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Trustees to mull choices following failed HS bond

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado school trustees April 11 will canvass the results of the failed April 2 \$17 million bond referendum and then meet in workshop session to discuss whether to bring another proposal before voters.

Salado ISD voters rejected a \$17 million bond proposal by a 214-vote margin, 844 against to 630 for. Early voting was extremely heavy with 901 casting ballots. During that period, 484 voted against the proposal and 417 voted in favor of the proposal.

Of those voting April 2, 360 voted against the proposal and 213 voted in favor of the proposal.

Trustees will formally canvass the results April 11 at the Salado Civic Center.

The meeting is tentatively set for 5:30 p.m. The formal agenda will be posted at the Salado Civic Center 72 hours before the meeting.

The workshop session will follow canvassing the results. Trustees will discuss whether another bond proposal should be called.



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)
LaNora and Eldon Miller check the voter's registration list for one of the 573 voters to cast a ballot April 2 in the Salado ISD bond referendum. The bond failed by a margin of 630 for and 844 against.

The board will also discuss how the bond proposal could be packaged and what costs to attach to items.

Trustees called for the \$17 million bond proposal in January, after meeting throughout the month and in December to put together a package for voter consideration. The board opted for the \$17 million package, that included the high school campus with associated athletic facilities (football track stadium, tennis courts, baseball and softball field).

These athletic facilities may be included in a future package, either as a separate proposal or as part of the entire proposition.

Whether the performing arts center will be included in any proposal or not is not clear. Trustees were reluctant to include the PAC at the time they called the bond issue because they felt it was too costly and would confuse the ballot.

Those are some of the topics trustees will begin mulling during the April 11 workshop.

Aldermen to consider purchase of Salado Funeral Home building

Salado aldermen will meet 6:30 p.m. April 7 to discuss purchasing the Salado Funeral Home building for expansion of municipal offices.

The Village of Salado made a \$120,000 offer for the building, which is directly south of the current Municipal Building on Stagecoach Rd. An appraisal of the property valued it at \$150,000, which was the counter offer from the owners.

If the property is purchased by the Village, it

will likely be the new Municipal Offices and Municipal Court for Salado. The current Municipal Building, which houses the municipal offices, police department, municipal court and Scott & White ambulance, will continue to house the police department and emergency services.

Scott & White provides local ambulance service to the Salado area, with Emergency Medical Technicians housed at the municipal building and the ambulance kept on-premises.

In other business, aldermen will consider accepting more requests to be brought into the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) of Salado.

State Rep. Dianne White Delisi sponsored a bill before the Legislature that will limit the ETJ of a municipality of fewer than 5,000 residents to one mile. This may not effect the current ETJ of a municipality such as Salado, but may effect future requests.

The aldermen meeting is open to the public at the Municipal Building.



An artist and a collector discuss his wood sculpture during the Fifth Annual Wildflower Art Show held on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center April 2-3. The Art Show is sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Local elections set May 7; April 7 is last day to register

The last day to register to vote in the Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees election and the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen election is April 7.

Voter registration forms are available at the Salado Civic Center on Main St.

The Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees and Village of Salado Board of Aldermen elections will be held concurrently 7 a.m.-7 p.m. May 7 at the Salado Civic Center.

Early voting will be weekdays 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 20-May 3 at the Salado Civic Center.

Candidates for three

full three-year terms on the SISD Board of Trustees are these: Deborah Aldridge, Jackie Burson, Frank Carlson, Laura DePetty, John Konzen, and Trey Little. Aldridge and Little have served one term on the board of trustees, while Konzen has served two terms. Burson served one term on the board, which ended last year. Carlson served two terms on the board, ending last year as well.

Candidates for three full two-year terms on the Village Board of Aldermen are Danney McCort, Jackie Mills, Merle Stalcup and Curtis Strong.

Mills has served as Aldermen since the Village of Salado government was formed in November 2000.

Candidates in both the school and aldermen race have been invited to participate in the Candidates' Forum 7 p.m. April 19 at the Salado Civic Center.

All of the Aldermen candidates have confirmed that they will participate in the Forum. So far, the following school board candidates have confirmed that they will participate: Aldridge, Burson, Carlson, DePetty, Konzen.

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Correction

In the March 31 Salado Village Voice story on intermediate school teacher Terry Summers, we incorrectly stated that "The incident is alleged to have happened in a Salado Intermediate School classroom on Jan. 11." The incident is alleged to have happened during the summer of 2004.

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Putting the Sham in Shaman

Ward Churchill, the University of Colorado professor who called the victims of 9/11 "little Eichmanns," is a sign of our times. Not just because his error-riddled work and reflexive hostility toward American power reflect the mediocrity and stale orthodoxy of much of academia. He also belongs to one of the nation's hottest ethnic groups: the fake Indian.

Churchill has described himself as three-sixteenths Cherokee, or one-sixteenth Cree, or both. He has never documented his ancestry, and he gained his membership in the Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians when it allowed in people who aren't Indians. Suzan Shown Harjo, a Cheyenne and Hodulgee Muscogee who has long known Churchill, told John J. Miller of the National Review, "Right away, I could tell he was a faker, because he refused to talk about his family."

In a recent article, Miller documents the rash of "professional imposters who have built entire careers by putting the sham into shaman." According to Miller, "Between 1960 and 2000, the number of Americans claiming Indian ancestry on their census forms jumped by a factor of six." Churchill described himself as a "Caucasian" when he served in Vietnam. He became an "American Indian" when he was filling out an affirmative-action form at the University of Colorado to become a lecturer in Native American studies.

Churchill is part of a great tapestry of American Indian-related fraud. Non-Indian arts and crafts are marketed as "Indian made." The possibility of opening casinos sends lily-white opportunists scouring for any drop of Indian blood. Then there are the affirmative-action hucksters, like the California contractor who got preferential treatment on account of his one-sixty-fourth Indian ancestry.

There is no marketing quite like faux Native American status. Forrest Carter wrote a book in the mid-1970s called "The

Rich Lowry



Education of Little Tree" about being raised as an orphan by his Cherokee grandparents. In 1991, the book became a cult smash and hit the paperback nonfiction best-seller list. Then it was switched to the fiction best-seller list.

It turned out that Forrest Carter was Asa Carter, a former white supremacist with a vivid imagination.

Falsified Native American ancestry and experiences are most readily rewarded by those who worship multiculturalism and conceive of Indians as near-mystical beings. Carlos Castaneda tapped into this audience with his New Age classic "The Teachings of Don Juan," a book based on his dubious meetings in the desert with a Yaqui sorcerer. In response to Castaneda and his many imitators, the National Congress of American Indians has denounced "non-Indian 'wannabes' and self-styled New Age shamans."

Indian fakery is reprehensible not just because it is based on lies, but because it falsifies and cheapens the Native American experience to which it is supposed to pay tribute. Miller quotes a writer who calls this "cultural genocide," scoring the fakers for their "misrepresentation and appropriation of indigenous spirituality." The author of those words was Ward Churchill. Who knew? He is not just an apologist for mass murder, but -- on his own terms -- a practitioner of cultural genocide.

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

President vows to "stubbornly" stay the course despite low approval polls over Social Security "investments"

President Bush announced last week that he will continue playing his "stubborn" card in the ongoing political contest to gain support for "reformation" of the revered social security program, that would allow workers to "invest" a portion of their contributions in private Wall Street stock-bond accounts; while at the same time trying to reverse his steadily falling approval ratings.

This effort is buttressed by a decision to stay with the 60 day campaign style flurry across both "red and blue" States, as he tries to reinvigorate his own troops, and dampen the growing opposition.

All the while his "approval" numbers dipped to an all-time low of 45% despite herculean efforts by a tough White House staff under the tutelage and "generalship" of Karl Rove - now the President's "top gun" on all domestic and foreign fronts.

Fact is things are just not going well and the more Bush talks - the deeper the numbers dive.

DEMOS:

"KEEP BUSH TALKING!"

Democrats naturally quipped: "Keep the man talking" - especially about privatizing social security! Adding to Bush's problems is the "red hot" report from the Presidential Commission on Intelligence (released last Thursday), that spelled out the botched ways our many "spy" groups collect, analyze and recommend action-plans, including the faulty intelligence that was used to promote the invasion of Iraq.

To make matters worse - there is credible noises coming from conservative, pro-administration political commentators (Robert Novak for example) who claim there's planning afoot at both the White House and State Department - to withdraw all troops from Iraq later this year, regardless of the tense situation in that nation, that includes increased insurgency against Iraqi citizens and a brand new coalition type government that is having great difficulty getting itself up and running.

What a premature pull-out of Iraq would do to the Bush doctrine of "democratizing" the Middle East is problematical. Chaos would certainly reign supreme; Iranians continuing their nuclear bomb development; Israel unilaterally bombing Iran; and the entire area exploding.

CHANGE OF TACTICS NEEDED

All is not lost, of course - but "stubbornness" will not carry the day. Bush needs to divide the Social Security package in two parts. Have congressional committees give him "up or down" votes - first on investing in stocks, and another on the solvency problem. Demos say if that comes about, they will drop their "insurgency" attitude.

And for goodness sakes don't abandon the Iraqi people at this stage of the game, Mr. President. This is not "cut and run" time. We probably should not be there in the first place, but we are and we need to stay put, even if the coalition disappears.

NEED HELP?

HERE'S AN ANSWER

Ever need help to overcome a seemingly insurmountable goal? No one to turn to for that special assist to scale "Mount Success" and find great fortune? **Not a problem!** At least if you have enough of Uncle Sam's greenbacks to grease the wheels of special interest lawmakers.

First, contact your personal lawmaker in Congress (or better still a Texas Legislator) and tell him/her what you need.

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



Explain how grateful you are for their fine work and how you plan to show this appreciation through campaign contributions.

Then quickly step aside and watch the wheels of "gummint" spin. Here's an example that will "knock your hat in the creek" (as they say in Uvalde): MBNA Corporation is one of the credit card giants and fifth largest contributor to the Bush presidential campaigns. What they (and their bank-credit card associates and a ton of other business Political Action Committees) wanted was a more stringent curtailment of personal bankruptcies (that they helped create - by the way).

And what did they get for their money? An act of Congress almost ready for the Prez' signature that only adds to the floundering consumer's debt woes.

Another example? OK - take the major oil companies and their desire to drill in the Arctic Wildlife Refuge. Huge donations to Bush and Republican members of congress and 'voila' - the right to drill in Alaska's last 'of protective area, is just a step away from the Bush desk.

Not necessary to thank us for this information on how to make your dreams come true. Nor for the short (inside) lesson on how Government really works.

THE SCHIAVO DRAMA

What can we learn from the sadness that unfolded before us in recent days concerning the Terri Schiavo misfortune? Can we peel away the tragic family feud that raged around this once happy young person? Can we ever forget (or forgive) the politicians who encircled the sadness (admittedly) trying to make points with some of their religious and socially conservative constituents? More importantly, has the ordeal caused us to think more deeply about matters of life and death that touch us personally, as well as our loved ones?

There will be lively debates in the days ahead about "living wills" and personal directives dealing with last wishes. The American public in its wisdom (even if most of our leadership mistakenly believes the vast "unwashed" are stupid) reported a firm conviction (80%) that **dying is not the business of Congress or the President or any other regulatory agency.**

The courts of the nation had it right, despite what the repugnant Tom DeLay (GOP House Majority Leader) said about certain judges needing to face political retaliation, after refusing to enter the fray.

However, we say "thank goodness" for this protective judicial arm of government.

The "right to life" and the "right to die" advocates are probably both correct - to a point. The question now is how to resolve these points of view - if resolution is actually possible.

Religious people advocate prayer to help unravel our problems and answer requests. We agree, with this gentle reminder that most of us learned early-on, from wise parents; ministers; and thoughtful religious writers and philosophers: "God always answers prayers." **"And sometimes the answer is no!"**

That's -30-
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Rethink the Bond

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

It is with regret that I note that the Bond election was defeated. However, this is tinged with the knowledge that in some ways this result was foretold and could have been avoided if a more pragmatic approach toward the Bond was taken.

In the current and expected future economic climate, High schools have to be devoted to learning, both collegiate and technical, not be an off shoot of a sports facility. In this day and age education is paramount for without a higher standard of education, more and more highly technical jobs will go overseas with the very real consequence of a considerably lower standard of living for all.

The population of Salado is changing with the advent of new and vibrant estates being built. These estates are populated with a defined blend of comfortably off retirees and young upwardly mobile couples who are both employed and having young children.

A possible solution to successful future Bonds would be to expand involvement of the Salado population in the decision making by employing additional alternatives to provide and receive information. It must be considered that many people work and not in the Salado community and thus cannot make daytime tours of facilities or catch meetings at 6:30 p.m. A key issue that needs to be reviewed is why does the proposed new High School need a large portion of the Bond to go to Sports Facilities that are sporadically used? And why do they need to be duplicated with practice facilities as well as "playing" facilities? Sports facilities should be for the use of an entire population not just a few select sports people. Hence, is it not more logical for the entire population and businesses to be involved in fundraising for each and every sports facility?

For example, a baseball

field could be multifaceted in its uses. In other words it should be made available for all grades of baseball and softball teams. These teams should range through all grades and levels of expertise. Just because a child is not a future top class player should not be a barrier to him/her playing. And what about the general population? Community teams for all levels could use the facilities and expand our city pride by playing with other city teams.

Sports facilities can be built by a community effort. Sponsorship and donations from interested organizations is something that has been shown to bring a Town together on a project that involves all the community. What part can the City Council play in providing sports facilities? The actual work on any sports facility could be community based. Does a baseball field have to be built by contractors? Could it not be built by volunteers from the community?

Business sponsorship for a Salado Town team or just a plain sole Business team that can utilize the community facility would be advantageous to all concerned and would generate revenue for future expansions that would negate a Bond Issue.

I am all for sports, a healthy body complements a healthy mind. However, the children's education should be paramount in any future discussion on school development as this will set them up for their life's ambitions and opportunities.

Regards,
Alan Huckerby,
Salado

Editor's note: The sports facilities at Salado, including the basketball courts, baseball and softball fields, are used by youth leagues. The softball field was initially built through community donations and by volunteers. Improvements to it, including lights, were accomplished with school funds.

Letters to the editor are accepted and encouraged, but must be signed for publication. Your letter can be delivered to the Salado Village Voice newspaper office at 213 Mill Creek Dr, Suite #125 (Salado Plaza Shopping Center), mailed to P.O. Box 587, Salado, TX 76571, faxed to 254-947-9479 or e-mailed to news@saladovillagevoice.com. All letters must include a phone number (for verification, not for publication).



The Border Patrol helps guard against terrorist infiltration from the south

Something ominous is happening on our southern borders. For years, we have faced masses of poor workers illegally entering our country in search of jobs, as well as a smaller number of more dangerous narcotics smugglers. But today we have evidence that the same terrorists who killed 3,000 Americans on September 11, 2001, are now infiltrating the United States through our southern border.

Suspected al-Qaeda sleeper agent Mohammed Junaid Babar has told investigators of a scheme to smuggle terrorists across the Mexican border. Babar is tied to a terror plot to carry out bombings and assassinations in London. Along the Mexican border there have been stories of suspicious items picked up by local residents, including Muslim prayer rugs and notebooks written in both Arabic and Spanish.

We have also seen numerous reports of Middle Eastern males, speaking Arabic or Farsi, who have been caught crossing the American border with Mexico. Adnan Shukrijumah, a top al-Qaeda operative whom the FBI wants for questioning, met with alien smugglers in Mexico and Honduras in 2004 and was seeking ways to bring al-Qaeda members into the United States. Recently, Mahmoud Youssef Kourani, who was smuggled into our country from Mexico in 2001, was sentenced to five years in prison for helping the jihadist terror group Hezbollah.

They continue trying to penetrate the United States because they want to attack us in our homeland. Time Magazine recently reported that Osama Bin Laden has personally urged his Iraqi-based lieutenant, Abu Mousab Al-Zarqawi, to attack America itself and that Al-Zarqawi believes terrorists can bribe and buy their way through Mexico and into the U.S.

Al-Zarqawi and his

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



fellow terrorists are banking on the fact that they can slip across our border with Mexico by walking through the desert or wading across the Rio Grande. They have changed their tactics because entry through official border crossings have become more difficult thanks to new passports, more visa controls and an increase in computer identity checks instituted as part of the War on Terror.

The terrorists are counting on southern border policy and an overworked and undermanned Border Patrol to allow them to slip into our country. Under present regulations, the Border Patrol automatically turns back Mexicans caught at the border, but detains non-Mexicans for deportation hearings. The majority are released pending their court hearings, which allows them to easily disappear into the general population.

The Border Patrol reports it released 5,775 of Other Than Mexican (OTM) illegal immigrants in 2002; by 2004, that number soared to 30,075. Those who are released are assigned a court date for a deportation but the no-show rate for these court meetings is as high as 90 percent. We are not sure how many of those who are released are from countries with known jihadist organizations such as al-Qaeda.

Clearly recognizing our serious border vulnerability, Congress passed the Intelligence Reform bill last year which authorized an increase of 10,000 new border patrol agents over five years. Additionally, it included provisions to add 8,000 detention beds and 800 additional

interior investigators to bolster border security. Unfortunately, the draft budget only allocated enough to cover 210 agents, 143 investigators and 1,920 beds.

Since 2001, 1,300 agents have been added to the force, but this number is still not sufficient to patrol the 6,900 miles of borders with Canada and Mexico. Texas alone shares a 1,254-mile border with Mexico.

To give our Border Patrol more help, I introduced and passed an amendment to the Senate Budget Resolution to provide sufficient funds for the 2,000 new border patrol agents. This will bring this year's number of new border patrol agents to the number required by the Intelligence Reform bill passed by Congress in December. My amendment provides \$352 million for new agents. Instead of creating new spending, the funds would be transferred from the \$33 billion set aside for international affairs.

President Bush, Mexican President Vicente Fox and Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin held a summit on March 23 at which they announced establishment of the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP). Their goal is to provide for better regional security as well as prosperity by developing compatible systems for screening passengers, goods and cargo.

While I welcome the assistance of Canada and Mexico, America's security depends upon our own government. I will continue efforts to ensure our Border Patrol has sufficient resources to do its job.

Should bosses run our private lives?



Jim Hightower

How far would you let a boss push you? Maybe your boss keeps refusing to raise your pay and also cuts back on your health care. Still, jobs are short these days, and wages everywhere are low - so you stick it out. But what if the boss then has surveillance cameras put in to keep an eye on you at work, and also requires drug testing on the job? This invasion of your privacy angers you, but you still need the job, so you shrug it off.

But, next, the boss wants to follow you out of the workplace and control what you do on your own time. If you do things after hours that do not conform to your boss's own particular beliefs, you're fired. Would you put up with that?

Believe it or not, more and more bosses are insisting that they have the right to monitor and regulate the activities of employees off the job, even non-work related activities. Howard Weyer is one such boss. He's honcho of Weyco, an insurance management corporation in Michigan. Howard doesn't like smokers, so he has instituted an anti-smoking policy.

Fine... except that Weyers' policy outlaws smoking off the job as well as on.

He has imposed random, mandatory breathalyzer tests on his 200 employees. Fail once - and you're fired. "You work for me," Weyer says, "this is what I expect. You don't like it? Go someplace else." For Howard, a former football coach, it's a matter of making people better, more virtuous even. He says he used to hone his football players "mentally and physically" - and, he says, "I think that's what we need to do in the workplace."

Excuse me, Howard, but who elected you our nanny? If he can be the no-smoking dictator, other bosses can dictate that employees can't have a beer after work, must go to a particular kind of church on Sunday, or can't have a Democratic bumper sticker on their cars.

To fight back, call the National Workrights Institute: 609-683-0313.

CHURCH NEWS

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Traditional Worship/Bible Study	10:30 a.m.	Jr. High Halftime	5:15 p.m.
Orchestra Rehearsal	4:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	5:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Service	6:15 p.m.
		Team Kid (Age 3 - 6th grade)	6:00 p.m.
		Bible Drill (4th - 6th)	7:00 p.m.
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Joe Keyes
Minister

We hope you'll join us this week for the start of a new sermon series in which we'll be discussing "What the Church Needs Now..." This week, our focus is on healthy teaching ("sound doctrine" as the apostle Paul called it). Come hear the implications for this vital component in the life of the church.

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Bioethics and Human Life series begins April 14

A weekly four part series, titled "Bioethics and the Sanctity of Human Life," will begin April 14 in the Fellowship Hall of the Presbyterian Church of Salado. The one hour sessions will start at 11 a.m. Leaders of the series will be Dr. Bob Volle, the Rev. Carl Thompson, and Lyle Radebaugh.

Topics will include "DNA - The Molecule of Life," "Cloning and Human Dignity," "Bioethics and the Law," and "Bioethics and the Sanctity of Human Life."

Lecture outlines and syllabi will be provided at each session. For more information contact Shirley Pinkston at 947-3372.

Marsha Haney to speak at annual Ladies Day

The Salado Church of Christ will host its annual Ladies' Day program entitled "What a Fellowship" on April 16 at the congregation's new Activity Center. The event will begin at 9 a.m. with a "get acquainted" continental

breakfast.

Marsha Haney, from the Western Hills Church of Christ in Temple, will be the guest speaker for this year's Ladies' Day. The program will conclude at 1:30 p.m. following lunch.

Ladies throughout the Village who wish to participate in this activity are asked to call 947-5241 for a reservation that will help those planning the meals. There is no charge and a warm welcome awaits all who wish to attend.

Parks and Wildlife speaker addresses Women's Society

Mark Klym, of Texas Parks and Wildlife, will be the speaker for the St. Stephen Women's Society's April 11 meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., and will be held in

the church's Parish Hall, located on Holland Road.

Klym, coordinator of Texas Wildscapes and the Texas Hummingbird Roundup Program, will speak on "Attracting Hummingbirds to Your Yard."

Upcoming Women's Society events include providing refreshments April 16 for the Confirmation class reception, and the annual pot luck luncheon, to be held May 21.

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Mr. and Mrs. Willie E. Starnes

Starnes wed

Susan Marie Starnes and CW5 Willie E. Starnes will celebrate their marriage with a religious ceremony April 9 at the Old Post Chapel on Fort Hood. Pastor Brian Dunks, of the First Baptist Church of Salado will officiate the wedding ceremony. The couple married via teleconference while the groom was serving his country in Iraq. The groom is in the U.S. Army, stationed currently at Fort Hood. The bride is the daughter of Sophie Holland, of West Plains, Missouri, and is an office manager. The couple reside on Stinnett Mill Road in Salado.

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Salado Village Artists welcome animal portrait artist May 4-6

The Salado Village Artists announce the return of Phillip Wade, who will teach an upcoming painting workshop on Animal Portraits. Painting medium can be either oils or acrylics, and the class will be held for three days, May 4-6.

Wade will demonstrate his painting techniques and then guide you to finish a portrait of the animal of your choice. He uses lively color and fresh brushwork. Plenty of one-on-one instruction will cover backgrounds, long versus short hair, and techniques of capturing the features, paws, feathers, and personalities. Attendees will paint from photos of their animal.

The Austin Museum of Art is Wade's home base, but he has traveled extensively with exhibits, sales, and art shows. Certainly one of the more prestigious instructors to be offered this year, he is represented in a large number of private and public collections, including Michael Dell, ex-Governor Ann Richards, Jesse Hite, director of the Austin Art Museum, the Driskill Hotel in Austin, and various sports celebrities.

acrylic or oils, but I prefer water based oils over all others because they produce a rich glowing effect



without the toxic fumes," Wade said of his favorite medium.

He will show samples of this during the classes.

This is the third time in three years the SVA has invited Phillip Wade to teach a class in Salado, the cost of which will be \$150 and includes lunch.

If you have any questions, or want to register for the classes, call Helen Alexander at 254-947-1089, or email her at halex@vvm.com.

The Village Artists meet Tuesday mornings at the Village Art Center, which sits on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center.



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Smokin' Spokes

On this page are scenes from the Second Salado Smokin' Spokes bike ride, which was held April 2. There were 15-, 27-, 57-, 70-, 85- and 102-mile rides, that began and ended at the Salado school grounds. It was a fund-raiser for the Salado Volunteer Fire Department.

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Eagles face uphill climb

The Salado Eagle hardballers are now faced with a desperate situation, having lost to Jarrell 5-0 March 29 and dropping to 1-4 in the district standings.

The teams played to a scoreless tie through four innings. Salado's freshman pitcher, Sam Van Hoozer - making his first varsity appearance - pitched brilliantly in holding the Cougars at bay.

Jarrell scored all of their runs in the top of the fifth. They came on four singles and two walks.

Salado had only two scoring opportunities on the night, getting runners to third base in the fourth

and seventh innings. The Eagles collected five hits in the game, off the bats of Wes Ruth, Jon Nix, Blake Spence, Kevin Jackson and Seth Hale.

On April 1 the Eagles redeemed themselves by pounding the Somerville Yeguas by a second of 17-1.

Salado started quickly with two runs in the top of the first. Matt Fritsch started the game with a double, and Jesse Rodriguez drew a walk to put runners on first and second. A single by Johnny Nix loaded the bases. Courtesy runner Slayt Ebling scored the first run on a passed ball, and Ro-

driguez then came home on a sacrifice fly by Kevin Jackson.

The Eagles added two more runs in the second, and one in the third, coming on Somerville's generous defense. Salado drew four walks and Somerville committed three errors in the two innings.

After the Yeguas scored a run in the bottom of the third, Salado broke the game open with five runs in the fourth, marked by a bases loaded double from Blake Spence. A Seth Hale single drove in another Salado run.

With the aid of the Somerville pitchers Salado put nine more runs on

the board in the fifth inning. The Yeguas issued five passes in the inning. The Yeguas issued five free passes in the inning, while Nix, Fritsch, Tanner Myers, Kevin Goodman, Ebling and Tucker Wilhite all collected RBI's.

Kevin Jackson was the winning pitcher on the night. He went four innings, allowing only two hits and striking out eight. Nix pitched the fifth and final inning, and also led the way offensively, going 3-5 at the plate.

By splitting their two games last week, the Eagles stand at 2-4 in district and 11-7 overall.

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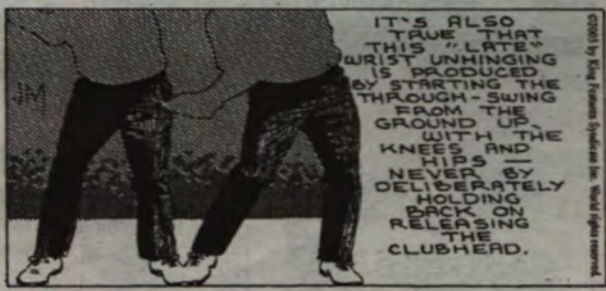
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 April 12: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, fresh fruit, rolls, chef salad, hoagie, milk.
 April 13: Pizza, yogurt and fruit plate, hoagie, corn, breadstick, peaches, milk.
 April 14: Nachos, chef salad, hoagie, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, milk.
 April 15: Cheeseburger, chef salad, hoagie, burger salad, oven fries, fruity freeze, milk.

Lunch Salado Intermediate & High Schools
 April 11: Salisbury steak, chili dog, chef salad, pizza, tater tots, baked potato, garlic bread, milk, corn, fresh fruit, green beans, pears.
 April 12: Steak fingers, hamburger, pizza, chef salad, frito lay, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, burger salad, fresh fruit, pineapple tidbits, broccoli, rolls, milk.
 April 13: Pizza, grilled chicken on bun, chef salad, roasted red potatoes, baked potato, burger salad, corn, fresh fruit, breadstick, peaches, milk.
 April 14: Chicken fajitas, nachos, pizza, chef salad, peas and carrots, corn fresh fruit, mixed fruit, milk, oven fries.
 April 15: Hamburger, fish on bun, pizza, chef salad, pinto beans, fresh fruit, apple slices, burger salad, oven fries, milk.

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Rodriguez places 9th at state meet

As the first Salado male powerlifter to advance to the state meet, junior Jesse Rodriguez might have been understandably nervous prior to the April 9 competition in Houston.

If he was feeling the pressure, he didn't show it. Lifting in the 198-pound class, Rodriguez finished a very respectable ninth overall, with a 1,215 pound total. Rodriguez recorded a 245 lb. bench press, a 525 lb. deadlift and 445 lb. squat.

"It was a good trip for us," said Salado powerlifting coach Glenn Talbott.

Rodriguez's finish came on the heels of the girls state meet, which featured six Lady Eagles, including senior Lauralee Young, who took second place in her third trip to the state meet.

CERT training begins April 11

The Salado Community Emergency Response Team, (CERT) will conduct training classes in April at Grace Baptist Church of Salado. The church is located at 5798 FM 2484, just west of I-35.

Classes will be held April 11, 12, 14, 15 and 18, from 6-8:30 p.m. nightly. In addition, the class will meet April 19 for a graduation ceremony.

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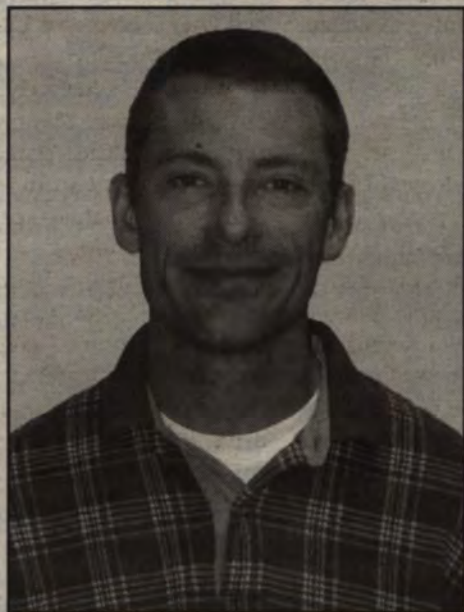


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Tom Long (post head shave) - Coach of the Year, Waco Tribune-Herald & Austin American-Statesman.



Matt Jennings (above) and Devon Dunn, along with Travis Clark, were invited to play in the Centex Jammin' All-Star Game.



Travis Clark (above) and Matt Caskey (left) were both named to the Class AA All-State Team and the Super Centex Team.

The postseason honors keep rolling in for the Salado Eagles basketball team.

Coming off a 28-8 season which had them advance to the Class AA state tournament, Salado placed three players on the District 25AA first team, while Travis Clark was named MVP, Nick Everett Defensive MVP and James Gregurek New-comer of the Year.

In addition, Caskey and Clark were named to the first team for Region IV and, to top it off, were also listed on the Class AA All-State Team.

Those announcements left the door open for fourth-year head coach Tom Long to receive some recognition, which he recently did, being named Coach of the Year by not one, but two publications. Long, whose teams compiled a 58-12 mark over the past two seasons, was named tops among Central Texas boys coaches by the *Waco Tribune-Herald* and the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Long wasn't the only Eagle singled out by the *Tribune-Herald*, though, as Matt Caskey was named to first team and Travis Clark to the second team of that publication's prestigious Super Centex squad. The Super Centex criteria does not take into account school size, meaning that Caskey and Clark were placed with the best players from all classifications, private schools to 5A.

Caskey has been invited to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All Star Game, to be held May 6, while Clark, Devon Dunn and Matt Jennings have all received invitations to compete in the Centex Jammin' All Star Game, scheduled for July.

Shawn Mitchell tourney a success

The first annual Shawn Mitchell Memorial Tournament April 4 raised funds for two scholarships to Salado High athletes. The scholarships will be awarded this spring to a boy and a girl athlete.

The Championship team was manned by Neal Holtzclaw, Gid Kizer, Billy Helm and Vicki Helm.

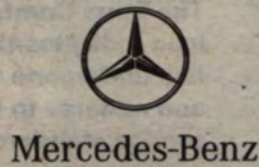
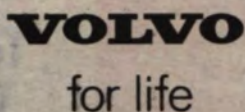
Runners-up were Cody Hall, Fletcher Rhodes, Danny Grimm and Ricky Preston.

Third place team was Joe Price, Rex Carlisle, Forrest Holloway and Tina Holloway. Mark Thompson hit the longest drive.

"We appreciate the individuals and businesses who donated to this tournament," said Georgie Mitchell, mother of the late Shawn Mitchell.

Mitchell was a stand-out basketball player and golfer during his years in Salado. He graduated in 1998. He died suddenly in 2000.

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Lady Eagles cling to playoff hopes

The Lady Eagle softballers are staying alive in the hunt for a postseason berth - but just barely.

Having lost 3-1 in a critical district game versus Jarrell March 29 - which dropped them to 3-4 in the standings - Salado rebounded to dispatch Somerville 6-4. At an even .500 in district, Coach Doug Harrigan's team essentially needs to win-out to qualify for the playoffs in a talent-rich field. The Lady Eagles have six district games remaining, as of press time.

The matchup against Jarrell saw yet another showdown between Salado's Shae Janda and Jarrell sophomore standout Mallory Cantler. A season ago, the pair faced off on two memorable occasions, with Janda winning once in a 2-1, 10-inning gem.

This time Cantler got the best of Janda - although Salado was not without its scoring chances.

After Cantler registered five strikeouts in the first two innings, Rachel Stemmer slapped a one-out single in the top of

the third. Stemmer would make her way into scoring position, but a Heather Winters groundout ended the Salado threat.

For her part, Janda did a good job of holding Jarrell in check. The Lady Cougars scored a run on a walk and a single in the top of second, and plated two more in the fifth, coming on a walk, double and error. All told, Jarrell recorded just three hits on the night, but capitalized on the few opportunities they were given.

Salado collected its one and only run of the game in the bottom of the sixth, when Janda drew a two-out walk and was brought in on a Lauren Culver single. Culver would be stranded on second after a strikeout ended the inning.

In the Lady Eagles' final at-bat, Rachel Blodgett led off with a walk, and managed to steal second and third. Three consecutive strikeouts, however, doomed Salado to a 3-1 defeat.

Stemmer, Winters and

Culver had Salado's only three hits of the game. In picking up the win, Cantler struck out 15 Lady Eagles, while Janda sat down six in the loss.

Needing a victory just to keep their playoff hopes alive, the Lady Eagles plated at least one run in each of the first four innings to down Somerville on the road 6-4.

Heather Winters put Salado in position to take an early lead when she singled and stole second with two-out in the first. A Shae Janda double followed, putting the Lady Eagles on top 1-0.

Two straight errors from the Salado defense in the bottom of the first, however, resulted in Somerville tying the game up.

In the second, Justine Ferrell-Raborn led off with a single and swiped second base. Hitting out of the eight-hole, Cortney Dunnahoo brought Ferrell-Raborn around with a one-out double.

Salado notched another run in the third to go up by

two when Janda walked and later scored on a Lauren Culver double.

While Somerville pushed across a single run in the third, Salado answered with two in the fourth. Dunnahoo again got the job done, doubling and stealing third to lead off the inning. Rachel Stemmer would then walk, and a Rachel Blodgett single would drive in Salado's second run of the inning.

The Lady Eagles tacked on an insurance run in the seventh, when a Culver single was followed by two walks and a sacrifice fly from Dunnahoo, scoring Culver.

Dunnahoo also earned the win on the mound. She surrendered three hits, struck out eight and was tagged with one earned run. She is now 5-0 on the season.

Blodgett, Janda, Culver, Ferrell-Raborn and Dunnahoo all had two hits on the game, while Stemmer and Winters both had one.

Salado is 11-8 overall.

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Tracksters tune up before district

With the district track meet looming in mid-April, and the Salado meet being held April 7, the Salado track squads got one of their last tune-ups against larger competition when they participated in the April 1 Lorena Relays.

Salado competed in a field of predominantly Class 3A schools, with just a handful of lower classifications, but the varsity girls managed to make a strong showing, placing third behind Robinson and Rockdale.

Varsity Girls

Triple jump: Leigh Martin, third, 33'5";

Long jump: Valerie Clark, second, 15'6.5";

Pole vault: Denise Jasso, second, 9'; Martin, third, 9'; Jenny Ewton, fourth, 8'.

3200m run: Chelsea Ervi, first, 12:23.25;

400m relay: Salado (Clark, Brittani Goodnight, Shae Janda, Kelsey Smith), fifth, 52.77;

100m hurdles: Lauren Hogwood, sixth, 17.97;

300m hurdles: Ervi, sixth, 52.68;

200m: Clark, second, 26.65;

1600m: Ervi, third, 5:32.31.

Varsity Boys

Pole vault: Josh Jacobsen, first, 13'6"; Josh Shaw, second, 13'; Bryan Fetterman, fourth, 12'6";

3200m run: Nick Everett, third, 10:07.39;

100m: Jacobson, fourth, 11.03;

800m Relay: Salado (Chance Coe, Jacobsen, Tucker Wilhite, Wes Ruth), sixth, 1:34.37;

1600m run: Everett, first, 4:33.20.

JV Boys

Shot put: Leo Galvan, fourth, 38'2.5";

High jump: Josh Marquez, second, 5'8";

Pole vault: Collin Smith, first, 9'6";

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Newman, second, 17.09;

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400m: Austin Smith, second, 57.13;

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A taxing situation

Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

No one likes thinking about taxes, but when you do, you probably don't think about real estate agents. But they're thinking about taxes and their effect on buyers and sellers. Most agents can't offer tax advice, but they are very attentive to local and national developments that could positively or adversely influence real estate transactions.

You may not be buying or selling right now, but you should be aware of the implications of new tax legislation that could possibly be enacted during George W. Bush's second term.

President Bush wants to make his tax cuts permanent and he is pushing for tax simplification. That usually means bringing the old concepts of a "flat tax" or "national sales tax" out of the closet for consideration again.

It's impossible to say if either of those scenarios will play out, but we should keep our eye on popular tax deductions like mortgage interest. Bush clearly supports keeping that deduction, but anything can happen when the tax code is rewritten.

Although it's unlikely, the passage of a national sales tax could translate into taxation of rent payments or on the sale of real estate. This is why it's important for you and for me to educate ourselves and let our local, state, and national representatives know where we stand. A little knowledge could save you a lot of money!

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UIL Academics win at district

When it comes to UIL competition, Salado has loomed like a giant over the district field for over a decade.

That trend continued April 2, as Salado racked up 531 points to win the gold at the District 25AA meet. That total of 531 put Salado well ahead of second place Lago Vista, who closed out the meet with 323 points. Rogers finished third, with 195 points.

In fact, Salado so dominated in the meet that the Eagles won seven of the nine team competitions, and finished second in the two they didn't win.

Individual results are as follows:

Calculator Applications: Colby Cox, first; Scott Williams, second;

Kirsten Singleton, third; Kate Marshall, fourth;

Calculator Team: First.

Computer Science: David Farrow, first; Michael Spinks, second; Jason Heuer, third; Alex House, fourth.

Computer Science Team: First.

Current Issues and Events: Jared Brank, fourth; Tim Hodgkin, fifth; Brandon Peters, sixth;

Current Events Team: Second.

CX Debate: Lauralee Young and Mattie Billington, first;

Feature Writing: Kristi Billington, first;

Headline Writing: Kathryn Holdampf, third; Grant Boston, fourth;

Informative Speaking: Magan Bradshaw, first; Travis Cook, second;

LD Debate: Travis

Cook, first; Magan Bradshaw, second; Valerie Rangel, fourth.

Literary Criticism: Grant Boston, first; Kirsten Singleton, second; Ariel Simpson, third; Erin Bracken, fourth;

Literary Criticism Team: First.

Mathematics: Jenny Goode, first (tie); Joseph Shumate, first (tie); Scott Williams, third;

Mathematics Team: First.

News Writing: Kristi Billington, first; Clayton Cook, fifth;

Number Sense: Ken Hora, first; Joseph Shumate, second; Jenny Goode, third; Matt Caskey, fourth;

Number Sense Team: First.

OAP: Fourth.

Persuasive Speaking: Lauralee Young, second;

Poetry Interpretation: Dixie Darling, first; Garrett Askins, second;

Prose Interpretation: Ariel Simpson, fourth; Taylor Jones, fifth;

Ready Writing: Lauralee Young, first; Grant Boston, third;

Science Team: David Farrow, Molly Rooney, Michael Spinks, second;

Top Physics: David Farrow.

Social Studies: Tim Hodgkin, first; Rebekah Quick, fourth;

Social Studies Team: Tim Hodgkin, Rebekah Quick, Ben Carder, first.

Spelling: Jonny Kendall, first; Tamra Stanish, second; Jenny Goode, third; Reena Suresh, fourth;

Spelling Team: First.

Senior Health Fair held April 20 in Killeen

Metroplex Health System will host a Senior Health Fair 9-11 a.m. April 20 at the Killeen Community Center. The Community Center is located at 2201 E. Veterans Memorial Blvd. at the corner of W.S. Young and Business 190. The health fair is free of charge and designed for those ages 55 and older.

The health fair will have many free health screenings available including cholesterol and glucose tests, blood pressure, vision, lung function, bone density tests and more. Additional health information

will be provided by various health organizations from the community. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided.

"It is so important that seniors keep a check on their health, and this is our way of providing a valuable service to them," says Leia Spoor, Wellness Coordinator for Metroplex Hospital. "This will be the fourth year for the fair and we hope that many of the seniors will take advantage of the numerous free

services that will be offered."

Participants will also have the opportunity to receive a free memo board, while supplies last, by joining the Metroplex Prime of Life Program. The Prime of Life Program is a healthcare perks

package for those age 55 and older which includes a free annual health screening, free meal card upon hospital admission, free membership gift and more. The membership is only \$5.

For more information call Metroplex Community Relations at 254-519-8200.

National Volunteer Week celebrated April 19

Altrusa International and the Mayborn Convention Center will celebrate National Volunteer Week April 19 by hosting the second annual non-profit showcase, "Together We Make a Difference."

Forty non-profit groups will describe their mission, services, volunteer, financial and in-kind needs 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Mayborn Center in Temple.

Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m., the second annual Volunteer of the Year will be named, and Scott and Shawn Simmonds from Peacable Kingdom Retreat Center will speak on volunteerism. Groups represented include Ronald McDonald House, Association for Pet Adoption Center, SPJST Museum, 4C Headstart and many more.

Ballroom dance held for all ages

Veteran ballroom band director Gary Lee will bring his Dallas ensemble to Strasburger Hall in Temple's Cultural Activities Center for an 8 p.m. April 9 performance for the Stardust Ballroom Stardust Dance Club.

Dress code for the evening will be semi-formal, and live music will

continue until 11:30 p.m. in the no-smoking venue. Visitor admission is \$10.

The non-profit Stardust Club, organized in 1984, hosts ballroom dances with live big-band music on the second Saturday of each month.

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Carver comedy caps LRT season

The Living Room Theatre of Salado's last play of the 2004-05 Season will be "The Grand Opening of the New Wal-Mart Super Store (Belton, Texas, March 23, 2005)," a new comedy written and directed by Ramon Carver.

The show documents events which transpired

on the day Belton's new Super Center opened: Reverend Joe Baisden blessing the building, Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders signing autographs, and crowds interacting - praising and blaming the Wal-Mart Company for locating the building in Belton. Carver says, "The play is a real-

ity-based docu-comedy intended to address issues we all have with Wal-Mart."

Open to the public, the show will be performed at 7 p.m. each evening in the homes of hosts named below: April 11, Barbara and Claude Payne, 617 Indian Trail, Salado; April 12,

Rebecca and Dave Jarratt, 400 Downing St., Belton; and April 13, Mary Helen and Charlie Schreiner, 119 Rock Creek.

Actors featured are Lilla Barnes, Gwen Morrison, Shirley Pinkston, Rita Rice, Patsy Tynes, John Bonnet, Michael Cooper, Vic Means, Buzz Rahm, and Merle Stalcup.

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Local B&B partners with theatre for upcoming show

For its latest production, "Perfect Wedding," Vive Les Arts Theatre is joining talents with the Salado hospitality community.

The Halley House Bed and Breakfast, located on Main Street, is serving production partner for the comedy, which is centered around the wedding day of Rachel and Bill and the hijinks that follow in the aftermath of Bill's bachelor party. The story is set in a gracious country

Texas.

The Halley House is supplying props, furnishings and general hotel know-how to add authenticity to the show.

"Perfect Wedding" boasts a cast of local and professional actors, as well as local educators and spouses of military personnel.

Show dates for "Perfect Wedding" are set for April 8-9 and 15-17. Tickets are priced at \$22 for adults and \$10 for students. For ticket

Les Arts box office in Killeen, at 254-526-9090.

In addition, prior to the performance on opening night, a reception will be held at the theatre from 7-8:15 p.m. Shannon Ashe, proprietor of the Halley House and owner of Salado Wedding Wishes, along with other local businesses, including Creative Innovations, Confetti Rentals and Archangel Antiques, will exhibit a mini bridal show.

Rabbit Run this weekend

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

The event will benefit the Peaceable Kingdom Retreat for terminally and chronically ill children and the Salado United Methodist Church chil-

dren's playground.

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

Awards in the Rabbit Run/Walk will be given to the first male and female and top three of each age group: six and under (1-1/2 mi.); 7-12; 13-19; 20-29;

30-29; 40-49; 50-59, 60-69, 70 and older.

For more information call 254-947-5482, fax 254-947-5489 or e-mail clobusiness@aol.com. More information can also be found at www.active.com, by entering "Salado" in the "find an event" search box.

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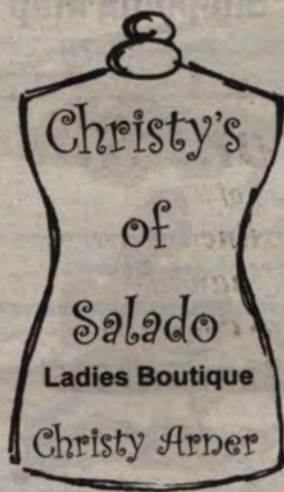
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APRIL 8
Live Music at The Range, featuring classical guitarist Matt Beebe, 6:30-9:30 p.m. on the patio. Half-price drinks 6-10 p.m. on the patio. Info: 947-3828.

APRIL 8-10
Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "A Month of Fools," featuring famous fools of the silent screen. Vaudeville acts, live music and classic cinema. Show

times: 7:30 p.m. April 8-9 and 2 p.m. April 9-10. Live music and entertainment with every performance. Info: 254-947-3456 or visit www.saladosilverspur.com

APRIL 8-10
Buick and Lincoln Car Club gatherings at the Stagecoach Inn.

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.

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
Storybook Saturdays, 11 a.m. at Salado Public Library. Featuring Salado High School Theater Arts students reading to local children from their favorite children's books. Free and open to the public.

APRIL 9
Salty Creek Cafe Party on the Patio, with live music from Wake Eastman, beginning 7 p.m. Patio dinner specials all night. Info: 947-8550.

APRIL 9-10
Wildfire Ranch Shoot-out. 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 11
Beginning of Salado Community Emergency Response Team, (CERT) training classes at Grace Baptist Church of Salado. Classes will be held 6-8:30 p.m. April 11, 12, 14, 15 and 18. Graduation ceremony April 19. Info: William Upton, 254-947-8999.

APRIL 11-13
Living Room Theatre of Salado presents "The Grand Opening of the New Wal-Mart Super Store (Belton, Texas, March 23, 2005)," a new comedy written and directed by Ramon Carver and the final production of the 2004-05 season. Performances 7 p.m. nightly at the following: April 11, Barbara and Claude Payne, 617 Indian Trail, Salado; April 12, Rebecca and Dave Jarratt, 400 Downing St., Belton; and April 13, Mary Helen and Charley Schreiner, 119 Rock Creek. Open to

the public. Reservations, Hulda Horton, 947-8300.

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 14
Presbyterian Church of Salado begins lecture series on "Bioethics and the Sanctity of Human Life." Session will begin at 11 a.m. Open to the public. Info: Shirley Pinkston, 254-947-3372.

APRIL 15
Consumer Health Information class at the Salado Public Library, 10:30 a.m. Learn about Medline Plus, 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 15-17
Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "A Month of Fools," featuring famous fools of the silent screen. Vaudeville acts, live music and classic cinema. Show times: 7:30 p.m. April 15-16 and 2 p.m. April 16-17. Live music and entertainment with every performance. Info: 254-947-3456 or visit www.saladosilverspur.com.

APRIL 16
Luncheon featuring Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist Ben Sargent, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 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 16
Storybook Saturdays, 11 a.m. at Salado Public Library. Featuring Salado High School Theater Arts students reading to local children from their favorite children's books. Free and open to the public.

APRIL 18
Scott & White Blood Mobile blood drive at Salado Church of Christ, 3-7 p.m. To sign up, contact Bennie Williams, 947-8610.

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 22-24
Salado Silver Spur Theater presents "A Month of Fools," featuring famous fools of the silent screen. Vaudeville acts, live music and classic cinema. Show times: 7:30 p.m. April 22-23 and 2 p.m. April 23-24. Live music and entertainment with every performance. Info: 254-947-3456 or visit www.saladosilverspur.com.

APRIL 23
Storybook Saturdays, 11 a.m. at Salado Public Library. Featuring Salado High School Theater Arts students reading to local children from their favorite children's books. Free and open to the public.

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.

APRIL 30
Salado High School Drama Department presents its one-act play, "A Company of Wayward Saints," 7:30 p.m. at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. Open to the public.

MAY 6-7
Lifespan Program, sponsored by SUMC, featuring a presentation of "Strong Girls, Strong Women" by Diane Pascoe, Phd, LMFT, LPC, 7-9 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. A 6:15 p.m. dinner for parents and children 12 and up will precede the program. May 7: Methodist men host host breakfast; 8:30-11 a.m. - presentation of "Strong Boys, Strong Men," by Jerry Herrick, Ed.D., and "The Role of Men According to Luke," by Dr. Robert Holbert from 11 a.m.-noon. Open to the public. Info: 947-5482.

MAY 6-8
MG Car Club gathering at the Stagecoach Inn.

MAY 7
Election Day for board of aldermen, school board, polls open at Salado Civic Center 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

MAY 9
District holiday for Salado students and teachers.

MAY 9-10
Wildfire Truck Explosion at Wildfire Ranch (tentative). Info: 947-8080.

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

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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.

MAY 24

Salado High School graduation ceremony at the Bell County Expo Center. Time TBA.

MAY 26

Salado Area Republican Women meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Mill Creek Restaurant. Program: History of Texas Rangers. Info: 947-3617 or bam002@earthlink.net.

MAY 26

Bowl making class at Mud Pies pottery, benefiting the Empty Bowl Project. Classes are free, but limited to 10 participants. Call 947-0281.

JUNE 9-11

Seventh Annual Judy and A.C. Greene Literary Festival. June 9 - "The Girl at Cabe Ranch," adapted from a short story by A.C. Greene; June 10 - event will feature the work of David Lindsey, with the author discussing his work with scenes performed from "The Color of Night"; June 11 - works by authors participating in the Texas Writers League Dialogue

Workshop. All shows will be held 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. For more info and for admission to the Festival, call 254-947-3104.

JUNE 11

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

JUNE 13

Tablerock's Salado Legends rehearsals begin.

JUNE 18

Town Hall meeting, sponsored by SUMC Family Life Ministries Committee, focusing on an open discussion on the topics of "Modern Marriage" and "Modern Family," led by a panel of five experts in the field. Time: 9 a.m.-noon. Location: New SUMC fellowship hall. Open to public. Info: 947-5482.

JUNE 21

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

JUNE 25

Second Annual Salado Dog Days, at Pace Park Pavilion. More info

TBA.
JULY 4

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

JULY 11-15

Series of five coffee talks on various parenting issues, 9-11 a.m. daily at SUMC's new fellowship hall. Talks will be held in conjunction with Vacation Bible School. Led by Becky Butscher. Open to the public. Info: 947-5482.

JULY 19

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

JULY 23, 30 & AUG. 6

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

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AUGUST 6-7

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

AUGUST 19

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

AUGUST 28

Salado United Methodist Church picnic at Peacable Kingdom, following Sunday services. **SEPTEMBER 10, 17 & 24**

Tablerock's production of Shakespeare's "Hamlet." Performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 child.

Info: 254-947-8933, www.allcentex.com/ tablerock or email tablerock1@aol.com. **SEP. 10-11, 14-18**

Team Ropers Association Finals at Wildfire Ranch. Info: 947-8080. **SEPTEMBER 17-18**

Tablerock's Fantasy Faire, featuring music, dance and historical demonstrations. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, seniors and military personnel. Info: 254-947-1339 or email pangea@vvm.com, or tablerock1@aol.com. **SEPTEMBER 24**

Couples Workshop for relationship enrichment, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at SUMC fellowship hall. Sponsored by the church's Family Life Ministries



Mud Pies Pottery hosts free bowl making classes, benefitting the Empty Bowl Project, on the fourth Thursday of each month. Attendance is limited to 10 participants for each session. Call 947-0281 to reserve your place.

Committee. Space limited to church members. Info: 947-5482.

OCTOBER 1-2

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

OCTOBER 14-15

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

947-5040.

OCTOBER 16

St. Stephen Catholic Church Fall Fest.

OCTOBER 16

Seniors Appreciation Day. Various organizations of Salado United Methodist Church honor the seniors of the church with a special dinner and presentation. 12:15-2:30 p.m. at the SUMC fellowship hall.

OCTOBER 29, 30 & 31

Tablerock's Frigate Trail, 7 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Admission: \$5 adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

NOVEMBER 13

St. Stephen Catholic

Church Turkey Bingo.

NOVEMBER 15

Salado Historical Society Annual Chili Supper and General Meeting, 6:15 p.m. at Salado Civic Center.

NOVEMBER 26-27

Wildfire Truck Explosion at Wildfire Ranch (tentative). Info: 947-8080.

DECEMBER 2-3

Tablerock's 13th Annual presentation of A Christmas Carol, 7 p.m. each night. Tickets: adults \$5, children 12 and under, \$3. Sandwiches and drinks available beginning 6:30 p.m. Info: 947-9205 or www.allcentex.com/

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DECEMBER 2-4

Salado Historical Society Annual Christmas Tour of Homes. **DECEMBER 2-4 & 9-11** Annual Christmas Stroll celebration in the Village Salado.

DECEMBER 13

Mill Creek Community Association Christmas Party and Annual Meeting, at Mill Creek Inn Restaurant. Cash happy hour: 6 p.m., dinner: 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 16

St. Stephen Catholic Church Christmas Dinner.

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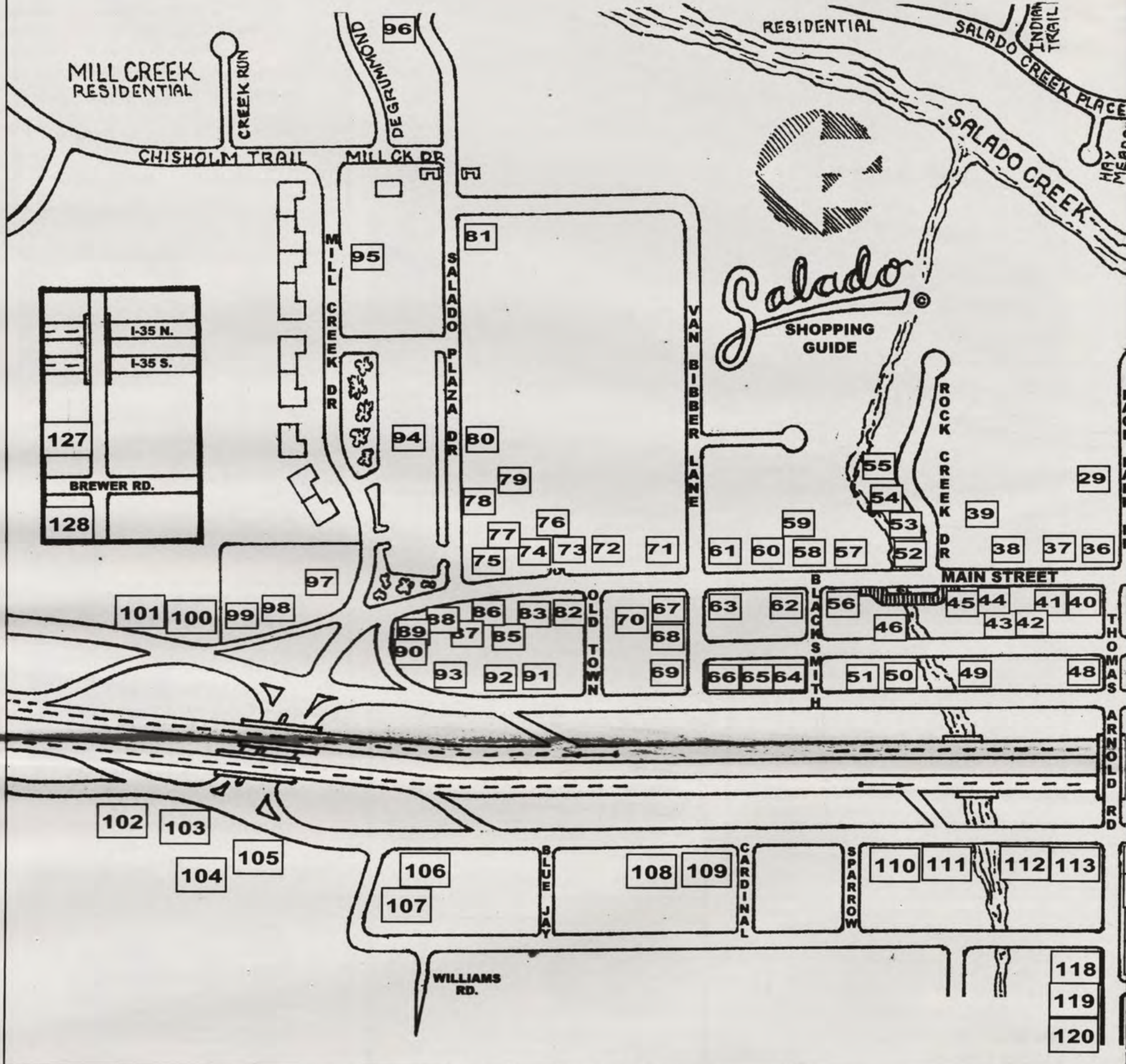
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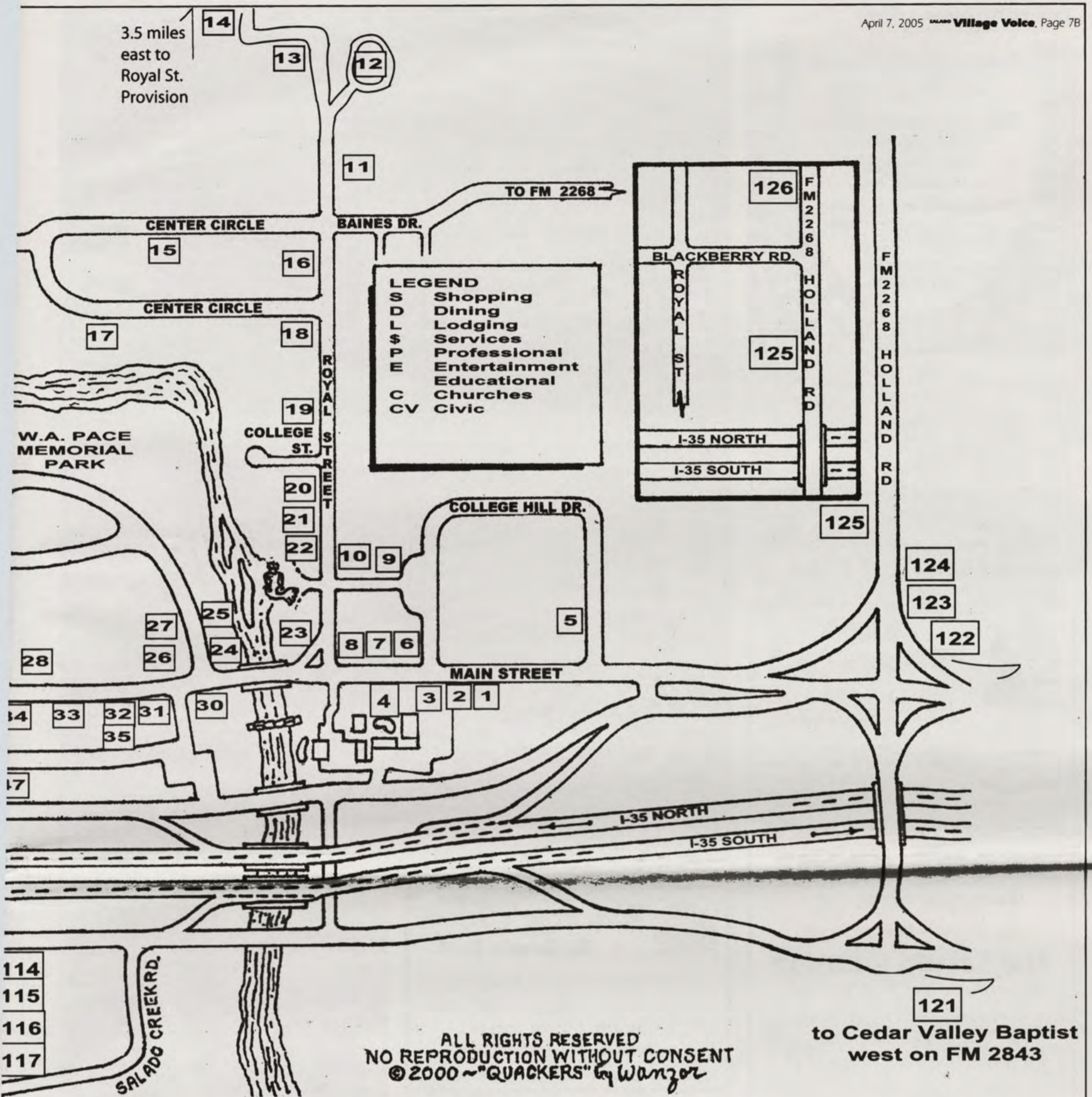
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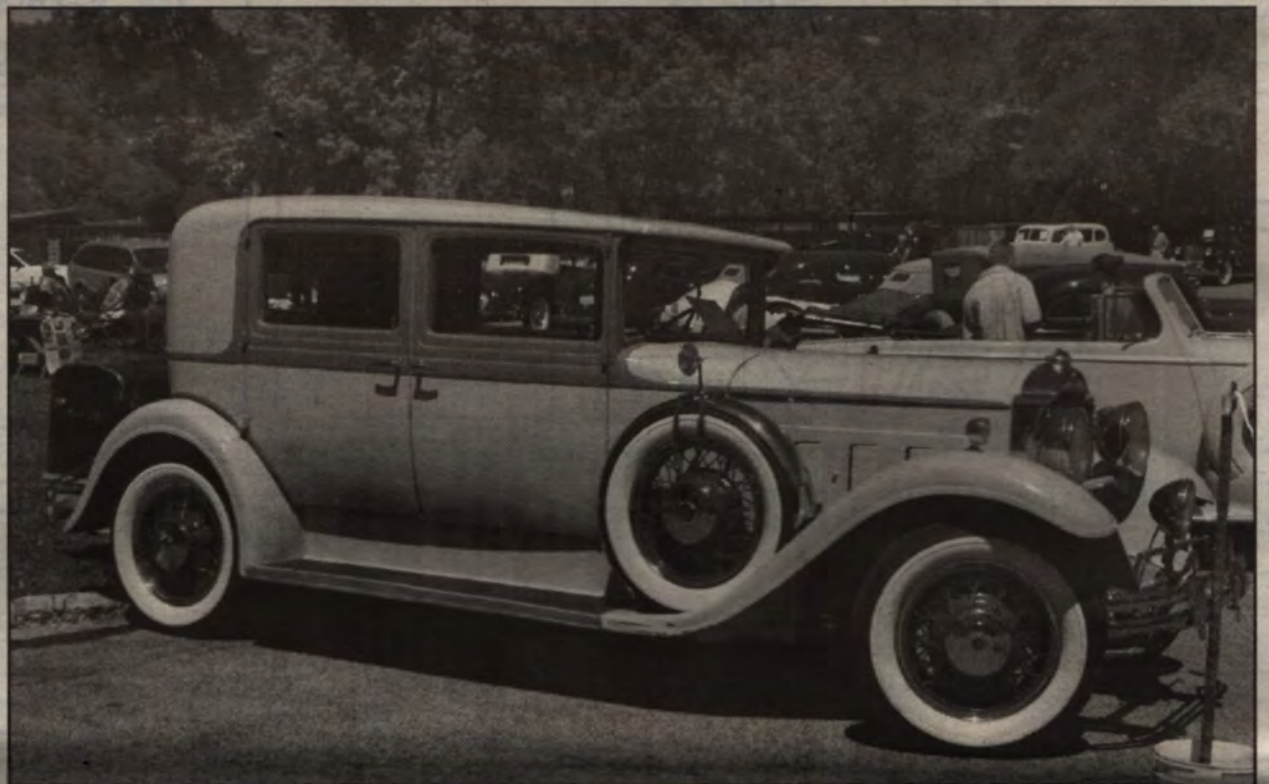
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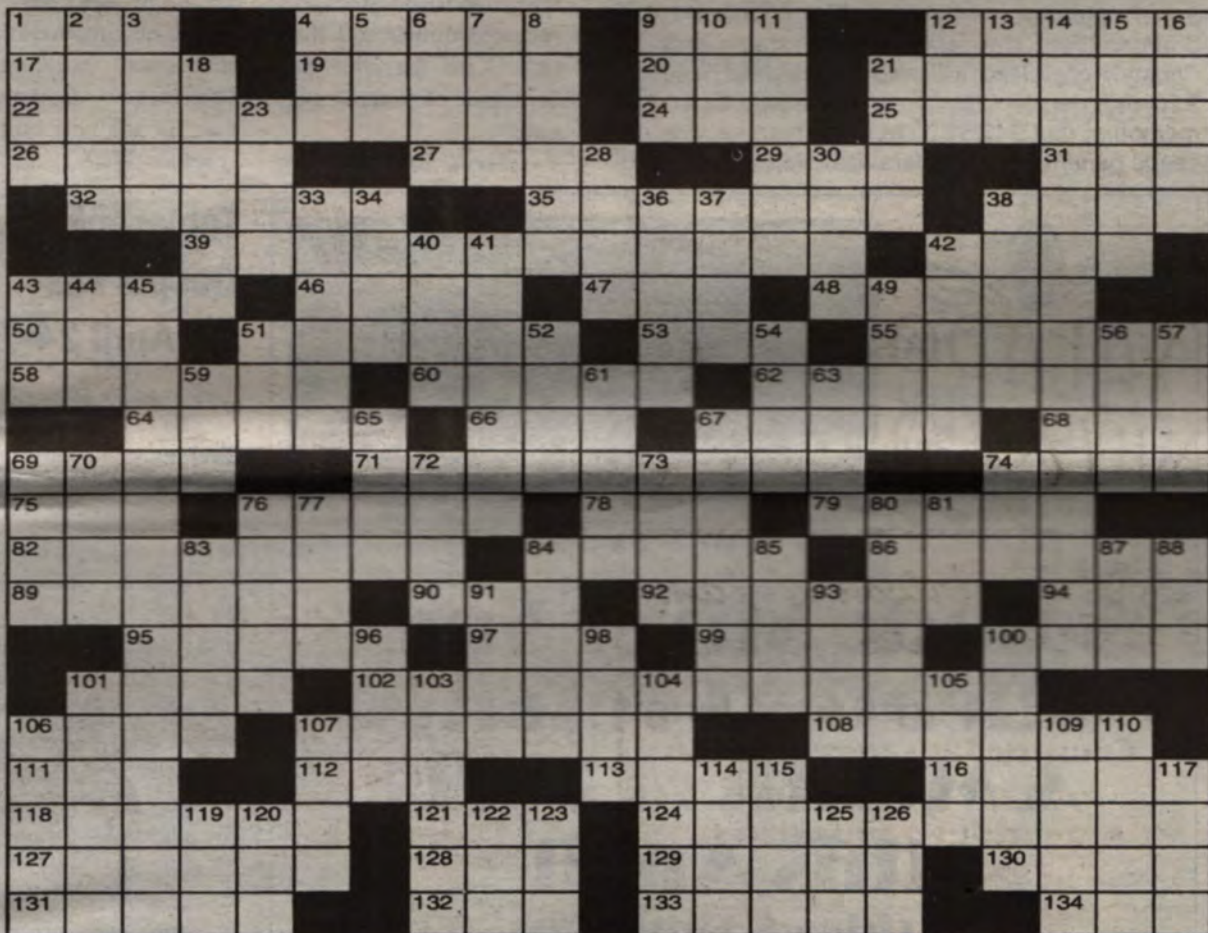
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Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | 47 "Stroker —" ('83 film) | 99 Part of UCLA | 3 Symbol — nibs | 43 Bathroom fixture | 88 Weaken |
| 1 Collectibles, collectively | 48 Prepared to propose | 100 Cut a cuticle | 4 — Hosp. areas | 44 Hwy. STORM | 91 Match |
| 4 "Crocodile Dundee" star | 50 Actress Hagen | 101 Extinct bird | 6 Sheffield slammer | 45 STORM | 93 Singer Eartha |
| 9 "The — Hurt" ('59 hit) | 51 Muslim title | 102 RAIN | 7 Frank or Francis | 49 TV's "Empty —" | 96 "Lucky Jim" author |
| 12 Word form for "large" | 53 Medical grp. | 106 Actress Schneider | 8 "One of These —" ('75 hit) | 51 Security grp. | 98 "Comin' — the Rye" |
| 17 Composer Janacek | 55 Left out | 107 Heebie-jeebies | 9 Wager | 52 A shake in the grass? | 100 Successful dieters |
| 19 Persian, presently | 58 "Cabaret" setting | 108 Folklore figures | 10 "— had it!" | 54 Draft status | 101 Medical measure |
| 20 Zsa Zsa's sister | 60 Feat | 111 Burro | 11 '82 Attenborough film | 56 Malicious | 103 Pericles' home |
| 21 Mead subject | 62 Sudden decline | 112 Gray matter? | 12 Damage | 57 Legal document | 104 Gun's grounds |
| 22 MISTY | 64 Rover's restraint | 113 Annie Oakley's birthplace | 13 Soul, to Sartre | 59 Actor Cariou | 105 Director Nicolas |
| 24 Perfect score | 66 Barcelona bravo | 116 Impressive tales | 14 HEAT | 63 — podrida | 106 "... the mouse — the clock" |
| 25 Statistical foci | 67 Turns soft | 118 Big name in temperance | 15 Salad veggie | 65 Suggestion | 107 Novotna of tennis |
| 26 Vessel part | 68 Compete | 121 Sprite | 16 Attack | 67 Robert of "Ryan's Daughter" | 109 Metric measure |
| 27 Utah city | 69 — Mawr | 124 HURRI-CANE | 18 — Tuesday | 69 Augur | 110 Tantrum |
| 29 SHAEF commander | 71 FAIR | 127 Kampala's country | 21 Footfall | 70 Punjabi prince | 114 Othello's ensign |
| 31 Fasten a brogue | 74 Like May | 128 Scand. country | 23 Calvary inscription | 72 Chow — | 115 In the twinkling — eye |
| 32 Lacking principles | 75 W. Hemisphere grp. | 129 Once more | 28 Bit | 73 Gets what one basks for | 117 Mile., farther south |
| 35 Kid heaven | 76 Torrid and Frigid | 130 Faxed | 30 Hook up with Mir | 74 '60s chic | 119 Office-holders |
| 38 Unisex garment | 78 Napa Valley vessel | 131 Intrinsically | 33 Indians and Indonesians | 76 Bernardo's boss | 120 Lyric poem |
| 39 SNOW | 79 Porthos' pal | 132 — milk | 34 Soothe | 77 Force out | 122 London lavatory |
| 42 Pageant prop | 82 Neighbor of Ethiopia | 133 "The Haystacks" artist | 36 Marina sight | 80 Claire of "Key Largo" | 123 Fish babies |
| 43 Word with farm or frog | 84 Park feature | 134 Stephen of "The Crying Game" | 37 Watch part | 81 "2001" computer | 125 "Pshaw!" |
| 46 "Casa-blanca" character | 86 Half the diameter | | 38 Sound | 83 Like some eyes | 126 Bankbook abbr. |
| | 89 Diner patrons | | 40 Sale stipulation | 84 Freighter | |
| | 90 Shaq's pack | | 41 Some computers | 85 Coop crowd | |
| | 92 Israeli coin | | 42 '92 US Open champ | | |
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| | 97 Terrier's tidbit | | | | |



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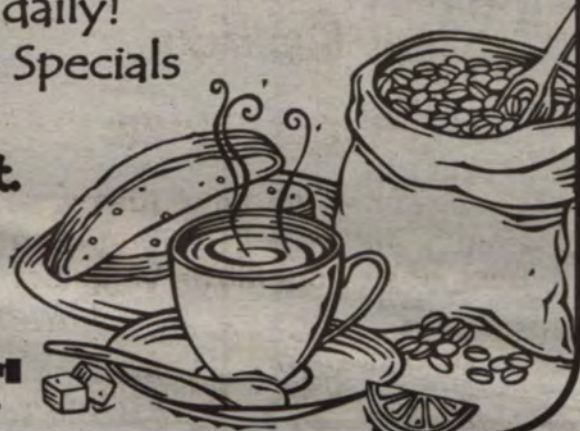
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Winners of Denver Mills Golf Tourney

The Denver Mills Golf Tournament to benefit Tablerock Festival of Salado, Inc. was held March 18 at Mill Creek Inn and Golf Club. The First Place Team, Ed Rogus, Ken Demoski, Bruce Shell and Mark Hoernis, received trophies donated by Trophies Inc, in Belton, and \$75 each in merchandise from the Mill Creek Pro Shop.

The Second Place team was sponsored by Bloomer's Trailers. The Bloomer's War Fighters Team consisted of: Ed Hallmark, Matt Salter, Gary Berry and Jason Sharpe, all helicopter pilots with I/4 Avn 4 I D Attack from Fort Hood. They received \$50 each in merchandise from Mill Creek Pro Shop.

The Third Place Team, comprised of David Matthews, John Hall, Joe Czaus and Rod Stockstill, received dinner and show tickets for the 2005 performance of Salado Legends.

Gerry Reihisen won

Straightest Drive Award and received a driver club donated by Dicks Clubs of Salado. Shelly Smith McMaster won Longest Drive Award and received a putter donated by Dicks Clubs of Salado. McMaster also won \$37.50 in the 50/50 drawing which she donated back to Tablerock. Closest to the Pin winner received a Player's card donated by Mill Creek Inn and Golf Club. Door Prizes were donated by Sprint, Uncommon Grounds and Brookshire Brothers.

Fairway Golf Carts donated a golf cart to the person who made a hole in one. Unfortunately, no one made a hole in one.

David Apichino and Bruno Matarazzo, Tablerock Board members in charge of the golf tournament, announced the tournament net of \$3,287.50 will be used for the new restrooms and concession building at Tablerock. Completion date for the new building is set for 2007.




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Tablerock Gospel Fest set April 24-25

The 10th Annual Tablerock Gospel Festival will be held April 24-25 at Tablerock Amphitheater, located on Royal Street.

Grounds will be open 10 a.m.-9 p.m. April 24 and 10 a.m. 5 p.m. April 25. In addition, a Sunday church service, led by Rev. J. Floyd Franks, will be held 11 a.m. April 25.

Admission is set for \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under, and \$7 for a weekend pass.

Among the more than two dozen groups and soloists performing include The Messenger Quartet, The Cedar Valley Singers, Herring, Bluegrass and Snow, The New Direction Quartet and Circle of Faith, and many others.

In the event of inclement weather, the Gospel Fest will be held in the commons at Salado Intermediate School.

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Pulitzer winner coming here April 16

The Bell County Texas Democratic Women will welcome Ben Sargent, of Austin, as guest speaker for the group's April 16 meeting at the Stagecoach Inn. The event will be a luncheon, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Sargent is a well-known syndicated cartoonist based with the *Austin American-Statesman*, where he has been based since 1974. He was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for editorial cartooning in 1982. His talk will focus on "Humor and the First Amendment."

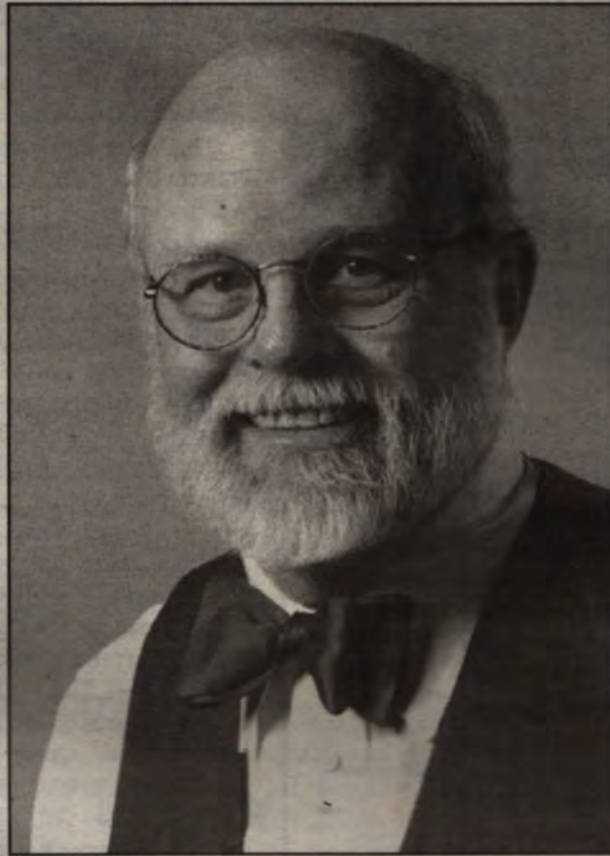
Sargent began his journalism career in his hometown of Amarillo while a student at Amarillo College. He then attended the University of Texas and graduated with a Bachelor of Journalism degree in

1970. Early in his journalism career, he was a reporter with the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*, the Long News Service, the *Austin American-Statesman* and the UPI.

All club members, County Democrats, and other interested persons, men and women, are invited to attend. Cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person.

Make reservations by sending a check, made out to BCTDW, and mailing it to Nancy Glasscock, Treasurer, 909 Westend Drive, Temple, TX 76502. Reservations should be made by April 12.

For additional information, call Pat Perkison at 939-1083, Dian Ruud at 982-4284 or Aliceanne Wallace at 939-8178.



Ben Sargent

Watching the big birds

They came in waves. Hundreds of them. Thousands. Half a million.

We are at the Rowe Sanctuary near Kearney, Nebraska watching the sandhill cranes come in for a night's stay on the Platte River. It's a shallow stream where cranes have been gathering for centuries. They come here in mid March and stay about three weeks. It's a stopping point on their way from Texas to their summer breeding grounds in Canada, Alaska and Siberia.

The big birds spend time here to gain weight and rest for the trip north. They feed on waste corn and other grains left from last fall's harvest. Between Grand Island and Kearney, traveling along Interstate 80, you see cranes in the fields. So many of them the ground looks grey.

Sandhill cranes are one of two crane species found in North America.

by **Tumbleweed Smith**



The other is the whooping crane, which also flies north in the spring. The sandhill crane weighs between eight and 12 pounds, stands four feet tall and has a wingspan of six feet. A red crown and orange eyes highlight its grey color. The long black beak can poke a hole in a coyote's skull. They've been around for nine million years and have a life span of 25 to 30 years. In flight the sandhill crane glides along at 38 miles an hour and can fly 300 miles in a single day. The sandhill crane is the most abundant of the world's 15 crane species.

Rowe Sanctuary is 1,250 acres of wildlife

habitat and agricultural lands. It is the top crane viewing area, attracting more cranes than anywhere else in the world. Conservation organizations, private citizens, local businesses and industries work together to protect and preserve the crane's springtime retreat. It means money, too.

Thousands of people go to Central Nebraska every spring to see this natural phenomenon that occurs annually in America's heartland.

Paul Tebbel, director of Rowe, took about 30 of us to a blind on the Platte at 6 p.m. We were told to be very quiet so we wouldn't disturb the birds.

We watched them come in for the night. The birds darkened the sky. It was difficult to distinguish the cranes from clouds. The Nebraska sunset provided a colorful backdrop as the cranes settled in for the night. The blind put us within 20 feet of the cranes, which presented a cacophony of sight and sound so powerful it made our heads spin. We heard their clucks, chirps, screams and chatter, some sounding like a triple tonguing trumpet.

Some of the cranes leaped and danced in the shallow water, fluttering their wings. It was cold. The crane observers were dressed in arctic clothing. We left around 9 p.m.

We returned to the blind at 6 a.m. the next day. More cranes had come in overnight. Soon they spread their wings and exploded into flight, on their way to spend a day dining in the fields.

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Individuals honored for 1-Act play

Garrett Askins, the lead actor in Salado High School's production of "A Company of Wayward Saints," won the top acting award for District 25AA UIL One Act Play.

This was the second consecutive time that Askins won best actor plaudits for his portrayal of Scapino, following the Zone Contest.

The critic judge Rod Caspers, of the University of Texas, called it "a very talented and impressive performance," singling out his performance in the George Herman piece.

Other actors acknowledged during the district finals were Clayton Cook, for his powerful portrayal of Harlequin, Tim Hodgkin for his comedic Capitano, and Rebekah Quick for her star turn as Isabella.

The Salado ensemble did not advance this year for the first time in over four years. Faculty director Gary Askins stated, "Talk about bitter sweet moments. My son is named the best actor. Three of our cast are singled out for their marvelous performances and we don't get to perform at the next level. I was really disappointed.

"I know Garrett and the rest of them would have gladly given up the individual honors for the opportunity to advance to area and perform before another judge. The subjective quality of this event



Garrett Askins



Rebekah Quick



Clayton Cook and Tim Hodgkin

was driven home with this night and I'm really trying hard to take the high road. I personally feel that this is one of the best shows I've ever directed. It has humor, drama, students taking performance risks, an incredible ensemble and technically it is superb."

The two High Schools that advanced are Rogers and Lago Vista.

"They had good shows and I wish them the best of luck," said Askins. "I now know that luck is an integral part of this competi-

tion process. When it all depends on the subjective analysis of one individual an egregious error can occur and that is what I think happened to our company. I am now thinking about a way to amend our district and state policy that would enable the one act play to be performed before a panel of three judges, like they do for band, choir and other speech events. In the final analysis Mr. Caspers, the judge, obviously didn't like our show, but I still do."

"A Company of Wayward Saints" will perform twice more before packing up the masks and costumes. They will perform April 15 in the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria for students, and then their grand finale 7:30 p.m. April 30 at the Salado Silver Spur Theatre.

This final performance is open to the public and all proceeds will be used for the Educational Theatre Program of Salado High School. Admission will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.



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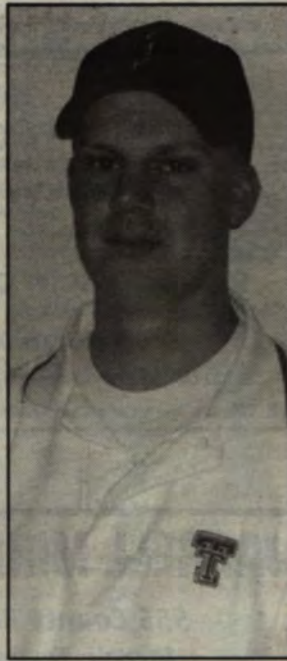


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Temple Celebrity Golf Classic set May 16

The 18th Annual Ronald McDonald House of Temple Celebrity Golf Classic will be held May 16 at Mill Creek Golf Club.

On that day, Dallas Cowboy legends Bob Lilly and Randy White will host some of their former teammates and rivals as they come to the area to play golf for a great cause. Most of the celebrities will arrive in Temple on May

15 to visit children at the hospitals and at the Ronald McDonald House.

NFL Alumni and other celebrities will serve as captains for teams of five local golfers. All golfers will be at Mill Creek beginning with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. At the conclusion of play, all golfers are encouraged to go to the Longhorn Room of the Stagecoach Inn for a meal, presentation of prizes, and silent and live auctions.

Over 40 NFL Alumni will be on hand to serve as captains. The NFL has been involved with Ronald McDonald Houses since the early 1970's, when former Philadelphia Eagle Fred Hill's daughter Kim had leukemia and the Eagles team joined with community to begin a home away from home for families with seriously ill children receiving medical treatment in local hospitals.

The Ronald McDonald House of Temple opened in Sep. 1986. The major fundraisers supporting the House are the Bob Lilly-Randy White Celebrity Golf Classic and McRazzle Dazzle, a dinner-dance-auction to be held Sep. 17 at the Cultural Activities Center in Temple.

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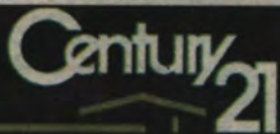
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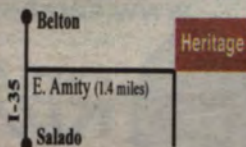


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Sylvia Hodges is Village Artist of the Month

Sylvia Hodges has been chosen as Artist of the Month for April in the ongoing presentations from the Salado Village Artist club. She is a relative newcomer to Salado but both Sylvia and her husband were raised in Killeen. They moved here from Austin two years ago.

While her four children were young, Sylvia used painting to escape from the chaos. "At least they learned to play with each other," she laughs. Working as a paper hanger and a professional dress maker as well as mother has left little time for her to paint, but she says that

she learned, "if you want to do something, just do it. There are no mistakes, only lessons." Adding, "just start over and keep at it until you are satisfied."

Hodges loves to take classes, furthering her knowledge and widening her experience with new media. Lately she has started learning acrylics and watercolor, and she sells lovely hand painted glass bottles and decanters.

A cheerful, energetic person, she is impulsive and apt to do anything "right now!" Sylvia loves to travel, too. She'll be ready for a two week trip inside of 30 minutes. Just



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Pesticides: a matter of semANTics

Standing in the lawn and garden department, a shopper has many choices in fire ant control. One product claims year-long control of the pest, while the other claims year-long suppression. Because both products work for an entire year, it makes sense to pick the cheaper one and check out, right?

Not exactly. The lan-

guage on pest control products actually corresponds to specific guidelines governed by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A subtle difference in wording can mean a significant difference in the amount of control a product is promising to provide. Knowing what those differences mean will help homeowners make a more informed decision when selecting a product.

For example, "control" and "suppression" claims can be confusing. Both suggest a degree of effectiveness against the pest, but clearly there is a defined difference between the two claims.

"To make any kind of fire ant control claim, EPA requires a product provide a minimum of 90 percent control for at least 30 days for mound treatments and 60 days for broadcast treatments," says Dr. Bart Drees, Texas Fire Ant Project director at Texas A&M University (TAMU) in College Station. "Suppression claims are for broadcast treat-

ments only and should provide 80 percent control for 60 days. Sometimes 70 percent is acceptable if testing was done under adverse conditions, but it no case would less than 70 percent be acceptable to make a claim of suppression. Both claims apply to a reduction in new and existing mounds."

Therefore, when selecting a fire ant product, if it promises "control," a homeowner can expect a higher level of effectiveness during a longer period than with a product promising "suppression".

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Composite data from trials conducted by from Texas Cooperative Extension and USDA-APHIS indicate the level of control the two products provide during a 12-month

period is significantly different.

Because of the significant drop in effectiveness over time, EPA requested bifenthrin not make claims of protecting lawns and preventing formation of new mounds for 12 months, agreeing to accept claims of six-month control and 12-month suppression pending further testing.

If a fire ant product promises control or suppression for a period of time, it should reduce activity and new mound formation by a bare minimum of 90 percent for claims of control and 70 percent for claims of suppression. If products exhibit less than that, take it up with their manufacturers, because it means they aren't living up to their claim.

Always reading a pesticide label before using or purchasing is important, but beyond just reading it, understanding the precise meaning behind the wording allows homeowners to be more informed about the product.

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The truth about English Ivy, conservation medicine

Dear EarthTalk: Is the English Ivy covering the unattractive fence in my backyard really an environmental villain? -- Perry Pitcher, Seattle, WA

English Ivy is everywhere across the North American landscape, largely because it is an attractive, hearty and fast-growing groundcover that can hide other unsightly landscape and structural elements. But the ugly truth about this beautiful but non-native plant is that it aggressively invades new territory, often choking out native plants in the process.

According to the Seattle-based Ivy Off Urban Trees (IvyOUT) program, English Ivy is quite hazardous to trees it may colonize, weakening the bark by keeping it constantly damp, and blocking sunlight, inhibiting photosynthesis. Also, by reducing the airflow around the trunk, ivy makes trees more susceptible to wind stress and disease. As the vines grow higher and higher, they can eventually choke the life out of a tree.

Beyond trees, the plant tends to overwhelm other native flora, creating "ivy wastelands" devoid of biodiversity--except for the rats, slugs, mosquitoes and other pests it may harbor. It often spreads out of backyards and into parklands and other green spaces, both by climbing and through seed dispersal by birds.

Native to Europe, English Ivy was first introduced to North America as an ornamental garden vine in the 19th century. Like other invasive non-native species brought to the "New World," it had no natural predators or pests to keep it in check, and as a result quickly gobbled up habitat meant for native plants. While expensive government programs have helped halt the spread of a few well-known and intensely feared non-native species such as Zebra mussels and Purple Loosestrife, English Ivy continues to sprawl across the country, not only unabated, but often encouraged by unaware gardeners.

According to the Department of Environmental Services in Arlington, Virginia, ivy should be removed from any and all trees by cutting the vines at ground level and again several feet up any affected trunks. The remaining ivy should be peeled off, but with care so as not to strip off any bark. Beyond controlling English Ivy in your own backyard, you can be a good neighbor by also making sure it does not spill over onto adjacent land.

If you choose to remove your English Ivy completely and replace it with something more benign, the website eNature.com, run by the

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National Wildlife Federation, enables you to search a free database of native plants by simply entering your state and the type of plant (i.e. vine, wildflower, etc...) you seek. Local nurseries can also usually help you choose a good native replacement for English Ivy.

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Dear EarthTalk: I recently heard the term "Conservation Medicine." What does it mean? -- Steve Falbo, San Francisco, CA

Conservation medicine (sometimes called "conservation health") is a relatively new field of research that studies the links between human health, animals' health and the environment. One of its major fields of study is the emergence in recent decades

of deadly diseases that have crossed over from animals to humans, including Mad Cow, AIDS, Lyme disease, SARS, avian flu and West Nile virus. Many of these plagues arose out of some form of human/animal contact in compromised ecosystems.

In 1998, for example, a previously unknown virus spread among some farm families in Malaysia, eventually killing more than 100 people. The outbreak was traced back to a pig farm where horses, cats, dogs and goats were also infected. The virus, named "Nipah" for one of its first human victims, eventually spread to Singapore, where nine slaughterhouse workers became ill after processing Malaysian pig meat.

Scientists deduced that the virus came from fruit bats that descended on Malaysia after their native habitat, forests in nearby Borneo and Sumatra, had been clearcut. The bats sought refuge in the fruit trees hanging over the animal pens at the pig farm, and then passed the virus to the pigs by dropping infected fruit into the pens, where the pigs eagerly ate it. How the virus jumped to humans is still a

mystery, but scientists are quite sure that the clearing of forests in Borneo and Sumatra indirectly led to more than 100 human deaths.

"Diseases are moving from animals to humans and from one animal species to another at an alarming rate," says Lee Cera, a veterinarian at Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine. "When I went to school we were told, 'This disease won't go from a dog to a cat.' Then all of a sudden a dog virus wiped out the lions of the Serengeti. How did it happen? When did it happen?" Conservation medicine is an attempt to answer these questions by bringing together professional fields that had previously worked in isolation: human medicine, veterinary medicine, infectious disease research, public health and environmental science.

Many factors are already understood. Increased human forays into wilderness areas (often spurred by population growth) have set up new points of human/animal contact. The international trade in exotic species also breaks down previously existing barriers. Climate change causes species to

migrate to new areas, bringing with them new germs. Global travel plays a role: In 1950, three million people flew on commercial jets; in 1990, 300 million did. Two million people cross international borders daily, carrying with them huge amounts of agricultural products, live animals, soil--and disease-causing microbes.

The Wildlife Trust and the Consortium for Conservation Medicine are two organizations, both based in New York, at the forefront of this new field: "Conservation medicine demonstrates how

healthy ecosystems are the basis for human well-being," says Mary Pearl, Wildlife Trust's president, "and it can really engage people who didn't see the relevance before."

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- Lot in Hidden Springs. Excellent location. **\$32,000.**
- Appx. 1 acre real estate, septic. **\$20,000.**
- 145 acres located northwest of Salado. Backs up to Corps of Engineers property. **\$3,500 per acre.**
- 7 acres with oak trees, electricity & well at site. **\$85,000.**
- 2 acres with great trees in Hidden Springs. **\$33,900.**
- Approx 5 acres in Hidden Springs, lot #271, **\$49,900.**
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- Approx 3.5 acres off College Hill with small home for **\$300,000.**

Salado Lots

- Lot overlooking Salado Creek in Mill Creek, **\$50,000.**
- Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - **\$40,000.**
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- .87 acres off N. Stagecoach Rd. **\$147,408.**
- 3 acres commercial property fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$120,000.**
- Bed & Breakfast - Great chance to live in Salado and run your own Bed & Breakfast.

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