying a home. In May, 248,000 jobs were created, bringing the three month total to nearly one million new jobs. The unemployment rate was 5.6 percent, lower than the average of each of the past three decades. And after-tax incomes are up 11 percent since December of 2000, meaning Americans are keeping more of their hard-earned dollars.

There are a number of federal programs for which many Texans can qualify, such as the American Dream Downpayment Initiative, which will help make homeownership a reality for 40,000 families this year. Housing education programs, grants for low-income families and tax credits for developers who build affordable housing are other initiatives that can bring you one step closer to writing your last rent check.

In Texas that home could be a farm, a mid-town bungalow or something in a suburban neighborhood. Whatever your dream, the federal government has resources available to help you navigate the maze of homeownership.

## Fantasies of Corporate Outsourcers



Jim Hightower

It's always enlightening to have the glories of corporate globalization explained to us by conservative pontificators. These are the folks who try to convince us that globalization is the height of morality, for it indirectly aids the poor - a group of people they would never care to aid directly.

Not long ago, we were treated to an example of such enlightenment by William Safire, the old Nixon speechwriter who's now a pundit for "The New York Times." He offered a touching, hypothetical story of a low-income mother whose 12-year-old boy had said to her: "Momma, I need new shoes because the old ones with the holes hurt my feet, and the other kids in school are laughing at me." But, Safire tells us sadly, his fictional momma had to say to her boy that she "couldn't afford no \$50 on new shoes made in America."

Glory Be and Hallelujah, though Safire's morality tale ends happily, for momma found a store that was "having a clearance of shoes made in China or Indo-someplace. I bought him a pair of fine leather shoes for \$24. You shoulda seen my boy's face light up."

In case you missed the moral of this literary gem, Safire pounds it into us in the next sentence of his column: "Free trade is helping that lady make ends meet because her hard-earned dollar now has more buying power. If those fast-talking protectionists had their way, the high cost of living would deny her boy those shoes." Gosh, Bill, thanks for that little lecture.

Meanwhile, moving from fiction to real life, you might observe that Nike doesn't lower the price on its shoes just because it pays workers in Indo-someplace a dollar a day, instead of the \$10 an hour it used to pay U.S. workers. No, Nike simply pockets the savings. Also, if "Momma" had not had her middle-class job offshored by the likes of Nike, she wouldn't be poor - and then she could afford "\$50 on new shoes made in America."

Instead of pushing more trickle-down fantasies, let's invest in America's middle class again.

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Two-year-old Emily Anderson decorates a lady bug during the Salado Public Library program June 21, during which youngsters listened to a story about insects and then made crafts related to the subject. The Library Summer Reading Program continues every Monday morning at 11 a.m. until July 12. Local storyteller Joe Pehoski, will spin his tales on June 28. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

**Courts**

tion that you will respond to will be one to seek your respective removal from office," Galligan told the court.

In discussion of the proposal, Judge Burrows said that the court considered the will of the public that voted against the two prior bond issues by proposing a plan that requires no increase in property taxes. The September 2003 bond proposal would have increased property tax rate

by 2.3 cents; the May 15 bond proposal would have increased property tax rate by 1 cent.

The limited tax notes will be issued at 3.795 percent for up to seven years. The payment schedule will be based on a pay out of 20 years, however. The county can refinance the notes at any time during the seven years for a maximum of up to 40 years.

While the interest rate is quite low, it is above

the 47-year low that commissioners tried to secure last year by issuing certificates of obligation. At that point of the process, Galligan began his petition drive to call for an election for the certificates.

Gary Kimble, of First Southwest Securities, told commissioners that the county is able to secure the bonds at a AAA rating because of the county's excellent financial standing, as well as the "diversified economy and low tax burden."

Judge Burrows said that after building the 88,347 square foot district courts building on Loop 121, including extending road and sewage infrastructure and other improvements to the property, the county will move its courts to the south Belton property,

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vacating the current district courts building.

The new district courts building will include space for a fifth courtroom facility. The current courts building has four courtrooms.

The 41,000 square foot four-story district courts building will be renovated to come into compliance with federal building codes. Once completed, the building will be used for sheriff's offices, child protective services and child support offices and courts.

Commissioners will now begin the process of hiring an at-risk construction manager for the project. Once construction documents are drawn and reviewed by the construction manager, the bid process can begin.

The construction of the new district courts building may take 18 months, which goes beyond the Sept. 1, 2005 deadline to come into compliance. However, commissioners are hopeful that if the county has a building project that will meet federal standards, then the county can avoid fines of up to \$5,000 per day.

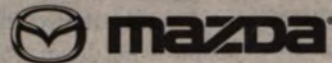
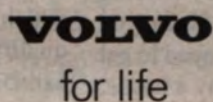
Addressing the jail population, Judge Burrows said that judges are working diligently to move people through the legal process.

In other business, commissioners adopted a tax ceiling for homeowners who are disabled or over age 65. Once a homeowner qualifies for the tax ceiling and applies to the county for it, their tax burden from the county is frozen at the current year's burden. Those taxes will remain frozen until the homeowner sells, dies or makes capital improvements to the property.

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## Salado ISD 2004 TAKS Test Results and Comparison

Reading Grade	Passing Comparison		Commended Comparison	
	State	Salado	State	Salado
3	91	100	35	-
4	85	88	25	26
5	79	92	25	43
6	86	90	28	34
7	83	96	19	29
8	89	99	22	40
9	84	90	9	11
10	75	79	4	3
11	87	79	10	8

Math Grade	Passing Comparison		Commended Comparison	
	State	Salado	State	Salado
3	90	96	25	25
4	86	88	21	18
5	82	92	26	38
6	77	93	22	38
7	70	90	7	6
8	66	96	12	34
9	59	67	14	18
10	63	66	8	11
11	85	91	15	21

Writing Grade	Passing Comparison		Commended Comparison	
	State	Salado	State	Salado
4	90	94	20	21
7	91	99	22	19

Science Grade	Passing Comparison		Commended Comparison	
	State	Salado	State	Salado
5	69	82	16	29
10	64	71	4	5
11	85	91	5	3

Social Studies Grade	Passing Comparison		Commended Comparison	
	State	Salado	State	Salado
8	88	99	22	33
10	87	90	19	26
11	97	100	20	13

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### Trustees struggle with incentive programs for school teachers

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado school trustees debated the merits of rewarding teachers for post baccalaureate degrees, good attendance and tutoring students during their regular meeting June 21.

After discussing a \$7,500 measure that would pay teachers in the district \$500 more for having a master's degree or doctorate, Superintendent Robin Battershell told the board that the recommendation comes from a salary study committee composed of three administrators, a counselor, five certified teachers and three para-professionals. The \$500 increase would exclude administrators.

Ultimately, the board supported the idea "in concept," directing Dr. Battershell to include the \$7,500 expenditure in the preliminary budget for 2004-05. The expense will be included with other expenses requested by campus personnel and prioritized by administrators and trustees during the budget-making process.

During the discussion of the payment, trustee Trey Little said that a master's degree is no guarantee that a teacher is competent in

the classroom.

Little said that he favored a merit system for incentives, rather than a blanket system, such as the one recommended by the salary study committee and Dr. Battershell.

The board digressed into discussion of how trustees could judge the merit of teachers in the classroom, but arrived at no answer.

The board also directed Dr. Battershell to include a recommendation from the salary committee to pay teachers and counselors with more than 20 years experience \$100 per year for each year, with a maximum of \$1,000 in the budget process for 2004-05.

Trustees did approve a recommendation of the salary study committee to allow staff to accrue local days of leave. Staff earn two local days and five state days of leave each year, but in the past local days could not accrue, so many teachers will take the two days off, requiring substitutes in the classroom. The new policy will allow teachers to accrue local leave that can be compensated at \$30 per day. The motion passed 6-1 with Lynn Renfro voting against.

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

## Rader marries Bingham June 12

Randi Michelle Rader, daughter of Carrol and the late Don Stricker, of Salado, and Randall and Colleen Rader of San Antonio, became the bride of Joshua Luke Bingham, of Rockdale, in a June 12 double ring ceremony held at the First Baptist Church of Salado.

The groom is the son of Diane Cates, of Rockdale, and Luther Bingham, of Mansfield.

Skip Blancett officiated the service. Nancy Hill, of Round Rock, served as pianist, and soloists were Diane Cates, of Rockdale and Mike Hill, of Round Rock.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her mother, father, and Randall Blodgett, wore an Alfred Angelo full length white satin dress with embroidery of pearls.

Maid of honor was Sarah Moon, of Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Rachel Blodgett, of Salado, Emily Lilly, of Ft. Worth, Stacy Blodgett, of College Station, and Trisha Gaus, of Salado.

Best man was David McCann, of Rockdale. Groomsmen were Ernie Cates, Elliot Cates and Eddie Cates, all of College Station, and Stephen Poe, of Cedar Park.

Flower girls were Addi-

son York of Shidler, OK, and Torrie Culp, of Temple. Bell ringer was Deanna Bingham, of Moody and Weston Watson, of Round Rock.

Ushers were Gabe Snow, of Washington, DC, Joshua Snow, of Sulphur, OK, and Tearle Cates, of Rockdale.

Candle lighters were Caleno Groves, of Yukon, OK, and Resa Watson, of Austin, while guest book and program attendant was Jessica Smith, of Corsicana.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Old Salado Springs Celebration Center.

Preceding the wedding, a rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at Mill Creek Country Club.

The bride is a graduate of Austin School of Massage and is currently enrolled at Temple College. She is employed as a massage therapist and retail clerk at Water Lily, in Salado.

The groom is a graduate of MMI of Orlando, FL, and is employed as a marine technician at Marine Outlet of Temple.

Following a cruise to the Virgin Islands, the couple will reside in Belton.

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

## Methodist VBS begins July 12

The Salado United Methodist Church will hold its Vacation Bible School, "Lava Lava Island" July 12-16.

Each day children will be part of Bible learning they can see, hear, touch and even taste. Kids will have the opportunity to choose a daily challenge -

an exciting way to live out what they have learned. They will also participate in a hands-on mission project called Operation Kid-to-Kid, that involves nearly a million other children across North America.

Lava Lava Island is open to children ages four through those entering the sixth grade. Older children can participate as Island Crew Leaders.

Each day's session will run 9 a.m.-noon.

## Dr. Jerry Herrick acknowledged for 25 years service

Central Texas College recently held a Service Awards Ceremony honoring employees who have completed 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service as of June 2004.

Salado resident Dr. Jerry L. Herrick, Department Chair, Social Science, received an award citing his 25 years of service.

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# Water supply meets federal requirements

Salado Water Supply Corporation reports that its drinking water meets or exceeds all federal drinking water requirements, according to the recently released Consumer Confidence Report for 2003.

According to the report, SWSC gets its drinking water from groundwater sources. It comes from the Edward North Aquifer.

All drinking water may contain contaminants. When drinking water meets federal standards, there may not be any health based benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

However, some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, those who have undergone organ transplants, those with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, and some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infection. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. Guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

Copies of the report are available at the Salado Water Supply Corporation office, 410 Salado Plaza Drive, 947-5425.

## Caregivers Concert to be held July 4

Georgetown Interfaith Caregivers will present its 2nd Annual Independence Day Concert 3 p.m., July 4, at the GHS Center for the Performing Arts. This patriotic concert, emceed by Vaughan Gray, will feature Charlie St. George (KNCT-FM, s "Old Sarge") and his Memory Makers Big Band Orchestra. The Caregivers provide transportation and support services for people 65 and older in the Georgetown community.

Admission is free at the door, but to benefit Caregivers, donations will be accepted. For more information, call the Caregivers at 512-868-9544.

## Salado Water Supply Report on Constituents in drinking water

Inorganics							
Year	Constituent	Highest Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2003	Barium	0.0442	0.0437-0.0442	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
2003	Chromium	7.06	0.0000-7.0600	100	100	ppb	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits.
2003	Fluoride	0.443	0.2700-0.4430	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2003	Nitrate	7.62	2.0100-7.6200	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
2002	Gross alpha adjusted	2	0.0000-2.0000	15	0	pci/l	Erosion of natural deposits.

NA = MCL not applicable - not regulated. Special Monitoring Requirement.

Organics NOT TESTED FOR OR NOT DETECTED

Disinfection By-Products NOT TESTED FOR OR NOT DETECTED

Unregulated Contaminants NOT TESTED FOR OR NOT DETECTED

### Lead and Copper

Year	Constituent	The 90th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
1999	Lead	4.3000	1	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
1999	Copper	0.2010	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

### Total Coliform

Year	Constituent	Highest Monthly Number of Positive Samples	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2003	Total Coliform Bacteria	1	Presence	Presence	Naturally present in the environment.

\* Two or more coliform found samples in any single month.

### Fecal Coliform: NOT DETECTED

The positive water sample was retested in the same month, and the sample was negative. The retested sample is taken from the same location plus three connections upstream and three samples downstream.

### Required Additional Health Information for Nitrate:

Because the highest reported nitrate level on this report is above 5 ppm, but below the MCL, this information is required by the Environmental Protection Agency:

"Nitrate in drinking water levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. If you are caring for an infant, you should seek advise from your health care provider."

## Jean Teal to attend General Assembly

In January Grace Presbytery appointed Jean Teal, a member of the Presbyterian Church of Salado, to represent the Presbytery as an alternate commissioner to the 2004 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, USA. The Presbytery uses the term "commissioner" for delegates to the assembly.

Grace Presbytery is a regional governing body of the Presbyterian Church which governs 184 churches including the Presbyterian Church of Salado. This year Grace Presbytery appointed six

ministers and six elders as alternates. Teal is one of those six elders chosen as an alternate, and she will attend the General Assembly on June 26 -July 3 in Richmond, Virginia.

As an alternate commissioner Teal will attend general sessions, interest groups and will monitor committee meetings, and in general, prepare for the General Assembly of 2006. At the meeting in 2006, to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, she will be a commissioner with voting responsibilities and will serve on a General Assembly committee.

## Quirk graduates Magna Cum Laude from Baylor

Lauren Quirk, of Salado, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Baylor University with a Bachelor's degree of Science degree in Biology May 15. She is a member of the honor societies of Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Alpha Chi, and Mortar Board.

Lauren has been accepted to the Texas A&M University Science Center, College of Medi-



cine, beginning in the fall. She is the daughter of Ken and Linda Quirk.

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July 21	"More Like Jesus in His Compassion"	Roger McCown
July 28	"More Like Jesus in His Concern for Lost"	Tom Bedicheck
August 4	"More Like Jesus in His Forgiveness"	Jeff Scott
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Larry and Marilyn Salisbury, of Salado, have announced the engagement of their son, Kurt William Salisbury, to Jennifer Rene Fadal. The bride-elect is the daughter of Thomas and Tracy Fadal, of Gatesville. She is a student at the University of Texas at Austin. The groom-elect is the head girls basketball coach at Lago Vista High School. He is a 1997 graduate of Salado High School.

The couple plans a July 3, 2004 wedding at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waco.





The Bell County Co-Op for Exceptional Children sponsors a Life Skills day camp for special needs students - hosted by Academy ISD. Students participate in a wide variety of activities over a two week period, such as trips to Salado Creek, the movies, arts and crafts activities, swimming and going out to eat.



With children filling numerous tables under the Pace Park Pavilion, this young lady is preparing to decorate her hand puppet that she created during the June 16 Wednesday at the Park, sponsored by Salado ISD.

The final Wednesday in the Park, held June 23, featured flying machines. Photos to be published July 1.

PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER

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# Aldermen

FROM PAGE 1A

Finally, the IPMC implements fire safety requirements, including means of egress, fire-resistance ratings and fire protection systems.

It establishes a means of enforcement, including authority for the code enforcement officer to inspect premises when complaints are made or when apparent violations are witnessed.

It addresses notices and orders to property owners, emergency measures, demolition of structures and means of appeal within the pages of the document used by most municipalities to enforce property maintenance codes.

"This is our Bible," Bruno Matarazzo, code enforcement officer for the Village of Salado, said of the IPMC. "This is what we reference on a regular basis in terms of property maintenance and safety."

The board amended the IPMC when it adopted the measure June 17, after Matarazzo and aldermen Vic Means and Suzi Epps combed through the document in recent months to make it fit Salado's needs.

In the seven-page ordinance adopting and amending the IPMC, some of the changes include referring to the Village's Health and Sanitation Code for regula-



CERT Team members presented their certificates of training during the June 17 board of aldermen meeting are shown above. They are (seated, from left) Police Chief Allan Rogers, Brenda Rogers, Sue Smith and (standing, from left) John Worden, Clyde Bisnett, Dr. Steven Ervin, Larry Slater, Bill Baily, Bill Upton and Harold Miller.

tion of weeds and noxious weeds.

Other amendments include establishing a means to address difficulties encountered by property owners in meeting the minimum standards of the IPMC. It gives the code enforcement officer leeway in working with property owners to bring their property into compliance with the health and safety aspects of the IPMC.

The board adopted the ordinance unanimously on a motion by Means, which received a second from Epps.

Aldermen adopted the ordinance after first swearing in new board member Jack Schrock. Schrock was appointed by the board of

aldermen to fill the unexpired one-year term of Rick Ashe, who resigned after being elected to a two-year term as Mayor. Ashe was unopposed in his bid for mayor.

Schrock, who is president of the Salado Chamber of Commerce, will serve until the May 2005 election when three seats on the board of aldermen come up for election. The other two seats are now filled by Vic Means and Jackie Mills, both of whom were part of the first slate of aldermen elected in November 2000.

#### Other business

The board amended its hotel/motel tax ordinance

to allow for collecting delinquent taxes from area businesses. The amendment gives the Village the right to collect reasonable attorney's fees in addition to the taxes due and criminal fines for offenses by hotel-motel operators.

The amendment makes it unlawful to fail to file a report with the Village Secretary, as well as failing to render payment for taxes levied.

Failure to file, filing a false report or failing to pay the taxes will result in a minimum five percent administrative penalty for the actual taxes due. The total penalty shall



Salado's newest alderman Jack Schrock.

not exceed 15 percent of the taxes due. It also makes violation of the ordinance by failure to file or to pay a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 per offense. Each 24 hours of any such violation shall constitute a separate offense.

The board adopted the amended ordinance unanimously. The board also appointed former mayor Charlotte Douglass to fill a two-and-a-half year vacancy on the Tourism Council.

Aldermen discussed an agreement between the Village and the Department of Transportation for

the Village to take over maintenance of all streets connecting to Main Street, including the DOT's right-of-way on Main Street.

Mayor Ashe told aldermen that almost every municipality in the state has a similar working agreement with the DOT to maintain all roads feeding into state highway roads within the boundaries of the municipalities.

This agreement includes maintaining signage for streets feeding into the state highway and maintenance of streets that feed into the state highways up to the edge of those state highways. Currently, Salado maintains those streets up to the state's right of way.

Ashe said it is unclear how much the additional maintenance costs will be to the Village. Aldermen will discuss the agreement at a later meeting.

Police Chief Alan Rogers presented certificates of completion to several Community Emergency Response Team members who went through training for the program.

"If there should be a disaster in Salado," Chief Rogers said, "these people will not be part of the problem; they will be part of the solution."

CERT members will "augment us (police department) in times of crises," Chief Rogers said.

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# Take steps to protect your home from wildfires

By DEBBIE LAUER AND CHARLES NEWSOM  
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We have been blessed with some heavy rains the last couple of months. Our trees, shrubs and grasses are thriving, growing quickly, higher and thicker than in normal rain years.

Coming all too soon are the hot, dry, windy days of our Texas summer. High heat, lower humidity, and wind will soon dry out all that underbrush and grasses that are now so lush from all of the rain. A couple weeks of these conditions will dry things out to the point where we will again have to worry about wildfires. Most vulnerable to wildfire are those of us who live on the edge of towns and cities or out in rural areas.

Wildfires travel quickly and can in a few minutes engulf and destroy your property. There are many things that you can do to prevent this from happening and/or to lessen the severity of damage to your

home and property. The first is to make sure that you and your family are careful with fireplaces, BBQ grills, and when burning trash or brush.

Before you burn, check with local authorities to see if a permit is required or if burning is permitted at all. If it is dry and windy wait for better conditions. Don't burn household trash on the ground: do it in a barrel that is situated on gravel or rock and is at least 10 feet from any other combustible material. Be sure the barrel is vented and has mesh steel covering the vents and the top.

Don't burn things like aerosol cans that can explode, and always stay near your fire until it is completely out. Have tools and water available to help you smother any small ember that may escape the screen on top of the barrel, such as a shovel or rake to cover the ember with dirt.

Instead of burning leaves, compost them. This will give you the added advantage of some rich organic matter to add to

your soil in several months. If you must burn brush, be sure to have a firebreak all the way around the pile where there is no combustible material. The larger the pile to be burned, the wider the firebreak should be.

For a small to medium sized pile, the fire break should be ten to thirty feet wide. Gradually add material to the fire as it burns down, this will keep the intensity and temperature lower and reduce the possibility of embers being lifted out past the firebreak area.

Again, have tools and water available to prevent the fire from escaping and do not leave the fire until it is out. Monitor weather conditions if thunderstorms or strong winds are expected, wait for another day.

Despite everyone's best efforts wildfires do break out. Things that you can do around your property will help protect your home. Use fire resistant materials when building your home, especially the roof,

siding, and any decking and trim. Box in eaves, screen vents and screen in under porches. Do not stack things like firewood or gasoline containers under or near decks or porches. Keep combustibles well away from occupied structures on your property.

Propane tanks should be well away from structures and have a valve to turn off the flow to the home in the event of a fire. The area around the propane tank needs to be kept clear of combustible material also.

There should be water spigots installed on the outside of each side of the home and enough hoses attached to reach all the way around the house. Each home should have at least two entrances/exits. Be sure that the street signs and house numbers are clearly marked and visible from the road.

All roads leading to the house should be at least 16 feet wide to allow access to fire trucks; cul-de-sacs should have at least a

60 foot radius for turning around and any bridges leading to the home should be able to hold a large truck (30,000 pounds). Keep tools such as rakes, shovels, buckets, and a ladder that is tall enough to reach the roof readily available.

Have a firebreak of at least 30 feet around the home. This space needs to be wider if your home is situated on the top of a hill as fire travels more quickly uphill, the steeper the hill the wider the firebreak. A green lawn provides a nice firebreak, during peak danger periods be sure to keep the lawn well watered. Shrubs should be spaced at least 15 feet apart and those near the house foundation should not be resinous and therefore highly flammable. Prune tree limbs so the lowest is between 6-10 feet from the ground.

You should thin trees around your home so that there is at least 10-15 foot gap in between canopies to prevent fire from hopping from tree to tree. Remove brush under your trees.

Make sure that there are no branches within 15-20 feet of the eaves of your house or its chimney. Keep debris such as leaves, small twigs, and pine needles off your roof. Be sure to keep up with your yard chores and remove and dead branches and debris from trees and shrubs.

When selecting vegetation for your landscape, select plants with high water content in their leaves. Don't select plants such as pines, cedars, or tall grasses. In our area, trees less fire-prone are oaks, bigtooth maple, Texas persimmon, redbud, desert willow and retama.

Shrubs such as nandina, agarita and Turk's cap are also fire resistant. Drought tolerant, heat resistant native plants are generally better choices. Another landscaping hint is to separate flower beds and surround them with non-combustible material such as rock or gravel. Hopefully these tips will give you a good starting point to look around your property and see potential danger spots.



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Taking the advice of poet and story teller Shel Silverstein, Saladoans are forming a storytelling guild to meet monthly to swap tales of all sizes.

The storytelling guild allows for both prose and poetry and will meet for the first time at 6:30 p.m. July 13.

Thereafter, the guild will meet 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

on the second Tuesday of each month at the Salado Civic Center.

According to Joan Schrock, one of the guild organizers, "You do not have to be a story teller or poet, you only need to be interested in promoting story telling, listening to story telling, planning story telling and poetry event or talking about stories and poetry with other people."

Genealogists make great storytellers, too, she says. "Storytelling is a fantastic way of preserving our family and our community heritages. You might like to do research and let someone else tell the story," Schrock said.

For more information about the storytelling guild, contact Schrock at 947-9040.



A watercolor featuring the Texas flag by Jerry Goodman has been chosen for the 2004 Salado Art Fair poster. Goodman has been painting with the Salado Village Artists for over 15 years.

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**Annual Salado Historic Society picnic rescheduled for July 3**

With July 4 falling on a Sunday this year, the Salado Historical Society will hold its annual Independence Day Picnic July 3, in the Pace Park pavilion.

Over the years, the picnic has become a popular and well-attended event. The Society will provide fried chicken, iced tea and rolls, and attendees are asked to

bring their favorite picnic foods to be shared.

Members of the Salado Community Chorus will lead a sing-along of patriotic songs. Other entertainment features are also planned.

The picnic, open to everyone in the community, their families and holiday guests, begins at 6:30 p.m.

**Southern Plains exhibit funded by Texas Humanities**

The Bell County Museum is the recipient of a grant from Humanities Texas that will fund a new exhibit on the region is Southern Plains Native Americans.

"In Citizen's Garb: Southern Plains Native Americans, 1889-1891" will open Sept. 11, Dr. David H. Miller, Professor of History at Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma, will present a lecture at the opening entitled, "What's in a Picture: Images of Life on the Kiowa-Comanche Reservation."

"In Citizen's Garb" provides an unparalleled view on the life of Southern Plains Indians over a century ago, and the process of acculturation that was imposed on them. The exhibit is composed of 53 photographs that are modern restrikes made from original glass negatives.

Photographers William Lenny and William Sawyers were among the enterprising businessmen

who set up shop in the Oklahoma territory to make photographs for eastern consumption, based upon the romantic appeal of the "wild Indian."

The tribes depicted in the exhibit are Kiowa and Comanche, both former inhabitants of the Central Texas area. Images of tipis on the plains and Comanche Chief Quanah Parker and his family are included in the exhibition.

"In Citizen's Garb" is curated by the Museum of the Great Plains in Lawton, Oklahoma. The exhibit is organized by the Mid-America Arts Alliance and Exhibits USA, and will remain on view at the Bell County Museum through Nov. 27. The exhibit and lecture are made possible in part by a grant from Humanities Texas, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Museum hours are 1-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 254-933-5243.



## Civic Center receives check from Lions Club

Salado Lions Club president George Dentry recently presented a \$3,000 check to Salado Civic Center Foundation president Lloyd Parks, as part of the Lions' wide ranging annual support of community, area, statewide and national projects.

Ken Clapp, chairman of the foundation, expressed appreciation on behalf of the board of directors of the foundation to Dentry and to all the members of the club for their continued support of the day-to-day operation of the Civic Center.

"The donation will go immediately into our Maintenance and Operation Fund, where it will be used to maintain the center's cleanliness and comfort for the over 400 meetings held annually by various organizations in the Village - all at no charge to those local



Representing the Civic Center Ken Clapp, Pres. Lloyd Parks accept check from Lion Pres. George Dentry. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

groups using the building."

Dentry noted that the funds for the Civic Center come in large measure from the annual golf tournament held at Mill Creek. This year's tourney is scheduled for Oct. 25.

Parks also expressed his

appreciation to the Salado Lions for the annual donation, and also for the support and close working relationship between the Civic Center Foundation and the Lions Club. "We as a group of civic center director-volunteers would be hard pressed to keep the

building functioning as not only a meeting place for Villagers but also for area groups that annual use the facility for their meetings," he commented.

## Softball pitching camp led by Hardin-Simmons University coach

The Second Annual Dan Sheppard Softball Pitching Camp will be 9 am. July 10 at the Salado High School Softball field.

The camp is being conducted by Hardin-Simmons University and former UMHB head softball coach Dan Sheppard.

A drills/skills session will be held to start the camp, and after a noon-1 p.m. lunch break, campers will return for a live pitching session from 1-3

p.m. Pitchers will need to bring someone to catch for them.

Incoming fourth-12th graders are welcome to attend. Salado and non-Salado students are welcome. Cost is \$35, including a camp t-shirt.

Sheppard is regarded as one of the top softball coaches in the state, having won a state championship as a high school coach and a Western Conference championship with

UMHB in 2002.

Registration deadline is June 25, but late registration can be handled the day of the camp. Organizers request that Coach Jerod Womack be contacted ASAP. Womack can be reached at 254-771-0025, or through [jwomack@saladoisd.org](mailto:jwomack@saladoisd.org).

Salado softball coach Doug Harrigan can also be reached for details at 947-3255 or [dharrigan@saladoisd.org](mailto:dharrigan@saladoisd.org).

## Inline Leagues starting at Skate Palace

Boys and Girls ages six - 18 are invited to join the inline hockey leagues forming at Skate Palace, in Killeen.

Adults, ages 16 and older are also invited to join the inline hockey leagues forming at Skate Palace. Leagues will have

tournament style games: Teams, Referees, Playoffs, championship, etc. Inline hockey is billed as a quick and exciting sport. With inline hockey being "non-checking" and with the required gear, the sport has a lower injury rate than

most youth activities.

For further information contact: Youth - Arnold Gladwell, 254-699-3529, Adults and Youth - John Parks, 254-791-3513, or go to [www.ctxcoyotes.com](http://www.ctxcoyotes.com) for more information.

## Salado students among Tarleton graduates

Tarleton State University awarded 572 baccalaureate degrees and 169 Masters degrees for its spring commencement ceremonies at both the Stephenville and Killeen campuses.

Salado residents that were awarded degrees include: Cindy Anne Carlson, BS - Liberal Studies, Barbara F. Agee, MED - Educational Administration, and James Michael Permenter, MED - Educational Administration.

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- Taking the money in a lump sum — If you have lost your job, you may be under financial stress. This may tempt you to cash out your retirement plan and take the money as a lump sum. And if your plan is your only source of savings, you may not have much choice. But if you have any other financial resources to draw on, you might want to avoid taking the lump sum. If you liquidate your plan, you'll no longer benefit

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from tax-deferred earnings growth. Furthermore, your employer must withhold 20 percent from your distribution — and if you're under 59 1/2, your distribution may be subject to a 10 percent penalty.

- Leaving the money in your plan — You might be able to leave your money in your former employer's retirement plan, if the plan permits. This could be a good option if you are pleased with the investment choices available in the plan. But if you're not, you may want to consider other possibilities.

- Moving the money into a new plan — You may be

able to move the money from your old plan into a new employer's plan, if the new plan allows such transfers. This move might make sense if your new plan offers attractive investment options.

- Rolling over retirement assets into an IRA — Depending on your individual situation, this "rollover" option could be your best choice. By making this rollover, you'll avoid the 20 percent withholding and current income taxes on your retirement plan distribution. Plus, you'll keep your retirement savings growing on a tax-deferred

basis. And you'll have an almost unlimited array of investment choices. Within your IRA, you can even build a diversified portfolio to reflect your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals. Finally, once you move your retirement account into an IRA, you can later convert to a Roth IRA, so you can eventually make tax-free withdrawals, provided you meet certain conditions. (Keep in mind, though, that when converting a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, you will generate a tax liability.)

- Review your choices carefully — Review your retirement plan distribution options carefully with your tax or investment professional. You may be making one of the most important financial decisions of your life — so make it a good one.

## Mantanona receives sales and service award

Edward Jones investment representative Allen Mantanona, of Salado, recently received the Partner's Award for his "outstanding sales and service efforts" over the past year. He was one of only 553 of the firm's more than 9,000 investment representatives to receive the award.

"When you work for a firm that is known for its outstanding service," Mantanona says, "it's quite an honor to be singled out for your service record."

Douglas E. Hill, Edward Jones' managing partner, added, "Allen is

an outstanding member of the Edward Jones team. He personifies the ideal Edward Jones investment representative, a representative who is 100-percent dedicated to serving the financial needs of his clients. I am very pleased to present this well-deserved award."

Mantanona has been serving the Salado area since 2001 and is active in several local groups, including the Salado Lions Club, of which he will serve as president beginning in July.

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## Rotary Club distributes flags

As part of its continuing efforts to serve the local community, five times a year the Rotary Club of Salado places American flags in Salado yards.

They will next distribute flags for the Independence Day holiday. For a subscription fee of \$25 a year, Rotary will hand deliver and display flags in the yards of local residents.

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For more information on how to subscribe, contact flag program chairman Jack Cooper at 947-8032.



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## Salado man retires from teaching, becomes well regarded knife maker

By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
STAFF WRITER

It was really a matter of happenstance that first led Saladoan Bill Smith to fashion a blade. And in a way, his brother deserves at least a share of the credit.

You see, it was his

brother that tried, and failed, in his attempt to construct a crude knife from an old field implement. It was a hot day sometime around 1959, and he and Bill were supposed to be working. Passing by the young man hunched over his task, the company foreman stopped and stared. A few moments passed before he muttered down divisively, "You know, that's never gonna' work."

So his brother, in disgust, tossed the hunk of metal to the ground and forever gave up his blacksmithing pursuits.

"After he threw it out, I picked it up and a little bit later made my first knife," says Bill.

In the intervening 45 years, Smith has fashioned hundreds of custom knives, each a little bit different from the others.

He still has the second knife he made, borne not out of leisure but practicality. At the time, he was enrolled in college, and

as is the case with most students, hardly had two quarters to rub together. Thus, he says, "I was living off the land, and needed a good knife." So his made one, and its edge remains as sharp now as the day he forged it.

A life-long tinkerer, Bill has made everything from jewelry and bullwhips, and fishing lures with b.b.'s inside them, all the way to an odd-looking but functional concrete mixer he keeps around the house. It's knives that take up much of his time, though.

When he retired in 2000 after 27 years of teaching art and science at Belton ISD, Bill took up a friend's offer to attend a knife convention, the only one he's ever been to. He brought along a few examples of his work, and without so much as a business card to hand out, came home with 27 orders.

Considering that it takes a minimum of 10 hours to put together the



Bill Smith studies a knife handle in his workshop. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

simplest of his blades, Bill quickly figured he hadn't truly retired, just changed careers.

"I'm down to 17 orders right now," he says, "but I've never been caught up since 2000."

That delinquency probably owes to the labor-intensive toil that goes into knife-making. It requires precision, patience, and above all, skill. The process begins with the steel itself, generally the premium ATS 34 which he buys in large sheets and cuts manually. For the handles, there's brass - again cut and molded by

hand - and fitted out with either polished timber or horn, or both.

He often uses wood he collected himself - mesquite, bois d'arc, etc., but also employs South American woods or anything he takes a liking to. If he's not using mastodon or mammoth-horn - both favorites of Bill's - he opts for other types of antler or ivory, mostly self-harvested.

Bill sends the blades to Houston for their final tempering, where they are heat treated for strength and sharpness, in preparation for the final details.

His blades are always one piece, whether they be folding pocket knives, hunting knives, kitchen knives or even machetes.

Excepting the work done in Houston, Bill oversees every detail of his blades from the cluttered workshop of his Salado home, even down to the leather sheath. A practical guy, he also wears a sheath attached to his belt. Instead of holding a knife, though, this one cradles a cordless phone, there so he won't miss calls while he's in the shop.

Once his knives have been assembled, polished and signed with his "JWS" mark, and the sheath's been sewn together, Bill performs the last, but what is, for him, most critical of details - the sharpening, which can be factually described as delicate work.

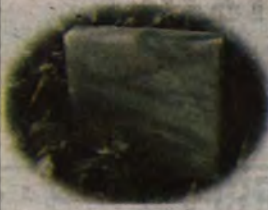
"It's rare that I don't have band-aids on," he explains. In support of that statement, his left forearm bears testimony to the true edge he puts on his pieces. Namely, the fact that there's very little hair on most of it. It's his personal quality test: if you can't shave with it, the blade doesn't go out. And he says it's seldom that one fails to pass muster. As a result, he says, "I haven't had hair on that arm for 30 or 40 years."

He claims, though, that if his biggest concern from work is a hairless arm, he'll take living with a little bald spot any day.

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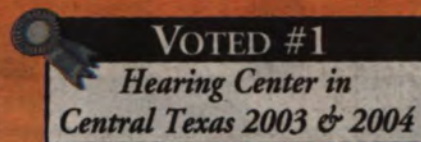
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## Salado Silver Spur Theater on-line for August unveiling

By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
STAFF WRITER

For Grainger and Penny Esch, the imminent grand opening of the Salado Silver Spur Theater amounts to the "culmination of a long dream."

Lifelong performers both, the pair are something like throwbacks, relics from a bygone age of entertainment.

Their idea is to offer something a bit different from the norm in Salado, at least as far as live entertainment is concerned. And after hosting a series of performances at Stagecoach's Longhorn Room last summer, the two feel they've found the ideal venue to realize their dream. They are currently in the latter stages of renovating the Guest-Sanford Granary building on Royal St. into a 170-seat theater with state-of-the-art lighting and sound.

The Esch's gave a short performance to the Rotary Club of Salado June 15, and mingled in a bit of background about themselves and what they hope to achieve with the Silver Spur.

"It will be a real step back in time," said Grainger - an actor and professional entertainer with years of touring experience with the Barnum and Bailey Circus. Penny, in her own right, is a professionally trained actress, singer and musician, and holds a degree in theater.

The two have been performing together since meeting on the set of the

Jim Carrey film "The Grinch," in which they were both characters in the town of Whoville. Not long after meeting, the two were engaged and married after returning from a performing stint in Japan.

According to the Esch's, The Silver Spur's lineup will center on classic films from the early days of Hollywood. On any given night, theater-goers could expect to view a silent film with live musical accompaniment, interspersed with old serials, cartoons, and an assortment of Vaudevillian-style entertainment such as juggling and music.

"We want to make it a community-wide venture, and get everyone involved. And we want to highlight local talent as well," Penny explained. Saturday matinees geared toward children are also planned. Rather than sticking to

a fixed layout, the Silver Spur will feature adjustable seating, making its usage flexible. The Esch's envision private parties, receptions and reunions as possibilities.

After realizing that they'd had their fill of Hollywood, the Esch's decided to return to their roots. At that point, they had just returned from "six long months" of entertaining in Japan. It was during the trip that the pair concluded that, in some way or another, they wanted to perform together permanently. The break from Hollywood provided the therapeutic respite they needed.

While planning their wedding a short time afterward, the two visited Grainger's grandparents in Salado, and as Penny says, "the wheels started turning." Although Grainger was raised in Fort Worth and Penny in Arkansas,

Grainger's connections to the Norwood family were close.

So they discussed their options, and decided Salado was a perfect fit. Taking advantage of the California real estate market, the Esch's put their L.A. home up for sale, and after two short days they had a buyer.

And now all that remains to fulfilling their goal is the opening of the theater itself, not that far in the future. "We hope to be up and running by the end of August," said Grainger.

More information about the theater can be found by calling 947-7153. The website - [www.saladosilverspur.com](http://www.saladosilverspur.com) - is currently under construction, but is expected to be completed in the near future.

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**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.

**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



The first ever Salado Dog Daze will be held June 26 in Pace Park. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

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**JULY 1**

**Appreciation reception for Congressman Chet Edwards and wife Leann.** 6-8 p.m. at Goodnight Ranch, home of Ronnie and Nancy Goodnight. Public invited. Info: 947-5121.

**JULY 3**

6 p.m. **Salado Historical Society Annual Fourth of July Picnic** at Pace Park. Pot Luck. Preceding the picnic, a Texas Historical Marker honoring Dr. Welborn and Louisa Adeline Cox Barton will be dedicated in the cemetery at 4 p.m.

**JULY 10**

**Second Annual Dan Sheppard Softball Pitching camp**, beginning 9 a.m. at Salado High softball field. Open to incom-

ing fourth-12th grade girls. Cost: \$35, includes t-shirt. Registration info: Jerod Womack, 254-771-0025, or Doug Harrigan, 947-3255.

**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 12**

**Monday Club out of town trip to Temple's Railroad and Heritage Museum.** Leaving Methodist Church at 10 a.m. All ladies invited to attend.

**JULY 13**

**Salado Storytelling Guild, first meeting.** 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. Will meet regularly 6:30-8 p.m., second Tuesday of the month, at the Civic Center. Every-

one welcome. Info: Joan Schrock, 947-9040.

**JULY 14**

**Tourism grant workshop**, free to Salado non-profit organizations. 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. No pre-registraion 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-registraion 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

**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**

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**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**

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**AUGUST 7-8**

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

**AUGUST 26**

**Thomas Arnold Elementary Open House.** Details TBA.

**AUGUST 27**

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

**SEPTEMBER 4-5-6**

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**SEPT. 10-12 & 17-19**

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

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## SEPTEMBER 20

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

## SEPTEMBER 25-26

8:15 p.m. **Shakespeare Play** at Tablerock Amphitheater For more information call 254-947-9205.

## 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

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## 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

## DECEMBER 3-4

**A Christmas Carol** 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater Tickets Adults \$5 children \$3 6:30 p.m. Sandwiches

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## DECEMBER 3-4-5

**Salado Christmas Stroll**  
Salado Historical Society Annual Christmas Homes Tour TBA  
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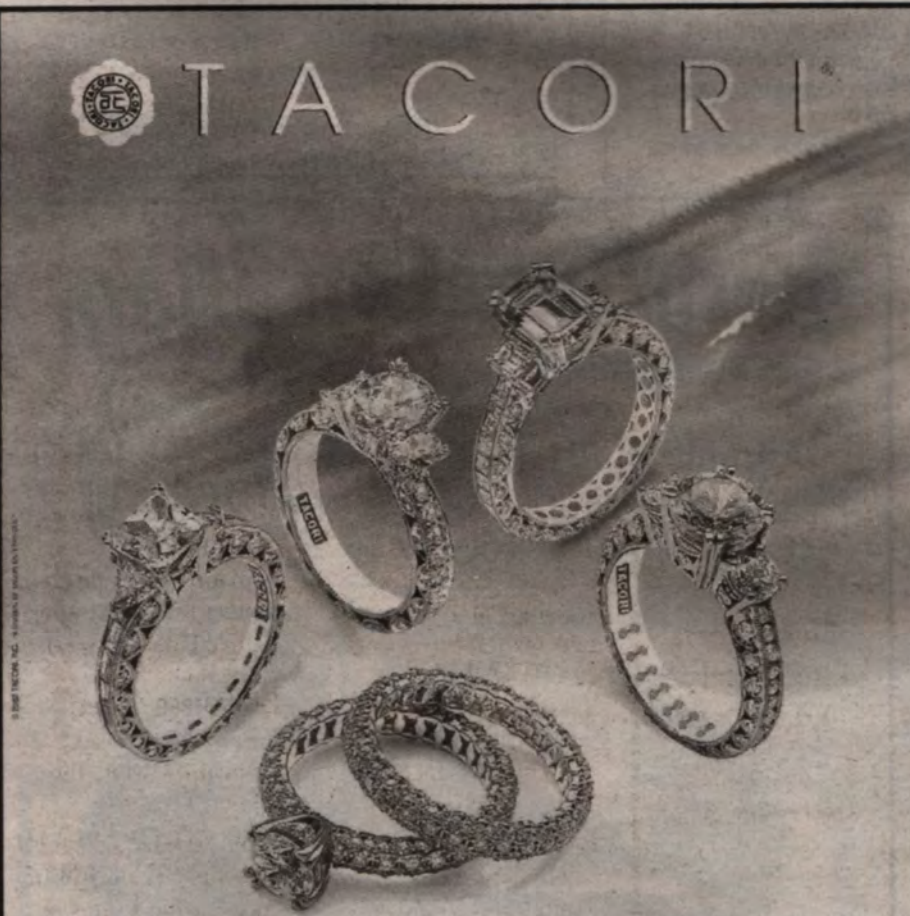
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Salado Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Mon., 6 p.m., at Civic Center.  
Salado FFA Meeting: First Monday of the month, 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.  
Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees: 3rd Mon. at 6 p.m., at Salado Civic Center.  
Salado 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

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Salado Democrats: 6:45 p.m., first Monday of each month at the Civic Center.  
Salado Youth Fair Boosters: Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the elementary school library.

**Tuesdays**  
Salado Rotary Club: 11:30 a.m., Stagecoach Inn.  
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**  
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Salado Youth Baseball Association: meetings 7 p.m. at Civic Center.  
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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.  
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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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take advantage of the opportunities. Although mortgage rates should remain historically low, they are sure to rise somewhat from the average rate of 5.8 percent that we saw in 2003.

If mortgage rates rise, lenders might raise their credit standards or even require higher downpayments. If you wait too long, you might be

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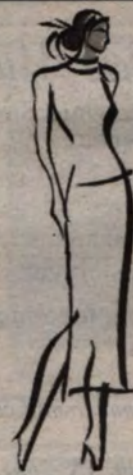
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# Gary De's Fishing Adventures

By TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Gary DeArmond of Mineola is a fishing guide on Lake Fort. "It's a great lake for fishing. You just never know when you're going to catch the next state or world record. It has plenty of seven and eight pound bass. Texas Parks and Wildlife says there are more seven pound plus fish caught on Lake Fort in a month than other lakes produce in a year. Pretty amazing. I'm in a really good place to do what I love to do."

Gary has fished since he could walk and talk and has been guiding for more than 20 years. He moved to Lake Fort five years ago.

"I used to guide on Sam Rayburn and Toledo Bend but Lake Fort was such a great lake with big bass I just had to move up here."

He has the phrase "Fishing Adventures" painted

on his truck. "I always say if you go fishing with me it's an adventure. Good or bad, it's an adventure. I don't guarantee anybody anything, other than they get a good boat ride and the opportunity to fish. I call it fishing. I don't call it catching."

I asked him how he knows where the fish are. "Experience on the water. I will say there's always a luck factor involved. Some people who have never fished before will catch a ten pound bass during a tournament and win tons of money. You take an educated guess based on sky conditions, temperature of the water, time of year, then depend on luck." Gary furnishes the boat and if need be, the tackle. He always wants his customers to have a good time, whether or not they catch any fish.

Apparently the people he takes fishing like him because they refer him to their friends. He says he has never had a complaint. He considers fishing to be an experience with nature.

"I like to watch eagles fly. I like to watch the deer on the shoreline. I like to watch beavers swim. I've been doing this for many many years and I still love going out on that lake every day. I've never got tired of fishing. It's a great life." He has some fishing stories.

"A couple of years ago I was involved in a corporate trip. A large company from out of town came in and hired about 25 guides on the lake. I drew these two fellows from California. All they brought with them was a huge ice chest full of beer. Before we were a hundred yards from the ramp I heard this guy

open a beer can. I'm running 70 miles an hour and he's opening a beer.

After fishing awhile, we go in for lunch. On the way back to shore I heard this POP. One of them had opened a bottle of champagne. I asked him how was he going to get the cork back in the bottle. He told me he didn't need to. He turned it up and drank the whole thing. He was stone cold sober.

"After lunch he asked his partner if he wanted to fish some more or just drink beer. The guy said he wanted to just ride around in the boat. They spent the afternoon casting spinner bait at turtles, trying to knock them off logs. They had a blast. They didn't want to catch a fish. They just wanted to ride around, drink beer and cast spinner baits at turtles. The turtles were perfectly safe."



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## Van Dormolen selected as alternate delegate

Deborah Van Dormolen of Salado was selected recently at the Texas Republican Party Convention to be an alternate to the Republican Party National Convention in New York. Van Dormolen will be one of 138 Texas delegates and 135 alternates attending the nominating convention which is scheduled for Aug. 30 - Sept. 2.

Each congressional district nationwide chooses three delegates to the convention. Texas has 32 congressional districts, making the state's delegation one of the largest at the national convention. States also get to choose at-large and other delegates.

Van Dormolen stated she is very honored to be selected by our congressional caucus to be one of six alternates from our area who will be part of the team to nominate President George W. Bush for a second term. As an alternate I will be an observer of all the proceedings ready to step in if there is a need.

Van Dormolen is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army. Her most recent assignment was Commander of Special Troops Battalion, 13th Corps Support Command. She holds the honor of being the first female instructor at West Point. In 1993 Van Dormolen moved to Salado where she went from being an inactive Republican to an active one. She has served as president of the Salado Area Republican Women on three occasions and has served in several capacities in the state organization. She currently is vice president of finance for the state organization, the Texas Federation of Republican Women.

Van Dormolen was recognized recently for all her past political efforts during the Republican Party State Convention where she was selected as one of the honorees at the Texas Federation of Republican Women luncheon.

## Local attorney Tom Normand attends Advanced Estate Planning, Probate Course

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Normand is certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in the fields of estate planning and probate law. He practices with

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After graduating from the University of Texas and Baylor Law School, Normand earned a Masters of Law in Taxation from George Washington University. He is a member of the American College of Trust and Estate Council and the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law.

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Tablerock's outdoor musical drama, Salado Legends, has announced the cast and crew for this year's 12th presentation on July 24, July 31 and August 2. Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater is located on Royal Street, three blocks east from downtown Salado.

Brandon Baca a Copperas Cove graduate who attends UT Arlington will play the lead role of Andrew McIver. This is Brandon's second year to play Andrew, although he has appeared in Salado Legends in other roles for five years.

Sarah Sanderford a 2004 graduate of Belton High School, will play the lead role of Lucy McDougal. Sarah has filled other roles in "Legends" in her past three years with the production. Dale and Anita Allen of Waco will appear in the roles of Angus and Dora McDougal for a second season.

Charles Clark, a UT Arlington student, from Vermont will appear as Cam McDougal for his second year. Rebecca Petro attends Salado Middle School and will again portray Emmaline McDougal, as she did last season. Rebecca has played various roles in "Legends"

for the past 4 years. Michael Lynch, an 8 year old from Copperas Cove, will play the role of Douglas McDougal. This is Michael's first year with Salado Legends.

Meagan Seaton, 12 year-old seventh Grader in Salado, will play the part of Tessie Tenney. Meagan is a three year veteran in "Legends." John McHaney, from Salado and a Junior at North Texas University in Denton, will play Tonweya for the second season. John has been in "Legends" for 10 years. Howard Horton, from Bartlett and a Professor at Mary Hardin Baylor, will appear as Sam Houston for this his seventh season in that role.

Michelle Clark, from Kempner, and a 2004 graduate of UT-Austin, will play the role of Bonnie Bell Posey for the fourth season. Michelle has appeared in "Legends" for the past five years. Greg Manning from Salado will appear for the fourth season as Malcolm Ross. Krista Meek, from Hewitt, will make her debut as Texas. Elizabeth V. Boyle, 15 year-old from Copperas Cove High School, will play the role of Sadie Lou Chalk. This is Elizabeth's first year in "Legends." Eli Salinas from Salado will play the

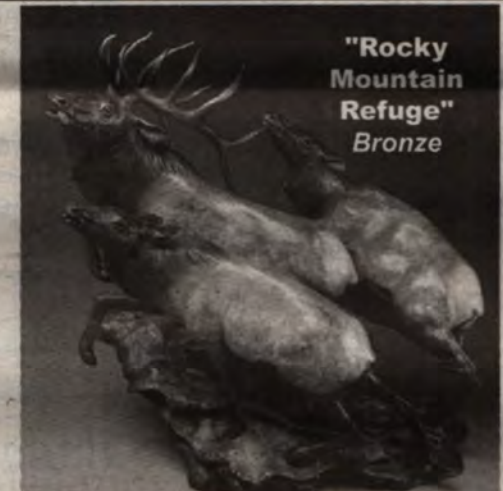
role of Levi Tenney for his second year. Rose Lester, Salado High 2004 graduate, will play Sirena for her 2nd year. Miles Ellis, from Holland, will portray the Tonkawa Chief for his ninth year.

Understudy roles are as follows: Hillary Mighell from Copperas Cove - Lucy McDougal; Reeva Richardson from Copperas Cove - Dora McDougal; Page Ward from Copperas Cove - Texas; Jessica Lynch from Copperas Cove - Sadie Lou Chalk; Katy Constanancio from Salado - Sirena; Zack Calhoun - Cam McDougal.

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## Theron's turn as serial killer drives intense but unsettling "Monster"

By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
STAFF WRITER

Aileen Wuornos typified, in just about every respect, the circumstances one must endure to end up a killer. Her life from an early age was a line graph of one progressive victimization after another, all leading to a grand, perverted development.

She was a forensic profiler's vindication: sexually abused at a young age, turning tricks and homeless by 13, wanton user of drugs and alcohol and overall hater of humankind, particularly men. Ultimately, she was a serial murderer.

Little wonder then why the title of the movie based on the man-killing prostitute is simply, *Monster*.

What was strange, initially, was the casting of the stunning Charlize Theron to play the psychotic, run-down and manifestly unattractive Wuornos. Seeing the movie does, however, cement the notion that Hollywood makeup artists are very good at what they do.

*Monster* is also the feature film debut of director Patty Jenkins, who was responsible for the script as well. In the course of her research, Jenkins culled over old footage and actually interviewed Wuornos in a Florida prison, prior to the latter's execution in 2002.

The fact that Jenkins knew Wuornos personally could explain the overtly sympathetic approach with which Wuornos is handled. Jenkins gives off the impression that Wuornos was a product of her environment - not, as very well might be the case - an animal from birth. Who's to say, Jenkins implies, that Aileen wouldn't have become a person of substance, a success, given the right conditions?

Think of that stance what you will, but it's really beside the point: the dominant feature of this movie is Theron's performance. She is very good - Academy Award good - which is fortunate for the film, since she is the focus of almost every scene.

Every cock of the head, every flip of the mulleted hair, every puffed up peacock strut and low-bred nuance is captured.

For a one-time in-demand model - before becoming an actress - Theron pulls off the trailer trash look like she was born into it.

Picking up at the point where Wuornos first meets girlfriend Selby (Christina Ricci) - a vapid character who would eventually roll over on Wuornos - *Monster* traces the killer's psychological snap and subsequent tailspin all the way to her arrest and conviction. In her wake she left seven dead men.

According to Wuornos' own court testimony, she killed only out of self defense, claiming all of the deaths resulted from rapes or attempted rapes.

To a large degree, Jenkins forgives the callousness of her subject, relying instead on the bombastic but tenderly rendered emotional tug between Wuornos and her lover. Overall, Jenkins' exploration into the depravity of the person is only marginal, which is unfortunate.

But Theron, even as a tormented, firespitting, put-upon hellcat, is more than enough to make this one worth sitting through.

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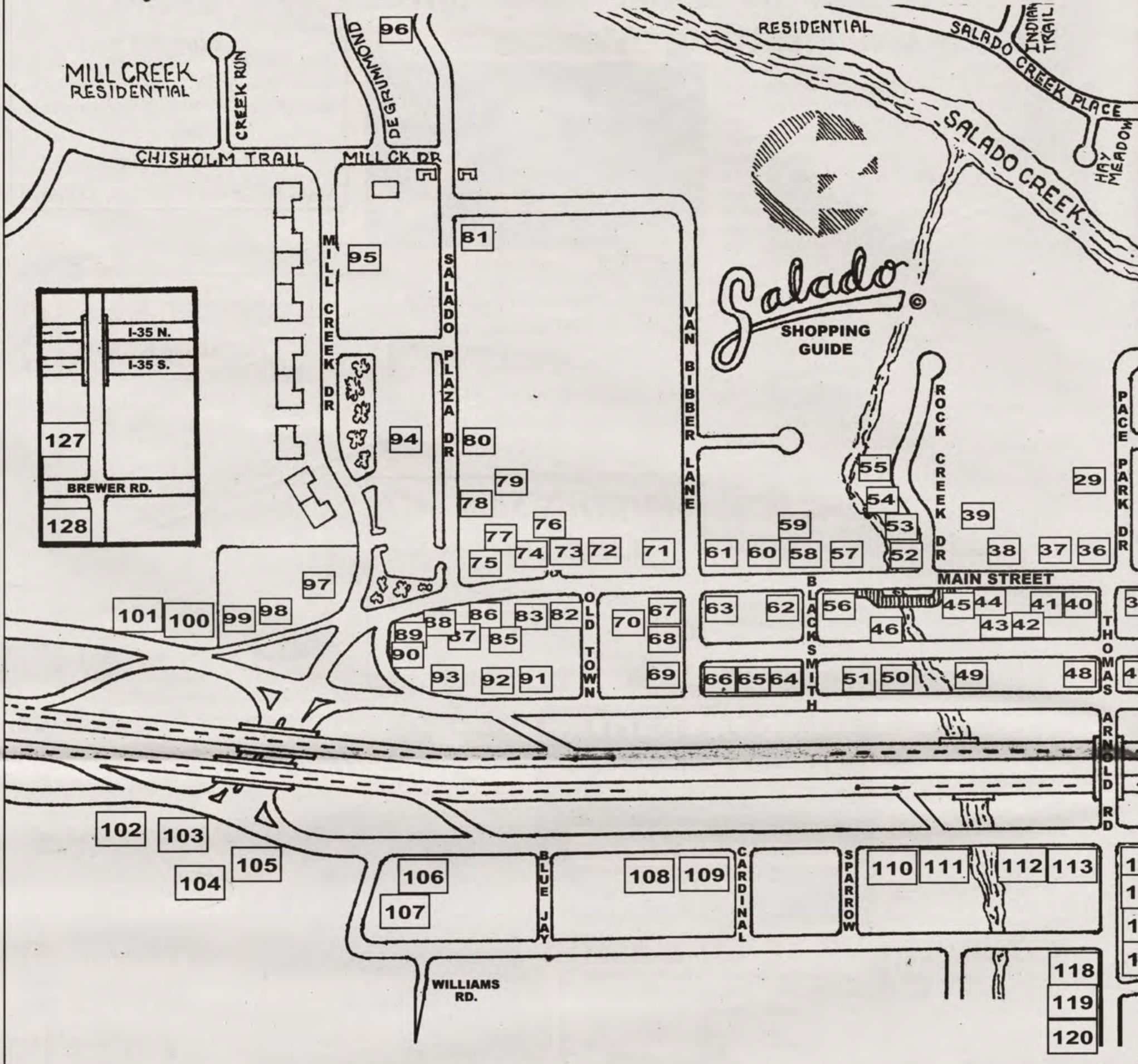
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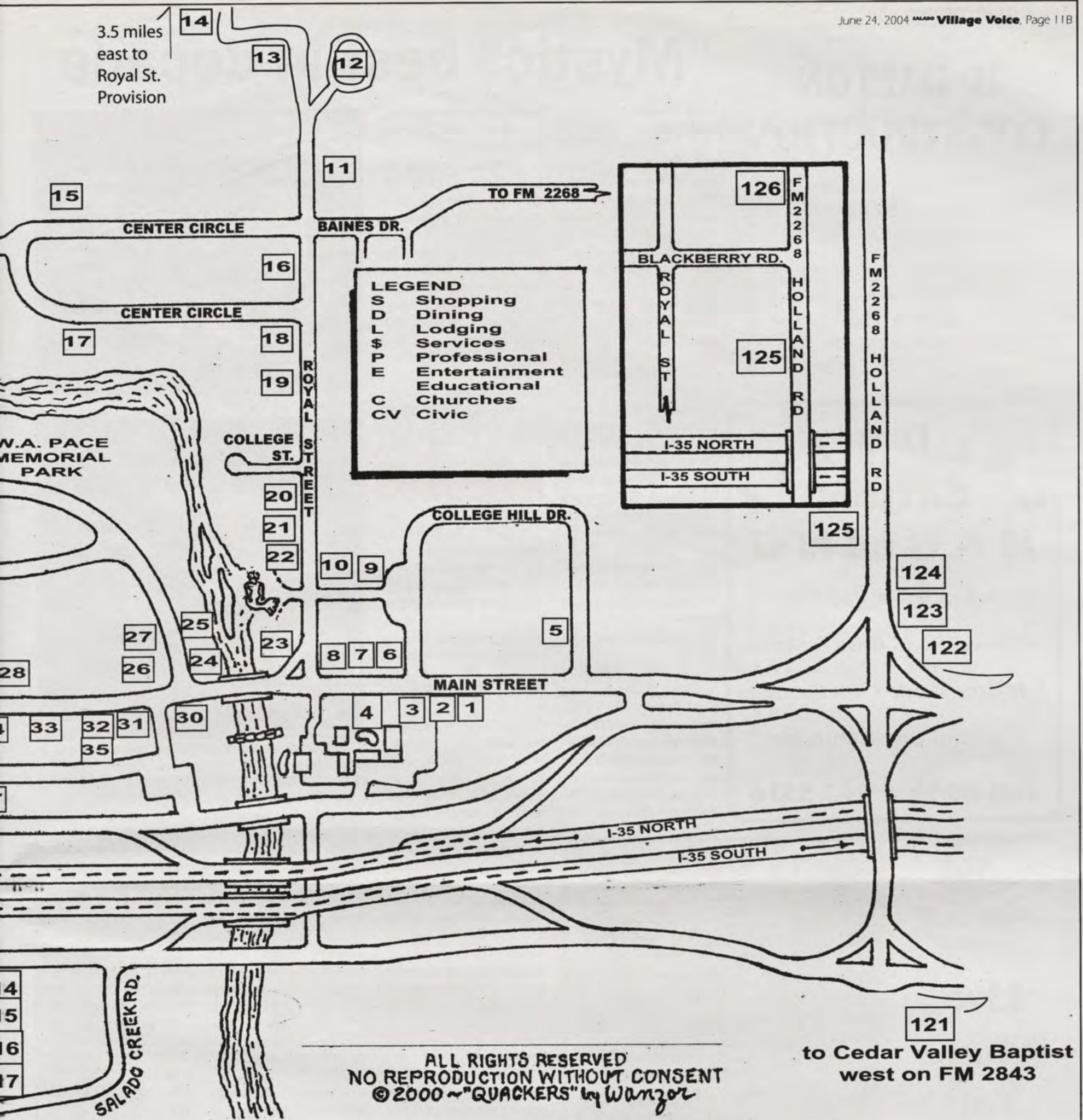
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# "Mystic" best in decade

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Grimy and gritty, quiet and understated, *Mystic River* is easily the best movie of the past decade. That statement could be my complete review, but I have a few more column inches to fill and a few more words to convince those who think the crying hobbit movie might have been better that they are wrong, wrong, wrong.

Clint Eastwood recaptures drama as an art form, something long missing in Hollywood movies dominated today by flash and style and computer generated images. *Mystic River* is Dennis Lehane's story of three boys who are drawn back together by a horrible crime more than quarter of a century later than the last time they played hockey on the streets of the Flats in working-class Boston.

Brian Helgeland, who won the Oscar for *L.A. Confidential* in 1997, remarkably retells the terrific, tough novel. Helgeland also won the Razzie for worst screenplay that year for his work on *The Postman*. Helgeland and

Eastwood combined in 2002 on *Blood Work*, another surly crime drama.

Eastwood delivers his best movie since *Unforgiven*, which won Best Picture and Best Director in 1992. He should have added another Oscar this year, but instead it went to the crying hobbit movie. With simple scenes, Eastwood portrays the personal, intimate relationships between the three men, their families and friends.

Even though a murder is the central act of the story, *Mystic River* is not so much a crime drama as a drama about loyalty, revenge, redemption and the fragile, tenuous nature of friendships.

It opens in the 1970s with Jimmy, Sean and Dave playing street hockey and writing their names in the wet cement of their neighborhood of three-story walk-ups. Dave is taken away by two men and later escapes, thinking of himself as the boy who escaped from the wolves.

But Dave does not escape unscathed and carries his scars with him as he walks past the sidewalk where he, Jimmy and Sean wrote their names so many years ago. Tim Robbins is remarkable in his nuance performance, subtly showing the haunting effect of his childhood.

He duplicates the gentle speech impediment of the younger Jimmy and the viewer sees the weakness, the trepidation and timidity in his eyes. Robbins won the Oscar for the Best Supporting Actor for his sympathetic portrayal of the damaged Dave.

Deservedly, Penn earned the Best Actor award for his moving portrayal of Jimmy Markup, an ex-con who dotes on his daughters and second wife. After discovering his daughter's death, Jimmy sets out to find the killer and deliver his own brand of Irish street justice. He does so with the help



Kevin Bacon and Sean Penn.



Tim Robbins gives one of his finest performances in *Mystic River*.

of his brothers-in-law, the Savage brothers, who used to be his crew.

Penn displays one of the most touching, heart-wrenching scenes early in the movie when Jimmy Markup (Sean Penn) discovers his 19-year-old daughter Katie (Emmy Possum) has been killed. The scene is reminiscent of the climax of *The Godfather III* and Penn shows his depth as the best actor of the Brat Pack generation.

Although Penn and Robbins received accolades for their performances, each actor in the ensemble cast, including Kevin Bacon as the grown-up Sean, now a Boston detective, deliver true performances. Laura Linney is frighteningly tough as Markum's wife and sister to the

Savage brothers. She imagines her husband Jimmy as the king of the Flats and his actions against his daughter's killer as justified.

*Mystic River*, thanks to the finest writing, directing and acting, is the best movie available today. Bar none. If you missed it at the theater, you can now get it on DVD and video.

*Mystic River* (2003)  
Warner Bros.  
Rated R  
Directed by Clint Eastwood  
Starring Sean Penn, Tim Robbins, Kevin Bacon, Laurence Fishburne, Marcia Gay Harden, Laura Linney.  
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The show features demonstrations of agricultural machinery, plus an antique tractor parade, blacksmith

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Admission is \$5 and kids under 12 are free. Parking is free.

More information is available by contacting 830-990-4521, or by visiting [www.tex-fest.com/antique-tractor](http://www.tex-fest.com/antique-tractor).



**Services pending for**

**Wilma Kathaleen Burton Smith**

A private family service and burial are pending at a later date for Wilma Kathaleen Burton Smith, 79, at Salado Cemetery.

She passed away June 20 at her home in Salado. Wilma was born in Garden City, MO on December 29, 1924 to Clyde W. and Fern Burton.

She attended Archie High School in Archie, MO. She was raised Presbyterian but attended Central Christian Church in Holland. She taught at Roman School near Harrisonville, MO, in a one-room school house. She was involved in taxi and bus businesses in Liberty, MO, and restaurants in Harrisonville, MO, Killeen and Smitty's Drive-In in Bartlett. She served during WWII as a Gray Lady and later as a Green Thumb Volunteer.

She is survived by her son, Dezri Grant Smith; daughter Myrta Ann Hodge and husband Claude; daughter Kathy Lou Rutherford and husband Wayne; and daughter Penny Sue Curry and husband Ron. She also leaves behind 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Velma Carpenter of Peculiar, MO. She is survived by two brothers, Larry Burton and Clyde Burton, Jr., of Harrisonville, MO; and two sisters, Caroline Drury of Archie, MO, and Anne Brown of Pleasant Hill, MO; and a half brother, Dwayne Burton of Atlanta, GA.

Dossman Funeral Home in Belton is in charge of arrangements.

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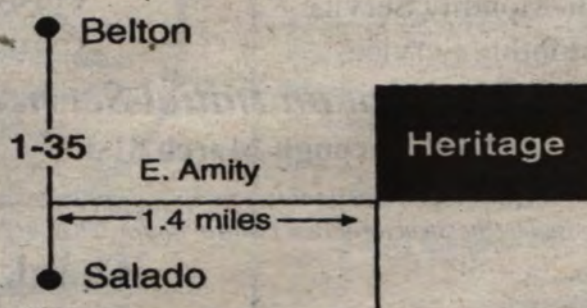
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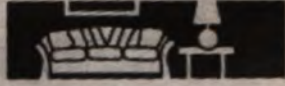
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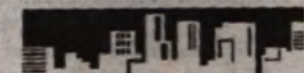
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# Businesses envision "City of Lights" as part of annual Stroll Winter Wonderland

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Annual Christmas Stroll will feature a City of Lights in Pace Park, a new addition to the event the first two weekends of December.

Fiona Armstrong told fellow businesses about the City of Lights, which will reflect the Winter Wonderland theme of the

Stroll, Dec. 3-5 and Dec. 10-12, during the June 17 meeting of the Salado Business Association.

About a dozen members gathered at the Salado Civic Center for the after-hours meeting.

Armstrong told them that the City of Lights will have spaces for 16 displays designed and produced by Salado businesses or individuals. All displays will

feature white Christmas lights, according to Armstrong, who said that the lights will give the City a wonderland feel.

Members discussed use of spot lights or flood lights to better light the displays. Armstrong said that the use of bright spot lights or flood lights should be discouraged, as distracting from the look of the displays.

The vignettes should be constructed and placed in the park before Thanksgiving weekend, she told members.

Armstrong explained that businesses are encouraged to volunteer to take a vignette early enough as only 16 spots will be available. There will be no charge to have a display in the City of Lights.

In other business, Tourism Director April Allen told SBA members that the visitors center will continue to be open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays through August. Allen also informed the SBA that the deadline to apply for Tourism grants is Aug. 10. She said a letter to all non-profit organizations in Salado will be sent out by July 1. Allen will conduct grant workshops for organizations interested in applying for the tourism grants on July 14 and July 19. "It's not mandatory to attend the workshops," she said, "to apply for the grants, but it is helpful."

SBA has received tourism grants for projects including the Christmas Stroll and billboards advertising Salado.

In discussion of billboards, SBA treasurer Charlie Lowe reported that the group still has more than half of its budgeted amount available for replacing the billboards on the north and south ends of town. SBA spends approximately \$4,000 per year on the billboards, including electricity and switching out the seasonal artwork. The group is hoping to redesign the boards this year.

Lowe told members that SBA has \$19,500 in cash and has surpassed its budgeted income of \$24,000 with \$26,000 in revenues. Lowe said that he expects another \$2,400 in revenue from semi-annual dues payers.

Those semi-annual dues payers must pay the next installment before the brochure goes to press, or they will be left out of the shopping map brochure.

For more information about the City of Lights or shopping brochure, contact the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 947-5040.



J.J.'s Tiques, owned by J.J. Vernon (above), was recently named the one of the top antique and collectible shops in the area by the Killeen Daily Herald. J.J.'s is located off the northbound I-35 service road,

## Fred Finch, 94, passes away June 19 in Temple

Fred M. Finch, 94, of Temple, died June 19 at a local nursing home.

Fred was born to Frank Austin and Laura Buek Finch on July 28, 1909 in Memphis, TX. He grew up around the family cattle ranching business in Dalhart, eventually running Fred Finch Ranch until his retirement and moving to Salado in 1983.

He married Helen Knox on May 16, 1931. After her death in 1991, he married Lois Alexander on September 16, 1995, and she preceded him in 1999.

He was a Charter Member of The National Cattleman's Association, participated in the XIT Rodeo and Reunion in Dalhart. He was a 50-year Master Mason, most recently with the Lodge in Salado. He was also a member of the Salado Lions Club.

Fred attended and was active in both the Central United Methodist Church in Dalhart, and Salado United Methodist Church.

In addition to his two wives, he was preceded in death by a son, Frank P., on July 26, 1993.

His survivors include a daughter, Amy Finch of Hays, KS; stepson, Grover L. Alexander of Austin; daughter-in-law, B.J. Finch of Troy; sister, Ruth Harrison of Lewisville; grandchildren, Fred P. Finch of Troy, and Nonniekaye Shelburne of Silver Spring, MD; and great-grandchildren, Jodie Finch of Troy, and Paige and Justin Shelburne of Silver Spring, MD.

Services were conducted by Dr. Jack Riley, June 22 at the Salado Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to either: Peaceable Kingdom Children's Retreat, P.O. Box 844, Temple, TX 76503, or Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174.

Harper-Talasek Funeral Home handled arrangements.



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**Salado:** \$3,000 carpet/paint or closing cost allowance. Great oak treed lot. Vaulted ceiling in LR with fireplace. Separate dining room with bay windows. Sunroom connects to large back yard with 12X20 storage building. Two car attached garage. **\$145,900.**

**Temple:** Great investment or starter home. Completely updated 2 BR/2 BA in South Temple. Large covered patio, fenced, carport, storage building. **\$47,500.**

**Salado:** Two Ranch-styles homes being built on over one acre. Austin stone. Open floor plan with master bedroom split. 3 BR/2BA. Completion date will be around August. Pick your colors now!! **\$169,990.**

**Salado:** Ranch homes on 10 acres to be built in the mid \$160s to \$190s. Open floor plans with 10' ceilings.

**Temple:** Business/Retail Location. Perfectly maintained 3 BR home with separate office or beauty shop. High traffic area! **\$99,900.**

**Salado:** Victorian style home with MBR downstairs. Wrap around porch, high ceilings, awesome windows, wood floors, gas fireplace, formal DR and breakfast nook. Detached garage with unfinished bonus room. 3 BR/2-1/2 BA. **\$169,900.**

**Salado:** 10 acres of land. Trees, great home site. **\$75,000.**

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



**\$119,900** - Located on a secluded acre in Live Oak Estates, this home has an open floor plan and French doors throughout. Huge deck at the back of the home.



**\$89,900** - Cozy 3 BR, 2 BA home in great location in Morgan's Point. Located on two lots, this home provides privacy and room to move around.



**\$124,000** - Texas decor like living in a B&B. Updated 2002-03. Romantic two person Jacuzzi in MBR, pedestal sinks. Stone patios and ountain. Awesome trees, 16x20 workshop, 8x10 shed.



**\$325,000** - Watch the golfers tee off on Hole #4 from the large covered porch on this home. Formal DR, formal LR and breakfast area create an open, relaxed environment. The kitchen has a bar that overlooks the family room for easy entertaining. Hardwood floors throughout the formals, granite countertops with beautiful custom cabinets in the kitchen, and wonderful crown moulding in main living areas. Located on a corner lot in Mill Creek.



**\$144,900** - Beautifully manicured lawn comes with this 3 BR/2 BA home in Live Oak Estates. View the vegetable garden in the back yard from the wood dek. Enjoy the view of the back yard 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 oak trees.



**\$230,000** - Absolutely beautiful! Immaculate home located in one of the most desirable areas in Salado. Beautiful lot with lots of trees. Circular drive adds beauty to this custom home. Includes lots of extras.... 2 AC units, water softener & charcoal filter, full RV hook up & pad, security system, phone & TV connections in study and all three bedrooms, TV connection in LR & DR, lights under kitchen cabinets and trash compactor.



**\$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.

## Residential

- **\$54,000** - Great starter home or investment property.
- **\$55,000** - Located at entrance to Mill Creek-4BR mobile home.
- **\$74,800** - Charming, restored 1901 home in Holland.
- **\$89,900** - 3 BR, 2 BA on 2 lots in Morgans Point.
- **\$109,500** - Large deck on 2 BR home in country. - **Sold**
- **\$119,900** - Secluded home on .90 acre. French doors.
- **\$124,000** - 3 BR, 2.5 BA Texas decor, like living in a B&B.
- **\$127,800** - 3 BR, 2 BA w/ kitchen island. - **Sold**
- **\$144,900** - 3BR/2BA with manicured lawn in Live Oak Estates.
- **\$149,000** - Walk to Mill Creek Pro Shop. Private backyard.
- **\$149,500** - Fronts golf course. Bonus room above garage.
- **\$149,500** - Peaceful setting with deck & hot tub.
- **\$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 - **Sold**
- **\$219,000** - 3 BR, 2.5 BA across from Salado Creek.
- **\$219,900** - Home on 14th fairway. Handicap equipped.
- **\$224,500** - 4 BR home with deck on 2 Mill Creek lots. - **UC**

- **\$225,800** - 4 BR show place in Wild Rose Subdivision. - **UC**
- **\$230,000** - Custom house with many extras. RV hook-up.
- **\$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. - **UC**
- **\$312,900** - 4 BR, 3-1/2 BA home overlooking golf course.
- **\$325,000** - 4 BR Home overlooking Mill Creek #4 hole.
- **\$338,500** - 4,000 SF home on 2 acres in Woods of Salado.
- **\$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

- **160 acres** on Hill Rd. and I-35, 5 miles S. Salado, all or part
- **32 acres** on Rose Lane, 2 miles NE of Salado. - **UC**
- **17 acre** ranchette on FM 2484.
- **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
- 1401 Mill Creek Dr. - \$100,000

### New Golf Course Lots

- Mill Creek Springs I & III - \$30,000-75,000
- Mill Creek Springs IV  
Golf course & hilltop view lots start at \$40,000  
Interior lots start as low as \$25,000

### 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
- Heritage - 1 to 3 acre wooded, near Salado. Restricted.
- The Overlook - 1+ acre prime lots \$99,000 - \$129,000.

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- 2.7 acres** fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900**.
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- 10+ acres** in Bell Meadows off FM 1123. Unbelievable views. **\$89,000**.
- 20 acres** southwest of Salado on Buttermilk Creek. Heavily wooded. **\$125,000**.
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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, 90'x188 - **\$40,000**.
- Indian Trail** - 90'x188 - **\$38,000**.

**Commercial**

- 3 acres** commercial property fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$120,000**.
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- 5+ acres** fronting SH 190 and Boxer Road. Great commercial location. City water available. **\$299,000**.
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**Temple**

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