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## Early voting starts in \$17 mil bond

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Early voting began this week in a referendum for a \$17 million bond proposal to build a new high school with accompanying athletic facilities on a 50-acre site at Williams Rd. and FM 2484.

The \$17 million bond proposal calls for the construction of a two-story high school complex with core facilities for 750 students and classroom capacity for 550 students, as well as a new football/track stadium, tennis courts, baseball field and softball field.

Early voting is 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. March 16-29 at the Salado Civic Center. Additional early voting opportunities will

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

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

If approved by voters, the \$17 million bond could increase the debt service tax from 16.8¢ per \$100 valuation to 36.35¢ per \$100 valuation for a 30-year bond or 39.10¢ per \$100 valuation for a 25-year bond. This anticipates a 10 percent increase in taxable property values in the school district.

The tax rate could in-

crease from the current \$1.58 per \$100 evaluation to \$1.803 per \$100 evaluation for the increase in debt service obligation on the \$17 million bond (based on a 25-year payout). The possible tax increase would be to \$1.7755 per \$100 evaluation for a 30-year bond.

This does not include the increase in taxes for the maintenance and operation of the new school, which the board anticipated in January to be an additional 8.8¢ per \$100 valuation. If the district raises its M&O tax from the current \$1.412 to the \$1.50 maximum allowed by law, this would increase the overall tax rate to \$1.891 per \$100 evaluation for a 25-year bond or \$1.8635 for a 30-year bond.

The average home in Salado I.S.D. is valued at more than \$160,000. That home would see its taxes increased from \$2,528 to \$3,025.60 for a 25-year bond or \$2,981.60 for a 30-year bond, including the anticipated increase in maintenance and operation costs for the new school.

The \$17 million bond would increase the annual debt payments for the school district from the current \$676,136.25 to approximately \$1.6 million per year for a 30 year bond or \$1.7 million per year for a 25-year bond. If paid in 25 years, the district would pay a total of \$44 million over the life of the \$17 million bond. If paid in 30 years, that total increases to \$48.8 million.



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Seniors Matt Jennings and Devon Dunn defend against Kountze's Randall Harper and Ashton Hall during the Salado Eagles state semi-final game March 11 at University of Texas Frank Erwin Center in Austin. Salado lost the game 69-53 as Kountze went on to win the state tournament. For details, turn to page 6A.

## Institute founder Harry Wilmer passes away

Dr. Harry Wilmer II, founder of the Institute for Humanities at Salado, passed away March 13, 2005 at the age of 88. A Jungian analyst, Dr. Wilmer introduced the practice of group therapy in North America.

He and his wife of 60 years, Jane, called Salado home for more than three decades. Salado old-timers may remember how Harry would play golf at Mill Creek, with a fishing pole in his bag just in case he saw a nice spot to stop along the banks of Salado Creek to fish and sit and reflect.

His quiet sanctuary in the village of Salado led to a prolific career of writing hundreds of papers and articles and 15 books.

Dr. Wilmer's quiet impact on the character of the village has spanned decades in his founding, directing and leading the Institute for Humanities at Salado, which is in its 25th year of existence.

Yet, Dr. Wilmer had a

measurable impact on the field of psychiatry, beginning in the 1960s.

Dr. Wilmer introduced the practice of group therapy to North America at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland, CA. His book, *Social Psychiatry in Action*, was made into the 1961 Emmy-nominated TV docudrama "People Need People."

Dr. Wilmer explored new avenues of prison reform as a consultant to the California state prison system in the mid 1960s. As professor of Psychiatry at the University of California San Francisco Medical Center, he created the Youth Drug Ward, an innovative group therapy to help the drug casualties of the Haight Ashbury, utilizing the emerging technology of videotape.

Dr. Wilmer moved away from his Freudian roots in the late 1960s to become a Jungian analyst. He became professor of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Health

Sciences Center at San Antonio, where he created one of the first wards for the training of AIDS patient caregivers, as well as studying the effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Vietnam veterans, assisting their recovery by listening to and analyzing the dreams and nightmares that haunted them. While there, he also founded and directed four annual International Film Festivals that brought in speakers from around the world to discuss medical and human issues.

When he retired from the University of Texas, Dr. Wilmer founded the Institute for the Humanities at Salado, bringing together many of the nation's brightest educators, artists and scholars, including many Nobel laureates, to lecture and conduct workshops.

The Institute symposium on Facing Evil was the basis of a Bill Moyers' PBS program of the same name.

Among the speakers coming to Salado to participate in the Institute lecture series during Dr. Wilmer's 17 years as its director are names such as Barbara Jordan, Lee Marvin, Linus Pauling, Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, Robert Bly, Rollo May, Maya Angelou, John K. Galbraith, M. Scott Peck, Liz Carpenter, and Huston Smith.

The Institute for the Humanities gained a national reputation for its work under the direction of Dr. Wilmer who served as its director for 17 years. Even after his retirement from that position, he was a driving force in its continued success.

Some of his books include: *How Dreams Help*, *Nuts and Bolts of Jungian Psychotherapy*, *Understandable Jung*, *The Personal Side of Jungian Psychology*, and *Huber the Tuber*.

Dr. Wilmer graduated from The University of Minnesota, from which

he earned BA, MB, Ph.D. and M.D. degrees. He trained in psychiatry at the Mayo Clinic where he was also on the staff. He also has been on the faculty of Johns Hopkins University, Stanford, and the University of California, where he was professor of psychiatry before coming to Texas. He received his Jungian analyst training in Zurich on a Guggenheim Fellowship. From 1955-57, he served as a Captain in the US Navy, assigned to the U.S. Naval Hospital in Oakland California and the National Naval Medical Research Institute, in Bethesda, Maryland.

Dr. Wilmer was preceded in death by his sister Melanie Rosenbaum and a son, Harry A. Wilmer III. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jane Harris Wilmer and children: John Wilmer, of San Francisco, Tom and Beth Wilmer, of Morro Bay, Calif., Jim and Linda Wilmer, of Seattle, Mary Wilmer Mills, of Los Altos, Calif.



Dr. Harry Wilmer II

and daughter-in-law Lynn Wilmer, of Dallas. He is also survived by five grandchildren and four step grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to be directed to The Institute for the Humanities at Salado, PO Box 537, Salado, TX 76571 or to VistaCare Hospice in Temple.

A public memorial service will be held June 4, the day before the Harry Wilmer III Lecture. Details will be forthcoming.

Harper-Talasek Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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### Aldermen meet on March 17

Salado aldermen will meet in regular session 6:30 p.m. March 17 at the Municipal Building at 313 Stagecoach Rd.

Among the items on the agenda are amendments to the zoning ordinance, usage of Pace Park, Fort Hood Welcome Home, and consideration of a replat request from M.J. Craig & Associates.

The board will also consider its Emergency Operations Plan ordinance and Property Abatement Ordinance.

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# FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



## Poor-Mouthing the Bush Budget

After baseball, President Bush's favorite sport is beating up on the poor. Or so we are told by critics of the new Bush budget. *New York Times* hyperventilator Paul Krugman recently wrote, "It may sound shrill to describe President Bush as someone who takes food from the mouths of babes ..." then, of course, went on to describe him. Bush has not yet been seen swiping Gerbers from babies, nor does his budget effectively do the same.

Critics say Bush wants to deny food stamps to 300,000 hungry people and child care to another 300,000 deprived kids. These charges are baldly oversimplified and rather rich coming from the same people who oppose extending the most successful anti-poverty program in the past 30 years -- the 1996 welfare-reform law.

The administration's budget proposes tightening up eligibility for food stamps by restoring the pre-1996 eligibility requirement. The \$36 billion a year spent on food stamps would be reduced in 2006 by \$57 million. If this is class warfare, it's not exactly "shock and awe."

Both food stamps and child-care spending -- which the administration wants to hold steady -- should properly be considered together with welfare reform and the effort to renew it.

Food stamps itself could use reform. According to Robert Rector of The Heritage Foundation, half of food-stamp aid goes to recipients who have been on the program for 8.5 years or more. Of the aid that goes to families, roughly 85 percent goes to single-parent homes. Adding a work requirement to food stamps for the able-bodied could have the same catalytic effect as the 1996 welfare reform, which reduced dependence, child poverty and out-of-wedlock births.

Congressional Republicans have wanted to reauthorize and strengthen the

## Rich Lowry



1996 welfare reform for three years now, but Democrats have blocked them. Notably, Republicans have proposed spending \$1 billion more over the next five years on child care. By blocking the bill, Democrats have therefore effectively said "no" to \$200 million of additional day-care spending every year for the past three years. Who's keeping deprived kids off day care now?

Welfare reform relates to child-care spending in another way. As the 1996 reform decreased dependence and the amount of money spent on cash welfare benefits, more funds could be redirected into child care. According to a Heritage Foundation analysis, federal and state spending on child care increased from \$3.2 billion in 1996 to \$11 billion in 2002. Two-thirds of the new spending came from funds freed up by welfare reform.

Renewing welfare reform now is so necessary because the work requirements from 1996 have become obsolete. States are no longer required to do much to encourage recipients to work. Meanwhile, very little has been done to attack the welfare problem at its root -- single parenthood -- by encouraging marriage.

The 1996 reform helped slow the rate of out-of-wedlock births, suggesting more effort here could have results. But realizing the necessity of strengthening welfare reform requires viewing the poor as more than a federal line item.

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

## Conservative forces at State and National levels shifting taxes from business and wealth to one-sided consumption taxes

Happy St. Patrick's Day! And along with that greeting we wholeheartedly recommend readers gather up as much "Luck of the Irish" as possible, and try stretching it to the end of the current legislative sessions in Austin and Washington. Or better yet - for as long as we have such despicably bitter partisanship, coupled with ineptness - so evenly distributed and running amuck within our elected officials in both capitals.

What created this combined hope-despair intro to this week's "Off The Record" is the unfair "class dividing" regressive tax measures being promoted by congress and our State legislature. Both these lawmaking camps are in the hands of political super-conservatives, who in turn are themselves in the hands (and pockets) of big business interests.

### HOUSE BILL 2 - REFORM?

This past week the GOP (business) controlled Texas House, in a close vote (76-71), approved HB2 - which purportedly reforms our system of financing public education. The "reform" package is so convoluted (and hazy) that if it were to become law (as it stands) panic would no doubt erupt among school professionals, as well as bedlam for taxpayers.

HB2 reduces school property taxes by one third; wounds (but not kills) the Robin Hood method of redistributing tax dollars; dabbles with per-student State funding; changes transportation formulas and then in a deceitful ploy - adds a \$3,000 across-the-board pay hike for teachers! Deceitful because lawmakers know there's no money to pay for this sudden (and unusual) generosity!

### HOUSE BILL 3 - PAYING THE PIPER

Stumbling and bumbling their way through the "how to pay" maze - lawmakers in the lower house also came up with a list of regressive taxes (HB3) that are all too common when Republicans condescend to consider taxation. They're searching for billions of new tax dollars to kick-start HB2.

Here's the plan. Increase the general sales tax to 7.25 percent and top it off with another 3% in case you want to buy a cookie, cake, doughnut or potato chip. When combined with local government sales levies, the tax approaches 15 percent in some communities - the highest in the nation!

The business franchise tax (at last report) expands to include partnerships, that have thus far escaped taxation, plus an alternative payroll tax - both of which have business lobbyists in a tizzy and may not survive (like asking the NRA to voluntarily register handguns). Our tax-seeking Pooh-Bahs then added higher taxes on auto and boat sales; slapped another buck on a pack of smokes and voila - they captured the needed money. Or did they?

The Comptroller thinks not, and LBB agrees, so "What to do?" cried the lawmaking hand-wringers. The response (naturally for politicians) is band-aid the plan and toss it over to the Senate that has its own (entirely different) proposal, thus creating a tsunami size problem for the conference committee that will have to sort out the differences.

### WASHINGTON FARING NO BETTER

Up along the Potomac, matters are actually worse than in Austin since the stakes are higher and the need for money greater. However, the same conserva-

## Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



tive philosophy is in charge, so naturally "Rightists" have come up with a "no pain" idea on raising new tax dollars. Painless for the wealthy, to be sure!

Here's the scene. President Bush with a second "mandated" reform in his gun sights, wants to simplify the tax code. Nothing wrong with that idea. Today's "regs" are almost more than giant computers can handle, not to mention those of us struggling to understand the "simplified" forms.

The Bushies sent stalking-horse Fed-Chair Alan Greenspan out to promote a "Consumption Tax" that would eventually take the place of the Income Tax. Alan (now fully on board the SS George II) slyly suggested that such a tax would promote economic growth since it would "encourage savings and capital formation."

He didn't mention those "goodies" would accrue only to the rich, not the majority of Americans hit hardest by such a contemptible one-sided tax.

### CONSUMPTION TAX - BIG PROBLEM

So what's the problem with consumption taxes? Just ask any American who "consumes" nearly all his income just to keep the family afloat, and who will pay (under "consumption" laws) a tax on nearly every dollar spent. For those well-off families, whose spending is a much smaller percentage of earnings - the tax bite is naturally less painful.

What a sweet deal. Wonder who con-jured it up? Our guess is the financially secure - who have once again risen above the masses. These folks come out on top no matter how sales or consumption taxes are sliced.

### INCOME TAX FAIREST OF ALL

If the truth were admitted - the income tax is the fairest of all taxes. It is progressive and theoretically a person pays on the basis of what he or she earns. The more earned the higher the tax.

Hold on! Don't blow up, we're not talking about today's IRS monstrosity, which is totally out of control thanks to congressional loopholes and exceptions (for business) added every session.

An income tax without exemptions or exceptions that begins taxing (for example) above a \$30,000 base, and applies a reasonable flat rate of (perhaps) 10 percent on all earnings (above the base) - would produce revenues capable of sustaining even our seemingly insatiable spending (and debt creating) conservatives currently ensconced in Congress and the White House.

That would be true reform and not the cockamamie consumption tax that is reprehensible and not worthy of even hard core GOPers like Bush or Greenspan - but what the heck, they aren't really calling the shots on taxes are they? All that's done by "Nabobs" heading giant-global-conglomerates; their hired guns (aka lobbyists); and bought-and-paid-for elected officials.

So be prepared for a slew of consumption taxes that are paid "by the many, to benefit the few!"

Takes you back to that popular pre-depression platitude accepted (by many) as gospel: "What's good for business is good for everyone!"

That's -30-

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## Women have helped make Texas great

### Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison  
U.S. Senator



Women's History Month is a perfect time to reflect on those strong women who contributed so much to Texas, starting with the Lone Star Republic's early days.

Mary Austin Holley was Stephen F. Austin's first cousin. She noted that early Texas women were a breed apart. She once observed, "It is not uncommon for ladies to mount their mustangs and hunt with their husbands, to ride long distances on horseback to attend a ball with their silk dresses in their saddlebags. Hardy vigorous constitutions, free spirits and spontaneous gaiety are thus induced and continue a rich legacy to their children who, it is to be hoped, will sufficiently value the blessing not to squander it away in the eager search for the luxury and refinement of polite life."

Thomas Rusk, the first senator to hold my seat, and a close friend of fellow senator Sam Houston, wrote about the women and their contribution during the War for Independence. His wife Mary had helped oversee the calm evacuation of Nacogdoches by the women and children left behind after the men had gone off to war.

They feared the Mexican Army and their Indian allies might be on the way, so the women took their children eastward in an exodus, remembered as the "Runaway Scrape."

Rusk wrote: "The men of Texas deserved much credit, but more was due to women. Armed men facing a foe could not but be brave, but the women with their little children around them without means of defense or power to resist, faced danger and death with unflinching courage."

My great-great-grandmother, Anna Maria Taylor, and four of her children made that arduous escape through harsh weather. Their children perished from illness during the ordeal, but after the Taylors returned to Nacogdoches, they raised nine more.

Since those days, Texan women have continued to display the grit and strength of character those pioneers passed on to their children.

Oveta Culp Hobby, mother of long-serving former Lieutenant Governor Bill Hobby, came up with the plan during World War II to recruit and train women to fill jobs in our military so that men would be freed up for combat.

General George C.

Marshall backed the formation of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, known popularly as the WACs. At first, the list of jobs women were expected to fill was only 54. By war's end, that list had expanded to 239.

Oveta did not want to head the WACs, but was prevailed upon to do her duty. At first, she found herself a one-woman recruiting drive for the organization, traveling from city to city giving speeches urging women to join.

Because she became the first American woman to become a commissioned officer, she had to design her own uniform. She carried an iron with her to press it each night when she made her pitch in various towns and cities throughout the country. She later became the first woman to receive the Distinguished Service Medal, our nation's highest non-combat award.

Her leadership continued after the war. She insisted that Armed Forces Day celebrations in Houston would be open to everyone, regardless of race.

Later, her leadership skills were tapped by President Eisenhower, who named her to head the new Department of Health, Education and Welfare as a cabinet secretary. When she passed away in 1995, she left a media empire, a loving family and a legacy built on hard work.

One of those legacies is me. After I graduated from the University of Texas Law School, I could not find a law firm willing to hire me. I decided to try journalism instead, and applied for a television reporter job with KPRC TV in Houston. There were no women television reporters in Houston at that time, but the news director and station manager went to Mrs. Hobby, who said it would be a great idea to have a woman with a law degree as one of her reporters. That was my start. I owe her a great deal.

Today Texas women serve in Congress, in the state legislature, as scientists, teachers, business leaders and artists. Even more important, many Texas women have embraced motherhood and have taken on the difficult job of raising the next generation. My only hope is that all of us who are raising children will succeed in instilling the Texas virtues of independence, strength of character and love of our state that we received from our parents.

# FORUM



## Readers sound off on variety of topics

### To the Editor:

Ken Clapp's March 10 column was indeed ominous, where a student poll found that 40 percent of the high schoolers polled think the First Amendment should be amended as it gives Americans "too much information" and 51 percent said the media should be curbed, or at least required to seek government approval to publish stories.

If that isn't chilling to every single American, we better begin fighting for democracy here in the USA, as well as Iraq. While I may not like what you say, I will certainly stand up for your right to say it, and I expect the same from you. After all, that's what democracy is all about, in case there are some who don't understand that.

World War II was fought to rid the world of Hitler's horrible dictatorship. There are those of us who wondered how the good German people could have allowed this to happen? To understand, I respectfully suggest you read a book entitled "Defying Hitler" by Sebastian Haffner, a best seller in Germany and recently translated into English.

Our freedoms are something we must fight to preserve every single day.  
Aliceanne Walls  
Belton

### To the Editor:

A development in California has recently demonstrated that warnings about the impact of international trade agreements on our nation's sovereignty should be taken very seriously.

Because California annually generates 32 million scrap automobile tires, a state legislator sensibly authored a bill that they be disposed of in a useful and eco-friendly way as "crumb rubber" in asphalt. "Crumb rubber" is made from old tires by cutting the rubber into small squares, freezing the chips, using hammer-mills to reduce the chips to particles, fiber and steel are removed, and the rubber particles sized for specific

## Your Voice

### Letters to the Editor

applications. In this instance, for use in asphalt for roadway surfacing.

But after passage by the legislature, Governor Schwarzenegger, who said it would violate international trade pacts such as NAFTA and the World Trade Organization, vetoed the measure.

For several years, Canadian and Mexican firms have been supplying California with crumb rubber. Any change in this arrangement could be considered discrimination against foreign firms and result in action against the state under provisions of trade pacts entered into by the federal government. What were supposed to be free trade agreements obviously are not about free trade and have dramatic economic and political consequences. Whether California can dispose of the used tires as it wishes may seem like a small matter, but the principle involved here is significant. The issue is nothing short of national independence.

Congress will have an opportunity to withdraw our nation from the WTO early this year. And Congress will likely also have the opportunity during this year to reject the Bush administration's plan to create the new Free Trade Area of the Americas, which would itself be subservient to the WTO. These pacts have much more to do with national independence than so-called free trade. Members of Congress should reject each of these "entangling alliances."

Representative Ron Paul M.D. has a clear understanding of what these arrangements mean to our nation. On the WTO he wrote: "The WTO has given us the worst of both worlds: We've sacrificed national sovereignty by changing our domestic laws at the behest of an international body, yet we still face trade wars. If anything, the WTO makes trade relations

worse by providing our foreign competitors with a collective means to attack U.S. trade interests."

He quoted economist Murray Rothbard to explain free trade: True free trade does not require treaties or agreements between governments. On the contrary, true free trade occurs in the absence of government intervention in the free flow of goods across borders.

Organizations like the WTO and NAFTA represent government-managed trade schemes, not free trade. Government-managed trade is inherently political, meaning politicians and bureaucrats determine who wins and loses in the marketplace. We should not allow globalist trade schemes to masquerade as free trade. NAFTA is the precursor to CAFTA and the FTAA.

If you agree that this is not in our nation's best interest, I urge you to write, call and email your representatives in Congress expressing your disapproval with these agreements.

Morris Norwood  
Lorena, Texas

### To the Editor:

On Sunday, with the passing of Dr. Harry Wilmer, one of Salado's shining stars returned to its rightful place in heaven.

We will miss Harry. We will miss his "wonder-full" words, his stately presence; his dancing with Jane.

We thank him for all he has given us. We thank him for teaching us the wonder of our existence, showing us the meaning of civility and simple beauty of sharing. Much of what Salado has become is because of his presence.

Tonight, in a star-filled sky, will that twinkle of a wink be Harry? We hope so, because it is so very hard to say goodbye.  
Joe and Lynda Pehoski  
Salado

## The Sec surrenders to CEOs



Jim Hightower

In 2002, America's corporate barons were on the lam, fleeing the wrath of a public that was outraged by the raw ugliness of CEO greed, which had suddenly erupted out of Enron, WorldCom, Tyco, and so many others.

You might recall that George W. Bush, feeling the political heat, loudly denounced the greed back then. To show his seriousness, Bush installed a new sheriff at the SEC, the agency in charge of protecting shareholders and the larger public from these out-of-control corporate chieftains. But two-and-a-half years later, the CEOs are no longer running away — instead, they're running the SEC.

Signaling that the flag of reform has now been officially struck from the agency and replaced by the flags of the corporations it is charged with overseeing, the SEC recently capitulated on one of its key reforms. You and I would consider this a very mild — even meek — reform. It would've required that the boards of directors that supposedly serve as a check on CEO actions not be entirely chosen by CEOs. Instead, in board elections, large shareholders would be allowed to put forth their own independent nominees for a couple of board seats.

Good grief, shouted the CEOs in unison: the Bolsheviks are coming! Democracy, you see, is an idea that is abhorrent to corporate barons — and they mounted a massive lobbying campaign with Bush and Congress to get the SEC to stop this communistic encroachment on their totalitarian rule. Sure enough, in February, the SEC officials meekly ruled that this proposed reform had become "stale" with the passage of time, so they dropped it.

What we have here is a victory of corporate political money over the people's continuing outrage at CEO greed. Last year, Bush, flush with campaign cash from CEOs, joined their lobbying effort against shareholder democracy. And John Kerry, also immersed in CEO money, simply refused to raise the hot issue of corporate corruption — so reform became a political orphan, and now it's been killed.

# CHURCH NEWS

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

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

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	11:00
Sunday School	10:00
Sunday Night Youth Group	6:00

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**Worship Schedule**

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

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**The Salado Church of Christ**  
welcomes you to our services this week

Sunday Morning Service • March 20, 2005



**Joe Keyes**  
Minister

"The Life Changing Impact of the Cross"  
We want to look at the event that for the Christian was the "crux of history (Jesus' crucifixion) in a different way today, by considering not so much the event itself, but those around it whose lives were indelibly changed by it. Join us as we see the impact then and now.

**Sunday**  
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Evening Worship • 6 p.m.  
**Wednesday**  
Bible Classes • 6:30 p.m.

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## Holy Week services conducted March 20-27

The Salado United Methodist Church invites the community to attend Holy Week services, beginning with Palm Sunday Worship, March 20, through Easter, March 27.

Palm Sunday will feature traditional services at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., and a more contemporary service at 9 a.m. The Palm Processional will celebrate the entry into Jerusalem by Jesus.

Holy Thursday services will be held 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., and will have the celebration of the Last Supper, as well as special music, drama, and message.

Good Friday services will commemorate "The

Seven Last Words of Christ" with a 30 minute worship service each hour from 1-7 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

- 1 p.m. - "Father forgive them." Luke 23:33-34.
- 2 p.m. - "Today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:36-43.
- 3 p.m. - "Woman, here is your son." John 19:26-27.
- 4 p.m. - "My God, why have you forsaken me?" Mark 15:33-36.
- 5 p.m. - "I am thirsty." John 19:28-29.
- 6 p.m. - "It is finished." John 19:30.
- 7 p.m. - "Into your

hands I commend my spirit." Luke 23:44-49.

The community is also invited to share in the Community Easter Sunrise Service, 7 a.m. in Pace Park, with Joe Keyes, Minister of Salado Church of Christ, speaking.

Easter services will be held 8 a.m., 9 a.m., and 11 a.m. at Salado United Methodist Church. The Chancel will present Easter music. Dramatic readings will be presented at each service, as well. All persons are invited to join the celebration of Easter.

For further information call SUMC at 947-5482.

## Maundy Thursday service March 24 at Presbyterian Church of Salado

The Presbyterian Church of Salado will be holding a Maundy Thursday service 6 p.m. March 24 with a simple meal of bread, cheese, fruit and beverages.

The service will be led by their new pastor, Rev. Carl V. Thompson.

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services will be held at 10 a.m.

On Palm Sunday, a coffee/refreshment fellowship and Easter egg hunt will be held immediately following the worship service.

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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.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

## Roy O. Cowan passes away March 11

Roy O. Cowan, 80, of Belton died March 11, 2005 in a Temple hospital.

Graveside services were held March 14 at North Belton Cemetery with Rev. Bobby Baggett officiating.

Cowan was born to Marvin and Lura Sand-erford Cowan in Artesia, New Mexico, Sept. 25, 1924. He was a lifelong resident of Belton. He married Susie N. Brad-

ford in Belton on August 6, 1943. He was U.S. Army veteran of WWII, serving with the First Calvary Division in the South Pacific. Prior to his retirement in 1985, he was the Texaco consignee in Belton. Cowan was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Belton.

Survivors include his wife, Susie Cowan of Belton; one son Steve

Cowan of Belton, four grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his daughter Pam Lee in 1988.

Memorials are requested to be sent to First United Methodist Church, 205 E. 3rd Ave. Belton, TX 76513.

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**Patricia Fulford passed away March 7**

Patricia M. Fulford, 61, of Salado, died in a Temple hospital March 7, 2005.

Funeral services were held March 11, at the Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton with Rev. Billy Johnson and Rev. Joe Bentley officiating. Burial followed at the Salado Cemetery.

Patricia Fulford was born to R.B. and Laverne Tish McCauley Green in McAlester, Oklahoma on March 12, 1943. She married Bobby Fulford in Forth Worth on Aug. 4, 1969. She had been a resident of Salado since 1972. She was employed as a postal clerk at the Salado Post office for 28 years.

Survivors include her husband Bobby Fulford of Salado; one son, Michael Chris Fulford, of Temple; one daughter, Lisa Michelle Laird, of Salado; one brother, Darrell Wayne Green, of Malakoff; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Cancer Treatment Centers of American, 2520 Elisha Avenue, Zion, Illinois. 60099.

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Matt Caskey swipes the ball loose from Kountze's Freddie Haynes. Caskey had four steals in Salado's 69-53 state semifinal loss. (PHOTOS BY TIM FLEISCHER)



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## Boys

By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
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A brief period in Salado's state semifinal tilt with Kountze March 11 pretty well captured not only this season, but the high school careers of the eight seniors who have played their last game in an Eagle uniform.

Trailing by 18 to the heavily-favored Lions, with a bit over seven minutes left on the clock, Matt Caskey dribbled just inside the paint, and with a hand in his face, knocked down a jumper. Insignificant as it may have seemed to the 10,000-plus Erwin Center fans, it turned out to be a portentous two points.

Over the next 90 seconds, the all-state point guard nabbed two steals, drained a three pointer, converted a layup, and served a jaw-dropping assist to Devon Dunn that



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Travis Clark gets a good look at a three.

## out in semis

led to another bucket.

In less time than it takes to visit the concession stand, Salado cleaved 11 points off the Kountze lead, and the Eagles gained a palpable momentum.

For Salado's experienced senior core, this was just more of what they had been doing on the varsity level for the past three years, when Caskey, Dunn, Matt Jennings and Travis Clark all started as sophomores.

In a phrase: Never giving up.

Though the Eagles showed the type of mettle that got them to the final four, Kountze, on this day, was the superior team.

And, on their way to a second consecutive title (they would defeat Jim Ned in the final), the Lions, by a score of 69-53, delivered a bittersweet ending to Salado's season - one that had them advancing deeper than any in school history.

A track meet this one was not. No flashy slam dunks, and no team even flirting with a hundred points. And that's just the way Coach Tom Long wanted it.

In fact, he could hardly have scripted a better beginning.

Navigating through the collapsing Kountze pressure, Caskey recorded Salado's first four points of the game, and by the end of the first, Salado was on top by one, 10-9.

The mighty Kountze scoring machine, which had, in the past, put up points as quick as the scorekeeper could post them, was held scoreless for the last 4:34 of the first, and didn't break the drought until 1:44 had ticked off in the second.

That six minute silence was, according to Kountze coach Duane Joubert, far and away the longest his team had gone without

tickling the net.

But 6'5" Ashton Hall was as dominant a presence in the second as he was quiet in the first. The standout University of Tulsa signee bucketed eight of his game-high 24 in the half's final six minutes, mostly on an impossible-to-defend turnaround jumper.

Kountze was also aided by Salado foul trouble. Travis Clark, Salado's leading scorer and a stingy defender, drew two of them in the span of four seconds, and was tagged with his third with two-and-a-half minutes remaining in the second.

As much as Clark's three fouls stymied the Eagle offense, it was, in all reality, the 11 points off turnovers in the second that led to the Lions' 26-18 halftime lead. It's not that Salado committed an abundance of turnovers, it's just that Kountze seemed to squeeze points out of every one of them.

With his team clutching an eight-point lead, Hall chose the third quarter to establish his game. Though Dunn and 6'2" James Gregurek were

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# Alumni game this weekend; series knotted at one apiece

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noon, but the popular homerun derby will take place at 11 a.m. Participation fee for the alumni game is \$10, which includes a t-shirt, while participation in the homerun derby is set at \$5.

According to Salado baseball coach Melvin Bates, pitching machines will be set up in the batting cages adjacent to the field at around 10 a.m.

Entrance fee for the game and the homerun derby can be paid at arrival.

For the game itself, alumni will divide into teams, with those that graduated in even-numbered years on one squad, and those that graduated in odd-numbered years on the other. The "Evens" won 5-4 in 2003, but the "Odds" came back to win last year's game 7-6.

The homerun contest will be split into an Over-30 division, and an Under-30 division. Curtis Thompson is the reigning Over-30 champ, while Richard Berumen is two-time defending Under-30 champ.

Concessions will be offered before and during the game, and alumni are encouraged to bring their families.

Bates conceived of the Alumni Game as a way for former players to get together for a day of friendly competition, reminiscing and catching up. Over three dozen alumni participated in last year's event, with the most senior player having graduated SHS in 1978.

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Play format will be a best ball scramble, with four players to a team. Cost is \$60 per player, or \$240 per team.

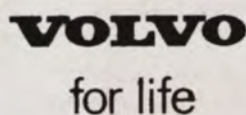
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### Softballers pick up pair of district wins

The Lady Eagle softballers, after winning their first two district contests against Somerville and Lago Vista, ran into a wall March 14 when Academy came to town.

The state-ranked Lady Bees - favored to win district - handed Salado a 12-2 defeat.

That score is a bit misleading, however. Salado carried a 2-1 lead all the way to the top of the sixth, but it was then that the bottom fell out. After being held in check by Shae Janda for the first five innings, Academy found its timing, rattling off five weakly hit balls that managed to fall in the outfield gaps. Academy would plate seven in that frame, and four more in the seventh, to take the win.

Jessica Roberts picked up two hits to pace the offense, while Janda was 1-2 with a walk and two steals.

Prior to that, Coach Doug Harrigan's Lady Eagles used strong innings in the fourth and fifth to down Lago Vista 10-4, on the road March 11.

Though they were sat down on strikes six times in the first three innings, the girls hit paydirt in the fourth, with successive singles by Rachel Stemmer, Janda, Lauren Culver and Rachel Blodgett - all of whom would score in the inning. Brandi Lott would also single and score in the fourth.

Leading 5-2 in the top of the fifth, Salado tacked on four insurance runs, with a Heather Winters leadoff double getting things started. Janda, Culver and Roberts would all collect hits in the big inning.

Janda was credited with her fifth win on the mound, going all seven innings, throwing five hit ball and striking out nine.

To open district play March 8, Salado easily dispatched Somerville, blanking the visitors and winning the game on the 10-run mercy rule.

There was never much doubt who would come out on top in this one. The Lady Eagles converted a leadoff walk from Justin Ferrell-Raborn and singles from Winters and Stemmer into four first inning runs. The girls would push across four more in the second and two in the fourth to put the game away.

The top of the batting order came through in a big way, with Ferrell-Raborn reaching base twice, while Winters went 3-3 and Stemmer was 2-3 with two RBI's and two

runs scored.

Picking up the win was Janda, who allowed only one hit over five innings. She also struck out seven.

No one can say the Lady Eagles didn't have a busy week, for between the district games, the girls found time to compete in the Temple Centex tourney March 12 - winning four games against just one loss.

Salado defeated St. Michael's 5-0, then beat Moody 7-3. Perennial Class 3A playoff representative Gatesville downed Salado in the third round 4-2, but the girls came back to defeat St. Michael's again, this time by the final of 7-6. The girls also routed Florence 11-0.

Their overall record now rests at 9-5.

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- March 22: No lunch.
- March 23: Pizza, yogurt and fruit plate, hoagie, corn, breadstick, peaches, milk.
- March 24: Spaghetti and meat sauce, hoagie, chef salad, green beans, hot rolls, fresh fruit, milk.
- March 25: No school.

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- March 21: Chili mac, corn dogs, pizza, chef salad, baked potato, tater tots, cornbread, pinto beans, frozen carrots, fresh fruit, pears, milk.
- March 22: No lunch.
- March 23: Pizza, grilled chicken on bun, pizza, chef salad, roasted red potatoes, baked potato, burger salad, corn, fresh fruit, breadstick, peaches, milk.
- March 24: Spaghetti and meat sauce, nachos, pizza, chef salad, green beans, Texas toast, corn, fresh fruit, mixed fruit, milk, oven fries.
- March 25: No school.

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scholarships, to be awarded to one senior boy and one senior girl that attend Salado High School.

Team registrations are now being accepted, with the fee set at \$110 per four-person team. Deadline for entry is April 1.

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### Powerlifters

Pictured at left are the state-bound members of the Salado girls powerlifting squad. They are, from left: Brittany Dixon, Denise Jasso, LauraLee Young, Jessica Roberts, Jamie Burson, Kasee Ashcraft and Shae Janda. The state meet will be held this weekend in Killeen. It will mark the third trip to state for Young, while Janda is making her second.

## KOUNTZE OUSTS SALADO FROM 6A

successful in denying Hall the glass, they had a hard time matching up outside the paint.

The versatile Hall took the game into his hands, hitting four jumpers and accounting for half of his team's 20 third quarter

points, while the Lions put together a run - their second of the game - to go up 46-32 entering the fourth.

That burst, coupled with Travis Clark being whistled for his fourth personal at 1:30 in the third, seemed the begin-

ning of the end for the Eagles.

But then came Salado's Caskey-led response - an 11-0 fourth quarter explosion that put the Eagles' right back in the game.

Kountze, though, shrugged off the charge, and the Lions' unrelenting press - which was applied right up to the final buzzer - began to take its toll late.

The 2004 Class 3A champs would counter by scoring 12 of the next 14 points to increase the lead to 62-45 with 3:15 to go.

At that point, it was all but over, and just a bit later both Caskey and Clark were relegated to spectators, having exhausted their fouls.

In the pivotal final stretch, with Salado dogging their heels, the Lions coolly hit 13-15 free throws to close out the semifinal, and shot 18-25 on the day.

Overall, Kountze played a near-perfect

game. The only blight on the Lions' stat line would be their 1-12 showing from behind the arc - but that's mostly attributable to strong perimeter defense from Nick Everett, Caskey, Jennings and Clark.

Typically a strength for the Eagles, Salado's outside shooting wasn't much better - just 3-13 for the game.

Caskey was the only Eagle to hit double-figures in points, finishing with 23 on 11-19 shooting, to go along four steals in a gutsy effort.

Travis Clark closed out the game with nine, Dunn had eight, and Jennings had five. Scott Williams and Gregurek both had three, while Everett finished with two.

Averaging right at 30 points a game, Kountze's Phillip Coffey was limited to 17. Hall's 24 led all scorers.

The defeat dropped Salado's season record to 28-8, including 14-0 in district. The boys, at one point, strung together 14 consecutive wins. Between the 2003-04 and 2004-05 seasons, Coach Long's boys posted a mark of 58-12. The majority of those dozen losses came at the hands of state-ranked Class 3A teams, and even a few 4A and 5A schools.

Shortly after the action, as both team and coach composed themselves in the post-game press conference, dazed and reeling from the emotional loss, Caskey offered a statement that basically epitomized the character of he and his teammates.

"Even though we lost," he said, his voice cracking slightly, "this was still the best day of my life."

Neither Long, Dunn, Jennings or Clark - who all flanked Caskey in the conference - would bother arguing that point.



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# Eagles reel off 8 straight wins

After losing their first two games of the season, the Salado Eagles baseball team has reeled off eight straight wins. Five of those came last week, including three at the Clifton Tournament, which earned Salado a first place finish.

On March 8, the Eagles took on Moody in a doubleheader. In the opener, Salado found themselves trailing 4-2 after three-and-a-half innings.

In the bottom of the fourth Kevin Jackson hit a one-out double, then moved to third on a passed ball. He cut the lead to 4-3 by scoring on a suicide squeeze laid down by Justin Schiller.

Matt Fritsch tied the game in the fifth inning, hitting a double, stealing third base, then scoring on a Moody error.

Pitchers Seth Hale and Wesley Ruth shut Moody down over the last several innings, allowing the Eagles a chance to win.

In the bottom of the seventh Fritsch led off with a double. John Nix followed with a single to right, which brought Fritsch around to score and gave the Eagles a thrilling 5-4 win.

Jackson, Nix and Fritsch all collected two hits in the game.

In the second half of the double-dip, the Eagles scored multiple runs in their last three at-bats to break open a 1-1 tie. Salado scored two runs in the fourth and fifth innings and added three in the sixth for an 8-1 win.

Brian Bates pitched one-hit ball over the first four innings for the win. Jesse Rodriguez was the big hitter for Salado, going 3-4. Raymond Soto added two hits.

Salado opened the Clifton Tournament March 10 with two more victories - the first one being a slugfest with Meridian. The Eagles pounded out a 19-7 win.

Once again, Rodriguez led the offense, collecting three hits for the second consecutive game. Fritsch, Tanner Myers, Josh Shaw, Bates and Schiller all had two hits.

Kevin Jackson picked up the win on the mound, going three innings, allowing three hits and striking out four. Seth Hale pitched the fourth and final inning.

Moving on to face the host team, Salado found themselves trailing 3-1 after two innings.

Salado tied it up in the third with two runs.

Raymond Soto got things started with a walk, then scored on a double off the bat of Matt Fritsch. Tanner Myers singled to drive in Fritsch, tying the score at 3-3.

The Eagles took the lead for good in the fourth, when a Josh Shaw single was followed by three walks. Salado put the game away with three runs in the top of the seventh. Myers and Nix sandwiched singles around a couple of outs, then Josh Shaw delivered a single that drove in two big insurance runs. Kevin Jackson and Justin Schiller also singled to score Shaw - who had three hits in the game. Tanner Myers collected two.

Fritsch was the winning pitcher, going four innings. He allowed four hits and struck out five. Nix closed out the last three innings on the mound, striking out five.

Taking on Valley Mills in the championship game, the Eagles again used a late-inning rally to break open the game. Salado held a 4-2 lead through five innings.

Six Eagle runs in the top of the sixth broke the game open. Jesse Rodriguez, Josh Shaw and Raymond Soto all had big hits in the inning, to go along with four walks.

Rodriguez gave another strong effort at the plate, driving three hits. Shaw and Jackson chipped in two each. Shaw was also the winning pitcher, striking out five and allowing only one hit in four innings.

Salado was scheduled to open district play March 15 against Academy, in a game that took place after press time.

The Eagles closed out their pre-district schedule with an 8-2 record.

--REPORTED BY MELVIN BATES

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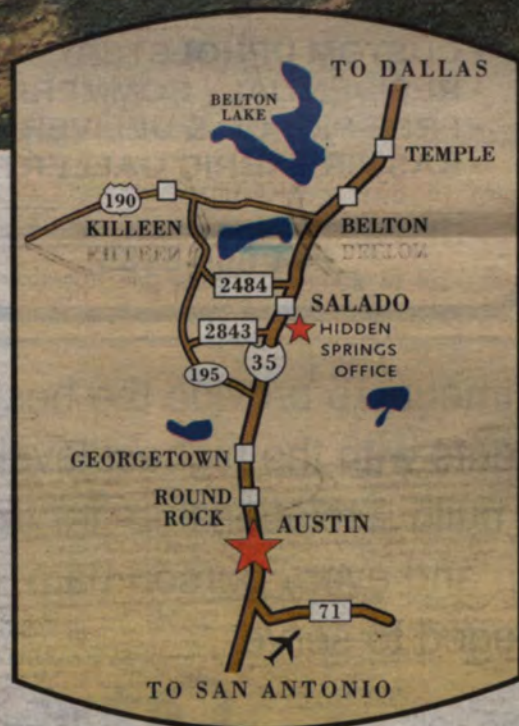
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Jeri Salter is one of the many artists that will be on hand at this year's Wildflower Art Show. As a professional artist, Salter specializes in pastel and oil painting with an emphasis on landscapes. Her studies have included workshops with Bob Rohm and Steve Napper; as well as art classes from the Collin County Community College in Plano, and the Alfred Glassell Art School in Houston. She is Exhibit

and Show Chairperson for the Central Texas Pastel Society and member of the Williamson County Art Guild and the Critique Circle. She is currently teaching three days a week at the Art Center of Williamson County in Round Rock.

Salter finds her inspiration in the solitude and beauty of nature, which reflects her desire to paint landscapes. In the last two years, she has been inspired by the mountain

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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 The-

ater. Cost: \$18 per person; \$8 for students. Send reservations to P.O. Box 1235, Salado, TX 76571. Make payable to Music in Salado, Texas, Inc.

**MARCH 24**  
Salado Area Republican Women meeting, 11:30 a.m. at Mill Creek Restaurant. Program: Structure and Importance of Texas Judicial System, by Justice David Pur-year. Info: 947-3617 or bam002@earthlink.net.

**MARCH 25**  
District holiday for Salado students and teachers.  
**MARCH 25-26-27**  
Easter Pageant at Tablerock Ampitheatre, 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: Joe Keyes, Minister of Church of Christ.

**MARCH 27-30**  
Grace Baptist Church Revival Services, featuring the Keller Family. 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. March 27; 7 p.m. March 28-30. Services will be held at the church, 5798 FM 2484.

Info: 947-5917.  
**MARCH 29**  
Reception and viewing of new sculpture, "Angel Isaac," by Troy Kelly, 2-4 p.m. at Salado Public Library. Sculpture was commissioned by Saladoans Marilyn and Luther Brewer, as a memorial to their grandson. Sculpture will be displayed in children's section of the library. Public is invited.

**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 on the upcoming school bond election.

**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

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**APRIL 2**  
**Bond election, Salado ISD** 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. at Salado High School Commons

**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**  
**Consumer Health Information class at the Salado Public Library, 10:30 a.m.** Learn about Medline Plus, a goldmine of health information from the National Library of Medicine. Class taught by Beck McKay, from Texas A&M Medical Library. No charge, maximum of 10 people. Info: 947-9191.

**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 16**  
**Luncheon featuring Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist Ben Sargent, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** April 16 at the Stagecoach Inn. Cost: \$20. Ticket info: 947-9560, or see Hulda Horton at the Salado Civic

Center. Sponsored by Bell County Texas Democratic Women.

**APRIL 19**  
**Salado Chamber of Commerce Candidate's Forum, 7 p.m.** at Salado Civic Center - featuring candidates for Salado School Board of Trustees and Village of Salado Aldermen.

**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 28**  
**Salado Area Republican Women meeting, 11:30 a.m.** at Mill Creek Restaurant. Program: Weight Management and Diabetes, by Dr. Shelley Giebel. Info: 947-3617 or bam002@earthlink.net.

**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 7**

**Election Day, polls open at Salado Civic Center 7 a.m.-7 p.m.**

**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 Coper, fashion coordinator, and Merle Norman makeup by Debbie Hill. Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m., luncheon will follow. Reservations required, call Carolyn Milliser, 947-0899, or Wylene Williams, 947-8610.

**MAY 14**  
**Salado Fine Art Trail, 5-9 p.m.** featuring seven local fine art galleries. Galleries include Wells Gallery, Salado Galleries, Thomas Kinkade Stagecoach Gallery, Prelop Fine Art Gallery, Griffith Fine Art Gallery, Miller Fine Art Gallery and B. Herd Gallery.

**MAY 14**  
**10th annual Fourth**

**Grade Play at Tablerock Amphitheatre.** Thomas Arnold Elementary students, under direction of playwright/author Jackie Mills, write, produce, crew and act in their own melodrama. Proceeds banked for the fourth graders senior class trip. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: adults \$5, children \$3.

**MAY 14-15**  
**Salado Home Garden Tour, sponsored by Salado Garden Club and PALS.** Info: Hulda Horton, 947-8300.

**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.



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## Retired officers to meet

The Central Texas Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), will meet March 18 at the Fort Hood Officer's Club. The Club will serve a no-host luncheon at 11:30 a.m.

The luncheon program will be presented by Lee Price, Director of the Survivor and Casualty office at Fort Hood.

Retired as well as active duty officers are encouraged to attend.

### THANK YOU SPONSORS

We in Salado are so fortunate to claim as our own a great number of artists who live and work here, and we were proud to present their talents to those who joined us in February. A.R.T.S., Inc., would like to thank those involved in and responsible for the Salado Artists Workshops and Studio Tour the week of February 23 - 28, 2005. We are so very grateful to the following sponsors, who helped us financially:

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We are also very grateful to all the volunteers who were willing to provide their services and give of their time for the purpose of establishing and maintaining Salado as a destination for the arts. We could not do it without you.



Barton Cheatham, shown with sister Bethany, is the local winner of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas History Essay contest.



Carey Quick was honored as the local Texas History Teacher of the Year. She teaches fourth grade at Thomas Arnold Elementary.

## Children of Republic celebrate Heroes

The Log Cabin Chapter of the Children of the Republic of Texas met March 6 at the Central Texas Area Museum to celebrate Alamo Heroes Day.

Dottie Tate gave a report on the Heroes of the Alamo.

Mary Lou Marks then presented books about the Alamo along with certificates to Barton Cheatham and Matthew Tate for their participation in the DRT History Essay Contest.

Cheatham's essay has been forwarded to District competition.

Cary Quick, fourth grade teacher at Thomas Arnold Elementary, was honored as the Chapter's Texas History Teacher of the Year. She was given a book, certificate, and bluebonnet tartan scarf in appreciation.

Also honored was Mary Lucile Robertson Ambrose, president of the Central Texas Area

Museum, for her preservation of historical artifacts and encouragement of interest in Texas history. She grew up in Salado, graduated from Belton High School, Ward Belmont, and the University of Texas. She is a descendant of empresario Sterling C. Robertson and Col. E.S.C. Robertson, who in 1859 donated land to sell lots to raise money for the construction of Salado College.

She continues to care for the home Col. Robertson built in Salado between 1857 and 1860.

As president of CTAM, she continues to encourage education and interest in Texas history. Area school regularly bring students in to enjoy the museum's exhibits and learn the history of the state.

Educational programs like the Readers and Writers Roundtable are presented at the museum annually.

Also at the meeting, MaryBelle Brown, organizing president of the Village of Salado Chapter, DRT, presented a Senior Member Certificate from the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to Julia Ruth Whatley Kemp, who recently celebrated her 95th birthday.

Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas will meet 10:30 a.m. March 19 at Central Texas Area Museum. The Chapter will conduct its business meeting. The Village of Salado DRT sponsored the Log Cabin Chapter's formation. The State Conference for the CRT will be held June 17-18 in Clear Lake.

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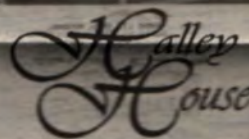
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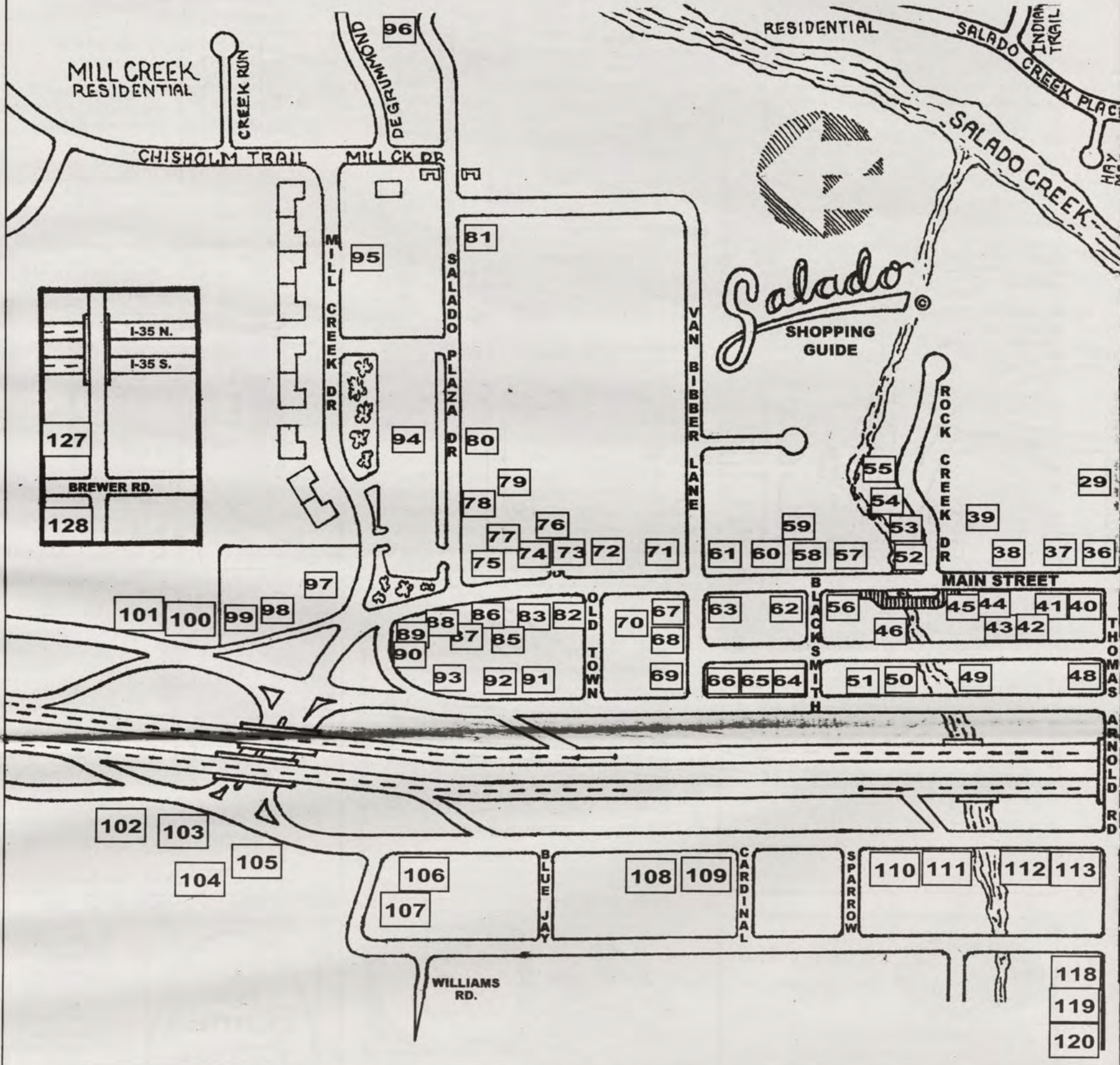
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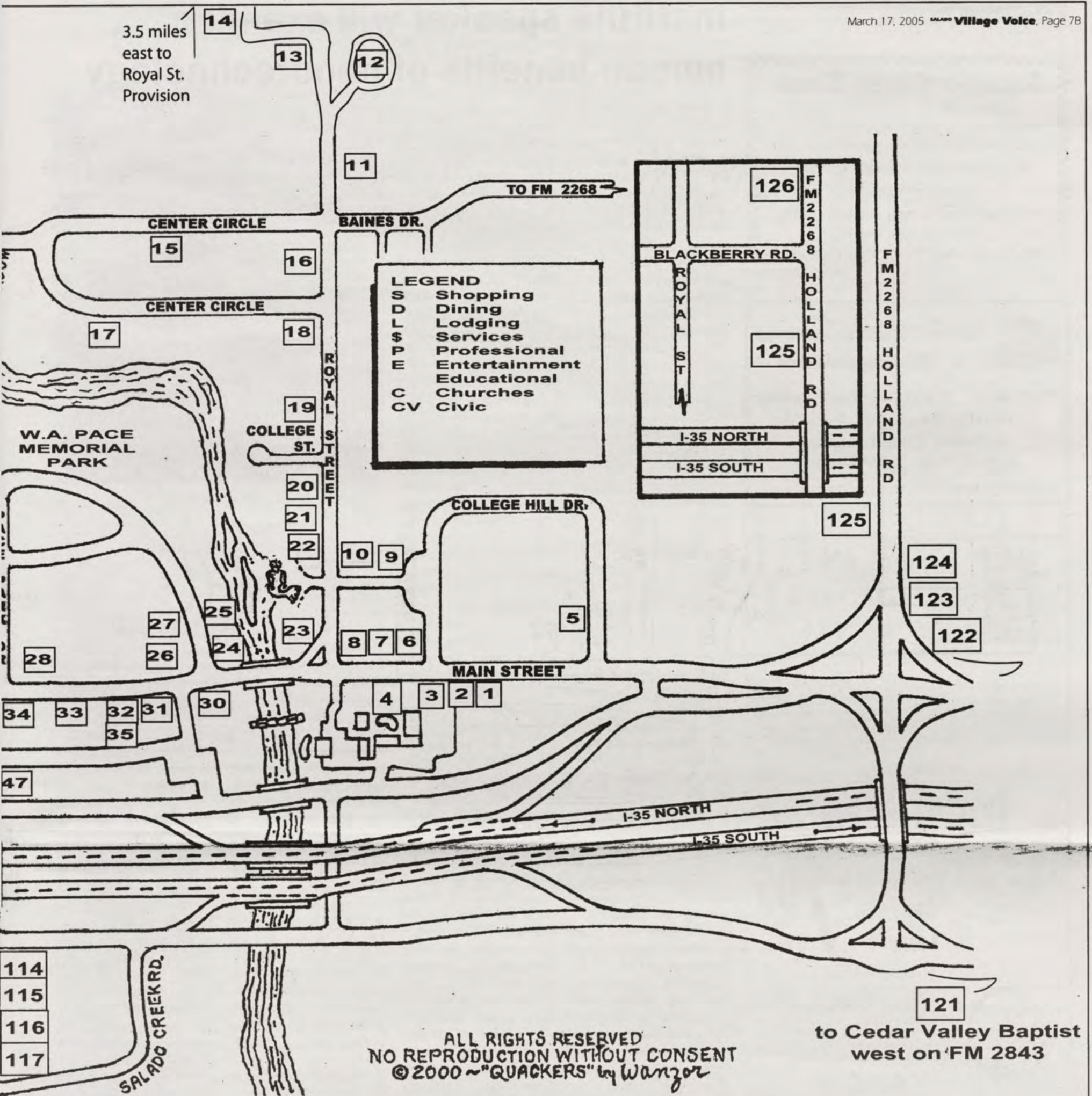
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# Institute speaker will examine human benefits of nanotechnology

From the largest scientific concepts of string theory and multi-universes, down to the smallest-nanotechnology: that's a journey audiences at the Institute for the Humanities at Salado will take for the next lecture in the Institute's Human Edge series. The Institute's series began with a lecture on string theory by theoretical physicist Dr. Michio Kaku, March 5, and will continue with a look at technology at the molecular level in a lecture slated for March 20.

Nanotechnology pioneer Dr. Zvi Yaniv will be the second speaker in the series about the effects of rapidly changing technology on mankind. His lecture entitled "Nanotechnology: The Next, Last Frontier," will be 4-6 p.m. March 20, at the Celebration Center in Salado.

Dr. Yaniv is President and CEO of Applied Nanotech, a company that conducts research on carbon nanotubes - molecular-sized cylindrical structures used in building electronic displays. Dr. Yaniv is an authority in nanotechnology, electro-optics, liquid crystal technology, technology commercialization and business management, and was one of the first scientists to see the commercial value and applications of nanotechnology.

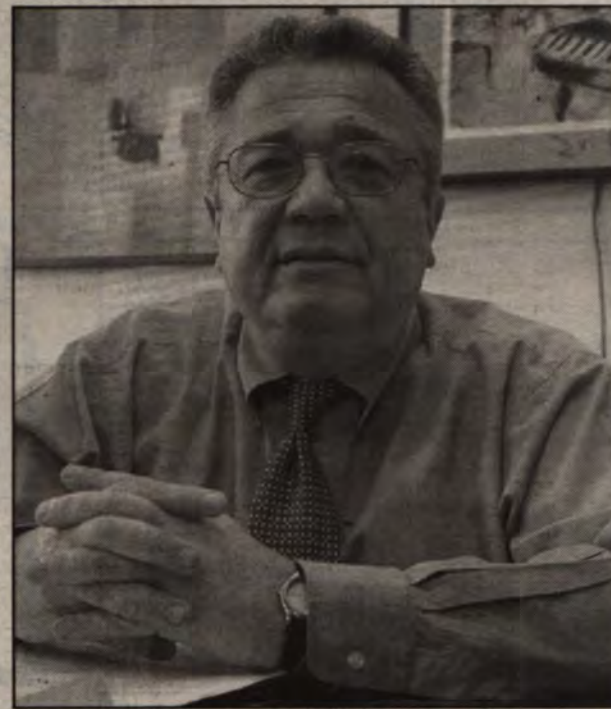
Dr. Yaniv is also the President and Chief Operating Officer of SI Diamond Technology, Inc. and has guided the company to become a leader in the display industry utilizing electron field emission from diamond/carbon films. Some of the applications

that his company has been involved with include the large animated billboard, flat panel television screens, minuscule medical x-ray tubes, and decontamination of biological agents.

Yaniv has full faith in the future of nanotechnology, which he defines as "the manipulation, precise placement, measurement, modeling and creation of sub-100 nanometer scale matter." He says, "people...are starting to recognize that the handling and understanding of very small particles is as important to new materials as the genome is to genetics... If one understands nanotechnology, one can build any material - and we can do it now. I believe that we could solve any desired problem... within twelve to eighteen months with the commitment and the resources."

Before coming to the United States, Dr. Yaniv founded and helped run the Practical Engineering College of the Ben Gurion University in Beer-Sheeba. He also held positions at the National Institute for Technical Training, Tel-Aviv, and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. He holds more than 150 patents and has published over 200 articles on his research. He is also a Senior Research Fellow of the IC2 Institute of the University of Texas.

In addition to being a scientist and businessman, he is also an artist. In 1999, Dr. Yaniv introduced a new expression of kinetic art --Digital Window(tm), which weds traditional two- or three-dimensional artworks with LCD's to create in-



Dr. Zvi Yaniv

teractive and dynamic art.

Dr. Yaniv holds a B.Sc. in physics/mathematics and a master's degree in electro-optics with distinction from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and a master's and a Ph.D. in physics from Kent State University.

Dr. Yaniv is one of five outstanding and nationally recognized speakers who comprise the Institute's spring lecture series on "The Human Edge." All presenters are experts in some aspect of the rapidly changing technology that will impact our lives in the 21st century. The series began March 5 with a look at the beginnings and the end of the universe from theoretical physicist Dr. Michio Kaku. The speaker lineup will continue with leading experts in the fields of artificial intelligence and biotechnology.

The other presenters in the series include:

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

lecture entitled, "Computers vs. Common Sense;"

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

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

The Institute of the Humanities at Salado is a non-profit corporation offering educational programs and conferences in the disciplines of the humanities for the public and the professions. The purpose of the Institute is to increase knowledge, to stretch minds and to foster compassion in light of our rapidly changing world.

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

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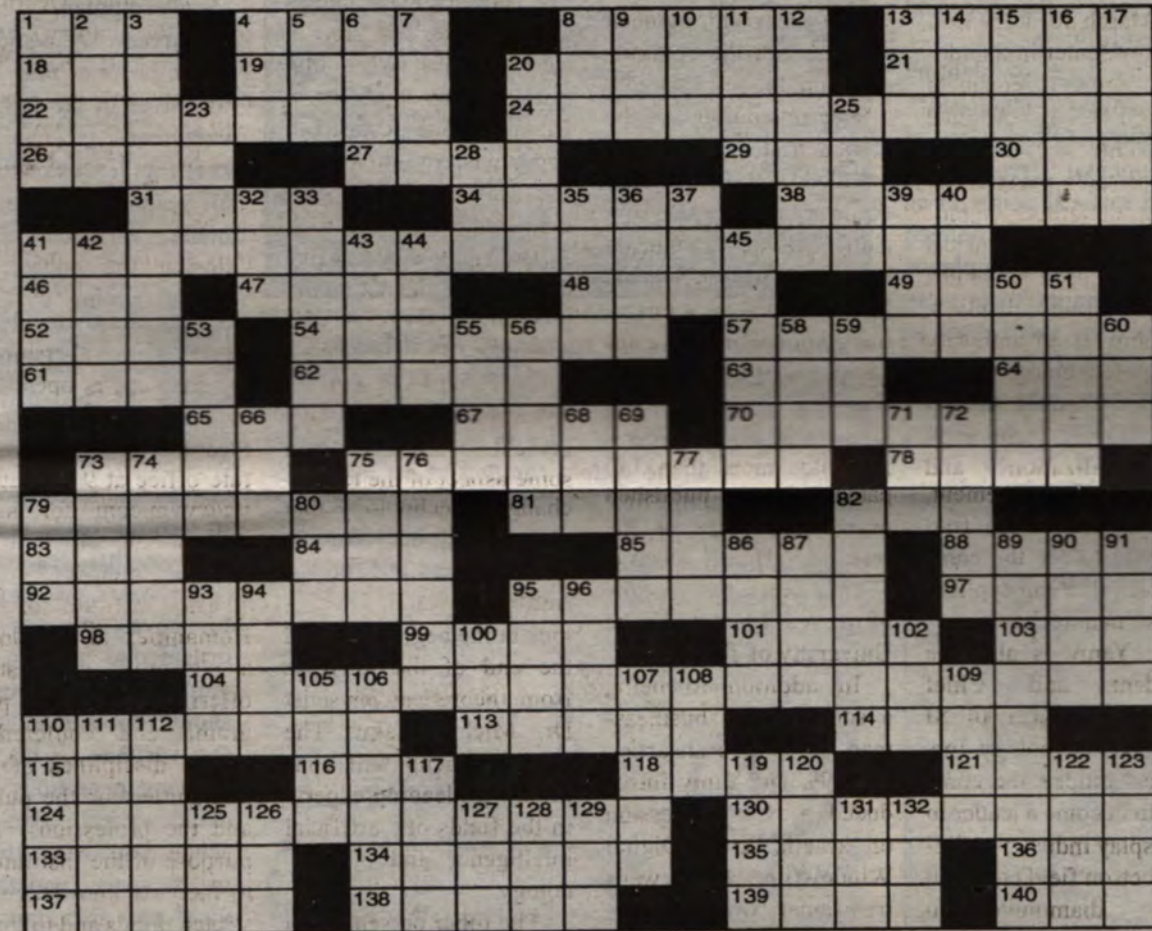
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| 29 Organ of equilibrium         | 81 Lhasa —                    | 137 Stout                 | 35 Tropical spot             | 79 Russian jet                 | 125 Encore exclamation           |
| 31 South American capital       | 82 Drink like 81 Across       | 138 Boca —, FL            | 36 — impasse                 | 80 Agt.                        | 126 "— Bad Apple" ('71 song)     |
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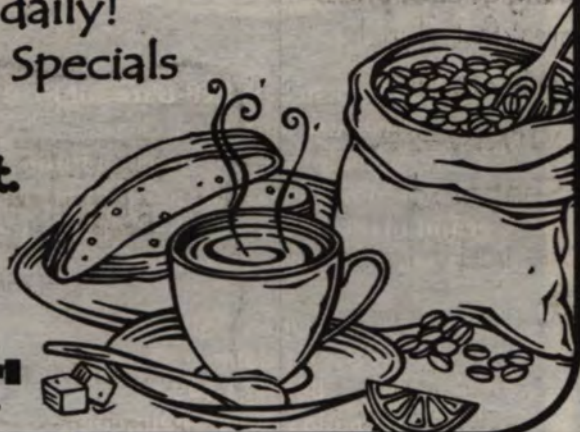
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# Ornamental trees add interest to the empty spaces in your yard

## Master Gardener

by Joyce Friels, BC MG

Last week, on one of those nice warm days that we experience during winter time in Central Texas, I took a walk through our yard inspecting the perennial flower beds.

On my trek through the front and back areas I decided a couple of places could use some improvement, but what could I plant that would make the areas stand out and add interest to the space?

I picked up some of my many garden magazines to get some ideas. I noticed that almost every garden pictured had one or more ornamental trees. Some pictures showed trees planted under taller trees. This seemed to give a new look to the space and added fullness.

This type of planting is called under-story planting. Other types of ornamental trees were used as focal points in an existing bed surrounded by perennial plants. Some smaller trees were planted by themselves to add interest, and also to draw you into the yard or entryway of the house. I decided to do some

research on ornamental trees by surfing the net and perusing the garden and landscaping books at the local bookstores.

What I found was dozens of varieties, shapes, and sizes of small trees that could be used in a number of ways in any landscape. Some varieties are listed as small ornamental trees, and others are listed as shrubs that can be pruned and shaped into small trees. An ornamental tree is described as a tree that grows from six to 40 feet in height, that has flowering blooms, colorful fruit, or has interesting form and foliage. They can be single trunked or multi-trunked.

They can be deciduous, semi-evergreen, or evergreen. A deciduous plant is one that loses its leaves in the fall. An evergreen is one that keeps its leaves or foliage all year. The foliage on many varieties change during the cooler days of fall giving us colors ranging from yellow to maroon and all the shades in between. I also discovered that we have a wide variety of ornamental trees growing in Central Texas that are native to this area.

If you would like to have one or two ornamental trees in your yard, the first thing you should do is read up on the varieties, sizes, and growing conditions; then decide what color and shape you want to add to the space; and finally visit the area nurseries or garden centers. It is a wise choice to go to a nursery that specializes in native plants and trees. It is usually better to use native plants in our landscape or to use plants that have been adapted to the growing conditions found in Central Texas.

The first ornamental tree that one usually thinks of planting is the Redbud. It makes a great splash of color before almost anything else blooms in the early spring. And of course, the 'adapted' Crepe Myrtle should not be left out, with its peeling bark (exfoliating), beautiful blooms and fall foliage.

However, I feel both of these specimens could be replaced in Central Texas landscapes by some native species that would give the same look and feel to the landscape.



Texas Mountain Laurel is an attractive plant that is used as an ornamental. The seeds are red and hard and were used by the Indians in jewelry; they are also poisonous.



Possumhaw is a large shrub or small tree frequently encountered in or near seasonally wet areas in Central and East Texas. Fairly nondescript in summer, female plants with their red, orange, or yellow fruit can become a blaze of color in the fall and winter landscape. It is the widest ranging of all Texas hollies and can adapt to a wide range of soil conditions. It can be grown in shade, but it fruits best in partial shade to full sun. Females need a male pollinator for good fruit set.

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# Dallas develops on Trinity River

Dallas is in the beginning stages of its largest public works project since the construction of the DFW airport. This time the city is looking at the Trinity River. The \$1.2 billion dollar investment by the citizens of Dallas along with state and federal governments will create one of the world's largest urban parks. It will contain downtown lakes with a whitewater run and the country's largest urban hardwood forest.

The project will be 10 times the size of Central Park in New York City.

Private individuals and city, state and federal governments are funding two futuristic bridges, designed by Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava. Work on one of the bridges starts in November of this year.

The Trinity project, due for completion in 2011, encompasses seven miles of river and 6,000 acres of forest. The river will be able to accommodate small sailboats and paddle boats. A reverse-flow lake is planned with a 17 foot drop, creating rapids. In August, Fort Worth opened its whitewater course on the Trinity and it is already a big hit. The Fort Worth Park's popularity sets an example of how Dallas citizens will respond to recreational opportunities on the river.

The Trinity gives companies and people a reason to stop moving north. Eventually residential and commercial development will fill the space between downtown and the river. The most visible benefit will be Oak Cliff, which will have easy access to downtown, great views and direct entry into the country's largest urban park, home to more than 1,300 species of plants

## Tumbleweed Smith



and animals.

In May of 1998, the largest bond package in Dallas history passed and the Trinity River proposition won by a bare margin: 51.6 percent to 48.4 percent. It was in August of last year that the first work on the project began. It consisted of removing sheet metal from a long-abandoned shed.

The great Trinity Forest is mostly ash, oaks, elms and cottonwoods. The 10 square mile tract was largely neglected and grew up over the past 45 years. It is home to raccoons and bobcats. Poachers sneak in to hunt deer.

An interpretive and equestrian center is planned in an area of southeast Dallas that used to be a trash dump. Antoine Predock, known for his "green" buildings, is designing it. Tourists from around the country and the world will go there to hike, watch birds and enjoy the outdoors.

For years the river was ignored in Dallas unless it threatened residents. That's not the case now.



Leslie Hyland

## Symphony of Soul slated for Salado

Leslie Hyland will perform "Symphony of Soul" 7 p.m. March 18 at the Salado Civic Center, sponsored by The Living Room Theatre of Salado.

Hyland will be accompanied by Valerie Pitruca, pianist. The show is directed by Dr. Raymond Carver. Admission is \$15, and reservations may be made by calling 254-947-8300.

Hyland 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.

Raymond Carver 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.

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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Music In Salado will present *The Old Maid and the Thief*, 7 p.m. March 22, at the Silver Spur Theater, 108 Royal Street, in Salado.

This is the second performance produced by founders, Drs. John and Kim Van Cura, for the 2005 season and presented at the Silver Spur Theater.

An audience favorite, *The Old Maid and the Thief* is a light-hearted, entertaining and funny one act musical drama

originally written by Gian Carlo Menotti for radio, and premiered in 1939, with the first stage performance by the Philadelphia Opera Company in 1941.

The action takes place in a Small Town somewhere USA. Miss Todd, the Old Maid, and Laetitia, her house maid, take in a hobo named Bob as their house guest. Nosey neighbor Miss Pinkerton begins to suspect something out of the ordinary is going on at the home of Miss Todd, when it is discovered a thief has been stealing money and breaking into establishments in town. The whole town is in an uproar as the ladies scheme to keep Bob from leaving, while protecting themselves from embarrassment. All the while innocent Bob has no idea of the trouble he is causing.

The cast features seasoned performers Deborah Williamson as Laetitia; Jennifer Mays as Miss Todd; and Matthew Moore, as Bob; with Baylor University junior Maria Thomas, as Miss Pinkerton.

Soprano Deborah Williamson has performed principal roles at Lincoln Center for Contemporary Opera in New York City, Des Moines Metro Opera, Central City Opera, Chautauqua Opera, Lyric Opera of Waco where she recently performed the roles of Laetitia, and Gretel in *Hansel and Gretel*, Abilene Opera, and appeared as Christine in *The Phantom of the Opera* touring major cities throughout Germany and Switzerland, as well as featured soloist on PBS-TV and with Erich Kunzel and the Cincinnati "Pops."

She has sung at Brevard Music Festival and the Cleveland Art Song Festival and is a noted interpreter of the works of Debussy, Poulenc, and Schubert. She holds the Master of Music in Voice and the Artist Diploma



Matthew Moore and Jennifer Mays will perform in *The Old Maid and the Thief* on March 22.

in Opera from the University of Cincinnati, and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Voice from the University of North Texas. Dr. Williamson is currently an assistant professor of Voice at Baylor University. This will be Dr. Williamson's first performance for Salado audiences.

Mezzo-soprano Jennifer Mays reprises her role of Miss Todd, which she sang in Salado in a Music in Salado performance of *The Old Maid and the Thief*, presented at Table Rock Amphitheater in 2001, and which she recently performed for Lyric Opera of Waco. She has sung with the Baylor University Opera Theater in leading roles, was a resident artist with the Abilene Opera and currently performs with the Dallas Opera. She is a music educator and teaches high school vocal music in the Dallas area.

Matthew Moore, baritone, performed numerous leading roles with the Baylor University Opera Theater, as well as leading roles in opera and musical theater in California and New York. He is a graduate of the Governor's Honors School in Norfolk, Virginia, where he sang in numerous productions in that area. Moore was a finalist in New York City

at the Metropolitan Opera auditions in 2004, as a regional finalist from Texas, and he has won National Association of Teachers of Singing awards, and been a winner in the Palm Beach Opera competition.

He was a featured singer with pops conductor Erich Kunzel in concerts in Florida, and sang with renowned American opera singer Frederica von Stade in concerts with the Columbus Symphony in Ohio. Matthew has sung numerous times for Salado audiences including the first production of *The Old Maid and the Thief* in Salado in 2001, and in the 2003 performances of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* for Music in Salado, in the home of John and Barbara Robertson.

Maria Thomas is a junior vocal music major from New Orleans. As a young student in Louisiana she sang roles in children's opera productions. As a student at MCC in Waco for one year, she sang in Gilbert and Sullivan productions before entering Baylor University as a student of Dr. John Van Cura, where she recently sang the role of "First Lady" in Baylor University Opera Theater's production of *Magic Flute*. Thomas was a recent winner in the Texoma Region National Association of Teachers of Singing Graduate Women's Division, and was a featured soloist in Music in Salado's 2004 Christmas production.

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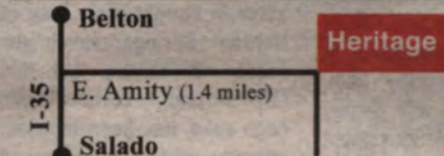


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Cedar Creek is an acrylic painting by Andy Phair, who will be teaching a class on April 6-7.

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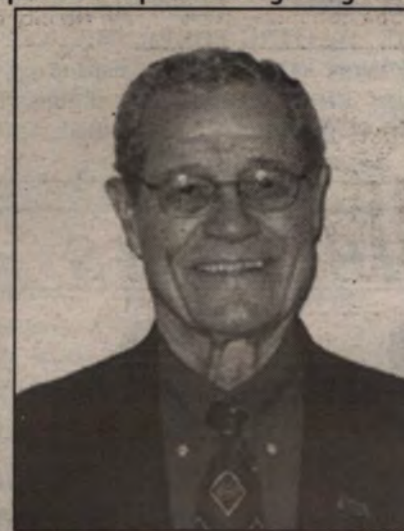
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## Kirchmeier attends Texas Realtor® meeting

Melanie Kirchmeier, president-elect of the Temple-Belton Board of Realtors and owner of Century 21-Bill Bartlett Real Estate, was among the more than 600 Realtors attending the Texas Association of Realtors Winter Meeting, held recently at the Hyatt Regency in Austin.

Texas Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst addressed the group, and participants also heard from Harvey Kronberg, political analyst and editor of the Quorum Report; Malcolm Richards, director of the Real Estate Center, at Texas A&M University; and Lance Lacy, 2005 chairman of the Texas Association of Realtors.

Key topics discussed

at the Austin meeting included: consumer protections in a real estate transaction, legislative issues affecting homeowners, commercial real estate trends, professional standards, technology, customer service, property management, risk reduction and real estate spokesperson training.

The Texas Association of REALTORS is the largest professional membership association in Texas, representing more than 70,000 members involved in all aspects of the real estate industry.

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# Best Buy gives to SHS

Salado High School announced recently that Best Buy has awarded a \$2,500 "teach" award to the school for integrating interactive technology into the curriculum.

The funds will be used to enhance Salado High School Eagle Eye News. The News class was started by Theatre Arts teacher Gary Askins and is a student-produced, -directed, -performed and -edited television

program that is broadcast weekly to the high school about issues and events of interest to and about students.

Askins stated that, "These much needed funds will assist us in obtaining some audio/visual equipment that my students can use as they learn about mass media communications through this program."

Best Buy began "teach" in Oct. 2003, to reward schools that creatively integrate interactive technology into their curricula. All accredited, public and private nonprofit elementary, middle and secondary schools located within 25 miles of a Best Buy

store were eligible to apply. Awards of \$2,500 were given to nearly 1,200 schools to sustain or enhance existing educational programs.

"Today, teachers across the country are using technology in new and creative ways; we want to support and recognize their efforts to make learning fun and easy," said Paula Prah, VP of Public Affairs for Best Buy. "The "teach" program helps innovative educators enhance their curricula. By committing dollars to the communities in which we work and live, we can more fully support our employees, our customers, and their families."

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The P&Z will make a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen at this meeting. This is your opportunity to voice any concerns you might have as a neighbor to this property.

## Salado sales tax rebate soars in March

Salado far outpaced both the state and county in sales tax growth as its March rebate checks showed an increase of almost 23 percent.

The Village of Salado received a \$20,156.27 sales tax rebate check, compared to \$16,437.56 for March 2004.

For the year, the Village is outpacing 2004 by nine percent: \$85,877.77 compared to 2004's \$78,741.18 through March.

Salado Public Library District's check of \$12,907.90 was 18.36 percent more than last March's payment of \$10,904.76. The Library District, which levies a half-cent sales tax, has been paid \$52,885.18 so far in 2005, more than eight percent ahead of 2004 payments of \$48,856.46 through March.

Bell County also levies a half-cent sales tax. The County was paid \$811,662.57 for March, which is 7.22 percent more than the \$756,981.47 payments last March. For the year, the County is running 8.75 percent ahead of 2004 with \$2.8 million paid through March 2005 compared to \$2.6 million through March 2004.

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn March 11 announced that state sales tax revenue in February totaled 1.34 billion, up 5.9 percent compared to February 2004.


Strayhorn delivered \$325.4 million in March sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 7.2 percent increase compared to March 2004. So far this calendar year, local sales tax rebates are up 6.7 percent compared to the first three months of 2004.

State sales tax revenue for February, and March payments made to local governments today, represent sales that occurred in January.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent March sales tax payments of \$221.5 million to Texas cities, up 7.5 percent compared to March 2004. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 7.1 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$19.1 million, up 9.4 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 8.7 percent higher than last year.

Another \$9.1 million went to 95 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 19.4 percent compared to last March. Nine local transit systems received \$75.6 million in sales tax rebates, up 4.5 percent compared to a year ago.


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# Healthy alternatives to sugar

Dear EarthTalk: Are there any healthy alternatives to sugar? Andrew Young, New York, NY

Perhaps since the diet crazes of the 1970s, Americans have been looking to cut back on their intake of sugar. And doctors couldn't be happier, as they consider the prevalence of sugar in our society a root cause of numerous health problems, including the recent trends in obesity and adult onset diabetes.

By far the most commonly used sugar alternative today is aspartame. Most diet sodas contain aspartame, and it is the main ingredient in artificial sweeteners Equal and Nutrasweet, among others. But aspartame itself has been linked to a host of health problems, including Parkinson's disease, anxiety attacks, depression, and brain tumors. A recent report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services listed 90 documented symptoms associated with aspartame exposure. And according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), aspartame accounts for 75 percent of reported adverse reactions to food additives.

Honey, another popular sugar substitute, contains vitamins C, D, E and B-complex, as well as traces of amino acids, enzymes and minerals. However up to 50 percent of these nutrients are lost, unfortunately, when honey is commercially processed. Also, honey is high in calories and is absorbed by the body in much the same way sugar is, so it's not a good choice if you are diabetic.

Luckily for those with cravings for sweets, several healthy alternatives to sugar do exist and can be found at most natural foods markets if not in mainstream supermarkets which increasingly have natural foods sections. For a taste similar to honey with fewer calories, agave nectar--made from the Mexican agave plant--is a good choice. Agave nectar is a fruit sugar, which absorbs more slowly into the bloodstream and is suitable for diabetics. It has a light, mild flavor with a thinner consistency than honey. One organic brand is Colibree. Another comes from Sweet Cactus Farms and can be ordered from their website online.

For baking, date sugar is a good alternative to conventional sugar. Actually consisting of finely ground dates, it contains all the fruit's nutrients and minerals. Date sugar isn't highly processed, and it can be used cup-for-cup as a replacement for white sugar. Also good for baking is xylitol, which sounds like a chemical but is actually birch sugar. Unlike conventional sugar, xylitol is actually reported

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to fight tooth decay, and has fewer calories. Both date sugar and xylitol are suitable for diabetics and others who are sugar sensitive.

Another sugar alternative -- and one that has grown in popularity in recent years -- is stevia, which comes from the stevia leaf in Paraguay. It is about 300 times as sweet as sugar, but has no calories. The FDA considers stevia a dietary supplement, because in its unprocessed form it is very nutritious, containing such vitamins as magnesium, niacin, potassium and vitamin C. But Japanese drink manufacturers have been using stevia as a sweetener for more than 30 years. Because stevia is so concentrated, it is best used as an additive to drinks, cereals or yogurts, and not for baking, as it doesn't have enough bulk.

CONTACTS: U.S. Food and Drug Administration, (888) INFO-FDA, www.fda.gov; Colibree, (866) 635-8854, www.agavenectar.com; Sweet Cactus Farms, (310) 733-4343, www.sweetcactusfarms.com.

Dear EarthTalk: What is "geothermal" heating and cooling, and how is it environmentally friendly? John Moran, Cranston, RI

Geothermal (sometimes called "geoexchange") heating and cooling is a technology that relies primarily on the Earth's natural thermal energy, a renewable resource, to heat or cool a house.

In winter or in colder climates, the Earth's natural heat is collected through a series of pipes, called a loop, installed underground or sometimes in a pond or lake. Water

circulating in the loop carries the heat to the home where an indoor system using compressors and heat exchangers concentrates the Earth's energy and releases it inside the home at a higher temperature. In a typical system, duct fans distribute the heat to various rooms. These systems can also provide all or part of a household's hot water, according to the Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium, a trade organization.

In summer or in warmer climates, the process is reversed in order to cool the home. Excess heat is drawn from the home, expelled to the loop, and absorbed by the Earth. Thus the system is providing cooling in much the same way that a refrigerator keeps its contents cool--by drawing heat from the interior, not by injecting cold air from the exterior. The only additional energy that these systems need, other than the heat from the Earth's surface, is a small amount of electricity to power the pumps that circulate the collected heating or cooling throughout the home.

"It's a truly renewable system requiring a minimal amount of energy," says Lisa McArthur of the International Ground Source Heat Pump Association, another trade group. "The temperature underground is constant year round (low 40s in the northern U.S. to the low 70s in the South). If a home needs to be heated in the winter or cooled in the summer, the energy source is in one's own backyard," she says.

Depending upon the size and quantity of pumps needed, homeowners can expect to pay a few thousand dollars more for installation than for a conventional fossil-fuel system. But with geothermal, homeowners enjoy reduced energy bills, high reliability and long life. "There is always initial sticker shock, but our clientele is more concerned with the environment and

long-term use rather than the initial bottom line," says Scott Jones, a sales manager at ECONAR, a Minnesota-based heat pump producer.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, geothermal technology can reduce energy costs up to 60 percent compared to traditional furnaces. This means that a geothermal unit will pay for itself in two to 10 years. Subsidies and tax incentives, which vary from state to state, can make the systems even more affordable. Homeowners can check with the free online Database of State Incentives for Renewable Energy to see if their state provides any such incentives.

CONTACTS: Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium, www.geoexchange.org; International Ground Source Heat Pump Association, www.igshpa.okstate.edu; ECONAR, (763) 241-3110, www.econar.com; Database of State Incentives for Renewable Energy, www.dsireusa.org.

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