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See you in Austin!

Salado boys making 1st trip to 'Drum' after Regional championship

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

The case could very well be made that the true state championship game will actually come a day early.

For when second-ranked Salado tips off against number one Kountze 9:30 a.m. March 11 at the Frank Erwin Center, the state's top teams will be showcased.

Salado has held down the number two spot in the polls for all of 2005, while the Lions have been ensconced at the top since early in the season. But given how tourney pairings are based on overall record, the Eagles and Lions find themselves tipping off against one another, while sixth-ranked Tuscola Jim Ned will meet unranked Howe in the other semifinal.

Despite their similarity in the rankings, though, a close examination of Salado and Kountze reveals that the two talented teams couldn't contrast more in how they approach the game.

Having topped the century mark in 17 of their 36 games, Kountze

(34-2), averages approximately 90 per contest. They are a free-wheeling squad that puts up prolific amounts of points, led by University of Tulsa signee Ashton Hall. Hall, a 6'5" senior who is equally effective from the inside and outside, accounts for nearly 30 points a game.

The rest of the Kountze offense is primarily provided by 6'1" guard Philip Coffey, who averages over 20 per contest. But just about anyone in a Kountze uniform can score. They are explosive and truly don't have many weaknesses.

In fact, Kountze won the Class AAA title a season ago, and has qualified for the state tournament four of the past six years. In the playoffs, the Lions downed Elkhart, Hearne (ranked fifth), Mount Pleasant Chapel Hill and Winnie East Chambers (14th). They outscored those four opponents 358-244.

But while there can be no question as to Kountze's talent, they have shown they can be a combustible lot.

In the third quarter of the Lions' Region

III championship game versus district rival East Chambers, Hall was ejected following a technical foul, which was called on the heels of his fourth personal. The high-strung Lions could be vulnerable in that respect.

All that aside, though, the winner of this game will be the team which forces its style of play on the other.

Undoubtedly, Kountze will pressure the entire game, and play as fast-paced as possible - even if that means giving up a lot of points.

On the other hand, if the Eagles can slow things down, remove Kountze from their comfort zone, and stay out of foul trouble, an upset might be in the offing.

Look for Salado to try to chew up the clock on offense, work the ball around and be careful with their shot selection. Defensively, the Eagles will attempt to nullify Kountze's high-powered transition offense - something they have done successfully when playing other fast-break teams.

If the outcome boils down to free throw shooting, then the game could

really turn into a nail-biter, as both teams are equally solid from the line.

The only mutual opponent Salado and Kountze share is 3A Liberty Hill. The Panthers defeated the Eagles 44-39 in early December, in one of Salado's first games after losing Caskey to a foot injury. Liberty Hill fell to Kountze by 12, 76-64, in their only meeting.

Overall, for Salado to come out on top it will take a defensive effort similar to that put together by the Eagles in the win over Cole. It is defense that has gotten them this far - there's a chance it can take them one game further.

That being said, there aren't too many folks around Texas giving Salado much of a shot in this one. A good number of posters on texashoops.rivals.com are projecting the Eagles will lose by 20 or more. That's the talk, anyway. But that's all it is. None of those people chattering will be on the court Friday morning.

And anyone who has followed the team over the past few years knows the



Salado Eagles will need stellar defense to get past the explosive Kountze Lions March 11. They got it in the championship round of Regionals against San Antonio Cole March 5. Devon Dunn is shown defending against SA Cole's Sha Cameron. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Eagles are a well-coached, disciplined squad that refuses to be intimidated - no matter who the opponent.

Salado can win this game. It is certainly not out of the question.

And if they do happen to win, it will be yet another unforgettable victory in an already unforgettable season.

Note: If Salado wins, they will play for the state championship 2:30 p.m. March 12 at the Erwin Center.

Howe - a team that hit

its stride at the right time - boasts a roster with three players over 6'6", including 6'9" center Justin Howerton. They also have a talented guard in 6'3" Collin Mangrum. Howe (30-6, Region II champ) knocked off 10th-ranked Argyle and seventh-ranked Peaster to get to the tourney.

Jim Ned (28-4, Region I) has a nice one-two punch with 6'5" forward Cam Holson and 6'2" guard Colt McCoy. They beat fourth-ranked Abernathy and 12th-ranked Lubbock Roosevelt on their way to Austin.

Aldermen, school trustee races contested

Candidates file for SISD, Village, Library elections

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Incumbents drew opponents in Salado ISD and Village of Salado races, but the election of Library Board Trustees is all but sewn up for two new candidates.

Three full three-year terms on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees will come up for election on May 7. Incumbents filing for re-election on

the first day to file were Debby Aldridge, Trey Little and John Konzen. New candidates filing for the board were (in order of filing) Laura DiPetty, Jackie Burson and Frank Carlson. Burson served one term on the board, ending in 2004; Carlson served two terms on the board, ending in 2004.

Jackie Mills was the single incumbent to file for re-election to the Village of Salado Board of

Aldermen. Three two-year terms on the board will be decided in May. Neither Vic Means, one of the original members of the Board of Aldermen, and Jack Schrock, appointed to complete Rick Ashe's term last year, opted to seek election.

Newcomers seeking election to the Village Board of Aldermen include Merle Stalcup, Danny McCort and Curt Strong.

Patty Campbell and Susan Kralls were the only candidates to file for election to the Salado Public Library District Board of Directors. If no one files as a write-in candidate to the Library Board, Campbell and Kralls will be automatically elected to the board and the Library election cancelled.

The school district, Village and library district hold concurrent elections each May to share

expenses and facilities.

Early voting in the local elections will be 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays April 20-May 3 at the Salado Civic Center Historical Society room.

Election day, the polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. May 7 at the Salado Civic Center.

No date has been set for a candidates' forum, which is traditionally sponsored each election by the Salado Chamber

of Commerce. Look to the *Salado Village Voice* for an announcement of that forum.

Readers can look to upcoming editions of the *Salado Village Voice* for information about the candidates, as well as questions and answer forums with the candidates in each contested race.

Those will begin next week and continue through the election cycle.



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Salado Village Voice newspaper office will be closed Friday, March 11 so that we can watch the Salado Eagles play in the first round of the state basketball tournament. Go Eagles!

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Civil Libertarians Against Public Health

Do we as a society prefer sick or healthy babies? Do we want babies to be infected with a potentially deadly virus or not? The answers seem obvious, but in a decade-long debate, a host of liberal groups, in effect, came down on the wrong side. Fortunately, in New York City -- once the epicenter of the epidemic of babies born with HIV -- their lunatic obsessions were rejected.

According to The New York Times, in 1990 there were 321 newborns infected with HIV in New York City. In 2003 there were five. A decade ago many pregnant mothers didn't know they were HIV-positive. They weren't urged to get tested, and so they couldn't take drugs that would make it less likely their babies would be infected. Newborns were tested, but -- incredibly -- in blind tests, meaning the mothers wouldn't be informed of the results. The mother wouldn't know to get treatment for her child or herself.

As AIDS expert Roland Foster points out in a recent study, the most common AIDS-related opportunistic infection, is pneumocystis carinii pneumonia. Babies with it generally die in a month. According to a New England Journal of Medicine study in the mid-1990s, two-thirds of children with this infection weren't getting treatment, because no one knew they had HIV.

Liberal Democratic New York assemblywoman Nettie Mayersohn was appalled when she learned of the situation. She resolved to pass a law mandating that all newborns be tested and their mothers informed. For this, Mayersohn seemingly bought the enmity of the entire liberal world.

Gay groups, the HIV/AIDS lobby and the American Civil Liberties Union all opposed her on privacy grounds. As if a newborn has a "right" to have his infec-

Rich Lowry



tion kept from his mother so he can potentially die or get sick. Feminist groups from NOW to NARAL attacked her for supposedly proposing to violate the reproductive rights of women. Her district office was picketed.

After a three-year fight, her bill passed in 1996. It revolutionized public health in New York.

More mothers and babies now get care. An HIV-positive mother has roughly a 25 percent chance of delivering a baby infected with HIV. If she takes the right drugs during pregnancy she can drastically diminish those odds. An HIV-positive mother can also pass the infection to her uninfected baby during breast-feeding. If she knows she's infected, she can avoid that. Finally, if a baby is infected with HIV, he can be treated early with drugs that might wipe out the infection.

Then-Rep., now Sen. Tom Coburn pushed legislation similar to Mayersohn's at the federal level in the 1990s, but was frustrated by the same forces that opposed Mayersohn. Consequentially, the testing policy varies from state to state.

California -- where lunatic obsessions still reign supreme -- has resolutely resisted the New York approach. In 2002, the Los Angeles Times reported that cases of HIV among children were actually increasing.

So let's ask one more time: Do we want healthy babies or not?

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Is "Privacy" an untouchable right or have we moronically abdicated it to fit Orwell's "1984" big-brotherism

If Americans today are not outraged at the degree to which information about every facet of our lives is being tabulated, computerized and sold (without our permission) to the highest bidder, than the theft of privacy by the nation's powerful commercial interests has either escaped our short (or dulled) attention spans, or we feel so politically impotent we've meekly surrendered this critically important right. The government has also had a hand in mesmerizing us with their slow-but-sure attempts to reduce statutorily, or by regulation, many other basic freedoms.

Privacy should be of overriding importance to all citizens, especially in today's climate of intrusion by profiteers - aided and abetted mostly by conservative forces in government.

To reinforce this fundamental right, that should have been emblazoned in our Bill of Rights, (rather than just "judicially understood"), privacy protection needs to be an integral part of every law produced at all levels of government starting with Congress and ranging outward from Statehouses to Courthouses.

What has suddenly brought this attack on our privacy to the nation's attention, is the startling news concerning a company that secured personal information on millions of us (again without permission), and what's worse - done so without adequate safeguards to protect the data they purchased.

The case deals with a San Francisco personal-information collecting giant - ChoicePoint - that has in its massive computers billions of pieces of private data on millions of Americans. This is but one of many companies that collect and sell confidential facts gained through inexcusable forays into our private lives and personal business activities.

Seems the "heavily secured" ChoicePoint files (a faulty description by company spokespersons) were penetrated by some skilled con artists who were creating a massive identity theft scheme that could have netted hundreds of millions of dollars. Private dossiers on a minimum of 150,000 Americans were stolen, according to initial investigators. Others believe the number will exceed 500,000!

Hard to believe these companies, that broker personal information (without permission), operate free of state-federal laws or oversight. An example of congressional inaction (for whatever reason) that weakens the rights of citizens.

PURLOINED ITEMS OF PRIVACY

We would remind readers that personal information being gathered, stored and vended, includes (potentially) not only our buying habits but financial history; stocks & bonds held; amount, value, location of land owned; credit status; who we owe and how much; family (and some health) information; voting habits and political contributions; value of our homes; type car we drive; books purchased; religious preferences; education; work history; military records; travel habits - the list is infinite.

All gathered on the cheap and sold for a profit without our say-so or knowledge.

DEMAND CHANGE NOW!

First thing we must do, if we want to halt this incessant (and we believe - illegal) invasion into our private lives, is demand "our" lawmakers at state and national levels, enact statutes **prohibiting the collection of any information about us - without our written consent.**

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



Oh sure - the credit reporting companies will howl, as will those who want to know about our ability to repay loans and purchases. Simple solution - each time we buy or borrow, sign a release for specific information to be given to the appropriate company. And prohibit (in writing) anyone involved from reselling the data.

And, statutorily require the government (state and national) to let us know - either on a regular basis or by personal request - just what they have in their files about us - as the major credit bureaus are now required to do.

ADDITIONAL EROSION OF LIBERTIES

Reasonable people are also beginning to fear the overpowering and potentially despotic shadow of total control over the lives of citizens - which is heavily influenced through persistent attacks against the media.

Those in positions of political power - be they Republicans or Democrats - many times fear the media. Reason for that fear is knowledge that one paramount function of a free press is to act as "watch dogs" of government, including elected and appointed officials who otherwise would have free rein to curtail freedom of others as they consolidate power for themselves.

As a result mass-media has been damned with one of two charges - "too liberal" or "ultra-conservative" and in either case being "out of touch" and "dangerous."

STUDENT POLL CHILLING

Sadly - the "liberal media" assault has taken hold in this country, and many of our young people - for some strange reason - have "bought" into this unjust phenomenon. A 2005 education poll taken among 112,000 high school students found that nearly 40 percent think the First Amendment should be amended since it gives Americans "too much" freedom.

And an even more chilling result of the survey indicated 51 percent of those responding said the media should be curbed or at least required to seek government approval to publish stories!

Worrisome? You bet - think how easy it would be to move towards totalitarianism if a majority of the next generation agreed to have all print and electronic information presented exclusively by whichever political party is in power.

NATIONAL ID CARDS?

Another example of freedom's potential deterioration can be found within a recently hatched "anti-terrorism" bill approved by the House of Representatives (261-161) and is before the Senate at this writing. It would permit turning our driver's licenses into national identity cards, that eventually could include an electronic chip capable of keeping an eye on our personal activities. Does any of this remind you of George Orwell's ominous "1984" novel?

IF LAWMAKERS REFUSE TO HELP?

If lawmakers refuse to face up to the potential danger of insidious thefts of freedom and privacy, relating to every facet of our lives - then we need to elect new representatives.

We must face this challenge at once, or regress from living in "The land of the free" to "The land of the watched" or worse - a totalitarian land completely devoid of freedom!

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We need to tackle the social security challenge now

America's Social Security system is headed for trouble, two trains rumbling toward a collision. One train rumbles on tracks laid down by financial promises made when this New Deal-era program was established. The second travels on a path set by long-term demographic trends. To avoid the wreck, we need to change the courses of the trains, and the time to do it is long before the conductors on these trains can see each other.

Without significant changes, the question is not whether this accident will happen, but when. The demographic trends pushing us toward disaster are simple: birthrates are going down while people are living longer. This was not a problem in 1935 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt founded the Social Security program. With an average life expectancy of 64, only 54 percent of workers were expected to live long enough to collect their checks. Today, the U.S. Census reports the average life expectancy is 77.2 years and increasing. The Department of Health and Human Services reports

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



that by 2050, American men will live an average of 79.7 years and women will live even longer.

These trends will be amplified when 76 million Baby Boomers hit retirement age. Born between 1946 and 1964, they will begin retiring in 2008, and threaten to swamp the Social Security system.

For many years, there was no problem with Social Security, because the abundance of workers paid far more into the program than it provided to retirees. The excess money was placed in something called the "Social Security Trust Fund."

Unfortunately, by law, the Trust Fund is required to save the excess payments in U.S. Treasury bonds which are, for lack of a better word, "IOUs" from taxpayers. The money itself has been spent. This means the minute the Social Security system takes less in from workers than it pays to

retirees, it will have to draw on those bonds, which will have to be made good by taxpayers. This shortfall is predicted to begin as early as 2018.

Inaction is out of the question. According to the Heritage Foundation, if Congress does nothing to reform the system, Social Security will need general fund infusions to make up the difference in tax revenues and benefit payments amounting to \$72 billion in 2020, \$275 billion in 2030, \$429 billion in 2050 and \$719 billion in 2070. The long-term projections of Social Security's financial health will continue to worsen because, with each passing year, a surplus year passes and a deficit year is added in the calculation.

Compounding this problem was the fact that changes in Social Security also weakened the financial health of the system. Originally, initial benefits at the time of retirement were linked

to inflation, but in the 1970s they were pegged to the rise in wages, which tend to go up faster than prices. Coupled with demography and the impending retirement of the Baby Boomers, the Social Security system is headed for a disaster.

Numerous proposals to save Social Security are on the table, and I look forward to talking with my fellow Texans and working with my colleagues to craft policy changes which will honor present commitments, while providing a permanent solution.

While we may not agree on what the best options are at this point, it is unacceptable to pretend there is no problem. The financial future of Social Security is determined not only by demographic trends; it is affected by the promises made when the program was established.

We have a window of opportunity to remake the program so the promises made today will be fulfilled tomorrow without mortgaging the future of our children and grandchildren.

Iraq election backfired on conservatives

BY JIM HIGHTOWER

Reality can be hard on theorists -- just ask that gaggle of conservative geniuses who designed and pushed the invasion of Iraq.

The theory propounded by Paul Wolfowitz, Richard Perle, and President Bush's other "Big-Thinker" war hawks (none of whom have ever actually been in a war) was that crushing Saddam Hussein would cause the flowering of a pro-American democracy in Iraq. In the glorious vision of these theorists, grateful Iraqis would shower American troops with rose petals, Haliburton would quickly rebuild the country's infrastructure, U.S. corporations would install a pure capitalist economy, and our troops would be home by summer, having turned over power to a secular government, largely handpicked by us. Of course, the reality is that our troops are still mired there, showered with bombs and bullets rather than roses. The economy is a wreck, and far from becoming a Mideastern bastion of

American empire, Iraq has become an incubator for anti-American terrorists.

But the greatest embarrassment for White House theorists is that the recent elections in Iraq produced the exact opposite of what they assumed. The theory was that secular Iraqi politicians long allied with the CIA would win, giving Bush & Co. an Arab ally to counter the Muslim theocracy in neighboring Iran. In theory, thus Americanized Iraq could then be counted on to side with the United States on everything from Mideast oil prices to Israeli policy.

But -- oops -- the White House candidates got skunked! The election was won by a religious slate handpicked by Iraq's top Shiite Muslim leader. Moreover, the two parties that now control three-fourths of the new government's legislative seats have long standing and very close ties not to us -- but to that Islamic republic right next door in Iran.

One of the greatest ironies of Bush's war is that it has created a new ally for Iran, the very country that the conservative want to attack next.

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Joe Keyes
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Sharon Murrah services held March 10

Services for Sharon Fay (Schrimsher) Murrah, age 59, of Belton will be held 3 p.m. March 10 at the Belton Church of Christ with Minister Joe Baisden officiating. Burial will follow in the North Belton Cemetery.

Sharon Murrah died March 6, 2005, at her home.

She was born August 16, 1945 in Gatesville to Hiram Joshua and Marguerite (Burton) Schrimsher. She moved to Belton at age 11 and attended Tyler elementary, Belton Junior High and was a 1963 graduate of Belton High School. She attended

Temple Beauty College and was a licensed beautician. She married Charles D. Murrah on June 13, 1964 in Belton. Her love for music began at the age of eight when her father bought her an old upright piano. An accomplished pianist and vocalist she entertained throughout Central Texas and was well known for playing at the Tyler House in Salado, Temple's Annual Pioneer Celebration, Belton Lions Club Bell County Jamboree as well as many weddings. She was a member of the Belton Church of Christ. She was preceded in death

by her father in 1986, sister Lorna Schrimsher in 1954 and brother Michael Schrimsher in 1998.

Survivors include her husband Charles “Dan” Murrah of Belton, two sons, David Murrah of Abilene and Rex Murrah of Belton, two daughters, Becki Murrah Adams of Belton, Kerri Murrah Schurtz of Markham, mother Marguerite Schrimsher of Temple, brother Richard Schrimsher of Belton, sister, Lana Keeler of Belton, five grandchildren, Derek Mooney, Deanna Mooney, Hannah Murrah, J.D. Schurz and Ashlyn Murrah. Memorials may be



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Annual community Easter Egg Hunt is March 20

The annual Salado Community Easter Egg Hunt is set for 3 p.m. March 20 at the Salado Civic Center.

All children 10 years old and under are invited. The event will include

face painting, games, a visit from the Easter Bunny and an egg decorating contest with prizes.

Over 3,000 eggs are donated each year by the members of the Salado United Methodist Church.

Other sponsors who help provide prizes and refreshments include Brookshire Brothers, Village Pharmacy and Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Rabbit Run/Walk scheduled for April 9

The Salado 5K Rabbit Run/Walk and Kid's Fun Run will be 9 a.m. April 9 at Tenroc Ranch, two miles west of I-35 on Thomas Arnold Rd.

The event will benefit the Peaceable Kingdom Retreat for terminally and

chronically ill children and the Salado United Methodist Church children's playground.

Entry fees are \$18 for adults, \$15 for children, seniors and military and \$45 for families of up to five people.

Awards in the Rabbit Run/Walk will be given to the first male and female, and top three of each age group: six and under (1-1/2 mi.); 7-12; 13-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59, 60-69, 70 and older.

In addition, sponsorships are also being

accepted for the event. Sponsorship levels are \$100, \$250 or \$500. An announcement will be made the day of the race honoring the sponsors, and each sponsor will receive one free registration and t-shirt.

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Salado forges way to final four

It's possible that San Antonio Cole thought they could run on Salado and control the pace of the game, as they did in their regional semifinal win over Schulenburg.

They quickly discovered Salado was not Schulenburg, however. Cougar stars Sha Cameron and Josh Collins - who averaged almost 20 points a game each - were frustrated by the swarming Eagle defense the entire night, being held to eight and 12 points, respectively.

San Antonio Cole struck first, going up 2-0 in the game's first minute, but buckets down low from Travis Clark, Devon Dunn and James Gregurek established Salado's post presence, and gave the Eagles a lead they would not relinquish.

With Salado up 13-8 midway through the second quarter, and the near-riotous Salado crowd that packed the gym on its feet, Matt Caskey found Dunn on a fabulous pass down low, with Dunn going off the glass to convert the bucket. That highlight-reel play was followed by a breakaway layup by Caskey, on a terrific assist from Nick Everett.

Cole, conversely, did not get its first second quarter points until 2:05 left, which brought the score to 17-10. Those would be Cole's only points of the frame.

Dunn, who had six of his 10 points in the first half, along with James Gregurek, controlled the boards in the opening quarters, while Travis Clark, Caskey and Matt Jennings kept the Cougars at bay on the perimeter.

Salado went to the half up 18-10, but Cole attempted a comeback in the third, pulling to within four, 19-15. But a Caskey steal, completed by a coast-to-coast layup, put Salado back up by seven. Caskey followed that by hitting two free throws, and, with 49 seconds left in the quarter, scoring on a

dazzling drive and layup. Leading 27-20 entering the fourth, Salado put the game away, from the field and from the line. Travis Clark hit a floater in the paint for Salado's first fourth quarter points, and scored another bucket on a flashy feed from Caskey, increasing the lead to 31-23.

Not long after, the free throw barrage began. Salado scored 11 points on free throws in the fourth, and two late, breakaway buckets by Caskey and Dunn put the game far out of reach.

The 18-point win - which moved Salado's season mark to 28-7 - was truly a team effort, with Coach Tom Long getting stellar, disciplined performances from the whole squad - especially on defense. Caskey registered his finest all-around game of the postseason, excelling on both ends of the court.

His 16 points led all scorers, while Travis Clark had 11 and Dunn had 10. Also scoring were Matt Jennings, five, Gregurek, five, and Ryan Clark, one.

Salado's spot in the regional final was earned with a 60-49, March 4 victory over Vanderbilt Industrial at the Delco Center - which hosted the regional tournament.

Travis Clark, simply stated, was unstoppable. The 6'3" senior dropped in 25 points, hitting seemingly every shot he put up and propelling the Eagles to victory over the unranked Cobras.

Clark knocked down a pair of three pointers in the game's first minutes to put Salado up, but Industrial crept to within two points, 16-14, with scant seconds left in the first.

Whatever momentum Industrial had gained was dashed in short order, however, as Caskey took the in-bound pass, threaded the defense and scored on a layup with time expiring, giving the Eagles



A selfless Nick Everett takes one for the team, drawing a hard charge on S.A. Cole. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)



James Gregurek and Matt Jennings challenge Cole's Sha Cameron. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

an 18-14 advantage.

Industrial kept hanging around, though. After the Cobras tied the score at 19, 90 seconds into the second, Travis Clark drilled a three to regain the Salado lead, 22-19.

Nursing a slim, 29-28 advantage entering the third quarter, Clark again ignited the scoring, draining a bucket half a minute into play. With a little under two minutes gone by, Matt Jennings took the ball in the paint, executed a picture-perfect jump-stop and knocked down his shot, giving Salado a

33-29 lead.

That was as close as the score would get the rest of the way, as the Eagles' steady play wore out Industrial.

Salado led the Cobras 44-38 at the end of three, but hit 12-12 free throws down the stretch in the fourth to secure the win.

Behind Clark's 25 was Caskey, who finished with 17, including 9-10 from the charity stripe. Jennings had nine points on the game, and as a team, Salado converted on 18-23 free throw attempts.

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Pictured to the right are the Salado Youth Basketball League Mavericks. Back row (l-r): Coach Marvin Price, Mason Price, Cameron Kirchmeier, Josh Oylar, and Coach Becky Price. Front row (l-r): Jake Bloomer, Robert Cortez, Bryce Martin, Caden Eary. The Salado Mavericks were sponsored by Melanie Kirchmeier and Century 21.



Softballers drop to 3-3

If there's one thing Salado softball coach Doug Harrigan hasn't done this season, it's dodge quality competition.

So far, the Lady Eagles have taken the field against the likes of Killeen Ellison and second-ranked Troy, and their final game before beginning the district season pitted the girls against Holland - a traditional softball power in Central Texas.

And they held their

own pretty well, entering the Holland game with a 3-2 mark. Defensive miscues and struggles at the plate, however, did Salado in, as the girls were defeated by Holland by the score of 6-0.

With the durable Shae Janda getting the pitching nod once again, Salado held Holland scoreless in the first two innings, including three straight K's to end the top of the second.

Lauren Culver banged out Salado's first hit - a single - to lead off the bottom of the second, but the Lady Eagles were unable to bring her home, which would come back to haunt them.

In the top of the third, Holland collected back-to-back singles which, coupled with an outfield error, led to a pair of runs. That would be all the production Holland would need, as the Lady Eagles never posted another true threat. Holland tacked on four more runs in the top of the fourth to ice the win.

Culver was the bright spot for the Salado offense, going 2-3 with one stolen base. Janda went 1-3 at the plate, as did Larissa Ingalsbe, accounting for the rest of Salado's hits. Janda also went all seven innings on the mound, surrendering seven hits, four earned runs, and striking out seven.

The top of the batting order for Salado went 0-9, with five strikeouts.

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Six Lady Eagle powerlifters earn spot in state meet

The Salado girls powerlifting team made a great showing at the regional meet March 5, placing second as a team and qualifying six girls for the state meet, to be held March 18-19 in Killeen.

Representing the Lady Eagles at the state meet will be Brittany Dixon, Jamie Burson, Denise Jasso, Shae Janda, LauraLee Young and Jessica Roberts.

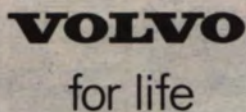
Janda lifted at the state meet a year ago, while Young has earned each of the previous two years.

The boys regional meet will be held March 12 in China Spring.

Jacob Davis qualified in the 132 lb. class, while Kevin Goodman qualified in the 148s and Chance Coe in the 181s.

Representing Salado in the 198 lb. class will be Jesse Rodriguez and Jared Quirk.

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Lady Eagles land six on All-District squad

The Salado Lady Eagles weren't expected to make much of a splash this season.

What with Scott Copeland filling the shoes of long-time coach Larry Salisbury, it was figured this would be something of a transition year.

Instead, Copeland led his team to a 22-win season and qualified for the playoffs, where the girls defeated Brookshire-Royal before falling to Geronimo-Navarro in the area round.

They accomplished all that with only two seniors on the roster, and played without one of them (Brittany Boydston) for the entire first half of the season.

So, all things considered, Copeland's inaugural year in Salado might well be thought of as a successful one.

The coaches of District 25AA agreed, voting six Lady Eagles to the all-district team, marked by Jenny Goode, who was designated as Offensive MVP.

In her final Salado season, Goode did it all, leading the team in scoring - where she averaged almost 14 points a game - and a host of other categories. The point guard was tops in rebounds (155), assists (162) and steals (121), and shot nearly 40 percent from behind the arc.

She also, without question, led the team in minutes played, as she very rarely left the court.

Sophomore forward Kelsey Gobin represented the Lady Eagles on the first team. At 5'8" (maybe), Gobin found herself giving up bulk and height to just about every opponent, but her tenacious defense held many a good post player in check.

She had the most offensive rebounds on the team, with 53, and pulled down 128 total. Gobin was second to Goode in steals, with 74, and scored just under seven points a game. Many of her contributions, though, are ones that are not reflected in a stat book.

Landing on the second team was senior Brittany Boydston and junior Kate Marshall. Boydston was forced to sit the first half of the season while rehabbing an injured knee, but returned in time to make a difference during Salado's push to the postseason.

Although she missed many games, Boydston still managed 56 boards, and led the Lady Eagles



Brittany Boydston - 2nd Team



Kelsey Gobin - 1st Team



Jenny Goode - Offensive MVP (PHOTOS BY TIM FLEISCHER)



Kate Marshall - 2nd Team



Kristen Smith - H.M.



Kelsey Smith - H.M.

in free throw percentage, at 77 percent.

Marshall, at 5'10", was Copeland's go-to choice in the paint, and she was second on the team in points - with 227 on the season. She was also Salado's third-leading rebounder, totaling 118.

Earning the nod for honorable mention was the sister tandem of Kelsey and Kristen Smith.

Kelsey, a junior, knocked down 40 three pointers on the season, and shot 68 percent from the stripe. Freshman Kristen hit 19 long-range shots.

Diminutive though they may be, the two regularly played beyond their size.

Little River Academy's Lee Bender was named District 25AA Coach of the Year. The Lady Bees took three-of-four games from Salado this season, were ranked in the top 20, and went three rounds deep in the playoffs before bowing out.

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Develop 'grown-up' investing habits

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



When you were a child, you probably acted like one. But when you're grown, you "put away childish things," as the old quotation goes. Unfortunately, many otherwise mature adults still approach investing in a rather immature manner - and it costs them.

Let's look at some youthful behavior traits and how they manifest themselves as unfortunate investment techniques - and how you can avoid these problems and develop "grown-up" investment habits.

* Lack of focus - Many children find it hard to concentrate on any one thing for long periods of time. They get excited about a particular game or activity for a while, and then they move on to another one. Some investors do essentially the same thing; they follow one investment strategy for a while, then they take some time off, then they follow a new strategy - the pattern goes on and on. If

you want the opportunity to achieve investment success, though, you need to choose a strategy that works for you and maintain the discipline to follow through.

* Pursuit of what's "hot" - Children love the newest toys. In fact, if they see a playmate that has one of these "hot" items, they will let their parents know, in no uncertain terms, that they, too, would like to acquire this toy - quickly. Sadly, some investors also chase after what's grabbing the most attention - in the form of "hot" stocks. This is not a formula for success; by the time you buy a "hot" stock, it may already be cooling off. And, in any case, the stock may not even be a good fit for your individual risk tolerance

or for your diversified portfolio.

* Impatience - Patience is not in big supply among the juvenile set. When children want something, they want it now, and they are not interested in delayed gratification. As an investor, though, you really shouldn't expect to get big returns in a short period of time. You're far better off building a portfolio of high-quality investments and holding them for the long term. You may encounter some ups and downs along the way, but your patience should eventually be rewarded.

* Acting emotionally - Children often wear their emotions on their sleeves. If they're happy or angry, they'll show it - and they may act on their feelings.

For example, if they're delighted with a new toy, they may drag it with them continuously, never wishing to let it go. Interestingly enough, some adult investors often behave the same way. They may "fall in love" with a stock and never want to sell it, even if it no longer meets their needs; conversely, they may get tired of waiting for a stock to pay off and sell it before it has a chance to move up. To be a smart investor, you need to use your head, not your heart.

Put your experience to work

When we grow up, we learn from the mistakes we made in childhood. Investors can change the errors of their ways, too. By drawing on your accumulating investment experience, you'll find yourself making fewer and fewer miscues - and you'll start making steady progress toward your important goals.



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Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

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a doctor by opening the Yellow Pages and blindly pointing to a listing, and you shouldn't be uninformed in your choice of home inspector, either. After all, this is a huge purchase, and you shouldn't place your trust in just anybody's hands.

The real estate agent will be able to recommend reliable local inspectors, but you're still faced with making the choice. What are some questions to ask?

Ask about the inspector's experience in construction or building maintenance as it relates to his or her qualifications. Don't be afraid to request a sample report, so you can judge if the job will be done in a thorough and detailed fashion. Also ask for references - and call them! This is an excellent method of verifying the quality you can expect.

Finally, understand that even the best inspectors experience oversights, so kindly ask about their policy in such cases, and to what degree they are liable. Remember that no home is perfect, but be sure that you don't get any nasty surprises after you've completed your purchase!

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Lady Eagles win first track meet of season

In the first meet of the track season, the Salado boys took fourth place in the Robinson Rocket Relays March 3, while the Salado girls finished first.

Results are as follows:

Varsity Girls

Shot Put - Mary Runyon, second, 30'1-1/4"; Taylor Johnson, fourth;

Discus - Runyon, fourth; Lauren Haire, fifth; Johnson, sixth;

Triple Jump - Molly Rooney, second, 32'8"; Valerie Clark, sixth;

High Jump - Haire, first (tie), 4'10"; Rooney, first (tie), 4'10".

Pole Vault - Jenny Ewton, first, 9'; Leigh Martin, second, 8'6"; Tamra Stanish, third, 7'6";

3200m - Chelsea Ervi, first, 12:32.47; Stanish, fifth; Kathryn Holdampf, sixth;

400m Relay - Salado (Shae Janda, Kelsey Smith, Brittany Goodnight, Valerie Clark), second, 52.50.

800m - Rooney, second, 2:35.37; Martin, third, 2:37.96; Rachel Hargrove, fifth;

Youth soccer roundup

Following are results for Salado Youth Soccer Association games played last week:

March 1 Games
Under 6 League
Blue Bombs def. Purple Dragons

Sonics def. Tigers
Under 8 League

Choppers def. Eagles by a 2-0 score. Justin Cowan and Robert Cortes with one goal each.

Under 12 League
Meiman def. Purple Dragons by a 0-1 score. Tyler Dale had the only goal of the game.

March 5 games
Under 6 League
Hot Rods over Mighty Grey Dragons

Tigers def. Red Dragons
Under 8 League

Gladiators def. Eagles by a 2-0 score. Both goals were scored by Tristan Bragg

Lime Dragons tie Choppers with a 1-1 score. For the Dragons, Daniel Lemus scored a goal, and for the Choppers, Robert Cortes scored a goal.

Under 12 League

Orange Crush def. Meiman by a 2-0 score. Carlos Ortiz had both goals.

Orange Crush def. Purple Dragons, 2-1. For the Orange Crush, one goal each for Alex DeLeon and Carlos Ortiz.

For the Purple Dragons, Tyler Dale had one goal.

110m Hurdles - Kacey Ashcroft, fourth; Ewton, fifth;

100m - Kelsey Smith, fourth; Taylor Johnson, fifth; Kristen Smith, sixth.

800m Relay - Salado (Janda, Stanish, Goodnight, Gilchrest), third, 1:55.04;

400m - Clark, third, 1:05.04; Johnson, sixth;

300m Hurdles - Rooney, first, 50.26; Ervi, third, 52.12; Ashcraft, sixth, 55.69.

1600m - Ervi, first, 5:49.32;

1600m Relay - Salado (Clark, Goodnight, Martin, Rooney), third, 4:29.9.

Team Points: Salado - 186, Robinson - 171, Lorena, 71.

Varsity Boys

Shot Put - Jacob Williams, third, 42'11";

Discus - Williams, second, 131'2";

Triple Jump - Chance Coe, sixth;

Long Jump - Coe, fourth;

Pole Vault - Brian Feterman, first (tie), 12'; Josh Jacobson, third, 11'6"; Josh Shaw, fourth.

100m - Jacobson, second, 11.38; Coe, third, 11.44.

800m Relay - Salado (Jacobson, Tucker Wilhite, Wes Ruth, Coe), third, 11.44;

1600m - Nick Everett, first, 4:35.96;

1600m Relay - Salado (Coe, Smith, Konzen, Wilhite), fifth.

Team Points: Robinson - 179, Lorena - 109.5, West - 93, Salado - 80.

The JV Lady Eagles placed second in the meet, behind the host team. The JV boys finished third with 118 points, behind Robinson and Lorena.

The majority of the schools at the meet were Class AAA.

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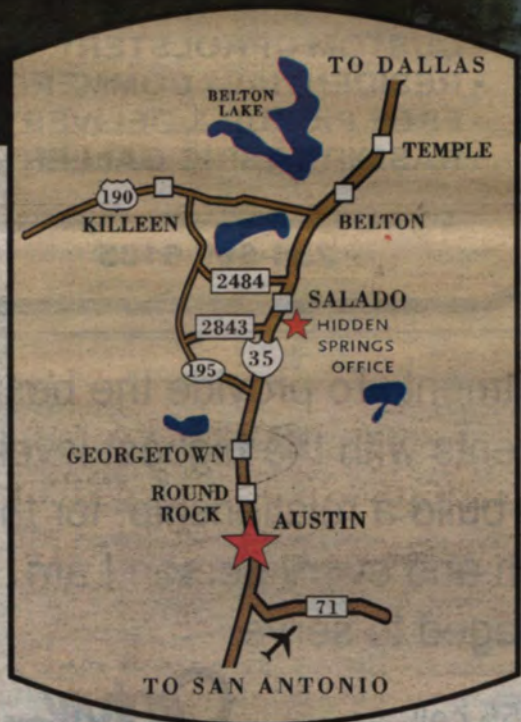
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Symphony of Soul set for Salado Civic Center on March 18

The Living Room Theatre of Salado (in conjunction with Bill Cariker) will present a performance of Austin's "Symphony of Soul," 7 p.m. March 18 at the Salado Civic Center. The performance will feature Leslie Hyland, soloist, accompanied by Valerie Pitrucha, pianist. The show is directed by Ramon Carver. Admission is \$15, and reservations may be made by calling 254-947-8300.

Hyland, featured performer for the March 18 show, grew up in Dallas. She studied voice and opera at The University of Texas in Austin. She trained and worked as an actress and singer in Paris, Los Angeles, and New York, where she performed in *Nightingale*, *Two by Two*, and *Nine*. She has also performed at the Long Beach Civic Light Opera, the Laguna Playhouse and the Odyssey Theatre in Los Angeles.

In Austin, Hyland's cabaret act *Love Remains* was chosen as "Pick of the Week" at last year's FronteraFest at Hyde Park Theatre, where she has also performed in SilverStar Entertainment's production of The USO Christmas Show.

Film credits include *Multiplicity*, *Loving Deadly* (Cannes Film Festival

1993) and short films, *Getting Back to New York* and *Now Departing*. Her Television credits include *One Life to Live*, *The Bold & Beautiful* and *Another World*, as well as various television commercials.

She is a member of Screen Actors Guild, American Federation of Television and Radio Artists and Actors' Equity Association.

Her mother is Judy Greene, of Salado's Living Room Theatre fame. Hyland says, "One of the things I'm most excited about performing in Salado is playing the same room where Mama has played to the same wonderful audience that she loves so much. She's a tough act to follow, but I'll do my best."

Dr. Ramon Carver, director of the show, graduated from the Yale School of Drama. As a national award-winning playwright, he has been produced Off-Broadway and in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Atlanta. Carver directed three events at Washington's Kennedy Center, and at Angelo State University, he taught theatre management in the graduate school and designed and built two theatres, winning the first annual "Best in the State" award from



Leslie Hyland

the Texas Arts Alliance.

He has lived in Salado for the past 10 years with Barbara, his wife of 45 years, and he is President of PALS (the Public Arts League of Salado) and manager/director of Salado's annual Judy & A. C. Greene Literary Festival.

He thinks Hyland's "a dynamic singer and one of the best professionals I've ever worked with."

Based in Austin, Symphony of Soul is a non-profit organization devoted to taking live music into hospitals, shelters, rehab centers, retirement homes and other institutions where people are

confined and isolated or facing challenging circumstances.

Symphony of Soul performances, typically a half-hour to an hour long, range from solo performances by singers and harpists, and ensembles like jazz trios, string quartets, and cabaret acts. The musicians are paid a stipend for each performance.

The proceeds from the show will enable Symphony of Soul to provide one performance a month for a year to Scott & White Hospital in Temple. Both Austin musicians and local professional musicians will participate in providing music to Scott & White.

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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 11

State Basketball Semifinal: Salado Eagles vs. Kountze Lions, 9:30 a.m. at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. Salado schools will be dismissed for the day. Buses will leave SHS to carry students and fans to the game at approximately 7:30 a.m. If Salado wins, they will play for the state title 2:30 p.m. March 12 at the Erwin 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 15

Women's Ministry of FBC of Salado "Tea Cup Tuesday" series, 9:30 a.m. in the church's fellowship hall. Program will be presented by Charlene Carson and Bettie Fitzhenry, titled "Letters from Addie." Info: 947-8346.

MARCH 18

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

MARCH 18

Living Room Theatre presents "Symphony of Soul," featuring Leslie

Hyland, 7 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. Directed by Raymond Carver.

Reservations available March 7, 254-947-8300.

MARCH 19

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

MARCH 19

Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas business meeting and discussion, 10:30 a.m. at Central Texas Area Museum.

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

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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.

MARCH 30

Tour of Salado High School and Thomas Arnold Elementary campuses, 1 p.m. beginning at the High School. Open to the public.

MARCH 31

Citizens for Excellence and Opportunity community meeting, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. Meeting will focus on the upcoming school bond election. (Date was moved from March 24.)

APRIL 1-3

Packard Car Club gathering at the Stagecoach Inn.

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 4

Shawn Mitchell Memorial Golf Tournament, 12:30 p.m. at Mill Creek Golf Club. All funds will go toward athletic scholarships for Salado High School seniors: one boy and one

girl. \$110 per four-man team, \$150 hole sponsorships. Info: Mark Thompson, 512-576-0340.

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 8-10

Buick and Lincoln Car Club gatherings at the Stagecoach Inn.

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 15-16

Second Annual Salado Student Art Competition and Exhibition, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Longhorn Room at Stagecoach Inn. Application and instruction forms are available at all Salado campuses and the Central Office. Entries are due at SIS Library 3-6 p.m. April 5-6. Cash prizes of \$10-\$100 for 3D and 2D art with a Best in Show prize of \$250. No late entries accepted. Awards presentation, 1:30 p.m. April 16.

APRIL 19

Women's Ministry of FBC of Salado "Tea Cup Tuesday" series, 9:30 a.m. in the church's fellowship hall. Jane Voigt, owner of Ambrosia Tea Room, will demonstrate how to make scones. Info: 947-8346.

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 6-8

MG Car Club gathering at the Stagecoach Inn.

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, Prellow 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 17

Women's Ministry of FBC of Salado "Tea Cup Tuesday" series, 9:30 a.m. in the church's fellowship hall. Charlotte Douglass will give a program titled "Making Decorating Work For You." Info: 947-8346.

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 21

Women's Ministry of FBC of Salado "Tea Cup Tuesday" series, 9:30 a.m. in the church's fellowship hall. Carol Hadja will give a program titled "Making Floral Arrangements." Info: 947-8346.

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 19

Women's Ministry of FBC of Salado "Tea Cup Tuesday" series, 9:30 a.m. in the church's fellowship hall. Colleen Palmer will give a program on "Planning and Cooking Meals Ahead of Time." Info: 947-8346.

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,

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AUGUST 19

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

SEPTEMBER 10, 17 & 24

Tablerock's production of Shakespeare's "Hamlet." Performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 child. Info: 254-947-8933, www.allcentex.com/tablerock or email tablerock1@aol.com.

SEP. 10-11, 14-18

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

SEPTEMBER 17-18

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

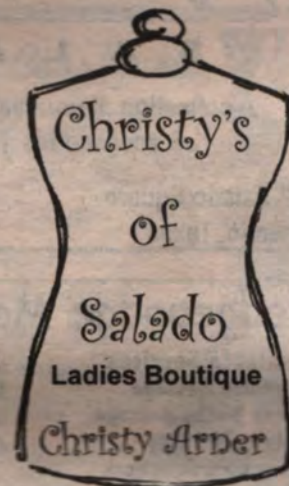
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OCTOBER 14-15

Christmas in October, sponsored by Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. each day at the Salado Civic Center. Features Christmas shopping, bake sale, style show, music, entertainment and vintage car show. Admission is free. Info: 254-947-5040.



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The dance will follow 8 p.m. to midnight. Deadline to reserve a table for the dance or for the dinner reservations is March 12.

The Texas Western Swing Heritage Association of Bell County, a non-profit organization, composed of local and area volunteers with Nan Ray as events chairperson, sponsors this event. "The purpose for the event is to promote this "Texas Born" music and assemble extremely talented musicians on our stage. There will be Grammy Award winners, Hall of Fame musicians, World Champion fiddlers and recording artists performing," said Nan Ray, Chairperson of the event.

Music will be provided by world champion fiddler, recording artist and Hall of Fame inductee Randy Elmore and the Boys in the Band. Featured musician will be "Western Swing Entertainer of the Year" Dave Alexander, two-time Grammy Award winner Ricky Turpin, Wes Westmoreland, Bobby Flores, and Wade Stockton.

The featured performer for this very entertaining musical program is two time World Champion fiddler and six time Texas State Fiddle Champion, Randy Elmore, of Cle-



Texas Western Swing Hall of Famer Randy Elmore will be a featured performer.

burne, Texas. In October 1997, Randy was awarded the Western Swing Instrumentalist of the Year and in October 1998, Randy was honored with induction into the Western Swing Hall of Fame in Sacramento, California. Randy has played with Red Steagall, Reba McEntire, Mel Tillis, Hank Thompson, Ray Price, Asleep at the Wheel, the Texas Playboys and many other top entertainers. He currently does studio work with various artists as well as performing concerts and dances with his band. He traveled with various artists for over 15 years, performing all over the United States, including three years in Branson. Randy's love of fiddle music has roots in country, western jazz and classical.

Joining The Texas Western Swing Heritage Association in sponsoring the Showcase are the Strawberry Patch of Salado and Chameleon Clothiers of Salado.

Admission to the afternoon performance is \$10. Dance admission is \$10.



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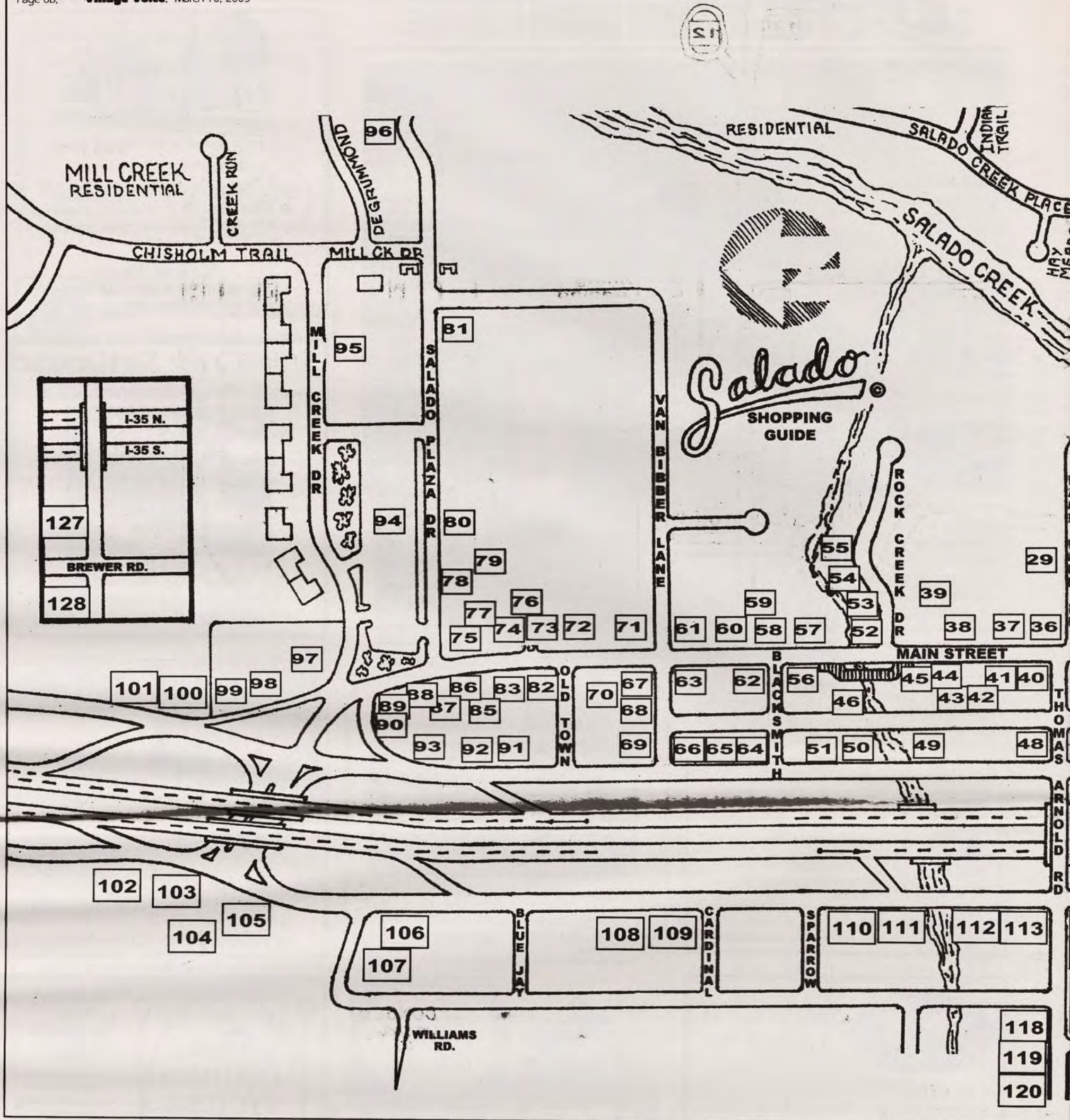
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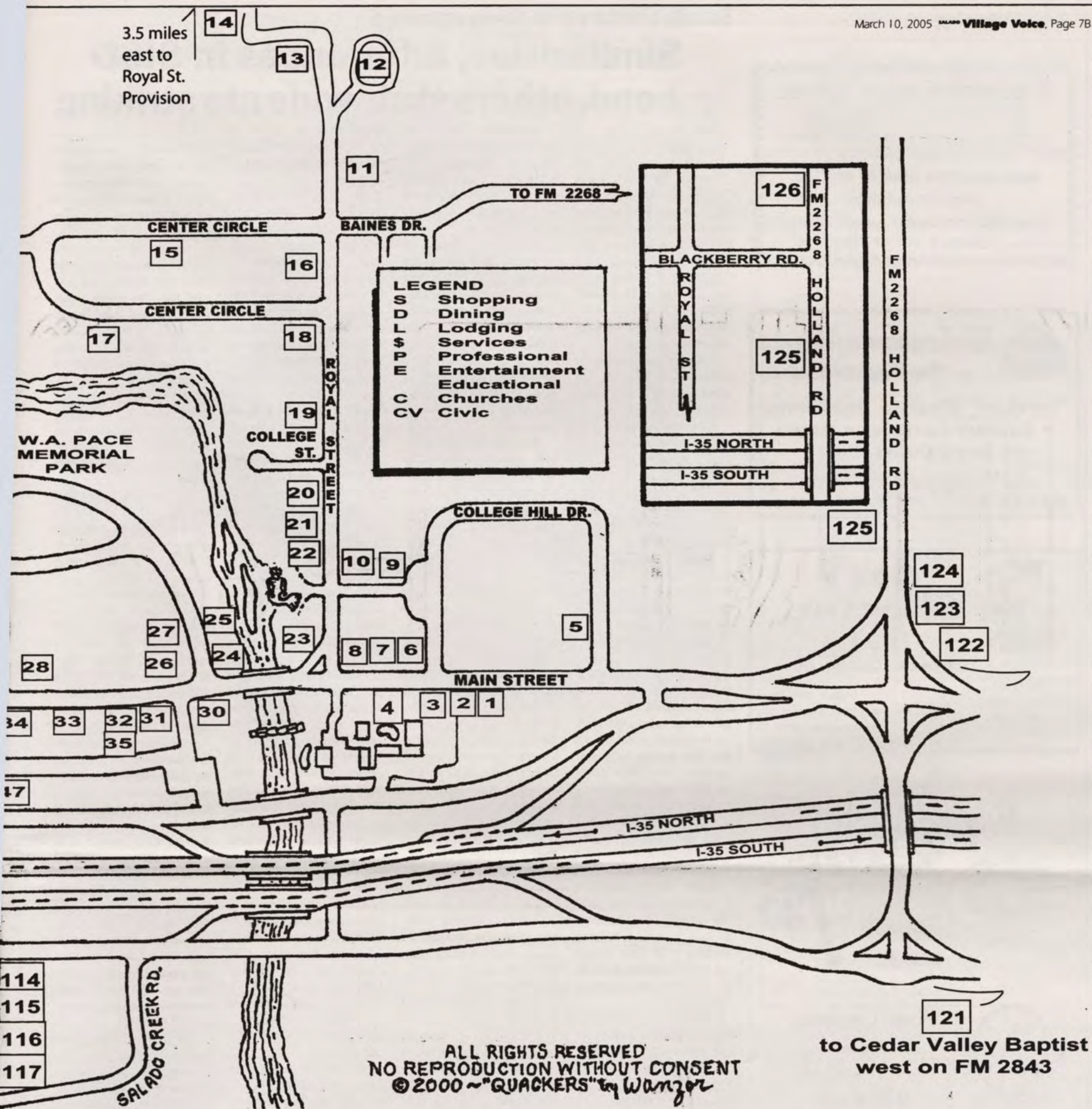
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Salado's history with bonds examined

Similarities, differences in SISD bond, others statewide are striking

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Voters in Williamson County overwhelmingly rejected the largest school bond issue in Texas history March 5 (\$349 million), sending a clear message to the Round Rock I.S.D. Board of Trustees. Just a few miles east of Round Rock on Hwy. 79, Hutto I.S.D. voters overwhelmingly approved a \$53 million bond proposal.

Voters in our sister county to the south are indeed sending mixed messages on what voters will support or oppose.

Advocates for Salado ISD's April 2 \$17 million bond proposal -- opponents as well, for that matter -- can see several similarities between the successful bond issue, the failed bond issue and the proposed Salado ISD bond issue.

They can also look -- not south -- but into Salado ISD's past for similarities and differences with both failed and successful bond issues.

The most obvious similarity to these southern school districts is growth. Salado schools saw an increase in student enrollment of almost 10 percent this year with 1,171 at last count. Both Hutto and Round Rock school districts have been growing much more rapidly. In fact, Hutto ISD is one of the most rapidly growing school districts in the state, with a student population nearing 2,500 that is expected to grow by another 20 percent in the next three or four years.

Hutto schools are bursting at the seams. Some high school classes report 28 to 30 students in the room. Educationally speaking, to fit more students into these classrooms might require the aid of Tokyo's famous "subway stuffer."

In contrast to the Salado bond issue, both the Round Rock and Hutto bonds had money set aside for renovations and expansions of current campuses. Salado ISD's \$17 million is for all new construction, including athletic stadiums.

The Hutto bond calls for construction of two new elementary schools at approximately \$13 million each, \$9 million in new classrooms at Hutto High School and \$18 million in renovations on current campuses.

The Round Rock bond called for construction of a \$91 million new high school, a \$21 million elementary school, a \$31 million middle school, new classrooms at Round Rock and Westwood high schools, renovations on all campuses, the purchase of land for six new schools, technology renovations and purchases of school buses.

Both the Hutto and Round Rock proposals estimated tax impacts of about 11¢ per \$100 evaluation for the debt service obligation to retire the bonds, while Salado's is estimated at 19.5¢ per \$100,000 evaluation for the debt service to retire the bond in 30 years. If the debt on the bonds were to be paid in 25 years, the tax impact would be 22.3¢ per \$100 evaluation.

A look around the state shows a mostly positive result of bond elections recently. Dripings Springs ISD approved a \$28.7 million bond program that would have a 7.3¢ tax rate impact (\$73 per year for a \$100,000 home) that would bring DSISD's tax rate to about \$1.82 per \$100 evaluation. Aledo ISD voters also approved a \$52.68 million bond and Mabank voters said yes to a \$38 million bond proposal.

The small district of Mildred, however, rejected an \$11.7 million bond proposal that would have built a new elementary school. The projected tax impact of the bond was 35.5¢ per \$100 evaluation (\$350 per year for \$100,000 home).

But none of those are Salado ISD.

Proponents -- dissenters as well -- can find plenty of solace in Salado's own history with bond elections within the last decade. A look at those bond issues reveals basically a tie between the "ayes" and the

"nays." A closer look reveals the similarities and differences between those proposals and the current one.

On Jan. 21, 1995, SISD voters rejected a \$5.7 million bond issue for construction of a new high school (sans athletic stadiums) on 62 acres at the intersection of Rose Lane and Amity Rd. by a margin of 835-164. Issues surrounding that election including the location of the proposed school, the economy of building on the current campus and the safety of building a high school near I-35. The issue of water "sprang up" on trustees and administrators during a town hall meeting when it was discovered that the site did not have 6-inch water lines, which would have cost another \$96,000 to install.

The issue of water raised its head during this bond proposal as the Williams Rd. site currently has only two-inch water lines running in front of it. However, Salado Water Supply Corporation manager Ricky Preston told *Salado Village Voice* that the location should have more than adequate water access within two years. Preston said that he expects work to begin within six months on a \$1.9 million capital improvements project to upgrade water access and delivery facilities in the western portion of his district (FM 2484). Salado water supply is waiting on a decision from Central Texas Water Supply Corporation whether it can tie into its water treatment plant on the west side of Stillhouse Hollow Lake. Even if Salado cannot get access to water there, Preston said that plans are to improve the delivery and pumping system on the west side to deliver groundwater.

After defeating the \$5.7 million high school, Salado voters overwhelmingly approved a \$6.5 million proposal for a new middle school at the current location on Sept. 27, 1997. In the build-up to the bond, growth projections anticipated a student enrollment of 1,353 for the 2004-05 school year. Actual enrollment this year is 1,171. The cost of the proposed middle school was \$5.5 million with \$725,000 proposed renovations to the elementary and \$275,000 renovations to the high school. Among those proposed renovations were ADA compliance, air conditioning repair, roof repair, converting classroom, enclosing the HS library and parking.

At the time, school board president Sara Mackie said, "More than two thirds of those (responding to a postcard survey) said they would support and bond election/building program and about 75 percent of those favored building on the present site."

At the time, students were in 12 portable classrooms on the two campuses. Currently, students are in the same number of portable classrooms on the high school and elementary campuses.

Turnout was heavy in the 1997 referendum, as it was in the earlier 1995 defeated bond, with more than 500 casting ballots during the early voting period. All told, almost 800 people voted in the bond election, passing it at a nine-to-one ratio of 716 for and 78 against.

Turnout was much lower during a May 5, 2001 referendum on two proposals totaling \$1.3 million for renovations/improvements at the current location.

Proposition A for \$675,000 was approved. It called for the following: new roof at high school, replace heating and air conditioning at high school, storage, tiles and other cosmetics; upgrade heating and air at Thomas Arnold, fasteners on gym roof, fencing; new softball field, stands and bleachers; resurface and refurbish track; new bleachers and wall mats at SHS gym, irrigation and well for softball/baseball, new visitor's dugout for baseball.

Proposition B for \$650,000 was defeated. It called for the following improvements: renovate old band hall, renovate commons area, renovate ag department, remodel distance learning room, convert weight room into storage; painting and flooring at elementary, drainage; Grounds and Properties upgrades of septic field renovations, drainage ditch, paving improvement; Football stadium improvements, additional lighting, expand bleachers, concession stand and ticket booths, press box expansion, draining; Football field house.

The renovations bond issues were decided by fewer than 500 voters in one of the lowest turnout election for Salado schools. At the same time, voters returned Frank Carlson to the school board, even though he opposed both bonds. Voters defeated Carse Williams, who was a vocal supporter of both bond proposals. Jackie Burson, who was opposed to both bonds in 2001 was also elected to the board that day. Burson and Carlson, after a year off the board, have both filed for election to the board of trustees this May.

Whether Salado voters will approve the \$17 million bond this April is not yet known, but one can easily anticipate a high voter turnout on that Saturday.

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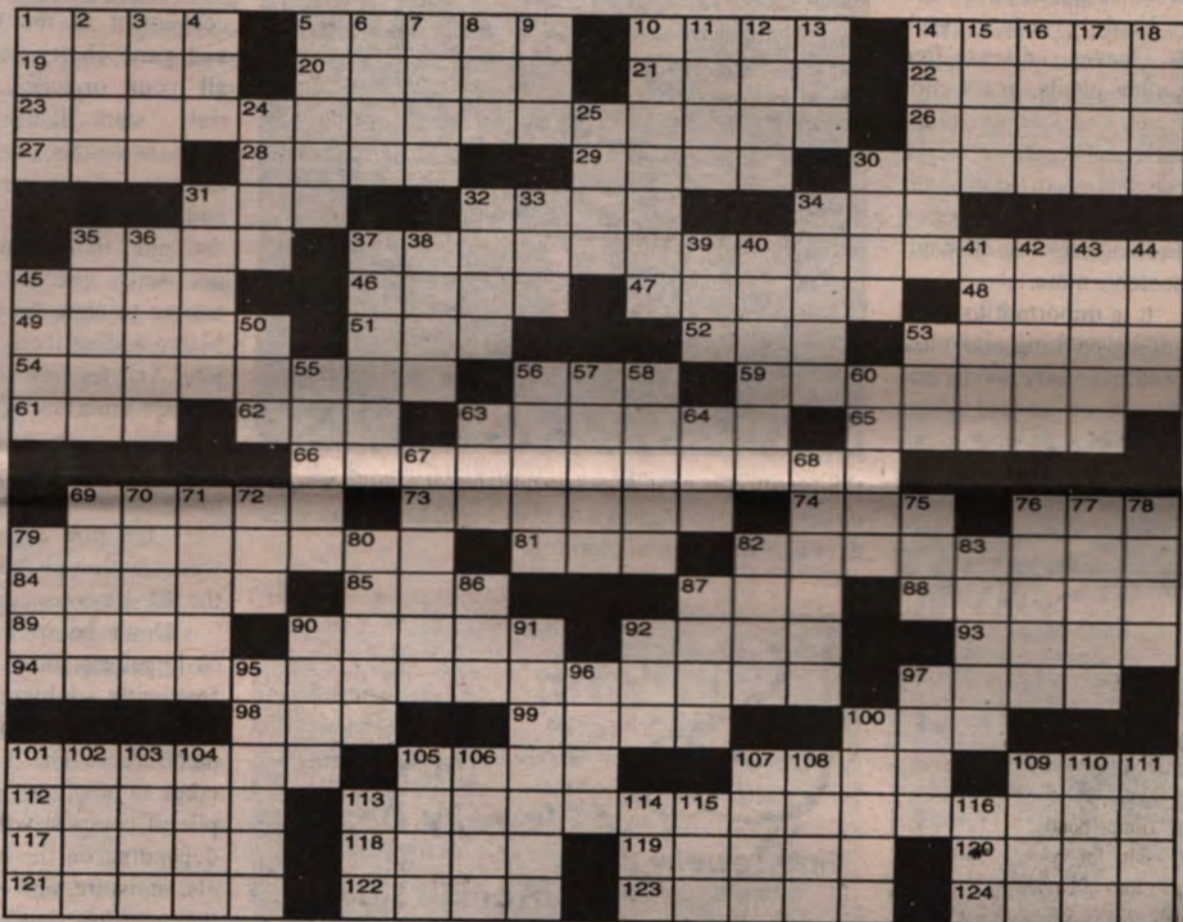
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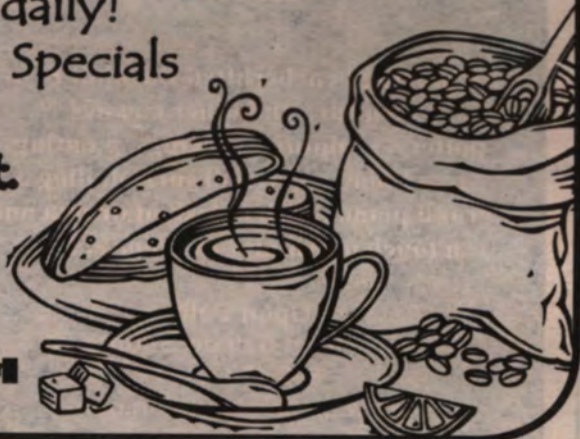
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Composting is Mother Nature's way of recycling the natural nutrients in organic waste into useable nutrition for all plants. Composting requires only organic materials, sun, moisture, air, and time. Nature provides the microbes needed to help break down the materials.

Yard waste, such as leaves, disease-free garden plants, grass clippings, and kitchen scraps such as vegetable peels, egg shells, coffee grounds including the filter paper, and tea bags are all compostable materials.

It is important to avoid adding cooking oils, meat products, fatty foods, and human or animal waste and bones to your com-

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post pile. Adding these to your compost may attract unwanted pests or cause problems like bad to your yard.

Organic matter mixed

with the soil will add nutrients and improve the composition of the soil. In areas like Central Texas, where clay is dominant, the organic material will



Composting is easy and inexpensive. It should also be passed on to youngsters as they begin to take an interest in gardening and planting.

help create looser, more workable soil. In sandy soil, the same material will improve the water-holding capacity. No matter what kind of soil you have, composting will be beneficial to it.

"So how do I compost?" you may ask yourself. "What fancy tools and equipment will I need to buy?" The answer is none. Gardeners may choose black plastic bags for composting, or one of the many composting bins on the market, or simply pick an out of the way spot in the back yard and start a pile of stuff. Create a boundary of some sort to contain your site, like logs or concrete blocks

To get you started, here are some composting tips: Choose a level site for your compost pile, one convenient to the house and yard chores; collect all your organic material; start small, layer your materials; and as the material permits, keep adding to the pile. Keep the pile moistened, but not wet! Use the lawn mower to chop up leaves before adding them to the pile. And for best results, include a mixture of green materials such as grass clippings, and brown material such as leaves; Turn the pile every few weeks with a pitchfork so the pile stays aerated.

Don't be over eager or impatient, turning too frequently inhibits the break down of organic materials. The time it takes to create a finished pile of compost will vary depending on the materials, moisture, and outside temperature, but as all gardeners know, nothing happens overnight, but eventually it will happen.

The compost is ready when it smells like earth, the organic material used is not identifiable, and it looks dark and crumbly. Don't rush the process, because "hot" compost can burn plants. So let it "cook" and cool thoroughly.

Once you give composting a chance, you'll be amazed at the difference it makes when added to your plant and flower beds. You'll have stronger, healthier plants and more blooms than ever. Shrubs will be fuller and richer in their natural color. Also, composting is good physical exercise as you turn your pile and enjoy being outside. Finally, not adding to landfills is beneficial to all of us and our communities. So start composting and enjoy the benefits!

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We were amazed at the number of people who were in Vegas. We saw crowds everywhere we went. The city is the fastest growing metropolitan area in the country. Six hundred families a day are moving there. Downtown property is selling for 20 million dollars an acre and up.

It was our first time to spend some time in Vegas. We had only spent the night there a few times on the way to somewhere else.

Some people say gambling in Vegas is down because of all the casinos opening up all over the country. But we saw tons of people gambling. All the enterprise makes the country's economy look extremely healthy.

We went there spe-

Tumbleweed Smith



cifically to see Elton John. He came on stage wearing orange shoes. He was warm to the audience and played and sang while a giant screen behind him showed images of America during the past forty years. A neon display flashed on stage. The most amazing thing about the presentation was giant inflatables that came in various shapes: bananas, cherries and a pair of big boobs the size of hot air balloons. He closed his performance by thanking the audience and saying how grateful he is for the opportunities in the U.S.

The night before we saw Elton we went to a

performance by the comedian George Wallace. He is funny and clean and makes people laugh for a solid hour and a half. We quoted some of the things George said on stage all the time we were in Vegas. He closed his show by saying he loves what he does and is lucky to have been born in the USA.

You think smoking is on the decrease? Not in Vegas. Everybody smokes. I couldn't believe it. There is a no jumping ordinance in Las Vegas. None of the hotel windows can open. Dress? Everything from tuxedos and formals to grunge. Ages: teen-ag-

ers to senility. Vegas is an adult playground. It's no place for kids.

We saw the Cirque du Soliel performance of "O" which takes place on a stage with an ever-changing pool of water on it. "O" was perhaps the most interesting theater I've ever seen. If you look away for just a second, you'll miss something. The graceful, silent performers do amazing dives.

We also saw Jubilee, the glitzy top hat and tails singing and dancing revue, which has been famous for years, but will end this summer. We had fun in Vegas.

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The General Store Collection

The Salado Sawmill, an artisan's workshop and gallery, carries a unique line of custom furniture, "The General Store Collection." This bold and chunky design contains many elements of the furnishings your would have found in stores and homes at the turn of the last century. The bead-board detailing and glass front door take you back to a simpler time. Bob Pascoe, owner of The Salado Sawmill, has created several pieces in this line.



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

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Village of Salado alderman Jackie Mills (right) is pictured above with third-generation Saladoan Patsy Sanford, who on March 3 was designated Poet Laureate of the Village of Salado.

For many years, she has been active in local civic and service capacities, such as the Salado School Board, the Salado Education Foundation, the Civic Center Foundation and the Village of Salado Tourism Committee. Sanford is the author of four volumes of poetry, a children's book, short stories, reviews, essays, and has given readings of her work throughout Central Texas. Her work has been featured in many publications, including Austin Writers Anthology, Austin Writer, The Panhandler, Blackland Snow, and many others.

Along with a certificate from the Village, Sanford received letters of congratulation from Gov. Rick Perry and Rep. Dianne White Delisi.

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Penney Worley

Rotary given background of Scott & White founder

Penney Worley, at the March 1 Salado Rotary Club meeting, discussed an historic log cabin once owned by Dr. Arthur Scott.

Worley is Director of the Medical Library at Scott and White Hospital. She was educated at the University of Missouri and has a Master's degree in her field.

The subject of the presentation was "The Cabin at Shady Side Farm." The cabin was owned and used by Dr. Arthur Scott, one of the founders of Scott and White Hospital.

In 1916 Dr. Scott acquired 246 acres for a dairy farm to provide safe "certified" milk.

The Farm was the first to provide certified milk to the area, and Dr. Scott had only jersey cattle because of the smooth quality of their milk, explained Worley.

The cabin, which was built in 1858 by the Keller family of Temple, was purchased by Dr. Scott in the early 1920s and moved from its original site, a location that is now the Western Hills Subdivision, where the Drayton McClane home is located. Dr. Scott moved cabin to the Hospital Dairy Farm where he used it as a study and retreat. The cabin has been moved twice, in 1972 and 2003 for historical purposes, Worley contin-

ued. Dr. Scott, she said, became prominent in the medical profession, having written 106 manuscripts and 36 publications. Because of the reputation of Dr. Scott the cabin was visited by several prominent people, including Dr. Joseph Mayo of the internationally famous Mayo Clinic, and Lyndon Johnson.

Much of Worley's presentation was on the many accomplishments of Dr. Scott, who died in 1940. He was honored by the Texas medical community by being named President of the Texas Medical Association in 1925.

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One Act Play troupe impresses at festival

This year's Salado High School UIL One Act Play production of George Herman's *A Company of Wayward Saints* was performed at the Belton High School invitational theatre festival March 5.

This was an adjudicated event using a judging process similar to the state University Interscholastic League contest.

Faculty director Gary Askins says that each year he tries to find the most challenging festival experience for his one act play team. "I have discovered that my students perform so much better at the actual contest if they have had the opportunity to perform before a critic judge prior to the actual event. This year's cast and crew really stepped it up and performed a contest ready production. This was especially true because we had two members of our cast involved in the Regional boys basketball and power lifting finals.

"We had the alternates Kirsten Singleton and Jacob Merritt prepared and they delivered such convincing performances the judge wasn't even aware that we were missing anybody. The judge was especially taken by the strong ensemble performances. That's a testament to the strength of this year's cast and crew. It is one of the

strongest and most creative I've ever had."

A Company of Wayward Saints is an intricate play within a play about a troupe of "comedians" who have exhausted their funds and find themselves stranded far away from home. They have one final shot at obtaining the required funds from a benefactor if they can perform a certain improvisational work to his satisfaction. The play within a play unfolds as each of the players discovers the significance of what it means to be part of something larger than them or indeed what it means to be part of a "company."

"When the students picked this play I was surprised because it is such a departure from what they've liked and excelled on in the past," said Askins. "It is both a broad farce and then will have moments of genuine heart-felt seriousness. It is a very technically and artistically challenging piece and I've been pleasantly surprised by their response to the play."

The crew this year is lead by Ben Carder, as student director, with Ariel Simpson serving as stage manager. Cheli Urquiza is sound manager and Brandi Warren has handled props and costumes. This year's other alternates are Chelsi

Ervi and Tommy Schatte, who have been ready to assist in any capacity.

The cast features several seniors, among them Clayton Cook, Tim Hodgin, Douglas Mackie, Bekah Quick, Scott Williams, and Lauralee Young. Garrett Askins and Taylor Jones round out the experienced ensemble cast.

Askins stated, "I have very high expectations for this year's play because I know they have the potential to equal and possibly surpass any cast and crew I've ever had. They have demonstrated an intense work ethic and yet have not lost the sheer joy of performing and I think that shines through at various moments in our production. They've figured out that I take our 'play' very seriously and I'm excited about our next festival in Temple at the Cultural Activity Center at 1 p.m. on March 10."

The CAC will also be the site of Salado's first contest on March 24. This year the Salado High School Drama Department will perform a special benefit performance of their play at the Salado Silver Spur Theatre on April 3. The public, family, friends and complete strangers are invited to come support the performing arts in Salado Public Schools.

Historical Society sets meeting

A pot luck dinner and program on a Bell County archeological site are features of the Salado Historical Society's first general meeting of 2005, scheduled for 6:15 March 15 at the Salado Civic Center.

Stephanie Turnham, director of Bell County

Museum, will speak on the Gault Archeological Site, which dates back approximately 11,500 years.

Turnham several years ago provided extensive assistance in establishing the Society's mini-museum located on the first floor of the Civic Center.

The program is free

and open to the public. Attendees may bring a variety of food. The Society will provide beverages.

Society president Maurice Carson encourages everyone to become a part of the Salado Historical Society. Dues may be paid at this meeting.

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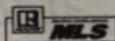
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Texas Department of Transportation

Notice of Public Hearing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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For Sale By Owner. Many Wooded Lots, Woods of Salado on FM 2484 near Lake Stillhouse. Rita Seghers 254-760-9663. tfn

Spectacular building site in Woods of Salado, with large oak trees and a lake view \$65,000. Century 21 Bill Bartlett 254-947-5050 tfn

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- 20-363 acs S. Salado, owner finance.
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NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BELL
SALADO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID DISTRICT:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in said District as provided in an ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION duly passed by the Board of Trustees of said District, which Order is substantially as follows:

ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BELL
SALADO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees deems it advisable to call the election hereinafter ordered; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that said meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551; and that holding of the Election on a date other than the uniform election date is in the public's interest; and

WHEREAS, this Election is the only Election of this type held by the District on a date other than a uniform date during the State Fiscal Biennium.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SALADO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

1. That an election shall be held between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. on April 2, 2005, in said District, at the following designated polling place:

Foyer of Salado High School, 620 Thomas Arnold Road, Salado, Texas 76571

Said District shall constitute a single election precinct for said election, and the following election officers are hereby appointed to hold said election:

Presiding Judge: Jean Westerberg
Alternate Presiding Judge: Bobbie Carroll

2. That the Presiding Judges shall appoint not less than two qualified election clerks to serve and assist in conducting said election; providing that if the Presiding Judge actually serves as expected, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of such clerks.

3. That early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance at the Salado Civic Center, 601 North Main, Salado, Texas 76571 and by mail P.O. Box 98, Salado, Texas 75671, and during the period early voting is required or permitted by law, being March 16, 2005 through March 29, 2005, the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on each day except Saturdays, Sundays and legal state holidays; and the early voting clerks shall keep said early voting place open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance. The early voting clerk for said election shall be Lyndal Cabaniss and deputy early voting clerks shall be Jean Westerberg, Darlene Kirk, Bonnie Smith.

Early voting by personal appearance shall also be conducted at a temporary branch polling place, on the dates and during the hours as specified below:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Location, and Hours. Includes entries for March 22, 24, 26, 29, 2005 and March 29, 2006.

4. That an early ballot board is hereby created to process early voting results, and Pat Barton shall be appointed the presiding judge of said board. The presiding judge shall appoint at least two other members of the board.

5. That all resident, qualified electors of said District shall be entitled to vote at said election.

6. That a substantial copy of this Order shall serve as proper Notice of said election, and the President of the Board of Trustees shall cause said Notice to be published one time, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day prior to the date set for the election, in a newspaper published in said District or, if none is published in said District, in a newspaper of general circulation in said District. In addition, not later than the 21st day prior to the date set for the election, the President of the Board of Trustees shall cause said Notice to be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board of Trustees.

7. That at said election the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Trustees of said District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$17,000,000 for the purpose of the construction and equipment of school buildings in the District, to-wit: new high school educational building complex and athletic facilities, with said bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds?

8. That the official ballots for said election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION

FOR) THE ISSUANCE OF \$17,000,000 OF BONDS (NEW HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL BUILDING COMPLEX AND ATHLETIC FACILITIES) AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF
AGAINST)

9. That in all respects said election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

AVISO DE ELECCIÓN DE BONOS

ESTADO DE TEXAS
CONDADO DE BELL
DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SALADO

A LOS ELECTORES RESIDENTES QUE CUMPLAN LOS REQUISITOS DE DICHO DISTRITO:

DENSE POR NOTIFICADOS que se llevará a cabo una elección en dicho Distrito según lo estipulado en la ORDEN DE LLAMADO A VOTACIÓN DE BONOS debidamente votada por el Consejo de Fiduciarios de dicho Distrito, siendo la reproducción fiel de la ORDEN la siguiente:

ORDEN CONVOCANDO UNA ELECCIÓN

THE STATE OF TEXAS
CONDADO DE BELL
DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SALADO

POR CUANTO, esta Junta de Síndicos considera aconsejable convocar la elección ordenada a continuación; y

POR CUANTO, se halla y determina oficialmente aquí que dicha reunión estuvo abierta al público, y que se dio aviso público de la fecha, lugar y propósito de la reunión, todo según los requisitos del Código del Gobierno de Texas, Capítulo 551; y que es en el mejor interés público celebrar la elección en una fecha que no sea la fecha electoral uniforme; y

POR CUANTO, esta elección es la única elección de dicho tipo celebrada por el Distrito en una fecha que no sea la fecha electoral uniforme durante el bienio fiscal estatal.

POR TANTO, LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SALADO ORDENA QUE:

1. Se celebrará una elección entre las horas de 7:00 a.m. y 7:00 p.m. el 2 de abril de 2005, en dicho Distrito, en el siguiente lugar de votación:

Foyer of Salado High School, 620 Thomas Arnold Road, Salado, Texas 76571

Dicho Distrito formará un solo precinto electoral para los propósitos de dicha elección, y los siguientes oficiales electorales son nombrados aquí para administrar dicha elección:

Juez Presidente: Jean Westerbert
Juez Presidente Alterno: Bobbie Carroll

2. El Juez Presidente nombrará a un mínimo de dos asistentes administrativos electorales calificados para servir y asistir en el desempeño de la elección; teniendo en cuenta que si el Juez Presidente sirve en realidad como se anticipa, el Juez Presidente Alterno será uno de dichos asistentes administrativos.

3. La votación temprana será administrada mediante comparecencia personal en la Salado Civic Center, 601 North Main, Salado, Texas 76571 y por correo P. O. Box 98, Salado, Texas 75671, y durante el período en el cual la votación temprana es requerida o permitida por ley, siendo éste del 16 de marzo de 2005 al 29 de marzo de 2005; las horas designadas para la votación temprana mediante comparecencia personal serán de 7:30 a.m. a 4:30 p.m. diariamente, excepto los sábados, domingos y días feriados estatales; y los asistentes administrativos de votación temprana mantendrán el lugar de votación temprana abierto durante dichas horas para la votación temprana mediante comparecencia personal. La asistente administrativa principal para la votación temprana lo será Lydal Cabaniss y el diputado que vota temprano a vendedores será Jean Westerberg, Darlene Kirk y Melissa Newman.

La votación temprana por comparecencia personal también se llevará a cabo en una sucursal de votación temporera, en las fechas y durante las horas especificadas a continuación:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Location, and Hours. Includes entries for March 22, 24, 26, 29, 2005 and March 29, 2006.

4. Se establece una junta de votación temprana para procesar los resultados de la votación temprana, y Pat Barton es aquí nombrada como juez presidente de dicha junta. El juez presidente nombrará a por lo menos dos otros miembros de la junta.

5. Todo elector residente y calificado de dicho Distrito tendrá derecho a votar en dicha elección.

6. Una copia sustancial de esta Orden servirá como aviso apropiado de dicha elección, y el Presidente de la Junta de Síndicos se encargará de que este aviso sea publicado una vez, entre 10 a 30 días antes de la fecha fijada para la elección, en un periódico publicado en tal Distrito, o de no haber uno publicado en ese Distrito, en un periódico de circulación general dentro del Distrito. Además, no antes de 21 días antes de la fecha fijada para la elección, el Presidente de la Junta de Síndicos se encargará de que dicho Aviso sea colocado en el tablero de anuncios usado para colocar avisos de las reuniones de la Junta de Síndicos.

7. En dicha elección la siguiente PROPOSICIÓN será sometida conforme a la ley:

PROPOSICIÓN

¿Se autorizará a la Junta de Síndicos de dicho Distrito a emitir los bonos del Distrito, en una o más series, por la cantidad agregada de principal de \$17,000,000 con el propósito de construir y equipar los edificios escolares del Distrito y para la compra de las localidades necesarias para éstos, a saber: INSTALACIONES COMPLEJAS Y ATLÉTICAS DEL EDIFICIO

EDUCATIVO NUEVO DE LA HIGH SCHOOL SECUNDARIA DEL EDIFICIO, y que tales bonos madurarán, ganarán interés y serán emitidos y vendidos de acuerdo a la ley vigente a la hora de la emisión, y se autorizará a la Junta de Síndicos a imponer y garantizar, y hacer que se evalúen y se recopilen, impuestos anuales ad valorem sobre toda propiedad sujeta a impuestos dentro del Distrito, en cantidad suficiente y sin límite en cuanto a tasa o cantidad total, para pagar el principal e interés sobre dichos bonos?

8. Las papeletas oficiales para dicha elección serán preparadas conforme al Código Electoral de Texas de manera de permitirle a los electores votar "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de la suodicha PROPOSICIÓN, y las papeletas incluirán tales estipulaciones, marcas y lenguaje requeridos por ley, y dicha PROPOSICIÓN será expresada sustancialmente como sigue:

PROPOSICIÓN

A FAVOR) LA EMISION DE \$17,000,000 EN BONOS (INSTALACIONES COMPLEJAS Y ATLÉTICAS DEL EDIFICIO EDUCATIVO NUEVO DE LA HIGH SCHOOL SECUNDARIA DEL EDIFICIO) Y LA FIJACIÓN DE UN IMPUESTO PARA RETIRAR LOS MISMOS
EN CONTRA)

9. En todo respecto dicha elección será administrada conforme al Código Electoral de Texas.

"Green" coffee

Environmentally-friendly drink can be found

Dear EarthTalk: What are the environmental impacts of our voracious appetite for coffee? -- Augie Dent, Capitola, CA

According to the Specialty Coffee Association, Americans alone consume some 300 million cups of coffee every day. Globally, coffee is second only to oil in terms of dollars traded, and it has a tremendous social and ecological footprint, particularly in regions of the world that also host some of the planet's greatest, and most threatened, biodiversity.

Prior to the 1960s, most coffee was grown under the shade canopies of other plants in conditions not unlike natural tropical forests. These traditional coffee plantations harbored a wide range of plant diversity, and therefore provided valuable habitat for large numbers of migratory birds and other wildlife. The abundant flora and fauna also helped keep pests in check while providing a wide range of natural nutrients for the soil.

But over the last four decades, the growing popularity of coffee began

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to dictate the need for greater production, and coffee growers started clearing their land in order to grow higher yield coffee that thrives in direct sunlight. While financially productive, this sun-grown coffee takes a heavy toll on the environment, on wildlife, and on workers' health by eliminating the surrounding biodiversity and requiring heavy use of toxic fertilizers, pesticides and insecticides.

Among others, the Starbucks chain of coffee shops has been a recent innovator in trying to turn the situation around. In 1998 the company formed a partnership with Conservation International, a leading environmental non-profit, to encourage sustainable, shade-grown coffee production while also ensuring that small farmers and agricultural co-ops earn a living wage for their labors, a concept

known as "fair trade." Starbucks' Organic Shade Grown Mexico, Decaf Shade Grown Mexico, and Conservation Colombia coffees are all grown in an ecologically sound manner that protects the surrounding natural environment and respects the economic needs of farmers.

Shade-grown brands are also becoming more widely available to those more inclined to brew their coffee at home. The Smithsonian's National Zoo website features a handy listing of "bird-friendly" coffee retailers (that is, bean sellers committed to shade-grown coffee only), searchable by zip code. The organization Rainforest Alliance, which also works to get the word out about coffee's big footprint, certifies several brands, including Oriole Blend and Columbia Mesos de los Santos. And the website Coffee Review lists Green Mountain, Kaldi's, Thanksgiving Coffee, New Harvest, Kaffe, Café Campesino and Coffee Tea Etc. as coffees that top the list in terms of pairing excellent

taste with environmentally-responsible growing practices. Many of these brands are available at organic food specialty stores and at natural foods supermarkets like Whole Foods and Wild Oats.

CONTACTS:
www.starbucks.com;
www.conservation.org;
www.coffeereview.com;
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