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Salado Lady Eagles kept their grip on second place in the district race by squeaking past Lago Vista, 36-35 at home Jan. 21. See story Page 6A. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

## SISD supt gets 2 year contract

Salado school trustees gave Superintendent Robin Battershell a two-year contract Jan. 24, the first multi-year contract offered to any Salado ISD administrator since 1997 when she was initially hired.

The contract extension came on a motion by Trey Little with a second from Chris Seaton that passed 6-1. "It's not that I'm against the superintendent. I'm in favor of her. I'm just not in favor of multi-year contracts," Lynn Renfro said before casting the dissenting vote.

The vote came after Fred Shavers gave the district its financial audit report for school year

ending Aug. 2004. "It is a pleasure to work with this school district," said Shavers, of Williams, Cunningham and Shaver, the accounting firm hired to conduct the independent audit. "Of the 20 or so school districts that I work with, these are the some of the cleanest books I have seen."

The school district ended the 2004 school year with a total fund balance of \$1.85 million, of which \$1.6 million is general fund balance, an increase of more than \$300,000 over the beginning fund balance.

In other business, trustees ordered a May 7 election for three full three-year terms on the board.

The school district will conduct joint elections with the Village of Salado and Salado Public Library District. Early voting will be April 20-May 3. The filing period for the school board trustee election is Feb. 7- March 7.

Anna Kate Mackie and Jennifer Berumen reported to trustees on a 62 percent increase in the number of students in the English as a Second Language program since last year. The two reported on a new program, the ESL TAKS academy to work more closely with students who will be taking the TAKS test.

Trustees also approved the sale of a 1991 school bus for \$4,000.

## Benefit set for Grimm Jan. 29

A barbecue dinner, music and auction will all be a part of a Jan. 29 benefit for Jeremy Grimm, to be held at the Inn at Salado.

Grimm, a 2002 graduate of Salado High School, was recently diagnosed with a rare malignant germinoma brain tumor. The tumor was discovered in September, after Grimm experienced double vision and decided to visit a

doctor. Emergency room scans detected the tumor, and he was immediately meta-flighted to Scott & White for surgery.

Since then, he has undergone another brain surgery (which did not remove the tumor because of the risk), and is currently involved in radiation treatments.

He has another surgery planned for this summer.

The benefit for Grimm will begin at 4:30 p.m., with dinner being served at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each, whether purchased in advance or at the door.

Jeremy is the son of Danny and Kim Grimm, of Salado.

For more information on the benefit or how to make a donation, email Shellie Oliver at SG\_graphics@hotmail.com.

## Trustees to call election Jan. 27

# \$17 mil bond will be April 2

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When Salado school trustees meet 6 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Salado Civic Center to call for a \$17 million bond election, it should be short and sweet. The vote will be little more than a formality as the grueling groundwork going before it has been done.

At their last workshop Jan. 20, trustees prioritized the \$17 million bond proposal as the following: high school campus with core facilities for 750 students and classroom capacity of 550 students; practice gymnasium; football/track stadium and concession; tennis courts; baseball and softball fields.

The board considered changing the bond package from a single proposition of \$17 million to multiple propositions to include the core high school, an athletics facility and an auditorium.

After a great deal of discussion during which board members Jeff Kelly, Lynn Renfro and Chris Seaton spoke in favor of multiple choices, the board ultimately settled on the single \$17 million proposal.

Rather than bringing a motion to reconsider the bond proposal that would be split the board, trustees favoring the multiple options allowed the issue to

rest.

Trustees have also set election day voting for 7 a.m.-7 p.m. April 2 at the Salado High School Commons Area. Early voting will be 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. March 16-29 at the Salado Civic Center.

Additional early voting opportunities will include these: 5:30-8 p.m. March 22, at Salado Intermediate School; 7-8 a.m. March 24 at Thomas Arnold Elementary, 8 a.m.-noon March 26 at Salado Civic Center and 4:30-8:30 p.m. March 29 at Salado Intermediate School.

Calling the election will be the last in a series of steps taken by trustees since 2001 to address the long-term needs of the district. The next step will be taken by voters this Spring.

Trustees state that they have been following the direction given to them from the community group since November 2002. That group directed trustees to do three things: a needs assessment of the school facilities, buy land for future facilities, and put together a bond proposal.

According to the needs assessment by architect Michael Marrs, the school district can only expand at its current location if it transplants its baseball, softball and football facilities to another site.

In October 2003, the district began looking for

land. Among the concerns of the district in purchasing land were these: access, proximity to current campuses, access to I-35, utilities, and size. The board actively pursued several potential locations until narrowing its options down to two locations in April. The district purchased 50 acres at FM 2484 and Williams Rd. for \$500,000 in June 2004.

The process of putting together a bond package began in earnest in September 2004. Requests for qualifications went out to architects and construction managers in October and the board hired architectural firm Fields and Associates and construction manager at-risk firm Baird-Williams Construction Co.

Fields and Associates met for four weeks with administrators and facilities committee members before presenting its proposed costs in early December. The initial individual budgets for high school (\$18.5 million), athletics complex (\$3.6 million), athletics renovation (\$1.7 million), auditorium (\$3.5 million) and elementary renovations (\$1.3 million) were slashed in December and early January.

Trustees trimmed the budgets to \$15 million for high school and \$2 million for athletics complex. An auditorium was dropped from consideration.

## Band concert/dinner set Jan. 27

The Salado ISD Bands' Third Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be held 5:30-8:45 p.m. Jan. 27 in the Salado Intermediate School.

In addition to the spaghetti dinner, an auction will be held from 7-7:30

p.m., and a concert will take place from 7:30-8:45 p.m.

The concert will include performances from the Heights Community Band, the choir from First Baptist Church of Salado, the Salado High School

band and baritone soloist Emilio Olivares.

Cost is \$5 per plate, with a maximum of \$20 per family. For more information contact Amanda Silkett at 254-793-3794, or email asilkett@saladoisd.org.

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## ABWA meets Feb. 3

The monthly meeting of the Chisholm Trail chapter of the ABWA will be held 6:30 p.m. Feb. 3 at the Stagecoach Inn. A 6-6:30 p.m. social time will precede the meeting. Cindy Mosley and Janice Lasley, Financial Advisors with Merrill Lynch (Waco) will speak on "Smart Women Finish Rich." Shelly Smith will be the vocational speaker. All visitors are welcome. For more information call 947-8610.

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# FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



## Social Security changes face 60% public disapproval despite full court press by Bush administration

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



Now that the inaugural festivities in Washington are past and the happy-hours of indulgence headaches have subsided, it's time to create new mental-migraines (for many) arising from the formidable Bush domestic agenda that will overpower the next four political years.

First on the list is the matter of redrawing Social Security to allow younger workers to voluntarily invest a third of their regular SS contribution, in a personal retirement fund.

### WHY PRIVATIZE?

Driving this mad dash for privatization, led by President Bush and other advocates who subscribe to this sort of stock market gambling, is the fallacious foreboding that the Social Security Trust Fund is going broke and will be unable to pay annuitants after 2042.

This information is patently false and should be challenged by Social Security Administration (SSA) officials. The facts are overwhelmingly clear. Over the years - both Democratic and Republican administrations and their congressional co-conspirators have "borrowed" from the Trust Fund - in order to "cook" the federal budget.

Problem is - these funds have never been repaid! And we're talking hundreds of billions of dollars. If the SSA could somehow force Congress to fully repay their spurious "IOU's," the trust fund would end up with several trillion dollars available immediately to begin earning interest through non-speculative investments in guaranteed Treasury and insured Municipal Bonds.

That amount would compound rapidly thus keeping the Trust Fund solvent through the end of this century - and beyond. Additional revenues could easily be captured by removing the \$90,000 income cap and allow SSA to collect retirement-medicare taxes on each SS participant's total income.

This would further energize the Trust Fund, thus allowing it to realistically increase annual benefits, regardless of the demands of the "Boomer" generation.

### MAJORITY FEAR SS CHANGES

Current public opinion polls (as well as comments from members of congress - both liberal and conservative), indicate a vast majority of Americans (over 60 percent) want no part in changing the present social security program - period!

Should the ensuing debate over private accounts produce objective information, rather than obfuscation that is generally spawned by political jawboning, we may discover we have an excellent program in place, and once loans to the Trust Fund are repaid - and invested properly, young people will no longer need worry about their future retirement benefits.

At that point it would be hoped President Bush will somehow overcome his inane stubborn streak and move to other agenda items where he can better "spend" his political "capital" earned through what is being touted as the Bush "mandate."

A strange term for the smallest winning margin (ever), in a presidential reelection.

### MORE BROKEN PROMISES

One of the saddest chapters in this nation's contemporary history is the cruel disappointment suffered by workers in both the private and public work sectors, when benefit promises made to them during their productive work years are callously broken at retirement.

After creating wealth for companies during a lifetime of loyal and productive work; and that same amount of time serving the public either as a teacher or state employee - it would seem proper

that those who benefit most, either profiteering owners or elected officials and the public, would do all in their power to keep worker's retirement benefits from being cut or eliminated. Regrettably, this sort of "downward" loyalty has all but disappeared!

The public sector's record has been traditionally better insofar as keeping promises. For example, the low pay for most state workers in Texas is partially offset by decent health benefits and a tolerable pension after years of servitude.

However, this may change as Governor Perry and his legislative pals begin looking for ways to avoid new taxes, including breaking retirement promises made to the very workers who serve them and the public.

### STATE CUTS IN OFFING

Case in point. The ominous cloud hovering over the once sacred health benefits provided for state employees - both active and retired - spells danger. And unless somehow stopped by a not-very-caring conservative legislature, many of the promises made to these 300,000 active and retired workers, will not only be broken, but will continue to cut into retirement pensions via higher co-payments for prescriptions & medical attention.

The current legislature will review the Legislative Budget Board's suggested deletion of prescription drug benefits to older retired state & higher education employees, and let them fend for themselves in the labyrinthian medicare prescription drug wilderness.

Other measures being considered by lawmakers will force younger retirees to pay a portion of their health insurance and require retirees to pay the entire premium for their dependents.

This would be a pitiless way of saying "thank-you" for years of devoted service - but what else can be expected from elected officials who represent only the interests of the business community?

### A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH!

If the 300,000 active and retired state workers joined the more than one million active and retired teachers and non certified personnel, we would see a political force to be reckoned with. However, sadly and for unknown reasons, they have never united to protect themselves from legislators, the Governor and a mostly uncaring public!

Reason the teacher group is added here is obvious. If lawmakers begin to cut benefits for state workers - you can bet teachers and their non-certified support staff will not be far behind.

Bringing together these 1.4 million potential voters, plus their families (which could easily double that number), and having them stand together in opposition to any proposed promise-breaking of benefits, might cause some "about-facing" by uncaring lawmakers, who fear new taxes like the plague - but dread a voter uprising even more.

There are no legal obstacles to organizing public employees - and certainly nothing to prohibit them individually or as a potential group of 2.8 million voters from voicing strong opposition to slashing benefits - en masse and in person, in writing and most powerful of all - at the ballot box. All guaranteed to get lawmaker's immediate attention.

As it should.  
That's -30-

## Social Security Reform and Black Progress

Would liberals support Social Security reform if they thought of it as reparations for blacks?

The current Social Security system disadvantages blacks for reasons related to their historic mistreatment. Private accounts would go some way toward addressing this legacy of discrimination -- as Democrats typically put it -- but the supposed fiercest advocates of black interests are precisely the ones who will stand in the way.

There is a direct correlation between economic status and average life span. This means that blacks, who are disproportionately poor, partly for historic reasons, tend to have shorter life spans, especially black males. The average life expectancy of a black male is roughly 68.6 years. The retirement age of Social Security is set under current law to eventually rise to 67. You do the math -- this cannot be a good deal.

The current system has features that provide some protections for blacks. They disproportionately benefit from disability insurance, but that program won't be touched by reform. Also, when a worker dies, his children and/or spouse collect some benefits. The child gets benefits as long as he is under age 18 or not yet graduated from high school, although the closer to retirement age someone gets, the less likely he is to have a child under 18.

Under most reform plans, a private account will fund the same spousal benefit as in the current system, but the remaining balance will go directly to the deceased's family. In the current system, if someone dies and has no wife or children, the money he has paid in simply disappears. Under reform, the beneficiary would be able to designate who receives the assets in his account, whether it is a niece or a church. The money stays in the

## Rich Lowry



community.

This is so important because even as blacks have made up ground in terms of income -- their household income has increased roughly 47 percent since 1967 -- they lag badly when it comes to net worth. The median net worth for black families is only \$19,000, a mere 15 percent of the same figure for white families. Blighted opportunities in the past have kept blacks from passing wealth from generation to generation.

Private Social Security accounts would help address this deficit -- if Democrats don't stop them. The dirty secret is that the political appeal of the welfare state is not primarily in helping the needy, but in larding benefits on middle-class voters. This dynamic is starkly evident in a system that docks the wages of low-income minorities to subsidize the retirement of wealthy, healthy, long-lived baby boomers.

Opinion polls have shown that roughly 60 percent of blacks support the idea of private Social Security accounts. If only their political advocates could see the light. According to the ideology of black victimhood, blacks are apparently owed everything -- except a better opportunity to save and own their own retirement assets.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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# Readers weigh in on bond issue

Mr. Fleischer,

Unfortunately, your attack on the bond is what gives journalism a bad wrap.

Let's look at the facts.

Eighty to 85 percent of the student population participates in extra-curricular activities, i.e. band, cheerleading, team managers, UIL, and athletics. Three-fourths of these students either participate in athletics or a related activity.

Therefore, I would say it's safe to say athletics is an important part of almost every student who attends Salado High School.

Moreover, to zero in on any particular part of the 17 million bond reflects a shortsightedness on your part in what a high school education is. This is not a bond about science labs, computer labs, art classrooms, vocational facilities, agricultural barn, or athletic facilities. It is a bond about a complete high school facility accommodating all the high school students.

Your reference to the tax rate being the highest in Bell County by nine cents is accurate; however, you fail to mention all the other districts share a significant amount of commercial property to home owners, which allows those districts to access a lower tax rate. If our district had a ratio of commercial property to home owners equal to the other districts our rate would be considerably less, too.

With respect to our stadium being ADA compliant, it's only a matter of time before the state forces the district to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars refurbishing the old stadium or we play all our games out of town.

Of course there is a positive to all the games being out of town. We don't have to spend any money!

On a more realistic note, the estimated cost to meet the ADA requirements and upgrade the existing stadium are \$700,000 versus a new stadium at \$1 million that meets all the ADA requirements and provides ample seating and parking.

For some reason you fail to tell people the \$15 million figure you discuss doesn't include the \$700,000 in renovations.

Therefore, the board will be forced to borrow this money on a

## Your Voice

### Letters to the Editor

short term note at a higher interest rate. The net effect is the district will spend 70 percent of what it takes to build a new football facility on an old stadium to meet the ADA standards. Otherwise, we move our games out of town.

Now for the truth, only \$1 million of the additional \$2 million will be used for the football stadium. An additional \$1 million will be used for the other athletic facilities. Leaving an additional \$600,000 in interest for classrooms.

By the way, at no time have tennis courts ever been removed from the project. Again, an effort on the board's part to meet all the student's needs, and provide the community with a tennis facility, too.

Obviously, you worked the exit polls in Ohio for John Kerry, and can't figure out how Bush won. At the last community workshop 24 out of 26 speakers said they supported the board moving forward with a \$17 million bond. Out of the 24 supporters, five had reservations whether the community would support it.

No matter how you want to shape the numbers, 93 percent of those speaking at the workshop supported the bond. If you factor those with reservations, 75 percent of those who attended supported the bond.

In reference to your comment, an auditorium was "too expensive, no demand, and quickly abandoned" you have done your best to misrepresent the facts.

The cost of an auditorium was estimated at \$3.4 million. There were two significant concerns: the quality of the facility at \$3.4 million and demand. Obviously, this would have raised the tax rate further. After discussions with other districts it was determined to table to idea of an auditorium till a later date. Furthermore, the majority of 2A/3A schools build auditoriums through private donations.

I don't know what "spinach you're hiding on your plate," this board has been up front from the beginning with no secrets and no agenda. At no time have they put one student activity over the other.

They have worked to create a quality facility across the board for the teachers, administration, community and most importantly the

students.

James Ervi II,  
Salado

Tim,

We have read your Editorial Opinion in the January 20th issue of the *Salado Village Voice*. We agree with your logic 100 percent and plan to vote against the bond issue in its current form. We enjoy and support high school and college sports, but the resources being devoted to them is getting out-of-hand. The basic education of our youth must come first. For the SISD Board to cut classrooms in order to afford new football, baseball and softball facilities is irresponsible.

By not giving the voters a choice between more classrooms or new sports facilities, the SISD Board runs a high likelihood the voters will vote against the bond issue - just as Bell County voters did on the courthouse/jail bond issue. Give us a choice and the students of Salado will get a new high school.

Mike & Margaret  
Williamson  
Salado, Texas

To the Editor:

The Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) supports Senator Troy Fraser's efforts to submit a report to

Governor Rick Perry, addressing matters of great interest to Saladoans: 1) contamination of 2) and reduction of the flow of Salado Creek by companies which blast rock in quarries near the creek.

Five of the nine members of Fraser's committee refuse to approve the report for release to the Governor.

At present the only permits required for rock crushing operators are air pollution and water pollution permits.

The new report recommends legislation that would 1) require an operating permit for quarries, 2) require quarry blasters to submit a site plan demonstrating the site's environmental suitability, 3) require a transportation plan addressing the adequacy of nearby roads trucks use, 4) require a blasting plan which would describe when and how explosives will be used, and 5) a reclamation plan requiring a bond to ensure that quarry operators leasing sites honor agreements with landowners, restoring properties to "useful purpose."

The permit would regulate air pollutants such as dust from rock crushing.

Fourteen inspectors checked quarry operations statewide last May and June, discovering that over half of the 272 sites were violating air and water pollution re-

quirements. Evidently regulators are in short supply.

What does that mean to Salado?

Chester Critchfield, a longtime resident of Salado, naturalist and wildlife biologist, says that the Edwards Aquifer is being polluted by violators, and Salado Creek is in imminent danger of having its water supply diminished.

The Fraser report would allow the Governor to ask the Legislature to pass measures governing the actions of companies crushing rock in this area, polluting and clogging up springs!

In effect, blasting inhibits the flow of water, and - Critchfield says - "The watershed is being destroyed."

Also, "Blasting with Ammonium Nitrate adds nitrates which ultimately contaminate our drinking water."

How does this concern PALS? The Public Arts League strongly supports any efforts to sustain, improve and beautify Salado Creek; therefore, PALS discourages any actions which threaten to pollute and reduce the flow of the Creek, the most distinctive natural landmark in the village.

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## Costco is different... and that really POs Wall Street



Jim Hightower

The nationwide retailer Costco treats its 100,000 clerks, forklift operators, and other workers as valued assets to be invested in and nurtured - unlike the Wal-Mart model of paying the least you can to rank and file employees, squeezing the last ounce of toil out of each of them, busting any whisper of unionization, and causing a workforce turnover like employees are nothing but disposable coffee cups.

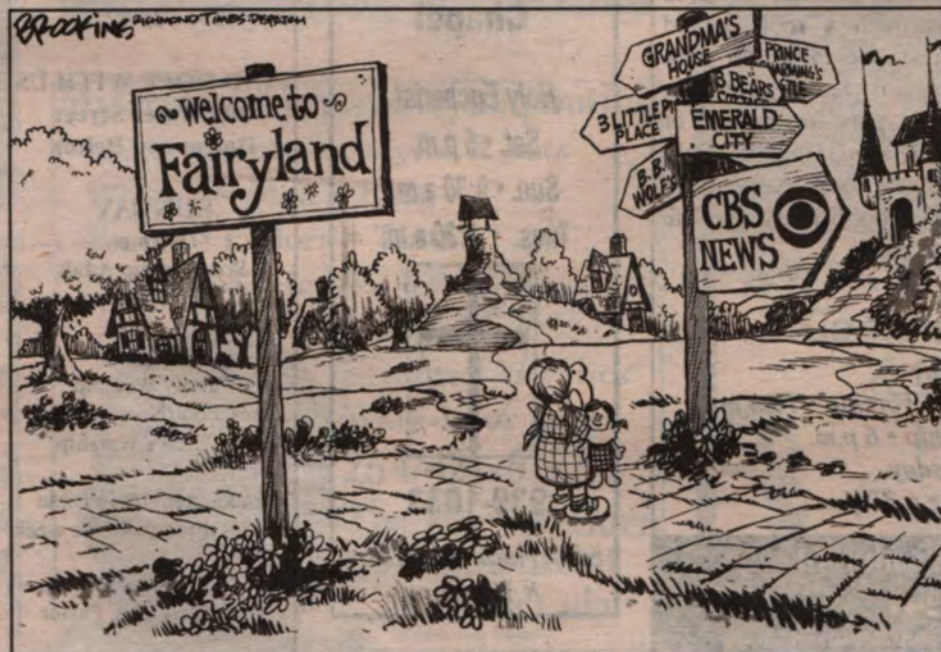
How different is Costco? Starting pay is \$10 an hour, workers typically earn \$40,000 a year after three years on the job, the company covers 92 percent of employees' health care costs, and the Teamsters union provides strong bargaining representation for the workers. Also, while CEOs at other major corporations average 531 times the pay of their lowest-paid employees, Costco's top boss takes only 10 times the pay of his typical rank and file. His annual salary is \$350,000 - compared to some \$5 million a year hauled off by Wal-Mart's honcho.

"From day one," says the chief financial officer at Costco, "we've run the company with the philosophy that if we pay better than average, provide a salary people can live on, have a positive environment and good benefits, we'll be able to hire better people, they'll stay longer and be more efficient." It works. Costco's turnover is minimal, its profits are consistently strong, and its stock price has quadrupled in 10 years.

But Wall Street analysts are sourpusses when it comes to this remarkable corporate maverick, which is defying the contrived wisdom that worker exploitation is the only way to succeed. "Costco's benefits are overly generous," sniffs one Wall-Streeter, asserting that stockholders could do even better if only Costco would conform to the Wal-Mart model.

Come on! Costco is richly profitable for stockholders, while also providing middle-class possibilities for our communities. Isn't that the best model of all?

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# 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 Halltime	5:15 p.m.
Orchestra Rehearsal	4:45 p.m.	Fellowship-Meet	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 Halltime	7:00 p.m.

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## Warren Smith passes away Jan. 18

Edgar W. "Warren" Smith, age 72, of Salado, passed away January 18, 2005.

Warren was born January 26, 1932. His parents were the late Embre and Matilda Smith. After graduating from Pflugerville High School in 1949, he attended Texas A&M University. While at A&M, he was Company Commander of his unit, "A" Transportation, and a member of the Ross Volunteers. He studied agriculture and graduated as a distinguished student in 1953.

In June 1953, he married his wife of 51 years,

Mildred Fuchs. After serving in the Army in Germany for two years, he returned to the Pflugerville community and went into the ranching and dairy business with his father. After retiring, Warren and Mildred moved to Salado.

Warren was active in school, community and church work. He served as President of the Pflugerville School Board and President of the Pflugerville Lions Club. He also served on the Travis County Appraisal Board, Mid-Tex Dairy Co-Op Board and the First State Bank Board. He was a longtime member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Pflugerville and was currently a member of the Salado United Methodist

Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred; daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Les Sladek of Georgetown; and two grandsons, Kelby and Riley Sladek, who are both currently attending Texas A&M University.

The family received guests for visitation Jan. 19, at Cook-Walden/Davis Funeral Home in Georgetown. Funeral services were held Jan. 20, in the chapel of the Cook-Walden Davis Funeral Home in Georgetown. Interment followed at Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery in Pflugerville with Pastor Grady Brittain officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Im-



Warren Smith

manuel Lutheran Church in Pflugerville and the Salado United Methodist Church in Salado.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com). Arrangements by Cook-Walden/Davis. Funeral Home.

## St. Stephen Knights of Columbus grill for Super Bowl celebrators

St. Stephen Knights of Columbus will be grilling up BBQ Tri-Tips for Super Bowl Sunday Game watchers Feb. 6.

The KC's will sell their BBQ at \$7.50 per pound, cooked and ready to eat on Super Bowl Sunday.

Pick up 10 a.m.-noon in front of St. Stephen Church on Holland Road, next to Wildfire Ranch.

Early orders are being accepted from now through Feb. 1.

To order call Dave, 947-9973, or Gerry, 947-

3901.

BBQ tri-tips will be in two- or three-pound packages.

Checks may be mailed check to St. Stephen Church, Box 662, Salado, TX 76571.

## Methodists host Men's Cook-Off Feb. 15

The Salado United Methodist Church is hosting a Men's Cook-Off Brisket Dinner and

Auction Feb. 13. The event will take place at the Fellowship Hall next to the sanctuary on Thomas Arnold Road. All proceeds will benefit the purchase of playground equipment for the new facility on Royal Street.

The afternoon will begin with the men's cook-off, which is open to all men in the Salado community. Men will vie for first and second place prizes, an overall Grand Prize and a Sportsmanship prize in the categories of main dishes, desserts and breads. Judging will begin at 4:30 p.m. on the day of the event.

After judging, all entries will be auctioned off to the highest bidders. Entry forms and contest rules may be picked up

at the church office or by calling 947-5482. All entry forms must be received by noon Feb. 11.

In conjunction with the cook-off, brisket plates with all the trimmings will be served from 4:30-6 p.m. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Desserts will also be available for purchase.

A Silent Auction, which will be held 4-5 p.m., will round out the day. Items include gift baskets crafted by the various Sunday School classes and groups within the church. A sampling of gift baskets include a dessert and entree of the month for a whole year and a fish dinner for up to 50 people, cooked by Grady Brittain, the church's pastor.

## Stringer presents "Memories from the Heart" to Monday Club

The Monday Club of Salado will meet 2 p.m. Feb. 7 at Salado United Methodist Church.

The program, "Memories from the Heart" will be presented by Melonie Stringer. All members present will take part in

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# District win streak at 20 for Eagles; down Lago by 50

Moving that much closer to sewing up a consecutive district title, the Varsity Eagles finished off an undefeated first loop of district play by dispatching Somerville Jan. 18 and Lago Vista Jan. 21.

At 7-0 in district, and 17-6 overall, Salado, as of Jan. 24, sits one game ahead of 6-1 Jarrell, and two ahead of Academy (5-2). The Eagles' number two ranking in Class AA remains unchanged in the most recent coaches poll.

Still playing without point guard Matt Caskey (who made his return Jan. 25 against Academy), Salado got eight points from Travis Clark in the first quarter versus Somerville to open up a 14-9 lead.

Playing in front of the home crowd, Somerville managed its way back in the game in the second, thanks to 10 points from Josh Vela, coupled with missed free throws by Salado.

That combo led to the teams entering the half with the score knotted at 25 apiece, despite 10-point efforts from both Travis Clark and James Gregurek.

Whatever sluggishness remained in Salado following the lengthy bus ride to Somerville was dashed in the third, as the Eagles held the Yeguas to three points in that frame, while registering 14 of their own to build an 11-point lead.

Up 39-28 entering the fourth, Salado got nine points from a previously quiet Ryan Clark, staving off any rally Somerville would attempt to establish. When the final buzzer sounded the Eagles were on top by a final of 56-42.

Travis Clark's 16 points led all scorers, while Gregurek closed out the game with a dozen points. Ryan Clark notched 11, Devon Dunn had nine, while Nick Everett and Matt Jennings both finished with four points.

Simply put, Salado's contest versus visiting Lago Vista Jan. 21 was a rout. In fact, the 69-19 final does little to demonstrate the disparity between the two squads, as Salado actually led 43-7 at one point in the first half.

Charitably choosing to rest his starters in what was clearly shaping up to be a convincing win, Coach Tom Long slowed things down in the second half, resulting in the 50-point Salado victory.

The Eagles got production from nearly the entire lineup in this one. Travis

Clark had all but one of his 13 points in the first half, and Gregurek recorded nine of his 11 in the second quarter alone, as Salado by 36 at the half.

Another bright spot for the Eagles - in a game rife with them - was the free throw shooting. For the game, Salado hit on 17-20 attempts, or 85 percent, and 16-18 in the first half.

Of the four Eagles reaching double-figures in points, Salado was topped by Matt Jennings and Travis Clark, who both had 13. Behind Gregurek's 11 was Scott Williams, who tallied 10 points. Dunn finished the game with eight, Ryan Clark had seven, Nick Everett scored five and Barrett Brashier finished with two points.

Things now look to be shaping up well for the Eagles, who notched a 14-5 record with Caskey watching from the bench, nursing a broken foot.

With the standout point guard back in the lineup well-rested and fully-healed, Salado appears to be primed for another playoff run. Barring a letdown, the boys should have enough firepower to blast through the second half of the district schedule in a fashion similar to the first.

And by taking down

Somerville and Lago Vista, the Eagles improved their district win streak to 20 games.

In a contest that took place after press time, Salado traveled to Academy Jan. 25. The team will host Lexington Jan. 28.

### Junior Varsity

The Salado JV A team had their troubles converting from the free throw line versus Somerville Jan. 18, which amounted to the difference in the game as Salado fell 29-26.

Salado was 0-4 from the charity stripe in the first half, and a dismal 4-14 for the game, but still led for all of the first half, and had a real chance to get over the hump in the fourth. More missed free throws in the final quarter, however, sealed Salado's fate in the three-point loss.

Chad Tumey topped Salado scorers with eight points, while Chris Redman concluded the game with seven. Noah Harbison scored five, Blake Newman had four and Justin Konzen scored two.

The A team got back on track Jan. 21, annihilating Lago Vista 56-20.

Newman had a breakout night, accounting for a game-high 18 points.



Travis Clark goes above the rim to register two of his 13 points versus Lago Vista. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

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 Feb. 2: Pepperoni pizza, yogurt & fruit plate, hoagie, corn, breadstick, peaches, milk.  
 Feb. 3: Chicken fajitas, chef salad, hoagie, ranch style beans, sugar cookies, fruit, milk.  
 Feb. 4: Cheeseburger on roll, oven fries, burger salad, chef salad, peanut butter/jelly lunch, apple sauce, milk.

**Lunch Salado Intermediate & High Schools**

Jan. 31: Sof tacos, corn dogs, pizza, chef salad, tater tots, fresh fruit, corn, pears, green beans, tea, milk.  
 Feb. 1: Vegetable lasagna, hamburger on bun, pizza, chef salad, frito lay, corn, fresh fruit, pineapple tidbits, peas, garlic bread, burger salad, milk.  
 Feb. 2: Pizza, chicken fillet on roll, chef salad, roasted red potatoes, baked potato, burger salad, corn, fresh fruit, breadstick, peaches, milk.  
 Feb. 3: Chicken fried steak, nachos, pizza, chef salad, peas and carrots, fresh fruit, mixed fruit, rolls, mashed potatoes with gravy, milk.  
 Feb. 4: Cheeseburger on a roll, chopped BBQ on bun, pizza, chef salad, ranch style beans, fresh fruit, apple slices, burger salad, oven fries, milk.

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Date	Meet	Teams
Feb. 10	Moody Dual Meet	JV, V
Feb. 21	Troy Dual Meet	V
Feb. 25-26	Florence Tournament	V
March 2	Moody Tournament	V
March 3	Florence Tournament	JV
March 9	Salado Tournament	JV
March 10	Salado Tournament	V
March 23	Academy Tournament	V
March 24	Academy Tournament	JV
March 28	Liberty Hill Tournament	JV
March 29	Robinson Tournament	JV
April 1-2	Robinson Tournament	V
April 7-8	District Tournament (Somerville)	V
April 9	District Tournament (Somerville)	JV

## Janda sets record at Midway meet

Competing in a field clogged with Class 4A and 5A schools, the Salado girls powerlifting team made a strong showing at Waco Midway Jan. 22, coming away with a second place team finish. In the process, Shae Janda set a Midway meet record in her weight class, by successfully executing a 290 lb. squat lift.

Individual results are as follows, and are specific to weight class.

Brittany Dixon took home first place with a three-lift total of 505 pounds in her class. Powerlifting scores combine the total pounds from three different lifts: bench press, deadlift, and squat. Jamie Burson came in

third place by recording a 600-pound total, while in her class, Denise Jasso took home a second place finish. Jasso finished with 640 pounds.

Justine Farrell-Raborn also placed in her class, coming away with a third place finish, with 575 pounds.

Shae Janda was the first place competitor in her class, registering 690 pounds, including the record-setting 290 pound squat lift. Also placing third in their classes were Jessica Roberts and Cheli Urquiza. Roberts recorded 690 pounds, while Urquiza totaled 550.

Lift totals for LauraLee Young and Lauren Hogwood were not available.

The boys team failed to place, but several personal records were set, and Kevin Goodman and Jesse Rodriguez both placed in their individual classes.

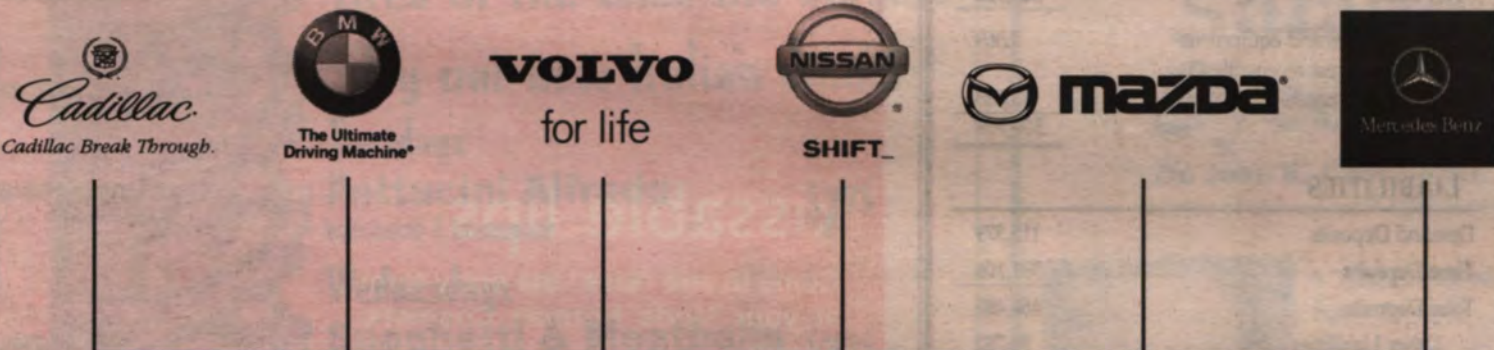
In the 148's, Goodman finished fifth, coming through with 930 pounds, highlighted by a 345 lb. deadlift. In the 198's, Rodriguez recorded a fourth place finish with 1,160 pounds, marked by a 500 lb. squat lift.

Other results, and the classes they were placed in, were: Mark Gentry (132's), 840 pounds; Collin Smith (148's), 595 pounds; Austin Smith (165's), 965 pounds; Chance Coe (181's), 1,160 pounds; Michael Tracy (181's), 1,010 pounds; Russell Montgomery (181's), 870 pounds; Jerod Quirk, (198's), 1,060 pounds; and Stephen Marsh (242's), 960 pounds.

Lift totals for Jacob Davis, Adam Patton and Cody Gobin were not available.

The powerlifting teams will compete again Jan. 27 in Academy. Following that, Salado will for the first time host a meet, scheduled for Feb. 5.

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# SHS wins Midway UIL meet

SUBMITTED BY SHS NEWS

With the UIL academic district contest a little over two months away, members of the Salado High School academic team have been putting their nose to the grindstone to insure that their state title would be restored.

The team began their spring season by winning the first place sweepstakes trophy at Midway Jan. 15, including a rare perfect score in the spelling contest by sophomore Jonny Kendall.

Salado lost the 2A state championship last year to Argyle High School in spite of scoring more points at the state meet than ever before.

Salado High School has a history of winning the state meet, receiving the top 2A honor in 1995, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

Team members and coaches started working early this year in a determined effort to get a running start.

"Several of our students

attended camps this summer at their own expense to hone their individual skills and better prepare for the season ahead," said J.J. Jonas, UIL speech and journalism coach. "We've started a debate team and we've added extemporaneous speakers to our squad, so that will give us an advantage that we did not have last year."

The math team, coached by UIL coordinator Dennis Cabaniss, has pulled the weight of winning points in the past, along with the literary and writing teams, coached by his sister, Claudia Cabaniss.

Changes in some of the math contests may have an important bearing, Cabaniss explains. "The calculator team is wide open. The contest is so new that much extra work will be required to reach state championship caliber."

The science team is already pulling ahead and showing improvement over last year, according to Christian Briehn, SHS science coach.

"The science team im-

proved from eighth place last year to fourth place this year at the Midway meet. The science test is extremely difficult to prepare for. It is truly a test of knowledge and these students have worked hard to improve this year. We are excited to see what happens at district," he said.

"We are so proud of our UIL academic team. Our UIL students are a reflection of our school's commitment to quality education and standards of excellence," said SHS principal, Kay Matthews.

UIL coaches for Salado High School are Claudia Cabaniss, Tim Cook, Christian Briehn, Julie Goode, and J.J. Jonas. UIL Coordinator and math coach is Dennis Cabaniss.

Placing individuals from the Midway meet are as follows:

Ready Writing  
Grant Boston, first  
Literary Criticism  
First place team; Grant Boston, first, Kirsten Singleton, second, Ariel Simpson, fourth.  
Spelling  
First place team; John-

ny Kendall, first (perfect score), Jenny Goode, third, Reena Suresh, fourth, Tamra Stanish, fifth  
Current Events  
First place team; Tim Hodgkin, third, Jared Brank, fourth  
Social Studies  
Tim Hodgkin, sixth  
Computer Science  
First place team; David Farrow, first place, Jason Heuer, third, Michael Spinks, fifth.  
Number Sense  
First place team; High scorers: Joseph Shumate, Matt Caskey, Ken Hora.

Number Sense - 9th/10th grade:  
Ken Hora, first, Tanner Johnson, third.  
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Joseph Shumate, first, Matt Caskey, second, Jenny Goode, fourth, Wes Dowell, fifth, Kathryn Holdampf, sixth.  
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## Smart ways to support charities

### Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



The holidays may be over, but your spirit of generosity is probably still intact. If you want to support your favorite charitable organizations, and you'd like to do more than just send the occasional check, you've got some attractive options. Let's look at two of them: charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts.

#### Charitable gift annuity

If you would like to donate cash, stocks, property or other types of assets to a charity but would like to receive an income stream in return, you may want to consider creating a charitable gift annuity.

Once you've set up this type of annuity, and have gifted the assets to your selected charitable organization, the organization will pay you - or a beneficiary that you name - a lifetime income stream in the form of regular, fixed payments. The income received is equal to a fixed percentage of your original gift, based on your

age, or the beneficiary's age, at the time you make your gift.

Besides offering you a lifetime income source, your charitable gift annuity can provide you with some tax benefits. You can claim an income tax deduction for the portion of the annuity that represents the charitable gift. Also, part of the payments you receive each year may be exempt from certain income taxes. And, if you've given appreciated securities to the charitable group, you may be able to delay capital gains taxes.

#### Charitable remainder trust

If you want to give to a charitable organization, and you like the idea of receiving an income payment for life, but wish to retain lifetime control

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By setting up such a trust, you delay capital gains tax, and you can claim a deduction on your current-year taxes. And because you're moving assets from your estate, your beneficiaries will have fewer estate taxes to pay.

Since the assets in the charitable remainder are going to charity you may want to replace these assets by purchasing a life insurance policy on yourself, using some of the income from the trust, and naming your heirs as beneficiaries. You may want to put the policy in an irrevocable life insurance trust. Because the trust actually owns the insurance policy, the proceeds are kept out of your taxable estate - and your heirs will owe less in estate taxes. You can also direct the trust to provide your heirs with regular income.

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You will need professional help in setting up a charitable gift annuity, a charitable remainder trust and an irrevocable life insurance trust. So, consult with your tax, legal and investment advisers before taking any steps. By making the right moves, right from the start, you'll have a good chance of seeing the results you want.

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by Ryan Hodge

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Anticipate the inspection report - many home sales include a clause that allows the buyers to withdraw an offer if the report is unsatisfactory or needed repairs are left unfinished. If they don't back out, buyers will offer significantly less in anticipation of their repair costs.

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# Alumni baseball game upcoming

The Fourth Annual Salado High School Alumni Baseball Game will take place March 19 at the SHS baseball field.

The game is scheduled to begin at approximately noon, but the popular homerun derby will take place at 11 a.m. Participation fee for the alumni game is \$10, which includes a t-shirt, while participation in the homerun derby is set at \$5. Players are invited to register and take batting practice at 10 a.m.

As in the previous two contests, alumni will divide into teams, with those that graduated in even-numbered years on one squad, and those that graduated in odd-numbered years on the other.

It's been a tight series thus far. In 2003, the Evens staged a late-inning comeback to steal a 7-6 win, and class of 2000

grad David Palmer was named MVP. The contest was equally as close last year, when the Odds carried a 5-1 lead into the bottom of the seventh, but allowed the Evens to get back into the game. Saved only by a one-out, bases loaded double play ball, the Odds managed to survive a furious rally from the Evens to take a 5-4 victory. Chris Frazier - class of '97 - was the 2004 MVP.

The very first alumni game pitted graduates

against the varsity.

Also similar to past years, the homerun contest will be split into an Over-30 division, and an Under-30 division. Curtis Thompson took the Over-30 crown last year, while Richard Berumen earned the Under-30 title.

Salado baseball coach Melvin Bates began the alumni game as a way for former players to get together for a day of fellowship, reminiscing and fun, and players are encouraged to bring their

families. Around three dozen alumni participated last year. Concessions will be offered before and during the game.

Bates says that anyone who is planning on playing should get in touch with him so he can order proper t-shirt sizes. You can also contact him for more information about the alumni game at 947-5429, ext. 1201, or email mbates@saladoisd.org.

Any funds raised go to benefit the Salado baseball program.

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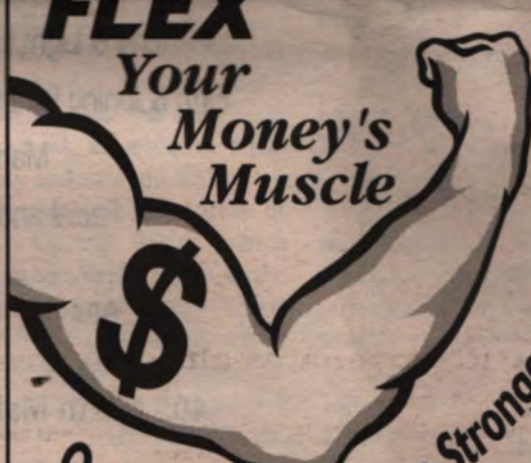
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## All A honor roll correction

The following Salado Intermediate School students were inadvertently left off the All A Eighth grade Honor Roll for the third six weeks:

Beau G. Benoit, Heath D. Bracken, Reta A Buckley, Molly R. Heuer, Amanda L. Mattson, and Preston S. Watkins.

## UIL continued from page 9A

Clint Permenter, first, Blake Hancock, second, Calculator 11th/12th grade:

Colby Cox, first, Kirsten Singleton, third, Scott Williams, fifth.

Math

Second place team; Scott Williams, second, Joseph Shumate, fourth, Jenny Goode, fifth, Matt Caskey, sixth.

Journalism  
Newswriting: Kristi

Billington, fourth;

Features: Michael Engelke, sixth;

Editorials: Jacob

Brown, sixth;

Headlines: Clayton

Cook, sixth.

Science

Fourth place team; High scorers: Alex House, David Farrow, Michael Spinks.

Poetry Interpretation  
Chelsea Jacobsen, fifth, Dixie Darling, sixth.



Pictured are the 2005 officers and chairpersons for the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. Front row, l-r: Dorothy Dentry (Publicity), Patty Campbell (Christmas In October-Co Chair), Pat Wanzor (President), Alice Willson (Community Service) and Wylene Williams (Treasurer). Back row, l-r: Melonie Stringer (Hospitality), Miriam Jordan (Greeters), Bobbie Carroll (Hospitality), Shelly Smith (Christmas in October (Co-Chair), Judy Beisel (Historian), Helen Clayton (Membership), Doris Denman (Chamber Liaison/Sunshine), Barbara Hoelscher (Secretary) and Apple Johnson (Quilt Raffle).

## Salado Legends auditions begin Feb. 5

Auditions for Salado Legends will be held 2:30-5 p.m. Feb. 5-6 at Tablerock's Amphitheater on Royal Street in Salado.

You may audition on either day during this designated time. Cold readings from the script of Salado Legends will be conducted for over 100 men, women, teens and children.

If you are auditioning for a singing role you may use your own CD or tape accompaniment. A piano will be furnished, or you

may sing a capella. Tech and dance applications will be available to list your credits. Tablerock Amphitheater is a volunteer theater, no compensation for cast or crew.

Rehearsals for Salado Legends will begin on June 14, from 7:30 pm until 9:30 pm. Performances will be on July 23, July 30 and Aug. 6. Only lead roles will be required at rehearsals every evening.

On Aug. 6, during intermission of the last

performance of 2005 of Salado Legends, over \$6,000 in scholarships will be awarded by "Legends" scholarship donors. To be eligible for a 2005 scholarship ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 you must be a member of Salado Legends cast or crew.

For more information you may contact Jackie Mills at 254-947-9205, Donnie Williams at 254-760-6838. or e-mail [tablerock1@aol.com](mailto:tablerock1@aol.com).

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## Vienna International piano duo performs Feb. 5 at Silver Spur

The Vienna International Piano Duo of Krassimira Jordan and Wolfgang Watzinger will perform a concert in Salado 7 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Salado Silver Spur Theater on Royal St.

The concert is sponsored by Music in Salado, Inc. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$8 for students. Reservations can be mailed to Music in Salado, PO Box 1235, Salado, TX 76571.

Bulgarian-born Krassimira Jordan studied in Sofia, Vienna and Moscow, where she was a pupil of Stanislav Neuhaus and Emil Gilels. She has appeared as a recitalist and orchestral soloist in Russia, Hungary, Poland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Belgium, Sweden, Fin-

land, Switzerland, China, Taiwan, South Korea, Mexico and Brazil. A professor of piano for 10 years at the world-renowned Vienna Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts, she made her Carnegie Hall debut in 1989. She now serves as Artist-in-Residence in the Baylor School of Music.

Watzinger was born in Darmstadt, Germany, and studied at the music academies in Freiburg, Germany, and Salzburg, Austria. A former student of Rudolf Serkin at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, he has performed as recitalist and orchestral soloist in major European cities, the United States, South Africa, Asia and South America. For 15 years he served as profes-



Krassimira Jordan



Wolfgang Watzinger

sor of piano at the Music Academies in Berlin and Detmold. In 1994 he was appointed professor of piano in the concert performance department of the University of Music and Performing Arts in Vienna.

The concert will include selection by Franz Schubert: *Duo "Lebensstürme," four hands,*

*Op. Posth. D. 947; Deux Marches Caracteristiques D 826, Nr. 1 C major, Nr. 1 C major.* Selections by Samuel Barber include these: *Souvenirs, ballet suite for piano, four hands, Op. 28; Waltz, Schottische, Pas de deux, Two-Step, Hesitation-Tango and Galop.* The duo will finish with George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue.*

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

## Mary Barton presents Village Artists workshop Feb. 16-18

Mary Barton is no stranger to Central Texas artist communities. Back by popular demand, she will host an upcoming workshop in Salado at the Salado Village Artist building on the grounds of the Civic Center on Main Street.

The three days of classes will be held 9

a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 16-18 and will cover a variety of water media techniques, including under texturing and design guidance. The work will make use of watercolor, gouache, gesso, water pencils and crayons, watercolor paper, and oriental papers. Many of the supplies can be shared with a fellow painter, and

most artists already have many of the items.

A native Texan, Barton has taught secondary art for 27 years in public school systems. She currently teaches workshops and paints for exhibits, commissions, and pleasure. Her teaching methods center on space

division, shapes, value and color.

Price for the three day workshop will be \$150 for non members, \$135 for SVA members. Lunch is included each day and reservations must be made. Class limit is 18 students. Call Helen Alexander at 947-1089 for space availability and a supply list.

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**JANUARY 27**  
 Living Room Theatre of Salado performance of *Blind Spots*, by Mary Ann Taylor, 7 p.m. at the home of Maurice and Charlene Carson, 314 Royal View Rd. Ticket info: Hulda Horton, 947-8300.

**JANUARY 27**  
 Meet your Bell County Officials dinner meeting of the Salado Area Republican Women. 6 p.m. at Mill Creek Restaurant. Reservations: 947-3617 or bam002@earthlink.net.

**JANUARY 27**  
 Salado Water Supply Corporation annual meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. Agenda items include adoption of budget, report on improvements to water system and nomination and election of directors.

**JANUARY 27**  
 Salado ISD Bands' 3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, 5:30-8:45 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Event will include dinner, auction and concert. \$5 per plate, max \$20 per family. Info: Amanda Silkett, 254-793-3794, or asilkett@saladoisd.org.

**JANUARY 29**  
 Benefit for Jeremy

Grimm, featuring barbecue dinner, music and auction, 4:30 p.m. at the Inn at Salado. Grimm, a 2002 graduate of Salado High School, was recently diagnosed with a rare malignant brain tumor. Tickets are \$10 in advance or at the door. Info on benefit or donations: email Shellie Oliver, SG\_graphics@hotmail.com.

**JANUARY 29**  
 Concert Gig in Private Dig performance, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dr. Don and Micki Ellis, in Salado. Denise Thomssen and Esta Hansen will perform along with guitarist Pedro Quirino. There will be a free will offering at the door. The proceeds will go to the St. Louis School endowment program in Austin. A reception will immediately follow the hour long concert. Info: 254-760-1590, or email Thomssen@vvm.com.

**JANUARY 29**  
 Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame Third Annual Style Show and Brunch, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. Fashions from Alice's of Salado and Wildfire Saddlery and Western Wear. Reservations: \$20. Call Pat Wallace, 254-939-5272,

or Charlene Proctor Mewhinney, 254-933-0730.

**FEBRUARY 2**  
 Monday Club of Salado meeting, 2 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church. Program: "Memories from the Heart," presented by Melonie Stringer. Members should bring pen and paper. All ladies invited to attend.

**FEBRUARY 4**  
 Chisholm Trail ABWA meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn. Social time: 6 p.m. Program: "Smart Women Finish Rich." Info: 947-8610.

**FEBRUARY 4**  
 Spaghetti Supper sponsored by Rotary Club of Salado, 4-6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School cafeteria, prior to the basketball games. Take out will be available.

**FEBRUARY 5**  
 Music in Salado Concert Series: Vienna International Piano Duo performance, featuring Krassimira Jordan and Wolfgang Watzinger. 7 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. Info and reservations: 947-5592.

**FEBRUARY 5-6**  
 Tablerock's Salado Legend's Auditions, 3 p.m.-5 p.m. each day.

**FEBRUARY 5-6**  
 Wildfire Open to the World Team Roping at Wildfire Ranch. Info: 947-8080.

**FEBRUARY 7**  
 Salado Independent School District Teacher Professional Development Day. No school for students.

**FEBRUARY 8**  
 Mill Creek Community Association Mardi Gras/Membership Party at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner. Dancing and live music from LaRon Tubbs beginning 8 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 8**  
 Program showcasing Salado ISD Gifted and Talented students, 6-8 p.m. in the SIS cafeteria. Guest speaker will be Sherry Sniderman, of Ausitn ISD and Education Service Center 13. \$5 cost per person covers program and Subway meal. Info and registration: Jayne Cecil, 947-5191, or email jcecil@saladoisd.org.

**FEBRUARY 10**  
 Ladies Auxiliary meeting; Deborah

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## FEBRUARY 13

**Salado United Methodist Church Men's Cook-off, Brisket Dinner and Auction** at the church's Fellowship Hall. Cook-off open to all men in the community. Prizes will be awarded for different dishes. Brisket dinner will be held 4:30-6 p.m. Cost: \$6 for adults, \$4 for children 12 and under. Desserts available. Silent auction: 4-5 p.m. Register for cook-off by Feb. 11. Info: 947-5482.

## FEBRUARY 14

**St. Stephen Women's Society meeting**, Gwen Morrison speaking on "Celebration of Women, Conversation With God," 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish Hall. Info: 947-3901.

## FEBRUARY 17

**Third Annual Salado Athletic Booster Club Golf Classic**, 12:30 p.m. shotgun start at Mill Creek Golf Club. Registration: 10:45 a.m. Cost: \$105 per player, includes refreshments, green fee and cart fee. Hole sponsorships: \$150. Registration info: Jerry Smith, 947-1150.

## FEBRUARY 24

**Bowl making class, at Mud Pies Pottery**, 6:30 p.m. Class is free. Bowls made will be sold as part of the annual Empty Bowl Project. Registration is limited. Info: 947-0281.

## FEBRUARY 24-28

**Salado Artists Workshops and Studio Tours**. Featuring intensive workshop instruction for artists and aspiring artists of all ages. Artist workshops include stone carving, pottery, watercolor, cane and basket weaving, decorative painting, glass art, oil painting, sculpture, drawing and acrylics. On Feb. 26, 24 private artists' studios and public Salado galleries are open to the public during the Artist Studio and Gallery Tours. Info: 947-8300.

## FEBRUARY 28

**Taste of Salado, sponsored by PALS** (Public Arts League of Salado), 6-8 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. Tickets priced at \$25. Info and tickets: Hulda Horton, Salado Civic Center, 947-8300.



The Salado Garden Club members, in conjunction with the Public Arts League of Salado, are planning a Home Garden Tour for the weekend of May 14-15. Shown left to right, seated: Vickie Kelley, President of the Garden Club, Yolanda Mares, Charlotte Douglass. Standing: Martha Francis and Teresa Tolbert.

## MARCH 4

**Salado Masonic Lodge #296 Fish Fry**, 5-7 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School.

## MARCH 6

**5th Annual Wild Bill Memorial Roping at Wildfire Ranch Arena**, beginning 10 a.m. Over \$2,000 in scholarships to be awarded. Info: 947-8080.

## MARCH 9

**Annual Salado Eagle High School Alumni Baseball game** at Eagle field. Any former Salado baseball player is welcome to play. Homerun contest, divided into Over-30 and Under-30 divisions, will precede game, which will pit even-year graduates against odd-year graduates. Series is tied at 1-1. Food and drink concessions will be open, and players are encourage to bring their families. Any proceeds benefit Salado baseball. Info: Coach Melvin Bates: mbates@saladoisd.org.

## MARCH 10

**Central Texas Prose and Poetry Readings**, 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheatre. Open mic at 9 p.m. Info: 254-947-9205, or www.allcentex.com/tablerock.

## MARCH 10

**Ladies Auxiliary meeting**. Deborah Martin, master gardener, will discuss and show examples of "Propagation...several methods that are fun and easy for the homeowner." Fellowship at 9:30 a.m., followed by meeting at 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

## MARCH 14

**St. Stephen Women's Society meeting**. Program: "What We Are All About," by Scott Simmonds of Peacable Kingdom Retreat. 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish Hall.

## MARCH 14-18

**Salado schools out for Spring Break.**

## MARCH 15

**Salado Historical Society General Meeting**, 6:15 p.m. in the Historical Room at the Salado Civic Center.

## MARCH 18

**10th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament to benefit Tablerock**, at Mill Creek Golf Course. \$60 entry fee. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Directors: Bruno Matarazzo and David Apichino.

## MARCH 25

**District holiday for Salado students and teachers.**

## MARCH 25-26-27

**Easter Pageant at Tablerock Amphitheatre**, presented by the First Baptist Church of Salado. Free admission. Performance to begin at 8:15 p.m. Director: Randy Carder. Info: 254-947-5465 or www.fbcshalado.org.

## APRIL 2

**Salado 5-K Rabbit Run/Walk, sponsored by the Salado United Methodist Church**. More details TBA. Info: Clodene Greer, 947-7129.

## APRIL 2

**Third Annual Smokin' Spokes Bike Ride, benefitting the Salado Volunteer Fire Department**, beginning a.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary. Riders may choose from 15, 27, 57, 70, 85, and 102 mile rides. Entry fee: \$25 for pre-registration and \$30 for on-site registration. The first 300 pre-registered riders will be guaranteed a Smokin' Spokes T-Shirt. Info: Kevin Reichert, 254-535-5500.

## APRIL 2-3

**Annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Wildflower Art Show**. Info: 947-5040.

## APRIL 9

**Chisholm Trail Chapter of the American Business Women's Association Style Show**,

11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mill Creek Inn and Restaurant. Details TBA.

## APRIL 9-10

**Wildfire Ranch Shootout**. Info: 947-8080.

## APRIL 11

**St. Stephen's Women's Society meeting**. Mark Klym will present the program "Attracting Hummingbirds to Your Yard." 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish Hall.

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**APRIL 14**

**Ladies Auxiliary meeting**, featuring a program by Susan Bolton of the Ronald McDonald House in Temple. Fellowship, 9:30 a.m., meeting to follow at 10 a.m. Public is invited. Info: Carolyn Milliser, 947-0899.

**APRIL 23-24**

**Tablerock's 10th Annual Gospel Festival** 10 a.m. 8 p.m. April 23. Gospel singers, bands

groups, trios, duets and solo artists. April 24 10 a.m. singing, 11 a.m.-noon church service. 12:30- 6 p.m.: more festivities and musical groups. Food booths, drinks, gift booths, desserts of all kinds. Adults: \$5, children 12 and under: \$3. Info: 254-947-5100, or CVMUSICMINISTRY@aol.com, or 254-947-9205. Tablerock amphitheater is located on Royal

St.

**APRIL 25**

**Salado Independent School District Teacher Professional Development Day.** No school for students.

**MAY 9-10**

**Wildfire Truck Explosion at Wildfire Ranch** (tentative). Info: 947-8080.

**MAY 9**

**District holiday for Salado students and teachers.**

**MAY 12**

**Ladies Auxiliary meeting**, featuring a program by Micki Ellis, owner of Etrulia's Resale Shop. Ellis will present a "Vintage Fashion Show" with Virginia Cosper, fashion coordinator, and Merle Norman makeup by Debbie Hill. Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m., luncheon will follow. Reservations required, call Carolyn Milliser, 947-0899, or Wylene Williams, 947-8610.

**MAY 14**

**10th annual Fourth Grade Play at Tablerock Amphitheatre.** Thomas Arnold Elementary students, under direction of playwright/author Jackie Mills, write, produce, crew and act in their own melodrama. Proceeds banked for the fourth graders senior class trip. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets:

adults \$5, children \$3.

**MAY 14-15**

**Salado Home Garden Tour**, sponsored by Salado Garden Club and PALS. Info: Vickie Kelley, 947-9181.

**MAY 14**

**Mill Creek Community Association litter clean-up morning**, 8:30 a.m.: coffee and doughnuts; 11:30 a.m.: hotdog lunch.

**MAY 24**

**Salado High School graduation ceremony at the Bell County Expo Center.** Time TBA.

**JUNE 9-11**

**Seventh Annual Judy and A.C. Greene Literary Festival.** Info: 947-8300.

**JUNE 13**

**Tablerock's Salado Legends rehearsals begin.**

**JULY 4**

**Salado Historical Society Annual Fourth of July picnic**, 6:15 p.m. in Pace Park.

**JULY 23, 30 & AUG. 6**

**Tablerock's 13th Annual production of Salado Legends.** Dinner 7:15 p.m. with cost of \$8 (all ages reservations required). Performance begins at 8:15 p.m. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 children 12 and under. Call 254-947-9205 for group rates and further information, or visit

www.allcentex.com/ tablerock. Email: tablerock1@aol.com.

**AUGUST 6-7**

**39th Annual Salado Art Fair on the grounds of Pace Park.** Artists and artisans from across Texas and the Southwest on hand. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 947-5040.

**AUGUST 19**

**Mill Creek Community Association Fall Fling at Mill Creek Inn Restaurant.** Cash happy hour: 6 p.m., dinner: 7 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 10, 17 & 24**

**Tablerock's production of Shakespeare's "Hamlet."** Performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 child.

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**SEP. 10-11, 14-18**

**Team Ropers Association Finals at Wildfire Ranch.** Info: 947-8080.

**SEPTEMBER 17-18**

**Tablerock's Fantasy Faire**, featuring music, dance and historical demonstrations. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, seniors and military personnel. Info: 254-947-1339 or email pangea@vvm.com, or tablerock1@aol.com.

**OCTOBER 1-2**

**Tablerock's - A Christmas Carol auditions** Sat.- Sun.: 3 p.m. Information: 254-947-9205. Directed by Harry Sweet.

**OCTOBER 29, 30 & 31**

**Tablerock's Fright Trail**, 7 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Admission: \$5 adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

**NOVEMBER 15**

**Salado Historical Society Annual Chili Supper and General Meeting**, 6:15 p.m. at Salado Civic Center.

**NOVEMBER 26-27**

**Wildfire Truck Explosion at Wildfire Ranch** (tentative). Info: 947-8080.

**DECEMBER 2-3**

**Tablerock's 13th Annual presentation of A Christmas Carol**, 7 p.m. each night. Tickets: adults \$5, children 12 and under, \$3. Sandwiches and drinks available beginning 6:30 p.m. Info: 947-9205 or www.allcentex.com/ tablerock. Email: tablerock1@aol.com.

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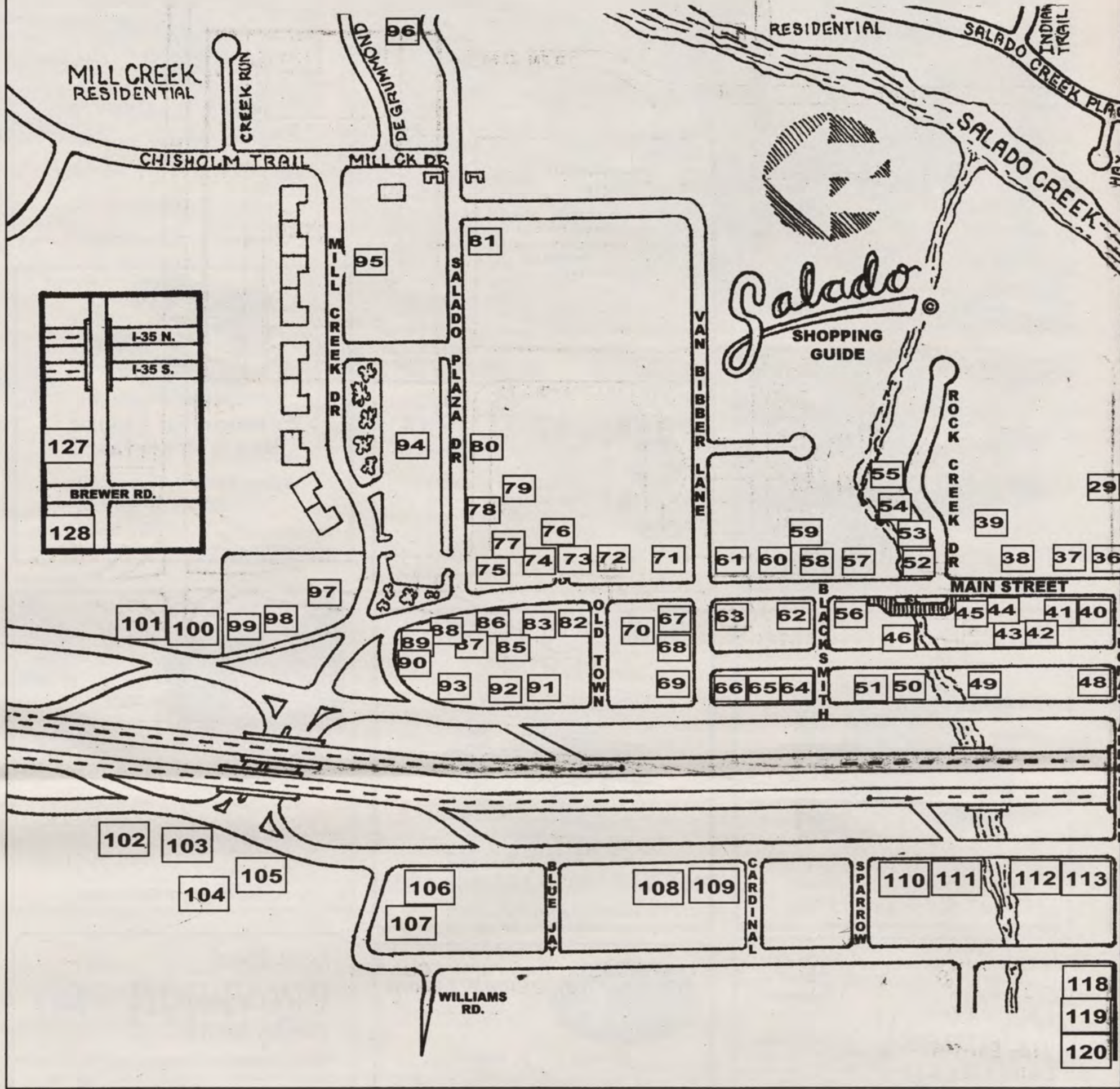


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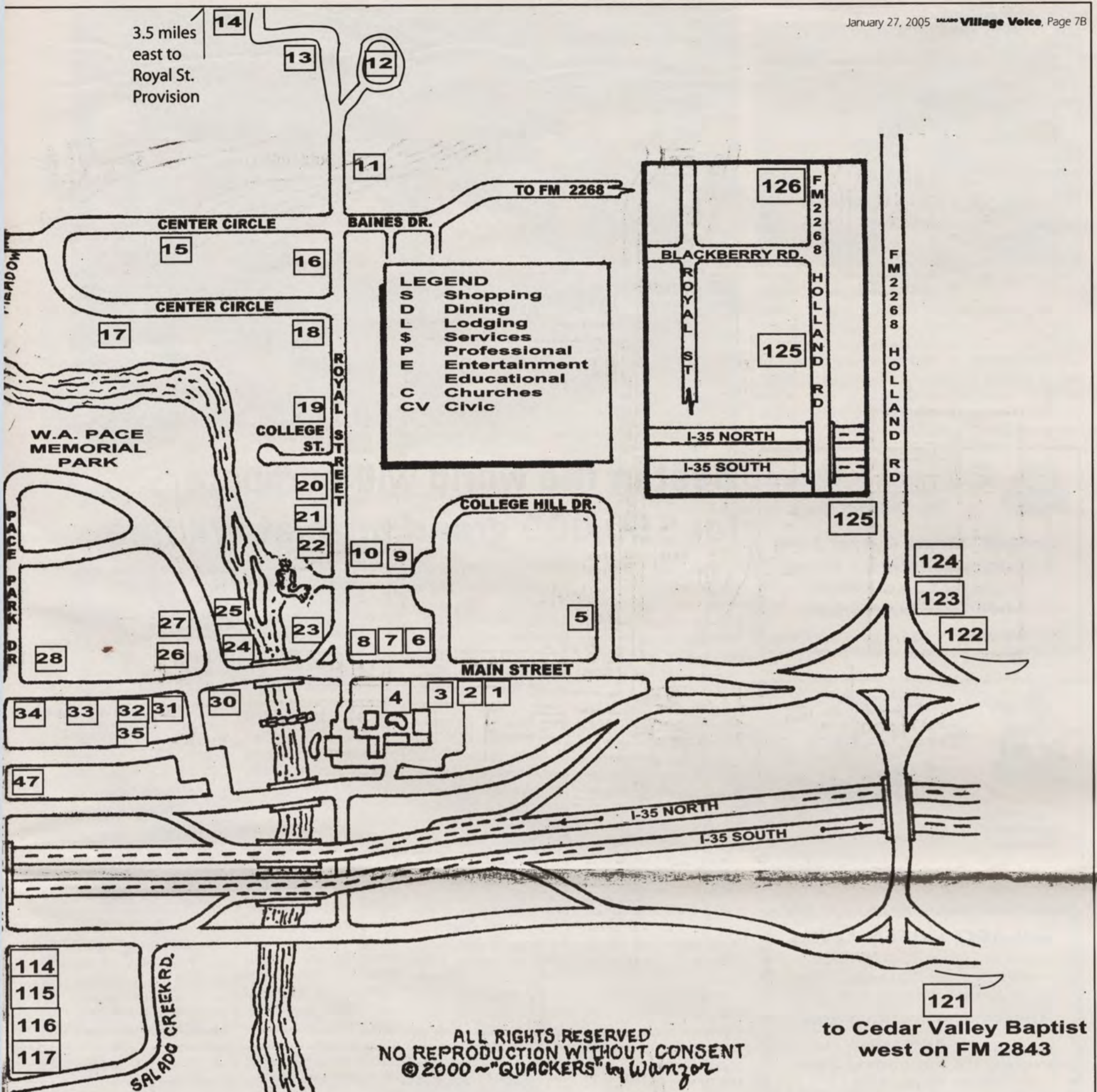
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One such event is coming up. The Seventh Annual Wildfire Ranch Open to the World Roping on Feb. 5 will draw several hundred of the best ropers in the business to Salado to battle for over \$100,000 in cash prizes.

World famous cowboys such as eight-time World Champion Rich Skelton, three-time All Around World Champion Trevor Brazile and Speed Williams will be competing for the \$50,000 top prize.

They will have to tear it away from Matt Tyler and Kory Koontz, who are the three-time Open to the World winners.

In a short time, the Open to the World roping has mushroomed in notoriety since first being held six years ago.

Not bad considering how it got started. When owner Billie Pipes' oldest son, Donnie, was a freshman at Salado, he competed regularly on the

high school rodeo circuit. Or should we say, tried to compete.

"We went to 10 events that year, and seven of them were rained out," says Pipes in his office on the Wildfire grounds, which also include the Wildfire Saddlery and Western Store and Bloomer Trailers next door. "I built the place so the high school kids would have a place to rodeo with a roof over their heads."

Even though he had no grand designs for it at the time, the appeal of what he had built was not lost on those in the roping world. Events were scheduled, and they went well. More events were slated, more people started showing up, and things grew from there.

Which brings us back to the weekend. Pipes expects around two dozen former world champs to show up, about the same number as last year. All told, there will be 300 to 400 teams -- all of them pros.

"This event is for professionals. The best guys in the world will be here," says Pipes. Formatted as an open event, Pipes explains that anyone can register, but the \$1,000 entry fee tends to dissuade those less-serious competitors, which, for this occasion, is just fine with the host. "Everyone in the industry will be

here...It's the best of the best. Period," he says.

An event that is as much a celebration of the sport as anything else, admission is free to the public (some 2,000 showed up for 2003's Open), and top competitors are well-rewarded for their efforts. Many teams travel hundreds of miles to come to Salado, and for good reason. The fact that the Professional Rodeo Association's season begins in Texas in February is one reason, but certainly not the only one. The men's payout at the Wildfire Open is the second highest in the nation, while the lady's features the single biggest payday.

How's this for incentive? First place men's team will receive, as a little bonus money, \$50,000 in cash, fronted not by deep-pocketed corporate sponsors like Wrangler and Justin Boots, but by Wildfire. And we're not talking about those oversized novelty checks here. Neatly stacked hundred dollar bills will be fitted into two custom-crafted leather briefcases, guarded by armed police. That's what you call dangling the carrot.

The sport of team roping is not as well-known to the layperson as its bull riding or barrel racing counterparts, but it's considered to be one of the toughest in rodeo

because of the teamwork factor. It began on the old ranches in the 19th century, when it took two cowboys to handle some of the larger steers.

It's now a big-bucks business, and one Saladoan has his eyes on a share of that cash. Veteran roper Ryan Dunlap will be competing again this year after placing fourth with partner Zane Bowers in 2003. That finish netted Dunlap and Bowers over \$7,000. "They had a good finish against the best in the world," says Pipes.

As the biggest facility of its kind in the nation, Wildfire Arena has a reputation among ropers. But Pipes also donates the arena to just about any youth organization that asks. Salado's football and baseball teams have both made use of it in the past, when the weather outside was a bit too forbidding. "If it involves the youth, I don't have a problem donating the arena," Pipes says.

But for the time being, the crew at Wildfire is readying themselves for a busy weekend. In addition to the free admission, concessions will be open during the Open, and Pipes welcomes everyone from the community to attend. Roping will begin at 9 a.m. and last all day.

For more information about the Open, call Wildfire at 254-947-9988.

**Style show, brunch at Tenroc Ranch on Jan. 29  
to benefit Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame**

The Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame's Third Annual Style Show and Brunch will be held 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Jan. 29 at Tenroc Ranch in Salado.

The \$20 admission charge will be considered a donation toward the TRCHF building fund.

The group's goal is to have its own museum to display plaques, trophies, biographies and action photos, along with the history of rodeo and other memorabilia.

The brunch will be catered by Oxbow Restaurant, and door prizes will

be available.

Fashions will be featured from two Salado businesses. General ladies wear will be provided by Alice's of Salado, while western style clothing will be featured from Wildfire Saddlery and Western Wear.

Tenroc Ranch is two miles west of I-35 on Thomas Arnold Rd, in Salado. For reservations call Pat Wallace, 254-939-5272, or Charlene Proctor Mewhinney, 254-933-0730. The style show is open to the public.

# Super Crossword FINISH LINE

**ACROSS**

- 1 Thieves
- 5 Dress down
- 10 Accomplished
- 13 English explorer
- 18 French spa
- 20 Home on high
- 21 A mean Amin
- 22 "Pygmalion" role
- 23 Start of a remark by Gene Perret
- 26 On the up and up
- 27 Director Sergio
- 28 Grazing ground
- 29 Overact
- 31 Have a mortgage
- 32 Become engaged?
- 34 EMT's skill
- 36 "La Boheme" girl
- 39 Depravity
- 42 Heavy metal instrument?
- 45 Mellow
- 47 Rajasthani rhythm
- 48 Coach Parseghian
- 49 Kayak commander

- 50 Part 2 of remark
- 54 Verbal explosion
- 56 Pittsburgh player
- 58 Skirt feature
- 60 Tangle
- 61 "May I interrupt?"
- 62 Vision
- 65 Cookbook phrase
- 66 Impressive lobby
- 68 Catches cod
- 71 Runner Sebastian
- 72 Karras or Haley
- 73 Part 3 of remark
- 77 Suggestive
- 80 — Na Na
- 81 Beloved
- 82 Type of aircraft
- 85 Maestro de Waart
- 86 Fusillade
- 88 Khartoum's river
- 90 Hopeless case
- 92 Jeeves or Passe-partout
- 94 Focused
- 97 Watchful city?
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- 101 Perfect
- 103 One of the Marches
- 104 Anesthetize
- 105 Fitting
- 106 Manuscript enc.
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- 108 Field event
- 111 — the fields we go ...
- 113 Ballet movement
- 115 Overwhelm
- 116 Recruit personnel
- 118 Good times
- 121 Sari site
- 124 Rent
- 127 End of remark
- 131 Party present
- 132 Myriads of moons
- 133 "Midnight at the —" ('74 hit)
- 134 "— Gay"
- 135 Fight site
- 136 Room for relaxing
- 137 Marine leader?
- 138 Hardware item

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  - 2 Face shape

- 3 Ill temper
- 4 She knew how to get a head
- 5 Droop
- 6 Do overhead plastering
- 7 Sarah — Jewett
- 8 Pale purple
- 9 "— volente"
- 10 "Carpe —"
- 11 Turn of phrase
- 12 Bother
- 13 "Fantasia" frame
- 14 Fish-and-chips accompaniment
- 15 Chauvinist
- 16 Conductor Seiji
- 17 Yarn
- 19 Muse count
- 24 Snuggle up
- 25 "The Aeneid" author
- 30 Jacob's twin
- 33 Tint
- 35 "— Rider" ('85 film)
- 37 Neighbor of Libya
- 38 Kite part
- 39 Places to dye
- 40 One of "The Three Sisters"

- 41 Jeweler's weight
- 43 41st or 43rd President
- 44 Be there
- 46 Gets by, with "out"
- 49 Impromptu
- 51 Author Jong
- 52 Patricia of "Hud"
- 53 Wild wind
- 55 Deck out
- 57 Edit a text
- 59 Duty
- 61 Menotti title character
- 63 Have thirds and fourths?
- 64 Cure
- 67 — Minor
- 69 Peg for Palmer
- 70 Footballer Lynn
- 72 Option
- 74 Maritime abbr.
- 75 Turning point
- 76 Actor Bruce
- 77 Part of IRS
- 78 Eliot's "— Bede"
- 79 Fountain order
- 83 Foe
- 84 Party hearty
- 86 Walk like a rooster
- 87 Recruit-to-be

- 89 Helen of Troy's mom
- 91 Wrath
- 93 Cubist Rubik?
- 95 Warning
- 96 Tivoli's Villa d'—
- 97 Ancient tongue
- 99 Little devils
- 100 Bordered on
- 102 Kreskin's letters
- 107 Know-it-all
- 108 Vow
- 109 Throw forcefully
- 110 Resort lake
- 112 Bucolic
- 114 Memo start
- 115 — Romeo
- 117 Actress Sherilyn
- 119 "Yo!" at the library
- 120 Move a bit
- 122 "Blame — the Bossa Nova" ('63 hit)
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While touring the Caribbean over the holidays, I saw a man wearing a t-shirt that read: "When was the last time you did something you've never done before?"

I could have answered yesterday or the day before...or just a few minutes ago. I don't know why it is that some people never do anything new and exciting except on vacations. Granted, vacations are times when we experience new places and people and activities, but don't you think during the ordinary course of day-to-day living there should be some excitement there, too?

I've seen people who lead extremely sedentary lives get on a cruise ship and just go crazy. We had lunch one time on a cruise with a couple of ladies who were in their 80's. When we asked them what they did during the morning they said they rafted on the rapids, one of the most demanding shore excursions offered.

Anyway...when we signed up for the cruise, we said we wanted to do the canopy tour at Roatan, an island off Honduras. Sounds innocent enough. We were put in a har-

**Tumbleweed Smith**



ness that had a small pulley on it. While we stood on a platform a hundred feet above the ground, we were lifted up and our pulley placed on a cable. We sailed 200 yards through the jungle treetops. We did that from 11 different stations.

Never did that before. At Cozumel we donned fins, masks and snorkels and then grabbed hold of a machine resembling a vacuum cleaner canister. It had a fan on the front of it and if you pointed it downward, it took you with it into the beautiful home of coral and tropical fish. Shades of James Bond.

Never did that before, either. At Belize, the only English speaking country in Central America, we ran into Robert Cavness who gave us a tour of an unexplored Mayan ruin. He operates a large mahogany plantation owned by Texan Walter Mischer. Robert's bodyguard, Juan, got out his machete and hacked away at the jungle overgrowth so we could get to the site.

We saw things nobody else on the cruise got to see. Robert rented a van and drove us at least 100 miles, even though gas was \$4 a gallon. He took us to a new museum a friend of his had just opened. It shows among other things how chicle, the main ingredient in chewing gum, is harvested. We saw a sign advertising Cow Foot Soup.

Never saw that before. We got to meet Robert through his brother, Toby, a partner in the Fort Davis Drug Store. When we told Toby we were going to Belize he suggested we get in touch with Robert and he would show us around. So we imposed. It was fabulous.

My New Year's resolution is to do more things I haven't done before.

Older men declare war. But it is youth that must fight and die. And it is youth who must inherit the tribulation, the sorrow and the triumphs that are the aftermath of war.

—Herbert Hoover

# Adapted non-native plants

In the last article, I discussed adapted, non-native trees and shrubs. Today, I'll discuss ornamental grasses, vines, bulbs, ferns, and perennials. There are also a few annuals that lend themselves to seasonal color, and they will also be mentioned.

As with trees and shrubs, there are some non-native ornamental grasses, vines, bulbs, and perennials that have become so well adjusted they are now considered a nuisance. What normally occurs is that the root system loves to travel, and, in doing so, the roots surround its neighbor plants, grow through them, and may eventually crowd them out.

In other cases, the seeds are very prolific and sprout wherever they contact ground, including your neighbors' property. As with certain vines, they climb without restraint and can damage exterior house structures with suckers, and can actually crush privacy fence boards.

Some of the nuisance "plants" are: Ruellia (standard three-to-four ft. tall Mexican Petunia);

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Bouncing Bet (soapwort); Holly Fern; Blood Fern; Goldenrod; Trumpet Vine; English Ivy; and Lyreleaf Sage. Certainly, there may be others that will challenge us, but these are a few. Of course, their beauty of foliage and blooms make them attractive in your landscape.

The following is a list of adapted "plants" that have come to love Texas.

**Ornamental grasses:** Black Fountain Grass; Chinese Silver Grass; Inland Sea Oats; Japanese Silver Grass; Little Blue Stem Grass; Miscanthus Morning Light; Maiden Grass; Purple/White Fountain Grass; Tall Fescue; and Zebra Grass.

**Vines:** Autumn Clematis; Clematis Ramona; Cypress Vine; Purple Creeper; Silver Lace Vine; Trumpet Vine; and Virginia Creeper.

**Bulbs:** Blackberry Lily; Calla Lily.

**Ferns:** Autumn Fern; Holly Fern; Japanese

Painted Fern; Royal Fern; Tassel Fern; and Wood Fern.

As if that wasn't enough, the listing of perennials is even longer. We have become used to seeing and using these adapted plants in our landscaping plans, and they are very common now, as well as beautiful.

**Perennials:** Anise Hyssop; Artemesia Powis Castle; Batfaced Cuphea; Bee Balm/ Monarda; Bicolor Sage; Bleeding Heart; Blue Cardinal Flower; Blue Queen Salvia; Bulbenella; Cherry Sage; Copper Canyon Daisy; Coral Bells; Creeping Vitex; French Hollyhock; Gailardia; Germander; Goldenrod; Hardy Blue Plumbago; Hardy Dianthus; Hummingbird Mint; Lamb's Ear; Lemon Balm; Mexican Bush Sage; Mexican Butterfly Weed; Mealy Blue Sage; Mexican Mint Marigold; Mexican Oregano; Oxalis; Oxeye Daisy; Pineapple Sage; Red Cardinal Flower;

Russian Sage; Santolina; Scabiosa/Pincushoin; Sedum Autumn Joy; Sedum Dragon's Blood; Sedum Stonecrop; Shasta Daisy; Shrimp Plant; Soapwort/Bouncing Bet; Society Garlic; Spanish Lavender; Stokes Aster; Thrift; and Yarrow.

Remember, for seasonal color, Peony and Ornamental Kale give a great flare. I have even seen some red Mustard Greens added for background color. For spring and then again in the fall, choose adapted Marigolds, Petunias, and Zinnias for the annual bed.

It's almost time to make those choices for next year's gardens. Adapted plants will round out the garden accenting those wonderful primary picks that are Texas Natives. Remember that these adapted plants are not all nuisance plants or invasive. Plan where you want to put them and enjoy their show in your garden.

Just choose wisely so they fit in your landscape and be aware as to what their qualities, both good and bad, are.

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Pascoe uses traditional construction techniques, using only solid woods. "There is no press board or fiber board in my work," Pascoe says. "I use mortise and tenon glue joints and a minimum of mechanical fasteners." The General Store design is very flexible, allowing for the creation of cabinet bases, breakfronts, tables, bookcases and the kitchen island pictured here. The entire collection can be seen at [saladosawmill.com/generalstore.html](http://saladosawmill.com/generalstore.html).

Pascoe says he can design to your specification. "Just bring in a picture or sketch of something you're interested in and your specific requirements, like dimensions and wood type. I'll provide you with a bid and we can go from there. Pascoe has several other lines, including Arts and Crafts and Country Pine.

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The Salado Community Chorus, under the direction of Mike Bergman, and accompanied by Dr. Kim Van Cura, has begun rehearsals for its spring concert. The Chorus will be rehearsing 5-6:30 p.m. Mondays at the Presbyterian Church.

The upcoming concert will be a "Salute to Broadway," featuring the music of Cole Porter, Rogers and Hammerstein, and Lerner and Lowe.

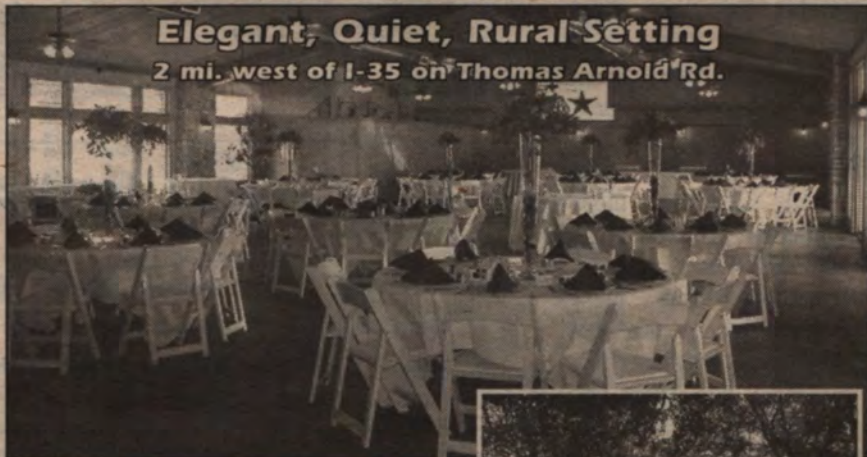
The Chorus is composed of members of the community of various ages and musical abilities,

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Karen Kinnison will share her lifetime of experience in weaving and furniture caning during a special workshop Feb. 24-28 in Salado. Participants in her workshop will leave with their own creations: a large market basket and yucca baskets, and a caned foot stool.

Seven artists will be working closely with students during the Artists Workshops and Private Studio and Gallery Tours Feb. 24-28.

Kinnison works out of The 1860 Shop on Main Street, and the store will serve as the classroom for her students during the week of workshops. Only five students can be accommodated, and registration should be made as soon as possible.

Kinnison's interest in basketry began when she was a child at summer camp in the Texas Hill Country. It has remained a lifelong interest for her. She extended her knowl-

edge of basketry at the Southwest Craft Center in San Antonio, the Basket Guild of Austin, and by taking a course in Mountain View, Arkansas, on fashioning white oak baskets.

For many years Kinnison has been a demonstrator of basket weaving at San Antonio's annual Folklife Festival.

Caning chairs was a natural for Kinnison, as her father, Col. Paul Kinnison, had taken up the hobby on his retirement to Salado in the 1960s. Karen, however, only began caning after his death around 20 years ago.

Her mother, Virginia Matthews, began The 1860 Shop in what is reputed to be the old saloon building, selling antiques and her own folk art paintings and stitchery.

Presently, the shop continues to offer mostly hand-crafted items made by family members.

### Workshops and Tours

Each February artists fill Salado to attend the Artists Workshops and Private Studio and Gallery Tours, when the village shares the talents of its artistic citizens.

Sponsored by A.R.T.S., Inc., this event features intensive workshop instruction for artists and aspiring artists of all ages.

Artist workshops include oil painting, sculpture, pottery, watercolor, cane and basket weaving, decorative painting, woodworking, glass art, drawing and acrylics.

Twenty-four private artists' studios and public Salado galleries are open to the public during the Artist Studio and Gallery Tours.

Attendees will have the opportunity to visit artists in their working studios, giving them a chance to glimpse the artist's most recent creations and works in progress. In addition, many Salado galleries will feature guest artists who are invited to demonstrate their work and meet the public.

Salado Artists Workshops and Studio Tours will feature intensive workshop instruction for everyone.

Artist workshops include stone carving, pottery, watercolor, cane and basket weaving, decorative painting, glass art, oil painting, sculpture, drawing and acrylics.

On Feb. 26, two dozen private artists' studios and public Salado galleries are open to the public during the Artist Studio and Gallery Tours.

For more information about the workshops and tours, or to register, call the Salado Civic Center at 254-947-8300, or visit [www.salado.com](http://www.salado.com), or [www.texasartist.org](http://www.texasartist.org).

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*To Kill A Mockingbird* premieres Feb. 4 at Vive Les Arts in Killeen. This production will perform six times, starting with the Feb. 4 opening. Show dates are Feb 4-6 and 11-13, with showtimes at 8 pm on Fridays and Saturdays, and two Sunday matinees at 2 pm on the 6th and 13th.

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• Residential Belton lot on Beal St. \$9,000.

# Are there car-free cities?

**Dear EarthTalk:** Are there any car-free cities in the world? -- Elizabeth Vales, Cleveland, OH

Since the dawn of the automobile age, residents of urban areas worldwide have been choking on exhaust fumes and tempting fate every time they enter a crosswalk. According to J.H. Crawford, author of the book, *Carfree Cities*, as much as 70 percent of downtown space in most American and European urban centers today is dominated by traffic lanes, parking lots and garages, gas stations, drive-through banks and burger stands and, of course...car dealerships.

Crawford argues that the abundance of cars in cities takes a huge toll on human health and safety as well as on the environment. Specific problems, he says, include air and water quality degradation, loss of green space, noise pollution and social alienation--not to mention a wide range of human health maladies and large numbers of both pedestrian and motorist casualties.

Economically speaking, residents of sprawling cities such as Houston and Atlanta spend an average of 22 percent of their annual income on automobile and related expenses. Cars aren't so great for business, either: A recent study of 32 German cities concluded that fewer cars allowed into a city meant increased foot traffic and more retail sales.

Carfree.com, the online companion to Crawford's book, offers a large listing of car-free places throughout the world, organized into three categories: those completely or predominantly car-free; those with large areas that are car-free; and those with limited automobile traffic. In the United States, essentially car-free locations (though not cities) include Mackinac Island, a resort island on Lake Huron that uses horses and buggies for its transportation, and Fire Island on Long Island in New York. Fire Island makes use of small boats for short dock-to-dock travel, and wagons for wheeling the groceries home. It also has a lengthy network of boardwalks connecting homes on the beach to one another and to the docks.

Most car-free places are in Europe, the largest being Venice, where a canal system takes the place of streets, and movement is on foot or

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by boat. Giethoorn, in the Netherlands, also relies on canal-boat transportation. Some alpine resorts in Switzerland, such as Zermatt and Barunwald, are car-free as well. A unique location is Louvain la Neuve, a university town in Belgium where streets for cars lie beneath separate streets for pedestrians. There are also car-free cities in Morocco where, according to carfree.com, they have succeeded in preserving much of the medieval style such that streets are very narrow. They are "for practical reasons, substantially car-free, although not always motorcycle-free," says the website.

There are car-free cities and areas in much of the developing world, too, though this is mainly due to poverty. But increasingly, the four billion inhabitants of the developing world seem eager to adopt Western patterns and automobile use is growing. In India, for example, according to the United Nations the number of cars has been doubling every seven years. This fact, combined with poor roads, poor fuel quality and lack of vehicle maintenance, says the U.N., makes vehicular air pollution an alarming issue.

**CONTACTS:** www.carfree.com; World Carfree Network, www.worldcarfree.net; *Carbusters* Magazine, www.carbusters.org

**Dear EarthTalk:** Is there a way to wash the pesticides off fruits and vegetables before we eat them? -- Michelle, Chalmette, LA

Many fruits and vegetables sold in the United States today are treated with pesticides, and residues of these potentially harmful chemicals often remain on their surfaces. Rinsing all produce thoroughly before eating is always a good idea, but many pesticides, fungicides and other agricultural chemicals are trapped under a wax coating that was added to resist water and prolong shelf life. As such, rinsing produce with just plain water is not enough to do the job. Several companies have developed products that can help.

Organiclean contains

extracts from coconut, sugar cane, sugar maple, bilberry, orange and lemon, is completely biodegradable, organic, and is a registered kosher product. The manufacturer claims that the product is ideal for hard-to-clean produce like strawberries, raspberries, spinach, lettuce and broccoli. It comes in an eight-ounce plastic spray bottle.

Another option is Veggie-Wash, from Citrus Magic. Made of natural vegetable-based ingredients from citrus fruit, corn and coconut, and containing no preservatives, Veggie-Wash comes in a 16-ounce spray bottle as well as 32-ounce and gallon refills. Meanwhile, Fit Fruit & Vegetable Wash spray is made from citric acid and grapefruit oil, and claims to remove 98 percent more pesticides, waxes and other contaminants versus washing with water alone. Fit comes in 12-ounce spray bottles and 32-ounce refills.

For those inclined to more homespun solutions, various combinations of common pantry items work well, too. One recipe calls for soaking produce for five minutes in a 50/50 solution of white vinegar and water, while another calls for spraying fruits and vegetables with a combination of one tablespoon of lemon juice, two tablespoons of baking soda and one cup of water. Meanwhile, *Consumer Reports* says that a diluted wash of dish detergent followed by a tap water rinse eliminates pesticide residues on most fruits and vegetables. After any such treatments, all produce should be rinsed thoroughly in plain water prior to eating or cooking.

Some analysts think that washing produce is not needed given strict Food and Drug Administration regulations about pesticide residues. "In the U.S., there's very little produce with pesticide residues anywhere near the allowed tolerance levels," says Elizabeth Andress, a food safety specialist with the University of Georgia's Center for Food Safety. "If you use a produce wash, you may be reducing the levels of pesticide residues," she says, "but the levels were nowhere near harmful to begin with."

Nonetheless, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) says that the only way to ensure avoidance of pesticide residues completely is to buy certified organic produce only. The

majority of supermarkets in the U.S. stock pesticide-free organic produce for those willing to spend a few more pennies per item. Consumers should note, however, that even organic produce should be washed before eaten, even if just to remove the impurities caused by human handling.

**CONTACTS:** Organiclean, (888) 834-9274, www.organiclean.com; Veggie-Wash, (800) 451-7096, www.citrusmagic.com; Fit Fruit & Vegetable Wash, (800) FIT-WASH, www.FitWash.com; EPA Booklet, *Pesticides and Food: What You and Your Family Need to Know*, www.epa.gov/pesticides/food.

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