

# Salado Village Voice

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## Belton to annex 1 mile along Amity East & West

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Belton began the process of annexing more property in Salado I.S.D. July 13 by directing City Manager Sam Listi to prepare municipal service plans and setting public hearings for Sept. 28 and Oct. 12.

Belton is set to add almost 1,000 acres to its city limits and tax base, much of it in the Salado school district.

The recent move has many Salado leaders fearful of being encircled by the larger city, much like what is happening in the Nolanville area.

As a home rule city that provides water and sewer services, Belton can annex at-will, meaning it can add property to its boundaries without permission or request of the property owner. When a home rule city such as Belton, Temple or Killeen, annexes property into its city limits, it is bound by law to bring many of the services it provides (road maintenance, sewer, water, etc.) up to the standard that it provides to current properties within the city limits, unless those property owners already have adequate services.

Because many areas within the city limits of Belton are not served by the central wastewater treatment system and have their own on-site sewage systems, property owners in the proposed areas of annexation are unlikely to get sewer treatment if and when they are annexed.

What they will get is

taxed. Belton currently has a 73.5¢ per \$100 evaluation property tax. For a property valued at \$100,000 (after exemptions), the local city taxes would be \$735.00 per year.

The eight 121-acre tracts that are proposed to be annexed into the City of Belton are 1,000 feet wide and a mile in length:

- Tract 1: US 190, from Airdale Road west one mile to a point approximately a half-mile east of George Wilson Rd.

- Tract 2: FM 1670 from Countryside Lane south one mile to Sherwood Blvd.

- Tract 3: The Lampasas River, west of IH-35 one mile to a point near Camp Tahuaya.

- Tract 4: The Lampasas River, east of IH-35 one mile approximately one-half mile west of Elm Grove Road.

- Tract 5: Tahuaya Road west of IH-35 one mile to a point along Smith Dairy Lane approximately a half-mile west of Amity School Road.

- Tract 6: Elmer King Road east of IH-35 one mile to a point approximately half-mile east of Fox Road.

- Tract 7: West Amity Road, west of IH-35, one mile to Smith Dairy Road.

- Tract 8: East Amity Road, east of IH-35, one mile to approximately one-quarter mile east of Fox Road.

The extra-territorial jurisdiction of Belton will be one-mile beyond the

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Salado Rookies T-ball team members are (front row, from left) Kaylie Davidson, McKenzie Futrell, Amissa Jiminez, Meagan Hill (back row, from left) Jenna Wagnon, Kristen Oakes, Faith Arnold, Amy Coleman, Faith Renfro, Cecilia Cantu and Cheyenne Vaca. They are coached by head coach Pam Oakes, assistant coaches Gilbert Cantu, Scott Oakes and Betty Renfro.

## Rookies headed to state, play in Whitehouse July 19

The Salado Rookies girls t-ball team is headed to the state tournament in Whitehouse on July 19, after winning the District t-ball tournament July 8 with a perfect 4-0 record.

The Rookies got to the district tournament by placing second in league play with a 10-2 record, one game behind the first place Holland Bratz.

The Rookies beat defending state t-ball champions Rogers Scoobys 21-18 in the first round of play July 5. The girls scored the maximum 10 runs in the second inning to build a 17-11 lead by the end of the third inning. The Salado defense held Rogers scoreless in the fourth inning, while the offense added another four runs for a 21-11 lead. Rogers tried to come back in the final inning, but

Salado squashed their rally to hold on for the 21-18 win.

The Rookies benefited from solid hitting from all team members, especially the hard hitting of Cecilia Cantu and Jenna Wagnon. Speedy base running by Kristen Oakes, Faith Renfro and Meagan Hill, who all scored the four times they were on base, also helped the Rookies put away the Scoobys. Pitcher Cantu and Amissa Jiminez, who was playing her first game at shortsop this season, made several great hustle plays on defense.

Salado came from behind in the second leg of the tournament July 6. The Rockdale Tuff-E-Nuff took a 6-1 lead after the first inning. The Rookies' bats came alive in the second inning as Salado

scored the maximum 10 runs. The defense also held up, allowing only four runs in the second to give Salado its 11-10 lead. Salado scored another 10 runs in the third. Tough defense and the girls' speed on the base paths allowed the Rookies to build an insurmountable 11-run lead for the 32-21 victory.

Salado faced the only other team to be unbeaten in the tournament on July 7, winning 32-21. On the line was a guaranteed berth in the State tournament for the winner. The loser faced the possibility of playing four more games (including a 4 p.m. scorcher) to get back to the championship game. Salado started the game with three runs in the

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## Trustees begin summer edits of budget with July 15 workshop

Salado I.S.D. Trustees will meet in workshop session 5:30 p.m. July 15 to discuss the 2004-05 budget, followed by their regular meeting 6 p.m. July 19 at the Salado Civic Center.

In the July 15 workshop, trustees will discuss revenue issues, fund balance, student enrollment and attendance and its impact on state and local funding.

The board will also look at expenditures for the 2004-05 school year. The vast majority of the operations and maintenance budget for the school district is for salaries to teachers, administrators and paraprofessionals.

Trustees will also discuss tax rates, including the impact of the district's tax effort on the state funding formula.

Trustees will consider approving salaries and stipends for the 2004-05 school year, including non-exempt personnel and administrators.

At their regular meeting July 19, trustees will discuss 2004-05 coaching assignments, as well as considering administration recommendations for elementary, intermediate and high school personnel hires.

Trustees will approve the financing mechanism for the purchase of 50 acres of property for future facilities needs. Trustees will set a community planning meeting to discuss future facilities needs.

## Pastel artist to join those showing at Salado Art Fair

Salado Chamber of Commerce will host its 38th Annual Salado Art Fair, Aug. 7 - 8. The Fair will be held in Pace Park from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Aug. 7 and 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Aug. 8.

Over 100 artists and craftsmen from Texas and throughout the Southwest will be on hand. Works will feature oil, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, photography and mix media including woodwork, sculpture, jewelry, glassworks, metal work and handmade clothing.

Among the artists attending will be Rita Kirkman, of New Braunfels. An artist since her earliest memory, Kirkman was drawing her first portraits of friends and family at the age of 11, and had her first paid portrait commission at age 17. Now, with two children of her own, and more than 15 years experience as a professional portrait artist, Kirkman says she has entered a new phase, expanding her subject and style with her pastel landscapes and still life work.

This new direction for her was immediately rewarded with an entry into the International Association of Pastel Societies 6th annual exhibition and competition in Placerville, CA in 2002.

Only 67 paintings by 53 artists from around the world were accepted for this exhibit. Her paintings have also shown in several local and national exhibits and competitions since 2001. Early this year, she received Best in Show at the 4th Annual Austin Pastel Society's

Juried Exhibition.

You can see more of Kirkman's work at [www.portraitsbyritakirkman.com](http://www.portraitsbyritakirkman.com)

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the Children's Art tent sponsored by the Salado High school Art Club. Children will be able to participate in various hands-on art and have their faces painted.

Admission to the Art Fair is \$3, with children 12 and under admitted free. Parking is free throughout Salado.



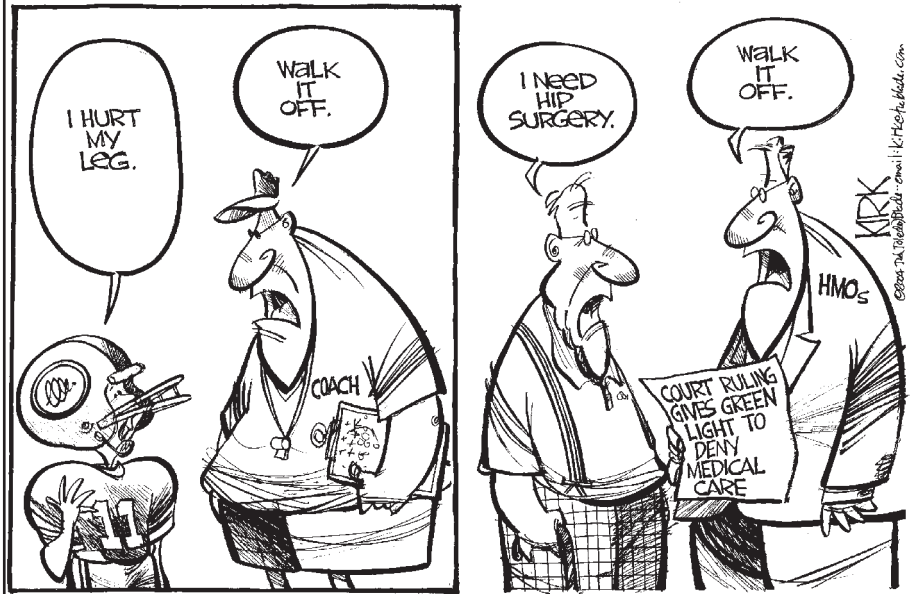
"It's been a long day" is one of the portraits by pastel artist Rita Kirkman. Kirkman will participate in the Salado Art Fair Aug. 7-8 in Pace Park.



# FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

## HOW SPORTS PREPARES KIDS FOR ADULT LIFE



## The Right That Dare Not Speak Its Name

In a June decision, a federal judge in San Francisco ruled the recently passed partial-birth abortion ban unconstitutional. The right to abortion is as legally secure as ever, but its advocates have never been so apparently ashamed of the practice itself. If pro-choice advocates believe in the necessity and goodness of their position, one would expect them to say something like, "We support abortion -- that's A-B-O-R-T-I-O-N -- so women can eliminate unwanted children." Instead, they take refuge in the foggiest corners of obfuscation.

In April, supporters of Roe v. Wade held a rally in Washington in support of the right to abortion. But you would hardly know it. The rally was called the "March for Women's Lives" -- well, for the lives of women who aren't very, very young. The word "abortion" was almost verboten among people who support the right to it.

One of the nation's premier defenders of abortion rights is the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League. It's a perfectly descriptive name, but the group nonetheless changed it last year to expunge the offending word. It is now known as NARAL Pro-Choice America. It's as if the National Rifle Association changed its name to avoid any association with the word "rifle."

In three lawsuits challenging the partial-birth abortion ban after it was signed, abortion-rights advocates refused to say "partial-birth abortion." They preferred the terms "intact dilation and extraction" and "dilation and evacuation," better to keep anyone from understanding whatever they were talking about: Namely, the partial breech delivery of a baby, until a doctor can pierce its skull with a sharp instrument and vacuum out its brain.

Shannen W. Coffin, a former Justice Department official who fought in defense

## Rich Lowry



of the ban, recalls one pro-choice lawyer letting slip the phrase "partial-birth abortion," only to correct herself. The judge chided her, "You won't get sick if you say the words."

Actually, you might get sick if abortionists don't use euphemisms. According to Coffin, a doctor in one of the trials described crushing an infant's skull as "reduc[ing]" the "fetal calvarium" to facilitate "completion of delivery." The completed delivery, of course, of an infant with a crushed skull.

Another abortionist described what he does as seeking to "safely and efficiently empty the uterine cavity, rendering the woman unpregnant." For the layman, the state of "unpregnant" is what you achieve when you kill your baby. Sorry. Did I say "kill"? I meant "vacuum the uterus," or "disarticulate the fetus."

The San Francisco judge struck down the ban partly because she thinks it is sometimes safer to kill a fetus while it is being delivered intact rather than chopping it up inside the womb. By this standard, why shouldn't it be legal to fully deliver the baby and complete the abortion cleanly on the operating table?

Abortion absolutists can offer no good answer, which is why even as they win the debate in the courts they act very embarrassed while doing it.

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## Kerry picks Edwards; Lineup complete for quadrennial Oval Office campaign; Verbal muggings kickoff 110 day race

Now that the lineup, for the "big game" Americans play every four years, is complete - with the naming of John Edwards as John Kerry's running-mate - the verbal mugging of candidates by both sides can begin with all the fervor of an old fashioned evangelical debate on who's going to heaven!

Kerry's choice of Edwards, the Democratic primary runner-up from North Carolina, was met with unrestrained joy from Party loyalists; hoots from GOP diehards; and a surprising number of kudos from Independents - a group many experts feel will make the difference in who becomes our next president.

The Kerry-Edwards new battle theme: "We will build One America - for All Americans," is a carryover from the Demo's bitter complaint that Republicans had created two Americas - one for the very wealthy and the other for the rest of us. This "need-to-rebuild" challenge has resonated in a number of key States where electoral votes are up for grabs - resulting in Kerry campaigners snapping up their new banner and marching noisily behind it! Not too shabby an idea and one that could be remembered on election day.

### GOP UNEASY ABOUT EDWARDS

Edwards is the one guy Republicans really didn't want to see on the Democratic ticket since he is far and away the better "street" campaigner than either President George Bush or Veep Dick Cheney. Even outshines his new boss in the tiresome, but necessary, one-on-one, hand shaking, back-slapping political rituals.

This column noted on May 19 that Edwards would bring to the Democratic ticket the fire it needs if they hope to upend the Bush-Cheney combo: "He is an indefatigable campaigner; bright; articulate; few political scars; good looking, perfect age and personable (traits many distaff voters appreciate - and vote for)."

### DUELING ADS

Republicans had TV-ads ready to blast Kerry's selection by noting Republican John McCain was Kerry's first choice, but that the maverick Senator had remained loyal to the Bush team. The right-wing hucksters also snorted that Edwards was not only a "bad old liberal, but also a trial lawyer" - both labels pronounced like four letter words.

Kerry's troops were expecting just such an onslaught and didn't miss a beat. They had their own ads ready for the announcement and showed a number of TV-clips with McCain blasting Bush for a number of administration failures - both domestic and foreign.

Top Kerry campaign staffers told reporters that the folks who hate trial lawyers are (for the most part) those with commercial interests who make mistakes that hurt innocent victims and don't want to pay for them. But what the heck - they're gonna vote for Bush no matter what.

Fact is Edwards, a youthful looking 51 year old newcomer to politics, wasn't selected to please corporate America but to represent middle class Americans along with those struggling at or below the poverty level. Many political observers (from both sides) also believe Edwards will chip away at the hinterland vote that Republicans believe is "locked up" by the President.

Edwards' potential rural appeal comes from his early years, growing up in a small town. During the primary campaigns, the Populist southern senator also related well not only to middle class concerns, but also the poor and totally disen-

## Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



franchised.

He consistently impresses first time audiences with friendliness coupled to a coherent presentation of his party's plans for the future.

### VP DEBATES

GOP leaders began licking their chops in anticipation of the nationally televised debates between Cheney and Edwards, and openly predicted a "slam-dunk" by their snarling Veep. The best rejoinder (thus far) on that subject came from Jim Jordan, a former Kerry campaign leader who cheerfully offered: "The North Carolinian is the perfect anti-Cheney. He's young, skinny, healthy, energetic and he's spent a lifetime fighting corrupt corporations instead of getting rich from one."

### SCHOOL TAX BREAKS

The 77th Legislature in 2001 passed a law, signed by fledgling (and then un-elected) Governor Rick Perry (Bush had departed for never-never land in Washington), that does what all good Republicans salivate over - school tax abatements to attract or expand business in Texas (a.k.a. "corporate welfare").

Briefly, the law permits school officials to lower or forgive the payment of property taxes for up to ten years, to certain corporations that either want to move to, or expand within, their districts. The tax loss is reimbursed from the State's general revenue fund - which means it'll be appropriated from monies that might otherwise have helped fund the public schools, that are currently operating under severe budget restraints.

School tax abatements - like all free tax rides, should be eliminated from the corporate lexicon by gung-ho commercial promoters who help businesses move hither and yon, searching for the richest bonanza of freebies including no taxes; free roads; free utilities; free worker training; and free hot air about how all this helps keep things "on the move" - which is what these freeloaders do when a better deal opens up in another community or State.

### FACTS - NOT FICTION

Here are some facts to consider before pooh-poohing the above as loony-leftist-loquaciousness. In 2003 the Comptroller's Office reported that out of 126 companies who were interested in moving to Texas - 103 planned to come regardless of incentives.

The Plano ISD will soon "cap" the value of their new \$2.4 billion Texas Instrument complex - at \$100 million!

The cost of repaying school districts for just the current loss in property taxes will be \$65 million. That's money that will be lifted from the State's treasury that right now is running a deficit in violation of the Texas Constitution.

One has to wonder when this lunacy will end? Or better still, when will we replace Perry and his gang of lawmaking zealotites who believe in welfare for business, but not kids?

And replace them with un-encumbered legislators (not tied to special interests) who believe that the public schools need money - not vouchers!

That's -30-

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## Capitol Comment



**Kay Bailey Hutchison**  
U.S. Senator



On July 16, 1969, three men began a voyage that would forever change our world, and mark their place in the history books. They were aboard the Apollo 11 spacecraft that launched from Cape Kennedy with a simple mission objective: "Perform a manned lunar landing and return safely."

On July 20, just four days after jettisoning into orbit, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to step foot on another planet. Their lunar module, Eagle, touched down in the Sea of Tranquility on the Moon, while the third crew member, Michael Collins, the pilot and navigator for the mission, orbited above in the command module Columbia.

The first words uttered on the moon, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind," have become synonymous with space exploration and the innately American drive to continue that spirit of discovery. The two astronauts traversed the moon's surface collecting the first ever lunar samples, taking photographs and conducting experiments. Four days later they reentered the earth's atmosphere, splashing into the Pacific Ocean where they were greeted by the aircraft carrier, Hornet, a beaming President Nixon, and a nation overflowing with goodwill, pride, and patriotism.

I was a young television reporter in Houston, when I covered the heroic Apollo 11 astronauts and their families during the 1969 moon landing. Since that time I've been an enthusiastic backer of manned space exploration and in my 11 years in the Senate I've worked hard to ensure America keeps pushing the envelope; maintaining our space program as a top priority, and assuring our technological edge in the world continues.

Our world has changed significantly since Neil Armstrong took the giant leap for mankind 35 years ago and many of the changes have been fueled by discoveries made in space. Microchips, satellite communication, cordless appliances, CAT scans and guided missiles were all advanced by the knowledge we gained in space.

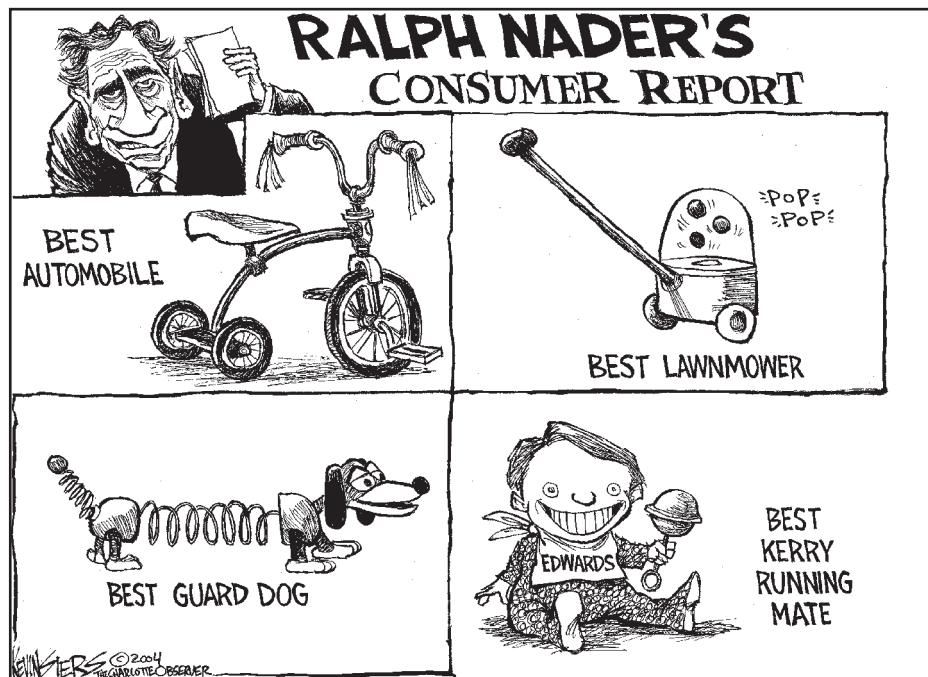
Even that initial lunar landing produced discoveries such as the knowledge that the Moon is lifeless, containing no living organisms, fossils, or native organic compounds, enabling us to learn more about the world that surrounds us.

After the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster last year, we've been forced to reevaluate our space program and infuse NASA with a renewed mission and objective for the future of space exploration. This year President Bush unveiled a new vision for NASA, committing the U.S. to a long-term human and robotic program to explore the solar system, beginning with a return to the Moon that will enable future explorations of Mars and other destinations. His proposals offer tremendous potential to further research in energy, geology, and other fields. This spring the robotic rover, Opportunity, discovered that there was once water on Mars and therefore possibly life.

And all the while, NASA has continued its missions into space. Just last month the Cassini spacecraft successfully entered orbit around Saturn. The mission, taking place 934 million miles away from earth, and with the cooperation of our partners at the European Space Agency and the Italian Space Agency, began seven years ago when the craft first left Cape Canaveral in 1997. For the next four years the Cassini will orbit Saturn, executing 52 close encounters with seven of the planet's 31 known moons. This mission is just one slice of the amazing work being conducted by the scientists, researchers and astronauts who strive to keep discovery in the forefront of our consciousness.

This month as we celebrate the 35th anniversary of man's first footsteps on the moon, we commemorate Apollo 11, the pioneers who manned it and the great spirit of discovery that still dwells in us today. It also reminds us that staying in the forefront of space exploration will help us grow the economy and maintain defense prowess. With an ambitious plan in place, the 21st century could bring untold discoveries.

# FORUM



## Top 10% law flunks, hurts those it should be helping

By RONALD TROWBRIDGE, Ph.D.

I have never heard a single individual say that he or she is against our constitutional right to "equal protection" of our laws. Yet many of us have no interest whatsoever in equality when it is at odds with what we regard as social justice.

A case in point is the recent decision of Massachusetts, Supreme Court that held homosexual marriage is constitutionally protected by the "Due Process" clauses of the 5th and 14th Amendments and the "equal protection of our laws" clause of the 14th Amendment. Many obviously oppose this equality on moral or religious grounds, and are pushing a constitutional amendment to overturn the Massachusetts precedent.

The same aversion to equality holds with Texas' top 10 percent law. Having once served as Chief of Staff to Chief Justice Warren Burger and the presidential Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, I recently was invited to offer a lecture to 400 Texas high school students on the Constitution. I observed, "Some of you will be admitted to the University of Texas or Texas A&M this year who ought not to have been and some of you will be denied admission who ought to have been accepted."

Why? Because admission to public Texas colleges is now based primarily on the inequalities of school location and class ranking, rather than on a consistent, equal standard of academic merit.

When the National Association for the

Advancement of Colored People and the Texas League of United Latin American Citizens recently denounced any change to the 10 percent law on the grounds they want "to give poor and minority students an equal chance to get into college," they were somewhat disingenuous: it is not equality or the letter of the law of the 14th Amendment they seek; rather it is social justice.

Now do not misunderstand me; a strong case can be made for social justice and diversity, but it is not one of equality, which is at odds with discriminatory or preferential treatment either for or against certain groups.

Academic inequality has actually been compounded in Texas. Minorities have ostensibly been given special treatment not only through the 10 percent law, but even an extra edge with the 2003 five-to-four decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in the University of Michigan case to permit race as a factor in college admissions.

I say "ostensibly" because the 10 percent law actually helps Caucasians more than blacks and Hispanics. Enrollment at the University of Texas, reports State Rep. Garnet Coleman, was 14 percent Hispanic and three percent black; at Texas A&M, nine percent Hispanic and two percent black. In light of the demographics of Texas, these percentages are relatively quite low.

And there is another unintended consequence of the 10 percent law: we are told that it fosters diversity; it does not, in fact it works to the contrary.

As the president of the student government at

the University of Texas recently observed, "The top 10 percent rule has the potential to result in a freshman class with disproportionate levels of students being admitted under one criterion - their class rank."

He advocates for reasons of diversity "allowing admissions officers the flexibility to look past class rank when determining the rest of the class."

As a former college professor, I am troubled that the 10 percent law is also anti-educational. It encourages students to take classes that are less competitive so they can maintain higher grade point averages.

For those who prefer social justice over equality, and for those who favor equality over social justice, all can have much of their cake and eat it, too: with virtually all public colleges in Texas exercising the option allowed by the U.S. Supreme Court, diversity will flourish through academic merit, athletic skill, musical talent, artistic performance, and the gift of each individual applicant's talent.

But the fact remains the top 10 percent law is riddled with inequalities, unfairness, anti-intellectualism, and backfiring ironies. It has been tested by experience since 1997, and it has flunked.

Ronald Trowbridge, Ph.D., resides outside Houston, Texas, and is a fellow at the Texas Public Policy Foundation. A former chief of staff to U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger, Trowbridge founded the Maine Heritage Policy Center and was a vice president of Hillsdale College.

## Pentagon worried about Global Warming



**Jim Hightower**

If George W keeps telling us that global warming is not happening, or that, even if it is, it's nothing to worry about... why are his Pentagon planners warning that "There is substantial evidence that significant global warming will occur during the 21st century?" This, they say, could lead to "an abrupt climate change," and that this change could "destabilize the geo-political environment, leading to skirmishes, battles, and even war"?

Perhaps the disparity between BushThink and thinking of the Pentagon planners is that the planners actually have to deal in some reality - whereas George can simply stick oil money in his campaign pockets and stick his head in the sand on a rising threat that could be globally catastrophic.

The Pentagon's warning comes in a report titled "An Abrupt Climate Change Scenario and Its Implications for United States National Security." It was commissioned by Andrew Marshall, a longtime, highly-regarded official who heads the Department of Defense's Office of Net Assessment. Marshall, who has worked under five presidents, is known as the "Yoda" of the Pentagon. As a DOD spokesman notes, "He's the wise one that, when we need to think about big things, he's the one we turn to."

Nothing is much bigger than global warming, for if it is happening (and practically every independent scientist says it is), it will change everything. The Pentagon's analysis included the possibilities of intense winter storms in the Northeast, an inland sea enveloping part of Northern California, extended drought in crucial agricultural regions, food shortages, lack of fresh water, and energy shortages.

It notes that nations with food and water resources may build fortresses around them to stave off have-not nations clamoring for survival.

The report does not say that all of this will happen, but that such a scenario is plausible, and that the risk of global warming "should be elevated beyond a scientific debate to a U.S. national security concern."

Now, someone read that to George W.



# 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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## The Salado Church of Christ

welcomes you to our services this week

Sunday Morning Service • July 18, 2004



Joe Keyes  
Minister

Question: What do you do with the pain, guilt and dread of an unforgiven heart? Israel's King David knew the answer and gives us his insights in Psalm 32. Come join us for worship and to hear "good news," as we discuss "The Joy of a Clean Conscience."

### Sunday

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

### Wednesday

Bible Classes • 6:30 p.m.

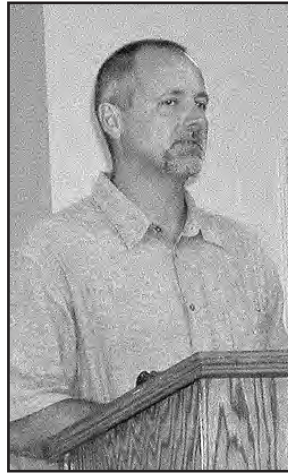
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## Seaton is named Grand Knight

Chris Seaton is installed as Grand Knight of St. Stephen Council of the Knights of Columbus. His installation dinner was held the evening of July 8, and presided over by Council Chaplain Father Charles Davis. The Council was started two years ago and has grown to be a significant part of the St. Stephen Parish and has included in its goals to be an active contributor to the Village of Salado.



Other new officers include Robert West-Deputy Grand Knight, Chris Reeves-Chancellor, Roy Robinson-Recorder, Wayne Womac-Treasurer, Bryan Johnson-Financial

Secretary, Joe Liles-Advocate, Mike Mazoch-Warden, John T. Richter and Gene Hoelscher-Guards, Nick Garcia, Dave Smetana, and James Lotz-Trustees.

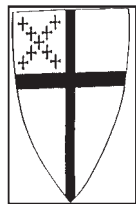
## St. Joseph's Episcopal Chapel

Holy Eucharist

Sat. • 5 p.m.

Sun. • 9:30 a.m.

Tues. • 9:30 a.m.



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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.

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## Jennifer Rene Fadal weds Kurt William Salisbury in Waco

Jennifer Rene Fadal and Kurt William Salisbury were married July 3 at St. Mary's Catholic Church of the Assumption in Waco, with Father Hilario Guajardo officiating.

Soloists were Keegan Chumley, bridesmaid, Mickey and Mary Light, aunt and uncle of the bride, and pianist, Velva Riddle, family friend of the bride.

The bride is the daughter of Tommy and Tracy Fadal of Gatesville, and the granddaughter of Gladys Light and the late Winford Light of Abilene, Ruth Hayward of San Antonio, and Dr. and Mrs. Richard G. Fadal of Waco. She is a 2000 graduate of Gatesville High School, and is currently a student in the doctor of pharmacy degree program at the College of

Pharmacy at the University of Texas at Austin.

The groom is the son of Larry and Marilyn Salisbury of Salado, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown of Naples, FL, Mrs. Doris Salisbury of Wayne, OH, and the late Bill Salisbury. He is a 1997 graduate of Salado High School, a 2001 graduate of Texas A&M University, and a 2003 graduate of Baylor with a master's degree in education. He is employed at Lago Vista ISD as the head girls' basketball coach.

Presented in marriage and escorted by her father, the bride carried a bouquet of red roses.

Maid of honor was Kate Dudzinski of Dallas. Bridesmaids were Lacy Coker and Ashley Coker of Waco, and Keegan Chumley of Gatesville. House party members were Lacey Bartlett and Joshanna Washburn of Salado.

Best man was Kyle Salisbury of Salado. Groomsmen were David Culberson of Spring, Keith Ketzle of Lubbock and Erick Anderson of Houston. Ushers were Chris Fadal and Tyler Fadal of Gatesville, Jon Christ of Dallas and Jake Mewhinney of Salado.

A reception followed the ceremony at The Hilton in Waco. On the eve of the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at La Fiesta Restaurant in Waco.

After a honeymoon in Las Vegas, the couple will reside in Cedar Park.

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# Marjorie Nell McGregor passes away July 10

Marjorie Nell McGregor, 75, of Holland and formerly a long-time Salado resident, died July 10, 2004 in a Temple hospital.

Services for Marjorie Nell McGregor were held July 13 in the Heartfield Funeral Home Chapel in Belton, with Rev. Billy Johnson officiating. Burial followed in the Salado Cemetery.

Marjorie Nell McGregor was born November 11, 1928 in Petrolia, Texas to Merrel and Vera Stephenson Patterson. She married Lee Roy McGregor June 8, 1951 in Waurika, Oklahoma. She was co-owner of the Belton Welders Supply Company with her husband. She was a member of Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving.

Survivors include her husband Lee Roy McGregor, of Holland; three sons, Gary Lee McGregor and Larry Wayne McGregor, both of



Marjorie Nell McGregor

Salado, and James Lynn McGregor of Temple; two daughters, Cynthia Ann Fisher, of Salado, and Rebecca Jean Woodham, of Scurry. She is also survived by one sister, Betty Stover, of Petrolia; a brother, C. Floyd Patterson, of Petrolia; and 15 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Temple Free Clinic at 1905 Curtis B Elliott Dr. Temple, TX 76501.

Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton was in charge of the arrangements.

# Sgt. Dewhurst in Operation Noble Eagle

Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Jenny L. Dewhurst participated in Operation Noble Eagle at an undisclosed operating location.

Noble Eagle is the official name given to the U.S. military operations associated with the homeland defense and support of federal, state, and local civil agencies in the United States. U.S. military reserve component members have been activated to help guard, protect and defend America from any further terrorist threats or aggression directed at our nation from within, protecting America's borders, shores and skies.

The sergeant, a licensed practical nurse with 13 years of military service, is normally assigned to the 3274th U.S. Army, Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C.

She is the daughter of Robert and Arlene Dewhurst of Old Mill Road, Salado, Texas.

# Library presents awards for summer reading

Salado Public Library's Texas Summer Reading Club closed its program with the puppets, PJ and Sebastian, on Monday, July 12. The children enjoyed the lively conversation between the puppets and also participated in the presentation.

Kayla Foust, 1st grader at Thomas Arnold Elementary, won the grand

prize for reading the most books during the Summer Reading Program in June and July. Kade Maedgen won second prize and Joseph Hartman picked up third prize.

The library continues its Monday Storytime at 11 a.m. and invites all children to come and enjoy exciting and wonderful stories.

New books that recently arrived at the library include Jan Wahl's **Little Johnny Buttermilk, Dancing Turtle** by Pleasant DeSpain and also Margaret Read MacDonald's **The Girl Who Wore Too Much**.

Salado Public Library is open from 10 a.m. -6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

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**Drake visits Washington D.C.  
 with National Young Leaders**

Salado High School junior Jackie Drake participated in the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. July 5-15, where she met District 11 U.S. Representative Chet Edwards. NYLC is a unique leadership program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic

merit. Drake was one of approximately 350 outstanding scholars from around the country at the Conference.

The theme of NYLC was "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Throughout the 10 days, Drake interacted with a variety of personnel who operated within the three branches of government, the news media and the international community.

"We often hear from members of Congress, political appointees and members of Washington's press corps that it is a privilege to meet and interact with students like Drake because they are the face of our country's future," said Mike Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, which sponsors the Conference. "What these students learn at the NYLC will enable them to build coalitions with one another and exercise their own leadership skills within communities around the country."

To complement the schedule of special meetings and briefings, Drake also participated in a number of leadership skill-building activities and



Jackie Drake with U.S. Representative Chet Edwards

simulations. In one role-play activity titled "If I Were President," students act as the president and cabinet members responding to an international crisis. Students also participate in "Testing the Constitution," in which they examine actual Supreme Court cases. The Conference culminates with the Model Congress, in which scholars assume the roles of U.S. Representatives, and debate, amend and vote on proposed mock legislation.

CYLC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization. Founded in 1985, the Council is committed to fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential. More than 400 members of the U.S. Congress join this commitment by serving on the CYLC Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors. In addition, more than 40 embassies participate in the Council's Honorary Board of Embassies.

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**To the Editor:**

If any of the recent *Salado Village Voice* info on the SISD "land deal" is credible, then the voter, taxpayer, citizen of the SISD has been board "snookered" again (isn't it a little more than ironic that the Salado Library Board and SISD enjoy the same taxing boundaries?)

In the recent past, an earlier Library Board paid at least twice or more for the present library according to what the property was valued on the Bell County Tax appraisal list of the time, but after using the august services of some "local" appraiser, "deal done."

I'm presently pondering land "offered" in the immediate area... "20 acres southwest of Salado on Buttermilk Creek-\$125,000" (\$6,250 per acre); "5 acres ...in Hidden Springs (subdivision)-\$54,000" (\$10,800 per acre); "2 acres wooded lot...Hidden Springs...walk to tennis court and park on Salado Creek-\$32,900" (\$16,450 per acre).

With land, traditionally, smaller is more, larger is less, and 50 acres or more should even be far less. I do not pretend to know the absolute value of 50 acres of unimproved land outside the city limits of the megalopolis of the village of Salado, but when I can buy 20 acres of unimproved land outside the city limits ON a major creek for \$6,250 per acre, I have to wonder who was the real estate negotiator for the SISD school board and did the SISD use the same "local" appraiser as the Library Board to manage ONLY to pay the reported \$10,000 per acre for an unimproved, remote 50 acre piece of land? This purchase will also accomplish placing daily our driving-age students to get to this location on the increasingly unsafe FM 2484. Oh, and the board forgot about the safety of our children driving to school, as well...where was safety of access on the agenda?

Nice job school board, you learned well from your fellow Salado

Library Board and I'm sure what is unsaid is, "you will like this 'deal' and the massive school tax bond to follow, welcome 5A!"

Au contraire, the audacious deal stinks and if you like Salado today, you won't recognize it as Round Rock II ISD or Harker Heights II ISD tomorrow, regardless of the inevitable fancy school edifice to follow and soon to be built on the backs of the SISD taxpayer.

Hope we can afford the actions of this school board, now and in the future. Can anyone spell the recent bond/funding perils of Temple ISD...SISD soon to follow, is my personal prediction.

T.R. Pappas,  
Salado, TX 76571

**To the Editor:**

On behalf of my entire family, I want to thank the *Salado Village Voice* for the article about my parents, Roy and Lois Shepperd ("A Bit of Hollywood, Salado Style," June 17).

My parents owned and operated Shepperd's Grocery on the corner of Royal and Main for over 30 years. They were very proud of their Salado roots and were always a huge part of this community, particularly in the 50s, 60s and 70s.

The *Salado Village Voice* does a wonderful job keeping the history of Salado alive for those of us who grew up here. Those memories are so precious to me and so many of my friends and family.

My thanks go to Tim and Marilyn for allowing Salado's history to live again in the pages of your newspaper. Thank you to Ken for your efforts in preserving the history of Salado. And thank you to Chris for your amazing talent of capturing the feelings and emotions that go along with the story. You are an excellent writer!

I appreciate your efforts to preserve the memory of Salado. Where we came from is just as important as where we are now and where we may be in the future.

Keep up the good work!

Nancy Shepperd Carter,  
Salado



Salado Chamber of Commerce representatives greeted and performed the official ribbon cutting ceremony for new business owner Bill Donham. Donham's business is located at the Salado Civic Center. He will conduct a Women's Seminar and Free Workout 7-8 p.m. July 16 at the Civic Center. 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. Donham has over 20 years experience in the martial arts, and a decade of experience in massage therapy. PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR

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## From Salado Legends to Hollywood and back again for actress

Rebecca Petro, 12 year-old Salado Middle School student, was invited to attend the Young Performers Studio Summer Boot Camp in Studio City, CA for the month of June.

Classes were extensive and included some of the best acting coaches in the film industry.

Her studies included auditioning techniques, improvisation, cold reading, TV and film acting, commercial and voice-over training and much more.

At the end of her studies, Rebecca's three skits were selected to be shown at a showcase presentation for local talent agencies and casting companies.

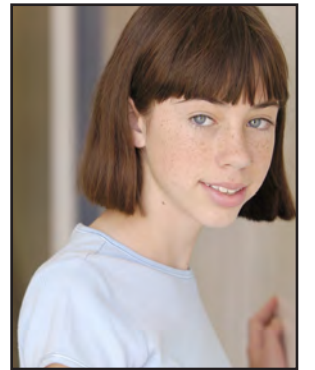
Rebecca received callbacks from some of the agencies, including Buchwald Talent Group, one of the top agencies for teenage actors. Rebecca's parents, Rob and Suzanne Petro, decided to allow Rebecca to meet with the Buchwald Group, before which Rebecca had to cold read a commercial and be interviewed by agents.

Buchwald Talent Group invited Rebecca to come back in July to begin filming commercials and voice-overs. She will continue her training for TV and film and once she has some experience she will start auditioning for spots.

Rebecca left Salado July 13 to start another chapter in her acting career. She will return on Aug. 5 to resume her role as Emmaline McDougal in Salado Legends for the final performance on Aug. 7. Then, she flies back to Hollywood for the remainder of August.

Rebecca said "I really worry about missing the July performances of "Legends" and the first two weeks of school, but Miss Jackie at Tablerock and Mr. Palmer, my Principal have told me to take advantage of this opportunity. So that's just what I'm going to do."

Petro has performed in Salado Legends for five years. She has also acted



Rebecca Petro will return from Hollywood to Salado for the final 2004 performance of Salado Legends Aug. 7.



Stephanie Lastovica will take over the role of Emmaline for the July performances.

in Tablerock's Fright Trail. She was a star in her 4th Grade play and also performs with The Austin Musical Theater.

Stephanie Lastovica, Rebecca's understudy for the role of Emmaline will perform in Salado Legends on July 24, July 31 and also at the special performance on July 30 for the 4-1 D Battalion who have adopted Salado.

Adult show tickets are \$15, children 12 and under \$5. Dinner is optional for \$8 per child or adult. You may purchase tickets to Salado Legends 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 you may purchase tickets at Compass Bank. Tickets may be charged via phone at The University of Texas Box Office in Austin by calling 1-512-477-6060. At ITR on Fort Hood you may purchase tickets by credit card or cash. For more information, call Jackie Milles at 254-947-9205 or write tablerock1@aol.com.



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George Blake Smith, a seventh generation descendant, dressed in full Confederate uniform for the dedication of an historical marker at the graves of Dr. Welborn and Louisa May Barton. He is the son of Beverly and George Smith of Belton, and grandson of Barbara Barton Beemer also of Belton.

# Football camp slated July 19-22

A football skills camp is scheduled for July 19-22 for area youth. The Camp is open to incoming third through ninth graders. The camp will teach skills 8:30-11:30 a.m. daily at the SHS Football Stadium on Thomas Arnold. The cost is \$40 per camper. Campers can reserve their spot by e-mailing Coach Jeff Cheatham at [jlcheatham@sladoisd.org](mailto:jlcheatham@sladoisd.org) or calling 947-6977.

# Bell Democrat women to meet

The Bell County Texas Democratic Women will hold its monthly meeting 10 a.m. July 17 in the courtroom of County Court at Law #2, 550 E. 2nd Ave. in Belton. Refreshments will be served prior to the meeting at 9:30 a.m. In lieu of a guest speaker, members will discuss their participation in the Texas Democratic Party 2004 State Convention held in Houston last month. Members who worked on the parade float and food booth at the Belton July 3 celebration of Independence Day will be recognized. New members are welcome. For any further information call the President at 933-0801.

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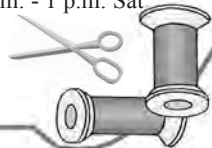
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When you buy a stock, you may not pay a lot of attention to the exchange on which it's listed. After all, does it really matter?

Actually, distinct differences exist between the various stock exchanges — and certain types of stocks are more likely to be found in one exchange than another. Therefore, you might find it useful to become somewhat familiar with the following exchanges:

New York Stock Exchange

Also known as the "Big Board," the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is probably the best-known exchange in the world. Of all the U.S.-based exchanges, the NYSE has the most stringent set of stipulations for listed companies. For example, all NYSE-listed companies must meet certain minimum requirements covering market capitalization, operating cash flow and earnings. NYSE companies also must provide shareholders

with certain voting rights.

The NYSE contains some of the biggest and best-known companies from a variety of industries. In other words, the NYSE contains big, strong, established companies. Yet, just because a company is listed on the NYSE, it does not mean the stock will be immune to the ups and downs of the market. But you can be assured that the NYSE, before listing a company, will examine it to help make sure they meet the listing requirements.

American Stock Exchange

The "AMEX" began as an alternative to the NYSE. Today, the AMEX operates in much the same way as the NYSE, but AMEX-listed stocks tend to be small- and mid-capitaliza-

tion stocks that don't generally meet the NYSE's qualifications.

Of course, this description of AMEX-listed stocks might lead you to believe that the AMEX is a more "risky" exchange than the NYSE. Yet, you can find many well-known names on the AMEX. Also, the AMEX trades many NASDAQ-listed stocks. (In 1998, the parent company of the NASDAQ purchased the AMEX.)

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Unlike the NYSE and AMEX, the NASDAQ does not have a physical trading floor on which buyers and sellers converge; all NASDAQ trading is done via computer and telephone. A great many technology stocks, including some

big names, have found their home in the NASDAQ.

Over the Counter Exchanges

"Over the counter" (OTC) used to refer to any trading system without a trading floor — so, under this definition, NASDAQ would be considered OTC. But as the NASDAQ has grown in prestige, the term "OTC" has evolved to refer to those stocks that don't meet the listing requirements of any of the major exchanges, including the NASDAQ. Consequently, today's OTC market primarily includes "penny" and other marginal stocks. As such, OTC stocks are quite risky.

Ultimately, you probably don't want to let a stock's listing determine whether you buy it or not, but, by knowing where your stocks are listed, you may be able to get another perspective on your portfolio's diversification — and, as you know, diversification can be a key to investment success.

## Workforce grant will help develop skills

The Central Texas area workforce will benefit from a \$343,070 job training grant from the Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) Skills Development Fund.

A three-member business consortium has partnered with Temple College for the grant. It will be used to custom train workers who will fill 350 new or upgraded jobs such as office assistants, machine operators, team leaders and more.

Workers will receive an average hourly wage of

\$12.42 upon completion of training. The three-member business consortium includes the Oncor Group, the BBT Group and Pactiv Corp.

"This Skills Development Fund grant will give workers the training they need to be competitive in their jobs while providing employers a workforce custom trained to their needs," said TWC Commissioner Ronny Congleton. "I would also like to acknowledge the continued support of the Governor and the Legislature for making these Skills Development Fund grants available."

In Fiscal Year 2003, 32 Skills Development Fund grants created or upgraded 12,840 jobs (4,214 and 8,626 respectively). The jobs paid an average hourly wage of \$17.16. The grants totaled \$12 million and helped consortia of 164 Texas employers. The Legislature has appropriated \$25 million to the Skills Development Fund for the 2004-05 biennium.

Employers seeking more information about the Skills Development Fund or Self-Sufficiency Fund may visit the TWC web site at www.texasworkforce.org.

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new boundaries, which is what has put many Salado school district residents into doubt about whether they will be Salado residents or Belton residents.

They'll be both, at least in terms of their property taxes. Those residing in the new Belton city limits extending into the Salado school district will pay 73.5¢ per \$100 evaluation in property tax to the City of Belton in addition to the Salado I.S.D. tax rate of \$1.58 per \$100 evaluation.

The tracts along Amity Road are the first of two phases of annexation. A map at Belton City Hall shows a second phase of annexation along Amity Rd. that will take in the newly-formed ETJ of Belton after successfully annexing one mile east and one mile west along Amity Rd. This second phase of annexation would extend the city limits and ETJ of Belton to just over three miles east and three miles west of IH-35 at Amity Rd.

Village of Salado leaders have told Salado Village Voice that they would like to help protect the homeowners and property owners to the north from being annexed into Belton, but have their hands tied by being a General Law Type B municipality.

The Village of Salado cannot annex at-will. Instead, it has to wait until property owners within the extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the village request annexation by the city. Any annexation within the ETJ of Salado must be of property that is contiguous to the city limits.

The same is true of areas that are contiguous to the ETJ of Salado. If owners of property that brush against the ETJ of Salado request, they can be added to the ETJ of the village, but the village cannot add to its ETJ on its own.

Temple, with its three-mile ETJ, is also a step or two from reaching into Salado's backyard. Home owners in the northwest portion of the school district are feeling the breath of Harker Heights as that city is threatening a leap across Stillhouse Hollow Lake to take property within the Salado school district.

The Village of Salado is likely to form an active group to inform and invite property owners outside the limits and ETJ of Salado to come inside.

As a general law municipality Salado's ETJ is just a half-mile beyond its city limits. This half-mile limitation does not apply, however, when property owners as individuals or

groups request to be added to the ETJ of the Village.

Aldermen learned of Dripping Springs, which has an ETJ extending many square miles past what

the general law limits, during a workshop this spring on annexation. Residents in those outlying areas requested to be added to the ETJ of Dripping

Springs in order not to be annexed by Austin.

Those property owners within the proposed ETJ of Belton are unlikely to get any help even if they

request annexation into the ETJ of Salado. Since Belton will formally announce its annexation plans this week, those are the plans "on the books."

Property owners lying just outside the proposed ETJ of Belton can seek shelter from the north.

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Children work on crafts during the opening day of the Vacation Bible School at Salado United Methodist Church.

## Public arts awards to be given during July 26 luncheon

The Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) presents the first annual public arts awards/luncheon, July 26 at noon in the Longhorn Room of the Stagecoach Inn. There will be seating for 200 persons, and over 150 Saladoans will receive awards.

A "Martini Potato" Buffet and six free "10-Minute Lectures" beginning at 11 a.m. and lasting no more than 10 minutes each are available to the public on a first come - first reserved basis. The only requirements for admission are an appreciation of local talent, a sense of humor, and \$20 for the buffet. Honorees receiving awards will be admitted for \$10.

Reservations for tickets may be made by calling 947-8300. No reservations will be taken after July 21 for the luncheon.

Invitations will go to Honorees receiving awards: Restaurant owners and managers and their chefs who contributed to the success of "A Taste of Salado 2004" and a "Wine Tasting 2003" as well as Artists and vol-

unteers who donated their work at those fund raisers. Also, Salado merchants who donated items for last year's "Wine and Wildflower Festival," PALS Donors and chairs of fund raising events and projects, civic leaders, and persons responsible for design, construction, and/or maintenance of Public Arts Landmarks and Events.

A special Recognition of Distinction will be presented to the Salado Civic Center Board of Directors for their sustained and assertive support of Public Arts programming in Salado.

Preceding the luncheon, from 11 a.m. - noon, there will be six free lectures on "The State of the Arts in Salado" by Darwin Britt, Suzi Epps, Jackie Mills, Allen Rice, and John Van Cura. Each speaker will give an entertaining report on current and historical arts events and activities in Salado.

The purpose of the lectures is to define what's happening in Public Arts in Salado and to encourage volunteerism in, and support of, Public Arts.

## Hoffman artist of month

The 2004 July/August "Artist of the Month" honoree is Joan Hoffman a Salado resident, a well known and award winning artist and teacher.

Joan, a native Texan, grew up and went through the public schools of San Angelo, TX. Some of her earliest and best memories are of doing creative things such as making doll clothes and "mud" pies.

Following High School, she attended Baylor University where she met and married her husband, Jack. They lived in Austin for many years, and it is in

Austin that she had her first opportunity to study oil painting. This was her first realization of a life long dream to study Art. In Austin, she studied with Dianne Herrman for four years where she feels she gained a good knowledge of color.

After moving to Salado, she experimented with watercolor and found what has turned out to be her medium of choice. Watercolor was a real challenge, requiring a great deal of dedication and study. Early in her watercolor career, Joan, accom-

## Ft. Hood to send more troops to Iraq, train others

The Department of Defense today announced the next rotation of U.S. military forces to support Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). The movement of military units is scheduled to begin late in 2004 and continue through the first few months of 2005.

This rotation, known as OIF-3, is designed to allow for the maximum overlap between forces currently deployed and replacement units. The plan also provides the capabilities required for the missions defined by the combatant commander.

Included in the OIF-3

rotation of forces will be approximately 3,000 soldiers from units based at Fort Hood.

Additionally, as part of OIF-3, several Reserve Component units will be training at Fort Hood prior to their deployment. The 256th Brigade Combat Team from the Louisiana National Guard is currently at Fort Hood and will deploy in the next few months.

Also, the 56th Brigade Combat Team, part of the Texas National Guard's 36th Infantry Division, will mobilize soon and come to Fort Hood for several months of training.



Pam Sivage and Kirby Sotek, sous chef at Salado's Stagecoach Inn, prepare a non-alcoholic "Martini potato" specialty for the forthcoming PALS Arts Award Luncheon to be held in the Longhorn Room.

PALS president, Raymond Carver, will introduce the speakers and serve as Master of Ceremonies at the Awards Luncheon. The Lecture and Luncheon committee is Ruth Howe, Jeanne Barrier, and Pat Wanzor. Table decorations will be prepared by Vickie Kelley and Martha McCarter. Hulda Horton will supervise reservations and ticket sales. A special Recognition of Distinction Award for the Salado Civic Center has been designed by Troy Kelley. House Manager is Charles Barrier. And

awards presenters are Jeanne Barrier, Vickie Kelley, Bill Pinkston, Rita Rice, and Mike Williamson.

Photographs by Margaret Williamson will feature Salado's distinctive landmarks and events as voted by the PALS Board of Directors: Titia Arledge, Charles Allen, Jeanne Barrier, Raymond and Barbara Carver, Mike Cornett, Hulda Horton, Ruth Howe, Troy and Vickie Kelley, Bill Pinkston, Allen and Rita Rice, Gil and Pat Wanzor, Margaret and Mike Williamson.



Joan Hoffman

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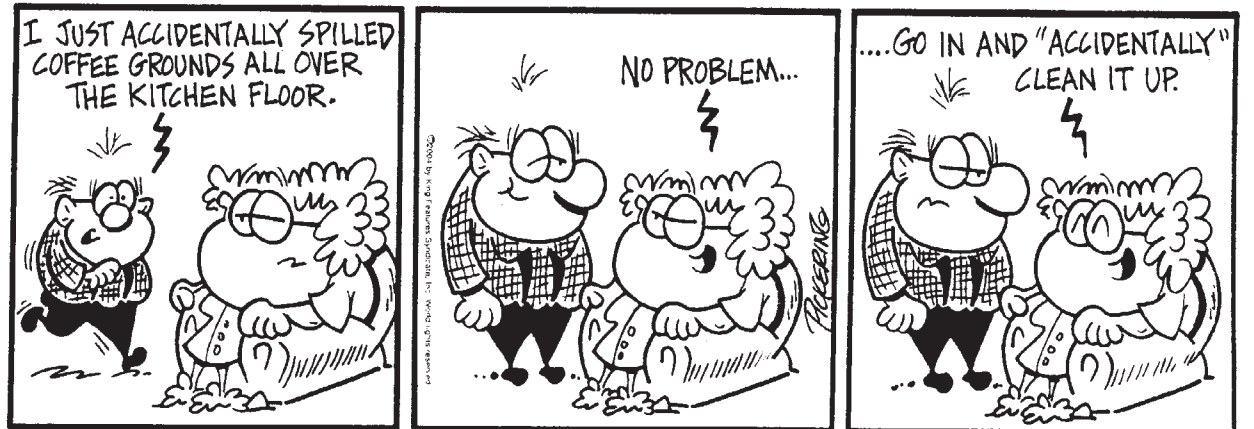
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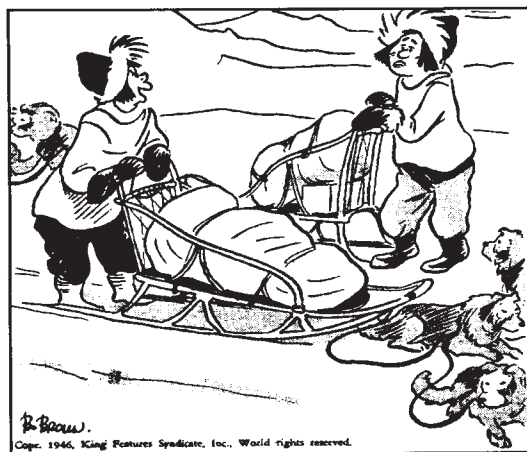


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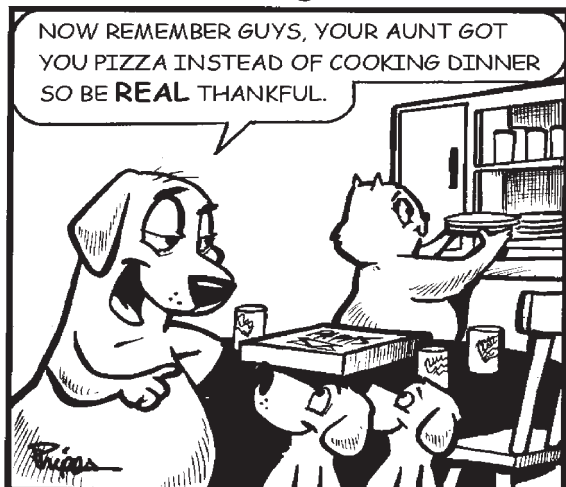


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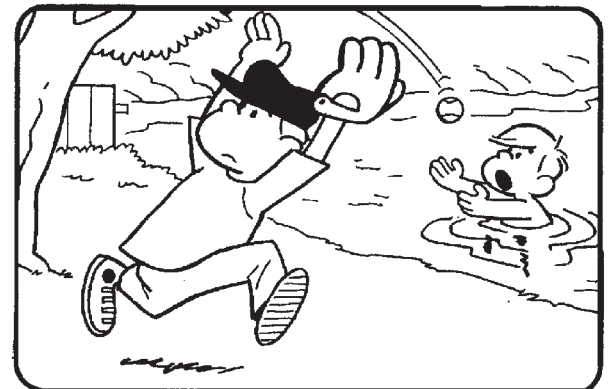
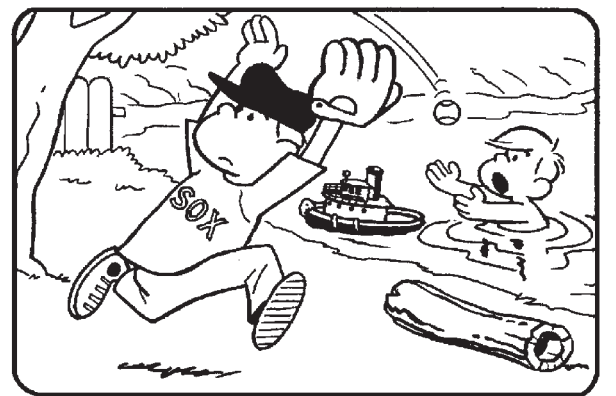
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Scottish-American enthusiasts, as well as those who love the past, will have their senses plunged into keynote speaker Shelby Phillip Smith's presentation entitled, "My Heart Belongs to Scotland." Smith will appear in full highland dress and describe the history and use of each piece of clothing, along with swords, dirks, knives and other military weapons.

In addition to discuss-

ing Scottish trivia, how to perform genealogical research, and other topics, he will expound on the role of Scottish Americans in the Civil War, especially in the Confederacy.

Smith, who hails from San Antonio, is president and chief executive officer of Sword and Thistle, Inc., a non-profit organization founded to further Scottish history, culture and study. Through this organization he has given numerous presentations on Scottish culture.

He is also the High Commissioner and a life-long member of Clan Muir as well as being a lifelong member of the Clan MacRae Society of North America.

A Navy veteran, he is the past president of the

San Antonio Highland Games Association and past vice-president of the Scottish Society of San Antonio. He is well traveled in Scotland, where he spent time working, and has also traveled to other parts of Great Britain and Europe.

Taking a step further back in time, Bill Covington, a history professor from Cedar Hill, will transport participants to the days of the American Revolutionary War with a costumed presentation of "the Colonial Soldier."

Covington, who previously taught public school in Dallas for 14 years, has been doing historical interpretive presentations for the last five years. Along with giving his impressions of a Continental soldier he will discuss how he researched his own Revolutionary War heritage.

Those interested in learning to investigate family trees going back even further can garner information from Janet Cook's discourse on "Genealogy in the 1700s." Cook will share about migration trails, transportation, old maps, site names, Indian rolls, post office records and more.

Cook, an Air Force veteran and career civil servant, is a member of the Scottish Society of San Antonio and writes a genealogy column in the society's newsletter, *Crann Tara*, called "Wee Bits." A member of Toastmasters

International, she also conducts genealogy evenings at libraries.

Bringing the program to a close will be Mary Foster Hutchinson's dialogue on one of the pioneers who helped settle Central Texas as a member of Robertson's Colony. Hutchison will discuss her book, "Texian Odyssey," about Col. Eleazar Louis Ripley Wheelock. This man was born the grandson of the founder of Dartmouth University, but chose to head west through Ohio, Kentucky and Arkansas before joining the group migrating to Texas in 1824. His career included turns as a captain in the Texas Rangers, a silver miner, a founder of a fort and a town along the Brazos River (Wheelock), an Indian agent, a surveyor, rancher, land agent, lawyer and political hopeful.

Hutchison contributed to the "New Handbook of Texas." She is the author of numerous articles published in Dallas-area magazines and serves as a judge with the U.S. Figure Skating Association.

Registration for the conference, which will be held at the museum located on Main Street, across from the Stagecoach Inn Dining Room, will begin at 9 a.m., with the first presentation beginning at 10 a.m. Cost is \$25, which includes lunch. To pre-register, or for more details, call the museum at 947-5232.

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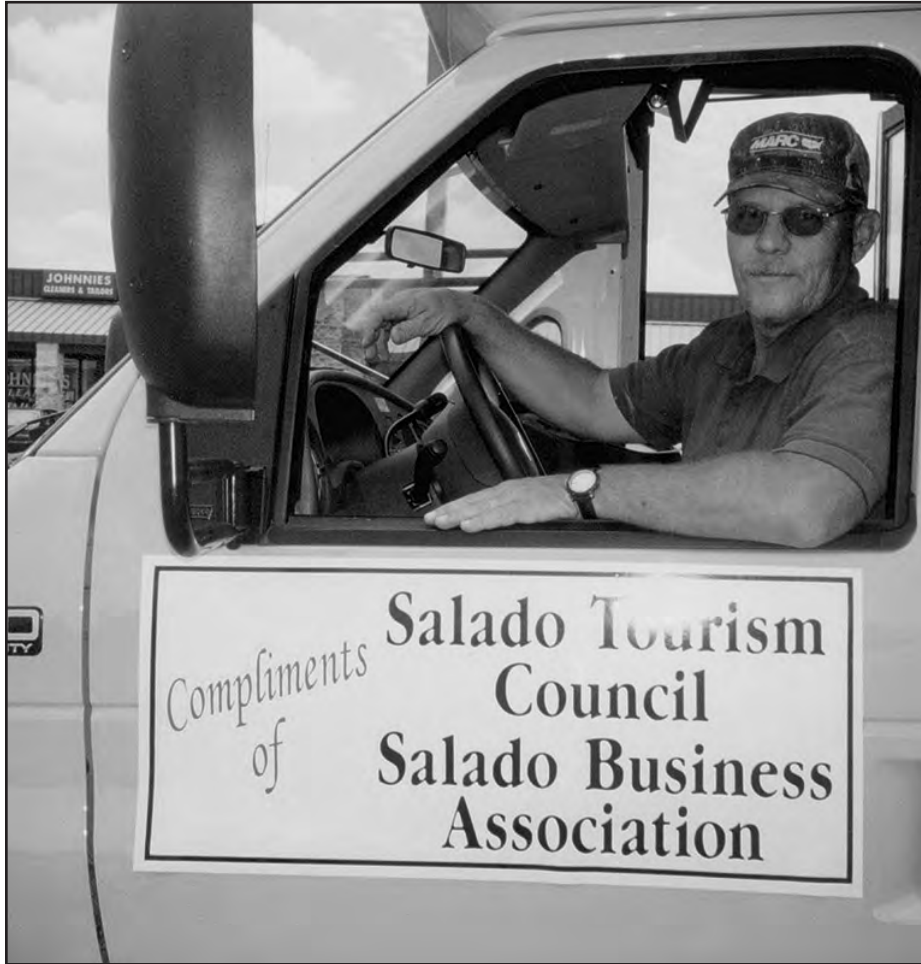
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# What's happening around the Village of Salado?

## 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 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.

**Live music on the patio at The Range restaurant,** featuring Pat McCann, New Age jazz pianist. 7-10 p.m. Half price drinks on patio 6-10 p.m. Info: 947-3828.

## JULY 17

**Annual Genealogy Workshop at Central Texas Area Museum.** Speaker Shelby Phillip Smith on "My Heart Belongs to Scotland."



Registration: 9 a.m. Workshop: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. with lunch. Cost: \$25. Info: 947-5232.

## 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 22

**Mud Pies Pottery,** located at 18 North Main Street, will host a bowl making session beginning 6:30 p.m. No prior experience is needed. Bowls made during the session will be donated to the Salado Family Relief Fund's annual Empty Bowl Project, the proceeds of which benefit needy families in Salado and surrounding areas.

The class is free and includes dinner, but is limited to only 10 participants. Reservations are accepted.

For more information call Titia at 947-0281.

## JULY 19

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

**Parents of Class of 2005 organizational meeting,** discussing fundraising methods for Project Graduation. 7 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School.

## 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 23

Live music on the

**patio at The Range restaurant,** featuring Ronnie Caywood. 7-10 p.m. Half price drinks on patio 6-10 p.m. Info: 947-3828.

## 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 visit [www.allcentex.com/tablerock](http://www.allcentex.com/tablerock). Tickets: adult \$15, child 12 and under \$5.

## JULY 26-27

**Girls volleyball camp,** for incoming freshmen through seniors. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. daily at SIS gym; campers should bring a sack lunch. Cost: \$50. Info: New Lady Eagle volleyball coach Stacy Lisenbe, 254-760-2171.

## JULY 26-29

Girls basketball

**camp,** for incoming fourth through ninth graders, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. daily at SHS gym. Cost: \$40. Led by Scott Copeland, new Lady Eagle basketball coach. Info: 947-5429 ext. 1303.

## JULY 26

**Public Arts League first annual public arts awards/luncheon,** beginning 11 a.m. at Stagecoach's Longhorn Room. Buffet lunch beginning at noon, preceded by six 10-minute lectures by Saladoans on "State of the Arts in Salado." Tickets: \$20. Reservations and info: 947-8300. No reservations after July 21.

## 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.

**Live music on the patio at The Range restaurant,** featuring Pat McCann, New Age jazz pianist. 7-10 p.m. Half price drinks on patio 6-10 p.m. Info: 947-3828.

## JULY 31

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**AUGUST 2**  
**Deadline for ad copy to be published in Fall 2004 Jewel in the Crown publication.**

**AUGUST 7**  
**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 visit www.allcentex.com/tablerock. Tickets: adult \$15, child 12 and under \$5.

**AUGUST 7-8**  
**38th Annual Salado Art Fair** in Pace Park. For more information call the Salado Chamber of Commerce, 947-5040.

**AUGUST 21**  
**Salado Athletic Booster Club Reverse**

**Raffle**, 5 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Info: 947-1093.

**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**  
**Salado Businesses Salute Educators.** More information TBA.

**SEPT. 10-12 & 17-19**  
**World Team Roping Association Finals** at Wildfire Ranch. Info: 947-0291 or 947-8080.

**SEPTEMBER 11**  
**Mill Creek Community Association Fall Social** at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6-7 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner. Info: 947-3901.

**SEPTEMBER 18-19**  
 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
**Tablerock's Fantasy Faire & Shakespeare Play** 8:15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater.



**JULY 24, 31 AND AUGUST 7 - Salado Legends 12th Annual Performance**, dinner 7:15 p.m., show at 8:15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheatre. For ticket information call 947-9205 or visit www.allcentex.com/tablerock.

Tickets: adults \$5, children \$3. Shakespeare tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 child. Call 254-947-8933.

**SEPTEMBER 20**  
**Wine & Wildflower Festival** sponsored by Public Arts League of Salado. For more information call 947-3429.

**SEPTEMBER 25-26**  
 8:15 p.m. **Shakespeare Play** at Tablerock Amphitheater. For more information call 254-947-8933.

**OCTOBER 2**  
**Reception for portrait artist Gene Dillard** at

**Mill Creek Country Club.** Sponsored by Griffith Fine Art Gallery. Details TBA.

**OCTOBER 8-9**  
**Christmas In October** at the Salado Civic Center. Free. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary.

**OCTOBER 23**  
 6 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. **3rd Annual Chisholm Trail Cattleman's Ball** at Tenroc Ranch. For more information call 254-947-5479.

**OCTOBER 30-31**  
 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. **Fright Nights Family Halloween Fun** at Tablerock's Trail. Adults \$5 Children \$3

**NOVEMBER 1**  
**Deadline for ad copy to be published in Winter 2004 Jewel in the Crown publication.**

**NOVEMBER 5-6-7**  
 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
**Chisholm Trail Days** Shops, Shoot Outs, eat at a campfire, cowboy poets and songs. Admission: adults \$10, children \$5. For more information call 254-913-0366.

**NOVEMBER 12-14**  
**Gathering of the Clans** at Robertson Plantation & College Hill.  
**NOVEMBER 18**

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

**NOVEMBER 23**  
**Noon deadline** for Salado Village Voice newspaper Dec. 1 publication.

**NOVEMBER 25-26**  
**Salado Village Voice office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.**

**DECEMBER 3-4**  
**A Christmas Carol**, 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Tickets: adults \$5, children \$3. 6:30 p.m.: sandwiches and drinks available. For more information call 254-947-9205.

**DECEMBER 3-4-5**  
**Salado Christmas Stroll.**

**Salado Historical Society Annual Christmas Homes Tour** TBA

**DECEMBER 10-11-12**  
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**A Christmas Carol** 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Tickets: Adults \$5, children \$3. 6:30 p.m.: sandwiches and drinks available. For more information call 254-947-9205.

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

strengthening and Pilates. Bring a mat or blanket. Held at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public. No class Memorial Day, May 31.  
**Salado Democrats:** 6:45 p.m., first Monday of each month at the Civic Center.  
**Salado Youth Fair Boosters:** 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**  
**Salado Creekside Cloggers:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
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**Salado:** Celebrate Recovery, Christian 12-step program, 6-7:30 p.m. Open to everyone dealing with personal hurts, habits or hangups. Info: 947-5465.

**Salado Youth Baseball Association:** meetings 7 p.m. at Civic Center.  
**Salado Presbyterian Church:** Friends meet second and fourth Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon. All women welcome. Info: 947-5982.  
**Lions Club:** 2nd & 4th Wed. at 11:30 a.m., Creekside. Board meets 2nd Wed. 8 a.m.  
**Mill Creek Community Association Board:** 3rd Wed., 5 p.m., at Civic Center.  
**Scottish Country Dance Lessons:** 8-9:30 p.m. at the Scots Hall of the Clans. 947-0325 for info.

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

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

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

**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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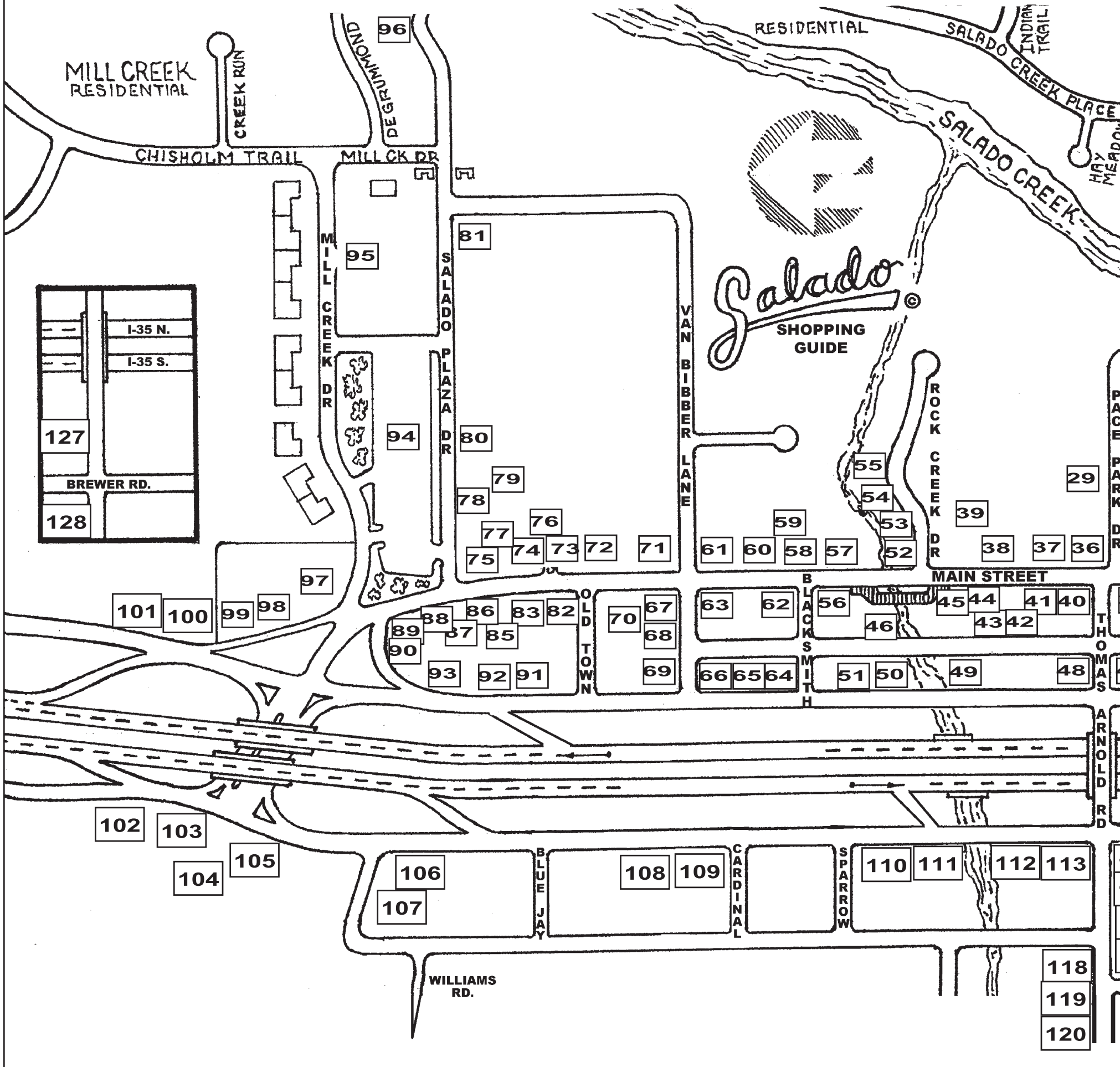
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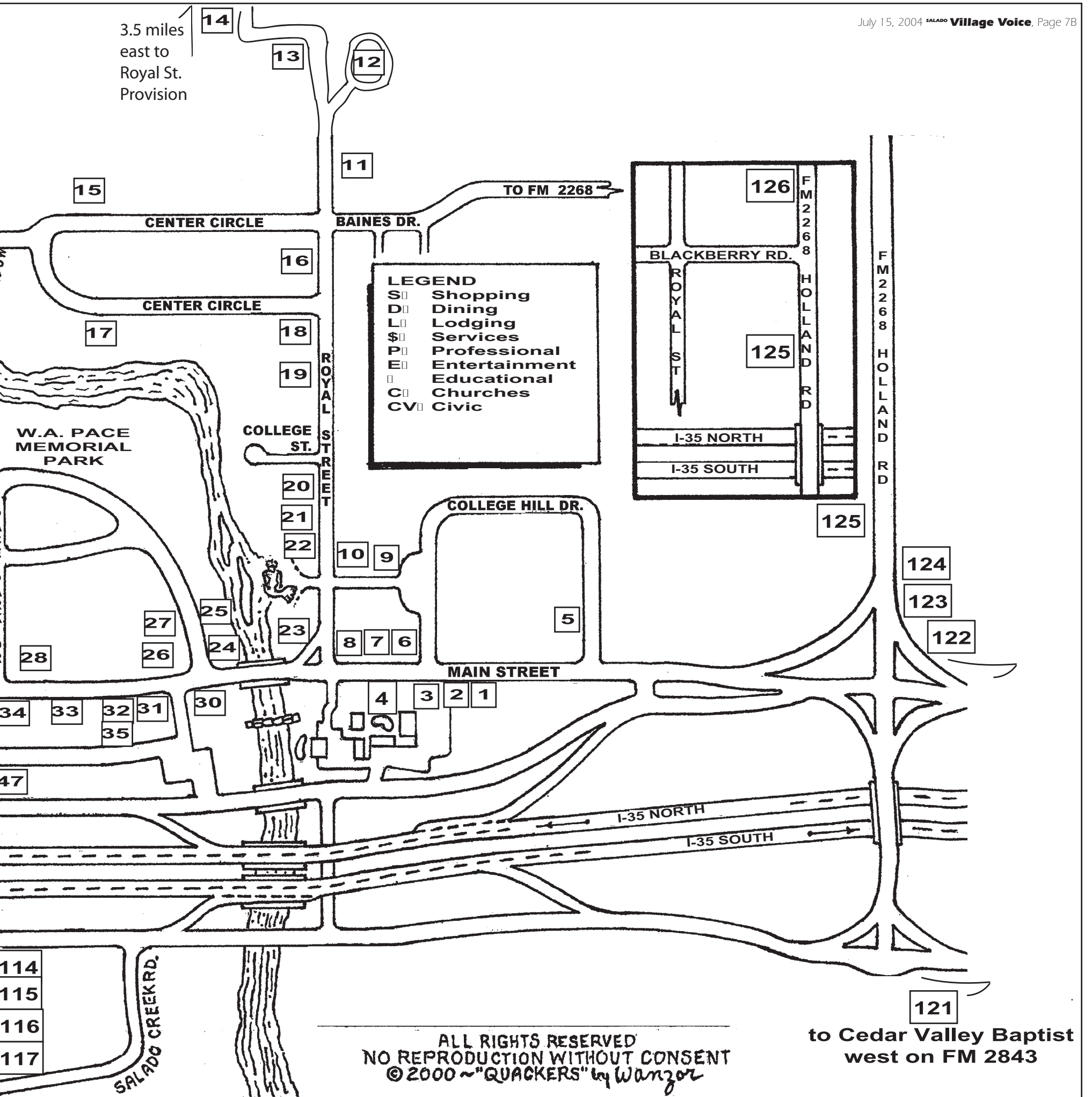
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# Following the winds

Three years at sea makes for plenty of adventures, not all of them good

By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
STAFF WRITER

The waters off the coast of Houston were in a crowded state. Countless ships - extravagant in their expensive modernity - bobbed at anchor, their owners top-deck in festive regalia.

Closer to the water line in a small borrowed boat, Rick and Sharron Harrington, Houston-area filmmakers, darted among the ornate pleasure craft, scanning for something apart from the vessels that tossed their shadows downward.

There were many out that day, but none that fit what the Harrington's had in mind. Until they came across an incongruity. Almost as if shunned, a wooden schooner, apart from the pack, solitarily passed the day in imperfect seclusion, near the rust-colored railways hugging the shore. As they approached to board, her reflected hull wobbled in the ripples. They had found what they sought, an all-timber, vintage sailing ship.

Sharron, who now lives in Salado, remembers it well. "We spied a beauty among the 'ways,' she says, her eyes twinkling at the memory. They talked up the ship's owner, a young man from the Midwest whose fantasy of maritime adventure deflated almost as soon as his imagination gave it air. Apparently, the reality of ship life wasn't quite as romantic as presumed.

For their part, Rick and Sharron went home that day in 1976 with two things: first, the footage they needed; and second, a shared, spontaneous tug to take their lives as they were and flip them backwards. The origin of the Gulf Coast Maritime Museum can be traced to that night.

Their impromptu plan was pretty straightforward: purchase a schooner of the type common a century before, fill it with related relics from the past, and travel from port-to-port along the Gulf Coast leading tours and making a film of their experiences. Only one thing slowed the venture down: they had no vessel - arguably the most vital detail of the plan.

So they searched out a broker willing to work with them, and found one in Florida. He, in turn, contacted a European antiques dealer, affectionately dubbed "Thor" by Sharron, owing to his resemblance to the Nordic thunder god. Thor had spent the last 11 years sail-

ing his ship, "Artemis" - a 152 foot, 300-ton schooner built in Denmark in 1902 - wherever he wanted, filling its hold with priceless antiques and selling them when he pulled into port.

Artemis, originally named Noah, was built by Z.T. Jacobson, one of Denmark's finest traditional shipmakers, as a freighter. Her top mast stretched over 10 stories, and she was used primarily to haul goods like salt and lumber - the latter of which, due to its buoyancy, once miraculously saved her from sinking. She was still around for the Harringtons to purchase because somehow she'd survived her North Sea route in WWI.

Finding money where they could, selling what they couldn't live without, the Harrington's made the deal in Dec. 1976, and Artemis changed owners for one of the few times in her existence.

What to do next was a little more complicated, for, as Sharron as attests, their previous experiences did nothing to prepare them for life at sea. Rick was a former contract actor in Hollywood, Sharron a dancer turned ad consultant. "We truly didn't know port from starboard," said Sharron.

Taking what seemed to be appropriate steps, they purchased a sextant, and learned how to site by taking readings off a cedar fence post in their backyard. They also read everything they could get their hands on, hoping to gain enough passing knowledge to sail without sinking.

Those worries aside, there were also other concerns. They, after all, shared careers and a family, and things weren't going so bad. The Harrington's mom-and-pop film company kept busy producing public service announcements, commercials and short films. They had a nice home and five kids, forming a Brady Bunch sort of domestic life (each had two children from a previous marriage).

None of this was lost on Rick and Sharron. "We knew what we left behind," she says. "But the idea



Sharron Harrington in her Salado home, which is full of relics from Artemis. Here she is pictured with one of the ship's vintage lamps. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

seemed so worthwhile. It was something higher than yourself."

The process of turning Artemis into a sea-worthy museum became a family effort. Although they had no intention of taking the kids to sea, the Harringtons did not hesitate to press them into duty. A furious few months followed the ship's purchase, new paint and tar were applied, fresh caulking to seal the spaces, and every other task that needed to be carried out completed.

By March 9, 1977 Artemis was polished and primed for her coming out in Galveston. The Harringtons maybe were not. A short time before, Artemis had been commissioned in the Texas Navy, and gained a designation of being an official American Registered Museum Ship, but financial help the Harringtons were counting on - in the form of grants and donations - had failed to materialize. Having never gained tax exempt status did not help their cause.

Undaunted, they pushed forward anyway. Sharron credits ignorance and naivete. With a threadbare budget and 20 volunteers on hand to help conduct tours, in nine hours the Harrington's shuffled through 1,560

people on the very first day. Admission was \$1 for adults, kids were free. CONTINUED ON PAGE 10B



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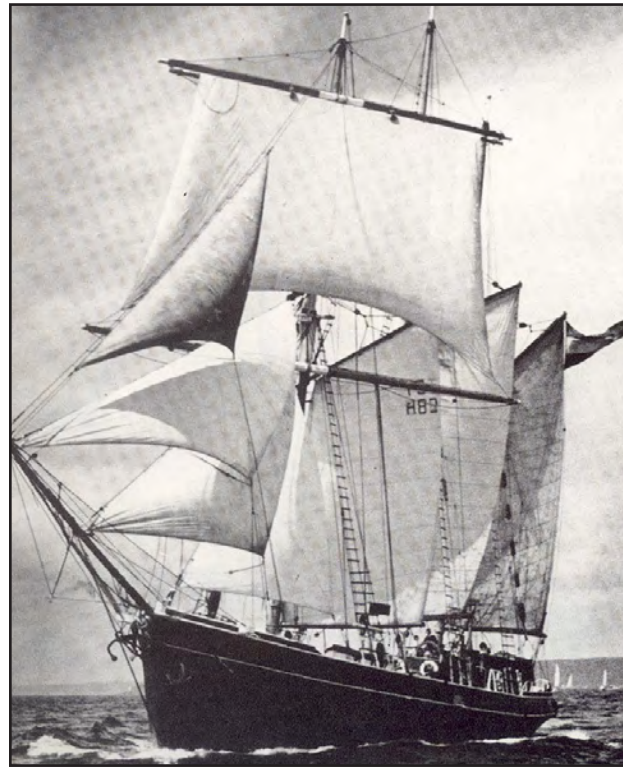
Over the next few weeks, 11,000 curious Houstonians toured the ship.

This was just the beginning. The Harringtons would spend their next few years in the Gulf of Mexico. They visited all the ports of call along the Gulf: Beaumont, Corpus Christi, New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Mobile, Moss Point and others.

The ship was crewed by volunteers - generally fewer than seven - and it was a Spartan life aboard. With only one cabin, everyone except Rick and Sharron bedded down in the hold or on deck, stringing up a hammock where they could. They did have an oven aboard, though its fickle impertinence confounded Sharron on the occasions she tried to cook.

Along with the salt and smells of being on ship, another omnipresent feature of life was a constant lack of money. It became a strain to keep her going.

Steps had to be taken out of necessity, because, over time, the Harringtons began to love the ship as though it were human. As Sharron says, there was an indefinable quality about her some might call magic, others providence. But by whatever name, it seemed to impact everyone. It got in your blood, snuck in



Taken from the inside page of Rick and Sharron Harrington's book, "Artemis, Proud Before the Wind." The caption underneath the photo reads "...as we know her."

The Harringtons purchased the Danish schooner in the 1970s and converted it into a maritime museum. They spent the latter half of that decade sailing from port-to-port along the Gulf of Mexico, opening their museum to the public wherever they hauled in.

In 1980, off the coast of Florida, the ship sank in a hurricane.

your soul while you looked the other way. Because of that, any personal sacrifice would be made to ensure her continued longevity. It was that simple.

"We sold our house, we sold our car, everything of value. We sold down to the last essentials," says Sharron. This was contrary to their original plan, which was to hire a crew to operate Artemis, while they continued running their film company in Houston. Life just didn't work out that way.

So aboard ship they stayed, "encountering nothing but good folk" in their

travels and almost losing their lives in a hurricane. With all the ship's bilge pumps inoperable, a helicopter flew straight into the storm to deliver Artemis new pumps, which saved both ship and crew. That wasn't one of Sharron's fondest recollections, though they made it out unscathed. "We sort of had a charmed life," she supposes.

Out of money and with no further recourse, the Harringtons were forced to sell Artemis in 1979. They sold her in Mobile to a Canadian friend of

theirs. The Harringtons didn't know at the time that this man - an experienced, talented sailor - had captained five ships to their graves.

Artemis was to be number six. Four days after leaving port in May 1980, the ship's rookie crew encountered a hurricane 150 miles off the coast of Tampa, Florida. The storm's ferocity was too much for the old ship, and her final voyage found her docked 1,500 feet below the waters of the gulf.

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traught, the Harringtons fought to secure enough money to have Artemis raised. They wrote a book, "Artemis, Proud Before the Wind," hurriedly capturing a brief bit of their attachment to the ship. They hoped the revenue from book sales would finance her resurrection. It didn't. They sold a few copies, mostly to friends. "Doing that was probably cathartic for us," Sharron says.

While Artemis languished, deteriorating with each passing day, life went on for the Harringtons. They entertained thoughts of raising her for the next several years, but nothing came to fruition. As a husband and wife team, they wrote more books - although in a thoroughly opposite genre than their first work. Let's just say it was a form of novels usually featuring Fabio on the cover.

They went on to do other things. Grieving for a lost son, Rick, along with Sharron, wrote, directed and produced a feature length film, "Entry Level Male," in 1996, which happened to co-star their youngest daughter Seanna, who was modeling at the time. They had high hopes, but the film was neither a commer-

cial nor critical success.

After the Harringtons marriage ended, Sharron fulfilled a long-held desire to travel to Japan and teach English. Her youthful enchantment with the Land of the Rising Sun extinguished itself quickly, however, and she returned to Texas, moving to Salado and continuing her job with Maybelline, which she will retire from at the end of the month.

All the footage shot and collected during three years aboard Artemis is still around, although Sharron harbors doubts as to whether anything will be done with it.

She says she's felt no desire to return to sailing ever again, and confesses that she doesn't even consider herself an outdoors person. "I've never even liked camping," she explained.

One trip through her Salado home effectively enforces the fact that Artemis remains an important part of, if not her everyday life, then at least her psyche. There are sailor's chests, pictures, various implements and gear from the ship, ancient running lamps and even a dining table

from the doomed schooner adorning her home.

When asked what compelled two sane people to drop everything and change their lives, the eternally-optimistic, sparkly-eyed child of the 60s asserts, "For the adventure. I didn't come into this world for wealth."

Maybe not material wealth, but there is a wealth of a different kind. One that doesn't come with dollar signs attached.

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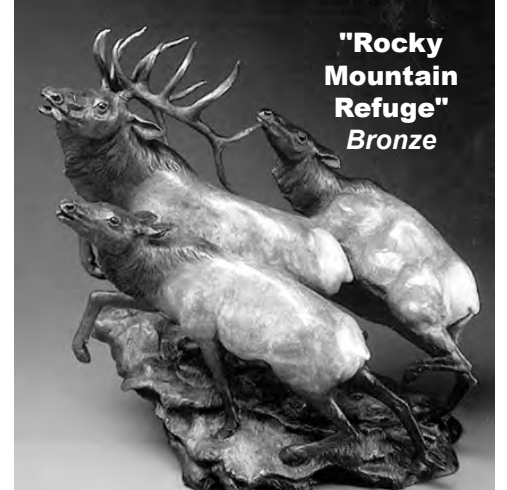
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Cost for the camp is \$50 for both days, and campers will need to bring a sack lunch. If necessary, a camper can participate for one day only, for a cost of \$25.

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For more information, contact Lisenbe at 254-760-2171.

## Quilt Guild to hold special event in July

The Crossroads to Texas Quilt Guild of the Killeen area will be meeting 7 p.m. July 26, at the First United Methodist Church. The program will cover computer label programs and "Photo Play Book" ideas.

A show and tell session will conclude the program.

The annual *Christmas In July* workshop will be held July 17, at the South Campus of the First United Methodist Church,

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For additional information about the classes to be offered, contact the program chairperson at (254) 526-0331. Christmas in July will offer at least four different classes related to quilting.

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# The Amazing Bodie Gilstrap

By **Tumbleweed Smith**



Bodie Gilstrap of Eldorado has a case full of trophies. Some of them are for calf roping, but the majority of them are for showing lambs.

In 1989, when Bodie was 16, he rolled his pickup and broke his neck. He was taken to a hospital in San Angelo, then transferred to the Dallas Rehab Center, where Bodie and his parents stayed eight months. When the Gilstraps arrived in Dallas, they learned about the generosity of their neighbors.

"When we got to Dallas, I looked in my purse and found \$2,000," says Carolyn Gilstrap, Bodie's mother.

"I had no idea where it came from. When my husband got here, he had \$3,500 in his shirt pocket. People would just come in and give us a hug and want to know how Bodie was. Then they put money in our pocket."

Some of their friends came in and handed them some keys.

"They told us they had an apartment in Dallas and wanted us to use it as our own. Before that, we didn't know what we were going to do."

Bodie is a quadriplegic, paralyzed from the neck down. He is ventilator dependent, which means that someone has to be with him all the time.

Jaime, Bodie's father, tends to Bodie every morning before he heads off to work on a ranch.

He resumes taking care of Bodie when he comes in after work. In between, Carolyn spends the day with Bodie.

Bodie sleeps with one end of a breathing apparatus in his mouth. If it should come out, an alarm sounds. He sometimes has nightmares about that.

Bodie is one determined individual. While he was in rehab in Dallas, he did some school work.

He came back and finished his junior year through the summer, then started the fall semester of his senior year with his

regular class.

"He graduated number 19 out of 41," Carolyn says with pride. Bodie went to A & M and majored in animal science.

"I got into A & M the summer of 1992," says Bodie, "and I graduated in the spring of 2001. Took me a while, but it was something I had always wanted to do. I had the opportunity, and took it."

Bodie, now 31 years old, is a computer expert. He designed his own computer and ordered the parts over the internet. A friend assembled it.

"I have a computer that's voice activated, which means I control it with my voice."

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There is a clear relationship between the number of boats in a given area and the levels of coliform bacteria in both water and shellfish, reports the San Francisco Estuary Project. High levels of coliform bacteria, which indicate sewage pollution, can spread disease, contaminate shellfish beds and decrease oxygen levels in the water. Studies on swimmers, scuba divers and windsurfers show the effects of contact with bacteria-infested waters, which include nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Individuals may also become ill by eating shellfish that have consumed human sewage.

Even coral reef communities are affected when high bacterial levels cause an overgrowth of aquatic plants and algae. Dead zones, like the one currently in the Gulf of Mexico, are areas of the ocean starved of oxygen because sewage has spurned robust algae blooms that consume all available oxygen when they die and decompose. Fish and plants can no longer survive in these areas.



According to the Oceans and Coastal Protection Division of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), slow-flowing rivers, lakes, marinas and "other bodies of water with low flushing rates" are particularly susceptible to the havoc brought on by boat sewage. To counter the problem, in 1998, the Federal Clean Water Act allowed states to designate all or portions of their bodies of water as no-discharge zones. These zones help to ensure that public drinking water is not contaminated. Currently, six states have adopted the policy. The act also regulates standards for marine sanitation devices--boat toilets. Such legislation aims to improve the quality of water at recreation sites for both human and aquatic life.

One of the largest waterway polluters is the cruise ship industry, which often dumps raw sewage directly into the sea. According to Jackie Savitz, Pollution Campaign Director and Senior Scientist for the Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit organiza-

tion, Oceana, the cruise ship industry alone discharges tens of thousands of pounds of sewage a day into some of the most pristine parts of the ocean. The extent of the effect of such pollution depends on where you are, she explains. In more sensitive ecosystems, such as in Alaska and Hawaii, cruise ship sewage is a huge percentage of the water pollution problem, where other sources, such as sewer overflows, may have more of an impact on water quality in places such as New York. Discharge into the ocean by cruise ships is not covered under the Clean Water Act, but states can take action. Alaska was the first to pass a law requiring tougher standards for cruise ships, says Stavitz.

Oceana recently targeted Royal Caribbean to pressure them to clean up their dumping practices. After an 11-month campaign, during which some

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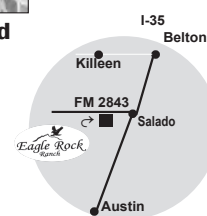


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Anyone with a microwave, freezer, extra pantry space, and a yen to have out of season foods can take advantage of the new methods for preserving. You don't even have to have a surplus from the garden. With the grocery stores and farmer's markets around, you can buy what you want and begin your preserving career. It doesn't even take hours and hours anymore or even an experienced cook to do the preserving. Even a novice in the kitchen can make beautiful creations and preserves. We are talking about curing meat, making various sauces and vinegars, creating your own salsa, marinade, dried fruits, fruit leathers, drinks and juices, butters, chutneys, dips, and on and on. Once you have preserved the creations, you will have wonderful gifts that everyone will appreciate and love.

Let's take a look at using the freezer. I am sure that everyone has at one time or another put an excess of soup, meat, or even leftovers into the freezer. Guess what? That is considered preserving.

## Master Gardener

by Candace Mullen

See, you're already an old hand at this stuff. Well, the packages of fruit pectin (found in the sugar aisle) now have directions for freezer jam and jellies that don't need any cooking. Just follow the directions EXACTLY and you can make wonderful tasting preserves. The freezer jams and jellies really taste like just picked fruits and have wonderful color, are easy to make, and will stay a long time in the freezer. There are several brands of fruit pectin both powdered and liquid, some use no sugar at all in the recipe, and all are very good and easy to use. The one thing to remember is that the directions are exact and any deviation with measurements and timing will result in a disaster. This is one time no substitutions are allowed in the game unless specified.

Jams and jellies are not the only things you can preserve in the freezer. All kinds of fruits and vegetables can be frozen, including herbs. Of course, baked or unbaked prepared dishes (like pies and casseroles) also fall into this category. Have you ever tried freezing mint sprigs in ice cube trays with water and then adding the cube to iced tea in the hot summer days? Now that's really great tasting! I freeze lemon halves after I make lemonade so I can grate them and use them later. I also buy fresh peppers and onions on sale, clean and slice them, and place them in gallon freezer bags to use later. I just add them while frozen to various dishes. Just make sure you use freezer paper or bags and label/date everything so you can use them! Sometimes buying in bulk, like lunchmeats, cheese

and other foods are cheaper and easier on the budget. Just preserve the excess for later usage in smaller portions. Grate the cheese all at once and then freeze it to pull out when you need it for that great omelet or spaghetti.

Or, you might put that microwave to work instead of the freezer for a change. This brings us to the topic of drying to preserve edibles. Dried food has the moisture removed and can't support the growth of microorganisms. Properly dried food retains most nutrients as well as flavor and color. Use only food in fresh, prime condition and work quickly. Food to be dried should be cut into small or thin pieces so that it will dry quickly. Pieces to be dried together should be about the same size so they will take the same amount of time to dry. Most fruits need no preparation for drying beyond washing, slicing, or cutting up, but vegetables need blanching first to set the color. Steam blanching or microwave blanching are the best methods because blanching in boiling water adds more liquid to the vegetable and makes the process longer. The taste is also better and you don't need to cool the vegetables first either. Just follow the directions in your microwave instruction booklet and you will have success.

You can also try oven drying but not hotter than 140 degrees for about 12 to 14 hours or overnight. Don't overload the oven and check the trays often. You might also try sun drying or air-drying various vegetables or fruits, like mushrooms and tomatoes. Just follow the directions in any good

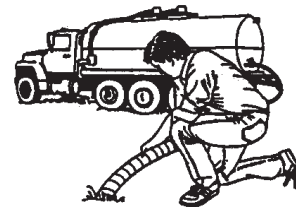
cookbook so the food won't spoil!

Of course, even the old fashioned art of canning and pickling has undergone some changes and improvements. Just look in the grocery store for jars of all kinds and sizes to see what's new. I would also recommend getting a good cookbook labeled especially for canning and freezing. I still use the wonderful cookbook from the food editors of Farm Journal that has easy recipes for everything you might want to preserve.

There is really a sense of accomplishment when you look at the beautiful jars and containers of homemade oils, vinegars, jams, or vegetables you have made yourself. It is also the way to have good tasting food without preservatives and additives making the allergy sufferers worse and quite often a way to save money in the budget. And best of all, a novice can preserve just about anything these days for great gifts. So let's all take a chance and try preserving a little something this summer to enjoy later on in the year!

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

**41 acres w/ SOLD** country view \$3,500 per acre  
**44 acres** off of Firefly Road between Salado and Florence. Great Trees with typical hill country topography. Will divide.  
**51 acres** **UNDER CONTRACT**, tree coverage, sw of Salado.  
**20 acres** off of FM 2268, \$3,000 per acre.  
**114 acres** off of FM 2268, \$2,000 per acre  
**94 acres** off of FM 2268, \$5,000 per acre.  
**20 acres** off of I-35.  
**Aerials of our acreage listings can be seen at [www.salado.net](http://www.salado.net)**

## Salado Lots

**Indian Trail** at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - **\$40,000.**  
**Indian Trail** - 90x188 - **\$38,000.**

## Commercial

**3 acres** commercial property fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$120,000.**  
**Excellent Commercial** **UNDER CONTRACT** & IH-35  
**Bed & Breakfast** - Great chance to live in Salado and run your own Bed & Breakfast.

## Belton

**Nice 2/2** doublewide with large and formal dining. Fenced yard. **\$39,000.**  
**Large lot with trees** in gated Southlake Subdivision. **\$55,000.**  
**5+ acres** fronting SH 190 and Boxer Road. Great commercial location. City water available. **\$299,000.**  
**Custom home under construction in Regatta Oaks.** Completion 8/04. Huge master bedroom and bathroom **\$369,000.**