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## Local sales tax continues rise, but trails state, county

While Christmas season sales in December were slightly more than the previous year, Salado lagged behind the pace set by neighboring Bell County cities and the state.

The Village of Salado Feb. 11 received its sales tax rebate, which was \$39,723.68, almost two percent more than the previous year rebate of \$38,974.79.

For the calendar year, however, the Village of Salado is outpacing the 2004 rebates by more than five percent. So far in 2005, the Village has been paid \$65,721.50 by Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn for the one percent sales tax it levies, compared to \$62,303.62 through February 2004.

The Salado Library District is also showing

more than five percent increase in sales tax rebates for the first two months of 2005. The Library District received a \$23,770.41 February rebate for the half-cent it levies within its boundaries, almost three percent more than last February's payment of \$23,122.88.

For the year, the Library has received \$43,759.28 in sales tax revenues, compared to \$41,472.55 through February 2004.

Bell County showed an almost 10 percent jump in sales tax rebates this month, receiving \$1.2 million compared to the \$1.1 million paid last year. The County is keeping that pace so far in 2005, receiving \$2.0 million, which is 9.4 percent more than last year's rebates of \$1.8 million through February. The county levies a half-cent sales tax.

The county's largest cities, Killeen and Temple, showed remarkable improvements in sales tax rebates compared to last year. Killeen was paid \$1.7 million, compared to \$1.6 million in February 2004, while Temple's \$1.5 million was almost six percent ahead of last year's February rebate.

Comptroller Strayhorn last week reported that state sales tax collections rose for the 17th consecutive month in January. The state collected \$1.39 billion in sales tax revenue, up 6.1 percent compared to January 2004.

January state sales tax collections and February's local sales tax allocations primarily represent sales made in December, but also include some earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax on a quarterly or annual basis.



(PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Above, John Anderson marvels at Social Chair Cynthia Apichino's feather mask and boa during the Mill Creek Community Association Mardi Gras party last week at the Mill Creek Inn dining room. At right, Lewis and Anna Lou Raney are decked out for the event. More than 100 Mill Creek residents gathered for the Mardi Gras party Feb. 8.



## Texas authors centerpiece of March 12 Roundtable

Hollywood knows it, song writers know it, book publishers know it too - the heritage of the State of Texas makes interesting subject matter. You can hear several Texas authors discuss their works published this year at the 45th Annual Readers and Writers Roundtable 1:30 p.m. March 12 at the Central Texas Area Museum in Salado.

A Texas legend in her own right, journalist and Salado native Liz Carpenter will emcee the program to be held at the Museum's Hall of the Clans on Main St. Salado.

A \$5 donation provides admission to the event and refreshments with proceeds going to new acquisitions for the Museum's Library.

Included in the lineup will be a writer who has

been a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. H.W. Brands will discuss his latest book, *Lone Star Nation*.

He is the author of *T.R. and The First American*, the critically acclaimed biographies of Theodore Roosevelt and Benjamin Franklin and *The Age of Gold*, a history of the California Gold Rush.

In addition, Texas history buffs may hear a new spin on the state's battle for independence when Edward L. Miller discusses his book, *New Orleans and the Texas Revolution*. The manuscript explains how \$250,000 in loans from Creole mercantile houses, along with two companies of soldiers, the New Orleans Greys, came to support the Texas cause.

Miller, who perhaps expands on this angle more than any previous

author has done, has also worked on several award-winning History Channel programs. Miller, the social studies curriculum coordinator for Judson Independent School District in San Antonio has served as the president of the San Antonio Living History Association and published work in the *Journal of the Company of Military Historians*.

Also on the program is a sixth-generation Texas who will give her talk on pioneer women from 1820's to the 1940's in *Sunbonnet Angels; Hitch Your Wagon to a Star*. Josephine Ella White will discuss her writings which combine footnoted history, folklore and memories of every day life in days gone by. The column also reflects the history of some of the Scots-Irish in Texas.

White, a retiree has been working on the book since 1979. Some of her own ancestors were in the famous "Runaway Scrape," as one was a veteran of the battle of San Jacinto.

Women in Texas have always had interesting things to say, such as Babe Didrikson Zaharia, who said "It's not just enough to swing at the ball. You've got to loosen your girdle and let 'er fly." That's just one quote collected by Susan Kelly Flatau and Lou Halsell Rodenberger for their book, *Quotable Texas Women*. The collection features remarks from ladies such as Sandra Day O'Connor, Linda Ellerbee, Barbara Jordan, Molly Ivans and Barbara Bush.

Those who enjoy nostalgia can listen to Glenn Dromgoole expound on

his work, *A Small Town in Texas, Reflections on Growing up in 50's and 60's*. Dromgoole's collection of 33 essays set in Sour Lake (population 1,600), touch changes in the lives of all Americans at that time in race relations, family mobility, music, cars, sports, religion, politics, technology and food.

"Take Care of Your Children," "Be Courageous," and "Be Captain of Your Own Soul" are just some of the lessons that Dromgoole and Lester Galbreath have learned by observing Texas wildlife. They'll discuss their book, *Learning From Longhorns*, which provides a colorful look at illustrations by Charles Shaw and photographs by Watt M. Casey Jr.

Shaw, also illustrated *Horned Toad Canyon* by

Joyce Gibson Roach.

Roach's book tells the story of lives of several horned toads and the creatures who share their environment. It provides a mystery-filled storyline along with background details for the fledgling herpetologist.

Roach will also discuss another book she has out this year, *Texas and Christmas, a Collection of Traditions, Memories and Folklore*.

Roach is an award-winning author and folklorist. Her books include *The Cowgirls, Eats: A Folk History of Texas Foods*, and *This Place of Memory*, among others.

To preregister for the Readers and Writers Roundtable to ask questions, call the Central Texas Area Museum at 254-947-5232.

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# FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



## The Querulous Party

Being in opposition does funny things to a party. When Republicans opposed Bill Clinton they had flashes of paranoia -- remember black helicopters? -- and developed a blood lust to bring down Bubba. In the Bush years, Democrats have had their share of paranoia and blood lust, but they are mostly characterized by sheer peevishness.

Yes, there were excesses in President Bush's inaugural speech. But the wave of nitpicking from the media and Democrats was overwhelming. It's as if they had heard Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address and peppered the administration with critical questions: "Malice toward none" -- literally 'none'? Is that even possible? The president also referred to achieving 'a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.' Does he have an actionable plan to do that? If not, is he backing off his speech? And isn't that embarrassing?"

This same querulousness has been on display in the reaction to the historic Iraq vote -- indeed, historic leaps forward for self-government are strangely difficult for the media and Democrats to process. When Afghanistan voted last October, The Washington Post headlined its story "Afghan Election Disputed." In other words, the news from the most free and fair election in human history in Afghanistan was that it wasn't perfect. The Post reported that some voters' fingers had been mistakenly marked with the black pens that were supposed to be used on ballots instead of the indelible ink meant to prevent multiple voting. Horrors!

It has been impossible to obscure all the good news from Iraq, but the media and Democrats have strained to find disappointments. They focused on the poor Sunni turnout, which John Kerry mentioned in his pooh-poohing of the

### Rich Lowry



election. It is important that Sunnis join the political process in Iraq, but this solicitousness for the sentiments of a formerly repressive minority -- Sunnis are less than 20 percent of Iraq -- is odd. No one on the left piped up on behalf of South African whites -- 14 percent of the population not universally thrilled with the election -- when that country shifted to majority rule.

Then there are those who can't bear to mention Iraq without talking about the scandal at Abu Ghraib. More than 1,400 Americans have been killed creating the conditions for self-determination in Iraq, and still many Democrats and journalists can't get over the criminal misconduct of a handful of goons at a Baghdad prison.

What's going on here? The heroic self-image of the left is caught up with its opposition to fascism and its devotion to social justice and human rights. To see a Republican president topple a fascist dictator and do it increasingly in terms of the spread of justice and rights has to be irritating. What is left to do except cavil and whine?

H.L. Mencken once described a Puritan as a person who can't stand the idea that someone, somewhere is having a good time. Contemporary Democrats are people who can't stand the idea that someone, somewhere is experiencing good news.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2005 by King Features Synd., Inc.*

## Writer claims today's political maelstrom needs a major infusion of humor to avoid early commitment to nearest "Loony-Bin"

**Writer's Note:** Politics is a contact sport that today has its practitioners moving in so many directions at the same time, that a column such as *Off The Record* rarely has to dig too deeply to find matters worthy of comment -- sometimes with praise, mostly with "head shaking" amazement and other times -- pure scorn. But rarely as a source of humor -- except this week.

The current subjects under consideration include the super-early start of the 2008 presidential marathon; and more on the Bush Social Security privatization effort. Both started out seriously but eventually produced something closely akin to humor. Not buffoonery or gallows humor, but an old fashioned chuckle that brings into perspective (and helps ease) the otherwise serious nature and impact of politics.

To be honest -- any break (even a brief one) from today's heavy duty political maelstrom -- is appreciated.

### 2008 RACE UNDERWAY

A surprisingly large number of Republicans and Democrats -- apparently with nothing better to do these days -- paused politely for a day or two following President Bush's inauguration -- then proceeded to let the world know they are not only interested in the next presidential race, but are off and running, as they seek support and more importantly -- the mother's milk of politics -- big bucks.

"Incredulous" is the best way to describe how these characters sometimes view the narrow world of campaigning for president. For example: "Lame Duck" is hardly the term we would assign President Bush, who is only one month deep into his second term. But that's exactly how Democrat John Edwards ('04 VP nominee) is categorizing Bush these days, as he goes after commitments from the "movers and shakers" within his party.

Other Demos in the hunt are Senator Evan Bayh of Indiana who is rounding up staff and green stuff; Howard Dean hustling a White House lease via the chairmanship of the National Democratic Committee, which coupled with his well known screeching is something to be avoided at all costs; John Kerry ("bloody but unbowed") is keeping his media profile high as an over-active Senator; Delaware's Senator Joe Biden will make the run, as will Governors Tom Vilsack (Iowa) and Bill Richardson, (New Mexico).

Oh yes -- almost forgot the one playing shy and coy, but on all the Democratic power broker's minds -- Senator Hillary Clinton. A name that brings froth to the mouth and minds of all zealous GOPers.

### REPUBLICANS ON TAP

Republicans already casting a shadow to follow their leader and keep the "good times rolling," (according to what GOPers term "good times") include: Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, who has plenty of political IOUs, a staff under contract, and money in the bank. Even more on the front burner is Arizona Senator John McCain, whose every move is analyzed by the media, as well as his fellow compatriots who think it's the former POW's turn in the barrel.

Other GOPer aspirants noted in one of our recent columns with, (we unashamedly admit), a degree of derision are Newt Gingrich, peddling a book he hopes will springboard him into a new "Contract with America,"

**Off the Record**  
by Ken Clapp



and of course Phil Gramm, who may have uncovered a huge new source of customers (this time nationwide) to peddle his infamous "Dead Peasant" insurance scheme!

And, should Americans completely lose their senses and amend the constitution -- there is Arnold Schwarzenegger, who has some GOPers questioning his "Republicanism" and may consider him a "Closet Demo." Still and all, he wants the job and close advisors think he's just the guy to woo the female vote -- if he can keep his "Gropenfuhrer" title under cover (pardon the pun).

One other member of the EWPC (Early Wannabee Prez Club) -- is Jeb Bush -- George's bro and Florida's Guv, who had such a hard time counting votes in 2000, and an even harder time today trying to keep the USS Kennedy and thousands of civilian jobs afloat in the Sunshine State.

So -- what's funny about the "hopefuls" noted above you ask? Well, the laughter (albeit sardonic), comes from the fact that these folks actually believe the rest of us really care about what they are doing so impossibly early in the 2008 presidential campaign!

Alright grimacers, so maybe we should have carried this section under the title of "tragicomic." But, keep on reading for a more direct "hoot and holler" funny-bone twister.

### NEW TWIST ON INVESTING

This writer has never been a converted "enthusiasm" of the internet. However one item from that never-never tropospheric land, magically appeared on the office computer screen, and is so "apropos" to the current subject of "investing" some of our Social Security contributions, that we felt obliged to share it with readers.

The internet item (author unknown) touched indirectly (and perhaps unknowingly) on the subject of the Bush SS-privatization-investment program as follows:

**"If you had purchased \$1000.00 of Nortel stock one year ago, it would now be worth \$49.00.**

**With Enron, you would have \$16.50 left of the original \$1,000.**

**WorldCom, you'd have less than five bucks remaining.**

**But, if you had purchased \$1,000 worth of beer one year ago, drank it all, then turned the cans in for the aluminum recycling price, you would have \$214.00.**

**Based on the above, current investment advice would appear to be -- drink plenty of beer and recycle.**

**It would be tagged the 401-Keg Plan!"**

Now that should bring at least a slight smile to offset the chattering TV-heads and pundit scribbles who befog our days, as the Bush Team (and others who smell a profit loitering nearby) continue their overblown "big sell" investment-privatization campaign.

### NEXT WEEK

Our hat is tipped to the humor writers of the world. It's tough work producing funny stuff (as you can tell), so next week we'll return to our regular assignment of commenting on the political foofaraw that relentlessly encircles us day by day.

And, if this week's offering didn't produce even a modest giggle -- **don't bother sending sympathy cards.**

That's -30-

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# FORUM

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## Legislative update on school finance

The Legislative House and Senate must bring forth a school finance reform bill that meets the two areas cited by Judge Dietz, equity among schools and adequacy in providing enough money to meet the educational needs of Texas school children. I have included some common tenets being expressed by both chambers.

1. The plans propose to cut local school taxes. The plans have presented no specific tax reform.

PRO: Almost one half of Texas school districts are at the maximum tax cap, this significantly reduces the cap for taxpayers. This would also allow the State to redistribute funds on a per pupil expenditure basis, thus providing greater equity.

CON: This gets away from local control. It would provide a more remote state taxing authority not as prone to listen to local needs and concerns. The State has said it would make up the difference in revenue. How that burden is reduced has not been identified. A State imposed property tax, which has been discussed, does not necessarily signify a property tax reduction, but it does change the taxing authority.

2. The plans permit local school districts to adopt an enrichment tax. The amount of this enrichment tax has not been determined.

PRO: This affords some local autonomy of locally adopted and funded programs yet restricts exorbitant taxing.

CON: This could produce greater inequity among districts because property values still vary widely and thus the amount of revenue generated between districts varies widely.

3. The plans propose to increase funding to schools. Thus far, all reports are that increases in funding would be earmarked for teachers' salaries.

PRO: This is great for teachers.

CON: Districts have many other staff including paraprofessionals and administrators who are not covered. District's operating expenses also continue to increase due to increased costs for utilities, supplies, and transportation.

4. The plans propose to increase accountability

## Superintendent's Corner

By Robin Battershell

ted with increased funding.

PRO: Accountability is necessary in some form.

CON: Public schools are currently bogged down in accountability.

As the legislature measures the economic impact of its upcoming decisions,

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Net Loans	435,107
Bank premises and equipment	10,170
Accrued interest receivable and other assets	17,861
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>619,362</b>
LIABILITIES	
Demand Deposits	137,942
Time Deposits	370,237
Total Deposits	508,179
Other Liabilities	61,144
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>569,323</b>
SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY	
Capital	413
Surplus	25,587
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Traditional Worship/Bible Study	10:30 a.m.	Jr. High Halltime	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 Halltime	7:00 p.m.



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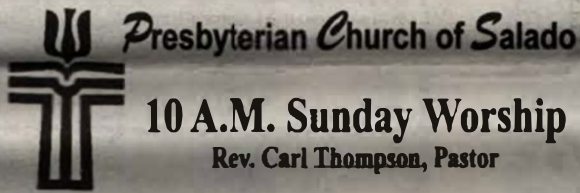
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Bible Study • 6 p.m.  
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Rev. Grady Brittain (above) won the top award Feb. 13 in the Salado Methodist Men's Cook-Off. The Cook-Off was a chance to gather for fellowship and raise funds for the children's playground at their new home on Royal St. Frank and Cathy Carlson, Janet Dunks and Tim Fleischer were judges.



During the Methodist Men's Cook-Off, the Hammin' It Up Award went to, from left, Merle Stalcup, Tom McGlasson and Mike BOWLES. (PHOTOS BY TIM FLEISCHER)

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## Services held for Van Dyke

Funeral services for Anderson Mart Van Dyke, 86, were held Feb. 10 in the Dossman Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Bob Van Dyke, Pastor Stephen Baker, Pastor Billy Borho and Youth Pastor Andrew Baker officiating. Burial followed in Cedar Valley Cemetery.

Van Dyke passed away Feb. 7 in a Temple hospital.

He was born July 4, 1918 in Prairie Dell, to Minnie Lee (Brinegar) and Mart Anderson Van Dyke. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He married Frances

Safley on Jan. 3, 1941 in Cedar Valley.

Van Dyke was ordained as a Baptist deacon in 1965. He was active in the Civilian Conservation Corps #854, which was involved in the initial work of the Longhorn Caverns. He was also instrumental in the formation of the Longhorn Cavern Museum and the CCC reunions. He rode in the Belton 4th of July Parade for the last 37 years, usually on horseback.

He retired from the City of Dallas as a heavy equipment operator. He was a member of the Victory Baptist Church of Salado.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, on Feb. 2, 2000;

one brother, Billy Joe Van Dyke; two sisters, Helen Burks, and Lola Bell Burks; and one grandson, Mart.

He is survived by two sons, Bobby Don Van Dyke, of Brenham, and Richard Mart Van Dyke, of Conroe; three daughters, Sue Hall, of Grand Prairie, Debra Bingham, of Gatesville, and Joyce Bake, of Zephyr; one brother, Herman Van Dyke, of Bay City; four sisters, Mary Ruth Dudley, of Henderson, NV, Dorothy Dell Crews, of Portland, OR, Juanita Sparrows, of Belton, and Eula Bea Reagan, of El Paso; 26 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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## Monday Club sets casserole sale for March 5 at Methodist Church

The Monday Club ladies are having a frozen casserole sale of lasagna, chicken spaghetti and chicken enchiladas. Cake and pies will also be on sale 8 a.m. March 5 at the

Salado United Methodist Church.

The Monday Club will meet 2 p.m. March 7. The program will be "Salado ISD Information" presented by Dr. Robin Battershell.



Eighth grade Eagles are (front row, from left) Garrett Ward, Bryce Dunks, Matt Ming, Coach Kory Craddick, Jerod Lutz, Curtis Harnois, Tim Hoffman; (back row, from left) Barton Grigsby, Clayton Whitmire, Tom Baine, C.J. Little, Jon Cruz. Not shown is Rob Little.

## 8th grade boys perfect in district

The Salado Eighth Grade boys basketball team recently wrapped up a 13-2 season with a championship victory over Academy at the district tournament. The boys ran the table in district play, finishing with an 8-0 mark.

In the first round of the tournament, which was held in Academy, Salado faced Somerville, and routed the Yeguas by a score of 38-19. The Eagles actually blanked Somerville in the first quarter, opening up an 11-0 lead, and carried that momentum to a 27-5 half-time advantage. Clayton Whitmire had nine points in the game, while Tom Baine and Barton Grigsby each scored six.

Next up for the boys was Rogers, a team Salado had beaten by just two points earlier in the season. Salado trailed this one 10-6 after one, and 17-14 at the half, but fought back to close the deficit to one point, 26-25, entering the fourth quarter. The Eagles got hot in the final frame, scoring 17 points to edge out Rogers by a 42-39 final.

Coming off the bench in the second half and leading the team in scoring was Garrett Ward, who had 11. Tom Baine came through with nine points.

The win over Rogers placed the Eagles in the championship game, pitting them against the host team. In a game that was close throughout, Salado nursed slim leads at the one of the first (9-8) and at the half (17-14).

With the district championship on the line, Salado managed to keep Academy at bay, eventu-

ally taking the game by a score of 32-29. Jerod Lutz scored all six of Salado's fourth quarter points from the free throw line, and had 19 for the game. Clayton Whitmire and C.J. Little both had four points.

Members of the team include: Rob Little, Matt Ming, Jerod Lutz, Clayton Whitmire, C.J. Little, Bryce Dunks, Tim Hoffman, Garrett Ward, Tom Baine, Barton Grigsby, Jon Cruz and Curtis Harnois. The boys were coached by Kory Craddick.

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## District Champs!!!

The Salado Varsity Eagles have not lost a game this year, their last defeat coming in the Lubbock Caprock Tournament Dec. 30, when they fell to the Class 4A host team by 10.

Add it all up, and that amounts to 14 consecutive wins. And by closing out the regular season with a 71-43 win at Lago Vista Feb. 14, Salado ran its district win streak to an astounding 27 games. Coach Tom Long's boys have not dropped a district contest since the second-to-last tilt of the 2002-03 season.

Taking the court against a team they charitably defeated by 50 points earlier in the season, Salado could be forgiven for taking a relaxed approach versus Lago Vista in the season finale. Even so, the Eagles still managed a 28-point, 71-43 win over the Pirates, on Lago's home court.

The perimeter tandem of Matt Caskey and Travis Clark got Salado going in the first, with Caskey scoring five and Clark six, allowing the Eagles to open a 19-12 lead.

The second quarter saw more of the same, with Salado increasing its advantage to 31-19 at the half.

In the third, Matt Jennings got into the act, scoring eight points, while Caskey



Devon Dunn defends in Salado's 56-42 win over Somerville. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

added five more of his own. The end of the third quarter had Salado up big, 49-31.

With many of the starters taking a seat in the fourth, the Eagles continued to pour in points. Nick Everett and Travis Clark both hitting from long range in the final quarter.

Of the eight Salado players scoring points on the night, the Eagles were led by Caskey and Travis Clark, who both had 14. Jennings finished the game with 12 points, while James Gregurek had nine, Devon Dunn had eight, and Nick Everett chipped in five. Also scor-

ing were Ryan Clark, four, and Scott Williams, two. As a team, the Eagles were 14-17 from the line.

By defeating Lago Vista, Salado concluded the regular season with a 24-6 overall record, and 14-0 in district.

Salado played its final home game of the year versus Somerville Feb. 11, and came away with a 56-42 win.

The Eagles actually trailed at one point in this game, as they entered the second down by four, 15-11. That was enough of a wake-up call for the boys, who outscored the Yeguas 20-6 in the second to build a 31-21 halftime lead. Jennings had seven first half points, including 5-5 from the line, while Caskey scored nine.

Salado's offensive pace was slowed down a bit in the third and fourth quarters, but the Eagle defense held steady to secure the 14-point victory.

Caskey's 15 points led all scorers. Jennings and Gregurek both had a dozen points, and Dunn closed out the game with 10. Travis Clark had five, and Nick Everett scored two.

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# Youthful hardballers will have to scrap for postseason spot

By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
STAFF WRITER

Just how consistent has Salado baseball been in recent history? Try an unbroken string of 12 straight trips to the playoffs and more than a few district titles to their credit.

Having coached at Salado for almost two decades, though, Melvin Bates now finds himself faced with one of his toughest challenges to date. His Eagle team this year will be among the youngest, least experienced he's ever fielded.

Gone is his oldest son, three-time all-state selection Scott Bates, who in his senior year put together one of the finest seasons in Salado baseball history. Bates clubbed .589 at the plate with a 1.071 slugging percentage and a .746 OBP, while going 8-3 on the mound with a 1.36 ERA - giving up just 11 earned runs in 56 and one-third innings. No doubt, Bates will be difficult to replace.

In fact, Salado will return only one senior this year, and four position players total from a team that went 15-7 (7-5 in district), and was bounced in the first round by Blanco.

Which means a lot of young guys will be given the opportunity to prove their mettle, as Bates plans on carrying four freshmen on the varsity, in addition to one sophomore and nine juniors.

But that's not to say he doesn't have any weapons returning. Strong-armed backstop Wes Ruth hit .403 as a sophomore, and, because of his range and speed, could see some time in the outfield on top of his catching duties.

A starter since his freshman year, center-fielder Jesse Rodriguez also returns. Rodriguez has hit over .400 at the plate in his first two years on varsity. Bates is also expecting production from the likes of Tanner Myers - as of right now the lone sophomore on the varsity. Myers will remain in the middle infield, moving over from short stop to second, and has the surest glove of the infielders. Myers can also get it done with the bat, hitting .354 last season, and nabbing a dozen stolen bases.

The only senior, Blake Spence, compiled a .298 batting average in 2004.

As the only hurler with any varsity experience to speak of, junior Brian Bates will handle much

of the pitching load this year. Bates threw 36 innings last year, with a 1.94 ERA, complimenting a 3-2 record. After that, Coach Bates has a lot of arms to choose from, but very little experience. Junior Rudy Torres - a finesse pitcher like Bates - figures to be the top prospect. Two lefthanded juniors, Slayt Ebeling and Tucker Wilhite, will chew up innings, while a quartet of freshman: Matt Fritsch, John Nix, Justin Schiller and Kevin Jackson, will all likely get a chance to throw.

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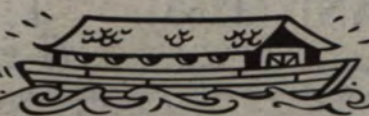
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2/23-26	Academy Tournament	JV	TBA
3/3-5	Hamilton Tournament	V	TBA
3/8	Moody	JV, V	4:30
3/10-12	Clifton Tournament	V	TBA
3/10-12	Jarrell Tournament	JV	TBA
3/15	*Academy	JV, V	4:30
3/16	Holland	V	2:00
3/18	*at Lexington	JV, V	4:30
3/19	Alumni Game	--	Noon
3/22	*Florence	JV, V	4:30
3/24	*at Rogers	JV, V	4:30
3/29	*Jarrell	JV, V	4:30
4/1	*at Somerville	JV, V	4:30
4/2	Salado Tournament	JV	TBA
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4/15	*at Florence	JV, V	4:30
4/18	*Rogers	V	4:30
4/22	*at Jarrell	JV, V	4:30
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 Because of that, the Salado defense will have to be less of an Achilles

Heel this season. Indeed, of the 105 runs surrendered by the Salado defense last season, only 39 were earned.  
 In an attempt to shore up the infield, Bates is going to let his prospects

battle it out. Nix and junior Josh Shaw will compete at short stop, while Shaw, Fritsch and Seth Hale all have a shot at third base. In fact, Shaw could end up playing anywhere. "He's very valuable to us because of that," said Bates. "So he'll start practically every game, there's just no telling at what position."

pion Rogers will be strong again. Along with Salado, Academy and Lago Vista will also field competitive squads.  
 In all reality, the Eagles will be in a dogfight this season. "We always expect to make the playoffs," said Bates. "We have the talent to beat anybody we play. But we're also young, which means could lose just as easy."

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District 25AA, as it always is, looks to be very competitive at the top half. Jarrell - a final four team last year - is ranked in the top five, while defending district cham-

Salado will open the regular season at home Feb. 21 against Franklin, the Class AA preseason number one. Games begin at 4:30 p.m.

**Lady Eagles enter postseason as number 3 seed**

The regular season didn't end in a bang as the Lady Eagles might have hoped, but it wasn't exactly a whimper either. Having a clinched a playoff berth with a three-point win over Florence Feb. 1, Salado was looking to pick up some steam heading into their first round showdown with Brookshire-Royal (runner-up in District 26AA), but instead came up just short, falling to Jarrell 40-38 Feb. 8.

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 The Lady Eagles, who were 14-point winners over Jarrell when they met Jan. 14, nursed narrow leads in this one, including 11-10 at the end of the first, and 23-19 at half-time.

The loss in the regular season finale gave the Lady Eagles a 21-10 overall mark, with a 10-4 district record.

Although Salado was unable to gain a decisive advantage in the first half, they did have success from long range. Kristen Smith knocked down a pair of three pointers in the second, while sister Kelsey Smith and Jenny Goode each hit one.

Salado's bi-district game took place after press time Feb. 15 in LaGrange, but results, photos and story can be found on www.saladovill


Nursing a four-point lead entering the third quarter, the Lady Eagles had the bottom fall out. The girls were completely blanked on the offensive end in the third, while Jarrell managed to pick up nine points - nabbing a 28-23 lead in the process.

Trailing by five, the Lady Eagles fought their way back into the game, scoring 15 points in the fourth, including two more three pointers. Jarrell, however, never relinquished their lead, and managed for the two-point, upset win.

And if there's one cause of concern for head coach Scott Copeland, it would be his team's spotty free throw shooting. Had the Lady Eagles converted more than eight of their 17 opportunities, a late-game comeback attempt would probably not have been necessary. Jarrell, conversely, hit on 11-15 from the charity stripe.

No Salado players hit double-figures points, but Jenny Goode came close, finishing the game with nine. Both Kelsey Smith and Kate Marshall scored eight, while Kristen Smith tallied six points. Rounding out the scorers were Kelsey Gobin, with four, and Brittany Boydston, who had two.

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game's all but over.

Jarrell found that out the hard way Feb. 8, as both Travis Clark and Matt Caskey poured in 21 points for the Eagles in a 72-63 road win.

Don't be fooled by the score, however, Salado was in charge of this one from the tip-off. Travis Clark drained a trio of three pointers in the first quarter, while Devon Dunn scored six, giving the Eagles a 20-4 lead after one.

In the second, Caskey scored eight of Salado's 18 points, and the boys took a 38-22 lead to the lockers.

Jarrell cut into the Salado advantage in the second, due solely to their knocking down eight three pointers. By then, though, the Salado lead was too much to eclipse, and the Cougars didn't do themselves any favors by continually putting Caskey on the line. The senior hit 7-8 in the second half and 11-12 for the game, while Travis Clark scored 15 in the second half.

Behind Clark and Caskey's offensive efforts, Devon Dunn accounted for 14 points. Ryan Clark had five, Jennings scored four, and Everett and Gregurek both contributed three. Also scoring was Scott Williams, who had one point.

By taking their second straight district crown, Salado earned a first round playoff bye. The boys will travel to Granbury to play a warmup game against a yet-to-be-determined opponent. The exact time and date had not been scheduled as

of press time. Call the High School, 947-5429, or log on to [saladovillagevoice.com](http://saladovillagevoice.com) for game info.

With the bye, Salado will not take the court until Feb. 26, which will be the area round of the playoffs.

**Junior Varsity**

**JV A - 39**

**Somerville - 22**

Won Im, 13; Justin Konzen, six; Blake Newman, four; Chad Tumeay, four; Chris Redman, four; Tanner Myers, three; Justin Pruitt, three; Noah Harbison, two.

**JV B - 72**

**Jarrell - 28**

Pruitt, 15; Tumeay, 14; Redman, 12; Im, 11; Newman, nine; Harbison, six; Konzen, five.

**JV B - 34**

**Jarrell - 11**

Tyler Burden, 10; David Rosenau, eight; Josh Caldwell, six; Jonas Goode, four; Clay Sharum, four; Tanner Johnson, two.

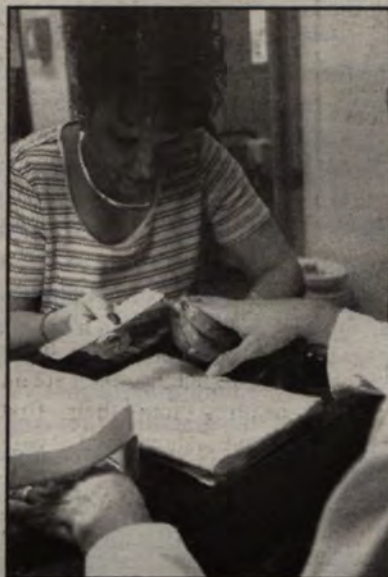
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 Mavericks 2-4  
 Spurs 5-1

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls**  
 Comets 4-1  
 Eagles 2-3  
 Heat 4-1  
 Huskies 0-5

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys**  
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# Sanctified: Women's order had impact on early Belton days



By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
STAFF WRITER

Imagine a personality equal parts Oprah Winfrey and David Koresh. A character who grafted the overt charisma of the former with the stubborn, ideologic recalcitrance of the latter.

That, says Debbie Lufburrow, author of "Set Apart: the Sanctified Sisters" is the best way to define Martha McWhirter - who founded a women's communal, quasi-religious order in Belton in the late 1800s.

Lufburrow spoke to the Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary Feb. 10 about the influential group of ladies who dominated local gossip - and commerce - for much of their almost 30 years in Belton.

Martha, and her husband Maj. George McWhirter, had been stalwarts of the Bell County community since settling there in the 1850s. Both

were prominent figures in the Methodist church, and George made a handsome living in the mercantile business. In short, they were movers and shakers for their time. "They were the kind of people that were into everything," Lufburrow explained.

Around 1867 the fast-growing Methodist congregation to which the McWhirters belonged met to approve the construction of a denominational Sunday School building. Up to that point, said Lufburrow, all congregations shared a single building, working cooperatively, and the McWhirters were quite satisfied with the arrangement.

After leaving the meeting in a huff, Martha retired to her home, where she fretted away the night and reportedly received a visitation from none other than God, in spirit form, of course. The shadow informed Martha, in so many words, that the world was tilting to de-

struction and the Methodist building was but a small scene in a much larger, ever-worsening picture.

So the next morning, on the heels of her religious awakening, Martha set about creating a personal theology peculiar to her own sensibilities. She also began interpreting dreams, both hers and others.

"But what she really latched onto was the idea of sanctification," said Lufburrow. Borrowing from Corinthians, Martha figured the pure, sanctified life - one in which temperance and celibacy were rigorously observed - was the ticket to heaven.

Some of her friends, all married women, happened to agree, and thus the Belton Women's Commonwealth (or Sanctified Sisters, as the townsfolk called them) was born. About 15 or 20 of Martha's followers soon moved into the McWhirter home, committing themselves to the sanctified life. Among their number was a sheriff's wife, a banker's wife, and several other ladies of prestige. "These were the society women of Belton," Lufburrow noted.

Naturally, the less carnal aspects of Martha's beliefs "didn't go over very well at home," said Lufburrow.

The scandalized husbands took their problems to the courts, and their dramas were played out in detail in the local papers.

To support their order, the Sanctified Sisters sold eggs, milk and butter, and eventually took to cutting firewood and taking in laundry.

Finding she liked money almost as much

as saving souls, Martha converted a farmhouse the sisters had inherited into a true capitalist venture.

In downtown Belton, the sisters opened the Central Hotel, an establishment that came to be known as one of the classiest, cleanest and most hospitable hotels in all of Texas. It was staffed completely by the Sisters.

It was also highly profitable. An industry unto themselves, the Sisters continued to operate farms, laundries and the hotel - later leasing two more in Waco and investing in another in New York City.

"They really were their own conglomerate," Lufburrow commented. "And they achieved what very few women of their time did: they had leisure time."

In the interests of storytelling, Lufburrow says she wrote her book as an historical narrative, but uses real people and real events to tell the story. She follows the women from the order's beginnings all the way to 1897, when the sisters relocated to Washington, D.C. The last surviving member of the Sanctified Sisters died in 1983, at the age of 101.

Throughout their entire history, though, the Sisters continued their scrupulous practice of honesty and benevolence, all under the domineering thumb of their founder. Whether Martha manipulated these women or thought she was truly doing God's work is a matter of debate. "I personally think she manipulated them. It's possible that she was mentally ill, and she had a traumatic sort of life. Also, with her skewed scriptural interpretation she had a lot of control over these women," said Lufburrow.

But the sisters didn't seem to mind. Some of them were abused or abandoned wives, and in Martha found a source of steadiness and trust. "They had loyalty more to Martha than the group. They were totally devoted to her," she explained.

And though their puritanical lifestyles might have clashed with their capitalistic practices, in their time the Sisters were a force to be reckoned with, and one almost impossible to ignore.

Now long gone, over a hundred years ago they were certainly the talk of the town - if not quite the toast. Lufburrow's hope is that, through her book, she can keep the chatter going a little longer.

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# SHS academic team takes Wimberley



Some of the Salado High School winners at the Wimberley UIL tournament included (bottom left to right) Ariel Simpson, first place in literary criticism; Kathryn Holdampf, second place in headlines; (top left to right) Colby Cox, first place in calculator; Jonny Kendall, first place in spelling with a perfect score.

Salado Academic Team added another sweepstakes trophy to its long list of accomplishments by winning the Wimberley High School Academic Meet Feb. 12. Fredericksburg finished second and Dripping Springs finished third. Salado sent 38 competitors to the event. Following are the individual results:

News Writing, Kristi Billington, first. Headline Writing, Katherine Holdampf, second. Social Studies, Tim Hodgkin, second; Rebekah Quick, sixth.

Computer Science, David Farrow, second. Science, David Farrow, (Top Physics Score). Mathematics, Scott Williams and Joseph Shumate, sixth (Tie). Ready Writing, Grant Boston, sixth

Current Events, Jared Brank, fourth; Tim Hodgkin, fifth; Brandon Peters,

sixth. Current Events Team of Brank, Hodgkin, Peters, first.

Literary Criticism, Ariel Simpson, first; Grant Boston, fourth; Tim Hodgkin, fifth. Literary Criticism Team of Simpson, Boston, Hodgkin, first

Spelling, Jonny Kendall, first (Perfect Score); Jenny Goode, second; Reena Suresh, third; Tamra Stanish, fourth. Spelling Team of Kendall, Goode, Suresh, first.

Number Sense, Joseph Shumate, first; Jenny Goode, second; Wes Dowell, third; Ken Hora fourth; Katherine Holdampf, sixth. Number Sense Team of Shumate, Goode, Dowell, first

Calculator, Colby Cox, first; Rebekah Quick, third; Blake Hancock, fourth; Scott Williams, fifth. Calculator Team of Cox, Quick, Hancock, first.



Garrett Askins (left) and Doug Mackie came within two points of qualifying for the TFA state meet this weekend at the Westlake Austin tournament. This is Salado High School's first year to compete in the Texas Forensic Association.



Blake Hancock (left) placed fourth in the calculator contest, contributing to the first place win by the SHS calculator team in the Wimberley UIL tournament and Ken Hora (right) placed fourth in the number sense contest. The number sense team also won the overall first place team trophy.

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## Taste of Salado to showcase artists and local restaurants

The Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) is showcasing Salado Artists, local restaurants and caterers in a fund raiser "Taste of Salado" 6-8 p.m. Feb. 28 at Tenroc Ranch. Tickets are on sale at the Salado Civic Center for \$25 each.

Co-chairs for the third annual event are, for the third year, Anna Lou Raney and Rita Rice.

PALS "Taste of Salado" will showcase these Salado area food providers who responded by press time: Ambrosia Tea Room, Angelita's Catering, Charlotte's of Salado, Inn on the Creek (New), Maggie's of Summer's Mill, Mud Pies Pottery Fudge, Old Mill Pizza, Salado Mansion, Salado Gourmet Catering, Salty Creek Café (new) and Sweet Smells of Salado. Committees confirmed



Co-chairs for Taste of Salado Rita Rice and Ann Lou Raney

at this date include owners of Tenroc Ranch Mike and Shirley Cornett, contributing the site for the event. Again this year, Master of Ceremonies will be Dave

Gardner. Greeters will be Judy Greene and Leslie Hyland. Reservations will be managed by Hulda Horton, Barbara Carver, and Jo Ann Jennings.

Reservations can be made by calling 947-8300.

Signage has been designed by Bill Pinkston; Invitations, Poster, and Programs have been designed by Mark Jetton, Raymond Carver, and Cindy Watson. This year, for the first time, there will be a live Auction whose Display Committee will be Nancy Light, Ann Benton, and Bill Pinkston. The Auction Agreements will be secured by Sandra Edwards, Vickie Kelley, and Gil Wanzor.

Hosts are PALS Board of Directors: Titia Arledge, Jeanne Barrier, Raymond and Barbara Carver, the Cornetts, Hulda Horton, Ruth Howe, Troy and Vickie Kelley, Bill Pinkston, Rita and Allen Rice, Gil and Pat Wanzor, and Mike and Margaret Williamson.

Additional committee members will be announced at a later date.

## Artist workshops and tours held Feb 23-28

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.

"The Studio Tour was such a big success in its first year and it was decided to expand the

event to become more of an extended retreat for those who appreciate the arts and artists," said Pete Stebbins, one of the organizers of this year's event.

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 perfect combination to merge the rustic environment of Historic Salado with an artist retreat.

The Retreat will run Feb. 23-28. 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.

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### 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.

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### 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 Catfish Dinner**, 5-7 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. \$6 per plate. Fish can be baked or fried. Cost includes coffee, tea and dessert. Benefitting scholarship fund.

### 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 10

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

### MARCH 10

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

### MARCH 14

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

### MARCH 14-18

**Salado schools out for Spring Break.**

### MARCH 15

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

### MARCH 18

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

### MARCH 18

**Living Room Theatre presents "Symphony of Soul"**, featuring Leslie Hyland, 7 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. Directed by Raymond Carver. Reservations available March 7, 254-947-8300.

### MARCH 19

**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 encourage to bring their families. Any proceeds benefit Salado baseball. Info: Coach Melvin Bates: mbates@saladoisd.org.

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**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. School will be released at noon.

**MARCH 25**

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

**MARCH 25-26-27**

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

**MARCH 27**

**Easter Sunrise Service at Pace Park**, multi-denominational. 7 a.m. Bring lawn chairs. Speaker: Rev. Joe Keyes, Salado Church of Christ.

**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**

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



Leslie Hyland will star in the Living Room Theatre's production of "Symphony of Soul," 7 p.m. March 18 at the Salado Civic Center. Reservations will be available March 7. Call 254-947-8300.

**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.

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**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 Cospes, 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.

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# Applying history to terrorism

By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
STAFF WRITER

In the late 1980s, when the Berlin Wall came down in hunks by pickaxe, sledge and bare hand, the free world toasted the possibilities of the future. When the Soviet Empire fell a short time later, people thought democracy had won out for good.

On the intelligence side of the U.S. Army, then Col. Rick Armstrong and his colleagues considered the long-term ramifications of the Soviet collapse.

What effects would stem from abrupt decentralization, the switch from state monopoly to market capitalism, and the transition from rigid suppression to self-governance?

As an intelligence officer, Armstrong served in Vietnam, orchestrated clandestine operations against the KGB in the Cold War, and commanded an intelligence battalion in the first Gulf War. He is considered to be an authority on Soviet affairs and military history, and his post-Army career included a teaching stint at Harvard.

Now a Salado resident, Armstrong continues to write military histories, having published a few books and around 100 articles, essays and analyses.

Hindsight suggests the world may actually be a more dangerous place now than it was at any time since WWII, Armstrong remarked to the Salado Lions Club Feb. 8.

The Soviet situation, for example, "was unanticipated by us," said Armstrong. "And it takes decades for something like that to settle out."

Rising from those Soviet ashes, however, was a more intensified corollary threat the western world first experienced in Iran in the late 1970s: Islamic fundamentalism. Its rise, Armstrong noted, was made possible in part by the vacuum left by the Soviets.

As an historian, Armstrong sees the events of the past as coming down to failures in decision making. And those failures, he said, can typically be split into several categories. Looking back at 9/11, at least part of each is applicable.

So how do failures occur? For one, Armstrong explained, a problem or threat can arise that was not anticipated, either from lack of prior experience, or not applying previous experience.

Second, a problem could exist, but not be perceived until it's too late - such as the case with Islamic fundamentalism, which created what Armstrong dubbed a "non-

state threat."

"Everyone had thought that if you had terrorists, they had to be state-sponsored. Now we know that's not the case," he said.

Inflamed by religious zeal, the fundamentalist cause soon morphed into broader groups, termed in intelligence jargon as "meta-national" terrorists, or autonomous groups of terrorists eschewing global agendas. Al Qaeda is a perfect example of this type.

And one that the U.S. allowed, and even aided, to grow in influence, which led into Armstrong's third lesson in decision making failures - that of perceiving a problem but doing nothing to solve it.

By now it's old hat that America surreptitiously supported Al Qaeda in Afghanistan in the 1980s, but Armstrong sees it going beyond that. "It's possible that we may have had a bed-fellow relationship with Al Qaeda even after they bombed our embassies in Kenya and Tanzania," he stated.

Then came the attacks of Sep. 11, executed on targets eerily similar to those pointed out in a book titled "Unrestricted Warfare," written by two Chinese Army colonels in 1999. The book, says Armstrong, was in effect a study guide on how to defeat the United States

through unconventional means: crippling of financial centers, military administration, and terrorization of the citizenry. In the work, the authors argue that America can not be defeated through military might, but certain weaknesses could be exploited.

Obviously, someone in Al Qaeda was paying attention to the theories set forth in the book, which, Armstrong noted, demonstrated that the U.S. didn't fully understand its adversary.

"September 11 and Al Qaeda demonstrated that America could be vulnerable," he said. "Now we have to recognize the nature of the wars we're in, and the nature of the enemies we face."

In fact, Armstrong figures we are now engaged in three "unnamed wars" - Afghanistan, Iraq, and the global war on terror. And only by applying the lessons of the past can we prevent history from repeating itself, he said.

"We have to figure out how to fight these non-state conflicts, and we have to come to grips with what's going on out there," Armstrong cautioned. "In my opinion, I would have to say that we are in a much more dangerous world than we were when the Soviets were around. The world is much more complex now."

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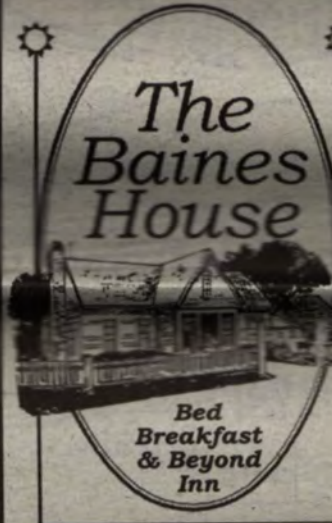
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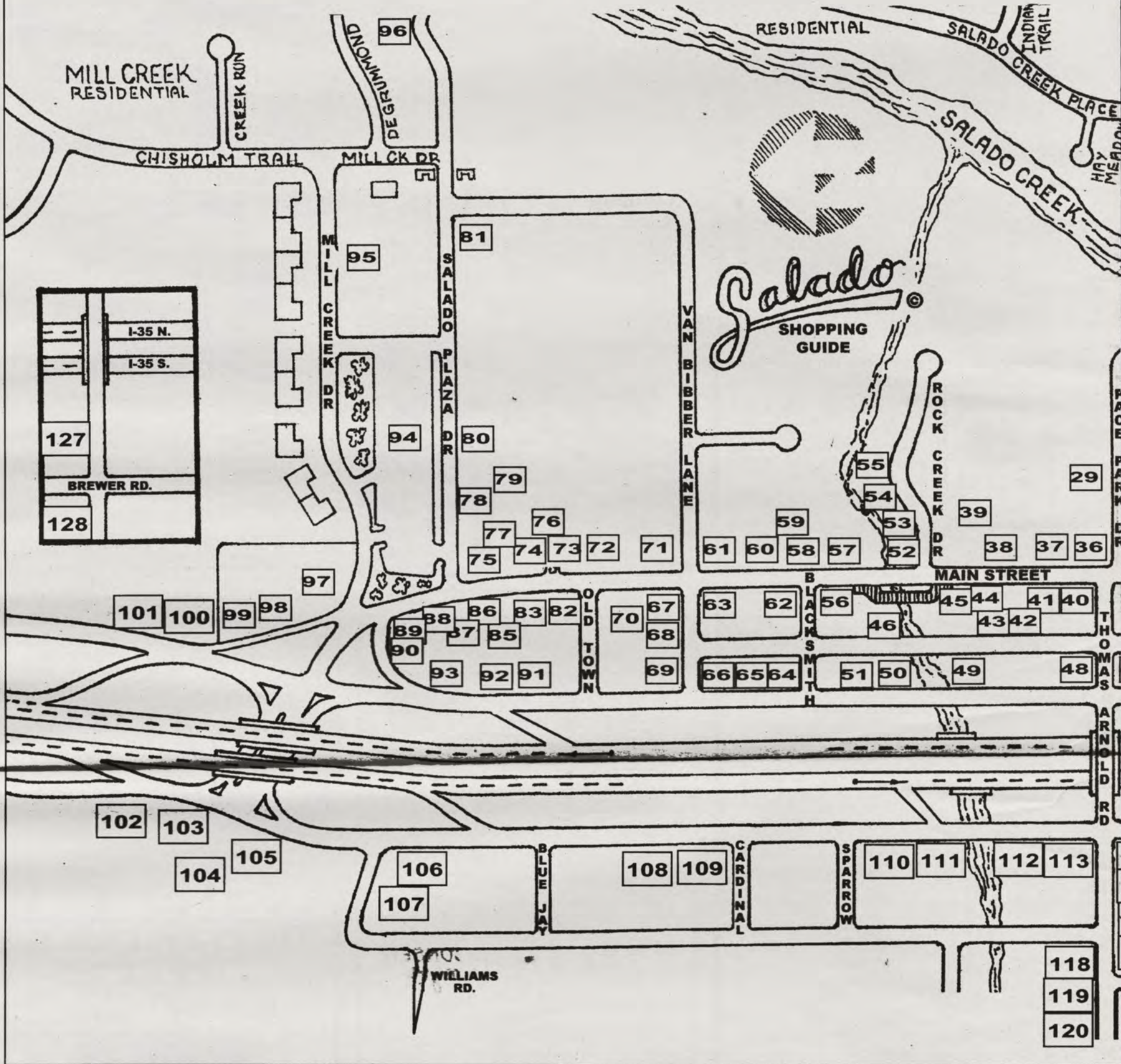
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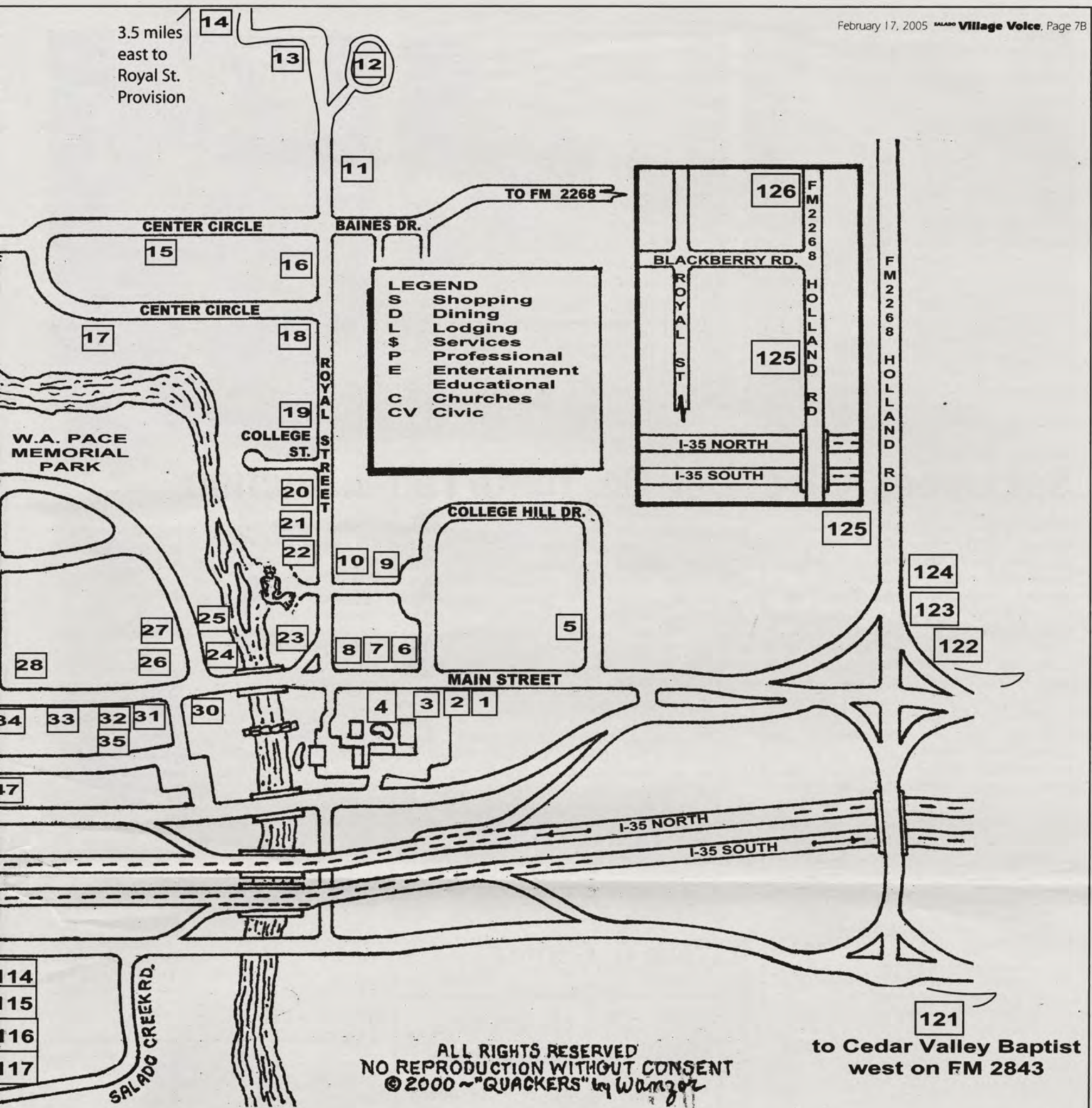
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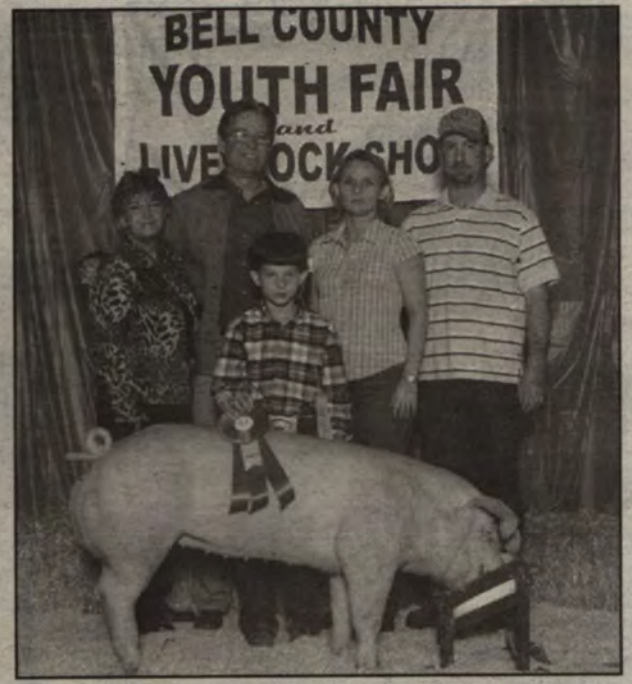
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Colby Christian, Salado 4-H, champion/reserve grand champion market swine, with buyer Mac Haik Dodge.



Blake Spence, champion market swine, with buyer, Indeco Sales/Maco Mfg.



Derrick Fitzpatrick, champion market swine with buyer First State Bank-Central Texas.

## Saladoans sell at Bell Co. Youth Fair & Auction

The following Salado FFA, 4-H and FHA members placed at the Bell County Youth Fair and Livestock Show last week and sold their projects in the Auction Feb. 12:

Colby Christian, Salado 4-H, Champion/Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine, Heavy Weight, Cross, Mac Haik Dodge, buyer, \$2,871.

Blake Spence, Salado FFA, Champion Market Swine, Heavy Weight Yorkshire, Indeco Sales/Maco Manufacturing, buyer, \$1,350.

Derrick Fitzpatrick, Salado 4-H, Champion

Market Swine, Heavy Weight, White Other Purebred, First State Bank-Central Texas, buyer, \$1,876.

Seth Hale, Salado FFA, Reserve Champion Market Swine, Black Other Purebred, Covington Real Estate, Mack Parker, buyer, \$2,178.

Jack Lucas, Salado FFA, Reserve Champion Market Swine, Heavy Weight Duroc, Mac Haik Dodge, buyer, \$1,024.

Jesse Rodriguez, Jr., Salado 4-H, first Meat Goat, Class 8, area State Farm Insurance agents-buyer, \$860.

Cheyenne Pyle, Salado FFA, first Market Swine, Middle Weight Cross, First State Bank-Central Texas, buyer, \$940.

Tiffany Easley, Salado FFA, second Market Swine, Middle Weight Hampshire, Ted Smith law Firm, buyer, \$948.

Kayla Griffin, Salado FFA, second Market Lamb, Heavy Weight, Finewool Cross, Temple Iron and Metal, buyer, \$1,364.98.

Lauren Haire, Salado 4-H, second Meat Goat, Glass 8, First State Bank-Central Texas, buyer, \$860.

Jordon Mitchell, Salado 4-H, second Market Swine, Light Weight Hampshire, Mitchell and Associates, Inc., buyer, \$1,755.

Brittany Tucker, Salado 4-H, second Meat Goat, Class 9, Salado Youth Fair Boosters, buyer, \$801.

Ethan Mitchell, Salado 4-H, second Market Swine, Heavy Weight Yorkshire, Mitchell and Associates, Inc., buyer, \$4,020.

Brittany Finger, Salado 4-H, second Market Swine, Light Weight Cross, Salado Youth Fair Boosters, buyer, \$877.50.

Josie Norman, Salado 4-H, second Meat Goat, class 3, American Legion Post #133, buyer, \$612.

Anthony Finger, Salado 4-H, second Market Swine, Light Weight White Other Purebred, Salado Youth Fair Boosters, buyer, \$932.

Taylor Reeves, Salado FFA, third place Market Swine, Heavy Weight, White Other Purebred, Salado Youth Fair Boosters, \$1,012.50.

Kegan Owen, Salado 4-H, third Market Lamb, Light Weight, Medium Wool, Herring Homes, buyer, \$829.25.

Jami Mohler, Salado FFA, third Meat Goat, class 3, Smile at the World Orthodontics, buyer, \$816.

Kori Norman, Salado 4-H, third Meat Goat, Class, First State Bank-Central Texas, buyer, \$740.

Joshua Rodriguez, Salado 4-H, fourth Market Lamb, Middle Weight, Medium Wool, Salado Youth Fair Boosters, buyer, \$907.50.

Garrett Reeves, Salado FFA, fourth Meat Goat, Class 10, Salado Youth Fair Boosters, buyer, \$850.

Colton Norman, Salado 4-H, fifth Meat Goat, Class 6, Salado Youth Fair Boosters, \$640.

Valeria Rangel, Salado FFA, fifth Market Lamb, Light Weight, Medium Wool, Salado Youth Fair Boosters, buyer, \$749.

Treyton Mohler, Salado FFA, fifth Market Swine, Middle Weight Yorkshire, Salado Youth Fair Boosters, buyer, \$749.

Jessi Mohler, Salado FFA, fifth Meat Goat, Class 1, Salado Youth Fair Boosters, buyer, \$480.

Kalyn Blair, fifth Market Swine, Light Heavy Weight Cross, Salado Youth Fair Boosters, buyer, \$882.

Morgan Mattson, Salado FFA, sixth Market Swine, Light Weight Hampshire, Dr. Sam Teas, buyer, \$1,380.

Jessica Daniel, Salado FFA, 11th Fryer Rabbits, Salado Youth Fair Boosters, buyer, \$600.

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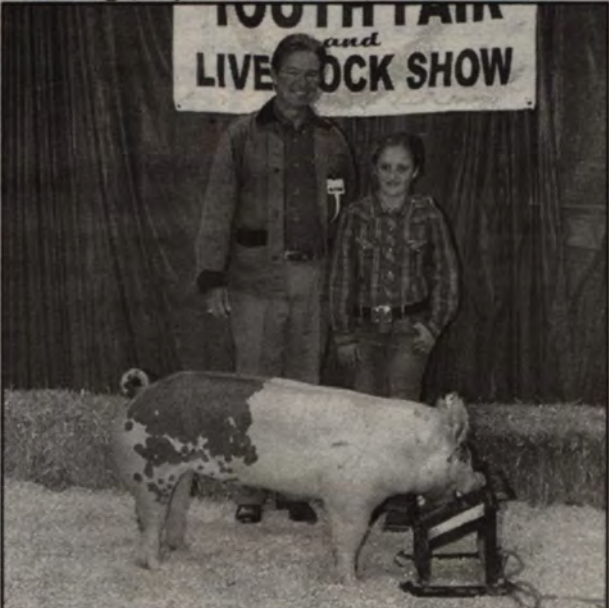
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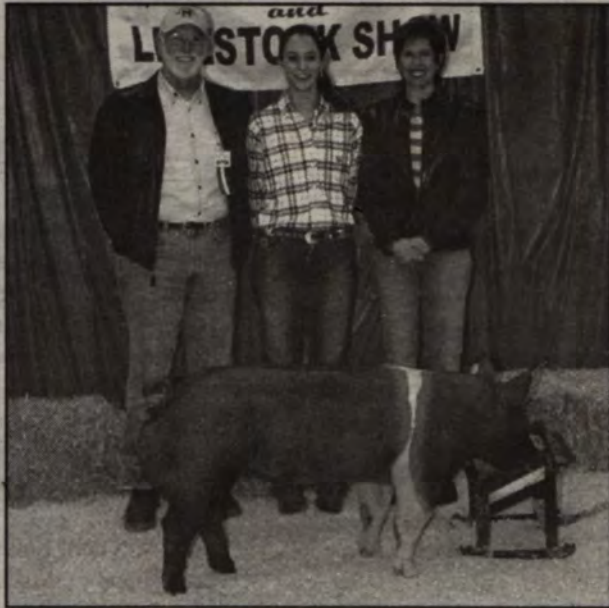
Jack Lucas, reserve champion market swine. Mac Haik Dodge, buyer.



Jesse Rodriguez, Jr., first meat goat, State Farm Insurance agents, buyers.



Cheyenne Pyle, first market swine, First State Bank-Central Texas, buyer.



Tiffany Easley, second market swine, Ted Smith Law Firm, buyer.



Kayla Griffin, second market lambs, Temple Iron and Metal, buyer.



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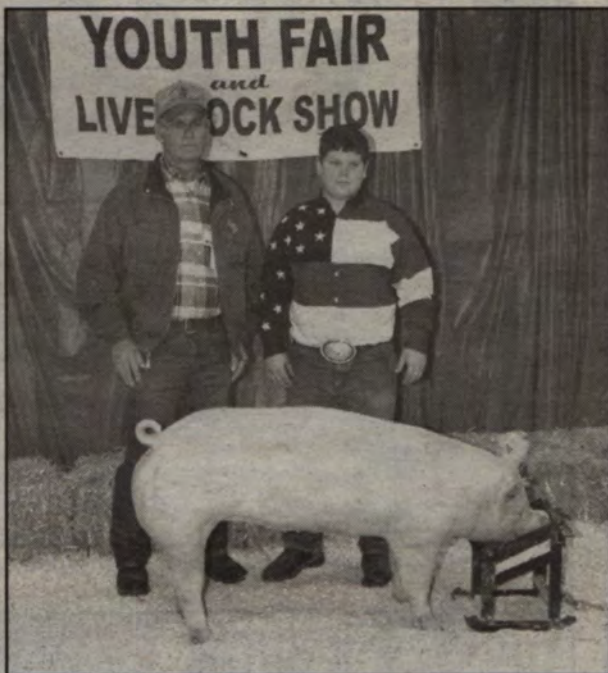
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Jordan Mitchell, second market swine, Mitchell and Associates, Inc., buyer.



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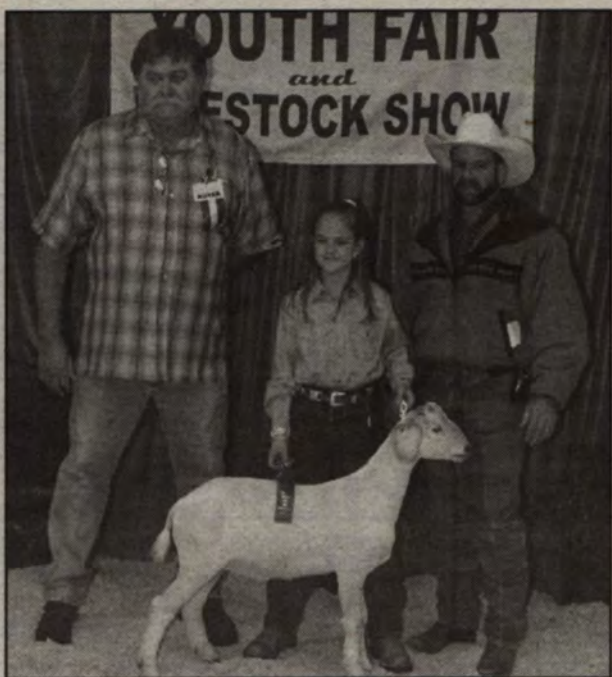
Salado I.S.D. is showcasing its curriculum from pre-kindergarten through high school during the STARS Conference and Extravaganza, showcasing the talents and achievements of Salado Students, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. March 22 at Salado Intermediate School. Students from across the District will be showcasing their work.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to learn what is having in all content areas in all grade levels. It is a good time to talk with middle school students about classes they may want to take at high school," Sup. Robin Battershell said. "It is also an opportunity for incoming fifth and ninth graders to see what is happening at the next grade level."

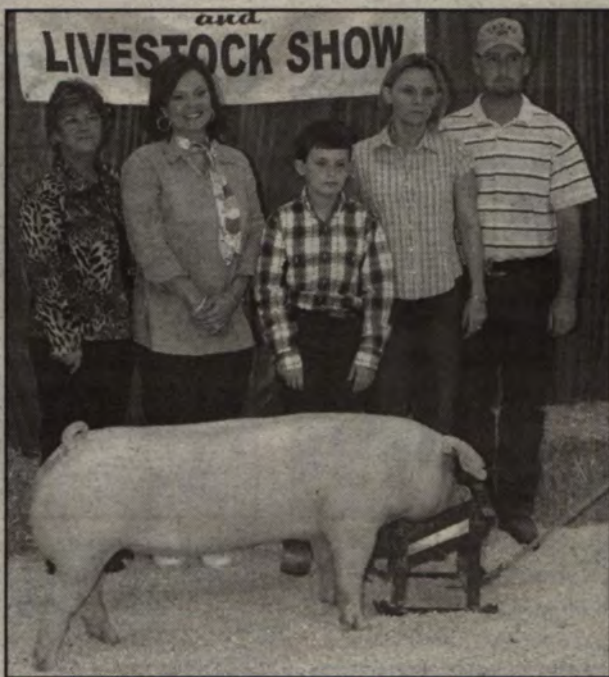
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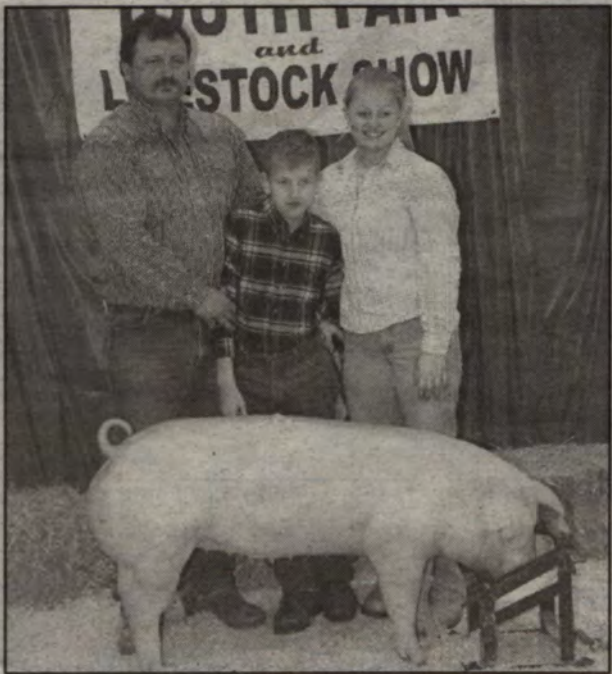
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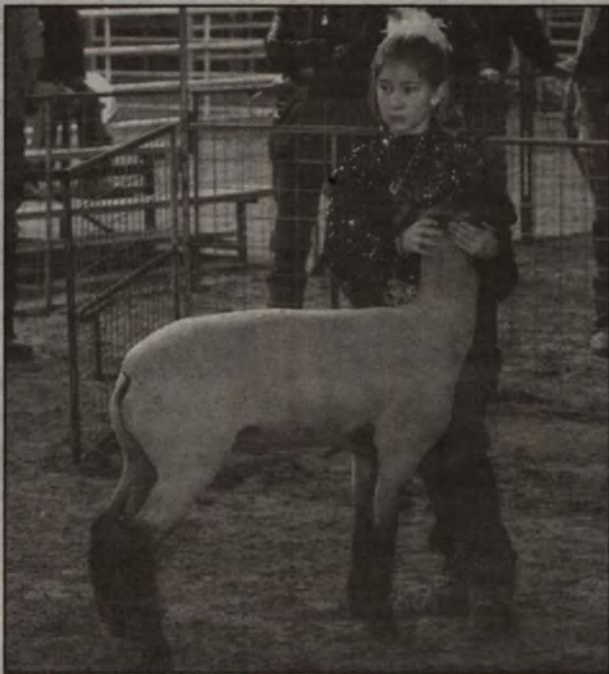
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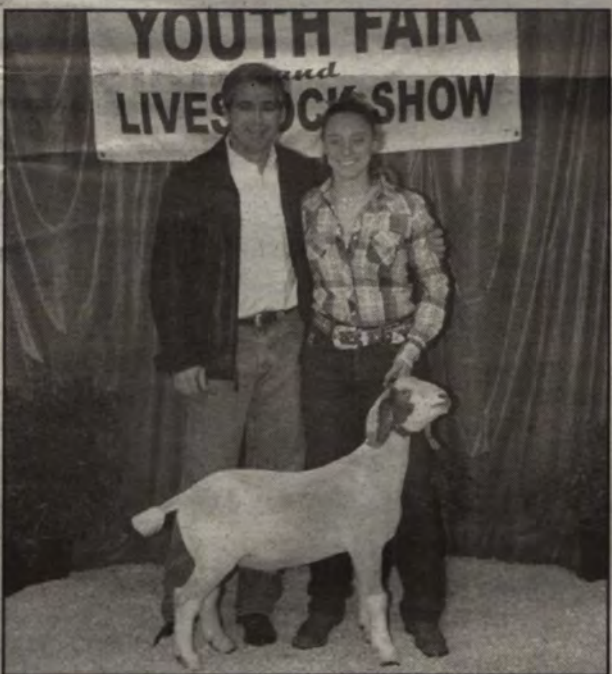
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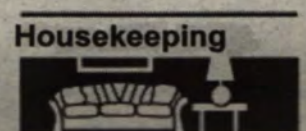
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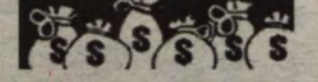


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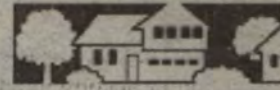
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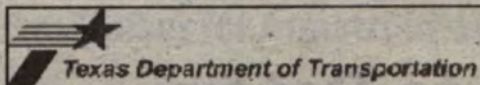
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## Notice of Public Hearing

**IH-35: from FM 487 in Jarrell, Williamson County north to FM 2268 south of Salado, Bell County**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public hearing to discuss the proposed improvements of Interstate 35 from Yankee Road (CR 305) in Williamson County north to FM 2268 south of Salado. The hearing is scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2005 at 7 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School at 550 Thomas Arnold Road in Salado. TxDOT staff will be available at 6 p.m. to informally answer questions and for the public to view the drawings of the proposed project.

The proposed project from Yankee Road north to FM 2843 will reconstruct and widen the existing main lanes from four lanes to six lanes while providing a concrete traffic barrier between the northbound and southbound sections with frontage roads being relocated and widened. In addition, the frontage roads will be changed from two-way to one-way operation. The one-way frontage roads will extend from FM 2843 north to FM 2268 for continuity. Approximately 82 acres of additional right of way would be required for this project.

The proposed project will require the relocation of eight single-family residences. No business or community facility displacements would be required. Information concerning benefits and services available to affected property owners will be presented at the hearing. This information may also be obtained from Ms. Sheila M. Mills, Right of Way Administrator, at the Waco District of Right of Way Office of TxDOT located at 801 Austin Avenue, Suite 1030, Waco, TX 76701, 254-745-2120.

This project is being developed as a non-toll facility to be consistent with the current 2005 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). However, at the direction of the Texas Transportation Commission, TxDOT is considering tolling as a potential funding option for all future added capacity and new location transportation projects. A toll feasibility study is being conducted for this project. If it is determined, after the study, to further consider tolling of this facility the TIP will be updated to reflect this option, the environmental analysis will be re-evaluated and additional public involvement will take place. If tolling is further considered, only the two new main lanes being added would be tolled. The existing two lanes in each direction would continue to be non-tolled.

Maps and other drawings showing the proposed location and design will be displayed at the hearing. The Environmental Assessment and other information about the project is on file and available for inspection and copying. This material is available at TxDOT's Interstate 35 Project Office located at 801 Austin Avenue, Suite 1030, Waco, TX, 76701, 254-745-2120.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this hearing and express their views. Persons interested in attending who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the I-35 Project Office at 254-745-2120 as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made. Since the public hearing will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least one week prior to the meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Verbal and written comments regarding the proposed project are requested. Comments may be presented either at the hearing or in writing after the hearing. Comments must be received no later than 10 days following the hearing in order to be included in the public hearing record. Written statements may be submitted to Ms. Alisa K. Polansky, P.E., I-35 Project Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation, Interstate 35 Project Office, 801 Austin Avenue, Suite 1030, Waco, TX 76701 at any time on or before 5 p.m. Thursday, March 31, 2005. All verbal and written comments and TxDOT's response to comments will be included in the summary and analysis of the public hearing. This document will be available for viewing and copying at TxDOT's Interstate 35 Project Office after approval by the Federal Highway Administration.

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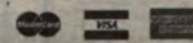
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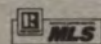


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# McClure explains contemplative meditation to Rotary

Reported by  
Gerry Reihsen

With training and practice, anyone can achieve the benefits of a contemplative, meditative life. Vicki McClure spoke to the Salado Rotary Club Feb. 8 about the methods and goals of meditation.

McClure has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work from the University of Mary Hardin Baylor.

She is currently a full time student at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest

en route to a Masters in Pastoral Ministry. She is interning at Seton Cove, a Wellness and Spirituality Center of Seton Hospital.

She has represented the National Episcopal Church in facilitating retreats and seminars to lay people to help develop their assertiveness and leadership skills. She is commissioned by Contemplative Outreach, Ltd to facilitate workshops on centering prayer. She leads two meditation groups locally and is a member of the Heart of Texas Contemplative

outreach leadership team.

She practices energy based therapy and has received masters level Reike training in Austin. She is also a student affiliate of the Association of Professional Chaplains.

She was involved in the founding of the Greater Killeen free clinic in 1994 and Volunteer of the year.

McClure introduced the group to "contemplative prayer" by stating it is "silence and attitude, the experience of God's presence." She says that for years it was primarily

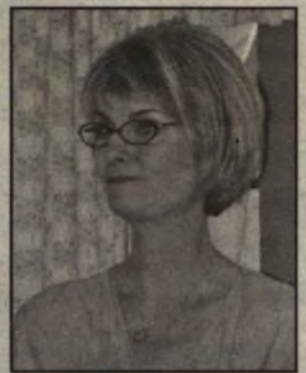
confined to Monastic life. The relatively current Contemplative Outreach is intended to train and make its benefits available to lay people. It involves getting in to a "connected state" the individual then is involved in "centering prayer".

She says that if, properly done, the individual will experience the presence of God. She utilizes the teaching of Thomas Keating where mind, body and soul-one place one time. In achieving this

the individual focuses thoughts on a "sacred word" or phrase such as God, Yes, Love, Peace, Jesus, Abba, Here I am, be still, or hope.

One must continue repeating the "sacred word" whenever the mind wanders out of the contemplative state. She says that in her teaching she has had a student that found it necessary to return to their "Sacred Word" 20,000 times in one 20 minute session.

McClure led the group in a five-minute instructional exercise



Vicki McClure

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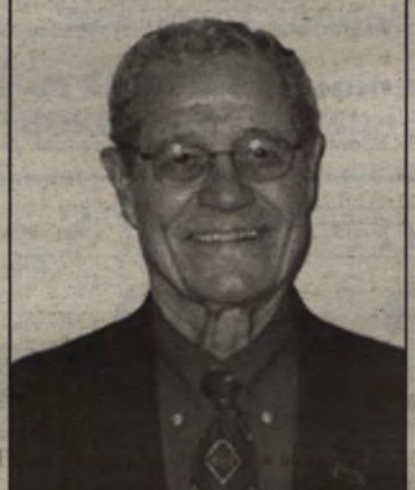
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# Boston to take part in Books & Authors lunch

Friends of Belton's Lena Armstrong Public Library will present three of outstanding authors in Texas at a Books and Authors luncheon Feb. 26, in Lord Conference Center of Parker Education Center at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor: Attorney Talmage Boston, Poet Laureate of Texas Dr. Cleatus Rattan and Minister Scott Talley.

The \$25 per plate luncheon is a fund-raiser for the 107-year-old library. One of the oldest public libraries in the state, the library was founded in 1898 by the women's Wednesday Club of Belton.

Talmage Boston is a Dallas attorney who writes for the *Dallas Morning News* and the *Ft. Worth Star-Telegram*. He is an officer in the state Bar of Texas Association.

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Boston, a "Baseball philliac," is a *Texas Monthly* 2004 "Super Lawyer" who has authored articles for *The Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives - Sports figures*, for the Nolan Ryan Center at Alvin, and other publications and has lectured at Princeton Uni-



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versity.

The son of Paul and Mary Jean Boston, of Salado, he has deep roots in the earliest history of Bell County. His pioneer ancestors include the J.R. Holland and George Durham families.

Dr. Cleatus Rattan, poet laureate of Texas,

is the 2004-05 Mayborn Professor of English at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. He will read selections from some of his books of poetry.

Scott Talley, Minister of Involvement at the Crestview Church of Christ in Waco, has published two books related to helping parents and concerned adults discuss sexuality with children and teenagers.

A reception to meet the authors and purchase autographed copies of their books begins at 11 a.m. at Parker Center. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Speakers with about 19 minutes each will begin at noon.

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## Cemetery Friends to meet Feb. 27

Friends of Salado Cemetery holds its annual meeting 2 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Salado Civic Center. Membership of the Friends organization is made up of those owning lots in the cemetery, those having family members buried there, and anyone

in the community who is interested in preserving and promoting the history of the Old Salado Grave Yard and Salado Cemetery. Old Salado Grave Yard is believed to have its beginnings when burials began there in 1852 or ear-

lier. A number of pioneers who contributed to the history and development of the Village of Salado, Bell County and the State of Texas are buried in the old Grave Yard. Through joint effort of Friends and members of Salado Historical Society the history of these are being researched and THC markers are placed at the grave sites.

Many visitors come to the cemetery each year and school children from local schools also visit and study the lives of the old pioneers as a part of their study of Texas history. These pioneers have been designated as "Salado's Heroes." The annual meeting of the group is the time that reports will be given by the Executive Board.

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# Annuals for Central Texas

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When the gardening magazines and seed catalogs started arriving in the mail in December, all of us could hardly wait for a chance to look at all the colorful flowers that were being offered. We made long lists of the plants we would like to see growing in our garden this coming summer. We especially marked new varieties of annuals and made plans of where we would sow the seeds. We could picture how they would look when they began to bloom. It was sooooo exciting! We were ready to start digging in the dirt as soon as the weather warmed up!

Well, it seems now, that winter is over(maybe) as the sun shines brightly each day and the ground seems to be warming up. The temperature is reaching seventy-five and eighty degrees during the day. The best sign that spring is here; all of the garden centers and nurseries have begun receiving bedding plants! You can't wait to see how many of the new varieties you can find for your garden. You have already received the new seeds that you ordered in January and are eager to sow them in your flower beds.

Whoa! Hold on! Don't put on your sun hat and gloves and head for the garden tools just yet! Mother Nature can be very deceiving in February and March. Most seed packets say to sow seeds after the last spring frost. That date can be anytime from the end of February through March here in Central Texas. Usually, in our area, the ground is starting to warm enough by the middle of March to germinate the seeds and the chances of a heavy frost are less.

Annuals could be put

into three groups: spring/summer, fall/winter, and sun/shade. Spring/summer annuals fall into a large group of flowers from petunias to wax begonias. This group of annuals should last through the long summer season with some continuing into fall. Although some annuals stop blooming in our July and August heat, you can help keep them blooming by watering and feeding them on a regular basis through August. The fall/winter annuals include the pansies, dianthus and snapdragons to name a few. They like the cooler temperatures of fall and our mild winters. The sun/shade annuals will grow in both sun or shade, but most usually prefer morning sun with dappled or afternoon shade.

There are hundreds of varieties of annual flowers. Their colors are many, ranging the full scope of the color wheel. Whether looking through seed catalogs or reading annual flower seed packets at the local garden centers, you will be able to plan one or many flower beds. If the bed is along a fence or wall, sow the tallest flowering varieties in the back, coming forward with the next highest growing flowers and putting the lowest growing flowers along the edge of the bed to create a uniform border. If the bed is in the center of the yard, always plant the tallest growing flowers in the center of the bed with the next tallest then finishing with the shortest growing flowers around the outside of the bed.

Annuals can also be used as a screen by planting any tall variety of flowers along a fence to help block out street noise and give you some privacy. Plant morning glory seeds under a window. When you see the plants beginning to

stick their heads up out of the dirt, place a stake behind each plant. On each stake tie a string and fasten the top of the string to the windowsill. Watch the plants vine around the support and bloom, bloom, bloom! They are fantastic to look at all summer long.

Living in Bell and surrounding counties puts us in hardiness Zone 8. Reading the recommended hardiness zone information on the seed packet will let you know if a particular annual will grow and bloom in our area of Zone 8. Annuals are flowers that grow, bloom, and die during one growing season. You will find that some, like zinnias, reseed themselves during the growing season. This means they will bloom, go to seed, drop seeds on the ground; then those seeds will develop and bloom so you can have a 'rebloomin' crop of zinnias from summer to the first frost. When you keep cutting zinnias for bouquets, new buds will form, giving you continuous blooms.

Choosing to use annuals in your yard gives you many ways to add color and texture to your landscape. Annuals provide quick color for the garden. They are fast growing and relatively inexpensive. They will fill in a flowerbed by themselves. You can also intermingle annuals with perennials for interesting colors and textures. Use annuals as splashes of color to fill in empty spots around or in front of shrubs. Color combinations are a personal choice. Also, annuals of a single color in a mass planting can be a knockout from a street view as you pass by. Whether you sow seeds in early spring or buy annual bedding plants from the garden center or nursery,

be creative and experiment with color combinations to get different effects and to make your landscape outstanding.

Remember, in planning any flowerbed, put it down on paper first. List the annuals you want to use and plan where they should be placed. Plant them, water them, feed them regularly and watch them grow and bloom, making your landscape come alive this summer.

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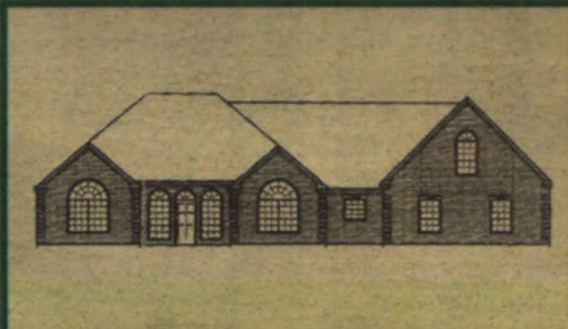
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