

# Village Salado Voice

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## Construction manager selected for Bell county's courts project

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Bell commissioners will begin negotiations with Skanska Construction, officed in Temple, to act as Construction Managers at-risk for the county's new District Courts complex and renovations of the current district courts building and jail.

Skanska won the support of the commissioners from a field of 11 firms that responded to the county's request for qualifications. Of that initial field of 11 applicants, three finalists were interviewed by a committee that recommended Skanska to the commissioners court.

The recommendation is based on the lower fees that Skanska proposed to the county.

"This is as difficult a choice as choosing our architect for the project," said Commissioner Richard Cortese, who also served on the selection committee along with commissioner Tim Brown, Russell Williams, from the

county auditor's office, and Donna Olsen, from the architectural firm.

Cortese told commissioners that 60 percent of the rating criteria was based on the fees, while the remaining criteria was based on the qualifications of the firms. "When we narrowed down the firms based on their qualifications, it really got to the point of being nit-picky," Cortese said.

Cortese said that the final three firms were all well-qualified to do the job, but that one firm was quite a bit lower than the others in terms of fees.

Commissioner Brown said that the selection committee "struggled with some way to separate one firm from the pack." Cost became the separation point.

Skanska proposed a pre-construction cost of \$24,900, a general conditions cost of \$1,142,850 and a construction fee of 2.45 percent of the hard construction costs.

In comparison, Gilbane Construction, of Dallas,

proposed a re-construction fee of \$8,000, a general conditions fee of \$1,264,129 and a construction fee of 2.95 percent of the construction costs. White Construction, of Austin, proposed \$26,440 for pre-construction, \$1,334,846 for general conditions and 3.00 percent for the construction costs.

Commissioners voted on the motion by John Fisher with Judge Jon Burrows abstaining. Burrows said he was abstaining from the vote because of "a friendship relationship and partnership in real estate of 30 years" with one of the officers of Skanska.

After the court approved Skanska, Judge Burrows told newspapers that "they're local... They will be building for their friends and neighbors."

In other business, commissioners approved policies for fraud and appeals for the County Indigent Health Care Program and named Richard McGee as the officer for the appeals and fraud hearings panels.



## Followed by annual Picnic

### Marker to be placed July 3

A Texas Historical Marker honoring Dr. Welborn and Louisa Adeline Cox Barton will be dedicated July 3 at their grave sites in the Salado Cemetery.

This marker is a project of the Salado Historical Society, and the application to the Texas Historical Commission was written by MaryBelle Brown, marker chair of the Historical Society.

The ceremony will begin 4 p.m., preceding

the Annual Picnic of the Salado Historical Society, which will take place at the Pace Park Pavilion. The entire community of Salado is invited to attend both events.

Rev. Dale Gore, president of the society, will serve as master of ceremonies at the dedication service. Brown will speak on Dr. and Mrs. Barton, and Charlene Carson, historian of the First Baptist Church of Salado, will bring a tribute to the Barton family for

their varied contributions to the Baptist Church.

Greetings will be brought by Dr. Steven Ervin, president of the Salado Cemetery Association; David Evans, Bell County Historical Commission marker chairman; and Vic Means, Mayor ProTem of the Village of Salado.

Rev. Grady Brittain, pastor of Salado United Methodist Church, will provide the invocation and benediction.

## Drenched Dog Daze

The rains June 26 were not enough to dampen the spirits of the canine lovers and their dogs who converged on Salado's Pace Park for the first annual Salado Dog Daze event. Dogs of all sizes (as well as dog lovers of all shapes and sizes, too) ventured out into the rain for the one-day event. Organizer Jan Scurlock said that the event was a success. (PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

## Who did the Rain Dance?

Whoever is responsible for the recent rains, will you please stop? We've had enough! Recent storms in Salado have taken their toll, as shown by the loss of a 150-year-old bur oak on Center Circle and the Salado Creek getting outside of her banks June 26.

(PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)





# FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

“..And to the Republic for which it stands,  
One nation, under litigation..”



## The Goon of Abu Ghraib

The conspiracy theorists and Bush haters who won't be satisfied until high Bush administration officials have been implicated in the Abu Ghraib prison-abuse scandal should be asking: Which Pentagon official authorized the brutality at Pennsylvania's Fayette County Prison? Because, in a sense, that is where the scandal has its roots. That is where Army Spec. Charles Graner, the star of so many Abu Ghraib abuse photos, first got the idea of beating up prisoners, and with no evident instigation from Donald Rumsfeld.

If he was acting in accord with signals from the top of the Bush administration at Abu Ghraib, what then explains the rest of his thuggery throughout the years? Did Paul Wolfowitz, the intellectual architect of the Iraq War, order him to spray mace in a fellow guard's coffee at Fayette County Prison? Did Stephen Cambone, the Pentagon's intelligence chief, tell him to put razor blades in a Fayette County prisoner's food, as he is alleged to have done? Did head of Pentagon planning Douglas Feith suggest that he threaten to kill his wife and bang her head against the floor?

Not likely. Some people are weak, cruel or angry -- without having been made so by the Bush administration. A recent Washington Post profile details the sad trajectory of Graner's life -- the suspicion that his wife was unfaithful while he was serving in the first Persian Gulf War, employment at a U.S. prison noted for its brutality, the breakdown of his marriage and multiple restraining orders against him from his former wife.

For those hoping for a broader prison scandal, there was this uncomfortable fact about the latest batch of Abu Ghraib photos published by The Washington Post: Graner was, again, there in many of them. Either he was the Zelig of Abu Ghraib, unaccountably getting into the picture when-

### Rich Lowry



ever someone was abusing an Iraqi, or he was the ringleader of much of it, exactly as the military has maintained. Yes, there was poor leadership at Abu Ghraib. There were interrogation techniques that were harrowing -- solitary confinement, sleep deprivation and the like. It is possible that military intelligence officers will still be implicated. But there's no indication that the stomach-turning photographed abuse was ordered from on high as a method of interrogating prisoners.

"Lawyers Decided Bans on Torture Didn't Bind Bush," read a recent eye-popping headline in The New York Times. But when the story moves from an account of the legalistic musings of administration lawyers to the interrogation techniques actually approved by senior officials, it gets less sensational. Rumsfeld approved harsh techniques against a Saudi detainee suspected of being part of the Sept. 11 plot, the Times reports, "including serving the detainee cold, prepackaged food instead of hot rations and shaving off his facial hair." This is a far cry from stacking naked Iraqi detainees on top of each other, a far cry from the work of Spec. Charles Graner.

RICH LOWRY IS EDITOR OF THE NATIONAL REVIEW.  
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## Bell Commissioners approve new court building; Also okay tax freeze for over 65 and disabled

Bell County Commissioner's hit two political home runs at their regular June 22 meeting in Belton, and other than the normal natterings from the omnipresent opposition, most Countians were pleased with what amounts to a twin victory for common sense and a tax break for seasoned citizens as well as the disabled.

First came a five-zip vote to spend nearly \$30 million to solve the district court building's deterioration problems that two previous elections failed to do. A dilemma that could easily become a super-drain on county dollars if the current court building is not completely renovated in the very near future.

County Judge Jon Burrows and the four Commissioners approved a plan that will allow them to borrow funds immediately through issuance of limited tax notes. The monies thus secured would be spread over a variety of projects including: purchase of 75 acres of land near the Expo Center (currently under County option); construction of a District Court building that will increase the number of courtrooms from four to five (with space for a sixth courtroom when needed); renovation of the current district court building in downtown Belton, that would begin without delay following completion of the new court complex; and upgrading the jail kitchen.

By moving quickly, the Court hopes to have the new building ready for occupancy near the September 1, 2005 deadline set by State officials to have the current court building come in compliance with elevator and other building codes, or be vacated for the mandatory renovations. Penalties, for failure to meet standards and regulations for the aging elevators as well as providing upgraded access for the handicapped, include fines of up to \$5,000 per day.

### PETITION THREATENED

It was no surprise when Belton Attorney John Galligan, who led the fight against both failed bond attempts for a new court-jail complex, addressed the Court on Monday with a withering blast indicating his displeasure at the Commissioner's decision to build a new court building. **He also threatened a county wide petition drive calling for Judge Burrows and the four commissioners to "voluntarily resign."**

From the time the initial plan was announced to build a court-jail complex near the Expo Center; past the first bond defeat; on through the citizen task force study, (of which Galligan was a member); and again after the second bond defeat that prompted the new plan to borrow funds to build only a new district court building - complainant Galligan has fought consistently against moving the district court and jail from downtown Belton.

Galligan owns a law office just a stone's throw from the current courthouse. Word around the county seat is that Galligan plans to run against Judge Burrows in 2006.

### COMMENDATION URGED

The Commissioner's Court action last week appeared to be well accepted in Salado. Villagers had previously voted in favor of both court-jail bond proposals and even the local branch of the International Society of "Do-No-Gooders" (from their Stagecoach Coffee Shop vantage point) seemed pleased with the new court plan (and tax break) and decided they had heard enough about petitions to drive the current court out of office.

"Let's put together a petition com-

### Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



mending the County Judge and Commissioners and urge them to stay put and when the time comes - run for reelection," was the general tone of the DNGer discussion.

**What would be more to the point would be a real petition thanking the Commissioners Court for doing what is right and doing it in a way that doesn't add much to the tax rate!**

### RICK THE SORCERER

It would be a hoot to see the DNGers out and about doing something other than mutter and complain - but stranger things happen almost daily in our "Alice in Wonderland" political world. Case in point (from our "strange" political casebook), involves Governor Rick (the Sorcerer) Perry and his failed special session **that tried to put more dollars into education without the necessary dollars!**

Attempting to produce dollars from a "no tax" source, creates a throwback to the days when alchemists tried making gold out of lead (thus, Wizard Rick's new title - "The Sorcerer")!

### COUNTY TAX FREEZE

The second bit of happy news from the Commissioner's meeting last week was the near unanimous decision (4-1) to grant a **county tax freeze for Bell Countians who have managed to survive past age 65, as well as those who are disabled.**

It is estimated there are over 12,000 citizens who qualify for either the senior or disabled "freeze" on their county homestead taxes.

For those passing the age or disability test, all future county tax payments will be held at the level shown on the next tax statement (due this Fall). Future hikes in homestead appraisal values will not increase the "frozen" tax.

The one vote against the plan came from Precinct Two Commissioner Tim Brown and is no surprise since **Brown has long favored such a tax "freeze," provided it had a "mean's test" associated with it (June 2, "Off The Record").**

A "mean's test" would award the tax break to those retired or disabled citizens who are struggling to live on a modest retirement or disability income while the more fiscally-fortunate would be excluded.

Commissioner Brown was joined "philosophically" by Commissioners Richard Cortese (Little River) and John Fisher (Killeen) who both agreed that a "mean's test" would be a much fairer way of helping those having the greatest need.

However, noting that the law authorizing the tax break did not provide for such an income "test", and since Bell County voters had overwhelmingly passed the tax assistance law on September 13, 2003 (four to one margin), the three commissioners - Cortese, Fisher and LeRoy Shiller (Temple), together with Judge Burrows, approved the tax freeze.

A busy day for the Judge and Commissioners who deserve, we believe, high praise for resolving the district court problem and passing a helpful tax freeze for the over-65 folks, as well as the disabled.

That's -30-

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# First amendment includes freedom to disagree, debate

## Your Voice

### Readers Opinion

#### To the Editor:

*I may not agree with what you say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it.*

-Voltaire

It has become popular among some groups in this country to label those with whom they disagree in debate over government policy to be anti-American or traitors to their country. This, I believe, does a great disservice to foundational American values. Whenever I hear this type of sentiment expressed, I wonder how the Founders of this Country would react to such quick condemnation of Americans engaged in exercising their constitutional freedom of speech rights.

The fore-fathers recognized that, if the light of truth and reason is to shine brightly and lead us to a better way of life, open and robust debate must be encouraged. This is a basic rationale for the First Amendment free speech guarantees in our Federal Constitution. They knew all too well, and firsthand, the extreme and devastating results of attempts to suppress unpopular views - a quick look at any American History book is all that is needed to remind us of their experiences with British authorities (and to remind us that these authorities were not always right).

Threats and intimidation tactics meant to silence unpopular views and attack and discredit the speaker only serve to regress us ever so slightly toward a dark and ignorant past, populated by a plethora of petty and not-so-petty dictators whose goal was to maintain power by any and all means at their disposal. The whole, unbridled truth is only achieved through answering substantive speech with substantive speech, picking through and analyzing details, investi-

gating and defining and re-investigating, followed by further debate. Yes, it is tedious and time consuming. But history teaches us that the easy way is usually the wrong way, and that progress into a more promising future for all takes considerable effort.

We cannot be afraid to disagree with each other and to engage in the vigorous process of uncovering the truth through open and robust debate, making room for the entire spectrum of opinions and views. It is not the expression of divergent viewpoints that is dangerous - danger lies in attempting to stifle views with which we disagree. For then we may be led astray by our own arrogance and myopia. Good ends achieved by bad means are tainted by those means, such that the ends achieved do not ultimately resemble those originally sought. So it is with those who would achieve their desired ends by attempting to silence unpopular speech. Tolerance and open dialogue make this country great. Intolerance and closed-mindedness can only set us back as a nation.

M.J. D'Amelio,  
Salado

#### To the Editor:

I'm on a rant. Why is it that every time someone writes a letter that is not flattering to Bush, here come the "loyalists" letters to beat the person down.

Well, "to announce that there must be no criticism of the President, right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally treasonable to the American public." These words were written by our 26th President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, in 1918.

Aliceanne Wallace,  
Belton

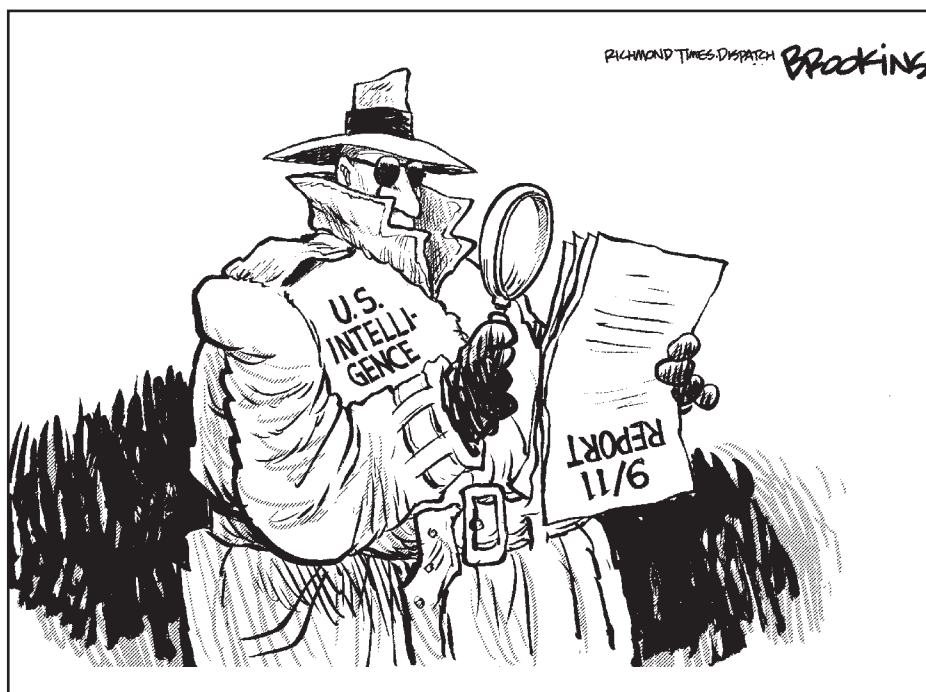
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# FORUM



## Fourth of July is more than just BBQ

This Fourth of July weekend, thousands of Texans will gather with family and friends, fire up the grill, ice down some drinks and sit back and enjoy one of our nation's favorite holidays, Independence Day. In 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was signed, there were 2.5 million people living in the 13 colonies. Today, there are more than 293 million Americans inhabiting 50 states, who will celebrate the founding of our great nation. And the Declaration that secured our independence still stands as the foundation of our democracy.

This quintessentially American celebration gives each of us an opportunity to commemorate the birth of our country and reflect on the day when dedicated patriots founded a nation based on freedom. Marquis De Lafayette, the Frenchman who was so moved by the American quest for independence, he crossed the Atlantic to join our battle said it this way, "Humanity has won its battle. Liberty now has a country."

For 228 years now, America has been synonymous with liberty. It is rooted in our heart and soul. It is woven into the fabric of our being. As a current television advertisement states, "Don't fence us in", is practically our national motto." We are the embodiment of freedom to people everywhere, which is why thousands of people still arrive

### Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison  
U.S. Senator



from the far reaches of the globe on our shores each year. They come in search of a better life for their families and a greater hope for their future.

So, the Fourth of July is more than a birthday party - it is a celebration of our hard-fought freedom and our God-given right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It is also a time to honor those who continue the battle against terror and oppression to keep our freedom secure.

Today we are engaged in a struggle as fierce and as vital as any our nation has faced in its short history. Today's war on terrorism is a fight for freedom.

American soldiers fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq face the modern threat of terrorism. But while the tactics are more violent, the motives more insidious and the means more destructive, this enemy shares the common goal of all enemies throughout history: destroying freedom. We must not - and we will not - let them win.

Last year, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld addressed our troops on the Fourth of July, saying, "You are the men and women who are fighting this new war. Your gallantry and courage in the face of evil has stirred the souls of all Americans. Day after day, week

after week, they have seen your faces and read your stories. They have shared your sorrows and celebrated your victories. And in each one of you they see reflected their deeply-felt honor, pride and patriotism. Through your valor and sacrifice, our Republic has been strengthened and renewed."

I could not agree more. Our troops, many of whom call Texas home, face a difficult and challenging task, yet they do it with bravery and with honor. I have visited them in the battlefields and I have seen their commitment firsthand. They know the gravity of their mission and the importance of their success. These proud patriots serve with distinction and deserve our gratitude.

This year, remember that it's more than a backyard BBQ, red-white-and-blue streamers, downtown parade or fireworks display - the Fourth of July is a celebration of the freedoms afforded to us as citizens of the United States of America. This year, as you set out to enjoy your holiday take a moment to remember those who are sacrificing their personal safety, and even their lives, so that you may enjoy yours. God Bless America and Happy Fourth of July.

## Chickens of Abuse Roosting at White House



Jim Hightower

Wow, that White House spin machine is in full twirl over the U. S. torture scandals in Iraq!

"Not to worry--those disgusting acts were just the work of a half-dozen low-level grunts who should have known better," whirs the machine, now in nuclear-powered perpetual motion. "No one in command, much less at the Pentagon or White House, had a clue that this was happening, and it's contrary to our official policy against any abuse of any prisoners," they spin. "And look over there," the White House shrieks, "We're prosecuting those bad soldiers to the hilt, so, see, the system works, and that's the end of the story, so let's move on."

But wait - Rumsfeld knew about the torture last year, and he personally told George W about it in January. They not only had a clue, they had full, detailed reports from the Army itself and from the Red Cross. Yet, they kept it hush-hush, apparently not feeling disgust until the torture became public.

As far as official policy is concerned, look what has just surfaced: A series of 2001 and 2002 internal memos from Bush's Justice Department and from his top White House lawyer claiming that the U.S. did not have to comply with the Geneva Conventions and other international bans on prisoner abuse. White House counsel Alberto Gonzales, who seems to think that his job amounts to finding a rationalization for anything the Bushites want to do, wrote in a 2002 memo to George that the war on terrorism, "in my judgment renders obsolete Geneva's strict limitation on questioning of enemy prisoners."

Obsolete? Fashions can become obsolete. Machines get obsolete, too. But fundamental morals and guidelines for humane conduct cannot, especially not on some partisan lawyer's whim. But there it is in writing - a policy sanctioning abuse and even torture, written on White House stationary. It turns out that those grunts in Iraq were acting within a legal framework devised by the Bushites themselves.



# CHURCH NEWS

## First Baptist Church • Main St. at the Creek

| SUNDAY                           |            | WEDNESDAY                    |           |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Contemporary Worship/Bible Study | 9:00 a.m.  | Children's Choir             | 4:45 p.m. |
| 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. |
|                                  |            | Bible Drill (4th - 6th)      | 7:00 p.m. |
|                                  |            | High School Halftime         | 7:00 p.m. |



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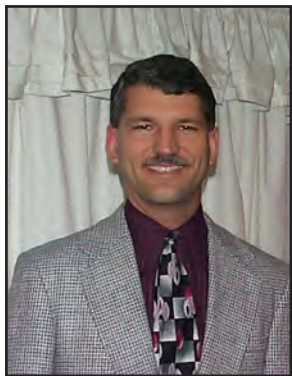
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## The Salado Church of Christ welcomes you to our services this week

Sunday Morning Service • July 4, 2004



Joe Keyes  
Minister

As we gather for worship on this the 228th anniversary of our nation's freedom from foreign control, we invite you to join us as we discuss the fact that with freedom, there still comes a great deal of responsibility. Come search the Scriptures with us as we seek a biblical balance between these two powerful ideas.

### Sunday

Bible Class • 9 a.m. Worship • 10 a.m.  
Evening Worship • 6 p.m.

### Wednesday

Bible Classes • 6:30 p.m.

IH-35 at Blacksmith Rd.

947-5241

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## Quilt Raffle offered by St. Stephen Women

A King size white to ecru, hand made quilt is being raffled by St. Stephen Women. The 100 percent cotton quilt with a retail value of \$525 is reversible. It is a Trapunto "Morning Dew" pattern having two standard size

shams included.

Tickets are on sale, Photos of the quilt and tickets for sale at \$1 ea. Or 6 pack for \$5 are available at Springhouse Antiques and Gifts on Royal and College Sts. 947-0747 in Salado.

Proceeds from the quilt raffle will be used for parish projects and needs sponsored by the St. Stephen Women's Society.

Tickets will be available by calling 947-3901, 947-0899. Please call your St. Stephen friends to obtain your tickets and encourage them to bring some to you.

The Altar ministry is looking into the purchase of new altar linens. Donated linen pieces would be greatly appreciated as well. Flowers for the daily Masses and for the Sunday Masses are most welcome, as the Women's Society makes bouquets for the altar. The Landscape committee has finished the work on the Office and Rectory plants, if anyone wishing to help keep the trees watered, please call 947-3901.

The next meeting is on July 12, with a program by the Salado Legends starting at 6:30 p.m.. The program is open and everyone is invited to enjoy it at the St. Stephen Parish Hall.

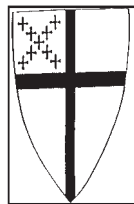
## St. Joseph's Episcopal Chapel

Holy Eucharist

Sat. • 5 p.m.

Sun. • 9:30 a.m.

Tues. • 9:30 a.m.



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behind Fletcher's Book Store  
N. Main Street

## St. Stephen Catholic Church

### Religious Education Classes

Pre-K thru 12th  
6:30 - 7:40 p.m.  
Wednesday

### Mass

Saturday • 5:30 p.m.

Sunday  
(Spanish) 9 a.m.  
& 11 a.m.

Wednesday • 6 p.m.

### Office Hours:

Every day  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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## "Becoming Like the Master" series continues at Church of Christ

July will see the continuance of the special series of Wednesday night messages at the Salado Church of Christ. The ongoing theme will remain "Becoming More Like the Master."

On July 7, Hal Thacker, former long-time minister in Churches of Christ will address our being "More Like Jesus in His Courage." Noel Whitlock will follow on July 14, discussing how to be "More Like Jesus in His Compassion." Noel ministers to the Westside Church of Christ in Round Rock.

Roger McCown, preaching minister at the Brentwood Oaks Church of

Christ in Austin, will present on July 21, a message concerning our becoming "More Like Jesus in his Compassion." Tom Bedichek will finish out the month on July 28 in addressing how to be "More Like Jesus in His Concern For The Lost." Tom preaches for the Columbus Avenue Church of Christ in Waco.

Minister Joe Keyes would like the community to know that these messages are free to the public and all are invited to attend. The sessions begin each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Blacksmith and Stagecoach Roads.

## Senior low impact exercise begins at Metroplex in Killeen

Metroplex Health System is offering senior exercise classes. The classes are held 10:30-11:30 a.m Thursday at Metroplex Hospital in Killeen and are free of charge.

Space is limited. More information may be obtained by calling the Metroplex Community Relations office at (254) 519-8200.

The class is designed for those age 55 and older. During the program, participants will go through

a series of low-impact exercises lead by Metroplex therapist Sue Ann Mason. Mason has over seven years of therapy and wellness experience.

Metroplex encourages participants to check with their physician before they begin the exercise class.

For more information or to register for the Senior exercise class, contact Metroplex Community Relations at (254) 519-8200 or leia.spoor@ahss.org.

## Tough Week?

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## Cedar Valley Baptist VBS held July 5-9

Cedar Valley Baptist Church will host its annual Vacation Bible School 9 a.m.-noon July 5-9 at the church, located eight miles west of I-35 on FM 2843.

All children aged two through those entering the sixth grade are invited to join in the "Far-Out Far East Rickshaw Rally - Racing to the Son."

Campers will travel across the islands of Japan on a race to win the ultimate prize. Along the way, they will take twists and unexpected turns through the streets of Tokyo, Mount Fuji and the Sea of Japan.

The camp is free of charge and open to everyone. Cedar Valley will provide a van at the Chevron Country Boy parking lot to carry children to the church.

To register, or for more information, call 947-0148 or 947-5100.

## Grace Baptist Church

John Warden Pastor

2 mi. West of I-35 on 1670/2484

### Worship Schedule

Sunday School • 9:45 a.m.

Worship • 11 a.m.

Bible Study • 6 p.m.

Wednesday Praise & Prayer • 7:00 p.m.

## SALADO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday School 11:00  
Sunday Night Youth Group 10:00  
6:00

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Our hearts go out to  
the brave men and women of this  
country who fight to preserve freedom.  
God bless our soldiers.  
God bless America.



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Pictured above are the 2004-2005 Salado Lions Club officers.

## Major changes in store for Texas Health & Human Services

By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Department of Health and Human Services is streamlining. Over the next few years, the bloated bureaucracy that employs over 50,000 Texans and operates on a yearly budget of \$19.5 billion, will consolidate into five separate, and ideally more efficient, agencies.

One of the people who will serve as a department commissioner, Jim Hine of the Department of Aging and Disability, spoke to the Salado Lions Club June 23.

It was the passing House Bill 2292 by the 78th Legislature, which he says, effectively issued a death sentence to agencies that had been in existence for a number of years, such as the Texas Department of Aging (TDOA) and the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TxMHMR). Those soon-to-be defunct agencies will be absorbed into the new department Hine will head.

Currently, the Health and Human Services Commission as a whole administers programs dealing with welfare, Medicaid and CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program), as well as Child Protective Services, rehabilitative services and alcohol and drug abuse services, among others.

That's a lot to cover under one umbrella, and as

might be expected, administrative costs to keep afloat a dozen almost autonomous agencies was steep. For example, according to the HHSC, a full \$700 million a year is spent on determining whether welfare applicants qualify for assistance. With the blending of the new agencies fully functional, Hine says he expects administrative costs to plummet, to the ultimate benefit of the Texas taxpayer.

"In the end," he said, "you'll lose administrative costs in favor of client services."

Besides Hine's department, the remaining new agencies will consist of:

- The Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS);

- The Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS, absorbing Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Commission for the Blind and Interagency Council on Early Childhood Intervention); and

- The Department of State Health Services (DSHS, blending Texas Department of Health, Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Health Care Information Council and some mental health community services and state hospital programs under the lead of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation).

Two of the four, the DFPS and the DARS, were formally created this spring. The others will begin consolidated operations Sept. 1 of this year.

Although they will not officially exist for another two months, much work has already been invested in smoothing the transitional process for the other two agencies, says Hine.

"It's not as easy as shuffling a deck, though," he explained. Employing a system he referred to as "mapping," Hine said as many as 842 different computer applications had to be readjusted, as well as functional assessments conducted on all agencies regarding what direction programs would be directed, or whether they were needed at all.

"It's also been a huge change to build the infrastructure," he continued. He points to the fact that over 6,000 third party client contracts are in place, and that all must be handled and then redirected.

Hine, who worked for 25 years in the Texas Employment Commission, was actually lured from retirement when he accepted his gubernatorial appointment. So why did he choose to return?

"Because I believe in the structure and what it's doing...and I believe it will ultimately work," he said. "This consolidation is good for Texas."



Jim Hine speaks to the Salado Lions Club.



Former Salado mayor Charlotte Douglass accepts a plaque of appreciation from Salado Lions outgoing president George Dentry. (PHOTOS BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

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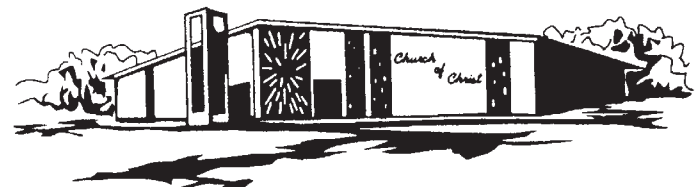
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needed in the construction area, but volunteers are also needed to provide lunches for the workers, to work in the office and to help with fund-raising and publicity. Because of insurance regulations, volunteers on the job site must be at least 17 years old. Children between ages 14 and 16 can do light duty work such as landscaping, painting, if these activities are being done. Children below the

age of 14 should not come to the job site.

Belton/Temple Habitat For Humanity was begun 10 years ago and has completed 15 houses for deserving families. A family must qualify for the program, and once chosen to be recipients of a home, they must complete 400 hours of "sweat equity" prior to closing on the house. Volunteers build the houses and the cost

of materials is covered by no-interest mortgages. BTHFH is hoping to complete at least three houses in 2004 and an additional four houses in 2005.

For more information call Sandi Wicker, Belton/Temple Habitat For Humanity Executive Director, at 774-9444 or visit the office at 504 South 25th Street in Temple.

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The church is located two miles west of I-35 on FM 2484. Call 947-5917 for more information.



At the June 23 Wednesday in the Park series, a project by SISD and the Chamber of Commerce, four year old Joshua Gonzalez had no idea the Longhorns were fated to lose the College World Series. That knowledge probably wouldn't have diminished his mood, however, as the flying machines the children constructed were more than enough to keep the kids smiling. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

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**Former Saladoan Glenn Eady passes away**

Glenn A. Eady, 73, formerly of Salado, passed away Jan. 3 in his home near Fort Worth.

Eady was a 43-year employee of the federal government, working for the Railroad Commission for 20 of those years and a special agent for the Interstate Commerce Commission for 23 years. He worked in Jacksonville, Springfield, Boston, Phil-

adelphia and Fort Worth. He was a 32nd degree Mason.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Locklin Eady, of Lake Worth; daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Rick Whitehill of Alachua, FL; grandchildren, Nicole Davis and Brandon Blum; nieces, Pam Esparza and Pat Stock; and nephew, Paul Brothers.

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# Log Cabin Chapter chartered June 18

Log Cabin Chapter of the Children of the Republic of Texas, sponsored by Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas, was chartered at 2004 CRT conventions June 18 in College Station.

The event was led by Marian Beckham, SRT Third Vice President General with CRT Board of management officers and included the presentation of a Texas flag flown over the Alamo, June 14, Flag Day.

Roll call of members of the new Salado chapter was by Karen Clogston, CRT Registrar General: Emily Bush, Kayla Bush, Grace Chase, Barton Cheatham, Bethany Cheatham, Ashley Cosolvo, Lydia Contella, Michael Contella, Noah Contella, Savannah Howards, Catherine Johnson, Laura Johnson, Michael Johnson, Mason Tate, Matthew Tate; and Nicholas Trent.

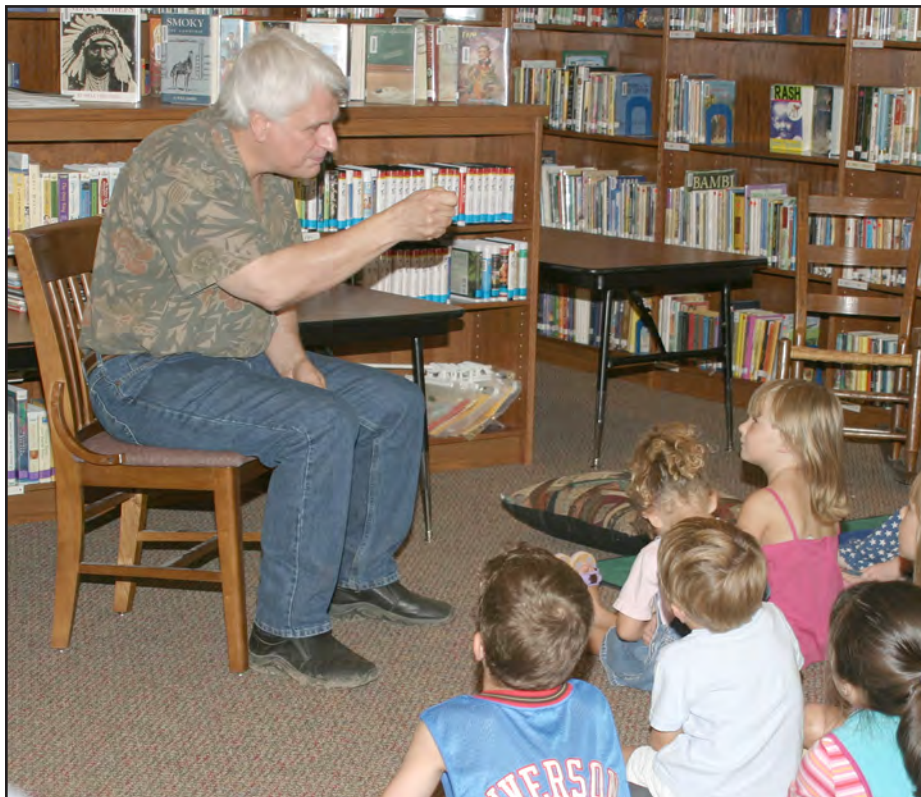
Representing Village of Salado DRT were Gail Raines, DRT sponsor, with Ed Raines; Mary Lou Marks, registrar; Dottie Tate and Lavinia Haltom, event coordinators; Helen Kelso, honorary member; Card Contella; Carol Howard; and Doris Kemp, who expressed gratitude for encouragement demonstrated by District 5 Host Chapter Leaders and 2003-2005 Board of Management led by President General Mary Macke Walker

Anna Hartman, District VII member of Beckham's committee, shared a roll of newly minted Texas quarters as a keepsake for new chapter members and their sponsors to associate with their beginning date.

Joyce Kemp made the Salado Texas Tartan Flag, adding Log Cabin CRT, 2004 to Village of Salado DRT, 2002, and Sterling C. Robertson SRT, 1954.

Scripture chosen for the occasion was from Book of Joel: "Tell your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation."

Informal reports of 2004 CRT and DRT Conventions will be given at a breakfast meeting of Village of Salado DRT, 9 a.m. July 17, at the Stagecoach Coffee Shop.



## Story teller

Salado blacksmith Joe Pehoski shares a story with local children gathered at the Salado Public Library June 28. The Library Summer Reading Program continues 11 a.m. each Monday until July 12. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

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Ordinance No. 2004.09  
 Village of Salado  
 County of Bell  
 State of Texas  
 June 17, 2004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE 2003 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONDITIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL PROPERTY, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; BY PROVIDING THE STANDARDS FOR SUPPLIED UTILITIES AND FACILITIES AND OTHER PHYSICAL THINGS AND CONDITIONS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THAT STRUCTURES ARE SAFE, SANITARY AND FIT FOR OCCUPATION AND USE; AND THE CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES UNFIT FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY AND USE, AND THE DEMOLITION OF SUCH EXISTING STRUCTURES IN THE VILLAGE OF SALADO; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFORE; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF THE ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen seek to make all habitations by humans safe and sanitary; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code is fully compatible with all the International Codes published by the International Code Council (ICC).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE OF SALADO BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Adopted at a regularly scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting, Thursday, June 17, 2004. Complete copies of this ordinance can be purchased at the Village office for \$.10 per page.

Ordinance No. 2004.08  
 Village of Salado  
 County of Bell  
 State of Texas  
 June 17, 2004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, AMENDING THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A HOTEL-MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX (2002.08); PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SALADO TOURISM COUNCIL AND RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING SAID COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE POSITION OF SALADO TOURISM DIRECTOR; AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF ATTORNEYS FEES UPON DELINQUENT HOTEL-MOTEL OPERATORS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING CRIMINAL FINES OF UP TO \$500 PER OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

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WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best interest of the Village of Salado to accomplish the goals as set forth above, and to enact and approve a four (4%) percent Hotel-Motel Occupancy Tax, the proceeds of which can be devoted to the foregoing purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen previously enacted Ordinance No. 2001.10 on May 3, 2001, which was later amended by Ordinance No. 2002.08 on June 6, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Salado deems it in the best interest of the Village of Salado to amend said Ordinance No. 2002.08 in its entirety and for said Ordinance No. 2002.08 to be replaced in its entirety as follows:

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Salado that Ordinance No. 2001.10 is hereby amended in its entirety

Adopted at a regularly scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting, Thursday, June 17, 2004. Copies of the entire ordinance document are available at the Village office for \$.10 per page (\$.70), or check the villageofsalado.org website.

# SISD ready for bond issue?

By TIM FLEISCHER  
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

what will it be?

The questions in the minds and on the tongues of the 30 Saladoans who attended an informal State of the Schools meeting June 23 was simple: when is a bond issue coming and

Salado ISD Superintendent Robin Battershell discussed enrollment trends, potential for growth within the school district, the district's financial status and plans for the future during her presentation.

Enrollment grew about

two percent last year, reaching 1,067 students, Dr. Battershell said. Average daily attendance, which comprises part of the state funding formula, was 1,021 for the 2003-04 school year.

Dr. Battershell said that the board of trustees will examine enrollment this fall as an indicator of whether or not to call for a bond election in the 2004-05 school year.

While growth has been steady at two to three percent per year in recent years, overcoming a drop in enrollment in 2000-01, student population could suddenly increase in the next few school years as more than 800 lots are in the development stages within the school district.

Add to that the potential for water resources to the northwestern part of the school district and the schools could see a sudden onslaught of new families and children as formerly undeveloped land becomes subdivisions and homes.

Supt. Battershell informed the audience that the school district was in a 60-day public notice period before it could close on the 50 acres of property it is purchasing. The school board voted in June to purchase 50 acres of land from Geneva Aiken at \$10,000 per acre.

The parcel sits at the corner of Williams Dr. and FM 2484 just outside the city limits and extra territorial jurisdictions of both Salado and Belton. While Belton is a home rule city and can annex at-will, Salado can only annex and expand its boundaries when property owners make the request to be brought into the city limits.

The school board looked "to take care of the district for a long time, not just for five years or 10 years" when it voted to purchase the 50 acres.

But what to put on it and when?

The community group that has been meeting in the past year has come to reach consensus that the next building project for the school district should be a new high school. The current high school would likely become a junior high school, the intermediate school might house grades four through six and the elementary would be a primary campus.

Those decisions will come to the public for further discussion before trustees bring forth a bond proposal. By involving the public and taxpayers in all stages of planning, trustees and administrators say they want to bring forth a project that has wide support in the community.



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# Commander leads troops through historic transition

By MASTER SGT. KAREN PETITT  
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BAGHDAD, Iraq - Leading more than 127,000 U.S. troops through a historic transition of authority from Coalition forces to the Interim Iraqi Government June 28 is more of an art than a science says the commanding general for Multinational Corps-Iraq.

Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Metz said that art comes in the delicate balance of reassigning resources for changing priorities, providing security, and working with the Iraqis to rebuild their infrastructure.

"For some of our troops the June transfer of power will not change their day-to-day mission, but for others it will be a very visible shift in focus," he said. "We will definitely see an increase in our efforts to help Iraq become more secure and much of our effort will be behind the scenes. We're looking to the Iraqi people to take the lead in many areas, but it's not all going to happen by July 1. It's a capacity that we will have to grow over the next several months."

He said the transition means that the Coalition force is now a partner to Iraq and that MNC-I will continue to conduct operations against anti-Iraqi forces. As time passes, the Iraqi Security Force will communicate their readiness to take the lead and Coalition forces will begin to draw back.

While the command has been instrumental in restoring electricity, building sewage treatment facilities, re-opening schools and numerous other civic projects, its topconcern is the security of Iraq.

"The biggest gain we'll have after the transition I believe will be the amount of human intelligence we're able to gather," said General Metz. "With Iraqis taking the lead I think we'll see a greater amount of success in rooting out these thugs, criminals, former regime members and insurgents. Our ticket out of here is a safe and secure Iraq, and this transition brings us one step closer."

He said Joint Coordination Centers are being set up in provinces



Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Metz, (center) commander of Multinational Force-Iraq since May 15, says the way ahead after the June 28 transition requires more art than science in leadership skills as he balances his resources with the security priorities in Iraq. Metz recently visited the area patrolled by the 1st Infantry Division in north central Iraq. (COURTESY PHOTO)

throughout Iraq and that security committees will oversee the safety of their areas. There will be some Coalition presence in these JCCs, but only for training and coordinating. Some forward operating bases will be realigned or closed, but the Coalition will always maintain the capability to re-enter an area full strength should the need arise.

One aspect of a safe and secure Iraq will be if the national elections scheduled for January can be done without violence. The general said having armed guards at every polling place as Iraqis scamper in to vote is not a successful campaign. There needs to be security, yes, but it shouldn't resemble a

battle zone, he explained.

"If we can achieve that right balance of security and freedom," he said, "then we have achieved success here. We will continue to stay as long as we're needed. As the ISF takes the lead they're becoming victim to more attacks. We'll be here to help protect them until the threat is eliminated."

General Metz, who took command of MNC-I May 15, said that he

appreciates the hard work and dedication of Coalition members during this time.

"I'm proud of [the Coalition members] professionalism and discipline," he said. "We put you in complex situations and your work has strategic importance. Together we can accomplish this mission safely and ensure freedom prevails."

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To become financially independent, your first step — and probably your most important one — is to control your debt. And debt is a serious problem for many Americans. Just last year, personal bankruptcies hit a record high, according to the American Bankruptcy Institute. And, in the fourth quarter of 2003, credit-card delinquencies also reached a record high, according to the American Bankers Association.

What can you do to avoid the "debt trap?" For starters, consider some good advice your parents or grandparents might have given you: If you can't afford to buy something, don't. Many of us follow the "buy now, pay later" philosophy, only to

## Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



regret our decisions when "later" finally arrives.

Even while you're lowering your debt, you can seek opportunities to boost your savings and investments. And you don't even have to find massive amounts of money to put away. Look for the small things you can do: Bring your lunch once in a while, skip the expensive espresso a few times a week, avoid purchasing new clothes you don't really need, etc. If you can come up with just \$50 a month in savings, and you invest this money, you can really help yourself.

If you're skeptical about how much good \$50 a month can do, consider this: If one were to invest \$50 a month for 30 years in a tax-deferred account, such as an IRA, and the

investment earned a hypothetical 7 percent rate of return, compounded annually, the money would grow to approximately \$60,000 — a nice little chunk for retirement. (Keep in mind that this calculation is merely an illustration; it does not represent an actual investment.)

Of course, the more money you save, the sooner you can reach your desired level of financial independence. But, as you know, after you pay your bills, it's not always easy to find money with which to invest. That's why you need to pay yourself first. Consider setting up a bank authorization to automatically route a certain amount of money each month into a growth-oriented investment. As

your salary increases, boost the amount of money you put away.

Here's one more move you can make to move toward financial freedom: Contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or employer-sponsored retirement plan. Your 401(k) offers you two key tax advantages. First, your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis, so it will accumulate faster than it would if placed in an investment on which you pay taxes every year. Second, you typically fund a 401(k) with pre-tax dollars, so, the more you contribute, the lower your taxable income. If you can't afford to put in the maximum amount (which, in 2004, is \$13,000, or \$16,000 if you're 50 or older), at the very least, put in enough to earn your employer's "match," if one is offered.

Financial independence doesn't come easily or quickly. But you can achieve it — by making a determined effort. And the best time to start is today.

## Biz Center slates July classes in Killeen

Each month the BRC offers or sponsors classes and special events for the small business community, ranging from cost-free to \$25. The Business Resource Center class and event schedule follows:

**Bankrolling Your Business** — 5:30- 7 p.m. July 6: This free course covers information about funding sources available for businesses including grants, loans, and other sources, and how to qualify for funding.

**Home-Based Business**

**Basics** 5:30 - 7 p.m.—July 13: This course discusses the fundamentals and requirements involved in starting a home-based business. Cost is \$25 per person.

**Business Plan Basics** 5:30- 7 p.m July 20: This course covers an overview of business planning, with a Q&A session. This is class the first in a four class series. Cost is \$25 per person.

**Expanding Your Business Using Online Auctions** — 5:30-7 p.m. July 27: This course instructs specifics about how to expand your markets and increase profits using the popular Ebay™ Internet auction services. Cost is \$25 per person.

All classes are conducted at the Killeen Workforce Center, 300 Cheyenne.

Reserve your seat at least one day in advance by phone at (254) 200-2001 or email [brc@workforcelink.com](mailto:brc@workforcelink.com).

The Central Texas Business Resource Center (the BRC) provides high-quality business counseling, training, and assistance to potential and existing small business owners. The Central Texas Workforce System, the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce, and Central Texas College support this non-membership, not for profit organization.

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## Fire Officials Offer Practical Fireworks Safety Tips

The Fourth of July holiday season not only means fireworks and celebrations, but also typically hot, dry summer weather in Texas. While much of the state has seen above average rainfall this year, summer heat will quickly take its toll on vegetation.

Texas Forest Service chief of fire operations, Mark Stanford, encouraged Texans to safely celebrate Independence Day.

Stanford said parts of the Trans-Pecos region and far West Texas are still very dry, so residents or visitors to the Guadalupe or Davis Mountains in particular need to be wary of the high fire danger.

Stanford offered the following tips to safely celebrate July Fourth:

Adhere to all county and city fireworks law

Use fireworks outdoors, in a safe area away from dry grass, trees and buildings.

Follow directions carefully, with close adult supervision.

Keep a bucket of water, wet towels and a garden hose handy.

Never shoot fireworks from metal or glass containers.

Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water before putting them in a trashcan.

Never experiment with homemade or altered fireworks.

Other fireworks safety tips can be found at the following Web site: [www.texasfireworksafety.com](http://www.texasfireworksafety.com). For more information, log onto [www.tamu.edu/ticc](http://www.tamu.edu/ticc)

## Free workout seminar held at Civic Center

Certified massage therapist and private trainer Bill Donham will conduct a Women's Seminar and Free Workout 7-8 p.m. July 16 at the Salado Civic Center.

Donham has over 20 years experience in the martial arts, and a decade of experience in massage therapy.

The point of the introductory session is to help women become more relaxed and self confident. In the 60-minute session, participants will practice deep breathing exercises and be instructed on basic self-defense techniques.

A drawing for a two-hour private workout, valued at \$90, will also be held.

The seminar is open for ages 13 and up.

For more information, or to RSVP for the free event, call the Civic Center at 947-8300.



The Rotary Club of Salado changed location for its June 22 luncheon, dining at Old Mill Pizza to hear a program presented by Old Mill's owner, Richard Kahoba. Prior to taking over Old Mill, Kahoba was involved in the hotel industry and the fast food restaurant business. He explained to the Rotarians that he is in the process of upgrading Old Mill's menu to incorporate items such as sandwiches and an expanded salad bar.

PROGRAM JULY 26-AUG. 30

## Fast Trac program available to veterans

The Central Texas Business Resource Center is now accepting applications for the Veterans' Fast-Trac™ New Venture Business program period that runs July 26-Aug. 30.

Through an interactive seven-week program, Fast-Trac™ participants will develop a better understanding of the business-planning process, and analyze the strengths and weaknesses of their own businesses. They will also write feasibility plans and learn how to address competition, as well as learn-

ing the legal aspects of running a business. Subjects such as marketing, operations, customer relations, financial management, and exit strategies will also be covered.

Classes are 6- 9 p.m. on Monday and Thursday evenings. The next program starts July 26 and runs until Aug. 30. Interested individuals should contact the Central Texas Business Resource Center at 254-200-2001, or visit the office located in the Killeen Workforce Center, 300 Cheyenne Room 101.

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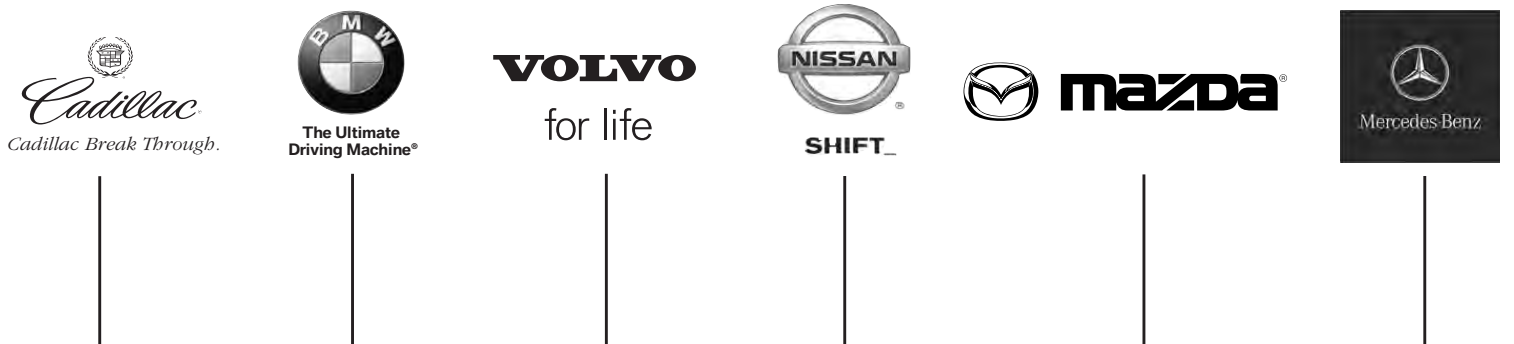
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## Bates drafted by Dodgers, signs with Hill College

Since graduating in May, Salado baseball standout Scott Bates has kept pretty busy.

After participating in a private workout with the Los Angeles Dodgers, Bates was drafted recently in the 49th round, making him only the second Eagle ever selected out of high school. The first being pitcher Chris Frazier, who was selected, but declined to sign with, the Braves in 1997.

Bates, to go along with being drafted, was for the third consecutive year named to the all-state team, this season being listed as a catcher. In the past, he made the team as a designated hitter and last year, a pitcher.

Additionally, Bates was voted to the first team Super Centex squad this season, and was named the MVP of District 25AA. He is a four-time all district selection, and a 2004 Louisville Slugger All-American.

Coming into the season, Bates needed a consistently strong performance at the plate to leave as Salado's leader in a laundry list of career offensive categories. He went beyond that.

His .610 batting average is the highest single season mark ever at Salado, 75 points ahead of the second best mark of .535, which Bates set a year ago.

This season, Bates had 15 doubles (tied for first all-time), four home runs, scored 38 runs (tied for third all-time), 39 RBI's (first all-time), 15 stolen

bases, and a .784 on base percentage (highest all-time). He went down on strikes just twice in 2004, and his slugging percentage of 1.139 is far and away the highest ever in Salado.

When he wasn't behind the plate in 2004, he was on the mound, where he put together an 8-4 record with a 1.16 ERA and 100 strike outs. He also threw seven complete games.

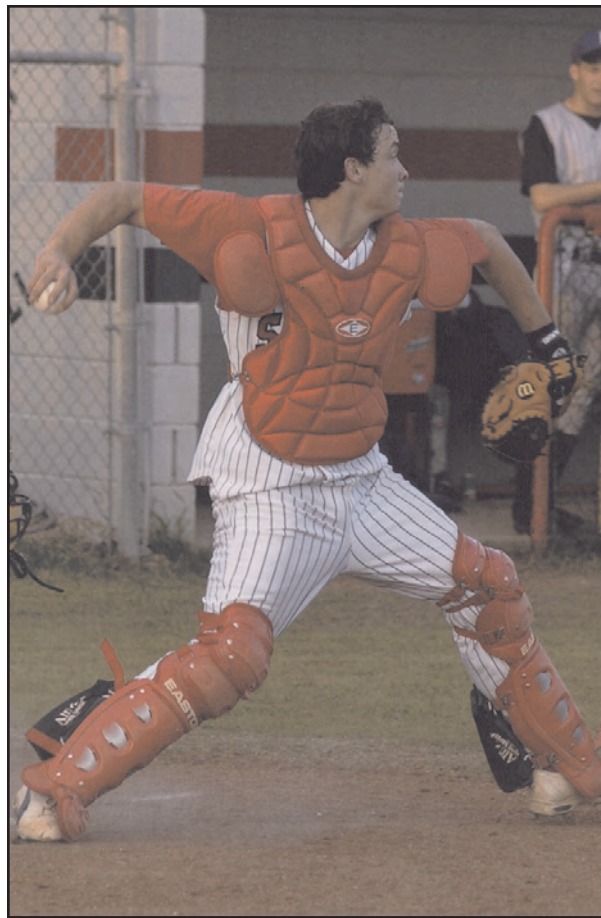
Career-wise, he's second to Frazier in innings pitched (171 to 288.33), strike outs (228 to 474), appearances (39 to 57) and complete games (14 to 27). His 18 career wins puts him third behind Frazier (38) and David Palmer (19).

Offensively, Bates holds the top career spot with a .527 batting average. He is also first in doubles (39), runs (100), hits (115), on base percentage (.687), RBI's (103), slugging percentage (.899), and is tied for second in homeruns (12).

Scott, the son of Melvin and Judy Bates, was awarded a baseball scholarship to Hill College, where he will likely suit up next season, pending a potential offer from Los Angeles.

By drafting him, the Dodgers own Bates' rights for the next calendar year, but they are not obligated to sign him to a contract.

Salado went in 15-9 in 2004, and placed third in district. The Eagles were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs by Blanco.



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## 12th Annual performance of Legends scheduled here July 24, 31 and Aug. 2

Tablerock's outdoor musical drama, Salado Legends, is gearing up for its 12th presentation on July 24, July 31 and August 2, at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater, located on Royal Street, three blocks east from downtown Salado.

Lead roles for this year's performance will be handled by Brandon Baca, who will play the lead role of Andrew McIver for the second consecutive year, and Sarah Sanderford, a 2004 graduate of Belton High School, who will play Lucy McDougal, the female lead. Baca has appeared in Legends for five years, and Sanderford has filled other roles in her past three years with the production.

Adult show tickets are priced at \$15, while children 12 and under are \$5. Dinner is optional for \$8 per child or adult.

Tickets to Salado Leg-

ends may be purchased in Salado at First State Bank, Fletcher's Books and Antiques, Compass Bank, The Salado Mansion or at the Salado Civic Center.

In Belton and Temple tickets may be purchased at Compass Bank. Tickets may be charged via phone at The University of Texas Box Office in Austin by calling 1-512-477-6060. HEB grocery stores in Pflugerville, Round Rock, Georgetown and Austin require cash. At Fort Hood, ITR, you may purchase tickets by credit card or cash. Tickets over internet are available at [www.texasboxoffice.com](http://www.texasboxoffice.com). To book tour or church group rates, contact Jackie Mills/Tablerock at 254-947-9205, or [tablerock1@aol.com](mailto:tablerock1@aol.com).

For more information about Tablerock see [www.allcentex.com/tablerock](http://www.allcentex.com/tablerock).



Stories from Salado's past are brought to life in Salado Legends.

Additionally, on July 30 the Salado Legends cast will give a free performance for the 1-4 Aviation Battalion, 4th Brigade, 4ID

at Fort Hood, as part of Salado's Military Appreciation Day.

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## JULY 1

**Appreciation reception for Congressman Chet Edwards and wife Leann.** 6-8 p.m. at Good-night Ranch, home of Ronnie and Nancy Good-night. 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 5-9

**Cedar Valley Baptist Church Vacation Bible School.** 9 a.m.-noon daily. Open and free to children aged two through those entering sixth grade. Theme: "Far-Out Far East Rickshaw Rally." Church is located eight miles west of I-35 on FM 2843. Info: 947-5100 or 947-5100.

## JULY 10

**Second Annual Dan Sheppard Softball Pitching camp,** beginning 9



Dave Jorgensen will perform at Bo's Barn in Salado beginning at 9 p.m. July 3.

a.m. at Salado High softball field. Open to incoming 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. Everyone 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-registration necessary. Info: April Allen, Salado Tourism office, 947-8634.

## JULY 16

**Women's Seminar and free workout,** 7-8 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. Session will include deep breathing exercises and self-defense techniques. Led by personal trainer and massage therapist Bill Donham. For girls/women ages 13 and up. RSVP and info at 947-8300.

## JULY 19-22

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

## JULY 19

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

## JULY 20

**Creative Innovations Wreath Making class,** 6:30 p.m. at 220 Royal Street. First in a series of design classes. Info and reservations: 760-2620.

## 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 24-28

**Grace Baptist Church "Son Games 2004" Vacation Bible School.** Olympic-themed games and activities about Bible heroes, open to children ages four through sixth grade. 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 25-28, stories and craft activities nightly. Registration info: 947-5917.

## 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 Series** sponsored by

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Public Arts League of Salado. For more information call 947-3104.

## JULY 30

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

## JULY 31

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

## AUGUST 2

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

## AUGUST 7-8

**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.

## SEPTEMBER 11

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

## SEPTEMBER 18-19

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## OCTOBER 30-31

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

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## NOVEMBER 5-6-7

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**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

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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 stretching,

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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 Presbyterian Church:** Friends meet second and fourth Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon. All women welcome. Info: 947-5982.  
**Lions Club:** 2nd & 4th Wed. at 11:30 a.m., Creekside. Board meets 2nd Wed. 8 a.m.  
**Mill Creek Community Association Board:** 3rd Wed., 5 p.m., at Civic Center.  
**Scottish Country Dance Lessons:** 8-9:30 p.m. at the Scots Hall of the Clans. 947-0325 for info.

**Thursdays**  
**Salado Area Republican Women:** 4th Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-3617 or e-mail denisarw@vvm.com, for information.  
**Village of Salado Board of Aldermen:** Regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Municipal Building unless otherwise posted.  
**Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA:** 1st Thurs. 6 p.m. at

Stagecoach Inn. 947-0173.  
**Salado Ladies Auxiliary:** 2nd Thurs., 10 a.m., Salado Civic Center  
**Salado Water Corporation Board of Directors:** 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m. Corporation office.

**PTC:** (SIS Parent Teacher Co-op) meets the 2nd Thursday 3:45 p.m. in Room 101 at SIS.  
**Salado Education Foundation:** Regular Board meetings, 9 a.m. 2nd Thurs. at Salado Civic Center.  
**Salado Business Association:** General meetings, 3rd Thursday 8:45 a.m. upstairs at the Civic Center.  
**Salado Neighborhood Group of the American Sewing Guild:** 3rd Thurs. of each month 5:30 p.m. at The Sewing Basket.  
**Salado Moms,** playgroup, contact Amanda at 947-5507.

**Saturdays**  
**Food Pantry:** 2nd and 4th Sat. at First Baptist Church. 9 a.m.-10 a.m.  
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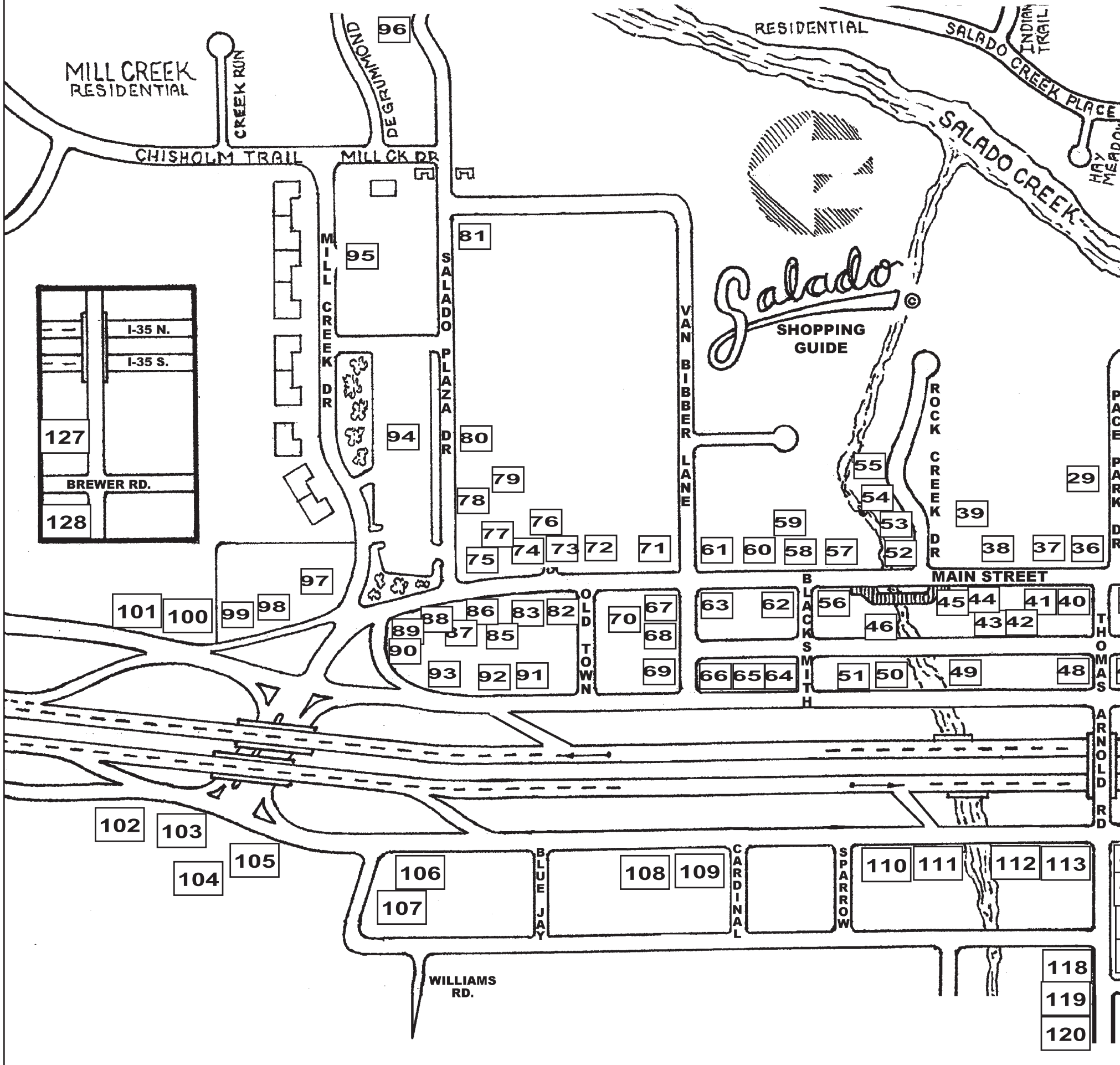
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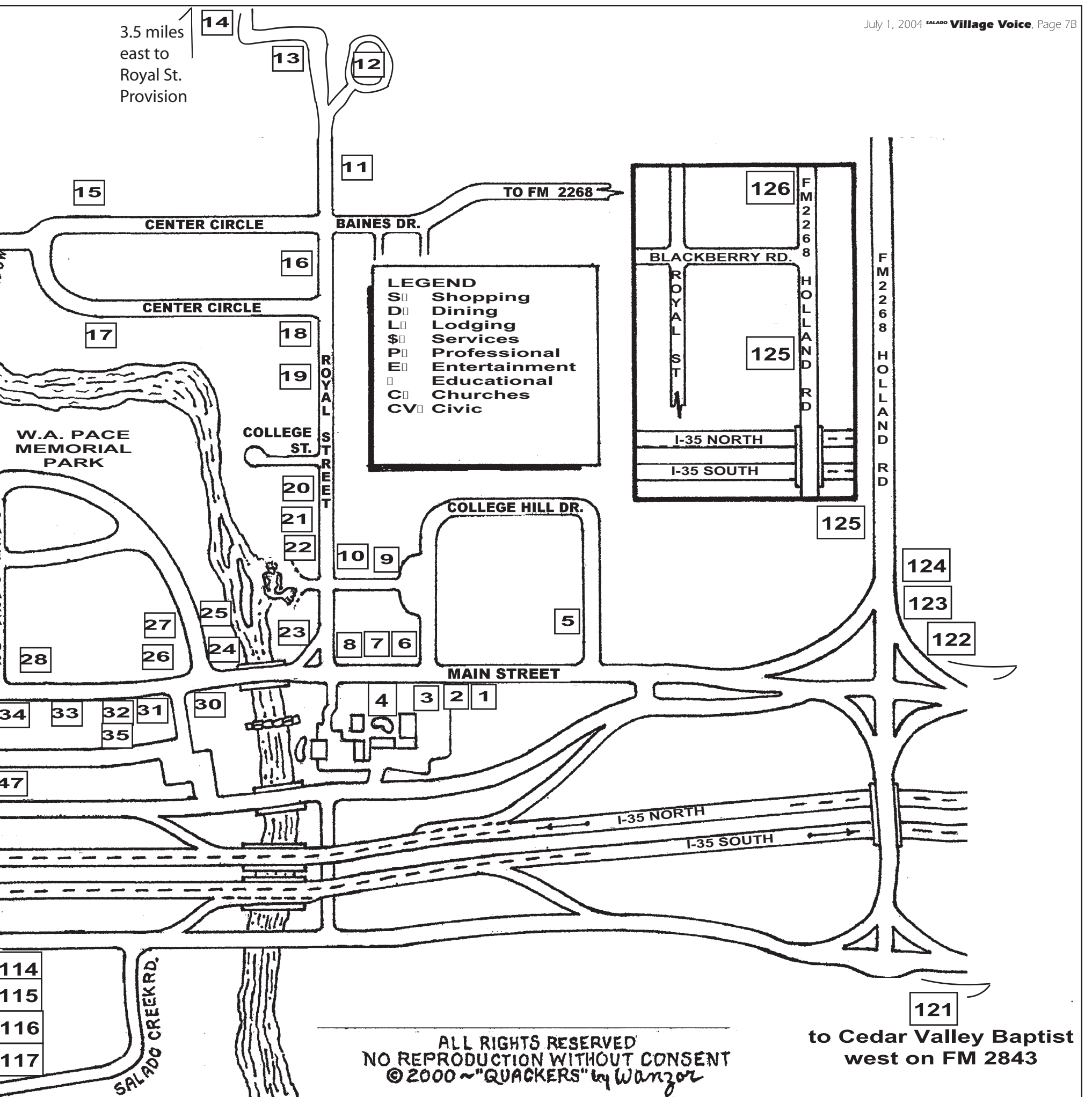
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## King attempt proves some secrets should be kept

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Johnny Depp single-handedly saved *Pirates of the Caribbean* from being one of the worst movies of 2003. Unfortunately, he was unable to do the same for *Secret Window*.

While he carries the film, he has an even greater mountain to climb in *Secret Window* than he did as the drunken pirate Captain Jack Sparrow.

As introverted, eccentric writer Morton Rainey, Depp is disheveled and a little devilish in this adaptation of the Stephen King story "Secret Window, Secret Garden." Charming enough in the role, Depp is brought down by many an albatross.

The greatest detraction in the movie is John Turturro, who shares most of the screen time with Depp's leading character

Rainey. Turturro bulldogs his way through the movie as the Mississippi farmer John Shooter, who confronts Rainey at his lakeside cabin with the ominous "You stole my story."

Of course, the Yankee Turturro mimics ... make that murders ... a Mississippi accent by stretching the vowels far beyond any semblance of decency.

Let me justify my criticism of Turturro's performance by saying that I love most of his work: he was terrifically funny as the polyester-clad Jesus in *The Big Lebowski*, and creepily cerebral in *Game Show*.

But in this, he missed the mark. His resemblance to the hat-wearing ghost in *Poltergeist* would be scary if it weren't so corny.

Speaking of corny, the ending is just that, when in King's story, the ending

left the reader with a sense of unease.

Inept filmmaking and bad acting by Turturro, Timothy Hutton (as Ted Milner, Rainey's wife's lover) and Charles S. Dutton (as Rainey's friend and lawyer Ken Karsch) all combine to make *Secret Garden* a failure.

It joins many other good

stories by King that were miserable when translated to film.

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John Shooter (John Turturro) shadows Johnny Depp (Morton Rainey) in *Secret Garden*.



Johnny Depp (as Morton Rainey) is tailed by Timothy Hutton (as Ted Milner) in *Secret Garden*.

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## Lanegan's "Weird Chill" among his best work

By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
STAFF WRITER

From the beginning, there are two things noticeably different about *Here Comes That Weird Chill*, the latest release from the Mark Lanegan Band.

First, the fact that the word band falls after Mark Lanegan. That's surprise enough. In all his 15 years of solo efforts, Lanegan has never shown much in the way of continuity with his musical couplings, and this album, too, is no different.

Whether it was self-consciousness or magnanimity that led him to it, Lanegan diverts the musical credit to his supporting cast, despite the fact that nearly every track features a different lineup.

Second, he seems to have embraced a slightly different aesthetic from

before, with writhing electric guitar, synth-sounds, multi-layered vocal loops and even a few samples; a far departure from the minimalist, stripped down approach he favored in the past.

Lanegan's lost none of his brutish primacy, however. His husky, pack-a-day baritone still resonates like his soul's being roasted over the coals. Transpose those despondent blues grumbles and aches over piles of washed-out guitars and pattering percussion, and you've got a stew of belligerent rock.

He's also louder here than normal, albeit in a less structured, more discordant, off-the-cuff fashion. Even with the absence of unity and relatively short playing time, this is still a strong album.

True to form, the material for *Weird Chill* is

culled from Lanegan's own past: his run-ins with the law, over-indulgences with narcotics and alcohol, and grapplings with depression. Actually, it seems the former frontman of the vastly talented but overlooked Screaming Trees - a band responsible for some of the finest music to emerge from the sonically barren 1990s - can only write effectively when he's down and out. If that's the case, he's a guy that's able to channel his anguish into unrivalled passion and honesty: a hallmark to the true blues tradition.

And like the bygone bluesmen, he's a sinner who's sure he'll sin again, and is almost anticipating his next moral fumble by asking for forgiveness in advance. Except when he's belliciously defiant, as in "Skeletal History," with

its pounding riffs and attitude-rich vocals, or somber in the dirge-like "On the Steps of the Cathedral." There's no glory in any of it, and it's far from a celebration.

*Field Songs* this album is not. Nor is it *The Winding Sheet* or *Whiskey...*, but in fairness it's difficult to score a 10 on every attempt. This one's a strong 9.

And it's still patently Lanegan, where his every breath drips volumes of soulfulness, making the end result something like a sea of turbulent emotion.

Above all, though, *Weird Chill* helps again to cement Lanegan's place as one the feckless darlings in America's trove of under-appreciated talents. He's certainly not alone in that crowd, but he might be the best in it.

## Vive Les Arts announces 2004-05 season

Vive Les Arts Theatre in Killeen has announced its performances and dates for the theatre's 2004-05 season.

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," a musical by Joe DiPietro and Jimmy Roberts, will open the season, running Sept. 24-26 and Oct. 1-3. The show, an off-Broadway hit, explores modern courtship in a whole new way. Act I highlights dating, mating and falling in love, and Act II reveals the agonies and ecstasies of married life, in-laws and children, and romance in the retirement set. The box office for "I Love You" opens Sept. 7.

The William Nicholson drama "Shadowlands" will be the second installment of the Vive Les Art's 26th season. "Shadowlands" traces the relationship between British author

C.S. Lewis and the brash, unpredictable American poet Joy Gresham. The box office for "Shadowlands" will open Oct. 18.

The stage adaptation of the classic novel "To Kill A Mockingbird" will run Feb. 4-5 and 11-13, 2005. Scout, a young girl fascinated with the people of her quiet southern town, is about to experience the dramatic events that will affect the rest of her life. Box office tickets for this show will be available Jan. 18.

Following the two dramatic performances, the lighthearted comedy "Perfect Wedding" is scheduled for the season's fourth show. The story, by Robin Hawdon, is set on Rachel and Bill's wedding day. Bill awakens after his bachelor party to find himself in the wrong bed with the wrong girl. Before

they have time to introduce themselves, his best man arrives, and his fiancée is on her way up to the room. Bill must then figure out how to resolve the crisis, while at the same time keeping his family, friends and himself intact. Box office tickets will be on sale March 21, 2005.

Completing the 2004-2005 season will be the musical "Footloose," by David Saint and Dean Pitchford, running July 15-17 and 22-24, 2005.

Season tickets for the five performances are priced at \$50 for adults, \$40 for seniors and \$30 for students 18 and younger. A variety of other membership packages are also available.

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*Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* is the fictionalized account of La Grange's famous Chicken Ranch brothel, which was forced by authorities to close in the 1970s. The Chicken Ranch received its name during the lean years of the Depression, when clients were allowed to pay for their services with poultry.

In this version, Houston-based television reporter Melvin P. Thorpe (played by Anthony Lamarr)

receives a tip that something dirty is going on in the little town of Gilbert, about 60 miles east of Austin, and the rest is history.

Salado cast members include Richard Dillard, Peggy Dillard, Beth Correa and Josh Alpaca.

Patrons are advised that the show contains adult themes and language. All

Friday and Saturday performances will be held at 8 p.m., while the Sunday matinees will begin at 2:30 p.m.

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Salado Masonic Lodge installed officers for the 2004-05 year June 24: (front row, from left) Tim Rivers, installing marshal, David Matthews, installing master and Senior Steward, George Bushee, Worshipful Master, Wayne Hammack, Senior Warden, Robert Dewhurst, Junior Warden; (back, from left) Tim Fleischer, Junior Steward, Gerald Bridges, Tiler, Truitt Bradley, Secretary, Phillip Kabler, Treasurer, Howard Bell, Junior Deacon. (PHOTO BY FRED HAIRSTON)

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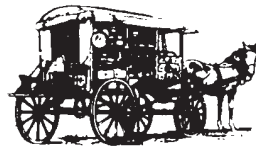
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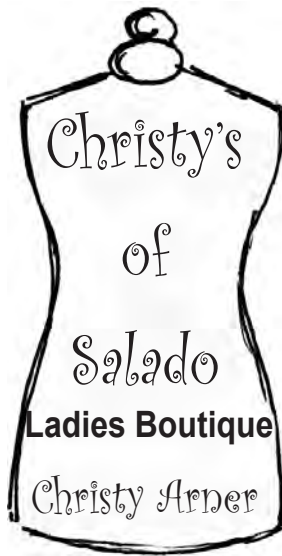
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# Soldiers made citizens before deploying

By SGT ANGELA GREEN  
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Five soldiers from Fort Hood were sworn in at the San Antonio U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Center before deploying to Iraq June 18.

Sergeant Sandoval, Specialist Lincoln, Private First Class Moore, Private First Class Rivera and Private First Class Sanchez were all given certificates of citizenship and led some of their fellow soldiers and Immigration Officers in the Pledge of Allegiance as part of the ceremony.

When asked what motivated them to become U.S. Citizens and join the military, the soldiers were proud to speak openly about their patriotism and gratefulness to a country they've waited long to call home.

Lincoln, a 41 year old

from Sudan, stated that, "Serving in [the] American Army first of all is [being] a member of a family." And as for becoming a citizen stated, "I am a free man."

Moore was in New York City when the World Trade Center buildings came under attack and said that the memory is so painful that he "cannot speak of it." At the time he was working in an antiques store in the downtown area, not far from the buildings.

Sanchez is married to a natural born U.S. Citizen and stated that he was glad to be able to protect this nation. "I feel this is my job, my family is here," he said. Rivera, who never thought he would stay, came to the U.S. on contract with Walt Disney from Morocco. He said, "I thought that my language skills would help



with the global war on terrorism."

As many as 2,500 soldiers on Fort Hood are in the process of earning their citizenship. Many are currently deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Due to the deployments some of these soldiers have had to count on their rear detachment leadership to aid in the application process.

Staff Sergeant Alfred Nieto, the Fort Hood

Immigration and Naturalization Liaison, has been able to help more than 150 soldiers earn their citizenship since Jan. 1, 2003. This process has been made more difficult for soldiers since the deactivation of the Citizenship program in Dec. 2002 that was formally hosted by the Army Community Services Center on Fort Hood.

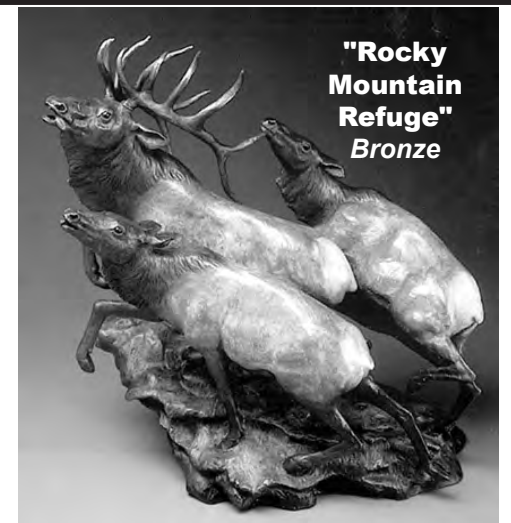
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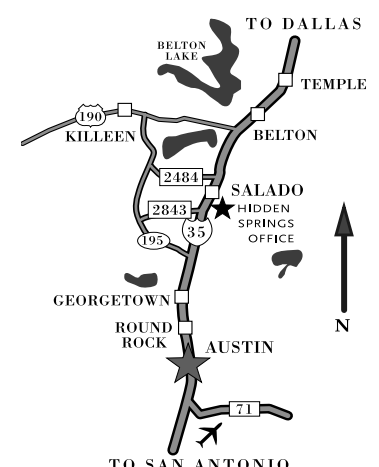
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# How can we stop eroding beaches?

Dear EarthTalk: Why are beaches and coastlines eroding and what can be done about it? -- Jesus Lopez, Santa Maria, CA

Beach erosion has both human and natural causes. The process of erosion carries beaches out to sea, but it also created them over millions of years from the rock-strewn shores that originally covered our planet. "Without erosion, we would not have the beaches, dunes and highly productive bays and estuaries that owe their very existence to the presence of barrier beaches," says Jim O'Donnell, a coastal processes specialist with the Sea Grant program at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

Sand moves naturally through the actions of wind and the tide, but it is helped along by human actions, and the beach erosion problem is growing dramatically. The main causes are overbuilding right to the water's edge (a practice protected by federal flood insurance), rapid rises in sea level exacerbated by global warming, a gradual sinking of coastal land, and inept attempts to fix the problem.

Orrin Pilkey, who directs the Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines at Duke University, believes that in many cases it would actually be cheaper to move buildings back from the water's edge than to fund 10



to 20 years of constant beach replenishment, but his ideas have not had many takers among shoreline communities. Protecting and restoring natural barriers to erosion, like dunes, wetlands and vegetation close to shore are also natural, low-cost ways to fight erosion.

Contacts: Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, (508) 289-2252, www.whoi.edu/; EPA Coastal Watershed Factsheets, www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/factsheets; Duke University Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines, (919) 684-2206, www.env.duke.edu/psds/.

Dear EarthTalk: Are raw foods healthier to eat than cooked foods? -- Kris Amitzboll, Coledale, Australia

Proponents of raw foods, sometimes called "living foods," believe that raw foods are much healthier for the body than cooked or processed foods. Followers of diets based wholly or largely on raw foods claim numerous health benefits, including increased energy

levels, clearer skin, better digestion, weight loss and reduced risk of heart disease.

A purely raw food diet, as its name implies, is based on consuming only unprocessed, usually organic, whole plant-based foods, such as fresh (or dried) fruits and vegetables, nuts and seeds, beans, grains and legumes, other organic or natural foods which have not been processed, and freshly made fruit and vegetable juices.

According to the Living and Raw Foods website, raw, uncooked foods are believed to contain essential food enzymes which help the digestion process without relying on the body to produce the enzymes that are lost through cooking. It is also thought that cooking (heating foods above 116 degrees Fahrenheit) destroys vitamins and minerals and that cooked foods take longer to digest, tending to allow partially digested fats, proteins and carbohydrates to clog up our digestive track and arteries.

Traditional nutrition experts refute this idea, though the American Dietetic Association (ADA) and others are doing studies regarding the possible benefits of a raw food diet. Claudia Gonzalez, a registered dietitian and spokesperson for the ADA says

that eating all raw, all the time, is an "extreme" diet, but acknowledges, "If you eat more raw foods in your diet (without adding calories) that's always a good thing. Replacing refined, processed foods with raw foods is a healthy move. Eating a few raw meals a week can be great, but it's important not to go to the extreme."

If you decide to go raw, there are benefits to the environment as well. The lower you eat on the food chain, the less impact you will have on the Earth's resources. According to certified nutritionist and raw foods advocate Monica Dewart, "100 percent of the waste materials (seeds, peels, etc) of a raw diet are biodegradable and great for composting. This is the ultimate environmentally-friendly diet!"

Contacts: Living and Raw Foods, www.living-foods.com; American Dietetic Association, (800) 877-1600, www.eatright.org.

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By Ryan Hodge, First Texas Brokerage

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Although real estate transactions are increas-

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I gotta say... you guys are the greatest! I really appreciate everything you did and all the headaches you endured for me.

To let you know, I got permission to work in April and got a job as a computer tech last month. It's nice here, but it isn't Texas. But, if you can't be in Texas, it doesn't really matter where you are!

And don't you worry, should I move back to Texas, you will be hearing from me for sure. I really love it there in Salado. And -- who knows -- my house might be back on the market!

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