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The best cowboys and cowgirls in the country competed for more than \$170,000 in cash prizes during the Wildfire Ranch Open to the World Feb. 5. The Open to the World is fast becoming one of the top ropings in the country with a top payout of \$50,000 to one team. See results, Page 12B. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

## Incumbents file for school board

In the first week of filing, all three incumbents on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees have filed for re-election. Filing will continue through March 7 for the May 7 election.

Those incumbents filing so far are Deborah Aldridge, Trey Little and John Konzen.

Deborah Aldridge, 54, has served one term on the SISD Board of Trustees. She is currently the board Secretary.

She holds both a Bachelor's and Master's of Education (Social Science) from Arkansas State University.

Aldridge is self-employed as the owner of a retail emporium/mall, Southern Comforts, in Salado.

She and husband Jeff have lived in Salado for 11 years.

She and Jeff have been married for 14 years. Debbie has two grown children: Brad Ray, an SHS graduate, and daughter Laura Wiles and a grandchild.

Aldridge has been active in many school-related groups, including the Salado School District Long-Range Planning Committee, Site-Based Management Committee, and Athletic Booster Club

Secretary.

She is also an active Chamber of Commerce member, Salado Business Association member (Executive Committee-two terms and Secretary two terms), and a Member of First Baptist Church of Salado.

Trey Little, 40, has served one term on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees, including two years as Vice President of the Board.

Little holds a Bachelor's Degree from Texas Tech University

He is owner of Maestro-Gro, Inc., which he purchased three years ago. Maestro-Gro manufactures organic dry and liquid fertilizer and is headquartered in Belton.

Prior to that, Little was the General Partner and National Utility Marketing Manager at Sunbelt Transformer in Temple. He was employed there 13 years.

While a member of the school board, Little chaired the Long Range Planning committee that worked with the community to prepare a bond package that will be voted on April 2.

He and wife Cathy have lived in Salado for seven years

He has been married

for 15 years to Cathy and has three sons in Salado schools: Rob, 14, Davis, nine and Jacob, eight.

He is a member of the St. Stephen Catholic Church, Salado, and St. Luke's Catholic Church, Temple.

John H. Konzen, 46, is the longest sitting member of the SISD Board of Trustees with two terms. He is currently President of the Board of Trustees. He has served as chair of the Facilities Committee, Long Range Planning Committee and Policy Committee.

Konzen is a 1981 graduate of Texas A&M with a B.S. Degree in Engineering Technology.

Konzen is an engineering consultant and owner of HOT Inspection Services, Inc.

He and wife Nancy have lived in Salado for seven years.

He and Nancy have been married 22 years. They have three children; Hunter, an SHS graduate; Johnna, an SHS graduate and Justin (10th grade SHS).

He is a member of Salado United Methodist Church and a member of the Athletic Booster Club.

## Intermediate hit for 3rd time

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In four separate robberies spanning just over a month, thieves have taken more than \$50,000 in electronics and cash from Salado schools. The latest burglary netted thieves almost \$5,000 in electronics, taken from the Salado Intermediate School Library during the night of Feb. 1-2.

It marks the third time in less than two weeks that the Intermediate School has been entered after-hours by burglars who have taken electronics valued at \$16,640.

The burglars may be working with keys that were reported missing earlier last year, jamming locks to outside doors or hiding in the schools following public events, such as basketball games.

As of presstime Feb. 8, no arrests had been made in connection to the burglaries. The Intermediate School was reportedly in the process of changing locks at presstime. Locks at Salado High School were changed shortly after

the school was broken into during the Christmas holidays. The burglary saw approximately \$34,695 taken from the school.

The following lists items, values and dates that electronics and cash were stolen from the schools.

Feb. 1, Intermediate School: Dell Laptop, \$1,714; Dell LCD Projector, \$1,125; two Dell LCD Projectors, \$900 each; Daewoo DVD Player, \$90. Total value: \$4,729.

Jan. 26, Intermediate School: two Mackie Powered Speakers, \$1,299 each; Dell LCD Projector, \$900; Shure microphone, \$188; Epson Power Lite LCD Projector, \$2,499; Behringer Pro 24 Input Mixer, \$360; Dell LCD Projector, \$900. Total Value: \$7,445.

Jan. 21, Intermediate School: four Shure wireless microphone and receivers, \$675 each; Nady Lavalier lapel wireless system, \$279; Shure microphone, \$188; Fender Passport 250 portable system, \$999; one pair speaker stands, \$170; one speaker stand, \$130. Total

value, \$4,466.

Dec. 30-31, Salado High School: five laptop computers, \$2,000 each; six graphing calculators, \$100 each; Digital camera, \$2,500; agriculture department cash, \$285; two stage lights, \$1,000 each; two light reflectors, \$1,000 each; two light tripods, \$500 each; one case, \$500; Canon XLS-1 digital camera, \$7,000; athletic department cash, \$610; video camera, \$700; sound system, \$2,000; end zone camera, \$5,500. Total value: \$34,695.

Total value of stolen items: \$51,335.

Because the schools are outside the boundaries of the Village of Salado, they are in the jurisdiction of the Bell County Sheriff's Office. Shortly after the Salado police department was formed, the Village of Salado offered to bring the schools into its jurisdiction. The school chose not to request annexation because it would nullify a Community Police program with the Sheriff's Department that puts a daytime officer in the schools on a regular basis.

## New candidate throws hat in race

Merle Stalcup, 58, has filed for the position of Alderman for the Village of Salado. He is the only candidate thus far following the first week of filing. Three two-year terms on the board come up for election. Those seats are currently filled by Vic Means, Jackie Mills and Jack Schrock.

Stalcup and his wife Karen Walker-Stalcup have lived in Salado for seven years.

He is self-employed as a mortgage loan officer, as well as a representative for a wholesale mortgage lender for residential and commercial property in the Central Texas area.

He has a degree from



Merle Stalcup

University of Texas in Finance and Banking.

Stalcup is retired from the U.S. Navy, where he flew as an air-crewman for VP and VR squadrons. He also received the Navy Air-Warfare Wings, as well as numerous other

Navy medals.

Stalcup is Past President of Rotary, Longview chapter, a District Governor Representative, and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Stalcup has been an instructor for the American Institute of Banking, and a charter Board Member of Junior Achievement of East Texas.

He and Karen are active in the Salado United Methodist Church, Salado Chamber of Commerce, Public Arts League of Salado, and the Living Room Theatre.

The Stalcups' extended families include six children and 10 grandchildren.



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# FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



## It's been done before

As the drumbeat of bad news continues in Iraq and calls for a U.S. withdrawal begin to take hold, a popular cliché will get increased currency: that it is impossible to win a war against a guerrilla insurgency. Americans assume that since they lost a war that had a guerrilla aspect in Vietnam -- never mind that it was a conventional North Vietnamese army that ultimately conquered the South -- everyone must always lose guerrilla wars.

Among other things, this ignores the American victory over an insurgency in the Philippines in the 1950s, the Greek triumph over a communist insurgency after World War II, El Salvador's defeat of communist guerrillas in the 1980s, Peru's smashing of a terrorist insurgency in the 1990s and Israel's upper hand over terrorists in the West Bank and Gaza.

Most importantly, the insurgents-always-win school skips over the textbook example of successful counterinsurgency, the British victory in Malaysia in the 1950s.

The British experience is related in John Nagl's cult-classic book "Counterinsurgency Lessons From Malaya and Vietnam." It has become must reading for high-level officers in Iraq because its lessons seem so directly applicable to the situation there.

Communist guerrillas in Malaysia took up arms in the late 1940s, murdering Europeans, sabotaging industry and using terror to try to strengthen its base among the country's Chinese minority. The Brits at first considered the insurgency primarily a military problem, and tried to take the guerrillas on in conventional military formations. These tactics not only failed to engage the guerrillas, who easily evaded the large jungle sweeps, but their heavy-handedness alienated the local population.

The British were losing. Guerrilla attacks had been fewer than 100 a month in mid-1949, but spiked to more than 400 a month by mid-1950. Had the Brits oper-

**Rich Lowry**



ated in our media and political environment, New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd would have witheringly declared all lost and calls from across the political spectrum would have gone up to quit.

The British patiently set about fixing what they had done wrong. Most fundamentally, they realized that counterinsurgency depends on winning a political battle for "hearts and minds" (a phrase that originated in the Malaysia fight). Military operations were conducted on a smaller scale. The Chinese population was secured from guerrilla influence. A Malaysian army was built, with Chinese involvement. Elections were organized and independence promised. Slowly, the air went out of the insurgency, which was officially declared over in 1960.

The Malaysian example is one reason the Pentagon has placed such emphasis on training Iraqi troops. Ultimately, just as important as establishing security in Iraq is having a political program more attractive than that of our revanchist enemies. Which is why -- just as in Malaysia -- holding elections and maintaining a glide path to full sovereignty are so crucial.

We should be clear-eyed about the fearsome difficulties in Iraq. But we shouldn't give in to despair, let alone an unjustified metaphysical despair about the possibility of ever defeating a stubborn insurgency. It's been done before.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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## D.C. and Austin political pots boiling with SS and Education on front burners; Key to success or failure - "Taxes"

The political pots are boiling in Washington and Austin, now that President Bush has given his "State of the Union" address, and Governor Rick Perry and the State Legislature are off and running (in all directions), with both leaders manhandling a laundry list of "hoped for" results. Lists even longer than a Democrat's face at the unhappy prospect of holding back the conservative onslaught of state and federal ideas that are anathema to old timey "died in the wool" progressives.

The current "anti-liberal" scorn heaped on the "loyal opposition" is (as many believe) the precursory run-up to assigning Democrats full "observer-bench" status as Members of Congress, but with no power other than to watch their "cross-aisle(d)" brethren march to the uneven drum beat of creating a "senseless-tax" caste system providing mightily for the "haves," with the "leavings" reserved for everyone else.

### BUSH AND SOCIAL SECURITY

President Bush told us last week that the "keystone" for his second term will be "fixing" Social Security. His plan, that has been explained in many ways, by many people, will allow workers to voluntarily put a maximum of 4% of their social security contribution into a "personal" investment account. Incidentally, Bush & Company have changed the word "private" to "personal" - less threatening, they hope.

The Wall Street Journal's February 4 edition noted that workers 40 to 55 years of age may begin, voluntarily, to participate in the program in 2009. Those 27 to 39 start investing in 2010 and the 26 and under begin in 2011.

By removing the four percent from their normal social security payment (maximum \$1000 the first year) - annuitants will, of course, reduce their SS pension by an amount "to be determined," with the hope being, that the four percent invested in stocks and bonds (plus their reduced SS check), will garner more retirement money than would otherwise be earned from social security alone.

The "Pro and Con" lines have been drawn in the sand. Nearly all congressional Democrats, and a strange assortment of Republicans, are unalterably opposed to the privatization plan.

**Key to passage is the 60 vote closure rule in the Senate, provided it is repealed. Insiders believe that will happen!**

### DNGERS AND SOCIAL SECURITY

The Salado Chapter of the International Society of "Do-No-Gooders" were gnawing on Bush's Social Security privatization plan last week, with most of the conservative-leaning favoring the investment plan.

One remark made by a recent DNG-convert seemed to represent, in general, the mutterings of those who fear changing the 70 year old program that has been a viable "safety net" for Americans since 1935.

The "observation" went something like this: "Are we really planning to turn billions of individual "private" retirement dollars over to those in government who have created the financial mess we are in today?"

Apparently this DNGer is a tad uneasy about hiring the Wall Street manipulators to handle this prospective "fee" bonanza, especially if low bidding is required.

At any rate - a majority of DNGers believe it's the route to take, and of course they could be just as right as those

### Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



on the other side, who don't think SS is "broke" or in need of a "Bush fix."

### PERRY AND SCHOOL FINANCE

Governor Perry's number one priority (according to his press office) is to reform the public school finance system. He tagged it as an "emergency" and once again is waiting for the Legislature to produce a plan that (a) does not raise taxes despite needing some six to eight billion new dollars; (b) reduces property taxes - again with no idea where those replacement bucks will come from; and (c) gives teachers extra (merit) money based on how well their students score on standardized tests and daily grades.

### OFF THE HOOK?

Somewhere in this hodgepodge of school finance is a judicial decision hanging over lawmakers and the Governor. Remember Austin Judge John Dietz, who ruled (last year) that our State system of financing education is unconstitutional? Fact is, unless education funding problems are corrected during this session of the Legislature - the courts will, in effect, take over the schools. The state Supreme Court is sitting on that decision at this time.

Could it be that our GOP controlled Legislature is going to put a band-aid on funding education and let the courts force a tax hike to correct the problem?

Reckon that would get lawmakers and Governor "off the hook" when running for reelection? You can hear it now: "Republicans kept their no new tax promise! It was the fault of bad old lawyers and the courts."

### TAX CUT IMPACT?

Cox Newspaper columnist Tom Teepen wrote an interesting article shortly after Bush's "Union" speech, that reminded this writer of the fellow who had just murdered his mother and father and appeared before a judge pleading for mercy - because he was an orphan!

Teepen noted in his February 4, "think piece" that "President Bush, having run up record deficits substantially because of his rash tax cuts, now pleads poverty to justify domestic spending cuts and at the same time demanding that the tax policies that got us into this fix be made permanent."

On the same day - the New York Times reported that "facing record deficits" the Bush administration is planning to cut \$60 billion from the Medicaid Program. That's the health program for our very poor and very helpless.

The Associated Press on February 6 continued the Bush budget story that calls for deep cuts in other domestic programs including education; welfare programs for the indigent and aging; police and fire-fighting grants.

Is this like the topsy-turvy world of Alice's Wonderland or what? At any rate - we perceive a Bush directed Republican plan afoot to religiously hold their pledge to keep those "sacred" budget-busting tax cuts intact, and if that causes a dollar shortfall - make it up on the backs of the politically disenfranchised - otherwise known as the distraught (albeit majority) "middle class" and below.

That's -30-

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## It is time to enact some common-sense Medicaid reforms

### Capitol Update

by State Representative  
Dianne White Delisi



Speaker Tom Craddick recently entrusted me with chairmanship of the House Committee on Public Health. I am grateful for the opportunity, as this committee works on issues of importance to the health care of all Texans. The matters my committee will review are of particular importance to the residents of Bell County due to our extraordinary health care infrastructure. It is a big responsibility and I am ready to get to work.

Many people may not realize it, but one dollar out of four in our state budget goes to operate just one federal program: Medicaid. In our current two-year budget cycle, Medicaid spending from all sources of funds is around \$29 billion. According to the Legislative Budget Board, Texas' expenditures on Medicaid from all sources of funds have grown 90 percent from fiscal year 1994 through 2003.

This growing price-tag is why lawmakers spent so much time in the 2003 regular session working on both reforming the state's health and human services programs and streamlining the bureaucracy that administers them. Some landmark reforms were adopted, but the work has to continue in the current session.

The challenge facing all lawmakers will be to control costs while still ensuring that those with honest needs receive quality care.

I will be authoring major legislation on this topic and let me say up front that there is no one magic bullet to fix everything. It is more like a lot of small things that, taken together, add up to major improvements.

One item that simply must be addressed is the state's inability to assemble the data collected in the Medicaid program into something truly useful to health care providers, patients, and lawmakers. In many ways, we are all somewhat flying blind when it comes to knowing what works best as far as improving health outcomes for our dollars.

It is critical that we

integrate better information technology into all of our Medical programs, to include Medicaid. I have already filed legislation to try to spur this along and will explore it more fully in my Medicaid bill.

Another area where large amounts of money go towards an expenditure that everyone agrees is bad policy is inappropriate emergency room use. It costs us all a fortune, runs emergency room staffs ragged, and is not the best way to treat the patient that doesn't need it.

The Legislative Budget Board estimates that curbing unnecessary emergency room use could save \$164 million in our next biennial budget. I have several strategies for improving the situation that will be in my legislation.

I want to see Texas try an innovative program called Doctor on Call that lets Medicaid patients call a hotline anytime to speak to a physician about their symptoms. The doctor walks them through how to evaluate their problem and make an informed decision on whether they need to go to an emergency room. A recent pilot program in South Carolina saw a 13 to 14 percent reduction in emergency room visits.

Another idea I want to try is offering an "after-hours bonus" to doctors and clinics that stay open late to provide a more cost-effective alternative to the emergency room.

I also see promise in targeting those who go to an emergency room more than three times within six months with information on how to find a primary care physician. The private sector has already tried this strategy for emergency room "frequent flyers" and the results have been worthwhile. One Texas hospital saw a 40 percent reduction in emergency room visits from those they assisted with the information.

Of course, while the state will do a number of incremental reforms under the current set of federal rules for Medicaid, our opportunity for truly major reform will be through the flexibility to create a program that works best for our state. We need to remain focused on continually seeking this freedom from the federal government. When it comes to health care, one size really doesn't fit all.

# FORUM

The best hope for  
Peace in our World  
is the expansion  
of Freedom in  
All the World.

George W. Bush  
January 20, 2005



### Dear Editor:

As a concerned resident of the Salado ISD, I have attended several meetings relating to the April bond issue. In that same time frame, to be more informed, I have made a concerted effort to discuss this issue with as many people as possible.

I have received many differing opinions involving both experiences. Nothing has received more attention than the varied and valid interests of everyone involved (tax increases, new facilities, and usability of existing facilities). It appears that everyone has an important issue of their own.

I truly feel that the current school board has worked diligently and within the best budget possible to develop a bond that appropriates facilities that benefit students in all interests. The basic fact that stands out the most in my mind and seems to be a common opinion is that a new facility is a necessity. Inevitably taxes, construction cost, and interest rates are going to increase. Given these facts I feel that time is of the essence.

I urge you to put aside personal interests and agendas. Realize that this facility represents the support of our children and reflects upon the pride and integrity of our community. The continued education and success of our children depend on the decisions that are made by adults. Give all students the opportunity to excel in all interests that they may choose.

This is not a letter intended to incite more controversy. I simply ask you as a voter to seek out all of the factual and available information that you possibly can. Once this has been accomplished, and above all, PLEASE VOTE.

Ronnie A. Heller  
Salado

## Your Voice

### Letters to the Editor

#### Mr. Editor:

I like you and I like your paper, but I do disagree with you on the bond issue. With my PE degree, let me keep it simple:

1. When I moved here in '99, the tax rate was 1.49 per \$100 valuation and the Fund Balance was \$263,653. Today, the tax rate is 1.58 and the fund balance is \$1,600,000! I realize that our property values have increased over this time and this also means that the amount of money the State sends us is now less than 20 percent of the operating budget whereas five years ago, it was around 40 percent - so if anything is to be done, we have to do it.

Dr. Battershell and our current school board (of which some run successful private businesses) have been good stewards of our money the past six years, and based on their track record, I would expect the same with our bond money.

2. Athletics and other extra-curricular activities are a very important part of education. In fact, I would be willing to bet that there are more "life lessons" learned on the athletic fields than in the classrooms - both are vitally important. About 80 percent of our student body participates in athletics.

3. If the bond is approved, the property owner of a \$200,000 home can anticipate a yearly increase of \$32.48 per month (unless you are 65 or older and your tax does not go up!). This works out this way: \$28.59/mo. for the school, \$1.95/mo. for the football field; 68

cents/mo. for the baseball field; 58 cents/mo. for the track; 39 cents/mo. for the softball field and 29 cents per month for the tennis court. I doubt if the \$3.89 per month spent on athletics will alter anyone's standard of living. For less than the cable bill, we can build a new school!

4. Costs continue to escalate! The bond for the high school in 1995 was \$5 million and was voted down, probably because it was too expensive. The bond for the middle school in 1997 was \$6.5 million (I bet there were many that voted against this, and yet it is used by our entire community almost weekly and for "only" \$6.5 million).

The high school is now \$15 million - if not built this time, and waiting until we are absolutely forced to build one, will it be \$20, \$25, or \$30 million? Commodity prices all over the world are up dramatically.

China's economy is growing at a 9 percent per year clip and driving the price of steel, lumber, and cement up worldwide. In fact, China used more than half the world's cement last year and according to "Barron's," they used 40 percent of the world's steel. Don't expect this to change over the next five years. Don't forget the added cost of five, 10, or 15 more portable buildings (at approx. \$45,000 each) until we get to the 20,25, or 30 million. Waiting from an economic standpoint does not seem to be an option.

5. Killeen, Belton and Academy have recently passed bond issues while Jarrell, Florence, and Round Rock are proposing bond issues.

6. Lastly, the \$17 million is not being sent to the drug lords in Columbia or street gangs in New York, but all \$17 million is staying here in our community for our kids - what a great way to spend \$32.48 per month!

Jerry Smith,  
Salado

## Credit Card Profiteers



**Jim  
Hightower**

Credit card companies love you. Giants like Citibank, Chase Manhattan, and MBNA constantly fill our mailboxes with little love letters, wooing us to accept their cards.

But - like so many love affairs - once you've signed up, the companies suddenly show an ugly, grasping, selfish side of their personality. What you learn is that credit firms seem to enjoy penalizing their customers.

For example, I recently paid a monthly bill of about a thousand dollars on an MBNA card, but I accidentally wrote a check that was \$10 short. The next month, MBNA hit me for an interest finance charge of \$21. That's an interest of more than 200 percent on a \$10 debt! Oh, they calmly explained when I called, we don't just assess the penalty on the amount you were short, but on the entire \$1,000 that you owed for the month - even though you had already paid \$990 of it. Check the fine print of your agreement they said, lovingly.

Perhaps, you, like me, try to pay your balance in full each month to avoid such usurious interest rates. But now they've invented a most unloving and unforgiving trick. Most of us assume that our bills are not due until 30 days after we get them in the mail. The banks, however, have oh-so-quietly shrunk this common grace period to 20 days or less. Also, Citibank and MBNA are among those that now include sneaky fine print specifying an hour that your payment is due - say, 1 p.m. on the 20th. Miss it by a minute, and they can whack you with a late fee of up to \$39, plus penalty interest rates as high as 30 percent, even though you think you've paid your bill on time and in full.


They stiff their own customers because there's no real competition or regulation to stop them, and it's hugely profitable - credit card banks collected nearly \$15 billion from us in penalty fees last year.

To fight this gouging call: U.S. PIRG at 202-546-9707.

# CHURCH NEWS

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

SUNDAY		WEDNESDAY	
Contemporary Worship/Bible Study	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	4:45 p.m.
Traditional Worship/Bible Study	10:30 a.m.	Jr. High Halftime	5:15 p.m.
Orchestra Rehearsal	4:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	5:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Service	6:15 p.m.
		Team Kid (Age 3 - 6th grade)	6:00 p.m.
		Bible Drill (4th - 6th)	7:00 p.m.
		High School Halftime	7:00 p.m.

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## SALADO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Loving, Growing, Sharing**  
A church family for all ages that is committed to following Christ's example and caring for all people.

<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> (8am service is 30 minutes)	8:00
	9:00
	11:00
<b>Sunday School</b>	10:00
<b>Sunday Night Youth Group</b>	6:00

Thomas Arnold Road and Church St.  
(254) 947-5482



## Grace Baptist Church

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

### Worship Schedule

Sunday School • 9:45 a.m.  
Worship • 11 a.m.  
Bible Study • 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Praise & Prayer • 7:00 p.m.



## Presbyterian Church of Salado

### 10 A.M. Sunday Worship

Rev. Carl Thompson, Pastor

Child care during service

[www.presbsalado.org](http://www.presbsalado.org)

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## The Salado Church of Christ

welcomes you to our services this week

Sunday Morning Service • Feb. 13, 2005



Joe Keyes  
Minister

### "A Tale of Two Builders"

Luke six ends with the well-known tale of the wise and foolish builders. Today, we'll look at how that story summed up the content of Jesus' "Sermon on the Plain," which he preached in the previous verses.

**Sunday**  
Bible Class • 9 a.m.    Worship • 10 a.m.  
Evening Worship • 6 p.m.  
**Wednesday**  
Bible Classes • 6:30 p.m.

111-35 at Blacksmith Rd.  
947-5241

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### BRISKET PLATES SERVED

## Methodist men cook off held Feb. 13

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.

Other items available will be an original painting by Robbie King, and use of a condominium with a championship golf course in Branson, MO, for the dates of July 17-24.

## Celebration of Women presented to St. Stephen Women Feb. 14

St. Stephen Women's Society will hear "Celebration of Women," pre-

sented by Gwen Morrison, of Salado, on Feb. 14.

All interested women are invited to join the society for the program, beginning 6:30 p.m. at the St. Stephen Parish Hall. Refreshments will be provided by hostesses Tina

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The Women's Society is also planning its Valentine Bake Sale at St. Stephen's Church.

It will be held 5:30-6:45 p.m. Feb. 12, and 10-11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.-12:30

p.m. Feb. 13 in the Marian Room, if cold outside.

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## Carse Williams passes away Jan. 31

Carse Williams, 66, of Georgetown, and formerly of Salado, died Jan. 31, 2005 in a Temple hospital. A memorial service was held Feb. 4 at Salado United Methodist Church with Rev. Grady Brittain officiating.

Williams was born April 21, 1938 to James and Donnie (Haycraft) Williams, in Snap, KY. On Dec. 7, 1957 he married Barbara Hardesty in Jefferson City, IN. He

served in the United States Army, and worked as a vending entrepreneur.

He was a member of the Salado School Board from 1999-2001. He and his wife moved to Georgetown from Salado in 2004. He was a member of Salado United Methodist Church.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers.

He is survived by his

wife, Barbara Williams, of Georgetown; sons, Brad Williams, of New Braunfels, and Todd Williams, of Tyler; sisters, Lorine Larrimore, of Louisville, KY, and Carlene Carver, of Indiana; and grandchildren, Zach and Blake Williams, of Tyler, and Bailey and Seth Williams, of New Braunfels.

Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Temple handled arrangements.

## Gladys Kelley services held Feb. 9

Funeral services for Gladys F. Kelley, 63, of Salado, were held Feb. 9 at the Dossman Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Joe Bentley officiating. Burial followed at the Salado Cemetery.

Kelley died Feb. 7, in a Temple hospital.

She was born June 1, 1941 in Grant, LA, the daughter of Marshall Wright and Daisy Cooper Wright. She married Horace Kelley on March 28, 1967 in Strawn, TX. She retired from Haggard Manufacturing after 20 years making men's clothing. For the last 19 years she

had worked at Stagecoach Inn as the housekeeping Supervisor.

Kelley was preceded in death by one son, Horace Lawayne "Joey" Kelley, on March 15, 1988 and great granddaughter Teylee Jade Kelley.

Survivors include her husband, Horace Kelley, of Salado; two sons, Melton Kelley, of Salado, and David Kelley, of Salado; two daughters, Debra Hall, of Salado, and Carol Mahagan, of Beaumont. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## Mothers Day Program begins in Sept. at new Methodist facility

The Salado United Methodist Church is now accepting registration for their Mother's Day Out and Preschool program to open Sept. 6.

The days of operation will be Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-noon or 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for children ages 12 months to preschool age. The program

will be at the church's new facility on Royal Street.

This program will be a service to the church families and entire community. For more details and pricing contact the director, Betty Renfro, at 939-0623, [bettyr2623@aol.com](mailto:bettyr2623@aol.com), or the church office at 947-5482.

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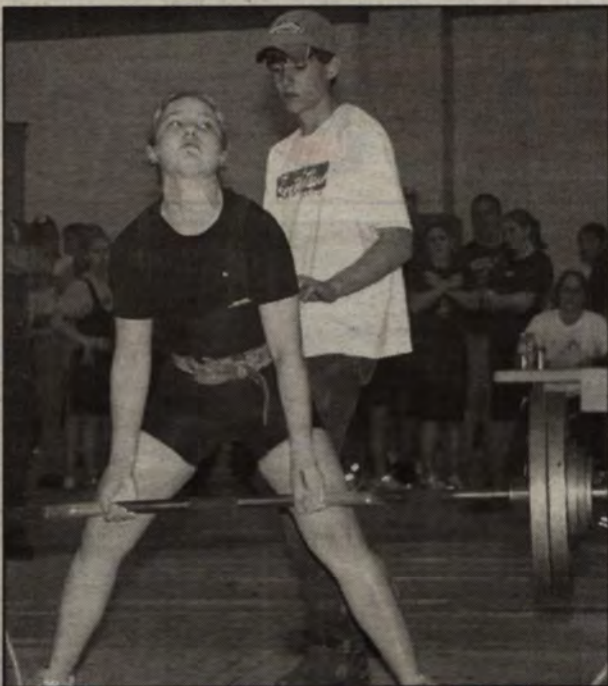
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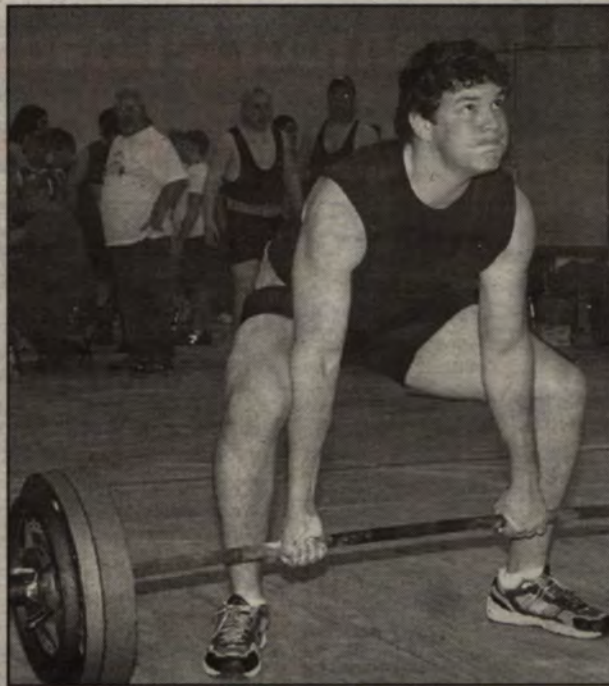
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Jamie Burson executes a deadlift in the first ever Salado Powerlifting Meet. Burson took the title in her class. (PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)



Cody Gobin prepares to lift at the Salado meet Feb. 5.

## Salado wins home meet

For a program still in its infancy stages, the Salado High School powerlifting teams have experienced their share of successes.

That trend continued Feb. 5, as Salado hosted its first powerlifting meet with both boys and girls squads winning team titles.

The meet brought in schools of various classifications throughout the area, 11 in all.

Coming off a second place team finish at the Georgetown meet, the Salado Lady Eagles put together an impressive team effort, recording high lift totals in all classes to take the gold.

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

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Brittany Dixon, first, 560 lbs.; Jamie Burson, first, 635 lbs.; Justine Farrell-Raborn, second, 590 lbs.; Denise Jasso, first, 685 lbs.; Shae Janda, second, 680 lbs.; Kasee Ashcraft, fourth, 590 lbs.; Sarah Dowell, eighth, 465 lbs.; LauraLee Young,

second, 755 lbs.; Jessica Roberts, second, 705 lbs.; Cheli Urquiza, second, 580 lbs.

### Boys

Joseph Tantillo, third, 605 lbs.; Mark Gentry, second, 880 lbs.; Adam Patton, fifth, 810 lbs.; Kevin Goodman, second, 970 lbs.; Misa Jaimes, sixth, 900 lbs.; Collin Smith, 16th, 655 lbs.; Austin Smith, second, 1,005 lbs.; Bryan Corbitt, ninth, 820 lbs.; Chance Coe, second, 1,210 lbs.; Michael Tracy, third, 1,085 lbs.; Russell Montgomery, sixth, 960 lbs.; Matt Simon, eighth, 905 lbs.; Eric Santoya, 11th, 695 lbs.; Jesse Rodriguez, second, 1,220 lbs.; Jared Quirk, fourth, 1,115 lbs.; Dallas Butts, ninth, 910 lbs.; Stephen Marsh, fifth, 1,020 lbs.; Cody Gobin, fifth, 1,110 lbs.; Trevor Young, third, 970 lbs.

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Pictures for 1-4<sup>th</sup> grade teams Feb. 12. Pictures for 5/6 grade teams are Feb. 19 at SIS. Teams should arrive for pictures 30 minutes prior to their Saturday scheduled game to take team and/or individual pictures.

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## Salado 76, Rogers 17; Eagles looking strong

The Varsity Eagles couldn't have picked a better time to start playing their best basketball of the season.

With the playoffs just over the horizon, and only a handful of district games remaining, Salado just about sealed up a second consecutive district title with convincing back-to-back wins over Florence and Rogers - by a combined total of 81 points.

Taking to the road Feb. 1, the Eagles made the short trip to Florence and steadily dismantled the hometown Buffaloes, picking up a workman-like 69-37 win.

In building a seven-point, 17-10 first quarter lead, senior Devon Dunn dropped in six points, while recently returned point guard Matt Caskey accounted for four.

Salado increased the lead in the second, to 34-21, with six different Eagles registering points, including seven more from Caskey, who led all scorers at the halfway point with 11.

The third quarter saw the Eagles put the game out of reach, as Travis Clark single-handedly outpaced Florence's offense, scoring eight (marked by a pair of three-pointers), to the Buffaloes' six. Salado entered the fourth holding a comfortable 54-27 advantage, and cruised through the fourth to earn the 32-point



Devon Dunn outleaps a Rogers defender, netting two of 13 points Feb. 4. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

road win.

Dunn and Caskey each closed out the game with 16 points to top all scorers, while Travis Clark was

close behind, finishing with 14.

Also scoring on the

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Registration can be completed by mailing a check, made payable to Salado Athletic Booster Club, to P.O. Box 813, Salado, TX 76571. If mailing registration, participants should include names of

all team members, hand-caps, whether they are members of Mill Creek, and the phone number and

address of the team captain. For more information contact Jerry Smith at 947-1150.

## EAGLES FROM PAGE 6A

night were Ryan Clark, who had 10, and James Gregurek, who registered six.

A trio of Eagles - Matt Jennings, Scott Williams and Barrett Brashier - each chipped-in two points.

There's winning big (reference Salado vs. Florence), and there's winning big, which was the case in the Eagles' 76-17 annihilation of visiting Rogers Feb. 4.

The phrase "hitting on all cylinders" could not apply more to Salado's performance in this game, as Coach Tom Long's boys fired out of the gates to put up a 28-6 lead after one. Eight of those came from the hand of Matt Jennings, who drained a couple of deep balls in the first. For his part, Dunn, had seven in the first, and would have had more had he converted on more than one-of-five free throw chances. Caskey also got in the act, coming through with six in the first.

From Rogers' standpoint, things only went downhill from there. The beleaguered visitors saw Salado increase the margin to 43-9 at halftime, and as if that wasn't enough, Rogers failed to score a single point in the third quarter, and had only five field goals for the game.

In the second period alone, Caskey, Ryan Clark and Barrett Brashier all knocked down three pointers, and the team hit six in the first half.

Trailing 61-9 entering the fourth, Rogers nearly equaled the offensive output of their previous three quarters, but eventually - and mercifully - the fourth quarter brought an end to

the game, with Salado on top 76-17.

All nine players for the Eagles in red contributed points on the night, topped by Caskey's 18-point effort. Dunn finished with a baker's dozen, while Travis Clark had nine, and Jennings and Gregurek both had eight.

Barrett Brashier scored seven, Ryan Clark had five and both Scott Williams and Nick Everett closed out the game with four.

Since his return after missing two months with an injury, Caskey is averaging eight steals a game.

The two wins improved second-ranked Salado to 21-6, and a perfect 11-0 in district. In addition, the Eagles have reeled off 11 consecutive wins.

The Kountze Lions, as they have done all season, continue to hold down the number one spot. Averaging about 90 points a game this year, Kountze is actually the defending Class AAA state champion. They hail from Region III. The winner of Region IV, which Salado is in, plays the Region II champ in the first round of the state tournament.

As far as the district title is concerned, the wheels would basically have to fall off for the Eagles to lose their lead. With three to go in the regular season as of press time, Salado is up by two full games over second place Jarrell (their Feb. 8 opponent). A first place district finish would earn Salado a first round bye in the playoffs.

All that and the counter continues to tick for Salado's district win streak, poised at 24 in a row as of Feb. 7.

The boys will play host to Somerville Feb. 11, and close out the regular season with a road game at Lago Vista Feb. 15.

**Junior Varsity**  
The JV A Team also gained two more wins in their games from a week ago, first taking down Florence, then following that with a 53-15 win over Rogers.

Against Florence, Salado got eight points from Noah Harbison in the second and cruised to an easy 50-30 win. Harbison and Chad Tumey finished with 10 points each, while Won Im scored six and Justin Pruitt had seven. Also scoring were Blake Newman, seven, Justin Konzen, five, and Chris Redman, four.

Versus Rogers, Harbison dropped nine in the first quarter, and Redman had six, to help the Eagles to a 20-6 lead early on. That would be all Salado would require, as the boys took the game by 38 points.

Harbison finished with 13, Craig Sniggs had eight, while Redman, Newman and Tanner Myers each scored six. Rounding out the scorers were Im and Tumey, with four apiece.

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 Feb. 18: Cheeseburger, peanut butter & jelly, burger salad, oven fries, pineapple tidbits, milk.

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 Feb. 16: Pizza, chicken fried steak sandwich, chef salad, roasted red potato, baked potato, burger salad, corn, fresh fruit, breadsticks, peaches, milk, tea.  
 Feb. 17: Spaghetti and meat sauce, nachos, pizza, chef salad, peas and carrots, Texas toast, corn, fresh fruit, mixed fruit, milk, tea, oven fries.  
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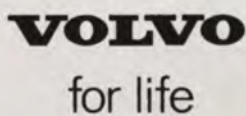
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# LADY EAGLES, FROM PAGE 7A

ished with five. Another freshman, Lauren Haire had three, Kelsey Smith contributed two and Kate Marshall had one.

Still riding the momentum from the Florence win, Salado approached its Feb. 4 game versus Rogers brimming with confidence, and it showed on the court, as the Lady Eagles handled Rogers with ease, picking up a 43-25 victory.

The Lady Eagles, rarely a point-scoring machine, held a 9-7 lead at the end of one, and a 15-13 advantage at the half.

Salado came out of the lockers hot, putting 20 points on the board in the third quarter, including two three-pointers and eight total points from Goode. Five Lady Eagles scored points in Salado's explosive third quarter, giving the home team a 35-18 second half lead.

Although the Lady Eagles managed just a single field goal in the fourth, that combined with six free throws were more than enough for the win.

Goode's 11 points, seven assists and five boards led the team, while Boydston had another eight-point game, and also nabbed five steals. Gobin had nine, while Kelsey Smith, Kate Marshall and Brittany Gilchrest all had four. Rounding out the scorers was Kristen Smith, who finished with three.

With the two wins, Salado - as of Feb. 7 - sported a record of 21-9, and 10-3 in district.

Given the team's youth, and the fact that a few starters from last year's playoff team elected not to play this season - the performance of Copeland and his squad is all that more notable.

Depending on the outcome of the Feb. 8 game in Jarrell - which took place

after press time - the Lady Eagles could go in as the district's number two or three seed, playing either Hitchcock or Brookshire-Royal in the first round.

If a playoff to determine post season positioning is necessary, Salado will play Lexington Feb. 11 in a yet-to-be-determined location, although Hutto and Cameron are likely possibilities. Visit [www.saladovillagevoice.com](http://www.saladovillagevoice.com) for playoff updates.

### Junior Varsity

The JV Lady Eagles were defeated by Florence 32-26 last week, but rebounded to down Rogers 24-15.

In the loss to Florence, Brandi Lott had 10 points, six of those on three pointers, and Mary Runyon and Jessica Shumate had five apiece. Sarah Moffatt, Courtney Dunnahoo and Natalee Cantrell all scored two.

Lott recorded 10 points for the second straight game versus Rogers, this time knocking down a trio of three point shots. Moffatt scored five, while Runyon, Dunnahoo and Shumate each had three.



Kristen Smith defends. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

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# This Valentine's give a gift with a future

It's almost Valentine's Day. This year, in addition to giving traditional presents, why not add a gift that can last long after the flowers fade, the candy is eaten and the cards are recycled? Specifically, why not give something that can help the recipients' financial future?

Let's consider a few possibilities:

\* **Stocks** - People enjoy receiving shares of stock in a company whose products they use. However, before rushing out to purchase some Company XYZ stock, make sure it's really a good fit for whom-ever is on the receiving end. In other words, if you know they will lose sleep over temporary market downturns, don't give them shares in a volatile stock.

If you're giving away some of your own shares, you'll need to know what you originally paid for the stock (its "tax basis"), how long you've held the stock and the fair market value of the stock at the date of

## Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



the gift. You'll also need to determine if you have to file a gift tax return. (You can give up to \$11,000 per year, free of gift taxes, to as many people as you want.) Recipients of your gift will need this information to determine gains or losses they decide to sell the stock.

\* **Zero-coupon bonds** - These types of bonds can make an excellent gift if you know that your intended recipient would like to achieve a specific financial goal - such as a new car, a dream vacation, etc. - in a given number of years. You buy a zero-coupon bond at a deep discount; when the bond matures, you - or in this case, the recipient of your gift - collects the full face value. You can find zero-coupon bonds issued by the U.S. Treasury (called

STRIPS), corporations, or a municipality. Make sure you ask about the tax considerations, interest rate and default risks of the specific issuer when considering these investments.

\* **IRA contributions** - If you want to give a loved one a financial gift that can help ensure a comfortable retirement, consider contributing to his or her IRA. Individuals can put in up to \$4,000 annually to either a "traditional" IRA, which offers tax-deferred earnings, or a Roth IRA, whose earnings grow tax-free, provided certain conditions are met. And IRA owners who are 50 or over can put in an extra \$500 per year as a "catch-up" contribution.

\* **Life insurance** - At first glance, few things sound less suitable for

a Valentine's Day gift than life insurance. Yet, if you're thinking of a gift for a spouse or your children, you can hardly do better than to make sure your life insurance is sufficient and up-to-date. Do you have enough life insurance - and the right type of insurance - to meet your family's needs should anything happen to you? Keep in mind that major life events, like a new marriage, home, baby and retirement, can affect your insurance requirements. Think about using Valentine's Day as a launching pad from which you'll periodically review your life insurance needs. You may want to work with a financial professional to evaluate your situation and to recommend appropriate solutions.

It's true that none of these ideas are exactly typical Valentine's Day gifts - but, in their way, each one has a lot of "heart."

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by Ryan Hodge

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You must also price your home fairly. That means it must be at, or sometimes below, fair market value. Your agent researches local market information to help you arrive at the right price.

The third ingredient - exposure to buyers - is your agent's challenge. If you offer a home in dazzling condition at the right price, you may expect an aggressive marketing plan, targeting all potential buyers, as well as other real estate agents who bring their buyers. Ask your agent about merchandising your home. It really makes a difference.

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## Reserve Champion Yearling

Stephanie Lastovica, 4-H member from Salado, recently exhibited at the Southwestern Livestock Exposition in Fort Worth. Showing her registered Angus heifer, Wendy 4307, she won Reserve Champion Calf Yearling. The Junior Angus Show in Fort Worth is one of the largest Junior Angus shows in Texas as well as the nation, with more than 270 entries. Stephanie is a fifth grade student at Salado Intermediate School where she participates in Salado Youth Basketball. She is also an active member of St. Stephen's Church, a member of The Competition's Acro/Gymnastics team, and a Director of the Texas Junior Angus Association. She is the daughter of Steven and Sandra Lastovica of Salado.

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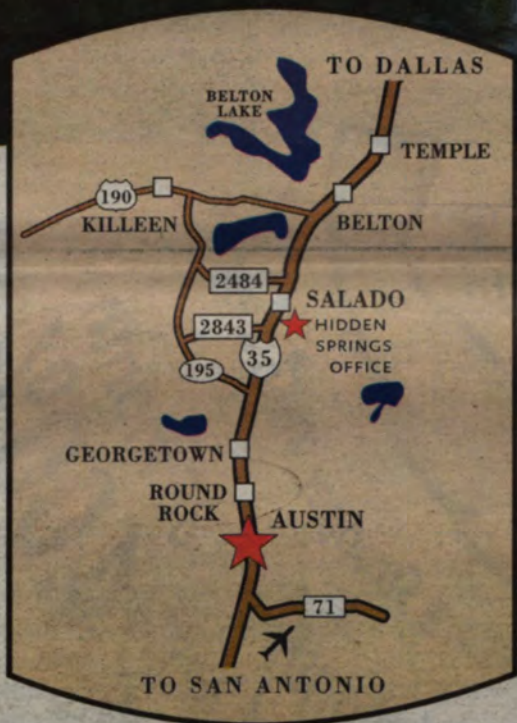
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## Fundraiser for Project Graduation to include bass boat raffle

Some lucky winner will soon be enjoying a completely outfitted new fishing boat worth approximately \$9,000, compliments of Salado High School Class of 2005 Project Graduation.

For just \$5, raffle ticket buyers will have a chance to win a 17' Phelix Bass Cat.

The fishing boat raffle, coupled with a fishing tournament later this spring, is the major fundraiser for Salado's Class of '05 Project Graduation. The boat has been delivered and is being displayed at several local retail locations, and will also be on display at some area boat shows.

Those wishing to check out the boat can see it at Brookshire Brothers Feb. 13, and at Academy Sporting Goods in Temple, Feb. 12. It will also be on display at the Temple Mall in March.

Raffle tickets will be available at those locations or wherever it is displayed. Raffle tickets may also be bought from any Salado senior, or at Johnny's Steaks and Barbeque and Tubby's Bait and Tackle. The raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20.

The boat to be raffled has a 25 horsepower hand till Mercury motor and a Minkota AT55 trolling motor. It has been outfitted with an Eagle 240 Fish Finder, aerated livewells and running lights. The

boat has a retail value of \$8,995.

The drawing for the boat will be held April 30, in conjunction with an Open Team Bass Tournament, also sponsored by Salado Project Graduation. You do not have to be present to win. The fishing tournament will be held on Stillhouse Lake at River's Bend Park, April 30.

Entry forms for the fishing tournament are available at the tournament's sponsors' locations including: Johnny's Steak's and Barbeque, Texan by Design, First State Bank and Tubby's Bait and Tackle, all in Salado, Tranum Auto Group in Temple, and Central Texas Marine in Waco. The entry fee for the fishing tournament is \$125 per team. There will be a 70 percent payout to the winner, and 30 percent of the proceeds will go to Project Graduation.

In addition, there will be another Salado Project Graduation Coke products fundraiser starting March 21. Members of the Class of 2005 will be selling Coca-Cola products to the general public at a greatly reduced price to raise money for the year-end event.

Cases of 24, 20-ounce bottles are being sold for \$17 per case, an approximate savings of \$11 per case off regular retail prices. Coke products available include Classic Coke,



A Phelix Basscat, similar to the one shown above, will be raffled off to benefit Project Graduation 2005.

Diet Coke, C2, Sprite, Mr. Pibb and Dasani bottled water. Senior class members will be taking orders through April 15. Delivery will be April 25.

The Texas Department of Public Safety started Project Graduation several years ago, statewide, as a way to reduce traffic and alcohol-related death of teenagers by promoting safe, alcohol-free and substance-free graduation

celebrations.

Salado has had its own Project Graduation celebrations in recent years, thanks to the generosity of Salado residents and businesses that have supported them.

For additional information, contact Project Graduation Coordinators, Ruth Caskey (rcaskey@saladoisd.org) or Heidi Phillip (hefillip@na.cokece.com).

## Methodists sponsor Valentine's mixer

A Valentine's Day Mixer, sponsored by Salado United Methodist Church, will be held 6 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Salado Silver Spur Theater.

Western antics, live music and comedy from the Howdy Duo will be part of the evening's entertainment, and at 7:30 p.m. John Wayne's "Angel and the Bad Man" will be screened.

Beginning at 6 p.m.,

an eat-n-greet will be held, with hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken sandwiches being served in exchange for donations. Tickets for the show are priced at \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children. All are welcome.

Anyone interested in attending can RSVP by calling the church at 947-5482. More information can also be found at [www.saladosilverspur.com](http://www.saladosilverspur.com).

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### FEBRUARY 10

**Ladies Auxiliary meeting;** Deborah Lufburrow, author of *Set Apart: The Sanctified Sisters*, guest speaker. 9:30 a.m. fellowship, 10 a.m. meeting at the Salado Civic Center. Lufburrow will tell the true story of a group of Belton women inspired by and following the leadership of Martha McWhirter. In 1866, they established comunal residences set-apart from their husbands, families and others who were considered unsanctified. Public is invited to attend.

### 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 19

**Daughters of the Republic of Texas Village of Salado chapter meeting,** along with Log Cabin Children of the Republic of Texas. 10:30 a.m. at Central Texas Area Museum. Program on log cabins. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Info: Doris Kemp, 933-0240.

### 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

**Salado Area Republican Women meeting,** featuring a program by John Mayer, Vice Chair of the Republican Party of Bell County. 11 a.m. at Mill

Creek Country Club. Reservations: 947-8070 or jimcarol2003@earthlink.net. Cost: \$10.

### 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.

### 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. Home-run 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 encouraged 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."

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## 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 22

**Stars Conference,** showcasing talents of outstanding Salado students, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. The conference will help to educate parents district-wide on the SISD curriculum sequence through student demonstration of exemplary curriculum. Community is invited.

## 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.fbcsalado.org.

## APRIL 2

**Salado 5-K Rabbit Run/Walk,** sponsored by the Salado United Methodist Church. Benefiting Peacable Kingdom Retreat and Methodist Church children's playground. Run begins at Tenroc Ranch. More details TBA. Info: 947-5482 or email clobusiness@aol.com.

## 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.

## 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 16

**Second Annual Salado Student Art Competition and Exhibition,** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn. Application and instruction forms are available at all Salado campuses. Entries due at SIS library April 5-6, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. No late entries accepted. Awards presentation, 1:30 p.m. April 16.

## 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 17

**Salado High School Spring Athletic Banquet** at Salado Intermediate School.

## 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 11

**Annual Salado Reunion,** 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Catered lunch will be served. Info: Billie Killingsworth, 939-3187.

## JUNE 13

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

## JUNE 25

**Second Annual Salado Dog Daze,** at Pace Park Pavilion. More info TBA.

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## 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.

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Charles' father was a military man and served at various military bases.

"I learned many stories about military heroes from history. This kind of stayed in my psyche and the Medal of Honor became an impassioned hobby of mine. Sometimes our purpose in life is exposed to us in different ways. Harlandale High School in San Antonio was the only high school in the United States to have produced three Medal of Honor recipients. I graduated from Harlandale high school in 1959. I felt like this book is something I was destined to do."

When Charles Neal of Houston was in graduate school, he wanted to write a thesis on Texas Medal of Honor winners. His adviser advised against it.

Charles made a hobby of that topic and researched it for more than 30 years. Then he wrote a book, "Valor Across the Lone Star."

"The Congressional Medal of Honor is the highest award granted by the United States government for military valor," says Charles. "It was signed into law by Abraham Lincoln in July of 1861. It has become probably the most renowned award for military bravery in the world.

"Out of the 40 million plus men and women who have served in the US military forces since the beginning of our country, only 3,459 individuals have merited being awarded the Medal of Honor. Ninety-three of those are

Texans.

"When you look at the record of Texans in modern wars, it's almost unbelievable. Three percent of your World War One awards went to Texans. Five percent of the World War Two awards were presented to Texans. Five percent of the Korean War awardees were Texans. Fourteen percent of the Viet Nam War recipients were Texans.

"Texas produced the most highly decorated soldier of World War One, the most highly decorated soldier of World War Two, Audie Murphy, and the most highly decorated sailor of World War Two, Commander Samuel Dealey of Dallas. Texas has provided some out-

standing military heroes." His book has 491 pages and concentrates on Medal of Honor winners during frontier times.

"There are 19 chapters of content, each one detailing the political and military situations in which 67 men were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for deeds of valor performed within the state of Texas during the Civil War, the Indian Wars and one Mexican border disturbance. It covers the chronological span from

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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.

The homerun contest will be split into an Over-30 division, and an Under-30 division.

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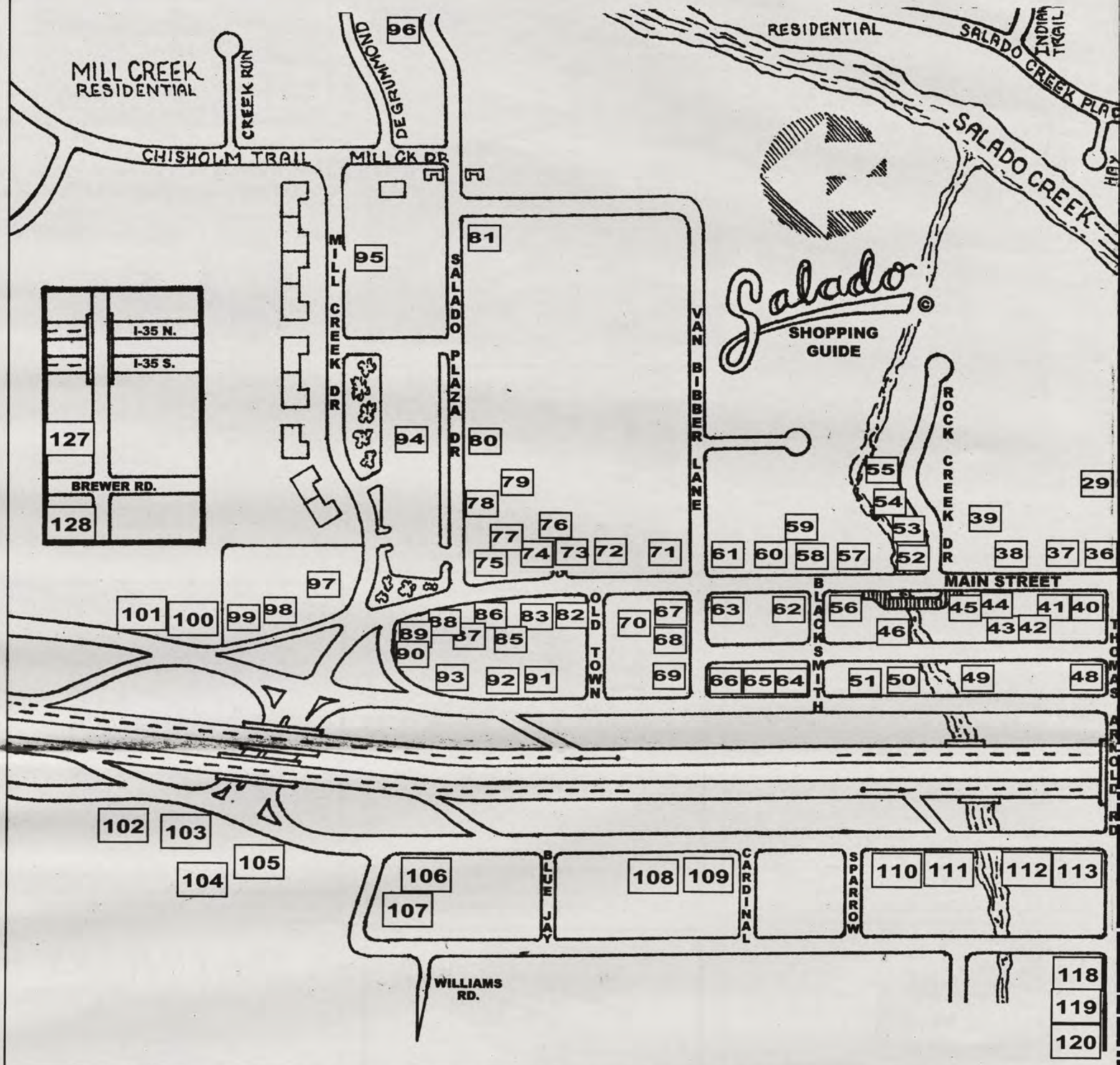


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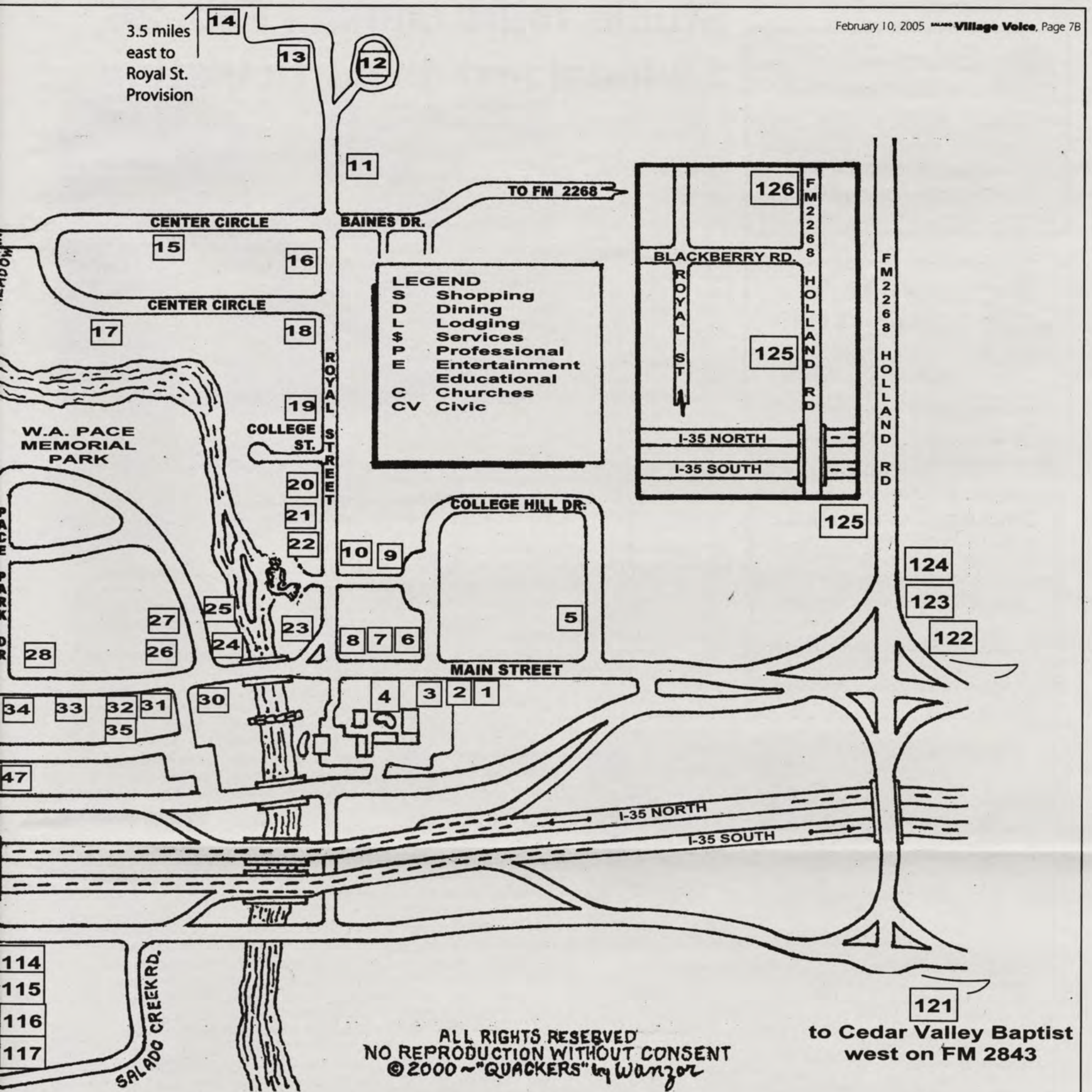
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A dozen artists' studios will be open to the public 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 26 as part of a weeklong celebration of the arts in Salado this month.

The Village Art Center, home of the Salado Village Artists, will be open with an exhibit of members' works. It will also be the central location to purchase \$5 tickets and maps for the tour of studios.

The Village Artists was organized in 1983 with 17 active members. Today, the group has more than 80 active members. The Village Artists meet Tuesdays at the Art Center, which is located on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center on Main St. Troy Kelley, sculptor

Troy Kelley's work is in numerous private and public collection. He created Sirena and placed her in the waters of Salado Creek in 1986. He recently completed two seven-foot bronze sculptures that were placed at the Killeen Airport.



Troy Kelley pictured working on a statue of Ted Connell, which was dedicated last year in Killeen.

Ronnie Wells, wildlife sculptor and painter

Ronnie specializes in wildlife and sporting bronzes, original paintings and limited edition prints. He is recognized as one of the nation's top wildlife artists working in both oils and bronzes. His gallery is located on South Main St.

Kay Griffith, oils

Kay Griffith uses her talent and skill to paint a variety of subjects, including landscapes, animals and people. She uses techniques that bring an animal "into the room with you" and brings the ocean alive.

Johnny Shipman, metal art

Johnny Shipman is a retired commercial photographer, but has always wanted to express his artistic talent in bigger ways. He has focused on welded steel as his medium. He is most famous in Salado for his eight foot angels that are seen during the Christmas Stroll each year.

Sharon McGlasson, acrylics

Sharon McGlasson's

paintings are represented in private collections nationwide. She has won awards in the Salado Village Art Shows, the Barclay Fine Art Contests and the Killen Civic Art Guild. The tour of her studio will begin at 1 p.m. Ron Harrison, vintage auto restoration

At Ron's Vintage Auto Restoration, you will see the art of bringing beautiful classic British sports cars back to life. Cars will be depicted in various stages of completion: chassis and engine, body on the chassis, interiors and completed automobiles.

Karen Kinnison, basket weaving and chair caning.

Karen Kinnison has been weaving baskets all of her life. Chair caning is on the "endangered" list of old-time crafts. See both weaving and caning demonstrations.

Jill Shipman, Jewelry and Textiles

In Jill Shipman's studio, you will see not only textiles and jewelry, but a stone-cutting room and a painting room where her latest portrait will be on

display.

Robert Pascoe, wood working

Robert Pascoe hand-built his workshop, Salado Sawmill. Constructed using an old-fashioned post and beam technique, the Sawmill is also a showroom, where you can see firsthand the skills of this craftsman.

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Melissa Paxton has been creating fine art in glass for over 25 years. Her areas of expertise cover the spectrum of art glass techniques and including kiln-forming, sand-carving, painting, laminating and metal gilding.

Chuck McCarter, painter

Art is Chuck McCarter's mind at play. Colors, shapes, surface textures are his sandbox from which content emerges. He enjoys making art. It soothes his soul and allows Chuck to escape into the world of his experiences, real and unreal.

For more information about the Artists' Studio Tour, call Hulda Horton at 947-8300.

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**Feb. 17  
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## CAC brings Mozart Piano Quartet to the public

Continuing their commitment to the exploration of the romantic chamber music repertoire, the Mozart Piano Quartet will put forth one of their stellar performances at the CAC on Friday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. with a program including Mozart's *Piano Quartet in G minor*, Dvorak's *Piano Quartet in E-flat* and R. Strauss's *Piano Quartet*.

From pianist Tamara Cislowska, who was named ABC Young Performer of the Year and Sydney's (Australia) Finest Performer to violinist Mark Gothoni who has stood at the helm of some of Europe's most prestigious chamber orchestras and symphonies, the Mozart Piano Quartet features young world-class musicians with a pronounced

dedication to their craft. Violoncellist Peter Hörr, who has played the cello since age five, and violist Hartmut Rohnde, a founding member of the Mozart Quartet and one of the most sought after violists in Europe, round out this talented group.

After its 1997 founding, the Mozart Piano Quartet experienced a quick rise to fame. In eight short years, the Quartet has performed throughout Europe, Australia and North America. They frequently record for major German radio stations and have recorded numerous well-received albums.

Tickets for the Feb., 25 concert are \$20 for adults, \$5 for students and free to military personnel. For more information or tickets, call the CAC Office.



## First State Bank donates to Salado Civic Center

David Matthews presented the First State Bank's annual Civic Center grant to Lloyd Parks, President of the Salado Civic Center Foundation. Donald R. Grobowsky, Chairman and CEO of First State Bank Central Texas, also attended the special event in Salado at the First State Bank Building.

Matthews is President - Salado Branch, First State Bank Central Texas and recently joined the Salado Civic Center Foundation as a member of the Board of Directors.

President Parks noted that the grant will go immediately into the Maintenance and Operation account - a fund that is used to defray the day to day expenses of the Civic Center.

Parks went on to report: "The Civic Center



L-R Chairman/CEO of First State Bank Donald R. Grobowsky, Civic Center Foundation Pres. Lloyd Parks and Salado Branch Pres. David Matthews present check. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

is what is termed a 'high use' facility with six full time business offices in operation plus a full schedule of community meetings going on daily. In fact - we had 47 groups use the center, free of charge, just during the

month of January - all part of our promise to the Village to provide an outstanding gathering place for our citizens."

"It is through grants such as this one from First State Bank that allows us to keep the building clean,

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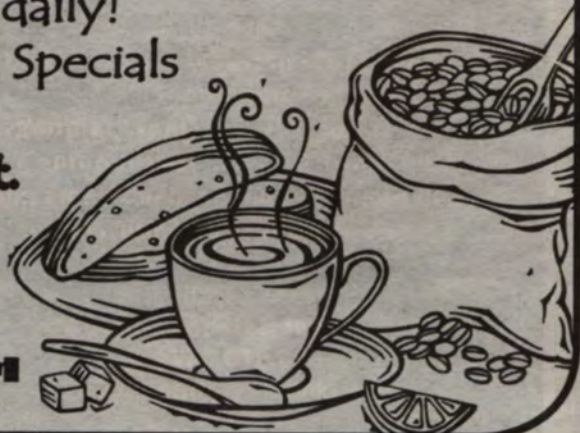
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## Barton to give art workshop here Feb. 16-18

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.

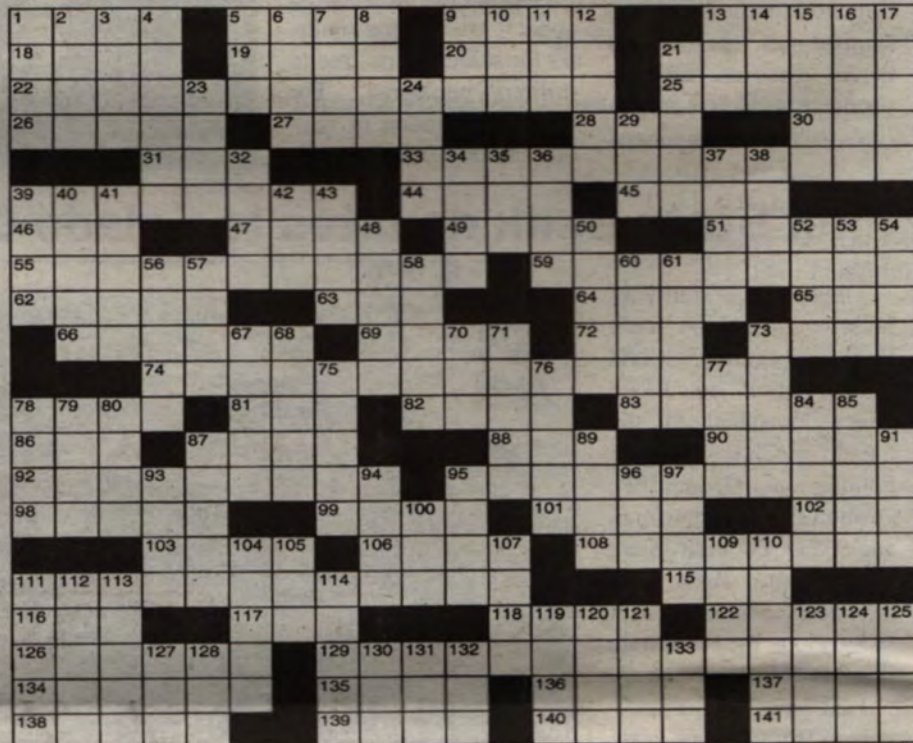
A native Texan, Barton has taught secondary art for 27 years in public school systems. Her teaching methods center on space division, shapes, value and color.

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.

## Super Crossword

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|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                             | 59 Vaudeville staple          | 106 Crucifix                   | 9 "Of course!"                      | 53 Fighter pilots        | 94 Circle dance           |
| 1 Hirt hit                                | 62 Diedain                    | 108 Agitated                   | 10 Harem room                       | 54 "SNL" bit             | 95 Sikorsky or Stravinsky |
| 5 Kudrow or Hartman                       | 63 Unduly                     | 111 HAGMAN PLANS NUPTIALS!     | 11 Apply gently                     | 56 Haunted-house sound   | 96 First offender         |
| 9 Lucas character                         | 64 "—Ca-Dabra" (74 song)      | 115 Piggy                      | 12 Petite parasite                  | 57 Oklahoma city         | 97 Jay's house            |
| 13 Gullible one                           | 65 JFK Library architect      | 116 Khan opener?               | 13 Mongrel                          | 14 Ows                   | 100 Negative correlative  |
| 18 Rueful cry                             | 66 Beethoven symphony         | 117 Castilian cry              | 14 Ows                              | 15 Nothing special       | 104 It may be tall        |
| 19 Certain Semite                         | 69 Velvety plant              | 122 Croc's kin                 | 16 Mediter-ranean island            | 16 Mediter-ranean island | 105 Internet acronym      |
| 20 Imported cheese                        | 72 Pro-gun                    | 126 Mideastern mall?           | 17 Brooklyn school                  | 21 Suppress              | 107 Colors                |
| 21 Extragalactic object                   | 73 Little helper?             | 129 PAQUIN GETS STARRING ROLE! | 23 Skirt feature                    | 24 Skiers' mecca         | 109 Demetrius' duds       |
| 22 DIRECTOR PICKS KAPLAN TO PLAY LINCOLN! | 74 SANDLER GOES ON TOUR!      | 134 In public                  | 29 Wee one                          | 32 Present               | 110 Inclined              |
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| 26 Prepare to propose                     | 81 Slugger's stat             | 137 Final                      | 36 Charges                          | 37 "The March King"      | 112 Dumbstruck            |
| 27 Valueless                              | 82 Attempt                    | 138 Alarm button               | 38 Fedora fabric                    | 39 Mineral springs       | 113 Brings down the house |
| 28 Hum bug?                               | 83 Sulky                      | 139 Raucous noise              | 40 She brought out the beast in men | 41 Part owner?           | 114 Thought-provoking     |
| 30 ABA member                             | 86 Moon crawler               | 140 — Hari                     | 42 Urban transport                  | 43 Absorbed              | 119 Particle              |
| 31 Fix a fight                            | 87 "— a Song Go . . ."        | 141 Actress Merrill            | 44 Behind a windjammer              | 48 Ruth's mother-in-law  | 120 Maffia or Downey      |
| 33 "WHEELS RATINGS PLUNGE!"               | 88 TV s "The — Patrol"        | <b>DOWN</b>                    | 5 Fall behind                       | 50 Mont —                | 121 Petty clash?          |
| 39 More meager                            | 90 Prelim                     | 1 Item in a trunk              | 6 OPEC member                       | 52 Puppy bites           | 122 Prepare to fly        |
| 44 "Graf —"                               | 92 Plumbing tool              | 2 Economist Greenspan          | 7 "Elephant Boy" star               |                          | 124 — even keel           |
| 45 Navigation hazard                      | 95 AFFLECK WINS SECOND OSCAR! | 3 Ming thing                   | 8 Cain's victim                     |                          | 125 Sita's husband        |
| 46 Film, for short                        | 98 Ho hi                      | 4 Behind a windjammer          |                                     |                          | 127 Chemical suffix       |
| 47 Castilian custard                      | 99 — Kong                     | 5 Fall behind                  |                                     |                          | 128 PC key                |
| 49 Commoner                               | 101 Roof part                 | 6 OPEC member                  |                                     |                          | 129 Peeples               |
| 51 Arm bones                              | 102 "Holy cow!"               | 7 "Elephant Boy" star          |                                     |                          | 131 Unused                |
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The Salado Historical Society's 2005 officers are Maurice Carson, President; Bill Reynolds, 1st Vice-President; Miriam Jordan, 2nd Vice-President; Kay Kelley, 3rd Vice-President; Ben Willingham, Treasurer; and Charlene Carson, Secretary.

Returning board members are Hugh Delle Broadway, Robert Denman, Dale Gore, Jean Kemp, Leroy Kemp, Jim Pringle, and Martha Reynolds. New board members are Lynda Brown, Ron Harrison, Joan Schrock, Pete Stebbins, and Charlie Turnbo.

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# McGlasson workshop Feb. 24-26

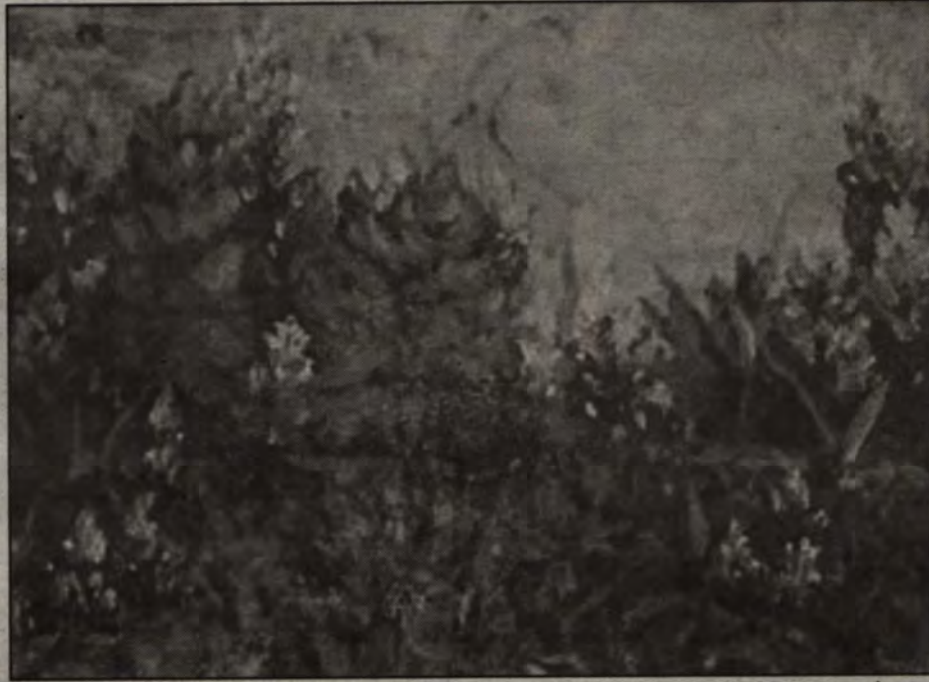
Sharon McGlasson will teach a class on acrylic or watercolors on oriental papers (collage) as part of the Salado Artists Workshop and Studio Tours Feb. 23-28.

McGlasson's course will span two-and-a-half days and is limited to six students. A light lunch will be provided. Cost for the class (Feb. 24-26) is \$200 per person.

McGlasson began painting as a hobby in 1976. After taking her first workshop, she decided she wanted to teach; to be able to share knowledge and technique with others. She said that she loves teaching art. "The most rewarding experience is watching new artists grow and build confidence in their art. To have a student 'out paint' you is one of the highest compliments an instructor can receive," she said.

McGlasson has attended workshop all over the United States, taking courses from many respected internationally-acclaimed artists such as Gerald Brommer, Judi Belts, Milton Lenoir, Diane Maxey, Ken Hosmer, Mary Jane Cox.

"We develop our own



Sharon McGlasson's workshop will focus on acrylic or watercolors on oriental paper.

style, but to grow we need to constantly be exposed to new ideas and techniques," McGlasson said.

For more information about the class, or to register, contact McGlasson at 947-4545.

Week-long event

The Artists Workshop and Studio Tours will include seven art classes, 12 private studio tour locations, nine public galleries, open houses and the "Taste of Salado" during a full week Feb. 23-28 in Salado.

Many visitors have

been coming to Salado over the years as a retreat from their everyday life and Salado has long been known as a destination for the arts. It seems to be a perfect combination to merge the rustic environment of historic Salado with an artist retreat.

On Feb. 23-25, the Retreat will focus on the art classes (Oils, Acrylic Painting, Woodworking, Drawing, and Basket Weaving).

The Private Studio Tours will be held on Feb. 26. Twelve studios will

be on tour, which will provide a closer look at the artists, their styles and their personalities.

Then on Feb. 28 the last class, Stone Carving, will be conducted with "A Taste of Salado" as the finale 6-8 p.m. Taste of Salado is a PALS fundraiser showcasing Salado restaurants, caterers and artists.

Contact Hulda Horton at the Salado Civic Center (947-8300) for more information, or click on [www.texasartists.org](http://www.texasartists.org).

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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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Wildfire Ranch Open to the World Winners are shown above. They are Steve Northcutt and Cody Guess, shown holding the buckles and \$50,000 cash prize. Sponsor Denis Carroll, co-owner of Cactus Ropes, Heel-O-Matic, Fast Back Ropes, Cactus Saddlery and Equine Pro, and Randy Bloomer, president of Bloomer Trailer Manufacturing in Salado are shown with them.

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## Open to the World pays out \$170K

A second separated Steve Northcutt and Cody Guess from the second place team at the Feb. 5 Wildfire Ranch Open to the World during which more than \$170,000 in cash prizes was given away.

Northcutt and Guess recorded a time of 43.39 in the men's open, putting

them atop a field of 116 teams in which each man paid \$500 for the opportunity to compete. The winning time earned the team \$50,000 in cash. Steve Purcella and Allen Bach were second place with 44.52, good enough for a \$27,840 payday. Third place was Tee Woolman and Rich Skelton, 45.05,

\$20,880. Luke Brown and Travis Graces were fourth, 45.89, \$13,920; Shain Sproul and Trevor Brazile, were fifth, 46.29, \$6,920.

Fastest time in the first rotation were Steve Purcella and Britt Bockis, 5.86, \$3,480. Fastest time in the short round were Clay Tryan, Brad Culpepper, 5.91, \$3,480.

The Ladies Open at Wildfire has the highest cash prize of \$10,000, which was awarded to Missy Danley and Jody Tyndall, 37.93. Second place was Peggy Bach and Jody Tyndall, 41.93, \$4,360; third, Missy Danley and Roylyn Reid, 46.24, \$3,800; fourth, Molly Emerson and Jackie Hobbs, 48.89, \$3,280; fifth Tami Noble Herbet and Leah Magnus, 54.24, \$2,740; sixth, Leaur Lea Coe and Martha Walters, 54.56, \$2,180; and seventh place, 57.19. Chris Darger and Sha Dee Langston, \$1,840.

Lora Pierson and Sammy Gilbert had the fastest time in the first rotation with 8.08, good enough for \$1,200. Peggy Bach and Jody Tyndall were the fastest in the Short-Go, 7.59, \$1,000.

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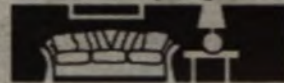
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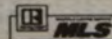
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# The meaning behind the flower conveys the intention of the giver

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by Candace Mullins

Every Feb. 14, all across the country and world, candy, flowers and small gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. I have often wondered if anyone realized how old that custom is or the history behind the occasion.

There are several versions of St. Valentine's story to include the Roman Emperor Claudius II. He supposedly decided, in the third century, that single men made better soldiers and outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, a priest, defied the decree and continued to perform marriages in secret. Claudius discovered this and had him put to death. Other stories say Valentine helped Christians to escape Roman prisons where they were beaten and tortured. The story continues that Valentine himself, while in prison, sent the first Valentine, a letter to a young lady he loved and signed it "from your Valentine." This closing is still used today. Although the legend itself is murky and we don't really know where it came from, the stories emphasized Valentine's appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and romantic figure. So it's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.

Today, we have actual Valentine cards that use many different symbols. These symbols have long

been used to convey their romantic message to that loved one. The lace comes from the days of knight-hood when a knight rode into battle with a ribbon or scarf given to him by his lady fair. Cupid, god of desire in mythology, carried a bow with arrows that carried love on their tips, lady's hands depicted femininity and fidelity, turtle doves and love birds supposedly chose their mates for life on Feb. 14, and of course, the rose speaks of love. If you rearrange the word rose, you get Eros, the ancient god of Love.

In Victorian times, everyone was well versed in what is called the language of flowers. Every flower has a special meaning and any bouquet given was chosen carefully by flower type to convey the correct meaning. If you are planning to send or give flowers for Valentine's Day, you might consider the various types and meanings before selection. For instance, the Anemone is symbolic of unfading love, the aster of love's preference, the azalea means take care of yourself for me, fragile passion and is the Chinese symbol of womanhood. The bachelor button means celibacy, the bluebell means humility and constancy, and baby's

breath is everlasting love. Of course, if you send a withered bouquet it means rejected love!

Carnations are classified by color, with the red meaning my heart aches for you, the pink for I'll never forget you, white for pure love, and striped for no, I can't be with you, and yellow is rejection and disdain. The clover means good luck, coreopsis is always cheerful, cyclamen for resignation and goodbye, daisy is for innocence, eucalyptus is protection, forget-me-not means true love and memories, gardenia (my personal favorite) secret love and you're lovely, iris is for faith, hope and wisdom, ivy-fidelity and friendship, jonquils means love me, affection returned, and desire.

There are many other flowers and their meanings, too many to list here. If you are interested in finding out more, just type in "language of flowers" to google search and the various sites will pop up. Of course, we can't leave the topic of Valentine's

Day without discussing the rose and its meanings. Every color of rose has a different meaning and I will discuss a few here to prepare you to make selections for that special person.

Of course, the red rose in general means, I love you and love. But if you want to get specific and truly meaningful you could select some of the white for eternal love, pink for perfect happiness, yellow for friendship, red and white means unity and together, a thornless rose signifies love at first sight, a rose bud alone means beauty and youth while a red bud is for pure and lovely. A full bouquet of roses is gratitude and a single rose in full bloom means I love you, I still love you! Add a sprig of rosemary and you will add remembrance to the bouquet.

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Their winning time was 34.32 seconds on four

steers.

Shane, a 2004 graduate of Salado High School, used a portion of his winnings to purchase a new truck, so that he and older brother Donny can travel to college rodeos, where they hope to win the College National Team Roping Championship.

## CTRW to meet Feb. 16

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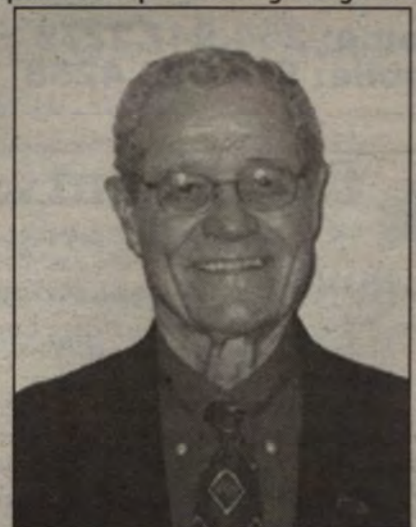
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# Salado graduate announces military retirement

Master Sergeant Kenneth Donaghy (USMC), formerly of Salado, will retire from the Marines this summer, after more than 22 years of honorable.

Master Sergeant Donaghy is the Maintenance Chief of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 112 at Naval Air Station Fort Worth. He officially retires on June 30 after 22 years and nine months of honorable service on active duty. A formal retirement ceremony will be held at the Naval Air Station 2 p.m. March 20.

The Salado High School graduate joined the Marine Corps delayed entry program in December 1981 and departed for boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in September 1982. Upon graduation in December he was promoted to Private First Class and was sent to Naval Air Station Millington, Tennessee to begin his aviation training and career.

PFC Donaghy successfully completed the training and reported Marine Attack Squadron 231, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina for duty. In June 1983, he was promoted to Lance

Corporal and became a certified hydraulic/pneumatic systems mechanic and inspector on the British made AV-8A Harrier aircraft. One year later he was meritoriously promoted ahead of his peers to the rank of Corporal.

In February 1986, Cpl. Donaghy was again meritoriously promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He then became part of a select team of mechanics assigned to McDonnell Douglas to learn the new AV-8B Harrier aircraft and systems. In 1987, he became a certified systems expert and was assigned to the Fleet Readiness for Aviation Maintenance Personnel school for instructor duty.

Sgt. Donaghy was promoted to Staff Sergeant in September 1989 and in 1991 was assigned again to VMA-231 as the Hydraulics Workcenter Noncommissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC). The unit was deployed in September 1991 on the USS Saipan headed to the Persian Gulf in support of Desert Storm Operation Cease Fire.

In January 1993, SSgt Donaghy was selected for assignment to Boeing Space and Defense Group in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There he



offered his mechanical and training expertise to the Engineering, Manufacturing and Development acquisition phase of the Bell-Boeing made MV-22 Osprey aircraft.

SSgt. Donaghy was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant in July 1996 when he reported to

Recruiting Station San Antonio. During the next three years he became the Officer Selection Assistant for all south central Texas colleges and universities, and the NCOIC of Recruiting Substation Austin North.

GySgt. Donaghy reported back to Cherry Point in December 1999 and assumed the duties as NCOIC of the Hydraulic Workcenter at Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 14. Upon promotion to his current rank in July 2001 he was transferred to his current duty station in Fort Worth.

MSgt. Donaghy highest awards are a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and a Navy and Marine Corps

Achievement Medal. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Liberty University and plans his new career in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He is married to Brenda, his wife of twenty

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# Security at RNC and Tsunami

By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
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ensure the security of the convention.

Since he retired for the second time a few years ago, Lt. General (Ret.) Don Jones has been busier than ever.

Formerly senior vice president of the American Red Cross, and now a security consultant for companies and agencies across the nation, Jones recently addressed the Salado Lions Club about the American response to the Asian tsunami, and his work at last summer's Republican National Convention.

A recipient of numerous medals, Jones' military career included assignments involving security, so it wasn't much of a surprise when he received a call in early August, and was asked to serve on the Unified Command Headquarter Staff at the RNC.

Despite the short notice, Jones accepted, and was on a plane soon after.

He joined a command structure - headed by the Secret Service - that included a full 178 different agencies: federal, state and local.

Such importance was placed on the occasion that it was declared a National Security Event - meaning no effort was spared to

Unified Command trained for just about every disaster scenario imaginable, Jones said. "We were ready for things like an airline crash, ferry crash, radiation, carbon monoxide; anything that could go wrong," he explained.

Although the RNC itself was actually held in Madison Square Garden, in the middle of Manhattan, Unified Command situated its headquarters directly under the Brooklyn Bridge, coordinating security measures from a central base.

That's where Jones spent much of his time, working, along with the rest of the Unified Command staff, in 12-hour shifts.

Near the convention was a different story, however. Jones said that 10,000 New York City police officers stationed themselves in the midst of a three-block area, dubbed the "free zone," surrounding Madison Square Garden. Another 37,000 of NYC's finest patrolled the city.

"There was nowhere you could go that didn't have a visible police presence," Jones continued.

The surveillance and

coverage wasn't limited to the ground, or even those in uniform. Throughout the convention, F-16's patrolled the skies and air defense systems were strategically placed about, while some numbers of the security detail infiltrated most of the 50-or-so organizations that demonstrated at the convention, totaling approximately 250,000 people.

"We had really good intelligence on all the protestors," he explained.

Because of the measures taken, Jones says there was little in the way of disturbance at the convention, much less disaster. Which for him and the rest of the staff, meant a job well done. "The planning and the training that went into this really paid off," he said.

Armed with his Red Cross background, Jones also provided perspective on the tsunami relief efforts, particularly the early criticism leveled at the United States for what was taken by some in the

global community as a paltry initial contribution. Jones defended the administration's decision. "From my personal experience, we did exactly what needed to be doing," he explained, noting that a large cash contribution made during the early stages of a disaster runs the risk of being mis-allocated, or lost in the shuffle altogether.

"There was preliminary analysis that had to be done, and many steps that had to be taken" before the time was right for large donations of money, explained Jones, who oversaw Red Cross relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Andrew in 1992, among many other assignments.

"But all that aside," he continued, "had we not provided helicopters - which then provided food, water and medicine - a lot more people would have died. I am pleased with what we have done and what we continue to do. Lives are being saved."

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# What factors cause acid rain?

Dear EarthTalk: What is "acid rain" and what causes it? Jeff Ohmberger, Lincoln, NE

"Acid rain," also known as acid precipitation and acid deposition, is a broad term used to describe the nitric and sulfuric acids that fall to Earth during rain, snow or fog. These chemicals form in our atmosphere to begin with when pollutants released into the air through the burning of fossil fuels blend with other substances, including water vapor. When it storms, these substances return to the Earth's surface where they get into rivers, streams and groundwater, literally making these waters more acidic.

This acidity, in turn, damages trees and other plant life and makes it difficult for wildlife -- especially aquatic life -- to thrive and reproduce. The consequences of acid rain can also be seen in the cracks and discoloration on some building surfaces and on the smoothed and faded facial features on outdoor statues.

Emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO2) and nitrogen oxide (NOx) are primarily to blame. While volcanoes and other natural sources produce these chemicals, too, as much as 95 percent of the SO2 and NOx emitted in North America comes from industrial sources and the tailpipes of cars and trucks.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Acid Rain Program, the highest concentrations of acid rain in the U.S. are in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Prevailing winds move large masses of pollutants there from the smokestacks of the many coal-fired and other kinds of power plants dotting the banks of the Ohio River.

Meanwhile, the National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP), which monitors the chemistry of precipitation at some 200 locations around the United States, reports high levels of acid rain throughout the entire Northeast, extending from Indiana all the way to the Atlantic coast. NADP's website features interactive maps detailing acid rain concentrations nationwide.

During the 1980s, public outcry over acid rain resulted in Congress amending the

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Clean Air Act to impose limits on industrial emissions of SO2 and NOx. While the regulations have helped, many environmentalists think more needs to be done in order to protect plants, wildlife and water throughout the northeastern U.S. and southeastern Canada. "A growing body of evidence shows that without significant additional cuts in acid rain-forming emissions, many of the problems associated with acid rain will persist for many decades," says Ellen Baum, ecosystem expert at the Boston-based nonprofit organization, Clean Air Task Force.

Since the burning of fossil fuels accounts for most of the troublesome SO2 and NOx emissions, individuals can make a difference by reducing their energy consumption at home and by driving fewer miles in their internal combustion vehicles. Businesses can take similar steps by increasing energy efficiency at the workplace and encouraging employees to carpool or take public transit.

**CONTACTS:** U.S. EPA Acid Rain Program, [www.epa.gov/airmarkets/arp/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/airmarkets/arp/index.html); National Atmospheric Deposition Program, (217) 244.5459 [nadp.sws.uiuc.edu](http://nadp.sws.uiuc.edu); Clean Air Task Force, (617) 624-0234, [www.ctf.us](http://www.ctf.us).

Dear EarthTalk: How can I recycle my old propane gas tank that can no longer be refilled? -- Bruce Krasnow, Santa Fe, NM

If you have an older propane gas tank that has been denied refilling by a retailer, it is probably because it lacks an Overfilling Prevention Device (OPD). As of April 2002, the National Fire Protection Agency's (NFPA) safety code requires an OPD on every propane tank that holds between four and 40 pounds of the gas, which includes tanks normally used for grills,

RVs and other devices. An OPD is part of the valve and is designed to prevent the release of gas from overfilling which can lead to fires and injuries.

The NFPA says you can easily check to see if your tank has an OPD by examining the shape of the valve wheel. Most cylinders with a triangular valve wheel have an OPD, and will be marked accordingly. Cylinders with a round or star-shaped valve wheel usually do not have an OPD.

For a fee, you can take your old tank to a local propane dealer for retrofitting with a new valve. You can also sometimes pay a fee and exchange your old tank for a newer model. If you've already purchased a new unit, or don't need to use propane anymore, many dealers will take them, usually for a small fee, repaint them, re-certify them, install an OPD and resell them.

If you have a 20-pound propane cylinder, the Blue Rhino Company, which claims thousand of retailers nationwide, will accept your old tank and provide an upgrade, usually for an upgrade fee and provided your old tank can be refurbished. Then that upgrade can be repeatedly returned empty and exchanged for a full tank. The company reuses and refills the tanks, so this arrangement both eliminates the wait of refilling and maintains a pattern of re-use.

If Blue Rhino cannot refurbish your tank and all else fails, propane cylinders can be recycled at household hazardous waste collection sites. The website Earth911.org provides a free zip code-based directory with information on where to recycle old propane tanks, among other household items, in your local region. Most state departments of environmental protection also include lists of locations that will refurbish or recycle old tanks.

Homeowners should keep in mind that old propane tanks pose an environmental hazard if simply abandoned outside and an explosion risk if thrown into a dumpster or garbage truck trash compactor. Also, cylinders should always be stored and transported upright to prevent potentially

dangerous leakage, even if they are on their way to the recycling center or the refill station.

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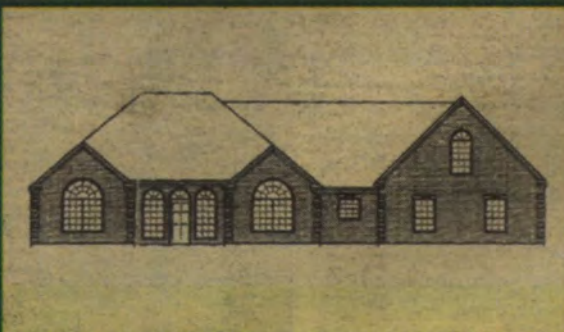
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