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Arrests made in burglaries of Salado Intermediate

Bell County Sheriff's Department arrested two suspects Feb. 18 in connection with burglaries of Salado Intermediate School and recovered all of the property taken from the Intermediate School.

According to Bell Co. Sheriff's Department Investigator Darryl Lynce, Timothy Gore, 18, and Jack Lucas, 17, were arrested last week for burglary of a building, a felony that can carry imprisonment of up to two years in state jail for convictions.

The Sheriff's Department recovered all of the items that were taken from the Salado Intermediate School (SIS) on three separate occasions, after discovering keys to SIS in the personal property of one of the suspects.

The suspect led Sheriff's investigators to the location of the property that was taken from SIS.

Investigators are continuing their investigation of the burglaries of Salado schools, trying to locate the property that was stolen from Salado High.

SIS was burglarized on three occasions over a span of two weeks, resulting in the loss of \$15,849 in property, all of which has been recovered.

The persons involved entered SIS during the late night and/or early morning hours of Jan. 21-22, Jan. 25-26 and Feb. 1-2 and took computers, public address system components and other electronic valuables.

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

Feb. 1-2, 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. 25-26, 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 Values: \$7,445.

Jan. 21-22, 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.

As of presstime, the items taken from Salado High School were not yet recovered.

At presstime, Gore had been released from custody on a \$10,000 bond. Lucas remained in custody.

March 2 deadline to register

The last day to register to vote in the April 2 Salado ISD \$17 million bond referendum is March 2. Voter's registration applications are available at Salado school offices and Bell County Voter Registration offices in Belton.

The \$17 million bond proposal calls for the construction of a two-story high school complex with accompanying athletic facilities on the 50-acre property purchased by Salado ISD last fall.

The school district proposes to build academic core facilities for 750

students and classroom capacity for 550 students, as well as a new football/track stadium, tennis courts, baseball field and softball field.

Early voting will be 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. March 16-29 at the Salado Civic Center. Additional early voting opportunities will include these: 5:30-8 p.m. March 22, at Salado Intermediate School; 7-8 a.m. March 24 at Thomas Arnold Elementary, 8 a.m.-noon March 26 at Salado Civic Center and 4:30-8:30 p.m. March 29 at Salado Intermediate

School.

On Election Day, the polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. April 2 at Salado High School.

The school district will conduct tours of the Salado High School campus and Thomas Arnold Elementary campus at 1 p.m. on March 9 and March 30.

Citizens for Excellence and Opportunity, a group endorsing passage of the bond announced that it will host a community meeting to discuss the bond package. The date has not been set.



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Salado Lady Eagles Jenny Goode, Brittany Boydston and Kate Marshall converge on Navarro's Mallory Moellor during the Area round of the high school girls state basketball playoffs. Salado lost to Navarro Feb. 15 63-41. See story and photos on pages 6-7A.

Taste of Salado finale of arts week

A week-long celebration of arts will culminate in the annual Taste of Salado Feb. 28 at Tenroc Ranch.

A series of workshops taught by local artists, a tour of private artists' studios and open houses and special events in Salado's many galleries are part of the Artists Retreat and Tour of Salado, Inc. week-long event, that began Feb. 23. Information about the workshops and studio tours can be found in this issue of Salado Village Voice, or

visit www.texasartist.org.

Visiting workshop students will also have a chance to view nine of Salado's art and crafts galleries. Participating in the Galleries Open Houses Feb. 23-28 are Wells Gallery, Salado Galleries, Prellow Fine Art Gallery, Griffith Fine Art Gallery, Miller Fine Art Gallery, Mud Pies Pottery, B. Herd Gallery, and Benton's, all located on Salado's historic Main St.

Thomas Kinkade Stagecoach Gallery will sponsor a Master High-

lighter Event 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 25-26.

The Taste of Salado, 6-8 p.m. Feb. 28 at Tenroc Ranch will showcase tastes from the following Salado restaurants, inns and caterers: Ambrosia Tea Room, Angelita Catering, Charlotte's of Salado, Inn on the Creek, Maggie's of Summers Mill, Mud Pies Pottery Fudge, Old Mill Pizza, Salado Mansion, Salado Gourmet Catering, Salty Creek Café and Sweet Smells of Salado. Call 947-8300 for tickets (\$25).

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Candidates file for election

Four candidates have filed for three three-year terms on the Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees: Debbie Aldridge, Laura DePetty, John Konzen and Trey Little. Merle Stalcup is the only candidate file for the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen, although Jackie Mills announced her plans to seek another two-year term. Former librarian Patty Campbell has filed for one of the two terms on the Salado Public Library District Board. The filing period ends March 7 for the May 7 elections, which will be held concurrently at Salado Civic Center.

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Ending Red-State Welfare

The Bush administration is set to take on one of the great scandals of American governance: farm subsidies. In seeking to cut and reform the subsidies, President Bush will provoke a fight every bit as fierce, in its own way, as that over Social Security, prompting opposition from the forces of greed and political cowardice.

Farm subsidies as we know them grew up around the Great Depression, when they didn't work particularly well, and they have maintained their tradition of not working for more than seven decades now. As The New York Times recently reported, farm income doubled during the past two years, and -- holy soybean! -- farm subsidies still went up 40 percent.

The system is supposed to help family farms -- but if this is a family-farm-friendly government program, what would a hostile one look like? Family farms aren't big enough to garner the largest subsidies and are squeezed by the way the federal payments increase land values and stimulate overproduction. "The subsidies reward the guy who gets higher yields with higher subsidies, and he's able to buy out his neighbor and get even bigger," says Dennis Avery, an agriculture expert at the Hudson Institute.

Ten percent of farms -- i.e., the biggest ones -- receive 60 percent of the subsidies. According to Brian Riedl of the Heritage Foundation, giant Riceland Foods got \$110 million in federal largess alone last year. By his calculation, the feds could guarantee every full-time farmer an income of \$35,000 a year at a cost of "merely" \$4 billion. Subsidies now run roughly \$15.7 billion annually.

Environmentalists hate the subsidies because they maximize the land under cultivation, therefore increasing the use of pesticides and fertilizer. And they unfairly disadvantage Third World farmers. So how's this for an efficient govern-

Rich Lowry



ment program? It doesn't succeed in its express purpose of helping small farmers, but at least it potentially harms the environment and helps further impoverish poor people around the world.

Agricultural production has doubled in the United States the past half-century. At the same time, the number of farms has dropped by two-thirds. That is a textbook case of a productivity revolution, and it has been driven by agribusiness. Turning around and subsidizing it is a little like putting the giants of the Internet revolution on the federal dole.

Indeed, roughly half of American agriculture -- fruits, vegetables, nuts -- is not subsidized and does fine, thank you very much.

What exactly are the subsidies good for? "You don't accomplish anything but buy votes," says Avery. At that, the program is quite efficient. A 1996 overhaul was slowly unraveled by ravenous farm-state politicians. The administration now wants to save nearly \$6 billion in payments in the next decade, cap annual payments to individual farms at \$250,000, and generally rationalize the system.

Congressional representatives from Bush's rural base are already screaming. At issue is whether they think welfare dependence is as bad in red states as it is in the blue.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Will Senate change Closure Rules to confirm Bush judicial appointees? Checks and Balances" jeopardized

Within the next few weeks (at most) the Congressional Republican leaders, in concert with President Bush, may make a political error of epic proportions. A blunder they will live to regret in the years to come when power changes hands - as it always does in a Democracy (even if the current crop of GOPers believe in the old "Pax Britannica" prayer for a thousand year power reign).

The mistake could arise when the U.S. Senate takes up the matter of confirming a number of federal judges for lifetime sinecures. Democrats successfully blocked several of these nominees during the last session and will continue their opposition this time around. The current crop of self-styled "moderate" Senators - totalling 44 out of the 100 member stable - can bottle up any and all measures pending before this once great debating society, through a rule that requires a 60 member vote (rather than a simple majority) to move bills to the floor for debate and decision.

Today's Senate has 55 Republicans on board - five short of putting the "Closure Rule" in play. This long standing precedent (60 vote override) is termed "closure" since, if passed, it completely closes-off all obstacles prohibiting a Senate vote.

The rule protects a minority party from runaway power generally used by a majority in the upper house. It was originally put in place (years ago) by a two thirds vote and has served (and preserved) both Republicans and Democrats who have (off and on) been on the minority end of the Senate stick.

THE SCHEME

The not-so-secret Republican cabal (if used) would bury this rule and roll over the Democrats through a series of simple majority votes. The scheme envisions having GOP majority leader Dr. Bill Frist request a ruling from Senate President (and VP) Dick Cheney, suggesting that the 60 person closure rule is unconstitutional. Cheney then, (on cue), would agree and by a simple majority vote, destroy this last vestige of protection that lawmakers, (and those of us who elect them), have from the tyrannical use of excessive political power.

Republicans are divided as to the advisability of using this "final solution" to Senate GOPer's problems with their minority brethren. It will come to a head, as noted, when the President's judicial nominees are placed before the Senate. If "closure" is killed, the judges will be confirmed by a simple majority. And we'll be stuck with several jurists whose past public utterances leave much to be desired.

This potential miscalculation is being held in reserve by the President who has demanded his judicial nominees be approved. He is joined by other "take no prisoner" type leaders including Tom DeLay, Bill Frist, Dick Cheney and a cadre of compliant GOP foot soldiers.

All of whom have, in common, a stubbornness capped with arrogance, that could very well be the down payment on a one way ticket to a dismal (or failed) second term - if this basic "check and balance" of power is destroyed.

TREES BLOCK FOREST VIEW

Lawmakers have many times been handicapped by a lack of vision and

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



patience, and today's practitioners are no exception. If the Senate Republicans - all 55 strong, hold their horses for two years - they might resolve the present power furor without creating some long-lasting personal and group vendettas - resulting from deleting the upper house closure rule.

In 2006 - six Senate Democrats are up for reelection and facing difficult challenges. If five of them lose (which is doubtful) the Senate GOPers would reach the magic 60 vote level.

Fact is - the ballot box is the place to decide this closure matter and not some phony decision by the Senate President.

If voters decide to send 60 or more Republican (or Democratic) Senators to Washington - then closure becomes moot. Until then (and particularly with a closely divided Senate) closure is an important factor in keeping political power under control - and should not be tampered with now or in the future.

In the final analysis, we all stand to lose if there is no offsetting checks and balances between (or within) the upper and lower houses of Congress.

ANOTHER BROKEN PROMISE

Somewhere in the White House West Wing (or other secret hidey-hole) there's an office of "flubbed-up thinking and timing." Has to be - otherwise who else would have directed the House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman (Larry Craig - Idaho's gift to the Grand Old Party) to announce last week that it was time to have American Vets begin paying more for health care?

One of the solemn promises given to retired, aging and/or disabled veterans is lifetime health care as a basic benefit. Now, because we have a financial crisis - created (ironically) by a war (Iraq and Afghanistan) - we want to balance our budget on the backs of the men and women who we're rightfully honoring for serving in harm's way.

If that sounds unfair - you're right. It just doesn't appear proper to hail our heroes on the one hand and then give them the financial shaft with the other.

The timing could not have been worse for Bush as he crisscrosses the nation explaining the positive side of the middle east conflicts. It quickly brought to mind the old bromide "Timing Is Everything" which investment and entrepreneurial wonks (currently in charge of law and regulation making these days) believe is not only correct, but almost biblical.

Strange how most right wingers attach religious overtones to nearly all facets of life - including the market place where the money-makers and changers, reign supreme.

At any rate, the proposed health surcharges and co-payments for veterans will be dropped, but not before some fast backtracking by Idaho's "Potato of the Month" - Rep. Craig, who'll recant and say he was just testing the waters or some other dopey excuse.

Sort of brings to mind the old saying that "When Congress is in session no one is safe, but each village has one less idiot to worry about!"

That's -30-

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Reader comments on school bond

To the Editor:

Well intentioned questions have been raised, primarily directed to whether our proposed new high school should have facilities for athletics comparable to other schools of similar size. Such public criticism provides reinforcement for those that would fight progress regardless of its merit. The numbers can be confusing but we have noted the many \$20 million to \$50 million bond issues being brought forward by other school Districts. Salado's proposal, in the range of \$15 million, seems modest by comparison.

It would be most embarrassing for Salado to build a new school with

inadequate athletic facilities not up to the level of the School Districts with which we would be involved. New athletic facilities are especially warranted because the current conditions require reconstruction regardless of this bond issue to satisfy both waste treatment and handicapped accessibility needs.

This is Salado, a community of pride. It appears, if there has been a shortcoming in past presentations it may have been that the variety of uses of the planned new high school have been understated. We have lived in over 15 different school Districts, throughout the country. None have had

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

a separate fine art facility but all were capable of presenting concerts and plays in more than adequate multi-use auditoriums. The new school, as planned, provides several special purpose rooms for music, arts and drama; it more than doubles the present space for these purposes.

There seems to be a feeling that providing adequate athletic facilities means hurting alternative extracurricular activities. Music programs are productively involved with

sports; one of their major showcases is at sports events. There is no need to apologize for the attributes of athletic programs; aside from the physical benefits these programs build self esteem, character, and school identity. I use school facilities daily personally, and see many others, students and non-students doing likewise. Athletic facilities are not just for the few.

It is so easy to become involved in minutia and forget that public works, especially schools are rarely if ever overbuilt.

Projections of Salado's future growth have shown significant needs but it's questionable they reflect our unique characteristics. My career has involved many, many such projections which have, without exception, fallen short. Salado is near a major metropolitan area and on the major north-south Interstate Highway in Texas. We would be indeed small minded to build anything as important as a school on the cheap.

In most instances bond issues are rejected only to result in requiring they be presented to the public at a later time at many times the original cost. We are living in a time of low interest rates and reasonable

construction costs. Moving now presents Salado an opportunity to satisfy the educational, athletic and arts needs of our community. In addition, if done properly now, we can save major expenses for future generations.

Gerald Reihsen, P.E.,
Salado

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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.
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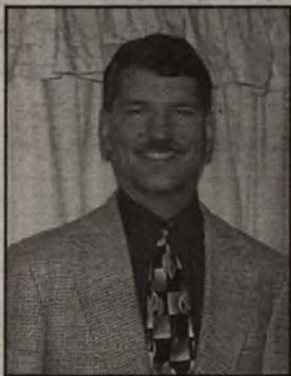
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Pechal services held Feb. 24

Bobby Pechal, Sr., 69, of Salado, formerly of Temple, died Feb. 20, 2005 at Scott & White Hospital after a short illness.

Services will be held 3 p.m. Feb. 24 at the First United Methodist Church in Temple with Rev. Hubert Austin, Dr. Bill Boyd and Rev. Doug Blackford officiating.

Pechal was born to Will Walter and Dollie Cantrell Pechal April 1, 1935 at King's Daughters Hospital in Temple. He graduated from Temple High School in 1953.

He played minor league baseball for the New York Giants farm system and

was a pitcher in the Amateur Softball Association Fast Pitch which went to the national meet in 1976 and 1977.

He started work for the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad Sep. 22, 1953, and retired as assistant trainmaster in 1991 from the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad after 38 years of service.

He married Mary Ann Younts on April 8, 1953 in Temple. He was a life-long member of the First United Methodist Church in Temple

Survivors are his wife of 51 years, Mary Ann Pechal, of Salado; one son, Bobby H. Pechal, Jr. and his wife Pamela, and two grandsons, Bobby Pechal, III and Bryan Pechal, all of Lawrence, KS; one nephew, Larry Pechal, of Lexington, SC; two nieces, Peggy Sanderford, of San Antonio, and Melissa Tillery, of Dallas.

He was preceded in death by one brother, William Pechal, on Feb. 4, 2005.

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Bobby Pechal Sr.

Methodist Church, 102 N. Second St., Temple, TX 76501.

Scanio-Harper Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

St. Stephen Catholic Church to display highlights of ministries

St. Stephen Catholic Church will be presenting an exciting series of displays showcasing all of its various ministries, organizations and opportunities to be active within the parish.

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MARCH 5

Frozen casseroles for sale by Monday Club

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

the many activities at St. Stephens. "This is an opportunity for everyone to see the wonderful growth from a mission church to an active and vibrant congregation," Father Davis said.

Everyone is invited to come to the Parish Hall after all the Masses on Feb. 26 and 27.

Refreshments will be served and time available for browsing, fellowship and getting acquainted with the many facets of St. Stephen Catholic Church.

The Church is located on FM 2268 (Holland Rd.). Mass is celebrated Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m. (Spanish) and 11 a.m.

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Taste of Salado offers chance to win dinner

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A drawing for the Grand Prize will be held at the close of the evening following a live auction of art objects by Salado Artists, Art Gallery Owners, Arts Organizations, and Food Providers. The purpose of PALS (The Public Arts League of Salado) is to promote the arts and artists in Salado.

Reservations for admission (\$25) may be made by calling 254-947-8300.



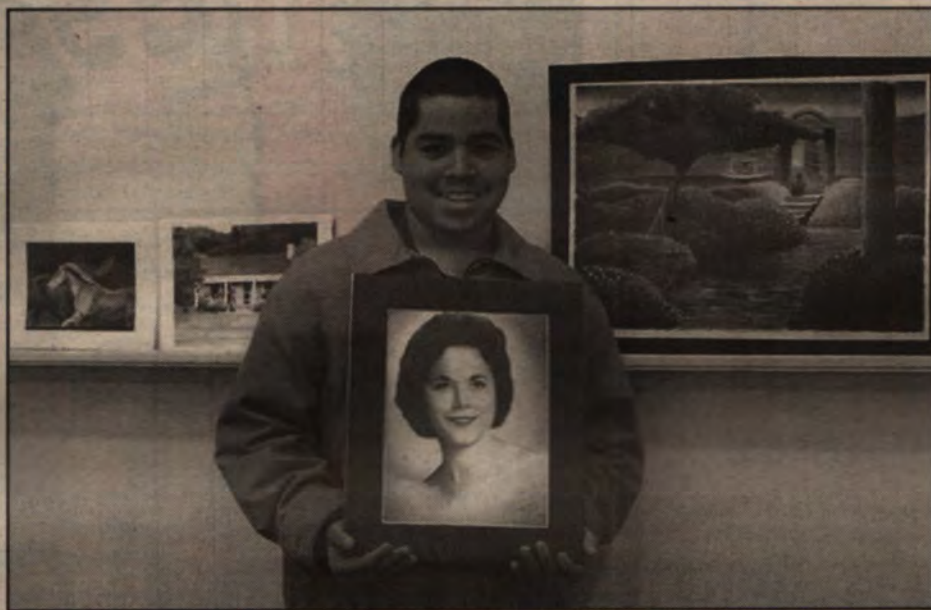
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Martinez is artist of month

By ANDY PHAIR
SALADO VILLAGE ARTISTS

The Artist of the Month program, sponsored by the Salado Village Artists, is offering a rare treat in February for your viewing pleasure. Each month the local art club sets up one of their members in a show at the two banks in town and the Library. This time they are spotlighting a young member who just graduated from high school last year.

Alberto Martinez, who at 19 is one of three teenage members of the Art Club, started drawing when he was eight years old, gaining inspiration and ideas from the educational shows that aired on PBS. Although he enjoys drawing all sorts of subjects, his favorite seems to be people. "Georgia O'Keefe, Vincent Van Gogh, and Leonardo DaVinci were all major influences on my devel-



Alberto Martinez is shown with his paintings and drawings.

opment", says Alberto. "They all had different techniques," he said, "and different results." This encouraged him to try a variety of techniques himself, with good results.

He has done several portrait commissions for patrons who have seen his work at Griffith Art Gallery in Salado.

Martinez has won several awards for his work including the Juliabeth Allamon Visual Arts Scholastic Event in 2004. He also has done advertising work for restaurants in the area.

He serves the needs of the community when he can. While still in Belton High School, he painted

murals on the wall for the school, and is currently helping teach grades K-eighth in after-school programs sponsored by the City of Temple Library.

"Every one is like a drop of water in a pond, because each ripple affects everyone around him," Martinez said. "We all make a difference."

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The surprising season of the Salado Lady Eagles came to a halt Feb. 18 in Pflugerville, as the girls fell to Geronimo-Navarro in the Class AA area play-offs.

One statistic from the night - and one statistic alone - will magnify why the Lady Eagles lost by a score of 63-41: 25 turnovers.

Navarro harassed the Lady Eagles strategically throughout the game, picking their moments to apply a highly-effective full-court press, which frustrated Salado the entire night.

Navarro also fielded something of a triple-threat team, with two six-foot posts in Mal-lory Moellor and Brooke Hewitt, and an athletic guard in Jade Randle, who can all put up points.

Salado, on the heels of a dominating 43-29 playoff win over Brookshire-Royal, came out aggressive, limiting Navarro to nine first quarter points and trailing by one entering the second.

It was clear from the tip-off that Navarro's strategy was to contain senior guard Jenny Goode, who poured in 20 points in Salado's earlier bi-district win.

The strategy turned out to be an effective one, as Goode was blanked in the first quarter and scored just three points in the first half.

In the second quarter Navarro began to speed things up - something Salado would have liked to avoid. Navarro scored 20 in the second, while Salado put up 14, putting them in a 29-22 hole at the half. The Lady Eagles had closed to within four with

Jenny Goode, in her final game for Salado, puts up a shot at the top of the paint in the Lady Eagles' 63-41 loss to Navarro. Goode had 16 on the game.

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season ends in defeat

six seconds left in the half when Navarro's Kelsey Berger sank a three pointer.

As Salado concentrated on defending Navarro's explosive post Mallory Moellor, things subsequently opened up for Brooke Hewitt, who scored seven in the second quarter, and 19 on the game - leading all scorers.

The third quarter demonstrated that Coach Scott Copeland's girls were not ready to fold on their season, as Goode, despite swarming defense, led the way with nine third quarter points.

Still, Navarro continued to force a fast-paced game, and Salado only reduced the deficit by one, bringing the score to 43-37 at the beginning of the fourth.

That's when things went south for Salado. The Lady Eagles failed to score a field goal in the final frame, while Navarro's blistering pace blew the game open, with Navarro taking the 22-point win.

In addition to the rash of turnovers, Salado was outrebounded in the game 34-12. Navarro's Randle had 16 points and nine steals, while Moellor was limited to 10.



Junior Kate Marshall swats the ball from the grasp of Brookshire-Royal's Kenisha Cummings. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Goode scored 16 points in her final game in a Salado uniform. Sophomore Kelsey Gobin had 11 points, and Kristen Smith had five. Also scoring were Brittany Boydston (also a senior), who had four, and Kate Marshall, with three, while Nicole Weatherly and Lauren Haire each had two.

The girls, who finished third in District 25AA behind Academy and Lexington, closed their season at 22-11 in Copeland's

first year at the helm.

The Lady Eagles earned a spot in the area round by taking down Brookshire-Royal by a score of 43-29, Feb. 15 in La Grange.

Salado accomplished in this game what they were not able to do versus Navarro. The Lady Eagles forced Brookshire - a quick, running team - into a slow-paced, halfcourt game.

Jenny Goode also put
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Kristen Smith defends.

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Brittany Boydston (left) and Lauren Haire go to the floor to fight for a loose ball in Salado's loss to Geronimo-Navarro. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

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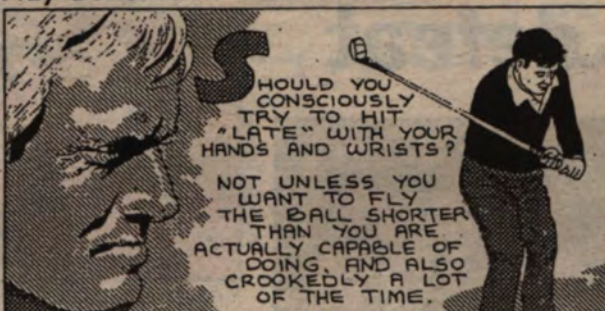
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 March 2: Pizza, yogurt and fruit plate, hoagie, corn, breadstick, peaches, milk.
 March 3: Chicken fajitas, chef salad, hoagie, ranch style beans, sugar cookies, fresh fruit, milk.
 March 4: Cheeseburger, oven fries, burger salad, chef salad, peanut butter & jelly, fruity freeze, milk.

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 Feb. 28: Soft tacos, corn dogs, pizza, chef salad, tater tots, milk, fresh fruit, corn, pears, green beans, burger salad.
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Girls win Florence powerlifting meet

Continuing their impressive season, the Salado girls powerlifting team took first place at a Feb. 19 meet hosted by Florence. In addition, five different Lady Eagles were awarded first in their respective weight classes.

Results are as follows, and are specific to weight class. Totals are listed as squat, bench press and deadlift, with total weight coming last.

Brittany Dixon, first: 225 lbs., 105 lbs. and 245 lbs. - totaling 575 lbs.
 Jamie Burson, first: 260, 115 and 280 - for a 655 lb. total.
 Denise Jasso, first: 295, 120 and 300 - 715 lbs. total.
 Kasee Ashcraft, second: 240, 130 and 260 - 630 lb. total.
 Justine Farell-Raborn, third: 215, 115 and 250 - 580 lb. total.
 LauraLee Young, first: 320, 130 and 330 - 780 lbs.
 Lauren Hogwood, sixth: 185, 115, 225 - 525 lb. total.
 Jessica Roberts, first: 275, 155, 295 - 725 lbs.
 Cheli Urquiza, second: 240, 110 and 255 - 605 lbs.

The boys also had a strong performance at the Florence meet, putting together enough points to earn a third place team finish.

Results are as follows:
 Joseph Tantillo (123's), third: 245, 135, 255 - 635 lbs.
 Adam Patton (132's), third: 270, 190 and 340 - 800 lbs.
 Mark Gentry (148's), seventh: 285, 200 and 365 - 850 lbs.
 Misa Jaimes (148's), sixth: 325, 180 and 365 - 870 lbs.
 Kevin Goodman (148's), second: 365, 205 and 395 - 965 lbs.
 Bryan Corbitt (165's), ninth: 310, 185 and 375 - 855 lbs.
 Austin Smith (165's), fourth: 370, 205 and 415 - 990 lbs.
 Michael Tracy (181's), second: 365, 250 and 460 - 1,075 lbs.
 Russell Montgomery (181's), fourth: 365, 200 and 400 - 965 lbs.
 Jerod Quirk (198's), first: 400, 250 and 485 - 1,135 lbs.
 Stephen Marsh (242's), fifth: 420, 235 and 390 - 1,045 lbs.
 Cody Gobin (275's), third: 400, 265 and 460 - 1,125 lbs.

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Janda K's 30 in wins, team at 3-1

The Salado Lady Eagles got seven innings of one-hit, 12-strikeout softball from junior ace Shae Janda to open their season with a Feb. 15 3-1 win on the road over Class AAA Manor.

After Salado went down in order in the top of the first, Janda took the mound and K'd the first three Manor batters in order.

With one out in the top of the second, senior Rachel Blodgett singled and later scored on a two-out single off the bat of Larissa Ingalsbe, giving Salado a 1-0 lead.

In the bottom of the second, Janda picked up two more K's, while the Lady Eagles put another run on the board in the top of the fourth, when Heather Winters singled and later scored.

Manor scored its lone run of the night in the bottom of the fourth, when the Lady Mustangs took advantage of two base on balls.

Salado got an insurance run in the top of the sixth when Ingalsbe drew a walk and was brought around on consecutive singles by Carly Goodnight and Sarah Culver.

At the plate, Salado was led by Winters and Blodgett, who were both 2-3, and Culver, who picked up two hits. In-

Lady Eagle golfers win two tourneys

The Salado girls golf team started their season with a win at the Moody Booster Club Golf Invitational, taking first with 380 strokes. Second place Troy finished with 451 strokes.

Salado four of its golfers in the top five, led by Sarah Dowell, who came through with a round of 86.

Lacey Bartlett shot a 91 to take the silver, while Leah Griffin shot a 101 to finish fourth, and Katie Harris was close behind, shooting 102, which was good enough for fifth.

The girls followed that win by taking another first place title, this time at the Feb. 21 tournament in Cameron.

Dowell was the gold medalist yet again, putting together a round of 88. And yet again, Lacey Bartlett earned with silver with her round of 94. Katie Harris came in fourth, with a 98.

Shooting a 121 was Julie Hajda, while Nicole Weatherly shot 122. Leah Griffin was ill and did not compete.

Ingalsbe, Rachel Stemmer and Goodnight all had one hit.

Salado followed its win over Manor by dropping a game to an even larger school, this time losing to Killeen Ellison 5-3 Feb. 17. This game was the opening round of the Gatesville Tournament.

The girls didn't play their best versus Ellison, but still managed to keep the game close throughout.

On the mound for a second straight game, and staked to a 1-0 lead, Janda surrendered two singles, and the defense was tagged with two errors, all of which resulted in Ellison opening up a 3-1 lead at the end of the first.

Janda settled down after that, not giving up another run until the bottom of the fifth, when Ellison pushed across two more runs, with errors again playing a role.

Trailing by four in the top of the sixth, Salado got a one-out single from Janda, followed by a base-on-balls from Culver.

After a single by Blodgett, Salado closed to 5-3, but

could not get any closer.

Janda suffered the loss, giving up five hits and three earned runs in five innings of work. She also collected two hits, two steals and scored one run in the loss.

Dropping into the tourney's "silver bracket," the Lady Eagles next took the field against traditional Class A power Holland, and in another low-scoring game, and managed a 5-3 victory Feb. 19.

Salado had to stage a comeback to pull this one out. Holland put runs on the board in the bottom half of the second and third innings to gain a 2-0 lead.

In the top of the fourth, Rachel Blodgett led off with a single, and Carly Goodnight followed with a double to left-center. Another double, this one from Brandi Boydston, brought in Blodgett and Goodnight to tie the game. Boydston would be stranded on third.

The two squads exchanged runs in the fifth, but Salado took the lead for good when Boydston clubbed another double

to bring in Brandi Lott. Boydston then scored on a double from Heather Winters.

Janda earned her second 12-strikeout win of the young season, going all six innings, giving up two earned runs. Blodgett was 3-3 for the game, while Boydston and Goodnight each had two hits. Boydston also had three RBI's.

Moving into the silver bracket's third place game, the Lady Eagles were matched against Hamilton, and picked up their third win, this one by a final of 3-1.


Salado got a run from Winters in the third, who was brought in on a Culver single, and two in the fifth from Culver and Janda, which would amount to more than enough runs, as Janda tossed a two-hitter to pick up her third win on the mound. Winters, Culver and Ingalsbe all collected two hits on the game.

Janda's won-loss total on the mound is identical to the team's overall record: 3-1.

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It's unfortunate, but still true, that if you're a woman, you face a variety of challenges in the workplace. And these issues translate into potentially serious problems for you as you save for retirement. To avoid these difficulties, you need to take action - now.

Let's consider some of the facts that underlie and illuminate the formidable tasks that women face:

* **Lower earnings** - Over the past few decades, women have made great strides in the quest to achieve earnings equality - but they're not there yet. Women currently earn, on average, about 80 percent as much as men, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

* **Less time on the job** - Women are more likely than men to take time away from their careers to rear children or care for aging parents. Consequently, women typically work 32 years, compared with men's 44, according to a study by the Center for Retirement Research

at Boston College.

* **Lower income in retirement** - The total median annual income for women 65 and older is 43% less than the median income for men of similar ages, according to the Older Women's League, a research and advocacy group.

* **Longer life spans** - Women live an average of seven years longer than men, so they are more likely to outlive their financial assets.

So, there you have it: Lower earnings, extended time away from work, lower retirement income and longer life spans. These factors point to a huge need for women to do some serious financial planning. Fortunately, there are many steps you can take:

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Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

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Boys drop playoff tune-up to 3A Graham

It wasn't the way Salado wanted to prepare for what hopes to be a charge into the state basketball tournament. But then again, Coach Tom Long wasn't about to reveal his hand, either.

So when the Varsity Eagles took the court versus Class AAA Graham in the 14th Annual J.W. Williams Playoff Preview Feb. 18 in Granbury, they kept things simple. The end result was a seven point, 53-46 loss in the tune-up game.

Graham, which had been ranked number one for much of the season, had drifted to 11th following a pair of district losses late in the year.

Even with the vanilla approach, however, second-ranked Salado (24-7, 14-0) was not about to roll over. The Eagles played Graham to an 11-11 tie at the end of one, but caught a glimpse of how the rest of the game would play out.

Led by the brother tandem of 6'4" Lee Berend and 6'2" Kyle Berend, who play both inside and outside, Graham presented the Eagles with matchup problems the entire game.

The brothers scored all 11 of Graham's first quarter points, and were the only Steers' to eclipse, or even come close to, double-figures in points.

With senior guard Matt Caskey sitting out much of the second quarter with early foul trouble, Graham took advantage, posting 16 points on the Eagles, while holding Salado to just six. Graham took a 10-

point, 27-17 lead into the lockers. The Berend's accounted for all but two of their team's first half scoring.

Travis Clark did his best to get Salado back in the game in the third, scoring 11 points - including two three-pointers. The third saw the Eagles chisel away at the Graham lead, so much that Salado trailed by just five, 39-34, entering the final quarter.

In the fourth, though, the Eagles were unable to completely close the gap, eventually losing by seven - snapping Salado's 14-game win streak.

Travis Clark paced the Salado offense with his 17-point effort, and was the only Eagle to hit double-figures. Caskey closed out the game with eight, while Devon Dunn had five. James Gregurek and Nick Everett each had four, while Matt Jennings scored three. Also scoring were Ryan Clark and Barrett Brashier, who both had two.

Graham's Berend brothers had 38 points combined.

Salado's first playoff game will be in the area round, where they will take on the winner of Poth vs. Comfort. Comfort closed out the season ranked 20th in Class AA.

The area round contest will take place either Feb. 24 or 25. The time, date and site were announced after press time. They will, however, be posted on www.saladovillagevoice.com as soon as available.

Lady Eagles From 7A

together what was probably her finest game of the season, scoring 20 points and effectively handling the Brookshire pressure the entire game.

The Lady Eagles came out hot, opening up a 15-8 lead at the end of one. Following an early three-pointer from Kelsey Smith, Goode sank back-to-back-to-back deep balls, all from the baseline. Goode had four three-pointers in the first quarter alone. The long-range barrage seemed to stun Brookshire, who never recovered from the early deficit.

With Salado doing an excellent job of containing Brookshire's 5'10" stand-out LaToya Muse - who had just five points on the night - the Lady Eagles went to the half up by 10, 26-16.

In a low-scoring third quarter, Brookshire scored five points to Salado's eight, giving Copeland's team a comfortable 34-21 advantage going into the fourth.

Although Goode was shutout in the fourth, Salado got five points from Kelsey Smith and four from Kate Marshall, which was more than enough to seal the win.

In fact, Salado's defense played so well that

Brookshire had just five field goals in the game's final three quarters.

Behind Goode's 20 points was Kelsey Smith, who finished with eight. Marshall came through with six points, while Kelsey Gobin had three and Lauren Haire had two. Gobin and Haire both gave up considerable size in the paint the whole game, but played strong defense nonetheless.

Also scoring for Salado were Tamra Stanish, two, and Kristen Smith, two.

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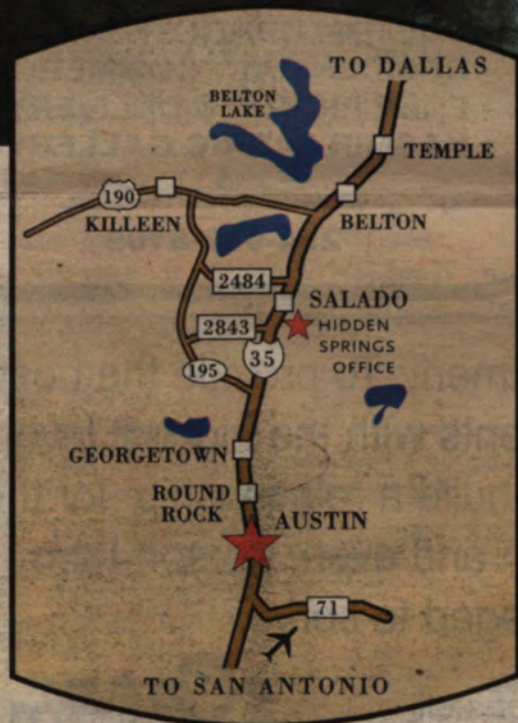
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Edwards to teach stone carving

Sandra Edwards will teach stone carving during a Feb. 28 workshop, as part of the Second Annual Artists Retreats and Tours of Salado.

A long-time Salado resident, Edwards is a Minnesota outdoor girl whose path transplanted her in the Southwest.

Her passion for carving in stone began more than a decade ago at the behest of her husband Lonnie Joe Edwards, who is also an artist. She had just left public school teaching and was searching for a new direction when Lonnie Joe suggested carving a piece of limestone.

Austin offered appropriate courses at the Elizabeth Ney Sculpture Conservatory. On staff were Jeep and Joseph Kincannon, newly arrived from New York City to teach and carve notable stoneworks in their new hometown. Mary Paige Huey also opened new horizons for Sandra's budding career.

Today, Edwards works and sometimes teaches from her studio on the banks of Salado Creek. She offers her students a unique combination of natural environment, technical instruction and inspiration.

Imparting a practical awareness of the roots of creativity, she says that she sees stone carving as arduous and slow enough to allow the unconscious



Sandra Edwards will teach a workshop on stone carving.

to surface and influence the process.

She invites you to discover the power of this process for yourself.

The workshop, which is \$75 for the day (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) Feb. 28, will be an introduction to stone carving. It will cover the following topics:

- The material stone: recognizing its origins and properties and suitability for carving.
- The carving tools: names and purposes.
- Techniques.
- Demonstration
- Student practice
- Recognizing successful design elements.

• Designing by drawing a sculpture in the round. Emphasis on volume, form, simplicity.

Students will need rubberized or some other form of work gloves and eye protection.

For more information about the workshop or to reserve your space at the workshop, contact Edwards at 254-947-5049 or 254-718-0867.

Other workshops during the week include the following:

- Oil painting by Larry Prellop on Feb. 23-25.
- Acrylic painting with Sharon McGlasson, Feb. 24-26.

Woodworking essentials with Bob Pascoe, Feb. 23, 24, or 25.

Woodworking project with Pascoe, Feb. 23, 24, or 25.

Drawing with Patty Thomas, Feb. 24-25.

Basket weaving and caning with Karen Kinnison, Feb. 24-25.

In addition to the artists' workshops, the week-long event will feature open houses at Salado's galleries and a tour of private artists' studios on Feb. 26.

The week-long celebration of arts in Salado concludes with the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) Taste of Salado Feb. 28.

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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 25-26

Thomas Kinkade Master Highlighter Event, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Stagecoach Gallery.

Ernesto Varmono will add dimension through hand-highlighting with oil paint. Space is limited. Call 254-947-3727.

FEBRUARY 26-27

St. Stephen Catholic Church Time, Talent and Treasure Fair. Event will showcase the church's various organizations, ministries and activities. Event will take place after Mass on both days. Community is invited.

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.

FEBRUARY 28

Basic Computer Skills class, sponsored by Salado Public Library, 1-3 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. Cost: \$5 (cost of materials). Registration: 947-9191.

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 5

Institute for the Humanities spring series lecture, "Parallel Worlds, Hyperspace, Strings and the Mind of God," by world-renowned theoretical physicist Dr. Michio Kaku - co-founder of the string field theory. 5-7 p.m. at Mill Creek dining room. Info: 947-5729 or ifh@vvm.com.

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 the impact Oak Wilt has on homeowners and communities and discuss what everyone can do to help prevent the spread of this deadly tree disease Fellowship at 9:30 a.m., followed by meeting at

10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

MARCH 12

45th Annual Readers and Writers Roundtable, 1:30 p.m. at Central Texas Area Museum. Salado native Liz Carpenter will emcee. Admission: \$5. Info: 254-947-5232

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

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MARCH 19 Annual Salado Eagle High School Alumni Baseball game at Eagle field.

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MARCH 20 Institute for the Humanities spring series lecture, "The Next, Last Frontier," by Dr. Zvi Yaniv, authority on nanotechnology and President and CEO of Applied Nanotech. Info: 947-5729 or ifh@vvm.com.

MARCH 21 TxDOT Public Hearing, concerning proposed improvements on I-35 from Yankee Road north to FM 2268. 7 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. TxDOT staff will be on hand at 6 p.m. to answer questions, proposed drawings available for view.

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 22 Music in Salado presents "The Old Maid and the Thief," a one-act musical drama by Gian-Carlo Menotti, 7 p.m. at Salado Silver Spur Theater. Cost: \$18 per person; \$8 for students. Send reservations to P.O. Box 1235, Salado, TX 76571. Make payable to Music in Salado, Texas, Inc.

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.

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 Institute for the Humanities spring series lectures, April 2: "What Building Robots Can Teach Us About the Mind," by robotics expert Dr. Benjamin Kuipers. April 3: "Computers vs. Common Sense" by Dr. Doug Lenat, speaking on artificial intelligence. Info: 947-5729 or ifh@vvm.com.

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.

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 culation 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 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.

APRIL 30 Institute for the Humanities spring series lecture, "Stem Cells: The Scientific and Ethical Issues," by Dr. John Gearhart, one of America's leading stem cell researchers and biotechnology experts. Info: 947-5729 or ifh@vvm.com.

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 Salado Fine Art Trail, 5-9 p.m. featuring seven local fine art galleries. Galleries include Wells Gallery, Salado Galleries, Thomas Kinkade Stagecoach Gallery, Prelop Fine Art Gallery, Griffith Fine Art Gallery, Miller Fine Art Gallery and B. Herd Gallery.

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.

JULY 4 Salado Historical Society Annual Fourth of July picnic, 6:15 p.m. in Pace Park.

JULY 23, 30 & AUG. 6 Tablerock's 13th Annual production of Salado Legends. Dinner 7:15 p.m. with cost of \$8 (all ages reservations required). Performance begins at 8:15 p.m. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 children 12 and under. Call 254-947-9205 for group rates and further information, or visit www.allcentex.com/tablerock. Email: tablerock1@aol.com.

AUGUST 6-7 39th Annual Salado Art Fair on the grounds of Pace Park. Artists and artisans from across Texas and the Southwest on hand. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 947-5040.

AUGUST 19 Mill Creek Community Association Fall Fling at Mill Creek Inn Restaurant. Cash happy hour: 6 p.m., dinner: 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10, 17 & 24 Tablerock's production of Shakespeare's "Hamlet." Performance

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SEP. 10-11, 14-18 Team Ropers Association Finals at Wildfire Ranch. Info: 947-8080.

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OCTOBER 1-2 Tablerock's - A Christmas Carol auditions Sat.-Sun.: 3 p.m. Information: 254-947-9205. Directed by Harry Sweet.

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Monday Club: 1st Mon., 2 p.m., Salado United Methodist Church.

Salado Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Mon., 6 p.m., at Civic Center.

Salado FFA Meeting: First Monday of the month, 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees: 3rd Mon. at 6 p.m., at Salado Civic Center.

Salado Library District

Board: 4th Mon. at 5:30 p.m., at Salado Public Library Building.

Salado Masonic Lodge #296: 8 p.m. on the Mon. on or before the full moon.

Salado Village Artist Quilters: 1-4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mon. in the Salado Village Artist Building.

Storytime: 11-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Salado Public Library (ages 3-5).

Salado 4-H Club: 1st Mon. through May, 7 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary.

Exercise Class: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. every Monday. Class includes stretching, strengthening and Pilates. Bring a mat

or blanket. Held at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public. No class Memorial Day, May 31.

Salado Democrats: 6:30 p.m., first Monday of each month at the Civic Center.

Salado Youth Fair Boosters: Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the elementary school library.

Tuesdays

Salado Rotary Club: 11:30 a.m., Stagecoach Inn.

Yoga Classes: 6:45 p.m., Chisholm Trail Room, downstairs at Stagecoach Inn.

Salado Village Artists: 10 a.m. at Salado Art Center.

Salado Family Relief

Fund: 2nd Tues. 1 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

Salado High School Band Boosters: 2nd Tues. of every month 7 p.m. in the Band Hall.

Salado Historical Society: board of directors, 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m. Salado Civic Center.

Salado Area Republican Women: 3rd Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-8422 or 947-3617 for information.

Salado Poets and Storytellers Guild: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. Public is welcome.

Wednesdays

Salado Creekside Cloggers: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Salado: Celebrate Recovery, Christian 12-step program, 6-7:30 p.m. Open to everyone dealing with personal hurts, habits or hang-ups. Info: 947-5465.

Salado Youth Baseball Association: meetings 7 p.m. at Civic Center.

Salado Presbyterian Church: Friends meet second and fourth Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon. All women welcome. Info: 947-5982.

Lions Club: 2nd & 4th Wed. at 11:30 a.m., Creekside. Board meets 2nd Wed. 8 a.m.

Mill Creek Community Association Board: 3rd Wed., 5 p.m., at Civic Center.

Scottish Country Dance Lessons 8-9:30 p.m. at the Scots Hall of the Clans. 947-0325

Thursdays

Salado Area Republican Women: 4th Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-3617 or e-mail denisarw@vvm.com, for information.

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen: Regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Municipal Building unless otherwise posted.

Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA: 1st Thurs. 6 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn. 947-0173.

Salado Ladies Auxiliary: 2nd Thurs., 10 a.m., Salado Civic Center

Salado Water Corporation Board of Directors: 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m. Corporation office.

PTC: (SIS Parent Teacher Co-op) meets the 2nd Thursday 3:45 p.m. in Room 101 at SIS.

Salado Education

Foundation: Regular Board meetings, 9 a.m. 2nd Thurs. at Salado Civic Center.

Salado Business Association: General meetings, 3rd Thursday 8:45 a.m. upstairs at the Civic Center.

Salado Neighborhood Group of the American Sewing Guild: 3rd Thurs. of each month 5:30 p.m. at The Sewing Basket.

Salado Moms, playgroup, contact: saladomoms@lantanatech.com.

Saturdays

Food Pantry: 2nd and 4th Sat. at First Baptist Church. 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

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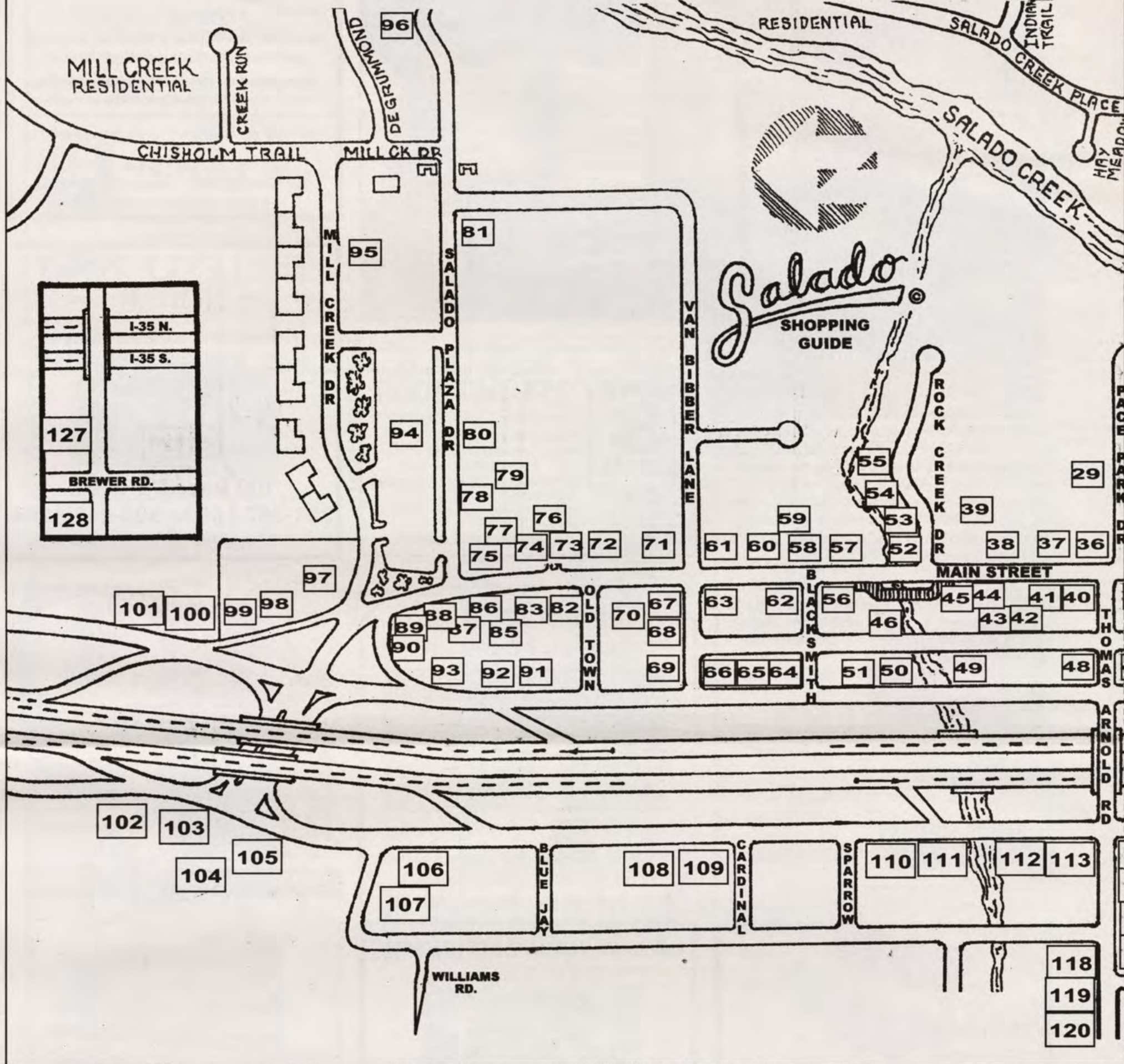
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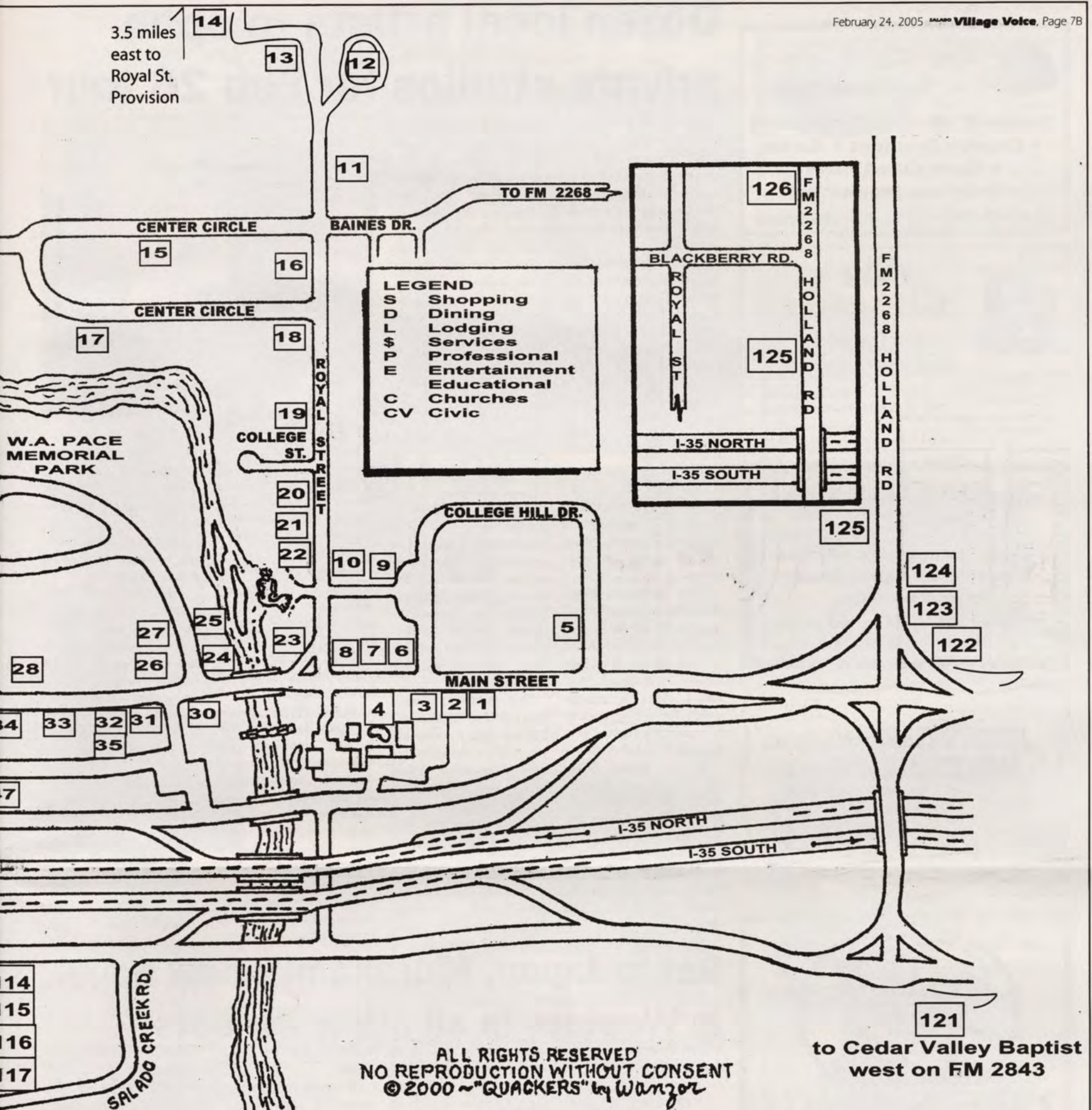


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Dozen local artists to open private studios for Feb 26 tour

Local artists will draw back the curtain and welcome you into their private world during a Salado Studio Tour 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 26 as part of a week-long celebration of the arts in Salado.

The Village Art building on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center on Main St. will serve as headquarters to purchase \$5 tickets and to view an exhibit of several of the members. Salado Village Artists was formed with 17 active members in 1983 and has more than 80 members today.

Individuals will enjoy a self-paced tour to the private studios of a dozen Salado artists working in a variety of media. Maps will be given out with tickets.

Troy Kelley, sculptor: Kelley's work is in numerous private and public collections. He created Sirena and placed her in Salado Creek, dedicating her on Jan. 1, 1986. He recently completed two seven-foot bronze figures for the new Killeen Regional Airport.

Ronnie Wells, Wildlife Sculptor and Painter: Wells 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 oils and bronze.

Kay Griffith, Oils:

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 the ocean "alive." She has studied under Dalhart Windberg.

Johnny Shipman, metal art: 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 dot the village during the Christmas season.

Sharon McGlasson, acrylics and tole: McGlasson's paintings are represented in private collections nationwide. She has won awards in Salado Village Art Shows, the Barclay Fine Art contest and the Killeen Civic Art Guild. Her studio tour will begin at 1 p.m.

Ron Harrison, vintage auto restoration: At Ron's Vintage Auto Restoration, you will see the art of restoring beautiful classic British sports cars. Cars will be seen in various stages of completion: chassis and engine, body on the chassis, interiors and completed automobiles.

Karen Kinnison, basket weaving and chair caning: Kinnison has been weaving basket all of her life.



Salado artist Chuck McCarter

Chair caning is on the list of disappearing traditional forms of craft. She will demonstrate both weaving and caning during the tour of her studio.

Jill Shipman, jewelry and textiles: In 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, Salado Sawmill/woodworking: Pascoe hand-built his workshop, the Salado Sawmill. Constructed using an old-fashioned post and beam technique. The location also has a showroom where you can see first-hand the skills of the craftsman.

Melissa Paxton, fine art in glass: Paxton has been creating fine art in glass

for over 25 years. Her areas of expertise cover the spectrum of art glass techniques and include kiln-forming, sand-carving, painting, laminating, and metal gilding.

Chuck McCarter, artist/painter: Art is 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 Church to escape into the world of his experiences: real and unreal.

Tickets for the Artists' Studio Tours will be on sale all day at the Village Art Center on Feb. 26. Prior to that, they can be purchased at the Salado Civic Center. Contact Hulda Horton at 254-947-8300 for more information.

Set in Japan, Murakami's new novel is Western in all other aspects

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
 STAFF WRITER

Seemingly, the most Japanese thing about Haruki Murakami is his name.

While retaining his homeland as the setting for his complex, ultra-modern novels, Murakami threads tales so western in dynamic that it's no surprise his latest, *Kafka on the Shore*, debuted at number three on the *San Francisco Chronicle's* bestseller list.

Murakami, quite simply, makes most other writers look feeble and limited. His imaginative scope is so far beyond his contemporaries it's almost unchartable. He is just that good. Almost too good, really.

In other words, he has set the bar so high, realizing the lofty expectations he is held to becomes a rather difficult, if not impossible, charge.

Rather than disappointing, though, Murakami simply shifts his writing

into a higher gear with *Kafka on the Shore*.

In it, people talk with cats. Leeches rain down from cloudless skies. Apparitions flit about where they're not supposed to be. The man from the label of Johnnie Walker whisky constructs a magical flute made from harvested souls. Conscious reality is a joke; a false shade of existence.

These things have to be accepted when reading Murakami.

So when 15-year-old Kafka Tamura drops out of junior high and runs away from his Tokyo home, and finds his fate somehow entwined with elderly, slow-witted Nakata, by virtue of their shared connection to a mysterious "entrance stone" - which opens a portal to an alternate, possibly malign, dimension - it's not something worth questioning.

In fact, if you tried to keep count of the number of ways Murakami violates standard physics,

you'd be occupied for a month.

A reclusive but intelligent kid, Kafka doesn't know if he killed his father. He knows only that he came to in a park in a provincial city, his shirt damp with someone else's blood, right about the same time his father was murdered hundreds of miles away.

Driven into hiding, Kafka shacks up in the spare room of a small library, which happens to be headed by a librarian who wrote a million-selling song in the late 60s, titled, fittingly enough, "Kafka on the Shore." She also might be his long-estranged mother.

Nakata - the childhood victim of a bizarre World War II accident which rendered him illiterate and dim - enters the picture when he kills Kafka's father at his own behest.

It turns out that Kafka's father is a famous artist, so his murder causes a sensation, and the police are under pressure to collar

somebody for the crime.

So both Kafka and Nakata find themselves on the lam, uncertain of their paths, but cognizant that they must keep pushing forward.

And although Murakami's characters are not exactly fatalistic, they are compelled by personal destiny - maintaining a sort of hand-in-hand relationship with fate. What sets them apart, though, is they are not beholden to this symbiosis; it can be rent at any time.

As superbly executed as any of his previous books, *Kafka on the Shore* serves in large part to build on Murakami's already sizable reputation.

It's a book that's oddly perfect, alternately remote and forceful, with a flamboyance of plot and style that is a trademark of Murakami's work.

If it's not his best effort outright, it's in a tie for first. Right there with half a dozen others.

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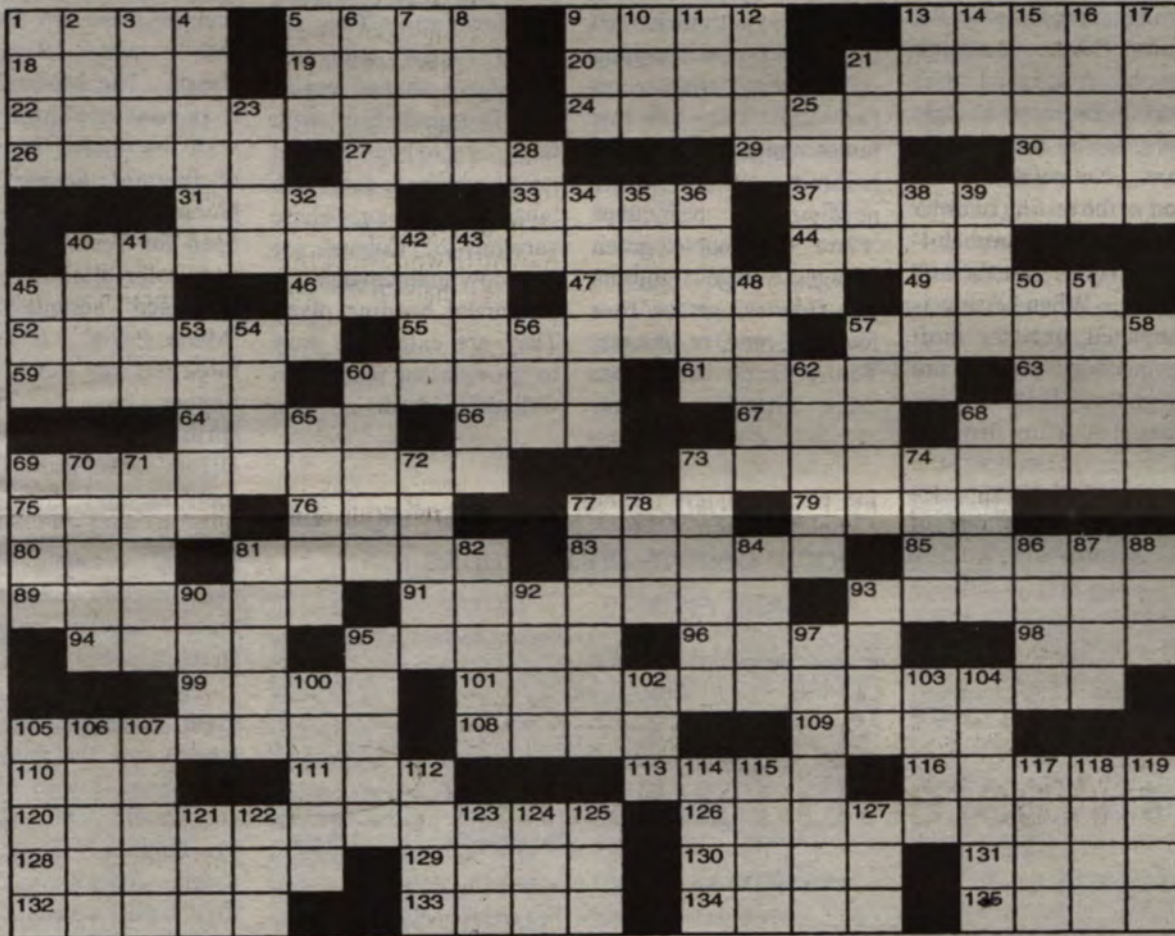
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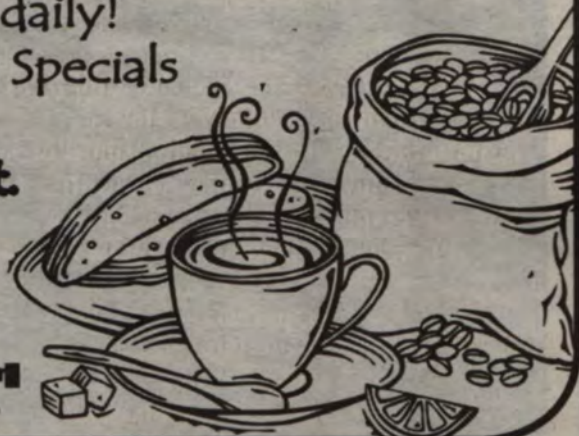
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The plants chosen for these trials are exposed to a rigorous statewide testing program. For annual flowers the trials may be as long as three years and as many as eight years for a new woody plant. No pesticides are used in the testing in order to assess the plants ability to resist insects and disease. When testing is completed, only the most outstanding plants are designated Texas Super Stars. A plant that has

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this distinction will consistently deliver the highest levels of landscape and garden performance. They will prove to be the most adaptable plants and the most pest resistant.

If you love hibiscus but haven't been able to find ones that give you the look that you want in your landscape, look for Texas Super Star perennial hibiscus. There are three cultivars of perennial hibiscus that are star performers. These will survive our harsh summer heat and drying winds. Look for the cultivars, 'Flare,' 'Moy Grande,' and 'Lord Baltimore.' All three give you stunning color from summer to early fall. They are low maintenance and pest resistant, almost never needing any pesticides. 'Flare' has apple green foliage, large fuchsia red flowers, grows four feet tall, and re-blooms. You will go wild over 'Moy Grande' because

the rose-pink blossoms are the largest, open-faced hibiscus flower in the world! It will grow in acid or alkaline soil, giving flushes of blooms throughout the summer. 'Lord Baltimore' shows off its deeply cut, glossy foliage and stunning red flowers. It will grow five feet tall. They are all very adaptable and can be used in large containers.

Before the Texas Super Stars came along, we had to use the annual Coleus in shaded beds; but now, there are two field tested Coleus varieties that will stand up to the hot Central Texas sun! They are 'Plum Parfait' with ruffled, lance-shaped leaves, and 'Burgundy Sun' with large, oval to heart-shaped leaves which are deep, rich burgundy in color. These varieties of Coleus are very low maintenance for an annual bedding plant. They are extremely easy to grow when planted in well-drained soil and not

over watered. Of course, you can still plant them in your shaded beds to give punches of color in shady areas. Plant these where you can get a close up look at their beautifully colored detailed leaves!

Another outstanding plant for your garden is Gold Star Esperanza. It is very heat-tolerant, a Texas native, and highly pest resistant. Its striking masses of golden yellow, trumpet shaped blooms look great in containers to accent an entryway or patio area. It can also be planted in mass in full sun. These four feet tall plants will give you dazzling color all summer through the first heavy frost.

When shopping for new roses for your garden, seek out these two: 'Marie Daly' and 'Belinda's Dream'. The 'Marie Daly' is an easy care shrub rose with few thorns and lots of fragrant, double pink blooms. It was developed for Texas, and is a new color similar to the renowned antique rose 'Marie Pavie'. It grows three feet tall and is continuous blooming from spring to frost. 'Belinda's Dream' rose grows four feet tall and three feet wide showing off its large, fragrant, double pink blossoms. Both roses are disease tolerant and outstanding performers.

Three Stars that are great additions to any garden are the Mexican Bush Sage, Dwarf Mexican Petunia, and Trailing Lantana. These are tough, drought tolerant, highly pest resistant and will be a stand out in your garden. Be sure to look for the Texas Super Star label when selecting new plants. You can be assured that these plants will be high performers in your garden. A small sum of each sale goes back to Texas A&M to fund additional research into new landscaping plants.

Included in this group of Texas Super Stars are also vegetables, trees, and shrubs. Buying these proven plants gives you good choices on dependable plants. You can enjoy seasons of colorful blooms that are low maintenance. Look for them at the local garden centers this spring. Plant and enjoy these Stars! To see a list, search the Texas A&M Horticulture website.

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Remembering Hondo Crouch and his Luckenbach, Texas

Hondo Crouch, the only folk hero I've ever known, died nearly 30 years ago but he left behind some words that are still being printed in the *Luckenbach Moon*, a monthly publication in the little village he made famous.

His poem "Luckenbach Daylight" reflects his outlook.

"Nuthin' much happened in Luckenbach this month...cept the potato chip man came by - I forgot about that - and then there was Daylight!

"A Luckenbach daylight is that time of day you wish would never go away...when...BANG!...all of a sudden there's no dark and there's no light and it's foggy - and it isn't. It's as humble as life being born! Ain't that nearly a blessin'?"

"Daylight on earth is when light is busy makin' little ol' nuthins into somethins...and sometimes big brown bears turn into just brown rocks.

"Daylight in the wintertime is when little drippin' icicles get a new hold on their host...and Jack Frost is busy rolling up his carpet that covers the hills we love so.

"Daylight in Spring is

Tumbleweed Smith



when little old ladies are thinkin' 'bout puttin' on big ol' bonnets and long sleeves to hide the sun... and little young ladies are thinkin' about takin' off all their clothes to lie in it!—Scare me!

"And Mama's thinking about pullin' the shades in the livin' room-where nobody has really ever lived - so the sun won't sadden the colors of the rug.

"A Luckenbach daylight is that magic time of day when there's just thousands of insignificant miracles happenin'. Little quiet night feet are softly remembering their way home...And soon their little delicate night tracks will be erased by big fussy day ones.

"And the squakin' mockin' bird will wake the sun. And the sun will tell the mama hoot owl it's time to fuss her big-eyed babies to bed.

"And all the stars that were admired last night will take a back seat in the bus...And the fantastic firefly will be just a bug. But a giant weed will turn into a beautiful sunflower!

"Little empty lunch pails are meetin' full ones on the freeway.

"Sad folks wake up and

say, 'Nuther day.' I wake up and say 'There she is again! There it is! I get on my knees and pat the earth and say 'God, you done it again! God, you done good! Thank you, feller...friend.'"

Hondo was a friend of mine. We shared some good times that are now good memories.

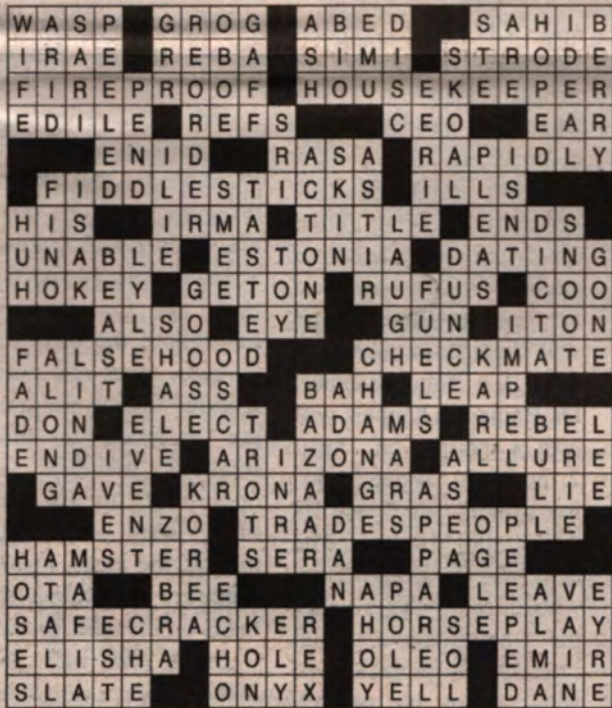
ABWA sets style show at Mill Creek

Chisholm Trail ABWA is finalizing plans for the annual Style Show to be held April 9 at Mill Creek Country Club. Proceeds from this show will benefit scholarships for area students.

Fashions will be from Alice's and Christy's of Salado. Tickets are on sale at Alice's and Christy's and from any ABWA member. The show will feature a silent auction and raffle packages along with several door prizes. For more information call

947-8610. The March 3 meeting of the chapter will feature Charlotte Douglass as guest speaker. The dinner meeting will be held 6:30 p.m. at the Stagecoach Inn. Guests are invited. Douglass is the owner of Charlotte's of Salado and is the current president of the Salado Chamber of Commerce. Her program will feature leadership with her inspiring life story.

Nancy Bell will be the vocational speaker.



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

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

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The Institute for the Humanities at Salado launches its spring series on March 5, with a lecture by one of the world's leading theoretical physicists. Dr. Michio Kaku is the co-founder of string field theory and one of a handful of physicists on a quest to find the "theory of everything."

His talk is entitled "Parallel Worlds, Hyper-

space, Strings and the Mind of God," and will be presented 5-7 p.m. March 5 at the Mill Creek dining room in Salado.

Dr. Kaku is one of five outstanding and nationally recognized speakers who will participate in the Institute's spring lecture series entitled, "The Human Edge—Technology, Mankind and the Future." All presenters are experts in some aspect of the rapidly changing technology that will impact our lives in the 21st century. Each will explore the effects of that technology on mankind. Besides Dr. Kaku's lecture on the future of the universe, the speaker lineup includes leading experts in the fields of nanotechnology, artificial intelligence and biotechnology who will give us a glimpse of humanity's future.

Dr. Kaku holds the Henry Semat Professorship in Theoretical Physics at the City University of New York. As co-founder of string field theory, Dr. Kaku has continued Einstein's quest to find the "theory of everything," an equation that would unify all four fundamental forces of the universe.

Dr. Kaku is not only a practicing physicist and university professor, he is also a best selling author and radio and television personality. In his books and audio and video productions, he explains the most fascinating and complex ideas in science today — superstring theory, supergravity and theoretical physics — in ways easy to understand.

His popular and best-selling books include his recently published book, *Parallel Worlds: A Journey Through Creation, Higher Dimensions and the Future of the Cosmos*, *Beyond Einstein: The Cosmic Quest for the Theory of The Universe*, and *Visions: How Science Will Change the Twenty-First Century*. He is also the host of *Explorations*, a weekly science program carried on radio stations around the country. He was featured on NOVA and the PBS documentaries: *Einstein Revealed*, *Stephen Hawking's Universe*, and *Science Odyssey*.

Dr. Michio Kaku graduated from Harvard in 1968, summa cum laude, and number one in his physics class. He went on to the Berkeley Radiation Laboratory at the University of California in 1972, and in 1973 Dr. Kaku held a lectureship at Princeton University. He has been a



Theoretical physicist Dr. Michio Kaku will address the Institute for Humanities at Salado March 5.

professor at City University of New York for the past 25 years.

The other presenters in the series include:

- Dr. Zvi Yaniv, who is an authority on nanotechnology and President and CEO of Applied Nanotech. His lecture on nanotechnology, "The Next, Last Frontier," will be on March 20;

- Dr. Benjamin Kuipers, and Dr. Doug Lenat, renowned researchers and experts in the area of artificial intelligence who will share the weekend of April 2-3. Robotics expert Dr. Benjamin Kuipers will host a seminar on April 2, entitled: "What Building Robots Can Teach Us About the Mind." The next day, Dr. Doug Lenat, who directs the world's most ambitious artificial intelligence project, will speak about that project, in April 3 lecture entitled, "Computers vs. Common Sense;"

- Dr. John Gearhart, one of the country's leading stem cell researchers and biotechnology experts will speak on "Stem Cells: The Scientific and Ethical Issues" on April 30.

This lecture series is only available to members of the Institute for the Humanities and their guests. However, membership in the Institute is open, and everyone is invited to join. Please contact the Institute office at 947-5729 or ifh@vvm.com for more information on how to become a member.

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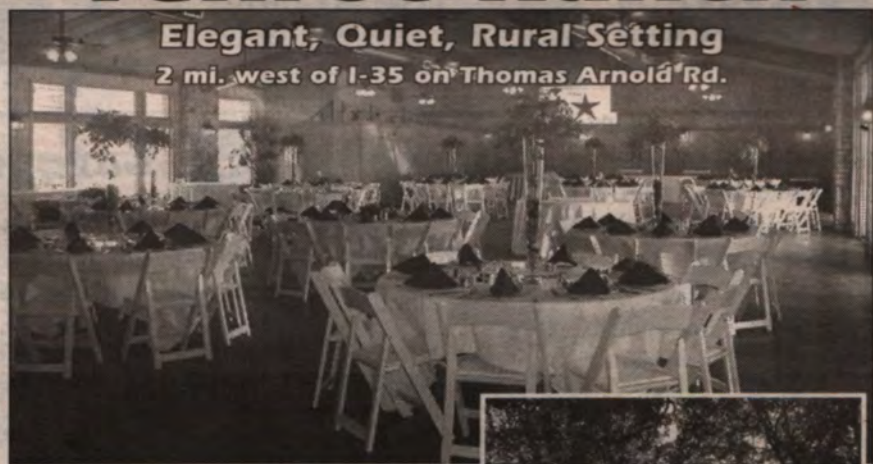
The core program of the Institute is a series of seminars and lecture/discussions each spring and fall organized around a single topic. In addition, there are special events throughout the year such as trips, tours and public lectures. These programs are designed to allow Institute members the opportunity to ask questions, hear stories and discuss the ideas, history, literature and values that make up the human story.

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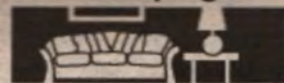
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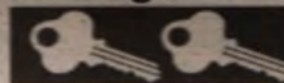
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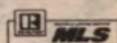
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PUBLIC HEARING DATE CHANGE

The Village of Salado Board of Aldermen will hold a public hearing during their regular scheduled Board meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2005 at 6:30PM to consider a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to include Permanent Cosmetics into the Village's Zoning Ordinance. Residents of the Village of Salado proper are encouraged to attend.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 200 FEET OF 1211 BAINES STREET

The Village of Salado government has received a request for a Home Occupation business from the property owner of the above stated property. The owner has asked to be allowed to operate a massage therapy business out of their home.

A public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 1:00PM** at the Municipal Building.

A request to amend the Zoning Ordinance to include massage therapy as a Home Occupation will be considered by the Planning & Zoning Commission at this hearing.

Harrison gives local flavor to Black History

Pioneer African-American journalist Dr. Roscoe Harrison gave Salado Rotarians a local lesson in Black History during their Feb. 15 meeting.

Harrison is currently Director of Community Affairs for Scott and White Hospital and Pastor of Eighth Street Baptist Church of Temple.

He was the first African American news anchor for KCEN-TV in 1970 and the first African American reporter for the Temple Daily Telegram and San Antonio Express in 1967. He was also deputy press secretary for Texas Attorney General and Texas Supreme Court Justice John Hill (1976-79).

Rev. Harrison was born and raised in the Temple-Belton area and graduated from Harris High School in Belton before graduating from Temple College, Prairie View A&M University and the University of Mary Hardin Baylor.

He initiated his presentation by telling about the roots of the Midway Drive area of Temple as a black community; it was known as the St. Phillips Community and is where his father was born in 1902. The land became the family's dowry; sale of the land provided for the education of the children. The Black community was replaced by the current commercial area in the mid-60's.

Rev. Harrison grew up in Belton and described the families of his South Pearl Street area, some of which were prominent nationally.

For example the Kinchen family home was used extensively by prominent black celebrities because in the 30's, 40's and 50's they could not stay in segregated hotels. As a result they stayed in private homes; Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Joe Louis and several others stayed with the Kinchen's during this period.

Rev. Harrison described the business people in the community including his father who obtained a graduate degree in busi-



Rev. Roscoe Harrison

ness, but was only able to initially get a job as janitor at Cochran, Blair, and Potts. The proprietors soon realized he had higher skills and moved him up in the business; he worked for them 44 years in higher positions, in sales until his death in his 60's.

REPORTED BY GERRY REIHSEN



Pictured above, from left, are Shelley Smith, Mardi Barnard, Helen Alexander, Arlene Dewhurst and Bobbie Reihsen, who are constructing "Tribute to the Troops" quilt kits. These 18 inch quilts will be sent to the troops in Iraq, and are the idea of Lori Lynne Shelton, of Mesquite. She recently sent a large quilt to her brother-in-law, who is stationed in Iraq. The quilt was such a hit that other soldiers wanted quilts of their own. She designed a smaller quilt, and has sent over 100. She hopes to send 1,000.

Local quilters are needed to help with the project. If you enjoy quilting, contact Bobbie at 947-3901.

Masons' catfish dinner March 4

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 members will once again don their aprons to work for the community when they host their annual Catfish Dinner 5-7 p.m. March 4 at the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$6

per person for the baked or fried catfish dinner, including coffee, tea and dessert. Tickets are available at Salado Village Voice, First State Bank and Village Pharmacy, as well as at the door. Proceeds benefit scholarships

Master teacher award open

Salado ISD is once again sponsoring the 2004-05 Master Teacher Award. The 2004-05 recipient will be announced at the Salado High School 2005 Commencement Ceremony on May 24.

The individual receiving this honor will receive a plaque with his/her name on it and \$500 to be used at his or her discretion for

classroom instruction or professional development. Supplies, equipment, or conference registration fees may be paid out of these funds.

Applications are now available on all campuses and at the Central Office.

The deadline to return applications is 4 p.m. May 6 at the Central Office in the Salado Civic Center.

Betty Martin DAR to meet March 2

The Betty Martin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its monthly meeting March 2 at the First United Methodist Church 102 North Second Street in Temple.

DAR Good Citizen Awards will be presented to students from three area high schools. Reservations are required for the 2 p.m. tea.

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Salado's Royal Street Provision hosted a fiddle workshop Feb. 12-13, conducted by world famous musicians Randy Elmore and Wes Westmoreland. Both have won "Texas State Fiddle Champion" numerous times, and both are two-time "World Champion Fiddle Player" winners. The two-day camp attracted young fiddlers from Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.



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Local playwrights begin work

Thomas Arnold Elementary School fourth grade playwrights are currently in the process of composing their own melodrama, which will be performed at Tablerock Amphitheater this Spring.

The students meet every day during their lunch period to work on their melodrama, with a scheduled performance date of May 14. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Tablerock Festival of Salado, Inc. has sponsored the fourth grader's melodrama, and/or a writing contest for the past 10 years. Tablerock budgets \$200 a year for incidentals the children need for their production.

Playwright Jackie Mills guides the children in writing their play from January until mid-March. Mills, fourth grade volunteer mothers and Tablerock Board Members guide the students in pro-

duction from mid-March until the May show time. At 3:15 p.m. each day a Salado school bus delivers 20 to 100 students in the fourth grade to Tablerock for after school rehearsals. Parents pick up their children at 5 p.m.

The fourth graders learn to write, direct, stage manage, work lights and sound, apply make-up, costume the play's time period, set up a concessions stand, design props, posters, flyers, tickets and programs, and act. All of the money earned for the production is used for the fourth grader's senior trip. In previous years the earnings amounted to over \$2,000.

The melodrama subject is always about the history of Salado. In the mid-1800s every town had a group of men who volunteered to protect the farms and ranches from Indians raids and robbers in the absence of elected



Fourth grade playwrights are (standing, from left) Michael Butts, Mattie Price and Cameron Kirchmeier; (in the tree, from left) Taylor Cromwell, Kylie Robinson and Steven Sibbit, (farthest back) Tom Kyle.

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This year playwrights have chosen to pen their play about "The Rang-

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Group will begin meeting in Main St. facility in April Lions Club gives to Civic Center

The annual Salado Lions Club grant to the Salado Civic Center Foundation was presented by Lion Treasurer Bill Ruth to Civic Center Treasurer Vernon Holt and Lloyd Parks, President of the Foundation.



Lloyd Parks, President of the Salado Civic Center Foundation, and Vernon Holt, Treasurer, accept the annual grant from the Salado Lions Club, presented by Lions Treasurer Bill Ruth. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

Treasurer Holt expressed gratitude on the part of the Civic Center's Board of Trustees for the annual grant from the Lions Club and noted that the money would be used to continue the upkeep on the area just south of the center that includes the gazebo that has been designated as a Lion's Club park since the funds for landscaping that area came originally from the service organization.

The Lions Club has continued to support the park area that is used by many Villagers and visitors as a quiet place to enjoy a picnic or just a time to rest during a visit to the community. The giant oak trees provide shade and shelter during all four seasons and the gazebo is the site of many weddings every year.

The Lions Club will begin holding their luncheon meetings at the Civic Center starting in April, according to Foundation President Lloyd Parks, who added "We are pleased that the Lions Club has accepted our

invitation to serve as host for their regular meetings each month." Last year the Civic Center hosted over 400 gatherings of Salado community organizations - both large and small.

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Boy Scout Troop 137 awards ranks

Boy Scout Troop 137, sponsored by Cedar Knob Baptist Church in Salado, recently held a court of honor, awarding rank advancements and merit badges to several local scouts.

John Goodnight and Joshua Cox. Cox also received Tenderfoot and Second Class.

Andrew Townsend advanced to Star, while Zachary Schumate made the move to Life.

Advancing in rank to First Class were Robert Rowe, Cole Monahan,

Joshua Cox was presented a merit badge in Art, and John Goodnight

earned badges in Law, Aviation, Computer and Space Exploration. Cole Monahan received a badge in Art, and Zachary Schumate was given badges for Crime Prevention, Law, Fingerprinting, Climbing, Cooking, Environmental Science and Sports.

The troop, founded last summer, meets 6 p.m. Mondays at the church, located at FM 2484 and Cedar Knob Road.

Earning the Citizenship in the Community and Law badges was Robert Rowe, while Andrew Townsend was presented

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Environmental effects of vinyl siding & mining

Dear EarthTalk: Are there any environmental or health drawbacks to putting vinyl siding on my house? -- Charles Leach, via email

Vinyl siding may not pose identifiable risks once installed properly on your home, but its production and disposal contribute to a wide range of health and environmental problems. In producing Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC), the basic element in all vinyl products, workers are exposed to a multitude of hazardous chemicals. These include chlorine gas, which can cause eye and skin irritation and breathing difficulties in the short term, and lung disease, among other maladies, from prolonged exposure.

Meanwhile, according to Greenpeace, the production process releases other dangerous chemicals, such as dioxin, into the environment surrounding PVC factories. Dioxin nearly wiped out the bald eagle in the lower 48 states, and it has been linked to cancer, endometriosis, neurological damage, immune system damage, respiratory problems, liver and kidney damage and birth defects in humans.

Perhaps an even larger problem is that there is no responsible way to dispose of PVC and vinyl siding at the end of its lifecycle. Landfills do not knowingly accept it, as it can pollute groundwater and result in dioxin-forming landfill fires. And unfortunately, vinyl cannot be recycled due to the chlorine used in its production. If mixed inadvertently into a recycling load, vinyl will contaminate everything therein.

Meanwhile, incinerating vinyl releases poisonous chlorine gas as well as dioxin into the air. When a house with vinyl siding catches fire, dioxin and other toxic gases escape into the air, posing an even greater threat than the fire itself in some cases. It is not unusual, fire fighters say, for people trapped in building fires to die of exposure to chemically toxic fumes before the flames actually reach them. Recently, a vinyl scrap yard fire forced the evacuation of 200 people from a Virginia community, while another created a major airborne dioxin hazard in Ontario.

"We know enough about the dangers of PVC to begin to phase it out," says Lois Gibbs, the founder of the Virginia-based Center for Health,

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Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Environment & Justice. Luckily for concerned homeowners, safer alternatives to vinyl siding do exist. According to the organization Greenaction, siding made from wood, fiber-cement board, or polypropylene is better for the environment and for human health. While some of these materials are available at Home Depot, local stores selling only green building materials would offer the best selection.

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Greenpeace, www.greenpeaceusa.org; Center for Health, Environment & Justice, www.besafenet.com; Greenaction, www.greenaction.org.

Dear EarthTalk: What impact does mining for diamonds and other gems have on the environment? Tiffany Schultz, Dayton, OH

Gem mining around the world can indeed be very destructive to the surrounding environment, leading to many problems such as soil erosion and sedimentation, water pollution and depletion, poisoning of wildlife and vegetation, flooding—even landslides. The contents of "mine tailings"—rock and other waste materials separated and left behind in the mining process—can wreak havoc on nearby agricultural lands, and pose myriad human health problems.

In the United States,

mining companies are legally obligated to conduct environmental impact studies of proposed sites and then, if approved by regulators, follow the letter of the law regarding the protection of wildlife, air and water, and the proper disposal of hazardous waste. Furthermore, many U.S. states have "reclamation" laws on the books calling for the safeguarding of surface and groundwater around mining operations, and cleanup and revegetation after the fact to restore mining areas to their original condition.

But mines outside U.S. borders are not subject to the same rules as they are here in the U.S., even if run by American companies. Large-scale demand means large-scale mining operations, and that often means massive amounts of sedimentation and tailings falling into water systems around the world. The mercury and cyanide used to separate gold and copper from rock also make their way into our air and water.

With no country-of-origin labeling laws or system in the jewelry and gem trade, consumers can never be sure if their bracelets, rings and necklaces come from responsible sources or from companies whose mining operations are polluting, destroying wildlife habitat, exploiting poor or indigenous people (and their resources)—or funding a civil war, as does the diamond trade in Angola and Sierra Leone.

According to Friends of the Earth, mining giant Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold in 1996 was dumping 110,000

tons of mine tailings into the local river system on a daily basis. Plans to expand Freeport's mining activities in Indonesia, according to the company's own environmental auditors, could "increase its dumping of untreated tailings to 285,000 tons daily," presenting serious health challenges for local residents who have little power or resources to halt such activity.

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CONTACTS: Friends of the Earth, (877) 843-8687, www.foe.org; Gold City, (800) 713-7767, www.goldcityamusement.com; Junk to Jewels, www.junktojewels.net; Snooty Jewelry, www.snootyjewelry.com; Global Marketplace, www.globalmarketplace.org.

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